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TERROR DRILL: Japan Coast Guard officers hold down a mock suspect during an anti-terrorism drill on a passenger vessel anchored at Tokyo's Takeshiba Pier on Jan. 24, exactly six months before the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics.



FREE TRADE FEAST: The Mission of Japan to the European Union in Brussels holds a reception on Jan. 23, marking the first anniversary of the entry into force of the Japan-EU free trade agreement. Senior EU officials and diplomats are among participants, trying out pairings of Japanese sake and European cheeses.

FATAL SHOOTING: A 51-year-old man died after a shooting in an apartment building's parking lot in eastern Japan on Friday evening, and a suspect is on the loose, the police said. Keisuke Kihara was found with gunshot wounds in his head and abdomen and pronounced dead at a hospital. Eyewitnesses said a man fled from the scene of the shooting. Police are investigating the matter as a murder case. According to the police, they received a call from a local resident in Kiryu, Gunma Prefecture, who reported hearing multiple gunshots at around 7 p.m.

FAILED TO DELIVER: A 61-year-old postman failed to deliver thousands of postal items that he kept at his home instead, police said Thursday. A total of about 24,000 undelivered items were found in the man's home in Sagami-hara, Kanagawa Prefecture, said the police, who sent his case to prosecutors. "It was too much of a bother to deliver them," the man, whose identity has been withheld, was quoted by the police as telling investigators. The papers sent to prosecutors specifically refer to 1,002 deliveries the man allegedly hid at his home and elsewhere between February 2017 and November last year.

what's happening?

PEACEFUL PERFORMANCE: "Afternoon of Peace: The Hiroshima and Nagasaki Experience" will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Aratani Theatre, 244 S. San Pedro St. in Little Tokyo. Shinto prayer by Rev. Izumi Hasegawa at 12:15 p.m. in front of theater; doors open at 1:30 p.m.; mixed arts stage production at 2 p.m. Info: www.jacc.org/afternoon-of-peace

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Yen-Dollar Rate

DOLLAR DOWN: The dollar was lower in trading on Friday on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market, finishing at 109.54-54 yen, 0.06 yen lower than Thursday's close.

Night of Team Bonding



MIKEY HIRANO CULROSS / Rafu Shimpō

Members of the Soogies Boogies crowd into a photo frame, during the 2020 Wanjis/Wanjettes Reunion, held last Saturday night at Nishi Hongwanji in Little Tokyo. Generations of teams and players gathered for the night, including (from left) Cheryl Okino, Debbie Terasawa Lew, Linda Tani Okino, Nina Oshio Ishigo, and Margie Shintani, with Gay Kurahashi doing the camera honors. For more scenes from the evening, see Sports, Page 2.

Japan Confirms Second New Coronavirus Infection

KYODO NEWS SERVICE

TOKYO — Japan's health ministry said Friday it has confirmed a second infection in the country with a deadly respiratory virus that has been rapidly spreading from the central Chinese

city of Wuhan.

The patient is a man in his 40s from Wuhan who is on a trip to Japan, the ministry said, adding that he has been hospitalized in Tokyo and is in a stable condition.

Two family members he traveled

with and around 20 staff at medical facilities in Japan who have been in close contact with the man are being monitored, according to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare. They are currently not showing any symptoms such as a high fever, it said.

The Foreign Ministry cautioned Japanese nationals against traveling to Hubei Province, raising the warning level to 3 on its four-point scale. The ministry had issued a level 2 warning to Wuhan, the provincial capital, on Thursday, advising against nonessential travel.

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi told a press conference the Japanese and Chinese governments are "working together at various levels" to deal with the outbreak.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe instructed Cabinet members in the morning to ensure thorough border control checks, provide necessary information quickly to the public and protect the safety of Japanese nationals living overseas.

Japan confirmed its first infection with the pneumonia-causing virus earlier this month. It involved a Chinese national who returned to his home in Japan after traveling to Wuhan.

The second patient arrived in the country last Sunday after contracting a fever five days before, according to

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Kyodo Photo

Arriving passengers from China are asked to assess their health condition at Kansai International Airport in Osaka Prefecture on Jan. 24, the first day of the Chinese Lunar New Year holiday, amid fears over the spread of pneumonia caused by a new deadly coronavirus circulating in China.

Full House at 'Our Lost Years' Screening



J.K. YAMAMOTO / Rafu Shimpō

A screening of Lane Nishikawa's documentary "Our Lost Years" drew a full house at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute on Jan. 18. The film is about the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans, the successful redress movement in the 1980s, and the relevance of the camp experience today. Nishikawa, who took questions from the audience and signed copies of the DVD, was introduced by fellow filmmaker Cory Shiozaki ("The Manzanar Fishing Club"). Three interviewees from the film, Kathy Masaoka, Alan Nishio and Douglas Urata, were present, along with Harold Payne, who composed the song "Quiet Heroes." The screening was hosted by GVJCI and South Bay JACL.

Former Rep. Honda Endorses Yang for President

Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang was endorsed by former Rep. Mike Honda in a Twitter message posted on Jan. 21.

"That's right. Uncle Mike is Yang Gang!" Honda wrote. "I've lived through the unjust Japanese internment camp, I've been a public school teacher, principal, husband, father, member of Congress and now I'm actively supporting Andrew Yang! Please retweet! Get our message out!"

The Twitter message includes a video in which Honda says, "I'm here to endorse unequivocally Andrew Yang for president. It's about time."

Yang responds, "Thank you, Mike. You've been an incredible leader to so many of us."

The two are accompanied in the video by Assemblymember Evan Low, who represents Silicon Valley.

Honda represented Silicon Valley as the congressman from the 15th Congressional District (2001-2013) and the 17th Congressional District (2013-2017). He also served as deputy chair of the Democratic National Committee (2003-2005) and vice chair of the DNC (2005-2013).

In an earlier tweet, Honda said, "No matter who your candidate is, exercise your obligation and patriotic duty to our country. Vote. Participate. Knock on doors. Phone bank."

On Jan. 15, Low, who represents the 28th Assembly District and has been in office since 2014, announced that he is joining Yang's campaign as a national co-chair.

"Andrew Yang has proposed the

most innovative solutions to the toughest problems facing our nation," Low said in a statement. "He inspires a brave, bold new vision for our country. His tenacious presidential campaign performance proves he is the candidate we need to make the current occupant in the White House a one-term president."

"Evan is a dynamic and proven leader in the great state of California," Yang said in a statement. "Time and time again, he has demonstrated his commitment to representing diverse and dynamic voices and enacting policies that make our society more equitable."

Yang's other Asian Pacific American endorsers include Karen Kwan, a member of the Utah House of Representatives; Tony Hsieh, CEO of Zappos; actor Steven Yeun; actor and comedian Ken Jeong; actor, stuntman and filmmaker Simu Liu; comedian, actor and "Daily Show" correspondent Ronny Chieng; comedian Joe Wong; actor and comedian Tommy Chong; Internet personality Ryan Higa; and musician Zhu.

Yang's high-profile endorsers include Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, Reddit co-founder Alexis Ohanian, gun control activist Cameron Kasky, actor Nicolas Cage, actress Teri Hatcher, magician Penn Jillette, comedian and actor Hannibal Buress, comedian Dave Chappelle, actor and comedian Michael Rapaport, actor and musician Donald Glover (aka Childish Gambino), musician Rivers Cuomo (of the band Weezer), and hip-hop trio The Fat Boys.



From left: Assemblymember Evan Low, Andrew Yang, former Rep. Mike Honda

Missing Octogenarian Found

The Anaheim Police Department on Thursday morning asked for the public's help in locating a missing octogenarian, but later reported that she had been found.

Mae Takayama, 80, went missing in the area of Dale Street and



Mae Takayama

Lincoln Avenue, and was in need of medication. The alert was widely shared on social media.

In an update that evening, the department posted, "Mae has been found! Thank you!" No further details were provided.

Setsubun Celebration at GVJCI

Come celebrate the Japanese tradition of Setsubun on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Gardena Valley Japanese Cultural Institute's Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall, 1964 W. 162nd St. in Gardena.

The event will include fun crafts, mamemaki (bean-throwing), and yummy treats. It is geared toward kids but all ages are welcome.

Parents/guardians just viewing the event do not have to pay.

Setsubun (節分, "seasonal division") is a festival held on Feb. 3 or 4, one day before the start of spring according to the Japanese lunar calendar. For centuries, the people of

Japan have been performing rituals with the purpose of chasing away evil spirits at the start of spring.

In modern days, the most commonly performed setsubun ritual is the throwing of roasted beans around one's house and at temples and shrines across the country. When throwing the beans, you are supposed to shout "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!" ("Devils out, happiness in").

For more information, call (310) 324-6611 or email info@gv-jci-gardena.org. To register, go online to: https://gvjci.wufoo.com/forms/setsubun-2020/

