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PARADES



Sunday the 8th, and wow, it's been a beautiful weekend. It looks as if I'm going to have to change my work habits. I'm just not disciplined enough to tie myself to a typewriter when it's so-o-o nice out. Yesterday I spent some time rambling up and down Omotesando with friends; the fashion parade there includes everything from chic to way-out-freaky. It's an interesting part of Tokyo and can be great fun on weekends. If you head that way, it's best you walk or take a cab. Parking's next to impossible.

Partywise, Tokyo's been swinging, and I'd like to start this week's column coverage with a great gettogether on Mar. 29. That evening Paul Hughes, president of Revlon here, gathered some of our city's most interesting and beautiful people to his penthouse apartment to meet Leslie Browne, star of "The Turning Point." In the U.S. and Canada, Revlon's popular scent Jontue had tied up with the film and the American Ballet Theater on a special promotional campaign. Michaela and I went to the New Otani to pick up Leslie, her mother and Nora Kaye. Leslie had bought a new pair of shoes that day, and was wearing them for the first time. As fate would have it, she twisted her ankle going downstairs. The doctor said it wasn't bad, but it was bad enough that she had to stay off of it that evening. Film actress Judy Ong, just back from location in Taiwan, had joined us at the New Otani, so the three of us drove over to Paul's pad to break the bad news.

We ran into Marita Pastuszynski parking her car so we all went up to the top floor together. People we didn't know were coming out as we went in, and then a little boy standing in the entrance gave us a strange look. It turned out we had the right apartment number, but were in the wrong Homat. Paul lives in Homat Concord and we were in Homat Commodore. Some evenings nothing goes right. The lady, whoever she is, was really nice, and said, "Well, if you don't find it, come on back and have a drink." We did find Paul's and it was already packed with well-known faces from the fashion, arts and entertainment world. Naturally everyone was disappointed Leslie couldn't make it, but they made the best of it, and all ended up having a really super time.

People there included artist Wes Otsuka, George of Yes George beauty salons, Loy Weston, Revlon's John Ayers, architect Yoshio Taniguchi, fashion designers Junko Koshino, Sanae Cropp and Shizuko Horvat, Nicole Ortman of Rochas, and Masao Yamanouchi of NHK. Ronnie Colson's back and he told us his exciting adventures sailing around the Caribbean. It was also nice seeing Mike Adams again. He's been with Revlon in Hong Kong and was recently transferred here as general manager for their prestigious Borghese line.

White was the big fashion color for the girls that night and Judy Ong, Sanae Cropp, Jessica Wirtrom and Marita Pastuszynski never looked better. The biggest



Paul Hughes hosts a party for Leslie—but where was she?



At Paul Hughes' pad, the gorgeous turned out. Clockwise, from above left: Dina Nakayama, Junko Koshino, Jessica Wirtrom; Judy Ong flanked by French singer Yves Simon and host Paul; Marita Pastuszynski, Judy Ong, Wirtrom, Sanae Cropp; top mannequin Cindy relaxing with friends.



In and around town this week . . .



At Egyptian dinner (l to r): Kazuo Chiba, artist Hussein Bokar, Ambassadors Habib Ben Yahia, Mike Mansfield and Louis Dauge.



H.E. Mr. El-Sawa (center), Yosoji Kobayashi, with host Egyptian Ambassador Mohsen Khalek.

(Above left) Nora Kaye with Anne Mansfield; (center) Eli and Elly Mansor with Isaac Negishi; at right: Princess Monica von Habsburg with Filipina actress Celita de Castro, who's here doing a film for NHK.

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Believe it or not, the three wrestlers said that one, if not the, highlight of the trip was attending two acts of Verdi's opera "Il Trovatore" at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. During the intermission the wrestlers went back stage to meet famous singers Carlo Bergonzi and Martina Arroyo, and "ham" that he is, Jesse had to reenact the duel scene with Bergonzi (curtain down) who seemed to enjoy the whole event enormously.

"One very important fact I learned on this trip," says Benson, "is that these men have hearts that match their size, and their smiles and polite curiosity fascinated everyone they met in London."

The wrestlers were the first recipients of the White Horse Scotch International Sportsmen of the Year Award. Naturally, it is the Year of the Horse!



Above, Kurohimeyama has a similar size problem trying to buy a new belt. Below, Jesse trades record albums with international song-stylist Billy Daniels. "My record sold six million copies," said Daniels. "Mine sold six hundred," Jesse responded.

Jesse to address ACCJ lunch Apr. 24

Jesse (Takamiyama) Kuhaulua will be guest of honor at a special American Chamber of Commerce in Japan luncheon in the Top of the TAC, Tokyo American Club, on Monday, Apr. 24, during which he will also be the principal speaker. He is to discuss his experiences in the world of sumo and will answer questions on the world of the ancient sport and how he adjusted to it from his youth as an island boy on Maui.

Above, some comely wenches seem enamored by the mammoth sumotori in an old house built in 1717. From left, Takamiyama, Kurohimeyama, Chiyonofuji. At right, Takamiyama persists in trying to find a pair of new shoes to fit him, but as the shopkeeper said, "We don't even have a measure that large."



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Dick and Jean Bush tip saké with Liz Klaverkamp.



Honduras Ambassador Cesar Sorto Mossi with Jacques and Miresa Bouma.

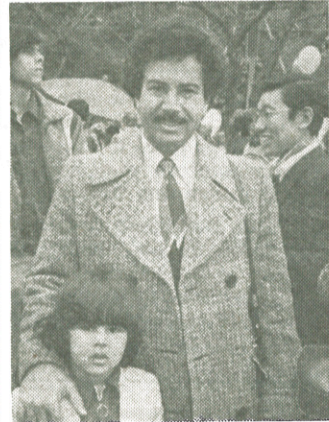


Mr. Morita of Prince Hotels with Maureen Mansfield, her daughter, Anne, and granddaughter, Caroline.

A'blooming we go!

*A little sake sippin', a little sun
—and a peach tree—make viewing
bloomin' good at Takanawa Prince*

Above: Hiroki Hosomi, Kneale Ashwell and his kids, Louise and Simon. Below: Eucaris Mossi, Mrs. Kamei.



Qatar Ambassador Hamad Mansour Al-Hajiri with son, Mansour.



TMA manager in Japan Nick Bou Saba, wife Adele and children, Sammy and Souad.



Sam Bigombe, new Ugandan Ambassador, wife Betty and son Rubango.



Suzanne Garner (husband R.J.P. is with British Airways), son Paul and Margaret Lauder.

news at the party was gorgeous Kumi Antoine of Christian Dior showing up with Yoshio Taniguchi. Rumors have it that they're "very serious."

Paul's a great host, and if you ever want what has to be the best Chinese food around, ask him who catered his party. During the evening, Leslie, her mother and Nora Kaye all called to thank Paul for his hospitality and to tell him how sorry they were not to be able to be there. We left about one-ish and Paul gave me a large portfolio of Jontue photos of Leslie and members of the American Ballet Dance Theater to give to her. She hadn't seen these before and was really thrilled.

Thursday the 30th was one of those non-stop days. First I headed over to the Tokyo Hilton where The Transportation Club was holding the monthly luncheon.

From there we drove over to the Penthouse in Akasaka where Estee Lauder was holding a promotion to introduce their new Aramis 900 grooming system for men. The ultra modern packaged line includes shampoo, hair conditioner, clear skin pack, absolute comfort shave cream, shave foam, herbal soap and herbal after shave. The products come in several sizes and many are ideal for traveling.

There were three parties that evening, and we ended up making it to just one of them. We were invited to a wine tasting and dinner at the residence of German Ambassador and Mrs. Gunter Diehl. We had called the ambassador and told him we wouldn't be able to stay for dinner, but had hoped to get there for the wine tasting. He jokingly told us after we tasted the nine wines they were serving we wouldn't be able to leave. Unfortunately we weren't able to get there even for that. I should know by now when you're working with showbiz people, never plan a tight schedule. Leslie Browne's interviews ran late, and by the time she was finished, it was just too late to go . . . we would have walked in right in the middle of the dinner. We did bump into Jane Rees (welcome back!) who was on her way to the German Embassy, and she told us later, it was really a nice evening. I was sure it would be.

We did finally get into the cars and down to the Imperial Hotel where Jordanian Ambassador and Mrs. Shammout were hosting a buffet dinner on the occasion of the opening of the new office of the Arab United Trading Company in Tokyo. The company has offices worldwide and is one of the biggest and best known in the Middle East and Gulf area. The large crowd was an interesting mix of the diplomatic and business world. Guests included Mrs. Mike Mansfield and her daughter Anne, Iran Air's Masoud Refghi, Kuni Yokoi and Rev. Ian and Barbara McLeod. Singapore Ambassador Mon Cheng Wee was there with his daughter Annie. She told us she's been busy helping more into the new chancery. I was also happy to see Saudi Arabian Ambassador Zein A. Dabbagh who's been traveling a great deal lately. Ambassador Shammout introduced us to Mr. T. Tabba, chairman of the Arab United Trading Company, who told us they were doing a tremendous amount of business with Japan . . .

We had arrived a little later, stayed on much longer than we had planned, so consequently couldn't make it out to Walter and Natalie Ermakoffs where they were hosting a dinner in honor of their friends Jacques and Miresa Bouma. The Boumas lived in Japan 10 years ago and now make their home in Switzerland. We did

have the privilege of meeting them later in the week at the Takanawa Prince Hotel cherry blossom viewing.

Friday the 31st and I sincerely believe we added a bit of beauty to the Foreign Correspondent's Club. Our table for 12 included Leslie Browne, Isabel Browne, Nora Kaye, Michaela von Habsburg, Monica von Habsburg, Judy Ong and Anne Mansfield. The lucky men included Dino Troni (20th Century Fox), Aki Mori (Mori Hanae's son who runs Studio V) and Masoud Refghi. Nora Kaye—who's been around and seen the best—really raved about the Club. "I love it," she commented, "it's so organized and professional."

Saturday the 1st and we went to the buffet dinner Egyptian Ambassador Mohsen Khalek hosted in honor of H.E. Mr. El-Sawa, Egyptian Minister of Culture. The minister, his wife and his delegation were here to open the exhibition of Ancient Egyptian Great Kings and Queens Treasures. Special guests at the dinner included U.S. Ambassador Mike Mansfield, French Ambassador Louis Dauge, Turkish Ambassador Celal Eyiceoglu, Finnish Ambassador Osmo Lares, Sengalese Ambassador Assane Bassirou Siouf, Guinean Ambassador Mamady Lamine Conde, Qatar Ambassador Hamad Mansour Al-Hajiri and U.A.E. Ambassador Ahmed Sakim Al-Mokarrab. We enjoyed talking with Tunisian Ambassador Habib Ben Yahia who told us he's lec-

turing about his country at various universities around Japan. He went on to say he's really enjoying this and feels it gives him a chance to glimpse a side of Japan he might not otherwise have seen.

Moroccan Ambassador Abdeslam Taddaoui looked tan and fit after a few days in Saipan with his family. Japanese guests included Kazuo Chiba of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Akihiro Nanjo who lives in Paris and helped arrange for the exhibition and Yosoji Kobayashi, president of NTV. The members of the delegation were also very impressive. They included Mohamed Abdalla, general manager of sound and light at the pyramids; Victor Girges, vice president of the Egyptian Archeological Department; Mohamed Ahmed Mohsen, deputy director of the Egyptian Museum in Cairo; Mostafa Damarary, editor of Ahram newspaper, and Hazem Fouda, managing editor of the Mid East News Agency.

Sunday the 2nd we joined over 1,000 Tokyoites and their friends at the Takanawa Prince Hotel for the hotel's annual cherry blossom viewing party. Unfortunately it was a little cool, and there was only one tree in bloom . . . I think that was a peach tree. Naturally, we were sorry about that, but the crowd was in a holiday mood, there was some great entertainment and everyone I talked to really enjoyed themselves and were glad they went. I took a lot of photos that day, and want to use as many as possible. Cork'll need the space for the photos so I won't go into great detail about who was there and who wasn't. I just want to let you know it was fun, and if you didn't make it, you should have.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

● Chizuko (Chi-Chan) Yokoi on her recent marriage to Take Sakakura . . . in Hawaii. We wish them a long happy life together.

● Ken Takakura on being chosen as best actor at the First Japan Academy Awards. We had hoped to get to the presentation, but another reception and bad weather that night made it impossible. I did see Ken a few days later at Clark Hatch's where he works out regularly, and had a chance to congratulate him personally.

IN TOWN

● John Read's (Rolex) two kids, Martin, 14, and Beric, 9, are here with their dad for the Easter holidays. They both attend boarding school in the U.K.

● Mr. and Mrs. Elly Mansor here from the Philippines. I ran into them with Isaac Negishi, president of Tokyo Senko P.R. Mansor is creative director for McCann Erickson in the Philippines. His wife formerly worked in public relations for Philippine Airlines. Incidentally, Isaac is the man to call if you want complete information or bookings at the Sicogon Island Resort in the Philippines. His phone number is 438-2343.

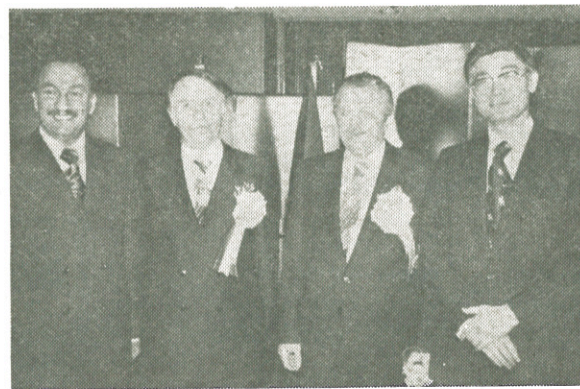
● Vic Varga, the Philippine's "most macho" superstar, here for a week to star in an NHK TV series.

ON THE MOVE

● Thierry and Diane de Beauce off to Paris for a few weeks to visit friends and family there. I stopped by their home a few days before they left and had lunch with them and their guests, fashion designers Oscar de la Renta and Issey Miyake. Miyake along with most of Japan's designers is also in Paris for their collection showings now.



Leslie Browne, a kimonoed friend, Maureen Mansfield and Leslie's mother, Isabel, at the Jordan party.



Iraqi Ambassador Kahtan Lufti Ali, host Amer Shammout, T. Tabba, Kazuo Chiba of the Gaimusho at Arab United Trading Co. festivities.

ASIJ swim team looks unbeatable: Coach Jack Boyd

By Phil Sudo

ASIJ swim coach Jack Boyd had good reason to look forward to next season. After leading this year's team to within a half point of the Far East Championship, he sees no reason why the Mustangs cannot take it all next year—and in years to come, for that matter.

In an interview recently Boyd talked about the possibilities for next year, as well as the highlights of the past season. "Seven or eight years ago, ASIJ was a swimming powerhouse. If we can get all our swimmers to join the team next year, and 'recruit' a few high school girls, we have a better chance of not only passing (FE Champ) International, but becoming a powerhouse once again, very definitely."

The first reason Boyd

points to is the incredible improvement made by the squad this year. The Mustangs were blessed with some outstanding transfers and general enthusiasm towards the program, as they had an unusually large turnout.

"International beat us by almost 300 points last year, and we only lost to them this year by a half point (518-517½). Obviously, we were incredibly successful." Indeed they were, for in totaling all the meet points of the season, ASIJ scored 114 more than perennial champ International.

In fact, the only reason the Mustangs did not pass International in the finals this year was due to the injury to one of the fastest swimmers in the Far East, and probably the most versatile, Robert Grimsley. Coach Boyd has high hopes for the sophomore in the coming two

seasons.

Grimsley is one of the many underclassmen who made up the strong, deep squad this past season. The two-year coach is quick to mention several members who should be stronger when they return next year. "Mark Lerch holds some Far East records; Susan Lewis was by far the strongest girl we had; Charles Breer is outstanding in backstroke; Joel Hinz took four gold medals in the finals."

He added the names of Grace Currey, Dinah Swain, Susie Bauman, Eric Johnson, Scott Reasons, Steve Ulius, Patty Tierney, Seiko Niimi and Scott McCord to the list of people he considered strong swimmers.

This is another reason Boyd considers ASIJ a potential threat to dominate swimming: with all these

swimmers still coming up, the depth of the team is tremendous.

"Our team was very deep this year, and if we can get everyone back, it should be better next year. In the finals we had no high point trophy winners, which says that while some teams may have one or two great individual swimmers, we are much better all around."

The third reason is one that Coach Boyd emphasizes with pride: determination and team spirit. This is the characteristic of the team which Boyd felt played an immense role in this season's success and hopefully will in seasons to come.

"In that last meet, we had no reason being that close to International (without Grimsley). It was nothing but sheer determination that brought us that far. It

was the most incredible team determination I've ever seen. That, in itself, was a victory. And the team spirit I saw was absolutely unbelievable.

"Usually a swimmer, because swimming is such an individual sport, is concerned only with how many medals he gets. But every single member of our squad was concerned only with the team. It was just unbelievable."

So with the next season still a long eight months away, Coach Boyd is giving International plenty of advance warning to prepare for its title defense. But with the swimmers he has, he is confident ASIJ can pluck the crown off International's head. The Mustangs just might be the next powerhouse looming on the Far East horizon.

Zama nine kicks off diamond season against CAJ tomorrow

By Mike Ferguson

The 1978 track season will be a "rebuilding" year for Zama High School, according to Zama head track coach Leon Brashier. "Essentially, we're an inexperienced team, but we have a lot of people with potential," he continued. Although the Trojans will compete with few returning lettermen, "overall, this team is better than last year's," commented Brashier. The Zama track team has an invaluable asset—an experienced assistant coaching staff of Don Austin, Carlos White, John Gross and Al Boucaud.

The key to Trojan success will lie with mens' captains Tommie Horton, Allan Browning, and Roy Martin and womens' captains Betty Samulitis, Debbie Dalebout and Debbie Brashier. LeRoi Bethel, returning after a two-year absence, could prove to be the best half miler in the league. Ken Gordon and Mike Ferguson are good one and two milers. Robert Lee, who transferred from Nile C. Kinnick (Yo-Hi) late last year, will be tough in the sprints and the long jump. The girls' team will be strengthened with the addition of Tina Holbrook, Katy Takahara, Kathy Kluck and Kathy Plesur.

In the distance races and field events, Zama can compete on equal terms with any team in the league in both the mens' and womens' categories. "But the spring squads must jell if we are to win," stated Brashier. Zama will get tougher as the season progresses, reaching a peak at the Kanto Finals. The Trojans practice with one motto in mind: only the tough survive.

In spite of the fact that the Zama girls' track team owns a perfect 30-0 record in Kanto and Far East competition, Brashier sees ASIJ and Yo-Hi as the teams to beat this year. He also cites Yokota and Yo-Hi as favorites in the mens' meets.

Zama Trojans 1978 Track Schedule

Apr. 15	Yokota vs. Zama
Apr. 22	CAJ vs. Zama
Apr. 29	Yokota Relays
May 6	Yo-Hi vs. Zama
May 13	ASIJ vs. Zama
May 20	Track Finals (Kanto Invitational)

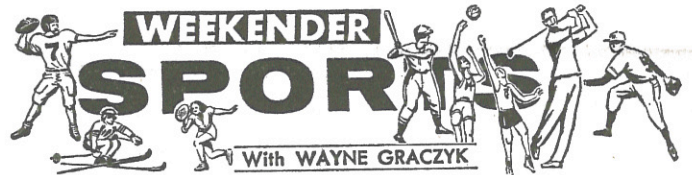
By Kevin Abbott

The Zama High School Trojans baseball team, coached by Mr. Scott Thompson, began practice on Mar. 27 and plays its first league game against CAJ on Apr. 15 at Zama. This year's team boasts ten returnees: Seniors Brian Fukuhara (catcher), Wesley Aihara

threw the league's only one-hitter, an 8-0 blanking of CAJ.

As yet untried hurlers Curt Waldecker and Hal Mott "have potential" according to Coach Thompson, although whether they can reach their potential in the six short weeks of the season remains to be seen.

Thompson continued his re-



(infield), Bill Veile (infield) Matt Matais (outfield), Ray Peloquin (outfield) and Jim Olson (outfield), Juniors Mark Viggiano (pitcher) and Bob Hermann (infield), and Sophomores Andy Gibson (outfield) and Mike Dean (infield).

The team had a 4-6 record last season but most members expect to improve on that pace this time around. Coach Thompson stated, "The key for us is catching, pitching and finding a suitable shortstop. We have no experienced shortstop at present." The team's strong point in Thompson's view is its defensive play, with its weakest point being batting. Nevertheless, the team has several outstanding hitters, as Veile and Fukuhara both hit over .300 last year.

The pitching staff has only one tested member, however, in Viggiano. Viggiano had a 3-1 mark last season, his only loss a 4-1 defeat at the hands of the league champion Yokota Panthers—a game in which he allowed just one earned run. Viggiano also

some of the team members, adding, "Veile should be a good hitter, Hermann should improve both offensively and defensively, and Gibson should be good as an outfielder. Aihara is an able, steady ball-player no matter where we place him. Peloquin and Matais are the leaders of the team and both should do well."

Although stating that winning games will depend on the success of the team's batting attack, Thompson remarked, "Our short season doesn't really allow potential to develop. Our final record will depend on whether we can reach our potential. But no matter what happens, we'll have a good time and everyone will work as hard as they can."

The team's schedule appears below; all are double-headers, beginning at 1 p.m.

Apr. 15	ZHS	at CAJ
Apr. 22	ZHS	at St. Mary's
Apr. 29	ZHS	at Yo-Hi
May 6	ASIJ	at ZHS
May 13	Yokota	at ZHS

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Zama Trojan track team rebuilding

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