Keeping the 'Old' in School, Sports

In the past, cultural activities gave young APAs the rare opportunity to interact with other Asians, but with today's burgeoning ethnic enclaves, do language ties give young APAs the same 'Old' spirit? An Assistant Editor

From kindergarten until she entered high school, Christina Li would leave her "American" high school at 3 p.m. and take a bus to a local Chinese school where she spent two hours perfecting the cadences of her native language. One extra hour was devoted to practicing Chinese calligraphy, a traditional art form lost to most young Asian Pacific Americans who prefer to scrawl their names with pens and computer keyboards.

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process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of the Constitution in this case.

So how is it that Padilla could be held for three years without any charges having been filed by the government or evidence of wrongdoing presented against him? Is it because he had no hearing, no trial, and no access to an attorney?

Under the U.S. Patriot Act, the government can hold an individual without ever bringing charges against him and, without a trial, deny him the benefit of a hearing or trial. The president can designate any individual an "enemy combatant" whom he believes is a citizen or not, and that individual can then be detained indefinitely without a cause. In a worst-case scenario, all of this can happen under a veil of secrecy under which an individual can disappear in detention.

If that sounds like a police state, perhaps it's because it's the stuff that police states are made of. One of the unique characteristics of the United States is that we guarantee every individual, citizen or not, the right to due process and to a guarantee of liberty and justice. It's a noble policy that distinguishes us from those democracy above all others. That's millions of Americans have fought and died for over the years.

But when the leaders of this country believe they should have the authority to ignore Constitutional guarantees that protect the fundamental principles of democracy, when the Congress passes legislation to support such a notion, and the Court affirmed the right of the government to take such action in times of war, the fight isn't over. The imprisonment of JAs during WWII, despite all evidence to the contrary, need not do so, did not make the nation or the public any safer. The only thing the WWII imprisonment accomplished was to weaken the foundations of American democracy.

Today, the 4th Circuit Court handed down a decision that allows this nation's leash to be used on the dangerous and once again strengthens the sanctity of American democracy.

I have discussed this matter with JACL National Legal Counsel Michelle Yoshida and asked her to begin drafting a letter to the Attorney General for brief for the inevitable appeal of this case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Our voice in this matter is important because we can speak with authority about the damage done to our entire community and to the basic freedoms most supported by the Constitution by the administration's actions and the court's decision to support it. For us, it's the right thing to do and the moral thing to do. We owe this to the nation.

ARCH
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In April, the group submitted an application to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names to rename the arch. The board establishes official names of cities and geographic features.

The National Park Service said it will take a public comment period on the proposed name change before submitting an official statement to the board. The agency has spent the last several months trying to research the history of the arch and gather input from residents in nearby communities.

Park officials said community response to the proposed name change has been mostly positive and that the board's decision will likely be made by next August.

Letters to the Editor
Re: Ben Kuroki

I just read with interest the article about Ben Kuroki. However, I was disappointed that not in the article did you mention his autobiography, "A Boy From Nebraska," which I read more than 30 years ago. I think that the younger generation may find of great interest the struggles his family went through even before the war.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN

By P.C. Staff and Associated Press

Muratsuchi Running for Torrance School Board

Al Muratsuchi, a former JACL Pacific Southwest regional director and current California Deputy Attorney General, announced his candidacy for the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education for the upcoming Nov. 8 election. Muratsuchi, who has also served as chairman of the Torrance Planning Commission and president of the South Bay JACL, has received endorsements from local community leaders including former Assemblyman George Nakano and Torrance School board member Gary Kuwahara.

The board serves three candidates for three school board seats.

Inouye Joins Harvard, to Head Aging Center

Sharon Inouye, MD, MPH, an expert on delirium and related cognitive problems, recently joined Harvard Medical School as professor of medicine and director of the Aging Brain Center at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for the Aged. She will hold the Milton and Shirley F. Levy Family Chair in Alzheimer’s Disease.

She also received the 2005 David Solomon Award Sept. 14 at UCLA. Inouye is the daughter of Dr. Minizo and Lily Ann Inouye.

Minami Named First APA Director of OSDBU

U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta announced the appointment of Roger Minami as director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Minami is the first American to serve as OSDBU director.

The office helps small, minority-owned, women-owned and other disadvantaged businesses compete for adult and DOT-assisted contracts and grants.

Minami, who was appointed to the position on Aug. 8, comes from DOT from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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NATIONAL NEWS

By Anne Kim

Associated Press

SEATTLE—Asian American students and community leaders are criticizing a state Human Rights Commission task force report on Washington State University’s handling of a student complaint about behavior by two school basketball players.

The report released last month found that the university responded to a February complaint by WSU student Nina Kim, who worked in the school’s Multicultural Center. She complained that two male students, part of a group who would frequently pass by her office window, made sexual references and danced in what she referred to as a monkey-like style.

Kim, who was appointed to the position on Aug. 8, comes from DOT from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"It makes comments about the victim supposedly not cooperating," she said. "They’re blaming her.

"It’s impossible to know who all the individuals involved were," she said.

School May Be Named After Civil Rights Legend

A new elementary school in Davis, Calif., may be named after Fred T. Korematsu, a civil rights pioneer who successfully challenged executive order 9066.

World War II internment of 3.6.5 Japanese-Americans. The Davis Board of Education recently heard public comments on proposed names for the new Mult Area elementary school and will likely make a decision at its Sept. 15 board meeting.

Korematsu was arrested and convicted for resisting internment under Executive Order 9066. He fought a long legal battle challenging the internment all the way to the Supreme Court in the 1940s, where he lost. But he was ultimately vindicated by a court decision in the 1980s. He died in March at the age of 86.

Asian American Pacific American organizations including the JACL, the Davis Asians for Racial Equality testified Aug. 2 on the importance of naming the school after the civil rights leader.

Floyd Shimomura, a former JACL national president, said a school named after Korematsu would be a tribute to former internees, according to the Davis Enterprise.

In a personal essay in the JACL Florin chapter newsletter, Andy Masaoka Fellow?

Michelle Sugi of Apple Valley, Calif. is the recipient of this year’s Mike M. Masaoka Congressional Fellowship.

The fellowship will allow Sugi to spend approximately three and one-half months working in the office of Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii.

She will also receive a stipend of $1,800 and roundtrip airfare.

Sugi is a junior at the Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor’s degree in biomedical engineering, recently completed her master’s degree in public health science specializing in health policy from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Sugi has worked in the Asian Pacific American community as co-founder of the Asian Student Union at Apple Valley High School, co-founder of HAPA at Johns Hopkins, and as the youth representative for the JACL Riverside chapter.

"Ms. Sugi has long been involved in the Asian Pacific American community and hopes to enhance on her academic training in health policy with this first-hand exposure to the policymaking process,” said Dr. H. Tom Tamak, chair of the committee.

"We are confident that Ms. Sugi will continue in the fine tradition of public service established by Mike Masaoka.

The JACL established the fellowship fund in 1988 to honor Mike M. Masaoka (1915-1991) for a lifetime of outstanding public service in promoting justice, civil rights and human dignity.

The major purpose of the fund is to develop leaders for public service by providing opportunities for college seniors or students in graduate professional programs to work for a member of Congress or a senator.

The fellowship assignments include a variety of tasks where they will be exposed to all facets of governmental work.

After completing her fellowship, Sugi plans to attend medical school to study orthopedic surgery and perhaps find a career in the public sector on health policy, research and analysis.

Want to Be the Next Masaoka Fellow?

Students interested in applying for a 2006-07 Mike M. Masaoka Fellowship should contact the JACL Washington, D.C. office at 1001 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 730, Washington, D.C. 20004. Send e-mails to dc@jacl.org or visit http://www.jacl.org/masaoka.html.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2006.
WOMEN

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In 2005 women all across the country celebrated the 85th anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote. In 2004, women were the majority of U.S. voters for the first time and throughout the next decade women have made significant inroads in political positions - today only 1.8 percent of women hold congressional seats. But today, women still earn only 79 cents for every dollar earned by men.

A new era of women involvement is dawning, said Ripston, noting that women have helped to shape the cultural landscape and political environment of the United States. "Today, millions of girls are embracing the rewards of their efforts."

But Ripston believes there is still much work ahead for women. "We will honor their contributions to the community including: Rose Matsui Omi, C. Virgil Hikami Kawamoto, and Dr. Mary Sakaguchi Oda. Ochi, the first Asian American woman appointed assistant attorney general level, recently completed a four-year term as assistant attorney general for the U.S. Department of Justice. Former national JACL board member, Ochi also played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Manzanar National Historic Site.

"When you're involved with community service there's no need to be recognized, no need to reward," said Ochi. She added that the award was "a job well done" and "a dream come true because of those damn "Japs" in Manchuria." "Prejudice made me study harder, work harder," she said.

Oda went on to have a lengthy medical career, along with several years in political office. Although she grew up during a time of much discrimination, "prejudice was part of life, we accepted it," she said. But there was also a "strong sense of community," said Oda, noting that JACL played a large role in her life. In that feeling, JACL gave me a feeling of belonging. That someone was watching out for our interests, she said.

Serving the JACL Today

In the history of JACL, only two women have ever risen to the coveted position of national president: Liliana Kimura in 1992 and Helene Kawasaki in 2002. More recently, many more women today have taken on leadership roles in the organization, the majority of the current JACL national board members still remain male.

It was fitting that two of the current female national board members - Carole Kawamoto, national JACL vice president of planning and development, and Heidi Tanakafuji, national JACL vice president of public affairs - were honored. Kawamoto gave a personal account of three women in JACL who have helped to inform her to inspire her. She credited Grace Yurahara, a tireless redress advocate, for "inspiring me as a young leader." She recalled the late Mac Takahashi, former Pacific Citizen editorial board chair, as "focused and professional" and also honored Kawagoe as being part of that generation. She said, "We need JACL "to be there for our interests.""

The administration's insistence that it could mean is that the president congressionally conceivably could sign a piece of paper to terminate XPRWY.3-2008, said Ripston. In 2004, women were the majority of U.S. voters for the first time and throughout the next decade women have made significant inroads in political positions - today only 1.8 percent of women hold congressional seats. But today, women still earn only 79 cents for every dollar earned by men.
By Pacific Citizen Staff

IRVINE, Calif.—Concern about declining membership and a decreased staff were some of the issues raised by members at the national board meeting of the PSW/NCWNP/CC Tri-district conference.

The Sept. 11 national board panel moderated by former JACL National Vice President Gary Miyada also gave board members a chance to talk about their visions of the organization’s future.

Taking part in the dialogue were elected members: Ken Inouye, president; Larry Oda, vice president of general operations; Heidi Tamakanzu, vice president of public affairs; Carol Kawamoto, vice president of planning and development; Edwin Endow, vice president of membership; Mark Kobayashi, secretary/treasurer and Todd Sato, youth representative.

The following is a snapshot of the national board forum.

Q: What are the top three issues facing JACL?

Oda: One of the things that I believe we need to work on is our own public relations … showcasing the things that we do well. In communities where we have strong chapters, JACL is an important part of that community. I believe we need to work on is our own public relations showcasing the things that we do well.

Q: Can you talk more about the possibility of an annual convention?

Oda: We’re getting down towards a time when these constitutional bylaws changes need to be submitted for consideration at the national convention. When we approved this study, it was really a study to determine the feasibility, the advantages and disadvantages of going to an annual convention.

I think there has been some conversation with the youth about how they feel that this is not to their best advantage because it takes the place of their youth conference. I guess I have to remind everyone that at convention, Todd [Sato] and Joel [Spirydons] — the youth chair and rep — are a part of the national board and they are in meetings and not able to spend their time with the youth, so we need to provide an opportunity for them to meet also. There are some challenges that we still have to meet.

Q: What membership drives have you planned for the chapters?

Endow: I want to start with the analogy, ‘Coaches don’t win games, soldiers at the front win the war.’ The same thing goes for the JACL. This biennium, we’re trying to have every member get a member. Every three or four months, we’re sending out a packet that has the letter to the individual member, a benefits page, etc.

We’re stuck in the mud. Get to your chapters and get them to send those letters out.

Q: What does JACL offer the youth that other student organizations do not?

Sato: I think it is our youth conference because it’s the youth council that plans it. It’s our pride and joy. We basically do everything that has to do with the youth conference and I think that’s something that the youth really need. To my understanding, this is the only organization that allows the youth council to do this,” I think OCA (Organization for Chinese Americans) has something similar, but they have it during their annual convention. That makes JACL unique.

Q: Can you talk about the finances?

Kobayashi: Right now, we look at cash flows. If you look at our end of the year cash flow, we’re probably going to hit about even. That’s my gut instinct. But I don’t know if it’s going to be true. We don’t have our complete amount of cash flow projections currently in-house. We’re trying to work with staff and with program owners in the organization to get an accurate picture. But given that we don’t have this accurate picture, you then go to a modeling tech-

Forum Dialogue

Q: What would you change about the organization to make it more effective?

Inouye: One of the things I would like to have JACL realize is the legacy that the Sunsets and Niseis have left for our country and community. I would like for this generation of JACLers to continue that legacy that we are Americans that come from a community that was ravaged by injustice. I would like the Sunsets to continue to establish itself as an equal player in the human and civil rights community. If I had another wish, I wish we would find the resources that we need to add to the staff that we have so that we can be at the table at all levels.

Q: What would be the top three programs to fund?

Kawamoto: The first one would be education. I would like to see the teacher-training program. Second, I would really like to continue with the scholarships. We are really appreciative of the chapters who have stepped up and taken the ball and as volunteers made this program continue. We now use very little staff time for this program. The next one would be leadership development. In order for our youth to have the opportunity to learn about the organization and to continue, we need to provide them more leadership opportunities.

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Grant Hanada, PSW district co-youth representative, facilitates a workshop on racial profiling.

Bobbi Hanada, CCDC governor, presents an award to Grace Kimoto, CCDC PC editorial representative.

Amy E. Ikeda and Jean Paul DeGuzman give tips on how to conduct effective oral history interviews.

Dr. Mary Oda accepts an award at the PSWD gala dinner.

Bobbi Hanada, CCDC governor, presents an award to Grace Kimoto, CCDC PC editorial representative.

Dr. Mary Oda accepts an award at the PSWD gala dinner.

SAPPHIRE PIN AWARDEES—The honorees are: from the PSW District – Kenneth Inouye, Gary Mayeda, John Saito, and Karen Liane-Shiba; from the NCWNP district – Mark Kobayashi, Steve Okamoto, and Milo Yoshino. Pictured are back row, l-r: Thaya Mune-Craig, NCWNP governor, Okamoto, Kobayashi, Yoshino, and Hiromi Ueha, PSW governor; front, l-r: Inouye, Shibas, Mayeda, and Saito.

Honoree Rose Ochi, former LAPD commissioner, speaks at the PSWD gala dinner.

ACLU’s Ramona Ripston gives the opening keynote.

John Tateishi, JACL executive director, addresses the Tri-District conference’s attendees.

Mike Matsuda helps lead a workshop on political participation.

JACL National President Ken Inouye (left) gets some information from PSWD’s former intern Jessica Kikuchi (second from right).

Tri-District conference attendees take part in the casino night, a fun way to help raise some money for JACL and its programs.

National board members pose for a picture with PSWD gala dinner honorees Carol Kawanami (3rd from left, front), Rose Ochi (4th from left, front) and Dr. Mary Oda (beside Ochi).
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BASEBALL
Matsui Connects for No. 400 Combined
By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK—Hideki Matsui hit his 400th professional home run Sept. 7, connecting in the fourth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Matsui's drive to right-center off Doug Waechter gave him 21 home runs this season and 68 since joining the Yankees in 2003. The outfielder hit 332 homers for the Yomiuri Giants of Japan's Central League from 1993-2002.

"The feeling itself, it is the same," Matsui said through a translator. "I don't really add the statistics that I had in Japan and the home runs here." But he did keep the ball as a souvenir.

SUMO
Report: Sumo Reaches Its Limit for Foreign Wrestlers
TOKYO—Foreign wrestlers hoping to enter Japan's ancient sport of sumo will have to wait in line.

Because of a rule that permits only one foreign wrestler per stable, there are currently no openings for foreigners in sumo, the Yomiuri Shimbun reported Sept. 1.

A rule that allowed two foreigners per stable was abolished in 2002 and replaced with the current rule. Of the 54 stables in sumo, 50 already have one foreign wrestler. Stable masters at the other four said they have no intention of bringing in foreigners, opting instead to develop Japanese wrestlers.

Foreign wrestlers wanting to enter sumo will now have to wait for a foreigner at one of the 50 stables to retire or for one of the remaining four stables to change its policy.

Sumo's elite ranks have seen an increasing number of foreign wrestlers in recent years and the sport is dominated by Mongolian Asashoryu, the only grand champion competing in sumo. Asashoryu won his 13th Emperor's Cup in July and became the first wrestler in almost 20 years to win five titles in a row.

Wrestlers from Russia, Bulgaria and Georgia have also moved up the ranks recently. Sumo hasn't had a Japanese grand champion since Takamahana retired in January of 2003.

There are 735 wrestlers currently competing in sumo, including 59 foreign wrestlers from 12 countries. When the Autumn Grand Sumo Tournament opened on Sept. 11 in Tokyo, 13 of the 42 wrestlers competing in the elite makuuchi division were foreigners.

"To me, it's not that important," said Maki Takanohana, a four-time world champion and Japanese grand champion since 1993, who retired in January of last year.

"Perhaps my father will be pretty happy if I give it to him," he said. "I'm glad that last putt is in and we have seen an 120 boats on that start line. Some of them have never seen anything like that." The Hong Kong club was the first to form in Asia. Four more have popped up in Hong Kong and Singapore now has a club, Shortis said.

"Asia is just bubbling away," Shortis said. "It can only increase exponentially."

Other paddlers agree the sport is on the verge of mainstream global recognition.

Randy Davis, a veteran paddler who now focuses on one-man races, said he has befriended an Italian paddler, who raced in Hawaii and went home to begin building canoes.

"Every year there are guys — from Italy, from Germany — who are taking the sport home with them," Davis said. "It's exploding around the world. It knows no boundaries. I think eventually it'll be an Olympic sport."

GOLD
Hurst Wins LPGA State Farm Classic
SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Pat Hurst reversed her fortunes against Christie Kerr.

Hurst double-bogeyed the final hole of the We n d y ' s Championship for Children to finish two strokes behind Kerr on Sept. 4. Hurst closed with a double bogey and hit 40 or two- and three-man canoes.

Teams came in from across Hawaii and the Pacific, as well as California, Washington state, Washington, D.C., and Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong Island Paddle Club took home two medals and bouquet of motivation.

"We've been coming for seven or eight years and this year we brought our biggest contingent. Three men's crews and two women's," Matthew Flynn said. "This is our target race, the biggest one for us. It gives us a lot of motivation to take home and try to get better.

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Paddler and coach James Shortis said the club will be back and is even leaving one of its canoes in the care of Kai Opua, to cut future transportation costs.

"We had nine races for men and women. We were the first race for double hull canoes and the first to organize one-man canoe races, too," Mabuchi said.

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Hurricane Katrina: Haunting Shadow of E.O. 9066

Terminal Island was picked up by the FBI, detained at the island's immigration station and sent to Fort Missoula, Montana, an enemy alien camp. The frantic wives and children of Fish Harbor were surrounded by soldiers with bayonets mounted on their rifles. Fatherless families began to move in with relatives or friends in Little Tokyo and Boyle Heights.

On Wed., Feb. 24, the remaining Japanese population had only 48 hours to evacuate the island. Prefects, like ravenous crows, descended upon them to buy their stoves, china, radio, pianos for next to nothing, especially the expensive fishing gear and the nuts. Some families were able to store what they could; but much was abandoned. Their small homes were torn down, furniture and all, and paved over with asphalt. A month later, evacuation orders put them (and the rest of the Japanese people in Southern California) into Santa Anita with all they could cram in two suitcases. This is the "Nisei nightmare" I recalled when they ordered, "Everybody out of New Orleans."

53 Years Ago

Rumors, circulating for months before Pearl Harbor, depicted "Fish Harbor" (as the Japanese settlement was called) as a spy colony, that the fishermen had maps of the coast, that they were the Japanese military, the boats had torpedoes, and they planned to blow up the Long Beach naval base.

In reality, the attentions at the port were poles for drying fish. The maps were navigational charts purchased at any marine supply store. There were no torpedoes, and the U.S. government said — after the war — there were no cases of sabotage or spying by the fishermen.

The day after Dec. 7, 1941, every Issei with a commercial fishing license and a few Nisei on the fishing gear and the nets.

Evacuation camps came to mind. I thought of New Orleans, may she be O.K. ... True America is coming again, asking, "How much time did we have?"

As I watched Hurricane Katrina "live," thoughts of E.O. 9066 and the Terminal Islanders have (in a 200-mile radius of New Orleans) may she be a phoenix.

"Katrina."

Remembering the firemen who gave their lives, thoughts of E.O. 9066 and the Terminal Islanders have (in a 200-mile radius of New Orleans) may she be a phoenix.

The Topaz Memorial Committee recently honored its veterans by erecting a new monument containing some 386 veterans' names. Since the dedication, numerous veterans' names have been submitted and there are plans to add the new names to the monument. Those wishing to submit names should contact magat@26comcast.net or mall to 815 Sandhurst Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84103.
Q&A
Katie Leung
Harry Potter's Cho Chang
This Scot plays Potter's girlfriend all while playing off the pressure of her new found fame.

By AMY E. IKEDA

Katie Leung's presence in the forthcoming film "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" has already set off a feedback firestorm from Asian Pacific American community members who scrutinize the popular book series' ethnic portrayal. But the Scottish native also has devoted fans, an impressive list of fan Web sites and a legion of girls who are jealous that she plays Harry Potter's love interest.

Amidst the attention and her studies, she chats with the Pacific Citizen by e-mail about her fateful audition and making magic with the film's cast.

Pacific Citizen: How did you land the role of playing Cho Chang?
Katie Leung: My dad wanted me to try out for the part of Cho after he saw an advertisement on telly because it seemed such a coincidence for me to fit the description and also for the auditions to be held on a Saturday — my dad's only day off work!

I didn't want to miss the opportunity of being in London and I only expected to gain experience from it so it came as such a surprise when I won the part. The auditions took place within a period of around two months and it involved drama workshops and a screen test, which was incredibly terrifying but such an amazing experience!

PC: Were you a fan of Harry Potter before you were cast?
KL: I'm a fan of both the movies and the books. I'd watched all the films and read the first three books before I won the part and then I read the fourth and fifth ones afterwards. I've just finished reading the sixth book, which was brilliant once again!

PC: What was it like growing up as a child of Chinese immigrants in Scotland?
KL: Although we are a minority in Scotland, we are all treated equally here and I haven't experienced any racial problems.

PC: What are some things you enjoy doing in your free time?
KL: I'm 18 years old and during my free time, I enjoy shopping, playing my guitar and piano, listening to music, spending quality time with my family and friends and just doing what a normal teenager likes to do!

PC: How do you think that you are similar or different from your character Cho Chang?
KL: Cho is a very emotional character in the fifth book but any­body would be if they lost some­one close to them! She's also very active as she plays Quidditch and she seems to be popular amongst her peers. I can be an emo­tion­al­ly per­son at times but I wouldn't consider myself as being active or popular!

PC: How did you feel about being new to the Harry Potter cast?
KL: It was incredibly daunting meeting the cast at first but we became friends in an instant because everyone was so welcoming and friendly.

PC: What are some of the things you and the cast did together off set?
KL: We didn't really get to spend that much time together off set because of our studies but when we did, we had great fun just chatting and playing daft games, which kept us entertained!

PC: What was it like to kiss Daniel Radcliffe?
KL: I haven't kissed Daniel in this film. He does have a vast number of female fans so the jealousy which has arisen would have been inevitable for anyone who was cast as Cho and therefore I was prepared for it. I'm not affected by the issue in any way.

PC: Would you do another Harry Potter film?
KL: I would love to do another film if Cho Chang [were] in another Harry Potter book series after the fifth one although I don't think she is. I would be foolish not to after having such a wonderful time on the fourth film.

PC: What are some of your future plans?
KL: I don't have any set plans at the moment but I would definitely like to continue with my studies and attend university. Acting is a job I haven't really consid­ered up until now but I think it could be a possible career in the future.

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WEST COVINA
Sat., Oct. 1-3rd Annual Maki Motoki Fall Festival; 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; West Covina Japanese Community Center, 22642 DuRadek Blvd.; free admission, cash or check purchases only; free parking and hourly prize drawings. Info: 626/328-8723 or westcovinajc.org.

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Sat., Sept. 24—Las Vegas JACL 45th Annual Golf Tournament; 10-2 p.m.; Royal Links Golf Club; $100 per foursome, all proceeds to benefit JACL; Reservations (935-2244) and registration (935-0873) deadlines through Twin Cities JACL are required.

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Standing Arthritis and an Update on Arthritis Medication; 2:30-3:30 pm; Radiation Myoko Hotel, 1625 Post St.; parking available at Japan Center Garage; Brian R. Bay, M.D., F.A.P.I. is the featured speaker; free; Japanese translation will be provided by Pfizer, Inc., Assessing Care of Vulnerable Elders and Kinship, RSVP 415/941-1225.

Sat., Sept. 24—Celebrating 120 Years—Japanese Americans in California; 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Japanese American Historical Society, 2030 Mission St.; free; co-sponsored by the APPEX Ensemble. Info: info@applexensemble.org, 623/572-9913 or caseyfolks@aol.com.

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Takata, Kikuyo, 88, La Palma, Aug. 11; survived by sons, Robert and Shigekuni; brother (Masako) and Keiji (Kiyoko) Nakamura; 3 gc.; and 15 ggc.

Yamada, Gary G., 77, Huntington Beach, Aug. 30; survived by wife, Merry; sons, Michael, David and Judy (Kusko); and 4 ggc.

Yoshito, David Yoshito, 84, West Los Angeles, Aug. 11; survived by wife, Mary; sons, David (Lani) and Junichi (Gail); daughers, Janet (Kunio) and Mariko (Takahide); 3 gc.; and 15 ggc.

Yoshito, Shinichi, 71, Torrance, Sept. 5; survived by wife, Hiroko; sons, Glenn (Dina) and Ray (Chee); daughter, Deisy; 2 gc.; and sister, Kiyoko Minami.

Yoshino, Shiggo Joe, 68, West Los Angeles, July 2; survived by daughter, Kathleen Yamada; and sister, Yukiko Miyata.
OLD SCHOOL (Continued from page 1)

Christina would forever etch her cul­
tural identity into her life with every
brush stroke.

Because in the Li family, being
Chinese is a lifestyle.

And for many other APA families
separated from their native soil, cul-
tural activities act as bridge between
two nationalities to create a harmony
where cultural heroes like
Momotaro (the Japanese folklore
hero also known as "Peach Boy")
aren't completely taken over by the
likes of SpongeBob SquarePants or
Harry Potter.

"It's important to infuse children
with cultural activities because it's
their root," said Peggy. "You may
not realize it when you're young, but
you'll know when you're older how
important it is..."

Peggy, who immigrated to the
United States from China in 1979 to
complete her graduate studies at the
California Institute of Technology, is
part of a growing number of APAs
parents who want to keep their
American offspring firmly rooted in
their heritage at the same
time.

"Parents who have
translated into Chinese in order to
help their kids who grew up in mostly Asian
environments in the US not feel
normal to go to Chinese
school," she said.

At the age of eight, Los Angeles
resident Peter Khaou and his two
siblings were also enrolled in
Chinese school — a non-negotiable
rite of passage. Peter's parents emi-
grated from Thailand to settle in East
Los Angeles and Chinese language
school was a way to keep their chil-
dren from becoming "so
Americanized." At home, questions
stream society while keeping them
tuned into their heritage at the same
time.

An adolescent who chooses to use
the native language with his or her
parents is honoring them and
respecting them, added Chao.

Christina is principal of the San
Jose based Mandarin Language and
Cultural Center, said she has seen an
increasing interest in learning
Mandarin. Her school sees about
1,100 students per year who learn
different language, calligraphy, dance and
even flower arrangement.

But whereas in the past these cul-

tural activities gave young APAs the
opportunity to be amongst other
Asian students, but not all went through the CYC
league sports. For some, this creates
a false sense of superiority.

"I see it as the best of both
worlds," said Vince. "For me living
with cultural activities like mochi
making.

"The fact is that unless you go to
an all JA or an all Asian school,
you're not around a lot of Asians, so
hanging out on weekends with JAs is
good," he said. "Are they engag-
ing themselves in too much of the
same? Absolutely not.

Vince Harussaki saw the need for
Asian league sports when he and his
family moved to a mostly White
community. When it came time to
choose a sports program for his kids,
he and his wife decided that "going
the Asian route was a good way to
go."

"I see it as the best of both worlds," said Vince. "For me living
out here, it's a positive."

But perhaps more important is the
fact that recent graduates of cultural
school and sports say they would continue the tradition.

"I think I will send [my kids] to
Chinese school. It's not negotiable," said Christina.