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Several Southeast Asian cultures celebrate traditional new year (e.g. Songkran in Thailand) in April, when the sun transits the constellation Aries.

Over 6% of Virginia’s population identifies as Pacific Islander or Asian-American, compared to ~5.5% of the U.S. population.

~8% of Virginia Tech’s student population is Asian Pacific Islander (API), although API students are underrepresented in natural resources.

Asian-Americans are the fastest growing racial group in the US, and by 2010, Asian Pacific immigrants exceeded Hispanic immigrants.

More than 30% of the commercial fishing community in the Gulf of Mexico is Asian-American, many of whom are active in the environmental justice movement.

“I try to rely less and less on controlling nature. Instead I am learning to live with its chaos.”
—from Epitaph for a Peach, by David Mas Masumoto, Japanese-American author, ecological farmer

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