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"Hometown Desi"

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Hometown Desi: South Asian Culture in the Pacific Northwest," an exhibit exploring how South Asians — whose immigration to the Pacific Northwest has spanned more than a century — have forged new identities based on their roots in South Asia combined with their experiences in the U.S. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"I Am Filipino"

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "I Am Filipino," an exhibit using personal stories and photographs to explore how Filipino identity is impacted by many factors, as well as how the culture lives on in the community. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"Vietnam in the Rearview Mirror"

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Vietnam in the Rearview Mirror," an exhibit exploring the complex and interwoven identity of Vietnamese Americans. The display looks at Vietnamese refugees and immigrants who built a life and established roots in America and how the younger generation strives to shape their own story not solely defined by the war that brought their parents to the U.S. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"Baseball and Bowling"

Through Apr 8, 11am-3pm (Tue-Sat), noon-3pm (Sun), Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland). View "Baseball and Bowling: Sports Memorabilia from Minidoka and Post-WWII Portland," a new display at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>.

"Reimagining Home: The Cultural Journey of South Asian Americans"

Through Apr 22, 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). View "Reimagining Home: The Cultural Journey of South Asian Americans," an exhibit that explores the cultural footprint of the South Asian diaspora in America. Immigrants from the Indian Subcontinent, a vast land that encompasses ancient civilizations, rich mythology, and epic political struggles, come from countries such as India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. Visitors are invited to discover visual art, dance, music, poetry, literature, textiles, and food through multimedia installations, everyday objects, and more. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

"Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner"

Through Apr 22 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Year of Remembrance: Glimpses of a Forever Foreigner," an exhibit featuring poems by Lawrence Matsuda and artwork by Roger Shimomura. The display explores historic and contemporary issues of racism, discrimination, and human rights. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"Voyage to Vietnam: Celebrating the Tet Festival"

Through May 6 (daily), 9am-5pm; Mar 29, 11am-12:30pm (Bilingual Storytime); Portland Children's Museum (4015 SW Canyon Rd, Portland). View "Voyage to Vietnam: Celebrating the



MINORU YASUI DAY. Join the "Minoru Yasui Day March for Justice," a celebration of the historic bill passed unanimously in 2016 by the Oregon Senate and House designating March 28 of each year as "Minoru Yasui Day." The event includes a walk, awards, a ceremony, a screening of the documentary *Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice*, and a question-and-answer session. Pictured is Minoru Yasui (1916-1986) in 1983. (Photo courtesy of the Yasui family)

Tet Festival," a hands-on exhibit offering children an opportunity to discover the beauty, sights, and sounds of Vietnam through its most important celebration of the year — *Tet* — the Vietnamese New Year. While welcoming and celebrating the Year of the Dog, museum-goers learn about the traditions, customs, and values exemplified by the annual celebration. On March 29 from 11:00am to 12:30pm, youth are invited to join museum staff for a Bilingual Storytime. For info, call (503) 223-6500 or visit <www.portlandcm.org>.

"What's in Your Cup? Community-Brewed Culture"

Through Sep 16 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "What's in Your Cup? Community-Brewed Culture," an exhibit that looks at the beverages that have given life to communities — from farmers and families who nurture the raw materials to friends and kin who bond over shared drinks. The display explores stories of the growers, scientists, and innovators who created and continue to adapt Asian beverages so cultures can thrive. "What's in Your Cup?" also speaks to the histories of commerce, colonization, and survival embodied in the beverages, including personal stories from the Tomisawa family, who moved their 20-generation family saké business from Japan to Seattle following the Fukushima nuclear disaster that destroyed their operations; Joan and Bob Seko, who ran the beloved Bush Garden, a karaoke bar and former restaurant in the Chinatown-International District whose viability is threatened by gentrification; Carmel Laurino, who is working to increase the value of Filipino coffee by connecting growers to consumers across the world; Lydia Lin, who operates Seattle Best Tea in the Chinatown-International District and invites the public to experience Chinese culture through tea and how "drinking tea shortens the distance between people"; and Koichi Kitazumi, who works at Starbucks and shares how they develop products overseas that match the tastes of consumers and ensure its stores serve as a community gathering place. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Mahjong group

Mar 20 & 27, 1-4pm, Gresham Library (385 NW Miller Ave, Gresham, Ore.). Players of all skill levels are invited to join a mahjong group. A coach is available to teach new players. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

OCAPIA public meeting

Mar 21, 9:30am-noon, Oregon State Bar, Sandy Meeting Room (16037 SW Upper Boones Ferry Rd, Tigard, Ore.). Attend a public meeting of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OCAPIA). The meeting agenda includes commissioner reports; other subjects of interest to the commission; comments by guest speaker Mark Mitsui, the president of Portland Community College; and more. For info, call (503) 302-9725 or visit <www.oregon.gov/OCAPIA/Pages/index.aspx>.

Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA)

Mar 22 & 29, 5:45-7:45pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Schedule an appointment to meet with highly trained volunteer counsellors at a free Medicare information event focusing on comparing insurance options, untangling paperwork and problems, appealing benefit denials, and reporting Medicare fraud. To schedule a one-hour appointment (required), call (503) 988-3646. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

HSK & YCT Chinese Proficiency Exams

Mar 24, 9:30am, Venue to be announced. Take the Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Chinese Proficiency Exam, China's official, standardized Chinese language proficiency test for non-native speakers, at Portland State University (PSU). The Youth Chinese Test (YCT) for native primary and secondary school students is also available. PSU's Confucius Institute is serving as a host site for the tests. For info, or to register, call (503) 725-5054, e-mail <confucius@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/confucius-institute>.

SOLVE Beach Cleanup

Mar 24, 10am-1pm, Oregon Coast. Join fellow Oregonians for the annual SOLVE Beach Cleanup. Volunteers are needed to clean Oregon's beaches from the Washington to the California border. Participants are asked to check in at one of 45 meeting sites and clean up the coastline for wildlife and visitors. Sturdy shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, a reusable container for drinking water, a reusable bag or bucket for collecting trash, and gloves are suggested. Volunteers are also encouraged to carpool or use public transportation where possible, pack a "trash-free" lunch, and bring an old colander or kitty-litter scooper to beach cleanup sites to sift the tide lines for harmful, bite-sized bits of plastic and cigarette butts. For info, or to register, call (503) 844-9571 or 1-800-333-SOLV (7658), ext. 332, or visit <www.solveoregon.org>.

Hing Hay Park expansion

Mar 24, 1-3pm, Hing Hay Park (423 Maynard Ave S, Seattle). Attend the official ribbon cutting of the Hing Hay Park expansion, a project that doubled the size of the original park. Hing Hay Park literally means "pleasurable gatherings" and the park serves as an important community gathering place for the neighborhood. The celebration includes face painting, games, light refreshments, a lion dance, and a performance by the Seattle Chinese Community Girls Drill Team. For info, call (206) 615-0810 or visit <www.seattle.gov/parks/about-us/current-projects/hing-hay-park>.

"Refugee Women Reflect on Enter West and Their Migration Experiences"

Mar 24, 3-5pm, Hollywood Library (4040 NE Tillamook St, Portland). Explore the truths of *Enter West* with women who have lived it, at "Enter West: Refugee Women Reflect on *Enter West* and Their Migration Experiences." Women of all colors are encouraged to attend and learn about the impact of mentoring and how both parties are transformed through a shared relationship. The stories of five women refugees are shared at the event, with assistance from their Portland Meet Portland mentors. The event is held in conjunction with Everybody Reads, the Multnomah County Library's annual community reading project. For info, or to register (required), call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Never Give Up!

Mar 24, 4-6pm, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Whidbey Island (20103 State Route 525, Freeland, Wash.). Attend a screening of *Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice*, a documentary about civil-rights lawyer and activist Minoru "Min" Yasui. The screening is followed by a talk with film co-director Holly Yasui. For info, call (360) 321-8656.

Railway Sleepers

Mar 26, 7pm, Portland Art Museum, Northwest Film Center, Whitsell Auditorium (1219 SW Park Ave, Portland). Watch *Railway Sleepers*, a documentary that looks at Thai society through the somewhat unlikely lens of a railcar. Riding through stunningly beautiful countryside and cities, the film examines the entire train from the perspectives of both class and time. What emerges is a vital portrait of a country at a crossroads, hurtling through history and trying to find its footing in a world gone global. (Thailand, 2016, Sompot Chidgasornpongse, 102 mins.) For info, or to buy tickets, call (503) 221-1156 or visit <www.nwfilm.org>.

"Minoru Yasui Day March for Justice"

Mar 28, 4-6pm, Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (121 NW Second Ave, Portland) & Portland Center Stage (128 NW 11th Ave, Portland). Join the "Minoru Yasui Day March for Justice," a celebration of the historic bill passed unanimously in 2016 by the Oregon Senate and House designating March 28 of each year as "Minoru Yasui Day." Attendees are asked to gather at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (ONLC) at 4:00pm for a walk from ONLC to Portland Center Stage at The Armory. At 4:30pm, an awards ceremony takes place for the Minoru Yasui essay contest. The ceremony is followed by a 5:00pm screening of the documentary *Never Give Up! Minoru Yasui and the Fight for Justice* and a 6:00pm question-and-answer session with Holly Yasui and Peggy Nagae, the lead attorney for Min Yasui's *coram nobis* case. For info, call (503) 224-1458 or visit <www.oregonnikkei.org>. To learn more, visit <www.minoruyasuitribute.org>.

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