BCNC celebrates community at 30th annual Oak Street Fair

BY LING-MEI WONG

Oak Street Fair tables and activities on Sept. 26 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. (Image courtesy of Julia Wong.)

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC) held the 30th annual Oak Street Fair on Sept. 26, on the grounds of Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

Giles Li, BCNC’s executive director, kicked off the fair with welcoming remarks. The schedule also included a BCNC youth performance, lion dance, face painting, and the annual watermelon eating contest, which was one of the favorite events of the crowd.

Tables and activities were spread throughout both the upper and lower open areas and children were encouraged to visit six stands to learn and have fun. Upon completion of their quest, participants received a prize.

Some of the table sponsors included: Tufts Medical Center who also provided health and dental screenings, Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, New England Aquarium, and Bunker Hill Community College.

In addition to the activity tables, young children also had the opportunity to interact with animals in the available petting zoo. The fair also provided resources for adults with information on voter registration, available family services such as after school programs and ACDC’s Parcel 12 workshop. Volunteers staffed a food stand with all proceeds donated to children with special needs.

The Oak Street fair was BCNC’s celebration of community and demonstrated their desire to provide the community with the right resources to ignite the passion to learn and succeed.

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The Parent Digital Project is a six-session foundational workshop that teaches parents basic video recording skills and how to post videos online. The program will be at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center. Register with Shixin Su before Oct. 8.

Event Calendar

Charity yard sale
Saturday, Oct. 3
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
808 West Quannapowitt Quincy, MA 02171
The Good Neighbor Lutheran Church is having a charity yard sale, with all proceeds to be donated to UNHCR for helping Syrian child refugees. For more information, call (617) 653-3693.

Book signing and documentary screening
Saturday, Oct. 3
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
145 Harrison Street Boston, MA 02111
Erika Lee, author of “The Making of Asian America” and Penny Lee, filmmaker of “Through Chinatown’s Eyes,” will discuss their work at the Sacker Auditorium at Tufts University.

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6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
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Chinatown Safety Committee meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 7
10:30 a.m.
821 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Safety Committee meeting will take place at the DoubleTree Hotel. The public is welcome to attend.

Chinatown Resident Association meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 7
6:30 p.m.
885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Resident Association meeting will take place at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School cafeteria. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, email chinatownresident@gmail.com.

The Chinatown Coalition meeting
Thursday, Oct. 8
9:30 a.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Coalition meeting will take place at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 4F. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, visit tcoboston.org.

NAAAP Northeast Leadership Conference
Friday, Oct. 9
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125
This all-day conference will focus on “ability” this year, which NAAAP Boston recognizes as an essential competency for individuals and organizations to grow and succeed in today’s dynamic, fast-paced and uncertain business environments. Register at 2015naaapnlevent.breeze.com.

Understanding BFS workshop
Friday, Oct. 9
9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
This workshop aims to help parents, especially those new to Boston Public Schools, understand the education system. It will be held in Room 501/508, with Cantonese and Mandarin interpretation available. Register with Shixin Su at (617) 635-5129 x 1071, shixin_su@bcnc.net or fax (617) 292-6599.

CelebrASIAN Benefit Fashion Show
Friday, Oct. 9
6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
32 Harvard Street
Brookline, MA 02445
Asian Women for Health will host CelebrASIAN’s annual benefit fashion show at the Ko¬ rean Church of Boston. Asian cancer/trauma sur¬ vivors will share inspiring stories as they model the creations of leading Asian designers. For more information, contact Chien-Chi Huang at cch@asianwomen4enforhealth.org.

Limitless & Beyond, Creative Innovation Career Fair 2015
Saturday, Oct. 10
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Creative Innovation Career Fair will take place at the Quincy School Auditorium. A discussed moderated by Susan Tan of 7 News will feature “Hawai Five-O” actor Brian Yang and graphic novel editor Keith Chow. For more information, visit www.ca¬ coboston.org.

“Operation Babylift” screening
Saturday, Oct. 10
6 p.m.
24 Charles Street
Dorchester, MA 02122
A screening of “Operation Babylift: The Lost Children of Vietnam” will take place at the Vietnamese American Community Center. To RSVP, visit www.baaff.org/babylift.html.

Clean Up Chinatown meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 13
11 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Clean Up Chinatown meeting will take place at the Asian American Civic Association, 5F. The public is welcome to attend.

Boston Public Schools citywide college fair
Saturday, Oct. 17
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
1350 Tremont Street
Boston, MA 02120
Students, families and mentors are invited to the Citywide-College and Career Fair at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center. More than 100 colleges and education exhibitors will be on hand.

Memorial for Yuzhen Lei
Saturday, Oct. 17
9 a.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
A candlelight vigil will be held for Yuzhen Lei, a victim of assault on July 5 at the Quincy School auditorium. The public is welcome to attend.

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Chinatown community discusses Parcel 12 possibilities

BY SARA BROWN

Chinatown residents gathered at Josiah Quincy Elementary School to discuss the future of Parcel 12 on Sept. 23.

Parcel 12 is one of the few remaining undeveloped properties in Chinatown. It is owned by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and is located on Tremont Street between the DoubleTree Hotel/Wang YMCA and the Tufts Medical Center parking garage.

The Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC) have had about six meetings with the public on what they would like to see. “It’s important to get the resident’s opinions on this because whatever goes there is going to directly impact their lives,” said Debbie Chen, ACDC community planner.

Chen said the area is one of the most desirable areas for development due to its location. “It’s easy accessible by public transportation. It’s linguistically accessible to services and jobs,” she said.

ACDC has advocated that Parcel 12 be used for affordable housing development.

Chen believes that many longtime Chinatown residents are being pushed out of the neighborhood due to high rents. The average yearly household income in Chinatown is $25,000. The average yearly household income in the country is $50,000.

“This is a unique place. There are a lot of services here that people don’t find in other communities,” Chen said. “If we don’t protect our community, it will be bought out by luxury apartments.”

Zi Liang Ruan, a senior at Boston Latin School, agreed with Chen.

“I have been seeing a lot of stores lately closing due to expensive rents. They couldn’t afford it anymore,” Chen said. “People are being priced out of their own neighborhood. Investors see that people are willing to pay a lot of money to live in Chinatown. Every time someone from Chinatown leaves, they are taking a part of Chinatown with them.”

Ruan is an intern at ACDC. He said Chinatown is the reason why he and his family have succeeded in the United States.

A public meeting on Parcel 12 took place Sept. 23 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. (Image courtesy of Sara Brown.)

“I wouldn’t have made it here without Chinatown,” he said.

Chen said after the series of meetings with the public are over, ACDC hopes to compile their findings and put together a recommendation.

The public, so far, has said they would like to see the whole site become affordable housing, but at the very least 40 percent of it should be affordable. The public has also voiced their support for a tall building. Zoning laws in Boston says that building can be at least 250 feet which is 25 floors.

Residents would also like to see some commercial development in the building. During the meeting, residents said they would prefer to see a store or a restaurant also be in the building in addition to affordable housing. They also said they would want parking available for residents.

Chen said this past meeting was more laidback than others. In past meetings, residents had the chance to be more interactive and even build their own model of how they would like a potential building to look.

Parcel 12 Today 今天的12电报

A public meeting on Parcel 12 took place Sept. 23 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. (Image courtesy of Julia Wong.)

Festival attendees browse vendor goods at second annual lantern festival on Sept. 26 in Chinatown. (Image courtesy of Julia Wong.)

A celebration of community at Chinatown’s Lantern Festival

BY JULIA WONG

The second annual lantern festival celebration took place on September 26, 2015 in Boston’s Chinatown. Chinatown Main Street, Mayor Marty Walsh, Art and Tourism and The Rose Kennedy Greenway hosted the event.

At the Chinatown Gate, Tony Yee, president of Chinatown Main Street and Gilbert Ho, one of the Board’s directors, led the board of directors as well as event sponsors onto stage for opening remarks.

The praise for Main Street and its positive impact on the community was unanimous.

Mayor Marty Walsh stated it was a very special day for Boston.

Sheila Dillon, director and chief of housing and Department of Neighborhood Development expressed her gratitude to Main Street and its continued support of the 40 businesses in Chinatown.

Stephen Gilman, program director of Boston Main Streets, noted how the festival served as a reminder of how important it was to have an organization such as Main Street in a community.

Suffolk County Sheriff, Steven Tompkins noted “our differences are our strengths and we have to live together in unity, harmony and peace.”

Rose Hong announced the exciting news that Harvard Pilgrim Health Care now offered acupuncture as a covered benefit for up to 20 visits. The board of directors presented Walsh with a box of ceremonial moon cakes.

A public meeting on Parcel 12 took place Sept. 23 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School. (Image courtesy of Sara Brown.)

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Asian American Day combines art and culture

BY GARY YU

The Fifth Asian American Day took place at the Marriott Burlington on Sept. 20, hosted by 10 organizations that featured entrepreneurship, education, medical seminars, antiques and live cultural performances at the dinner. More than 1,000 people attended.


Traditional Chinese dances were performed, along with a live erhu concert and Chinese opera.

The Fifth Asian American Day took place at the Marriott Burlington on Sept. 20. (Left to right) Gusheng Zhou, state Sen. Jason Lewis, YinYin Zheng, Nam Pham, Burlington Mayor Robert Hogan, Ye Huang and Zhigang Bo. (Image courtesy of Gary Yu.)

Social service agency appreciates donors

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Asian American Civic Association (AACA) held a donor appreciation breakfast on Sept. 25 at its 87 Tyler Street headquarters.

Focused on economic self-sufficiency, AACA provides a range of services, including job training and employment services, English classes, college preparation, and social services. For more information, visit http://aaca-boston.org.

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Baker said, “We’re running drills in October and December for winter.”

As of this this fall, according to Baker, “we are far better prepared for this winter than last winter.”

In other MBTA news, the 4.7-mile Green Line extension from a relocated Lechmere Station in East Cambridge to Union Square in Somerville and College Avenue is 4.7 miles and was originally expected to be cost $2 billion when the project was approved in November 2014. However, a cost analysis in June pushed the project estimate to $3 billion, which Baker will review before Thanksgiving.

“There’s something hugely troubling for a project underway to go from $2 billion to $3 billion,” Baker said. “We have a real big cost estimation issue.”

Baker’s administration also approved $65 million in tax credits for renovating public housing stock. It also , and launched a $45 million initiative for early childhood education, putting private daycare facilities inside 25 public schools for a direct path to kindergarten.

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437 Cherry Street
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1220 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA

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1310 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA

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28 Oak Street
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100 Brookline Avenue
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700 Boylston Street
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663 Washington Street
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30 Gerald Street
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112 Shawmut Avenue
Dorchester, MA

Chinese Book Store
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Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England
96 Tyler Street
Boston, MA

Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center
5 Oak Street West
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Jia Ho Supermarket
692 Washington Street
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40 Mason Street
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1,922 Washington Street
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61 Harrison Avenue
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Tai Tung Village
253 Tyler Street
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171 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA

Tufts Medical Center T Station
South Cove Exit
Boston, MA

Wang YMCA of Chinatown
8 Oak Street
Boston, MA

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**Chinatown meeting roundup: CNC, CCBA**

**BY LING-MEI WONG**

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association met at its 90 Tyler Street headquarters on Sept. 29. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Committee met at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association on Sept. 21. Michael Crisp discussed safety at Tufts Medical Center. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

“By virtue of working with us, you get an additional 88,000 square feet of construction on your land,” said Jonathan Davis, CEO of the Davis Companies. No action was taken on the presentation.

The CCBA directors voted to repair its roof, which is leaking. The building was opened in 1847 as the Josiah Quincy School, which closed in 1976 and became home to the CCBA.

The Tai Tung Village outdoor playground is overcrowded, so the directors voted to limit usage to tenants and residents. Sunshine Childcare Center is a tenant at two storefronts, while ACCESS has an after-school program for children, resulting in high demand.

The next CCBA officer election takes place Dec. 1.

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**Chinatown crime blotter for Sept. 19 to Oct. 2**

**BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from Sept. 19 to Oct. 2 for District A-1, which includes Chinatown.

To report a crime or suspicious activity, call 911. Interpreters are available for Chinese speakers.

**Breaking and entering**

**Sept. 20, 5:36 p.m.** The suspect was placed under arrest by the officer for breaking into an apartment located at One Greenway.

**Indecent exposure**

**Sept. 22, 1:17 a.m.** The victim reports while walking through the parking lot on Harrison Avenue, an unknown white male in a white pickup truck exposed himself to her. The victim was able to take a picture of the suspect’s license plate.

**Demonstration**

**Sept. 23, 4:59 p.m.** The officer observed a group of about 30 protesters from the Chinese Progressive Association marching on Tyler Street. The group was protesting for affordable housing in Chinatown.

**Aggravated assault**

**Sept. 24, 5:38 a.m.** The victim reports while loading trash into his trash truck on Hudson Street, an unknown black male came up behind him and threw a cinder block at him. The victim picked up a baseball bat to defend himself. The suspect fled up Hudson Street.

**Assault and battery**

**Sept. 26, 3:59 a.m.** The officer responded to 660 Washington Street to take an assault and battery report. Upon arrival, the officer met with the victim and security for the building.

They reported there was a fight outside of the building involving several Asian males. When they attempted to break up the fight, the males began to assault them. The males fled prior to the arrival of the officers. The incident was recorded by security cameras. The incident is to be further investigated by district detectives.

**Aggravated assault and battery**

**Sept. 26, 5:42 p.m.** The victim reports while smoking a cigarette on Knapp Street, he was assaulted with a metal pole by an unknown white male. The suspect fled onto Washington Street on a bicycle.

**Assault and battery**

**Sept. 26, 11:34 p.m.** The officer responded to Washington Street on a report of an assault and battery. Upon arrival, the officer met the victim. He stated he was assaulted by a person that lives in the building. The victim wanted a report so he could notify management about the incident.

**Investigate person**

**Sept. 27, 10:50 p.m.** The officers responded to Tufts Medical Center for a stabbing victim. Upon arrival, the officers met and spoke with hospital staff. They stated the victim walked into the emergency room with a deep laceration to the right side of his face. The officers were not able to interview the victim because he was heavily sedated. The incident will be further investigated by the district detectives.

**Warrant arrest**

**Sept. 29, 1:09 a.m.** The suspect was arrested on Beach Street on an outstanding warrant issued out of Brockton District Court.

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**Norwood Affordable Rentals**

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High school students from the Boston Asian Youth Essential Services (BAYES) participated in Drug Take-Back Day on Sept. 26 at the Boston Police Department’s District A-1 station. (Sec-ond row) Sgt. James Chin (left), Capt. Ken Fong (second from right) and Kenny Wong of BAYES (right) with the youth. (Image courtesy of BAYES.)

Chinatown youth raise awareness about drug abuse

BY LING-MEI WONG

High school students from the Boston Asian Youth Essential Services participated in Drug Take-Back Day on Sept. 26. Youth brought unused prescription drugs to a kiosk at the Boston Police Department’s District A-1 station.

The youth have been raising awareness about prescription drug abuse, as overdose deaths have increased. Data from the Mass. Department of Public Health estimated there would be 21 to 38 unintentional opioid-related fatal overdoses in 2013 and an additional 168 to 254 deaths in 2014, pending medical examiner reports.

Public health experts warn that prescription medications should not be flushed down the toilet, where they can pollute water sources or tossed in the trash where they could be found and misused. Many local police departments have permanent drug drop-boxes on site. For more information about safe prescription drug disposal, visit mass.gov/stopaddiction.

Mass. attorney general fights for worker rights

Mass. Attorney General Maura Healey invited members of the ethnic media to a Sept. 23 roundtable discussion at her office about worker rights, immigration and domestic violence.

Undocumented workers who have their wages withheld or are threatened with deportation have worker rights and can file a complaint through Healey’s office, without being asked about their immigration status. “The ways people engage in wage theft, it’s sometimes criminal and also immoral. Every hard-working man and woman deserves the wages they earn,” she said.

Immigration scams by unscrupulous individuals pretending to offer immigration services should be reported to her office. “If anybody is aware of anyone doing that in the community, let us know so we can take action,” Healey said.

Healey’s office partnered with the New England Patriots for a domestic violence initiative, which has a statewide effect but may be more hidden in some communities. “I know domestic violence, sexual assault and relationship violence are common in our state,” she said. The Patriots are funding relationship violence programs in 90 high schools for teachers, parents and students to recognize it and know how to combat it.

For-profit schools are being investigated by her office, which charge exorbitant tuition for worthless degrees in promising fields. “Immigrants and veterans are disproportionately affected” and often take on “tremendous” debt, Healey said.

Healey said her office was working on foreclosed and abandoned properties, which may be abused for gang or drug activity. Once the homes are put into receivership, they can be renovated and not pose a community threat.

The attorney general’s office is holding community action hours across the state in the evenings, with interpreters. As the “people’s lawyer,” Healey’s office protects consumers, combats fraud and corruption, protects civil rights, and promotes meaningful economic recovery. Complainants can be filed online at www.mass.gov/ago/ or by calling (617) 727-2200.

NOTICE OF COMMUNITY MEETING

Tufts University and Tufts Medical Center’s Institutional Biosafety Committee will hold an Open Meeting on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at 150 Harrison Avenue, Behrakis Auditorium, Room 130 in Boston. The Institutional Biosafety Committee is responsible for ensuring that all research involving potentially biohazardous agents done at or sponsored by Tufts University or Tufts Medical Center is conducted in compliance with National Institutes of Health guidelines and with proper concern for the safety of research personnel, the environment, and the surrounding communities.

The Tufts University Institutional Biosafety Committee is based in Boston and regulates this research for the Tufts University Health Sciences Campus, Tufts University Medford/Somerville Campus, Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging, and Tufts Medical Center. Members of the community are encouraged to attend the open meeting to learn more about the Institutional Biosafety Committee and its regulatory functions and biosafety risk management. Meeting attendees must have a form of photo identification to enter the building.

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Chinatown calls for eviction protections

BY THE CHINESE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The chants and drums resounded as the R Visions People’s Tour found its way through the streets of Chinatown. About a hundred residents and community activists joined a march and rally today to call for increased action by city government to protect working-class neighborhoods. Stopping at different sites marked by community art installations, community members spoke to the different strategies for stabilizing Chinatown’s future.

Yue Mei Zhong is a tenant whose landlord has asked her to move out by October 1 but has been unable to find a new apartment.

“We want to remain here. This is my community. This is my home,” said Zhong. “We need laws that help us stay in our home, like a Just Cause eviction law.” In the face of rising rents and displacement, the Chinese Progressive Association and other members of the Right to Remain Coalition are calling for the outlawing of no-fault evictions. Other cities across the country have adopted Just Cause Eviction Laws to protect tenants by establishing a set number of allowable reasons for an eviction, such as illegal activity, non-payment of rent, or violation of a lease. At Parcel R1, a public parcel leased to Tufts Medical Center as a parking lot, a “yarn bomb” installation read “R Right to Remain” in English and Chinese; marchers called for community control of public parcels so that these can be developed for neighborhood priorities such as affordable housing and a Chinatown library.

Marchers stopped at two brick row houses on Hudson Street and particularly highlighted the plight of tenants in Chinatown’s privately owned, older brick row houses. Escalated real estate values have triggered home sales by many of Chinatown’s longtime family owners, often to developers or investors who put cash on the table with a focus on the upscale market.

Overcoming immigration myths: ‘Anchor babies’ and automatic citizenship

BY JOHNSON & FYTEN LAW OFFICES

The American immigration system is complex and confusing, compounded by myths surrounding the immigration process. We tackle some of the most common misconceptions to educate people on the truth regarding immigrants and the immigration process. This is the second of two articles on common immigration myths.

Myth: Anchor babies

The myth of “anchor babies” is prevalent and is harmful to the many people’s opinions of immigrants in the United States. Presidential candidate Jeb Bush erroneously claimed anchor babies were “more related to Asian people” in an August speech. Because the United States is a country that grants citizenship to any child born on its soil, some people mistakenly believe that parents strive to give birth to children in America so that they can get a green card through their child or avoid deportation.

The main piece of evidence that shows this myth is untrue is that a child cannot petition for their parent to receive a green card until the child is 21 years of age. This means that any baby born in the United States to foreign parents will be unable to sponsor their parents and siblings for at least 21 years.

Myth: Automatic citizenship

I often hear people refer to incoming immigrants as “getting their citizenship” but as anyone who has had experience with American immigration can attest to, this could not be further from the truth. Immigrants entering the United States can enter in a variety of ways:

- with a visa
- with a green card
- undocumented

A visa covers many types of immigration, from business visas (L visas, H1-Bs and more) tourists (B1/B2 visas or a visa waiver depending on country of origin) as well as F1 student visas or K-1 fiancé visas. Some visas, like a K-1 fiancé visa, allow the holder to adjust their status to receive a green card. However, other visas such as the H-1B work visa or the B1 tourist visa require non-immigrant intent. This means the holder cannot intend to remain in the United States indefinitely and must plan to return to their country of origin.

The next way to enter is with a green card. This can happen with business immigration and requires an employer to sponsor the immigrant to become a Legal Permanent Resident. The more common way to get a green card is through family-based immigration, which requires a family member to sponsor the immigrant. Only an immediate family member can sponsor the applicant: parent, child over 21 or spouse for green card holders and U.S. Citizens. U.S. Citizens may also sponsor their siblings. Every applicant going through the green card process is subject to the monthly Visa Bulletin quotas on Chinese page 11, so this can take a long time.

The final way an immigrant may enter the country is undocumented. This means that they crossed the border in some way and were not subject to inspection by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. As you can see, immigrants cannot come to America with U.S. citizenship. There is no automatic way to receive citizenship. The first step is receiving a green card and then between three to five years later, the immigrant may apply for citizenship. It is not an easy process and it is never guaranteed.

It is important to remember that many of the common beliefs surrounding the immigration system are disconnected from reality. Before you fall for one of the myths, make sure you learn what the facts really are.

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College women face higher risk of sexual assault than men

BY SARA BROWN

Women are more likely to be victims of sexual assault than their male counterparts during their time at college or university.

According to a new survey by Association of American Universities, 21.1 percent of female undergraduates were victims of unwanted sexual conduct due to physical force or threat. The organization completed one of the largest surveys on sexual assault where nearly 150,000 students submitted responses. Locally, Harvard participated in the survey.

More than 50 percent of victims said they did not report the crime because they didn’t consider it serious enough. However, 63.3 percent of students believe a report of sexual assault on their campus would be taken seriously. Out of AAU’s 60 members, only 27 took part in their survey.

Students who identified as transgender or non-conforming were also at high risk for sexual violence. About 24 percent have reported being victims of sexual abuse during their time in college.

Their statistics are on par with common findings about sexual assault on college campuses.

The U.S Department of Justice found that an estimated 20 to 25 percent of female students have been a victim of sexual assault over the course of a college career. Many of them know their offender. Among college women, 9 in 10 victims of rape and sexual assault knew their offender. Female college students are often the victims of sexual assault when they are on a date. Almost 12.8 percent of completed rapes, 35 percent of attempted rapes, and 22.9 percent of threatened rapes happened during a date.

The Obama administration has taken notice of the alarming statistics. The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault released a Resource Guide this year to support the efforts of students, faculty, administrators, and communities around the country to prevent sexual violence and improve the response to it at colleges and universities.

The Resource Guide compiles best practices, tools, model policies and procedures, training and technical assistance, funding opportunities, and public messaging materials that the Obama Administration and external stakeholders have produced concerning campus sexual assault.

In September, the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office on Violence Against Women announced 27 awards to colleges and universities in the amount of $8.5 million to increase prevention, enforcement, and services for victims.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also announced five grants to support research on sexual violence earlier in September. This will include two awards focused on sexual assault prevention and bystander intervention programs at colleges and universities.

The CDC has invested $6.8 million over the next four years on this research.

If someone is raped or sexually assaulted in Boston, they can seek council at the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. Staff will provide comfort to hospitals and/or police stations 24/7 and go to court with a survivor. They will also provide one-on-one counseling and support group counseling.

Probiotics are living microscopic bacteria or yeast that may be beneficial to your health. The most common bacteria come from the Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium groups. They are found in many different products including yogurt, chocolate and granola bars. They are also sold in powder and capsule form.

Scientists are still trying to figure out exactly how probiotics work. They may prevent “bad” bacteria from growing in your gastrointestinal tract and may destroy the toxins that some of these “bad” bacteria produce. Probiotics might also produce substances that prevent infection and may boost your immune response to certain vaccinations. In addition, they produce B vitamins that are necessary to metabolize some of the foods that you eat.

How are probiotics used for?

Probiotics are used for a variety of different conditions. Researchers are trying to figure out which probiotic is best for which disease state. Some people suffer from irritable bowel syndrome (IBS) which can cause bloating, diarrhea, constipation, or irregular bowel movements. Certain probiotics may help relieve the bloating that is caused by IBS and help to regulate bowel movements.

In patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) such as ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease, probiotics may decrease inflammation and delay the next exacerbation of the disease. More research is needed to determine their role in treating IBD.

Probiotics have also been shown to shorten the course of infectious diarrhea caused by bacteria, viruses and parasites. On the other hand, probiotics do not prevent or treat infectious diarrhea that people get when traveling by ingesting disease-causing bacteria in the food or water, so-called “traveler’s diarrhea.”

Finally, probiotics may improve skin conditions like eczema, but more research is needed.

Should you take probiotics?

It is thought that probiotics are safe. However, always speak to your doctor before adding them to your diet, particularly if you are elderly or have an impaired immune system. Probiotics can be purchased on the Internet, supermarket, pharmacy or health food store.

Always read the label, because it should provide details such as the species and strain of the probiotic. It should also say how many of the microorganisms will be alive on the use-by date. If you need more details, call the manufacturer to ask specific questions. Be careful when purchasing products off of the Internet. There are scammers who sell products with fake labels that do not actually contain any live microorganisms. Stick to companies that you recognize. Remember to store the products according to the package instructions.

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What is breast cancer?

BY DR. LIMIN GAO, DR. LISA LEE AND DR. JOHN K. ERBAN

The breasts are complex structures made up of several components including lobules that produce milk, ducts to transport milk to the surface, and fatty and fibrous tissues. Breast cancer can arise out of any component of the breast but most breast cancers arise from the cells of the milk ducts and lobules.

In the United States, breast cancer is the most common nonskin cancer in women. Breast cancer can also occur in men, although the incidence is much less. Each year there are approximately 2,300 cases of breast cancer in men and about 230,000 cases in women. Breast cancer represents 14 percent of all cancer diagnoses in the United States and approximately 6.7 percent of women who are diagnosed with invasive breast cancer in women of certain ancestry are of Asian Ancestry.

How is breast cancer diagnosed?

Cancers found at an early stage may be easier to treat and with greater potential to be cured. Mammography has been shown to decrease the mortality associated with breast cancer and they are uncommon and account for perhaps 3.5 percent of breast cancers diagnosed. Genetic factors accounting for breast cancer are thought to be even less common in Asian women, leading perhaps to 0.5 percent of breast cancers in women.

How is breast cancer diagnosed?

Cancer screening is undertaken to look for certain cancers at an early stage before they present with any symptoms. Cancers found at an early stage may be easier to treat and with greater potential to be cured. Mammography has been shown to decrease the mortality associated with breast cancer in women of certain age and risk. Other screening methods to image the breast include ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

If a suspicious lesion is found or felt, a biopsy of the lesion will determine the nature and extent of the disease. The tests used to evaluate whether the cancer has spread and its stage depends on a patient’s medical history, symptoms, how much the disease has grown in the breast and lymph nodes, and the results of your physical examination. Additional tests may include bone scan, computed tomography (CT) scan and positron emission tomography (PET) scan. The doctor may also need to do several types of blood tests to learn more about the cancer.

How is this disease treated?

There are many therapies to treat breast cancer in addition to new therapies that are being tested in clinical trials. Most patients with breast cancer have some sort of surgery to remove breast cancer. Surgeons may also do a lymph node biopsy to test if the cancer has spread to the lymph nodes. Radiation therapy uses high energy X-rays directed at the cancer cells to kill them. Chemotherapy and immunotherapy are drugs that target tumor cells preferentially. Lastly, hormone therapy inhibits the hormones that help breast cancer grow. An oncologist may use a combination of some or all of these treatment modalities depending on the stage and type of cancer.

What is the outcome of treatment?

Ten-year survival rates are around 80 percent for all patients diagnosed with breast cancer, but survival varies significantly according to the stage and type of breast cancer diagnosed and the age and race of the patient. A total of 98.6 percent of people diagnosed with localized disease will be alive five years after the diagnosis. In breast cancer that has spread regionally, 84.9 percent will be alive after five years. If the breast cancer has metastasized or spread to other parts of the body, 25.9 percent will be alive after five years.

How can we help with this disease?

At Tufts Medical Center, we have adopted multidisciplinary team approach to manage breast cancer, pioneering this approach since the late 1970s. Multiprofessionally, patients are seen by the fields of medical, surgical, radiation oncology, oncoplastic (reconstructive) surgery, as well as imaging, pathology and complimentary therapy meet to discuss appropriate management for each patient.

Our location in the heart of China-town further makes it a priority for us to provide culturally sensitive care with resources to meet the needs of our Asian community.

For more challenging problems of breast cancer, we have clinical trials that offer new approaches with potential to help improve standards for care for our patients.

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Dr. John K. Erban. (Image courtesy of Tufts Medical Center.)

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Last May my wife and I vacationed in San Diego, Calif. We have never been there and had a most delightful time. San Diego is a beautiful walking city with great sites and amazing restaurants. It was an opportunity to visit my wife’s cousin Nicholas and his family, as well as my former student, Janet Chan for more delicious dinners. I always recommend a walking city to complement great eateries. That way, one can easily (but not that easily!) walk off calories. There were so many landmark sites in San Diego: The embarcadero, USS Midway, Old Town, San Diego Zoo and Balboa Park. Our hotel was centrally located at the famed Gaslamp Quarter, which is a highlight unto itself.

A most unique attraction was located only several blocks from our hotel. It was the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum. The artifacts, history and photos that embodied San Diego’s Chinatown were most enriching. The displays were especially heartening for someone who grew up in Boston’s ethnic enclave. The museum had a host of stirring artifacts from the old country: rickshaws, antique furniture, sculptures of Confucius and terracotta soldiers. Closer to home were displays of an old lotto maker, tools and herbal medicine shelves. My late father dedicated years of his life providing herbal medicine in Boston’s Chinatown. He utilized medicine shelves just like the ones on display at the museum.

Equally astounding were the many photographs of Chinatown residents in San Diego. The museum dedicated much of its space towards the contributions of Chinatown citizens during World War II. Like many Chinatowns in the country, young men joined the military and served with distinction. According to the Museum’s records, the early 20th century San Diego community comprised of residential dwellings, Chinese eateries, laundries and other establishments. Like other Chinatowns in America, the San Diego Chinatown was a thriving community. However, during our visit, we noticed that adjacent to the museum stood an old-age center. Besides the two buildings, nothing remotely resembled a thriving ethnic neighborhood. In fact, there was no community at all. The only information the museum’s curator could provide was that the inhabitants had gone. Where and why, she couldn’t explain. As the surrounding Gaslamp Quarter of San Diego flourishes, the Old San Diego Chinatown was but a ghost town.

Our trip to the museum was bittersweet. As much as I enjoyed the sights of this wonderful walking city, there was a momentary sense of loss, like the loss of my old Hudson Street neighborhood. It was taken away from us just as this once thriving community was taken away from our San Diego counterparts. What caused the San Diego Chinatown to vanish? Was this a product of urban renewal or ethnic flight? One can only guess.

One thing is certain, a once thriving Chinatown is now but a ghost town. As I slowly exited the museum, I can only contemplate the impending fates of other Chinatowns in the country. While many continue to thrive socially and economically, others inherit this fate. Luckily for us, Boston’s Chinatown community is still ostensibly alive and well. The population may be different, but the spirit of a Chinese community remains. That spirit continues in the suburbs where former Hudson Street, Tyler Street, Oak Street and Harrison Avenue buddies continue to meet at weddings and other social events.

The spirit endures! I am certain that such a spirit in San Diego also withstands the test of time.
Chinese-American entrepreneur shares academic success

BY LING-MEI WONG

Harvard economics junior Johan Zhang, 20, knows about hard work. Zhang graduated from a nationally-ranked high school in New Jersey with a 4.0 GPA, scored a perfect 2400 on the SAT and took 15 Advanced Placement tests. He was also a varsity letterman.

Rather than catch up on gaming and sleep at Harvard, Zhang launched a college consulting company with two high school friends, called Admissions Hero. Zhang and cofounder Zack Perkins attend Harvard, while cofounder Vinay Bhaskara is studying at the University of Chicago. All three were asked for their secrets to success, which they share through personalized college consulting, test tutoring and college essay editing. In its third year of operation, Admissions Hero has worked with nearly 300 clients from 28 states and 12 countries, with more than a dozen acceptances to each U.S. Top 15 school.

“Admissions is a very results-based industry, as futures are at stake,” Zhang said. “It’s irresponsible to work in this industry if you don’t love it.”

Each founder has a personal reason for launching Admissions Hero. For Zhang, his family played a big role. His elder brother Mohan, 27, was accepted to Cornell with little admissions help and credits his mother for his entrepreneurial spirit, as she was laid off in 2008 and is now self-employed.

“For myself, I see entrepreneurship as a way to directly impact lives,” Zhang said. “People ask, ‘What’s the best way to make a large impact on the world?’ That’s to educate the youth.”

Zhang is proud of his parents, who taught him to be independent. They never had to tell me to do my homework — my mom would tell me to go to bed.”

Johan Zhang, 20, Admissions Hero founder and Harvard economics junior. He credits his mother for his entrepreneurial spirit and his brothers for advice. (Image courtesy of Johan Zhang.)

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Greenway unveils new mural in Dewey Square Park

The Greenway Wall in Dewey Square Park has a bold new mural, unveiled Sept. 24. It is a textual work by internationally acclaimed conceptual artist Lawrence Weiner titled “A translation from one language to another.” Commissioned by the Greenway Conservancy in partnership with the MIT List Visual Arts Center, this is the fourth mural on the air intake building at Dewey Square Park across from South Station. The 70 by 76 foot high mural is an award-winning focal point in the Greenway’s contemporary public art program.

The words on the Greenway Wall, “A translation from one language to another,” are contextualized by their surroundings and open for interpretation by each person of every generation who passes through Dewey Square Park. To celebrate the new mural, a party featured live music, an interactive poetry slam and Greenway food trucks.

Memories of childhood came back to WingHing Yee as he showed a boy at the East Meets West Kite Festival in Dorchester how to maneuver a kite. Yee’s father first exposed him to kite-flying in 1957. “My father was flying a blue-colored kite during a beautiful summer in the new Territories, Hong Kong. I still carry that image,” he said, recalling the small dot high in the sky. Now he makes hundreds of kites by hand and enjoys giving them away.

Several hundred people flew kites last weekend under clear skies and a breeze at the 13th annual festival held at Pope John Paul II Park. The kites included a dragon, an eagle, a train and many others.

Tom Chung of New Bedford, the festival organizer, said, “The idea is not competition. We want people of all colors to come and have a good time together.” Chung said the festival grew out of a few families’ interest in bringing people together. He believes flying kites lets people on the other side of the world know they are receiving regards.

Kite-flying beginner Noah Cheung, 6, of Jamaica Plain smiled as he tried out others’ kites at the festival. He explained that a good kite requires “strong string and a strong part that can fly.” Some traveled from out of state to attend. Pauly Berard visited from Rhode Island. He has attended every year. Berard flew a long magenta and lime green train kite which took him 50 hours to make. He also helped beginners learn how to tie their kites.

Berard joked as he explained that there were only a few kite collisions at the festival. Like many others who attended, flying kites is a passion for him. “It’s a universal language. I don’t need to speak your language. We can speak kites,” he said.

Daycare center celebrates Mid-Autumn Festival

BY LING-MEI WONG

Buds and Blossoms celebrated the Mid-Autumn Festival on Sept. 24 at the Kwong Kow Chinese School. (Image courtesy of Natalie Ornell.)

Buds and Blossoms Early Education and Care Center held a Mid-Autumn Festival celebration on Sept. 24 at Kwong Kow Chinese School. Students sang and danced in Mandarin. Craft activities included making fans and lanterns. The daycare center offers Mandarin immersion in a Reggio Emilia inspired, play-based curriculum.