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San Mateo JACL is dedicated to promoting the historical and cultural understanding of the Japanese American experience and to protecting and advancing the human and civil rights of our multi-ethnic society through educational and community programs.

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EDITOR'S PICKS: API LEGAL OUTREACH

For many years, my friend Bo Yoshimura has bought a half table at the benefit lu'au to support API Legal Outreach (formerly Nihonmachi Legal Outreach). With offices in San Francisco and Oakland, API Legal Outreach offers free and low-cost legal assistance for women and seniors who are being physically, emotionally and/or sexually abused or harassed. This includes family law and temporary restraining orders, immigration law, and public benefits.

Confidential consultations with trained legal workers in family law, immigration consequences, sexual harassment, and elder abuse.;

Help in developing a protection plan and obtaining restraining orders against an abuser;

Referrals to social and psychological services for help in dealing with abuse.

Educational programs for community groups, classes, and agencies.

On-site training regarding domestic violence, family law, and immigration at nail salons, hair salons, and other businesses that are helping to fight against domestic violence in API communities. Translations in Japanese, Cantonese, Korean, Mandarin, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, and other languages.

Please know that in California, it is against the law to hurt or threaten someone else, even if you are married to or living with that person. You will not get into trouble for reporting abuse. If you are an immigrant, you will not be deported nor will you lose your children by reporting abuse. But if you are an immigrant, it is important to get legal advice as to any consequences of ending your relationship.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE JACL EVENTS IN APRIL

San Mateo JACL Scholarship Lunch

April 21

Hidden Stories of WWII Conference and Freedom Lost: Three One-Act Plays April 28

EVENTS FOR NEXT MONTH AND BEYOND

Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration	May 12
“Resettlement to Redress” Film Screening	May 19
Reenactment of Evacuation at Tanforan	TBA
Fundraiser Burger Booth at Art in the Park	June 9 & 10
Salute to WWII and Korean War Veterans at USS Hornet	August 12

HIDDEN STORIES OF WWII CONFERENCE AND FREEDOM LOST: THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS

In 2001, a unique collaboration among the Japanese, German, and Italian communities produced the highly acclaimed photo-exhibit "The Enemy Alien Files: Hidden Stories of World War II." Over the past five years, that exhibit has traveled to dozens of locations, from Los Angeles to Chicago to Washington DC, presenting for the first time in dramatic format a photo-narrative history of the World War II Alien Enemy Control Program, which interned over 30,000 Japanese, German, and Italian enemy aliens.

On April 28, 2007, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Enemy Alien Files Consortium, in collaboration with the San Mateo Main Library, will present HIDDEN STORIES OF WORLD WAR II: A Conference on Enemy Alien Restrictions and Internment. The Conference will mark the appearance of the "Enemy Alien Files" exhibit at the San Mateo Main Library for the month of May, 2007. For the Conference, numerous writers and internment scholars will be joined by former WWII internees or their families from the Japanese, German, and Italian communities.

Also on April 28, 2007, at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater of Hillsdale High School, the Enemy Alien Files Consortium will present FREEDOM LOST: Three One-Act Plays about Enemy Aliens in World War II. The plays, written by Bay Area author John Christgau, will be directed by Hal Gelb, noted West Coast director, writer and dramaturge. Each play focuses on one of the ethnic communities affected by World War II alien internment. "Zip" tells the true story of Eberhard "Zip" Fuhr, a 17-year-old German American who was arrested by the FBI as a "dangerous enemy alien" while in a high school classroom in Cincinnati in 1943. "The White Line" dramatizes the fate of Italian fishermen in Santa Cruz, who had their boats seized and who were forcibly relocated and separated from their only source of income. "The Master Tailor's Wife" dramatizes the little known, shocking story of the U.S. government's seizure of Japanese Peruvians, who were subsequently brought to internment camps in the U.S. and then used as hostages in exchange for U.S. citizens trapped in Japan.

SEEKING KOREAN WAR AND WWII VETERANS FOR TRIBUTE
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Save the date of August 12, 2007, 10:30 am to 5:00 pm for a "Salute to Our Veterans" aboard the USS Hornet, one of the most decorated ships in naval history. The cost, \$30 for adults and \$20 for children 12 and under, includes entry onto the aircraft carrier, obento, and a short program honoring men and women who served during WWII and the Korean Conflict. There is a permanent exhibit of the MIS and 100th/442nd on the Hornet, and Lane Nishikawa's full-length film, "Only the Brave" will be screened. We are seeking to honor those who served in the MIS, 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Army Nurse Corps, and Merchant Marine during WWII and the Korean Conflict. Please contact us if you would like to participate as our honored guest.

TENTATIVE DATES FOR SAN MATEO JAPANESE AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
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The Center's Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at the Gardener's Hall, 503 E. 5th Avenue. Please donate clean, reusable household items and clothing, books, and toys. We do not accept mattresses, large appliances, and computers. Items may be dropped off at the center starting April 9th.

April 14, Saturday	“ Rummage Sale ” at Gardeners Hall (Fundraiser)
April 22, Sunday	“ Cherry Blossom Brunch ” at Miyako Hotel
May	“ Heritage Lunch ” by Asian Pacific Islanders

June	“Minority Elders Conference” at SSF Convention Center
August 25, Saturday	“Potluck & Raffle Tickets” at Gardeners Hall (Fund raiser)
Sept	“Opera” Dress Rehearsal at Opera House
Sept	“Volunteers Luncheon” at Gardeners Hall
Oct. 6, Saturday	“General Clean-up” at Community Center & Gardeners Hall
Nov.10, Saturday	“Boutique & Bake Sale” at Gardeners Hall (Fundraiser)
Dec. 7, Friday	“Holiday Luncheon” at Gardeners Hall

SUNDAY MATINEE MOVIE

The Sunday Matinee Movie at SMJA Community Center will be screened on Sunday at 1:30 p.m. For April 22nd, a surprise movie will be announced!



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