Former Gen. Shinseki Honors Men of Go For Broke

By CAROLINE AOYAGI Executive Editor

"My memories of the homeland are of playing jacks with my friends, not staring down communist troops," said Tran Tran, of growing up in Vietnam. At the age of nine, Tran fled his native land for a strange place called America, but the 32-year-old Los Angeles resident says the most commonplace items still jog childhood memories, none of which have anything to do with war or human tragedy. "The Vietnam War and all the politics are not something that I packed in a bag and crossed borders with," he said.

More than once, Tran's intellectual thirst led him to pick up Karl Marx literature or Mao Tse Tung's infamous little red book, and each time Tran's mother would pick up Karl Marx literature or Mao Tse Tung's infamous little red book, and each time Tran's mother would

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Offensive name no longer mars beauty of Florida Beach

IN MEMORIAM

JA 'Giant' William M. Marutani Passes, Leaves Behind Civil Rights Legacy

By Pacific Citizen Staff

Famed civil rights leader and retired Pennsylvania judge William M. Marutani died Nov. 15 in Lambertton, Pa., leaving behind an indelible legacy of leadership.

Marutani had been battling Parkinson's disease for years before his death at the age of 81. He is survived by his wife, Victoria, and three kids.

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Published Hopes to Unite AAs in Wisconsin with New Magazine Venture

By CAROLINE AOYAGI Executive Editor

By LYNDA LIN Assistant Editor

"It's been this way since I was a child. I'm not supposed to say or do things that can be offensive, but I don't know why," said Tran Tran, heatedly echoing the sentiment that silently unites and vocally divides the Vietnamese American community today.

Last month, the generational conflict came to a head over a fledging television show that aired brief images of the Communal Vietnamese flag and a photo...
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VAX TV
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of Ho Chi Minh. The show, Vietnamese American Xposure (VAX TV) --- a 30-minute interactive English language cable television series --- was axed by parent company, Saigon TV, after only two episodes. When viewers complained about the images and protested in front of their Westminster, California studio. The footage was part of a documentary about the Saigon protest where members of the community vehemently protested a shopkeeper's right to display a photo of Ho Chi Minh in his store.

VAX TV, an MTV-style show geared towards younger English-speaking Vietnamese and Asian Pacific Americans, was touted heavily on the forefront of "infotainment television" with young hosts and original programming. But after their 9th episode, controversy erupted over images that some argued should never be shown on Vietnamese media. Even though VAX TV officials denied any political agenda in airing a clip of the documentary, Saigon TV yielded to the voices of the protesters and pulled the plug on the show.

"I think it's an example of how the community is yet to exceed the younger generation," said Sa Dao, VAX TV associate executive producer. "It hurts me to see how divided we are." He compares the decision to air the controversial clip to mainstream media's decision to show footage of Osama Bin Laden during the Sept. 11th terrorist attacks. "It's difficult to watch, but necessary to show," said Sa Dao.

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But community leaders like Lang Tran, who frequently shares her bend "No" when asked if it is okay to show communist images in any context, would rather not have an emotional score picked at her. "I say just want to live peacefully," she said. Her son, however, does not see how any harm in drumming up a little dialogue and pointed out that it was a documentary, based on historical facts, not a political ad. "Does the History Channel get pulled off the air for showing documentaries on [Adolf] Hitler?" he asked.

"Interestingly enough, we aired the documentary on PBS. It wasn't negatively received at all," said Eddie Wong, executive director of the National Asian American Telecommunications Association (NAATA), about the Saigon USA episode. "I think it was a regrettable decision made by Saigon TV," he added. Critics argue that the TV show needed to be more tuned into the community and should have been able to handle the response to such an incendiary topic.

"Unfavorably, VAX TV could have approached the topic by discussing "how about their culture without inciting the community. In light of recent legislative matters in Orange County that had the support of many Vietnamese American citizens - namely to provide advance notice for visiting Communist leaders to the Vietnamese American enclave, VAX TV should have been more attuned to the community," the NCVA stated in its official statement.

"It respects VAX TV's world and wishes it well with its business model. However, VAX TV is not a news agency equipped to handle topics of importance to the community unless it is prepared for the response.

"Without a place to broadcast, VAX TV officials and its supporter launched a campaign to get the series back on air with an online petition and a November open forum. Its purpose was "to bring to surface the differences between young, old, conservative, and liberal."

The mood and comments, according to Sa Dao, perfectly illus-
trated the generational divide. A VAX TV producer said he was di-
apointed that the South Vietnamese flag and national anthem weren't paid tribute to at the forum, said Sa Dao, and that younger generations sating a for-
eign flag is odd. "I grew up in the United States in an area that didn't have many Asians. For me VAX TV is important," he said.

"How many shows have you seen like this that feature people like us - English-speaking Asian Americans without accents and without stereotypes?"

-- James Fukushima

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relatively small — only two percent state-wide according to the latest U.S. Census. But, said Sascral, he has a huge task before her.

"I am taking a big risk, I know," said Sascral, a co-owner of The Madison Times, an ethnic publication. "I am taking a big risk, I know," she said. "But all good business ideas should try to push the envelope. We have to lead. We have to be different." Sascral indeed has some tough decisions to make that will determine the future of the Wisconsin Asian American Community. "I grew up in the United States in an area that didn't have many Asians. For me VAX TV is important," he said. "It's difficult to watch, but necessary to show," said Sa Dao.

Pascual has lived in Madison, Wisconsin for six years now and has a huge task before her. In 2001 she was awarded the Woman of Achievement Award from the Wisconsin chapter of Color Networx, Inc. and in 2003 she was honored with the Woman of Distinction Award from the Michigan chapter of the National Historical Society, Wisconsin Chapter.

Sascral believes ethnic specific publications play a vital role in helping to unify community members. "I think Asian American publications must be a unifying medium, not only for understanding communities among American peoples, but also for communicating and respecting differences," said Pascual. "As an Asian American publication must be ready to advocate for Asian Americans interests and must also try to empower its readers.

Already, Pascual has set up a website (www.wisconsincon­ciente.com) to help stir interest in the maga­zine and to attract potential adver­tisers and subscribers.

She will try to avoid the same fate as other AA magazines by constantly trying to improve her product. "I hope I should always try to adjust to changing times, keep readers' attention by continuously improving my product through relevant information and their specific concerns," said Pascual.

She's working hard to make sure AAWC gets off to a positive start early next year. "I really hope that the publication will be around for a long time.

"My dream is to make Asian Wisconsin an important voice in the national conversation. As a magazine, as a community, we need to continue to be a positive force in the Wisconsin community, and we need to be a voice of Asian Americans not only in Wisconsin but also in the Midwest," said Pascual. "Looking forward, I think that the Asian Wisconsin will have a job to do.
UNION COUNTY-2 pups, then 10 weeks later, 4 pups. They were given up for adoption and were adopted by a family who had been looking for a pet. The family left the puppies at the shelter and did not return them. The shelter decided to keep them, as they had been treated well by the family and were now in a good home. They are now looking for a forever home. The shelter encourages people to adopt pets and to consider pet adoption as a responsible and rewarding way to give a pet a loving home. They also recommend that people research the shelters and the pets they are interested in before adopting. They believe that this will help ensure that the pets are placed in happy and loving homes. The shelter thanks the family who left the puppies and the family who adopted them. They hope that more people will consider adopting pets and that they will find a happy and loving home for their adopted pets. The shelter also thanks everyone who supports their work and helps make it possible for them to continue their mission of providing loving homes for homeless pets. They encourage people to visit their website and donate to support their work.
Judge Tashima Says War on Terror Threatens to Trample Civil Rights

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Federal appeals Judge A. Wallace Tashima, who was detained at a relocation camp during World War II, says the current government's war on terror is threatening to destroy the United States' democratic values and trample on citizens' rights.

Tashima, speaking at a civil rights conference Nov. 6, said he is particularly concerned that hundreds of people have been incarcerated for long periods of time without charges being brought against them.

"It's happening all over again," Tashima said, comparing the detaining of people without charges to incarcerating Japanese of American ancestry during WWII. The 70-year-old jurist, who was one of about 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry imprisoned during the war, was held at a camp in Arizona. More than 40 years after the war, the United States apologized to the internees and paid them $20,000 apiece.

Tashima, who spoke at the Japanese American National Museum, also criticized President George W. Bush's administration for interrogating people based solely on their race and for searching libraries, university, Internet and other records on people without any probable cause they committed a crime.

"The war on terrorism threatens to destroy the very values of a democratic society governed by the rule of law," he said.

One of the conference's attendees, John Q. Barrett, a professor of law at St. John's University in New York, said he was encouraged there was more public discussion of civil rights now than during WWII. He also said there were important differences between what occurred during WWII and what is happening now.

"The type of war we have now makes it different; this is a no-nation war," he said, alluding to the vessel on which the Japanese surrendered at the end of World War II.

Commemorating Colorado Issei Pioneers

Agriculture in the San Luis Valley of Southern Colorado was nurtured by Issei recruited from Stockton, California in 1925. The families of Yoshibe Ito and Yojiro Hattori, Nakamura, and Kichigoro Ono were followed by Eichi Yoshida, and Hideichi Katsumoto, Mitsumasa Miyake, and Masaichi Fujita. These families changed agriculture in this high altitude valley and economized the economy of this arid valley. As subsequent generations worked the lands, their educated children departed, responding to changing economic conditions and opportunities.

To commemorate these earliest Japanese pioneers, a depository for records, and photographs has been established at the Nielsen Library of Adams State College (ASC) in Alamosa. To memorialize the earliest Issei and subsequent generations, a Japanese garden is in development. Through cooperative efforts of the remaining SLV Nikkei and Adams State College Foundation in Alamosa, CO (719/587-7122), or Ron Inouye in Alamosa (719/274-5144), Ben Fuji in Alamosa, Eichi Yoshida, and Hideichi Yoshida. They had the few remaining SLV Nikkei in the region employed by the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad.

These families changed agriculture in this high altitude valley and brought in additional Issei. National buyers and shippers sought the quality produce and broadened the economy of this arid valley. As subsequent generations worked the lands, their educated children departed, responding to changing economic conditions and opportunities.

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National Newsbytes

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Lawyer Charged with Attempted Murder of Korean American Attorney

SEATTLE—Prosecutors charged a lawyer with attempted first-degree murder in the shooting of a rival attorney who had sought a contempt citation against him.

The prosecutor said William R. Joyce, 50, shot Kevin Jung in the back of the head in early November as Jung sat in a car outside his office. A witness scribbled down the license plates of Joyce's rented car as he sped away from the scene, and police tracked him down through the rental company. Records show that Jung asked a county superior court judge to find Joyce in contempt for his tardiness and his refusal to provide documents.

Jung, a 44-year-old married father of two, sustained serious brain damage. Joyce faces a 20-25 year sentence if convicted of murder, but could face life in prison or the death penalty if Jung dies.

Senator's Wife Doing Well After Cancer Surgery

HONOLULU—Maggie Inouye, wife of U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, is resting and doing well after surgery in Washington to remove a cancerous growth, the senator said.

Doctors removed the growth and 3-4 inches of large intestines on each side of it during the three-hour operation at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Because of the operation, it was the first time the senator was not in Hawaii on Election Day. He was recently re-elected for his eighth Senate term.

Former Miss Hawaii USA Pledges Guilt to Drug Offenses

HONOLULU—Tiffini Lamouli, who was known as Miss Hawaii USA 1998, faces a maximum prison sentence of 15 years and fines up to $35,000 for possession of crystal methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

The 30-year-old former beauty queen and her husband were arrested Sept. 14 in a police raid at their Kailua home. About $1,000 worth of crystal meth, small quantities of cocaine and marijuana, and a digital scale were found in a backpack.

APAs in the News

Past JACL Chapter President is an 'Ageless Hero'

Mas Insuhita, past president of JACL, Arizona chapter, was awarded an Ageless Heroes Award for his continuing volunteer work and education even after retirement.

Insuhita was selected in the "Love of Learning" category for his commitment to sharing his life experiences of being incarcerated at the Gila River Internment Camp during World War II. He has given dozens of presentations each year in high schools, colleges and museums. Insuhita received his Ageless Hero Award at a Nov. 11 luncheon, hosted by Blue Shield of Arizona.

MoMA Architect to Build Houston's New Asia House Building

Yoshio Taniguchi, best known in the United States for his work on the expansion of the Museum of Modern Art in New York, has been commissioned to design the new Asia House, a capital project of Asia Society Texas.

The new building will be located in Houston's Museum District and will be Taniguchi's first freestanding new building outside of Japan. Groundbreaking for the new building — which will feature exhibitions of Asia Society's renowned permanent collection — is expected to take place in 2006.

Two APA Queens Reign for First Time in School's History

For the first time in the University of Washington's Homecoming history, two queens — Eni Nomura and Gihuya Cho — instead of the traditional king and queen were crowned as 2004 royals.

Nomura, who was also the Seattle Japanese Queen 2004, and Cho were simply the most deserving candidates, said officials.

Takei, Nakano to Receive Japan Government Decorations

The government of Japan recognized California Assemblyman George Sakeya Nakano and George Takei, of "Star Trek" fame, at a Nov. 9 ceremony in Tokyo for their contributions to the Japanese American community and for their efforts to promote Japan-U.S. relations.

Both Nakano and Takei received the Order of the Rising Sun decoration, the highest civilian distinction, for promoting exchanges between the two countries.

Aoyagi Named County Homeland Security Chief

Gordon Aoyagi, Montgomery County's fire administrator, will take over as the county's new homeland security director starting next year.

Aoyagi has served the county for nearly 20 years in various roles that have included emergency preparedness and response. In his new job, he will coordinate emergency management among other responsibilities.

Moy Named New Police Chief

Jones May, 48, was sworn in as Monterey Park, Calif.'s police chief after serving as its interim chief for a year. He becomes the first Asian police chief in a city that boasts an Asian population of 63 percent.

Over the next decade, Moy plans to have his department get more involved in community policing. He is also looking at putting his cops on foot or bike patrol through this city of about 60,000.
The ‘True’ Face of Asian America: Representation in the Media

BY ALEXIS HISAKA

We are in the 21st century of ridicule for Asian Americans whose presence is rarely felt in contemporary mass media. Throughout history, the media has imposed stereotypes upon Asians. The longer these images based upon racist perceptions and ignorance endures, the more imperative it becomes to change them.

We now have a complex of stereotypes that has matured into images that we have come to accept. Fictional, racist, or otherwise, common knowledge of Asians is derived from media representations. Although Asian faces in Hollywood are few compared to other ethnic groups, we must remember that we have had a long history of media invisibility. As the media industry becomes more balanced by a lack of exposure to Asian culture, we are to ourselves. We are, after all, the only ones whose parents' dreams at a cost to Asian America.

Unfortunately, these images of Asian people have not evolved to reflect the entire spectrum and richness of Asian American history. Asian Americans have a long history of media representation. Despite the fact that Asias have lived and thrived in the United States for over a century, we are still not considered "American." Regardless of our various national origins, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Cambodians, and Vietnamese are lumped into one group — Asians.

Although we resist and reject these images, there is a logical reason why these stereotypes continue to prosper. Stereotypes have a grain of truth in them, and represent what Asias are to other Americans and who we are to ourselves. We are, after all, the ones who developed martial arts. We are the ones known to excel in academics. We are the ones whose history in America began with melon as fubos, laundrymen, domestic servants, gardeners, and cooks.

These stereotypes are real images from our immigrant history. Unfortunately, these images of Asian people have not evolved to reflect the entire spectrum and richness of AA culture.

Media representation of Asias is unbalanced by a lack of exposure to actual Asias. Because Asias consist of 3 percent of the nation's population according to the U.S. Census, most of the children become educated, and lack of representation on television.

Since our immigration to America, Asian parents have strongly encouraged their children to pursue careers in medicine, law, engineering, or business. The notion is that if the children become educated, it reflects well on the parents. Materialism and high income is what constitutes success. Asian sons and daughters aspire to fulfill their parents' dreams at a cost to Asian American culture.

We seldom encourage our children to pursue careers in the visual and performing arts, in journalism, or in entertainment. Our Asian voices need to be heard and our faces seen in mass media. All too often they are forgotten. Our advocates for AA interests, the media will depict Asians through their own perspective.

The future is in our hands. We must support each other so that we can illuminate our own perspective. Until the public realizes how dehumanizing and deconstructive these media images are and until our voices are heard, these stereotypes will mask the "true" face of Asian America.

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JACL Launches Into Cultural Preservation with the Clark Center

In an ongoing effort to promote Japanese art, culture and values, the national board recently passed a resolution to support the Ruth & Steven Lee Institute for Japanese Art and Culture at the Clark Center in San Francisco. Cultural preservation has been the domain of chapters, but the resolution will expand the effort to the districts.

JACL President Ken Inouye created a special Cultural Preservation/Heritage Committee headed by former Governor Bob Taniguchi of the Central California District Council and Reiko Yoshino, former governor of the Mountain Plains District Council.

The goals of this committee are to increase the awareness of the richness of the Japanese culture and help Japanese Americans understand more fully the values inherent in the culture of their ancestors and develop cultural education programs for the chapters and districts using the Clark Center.

The committee is in the process of asking for representatives from each district.

The Clark Institute in Honolulu houses some of the best Japanese art in the United States, resident art scholars or docents all gathered in a peaceful setting.

For more information please contact the Institute at 559/593-4915 or visit the website http://www.cher­manleeinstitute.org.

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California has elected its first Vietnamese American to the legislature with the victory of Van Tran in District 68, an area that includes Southern California's Little Saigon. Tran is now the nation's highest-ranking Vietnamese American elected official.

Tran, a 40-year-old Republican attorney, is a source of pride for his community, but he also believes he is being targeted by those supporting the current communist government in Vietnam, a government from whom Tran and his family escaped 30 years ago.

"That's the burden of public life and I'm fully aware of it," said Tran, who noted that he has received death threats.

Tran said he plans to focus on public safety and transportation when he gets to the state capitol and wants to fight against illegal immigration and the economic burden for small businesses.

"There is a unique responsibility by virtue of the fact that I'm Vietnamese American but ... I have to represent everyone equally and I intend to do that," said Tran.

Although Republican Bobby Jindal may have fell short in his bid for the Louisiana governorship last year, he coasted to an easy victory in his bid for a vacant U.S. House seat for suburban New Orleans in the recent elections.

With Jindal's victory, he becomes the only Indian American currently in Congress.

"We took this race very seriously. We started every day as though we were 30 points behind," said Jindal, who raised $2 million more than his closest opponent in the race. "We knocked on 100,000 doors. We held dozens of backyard parties."

Jindal, a former health official in the Bush Administration, is the first Indian American to be elected to the U.S. Congress since Dilip Singh Saund of California in 1956.

"Things didn't go so well for Stan Matsui in 2002," said Bob Inouye, a former state lawmaker, who lost in his bid to unseat Republican Marilyn Muangrave in the 4th District which covers northern Colorado.

Matsui, a Loveland attorney, who also lost to Muangrave in the 2002 elections, was accused of being behind a slew of negative ads that portrayed Muangrave in an unflattering light.

Muangrave has long denied being behind the negative ads which were in fact paid for by her former software developer, Tim Gill, who is also the founder of a gay rights foundation. Muangrave was targeted because of her anti-same sex marriage stance.

As expected, several veteran politicians coasted to easy victories in the recent elections. U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye won his eighth consecutive term with 77 percent of the vote. U.S. Rep. Robert Matsui and Mike Honda won easy re-election to the 5th District and 15th District of California, respectively.

Other winners included: State Rep. Martha Wieck to the 134th District of Texas; U.S. Rep. David Wu, District 1 of Oregon; and California state Reps. Leland Lee (District 12), Wilma Chan (District 16), Carol Liu (District 44), and Judy Chu (District 49).

The recent elections were a milestone for the APA community as a record number of APAs headed to the polls. According to NAPALC (National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium), APA voters across the country turned out in unprecedented numbers but many still faced obstacles at the polls.

According to the NAPALC report, some of the problems APA voters faced included a lack of language assistance for many Asian voters although required by law, including a lack of translators and indiscernible handling of language specific ballots.

"While I am pleased that Asian American voter participation was significant, we still have a long way to go in eradicating discriminatory barriers to civic participation," said Vincent A. Eng, NAPALC deputy director. "When a community partner reports that a poll worker berated her for requesting a Chinese ballot because she had a 'Japanese-sounding' name, it is clear that racism and stereotyping is still a very real and valid problem that interferes with the ability of Asian Americans to vote."

Associated Press contributed to this story.

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Mike Wallace and "60 Minutes." But Wallace was retiring from a 38-year career in the U.S. Army. He's a board of governor for the Go For Broke Educational Foundation and is helping to keep the story of the Japanese American veterans alive.

"Today this country is again at a nation at war. Thirty-eight months have passed since the attacks against New York City and Washington, D.C. and September 11th," said Shinseki, commenting only briefly on the current war in Iraq, as the keynote speaker at the foundation's third annual dinner Nov. 6 at the Ritz-Carlton, Huntington Hotel & Spa.

"As the last chief of the 20th century and the first chief of the 21st century ... I had to deal with the effects of September 11, 2001, the attack on the homeland and then preparing formations to go off to Afghanistan and to Iraq," he said.

Shinseki noted that 38 months after the attacks at Pearl Harbor during World War II, many battles would have been meeting; and the Allies would have been three months away from declaring victory.

"If we measure both wars today in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, the U.S. and allies would have been three months away from declaring victory with the unconditional surrender of its enemies."

"So if we measure both wars today in places like Iraq and Afghanistan, September 11, I for one can't help but renew my respect for the ... veterans who fought in World War II and the decisiveness of their accomplishments," said Shinseki.

"This is a small debt of gratitude," he said. "All of us are eternally grateful to the young men of Go For Broke."

Staff under the Clinton Administration in June 1999 and served a full four-year term. A decorated veteran, he served two combat tours in Vietnam and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, and Purple Heart.

Shinseki noted that it wasn't until he was an army officer that he finally knew the whole story of the heroism of Japanese American soldiers in World War II.

"It's a terrible price they paid in blood ... I personally am indebted to them," said Shinseki. The JA vets "are examples of how to live our lives.

Soon, Shinseki's picture as the 34th Army Chief of Staff will go up in the Pentagon. In it, he will wear his field uniform holding both a black beret, not the uniform of a general. He will be leaning against a desk with his hands behind his back. Behind him will be a mural showing the painting of the "Lost Battalion," illustrating the heroism of the famed 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team rescuing the Texas Battalion after suffering horrendous casualties.

"The heroe's symbolized in this painting ... I wanted to be sure you have a permanent place in the Pentagon," said Shinseki, "for what you did for me, my children, and their grandchildren ... all of us.

"This is a small debt of gratitude," he said. "All of us are eternally grateful to the young men of Go For Broke."
BUCKEYE- A 5-foot, 9-inch point guard who mixes off-court humility with an on-court flair for no-look, fastbreak passes is the first Japanese-born player to make an NBA roster.

Yuta Tabuse was waived.

"It's a big day for him," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "It's a big day for everyone, but that hardly matters now. His performance this season has impacted Chang in a recorded message," said Jones. "It was very special," Chang said. "I work so I can afford football - and a hug - to his father, Levi, on the sideline.

"I'd say lehiro is bigger than glass holding a colorful cocktail.

"He's going to be as big as when I first met him," Jones believes Chang's mark will be a record-breaking one if he finishes the season opener.

"I really don't think this record will ever be broken if he finishes the last five games," Jones said. ■

HOCKEY

Ice Hockey Finds Unlikely Home in Tropical Thailand

Bangkok's main rink closed in 2000. Many players balked at the next best venue, which resembled a swimming pool more than a skating surface.

Notorious for their violent outbursts, the east-meets-west hockey culture in Thailand and expatriate teams in the early days also threatened to bench the game permanently.

"It was like a war out there," recalls Toronto native Scott Murray, who worked to keep the game on the ice for the Farang, the general Thai term for westerners. "The Thai hockey team, with a foreigner's head bleeding, and a bench-clearing brawl ended with a Thai player's foot through an opponent's face."

"It was a big day for him," Tabuse said.
I had to do all I could. I contributed and raised money, supported a Democratic primary candidate, wrote articles, wore buttons, made telemarketing calls, displayed bumper stickers, wore campaign signs, made speeches and debated our opponents, but it wasn’t enough.

There was still time and there was nothing, nothing more important than winning the 2004 Presidential election and correcting the selection of four years before. I set aside some time and volunteered to spend a week on the ground in Ohio, the battleground of battleground states. I drove out there a week before the election with a friend who also wanted to take one more opportunity to make a difference in 2004. Along with many other Asian Pacific Americans, we wanted also to make sure our community did our part in winning back our country. We went to Columbus, capital of Ohio and on the fault line between the Republican South and Democratic North of that state.

The Kerry/Edwards campaign was working out of a union hall, a former electric appliance store and other sites vacant due to the economic setbacks that have plagued Ohio and made this once strongly Republican state competitive. We made phone calls to APAs to ascertain their voting preferences and whether they needed help getting to the polls. APA voters weren’t an antagonistic as some to phone calls, but they weren’t solidly for one candidate or the other either. A number of names on our list weren’t Asian. People who seemed to be of other minority backgrounds didn’t seem to mind, but one woman angrily told me that she was White, for Bush, and definitely not Asian. Too bad for her.

While we were on the phone, I met a sole AA couple, voting for the first time and unsure of their choices. You’re not supposed to take time to try to change minds on Election Day, but I was as happy as he was to see me. I told him why I supported Sen. Kerry and why he is best for Asian America. He and his wife called on the way out, “Kerry will win!”

We have not prevailed in this election, but the fights that brought me to this campaign must continue. Our margin of victory over Columbus and Franklin County was larger than even our goals. I am disappointed and worried for our nation, but I don’t regret the effort and my trip to Columbus. No, in the end it wasn’t about winning, but about, as Spike Lee said, doing the right thing.

More of Paul Igasaki’s columns can be viewed at www.maicommunity.com.
Zhang Ziyi’s lips, punctuating the end of a quietly lubricating sentence. “When I first arrived in Los Angeles, I wasn’t even sure if Hollywood was the right place for me.”

But then she starts chattering away in her native Mandarin with a publicist in the room, a publicist informs me that Zi is downstairs doing an interview with Daily Variety. I’m not as prolific as some other Chinese actresses. I wait a lot longer for roles and go through a huge amount of screenplays to find the right one,” she says. “I don’t want to do something that I’ve never anticipated, but now that I’m here, I really do want to try new things.”

Zhang Ziyi, whose name means “cloud water,” is a familiar face to the entertainment industry. The actress, who was born in Beijing, has been handpicked to bring to life by director Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon. Her role in the film has been dogged by controversy because of her film choices that some feel are too small in size or with too many action sequences.

“I have to balance the problems of the market with the problems of the audience,” Zhang Ziyi explains. “I want to do justice to the role of the blind person.”

For her role in the film, Zhang Ziyi said she lived with a young blind girl to better understand her character. "I told her to run. She couldn't. She was so scared. I told her to close her eyes, to imagine that there is nothing in front of her."

"I've learned a lot about life and love from her," she added. "When I first met her, she was very shy and didn't want to talk. But as we spent time together, she started to open up and talk about her experiences."

Zhang Ziyi's performance in Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon has earned her critical acclaim and has helped to break down stereotypes about Asian actors in Hollywood. She has gone on to star in other films, including Rush Hour and The Matrix, further solidifying her status as a Hollywood leading lady.

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Zhang Ziyi also spoke about her future plans in the entertainment industry. "I'm not sure what I want to do next," she said. "But I do know that I want to continue to grow as an actress and to challenge myself with new roles."
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Hikako (Fred) Sakazaki; half-sister, born Nisei; survived by son, Kenji (Michiyo); daughters, Lily (Michael) Sakazaki and Mark (Joan) Sakazaki.

By Associated Press

LOS GATOS, Calif.—Iris Chang, a best-selling author who chronicled the Japanese occupation of China and the history of Chinese immigrants in the United States, was found dead in her car of a self-inflicted gunshot along Calif. Highway 17 just south of Los Gatos, according to her for­mer editor and agent Susan Rabiner.

Chang worked briefly as a reporter for the Associated Press and the Chicago Tribune before leaving daily journalism to pursue her own writing. At age 25, she pub­lished her first book, "Thread of the Silkworm," which tells the story of Iken Hase-a-sen, the Chinese-born physicist who pioneered China’s missile program after being driven from the United States during the Cold War.

Chang suffered a breakdown and was hospitalized during a recent trip to the hospital. In a note to her family, she said, "I felt I could not continue life because of my mental health problems."

The official cause of death has not been released, but investigators con­cluded that Chang, who was hospi­tized during a recent trip to the hospital. In a note to her family, she said, "I felt I could not continue life because of my mental health problems."

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