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Book review: ‘The Great Race’ by Christopher Corr

BY VALERIE LI

Christopher Corr’s “The Great Race” is an enchanting story of the 12 animals that appear in the Zodiac. The story helps children learn how every animal earned its place in the Chinese zodiac by taking part in the Great Race.

The story begins with Emperor Jade, the king of ancient China, who struggled to find a way to measure time. He decided to call for all the animals to attend a great race. The first 12 animals that crossed the river each would have a year named after them.

All the animals wanted to win a place in the zodiac, including the Cat and the Rat, who were great friends. The Rat promised the Cat to wake him up before the Great Race. However, the Cat was deep asleep and the Rat was not able to go with the Cat. The Rat made the trip alone and ran into the Ox.

The kind Ox offered the Rat a lift over the river, but the Rat ditched him as soon as he saw dry land. The clever Rat won first place, announced by Emperor Jade. The emperor granted the Ox the second year for his goodness.

Then came the Tiger, who overcame powerful currents to make it ashore. He won the third place for his strength. The lucky Rabbit, who was scared by water, was helped by the Dragon and made it to fourth place. The Dragon became the fifth animal because he was too busy making rain somewhere else.

The Horse galloped across the river but a sneaky Snake slithered ashore as the Horse got close. Crafty Snake won the sixth place and the horse became the seventh.

Next, a wooden raft appeared, holding three animals that worked together to cross. The Goat, the Monkey and the Rooster won the seventh, the eighth and the ninth 10th years for their collaborative efforts.

The Dog and the Pig make their way across the river. Pig became the last animal.

The beautifully illustrated tale of the Chinese Zodiac vividly retells an appealing story that is attractive and engaging to young audience. It depicts the characteristics of each animal in a fun way. Christopher Corr is an established author and illustrator, whose many books have won him international acclaim.
How to make festive Jiangsu-style spring rolls

BY VALERIE LI

In China and overseas Chinese communities throughout the world, the Lunar New Year is the most celebrated festival. It marks the beginning of a new year according to lunar calendar. The evening preceding Chinese New Year’s Day is regarded as an occasion for a family reunion dinner. At the dinner, many traditional dishes are shared. Spring rolls are one of my favorite dishes at the dinner table. It’s crispy on the outside and fragrant in the inside. Here’s a delicious spring roll recipe from my hometown.

Ingredients

- Pork tenderloin, diced 1.5 lbs
- Chinese chives, minced 1 lb
- Scallions, minced ¼ cup
- Ginger, ground ¼ cup
- Shaoxing wine 1/3 cup
- Light soy sauce 2 tbsp
- Dark soy sauce 1 tbsp
- Corn starch 3 tbsp
- Kosher salt 1 pinch, optional
- Spring roll wrappers

Mix all the ingredients except spring roll wrappers in a bowl. Let the meat marinate for half an hour in the fridge.

Place a small portion of the meat stuffing on the corner of the wrapper. Lift the lower corner of the stuffing on the lower middle. Then keep rolling over until it forms into a tube shape. Place the finished rolls aside.

Take a spring roll wrapper and lay it on a flat surface. Place a small portion (pictured) of the stuffing on the lower corner of the wrapper. Lift the lower corner and wrap it over the stuffing. Continue folding over the stuffing until it’s fully covered by the wrapper. Then fold up the corners on both sides towards the middle. Then keep rolling over until it forms into a tube shape. Place the finished rolls aside.

Take a deep frying pan and pour one half cup of canola oil. Heat the oil carefully, because it can easily become too hot. Sprinkle water to see if the oil is ready for frying.

Pick up the spring rolls individually with tongs, drop them into the oil and fry until golden brown. You can place the fried rolls on a baking rack for cooling.

If you are looking for a healthier way to prepare spring rolls, you can also bake them in the oven at 425 degrees Fahrenheit for 25 minutes. Do check the color of the skin frequently. Now you only need to pour some Zhenjiang vinegar and enjoy the rolls!

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Jackson-style spring rolls made with wonton wrappers. (Image courtesy of Valerie Li.)

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BOOK REVIEW

Book review: ‘The Discovery of Fireworks and Gunpowder’ by Phil Amara and Oliver Chin

BY VALERIE LI

The book starts with three friends: Ethan, Emma and Dao, an adorable red panda who can travel through time and space. He also told Ethan and Emma how fireworks get the color and shape and mechanism of fireworks.

Fireworks and Gunpowder

On major holidays, we crane our necks skyward to watch fireworks light up the night. Have you ever wondered how fireworks get the color and shape from the inside? Ethan, Emma and Dao, an adorable red panda who can travel through time and space. The trio traveled to ancient China and Europe. The Europeans soon developed mightier weapons that changed the course of the history.

The story carries a good balance between science and entertainment. Education, history and folklore blend to make a fun and engaging children’s book. The storytelling style intrigues readers to turn the page. It is a great read for children to encourage curiosity and adventure. The book follows up the first “Discovery” book on rice. Co-author Phil Amara is an elementary public school teacher in Boston’s Chinatown. Co-author Oliver Chin is an established writer. Illustrator Juan Calle is the author of the Spanish bilingual book “Good Dream, Bad Dream.”

Co-author Phil Amara is an elementary public school teacher in Boston’s Chinatown. Co-author Oliver Chin is an established writer. Illustrator Juan Calle is the author of the Spanish bilingual book "Good Dream, Bad Dream."
2019 is the Year of the Pig. In zodiacal mythology, the Pig is easygoing and carefree. It is the 12th of the zodiac.

Rat

2019 will not be as good as expected for those born in the Year of the Rat, but it will be manageable. Most of the potential problems will be those that can be resolved, reduced or avoidable. The good news will be that you will be able to gain strong support from others easily. When you are in need, there will be someone coming to your rescue. This may be a bonus for you, but try not to rely too much on others.

Career
You will be an energetic bunny and will be enthusiastic about what you are doing. However, try not to be overly optimistic in your plans. Your career luck will be considered slightly below expectations. There will be many knocks and bumps, but they should not be detrimental to your overall career progress.

Wealth
If you were to earn through a steady income, there should not be major problems in earnings. Profits from investments and winnings from gambling will be below average. If you were to invest, you may want to consider those that are of lower risk. You may want to refrain from gambling.

Relationship
This will be a good year for relationship matters. You will likely to fall in love if you are single. If you are already in a relationship, your relationship will improve. However, you will be attracted to forbidden relationships. You will likely to fall in love with people who are unavailable. You will tend to two-time, become a third party, or have extra-marital affairs. Having underground office romances, or with those who might result in a conflict of interest will seem exciting to you.

Health
You will likely to have minor ailments, but should not have major health issues. However, if you were to lose yourself to bad habits mentioned in the earlier sections, such as excessive drinking, abusing drugs and developing compulsive sexual behavior, you will expose yourself to chronic illness and those that can be fatal. You will be prone to accidents that are related to drink driving. You may drink drive, or you may become a victim of drunk driving. No matter which situation it will be, you will not want to be either one. If you were to drink, do not drive. Do not put your life or anybody’s lives at risk.

People
This will be one of those unusual years that you will have few ill-intentioned people around you. Even so, you will be discouraged to share news about opportunities that you have not secured to avoid others intercepting.

Ox

This will be a challenging year for those born in the Year of the Ox. There will be problems arising in many areas of your life. You will have many obstacles at work. There will be financial troubles. Your health and safety will be poor. Your...
family and friends will also suffer from poor health and safety. Romance will be poor. You will be likely to face with a lot of people problems.

**Career**

This will be a challenging year for your career. Apart from facing many delays and hiccups, there will be many technical and people issues arising from all areas. Due to the circumstance, you will inevitably be frustrated about what is going on. This will affect the way you carry out your duties and interact with others.

**Wealth**

You finances will be poor. If you are earning through a steady income, there will be many sudden events that will cause you to spend money. There will be people or institutions running away with money or valuables that you entrust them with. Do not entrust your money and valuables to others.

**Relationship**

Relationship matters will be poor. If you are single, you may not be in the mood to be in a relationship. You will often be seen in such a foul mood that will drive potential suitors away. If you are seeing someone or married, there will be frequent fierce fights that can strain the relationship so badly that can result in separation. If you are already married, you and your spouse may be going through a difficult time, which result in the tendency of both of you taking it out on each other.

**Health**

Your health will be below average. Most of the health conditions that you will face will be related to the stomach and intestines. You may have digestive problems or food poisoning. When you are traveling, be cautious about what and where you consume the food. Avoid being too adventurous with what you put in your mouth.

**People**

You will be caught in cobwebs of power struggles in the office and interpersonal from. There will be betrayal, backstabbing, manipulation and accusation. You would like to hide from these matters, but it will be impossible to do so.

This will be a good year for those born in the Year of the Tiger but there will be some disturbance from negative energies hovering along the year. There will be delays and inconveniences, but they should not be enough to create major damages. You will be doing exceptionally well in your career.

**Career**

This will be a good year for your career. You will be given heavier responsibilities and an increase in your portfolio. You will have more authority power which will come with promotions. Your efforts will pay off. However, there may or may not be pay increments. You will gain strong support from the management and the authorities.

**Health**

Your finances will be better than average. Earnings from your job will be stable. Profits from investments and winnings from gambling will be good. There will be many unexpected situations that will cost you money. Fortunately, your finances will be able to cope with the expenses.

**Relationship**

If you are single, you will feel lonely and keen to be in a relationship, but the chance of falling in love will be slim. If you are already in a relationship, there will be frequent fights. Any trivial matters can spark off heated arguments. You will feel that your partner is unable to support you adequately.

**Health**

Your health will be weaker than usual. You will tend to fall ill easily. Among different forms of health conditions, you will be prone to health conditions that are related to the digestive system such as gastritis and stomach flu. You may want to have regular meals. You will also have high risk of food poisoning. Be careful of what and where you consume. Ensure that your food is well-prepared.

**People**

People problems that you will face will be considered lesser than in other years. Generally, you will gain strong support without requiring to spend much time on social activities. However, you will feel that support from others will be lacking and there will be a sense of loneliness which will be different from the reality.

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**Rabbit**


For those born in the Year of the Rabbit will do well in terms of career and money, but will be faced with many sticky potential problems, such as getting along with many, which can have a devastating impact.

**Career**

This will be a good year for your career, and your social and communication skills will play a huge role in maintaining the good career luck. You will enjoy what you are doing. Your efforts will be recognized and your skills will be valued. Although there may or may not be a promotion, there will be high possibility of pay increments or other forms of material rewards.

**Wealth**

Your finances will be good, but can be unstable. You will likely have pay increments. There will be significant profit from investments and winning from gambling. However, the money might come and go fast as well. Being obsessive with investing and parking yourself at the gambling table will not be a good idea. Instead, you will have a better chance of keeping your good wealth by stopping your investments or gambling once you make some profit.

**Relationship**

If you are single, you may meet someone or fall in love in this year, but it will be difficult to remain in a relationship. If you are seeing someone or married, there will be many social activities. Although you may have spending a lot on celebration and social activities. Although you may have high expenses, your finances will be able to cope with the expenses.

**Health**

Your health will be average. Most of the health conditions that you will have will be related to having inadequate rest, over-eating and excessive alcohol consumption. If you were to abuse your body, your health will not be average and might take a plunge. To improve your immune system, you will need to have enough sleep, regular meals with appropriate proportions and limit your consumption of alcohol.

**People**

You will be meeting many people who will try to cajole you into bad habits or trying to get you into trouble. You will need to exercise your judgement about what is right and what is wrong for you. Do not let others persuade you into adopting behavior or to challenge policies and the law. You can be friendly, but do not be too trusting.

**Dragon**


This will be a good year for those born in the Year of the Dragon. You will be doing very well in many aspects of your life. You will potentially have huge career luck which will be beautifully complemented with good luck with your wealth.

**Career**

You will be able to accomplish a lot and achieve significant career progress. Although there are no strong indications of promotion and pay increments, this does not imply that they will not happen. By giving your best, your efforts will be rewarded and there will be job satisfaction.

**Wealth**

You wealth luck will be strong. Apart from earning from a steady income, there will be substantial profits from investments and winnings from gambling. You may be spending a lot on celebration and social activities. Although you may have high expenses, your finances will be able to cope with the expenses.

**Relationship**

If you are single, there will be a high chance of you getting into a romantic relationship. If you are already seeing someone, your relationship will progress rapidly.

**Health**

Your health will be good. There may be occasional migraines and insomnia. Although you should not have major health issues, any downtime due to health issues or feeling fatigue will compromise on what you can reap from 2019. You may want to consider having adequate rest, regular meals and some exercises to better your health.

**People**

This will be one of those unusual years that there will be little problems with people. Generally, you will be able to gain strong support from others easily. There will be many social activities and you will have ample opportunities to
improve relationships with others. Many will find it pleasant to interact with you.

Snake

This will be a very challenging year for those born in the Year of the Snake. You will be doing badly in almost all aspects of your life. There will be a high possibility of suffering from setbacks such as losing your job, getting into financial troubles and separating from a romantic partner.

Career
This will be a challenging year at work. You will be badly hit by problems of varying magnitude with great severity. There will be betrayals, backstabbing, misdirection and accusations. Your plans will be crippled by technical issues such as system network failure, power failure and server failure. Major organizational change may cause you to be demoted, or your projects to be canned and resources to be cut.

Wealth
Your finances will be poor. Not only will there be pay cuts, there will be frequent huge expenses. There will be major losses in investments. Gambling luck will be poor. You may want to avoid investing and gambling.

Relationship
There will be so many matters going on in your life that relationships will take a backseat. If you are single, this will likely to remain the same. If you are already seeing someone or married, there will be either frequent fights, or you will become indifferent with what is going on with your relationship or your partner.

Health
Your health will be poor. You will likely fall ill often and for a longer period of time. There will be the possibility of sustaining injuries, having surgeries and requiring invasive treatments. Among different types of injuries, you will be prone to those that are related to sharp items, falling and attacks by animals.

People
Although there will be many of problems dealing with people, this particular type of problem will seem to be submerged into the sea of troubles that you will experience in 2019. There will be so many kinds of troubles crashing at you from all different directions. There will be people issues, technical problems, natural disasters and those that are caused by pure bad luck. No matter what you do or not do, others will be unhappy with you or be offended by you.

Horse

Those born in the Year of the Horse will be likely to do very well. There will be career advancements and good finances. You will be able to improve your social standing. You may fall in love if you are single, or welcome a new family member if you are married.

Career
You will likely to do very well in your career. There will be a possibility of promotion, recognition, situations turning to your favor and your plans going through. Often, you will be in the right place at the right time. You will be given opportunities to shine from the crowd. You will catch the attention from the relevant authorities and management, and be able to gain strong support from them.

Wealth
Your finances will be good. There will be pay increment, fat bonuses and huge commissions. There will also be huge profit from investments and winning from gambling.

Relationship
If you are single, there will be a high chance that you will likely to meet someone special and fall in love. There will be possibility of welcoming a new family member if you are married.

Health
Your health will be average in general. However, among different forms of health conditions, you will have risk of health conditions that strike fast, such as heart attack and stroke.

People
You will have very little problems interacting with others. You will gain support from others easily and everybody will seem to be friendly. Even so, it does not mean that everybody will be sincere towards you. In fact, something sinister will be brewing behind the scene.

Goat

This will be a trying year for those born in the Year of the Goat. Although it will not be as bad as the world collapsing on you, you will feel that you are swimming against the current.

Career
This will be a challenging year for your career. There will be problems of various forms. There will be delays, severe office politics, sudden crises and technical issues. Your projects may be suspended or canned. You will feel that there is an invincible force twisting your arm to make your tasks more difficult than they should be. Even tasks that you are familiar with will become trying.

Wealth
Your wealth will be below average. If you are earning through a steady income, you should not have problems maintaining the earnings, but you will have difficulties in growing your savings. If your earnings fluctuate, you will have difficulties in making ends meet. Profit from investments and winning from gambling will be poor. This will not be a good year for you to take any risk in finances. You may want to refrain from investing and gambling. Be frugal in spending.

Relationship
If you are single, the chances of meeting someone special or falling in love will be slim. Even if you were to meet someone who is interested in you, you may not be in the mood for a relationship. If you are already seeing someone or married, there will be frequent fights due to your bad mood.

Health
Your health will be average. Among different forms of health conditions, you will be prone to have high blood pressure and liver issues. You will frequently feel tightness in the chest.

People
There will be many people issues, especially relating to misunderstandings, misinterpretations and accusations. Although such problems should not be new to you, you being in bad mood often will worsen situations by causing you to have frequent direct confrontations with others and problems will be blown out of proportion.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Peaceful New Year
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**Monkey**

This will be a better year than average for those born in the year of the Monkey. You will likely to do well in terms of career. You will be able to save up more money than trying to profit from investments and gambling.

**Career**
This will be a good year for your career and you can implement your plans. You will likely to achieve good career progress. Although you may not have promotion and pay increments, your experiences and achievements will be a stepping stone to reach new heights. You will be able to gain strong support from others without spending too much time on socializing. You will be encouraged to focus on your work and avoid getting involved in matters that do not impact you directly.

**Wealth**
Your earnings from work will be steady and good. However, profits from investment and winnings from gambling will be weak. You may be able to have some profits, but will likely lose more if you were to be heavily engaged in investing and gambling. Instead of trying to gain money from investment and gambling, you will be able to save much more money by reducing your expenses.

**Relationship**
Relationship matters will be above average. If you are single, this will be a good year to increase your social circle. If you are single, this will be a good year to increase your social circle. You will meet with many obstacles and problems in your career that will cause delays and hiccups. There will be many teething problems in different parts of your life. You will meet with many obstacles and problems in your career that will cause delays and hiccups. There will be severe office politics and possibilities of scandals happening. You will be advised to keep a low profile to stay afloat. You will incur huge expenses. There will be the possibility of being robbed as well.

**People**
There will be moderate people issues which will be mainly gossiping, disagreements, misunderstandings and accusations. However, these problems will not be severe and will likely to be blown over fast. It will be important that you do not engage in gossiping. What goes around will come around. Avoid getting involved in matters that do not impact you directly. Even if you will like to help others, it will be best to wait for others to request for your help before extending it. This will reduce the risk of others misinterpreting your help as you trying to put them down.

**Rooster**

This will be a lousy year for those born in the Year of the Rooster. It will not be world-collapsing, but there will be many teething problems in different parts of your life. You will meet with many obstacles and problems in your career that will cause delays and hiccups. There will be severe office politics and possibilities of scandals happening. You will be advised to keep a low profile to stay afloat. You will incur huge expenses. There will be the possibility of being robbed as well.

**Health**
Your health will be average. However, you will tend to over-indulge in good food that has strong flavors, such as those that are overly salty, oily, sweet and starchy. These will be closely related to the infamous three highs: high cholesterol, high blood pressure and high blood sugar. There may be other health issues such as indigestion and acid reflux.

**Career**
Your career will be challenging. There will be many delays and hiccups. You will experience many people issues. There will be people gossiping about you and scheming against you. People will make things difficult for you. Even though there will seem to be support from others, the support may not be substantial, or the support will not be genuine.

**Wealth**
Your wealth luck will be weak. There will be huge expenses which can put you in financial troubles. If you were to earn through commission or bonuses, you will likely to be disappointed. Apart from avoiding investing and gambling, you may want to keep your expenses in check.

**Relationship**
Relationship matters will be weak. If you are single, the chance of this changing will be slim. If you are interested in someone or you have a keen suitor, the chance of the relationship blossoming will be slim. If you are already in a relationship, there will be much tension caused by frustration.

**Health**
Your health will be below average. You will likely have irregular meals or skip meals. Under high pressure, you will lose appetite more frequently than in other years. These will cause you to have gastric problems. In severe cases, there will be the possibility of having stomach ulcer.

**People**
There will be many people issues in 2019. There will be betrayals, backstabbing and accusations. Although there will be lesser direct confrontations, there will be scandal and malicious gossip.

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you are single, you will feel lonely. You will be struggling between wanting to be in a relationship and the freedom that you are having. At the same time, many will find you charming and will consider wooing you. However, you will see past all the hints that your suitor is dropping and will appear uninterested. After a while, the potential suitor will likely give up.

Health
Your health will be poor. You will tend to fall ill frequently and for a longer period of time. Most of the illnesses that you will suffer will be related to compromised immune system. It will be unlikely that you will have major illnesses.

People
The amount of people issues will be similar with other years. However, you will seem to be socially inadequate, not interested with what is going on around you. You will be very cold to others. It will seem that you will play lack of interest with what is going time to the wrong person. You will distance yourself from investment and gambling.

Career
There will be many challenges in your career. There will be some technical problems, but there will be many that are caused by people intentionally. Many will make things difficult for you. They will betray, backstab, mislead and sabotage you. They will attempt to hijack your opportunities. They will not hesitate to have direct conflicts with you.

Wealth
Your wealth will be below average. You will incur huge expenses. There will be the possibility of being robbed. Do not flash your money or valuables in public. Not only the chance of earning income from investment and gambling will be slim, there will be a high risk of breaking the bank with such activities. You will be strongly encouraged to avoid investing and gambling.

Relationship
Romance will be below average. If you are single, the chance of you meeting someone special or falling in love will be slim. If you are already in a relationship, there will be frequent fights. Harsh words will be exchanged.

If there is any unhappiness, try to communicate in a calm manner. If you have difficulties in staying calm, ask for time off to calm down. Do not say things that you do not mean. If your relationship is not well managed, there will be the possibility of breaking up or divorce.

If you have been in an abusive relationship where your partner can be violent towards you, situations can be much more severe this year. Do not give yourself any reasons to tolerate such behavior or hope that your partner will change. Run away, ask for help, or make a police report as soon as possible. Save yourself.

Health
Your health and safety will be below average. There are indications of you having surgery and accidents. You may need to receive invasive treatments. Among different forms of accidents, you will be prone to those that related to cuts. If you have difficulties in focusing, do not drive, operate machines or handle sharp tools. You will have a high risk of being mugged. Avoid straying in dark alleys or going to unfamiliar places alone.

People
You will likely to meet many ill-intentioned people who will resort to underhanded means against you. There will be betrayal, backstabbing and accusations. Some will hijack your opportunities or make things difficult for you. This can happen in your personal and career front.
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We wish you a happy Chinese New Year!

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恭祝大家農曆新年快樂！
Chinese New Year greetings from Boston Mayor Marty Walsh

BY BOSTON MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH

San Nin Fai Lok! Gung Hay Faat Choy! I want to wish the entire Chinese-Boston community a healthy, happy and prosperous new year! I’m proud to say the Year of the Dog was a good year for the City of Boston. I’m hopeful for what we can accomplish in 2019, and looking forward to all of the work we’ll continue to do together in the Year of the Pig.

The beginning of a new year is always a great time to reflect on the previous year. We opened the Chinatown Branch Library in the China Trade Center after more than 50 years. Thanks to our residents, it’s now a gathering space for the neighborhood, providing library services for people of all ages. This location will continue to operate as plans for a long-term library are developed. We also reconstructed and opened the Liberty Tree Plaza, right in front of the library, that will serve as an outdoor gathering space as we welcome the warmer weather.

Chinatown is a special place in our city. I know preserving and creating more affordable housing is very important to this neighborhood, and it’s important to me too. That’s why my administration has been working to make sure you can keep Chinatown your home. The redevelopment of the Boston Planning & Development Agency-owned Parcel P-12C, located on Tremont Street between the DoubleTree hotel and Tufts Medical Center, is moving forward. The project will include 125 income-restricted rental and homeownership units, and follows a robust community process with the Chinatown community about the vision for the site. In addition, the Shawmut Avenue/Washington Street Block project will include at least 139 income-restricted units, and represents a collaborative effort between the developer and two Chinatown community organizations, the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association of New England and Boston Chinese Evangelical Church.

In 2018, our city showed that when we come together around our values, we can strengthen our community no matter what is happening nationally. We continued to invest in new housing, open space, community resources, and services that Bostonians rely on, despite the lack of national leadership. We continued to stand together in rallies to protest some of the worst abuses coming out of the White House. I’m grateful for how our residents displayed a new level of engagement in local affairs, and a new level of leadership for our nation.

I wish you all a happy and healthy Year of the Pig!
President John J. Drew and the ABCD family wish the Asian American community great happiness and good fortune in the Year of the Pig.

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