

1.

THERE'S ANOTHER API SHOW ON KPFK. THEY'RE DOING A PILOT OF IT, AND UNLIKE THIS SHOW, IT'S AN ALL-NEWS AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM. IF YOU LIKE THE NEWS, CHECK IT OUT. IT'S GOING TO AIR NEXT TUESDAY AT 2PM, SO MARK THAT ON YOUR CALENDARS.

2.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING COMING UP THE NEXT ELECTION ISN'T THE NEXT GOVERNER. IT'S PROPOSITION 54, SO PAY ATTENTION.

WARD CONNERLY, THE GUY WHO ENDED AFFIRMATIVE ACTION IN CALIFORNIA, IS PUSHING A NEW LAW THAT MAKES IT ILLEGAL FOR THE STATE TO COLLECT ANY KIND OF RACE INFORMATION, AT ALL. NOT EVEN ON MEDICAL FORMS.

PROP 54 PREVENTS STATE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND AGENCIES FROM ASKING FOR YOUR RACIAL CATEGORY OR GROUP. ACCORDING TO PROPONENTS OF THE LAW, IT HELPS CREATE A COLORBLIND SOCIETY.

OPPONENTS SAY THAT IT ACTUALLY MAKES RACISM WORSE, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT WON'T BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY RACIAL INEQUALITIES WHERE THEY EXIST.

ACCORDING TO THEM, HEALTH CARE AGENCIES WON'T BE ABLE TO CREATE PREVENTATIVE PROGRAMS. MEDICAL RESEARCHERS WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THAT A SPECIFIC GROUP IS MORE LIKELY TO

SUFFER A DISEASE. FOR EXAMPLE -- THEY WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE INCREASE OF AIDS IN THE ASIAN COMMUNITY, ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- THE USE OF CIGARETTES IN THE COMMUNITY COULD NOT BE MONITORED.

ALSO, PROP 54 WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO COLLECT HATE CRIME DATA, OR STATISTICS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION IN SCHOOLS.

IF YOU'RE OPPOSED TO PROP 54, THERE'S AN EDUCATIONAL EVENT NEXT TUESDAY NIGHT WHERE THE ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER WILL EXPLAIN IT ALL, AND TELL YOU HOW TO ORGANIZE TO DEFEAT PROP 54.

Thursday, August 7, 2003

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Asian Pacific American Legal Center

1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2nd Floor (at Lucas)

Los Angeles, CA 90017

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3.

THERE'S SOME VERY GOOD NEWS THAT HAPPENED LAST SATURDAY. JAN PERRY VERBALLY STATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO JAIL NEXT TO THE NISHI TEMPLE IN LITTLE TOKYO.

THE CITY WILL COME BACK WITH NEW PLANS THAT DON'T INCLUDE

THE JAIL AND BOMB SQUAD BUILDING PROPOSED IN THE ORIGINAL PLAN. THIS HAS BOUGHT COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS SOME TIME TO COME UP WITH IDEAS FOR THE VACANT LOT AT FIRST AND ALAMEDA.

ACCORDING TO A CONVERSTATION AZIATIK HAD WITH A MEMBER OF THE LITTLE TOKYO COMMUNITY COALITION, THE MTA IS PLANNING TO RUN THE GOLD LINE RIGHT THROUGH THAT CORNER. ALSO , THERE ARE ALSO DEVELOPERS PROPOSING TO BUILD CONDOS IN THE PARKING LOTS SOUTH-EAST OF THE CORNER.

SO, IT LOOKS LIKE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT IS KICKING INTO HIGH GEAR IN THE LITTLE TOKYO AREA. IF YOU'RE A COMMUNITY MEMBER OR LIVE NEAR THERE, AND WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICS, CHECK OUT J-TOWN-VOICE.

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4.

IN INGLEWOOD, BIJAN DARVISH, AN INGLEWOOD POLICE OFFICER WAS FOUND NOT GUILTY OF FILING A FRAUDULENT POLICE REPORT IN THE DONOVAN JACKSON POLICE BRUTALITY CASE.

THE JURY WAS HUNG FOR HIS PARTNER JEREMEY MORSE.

EVEN AFTER THREE DAYS OF DELIBERATION, THE JURY WASN'T ABLE TO FIND HIM GUILTY OR NOT. SEVEN WANTED TO FIND HIM GUILTY, AND FIVE NOT-GUILTY.

PROTESTERS WORRIED ABOUT A REPEAT OF THE LI 992 .A. UPRISING,
WHEN VIOLENCE ERUPTED AFTER THE NOT-GUILTY VERDICTS IN THE
RODNEY KING POLICE BRUTALITY TRIALS.

5.

LAST SUNDAY WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE
KOREAN WAR. ENJOY THE SO CALLED PEACE, AND PREVENT THE NEXT
WAR.

6.

AGAIN, REMEMBER TO TUNE INTO THE PILOT OF THE OTHER API SHOW
ON KPFK ON TUESDAY AT 2PM.