Sen. Markey says Supreme Court’s ruling makes immigration crucial

BY HONG YI GONG

After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled to block President Barack Obama’s immigration plan on June 23, U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., said the decision will bring out more voters from the affected communities.

“We are going to see historic levels of registration to vote and participation in electoral process in our country by these communities,” Markey said.

Before a press conference, Markey held a roundtable discussion on June 24 at the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) Center in Boston, joined by officials from the Mayor’s Office of Immigration Advancement and local immigration advocates.

On June 23, the Supreme Court ruled a 4-4 tie, halting Obama’s executive actions announced in 2014 for the Deferred Action for Parents of U.S. Citizens and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) and the expanded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA.)

The initial DACA announced in 2012 will not be affected and is available for applications and renewals, enabling qualified applicants to gain work authorization.

The blocked programs would have protected millions of undocumented immigrants from deportation in the United States. An approximate of 45,000 people in Massachusetts would have benefited from the plans.

Markey said immigration was “a crisis here in Massachusetts,” as many immigrants are fear whether their family members could be deported.

“They feel their father or mother could be taken in a moment’s notice,” Markey said.

Obama will not change the enforcement policy at this moment in response to the Supreme Court’s ruling, but Markey said the deadlock will lead the Donald Trump versus Hillary Clinton presidential election to a referendum on immigration.

“Donald Trump is basically saying that he wants to build a wall, and I’m saying, and many others are saying, we need to build a bridge,” Markey said.

Boston celebrates World Gin Month

BY SARA BROWN

June was World Gin Month. World Gin Month is a month of global gin celebration, a month where gin events take place all over the world. World Gin Month is all about making gin fun and enjoyable. It’s not about being exclusive or prescriptive. World Gin Month is about drinking gin whatever way you like, whether that is on the rocks or with a mixer.

In honor of World Gin Month, The Gallery at Frost Ice Loft hosted a delicious juniper-based spirit’s annual celebration by bringing in four of New England’s finest craft distilleries – Deacon Giles (Salem, MA); Sweetgrass Winery & Distillery (Union, ME); Appalachian Gap Distillery (Middlebury, VT) and New England Sweetwater Farm & Distillery (Winchester, NH) on June 30. Patrons got to taste local gin from each distillery and talker with the brewers on how each of their gins were made. Patrons also got to purchase signature cocktails provided by each distillery and pair with a selection of mouth-watering complimentary bar bites.

“I don’t usually like gin but I thought I would give it a try,” said Somerville resident Abby Stevens. “I was pleasantly surprised today, I liked all of the gins. None of them were too harsh. I am going to see if I can buy some so I can make some cocktails at home.”

Stevens said she liked New England Sweetwater Farm & Distillery the best. “It went down the smoothest. That’s what I like if I decide to drink. I want something smooth. If it’s not, I just can’t enjoy it,” she said.

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The Chinatown Safety Committee held its monthly meeting July 6 at the DoubleTree Hotel.

Boston Police Department District A-1 Capt. Ken Fong said crime has been down 4 percent in the district this past month.

“It’s been pretty quiet,” Fong said.

Fong said in the past month there have been three robberies, three assaults, 24 larcenies and 38 arrests. He said most of the larcenies involved breaking into cars that were unlocked and urged the public to be careful.

“Remember to always lock your car and your doors. That’s the only way to be safe,” he said.

Fong said the police have been dealing with more homeless individuals in Chinatown due to the warmer weather. He said there are two homeless men in the neighborhood, who the police are helping to get shelter with public services.

CRA

The Chinatown Resident Association (CRA) met July 6 at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School.

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Event Calendar

Bread of Life Annual Golf Tournament Monday, July 11 8 a.m. 100 Slateon Road Medford, MA 02176 Enjoy a relaxing day of golf for the annual Bread of Life Golf Tournament at Mount Hood Golf. The tournament will be followed by a great 19th Hole Dinner Event at Montvale Plaza in Stoneham. To register, call (781) 475-9060, or email info@breadoflife-malden.org.

Interpretation workshop Tuesday, July 12 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1175 Tremont Street Boston, MA 02120 This workshop at Northeastern University Crossing covers how to prepare for a job interview. Register at http://attend.com/NUJobFair2016. For questions, call (617) 373-5291.

Outside the Box July 13 to July 17 Boston Common Outside the Box, Boston's free performing arts festival, will take place at the Boston Common. For more information, visit http://outboston.com/.

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Chinese calligraphy class July 15 to August 31 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. 1509 Hancock Street Suite 209 Quincy, MA 02169 Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. will host a weekly Chinese calligraphy class on Wednesdays. The eight-week course is $60. Register at (617) 472-2280 or e-mail qj@quinxyasianresources.org.

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The Boston City Council voted to pass Mayor Martin Walsh’s budget for fiscal year 2017 on June 30. The city council met 24 times to discuss the budget. The general operating budget is $1.28 billion. Councilor Tito Jackson was the only councilor of the 13 to vote against the budget.

Jackson said he voted against the budget, because he believed more money should have gone to the Boston Public Schools district instead.

“I voted for justice, equity and fairness by voting against the Boston Public School budget and the City of Boston’s operating budget. The budget as presented severely underfunded the 57,000 students in the Boston Public Schools. The city budget went up by 4.1 percent and nearly $120 million in net new revenue, yet, the Boston Public School budget only increased by 1.8 percent, equal to about $18 million,” Jackson said.

Jackson added that the budget didn’t provide equity for our young people. “We lost more than 50 percent of our years have lost a lot to the public good. We have to reserve the public good. We won’t sign off on a project that is harmful, but this is our city. We love it too,” Walsh said.

Comments can be sent to Mass DOT legislative liaison Jim Kerstern at James.A.Kersten@state.ma.us.

The 2016 Chinatown Main Street Annual Awards Ceremony took place June 28. (From left) Jook Sing Café manager Jadine Soo Hoo, owner Hing Soo Hoo and Chinatown Main Street executive director Courtney Ho Ha. (Image courtesy of Chinatown Main Street.)

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BY WHEELOCK COLLEGE

The Boston Public Schools Office of English Language Learners has reserved space, at no cost to families, in STEM in the City for current English language learners at Boston Public Schools who have an English Language Development level of 3-5 and who are entering grades 8 or 9 in September 2016. STEM in the City takes place from July 18 to 29.

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

Larceny

July 1, 2.55 a.m.: The officer responded to Edinburg Street on a report of a larceny. Upon arrival the officer met with the victim. She reported that four fake $50 bills. The suspects fled the scene in a gray motor vehicle. The suspect was FIO’d and released.

Vandalism

July 7, 7:34 a.m.: The victim reported that he observed the suspect kicking his parked and locked motor vehicle. The vehicle sustained minor damage and the suspect was FIO’d and released.

Chinatown crime blotter for June 25 to July 8

BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from June 25 to July 8 for District A-1, which includes Chinatown.

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Larceny

July 4, 6:17 p.m.: The suspect was arrested on Essex Street on an outstanding warrant issued out of Chelsea District Court.

Vandalism

July 4, 6:17 p.m.: The victim reported that he was walking to his car on Tyler Street when he observed the suspect kicking his parked and locked motor vehicle. The vehicle sustained minor damage and the suspect was FIO’d and released.

The Budget

The agency’s adult English program graduated 190 learners on June 22, with learners coming to BCNC’s locations in Chinatown and Quincy.

Li also presented awards to staff who had been with the agency for more than five years. Lai Chan was the most senior staff member, clocking 35 years at the Acom Center for Early Education and Care.

BCNC’s young professionals group Bamboo Circle raised $12,000 for the Youth Center, said co-chairwomen Emily Chu and Nicole Chan.

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Chinatown men underwent colon cancer screening. About 50 yearly until age 75. See your doctor if you find any new lumps or skin changes.

**Most common cancers among Asians**

Cancer is the No. 1 leading cause of death among Asian Americans, according to the National Cancer Institute. Compared to other ethnic groups, Asian Americans have one of the lowest screening rates. Asian Americans have the highest rates of stomach and liver cancer of all racial/ethnic groups.

For Asian American men, the most common cancers are lung, colon and prostate. For Asian American women, the most common cancers are lung, colon and breast.

“The good news is for all of these cancers, there are things we can do for prevention,” Freund said.

**What you can do to prevent cancer**

Don’t smoke or quit smoking. Do not use tobacco products, such as cigarettes, e-cigarettes or chewing tobacco.

Eat 2.5 cups of fruits and vegetables every day. Sweets should only be eaten in small amounts.

Exercise five days a week for at least 20 minutes every day.

Colon cancer screening by colonoscopy or stool tests should be done by individuals over 50 every 10 years. Another test is the stool test, using cards from the doctor to collect a small amount of bowel movement, looking for blood from a polyp.

Breast cancer screenings start with mammograms beginning at either 40 or 50 yearly until age 75. See your doctor if you find any new lumps or skin changes.

To contact Dr. Freund, email kfreund@tuftsmedicalcenter.org or call (617) 636-0546 and (617) 636-1165.

**Seniors learn about cancer prevention**

**BY LING-MEI WONG**

The Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center and the Chinese Women’s Association of New England hosted a cancer workshop on June 24 at Quincy Tower. About 50 seniors attended the workshop.

Dr. Karen Freund, professor and vice chair of medicine at Tufts Medical Center, spoke about “Cancer prevention: How to keep yourself healthy.”

**What is cancer?**

Cancer is when cells from one part of the body start to grow into other parts of the body. It can start in one part of the body, and then move to other parts. For example, cancer can start in the lung and then spread to the liver. This is all called lung cancer. Or if cancer starts in the liver, then it is called liver cancer. The cause of cancer is different for each type of cancer.

**Chinatown cancer report card**

Freund’s research team conducted the Health of Asian Americans & Chronic Diseases Study, a survey conducted with many Chinatown participants. The survey will be updated with a question about liver cancer.

Women did better than men overall. For colon cancer screening, 58 percent of Chinatown women did so. For lung cancer, 90 percent of Chinatown women were nonsmokers and on breast cancer, 85 percent got regular mammograms.

Cervical cancer screening had 80 percent getting pap-tests and 95 percent of women regularly see their doctor for checkups.

Like the women, only 58 percent of Chinatown men underwent colon cancer screening. For smoking and lung cancer prevention, only 47 percent were nonsmokers. However, 95 percent of the men have regular doctor checkups.

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**NIH funds Zika virus study involving U.S. Olympic team**

**BY NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

Researchers supported by the National Institutes of Health will monitor potential Zika virus exposure among a subset of athletes, coaches and other U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) staff attending the 2016 Summer Olympics and Paralympics in Brazil. The study, funded by NIH’s Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and led by Dr. Carrie L. Byington, from the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, aims to improve understanding of how the virus persists in the body and to identify potential factors that influence the course of infection.

“Zika virus infection poses many unknown risks, especially to those of reproductive age,” said Dr. Catherine S. Y. Spong, acting director of NICHD.

“Monitoring the health and reproductive outcomes of members of the U.S. Olympic team offers a unique opportunity to answer important questions and help address an ongoing public health emergency,” USOC established an Infectious Disease Advisory Group (IDAG), chaired by Dr. Byington, to help prepare the U.S. Olympic team for travel to Brazil, which is the epicenter of the Zika virus outbreak in the Americas. Dr. Byington proposed the project, which aims to enroll at least 1,000 men and women, in response to an NIH announcement designed to expedite review and funding for Zika-related research projects.

“We partnered with the USOC to improve knowledge of the dynamics of Zika infection, so that we can better protect the health of athletes and staff who will participate in the 2016 Games,” said Dr. Byington. “This ongoing relationship opens avenues for long-term research that promises to benefit not only the Americas, but also other regions facing the emergence of the virus.”

The current study seeks to determine the incidence of Zika virus infection, identify potential risk factors for infection, detect where the virus persists in the body (blood, semen, vaginal secretions or saliva), evaluate how long the virus remains in these fluids, and study the reproductive outcomes of Zika-infected participants for up to one year.

Before traveling to Brazil, all USOC staff, including athletes and coaches, will be briefed on a number of items, including the Zika outbreak. IDAG will provide educational materials to athletes and staff and answer questions. During this time, the NIH-funded researchers will present the study and enroll as well as consent USOC staff who are interested in participating. Approximately 3,000 USOC staff members are expected to travel to Brazil. In addition, spouses or sexual partners who are traveling to Brazil may be eligible to participate.

The 2016 Summer Olympics will take place in Rio de Janeiro, from August 5 to 21, and the Paralympics Games are scheduled for Sept. 7 to 18.
Film screening highlights Taiwanese struggle for democracy

BY LING-MEI WONG

A screening of “Formosa Betrayed,” a Taiwan-based political thriller, took place June 29 at Tufts University’s Sackler Auditorium in Chinatown. The screening and ensuing Q&A session with writer, producer, and actor Will Tiao attracted about 50 guests.

The screening was held in honor of Taiwan’s newly elected President Tsai Ing-wen, the first female leader. “Taiwan is a vibrant democracy, in -...
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