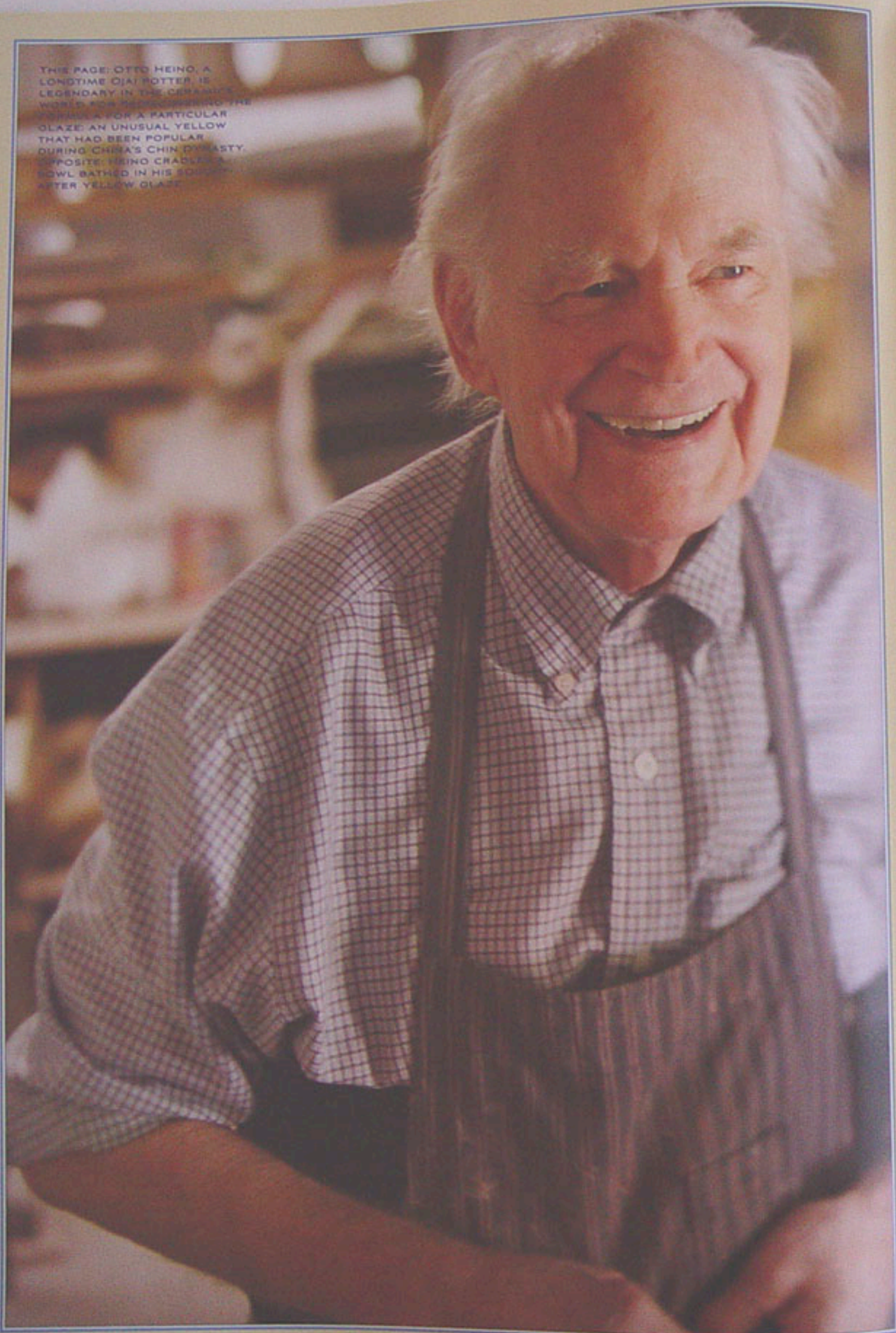


THIS PAGE: OTTO HEINO, A
LONGBLIME OJAI POTTER, IS
LEGENDARY IN THE CERAMIC
WORLD FOR RECOVERING THE
FORMULA FOR A PARTICULAR
GLAZE: AN UNUSUAL YELLOW
THAT HAD BEEN POPULAR
DURING CHINA'S CHIN DYNASTY.
OPPOSITE: HEINO CRADLES A
BOWL BATHED IN HIS SECRET
AFTER YELLOW GLAZE.



THE MAN WITH THE *Otto* 07
Golden Hands
ACTUALLY THEY'RE YELLOW HANDS—AND
THEY'RE WORTH MILLIONS. HERE'S WHY.
BY ANTHONY HEAD PHOTOGRAPHS BY GARY MOSS

There are legends all around us in this world. I'm not speaking of tall tales whispered in the woods, but real living legends moving the mountains of their chosen pursuits. Today's legends, though, tend to also lead everyday lives. They're stuck in traffic with the rest of us. They shop at our stores. They blend in. One of these legends lives in Ojai. **HIS NAME IS OTTO.**

Otto Heino is a true mythic figure in the pottery world. He's absolutely masterful at refining shapes from clay that display both delicateness and strength. But let's be honest: "legend" and "potter" don't normally go together—and "millionaire" and "potter" are never uttered in the same breath. But remember Otto is a legend. In fact, he was once offered a billion dollars from the Chinese just for what he knows about the color yellow.