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

Currently on display, noon-5pm (Thu-Sun), Portland Chinatown Museum (127 NW Third 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). The exhibit is an expanded permanent version of the display featured at the Oregon Historical Society in 2016. For info, call (503) 224-0008 or visit <www.portlandchinatown.org>.

"A Dragon Lives Here"

Currently on display (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). Learn about Bruce Lee at "Do You Know Bruce?" Part four of the display — "A Dragon Lives Here" — explores his Seattle roots and the fact that Seattle, now known as a city for innovation, technology, and entrepreneurs, also played a key role in shaping Bruce Lee and his groundbreaking approach. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

"Worlds Beyond Here"

Through Sep 15 (Tue-Sun), 10am-5pm, Wing Luke Museum of the Asian Pacific American Experience (719 S King St, Seattle). View "Worlds Beyond Here: The Expanding Universe of APA Science Fiction," an exhibit that looks at the connection between Asian Pacific Americans and the infinite possibilities of science fiction. The display features pieces such as an Augmented Reality sculpture garden, a Connection Machine (early supercomputer) from the Living Computers Museum, a local 14-year-old cosplayer who creates robots out of cardboard, a mix of literary and pop culture works, and more. For info, call (206) 623-5124 or visit <www.wingluke.org>.

Communities of color workgroup

Jan 22, 2-4pm, State Office Building in Portland, Room 1A (800 NE Oregon St, Portland). Attend the first public meeting of the Tri-County Regional Behavioral Health Collaborative Communities of Color Workgroup. The workgroup brings together multiple sectors across the Portland metropolitan area to collectively address and prevent behavioral health challenges. Its focus is peer-delivered services and substance use disorder activities that can make an impact in 12 to 24 months. For info, contact Summer at (503) 753-9688, e-mail <summer.h.boslaugh@state.or.us>, or visit website <www.oregon.gov/OHA/HSD/BHP/Pages/Regional-Collaboratives.aspx>.

"Building Women: Get Started in the Trades"

Jan 23 & 30; Jan 23, 5-6pm, Belmont Library (1038 SE César Chávez Blvd, Portland); Jan 30, 6-7pm, Hillsdale Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd, Portland). Wonder what it's like to be a carpenter, plumber, or electrician? Teens and adults are invited to attend "Building Women: Get Started in the Trades," an overview of what it takes to build a successful career in the trades, whether you're just getting started or looking for a change. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Rabbi Angela W. Buchdahl

Jan 24, 7:30pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend "Being a Stranger — A Story of a Wandering Jew," a free lecture by Rabbi Angela W. Buchdahl, the first Asian American to be ordained as a rabbi in North America. The talk — the 14th Annual Gus and Libby Solomon Memorial Lecture — is presented by the Harold Schnitzer Family Program in Judaic Studies at Portland State University. For info, call (503) 725-8449, e-mail <judaicst@pdx.edu>, or visit <www.pdx.edu/judaic>.

Free "Fix-It Fair"

Jan 26 & Feb 23, 9:30am-2:30pm; Jan 26, Ockley Green Middle School (6031 N Montana Ave, Portland); Feb 23, Floyd Light Middle School (10800 SE Washington St, 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 and nutrition, community resources, recycling, yard care, lead testing, bike maintenance, and more. The event also features a Repair Café as well as lunch, free on-site childcare, and hourly door prizes. For info, call (503) 823-4309, e-mail <fixitfair@portlandoregon.gov>, or visit <www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/41892>.

Talk Time at Central Library

Jan 28, 5:30-7pm, Multnomah County Central Library, Room 2B (801 SW 10th Ave, Portland). Join other non-native English speakers at an informal conversation circle for people who want to practice speaking English. Talk Time is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share culture, and have fun. Only English is spoken. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

Martin Luther King Jr. events at PSU

Jan 28-29, 6:30pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union, Ballroom (1825 SW Broadway, Third Floor, Portland). Attend activities held at Portland State University in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Events include a talk, "Living the Legacy: Confronting Economic Injustice in Times of Crisis" (January 28), featuring Rukaiyah Adams, and "Echoes of the Past: Portland Scholars and Activists Make Connections to Dr. King," a panel with scholars and activists. To reserve free tickets, call (503) 725-3307 or visit <www.pdx.edu>.

"Postwar Constitution of Japan"

Jan 29, Feb 12 & Mar 5, 6pm, Portland State University, Smith Memorial Student Union (1825 SW Broadway, Portland). Attend free winter lectures presented by Portland State University's Center for Japanese Studies. The theme of the series is "Postwar Constitution of Japan." Topics covered include "Constitutional Amendments for the Future" (January 29, room 338) by professor Koichi Yokota of Kyushu University, "The History of Religious Freedom and Separation of Religion from State Under the Constitution of Japan" (February 12, room 327/328) by professor Helen Hardacre of Harvard University, and "The History of Article 9 (the no-war clause) of the Postwar Constitution of Japan: Its Establishment, Evolution, and Hollowing Out" (March 5, room 327/328) by professor Katsutoshi Takami, professor emeritus at Sophia University. For info, or to reserve space, call (503) 725-8577 or visit <www.pdx.edu/cjs/events>.

Last Boat Out of Shanghai

Jan 31, 7:30pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join Helen Zia as she presents *Last Boat Out of Shanghai*, a poignant human angle to the experiences of refugees. Shanghai has historically been China's jewel, its richest, most modern city. The bustling metropolis was home to sophisticated intellectuals, entrepreneurs, and a thriving middle class when Mao's proletarian revolution emerged victorious from the long civil war. Terrified of the horrors the Communists would wreak upon their lives, citizens of Shanghai who could afford to, fled in every direction. Seventy years later, the last generation to fully recall this massive exodus has opened the story to Chinese-American journalist Zia, who interviewed hundreds of exiles about their journey through one of the most tumultuous events of the 20th century. From these moving accounts, Zia weaves the story of four young Shanghai residents who wrestled with the decision to abandon everything as refugees in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and the U.S. The book event is sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO). For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

A Place Called Home: From Vanport to Albina

Feb 3-4; Feb 3, 3-4pm, St. Johns Library (7510 N Charleston Ave, Portland); Feb 4, 6:30-7:30pm, Albina Library (3605 NE 15th Ave, Portland). Attend screenings of oral history documentaries held as part of the Vanport Mosaic living archive. Through archival footage, historic photographs, and first-person narratives, the collection of short films traces the story of Portland's African-American community from the 1940s to 1970s and reveals the struggle, perseverance, and resilience that continue today. The Vanport Mosaic is a community-driven, artist-led nonprofit seeking to engage the public in remembering the silenced histories of the Pacific Northwest in order to better understand the present. For info, call (503) 988-5123 or visit <events.multcolib.org>.

The Schoolhouse Gate

Feb 4, 7:30pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join Justin Driver as he presents *The Schoolhouse Gate*. Driver, a constitutional law scholar who clerked for Judge Merrick B. Garland, Justice Stephen Breyer, and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, gives readers an engaging and alarming book that aims to vindicate the rights of public school students, which have often been undermined by the Supreme Court in recent decades. From racial segregation to unauthorized immigration, from anti-war protests to compulsory flag salutes — these are but a few of the cultural anxieties dividing American society that the Supreme Court has addressed in schools. Driver's book gives a fresh account of the historic legal battles waged over education and illuminates contemporary disputes that continue to fracture the nation. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

I Used to Be a Miserable F*ck

Feb 6, 7:30pm, Powell's City of Books (1005 W Burnside St, Portland). Join John Kim as he presents *I Used to Be a Miserable F*ck*. Deep in post-divorce soul searching, Kim came to an astonishing realization: He was a miserable f*ck who might just be to blame for the problems in his life. Armed with this new insight, he began The Angry Therapist blog — an admission that, while he was a licensed therapist and life coach, he was no better than the people who sought his advice. With a no-nonsense approach that makes you laugh and think, *I Used to Be a Miserable F*ck* takes readers on a rugged, rough-and-tumble road trip of self-exploration and discovery. For info, call (503) 228-4651 or visit <www.powells.com>.

Melissa Iwai & Denis Markell

Feb 11, 7pm, Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing (3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Join illustrator Melissa Iwai as she presents *Thirty Minutes Over Oregon* (written by Marc Tyler Nobleman), a book that tells the important and moving true story of reconciliation after war, in which a Japanese pilot bombs the continental U.S. during World War II — the only enemy ever to do so — and comes back 20 years later to apologize. Also presenting at the event is Denis Markell, author of *The Game Masters of Garden Place*, a quirky Dungeons & Dragons-inspired adventure for middle readers. In addition to a reading of their respective books, Iwai and Markell also discuss being a household of children's book creators. For info, call (503) 643-3131 or visit <www.powells.com>.

American Sutra

Feb 15, 7pm, Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing (3415 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, Ore.). Join Duncan Ryuken Williams as he presents *American Sutra: A Story of Faith and Freedom in the Second World War*, a book that tells about the mass incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II that was not only a tale of injustice but a moving story of faith. In *American Sutra*, the author reveals how, even as they were stripped of their homes and imprisoned in camps, Japanese-American Buddhists launched one of the most inspiring defenses of religious freedom in U.S. history, insisting that they could be both Buddhist and American. In the face of discrimination, dislocation, dispossession, and confinement, Japanese Americans turned to their faith to sustain them, whether they were behind barbed wire in internment camps or serving in one of the most decorated combat units in the European theater. For info, call (503) 643-3131 or visit <www.powells.com>.

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