



Jilene Lamb wore traditional American Indian clothing for a presentation she made to Japanese exchange students.

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ing the language, Koepke hopes the exchange program helps keep American students interested. Koepke thinks the Sandy students were impressed with their Japanese counterparts.

Isao Sato, the teacher who accompanied the Japanese students, made three observations about Sandy High School, Davey said.

First of all, he was surprised at the friendly relationships between teachers and students. He did not expect to hear students ask teachers if they had a good weekend.

Secondly, he was "shocked" at the poor posture of American students. "He wondered why I didn't tell them to sit up straight," Davey said.

Finally, Sato was impressed with the classroom discussions, the way

American students would take a position and defend it.

Sato, a history teacher, told Davey it is hard to get Japanese students to form an opinion and defend it.

"They are expected to go along with the group," Davey said.

Koepke agreed with Davey's analysis. "The Japanese learn more by rote, 'the gathering of facts,'" Koepke and Davey agreed that Japanese students work harder.

The Japanese students said, through Koepke, that they thought America was very big and they were envious of the freedom Americans have.

The students communicated with their hosts through gestures and by using Japanese-English dictionaries, Davey said.

When Davey was in Japan, students most often asked about the Civil War and American Indians. One of the presentations the students saw in Sandy was by Jilene Lamb, a member of the Grov Ventre Indian tribe in north-central Montana and a 1983 graduate of Sandy High School.

Lamb wore a buckskin dress decorated with beads and otter fur, a bone breast plate and an eagle feather in her hair.

She told about a Native American legend that says arrowheads come from the tips of lightning, which break off during storms. Koepke and Sato translated Lamb's talk, and the Japanese students nodded in understanding when Koepke told them the legend.

Koepke and Sato were stumped when trying to describe Lamb's porcupine quill hair piece. There are no porcupines in Japan.

Davey said the Japanese government strongly supports exchange programs because it wants students to learn conversational English. The Japanese know that they will have to use English to conduct business with other world powers, Davey said.

But such weighty matters were not on the minds of the students Tuesday.

Kanako Suzuki took careful aim with the cap-lock rifle, but she missed her target by 10 feet and hit a nearby tree. Her friends — both American and Japanese — thought that was funny.

Crime

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said, but most people don't want to pay extra for the protection.

According to Clackamas County's 1986 crime statistics, there were 244 burglaries in the "mountain district." The mountain district accounted for 7.6 percent of the total 3,205 burglaries in the county last year.

"The scope of the problem is alarming," Bunting said.

Lyons and Bunting had information about the Neighborhood Watch program, but Bunting said distance between homes makes the program impractical in the Hoodland area.

Boyd and Wolf said they felt

strongly about the importance of watching strangers in one's neighborhood, and about asking them questions concerning their business.

"We like nosy neighbors," said Boyd. "It's called a 'ghost embrace.' People know they are being watched."

The importance of marking valuables was stressed. It is difficult to sell a stolen TV set with an Oregon driver's license number engraved on it, Wolf said.

Also discussed was the importance of making one's road and home easy for police to find in an emergency. One member of the group pointed out that many roads on the mountain do

not have signs, and many individuals have not yet posted their homes with numbers assigned to them by the fire district.

"Mark your residence, mark your property and be a nosy neighbor," Wolf summed up. "That's what makes a difference. Even if we could double the force up here, what good would it do? We have 5,000 potential victims."

Boyd pointed out that the 9-1-1

emergency number alerts the county, but not the State Police. He suggested calling the Oregon State Police after calling 9-1-1.

The next meeting will be a public one, according to Bunting, and is being planned for late April.

People with experiences to relate, ideas to share or opinions on how to best deal with crime are encouraged by Calvert to write to the Crime Task Force Forum, Box 263, Rhododendron, 97049.

Bull Run

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"My most important qualification is that I care a lot about the school, the kids and the community. I'm a parent, grandmother and taxpayer. I think those are important qualifications," she said.

Romey has three children attending Bull Run School. All 12 of her children have attended it at one time or another.

"I've been a member of the community, on and off, for over 24 years," she said. "I feel I have something to offer."

Romey said one of her goals as a board member would be better communication between board members and the community.

"Another goal would be better communication between the board and teachers because right now the teachers are working without a contract," she said.

Romey said she is for good, affordable education.

"I think we need somebody from the community who represents a different point of view," she said.

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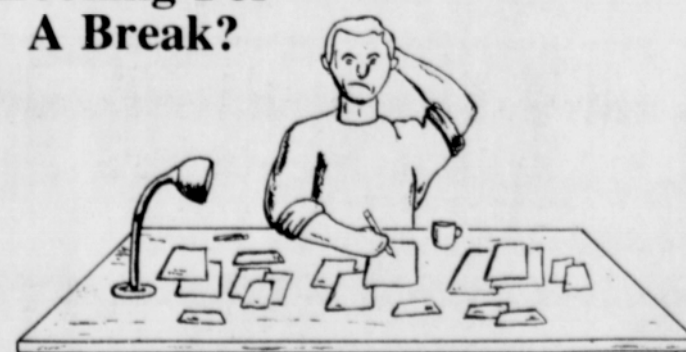
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