Advocates urge immigrants to apply now for 2018 midterm elections

BY LING-MEI WONG

Immigrants interested in voting in the 2018 midterm elections should apply for citizenship now. Pictured is a family at a citizenship ceremony on August 22, 2017. (Image courtesy of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.)

Melody Tsang, Multi-Service Center coordinator at the Asian American Civilic Association. Tsang has processed thousands of citizenship applications in her 20-plus year career. Jon Francisco, 90, is an applicant for naturalization, after holding a green card for more than 40 years. "I decided to be an American citizen because I need to vote...I'm looking forward to being one of the "American citizens," he said. Francisco came to a citizenship workshop organized by the Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (APALRC). The naturalization application fee is $725, with waivers available to income-eligible applicants, said Linda Vuong, APALRC staff attorney. The midterm state and congressional elections take place Nov. 6. Voters must register in Massachusetts by Oct. 17, 20 days before the election.

Boston City Hall hosts immigration clinics every first and third Wednesday at Room 806; for interpreters other than Spanish, please call one week ahead at (617) 635-2980. Statewide citizenship classes are listed on the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition website at www.miracoalition.org.

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CACA Boston Lodge inaugurates new officers

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The Chinese American Citizens Alliance (CACA) officer inauguration took place on Jan. 20 at Tufts University’s Jaharis auditorium in Boston. Newly elected Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn presided over the installation of CACA Boston Lodge’s new officers for the year of 2018.

President Rose Hom and vice president Wilson Lee swore oaths to faithfully carry out their duties as leaders of the organization. Other elected officers included secretary Irene Haan, assistant secretary Mimi Chiu, treasurer David Murphy, financial secretary Ai Cheng, compliance officers Ken Chiu and David Lee, marshal Hung Goon, collector David Li, sentinel Joe Wong and grand representative Esther Lee.

CACA Boston also inducted new members, presenting them with certificats and pins. The alliance was founded in 1895 to counter the Chinese Exclusion Act.

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Event Calendar

Chinese American Citizen Right Alliance will help clients at Quincy Asian Resources Inc. to provide information and referral services to Chinese Americans. For more information, call QARI at (617) 472-2200.

Free evening meals
Every Tuesday to Friday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
54 Eastern Avenue, Malden, MA 02148
Bread of Life offers free evening meals for low-income families and individuals in the metro North area. Evening meals are served Tuesday at Bread of Life, Wednesday and Thursday at 368 Pleasant Street and Friday at 493 Main Street. For more information, call (781) 977-8404.

Free health care service
Every Tuesday 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
First Church in Malden 14 Pleasant Street Malden, MA 02148
The Sharewood Project offers free, uncharged health care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area. For more information please call (781) 324-8991 or e-mail sharewood.director@gmail.com.

CCBA meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 30
7 p.m.
90 Tyler Street Boston, MA 02111
The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association will hold its bimonthly meeting.

Chinatown library ribbon-cutting
Saturday, Feb. 3
11 a.m.
2 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02116
The Chinatown temporary branch library will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the China Trade Center.

Chinese culture workshop
Saturday, Feb. 3
2 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
2 Diversity Avenue Cambridge, MA 02138
The Chinese Writers’ Association in North America, New England Chapter, will host a workshop at the common room of the Harvard-Yenching Library. For more information, contact Phong Chang at chang-phong@gmail.com.

AACa hiring fair
Monday, Feb. 5
12 p.m. to 2 p.m.
87 Tyler Street Boston, MA 02111
The AACa Employment Center will host a hotel and property management hiring fair. Register at employment@aacaboston.org.

Chinatown Safety Committee meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 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.

Free immigration clinic
Wednesday, Feb. 7
Noon to 2 p.m.
1 City Hall Square Boston, MA 02201
The Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement offers free private immigration clinics at the Boston City Hall Room 806. For more information please call (617) 635-2980 or e-mail sharewood.director@gmail.com.

Chinatown Resident Association meeting
Wednesday, Feb. 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 chinatownresidents@gmail.com.

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

Quincy Chinese New Year celebration
Sunday, Feb. 11
Noon to 5 p.m.
316 Hancock Street Quincy, MA 02171
The annual Lunar New Year Market and Food Festival will take place at North Quincy High School, featuring food, karaoke and cultural performances. For more information, visit www.quincyasiansresources.org/linnarnewyear/

Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Committee meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 20
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. For more information, email bostonCSCNC@gmail.com.

South Cove Manor breakfast seminar
Thursday, Feb. 22
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
120 Shawmut Street Boston, MA 02118
All are welcome to attend at the DoubleTree Hotel. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, please call (617) 635-2980.

Correction officer exam
Saturday, Feb. 24
220 Panmucktet Street Lowell, MA 01854
A Middlesex Country Correction Officer entrance exam will take place at UMass Lowell. Register by Feb. 15 at www.middlesexsheriff.org.

Boston Chinese New Year celebration
Sunday, Feb. 25
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Chinatown Gate Boston's Chinese New Year Celebration will take place at the Chinatown Gate.

BCNC banquet
Friday, March 2
5:30 p.m.
88 Beach Street Boston, MA 02111
The Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center will host its Chinese New Year Banquet at Hei La Moon. RSVP by emailing Jean Quintal@bcnc.net or calling (617) 603-2540.
BY LING-MEI WONG

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January 26, 2018

Sampan

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The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council met Jan. 16 at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association. Boston Transportation Department transportation planner Charlotte Fleetwood spoke about parking changes in Chinatown. (Image courtesy of Ling Mei Wong.)

Chinatown council discusses neighborhood developments

BY THE CHINESE PROGRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighbor-

“Fifteen years ago, when my father was sick, he didn’t get to see his family,” said Huang. “Now I have a chance to do that.”

Huang hopes Quincy will follow suit. “If Quincy Center and Wollaston Beach housed food trucks, it would be a great attraction,” Huang said. “I’ve visited places like Kowloon and other restaurants. As Boston and Cambridge have no food carts. “I focus on ethnic cuisine when working with corporate offices, as variety is the spice of life,” Huang said, who bets workers are sick of sandwiches and pizza. “I’ll recommend Cambodian or Ethiopian food, and it’s usually a huge hit.”

As Boston and Cambridge have opened public streets to food trucks, Huang hopes Quincy will follow suit.

Jonathan Huang, owner of The Savory Cater. (Image courtesy of Wenting Ye.)
The documentary “Big Sacrifices, Big Dreams: Ending America’s Bigoted Education Laws,” released by the Pioneer Institute, presented on the topic of legal barriers to school choice at a free screening at Fontbonne Academy on Jan. 23. The viewing featured opening remarks by Raymond Flynn, former ambassador to the Vatican and former mayor of Boston, and was followed by a panel discussion.

The film follows the struggle of four families to send their children to religiously affiliated schools, an endeavor complicated by the presence of laws like the Blaine Amendment in some states. Households seeking to enroll students in Catholic schools face economic hurdles and are not met with government support, limiting their ability to make a decision.

“Folks who are against school choice are buying into a set of attitudes and a decision — and are not met with government support. The Blaine Amendment is a provision in 38 state constitutions that denies government funding to religiously affiliated schools. The documentary does not address separation of church and state, a principle derived from the First Amendment. It raises the question of what role religion should play in government and education, as well as what the intersection between these three spheres should be. “Religious liberty in America means religious institutions and their programs should be supported by the faith and generosity of parishioners, not government,” said Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, in a report.

Raymond Flynn, former Vatican ambassador and former Boston mayor, spoke at the screening of “Big Sacrifices, Big Dreams: Ending America’s Bigoted Education Laws” on Jan. 23 at Milton’s Fontbonne Academy. (Image courtesy of Shira Laucharoen.)

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BY SHIRA LAUCAROEN

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BY LING-MEI WONG

The English for customer service program celebrated graduation Jan. 12 at the Pao Arts Center. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The English for customer service program celebrated graduation Jan. 12 at the Pao Arts Center. The center partners with the Chinese Progressive Association to run the program.

Huang is an immigrant from Kaiping, China. She worked as an accountant before coming to Boston and hopes to return to her field in America. Melicio attended college in Cape Verde, moving to Boston to join her father. She was hired at Uniqlo and plans to use her customer service experience to enter the marketing field.

The next cycle begins Jan. 29.

Chinatown crime blotter for Jan. 13 to 26

BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from Jan. 13 to Jan. 26 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
Jan. 21, 6:45 a.m.: The victim reported the theft of a package.

Assault and battery with dangerous weapon
Jan. 22, 6:25 a.m.: The officers responded to Tufts Medical Center on a report of a person who walked in with a stab wound. The officers attempted to talk with the victim, who did not offer more information.

Trespassing
Jan. 22, 9:14 p.m.: The victim reported the suspect entered the store on Washington Street where there was a No Trespassing order issued on him. The suspect had fled the store prior to the arrival of the officers.

Motor vehicle accident, pedestrian
Jan. 24, 2:41 p.m.: The victim reported while crossing Harrison Avenue, he was struck by a bike courier. The victim declined medical treatment.

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BY AACCA EMPLOYMENT CENTER

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- OB/GYN Medical Assistant @ Quincy
- Intake/Data Specialist @ Boston

Taiwan exchange students visit Chinatown

BY THE SAMPAN EDITORIAL TEAM

Eight students from National Taiwan University toured Chinatown and the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association on Jan. 18. (Image courtesy of the Culture Center of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston.)

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BY THE ASIAN SMOKERS’ QUITLINE

Thousands of people have already quit. You can too! The Asian Smokers’ Quitline (ASQ) can help.

What is ASQ?
• A free smoking cessation program that doubles your chance of quitting smoking
• A nationwide service funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

What does ASQ offer?
• One-on-one cessation counseling in Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese
• In-language self-help materials
• Free nicotine patches sent directly to the smoker

ASQ is open:
Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Pacific Time

Free nicotine patches are delivered, or postmarked, by 2 pm on March 20th, 2018. Applications must be received no later than 5 business days from the deadline.

Contact us: asq@ucsd.edu

E-cigarette use growing among youth and young adults

BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

This Surgeon General’s report comprehensively reviews the public health issue of e-cigarette use and their impact on U.S. youth and young adults. Studies highlighted in the report cover young adolescents (11-14 years of age), adolescents (15-17 years of age) and/or young adults (18-25 years of age). Scientific evidence contained in this report supports the following facts:

E-cigarettes are a rapidly emerging and diversified product class. These devices typically deliver nicotine, flavorings and other additives to users via an inhaled aerosol. These devices are referred to by a variety of names, including “vaping,” “e-hookah,” “mods,” “vape pens,” “vapes” and “tank systems.”

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices that heat a liquid into an aerosol that the user inhales. The liquid usually has nicotine, which comes from tobacco, flavoring and other additives. E-cigarette products can also be used as a delivery system for marijuana and other illicit drugs.

E-cigarettes are now the most commonly used tobacco product among youth, surpassing conventional cigarettes in 2014. E-cigarette use is strongly associated with the use of other tobacco products among young and young adults, including cigarettes and other burned tobacco products.

In 2015, more than 3 million youth in middle and high school, including about 1 of every 6 high school students, used e-cigarettes in the past month. More than a quarter of youth in middle and high school have tried e-cigarettes.

• Among high school students, e-cigarette use is higher among males, whites and Hispanics than among females and African-Americans.

• There is a strong association between the use of e-cigarettes, cigarettes and the use of other burned tobacco products by young people. In 2015, for example, nearly 6 of 10 high school cigarette smokers also used e-cigarettes.

• A recent study has found that young people who use a tobacco product, such as e-cigarettes, are more likely to go on to use other tobacco products like cigarettes.

E-cigarette use among youth and young adults has become a public health concern. In 2014, current use of e-cigarettes by young adults 18-24 years of age surpassed that of adults 25 years of age and older.

• Among young adults 18-24 years of age, e-cigarette use more than doubled from 2013 to 2014. As of 2014, more than one-third of young adults had tried e-cigarettes.

• The most recent data available show that the prevalence of past 30-day use of e-cigarettes was 13.6 percent among young adults (2014) and 16.0 percent among high school students (2015).

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• Nicotine exposure during periods of significant brain development, such as adolescence, can disrupt the growth of brain circuits that control attention, learning and susceptibility to addiction.

• The effects of nicotine exposure during youth and young adulthood can be long-lasting and can include lower impulse control and mood disorders.

• The nicotine in e-cigarettes and other tobacco products can prime young brains for addiction to other drugs, such as cocaine and methamphetamine.

• Nicotine can cross the placenta and affect fetal and postnatal development. Nicotine exposure during pregnancy can result in multiple adverse consequences, including sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

• Ingestion of e-cigarette liquids containing nicotine can cause acute toxicity and possible death if the contents of refill cartridges or bottles containing nicotine are consumed.

E-cigarette use is not harmless. It can harm children and potentially have harmful constituents including nicotine. Nicotine exposure during adolescence can cause addiction and can harm the developing adolescent brain.

• The constituents of e-cigarette liquids can include solvents, flavorants and toxicants.

• The aerosol created by e-cigarettes can contain ingredients that are harmful and potentially harmful to the public’s health, including nicotine, ultralight particles, flavorings such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to serious lung disease, volatile organic compounds such as benzene, which is found in car exhaust, and heavy metals, such as nickel, tin and lead.

For more information, visit E-cigarettes.Surgeongeneral.gov.
Book review: ‘The Discovery of Ramen’ by Phil Amara and Oliver Chin

BY SHIRA LAUCHAROEN

Fasten your seatbelts, and prepare your taste buds! Authors Phil Amara and Oliver Chin sweep readers off their feet in their newest children’s book, “The Discovery of Ramen,” a whimsical journey through time that takes its characters back to the 19th century to explore the origins of the popular food. For youngsters, adults and noodle enthusiasts alike, this tale is not to be missed.

The saga begins when kids Ethan and Emma follow their noses to a small restaurant where customers are slurping down hot bowls of ramen soup. Wondering what the delicious dish is, they are visited by a red panda named Dao, who whisks them off on an adventure in Asia to learn about its origins. Dao provides the pair with helpful histories and fun facts as they navigate their way through 1880s Japan to the present day. Did you know ramen used to be sold from push-carts on the streets of Yokohama?

Children will be inspired by the bold, colorful illustrations by Juan Calle and will enjoy picking up details about Asian culture through the book’s exuberant story telling. Ethan and Emma learn that ramen was originally brought to Japan by the Chinese, before it became known in its instant form. By 1990, it was sold with a plethora of toppings, including roast pork, bamboo shoots and scallions.

Today, Japan has 35,000 ramen shops. New York’s famed Momofuku restaurant is named after the man who invented the dried variety of the noodles. Aside from delivering a delightful story, “The Discovery of Ramen” makes its contribution to children’s literature by incorporating Asian topics, bringing more diversity to the genre. The book educates and informs, while engaging imaginations with its sprightly characters and dynamic descriptions, even providing a glossary of Japanese and Chinese terms. It is the first in the “Asian Hall of Fame” series, highlighting notable contributions out of Asia.

Whatever your age, “The Discovery of Ramen” is an experience to whet your appetite with a subject worth savoring.

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Roger P. Tache, Chairman, Fall River Housing Authority

The Fall River Housing Authority is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director for the Fall River Housing Authority.

The Fall River Housing Authority is a public housing agency managing 5,000 units of Federally-aided and State-aided conventional and rental assistance housing, as well as a CFP and other grant funding. The Executive Director will be responsible to the Board of Commissioners for general supervision over the administration of the Authority’s business; fiscal affairs; planning, directing and coordinating low income housing programs; supervision of personnel; assuring Authority compliance with all State and Federal Laws, Rules and Regulations; promoting a sound public housing philosophy within the community; and any other responsibilities as determined by the Board of Commissioners.

The candidate should meet the following requirements:

- A Master's degree, with five (5) or more years of experience with low income or assisted housing programs preferred, and demonstrated skills in leadership, supervision and management; or
- A Bachelor's degree in Public Administration, Business Administration, Economics, Finance, Social Sciences, or related concentration, with ten (10) or more years of experience with low income or assisted housing programs preferred, and demonstrated skills in leadership, supervision and management.

Certification as a Public Housing Manager (PHM) from a HUD approved organization or Certification as a Massachusetts Public Housing Administrator (MPHA) is required, within one (1) year of hiring.

Qualifications and Skills:
- *Demonstrated leadership skills.
- *Considerable knowledge of the principles, theory and methods of management.
- *Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with staff members and community leaders.
- *Ability to prepare and issue clear and concise instructions, both orally and in writing.
- *Working knowledge of governmental regulations, especially those issued by DHCD and HUD.
- *Excellent communication and supervisory skills.
- *Excellent negotiation skills.
- *Experience with state and federal public housing preferred, but not required.
- *Experience supervising staff of at least ten (10) for a minimum of one (1) year.

Salary:

The salary for this position is determined based on experience and in accordance with the FRHA’s annual budget as approved by the Fall River Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and DHCD and HUD guidelines.

A job description for this position is available at the Fall River Housing Authority Main Office, 85 Morgan Street, Fall River, MA 02721, or by calling 508-675-3500 Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please send your resume with a cover letter addressing the job requirements to the Fall River Housing Authority Main Office, 85 Morgan Street, Fall River, MA 02721—Attn: Roger P. Tache, Chairman, Fall River Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.

This position will remain open until filled.

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Central Square Theater’s “Proof” brings fresh faces to the stage with Asian stars. Three of the four cast members are Asian American, with the exception of Avery Bargar: Cheryl Daro, Lisa Nguyen, and Michael Tow. The production’s director Michelle Aguillon is also Asian American, who came from the Philippines as a child.

“This play has no real mention of race, but every time it’s performed, it’s done with a Caucasian family,” Tow said. “There are a lot of parallels to Asian families, with taking care of elderly family members, the math piece and career ideas.”

“Proof” tells the story of Catherine (Nguyen), an enigmatic woman mourning her brilliant father Robert (Tow), when she meets Hal (Bargar), an unanticipated suitor. Catherine has given up when she meets Hal and Hope Davis as Claire. “This is the first time I was directed by an Asian American,” Tow said of working with Aguillon. “There’s a difference and another level of connection.”

Tow and Aguillon both worked in finance before pursuing their theater dreams, to please their families. Today, Aguillon is thrilled to see more Asian actors.

“I told them I hope they audition for everything, not just Asian roles,” Aguillon said. “We have to shift the ideals of who’s represented in a story, such as ‘Hamilton’ or ‘Pride and Prejudice.’ ”

“Proof” will play at Central Square Theater until Feb. 18. Tickets are available at www.centralsquaretheater.org.

**‘Proof’ adds cultural update with Asian stars**

BY LING-MEI WONG

Shanghai Dance Theatre made its Boston debut of “Soaring Wings: Journey of the Crested Ibis” at the Bob Center Shubert Theatre until Feb. 12. Premiered in 2014, the balletic dance drama has performed over 200 shows all around the globe.

Starring two of China’s most renowned dancers Zhu Jiejing and Wang Jiajun, the show details the near-extinction of the crested ibis, a wild bird species that used to populate Asian countries, such as China, Korea, and Eastern Siberia. However, urbanization and modernization hurt its habitat. In the second act, the lead dancer’s wings turned grey, symbolizing the hefty cost of brutal industrialization in the bird’s natural habitat. Soon, the population of crested ibis began disappearing.

In the last act, the villager, who once cheerfully danced with the lead crested ibis, reunited with her, but she had already been turned into a taxidermied bird in a museum glass case. Heartbroken, the man and the crested ibis, now free from imprisonment and end the show in a joyful dance.

Toward the end of the show, a cage was opened as a feature film in 2005, starring Michael Tow and Lisa Nguyen, will play at Central Square Theater until Feb. 18. (Image courtesy of A.R. Sinclair Photography.) presented by Hal, as she adjusts to people outside of her comfort zone.

In the Central Square production, Aguillon and the cast decided who Catherine’s mother was, establishing her as a first-generation Chinese immigrant who died when Catherine was 18. White Tow is a fourth-generation Chinese American, Dazo is the child of Filipino immigrants and Nguyen’s family is from Vietnam.

“We need more Asians on film, TV, theater,” Tow said. “It’s so important for young people to see themselves on stage.”

David Auburn’s “Proof” was winner of the Pulitzer Prize for drama. It was released as a feature film in 2005, starring Anthony Hopkins as Robert, Gwyneth Paltrow as Catherine, Jake Gyllenhaal as Hal and Hope Davis as Claire.

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**‘Soaring Wings’ makes ecological statement in Boston**

BY VALERIE LI

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