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Eclipse book display & glasses giveaway

Through Aug 21, 10am-9pm (Mon-Fri), 10am-6pm (Sat), noon-6pm (Sun), Tigard Public Library (13500 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, Ore.). Peruse a book display about the 2017 solar eclipse and pick up a free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses (while supplies last) at the Tigard Public Library. For info, call (503) 684-6537 or visit <www.tigard-or.gov/library.php>.

Wednesday morning tai chi

Through Sep 1 (Wed), 8am & 9:30am; 8am, Stephens Creek Nature Park (SW Bertha Blvd & SW Chestnut St, Portland); 9:30am, Wallace Park (NW 25th Ave & NW Raleigh St, Portland). Attend free tai chi sessions held as part of Portland Parks & Recreation's "Fitness in the Parks." Registration is encouraged, but drop-ins are welcome. For info, or to register (course #1072775), call (503) 823-PLAY (7529) or visit <www.portlandparks.org>.

"Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor"

Through Sep 4, 10am-5pm (Mon-Fri), 10am-6pm (Sat-Sun), Pacific Science Center (200 Second Ave N, Seattle). View "Terracotta Warriors of the First Emperor," an exhibit that includes 10 original life-size statues from the terracotta army — created 2,200 years ago and consisting of 6,000 life-sized soldiers, horses, chariots, bowmen, and archers standing guard at the tomb of Emperor Qin Shihuang in a 20-square-mile burial compound — and more than 100 original objects and artifacts from the first imperial dynasty of China, on loan from the People's Republic of China. In addition to original objects, the exhibit features hands-on science learning through a series of interactive and immersive experiences. For info, call (206) 443-2001 or visit <www.pacificsciencecenter.org>.

Poet's Beach

Through Sep 4, 11am-7pm, South Waterfront Park, Poet's Beach (SW Moody Ave & SW River Pkwy, Portland). Visit Poet's Beach, Portland's new river swimming beach. Personal flotation devices (PFDs) are available to borrow while swimming at the beach and lifeguards are on site during beach hours, which are subject to change. For info, call (503) 823-PLAY (7529) or visit <www.portlandparks.org>.

"American Obon"

Through Oct 15, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun), Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View "American Obon," an exhibit that explores the roots of *obon*, its unique character in the continental United States, *obon* dancing (*bon odori*), and the enduring legacy of Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga, a Japanese Buddhist minister who introduced *doyo buyo* (children's dance) and *bon odori* to numerous communities along the west coast of the United States. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

Eclipse storytime & craft

Aug 7-10; Aug 7, 2-3pm, Capitol Hill Library (10723 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland); Aug 8, 3-4:15pm, Northwest Library (2300 NW Thurman St, Portland); Aug 9, 10:30-11:45am, Gregory Heights Library (7921 NE Sandy Blvd, Portland); Aug 10, 10:30-11:30am, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland); Aug 10, 2-3:15pm, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Attend an eclipse event to learn why eclipses happen, what to expect, and how to protect your eyes in preparation for the rare total solar eclipse occurring on August 21. The event includes a reading of *The Big Eclipse*. Participants create solar-eclipse viewers to take home. Free tickets are available 30 minutes prior to the August 7 and 10 events; book giveaways are featured at the August 8 through 10 events. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Nikkei community picnic

Aug 8 (deadline to register). Attend the annual Nikkei community picnic, scheduled for Sunday, August 20 from noon to 5:00pm in the South Park Area at Oaks Park (7805 SE Oaks Park Way, near the east end of the Sellwood Bridge, Portland). The free event, which is open to the public, features games, rides, prizes, food, and a performance by Portland Taiko. Attendees should bring a side dish corresponding to their last name: A-Ki, rice or noodle dish; Kl-Sa, salad or vegetable dish; Sc-Z, dessert or bread dish. For info, or to register, call Connie at (503) 243-3291.

The Arab Americans

Aug 8, 11pm-midnight; repeats Aug 10, 4-5am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch *The Arab Americans*, a program highlighting the contributions made by Arab-American immigrants to the American fabric. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

Organic gardening short course

Aug 8, 15, 22 & 29, 4-7pm, Menlo Park Elementary School Garden (12900 NE Glisan St, Portland). Improve the productivity of home vegetable gardens by attending an organic gardening short course hosted by Grow Portland. The four-part, hands-on gardening classes teach the theory and practice of organic gardening, including selecting a garden site, soil preparation, irrigation, planting, pests, diseases, and harvest. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 477-2333 or visit <www.growportland.org>.

World Baijiu Day

Aug 9, 4-8pm, Danwei Canting, Rooftop (803 SE Stark St, Portland). Attend World Baijiu Day, a day that aims to give further exposure to the baijiu spirit, which is typically consumed lukewarm as shots with the toast *ganbei* ("dry glass"). The



MEET THE PATELS. Meet the Patels, a real-life romantic comedy following a 30-year-old single man from a Hindu family who enters the semi-arranged marriage system in America, airs August 16 on Oregon Public Broadcasting. Pictured are Ravi and Geeta Patel with their parents. (Photo courtesy of Four in a Billion Pictures)

informal theme of the evening is "beyond ganbei." For info, or to register, call (503) 973-5451 or visit <www.nwchina.org>.

Hiroshima & Nagasaki remembrance

Aug 9, 6-8pm, Japanese American Historical Plaza (NW Naito Parkway near NW Couch St, Portland). Attend "Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki: From Despair to Hope," a commemoration of the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War II. The free, family-friendly program — honoring lives lost to nuclear weapons and encouraging a nuclear-free future — features guest speakers, a performance by Portland Taiko, an interactive art project, activities, and more. For info, call (503) 274-2720 or visit <www.oregonpsr.org>.

"The Mekong River with Sue Perkins"

Aug 9, 8-9pm; repeats Aug 11, 1-2am & Aug 13, 10-11am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch "The Mekong River with Sue Perkins," a show about a life-changing, 3,000-mile journey up Southeast Asia's greatest river. The episode highlights the Mekong Delta in Vietnam and Cai Rang as well as the delta's largest floating market. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

Science Pub Eugene: "What Can We Learn from Eclipses?"

Aug 10, 5pm (doors open), 6:30pm (talk), Whirled Pies Pizzeria (199 W 8th Ave, Eugene, Ore.). Join Dr. Scott Fisher, a faculty member and director of undergraduate studies in the Department of Physics at the University of Oregon, for "From Oregon to Exoplanets — What Can We Learn from Eclipses?" The informal science education event is part of the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry's "Science Pub" series. For info, call (503) 797-4000 or visit <www.oms.edu>.

"Say Hey!"

Aug 10, 5:30-8pm, Marylhurst University, Clark Commons Building (17600 Pacific Hwy, Marylhurst, Ore.). Attend an event designed to help professionals of color make connections as they settle in Portland. Food is provided and everyone who supports diversity in the workplace is welcome. For info, or to register, call (503) 552-6755 or visit <www.partnersindiversity.org>.

Free citizenship classes

Aug 11, 18 & 25, 10:30am-noon, Midland Library (805 SE 122nd Ave, Portland). Learn about the process of becoming a U.S. citizen and prepare for the citizenship interview at free classes taught in English by Goodwill instructors. Participants learn about U.S. history and government. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free health screenings at AHSC

Aug 12, 11am-4pm, Asian Health & Service Center (3430 SE Powell Blvd, Portland). Receive free screenings for visual acuity, hearing, blood pressure, diabetes, and glaucoma. Those seeking a diabetes test should fast for three hours prior to the screening. The screenings are held as part of the Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC) Health Fair. No registration is required. Consultations and screenings are available in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, and Vietnamese. For info, call (503) 872-8822, e-mail <healthfair@ahscpd.org>, or visit <www.ahscpd.org>.

"Star Party: Perseid Meteor Shower"

Aug 12, 9pm, Rooster Rock State Park (I-84, 22 miles east of Portland near exit 25) & Stub Stewart State Park (30380 NW Highway 47, Buxton, Ore.). Gather with like-minded astronomy buffs for "Star Party: Perseid Meteor Shower Watch," presented by the Oregon Museum of Science & Industry, Rose City Astronomers, and Oregon Parks and Recreation. The event is an opportunity to view the wonder of the Perseid Meteor Shower through telescopes and learn about the meteor shower and constellations. For info, call (503) 797-4000. To check for weather-related updates and cancellations, visit <www.oms.edu/starparties>.

"Eclipse!"

Aug 12, 19 & 20; Aug 12, 2-3:30pm, Sellwood-Moreland Library (7860 SE 13th Ave, Portland); Aug 19, 3:30-5pm, Hollywood Library (4040 NE Tillamook St, Portland); Aug 20, 2:30-4pm, Multnomah County Central Library (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Learn about some of the great myths and superstitions about eclipses immortalized in the earliest art and writings as well as the lives of the great scientists who helped humanity realize the actual science behind solar and lunar eclipses at "Eclipse?" For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Meet a Scientist" at OMSI

Aug 12 & 26, Sep 9 & 23, 1-4pm, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry (1945 SE Water Ave, Portland). Attend "Meet a Scientist," a program featuring local scientists who are Science Communication Fellows at the Oregon Museum of Science &

Industry. Each afternoon event includes the scientists sharing their research and knowledge through hands-on activities and conversation. For info, call (503) 797-4000 or visit <www.oms.edu>.

"Terror in Little Saigon"

Aug 15, 11pm-midnight; repeats Aug 17, 4-5am; Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB). Watch "Terror in Little Saigon," an episode of Frontline focusing on the search for assassins who targeted five Vietnamese-American journalists killed between 1981 and 1990. To verify showtimes, call (503) 293-1982 or visit <www.opb.org>.

"Eclipse It!"

Aug 15-21, 10am-8pm (Mon-Thu), 10am-6pm (Fri-Sat), 1-5pm (Sun), Sherwood Public Library (22560 SW Pine St, Sherwood, Ore.). Enjoy activities held in celebration of the coming solar eclipse and learn how to keep one's eyes protected while viewing the eclipse at "Eclipse It!" A limited supply of free eclipse-viewing glasses is available. For info, call (503) 625-6688 or visit <www.sherwoodoregon.gov/library>.

"Eclipses & Other Occultations"

Aug 16, 7-8:30pm, Tigard Public Library (13500 SW Hall Blvd, Tigard, Ore.). Attend "Eclipses & Other Occultations," a talk by Dr. Roy Torley about the upcoming eclipse. The event features pictures and short movies of past eclipses of the sun and the moon, as well as on Jupiter and Saturn. For info, call (503) 684-6537 or visit <www.tigard-or.gov/library.php>.

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Canton Alley Party in Seattle

Aug 17, 5-7:30pm, Historic Canton Alley (Canton St, Seattle). Enjoy music, food, and visual arts at the Canton Alley Party. The event includes a visit to historic Canton Alley Apartment No. 6, information about the Sun May Company, toy Rickshaw Races, and more. For info, or to register, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Sun Moon Earth

Aug 17, 7pm, Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing (3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Join Tyler Nordgren as he presents *Sun Moon Earth*, a book exploring how an eclipse of the sun was transformed from a fearsome omen into a tourist attraction, and how people of different cultures — including the astrologers of ancient China and Babylon and the high priests of the Maya — interpreted the dramatic events. For info, call (503) 643-3131 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Total solar eclipse party

Aug 17 & 19; Aug 17, 6:30-7:30pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.); Aug 19, 2-3:30pm, Holgate Library (7905 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland). Attend a total solar eclipse party to learn more about the "Great American Total Solar Eclipse" happening on August 21. The event includes a short video, crafts, and a free pair of eclipse-viewing glasses to decorate and take home. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Free guided canoe paddles

Aug 17 & 23, Sep 6; Aug 17, 10:30am & Sep 6, 8pm, Willamette Park (SW Macadam Ave & SW Nebraska St, Portland); Aug 23, 9:30am, Vancouver Lake Park (6801 NW Lower River Rd, Vancouver, Wash.). Take part in free guided big-canoe paddles led by professional environmental educators at locations along the lower Columbia River and its tributaries in Oregon and Washington. Participants help paddle one of two stable 29-foot canoes, enjoying a unique perspective on the water. Paddles, binoculars for wildlife viewing, and personal flotation devices in standard sizes are provided on the family-friendly trips, which are suitable for people age five and older. Space is limited and online reservations open six weeks before each paddle at 7:00am. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 226-1565 or visit <www.estuarypartnership.org>.

"Taekwon in a Multicultural World"

Aug 18, 3-4pm, Rockwood Library (17917 SE Stark St, Portland). Attend "Taekwon in a Multicultural World," an event offering a brief introductory history of taekwondo as well as an interactive non-contact demonstration performed by experienced men, women, and children. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Great American Eclipse at the Oregon State Capitol

Aug 19-21, 9am-2pm (Sat-Sun), 8am-5pm (Mon), Oregon State Capitol (900 Court St NE, Salem, Ore.). Watch the Great American Eclipse in Salem at the Oregon State Capitol. The three-day celebration features tower tours to the Oregon Pioneer (August 19, 9am, 10am, 11am, noon & 1pm), a performance by the Salem Philharmonia Orchestra (August 19, 11:30am), a lecture by Oregon Museum of Science & Industry educator Jim Todd (August 20, 11:30am), a narration of the eclipse by Rose City Astronomers president Margaret Mcree (August 21, 9:05am), self-guided building tours, and more. Free eclipse glasses are handed out at 11:00am on August 20 and before 9:00am on August 21, while supplies last. For info, call (503) 986-1388 or visit <www.oregoncapitol.com>.

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