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Presidential Medal of Freedom

Through Feb 19, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). View the Presidential Medal of Freedom — the highest civilian award in the United States — of Minoru “Min” Yasui (1916-1986), the first Japanese-American attorney in Oregon. Yasui is known for his courageous stand against military orders that resulted in the forced removal and imprisonment of more than 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. The medal was received posthumously from President Barack Obama on November 24, 2015. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

“Tsunagu: Connecting to the Architecture of Kengo Kuma”

Through Feb 29 (Mon-Fri), 9am-5pm, Center for Architecture (403 NW 11th Ave, Portland). View “Tsunagu: Connecting to the Architecture of Kengo Kuma,” an exhibit highlighting the designs for the Portland Japanese Garden’s \$33.5-million “Cultural Crossing” expansion project. The centerpiece of the expansion is Kuma’s design for a Cultural Village of three LEED-certified buildings to house a learning center, library, gallery space, and traditional tea café. For info, call (503) 223-8231 or visit <www.cfapdx.org>.

“Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion”

Through June 1, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). View “Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion,” a travelling exhibit that chronicles the complex history of the Chinese in America, from the early days of China trade to the history of Chinese immigration and the life of Chinese Americans. The display looks at the challenges of immigration, citizenship, and belonging that shaped both the Chinese-American experience and the development of America as a nation. Admission to the museum is free for Multnomah County residents and all Oregon school groups. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>. To learn more, visit <www.chineseamerican.nyhistory.org>.

“Uprooted”

Through June 19, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun), Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View “Uprooted: Japanese American Farm Labor Camps During World War II,” an exhibit that tells the story of Japanese Americans who worked as seasonal farm laborers, many in the sugar beet industry, during World War II. The display features images from federal photographer Russell Lee’s documentation of Japanese-American farm labor camps near the towns of Nyssa in Oregon and Rupert, Shelley, and Twin Falls in Idaho; interpretative text panels; and a short documentary film featuring firsthand accounts about life in the camps. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

API Forward Lunar New Year dinner

Feb 16, 5:30-7:30pm, Mandarin Cove (111 SW Columbia St, Portland). Connect with old friends, meet new ones, and welcome the Year of the Monkey at API Forward’s Lunar New Year event. The evening, which includes an eight-course Chinese meal, a silent auction, and a short program, supports API Forward, an education foundation for the leadership advancement of local Asians and Pacific Islanders. For info, call (503) 502-2386 or e-mail <apiforwardfoundation@gmail.com>. To buy tickets, visit <www.facebook.com/APIForward>.

Free vaccination clinic for children

Feb 16-17, 9am-3pm; Feb 16, State Office Building in Portland, First Floor (800 NE Oregon St, Portland); Feb 17, Multnomah County East County Services Building, Sharron Kelley Room, Second Floor (600 NE Eighth St, Gresham, Ore.). “School Exclusion Day” in Oregon is February 17. Children in Multnomah County who need immunizations are invited to receive free vaccinations on February 16 and 17. Exclusion Day applies to children in all public and private schools, preschools, Head Start programs, kindergartens, alternative schools, and childcare facilities. For info, call (503) 988-3406 or (503) 257-1760, or visit <www.multco.us/health/immunizations> or visit <www.mesd.k12.or.us>.

Deconstruction vs. demolition hearing

Feb 17, 1:30pm, Portland City Hall (1221 SW Fourth Ave, Portland). Portland City Council is hearing testimony about a proposal to create incentives for deconstruction as an alternative to demolition in Portland. The resolution would mandate that all homes built prior to 1916 be deconstructed. Sign-ups to testify begin at 1:30pm and the hearing starts at 2:30pm. For info, call (503) 823-4000 or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov>.

Great Decisions lecture series

Feb 19, Feb 26 & Mar 4, noon, Portland State University, Academic and Student Recreation Center, Room 001 (1800 SW Sixth Ave, Portland). Attend “The Future of Kurdistan” (February 19), “The United Nations” (February 26), and “The Rise of ISIS” (March 4), free talks held as part of the World Affairs Council of Oregon’s Great Decisions lecture series. For info, call (503) 274-7488 or visit <www.worldoregon.org>.

Free “Fix-It Fair”

Feb 20, 9:30am-3pm, George Middle School (10000 N Burr Ave, Portland). Attend a free City of Portland “Fix-It Fair” connecting residents with money-saving, environmentally friendly resources and activities. Exhibits and workshops offer information on home and personal health, utility savings, food



EXCLUSION/INCLUSION. “Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion,” a travelling exhibit that chronicles the complex history of the Chinese in America, from the early days of China trade to the history of Chinese immigration and the life of Chinese Americans, is on view through June 1 at the Oregon Historical Society Museum in downtown Portland. Pictured above and featured in the exhibit is the majestic “Moo Lung,” which appeared in parades and celebrations nationwide, including the July 4, 1911 “Parade of Nations” in New York City. The ceremonial dragon was acquired from China in the 1880s by the Chinese community in Marysville, California. (Photo/Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division) [LC-B2-2302-15]

and nutrition, community resources, recycling, yard care, lead testing, bike maintenance, and more. The event also features lunch and free on-site childcare. For info, call (503) 823-4309, e-mail <fixitfair@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41892>.

“Diabetes & Heart Health”

Feb 20, 1:30-5pm, National College of Natural Medicine (NCCM) Clinic (3025 SW Corbett Ave, Portland). Learn about nutrition, hormones, cholesterol, heart health, and more at a “Diabetes & Heart Health” open house. The free event features talks by naturopathic and Chinese medicine professionals; blood-pressure and blood-glucose screenings; an “Ask the Doctor” panel; raffle prizes; refreshments; and more. For info, call (503) 552-1551 or visit <www.nccm.edu>.

“Cooking Around the World”

Feb 21, 3:30-4:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Learn how to make Chinese chicken dumplings at “Cooking Around the World.” The class includes free samples and instruction. For info, call (503) 988-5389. To register (required), call (503) 988-5234 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

C.A.C.A. Chinese New Year

Feb 21, 5:30-8:30pm, Wong’s King Seafood Restaurant (8733 SE Division St, Portland). Welcome the Year of the Monkey at the Chinese American Citizens Alliance’s (C.A.C.A.) annual fundraising dinner. Proceeds benefit scholarships and youth-related programs in the Asian community. For info, or to buy tickets, contact Betty at (503) 221-8773, e-mail <bettyjeanleepdx@gmail.com>, or visit <www.cacaportland.org>.

In Football We Trust

Feb 23, 6pm, OVEE. Watch a free screening of *In Football We Trust*, a documentary that follows four Polynesian high school football players in Utah struggling to overcome gang violence, family pressure, and poverty as they enter the high-stakes world of college recruiting and the promise of pro sports. For info, call (415) 356-8383 or visit <ovee.itvs.org>.

Cup Bound and Crowned

Feb 23, 6pm, Powell’s City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Relive the MLS Cup victory of the 2015 Portland Timbers at an event featuring *Cup Bound and Crowned*, a book created by Prost Amerika that celebrates the club’s championship. *Cup Bound and Crowned* looks back at the moments, matches, and personalities that defined the unforgettable 2015 season. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

“The Zhao Family”

Feb 25, 6pm, Fifth Avenue Cinema, Room 90W (510 SW Hall St, Portland). In December 2015, the expression *Zhao jia ren* (“The Zhao Family”) went viral in Chinese communications. The new code phrase referred to China’s ruling oligarchy and was also a literary allusion to fictional characters created by Lu Xun nearly a century ago. At “The Zhao Family,” Dr. Jeffrey Kinkley leads a free discussion and lecture about the now-banned coded phrase. For info, call (503) 725-8576, e-mail <asianstudies@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies>.

API Pride Lunar New Year Banquet

Feb 27, 5:30-8:30pm, Szechuan Chef (5331 SW Macadam Ave, Portland). Join members of API Pride for the organization’s annual Lunar New Year Banquet. API Pride supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) descent in Oregon. For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 877-9379 or e-mail <api.pride@gmail.com>.

“Immigrant Voices from Portland’s Historic Chinatowns”

Feb 29, 7-9pm, McMenamins Kennedy School (5736 NE 33rd Ave, Portland). Attend “Immigrant Voices from Portland’s Historic Chinatowns,” a free panel discussion featuring people

with roots to Chinatown — Bertha Lee Saiget, Kenneth Fong, and Robert Luck. For info, call (503) 249-3983 or visit <www.mmenamins.com/427-kennedy-school-home>.

The Storm Makers

Mar 1, 6-7:30pm, Kenton Library (8226 N Denver Ave, Portland). Watch *The Storm Makers*, a film about the underworld of human trafficking in Cambodia. More than half a million Cambodians work abroad, of which a third become slaves. Many are young women, held prisoner and forced to work in horrific conditions, sometimes as prostitutes. The documentary weaves the story of Aya, a young peasant sold into slavery at age 16, with that of two powerful traffickers (known as “storm makers” for the havoc they wreak), who use deception to funnel a stream of poor and illiterate people across the country’s borders. *The Storm Makers* looks at the cycle of poverty, despair, and greed that fuels the modern slave trade. For info, call (503) 988-5370 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

“Seeds of Change, Roots of Power: The Danny Woo Community Gardens”

Opens Mar 3 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm; Mar 3, 6-8pm (reception); Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View “Seeds of Change, Roots of Power: The Danny Woo Community Gardens,” an exhibit looking at the Danny Woo Community Gardens, which grew from the Asian Pacific American activism of the 1970s and now functions as a source of empowerment and community building for the neighborhood. The display includes historical and contemporary photos of the garden as well as interviews with current gardeners who share their stories as immigrants and talk about the positive healing effect of the garden. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

“Steamed Bread”

Mar 4, 6:30pm, Portland State University, School of Business Administration, Room 190 (631 SW Harrison St, Portland). Attend “Steamed Bread: From a Ritual Offering to an Intangible Cultural Heritage in North China,” a presentation by visiting scholar Dr. Xing Zhou about the history of *mantou* (steamed bread) in northern China, a region known for its long history of wheat production. For info, call (503) 725-8576 or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute>.

“Seeing the World”

Mar 4, 7-8pm, Calvin Presbyterian Church (10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, Ore.). Attend “Seeing the World: Science, Faith & the ‘Environment,’” a public lecture held as part of the “Faith, the Environment & A Christian Ecological Vision” weekend workshop with Dr. Jonathon Moo and students from Whitworth University. For info, or to register, call (503) 639-3273, e-mail <letters@calvinpresbyterian.org>, or visit <www.calvinpresbyterian.org>.

SalmonSushiFest

Mar 6, 11am-6pm, Oregon Buddhist Temple (3720 SE 34th Ave, near Powell Blvd, Portland). Attend the Oregon Buddhist Temple’s SalmonSushiFest. The event includes a meal of salmon, marfar chicken, vegetables, salad, and rice. Also available for purchase are sushi, marfar chicken, and beverages. Preordering meals is recommended. For info, or to preorder a meal (by February 26), call (503) 234-9456 or visit <www.oregonbuddhisttemple.com>.

Shanghai siu mai class

Mar 6, 3-6pm, Portland’s Culinary Workshop (807 N Russell St, Portland). Explore the world of Shanghai and Eastern Chinese cuisine at a “Food in China” cooking workshop. The menu includes siu mai, pickled cucumber salad, spicy duck with noodles, braised fish with ginger and rice wine, and sweet red bean steamed buns. Equipment and ingredients are included. For info, or to register (required by March 2), call (503) 973-5451 or visit <www.nwchina.org>.