Bread maker Piantedosi equips workers with English skills

BY LING-MEI WONG

Piantedosi Baking Company invited work-place education provider Asian American Civic Association to teach English to employees, including machine operator Sokna Tak. (Image courtesy of Piantedosi.)

On the streets of Malden Center, you can’t miss the aroma of freshly baked bread. The Piantedosi Baking Company has made bread since 1916, producing up to 500,000 pieces in a day.

“What separates us from our competition is that our bread has incredible flavor and doesn’t fall apart,” said Lauren Fazio, vice president of human resources at Piantedosi.

With the closure of Quinzzin’s Bakery in 2015, Piantedosi is one of the few commercial bread suppliers in greater Boston. It employs 240 workers from 38 countries, with immigrants comprising 95 percent of its workforce. Employees mostly speak Spanish, along with Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian.

Piantedosi sought a workplace education partner to teach its staff English and baker’s math. The Asian American Civic Association (AACA) has provided English language learning for employees of Tufts Medical Center and South Cove Community Health Center, and worked with Piantedosi to develop a curriculum for its workers.

AACA has offered on-site classes since February 2016, thanks to a Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education grant.

“They’ve been a tremendous partner,” said Justine Wang, AACA workplace education coordinator and instructor. “Despite the company being super busy with their bread in high demand, the supervisors send workers to class.”

Piantedosi employee Sokna Tak has been at the company since 2007, when she arrived from Cambodia. “I couldn’t speak English and would hide from managers if I didn’t have a translator,” she said. “I was scared they asked me something.”

Tak first worked in packaging, her English so broken that her attempts to say “water” and “thank you” were misunderstood. Today she is a machine operator, capable of documenting communication and speaking directly to management.

Gladys Ortiz, Piantedosi human resources supervisor said, “Justine makes it so fun. They’re laughing and talking together, despite being in all different levels of English.”

Tak’s husband is amazed at her progress, as her formal schooling in Cambo-dia went to just seventh grade.

AACA programs manager Kristian Fitalah said, “The students are learning for the workplace, but management also makes sure the workers get vocabulary for their lives.”

Piantedosi’s investment in its workforce has paid off, with the company earning its first “AA” on a food safety inspection, up from an “A” in 2015. As the inspector can go anywhere and ask anything, the students practiced describing their job duties in English.

“The students want to learn. They say how lucky they are to have English classes at work,” Wang said.

Piantedosi is a fourth-generation family-owned business, which celebrated its 100th anniversary this year.

“The ownership cares about the people,” Fazio said. “We love people to spend their career here and grow.”

Superintendent Chang engages with Chinatown community

By Ling-Mei Wong

A town hall with Boston Public Schools Superintendent Tommy Chang took place August 23 at Josiah Quincy Elementary School. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Superintendent Tommy Chang held his sixth community dialogue on August 23 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School (JQES) in Chinatown. More than 100 people attended the town hall event.

Chang has been in Boston for the first year of his five-year contract, overseeing a district which serves more than 56,000 children in 123 schools.

“My team is focused on three values: equity, coherence and innovation,” Chang said.

Equity means all students have the opportunity to attend a high-quality school close to home with good programs such as International Baccalaureate (IB) or technical courses, Chang said. Coherence is simplifying the complex BPS school system, where students attend K-5 and K-8 schools and must transfer to middle and high school.

Innovation means developing school curricula in line with workplace needs.

The Josiah Quincy Upper School is the only IB school in the BPS district, serving grades six to 12. “Our high schools, like the IB one down the street, are debating in classrooms, doing hands on work,” Chang said.

Donannie Tran, BPS assistant superintendent for professional learning, said, “We want a great curriculum with deep thinking to prepare students for college.”

Parents asked Chang about increasing enrollment at JQES, which is among the best schools out of 41 K-5 schools in BPS. Chang responded that enrollment is already full at 2,000 students.

“We have incredible schools in BPS,” Chang said. “Our job is to create high-quality schools all across the board.”

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Many seniors from the neighborhood came to the festival to meet friends and enjoy the community event in Chinatown. (Image courtesy of Eva Loh.)

The 11th Films At the Gate film festival was hosted at the Chinatown Gate on August 26 to 28. Many seniors from the neighborhood came to the festival to meet friends and enjoy the screening of “The Woman Knight of Mirror Lake.” Finally, the Bow Sim Mark Tai Chi Arts Association performed on the closing night, featuring a screening of “The Kid with a Tattoo.”

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ACDC screens kung fu films under the stars

BY EVA LOH

When summer is about to come to an end every year, the Chinatown Gate will transform into an outdoor theater screening free Chinese-language kung fu films for the community. The 11th Films at the Gate film festival, hosted by Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), took place from August 26 to 28 at the Chinatown Gate.

This three-day film festival began with cultural arts performances by three different martial arts academies before the film screening after sunset. Wah Lum Kung Fu and Tai Chi Academy kicked off the opening night on August 26 to introduce feature film “Pui Chan: Kung Fu Pioneer,” a documentary about Wah Lum founder and kung fu master Pui Chan. Daoist Gate Wudang Arts performed on the second night before the screening of “The Woman Knight of Mirror Lake.” Finally, the Bow Sim Mark Tai Chi Arts Association performed on the closing night, featuring a screening of “The Kid with a Tattoos.”

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Chinese American Citizen Right Alliance holds inaugural meeting

BY DEBRA MEI

The Chinese American Citizen Right Alliance (CACRA) held its inaugural meeting Sept. 6 at the Quincy China Pearl. Nearly 300 people attended the dinner meeting.

CACRA formed its Massachusetts chapter in July.

State Rep. Tackey Chan attended the event. Chan urged Chinese Americans to follow politics and to vote in the upcoming local and national elections.

Quincy City Councilor at-large Nina Liang is one of the youngest Chinese-American elected officials in Massachusetts. Liang encouraged attendees to vote and make their voice heard, to build the Asian American community and strengthen the next generation.

Frank Poon was named president of CACRA, which is a registered nonprofit organization. He introduced the alliance’s mission to advance the rights of Chinese Americans through voter registration, voting and making the Chinese community’s voice heard. It strives to make life better for Chinese Americans and to ensure fair treatment. CACRA will work to naturalize Chinese immigrants and assist with citizenship paperwork, so they can become U.S. citizens.

Chinese voters in America have low voting rates, which is roughly 20-30 percent. As a result, the Chinese community’s concerns are often overlooked, resulting in unfair treatment and ineffective solutions. CACRA hopes more Chinese citizens see voting as their right to make themselves heard and uphold their rights.

CACRA will provide translated voter information, without endorsing any political party, to help the Chinese community decide who to vote for. It is working with Quincy Asian Resources Inc., providing services to Chinese Americans in October every Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding public holidays.

For more information, visit cacraus.org.
Event Calendar

ESOL classes Sept. 6 to Dec. 8 244 Harrison Avenue Boston, MA 02111 American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services will offer three ESOL classes: Early Morning Class from 8:30 to 10:15 a.m. Monday to Thursday; Late Morning Class from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday; and Evening Class (Level 3, 4 only) 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Thursday. Registration is 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday to Thursday for levels 3 and 3 (3rd class mail).

Tenant Festival Saturday, Sept. 10 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Chinatown Gate Chinatown Main Street will host its annual Lantern Festival at the China-town Gate.

Huxin School open house Saturday, Sept. 10 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 437 Cherry Street Newton, MA 02465 Huxin Chinese School will host an open house for its language and cultural activities at the Chinese Cultural Association. For more information, visit www.gbcva.org.

Chinese Women’s Association gala Saturday, Sept. 10 6 p.m. 9 Tyler Street Boston, MA 02211 The Chinese Women’s Association of New England will celebrate its 76th anniversary at the China-

Pearl.

Free yoga class Sept. 13 to Oct. 25 30 Edgerly Road Boston, MA 02115 Free yoga classes will take place on Tuesdays at Symphony Park, with mats and chairs provided. People in wheelchairs and with limited mobility are welcome to join. In the event of rain, classes will be held at Morville House, 100 Norway Street.

Free health care service Every Tuesday 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. First Church in Malden 184 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148 The Sharewood Project offers free, unscheduled health care to the medi-cally underserved populations of the greater Boston area. For more information please call (781) 324-8991 or e-mail sharewood.direc-tor@gmail.com.

Chinatown Master Plan meeting Wednesday, Sept. 14 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. 885 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 A town meeting on sta-bilizing Chinatown’s fu-ture will take place at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

Citizenship Day Saturday, Sept. 17 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 205 Roxbury Street Boston, MA 02119 Citizenship Day will take place at the Timilty Middle School. For more information, visit http://projectcitizenship.org/ or call (617) 694-5949.

Customer service English class Sept. 19 to Dec. 9 9:30 a.m. to noon 28 Ash Street Boston, MA 02111 A class to help learn English and workplace skills to work in the cus-tomer service field will be held at the Chinese Progressive Association (CPA) on Mondays for 6 weeks. Applicants must be Boston residents, know intermediate English and income qualify for the class. Sign up at CPA or (617) 357-4499.

Naturalization workshop Monday, Sept. 19 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 87 Tyler Street Boston, MA 02111 The American Civic Association naturaliza-tion workshop provides free information on filling naturalization applications, translated study material and much more. Please register with Melody Tsang at (617) 426-9492 or e-mail info@acca.org.

Chinatown/Roxbury Chinese Neighborhood Committee meeting Wednesday, Sept. 21 7 p.m. 200 Shawmut Avenue Boston, MA 02116 A town meeting on stabilizing Chinatown’s future will take place at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

Free legal clinic Monday, Sept. 26 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. 1509 Hancock Street, Suite 209 Quincy, MA 02169 Quincy Asian Resource- es, Inc. will host a free monthly legal clinic addressing individual concerns over immigration law, landlord/tenant law, family law, personal injury and criminal issues. Please contact QARI at (617) 472-2200 or e-mail info@ quincyasiaresources.org.

Small business resource fair Wednesday, Sept. 28 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1350 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02129 The City of Boston’s Office of Economic Devel-opment, the Massachu-setts’ Office of Business Development, in partnership with the Small Business Administration, is holding a free small business resource fair at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury. To register, please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/small-business-resource-fairs-2672477032.

CHSNE banquet Friday, Sept. 30 6 p.m. 690 Washington Street Boston, MA 02111 The Chinese Historical Society of New England will hold its annual meet-ing and dinner banquet at Empire Garden. For more information, call (617) 338-4359 or email info@ chsne.org.

5th Annual Young Leaders Symposium Saturday, Oct. 15 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 361 Washington Street Brookline, MA 02445 Students and young profes-sionals are invited to attend the American Commis-sion’s 5th Annual Young Leaders Symposium.
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Chinatown meeting roundup:
CCBA, CSC, CRA, TCC

BY SARA BROWN AND LING-MEI WONG

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association elected Man Ho Chan to be treasurer on August 16, after Philip Huang stepped down. Chan ran unopposed and won the 33 directors’ votes unanimously.

CSC

The Chinatown Safety Committee held its monthly meeting Sept. 7 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Boston Police Department District A-1 Capt. Ken Fong said that overall crime during the summer was low. Crime was down 6 percent this past month in the district. There were 47 arrests: 32 warrant arrests, four for trespassing, two assaults and one sexual assault.

There were 19 larcenies and 14 car break-ins.

“One number is a little high, compared to what we are used to in the past,” Fong said about the car break-ins.

Fong recommended people to not leave valuables in the car where anyone can see them.

CRA

The Chinatown Resident Association met at the Josiah Quincy School on Sept. 7.

A pedestrian safety report was given by Debbie Chen, community planner at the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), the community developer for the project.

Immigration reform needed

BY HONGYI GONG

President Barack Obama’s 2012 immigration measure for children of undocumented immigrants, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), marked its fourth anniversary in August. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) had accepted 819,512 applications as of March 6, 2016, and 89 percent had been approved, according to an analysis by the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

The MPI report found the application rate from Asian communities is lower compared to other communities. About 27,000 children of undocumented immigrants from China are eligible for DACA, but applications from the Chinese community are so few that there is no data on application rates.

An outreach and education initiative was launched by the Boston Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement, encouraging people to continue applying for DACA.

“Chinese undocumented individuals may be eligible for immigration assistance and these developments help keep families together,” said Chau-ming Lee, Asian American Civic Association executive director.

Update to waiver for undocumented members

Meanwhile, a new rule for an existing provisional waiver process went into effect on August 29. The new rule expands eligibility for the provisional waiver process to individuals, based on the extreme hardship their U.S. citizen and permanent resident spouses or parents would suffer.

The Nebraska community is so far the least eligible compared to other communities, according to the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).”

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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 Oct 18th, 2016.

A Public Info Session will be held on Sept 14th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in Hopkinton Town Hall, 18 Main Street. The Lottery will be held in the same location on Nov 2nd, 2016 at 6 pm.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.e-homeslottery.com or call (617) 782-6900 (x1) and leave a message. For TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.

Applications and Info also available at the Hopkinton Public Library at 65 South Street (temporary location). Library Hours (M/W/F 10-8, Tu/Th 10-5, and starting in Sept open on Sat 10-4).

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ACDC welcomes Angie Liou as executive director

BY THE ASIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Angie Liou was named executive director of the Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) on August 22, after having served as the acting executive director since July 2015.

“I am excited for this opportunity to continue to deepen and expand ACDC’s work in the Asian American community in Greater Boston. As residents experience the pressures of gentrification and displacement, innovative community development strategies are required to ensure that working families and immigrants can continue to thrive in our communities,” Liou said.

Under Liou’s leadership in the past year, ACDC has increased capacity to offer housing counseling and financial wellness programs in Malden, and organized civic engagement initiatives reaching more than 3,000 registered Asian voters in the Greater Boston area.

Janelle Chan, ACDC’s outgoing executive director, leaves her position at ACDC to serve as an executive on the real estate team of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority.

MIT professor writes debut novel on love and loss during Sino-Japanese War

BY LING-MEI WONG

By day, Hong Zheng works as a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose workplace since 1965. His academic career highlights include his passions for applied mathematics and theoretical physics.

His academic career highlights include being the youngest member of Taiwan’s Academia Sinica for many years and publishing his research in academic journals. After hours, Zheng spent the last 10 years writing his first English novel, “Nanjing Never Cries,” exploring the Rape of Nanjing through intimate relationships. The Sino-Japanese War (1937-1945) saw some of the worst atrocities committed by the Japanese imperial army, which took hundreds of thousands of lives throughout southeast Asia.

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BY RICHARD T. MOORE

Anytime someone tells me that technology is too complicated or intimidating for seniors, I tell them about my uncle, Jimmy. Jimmy Moore was an active user of the internet to stay in touch with friends and family—even when he reached 96 years old. By browsing the web and sending emails from his assisted living community, Uncle Jimmy found that technology helped him remain engaged with the world around him.

Many senior citizens have yet to fully embrace technology and all of the benefits that come with it. In fact, according to recent statistics from the Pew Research Center, only 30% of adults in the United States age 65 and older own personal smartphones, compared with 68% of the general population. A similar study by Pew found that only 48% of residents in the same age bracket have their own Facebook page compared with 72% of the overall population.

Keeping seniors connected and engaged is a priority for the Massachusetts Assisted Living Association (Mass-ALA). September 11 - 17 is National Assisted Living Week, and in the spirit of this year’s theme of “Keep Connected,” here are six tips for helping seniors stay engaged through technology.

1. Create a social media profile.
   
   If you’re one of the 52% of seniors who don’t currently have a Facebook page, you’re missing out. Facebook allows you to instantly connect with friends and family from around the world no matter where they live. Through Facebook you can send messages, view photographs, and keep yourself updated on what others are doing.

2. Join an online community.
   
   Through social media websites such as Facebook, a number of online communities have been created that allow you to stay connected with others who share similar interests. Groups exist online where users can talk about and share opinions on a broad range of topics, including movies and television shows, music, crafts and hobbies, sports, and much more. Additionally, there are a number of online communities dedicated to smaller personal groups of people, such as college or high school graduating classes.

3. Place a video call instead of a regular phone call.
   
   Smartphones, tablets, and most computers have the capability to place a video call for free so that participants on both ends can physically see who they are talking to. Services such as FaceTime and Skype are free and can be used directly from your device anywhere that you have internet access. The visual aspect can add another layer to your conversation and makes for a more personal exchange.

4. Play interactive games to keep your wits sharp.
   
   In addition to mindless fun, smartphones, desktops, and tablets now offer games that have been created for the sole purpose of encouraging a brain-smart lifestyle by boosting critical thinking, memory building and strategy skills. Organizations such as the AARP and Lumosity offer a number of such games both online and via smartphone or tablet.

5. Get your news online.
   
   While newspapers and televised reports still offer in-depth coverage, online news provide much more immediate information and are updated frequently. Because of this immediacy, online news often offers the best and most timely coverage and can be a wonderful resource.

6. Take advantage of classes.
   
   Many assisted living residences, senior centers, and public libraries offer classes and trainings where technology experts provide tips and tricks on how to make technology work for your lifestyle. These basic classes will show you the basics and also give you tips on how to stay safe online, as online scams unfortunately do exist.

Webster Village

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Webster Village is a 76 unit rental apartment community located in Hanover on 295 Webster Street. 19 of these apartments will be made available through this application process and rented to households with incomes at or below 80% of the Area Median Income. Units feature modern floorplans, granite countertops, ceramic and luxury vinyl tile floors, side-by-side washer and dryer and all stainless steel appliances. The development features two story buildings serviced by elevators, huge workout room with lockers, game room and fully furnished function room with full kitchen.

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Suicide Prevention Awareness Month seeks to support those in pain

BY SARA BROWN

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicide is a global phenomenon that affects all regions of the world.

Suicide was the 10th leading cause of death for all ages in 2014 and was the second leading cause of death for individuals age 10 to 24, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 800,000 people die due to suicide every year.

Suicide is often the result of mental health conditions that affect people when they are most vulnerable. Many individuals who commit suicide or have suicidal thoughts often deal with depression or a mental illness that has gone untreated. People often don’t seek treatment due to feelings of shame surrounding the stigma of mental illness.

However, there is hope. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Suicide Prevention Program works in collaboration with state, national and local agencies to reduce these deaths and injuries.

In 2013, 585 suicides occurred in Massachusetts. From 2003 to 2013, suicides increased 3.6 percent each year. There were 38 percent more suicides in 2013 than 2003. This mirrors a national trend.

However, Massachusetts has a lower suicide rate (12.44 per 100,000), according to the American Psychological Association. Among females from all racial backgrounds between the ages of 65 and 84, Asian-Americans had the highest suicide rate.

Males make up the majority of suicides in the state at 73 percent. However, female suicide rates have increased. From 2003 to 2013, the rate of suicides for males increased 29 percent and 44 percent for females.

What to do when you suspect someone has suicidal thoughts:

About 75% of those who die by suicide give warning signs, according to APA. These include giving away prized possessions, talking about suicide, preparing for death, obtaining the means to die by suicide, depression, changes in personality, social withdrawal, and changes in sleeping or eating patterns.

If you believe a suicide attempt is imminent, do not leave the person alone. Call for professional help.

Suicide is 100 percent preventable. Depression and mental illness can be treated with a combination of therapy and medication.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, please call 911 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK).

BCNC and Urban College receive grant for early education training

BY THE BOSTON CHINATOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center and Urban College have again received funding from the Boston Office of Workforce Development for low-income Boston residents to begin their educational path towards working in early education and care. Eligible Chinese speakers will receive free college-level child development courses and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) in the context of child development. They also will receive support when finished to find an internship or paid work in the field of early education and care.

To be eligible, individuals must be Boston residents and qualify as low income. They must also wish to pursue work in a child care center or open a family child care home. Classes take place in the evenings after 6 p.m. and Saturdays are taught in Chinese. ESOL instruction happens twice a week. Students must be able to attend three classes a week. Tutorial support, career planning and case management are available.

For more information, call Yu man Mui at (617) 635-5129 or Tong Feng at Urban College at (617) 449-7067.
“Nanjing Never Cries” author and MIT physics professor Hong Zheng. (Image courtesy of Allegra Boverman.)

“I want to preserve this piece of history for the younger generation. My generation is dying,” Zheng said. “We owe it to history to preserve this memory.”

Zheng was born in 1937 in Guangzhou, China, and moved to Taiwan as a child when the Nationalists lost to the Communists. While Zheng did not live through the Rape of Nanjing, he felt it was a historical event deserving more attention.

“The Sino-Japanese War was not just a conflict between two nations. It’s genocide of the Chinese,” Zheng said. “A Japanese soldier wrote in his diary that killing a Chinese was easier than killing a chicken.”

The impetus for the novel came from a Hiroshima symposium at MIT. When the panelists discussed American guilt for the Nanjing massacre, they focused on MIT graduate John Winthrop and his brilliant Chinese partner Calvin Ren, engaged in a top-secret project to build warplanes for the Chinese to defend themselves against the Japanese. John meets Chen May, a beautiful 18-year-old from Nanjing and spends many afternoons with her browsing antiques. Calvin’s wife Judy teaches middle school students, while Calvin builds planes. Tragedy strikes when the Japanese invade the city.

“In writing a novel, you need to have passion, feeling, emotion. Sometimes I cried,” Zheng said. “Writing a research paper, you need to be cold, rational, analytical.”

Zheng has little spare time to read novels, but has already published a Chinese novel. He has nothing against the people of Japan, but feels its leadership needs to take responsibility for the nation’s acts of aggression.

“The Japanese caused genocide, they killed, raped and burned. How can they defend that? How they say they suffered the most?” Zheng said. “It’s not just physical suffering, it’s a sense of humiliation and wrath for the Chinese. What would happen if your mother was raped and your father was killed by the Japanese, but the culprits never admitted they were wrong?”

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Come meet with a Boston Water and Sewer representative in your neighborhood and learn why it’s important not to dump into catch basins.

You can also pay your water bill with a check or money order, talk about billing or service problems, apply for a senior or disabled person discount, and more.

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Families are tapping more scholarships to pay for college

BY SALLIE MAE

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I am an eight-year-old Massachusetts girl who has been studying Mandarin Chinese since I was five at the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School in Hadley, Massachusetts. My parents aren’t Chinese and don’t know Mandarin. I love Chinese language and culture. So I asked my grandfather, Edward Curtin or “Poppi,” to interview me so I could share my love for Chinese things with other kids. I thought this would be a good way for me to speak my thoughts. I think more American children should learn Mandarin and get to know how beautiful Chinese culture is.

Poppi: What got you interested in learning Mandarin?

Sophie: Well, my parents decided that they would put my name in a lottery for a Chinese language school and then my name was picked by luck. None of us knew what the school was about so we decided to go visit and then I started kindergarten.

Poppi: Was it hard learning Mandarin?

Sophie: At first it was really difficult, since most of the school day is in Chinese, but once I got the basic words I was fluent. I give the most thanks to because they helped us along ever since I walked in on the first day of kindergarten.

Poppi: How did you become so fluent in speaking Chinese in just three school years?

Sophie: The teachers are the ones who I give the most thanks to because they helped us along ever since I walked in on the first day of kindergarten.

Poppi: What's the most fun part about learning Chinese or learning other subjects like math in Chinese?

Sophie: I really like the challenge.

Poppi: What interests you most about Chinese culture?

Sophie: I like the special holidays, especially Chinese New Year. The colors are amazing. I really like the Dragon.

Poppi: Would you like to visit China?

Sophie: Yes, I would definitely like to visit China.

Poppi: Is there anything you would like to say in conclusion?

Sophie: Yes, the colors of China are amazing. And I think speaking Chinese in America can be done. If I can do it, so can you.

Sophie Michel studies Chinese at the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion Charter School. (Image courtesy of Sophie Michel.)
Kwong Kow Chinese School students and teaching assistants performed on the last day of the summer program on August 19. Around 68 students attended the seven-week summer program from July 5, focusing on the theme of “Colonization of Mars.” Students performed lion dance, martial arts, musical instruments, dancing, singing, and a vignette from a musical. (Image courtesy of Hongyi Gong.)

East Meets West Kite Festival
binds different cultures

BY HONGYI GONG

Pauly Berard is no stranger to holding the head of a 300-foot dragon kite, while others lifted the dragon body. “Sometimes it takes five to six people to launch this kite,” Berard said. “Everyone wants to be a part of it. We are a community.”

The 14th annual East Meets West Kite and Cultural Festival was held at Pope John Paul II Park in Dorchester on August 20. Colorful kites of different sizes ruled the sky near the I-93 Highway. Berard, traveling from Rhode Island, has never missed a single year of the event. As the main launcher of the dragon kite, he had partnered with Wing Hung Yee, the kite’s keeper, for 14 years. “He knows he can trust me,” Berard said.

Richie Salvo of Sangus brought kites in shape of animals — including a panda, octopus, duck, fish and tiger — to build his “zoo of kites.”

The Meuse family heard about the festival via BostonCentral’s newsletter, and drove 45 minutes from Sudbury to join the festival for the first time. Susan ordered the kites online from China, which came with assembly instructions in Chinese. Her twin daughters, Amy and Miranda, 10, assembled and flew the kites with their father Kevin.

Quincy celebrates August Moon Festival

BY ELLEN DUONG

The Quincy 29th Annual August Moon Festival took place August 21. Children danced at the festival. This year, the festival returned to the North Quincy MBTA parking lot, where it had been held until 2003. (Image courtesy of Ellen Duong.)

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