Paid to be pregnant: American women having Chinese babies

BY XUE XIA

Not long ago, China was where American couples looked to adopt orphaned children. Now, in a telling reversal, a growing number of Chinese couples unable to conceive or carry a baby to term are looking to America for surrogate mothers.

John Weltman, founder of U.S. surrogacy agency Circle Surrogacy, said the majority of its work is international, particularly Chinese clients, over the past five years.

“I would say China is certainly one of our top three places that we have, and at one point, was definitely No. 1,” he said. Although there is incomplete data on how many Chinese families have travelled to America for surrogacy, there are agencies catering to Chinese clients. A 2014 story by National Public Radio featured surrogacy agencies in California, finding Chinese surrogacy clients have increased since 2009.

Eva Yi, Chinese liaison at Circle Surrogacy, travels between China and America for consultations with potential clients. She has about 1,500 WeChat contacts with Chinese clients interested in becoming parents.

For Chinese couples and their American surrogates, the partnership is more than a business arrangement.

Mrs. Ren, a 44-year-old accountant in Hangzhou, China, had a baby girl with the help of Circle Surrogacy three years ago.

“Mrs. Ren said, ‘I felt it was really very lucky. My surrogacy experience was very smooth.’”

Unlike Mrs. Ren, other Chinese women who had babies through surrogacy declined to be interviewed. Many never tell their families and friends — especially mothers-in-law — about surrogacy because of stigma surrounding infertility in Chinese society.

Mrs. Ren said some of the Chinese mothers by surrogacy even put on fake bellylines at the workplace, synchronizing their belly sizes with surrogates and pretending they delivered their babies.

Chinese philosopher Mencius wrote, “There are many unfilial acts, but the worst is not to bear a child.”

In 2014, the Chinese government ended its one-child policy. Ren was motivated to have a second child.

“When the policy was abolished, I was a little bit too old for another pregnancy. Considering this aspect, I decided to do surrogacy,” she said.

Asian American Commission inaugurates new members

BY VALERIE LI

The Asian American Commission for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts held an inauguration for newly appointed and reappointed commissioners on Jan. 9 at the Statehouse. State Treasurer Deborah Goldberg swore in members of the commission.

New members include Auditor Suzanne Bump’s appointee Bora Chiem-ruam of Tyngsborough, Senate President Karen Spilka’s appointee Menakshi Bharath of Hopkinton and Undersecretary General Maura Healey’s appointee Nae He Kupel of Malden.

Reappointed members are chair- man Prallad KC by Gov. Charlie Baker, commissioner Dumble Rana by House Speaker Robert DeLeo and commissioner Vira Douangmany Cage by Treasurer Goldberg.

Candidates can apply to be commissioners, and are selected by seven appointing authorities in state government: the governor, secretary of state, auditor, treasurer, senate president, house speaker and attorney general. They may serve up to two terms or a maximum of six years.

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Free meditation class

Every Tuesday, Jan. 15
6 p.m.
90 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02114

Fridays

Every Tuesday
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
99 Albany Street
Boston, MA 02114

An English conversation group will take place at the Pao Arts Center. For more information, call (781) 874-1023.

English conversation group

English-Mandarin conversation group

Every Tuesday
1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
2 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

Come practice English and Mandarin at the Chinatown branch library.

Workforce training assessment

Neighborhood Committee meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 15
6 p.m.
90 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02114

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Committee meeting will take place at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.

Free health care service

First Church in Malden
184 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

The Sharewood Project offers free, unscheduled health care to the medically underserved populations of the greater Boston area.

Free immigration clinic

Wednesday, Jan. 16
Noon to 2 p.m.
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02101

The Mayor’s Office for Immigrant Advancement offers free private immigration clinics at the Boston City Hall Room 806.

Free social service clinic

Thursdays
9 a.m. to noon
244 Harrison Street
Boston, MA 02111

Enhance Asian Community on Health will help people at American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services with health insurance and benefits. For appointments, call EACH at (617) 472-3224.

Filming screening

Sunday, Jan. 20
5 p.m.
7 Medford Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Bentwood World Film’s Family Festival presents “Bulled from Tibet” at the Regent Theatre. Tickets $10 at https://bit.ly/2JRTFTK.

Focus group

Thursday, Jan. 24
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
1509 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02171

A financial industry focus group for the Asian community will take place at Quincy Asian Resources, Inc., with light refreshments. Participants will receive a $50 gift card. RSVP at (603) 427-2800.

Boston Health and Human Services meeting

Thursday, Jan. 24
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
88 Beach Street
Boston, MA 02111

Boston Health and Human Services Chief Marty Martinez will host a community meeting at Hei La Moon. Martinez will discuss what his cabinet does to advance the community. RSVP at http://bit.ly/4HSSPMRK.

Chinese New Year celebration

Saturday, Jan. 26
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
77 Salem Street
Malden, MA 02148

The Chinese New Year Celebration with Chinese Culture Connection will take place at Malden High School.

First-time homebuyer classes

Jan. 26 to Feb. 27, 2019
38 Oak Street
Boston, MA 02111
ACDC offers HB101 classes in English and Chinese at the Metropolitan. Each session is a nine-hour class over the course of a two-day weekend. Tuition is $50, $25 for Boston residents. Sign up for a workshop, graduate and receive a certificate, and become eligible for discounted mortgage products. Registration required, by calling (617) 482-2380 x 208 or 202, emailing CHOP@acdcinc.org or visiting https://acdcinc.org/hb101.

English for college or job training

Monday, Jan. 28
8:30 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111

Attend testing for the AAC’s English classes for college or job training. For more information, call (617) 426-9492 x 250 or email intake@acca-boston.org.

Mulan Society classes

Jan. 28, Feb. 24
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111

Mulan Society Center for Women’s Empowerment classes will take place Mondays at 7:30 a.m. and Saturdays at 1 p.m. at the Asian American Civic Association. Register with Kiki Tsang at (617) 426-9492 x 251 or ksang@acca-boston.org.

Wives and mothers of smokers group

Monday, Jan. 28
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111

A group for wives and mothers of smokers will take place at the AAC.

CCBA meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 29
7 p.m.
90 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111

The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association will hold its monthly meeting.

Breakfast seminar

Thursday, Jan. 31
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
120 Shawmut Street
South 209
Quincy, MA 02169
Quincy Asian Resource Center will host a community meeting at Hei La Moon. Martinez will discuss what his cabinet does to advance the community. RSVP at http://bit.ly/4HSSPMRK.

Chinese New Year Festival

Sunday, Feb. 17
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Dominion Tent
Chinatown Gate
Quincy

The annual Chinese New Year Festival will take place at the Chinatown Gate.

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Woodland Station Apartments
Chinese Women’s Association welcome 2019

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Chinese Women’s Association of New England rang in 2019 on Jan. 2 at Empire Garden. (From left) Culture Center of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office director Hung-wei Ou, Association president Alice Lee and Megan Cheung welcomed the members, encouraging a spirit of continued cooperation.

The association’s mission is to advocate for the welfare of Chinese American women. Founded in 1940 by Wellesley alumna Soong May-ling, who became Madame Chiang Kai-shek, the association was established for women to mobilize, develop leadership and find independence.

Chinatown crime shows no increase from previous year

BY LING-MEI WONG

Boston Police Department District A-1 Capt. Kenneth Fong reported on all crime in 2018 stayed even with 2017, showing no increase or drop. District A-1 includes Chinatown and downtown Boston.

In December 2018, there were two robberies, one aggravated assault, one breaking and entering incident, three larcenies and 23 arrests. “We haven’t had many street robberies in Chinatown,” Fong said.

The first robbery took place Dec. 24, 2018 on Harrison Avenue, Fong said. A woman walking at 6:20 p.m. was approached by female who got out of a car and asked to use her phone. When the victim said she did not have a phone, she was sprayed with what she believed was pepper spray and bystanders intervened.

Police reviewed footage from Tufts University and Jook Sing Cafe, and were able to read the car’s license plate for further investigation.

The aggravated assault took place Dec. 29, 2018, when a man was stabbed and walked into the Wild Duck liquor store, Fong said. Police Officer Michael Boulger was inside the store and poured alcohol on the victim’s wounds, the victim later walked to Tufts Medical Center for treatment. The suspect was found at Boston Medical Center, as he had cut his own hand during the stabbing.

The second robbery took place Jan. 1, when a victim was punched and had her wallet stolen while leaving Cathay Bank. The robbery victim was also the Dec. 29 stabbing victim, a Lynn man who had been released from the Essex County jail. Fong noted the incidents involved a small group of people known to the police.

The breaking and entering took place at 660 Washington. The victim left her apartment unlocked and found someone inside, who had taken her belongings and purse. The suspect was arrested and charged, Fong said.

Eight of the 23 arrests were for drugs, with more activity near Washington and Boylston streets near the Chinatown T stop. Police arrested two dealers for crack cocaine, Fong said.

A kidnapping was reported to the Boston police by the New York Police Department, Fong said. A woman was kidnapped and held in the area, as her parents in China received a ransom notice for $200,000. After paying the ransom, kidnappers threatened to cut off the woman’s hand, so her parents wired another $200,000. When kidnapped asked for $200,000 for the third time, her parents contacted the authorities. The victim was found crying at Johnny Court and confessed she scammed her parents with the boy friend.

The Chinatown Residency Association meeting scheduled for Jan. 2 and the Chinatown Coalition meeting scheduled for Jan. 10 were canceled.

Flag-raising ceremony rings in new year

BY THE CULTURE CENTER OF THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN BOSTON

A flag-raising ceremony took place Jan. 1 at the Culture Center of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The event featured cultural performances, including aboriginal dances, Taiwanese war drums, dragon dance and Chinese yo-yo.

Family association welcomes new officers

BY LING-MEI WONG

Gee How Ooi Tin Family Association welcomed new officers Jan. 6 at its headquarters. (From left) Peter Chan, an attendee, Steven Chen, Helen Chan, Director-General Douglas Hsu, James Chan. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

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Discussion looks at innovation and gentrification impact on Boston

BY YIYAN ZHENG

A panel discussion on innovation and gentrification took place Dec. 13, 2018, at the Boston Foundation. Panelists were Angie Liou, Jon Frisch, Kyle Gross and Karilyn Crockett. (Image courtesy of Yian Zheng.)

An innovation and gentrification panel discussion was held at the Boston Foundation on Dec. 13, 2018. Panelists Karilyn Crockett, Angie Liou, Jon Frisch and Kyle Gross discussed gentrification in Boston. They talked about ways Bostonians can work proactively and collaborate to make the city more innovative and inclusive.

Crockett, lecturer of public policy and urban planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke about the downside of trickle-down economics and tax reduction policies. Even though innovative companies have created more jobs with tax cuts, they have not translated into jobs for lower-income and immigrant communities.

“We found ourselves in a conundrum. Our income cannot compete with housing affordability in a gentrifying neighborhood,” Crockett said. “The question is, what are the policies and initiatives that can make sure opportunity is bending back to folks who have been here, or who want to stay here more than five years?”

Angie Liou, executive director of community developer Asian Community Development Corporation, discussed the impact of gentrification in Chinatown. As more technology companies moved beyond Kendall Square to look for space in Downtown Crossing, there has been a dramatic increase in rents and luxury development in Chinatown, the closest residential neighborhood. Its long-term residents have been forced to relocate to Quincy, Malden or beyond.

“A lot of our work at ACDC is about building and preserving for a housing in Chinatown,” said Liou. “But it is difficult to keep up with all the luxury housing coming online. And we want to figure out ways to help many more families.”

Jon Frisch, partner of T3 Advisers, and Kyle Gross, Northeast director of strategy at WeWork, shared their stories from the innovation perspective. Gross felt a large issue in technology was hiring mostly from existing networks, which can weaken diversity.

“We are thinking how we source everything, from candy, wine, office equipment and general contractors, from Latino or African American [suppliers],” Gross said. “As an innovative company, something we also think about is how we become the aspiration of the city we are in.”

Chinese elders enjoy winter solstice dumplings

BY LING-MEI WONG

The Dongzhi Festival or winter solstice was observed Dec. 21, 2018, with sticky rice dumpings at Hong Lok House. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The English for speakers of other languages level four class held a graduation Dec. 21, 2018, at Asian American Civic Association. (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

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North Quincy high basketball players meet professional athletes

BY LING-MEI WONG

North Quincy High School basketball players met Boston Celtics center Aron Baynes (back right), former Boston Red Sox player Sam Horn (back) and former Boston Celtics trainer Bryan Doo (left in green shirt), Jan. 5 at JP Fuji WoC. The event was hosted by JP Fuji owner Jimmy Liang (front left in red tie). (Image courtesy of Ling-Mei Wong.)

The North Quincy High School basketball team enjoyed lunch with Boston Celtic basketball player Aron Baynes, former Boston Red Sox player Sam Horn and former Boston Celtics trainer Bryan Doo on Jan. 5 at JP Fuji WoC.

JP Fuji owner Jimmy Liang remembers his days playing basketball as a North Quincy High Red Raider, when he was one of only three Asian players on the team. Today, the Red Raider lineup has become more diverse, as Asian Americans represent nearly 25 percent of Quincy’s population. Liang hosted the luncheon to raise funds for high school team.

AACa beginning and intermediate English graduates celebrate

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**BCNC celebrates customer service graduation**

BY LING-MEI WONG

Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center celebrated graduation for its customer service program on Dec. 21, 2018, at the Pao Arts Center. “Congratulations to one of the funnest classes we’ve ever had,” said Shirley Doan, BCNC adult education program coordinator. “The door is now open for you to walk through it.”

The English for customer service program is free job training for intermediate English language learners seeking full-time entry-level employment in the customer service industry.

Refreshments were provided by APM Coffee, run by customer service graduates Alice Mei and Terry Li.

**Elders enjoy Christmas carols, crafts**

BY SOUTH COVE MANOR

More than 70 seniors celebrated Christmas early with carols and decorations on Dec. 20, 2018 at Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. (Image courtesy of South Cove Manor.)

**Chinatown crime blower for Dec. 22, 2018, to Jan. 11**

BY THE BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

All reports are submitted by the Boston Police Department. The time period is from Dec. 22, 2018, to Jan. 11 for District A-1, which includes Chinatown.

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

**Assault and battery with deadly weapon**

Dec. 29, 8:46 p.m.: The officer, while on patrol on Washington Street, observed the victim collapse in front of 800 Washington Street. The victim had been stabbed and was bleeding from the wounds. He was transported by paramedics to the hospital. The incident is to be further investigated by the District A-1 detectives.

**Robbery**

Jan. 1, 8:20 a.m.: The officers responded to Harrison Avenue on a report of a robbery in progress. Upon arrival, the officers met and spoke with the victim. An unknown male punched him in the face and stole his wallet.

**Affordable Housing Lottery**

**Taj Estates Phase 2**

Taj Estates is a 179 unit rental apartment community located in Stoughton. This is the lottery for Phase 2 of the property (you can also contact the leasing office of Taj Estates to see if any of the Phase 1 units are still available as those can be leased separately from this lottery process: info@tajestates.com).

For Phase 2, 28 affordable units in Buildings 3, 4 and 5 will be made available through this application and lottery process. The community features an expansive 4,500 square foot clubhouse and leasing center with kitchenette, lounge, fitness center, and conference room. Outdoor amenities include landscaped courtyard with an outdoor swimming pool, barbeque area, basketball court and grass lawn. All units have contemporary kitchens with modern cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, quartz countertops and tile flooring. The living areas will feature 9 foot ceilings along with tile flooring that resembles hardwood throughout. All units contain full-size washer and dryers.

**Affordable Housing Lottery**

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The officer, an off-duty Boston Police officer, observed the victim collapse in front of the transit station. The suspect engaged in a drug transaction and then x4. He then jumped into a silver Jeep and fled the area. The victim reported during the assault, she was sprayed in the face with an unknown substance. The victim declined medical treatment. The officers searched the area for suspects without any results.

**Drug arrest**

Dec. 28, 8:17 p.m.: The suspect was arrested on Washington Street on a drug distribution offense. The officer observed the suspect engage in a drug transaction in front of the transit station.

**Applicants and Information**

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.s-e-b.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 (x1 then x2) and leave a message. For TTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.

Completed Applications and Required Income Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by 2 pm on February 26th, 2019.

A Public Info Session will be on January 29th, 2019 at 6 pm at the Board of Selectmen’s Conference Room on the second floor of Wrentham Town Hall (79 South Street).

The lottery will be at 6 pm on March 12th, 2019, at the same location.

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Starting a new year with new goals can be exciting. Quitting smoking is a resolution that many smokers set for themselves. Although it’s not always easy, finding new ways to help yourself quit smoking can be a good start.

“The first week of quitting smoking can be the hardest and toughest,” said Dr. Shu-Hong Zhu, professor of family medicine and public health at the University of California, San Diego. “However, smokers can increase their chance of quitting with the professional help from Asian Smokers’ Quitline and the support from friends and families are surely important too.”

ASQ Chinese Quitline is operated by the Asian Smokers’ Quitline (ASQ) and it’s funded by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ASQ Chinese Quitline provides free evidence-based smoking cessation services in Cantonese and Mandarin to Asian and Mandarin-speaking smokers in the United States. Studies have shown that smokers who enroll in ASQ services double their chances of successfully quitting. Eligible smokers can receive a free two-week supply of nicotine patches while supplies last.

“ Quitting smoking is hard but it’s possible to quit,” said Cherrie Ng, project manager of the Asian Smokers’ Quitline (ASQ). “You can take steps that can improve your chances of quitting for good.”

The crucial first step is planning ahead as it is a major part of successfully quitting smoking. To promote a healthy start of 2019, ASQ will give back-end envelopes to those who call the ASQ Chinese Quitline (1-800-838-8917) or enroll online at www.asq-chinese.org to complete an intake from now to Feb. 5, while supplies last.

Give us a call or visit www.asq-chinese.org to get more information on how to create an effective quit plan, including:

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4. Changing your daily routine. Smoking, like all habits, is routine-based. For example, you can set your alarm a little earlier and do a few house chores instead of having that first smoke.
5. Telling your loved ones you are quitting and why. Encourage them to help you stay on track and hold you accountable.

It may take multiple quit attempts before you quit for good but don’t give up and keep trying. You can celebrate every small goal you have achieved. These will give you goals to look forward to achieving and allow you to share your accomplishments with those closest to you. We wish you success in quitting and you will truly enjoy a healthy and smoke-free New Year!

Illustration courtesy of Health Information Translations.
A Chinese art discussion with Keith McMahon and Aida Yuen Wong took place at the Peabody Essex Museum on Nov. 17, 2018. (Image courtesy of Yiyang Zheng.)

Forum explores women in Chinese art and culture

BY YIYAN ZHANG

A Chinese art forum took place at the Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) on Nov. 16 and Nov. 17, 2018. It featured a series of lectures, workshops and gallery tours, held to explore key issues in Chinese art and culture with scholars, art professionals and collectors.

A discussion “New perspectives on women in Chinese art, literature, religion and history” was presented Nov. 17. Aida Yuen Wong, Grace Fong, Yuhang Li and Keith McMahon spoke about their research, ranging from unison and cross dressing in ancient China, woman’s literary culture in paintings, imperial females and their belief of the female deity Guanyin in Buddhism, to how women assume positions of power.

Fong, a professor of Chinese literature at McGill University showed “Drinking Tea,” a painting on display in the “Empresses of China’s Forbidden City” exhibition at PEM. In this painting, an elegant lady sits on a ceramic garden stool by a pair of wutong trees, delicately flossing her teeth. In the background, in the sunlight, are stacks of books, in the shell behind the trees. Fong said the motifs of books and silence is a rule. The characters floss, meet, and females emerged in the late 17th century. Not only did these paintings identify women as readers, but also they implied expectations of a new feminine ideal and the first blossom of a woman’s culture based on literary talent.

Other discussions and tours in the forum included insights and reflections on empresses of China’s Forbidden City, power and beauty in Chinese textiles and jewelry, deciphering Chinese portraiture in imperial images and so on.

The painting “Drinking Tea” made a visual association between women and books. (Image courtesy of Peabody Essex Museum.)

Barlow Adamson and Celeste Oliva in SpeakEasy Stage’s production of “Small Mouth Sounds” from now until Feb. 2. (Image courtesy of Nile Scott Studios.)

Play review: Small Mouth Sounds

BY LINDA CHIN

After seeing SpeakEasy Stage’s production of “Small Mouth Sounds” (now to Feb. 2), I would happily pay to watch Boston-based band and theater actor Celeste Oliva flow her teeth.

In playwrite Bess Wohl’s work, Olivia and five other actors (Barlow Adamson, Kerry Dowling, Nael Nacer, Sam Sunahi, Gigi Watson) play six strangers participating in a spiritual retreat, where silence is a rule. The characters floss, groom themselves, show mosquitoes their pass tissues and share a clothing-optional swim in the lake. They engage in fast food, smuggling snacks and use marijuana, but do not speak.

The majority of lines belong to Marianna Bosham, who plays the unseen retreat guru, heard through speakers. It was slightly unnerving to learn the characters’ backstories without words and in real time. The one-hour 45-minute long production does not have a distracting intermission to break the magic. I left the theater feeling calmer, and more self-aware, than when I first arrived.

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Preference given to right to return lease-compliant Whittier Street Apartments tenants relocated due to the redevelopment activities associated with the Whittier Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant.

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Information Sessions will be held during the following days and times at:

- 122 DEWITT DRIVE ROXBURY, MA 02120 (Dewitt Community Center Gym) TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2019 5PM-6PM AND TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 5PM-6PM
- 464 TREMONT STREET BOSTON, MA 02116 (Castle Square Apartments Community Room) WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2019 5PM-6PM

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APPLICATION EFFORT - LEASE COMPATIBLE

1Preference for persons with mobility impairment 1- (1br unit) 2- (2br unit) 1- (3br unit).
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A food aficionado: saloniki Greek

BY ANNA ING

The Niko or lemon oregano seasoned grilled chicken, with tzatziki, Greek fries, herbs, tomatoes, onions and greens. (Image courtesy of Ling Mei Wong.)

Saloniki Greek opened in the Fenway area in 2016, serving affordable and tasty Greek food. The charming 75-seat shop has since added two more locations. Launched by Boston chef Jody Adams, a two-time James Beard award winner, the emphasis at Saloniki is on delicious farm-to-table ingredients, for a quick meal that won’t break the bank.

The pita bread is made to order and ready in about a minute and a half. The Niko had lemon oregano seasoned grilled chicken with tzatziki (zesty yogurt sauce) along with Greek fries, herbs, tomatoes, onions and greens ($11 for a plate). The chicken was juicy.

The Niko had lemon oregano seasoned grilled chicken, with tzatziki, Greek fries, herbs, tomatoes, onions and greens. (Image courtesy of Ling Mei Wong.)

The Herc had honey and garlic pork shoulder, served with secret sauce, spicy whipped feta, Greek fries, spicy slaw, tomatoes, herbs and onions ($11 for the plate). I loved the pork, but it was a little on the dry side.

The George features spicy lamb meatballs, garlic yogurt, charred eggplant, secret sauce, spicy slaw, tomatoes, onions and herbs ($11 for a plate). Charred eggplant lent a smoky flavor, balancing the strong seasoning of the meatballs.

To drink, we had the Visino Limeade ($4.50) made of Greek sour cherry, lime juice and mint. YiaYia’s Soup ($4.50) was perfect for a cold night. The soup was satisfying, thanks to the white beans, tomato and herbs.

The local Greek yogurt ($6) with sour cherry compote was decadently creamy. Saloniki offers quality, healthy and delicious Greek food. This is a must-visit destination for meals made with care and locally sourced ingredients, at a fair price.

Malaysian pastry chef Keegan Yee finds passion in baking

BY VALERIE LI

The double chocolate croissants ($5) are worth an hour of travel. “I worked 14 to 16 hours every day but I loved learning new things there,” said Keegan. Keegan decided to challenge himself by joining the Wheathleigh Hotel in Lenox, Massachusetts, where everything is made in house, including bread and croissants.

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“When Keegan first brought his croissants to farmers markets, they sold out immediately. “The double chocolate croissants (pain au chocolat) are worth an hour drive from out on Cape Cod,” customer Shane Picciotto said.

Keegan Kreations host pop-ups at markets on weekends. For more, please visit www.keegankreations.com.

Police Officer Examination
(Cities, Towns, and MBTA)

APPLY ONLINE AT: MASS.GOV/CivilService

*There will be an additional processing fee for applications received after this date. Applications will not be accepted after February 15, 2019.

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