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3-Legged Dog Finds A Home

TAKAISHI, Osaka — The story of dog who lost a leg here has been the talk of the town.

The 1-year-old male mongrel was hit by a train while he strayed into Tonoki Station on last fall and his master refused to claim him from the animal hospital where he was recovering.

But Chacha has gradually recovered his strength, thanks to the kindness of some good people.



Chacha recuperating at the "World Animal Hospital" in Takaishi City, Osaka Prefecture.

but was found to have serious injuries that required the amputation of one of his legs.

Although his life hung in the balance for awhile, he was saved with antibiotics and further surgical treatment. Now he has recovered enough to go to walk on three legs and to swim.

Meanwhile, the JAWS staff attempted to find the canine's master, putting up notices around the neighborhood of the train station with a description of the dog's characteristics.

Two weeks later, a man was found who was thought to have been the dog's owner, but he refused to take the dog back.

Fortunately, the JAWS staff found a warmhearted 21-year-old woman who volunteered to give the dog a home. She gave the dog the new name of "Chacha," and began to make preparations to care for him when he leaves the hospital this month.

However, in contrast to Chacha's lucky story, there are, in fact, many owners who are indifferent to their pets. A spokesman for JAWS in Tokyo says the society gets an average of 100 calls a day from pet owners who want to dispose of their pet animals.



The Sojo Tenkai statue, an important cultural property, which survived the fire which destroyed Ueno's Rinno Temple on Sept. 4.

An important religious statue and a portrait thought to have been destroyed by the fire at Ueno's Rinno Temple have been saved from the ashes and can be restored.

The main hall of the temple caught fire around 3 a.m. on Sept. 4, and strong winds spread flames to the inner shrine, the priest's quarters, and other buildings in the complex, destroying them all.

The statue, an important cultural property of Tokyo, depicts Sojo Tenkai sitting in the lotus position. It was in the Okunoin section of the temple and was totally charred from head to toe.

Because parts of the face had been burned off, the Metropolitan Fire Department originally announced that it had been lost to the fire.

The portrait, a tangible cultural property of Taisho-ku, Tokyo, shows Ganzan Daishi. It was kept on the Buddhist image days

Murakami, the Mitsui salaryman, began 1990 rather sadly because he has been transferred to Italy by his company and must leave behind his friends in the Dark Cooks, but last month he was at the local community center celebrating the year-end with his friends by cooking some

Manila Expels

Japanese Hood

MANILA (Kyodo) — A fourth Japanese national allegedly involved in gunrunning for a criminal syndicate in Japan will be deported.

Andrea Domingo, acting head of the Commission on Immigration and Deportation (CID) told reporters that Hideo Kakigae would take a Wednesday afternoon flight for Tokyo.

Kakigae was arrested on Nov. 20 with three other Japanese — Tatsuhiko Fujita, Katsuniko Sasaki and Mikio Sakaguchi — in a hotel room where immigration agents seized hundreds of bullets.

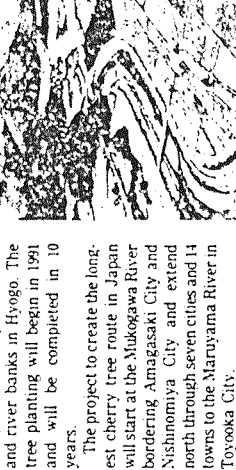
Fujita, Sasaki and Sakaguchi were deported last Thursday. Former CID chief Bienvenido Alano has said that the four were members of the Matsubakai gang based in Gumma Prefecture.

The display for JR's navigation system is shown on the right.

Hyogo Eyes Longest Cherry Tree Route

KOBE — The longest cherry tree route in Japan with some 100,000 cherry trees will be planted on river banks along a scenic 170-kilometer-long drive extending from the Seto Inland Sea to the Japan Sea, according to a project recently announced by the Hyogo prefectural government.

The cherry tree route is just one facet of a major beautification project to improve rivers and river banks in Hyogo. The tree planting will begin in 1991 and will be completed in 10 years.



The project to create the longest cherry tree route in Japan will start at the Mukogawa River bordering Amagasaki City and Nishinomiya City and extend north through seven cities and 14 towns to the Maruyama River in Toyooka City.

The project will take full advantage of various river-improvement programs subsidized by the Ministry of Construction as well as appeals for tree-planting drives by local resi-

An artists' conception of the planned cherry tree route in Hyogo.