Tufts Medical Center unveils new Boston EMS station in Chinatown

By Cody Yiu

Despite the blazing afternoon sun on July 15, dozens of Chinatown residents, city officials and Tufts Medical Center staff gathered at a small alleyway in and Tufts Medical Center Main Street, located at 25 Harvard Street. Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, President and CEO of the CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, and Mayor of the CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL.

This ambulance station enables the City to permanently locate two more ambulances in a dense area near downtown Bos- ton and as providing accessible and immediate emergency medical services to the Chinatown community and surrounding neighborhoods. “The City is proud to partner with the Tufts Medical on this great project that will help Boston EMS provide rapid, critical care for our residents,” Menino said. “Tufts has demonstrated once again their dedication to their surrounding community.”

Boston EMS employs over 350 EMS and Paramedics who respond to an average of 300 emergency calls each day, and more than 100,000 each year. With one of the busiest services in the country, Boston EMS will utilize this new station to help alleviate the heavy load downtown.

The new station will make shift changes more efficient and cut down the time ambulances currently spend going to Brigham to re-fuel and re-stock medical supplies. By operating more efficiently, the new EMS ambulance station will help yield savings to the City of Boston in fuel and time, while enhancing the community by reducing emissions from idling.

In his address, Moy said the new station is a product of friends. The Mayor, Tufts Medical Center and Boston EMS had worked tirelessly over the year to make this day a reality, which will greatly benefit the China-

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By Natalia Ornell

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**AUGUST MOON FESTIVALS**

Chinatown Main Street presents August Moon Festivals

Where: Sunday, August 15, 10am-5pm
Where: Chinatown MBTA Accessible (Orange Line to Chinatown, Green Line to Boylston)

Boylston) Line to Chinatown, Green Line to New England Regional Swim Meet, at MIT. All three rose to the challenge of competing in this 50 meter Olympic-size venue, which is double the size of the BCNC pool. Kevin Zhang improved his 50 meter freestyle personal best by 1 second. Evelyn Liu’s performance included placing 3rd in the boy’s 8-under 50 meter backstroke. Not to be out-done by her twin brother, Gwen Liu captured 2nd place in the girl’s 8-under 100 meter breaststroke and 2nd in girl’s 8-under 100m butterfly. Gwen & Ethan’s strong swimming placed them both in the Top 15 for 8-under swimmers in New England: Ethan 13th - 50m Breaststroke, 15th - 100m Backstroke; Gwen 30th - 100m Breaststroke, 6th - 100m Butterfly, and 15th - 50m Breaststroke.

Chinatown Master Plan 2010

Community Vision for the Future Gallery Exhibit

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**CHINATOWN**

Talk on school violence

Fighting Anti-Asian School Violence The Philadelphia Story Saturday, July 24, 2010 3:00-5:00 pm Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 38 Ash St., Boston, MA. (off Oak St., between Washington St. & Harrison Ave.)

After dozens of Asian American students were beaten at South Philadelphia High School last December, the struggle for justice and reform continues. Find out what's happening in fighting the Philadelphia Schools administration to protect its students. Hear how their story may be part of larger issues of violence against Asian American students.

Sponsors: Asian Pacific Islander Movement, Institute for Asian American Studies

BCNC Swim Team rose to the challenge at regional swim meet

Three Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) Swim Team members, Gwen Liu, Ethan Liu and Kevin Zhang, achieved personal best times at the USA Swimming New England Regional Swim Meet, at MIT. All three rose to the challenge of competing in this 50 meter Olympic-size venue, which is double the size of the BCNC pool. Kevin Zhang improved his 50 meter freestyle personal best by 1 second. Evelyn Liu’s performance included placing 3rd in the boy’s 8-under 50 meter backstroke. Not to be out-done by her twin brother, Gwen Liu captured 2nd place in the girl’s 8-under 100 meter breaststroke and 2nd in girl’s 8-under 100m butterfly.

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**BOSTON**

Martial arts class at the Boston Center for Adult Education (BCAE)

The Boston Martial Arts Academy (BMAA) is a day-long, week-long workshop held for martial arts enthusiasts, practitioners, or simply those wishing to learn more about the many styles and systems available. Open to students of all levels, the academy is designed to provide information and technical sharing between the many diverse martial arts systems and their respective cultures. The academy is comprised of both classroom lectures and hands-on presentations.

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Many Chinatown residents attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony in showing their support for the new EMS station. (Photo by Cody Yu)

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town community, possible.

“This ambulance station will not only help us improve the way we serve the surrounding neighborhoods, but will benefit all residents and visitors of Boston. This station also provides a reserve for the dedicated staff who respond to those high volume areas,” EMS-Chief Hoole said. “I’d like to thank Tufts once again for all of their efforts to make this station a reality.

The new EMS Ambulance station, 25 Harvard Street, is a formerly unused loading dock belonging to Tufts Medical Center. The station provides an enclosed parking area for two ambulances as well as a rest area and locker room space for the EMS technicians that will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The ambulances will not sound sirens as they leave the station, and will take all necessary precautions to ensure safety operation by accounting for pedestrian and automotive traffic in the area.

“Tufts Medical Center is honored to play a role in this important contribution to the health and well-being of the City and the local community,” Zane said. “We look forward to helping provide even better emergency health care and access to the community.” Zane also gave special thanks to Sherry Dong, Director of Community Health Programs at Tufts Medical Center, for her continuous outreach efforts on this project.

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loads of people going to other states and then coming back provoking us with the social costs making us spend our money on their gambling addiction.”

Concerns from attendees at the TCC meeting included the dramatic cut in funding for gambling addiction treatment programs as well as the need to instate gambling addiction prevention programs.

A Day of Views with Asian American Youth (Representatives Shawn Tan and Vicky Yu) presented at the TCC meeting discussing a Boston Capacity Grant made available to community-based and faith-based organizations. To said A-View applied for an extensive technical assistance grant and they are currently evaluating their mission for the future so they can effectively reach out to the youth in Chinatown. He said his organization is currently in the strategic planning phase and that they will have developed a restructured mission statement at the end of last week’s retreat. A-View is also coordinating summer workshops on Asian American history, identity, oppression and activism in the community.

Debbie Ho of Chinatown Main Street concluded the meeting by saying that Chinatown Main Street program is a “bridge to this community” keeping streets and storefronts clean. Deputy Director of AACNA Sunny Schwartz noted in the meeting that Tyler Street in particular needs to be given more attention.

“Tyler Street is horrible. The trash put out is not in cans. It’s horrendous. We need to call. Why aren’t the buildings being fixed? I feel like they’re missing part of Chinatown,” said Liang.

Ho said that Chinatown Main Street wants to create “a big welcome sign hopefully with businesses that will go in the Phillips Square area.”

Kye Liang of the Chinatown Gateway Coalition pointed out that the Tufts Medical Center maps near the Orange Line ig- nore Chinatown on the map and push people towards cultural districts.

“The map doesn’t mention South Cove, businesses, or the Chinese schools. It needs to be brought to attention that the MBTA that a whole neighborhood exists,” said Liang.

The next TCC meeting will take place on the second Thursday in September.

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**Employment Openings. EOE**

U.S. District Court, Massachusetts has a need for a full-time Human Resources Specialist.

For more info go to [www.mad.uscourts.gov](http://www.mad.uscourts.gov), Employment Current Openings. EOE

**Chiefs U.S. Probation Officer**

Chief U.S. Probation, Massachusetts has a need for a full-time Chief U.S. Probation Officer. For more info: [www.map.uscourts.gov](http://www.map.uscourts.gov), Current Employment Openings. EOE

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Tufts Medical Center and AACA celebrate workplace education

By Gillian Burleson

On June 30th, Tufts Medical Center was once again the site of an end of year celebration. This occasion was the celebration of the completion of a 3-year grant from the state funding workplace education classes. The hospital has been partnering with the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) which was the education provider for this program. Present at this event were Ellen Zane, CEO of Tufts Medical Center; Margaret Yosburgh, CEO of Tufts Medical Center; Paul Hefterman, the VP of Human Resources at Tufts Medical Center; Scott Kelley from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Adult and Community Education Services department, the funders for this program for the past three years; Chau-ming Lee, Executive Director of AACA; and many other employees of Tufts Medical Center as well as the students who participated in the classes and the teachers who taught them. These classes included three beginning and intermediate level ESOL classes and one pre-GED class for entry-level employees of the hospital. The classes have been running since September, 2007, and have served over 60 Tufts Medical Center employees during the past 3 years.

The goal of the late afternoon and early evening High Intermediate ESOL classes is to help students improve their reading, writing, speaking, listening and critical thinking skills so they can be successful in college, skills training, enter an alternative high school diploma or GED program if they did not finish high school in their native country, or advance in an American job. This class was created for students who cannot study in the morning.

We are happy to report that Tufts Medical Center has committed to continuing the ESOL classes under their own funding in the coming year. The partnership between Tufts Medical Center and AACA has been an increasingly fruitful one, and promises to continue in the years to come.

Gillian Burleson is the Adult Education Coordinator at AACA.
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**Health**

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), America's children need to get moving. A recent National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) of the last 30 years found that among children ages 2 to 5, obesity has doubled, while among 6 to 11-year-olds, it has tripled.

Obesity can have a negative impact on health. Young people who are obese are at a higher risk for cardiovascular diseases, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and type 2 diabetes.

That's why it is so important to encourage children to participate in physical activity. However, when children choose a sport, it's important to equip them with sport-specific shoes.

**Selecting the correct shoe** for a child's activity and foot type can go a long way in preventing many foot-related injuries," said Dr. Kathleen Stone, president of the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA).

Here are a few facts you can use to shop for sport-specific shoes:

* If your child likes to shoot hoops, choose a shoe that both helps them perfect their basketball-handling skills and prevents injury.

A child's basketball shoe should:

* Have a thick, stiff sole that helps give support while a child is running and landing from jumps to the basket.

* Incorporate high ankle construction that supports the ankle.

* If your child is an ace on the tennis court.

A court shoe should:

* Support both sides of the foot, due to the quick lateral movements.

**Shopping for shoes that get kids moving**

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**Youth**

By Angela Cheung

If you're a girl who loves to be at the forefront of summer fashion, this article is for you! You'll know what to wear so you don't look like a total goofball on your next date. If you disagree with me, please keep your opinions to yourself. Everyone should know: trends are seasonal. Nails, clothes, shoes, body spray, perfume, and hairstyles all follow trends. If you look around you, everyone is adhering to seasonal fashion paradigms to some extent. For example in winter we wore big jackets with fur on the hood or long coats. But when summer comes, everyone puts away their winter coats in their closets and take out their thin cardigans or other light clothing.

Some popular nail colors for this summer are mint green, light blue, hot pink, light pink, and bright neon colors. If you watch Youtube, you'll see all the popular Youtube beauty gurus wearing these colors for their summer outfit looks of the day. Summer is all about wearing bright colors. These colors will complement and match any outfit you pair it with. French manicures are an elegant favorite for any season. The glossy pink nail with white tip at the top looks professional for job interviews and other formal situations. Make sure there are no streaks when you paint your nails!

Nail polishes can be bought at any drugstore near you. You can also find it in stores such as Mac, Cosmetics, Sephora, and Sally's Beauty Supply store. There are many more brands available as well, you should personally recommend that you buy nail polish at Sally's Beauty Supply store because they have a large variety of colors in all shades and colors are cheaper than the ones at Mac Cosmetics and Sephora. Mac Cosmetics and Sephora's prices range from 9-15 dollars for one, while Sally's Beauty Supply store costs about 4.50 dollars for one. One experience I do not like about Sephora's nail polishes are that they tend to streak for me. If it does not streak for you then that's great!

Let's talk about what kinds of shoes and clothes are best for summer! Cute wedges, flats, sky high heels would go great with dresses. Cool gladiator sandals and flip flops would look good with a tank-top and shorts, skirts, or capris. Converse and other sneaker type shoes are okay to wear, only if you are planning to go hiking or jogging. Other than those two shoes, please try to avoid wearing them. Since summers in New England get super hot and often humid, shorts and other sneaker type shoes are a major need inside everyone's closets. Shorts look cute with belts, and brown and white are some great colors for the season. Brown is considered to be a rich, warm color for summer and white is so versatile it can be matched with anything you wear. Once you have your clothes, a girl also needs her own lovable scent. Any fruity or floral body spray or perfume is a delicious reminder of summer. Victoria's Secret sells a wide array of these fruity sweet to floral scents. My top pick summer perfume would be the new 2010 Chanel Chance Eau Tendre. One spray will last all day leaving you smelling young and hip with a fruity trail.

One of the best (and certainly most popular) hairstyless for summer is the beach wave. Waves are not only hot and sexy, but they also make you look like you're ready to hit the beach! A simple tied up ponytail with side swept bangs is great in the sweltering heat. For working women in a more professional environment, a slicked back ponytail is both class and efficient. Last but not least, a sparkly headband with a cute bow. This little accessory is bound to turn heads!

I hope my tips helped some of you girls out! These are great tips and give ideas on what to wear during summer from head to toe. Remember, everyone is all about bright colors! You'll look ready for summer if you stick to my tips. Thanks for reading!
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of NECO’s historic buildings on
interview.

Chen does not, however,
have a higher academic standard
boys’ Latin school was viewed as
then the test for the Boston Latin
that she would like
to attend the boys’ Boston Latin
school right before it became co-
educational because she felt it
was “the best available.”

She recalled her middle
classroom in one of NECO’s historic
buildings on Beacon Street in Back Bay was named in honor of Chen by the trustees of the college. Chen is both the first woman and the first Asian American to have served as the head of an optometry school in the United States. (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Chen)

Chen’s ambition emerged at a young age when she even checked off that she would like
to attend the boys’ Boston Latin school.

She attributes her suc-
cess to her family and noted
that there was never a ques-
tion that her family came to United States to
make a better life for themselves. As the youngest
child, she spent the most time in the educational system and felt that her family “always
supported her success.”

“My parents and my sister
would reorient their lives to
support my educational suc-
esc whether it was to be
a typewriter or to send me
to tutoring classes, or to send me
to a summer in Germany when I
was a junior in high school. They
always found ways to do that by
giving something up. I remem-
ber my older sisters tutoring me,
and my older sister Donna driv-
ing me to school,” said Chen.

Chen, who earned degrees from both Yale and the Whar-
ton School of the University of Pennsylvania, described her ex-
eriences as an Asian American woman in the workforce among
the first generation of women graduating from business
schools who were comparably educated to men and how this
impacted her both positively and
negatively.

“It’s been challenging at
times. But it’s also been positive
at other times. I remember go-
ing to an investor meeting when
I was in biotech and you raise
money and try to differentiate
yourself and try to make your
self noticed by people who have
money like venture capitalists. If you’re the only Asian woman
in the room, it’s pretty easy for
people to remember you as the
Asian woman in the room in a
sea of white males. If you’re the
only female in the room and
you’re Asian people remember
you.”

She added that culture some-
times made things challenging.

“I grew up in a Chinese way
of Chinese family. That is dif-
f erent from people who grow
up in an American family with
different values and so when
you’re a minority you’re trying
to figure out the system. The
diagrams fit. I try to find parts of
me that would fit into the major-
ty culture and develop links. I try
to find where that is. The burden
is on the minority to find the way into culture.”

Chen said that sometimes
wasn’t sure why she did well in
some jobs and not in others and
said that it is “the culture of
being Chinese and the way we
conduct ourselves; we don’t
tend to self-promote and that can get
in the way.”

Although managing a
decision-making case along with
a family and child is a challenge
according to Chen, she said that
“loving being in bio-tech” and
“loves the energy that’s in
bio-tech”, emphasizing “the
re-warding feeling” she has
 knowing that she is “impacting 85,000
patients per year” and the feeling
at graduation when you “stand
before the hundreds of students
and you think: wow, we’re
graduating them and they’re
doctors.”

Chen has also been the CEO
of two biotechnology companies
in New England and serves on
the Board of the Plan for Excellence and on the Statutory
Advisory Board of the Mas-
achusetts Commission for the
Blind. She has been on a substanti-
able since September of 2009 to
research the unintended bias that
may result in a patient provider
relationship in the context of ra-
cial concordance; in other words,
what can happen when a patient
and provider are of the same or
different races. Chen will return
to this topic as an adjunct professor
this month.

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Former NECO President Elizabeth Chen reflects on Chinatown and career success

Feature

By Natalie Orwell

Elizabeth Chen, a Former
President of the New England
College of Optometry (NECO),
spoke about her roots in China-
town and the challenges and
rewards she has found on her path
to success in a Sampan interview.

In June, Chen, a native of one
in NECO’s historic buildings on
Beacon Street in Back Bay was
described by her family “always
with the highest of ethical
standards, for her gifts as a major
donor; and for her service as a fellow
Trustee,” according to NECO’s
current president Clifford Scott
in a public message. Scott also
noted that under Ms. Chen’s
leadership, NECO was awarded
$3 million in the school’s first
industry-sponsored research
program, and participation in the
annual fund nearly doubled.

Chen does not, however,
forget her experiences as a new
immigrant to the United States,
emigrating with her parents and
siblings at age seven and lying
in Castle Square as the youngest
of five children. She attended the
In-Token, an afterschool pro-
gram, as the head of an optometry
school in the United States.

She recalled her middle
school experience during the
bussing era in Boston and her de-
sire to attend a high school
differently. “I was bussed to the
North End. We had parents throwing rocks at the school. My first year was
in middle school in the Michel-
angelo School in the North End.
It was a huge school. I then
took the test for the Boston Latin
School and I was in one of the first
cos classes. At the time the
boys’ Latin school was viewed to
have a higher academic academic
standard than the girls’ so I remember
checking off the box. My first
choice was the boys’ Latin School.
It was the best available.”

Chen emphas-
ses that one should always
do what is best wherever you are.

“Whatever job you do, do it
thoroughly and
completely. The best of your
abilities. Things will
take care of themselves. If your
primary job is to
take care of children, do it to
the best of your ability. If you
housekeeping, do your best. There are many people
who work in restaurants. I think
restaurants function very well
in Chinatown; this is really
overwhelmingly doing their best.”

Chen hopes that China-
town will continue to be the
supportive environment it
was for her; “a place where
you can get the resources you
need as a new immigrant and
make a better life for yourself
as an immigrant.”

She attributes her suc-
cess to her family and noted
that there was never a ques-
tion that her family came to
United States to
make a better life for themselves. As the youngest
child, she spent the most time in the educational system and felt that her family “always
supported her success.”

“My parents and my sister
would reorient their lives to
support my educational suc-
esc whether it was to be
a typewriter or to send me
to tutoring classes, or to send me
to a summer in Germany when I
was a junior in high school. They
always found ways to do that by
giving something up. I remem-
ber my older sisters tutoring me,
and my older sister Donna driv-
ing me to school,” said Chen.

Chen, who earned degrees from both Yale and the Whar-
ton School of the University of Pennsylvania, described her ex-
eriences as an Asian American woman in the workforce among
the first generation of women graduating from business
schools who were comparably educated to men and how this
impacted her both positively and
negatively.

“It’s been challenging at
times. But it’s also been positive
at other times. I remember go-
ing to an investor meeting when
I was in biotech and you raise
money and try to differentiate
yourself and try to make your
self noticed by people who have
money like venture capitalists. If you’re the only Asian woman
in the room, it’s pretty easy for
people to remember you as the
Asian woman in the room in a
sea of white males. If you’re the
only female in the room and
you’re Asian people remember
you.”

She added that culture some-
times made things challenging.

“I grew up in a Chinese way
of Chinese family. That is dif-
f erent from people who grow
up in an American family with
different values and so when
you’re a minority you’re trying
to figure out the system. The
diagrams fit. I try to find parts of
me that would fit into the major-
ity culture and develop links. I try
to find where that is. The burden
is on the minority to find the way into culture.”

Chen said that sometimes
wasn’t sure why she did well in
some jobs and not in others and
said that it is “the culture of
being Chinese and the way we
conduct ourselves; we don’t
tend to self-promote and that can get
in the way.”

Although managing a
decision-making case along with
a family and child is a challenge
according to Chen, she said that
“loving being in bio-tech” and
“loves the energy that’s in
bio-tech”, emphasizing “the
re-warding feeling” she has
 knowing that she is “impacting 85,000
patients per year” and the feeling
at graduation when you “stand
before the hundreds of students
and you think: wow, we’re
graduating them and they’re
doctors.”

Chen has also been the CEO
of two biotechnology companies
in New England and serves on
the Board of the Plan for Excellence and on the Statutory
Advisory Board of the Mas-
achusetts Commission for the
Blind. She has been on a substanti-
able since September of 2009 to
research the unintended bias that
may result in a patient provider
relationship in the context of ra-
cial concordance; in other words,
what can happen when a patient
and provider are of the same or
different races. Chen will return
to this topic as an adjunct professor
this month.

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