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"Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here!"

Through May 15, 10am-5pm (Sun), 10am-8pm (Mon), noon-8pm (Tue-Wed), 10am-6pm (Thu-Sat), Multnomah County Central Library, Collins Gallery (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). In response to a car bombing on Baghdad's ancient booksellers' street on March 5, 2007, a travelling exhibit — "Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here!" — now has nearly 650 individuals who have responded creatively to the iconic attack on life and freedom of expression over the past nine years. The display, currently featuring more than 200 artistic artifacts, includes works by artists, poets, writers, printmakers, and photographers, and expresses solidarity with our Iraqi brothers and sisters. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.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. 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> or <www.uprootedexhibit.com>.

"Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns"

Through June 21, 10am-5pm (Mon-Sat), noon-5pm (Sun), Oregon Historical Society Museum (1200 SW Park Ave, Portland). View "Beyond the Gate: A Tale of Portland's Historic Chinatowns," a display of rare and seldom-seen objects such as Chinese opera costumes, theatrical sets, bilingual text, audio-visual media, and interactive visitor stations that tell a sprawling transnational story of contact and trade between China and the west, focusing on Portland's Old Chinatown (1850-1905) and New Chinatown (1905-1950). Admission to the museum is free for Multnomah County residents. For info, call (503) 222-1741 or visit <www.ohs.org>.

Spring Career Fair

Apr 19, 10am-1pm, Clackamas Community College (CCC), Randall Gymnasium (19600 S Molalla Ave, Oregon City, Ore.). Connect with more than 50 employers offering full-time and part-time jobs and internships at the Spring Career Fair, a free event open to students and the public. Industries represented include healthcare, manufacturing, business, education, human services, retail, automotive, and more. For info, call Kara at (503) 594-3096 or e-mail <kleonard@clackamas.edu>.

Baraka

Apr 22-24, 7pm, Hollywood Theatre (4122 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland). Watch *Baraka*, a collection of photographed scenes of human life — people at prayer, monks performing a monkey chant, villagers dancing, volcanoes, sacred rivers, funeral pyres, and waterfalls, as well as logging, strip-mining, war, mass graves, and poverty. (USA, 1992, Ron Fricke, 96 mins.) For info, call (503) 281-4215 or visit <www.hollywoodtheatre.org>.

"Inspiring Action and Igniting Justice"

Apr 23, 8:30am-4pm, World Trade Center Plaza (121 SW Salmon St, Portland). Attend "Inspiring Action and Igniting Justice," a multicultural symposium honoring the legacy 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 symposium offers three breakout sessions presented by national and local activists: "Education: Roots to Results," "Cross-Cultural Activism," and "Law and Social Justice." For info, or to register, call (503) 224-1458, e-mail <myasui@tribune.info@gmail.com>, or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

SOLVE IT Earth Day projects

Apr 23, 9am-1pm, 130+ sites throughout Oregon. Join other volunteers for SOLVE IT, an Earth Day event offering an opportunity to work on various projects to keep Oregon beautiful. Projects include native tree planting; roadside-litter, illegal-dumpsites, and neighborhood cleanups; invasive vegetation removal in natural areas; and more. For info, including a complete list of sites, call (503) 844-9571, ext. 321, or visit <www.solveoregon.org>.

Plant for the Planet Academy

Apr 23, 9am-2pm, Barnes Elementary School (13730 SW Walker Rd, Beaverton, Ore.). Students between nine and 17



TRAVELLING EXHIBIT. "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 is Joyce Chen (1917-1994), who left Shanghai with her husband and two children and headed to Cambridge, Massachusetts. Chen's culinary skills made their house a social center. Grateful dinner guests bankrolled Chen's first restaurant in 1958, which served then-unfamiliar Mandarin-style food. Chen's 1964 cookbook and growing reputation landed her a nationally televised cooking show on the Public Broadcasting Service in 1967 — making her the first Asian to host her own television series. (Photo/Estate of Joyce Chen, courtesy of the WGBH Educational Foundation)

years old are invited to sign up to attend the free Plant for the Planet Academy. Attendees learn the science of climate change and recovery, the impact on people around the world, how to plant trees and organize planting parties, and more. For info, or to register, call (503) 645-6642 or visit <www.climatechange.recovery.org>.

"World Tai Chi Day"

Apr 23, 10am, Portland State University, Academic and Student Recreation Center, Urban Plaza (1800 SW Sixth Ave, Portland). Watch a free tai chi demonstration in celebration of "World Tai Chi Day." Participants of all levels are welcome to attend. For info, call (503) 725-8576, e-mail <confucius@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute>.

"The Golden Age of Flight"

Apr 23, 10am-noon, Center for Philanthropy, Bamboo Room (221 NW Second Ave, Third Floor, Portland). Attend "The Golden Age of Flight: Chinese-American Aviators in Oregon, 1918-1945," a talk by Dr. Ann Wetherell of Willamette University. The event includes light refreshments after the presentation. For info, or to register (requested), call (503) 973-5451 or visit <www.nwchina.org>.

"Walk + Roll Fair"

Apr 23, 10am-2pm, Kelly Elementary School (9030 SE Cooper St, Portland). Receive free basic bike repair, buy bicycle helmets for \$6, enter a raffle to win prizes, take a fix-a-flat class, enjoy free lunch at noon (to the first 120 people), participate in a community bike ride at 1:00pm (loaner bikes are available), and more at the "Walk + Roll Fair." For info, call (503) 823-5185, e-mail <safe.routes@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/68032>.

"Duality: South Asian Immigrant Voices"

Apr 23, 4:30pm, Portland State University, Lincoln Performance Hall, Room 75 (1620 SW Park Ave, Portland). Attend "Duality: South Asian Immigrant Voices," a free panel discussion featuring stories of immigration and accomplishment. The event also includes traditional South Asian music and dance performed by students. For info, call (503) 725-8576, e-mail <asianstudies@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/asian-studies>.

"Race Talks 2"

Apr 25, 5:30pm (doors open), 6-9pm (talk), Benson Polytechnic High School, Cafeteria (546 NE 12th Ave, Portland). Attend a free forum about improving relationships between the community and police. The event, which includes a panel discussion and breakout sessions, is held as part of "Race Talks 2," which is facilitated by trained volunteers from Uniting to Understand Racism. For info, call (971) 222-8254 or e-mail <racetalks01@gmail.com>.

PCC Cascade Job Fair

Apr 26, 11am-3pm, Portland Community College (PCC), Cascade Campus, Physical Education Building Gymnasium (600 N Killingsworth St, Portland). Attend PCC's annual Cascade Job Fair, which features more than 100 employers as well as information. Job seekers are encouraged to dress for interviews and bring copies of their résumé to the free public event. For info, call (971) 722-5600 or visit <www.pcc.edu/cascadejobfair>.

Never Let Me Go

Apr 26, 6:30-7:45pm, Fairview-Columbia Library (1520 NE Village St, Fairview, Ore.). Engage in conversation about literature at a Pageturners discussion sponsored by Friends of the Library. The book for discussion is Kazuo Ishiguro's *Never Let Me Go*, a novel that imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewed version of contemporary England. For info, call (503) 988-5655 or visit <events.multco.lib.org>.

Free cancer screenings

Apr 27, 9am-5pm, Providence Cancer Center, Jill Lematta Learning Center (4805 NE Glisan St, Portland). Receive free oral, head, and neck cancer screenings at the Providence Cancer Center. For info, or to register (recommended), call (503) 574-6595.

"We Are What We Eat"

Apr 27, 6-7:30pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Reflect on how your relationship to food production, preparation, and consumption might help create self-sufficiency

and empowered citizenship at "We Are What We Eat: Connecting Food and Citizenship," a gathering facilitated by poet and essayist Wendy Willis. For info, call (503) 988-5388 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Protecting Welfare in Japan — Keeping Article 25 Alive"

Apr 28, 6pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 296/8 (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend "Protecting Welfare in Japan — Keeping Article 25 Alive," a free talk by Hideaki Shibata of Rikkyo University about how the constitutional clause providing Japanese citizens with the right to "minimum standards of wholesome and cultured living" has been interpreted and put into practice since the Constitution of Japan went into effect in 1947. For info, call (503) 725-8577 or visit <www.pdx.edu/cjs>.

"Criminal Justice Career Fair"

Apr 29-30, 11am-3pm, Oregon Public Safety Academy (4190 Aumsville Hwy SE, Salem, Ore.). Attend the "Criminal Justice Career Fair" to learn about more than 500 vacancies for sworn and non-sworn positions currently available in Oregon at city, county, state, tribal, university, and federal law-enforcement agencies. Positions are available within police bureaus, corrections, investigations, parole and probation, emergency communications, and more. The event is open to all, including interested applicants; middle school, high school, and college students of all ages; parents; veterans; employment and guidance counsellors; and others. More than three dozen agencies are participating. For info, call (503) 378-8531 or visit <www.oregon.gov/dpsst/docs/flyer.pdf>.

Friends of the Library book sale

Apr 29-May 2, 6-9pm (Fri, members only), 9am-6pm (Sat), 11am-5pm (Sun), 9am-3pm (Mon), Gresham Station Shopping Center (1271 NW Civic Dr, Gresham, Ore.). Attend a used book sale presented by Friends of the Multnomah County Library. Many Asian-language books are available along with CDs, DVDs, LPs, audiobooks, sheet music, and more. Many books are \$2 and children's items start at 50 cents. For info, call (503) 224-9176, or visit <www.friends-library.org> or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Volleyball national championships

Apr 30-May 1, 7am, Oregon Convention Center (777 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Portland). Watch the volleyball national championships, a competition hosted by the Columbia Empire Volleyball Association (CEVA) that features more than 350 teams from Oregon and southwest Washington. The event is free for spectators. For info, or to obtain a competition schedule, call (503) 644-7468 or visit <www.cevaregion.org>.

"The Chinese in Oregon and the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files"

May 1, 3-4pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Attend "The Chinese in Oregon and the Chinese Exclusion Act Case Files," a talk by Trish Hackett Nicola, a volunteer with the Chinese Exclusion Act files at the National Archives in Seattle, which holds thousands of Chinese Exclusion Act files on Chinese living in Oregon. The files contain biographical information, most have photos, and some include affidavits from witnesses. A file may cover a single trip back to China or several trips over 30 or 40 years, with photos taken every time the Chinese person left the United States, and may also have a map of the applicant's village in China or a list of all the partners in their corporation. In addition, most of the files contain written interrogations that offer a wealth of information on extended families in the United States and in China. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Vietnamese earthquake preparedness

May 1, 20 & 29; May 1, 2:30-4pm, Gregory Heights Library (7921 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland); May 20, 4-5:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland); May 29, 2:30-4pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Learn what to do before, during, and after an earthquake at an earthquake-preparedness class conducted in Vietnamese. Discussions include how to make a family plan, how to build an emergency kit, what items should be included in a kit and the proper way to store it, and more. For info, call (503) 988-5386 (Gregory Heights), (503) 988-5389 (Holgate), or (503) 988-5392 (Midland), or visit

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