January 25 - February 7, 2013

Community leaders celebrate diversity at Martin Luther King luncheon

BY LING-MEI WONG

Civil rights leader Martin Luther King was honored with poems, dances and live music at the 26th memorial luncheon Jan. 11 at the Massachusetts Statehouse.

Several public officials attended the luncheon, including black, Latino and Asian representatives.

“I love the diversity in this room. I think it is so reflective of what Coretta Scott King wanted,” said Leverett Wing, vice chair of the Governor’s Asian American Commission and associate director of the Division of Community Services for the Department of Housing and Community Development. “Whether you are Caucasian or African American, you are part of the great dream Dr. Martin Luther King had.”

Wing is the first Chinese American to speak at the luncheon. When he was an intern at the Statehouse, the only person of color was Sen. Bill Owens. There were no elected Asian American officials and Wing was the only staffer who was Asian American.

Wing became an advocate for greater representation and equal access. “The poverty rates for Asian Americans, African Americans and Hispanics are higher than the general population,” he said. “For subgroups in the Asian community, such as Vietnamese and Cambodians, the poverty rate is 38 percent. Issues like these affect all of us. We’re all in this fight together.”

Rep. Gloria Fox of the 7th Suffolk district recognized Boston Councillor-at-large Felix Arroyo for attending. She also urged Wing to join the black and Latino caucus.

“Typo with Brother Wing, we have three Asian Americans in the House of Representatives, and nine of us are black and Latino,” Fox said. “We are a mighty posse.”

Fox encouraged attendees to live King’s legacy.

“I’ve been detained,” Fox said. “It wasn’t jail but I was chained to a bench outside the cell. I paid my dues in the ‘60s with a big afro to fulfill Dr. Martin Luther King’s vision of peace.”

Artistic tributes

Students from the Boston Community Leadership Academy sang “Lift Every Voice” and “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around.”

The Cape Cod African Drum and Dance Group led the crowd in a rousing dance with live percussion. Poet Tesha Brown read a poem about King’s example and his effect on her life.

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Mass. governor proposes higher income tax, lower sales tax

BY LING-MEI WONG

Mass. taxes will undergo changes if Gov. Deval Patrick’s plan goes through. Patrick proposed raising the income tax to 6.25 percent from 5.25 percent at the state’s commonwealth address on Jan. 16. The sales tax will be reduced to 4.5 percent from 6.25 percent, with all proceeds going toward transportation, school construction and public infrastructure.

The income tax increase comes with doubled personal exemptions for tax-payers and eliminates some itemized deductions.

“In the past, we used to think twice before asking people who already feel strapped to contribute a little more,” Patrick said. “But this time, instead of sinking into the same old slogans, let’s have a serious, fact-based debate. The people we work for want the schools I have described; they want the rail and road services we have laid out; and above all they want the opportunity and growth these investments will bring.”

The state saved $1 billion by cutting about 6,000 positions in state government, managing health care costs, reforming transportation bureaucracy and ending pension system abuse, Patrick said. These changes were to prepare for the future.

“There is no good time to raise taxes,” Patrick said. “I know how tough the times have been on the people and families of the commonwealth. And though the worst of the recession is over, many, many families still face tough decisions and have deep anxiety about the future. I would not ask if I did not believe in my heart that investing meaningfully today in education and transportation will significantly improve our economic tomorrows.”

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華美成人教育項目
迎來二十週年慶

BY LING-MEI WONG

華美福利會『下一步』項目迎來二十週年慶。圖片有黃靈美提供。

『下一步』項目新舊學員在一起分享他們在美國的經歷，老師們為他們的成就慶賀。

『下一步』項目是華美福利會的『下一步』教育總監高理查(Richard Goldberg)是她

的老師。(舢舨由華美福利會出版。)

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在美學的第ㄧ個老師，他是一

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Event Calendar

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Saturday, Jan. 26
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
ACDC
38 Oak Street,
Boston, MA 02111

Asian Community Development Corporation will hold its first house-buying class. The class will be given to the public on Jan. 26 and Jan. 27. With completion of the two-day class, students will get their first home buyer certificate, which is issued by the government. Middle or low income residents can apply for affordable housing with this certificate, and enjoy benefits such as low down payments of 3 percent for some. Class fee is $40.

Contact: 617-482-2380
ext. 208, or chop(at)asian-cdc.org.

Free tax classes
Saturdays, Jan. 26
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111

New England Chinese Information & Networking Association (NECINA) will hold its accelerator session with the theme “how to collect early stage capital when starting a business.” Invited speakers are David Zhou, founder and CEO of ePowerhouse; Jay Sun, leader of EnCandle; and Chenfang Dai, NECINA special legal adviser.

Contact: info(at) necina.org

Literature lecture
Thursday, Jan. 31
2 - 5 p.m.
Common Room, 2 Divin Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02115

Harvard Chinese Culture Workshop and Chinese Writers’ Association in N.A. New England Chapter will have a speech workshop at Harvard University. Queen Ling Li, senior research scholar of English and comparative literature at Harvard University, and Chunfang Zhou, the first director of the department of literature at HuaFan University in Taiwan, will speak. Lectures will be presented in Chinese.

Contact: Dewei Wang, Feng Zhang, changphong@gmail.com

Malden celebrating Lunar New Year
Saturday, Feb. 2
1 p.m.
77 Salem Street
Malden, MA 02148

Asian Culture Center and Malden High School Asian Culture Club are celebrating Lunar New Year together at Malden High School auditorium. There will be dragon booths and performances, including lion dance, kunfu, singing and dancing, a fashion show, as well as instrument performances. The celebration is open to the public.

Contact: 781-321-6316 or mei(at)chineseculture-connection.org

2013 Ivy League Chinese Spring Festival Gala
Saturday, Feb. 2
7:30 - 10:30 p.m.
Sanders Theater Memorial Hall
Harvard University
45 Quincy Street
Cambridge, MA 02138

Harvard Chinese Students and Scholars Association will hold the 2013 Ivy League Chinese Spring Festival Gala at Sanders Theater. The gala is organized by Ivy League CSSAs. Chinese students and scholars from colleges and universities all around the northeast United States will gather together at Harvard to celebrate the 2013 Spring Festival. Contact and tickets: www.eventbrite.com/4466379607?ref=emobiem

Malden public hearing
Monday, Feb. 4
6 - 8 p.m.
Malden Government Center
200 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Mayor Gary Christenson and the Malden Redevelopment Authority will hold a public hearing to seek input from residents and businesses on the proposal for a professional baseball ballpark in Malden. Please visit the Mayor’s Information Center at www.CityOfMalden.org.

Academy of the Pacific Rim Chinese New Year celebration
Friday, Feb. 8
6 - 9 p.m.
Hei La Moon Restaurant
88 Beach Street
Boston, MA 02111

The Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter Public School will mark the Chinese New Year in a celebration befitting the school’s Chinese language and culture program. For more information, please call (617) 361-0050 or visit www.pacrim.org.

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Or call Robyn at Metro West Collaborative Development, Inc. at 617-923-3505 x 5.
Chinatown Neighborhood Council talks about restaurants and RMV relocation

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council met Jan. 22 to discuss local restaurant changes and the relocation of the Chinatown Registry of Motor Vehicles. Its monthly meeting was held at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, 90 Tyler Street.

The council approved of Penang Restaurant, 685 Washington Street, changing its manager. Current manager Jimmy Toh is leaving for personal pursuits. The restaurant went to the Chinatown Safety Committee on Jan. 2 and will go before the licensing board.

Hot Pot Buffet on 70 Beach Street plans to expand, adding a third floor with Korean barbecue to its first and second floor operations. This will add 120 seats, bringing its total capacity to 268 seats. Owner Sunny Ching has submitted plans for salary increase.

The council approved the expansion. The council meets Jan. 22 to discuss the relocation of the Chinatown Registry of Motor Vehicles. Its monthly meeting was held at 630 Washington Street and will be renewed for another year in April. After that time, it will move to a new downtown location near Haymarket, which was part of the Big Dig construction. The space is still under construction and includes parking.

“The one of the main reasons to move out of Chinatown is not to move out but to be in a building we own,” Romano said. “We’ll be saving $1 million a year.”

Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and members of the community have asked MassDOT to keep a presence in Chinatown. A proposed RMV Express location at MassDOT would have three employees handle licenses, registration and renewals. The proposal is being discussed with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, which owns the China Trade Building.

Council member Ken Bennett resigned from the board. “With a heavy heart,” he said, “I can say I’m moving out of Chinatown.” The CTC will look for another Chinatown resident to replace Bennett. The next CTC meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Feb. 18 at the CCBA.

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Ray Fuller of Morning Star Baptist Church sang a song on standing firm despite life’s trials. In high school, he skipped class to hear King speak.

“When I look back to where I was and where I am today, I realize if it had not been for him, I wouldn’t have finished high school,” Fuller said. “I would have been a statistic, but he changed my life.”

At the end of the program, attendees sang “We Shall Overcome” to commemorate King. The annual memorial luncheon takes place before Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the third Monday in January or Jan. 21 this year. King was born Jan. 15, 1929.

Adult education program celebrates 20 years of success

BY LING-MEI WONG

The AACA’s Next Steps Transitional English Program celebrated its 20th anniversary on Jan. 17. Current and former students shared their experiences in America, while teachers congratulated them on their success.

Next STEP was the first transitional English program for adult English language learners to get into college. Cindy Siyuan He was one of the first students in 1993, who went on to Banker Hill Community College and completed graduate school at Brandeis University. Today, He runs her own real estate business.

“When He arrived in America, she was taught by Richard Goldberg, Next STEP education director at the Asian American Civic Association. (The Sampan newspaper is published by the AACA.)

“Richard was my very first teacher in the United States,” He said. “He is an excellent educator — patient, enthusiastic and kind. … You not only taught me the English language, you helped me build confidence. Looking back 20 years ago, my American dream started with AACA.”

Bunker Hill Community College and the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center were the first partners, with the program funded by the state for just three years.

“Next STEP has sent more people to college than any other program in Boston,” Goldberg said. “The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did some research and found 330 of our students enrolled in college. This is not just the most in Boston, but the most in the state of Massachusetts.”

The program’s funding was renewed and increased by DESE last year, despite other programs being cut.

“We’re No. 1 and we can’t believe we’ve had this much success,” Goldberg said.

Haider Alhemayri was another student who completed the Next STEP program in 2011. He came from Iraq with medical training but was stuck working as a cashier. After being accepted into the Boston University Bioscience Academy certificate program in 2012, he will start working at a hospital in June.

“I’ve been here for a great time with wonderful people,” Alhemayri said. “AACA did not just teach English, but how to be successful in America.”

Mary Ling, another student from the class of 1993, spoke at the party. She completed community college, studied at Northeastern University and opened her own accounting firm.

“I owe my life to AACA,” Ling said.
The National Association of Asian American Professionals unravels mystery at gala

BY JOANNE WONG

The National Association of Asian American Professionals (NAAAP) Boston’s annual gala, held on Jan. 18, “is about creating opportunity and economic growth,” Patrick said at the Orchard Gardens K-8 Pilot School in Roxbury. “If we are going to accelerate our growth and create opportunity, we must invest. This is not only about the students’ social and economic future — it is about ours.”

The proposed plan would increase public education spending to $1 billion annually over the next four years, and aims to build a more skilled workforce. Students in Massachusetts perform on average at the top in national assessments of academic achievement, but the same cannot be said of all students. In particular, students from lower-income families, English language learners, students with disabilities and many minority students struggle in school.

“Governor Patrick is time- ing on investing a total of $70 million in expanded learning time for middle school students over the next four years in high-need schools across the state. Middle school is a critical time for students, who are most vulnerable to outside influences, especially in the after-school hours. The money going towards the expanded learning time initiative will ensure that schools provide additional time, resources and enrichment programs for students.”

“We are delighted that Governor Patrick has embraced the idea that every child can succeed if they try hard enough and devote the time needed to learn,” said Chris Gabrieli, co-founder and chairman of Mass2020, an educational research and think tank that advocates for expanded learning time. “While for many children, the combination of school, home and community works well now, for most high poverty schools and communities that are facing social and economic challenges, another $226 million will be added to Chapter 70 local aid, which grants more state aid to less wealthy school districts.

Data shows three-quarters of children who struggle with reading in third grade still continue to struggle in fourth grade, and this gap continues to grow throughout their careers, greatly reducing their chances of graduating from high school or attending college.

The governor’s plan calls for the state to make a far greater investment to ensure that every child has access to support services. Patrick wants to deliver on his promise of universal access to early education by eliminating the waitlist system. New funding will go toward family and parent engagement programs.

Joanne Wong is a senior associate at the National Center on Time and Learning.

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The Board of Commissioners of the Saugus (MA) Housing Authority is presently accepting resumes for the full time position of Executive Director requiring a 37.5 hour work week. The Saugus Housing Authority is a medium size PHA, managing 300-units of Federal housing, 206 units of State aided conventional housing, 150 Section 8 Rental Assistance vouchers, 8 units of Chapter 689 housing, and 8 units ‘703 State Family housing, for a total of 471 units. The present staff includes 10 full time employees, and one part time employee. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in related field. In addition, knowledge of the principles and practices of housing management, finances, and maintenance systems in public or private housing is preferred. The candidate should possess written and verbal skills, and must be bondable. One year’s experience overseeing at least three staff persons or program administration is required. Certification as a Public Housing Manager from a HUD approved organization is required, or the ability to obtain a PHM certification within one year of hire. The qualifications may also be substituted by certification as a property manager or similar classification by a nationally recognized housing or real estate organization or by certification as a MPHA of a DHCD-approved Massachusetts Public Housing Authority.

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For more information please contact the Saugus Housing Authority at 19 Talbot Street Saugus, MA 01906. 781-455-9560. Fax 781-455-2199. Email: admin@saugushousing.org. Website: www.saugushousing.org

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Chinatown Master Plan 2010: Community vision for the future

SUBMITTED BY KYE LIANG AND WILLIAM MOY

This is the second part of a series on the Chinatown Master Plan 2010: Community Vision for the Future. The previous article summarized the process, vision, and plans. In this article, development areas and parcels are identified and an update is provided on their status. The Chinatown Master Plan 2010 is available at: immortal-organizations.org.

In 2008, the community came together to create a vision for future of Chinatown. The Chinatown Master Plan 2010 grew out of the community’s desire to preserve and sustain Chinatown in the future. The Chinatown Master Plan 2010 identified areas in the community that could anchor and support Chinatown’s future growth. It also identified sites with the potential to be developed in the future. The areas considered to be anchors are: Philip Square, South Bay New York streets, and the Hinge Block. These areas have the growth potential to be redeveloped and serve as “land bridges” to connect Chinatown with its neighbors.

Other than the anchor areas, land parcels were identified as having potential for future development and owned by the city, state, or community. These parcels are: Parcel R-1, South Bay Parcel 25, 26a, 26b, Parcel 12, Parcel A, and the 50 Herald Street property. These parcels were identified because the community has the potential to influence their development, compared to privately-owned properties which the community would have little or no influence over.

Anchor areas

Philip Square: Located at Harrison Avenue and Essex Street is a vital link between Downtown, Chinatown, and the South End through the Harrison Avenue corridor. New residential projects under construction around Philip Square are: Hayward Place, Hong Lok House, and 120 Kingston Street. The Oxford-Ping On project is in the design phase and may be ready for construction in the summer of 2013. South Bay: A 20-acre tract of land and air rights over the Albany Street tunnel is bounded by Washington, Boylston, Tremont and Stuart streets. The Chinatown Master Plan 1990 identified the site as a “land bridge” to connect Chinatown with Downtown, Midtown Cultural District, and Boston Common. Currently, the Kensington project on Washington Street project is under construction, the School Street project by AvalonBay is BRA-approved for a residential development and Parcel P-7A on Stuart Street is proposed for construction of a hotel.

Potential development parcels

Parcel 12: Owned by the BRA and located in the heart of the Theater District on Tremont Street, the parcel is a surface parking lot and sits between the DoubleTree Hotel and Tufts Medical Center parking garage. The Chinatown Master Plan 1990 originally designated the site for housing but it has since been proposed for other uses such as a school or an MBTA Silver Line portal.

Parcel A: Owned by the BRA, this site is bounded by Washington, Pine, Harrison and Marginal Road. The Josiah Quincy Upper School is presently located immediately on Parcel A until renovations are complete for their new facility. The Boston Chinese Evangelical Church was BRA-approved as a redevelopment for Parcel A in exchange for their church site on Harrison Avenue.

Parcel R-1: The former YMCA bubble is bounded by Tyler, Hudson and Harrison streets. Adjacent to Parcel R-1 is a smaller lot owned by the Chinese Christian Church. Parcel R-1 is leased to Tufts University and the BRA recently approved a five-year extension for development rights to Parcel R-1.

50 Herald Street: 50 Herald Street (SCM Building) was deeded to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association in 1983 for affordable housing through a Memorandum of Understanding with Tufts University and Tufts Medical Center. The site has been leased to C-Mart, a Chinese supermarket, and in 2012 CCHFA renewed the lease for 10 years with two five-year options.

Kye Loung was the Chinatown Master Plan 2010 project coordinator. Bill Moy is the co-founder of the Chinatown Neighborhood Council and served on the Chinatown Master Plan 2010 Oversight Committee.

Ethnic media call for immigration reform in 2013

SUBMITTED BY NEW AMERICA MEDIA

Editor’s Note: This editorial was produced in association with New America Media (www.newamerica.media), a national association of ethnic media, and was published by ethnic media across the country to bring attention to the urgency of immigration reform.

The White House and Congress must move quickly to pass just and humane comprehensive immigration reform. In the wake of the 2012 elections, both Democratic and Republican lawmakers have expressed the need to act on the issue. The window for bipartisan legislation is now open.

Ethnic media have a high stake in the future of immigration policy in this country. That’s why we are joining together to take an editorial stand to urge Congress and the White House: Make 2013 the year of immigration.

This is not merely a question of politics. We are calling for comprehensive immigration reform because it is the morally right, economically wise and pragmatically sensible thing to do.

Our country is a nation of laws, and it is clear that U.S. immigration laws need to be overhauled. The immigration system is broken, not only for the 11 million undocumented immigrants, but for the thousands of immigrants who are unable to get visas to work in the United States; for American businesses that can’t hire the workers they need; for the families who wait for years to get visas to join their relatives in the United States.

We need comprehensive immigration reform that will reunite families, reinvigorate the economy, and revive our identity as a nation that thrives on the contributions of hard-working immigrants.

It’s clear that our immigration laws are not working. Federal inaction on immigration has led states from Arizona to Alabama to write their own legislation. Even the recently announced Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program is a temporary band-aid that does nothing to solve the larger problem of broken immigration system.

Immigration has been portrayed as a divisive issue. In reality it’s not. All of us would benefit from an effective immigration system that responds to the needs of the market, protects all workers from abuse and exploitation and puts an end to the practice of separating parents from their children.

We need an immigration system that reflects the best traditions of our history — our belief in justice, equality, and economic opportunity.

As we look to the future, we must make sure that we remain competitive in an increasingly globalized world. We need to continue to attract the best and the brightest, to be the destination of the world’s most innovative workers.

We must act now. Our economy and our future depend on it.

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MASHFIELD HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PURCHASE PROGRAM ROUND 8

The Marshfield Housing Partnership is accepting additional applications from qualified applicants for grants to assist them in purchasing an existing market rate home or condominium in Marshfield. A deed restriction will be recorded on each property that receives a grant to secure affordability in perpetuity.

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Net family assets may not exceed $75,000.

Each household interested in applying should attend one of the two informational sessions being provided. Informational sessions will be held at the following locations:

- **Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 7:00 PM** Hearing Room #2, Marshfield Town Hall, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield
- **Saturday, February 9, 2013, 10:00 AM** Hearing Room #2, Marshfield Town Hall, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield

A lottery will be held on **Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 7:00 PM** at the Marshfield Town Hall, Hearing Room #2, to select grant recipients.

Successful grant recipients are required to have at least one family member attend and complete a Homebuyer Education Workshop. For additional information or to receive an application please contact the Marshfield Housing Partnership at (781) 834-1134 or email Marshfield.Housing@mass.gov. Applications are also available at the Marshfield Town Hall.

All applications must be received and date stamped by the Marshfield Housing Authority no later than 12:00 PM (Noon) on **Friday, February 22, 2013**.

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- **Wednesday, February 6, 2013, 7:00 PM** Hearing Room #2, Marshfield Town Hall, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield
- **Saturday, February 9, 2013, 10:00 AM** Hearing Room #2, Marshfield Town Hall, 870 Moraine Street, Marshfield

A lottery will be held on **Thursday, March 7, 2013, at 7:00 PM** at the Marshfield Town Hall, Hearing Room #2, to select grant recipients.

Successful grant recipients are required to have at least one family member attend and complete a Homebuyer Education Workshop. For additional information or to receive an application please contact the Marshfield Housing Partnership at (781) 834-1134 or email Marshfield.Housing@mass.gov. Applications are also available at the Marshfield Town Hall.

All applications must be received and date stamped by the Marshfield Housing Authority no later than 12:00 PM (Noon) on **Friday, February 22, 2013**.
Last month quietly heralded the arrival of Enso, a rare kaiten sushi or conveyor belt sushi, in Boston’s Chinatown. Enso, which means “circle” in Zen Buddhism, was opened by co-owner Susan Chang, who has roots in the local restaurant scene. She noticed a need for affordable kaiten sushi in Boston, a common sight in Los Angeles. After a trip to Seattle with her friend and business partner, Enso came about.

The restaurant is brightly lit with a modern and comfortable vibe. The kaiten is the focus of the dining room. Plates come in seven colors, which each plate ranging from $2 to $6.75. A plate comes with small packets of dry ice underneath the name of each item. The restaurant uses a sensor to take off items after a certain period of time to ensure freshness. Items are spaced out and feature a variety of makimono, salads, sashimi and nigiri. There are also non-sushi options that can be ordered off the menu.

We kept taking plates off the conveyor belt that appealed to us. The simple spicy salmon was light on spice, while the white tuna sushi was buttery and delicious. The Octopus salad used tennis balls that are chopped up, marinated and the name of each item. The restau

Overall, the standouts were the OMG, Tarantula and Orange Lotus, as well as the tamago and white tuna sushi. Service was attentive and thoughtful. The place was quiet on a weekend and currently has a “bring your own beer” policy. Be warned: you will have lots of fun stacking up your plates to determine what your bill will be. If you want to shake up your dining experience, then head over to Enso.

The special octopus salad used ten tacles that are chopped up, marinated and then served topped with a little bit of the seaweed salad. Next we got the Tarantula with softshell crab, avocado and salmon inside. The Lollipop we enjoyed was three pieces of tuna and salmon, wrapped in cucumber then topped with mango sauce and tempura flakes. The simple ingredients played up the sweetness of the fruit, fresh fish and tempura flakes, along with the refreshing crunch from the cucumber.

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Ask Doctor Yu, Chinese medicine practitioner: Yin or yang?

SUBMITTED BY ALEX YU

Are you hot or cold?

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How to combat winter blues

BY DEVIN YOUNG, AACA YOUTH LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR

Winter blues. Cabin fever. Most people know depression is more common during the cold months. This is known as seasonal affective disorder. SAD is a specific form of depression that only occurs during certain times of the year. In rare cases, this can be the summertime, but for most people, it occurs in winter. It tends to occur during the teen-age years but can appear at any time of life, especially for women. Those living in areas with shorter winter days or drastic changes in the amount of sunlight between seasons tend to be predisposed to SAD.

Although major depressive disorder and SAD share most symptoms, there are key differences. While for depression eating and sleeping tend to decrease, a person with SAD tends to eat and sleep more than usual. In particular, individuals with SAD crave carbohydrates.

Six percent of the US population, primarily in northern climates, are affected by SAD in its most marked form. Another 14 percent of the adult US population suffers from a lesser form of seasonal mood change known as winter blues. The cause of SAD is unclear. Being cooped up indoors does affect people, but that’s not the full picture. Though scientists are finding that there is a genetic component, they speculate that in combination with genes and age, the cause of SAD involves the relative lack of exposure to natural light.

In addition to light, SAD is also related to the lack of exercise, eating a healthy diet, exercising and getting enough sleep helps manage the symptoms of SAD. It is very important to treat SAD right away because it can turn into a major depressive disorder. In addition, it can increase suicidal tendencies.

However, with proper treatment, the prognosis for SAD is optimistic as most people experience relief from symptoms as quickly as one week after treatment is begun. It looks like sunlight is good for the soul after all.

Diet key to healthy New Year

BY ZHANGLIN KONG, DIETITIAN AT GREATER BOSTON CHINESE MEDICAL CENTER

Chinese New Year is the greatest annual celebration when families and friends gather to enjoy delicious food and drinks. However, most Chinese traditional dishes contain high fat, salt and sugar. If you don’t pay attention to your diet, the continuous celebration and heavy meals can affect your health. Let’s take a look at the following traditional cuisine for Chinese New Year and their proper serving sizes.

Pork sausage

Pork Sausage is made of pork, including salt, sugar, and lard. The fried turnip cake is crispy, which makes it a popular appetizer. However, fried turnip cake is oily and contains 50 percent more calories than the steamed turnip cake — 100 grams of fried turnip cake contain 130 kilocalories and 540 milligrams of salt, while steamed turnip cake has 87 kilocalories and 430 milligrams of salt. Because of such high salt content, the suggested serving size for either fried or steamed turnip cake is 50 grams or about 2 ounces.

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Nuts and seeds

Nuts and seeds have high fat content. The salted nuts and seeds also have high amounts of sodium. In general, the proper serving size for large nuts, almonds and cashews is 1 to 1.5 ounces. Pistachios are popular during the holiday season. Since the size of a pistachio is relatively small, the suggested serving size is 25 nuts, which contain 100 kilocalories and 8 grams of fat. Because nuts contain 5-6 fatty acids, vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, daily intake of a proper amount of nuts is good for your health.

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Two sisters sacrifice for one another in Mia Chung’s hauntingly lovely play “You for Me for You.” Junhee (Jordan Clark) and Minjee (Giselle Ty) are alone in the world, having lost their parents and family. Living at subsistence level in North Korea, the sisters fight for survival and for each other.

In the opening scene, Minjee and Junhee shove a mouthful of rice back and forth, insisting the other eat first. “You’re giving me a headache!” the ailin Minjee exclaims, while hacking up a lung.

“You have a headache because you’re not eating!” Junhee retorts. Junhee decides to escape from North Korea to save her frail sister. At the Crossing, the two are separated and never appear together for the rest of the play, but remain in each other’s thoughts.

Minjee is trapped with the Smuggler (Michael Tow) in the totalitarian regime, while Junhee is transported to America and tries to raise money to bring Minjee over. Along the way, she encounters fast-talking Tiffany (Anna Waldron) and the charming Man from the South (Johnnie McQuarley), who introduce her to shoes and cell phones. Her American friends force her to rethink her assumptions about the decadent West.

While the play is set in bleak conditions, it has brilliant humor sprinkled throughout. Minjee worries about Junhee being harvested for her North Korean kidneys by “heartless, perverse barbarians,” as Junhee marvels at 42 ways to treat a cough. Both sisters come across as authentic, rather than one-dimensional damsels in distress. As they struggle to reconcile rhetoric with reality, their love forms the beating heart of “You for Me for You.”

Background
Playwright Chung was raised by South Korean parents and had a lifelong fascination with mysterious North Korea. Two events in 2009 — the detainment of journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling, and the release of kidnap victim Jaycee Dugard after 18 years — shaped her belief that North Korean citizens are held by their government but each individual has a unique experience.

The Boston showing of “You for Me for You” by Company One is its second professional production and a revision since the world premiere in November 2012 at Washington, D.C.-based Woolly Mammoth. “You for Me for You” will play in Boston until Feb. 16 at the Boston Center for the Arts, Plaza Theatre. Tickets are $20 to $38 full price and $15 for students. A Pay What You Can Performance (minimum $10) takes place 2 p.m. Jan. 27. For more information, visit www.compa- nyone.org.

How to get home loans
SUBMITTED BY VIVIEN WU AND LEE LIN

Saving for a home is an excellent goal for 2013. Property values are stable and interest rates are still low. Current 30-year fixed mortgage rates are in the 3 percent range and 15-year rates are in the 2 percent range. This trend is predicted to last until late 2013. Households that can take advantage of this trend should be able to get a favorable mortgage.

If you do not have sufficient savings to purchase a home this year, make sure you know the steps necessary for homeowner-ship. There are many programs to assist first-time homebuyers. Down payment and closing cost assistance cash grants are available for low- and moderate-income prospective homeowners throughout Massachusetts.

For example, if you buy in Boston, you may qualify for up to 3 percent of the purchase price for down payment and closing cost assistance, or up to $20,000 if you are buying a certain type of property. The Malden Redevelopment Authority offers $7,500 for qualified homebuyers in their community. A local resource is the Comprehensive Housing Opportunities Program at Asian Community Development Corporation in Boston’s Chinatown. ACDC has staffers who speak English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

The first step for accessing any of the programs mentioned is to take an approved First-Time Homebuyer Class, sometimes called Homebuyer 101, for a fee. For a schedule of all of the upcoming classes offered by CHOP, go to www.asianadc.org. For more information on classes and programs across the state, go to www.mass.gov/hed/housing/affordable-own/first-time-home-buyer-fthb.html.

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Photo clarification
The Jan. 11 article “Korean playwright to unveil play in Boston” did not identify all individuals pictured. (Left to right) Maria Carpenter, director of the Somerville Public Library; Michael Thow, president of New Boston Financial; Kay Dong, Korean-American Citizens League officer; Sherry Dong, director of community health improvement programs, Tufts Medical Center; Mia Chung, “You for Me for You” playwright; Patty Moy, director of operations for China Pearl; Elisa Choi, Company One board member and Mary Chin, Company One board member. The Sampan regrets any confusion caused.

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