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JAs Lose Appeal Seeking to Sue U.S. for WWII Imprisonment

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court will not decide if some Japanese Americans can sue the U.S. government for discrimination for being held in camps during World War II.

The court turned down an appeal Oct. 1 in a case filed by Kay Sadao Kato, Jane Natsue Yano and the Oguras, a Japanese Latin American family of four now living in Okinawa, Japan.

The appeal contended the United States was guilty of ongoing discrimination for refusing to right wrongs from the 1940s. But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the suit was filed 50 years too late.

In 1983, Congress set up a \$1.6 billion reparations program with \$20,000 to go to each victim who was forced into concentration camps or had property seized by the U.S. government after the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor.

The six plaintiffs were all denied the \$20,000 compensation for various reasons. Kato, of Los Angeles, was not an American citizen at the time he was put into a camp, though he later became one.

Yano, of Santa Clara, Calif., said she was born in 1947 in a

camp in Texas, but was denied money because the government was supposed to have shut down all the camps in 1945.

The Oguras, according to the suit, were abducted from their homes in Peru in 1943 and 1944 and brought to U.S. camps for exchange. They were imprisoned until Dec. 6, 1945, when they were forced to leave the United States. They too were not American citizens and were therefore denied compensation.

The government said that any discrimination claims against an agency must be filed within two years of alleged wrongdoing. A federal judge agreed in April 2000, saying the statute of limitations had run out.

Two law professors from the University of Hawaii who filed briefs in the case and the private lawyer representing the plaintiffs said the case was being watched around the world.

"The United States has been criticized for what is perceived as a failure to hold itself to the standards it promotes internationally, and the decisions of federal courts in international human rights cases are closely scrutinized by the international judiciary community," they wrote. ■

FBI Meets with Arab and Muslim Americans in Effort to Allay Fears

By MARTHA NAKAGAWA
Assistant Editor

LA MIRADA, Calif.—In an unusual role reversal, the FBI agreed to be questioned by a room full of concerned Arab Americans and Muslim Americans (AAMA) in Orange County Oct. 10.

Stephen Steinhauser, FBI assistant special agent in charge, spent more than two and a half hours fielding questions from audience members, whose comments ranged anywhere from complaints regarding the handling of the current investigation to areas where the FBI has no jurisdiction such as foreign policy, immigration and free speech issues.

Steinhauser is in charge of three Southern California counties — Orange County, San Bernardino County and Riverside County. He works out of the Los Angeles FBI field office, which oversees seven counties.

During the course of the evening, Steinhauser repeatedly tried to allay fears within the AAMA communities, emphasizing that FBI

agents were not going door-to-door to intimidate people but to seek out answers.

"We're not going out and talking to people because of their culture or because of their religion or because they are of Middle Eastern de-

office has pursued more than 22,000 leads since Sept. 11.

But Steinhauser said he realized cultural differences may keep people from cooperating with the FBI. To illustrate his point, Steinhauser talked about an encounter he had at a mosque with an elderly Muslim man, who told Steinhauser that in his country nothing good occurs when the government comes knocking on your door.

Steinhauser then pointed to an American flag flying just outside the mosque. "I said to him, 'You see that flag? That is why you do not need to fear your government or the FBI,'" recalled Steinhauser. "And this gentleman

actually started to cry. You know, I was really touched. That was a real learning opportunity for me. It made me realize that there are some cultural differences and cultural gaps, that there's a whole other meaning when we come knocking on the door that we perhaps have not been aware of."

As a result, Steinhauser assured the audience that they did not have to fear the FBI. "You don't have

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PHOTO: MARTHA NAKAGAWA
From l-r: Stephen P. Steinhauser, with the FBI; Tareef Nhashshidi, Arab American Republican Club of Orange County; Michel Shehadeh with ADC; Hussam Ayloush with CAIR of Southern California; and Sakher Samir Hijazi, Arab American Democratic Club of Orange County.

sent," said Steinhauser. "We are talking to that individual because perhaps that phone number for your residence was written on an application that a hijacker used. Perhaps that address was used by a hijacker on some application or some records."

Steinhauser estimated that the FBI in Orange County alone has investigated more than 1,300 leads (each lead may entail interviewing more than 20-40 people), and that in total, the FBI's Los Angeles field

Gov. Davis Signs SB 307 — Japantown Preservation Bill

By Pacific Citizen Staff

California Gov. Gray Davis signed SB 307, the bill to preserve the remaining Japantowns in San Francisco and San Jose and Little Tokyo in Los Angeles.

The bill was authored by Sen. John Vasconcellos and sponsored by the California Japanese American Community Leadership Council (CJALC).

The bill creates the California Japantown Preservation Pilot Project, which would require the State Librarian to provide a one-time grant to the three cities for "preservation of these important neighborhoods."

However, Davis deleted the \$450,000 General Fund appropriation, instead directing the Department of Parks and Recreation to provide \$150,000 from existing resources to fulfill the bill's purpose, until other appropriate funding sources become available.

Davis is also signing AB 1602, which, if passed by voters on the March 2002 ballot, will provide \$267.5 million for cultural and historical preservation capital outlay projects.

While legislative consultant Georgette Imura said it wasn't quite the outcome they had pushed for, she urged Japantown activists to look at the positive side.

Bill Watanabe, CJALC co-chair and executive director of the Little Tokyo Service Center, considered it a "great victory" despite the fact that the funding part of the bill was pared down. Watanabe noted that given the current economic climate of the state and the nation as a whole, he was pleased that Davis highlighted AB 1602 because "the governor is saying that this is important enough to earmark and to keep the door open for future funding."

Chris Hirano, CJALC member and director of community development at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center of Northern California, also considered the passage of both SB 307 and AB 1602 as a "major victory" and said the next big push would be to get AB 1602 passed. ■

Agencies Tally Hate Crimes Against Arab Americans

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Around the country, state government and law enforcement agencies are tallying the number of reported incidents of hate aimed at Arab and Muslim Americans or those who appear to look like them, since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer announced Oct. 11 that more than 230 anti-Arab hate crimes are under investigation by local law enforcement in six major cities throughout the state of California.

"Given this snapshot, encouraging tolerance and understanding remains as important as ever to prevent assaults against innocent Californians who are or appear to be of Middle Eastern descent," Lockyer said. "This information is central to developing effective measures to combat these despicable acts."

There have been dozens of reports of harassment or backlash violence against Arab Americans, Muslim Americans, Afghan Americans, Sikhs, South Asians and others.

"We will continue to monitor

AGENCY	SEPT. 11-18	SEPT. 19-30	TOTAL
Los Angeles Police Dept.	29	50	139
Los Angeles Sheriff's Dept.	25	3	28
San Francisco Police Dept.	30	13	43
San Jose Police Dept.	7	34	41
San Diego Police Dept.	14	26	40
Sacramento Sheriff's Dept.	2	3	5
TOTAL	107	129	236

hate crimes being reported," Lockyer said. "The Department of Justice is prepared to respond to requests for assistance from local law enforcement agencies."

The state Department of Fair Employment and Housing recently launched a campaign to assist in reporting of hate crimes, said Salam Al-Marayati of the Muslim Public Affairs Council.

The hate crime initiative includes a new toll-free telephone number (866-460-HELP) that gives victims immediate access to Fair Employment and Housing counselors who can tell them of services available and refer them

to local district attorneys if necessary, said Dennis Hayashi, director of the state agency.

The information on the toll-free number regarding state laws on hate crimes is also being translated into Arabic, Farsi, Hindi and Punjabi.

"We can set up appointments in two to three minutes for people who call our hotline," Hayashi said. "We feel strongly that there needs to be a sense of urgency for these types of incidents."

In addition, the campaign includes training sessions in Los Angeles and Sacramento for attorneys to teach them the intricacies of hate crime laws.

Al-Marayati, who is also a member of the Islamic Center, said about 100 Muslims have called to complain of being harassed and intimidated since the attacks. Most involved Muslim women being targeted for wearing a headscarf and children being taunted at school.

A Hispanic man in Lancaster was recently attacked by two men who have been charged with hate crimes. Gerard Pimentel, 47, was chased home and beaten by the men, who kicked in his door and shouted anti-Middle Eastern slurs.

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P.C. PHOTO CONTEST

Break out those family photos folks!! It's that time and we want you, your kids, your grandparents to represent in our 2001 Holiday Issue "Families and Parenting."

Winning submissions will be featured on the full-color cover. Don't be shy! Send to: Photo Contest, c/o Pacific Citizen, 7 Cupania Circle, Monterey Park, CA 91755 or e-mail JPEP-formatted photos to: paccit@aol.com. Photos will not be returned without an ASAE.

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JACL-COMMUNITY Calendar

East Coast
NEW YORK
Thu., Oct. 25-27—Symposium, "Pacific/Islands, Atlantic Worlds", New York University. Free event. Registration and info: A/P/A Studies Program & Institute, 212/998-3706, e-mail: apa.studies@nyu.edu or visit: www.apa.nyu.edu
PHILADELPHIA
Sat., Oct. 27—Bus trip to Washington, D.C., National Japanese American Memorial to Patriotism and National Postal Museum to see letters to Miss Clara Breard; bus leaves 8 a.m. from Sale parking lot, City Line Ave. Cost: \$25/person. Reservations and info: Bunji Ikeda, 610/265-5898.

Midwest
CHICAGO
Sat., Oct. 27—Teacher workshop, "Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution"; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Museum of Contemporary Art, 220 East Chicago Ave. Workshop fee: \$15, open to all teachers. Info: Jean Mishima; 847/998-8101.
Through Sun., Oct. 28—Exhibit, "Reminiscing in Swingtime: Japanese Americans in Popular Music 1925-1960"; Museum of Contemporary Art, Mayer Education Center. Admission: \$10 general, \$6 seniors and students, free MCA members and children under 12.
CLEVELAND
Sat., Nov. 3—JACL Holiday Fair; 3-8 p.m.; Euclid Central Middle School, 20701 Euclid Ave.; food; entertainment, gifts. Info: 216/921-2976 or 440/268-9574.

Intermountain
BOULDER
Fri., Nov. 9—Documentary screening, MIS's "Uncommon Courage"; 7 p.m.; University of Colorado-Boulder, Humanities Building, Room 250; panel discussion with filmmaker Gayle Yamada, Rocky Mountain MIS President Noboru Furue and writer Bill Hosokawa to follow. Free admission. Reservations required; Japan America Society of Colorado, 720/478-9500.
KETCHUM, Idaho
Thur., Oct. 25—Lecture, "North of Eden: Life in a WWII Prison Camp for

Japanese Americans" with Dr. Robert Sims, professor of history emeritus, Boise State University; 7 p.m.; Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. East. Info: 208/726-9491.
SALT LAKE CITY
Sat., Oct. 27—Japanese culture workshop; 10:30 a.m.-12 noon: Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 W. 100th South; cultural arts, origami, calligraphy. Free admission. Info: Diane Akiyama, 266-2248.

Pacific Northwest
PORTLAND
Sun., Oct. 28—Asian Food Fall Bazaar; 12 noon-4 p.m.; Episcopal United Methodist Church, 1333 SE 28th; food, crafts, nummage sale.
SEATTLE
Fri., Nov. 16—Concert, "Saegusa Requiem" in memory of victims of war and terrorist attacks; 8 p.m.; St. James Cathedral, 804-Ninth Ave. Donation: \$18. Reservation deadline: Oct. 31. Info: Yuriko Cottam, 425/226-3963 or Julianne Kumasaka, 206/938-2919.

Northern California
BERKELEY
Thur., Oct. 25—Book reading, "Free to Die for Their Country" by Eric Muller; 7:30 p.m.; Cody's Bookstore, Telegraph Ave.
Sat., Oct. 27—Sansei Live! Benefit for Kimochi; 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Info: 415/931-2294.
MONTREY
Sat., Nov. 3—Documentary screening, MIS's "Uncommon Courage"; 1-4 p.m.; Monterey Conference Center, Steinbeck Forum; panel discussion with MISers and light refreshments to follow. Free admission.
SACRAMENTO
Fri., Nov. 2—Japanese ghost stories with Rev. Nobu Hanaoka; 7 p.m.; Belle Colobou Community Center, 5699 South Land Park Dr. Reservations and info: 446-9844 or 395-2589.

Through Sun., Nov. 11—Play, "Accelerando"; 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays; Broadway Playhouse, 4010 El Camino Ave.; presented by Interactive Asian Contemporary Theatre. Tickets: \$15 general, \$12 seniors and youth. Reservations and info: InterACT, 916/452-6174.
SAN FRANCISCO
Tue., Oct. 23—Book reading, "Free to Die for Their Country" by Eric Muller; 4:30 p.m.; U.S. Courthouse.
Sun., Nov. 4—Concert, "Music for Women's Health" with members of

S.F. Symphony; 4 p.m., reception to follow; Chinese Cultural Center, 750 Kearney St., 3rd Floor; presented by the National Asian Women's Health Organization. Info: 415/989-9747.
Fri., Nov. 9—Japanese Cultural & Community Center of Northern California awards dinner, "Issei Women's Hopes and Dreams: A Quest for Justice"; 5:30 p.m.; Nikko Hotel; honorees Cathy Inamasa, Karen Kai, Becky Masaki, Wendy Tokuda and Rosalyn Tom. RSVP by Oct. 26. Info: 415/567-5505.
SAN MATEO
Sun., Oct. 28—Movie screening, "Indochine"; 1:30 p.m.; JACL Community Center, 415 So. Claremont St. Free admission. Info: 650/343-2793.

Central California
FRESNO
Sat., Oct. 27—CCDC JACL 52nd annual installation banquet; 6 p.m.; Pardini's Restaurant, 2257 W. Shaw; keynote speaker Floyd Mori, local Asian American judges honored. Info: Patricia Tom, 559/486-6815.

Southern California
LOS ANGELES
Wed., Oct. 24—API Small Business Expo 2001; 9:11-15 a.m. roundtable, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. awards luncheon; keynote speaker Ron Hatamiya, California Trade Technology & Commerce Secretary, L.A. Chamber of Commerce, 350 So. Bixel St. Register ASAP. 213/473-1605.
Wed., Oct. 24—Asian Pacific American Legal Center's 16th annual awards dinner; 6 p.m. reception and silent auction; Westin Bonaventure, 404 So. Figueroa St.; black tie optional.
Sat., Oct. 27—Panel discussion with documentaryman Frank Abe ("Conscience and the Constitution") and historian Eric Muller ("Free to Die for Their Country"); 2 p.m.; JANM, 369 E. First St., Little Tokyo.
Sat., Oct. 27—30th Little Tokyo Community Health Fair; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Union Church, 401 E. Third St., corner of San Pedro St.; free medical screening services for blood pressure, vision, glucose/diabetes, podiatry, flu shots, more. Info: Little Tokyo Service Center, 213/473-1602.

Sat., Nov. 10—2nd Annual Amy Awards hosted by Sandra Oh ("Alias") and Garrett Wang ("Star Trek Voyager"); Orpheum Theatre. Tickets: \$45, \$60 and \$75 through Orpheum Theatre box office or Ticketmaster; \$125 limited VIP packages available, e-mail: events@amediainc.com. Info: www.amiawards.com.
ORANGE COUNTY
Thur., Nov. 1—Japanese Americans, Arab Americans and racial discrimination forum; 9:30 a.m.; Cypress College; speakers include John Saito, PSW JACL, Ron Wakabayashi, DOJ; Chris Tan, ACLU; Micher-Sheehedi, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee; Salam Al-Marayati; Muslim Public Affairs Council; and students. Info: 714/484-7006, e-mail: info@cypresscc.ca.us or visit: www.cypresscc.ca.us.
SAN DIEGO
Sat., Nov. 3—2nd Nikkei Elderly Forum; 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; Ocean View United Church of Christ, 3541 Ocean View Blvd.; co-sponsored by San Diego JACL; speakers include Bill Watanabe, LTSC; Steve Nakajo, Kimochi; and Wendy Shigenaga, Kiku Gardens. Fee: \$5 includes lunch. Registration and info: 619/230-0314.
SANTA MONICA
Wed.-Thurs., Oct. 24-30—Documentary screening, "Toyo Miyatake: Infinite Shades of Gray" directed by Robek A. Nakamura; Laemmle's Monica Fourplex, 7332 Second St.; presented as part of the 5th Annual International Documentary Film Festival. Tickets, showtimes and info: 310/394-9741 or 213/534-3600 ext. 7438 or visit: www.documentary.org.
TORRANCE
Fri.-Sun., Oct. 26-28—Rohwer Reunion III; Torrance Marriott Hotel. Info: Betty Honkiri Oka, 714/636-8207, Toshi Kusumoto, 213/382-5712, Lillian Uweida Inouye, 510/235-6042 or Gary Shioa, 916/381-2081.
WEST COVINA
Sat., Nov. 3—San Gabriel Valley JACL's Fall Frolic Dinner; 7-11:30 p.m.; East San Gabriel Valley Japanese Community Center, 1203 W. Puente Ave. Donation: \$10, proceeds go to scholarship fund. Info: 626/810-1509 or 909/861-9676.

Letters to the Editor

The True Strength of America

We Americans, regardless of our backgrounds, felt a flood of emotions in response to the recent terrorist attacks — shock, disbelief, sadness, grief and anger. We have been seeking meaningful ways to reach out to those suffering from personal injury or the loss of a friend or loved one. This past week we have witnessed countless individuals making personal sacrifices to aid and comfort others, and many national and local leaders have spoken out in efforts to unify our country and our communities.

In the days ahead we must remind ourselves that we are a diverse society committed to democratic ideals. As such, we cannot afford to misdirect our anger over terrorist acts and tolerate threats or crimes against innocent people. We must continue to distinguish between the perpetrators of crimes against humanity and those associated with them only on the basis of a common country of origin, or by ethnic, religious, or cultural backgrounds.

Our government placed over 120,000 people of Japanese descent in internment camps during World War II. Most of the internees were U.S. citizens who were deprived of their basic civil rights. Lessons from this past experience help in strengthening the democratic institutions of our country.

By protecting our civil rights at home and respecting human rights everywhere, America can show the world that its true strength lies, not only in military and economic might, but also in its moral and spiritual leadership.

Ronald M. Katsuyama
Dayton JACL President

each other as humans and not by color or race for we Americans share a common belief in freedom.

It is funny how some people think they are better than others. Yet, everybody is dependant on one another. We go to work in our Mercedes or Toyota, meet our black friend at the most expensive Mexican restaurant, and eat some California sushi rolls as appetizers. We wear Nike shoes made in the Philippines, sport our Polo shirts and Versace ties, dress up in Vera Wang, and that flag we hang on our cars is made in Hong Kong. We get to idealize Vlade Divac, Ichiro, Michael Jordan and Jose Coneseo, some of our American heroes. We hate it pretty good here in America. After all, this is what freedom is all about, having a choice.

Freedom was taken away from us briefly on Sept. 11. The nation came together afterwards and continues to become "one nation under God." This is what makes us the United States of America. After all, our ancestors came to discover we need to stand together more than ever.

Randall Ishida
Sacramento, Calif.

Reflections
1914: I was born the year the United States entered World War I. Was this the war to end all wars?

1941: Japan bombed Pearl Harbor. I was de-classified as "enemy alien" and treated as such.

Sept. 11, 2001: Most unbelievable terrorist attacks on the United States. It was also my birthday.

I look upon this tragic experience very personally. First, I was grateful that I was not one who died a horrible death. I look upon those who died as those who died for me, and therefore the least I can do is to be busy with the healing of America and of the world for universal understanding and peace. For me, war, retaliation and revenge are not the answer.

Second, I concentrate on the children of the world. They have their lives ahead of them, and I ask myself, "Will they continue to live in uncertainty and fear? What can I do in my remaining lifetime for them and their children?"

The answer: I must constantly seek the ways of peace, understanding differences, asking for forgiveness, always extending the open hand of peace and good will. I must never waver from looking towards paths of peaceful co-existence.

Finally, I hope and pray that it does not become a total war. But if it becomes that, I resolve to counsel conscientious objectors as I had the privilege to do during the Vietnam War.

Rev. George Aki
Former 442nd Chaplain,
Claremont, Calif.

APA Groups Work to Change Geographic Names Containing Racial Slurs

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Several Asian Pacific American advocacy groups want to make sure Jap Road and Chinaman Bluff soon go the way of Chinks Peak.

The U.S. Board on Geographic Names changed the name of the mountain just outside Pocatello, Idaho, from Chinks Peak to Chinese Peak recently following a three-year campaign by Asian American advocates.

Minority advocates say the names of streams, valleys and mountains containing words such as "Chink," "Jap," and "Chinaman" are offensive, and perpetuate the everyday use of racial slurs.

"Words like that are used to make people of color feel inferior, like they are less than human," said Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) spokesman Giles Li.

Three years ago, the JAACL started its campaign to change the name of the Idaho peak. When OCA joined in rallying Asians around the Chinese Peak cause, it learned about other names it finds objectionable.

"I didn't even realize there were places like that," Li said. "We're going to do our research. Whatever place names we find offensive, we're going to have to get those changed."

There are 28 geographic features in the United States that include the word "Chinaman," from Chinaman Lagoon in Alaska to Chinaman Bluff in Wisconsin, according to the federal geographic names database. In Maryland, there's Chinks Point in Anne Arundel County and a Chink Creek in Baltimore County.

In Texas, the Houston chapter of the JAACL has been trying for at

least a decade to change the names of Jap Road in Jefferson County and Jap Lane in Orange County, said Houston JAACL President Mark Okabayashi.

The counties are about a two-hour drive from Houston, and county commissioners, who must approve the change, say there is no local support for doing so.

In Idaho, the effort to rename the peak started locally, with Micki Kawakami, a 31-year Pocatello resident and a member of the JAACL. Two years ago, Kawakami filed an application with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names for the change.

The board decides whether to change names of natural features after consulting city, county and state officials and other interested groups. Decisions on roads are left to county officials or the state's transportation department.

Kawakami said local historians told her the peak was named after Chinese miners, immigrant laborers or possibly a Chinese man. She suggested changing the name to China Peak.

But the Idaho Geographic Names Advisory Council rejected her suggestion in November, saying there was no concrete historic evidence linking the peak to Chinese people.

Jeff Ford, chairman of the Idaho council, said that while the word "chink" is used "as a putdown or as a racist term, and we don't need that in Idaho," the council's "whole stand is insisting on historical accuracy. Political correctness be damned."

The federal board voted last month to change the peak's name to Chinese Peak. Board member Ronald Grim said he approved the change because of "the need to be sensitive to the feelings of people from various ethnic groups."

COMMENTARY

Home-grown Terrorists Attack

By MAS HASHIMOTO

On the morning of Sept. 11, the nation watched in horror as terrorists destroyed Minoru Yamasaki's World Trade Center Twin Towers, severely damaged the Pentagon building, and created a crater in a Pennsylvania field. Soon, home-grown terrorists were at work in this country seeking retaliation against innocent American citizens.

Americans are united in bringing to justice all who were involved in these attacks. The terrorists from abroad and of the home-grown variety have shaken the foundations of our buildings but not the foundations of our democracy. We are firm in our belief that justice will prevail.

The Japanese American community joins the millions of Americans who mourn this tragic loss of innocent lives. Our hearts and prayers go out to the victims' families, relatives and friends. We wish for a speedy and complete recovery for all who are injured, and we commend those in the rescue operations and those who have given support and encouragement.

It is gratifying that the leaders of our government have pledged not to repeat mistakes of the past, namely, the unjust incarceration of those of Japanese, German and Italian ancestry after the attack at Pearl Harbor.

In early 1942 there were many attacks by home-grown terrorists upon JAs and their property throughout the Western states. Brave fellow Americans in the Pajaro Valley defended and supported

JAs even after the war ended in 1945. A belated public ceremony will honor these individuals next April.

For the apology and redress by the U.S. government and the people, we are truly grateful. We are a proud people who dearly love our country. Our loyalty was questioned, and we believe our actions answered that question.

Deeply alarming are the reports that innocent Arab Americans, American Muslims, Sikhs, and South Asians have been targeted and mistreated by their accusers as perpetrators of the recent tragedy. These home-grown American terrorists have attacked women wearing the hijab and men wearing turbans. They have anonymously written threatening letters, bombed homes and vandalized places of worship. They obviously do not know or care that Arab Americans and American Muslims were also victims of the terrorist attacks.

Scapagoating and misguided anger and frustration by home-grown terrorists upon innocent American citizens simply because of their race, ethnic origin, religion, sexual orientation or appearance must not be tolerated.

Arab Americans, in particular, have made notable contributions to the success and welfare of our nation for over a century. They have demonstrated their loyalty, courage, and devotion on behalf of the United States.

Casey Kasem of the Arab American Institute explicitly points out the many contributions of Arab

Americans to this nation. Here are but a few:

War heroes include Maj. Gen. Fred Safay who fought alongside Gen. George Patton, and Brig. Gen. Elias Stevens who served on Gen. Eisenhower's staff. Gen. George Joulwan commanded U.S. and NATO forces in Europe. Former U.S. Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell's, D-ME, peace efforts are well known, and the first Arab American Cabinet member was Donna Shalala, secretary of health and human services.

Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie threw the famous "Hail Mary" football pass for Boston College. Bobby Rahal won the Indy 500. Flywright Fred Saidu wrote "Finian's Rainbow" and the nation's leading consumer advocate was Ralph Nader.

Dr. Michael DeBakery invented the heart pump. The winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1990 was Dr. Elias Corey of Harvard, and in 1999 it was Dr. Ahmed H. Zewail with the California Institute of Technology.

To be an American is a most fortuitous blessing. Today, Americans can worship in temples, mosques or shrines as well as in churches or synagogues. While America is diverse in its multicultural heritage, its goals of liberty and justice remain the same for all.

As we recover from the horrors of Sept. 11, we must not stand silent against the actions of our country's home-grown terrorists. Let us stand united against the enemies of liberty and protect the rights of all Americans. ■

National Newsbytes

By Pacific Citizen Staff and Associated Press

Government Subpoenaed UCLA for List of Students

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—Newly released court documents in the Wen Ho Lee case show the U.S. Justice Department subpoenaed UCLA in 1999 for the names of Chinese and Taiwanese students attending the school in 1993 and 1994.

In the documents, filed in Albuquerque federal court, Lee's attorneys sought to show that he was a victim of racial profiling when he was arrested in December 1999 and charged with 59 counts of breaching national security.

The unsealed documents, made public Oct. 5, included a June 21, 1999, letter from UCLA attorney Patricia M. Jasper to FBI agent David Oldham, saying she had provided the names, student ID numbers, majors, countries of citizenship, visa status, degrees they had received from other universities and institutions and other information.

The list contained information on over 200 students, and Lee's attorneys said the subpoena shows

the government engaged in racial profiling.

It is "not credible" for the Justice Department to issue a subpoena premised on racial profiles while claiming that its investigation of Lee was "race neutral," defense attorneys said in court documents.

Rep. Honda Attends Pilot's Memorial Service

SAN JOSE—U.S. Congressman Mike Honda, D-San Jose, was among more than 400 people who attended a memorial service on Oct. 13 for Captain Jason Dahl, 43, the pilot of United Flight 93 which plunged into a Pennsylvania field on Sept. 11 after the jetliner was hijacked.

"The speculation that we had as to where that plane was headed was the Capitol building where I was," said an emotional Honda. "His decision to put that plane down was not only an act of courage, he may not have known it but he saved the lives of probably quite a few congress people and senators."

Honda has known the Dahl family since his days as an educator in the Franklin-McKinley School District, where Dahl had been a stu-

dent.

Gov. Davis Signs Nakano's API Anti-Hate Crimes Bill

SACRAMENTO—Gov. Gray Davis signed a bill Oct. 7 establishing the Asian Pacific Islander Anti-Hate Crimes Program, which is designed to bring together community groups, individuals and law enforcement to combat race-motivated crimes through education and public awareness.

AB 1312, authored by Assemblyman George Nakano, D-Torance, gives California its first state-sponsored hate crimes program. Through a selection process beginning next summer, the Department of Justice (DOJ) will partner with a nonprofit, community-based organization to develop a statewide outreach effort to educate APIs about hate crimes.

Gov. Davis also directed the DOJ to conduct the program using existing resources, rather than the \$250,000 General Fund appropriation originally requested in the bill. ■

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anything to fear from the FBI," he said. "We are not investigating you. We are conducting an investigation."

Steinhauser publicly issued an apology to those who may have felt that some FBI agents were overzealous in their investigation. "We may go out and try to follow one lead right after the other, and we may appear insensitive at times," said Steinhauser. "I've said it before and I'll say it again, if we've done that, if we have offended anybody in the community, we do apologize. We apologize for those actions because it is not intentional."

He asked audience members to be understanding and cooperative. "What we're trying to do is peel back the layers and understand how the hijackers integrated themselves into the Arab American community. We're trying to do it gingerly and gently but there's a sense of urgency that this investigation requires," he said, adding that of more than 12,000 FBI agents worldwide, 10,500 have been assigned to this investigation.

When asked what an individual should do if they feared whoever was knocking on their door was someone posing as an FBI agent, Steinhauser said the individual should say through the closed door that they are calling 911 and will not open the door until a police officer arrives. Southern Californians who want to verify FBI agents should call 310/996-3400. Those who are in immediate fear for their lives should call 911.

To address the estimated 650 people currently being detained, Steinhauser said they are all people who have violated some form of federal law such as questionable immigration status or being held on material witness warrants.

"The people that are in custody are not being held without charges," said Steinhauser. "Some of the folks we have in custody, it may later be determined that they

had nothing to do with the terrorist actions but they are in violation of some other criminal activity."

But many in the audience voiced skepticism when Steinhauser could not answer questions related to individuals who were being detained on secret evidence.

Secret evidence is classified information which federal law enforcement agents share with the judge but withheld from both the accused and his lawyer on the basis that secrecy is needed to protect confidential government sources. The use of secret evidence has been largely used against people of Middle Eastern descent.

The most well known case within the AA/MA community is of Dr. Mazen Al-Najjar, a Palestinian who has lived in the United States for 19 years. In May 1997, Al-Najjar was arrested at his Tampa, Fla. apartment on a charge of overstaying his student visa. But he was held in a Florida county jail for the next three years on a more serious accusation, one which the federal government refused to divulge to either Al-Najjar or his lawyer. Judge Joan A. Leonard ruled in May 2000 that the INS violated the Fifth Amendment by not allowing Al-Najjar or his attorney to review the evidence which allegedly linked him to the Palestine Islamic Jihad, an organization designated as a terrorist group by the U.S. government.

Three Nashashibi with the Arab American Republican Club of Orange County said there are more than 25 similar cases, all involving AA/MA community members.

"Secret evidence needs a lot of work from us to be changed," said Nashashibi. "It takes a lot of work from us to explain to the American community at large what secret evidence is and how it relates to us."

The "Secret Evidence Repeal Act" is currently going through Congress.

To those who may be unhappy with the FBI's conduct or the various laws being passed by Congress, Steinhauser urged the public to get politically involved in order to make their voices heard.

The townhall meeting was sponsored

by the Arab American Republican Club of Orange County, Arab American Democratic Club of Orange County, American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and the Council on American Islamic Relations.

The involvement of the two political organizations and the FBI's willingness to spend an evening answering questions may be an indication of the growing political muscle of this community. It is estimated that more than three million AAs live in the United States.

"If we were not strong politically, we would not have been at this meeting tonight," observed Nashashibi. "It is because we have matured politically and socially in this country that we are able to do these things and are able to get our voices heard."

This is in sharp contrast to the treatment of Japanese Americans shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. At that time, JAs held little political sway. Laws barred Issei from becoming American citizens, the Nisei were just reaching voting age and racial segregation was the accepted norm. As a result, the FBI had no qualms about picking up and carting away Issei community leaders the day after Pearl Harbor, and President Roosevelt, unlike President Bush who has been calling for calm and tolerance in the treatment of AA/MAs, signed Executive Order 9066, which effectively placed more than 120,000 JAs into U.S. concentration camps.

In a show of solidarity, several JAs spoke at the meeting. Among them were Ron Wakabayashi, community relations director with the Department of Justice, Rev. Art Tsuneshi, a former Heart Mountain internee, his wife Sally, a former Jerome internee, and Wayne Fukuda, a Saneai architect whose family was also incarcerated during World War II.

The reverend shared about how he felt betrayed by the government when they threw American citizens such as himself into U.S. concentration camps. But he said he still has faith in America.

"These are the things that happened to us, but that was in the 1940s. I have confidence in this country, and I don't think it will be allowed to happen again. I know the Japanese American community will certainly back anybody who will be placed in this kind of situation," he said.

Fukuda, in speaking directly to

Spark Matsunaga Elementary School Opens



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The Spark M. Matsunaga Elementary School, the first in the metro-D.C. area and all of Maryland to be named after an Asian Pacific American, opened in September.

HATE CRIMES

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An Arab American convenience store owner in Fresno County was shot and killed Sept. 29 in what his family believes was also a hate crime.

Abdo Ali Ahmed, 51, was a Muslim who moved to the United States from Yemen about 35 years ago.

"He didn't have no enemies," said Fahmi Kassim, Ahmed's nephew. "He's a very, very peaceful guy. He's got a nice heart."

Two days before the killing, Ahmed had received a death threat note on his car after shopping at a grocery store in Dinuba.

Detectives are looking for four males, probably in their teens, who were seen speeding from Ahmed's East Reedley store after the shooting.

Since the terrorist attacks, business had dropped for Ahmed, said Stan Peterson, who runs a bar next door. Ahmed recently asked him for some American flags to display.

Steinhauser, said, "We must challenge you as the FBI; we must challenge our government because history has shown that they have not always made the right decision."

"He wanted people to know he supported the U.S.A.," Peterson said.

Meanwhile, the man who shot and killed gas station owner Balbir Singh Sodhi in Mesa, Ariz., pleaded innocent Oct. 5 to charges that he went on a racially motivated shooting spree.

Frank Roque is charged with murder and nine other counts in the Sept. 15 death of Singh, a Sikh who wore a turban.

Roque's attorney, Daniel Patterson, declined to comment following the court hearing, saying it was too early to talk about the case.

In Brattleboro, Vt., state authorities are investigating a Sept. 27 arson fire at an Indian-owned store.

The ethnicity of the store's owner and the timing of the crime led Kate Hayes, assistant attorney general for civil rights, to suspect it was a hate-motivated act.

About one-third of the store was damaged but the rest is open, said Elissa Bhanti, 33, who owns Adivasi with her Hindu husband, Shram.

"It's not hard to think that it has to do with the World Trade Center," she said. "It's just sad that that's how people are reacting."

Vermont state police released a sketch and description of a white male suspect Oct. 4 but did not comment on a motive.

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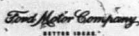
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About 250 people, including over 30 Arizona JACL members, the Tempe Fire Department Captain and the Tempe Chief of Police, attended a candlelight vigil at Arizona State University Oct. 5. The chapter donated 500 lapel flag pins which were sold to attendees in an effort to raise funds for the families of New York City rescue workers. The event was sponsored by ASU's Asian/Asian Pacific American Student's Coalition (AAPASC).

**Mt. Olympus Holds Golf
Tourney**

Mt. Olympus JACL sponsored the sixth annual Utah JACL Golf Classic last month, proceeds from which went to the local JACL scholarship program and a portion was donated to the relief efforts in New York and Washington, D.C.

Winners from first to fourth place were: Mens A Flight—Kirk Imamura, Neil Wolfe, Gary Takagi and Jeff Shaw; Mens B Flight—Kei Uno, Richard Watanabe, Mark Akagi and Yas Tokita; Women's A Flight—Debbie Midgley, Keiko Aoki, Mary Imamura and Yeiko Nagata; Womens B Flight—Yo Uno, Amy Tomita, Barbara Mitsunaga and Yas Iwamoto

Al Kubota and Duzo Seko won closest to the hole in Mens A and B respectively. Mary Imamura won

closest to the hole for Womens A. Longest drive contests were won by Andy Bilanzich in Mens A and Troy Akagi in Mens B. Straightest drive contest were won by Brenda Koga in Womens A and Nancy Takagi in Womens B.



Those who participated in the sixth annual Utah JACL Golf Classic included (l-r): Nancy Takagi, Fleyd Mori, John Tateoka, Reid Tateoka and Amy Tomita.



Mile Hi JACL members showed support at the recent Asian Festival in Boulder, Colo. (l-r): Terry Mayeda, Sumi Takeno, Sam Mayeda, Yoshimi Watada, Rose Tanaka, Jim Hada, Sally Suyama, Dr. Mark Shimoda, Dr. Alley Watada, Joe Sakamoto, Dr. Frank Konishi, Gladys Konishi and Dr. Frank Sakamoto. Not pictured Jane Yoshimura and Louis Nakatsuka.

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By CHRISTINA SHIGEMURA

Stranger Than Fiction

know that many other JAs felt the same fear. We are all too familiar with the results of wartime hysteria and racism.

Since the Sept. 11 tragedy, Nikkei for Civil Rights and Re-

Monterey JAACL to Screen 'Uncommon Courage'

As part of its 60th anniversary of the Defense Language Institute, the Monterey Peninsula JAACL will host a free screening of the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) documentary, "Uncommon Courage: Patriotism and Civil Liberties," on Nov. 3 at 1 p.m. at the Steinbeck Forum, Monterey Conference Center, 1 Portola Plaza.

The 90-minute documentary chronicles the story of thousands of MIS soldiers, primarily Japanese Americans, who fought for the United States during World War II, interrogating Japanese prisoners, translating documents, intercepting communications and infiltrating enemy lines, while their families back in America remained behind barbed wire.

The screening is open to the public and will be followed by a panel discussion featuring MIS veterans from the original graduating class.

For information, call Larry Oda at 831/758-7107 or e-mail: tsuno1@msn.com. ■

No More Scapegoats

dress (NCRR) has been convening special meetings for JAs who are concerned about the tragedy's impact on Muslim and Arab Americans.

On Sept. 28, NCRR sponsored a successful candlelight vigil in Little Tokyo which was attended by more than 300 people. The vigil served three purposes — to remember the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedy, to voice the JA community's strong opposition to scapegoating Muslim and Arab Americans and "to oppose terrorism in all its forms in this country and in any other country," said vigil organizer Evelyn Yoshimura.

On Oct. 15, at the Japanese American Cultural and Community Center, NCRR held a community meeting featuring Sonali Kelhatkar from the Afghan Women's Mission in the United States (AWM) to raise awareness of the Taliban government's repressive policies against the Afghan people.

Currently, NCRR is planning several other events, including a spiritual/cultural/culinary exchange between Muslim Americans and JAs at the beginning of November.

In addition to raising awareness of the plight of Muslim and

Arab Americans and building friendships between the Muslim/Arab and JA communities, NCRR may offer direct assistance to help address some of the day-to-day needs of Muslim and Arab Americans. Today many Muslim and Arab Americans fear for their lives and for their safety. Unfortunately, these are reasonable fears because anti-Muslim and anti-Arab hate crimes have been escalating since Sept. 11. For this reason, some Muslim Americans are even afraid to leave their homes to buy groceries or to run errands. If necessary, NCRR would like to organize volunteers to bring groceries and other necessities to Muslim American families.

For information about NCRR events or how you can help, call 213/680-3484. For background on NCRR, visit www.ncrr-la.org.

In our sorrow over the Sept. 11 tragedy, let us not forget the lessons of our collective history as JAs! Let us allow our firsthand knowledge of the destructiveness of wartime scapegoating to guide us toward our mission of trying to prevent the past from repeating itself. ■

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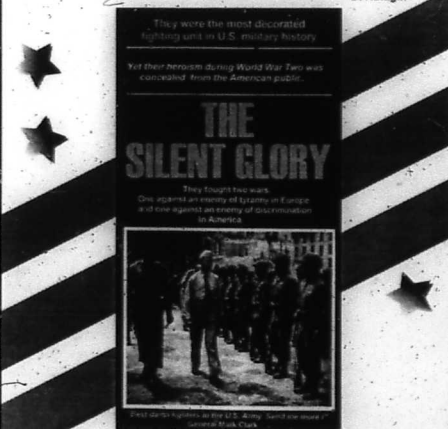
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The Lodi Arts Commission in California announced it will hold a community reading event promoting Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston's "Farewell to Manzanar," the story of her family and 120,000 other Japanese Americans who were interned during World War II.

Among the programs being offered are:

- Oct. 23—Fred Korematsu documentary screening and personal appearance; 7 p.m.; University of Pacific (UOP), Stockton, Faye Spanos Hall
- Through December—Oral history project conducted by UOP students with local JA former in-

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- Jan.-March 2002—Lodi News Sentinel public utility event for the project website: lodiarts.org or lodi-arts.com

- Feb. 2002—Georgiana White display at Lodi Library; documents, photos and archives from CSUS, Japanese American Archival Collection

- Feb. 2002—Free documentary screenings at Lodi Library or Hutchins Street Square, Cottage-Pisano Room: "A Family Gathering" (90 min.), "Days of Waiting" (90 min.), "Honor Bound" (90 min.),

"Uncommon Courage" (90 min.), "Conscience and the Constitution" (55 min.) and "A Personal Matter: Gordon Hirabayashi v. United States" (30 min.)

- March 7, 2002—Speaking event with Jeanne and James Houston for students grades six and above; 10-10:30 a.m.; \$4 per student

- March 7, 2002—Free speaking event and book signing with Jeanne and James Houston, moderated by Dr. Edith Sparks, UOP history professor; 7 p.m.; Hutchins Street Square, Thomas Theater

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Obituaries

All the towns are in California except as noted.

Adair, William S., Franklin, Mich., past president of Detroit JACL; survived by wife, Florence and sister, Betty Brotherton.

Goto, Masayuki "Oxy," 87, Covina, Aug. 2; Hanford-born Nisei; Gila River internee; survived by son, Michael (Amy); brother Bob (Toshi); wife, Mary Shinmoto; 3 g.c.; 6 g.c.; many nephews, nieces and friends.

Hayakawa, Kimie, 59, Richmond, Aug. 3; Tokyo-born; survived by son, Goichi.

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Hosokawa, Atsuyoshi, 83, Aliso Viejo, Aug. 7; Sacramento-born Nisei; survived by wife, Nobuko; sons, Koichi (Patricia) and Shijii (Mary); daughters, Kazuko (Susumu) Iwasaki and Michiko (James) Ogin; sister, Mary (Roy) Takai; 7 g.c.; and nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Izumizaki, James Y., 83, Watsonville, Sept. 9; member of 100th Battalion and 442nd RCT; survived by wife Kay; son Henry (Deborah); daughters Sandra Sams and Christine (Craig) Lund; 3 g.c.; and 2 g.c.

Kamei, Kay, Mission Viejo, Aug. 7; survived by wife, Elaine; parents, Shizuka and Hisashi; sister, Susan; brother, Stephen; brother-in-law, Mark Carkin and 1 niece.

Kuse, Takashi, 80, Gardena, Aug. 7; Sacramento-born Nisei; survived by sisters, Kasumi Yamanaka, Carole (Shigeru) Hirata and Joy (Yoshiaki) Ito; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews.

Matsumura, Fujie "Fudge," 80, Fruitland, Idaho, Sept. 30; Wapato, Wash.-born, Heart Mountain internee; survived by husband, Juiji; son, Howard; and many nieces and nephews.

Mayama, Terumasa "Terry," 73, Anaheim Hills, Aug. 2; Tokyo-born; survived by wife, Kyoko;

daughters, Yukiko (Yasuhiro) Sugo, Yoshiko (Shinji) Amano and Noby (Greg) Smith; brother, Yukio (Shizuko); sister, Saiko Mayama; and 4 g.c.

Miyakawa, Tatsuko, 85, West Covina, Aug. 7; Los Angeles-born; survived by son, Raymond (Christine); daughters, Lois (Ken) Jablinsky and Nancy (Bob) Hogg; brothers, Ichiro (Mary) Nakajima and Teshio (Yae) Nakajima; 4 g.c.

Nakamoto, Ken Kazuhiko, 83, Los Angeles-born Nisei resident, Aug. 3; survived by son, David (Jane); daughter, Margie (Michael) Takaki; brothers, Takahiko (Yukari) and Teshihiko (Yuriko) Nakamoto; sister-in-law, Nobu Yamasaki; relative, Margaret Furukawa; and 4 g.c.

Nakano, Miyako T., 80, Pasadena, Aug. 6; Wahiawa, Hawaii-born, survived by—daughters, Ann, Karen and Joni (Skip) Fiske; son-in-law, Mits Tomono; sisters, Sugako Kadomoto, Sueno Kadomoto and Aiko Ochi; 2 g.c.; and other relatives.

Nomura, George "Y.", 93, Spokane, Wash., Sept. 10; survived by daughters, Mary Higashi, Naomi Barry and Annette Minofa; 6 g.c. and 10 g.c.

Sakai, Michiho H., 80, Spokane, Wash., Sept. 21; survived by son, Eugene; brother, Sam Hirata; 2 g.c.; and many nieces and nephews.

Shotura, Takashi, 52, Bellflower, Aug. 5; Japan-born; survived by wife, Carol; daughter, Nakia Martin; mother, Shigeko Garcia; stepfather, George; sisters, Delphine Hansen and Junko Kishiyama; brothers, Mike and Jeff Garcia; 2 g.c.; nieces and nephews.

Tetsuka, George Minoru, 78, Pasadena, Aug. 4; New York-born; survived by wife, Charlotte; son, Shigemi (Mariko) Shimizu; daughter, Joanne (Tom) Yamamoto-Ferris; and 8 g.c.

Watanabe, Ted Tetsuo, 84, Los Angeles, Aug. 6; Colorado-born; survived by wife, Chisato; sons, Kenny (Mike) and Gary; daughters, Irene (Greg) Miyata and Jeannie (David) Itatani; sister, Amy (Henry) Harada; 5 g.c.; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Yuasa, Rai, 84, Covina, Aug. 4; Hiroshima-ken-born, survived by sons, Kazuyoshi (Kathleen) and Akio (Akiko); daughters, Rose Kodama, Mary (Tom) Kitagawa and Diane Yuasa; 7 g.c.; 4 g.c.; 2 g.c.; and many other relatives. ■

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Matt Fong, former California State Treasurer, was appointed by President Bush as chairman of the advisory committee of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PEGC), an agency which guarantees payment of basic pension benefits earned by over 43 million American workers and retirees. Fong, 47, was a Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in 1998 and is currently in the corporate and securities department at the law firm Sheppard Mullin.

Matt Kelley, 22-year-old presi-

dent and CEO of The Mavin Foundation, was profiled as one of Seattle's "Six Minority Leaders" in the October issue of *Seattle Magazine*. In 1998, Kelley founded MAVIN, a magazine celebrating multiracial and transracially adopted people, and in 1999 coordinated the Third Pan Colleague Conference on the Mixed Race Experience at Wesleyan University. He recently launched his 2001-2002 speaking tour "Redefining Diversity in America."

John D. Kirihaara, 51, of

Merced, was appointed by Gov. Gray Davis as a judge of the Merced County Superior Court. He is a partner at the law firm Morse, Morse & Morse, which he joined in 1984, and previously worked as a deputy public defender. Kirihaara is also a part-time community college instructor and former president of Livingston-Merced JACL. Recently, he has been involved in establishing a mentoring program for Southeast Asian middle and high school students in Merced County.

George Yutaka Komure, a longtime French Camp JACL leader, was posthumously honored by the Manteca Unified School District Board of Trustees which unanimously passed a resolution to name a new elementary school after him. Komure Elementary School is the first school to be named after a Nikkei in the San Joaquin area and will be located in Weston Ranch, south Stockton. Construction is slated to begin this winter, and the school will open in the fall 2003.

Steve Okamoto, of San Francisco, has joined the American Cancer Society's National Planned Giving Business Unit covering the Silicon Valley/Central Coast region and Hawaii. He has been in the insurance industry for 37 years and recently helped the JACL develop a planned giving program designed to assist the organization in providing funding to carry out future programs. ■

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