Actor taps into immigrant experience to portray carjacking survivor
BY LING-MEI WONG

Actor Jimmy O. Yang of HBO’s “Silicon Valley” knows what’s it’s like to be different. He was born in Hong Kong to Shanghainese parents, Yang’s family came to America when he was in eighth grade. That experience of crossing international borders helped him relate to Dun “Danny” Meng, the carjacking victim he plays in “Patriots Day.” Meng was working at Cambridge startup and was held at gunpoint by Boston Marathon bombers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He escaped and helped authorities locate the suspects.

“We’re both Chinese immigrants,” Yang said, who speaks perfect English along with Cantonese, Mandarin and Shanghainese. “I came when 13. Danny came when he was 20. He had been in the country a few months when he got carjacked.”

Yang spent time with Meng to capture his Sinhuan accent, with Meng pleased with his portrayal.

“It was my first time in Boston and I didn’t know anyone, so Danny was my ambassador,” Yang said. “It was so important to shoot in Boston. We got to see how strong people are in Boston.”

Until Yang was cast in “Patriots Day,” he was unaware of Meng’s role in apprehending the bombers.

“God knows what would happen if I got carjacked and someone pointed a gun at me; I would cry,” Yang said. “But he fought the whole time. He used his intelligence to buy him extra time to survive. It speaks to his intelligence and bravery.”

Meng was trapped with the Tsarnaev brothers in his black Mercedes Benz SUV for 90 minutes, until he escaped at a Cambridge gas station while Dzhokhar paid for gas and Tamerlan fiddled with the navigation. During the drive, Meng spoke about his outsider status in America, while praying to live.

“Each answer could have been live or death. It was like a chess match,” Yang said. “It was not just his legs running, his mind was running.”

Yang was impressed with Meng’s humility and quick thinking.

“He was a real everyday person, doing what he did,” Yang said. “It’s up to the audience to discover he’s a hero.”

“Patriots Day” opens nationwide today.

Gov. Baker visits Brighton senior home on New Year’s Eve
BY LING-MEI WONG

Gov. Charlie Baker wished seniors a happy new year at Jewish Community Housing for the Elderly (JCHE) in Brighton on Dec. 30.

“I plan to have dinner with my dad tonight, who’s 88 and sharp as a tuck,” Baker said. “I’m standing here and I’m 60; I used to think that was old. I’m very aware people need to maintain their connection and community because it’s a big part of aging well.”

Baker lost his mother in May, who had suffered from Alzheimer’s disease for 10 years. He added he eats with his father at least once a week and that honoring elders was a family tradition.

JCHE president and CEO Amy Schectman said, “Lots of people say they care for seniors, but Gov. Baker is here with us at the end of the year when most people are having parties. … He talks about his own parents aging in community, he gets it.”

Schectman thanked Baker for his commitment to affordable housing, as the Brighton campus will add 61 units for low-income seniors.

The residents performed a traditional Chinese dance with bright red fans and lit Hanukkah candles. Chinese Tenant Association representative Thanh Tran welcomed Baker and invited him to return. Tran, 80, is an avid ballroom dancer who worked at the Asian American Civic Association and Tufts Medical Center.

The Brighton JCHE is home for 900 seniors, including about 300 Chinese residents.
Event Calendar

 Noon to 2 p.m.
 1 City Hall Square
 Boston, MA 02101
 The Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement offers free immigration clinics at the Boston City Hall Room 806. For interpreters other than Spanish, please call at least one week in advance at (617) 635-2980.

 Economic Development office hours
 Thursday, Jan. 19
 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 87 Tyler Street
 Boston, MA 02111
 The Mayor’s Office of Economic Development will host weekly office hours at the Asian American Civic Association.

 Intermediate English information session
 Monday, Jan. 23
 8:30 a.m.
 87 Tyler Street
 Boston, MA 02110
 The Asian American Civic Association offers a free intermediate English program (New EEP) for people who need to improve their English to attend college or training. Applicants must come on time to one of our scheduled information sessions and take the assessment, which lasts 2-2.5 hours. No one else will be admitted once the test starts. For more information, please contact Powdered Glass at (617) 640-4924 x 0 or e-mail powderglass@aaacaa.org.

 Free legal clinic
 Monday, Jan. 23
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
 1509 Hancock Street, Suite 200
 Quincy, MA 02169
 Quincy Asian Resource es, Inc. will host a free monthly legal clinic addressing individuals concerned over immigration law, landlord/tenant law, family law, personal injury and criminal issues. Please contact QARI at (617) 472-2200 or e-mail info@quincyasianresources.org.

 Chinese New Year flower market
 Jan. 24 to Jan. 27
 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 2 Boylston Street
 Boston, MA 02116
 Chinatown Main Street will host a flower market for Chinese New Year at the China Trade Center, selling plants, red envelopes and other cultural merchandise for Chinese New Year.

 Free workshop on credit
 Tuesday, Jan. 24
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 38 Street
 Boston, MA 02111
 How do you build good credit? How do you get your credit report? Learn about credit with BCNC and American Consumer Credit Counseling at this free workshop, presented in English and Mandarin. Sign up at (617) 635-5129 x1088 or shirley.dow@bcnc.net.

 Lunar New Year festival
 Saturday, Jan. 28
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 161 Essex Street
 Salem, MA 02970
 Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with music, art and lion dances at the Peabody Essex Museum. For more information, visit www.pem.org.

 NEACP Chinese New Year luncheon
 Sunday, Jan. 29
 Noon to 3 p.m.
 213 Burlington Road
 Bedford, MA 01730
 Celebrate the Year of the Rooster with BCNC Chinese New Year riddles at Bambu Burlington with the New England Association of Chinese Professionals. Register at http://ow.ly/g3KfZ7dSNvE.

 Chinese New Year party
 Sunday, Jan. 29
 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
 1000 Olin Way
 Needham, MA 02492
 The Wellesley Chinese Language School will celebrate the Year of the Rooster with a celebration of food, music and dance at Olin College’s Milas Hall Auditorium.

 "China in Song" concerts
 Feb. 3 and 4
 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 The Genesis Chamber Singers will present "Chi na in Song" on Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Newton Center for the Arts in Newton, MA. For more information, visit www.chinainsong.org.
Cigarette butts were identified as the American Civic Association (AACA), town Committee (CCC) and the Asian partnership with the Clean Up China-tacles for neighborhood restaurants, in Restaurant.

The Chinatown Business Association installed its second cigarette butt receptacle on Dec. 16, 2016 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. The American Legion Boston Chinatown Post 328 veterans organized the toy drive, with the Boston Chinatown Lions Club and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.

Santa Claus and his helpers gave presents to children on Dec. 22, 2016, at Kwong Kow Chinese School. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Santa Claus helps delivered gifts from Toys for Tots to boys and girls at Kwong Kow Chinese School on Dec. 22, 2016. He also gave gifts to more than 160 children in Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center programs on Dec. 16, 2016 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

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"Nationwide, we are starting to see a decline in cigarette smoking in many ethnic groups, which is the result of decades of prevention messaging," said Dr. Deeb Salern, physician-in-chief at Tufts Medical Center. “But Boston’s Asian residents are largely immigrants from countries where smoking is commonplace.”

Nationwide, the Asian population is among the lowest when it comes to smoking – 7 percent of Asian adults in the United States smoked cigarettes in 2015 compared to 15.1 percent of U.S. adults overall. But according to the Boston Public Health Commission’s Health of Boston report, the rate of smoking in Boston among Asians tallied 14.7 percent in 2013, the latest data available. The higher rate is in part due to the larger number of Vietnamese adults living here, one of the subgroups with a particularly high incidence of tobacco smoking.

“We’re pretty convinced the incidence is higher in the Asian community than the general population in this area. You can see it when you walk around Chi- natown,” said Sherry Dong, director of Community Health Improvement Pro- grams at Tufts Medical Center. “Part of our mission at Tufts Medical Center is to help the community be healthier. We need to do what we can to provide edu- cation about the dangers of smoking in our Asian neighborhoods, and this year’s awards are going to help us do that.”

Tufts Medical Center established the Asian Health Initiative (AHI) in 1994 to focus on health issues impacting the local Asian community. The recipients of the 2017-2019 grants will put into place a variety of programs and outreach includ- ing anti-smoking education for Asian youth by youth, workshops for adults and phone counseling to help smokers quit. They will also publish a new biling-ual smoking cessation directory.

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CNC
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Attorney Kar Chang spoke for the New Jumbo Restaurant, which sought community support for extending its hours from 2:30 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Boston Police Department Capt. for District A-1 Ken Fong said there were safety concerns from club patrons coming after 2 a.m. closing.

Council members felt ensuring the quality of life and safety of residents in the community outweighed any potential benefits.

Dunkin Donuts will move out of a rented location in Emerson College on 80 Boylston Street to a new location on 147 Tremont Street, due to renovation at Emerson. It is franchised by Watermark Donut Company, which is seeking support for its takeout license application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, said attorney Lesley St. Germain of McDermott, Quincy & Miller.

A presentation on mixed-used project 115 Winthrop Square at the Winthrop Street garage was given by Joe Larkin of Millennium Partners. The proposed 700-foot building would cast a shadow on the Boston Common, which violates a law that cannot be modified by a council vote. Community benefits from the $1 billion project include 100 units of affordable housing in Chinatown. The council was invited to write support letters to the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

“If we do not get a project of significant size, we can’t get the benefits,” Larkin said. “We do a lot of work downtown and we feel Chinatown is the most important neighborhood.”

CSC
The Chinatown Safety Committee met at the Doubletree Hotel.

Boston Police Department District A-1 Sgt. Jimmy Chin reported on neighborhood crime.

“We ended the year well,” Chin said. “District A-1 is at 10-year-low for Part 1 crimes, which are down 2 percent from the past year.”

There were no homicides, 12 larcenies, four larcenies from motor vehicles and 50 arrests in the past 30 days, Chin said.

Dana Nye, MBTA Transit Police community outreach coordinator, said South Station had two larcenies, three drug offenses and one loitering incident. At the Chinatown station, an assault occurred, China with a credit card fraud incident.

CRA
The Chinatown Resident Association met at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

Attorney Kar Chang spoke for the Dunkin Donuts franchise moving to Tremont Street.

The Oxford Street Tenant Association was represented by four residents from 22-30 Oxford Street. They spoke about the change of ownership. The Suffolk County Register of Deeds showed 18-20 Oxford Street and 22-30 Oxford Street were sold to Oxford Street LLC for $8.7 million on Nov. 3. Tenants said their rent increased $200 a month and new ownership was not responsive to maintenance requests, resulting in more loitering, trash and graffiti. They hoped to meet with the new owners to request regular maintenance and door repair for safety.

TCC
The Chinatown Coalition met at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center.

The Greater Boston Legal Services presented on immigration law and anticipated changes when President-elect Trump is inaugurated.

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Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), a 29-year-old nonprofit developer in Boston, is proud to create more affordable homes for working families at 88 Hudson Street in Chinatown. The project will create 51 condos available to families making 60% or less of AMI, with the majority of the condos available to families at or below 80% AMI. The $20 million project has generated 130 construction jobs to date and is expected to generate an additional 220 jobs during the remainder of the project, including jobs for Chinatown residents. Construction began in May 2016, and ACDC expects completion by late 2017.

88 Hudson is Phase 2 of the Parcel 24 project and when completed, it will represent the culmination of more than a decade of planning, advocacy, and hard work to restore this site to a thriving vibrancy, immigrant community over 50 years ago,” said Lee. Eligible applicants will be selected through a lottery. Interested parties can sign up for a mailing list that will send alerts about the lottery and when applications will be made available at www.88hudson.com. Questions about the application process should be directed to Maloney Properties.

The Everett Housing Authority (EHA) seeks a dynamic, passionate, technically-skilled individual to become its next Executive Director. The Executive Director will report to a five person Board of Commissioners. This person must be thoughtful and sensitive to the needs and concerns of a diverse population and must possess strong leadership and an ability to resolve conflict. The Executive Director will be responsible for the management of a total of 1068 housing units and vouchers. 671 State-Aided public housing units in 6 developments, and the administration of 665 Housing Choice Vouchers and 32 Massachusetts Rental Vouchers. A demonstrated ability to work independently with minimal day-to-day supervision is essential. The EHA has a full-time staff of 22 employees, and receives its funding from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Minimum Work: Hours 37.5 hours per week. Executive Director will work during normal business hours (Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Time spent at night or weekend meetings directly related to Authority business may be substituted for weekday hours at the discretion of the Board and subject to DHCD approval.

Qualifications: Eight years’ experience in housing management, community development, public administration, or a closely related field. Must have a working knowledge of fiscal management, maintenance systems, personnel and administrative management systems in public or private housing. One year’s supervisory experience of a staff of ten or more is required. Written and verbal skills required. Substantial background in the implementation of management controls and systems. Considerable knowledge of local, state, and federal governmental procedures and regulations as they relate to housing development, construction, and the management of local housing authority operations. Experience working with people of various socio-economic backgrounds. Must be bondable. Certification as a property manager or similar classification by a nationally recognized certification as a Public Housing Manager from a HUD approved organization is required, but may 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 Administrator Certification Program. A bachelor’s degree may be substituted for up to two years of experience. Salary range: $99,342 to 103,020. Salary is subject to DHCD Salary Schedule and HUD guidelines.

Instructions: Resumes must be received by January 19, 2017. Please address questions to the search committee at 503 Ferry Street, Everett, MA 02149.

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Next STEP and New Roots students graduate

BY SARA BROWN

On Dec. 16, 2016 at Bill Bordy Theatre at Emerson College, the Asian American Civic Association’s Next Steps Transitional English Program (Next STEP) held its graduation.

Staff and students celebrated accomplishments of the graduates, who will be going to college, entering training programs or moving to higher levels of the program.

Next STEP is AACA’s intermediate-level English program that is number one in the state for sending adult students to college.

Since May 2011, Next STEP has sent more than a 100 students to college. Most of them have graduated, transferred to a four-year-school or are enrolled at a community college.

The New Roots class held a graduation on Dec. 22, 2016 at the Asian American Civic Association. The New Roots to Employment program blends distance learning, classroom instruction and job search activities. It is designed to meet the educational and employment needs of immigrants with college degrees and professional backgrounds from their native countries so that they can reclaim their careers.

A graduation for customer service graduates took place at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) on Dec. 19, 2016. The five graduates completed the 10-week training for free through funding from the Neighborhood Jobs Trust provided by the City of Boston.

“It was the best decision I made to come to this program,” said one of the graduates, an immigrant with two children. She found employment at LAZ Parking as a valet and Boston College’s food service.

Another graduate with extensive retail experience in China was hired at Uniqlo, while a third graduate was hired at Bon Me, an Asian-inspired restaurant and food truck business. The two other graduates are interviewing for jobs.

The 10-week training provides low-income immigrants with English, customer service and job search skills to obtain and maintain employment in the retail and customer service industries. It is organized by BCNC and the Chinese Progressive Association, with the next session beginning Jan. 3.
January 13, 2017

**Wang Y seniors complete six-month fitness program**

**BY LING-MEI WONG**

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**Smoking linked to cervical cancer**

**BY CONNIE WANG**

January is cervical health awareness month, as declared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

In 2017, there will be about 12,820 new cases of invasive cervical cancer diagnoses in the United States, according to the American Cancer Society.

There are several factors linked to cervical cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, people who smoke have a higher chance of contracting cervical cancer. Also, factors such as diet, over-weight, long term use of birth control pills and family history of cervical cancer may increase the risk of having it.

The CDC recommended two screening tests, the Pap test and the human papillomavirus (HPV) test, should be performed regularly after the age of 21. Screening helps prevent cervical cancer from developing.

Harvard University’s School of Public Health published a press release in October 2016, which reported that the recommended cervical cancer screenings done every three years may be pushed back to every five to 10 years and begin later in life. The report noted that the one limitation to this study was that the scenarios involved were women who were “fully vaccinated in pre-adolescence (as recommended) and fully compliant with screening protocols.”

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Modera Medford is a 297 unit rental apartment community located in Medford at 5 Cabot Road. 30 of these apartments will be made available through this application process. Unit features include fully applianced stainless kitchens, moveable kitchen islands, quartz counter and island tops, in unit washers and dryers, and include one parking spot.

MAXIMUM Household Income Limits: $51,150 (1 person), $58,450 (2 people), $65,750 (3 people), $73,050 (4 people), $78,900 (5 people) and $84,750 (6 people)

Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on February 16th, 2017.

A Public Info Session will be held on January 10th 2017 at 5:00 pm at the Medford Fire Department (0 Medford Street in the Arthur Dello Russo Community Room). The Lottery will be held in the same location on March 7th, at 6 pm.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.csra.b.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 (x1 and then x7) and leave a message. Applications and Information also available at the Medford Public Library on 11 High St. Library Hours (M-Th 9-9, Fri 9-6, Sat 9-5)
E-cigarettes are devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the user inhales. The liquid usually has nicotine and flavoring in it and other additives. The nicotine in e-cigarettes and regular cigarettes is addictive. E-cigarettes are considered tobacco products because most of them contain nicotine, which comes from tobacco.

Besides nicotine, e-cigarettes can contain harmful and potentially harmful ingredients, including:
- ultrfine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs
- flavorants such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease
- volatile organic compounds
- heavy metals, such as nickel, tin and lead

**E-cigarettes are very popular with young people.** Their use has grown dramatically in the last five years. Today, more high school students use e-cigarettes than regular cigarettes. The use of e-cigarettes is higher among high school students than adults.

**E-cigarettes are unsafe for young people.** No matter how it’s delivered, nicotine is harmful for youth and young adults. E-cigarettes typically contain nicotine as well as other chemicals that are known to damage health. For example, users risk exposing their respiratory systems to potentially harmful chemicals in e-cigarettes.

**For more information, visit [https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/default.htm).**

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**Great Barrington Housing Authority Hiring**

The Great Barrington Housing Authority is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Executive Director. Responsibilities include administration of 64 units of Chapter 667 elderly/handicapped housing, 18 units of Chapter 705 family housing and 4 units of Chapter 689 special needs housing.

Responsibilities also include managing a property for Berkshire County Regional Housing Authority. The property consists of 22 units of Chapter 667 elderly/handicapped housing and 8 units of Chapter 705 family housing. The Executive Director reports to a five-member Board of Directors.

Minimum qualifications include two years experience in a housing, community development, public administration or a closely related field and knowledge of the principles and practices of housing management, finances and maintenance systems in public or private housing. Strong written and verbal communication skills required along with willingness to work with people of various socioeconomic backgrounds. Certification as a Public Housing Manager or Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator through a DHCD approved Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator Certification Program preferred but must be obtained within twelve months. Two year full time post secondary education in a related field may substitute for up to one year of experience. Applicant subject to CORI verification and must possess a valid driver’s license. The position is 37.5 hours per week.

Salary will be determined by the DHCD Executive Director Salary guidelines commensurate with experience based qualifications.

The cover letter and resume must be received no later than January 26, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Mail cover letter and resume marked RESUME to:
Nan Wilde
Great Barrington Housing Authority
2 Bernard Gibbons Drive
Great Barrington, MA 01230

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Formosa Market carries Asia closer to home

BY LING-MEI WONG

Formosa Asian Market in Framingham is owned by Eda Chen, a native of Taiwan. She shares her love for Taiwanese food by stocking the shelves with specialty tea, snacks and produce. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Eda Chen loves food, especially the food of her native Taiwan. When she studied accounting in Iowa, she longed to find authentic Taiwanese food to share with her friends.

“Many of my friends and people I knew were bringing food and sauces from Taiwan in their luggage, which was a hassle,” Chen said. “Thus, I thought, why not start a business which offers delicious and authentic food from Taiwan to Asian food lovers? Also, I could use the opportunity to introduce Taiwanese and Asian food culture to people in the United States.”

Chen opened Formosa Asian Market in Framingham in 2012, using the historic Portuguese name for Taiwan sailors meaning “beautiful island.” The specialty store is bright and clean, stocked with sun cakes, red bean popsicles and Taiwanese street food staple stinky tofu. The team ensures the imported tea, snacks and desserts are properly documented so customers can enjoy new tastes without concerns about food safety. “I want customers to find the best products here, made with quality ingredients,” Chen said. “We carry pineapple cake made with real pineapple. It’s a distinctive and popular dessert representative of Taiwan.”

Chen works with importers for an expansive inventory from all parts of Asia. The Formosa Market team includes an employee from Japan and is hiring for more staff. “Here, we help each other out,” Chen said. “It’s like a family.”

Chen’s parents live far from her in Chungli, Taiwan, but managing Formosa Asian Market brings her taste of home. On the shop’s shelves include her childhood favorites of dried squid strips and five-spice Kuai Kuai puffed corn snacks. “The Formosa Market team can share our dream and love for Asian food,” Chen said. “I’m excited to share my happiness with people.”

BCNC employee recognized by Blue Hills Bank

BY BOSTON CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

BCNC early education teacher Lai Chan was recognized by Blue Hills Bank as a hometown hero. (Image courtesy of Blue Hills Bank.)

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) employee Lai Chan was recognized by Blue Hills Bank as one of the 2017 Home- town Heroes. Lai Chan will be featured in the Bank’s fifth annual Hometown Hero Calendar, which honors 12 groups or individuals who go above and beyond to make our community a better place to live and work.

“Our Home- town Hero cal- endar is a tribute to the amazing individuals who contribute to the vibrancy of our communities,” said Blue Hills Bank president and CEO William M. Parent.

Lai Chan has been working at BCNC’s Acorn Center for Early Education and Care for 35 years, touching the lives of thousands of children.

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Good Neighbor Chinese Lutheran Church held a drawing competition prize ceremony on Dec. 24, 2016, at its North Quincy location. (Image courtesy of GNCLC.)

Quincy church holds children’s Christmas art contest

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Come meet our Team!
Manoa Poke Shop brings the nationwide poke craze to New England. While Boston is known for hearty cooked seafood such as clam chowder, raw options are limited to oysters and clams. Poke’s closest cousin is crudo — not as unadorned as sashimi but not as dressed as ceviche either. It originated as a salad of fish scraps by Hawaiian fishermen seasoned with soy sauce, sesame oil and scallions.

Manoa sources the freshest tuna, salmon and shellfish from local fishermen, utilizing New England’s bounty. Much of Boston’s sashimi is caught along the coast, shipped to Japan to be broken down and then distributed globally, said Jem Wilner, marketing and lead specialist for Manoa. To highlight local variety, the kelaguen bowl ($11.95) features the catch of the day in citrus marinade, with onion and “kaboom legumes” of spicy roast chickpeas.

Owner Josiah Bonsey and his brother Sam grew up in Manoa, Hawaii, then moved to Cambridge for high school. Their island love is reflected in the Somerville shop’s ever-present pineapples and a bright floral mural by Connie Fu. A pineapple juice-hibiscus tea drink ($2.95) uses actual fruit for tropical flavor.

The ahi shoyu ($11.95) with brown or white rice features tuna poke in sesame-soy marinade, pickled onion, scallions and macadamia. Additional shoyu and furikake (dry Japanese seasoning) is available on the side. Once you mix everything in the bowl, the plentiful tuna stands out in every bite. The tuna poke was healthy, satisfying and utterly delicious.

Other raw poke options include salmon shoyu ($11.95) and kilauea or spicy tuna ($11.95). Sweet chili shrimp ($11.95) uses poached salmon and roast pineapple. For vegetarians, the Soy Boy features braised tofu in teriyaki marinade, made without fish sauce for vegans.

To beat the winter chill, Manoa offers kalua pig ($11.95), pork shoulder slow-cooked for 48 hours on a Portuguese sweet roll. Head chef Armando brings the flavors of his native Guam to the chili rice bowl ($5.95), using ground beef, chorizo, linguaica and his top secret spice blend.

The location opened on Jan. 7, after a delay due to heating issues. Manoa Poke Shop offers an authentic taste of Hawaii right in the neighborhood.

This was an arranged tasting, so Sampan’s experiences may be more pleasant than the norm.

Restaurant review: Manoa Poke Shop

BY LING-MEI WONG

An ahi shoyu or tuna poke bowl with pickled onions on brown rice at Manoa Poke Shop. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Manoa Poke Shop's kalua pig, pork shoulder slow-cooked for 48 hours on a Portuguese sweet roll. (Image courtesy of Manoa Poke Shop.)