Quincy Upper senior Emily Ta blazes her own path

BY LING-MEI WONG

Emily Ta, 17, is salutatorian of the Josiah Quincy Upper School class of 2016. She will attend Boston College in the fall. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

Josiah Quincy Upper School (JQUS) senior Emily Ta, 17, knows what she wants.

"Since the eighth grade, I knew I wanted to be in the business field," Emily said. "I’ve always been interested in the economy, international trade and international affairs."

Emily will be attending Boston College in the fall, with 90 percent of her tuition covered by financial aid. She was also accepted to eight other schools: Boston University, Northeastern University, College of the Holy Cross, St. John’s University, Mount Holyoke College, Framingham State University, UMass Amherst and UMass Lowell.

JQUS counselor Agatha Tong has watched Emily blossom from a shy sixth grader to senior salutatorian. “Once she knows what she wants, she buckles down and gets it done. Character brings a person to success and sustains that success.”

Emily’s academic ability is strong, although it wasn’t always evident. While her older sister and younger brother were accepted to exam schools, Emily failed the placement test in sixth grade. Her working-class parents could not afford to attend college, as her father was an immigrant from Saigon and her mother from Toisan. As she performed poorly in the sixth and seventh grades, Emily had considered dropping out of school.

JQUS headmaster Richard Chang said, “There is tremendous power when we take one step at a time, when we demonstrate resilience. Even with Emily being rejected, she kept doing her best and persisted year by year.”

Emily wanted to prove she could excel. “Being salutatorian wasn’t on my mind. I didn’t need someone to reassure me that I’m a good student. I just needed to work harder for myself, rather than other people.”

Outside of school, Emily has participated in Summer Search, a national youth development and mentoring nonprofit. She went to Minnesota for a wilderness camp after her sophomore year and Turkey after her junior year to learn about social activism.

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‘A Year with Frog and Toad’ showcases friendship through all seasons

BY LING-MEI WONG

The musical “A Year with Frog and Toad” tells the story of two amphibians, whose deep friendship carries them through the seasons. Eternally sunny Frog lifts the spirits of worrywart Toad, bringing Arnold Lobel’s picture books to life.

After waking from hibernation, Frog and Toad mark the seasons together by planting flowers, kite flying, baking cookies and sledding. Other creatures join their adventures: playful squirrels, singing birds, gossipy turtles, and the dreaded “large and terrible” frog. Neil A. Casey nails Frog’s cheerfulness without being obnoxious, playing off Larry Coen’s dour yet charming Toad.

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Event Calendar

ACCESS teatime
Sunday, May 15
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
244 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111
American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services invites the community to an open house at the agency. For more information, call (617) 426-1070 or email access-admin@chinatowncncs.org.

Small business breakfast
Monday, May 16
7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
2345 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02466
Eastern Bank hosts a panel discussion and networking event supporting Asian American community businesses in Mass. at the Newton Marriott Hotel. Register at http://on.fb.me/L3Q07BF3.

Naturalization workshop Monday, May 16
1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Asian American Civic Association naturalization workshop provides free instruction on filing naturalization applications, translated study material and much more. Please register with Melody Tsang at (617) 426-9492 x 0 or melody@aaac- boston.org.

Home buying workshop
Monday, May 16
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
38 Ash Street
Boston, MA 02111
Come learn about the basics of home buying at this free workshop by Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center in English and Mandarin. Sign up with Shirley Doan at (617) 635-5129 x 1088 or shirley.doan@bcnc.net.

Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Committee meeting
Monday, May 16
6 p.m.
90 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Committee meeting will take place at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. The public is welcome to attend.

South Cove Manor annual dinner
Tuesday, May 17
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
237 Quincy Avenue
Quincy, MA 02170
South Cove Manor at Quincy Point will hold its annual meeting and dinner at the China Pearl Restaurant.

API mental health forum
Friday, May 20
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
83 East Newton Street
Boston, MA 02118
The seventh annual Asian American and Pacific Islander Mental Health Forum will take place at the Solomon Carter Fuller Mental Health Center.

QARI community banquet
Saturday, May 21
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
10 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02222

Golden Age Center banquet
Wednesday, May 25
6 p.m.
9 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center will hold its banquet at the Chinese Pearl.

**CORRECTION**
An article in the Sampan’s April 22 issue, “Chinatownupper school sends first student to Harvard,” stated Yuyu Chen was a math teacher at Josiah Quincy Upper School. Chen is a science teacher. The Sampan sincerely regrets the error.

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QARI gives scholarships

BY SARA BROWN

Quincy Asian Resources Inc. (QARI) awarded scholarships to six graduating high school seniors who have shown a commitment to public service and volunteerism. Those students are Carmen Jiamin Huang, Jiayin (Janice) Li, Huiyi (Yuli) Wu Liang, Jiaxin Wang, Donwei Wu and Wei Zheng. They will be honored at the QARI banquet on May 20.

Boncore wins state senate seat

BY LING-MEI WONG

Joseph Boncore, Winthrop resident and attorney, won the First Suffolk and Middlesex district state senate election on May 10. (Image courtesy of Boncore staff.)

The state senate seat was vacated by Anthony Petruccelli, who resigned on Jan. 21. Boncore ran unopposed in the special election, after facing off against six other candidates in a Democratic primary on April 12. The seat will be on the ballot again in November.

The Chinatown Resident Association (CRA) met at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School on May 4, with about 30 people at the monthly meeting. A presentation on the Chinatown Community Land Trust was given by board members Eanie Leung and Michael Liu. "We are trying to stabilize Chinatown by working with rowhouse owners to keep rents low, term or offering to buy the land under buildings," Liu said. "It would give the owners cash to maintain the property affordability." The land trust would own the land, while the buildings and development on the land are owned by individuals or organization. It is a nonprofit community organization working to use the land for the common good.

A special meeting to revise the CRA bylaws will take place May 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

A proposed residential building at 171 Tremont Street is seeking public input, said Michael Sherry, director at O'Neill and Associates. It has not yet been approved and is planned to be 19 stories high with 18 units and underground parking for 21 cars. The site is across from the Boston Common and next to the AMC Loews movie theater.

Behind the site is Mason Place on Mason Street, an eight-story building for affordable senior living. As the existing four-story office building will be demolished for the proposed 19-story tower, a Mason Place resident was concerned about the tower blocking his building’s view of the Boston Common, along with sunlight. Cars for 171 Tremont Street would enter and exit from Mason Street, which the resident felt would impact traffic from senior pedestrians and vehicles belonging to guests. Sherry said he would schedule a meeting at Mason Place to hear from other residents.

The land parcel is 0.1 acre, with the building’s widest part 50 feet across. A small park is planned at the current cement walkway for pedestrian access to the Common, which will be open to the public. It will have heated pavement in the winter so it will be clear of snow and be monitored by security cameras. The format of the project’s affordable housing component will be determined with the Boston Redevelopment Authority, Sherry said.

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Asian CDC honors Boston council president and local advocate

BY LING-MEI WONG

The fourth Heart of the Community dim sum breakfast hosted by the Asian Community Development Corporation took place at the China Pearl on April 6. Boston city council president Michelle Wu was given the Inspiration award, while South Cove Manor board chairman Richard Lui was given the Neil Chin Service award for her efforts on behalf of Chinatown residents being displaced and South Cove Manor’s Occupation at 120 Shawmut Avenue in 1985. Its current Quincy Point facility opened May 2014, with 141 beds and a rehabilitation center.

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Former Quincy School considered for national historic registry

BY LING-MEI WONG

A community meeting about adding the former Quincy School to the National Register of Historic Places took place on April 29 at its location on 90 Tyler Street.

The Quincy Grammar School opened in 1847 and was the first graded school in the nation. It was transferred to the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) in 1965.

The school was founded by the Chinese Merchants Association in 1916, demonstrating a continued commitment to Chinese language and culture.

Should the CCBA vote to include its property on the National Register, there are some financial incentives. Income-producing property can qualify for investment tax credits, if the owner undertakes a substantial rehabilitation. A nonprofit organization is qualified to apply for grants from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund. The CCBA is a nonprofit and generates income from leasing its property to community groups.

Job fair connects opportunities

The Asian American Civic Association job fair took place April 28 at the SEIU 32BJ District Union Hall. A total of 43 employers and about 400 job seekers attended the agency’s third job fair. (Image courtesy of Hongyi Gong)

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Gov. Charlie Baker awarded citations to the school and to long-term school supporters Frank and Kathleen Chin.

“In 100 years, many things happened for the school to adapt to in the Boston, in Massachusetts… it held on to its core values of what made this school special: History, tradition and commitment,” Baker said.

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MUSICAL: Actor follows his heart

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Emily’s mentor Andrae Laws, a pro-
gram associate at Summer Search, said, “She had certain opinions of what the world should be. Not only does she care about social justice, she knows the impli-
cations of her own actions.”

Laws is proud of Emily, who blushes at his effusive praise. On her way to a weekly meeting with him, Emily once saw a group of students bully a homeless person on the train and stood up to them. “Not only do I mentor her, but Emily in-
spires me to be a better person,” he said.

“Hopefully someday she’ll reflect on her success and embrace it, because it wasn’t easy.”

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On a spring day, Toad laments how he never gets mail. This prompts Frog to pen a letter to him, which he asks Snail to deliver. Snail is played by Gary Thomas Ng, who steals the show as the underdog mail carrier. Snail sings about his epic journey in his solo “The Letter” three times, as he carries the letter with determination, if not the greatest speed. Upon delivering Toad’s letter to him, Snail emerges from his shell and finds his true calling.

“He thought no one would ever ask him to do anything — and it takes him a whole year — but he finds himself,” Ng said. “He comes out of his shell and he can contribute as part of the community. It’s a nice arc for him.”

Ng’s story parallels Snail’s journey of self-realization. A third-generation Chinese-American, Ng grew up in Ports-
mouth, New Hampshire, and fell in love with theater in high school. He stopped acting for seven years while studying biochemistry in college and working at his family business, until one fateful day.

“I’d deposit checks at the bank drive-
through and while I was waiting, I’d sing show tunes in the car,” Ng said. “I didn’t realize the teller could hear me.”

That teller was starting a theater company and invited Ng to join her. From there, Ng has performed in “Miss Saigon” in Ogunquit and “Aladdins” throughout Asia on tour.

As an actor, Ng loves his craft.

“Follow your passion,” Ng said. “Don’t deny it.”

For tickets, please visit www.wheele-
lockfamilytheatre.org.

Author Virginia Pye examines Americans in 1900s China

By Kenny Sui-Fung Yim

Virginia Pye, author, based her novels on her grandparents’ lives in 20th century China. (Image courtesy of Virginia Pye.)

Local author Virginia Pye has deep connections to China, thanks to mission-
ary grandparents who raised her father in Shansi. The author of novels “River of Dust” and “Dreams of the Red Phoenix” talked to Sampan about the inspiration from her grandfather’s journals and how northwest China has changed.

Pye recently moved to the Boston area with her husband, John Ravelan, the director of the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln. Her work has won raves from Gish Jen, who said, “Gripping, convincing, and heartbreak-
ing. ‘Dreams of the Red Phoenix’ is a real page-turner and thought-provoker wonderful.”

Pye said, “I know I’ve loved explor-
ing the China of my mind and I hope my readers will live it, too.”

In “River of Dust,” Mongolian nom-
ads sweep down upon an American missionary couple and kidnap their young child.

In “Dreams of the Red Phoenix,” a widened American missionary and now single mother Shirley Carson finds her-
self caught up in the Japanese invasion of North China and the rise of Commu-
nists in 1937.

“Each story tries to examine what it meant to be foreigners in China: the ide-
alism and hubris, the bravery and fool-
hardiness, of Americans in a country so different from their own,” Pye said.

To learn more about Pye’s work, please visit www.virginiapye.com.

Grant Manor Apartments

Boston, Massachusetts

On Friday, May 5, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m., Grant Manor will re-open the waitlist for 2 bedroom units (only). Applications for the lottery will be accepted until 3:00 a.m. on Friday, May 27, 2016. Position on the waitlist will be determined by lottery. The timing of an application submission will have no bearing on whether an applicant is offered housing at Grant Manor.

Grant Manor Apartments is located at 1813 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118. Applications can be picked up at the Management Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or at Dudley Literacy Center located at 65 Warren Street, Rosbury Mondays & Thursdays from Noon to 8:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., or Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also request to have an application mailed to you by calling the office at (617-445-0077) or TTY (800) 545-1833 ext. 945. Email requests for applications should be sent to GrantManor@Trinitymanagementcompany.com. Grant Manor will also offer extended office hours on Thursday, May 19th until 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Reasonable Accommodations will be made upon request.

Grant Manor is subsidized under the federal Section 8 Program and subject to IRS Code Section 42 (Low Income Housing Tax Credit) in addition to other eligibility criteria. In order to be eligible, your total family income must be below the HUD income limits listed below.

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Rent is based on 30% of adjusted monthly income for eligible families.

To be eligible to participate in the lottery, completed applications must be either received before 3:00 p.m. on May 27, 2016, or be postmarked by May 27, 2016.

The lottery will be held on June 3, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. at Grant Manor. Applicant attendance is not required.

Equal Housing Opportunity

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Pratt Meadows

Bridgewater Affordable Housing Lottery

3BR Single Family Homes for $187,400

This is a lottery for the 14 affordable single family homes. These 14 homes will be sold at affordable prices to households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. The first affordable homes will be ready in the fall/winter of 2016.

Pratttown Meadows is named for the nearby historic village of Pratttown in Bridgewater. The development site was previously undeveloped meadow land. All brand new homes have three bedrooms, two bathrooms, over 1,532 sqft of living space, a 1 car garage plus two additional surface spots, and a rear deck.

The Maximum Income Limits for Households are as follows: $46,000 (1 person), $52,600 (2 people), $59,150 (3 people), $65,700 (4 people), $71,000 (5 people), and $76,250 (6 people)

Households cannot have more than $75,000 in assets.

For more information on the Development, the Units or the Lottery and Application Process or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, please visit: www.v-s-e-b.com/lottery or call 617.782.6900 x1.

Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on June 16th, 2016.

Applications and Info Packets also available in the Bridgewater Public Library (15 South St.).Hours: M-W 9-8, Th 10-5, F-Sa 10-2

An Info Session will be held on May 16th, 2016 at 6 pm at Bridgewater Public Library. The Lottery for eligible households will be held on June 29th, 2016 at 6 pm in the same location.

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Seniors discuss secrets to long healthy lives

BY SOUTH COVE MANOR

A breakfast seminar took place April 28 at Mass Pike Towers, with about 40 seniors attending.

Dr. Cheng-Chieh Chuang, a family physician at South Cove Manor, talked about the secrets to a long and healthy life. He asked how many people have helped others or shared their life stories. Almost all the seniors raised their hands, with one man saying he gave someone directions.

Dr. Chuang explained why it was important to help and share. When we help others, we have something that the other party does not have at the moment. It can be knowledge, time, energy, health, money or other assets. The act of helping reminds us what we have. At the same time, we may make others better off than they were, which is a great way to feel happy.

Seniors can also share their unique experiences and stories with others, as expressing oneself also makes one happier. Below are some suggested activities from Dr. Chuang:

- Call or visit friends or family who are not doing well
- Volunteer
- Donate time, money or goods to charity
- Offer assistance to your coworkers when they are behind
- Talk to someone you trust
- Write in a journal
- Write a letter to an imaginary friend
- Create a piece of art
- Sing a song or play a piece of music

These activities enable seniors to pass along knowledge and experience to younger generations. This process can allow older and younger generations to stay connected. It also provides an opportunity to tell one’s story.

Dr. Chuang asked the seniors to discuss what they have learned so far from their own lives and from observing the successes and mistakes of others.

1. He first advised on nurturing successful relationships such as a marriage or lifelong friendship. The seniors said a lifelong marriage comes from becoming best friends after years of development.

2. Dr. Chuang asked them for secrets on how to raise children. One senior said that generation and culture gaps were major issues, as her children grew up in the United States. She experienced friction with her children, especially when they don’t listen to her advice. Dr. Chuang recommended they spend more time with their children and guide them through problems instead of directly telling them what to do.

3. The seniors were asked for advice about finding fulfilling work, along with success in the workplace. They recommended doing things one is most passionate about.

4. The last question was advice on growing older, with tips on staying in good health. The seniors responded that secrets to long and healthy living were having a less stubborn attitude, staying positive, connecting with the younger generation, sharing life stories and exercising.

Dr. Chuang appreciated the seniors for their valuable advice. He asked them to try writing their experiences, even for a book. The seniors could also befriend someone younger in their family, neighborhood or social circle.

Dr. Cheng-Chieh Chuang talked about tips for healthy seniors at a seminar on April 28 at Mass Pike Towers. (Image courtesy of South Cove Manor.)

Teenagers and staff from the Boston Asian Youth Essential Service went bowling at the Boston Bowl on April 19. (Image courtesy of Boston Asian YES.)

Teenagers from the Boston Asian Youth Essential Service (YES) went bowling on April 19 as part of the Healthy Youth Program, funded by Tufts Medical Center’s Asian Health Initiative.

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Getting to know ALS

BY SARA BROWN

Ice buckets took over social media in 2014, as celebrities and commoners alike willingly doused themselves in freezing water. The ice bucket challenge raised awareness for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease in the United States. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

Approximately 20,000 Americans have the disease. According to the Mayo Clinic, ALS often begins with muscle quivering and weakness in an arm or leg, or sometimes with being unable to speak clearly. Eventually, ALS can affect the ability to control the muscles needed to move, speak, eat and breathe. ALS can’t be cured and eventually leads to death.

The disease begins in the hands and feet then spreads to other parts of the body. The muscles in the body become weaker as the disease continues. This will affect things like chewing, speaking and breathing.

ALS is inherited in 10 percent of cases and other times it is just random. ALS usually strikes people between the ages of 40 and 70.

ALS paralyzes the muscles needed to breathe. Many people with ALS get devices to help them sleep at night. In the more serious stages of ALS, some people get a tracheotomy, which puts a tube in their neck for breathing. The most common form of death for people with ALS is not being able to breathe. On average, death occurs within three to five years after symptoms begin.

People that are newly diagnosed with ALS can often experience depression. The Mayo Clinic recommends joining a support group. It can be helpful to those suffering to surround themselves with people who understand what they are going through. Also, having supportive family and friends can make a huge difference. The Mayo Clinic also recommends that people make decisions about their medical care. The things that should be discussed is if someone wants certain life extending care and hospice care options. The sooner these decisions are made, the sooner the patient and their family can relax and enjoy their time together.

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Affordable Apartments in Newton

New one-, two-, and three-bedroom affordable apartments are available in Newton. The units will be awarded through a lottery. The following income limits apply:

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* Unit is handicap accessible

An information session will be held on June 2, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at Myrtle Baptist Church, 21 Curve Street, Newton.

Applications must be received by June 30, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. to be included in the lottery.

Please visit Metro West CDI’s website for an application and additional information or contact Robyn at 617-923-3505 ext. 5 or Robyn@metrowestcd.org.

http://metrowestcd.org/housing-services/
Double Chin playfully mixes flavors of the East and West by revamping Hong Kong cafe staples. The restaurant gets its name from owners and sisters Gloria and Emily Chin.

The honey toast combines French toast with Asian toppings. While it originates from Japan, the dessert is right at home on Double Chin’s Hong Kong-influenced menu. The cleverly punned Matcha Ma Call It ($13) is half a loaf of bread, hollowed out to hold cubes of buttered toast, sweet red beans, mochi, matcha milk, sliced strawberries, bananas, mangoes, frosted flakes, three generous scoops of green tea ice cream and chocolate Pocky sticks. My friend and I enjoyed the frosty ice cream on hot toast, with the tart fruit and crunchy cornflakes balancing the sweetness. Double Chin’s honey or cube toast has dominated social media feeds as a treat for the eyes, but the pretty dessert is delicious as well. Be sure to split this with friends, as there’s plenty to go around.

Double Chin’s “Mac” N Cheese ($8) is the definition of comfort food. Wide rice noodles and bacon are drenched in cheese and scallions, then baked with panko crumbs for a satisfying savory bite.

Another savory appetizer is the “Poutine” Your Mouth ($7). Waffle fries are topped with cheese, kimchi, seaweed, sesame seeds and scallions, which sounds odd but tastes great. The kimchi’s subtle kick even out the heavy cheese and fries, coming together for a truly addictive bite.

Spam and Taro Fries ($7) are served in a Spam can, with ketchup and mayonnaise on the side for dipping. The matchsticks of meat and taro are crisp and great for sharing.

Lunch entrees include the Double Chinwich ($9) and Spicy Chunky Tuna Salad ($10). The sandwich features char siu or roast pork in a scallion pancake, ideal for a fast meal. My friend and I enjoyed the salad’s sriracha mayo dressing, but felt the albacore tuna and cruller croissants were odd bedfellows.

Other Hong Kong café staples are available, such as beef chow fun ($8) and Portuguese pork rice ($12). Double Chin’s offerings double down on fun and deliciousness. Be sure to come with hungry friends.