Boston's Chinatown to honor Transcontinental Railroad workers

BY THE CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

Boston’s Chinese community will celebrate the Transcontinental Railroad’s 150th “Golden Spike” Anniversary with the traveling exhibit “The Chinese and the Iron Road, Building the Transcontinental,” which tells the untold story of the Chinese laborers who helped build a key part of America’s infrastructure. This seven-panel exhibit, which is part of a larger exhibit organized by the Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Project at Stanford University, will be available for viewing by the public at various locations throughout Greater Boston from May through June.

Descendants of the Transcontinental, Northern Pacific and Canadian Pacific Railroad Workers were among the early settlers of Boston’s Chinatown. Following the enactment of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882, economic and racial discrimination against the Chinese in the western states prompted many to move east to escape persecution and seek opportunity, working as laborers, in laundries, or as merchants. Many descendants lost this history as experiences of endless toil and discrimination have been omitted from America’s history. To acknowledge their vital historic contributions, the 150th Transcontinental anniversary on May 10 will be marked as a date of honor for the Chinese railroad workers.

A letter from Leland Stanford, president of the Central Pacific Railroad, to President Abraham Lincoln on October 10, 1865, read, “The greater portion of the laborers employed by us are Chinese, who constitute a large element in the population of California. Without them, it would be impossible to complete the western portion of this great national enterprise within the time required by the Acts of Congress.”

For a full list of display locations and dates, please visit facebook.com/ccboston.

Boston Mayor Walsh welcomes spring in Chinatown

BY THE SAMPA N EDITORIAL TEAM

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department hosted the 20th Annual Neighborhood Coffee Hour Series in local parks citywide from April 30 to June 19. Walsh visited Elliot Norton Park on May 2.

“I look forward to the Neighborhood Coffee Hours every year as a way to start the spring season by getting out to the neighborhoods to engage directly with our residents,” Walsh said. The Neighborhood Coffee Hours give residents the opportunity to speak directly with Mayor Walsh and staff from City departments about open space and other needs in their neighborhoods. Through these discussions and a suggestion box at each site, Walsh will hear how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas and city services.

Boston Mayor Marty Walsh met with residents from Chinatown and Bay Village for coffee at the Elliot Norton Park on May 2. (Image courtesy of Emma Le.)

Participants enjoy coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin’ Donuts and fresh fruit from Star Market. Each family in attendance will receive a flowering plant grown in the city’s greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. Residents will also be eligible to win a raffle prize from Dunkin’ Donuts.
Event Calendar

Unity Dinner
Friday, May 3
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
15 Middlesex Canal Park Drive
Woburn, MA 01801

Love Your Block
Saturday, May 4
9 a.m. to noon
Chinatown will participate in Boston’s citywide annual spring cleanups. Register by April 26 as a volunteer at bit.ly/2019-register.

Mulan Society classes
May 4, May 6
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Mulan Society Center for Women’s Empowerment classes will take place Saturdays at 11 a.m. and Mondays at 11 a.m. at the Asian American Civic Association. Register at (617) 426-9492 x251 or mulan@aac-aa.com.

English for college or job training
Monday, May 6
8:30 a.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Attend testing for the AACA’s English classes for college or job training. For more information, call (617) 426-9492 x0.

The Chinatown Coalition meeting
Thursday, May 9
9:30 a.m.
38 4th Street
Boston, MA 02111
The Chinatown Coalition meeting will take place at the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 4F.

Free yoga class
Thursday
12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
2 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
Bring your own mat for free yoga at the Chinatown branch library.

Traffic meeting
Tuesday, May 7
6:30 p.m.
885 Washington Street
Boston, MA 02111
Learn about traffic calming plans in Chinatown.

English classes
May 4, May 6
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Language classes for college or job training.

Financial aid assistance
Wednesdays
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
87 Tyler Street
Boston, MA 02111
Free general assistance on college planning and applying for financial aid towards higher education. To make an appointment, call (617) 426-9492 x0.

The Chinatown History Tour
Friday, May 10
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
2 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116

ATASK Community 5K
Saturday, May 11
9 a.m.
Cheestnut Hill Reservoir
Boston, MA 02467
The Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence will host the 5th Annual Community 5K Race, bringing together organizations serving AAPI populations. Register at tinyurl.com/ATASK5K19.

Boston Night Market
Saturday, May 11
4 p.m. to 11 p.m.
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02114
The Boston Night Market will return to Boston City Hall Plaza. Tickets at www.nightmarketboston.com.

Buddha birthday celebration
Sunday, May 12
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
711 Concord Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02138
The Fo Guang Buddhist Temple, Boston will host a birthday celebration for Buddha with a vegetarian lunch.

Malnutrition workshop
May 13, May 16, May 17
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5 Oak Street
Boston, MA 02111
Learn about malnutrition with nutritionist Sophia, providing a nutrition screening and healthy snacks at Quincy Tower, Hon Lok House on Thursday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and to Boston Housing Authority on Friday 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

APAHM film showcase
May 13, May 17, May 18

QARI community banquet
Friday, May 17
6:30 p.m.
237 Quincy Avenue
Quincy, MA 02169
The 12th QARI annual community banquet will take place at the China Pearl Restaurant. Tickets $110 at banquet.news/community4.

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BY JINGFEI CUI

May 3, 2019

Chinatown residents seek to preserve rowhouses

BY JINGFEI CUI

Wendy Lee, owner of 7 Johnny Court since 1972, remembered when children would play outside in Chinatown. Lee’s recall grew up here, and she recalled the warmth of the neighborhood. “We were such a close-knit community,” Lee said.

Lee and her husband considered additions to their building, but they prioritized their neighbors, as the Johnny Court buildings are closely connected. It made her concerned in 2016, when the residents of 9 Johnny Court were displaced by a landlord who increased their rent.

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Asian Health Symposium discusses community research in Chinatown

BY YIYAN ZHENG

The fifth Asian Health Symposium was held at Tufts University on April 23. (Image courtesy of Yiyan Zheng.)

The fifth annual Asian Health Sym- posium “Moving forward, looking back: Using research to improve community health” was held at Tufts University on April 23. A total of 76 community mem-
bers and researchers discussed commu- nity engaged health research in Chinatown.
Clinical and developmental psychol- ogist Cindy Liu spoke about research conducted in the past five years in collabora-
tion with community organizations in Chinatown. Through a partnership with Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, the Family Development Proj- ect zeroes in on unique stressors faced by Chinese families, including sending
American born infants to China due to economic stress. Along with South Cove Community Health Center, her study on Women’s Emotional Life and Livelihood examines psychosocial experiences of Chinese immigrant women currently ob-
taining and gynecology care.

Collaborating with the Greater Bos-
ton Chinese Golden Age Center, medical sociologist Amy LeClair discussed fac-
tors related to cancer incidence among Asian populations. LeClair stressed that the engagement of community partners will help to prompt a more open conver-
sation between researchers and particip-
ants.

“It’s much easier to happen to the trust that is already built,” LeClair said. “That is one of the foundational aspects of working with community partners to do the research, and doing it in a mean-
ingful and sustainable way, not just showing up.”

Other research projects included child diagnoses in a Chinese immigrant community, increasing physical activity for ethnic minority seniors, food access and security for Chinatown affordable housing residents and understanding health communication in Chinatown by studying Sampun Newspaper.

Massachusetts cannot afford undercount of immigrants in 2020 Census

BY THE MASSACHUSETTS VOTER TABLE

The U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments April 23 on the addition of a question about citizenship on the 2020 Census. This proposed question comes poun- cludes the climate of fear and distrust in the federal government and likely would lead to lower response rates among im-
migrant communities.

“The citizenship question likely will cause to an undercount of immigrants in the 2020 Census. An undercount of immi-
igrant communities in 2020 will lead to overcrowded classrooms, underrep-
resentation of key communities in the political system, and insufficient afford-
able housing for working families and low-income seniors for the next decade,” said Beth Huang, director of the Massa-
chusetts Voter Table.

Along with determining political representation, the decennial census im-
pacts $16 billion in federal funding for Massachusetts. Home to over 1 million immi-
ants, the state has the seventh highest proportion of residents who are immigrants.

BY YIYAN ZHENG

The eighth annual Japan Festival Boston took place on the Boston Common from April 29 to 30. Taiko Japanese drums were performed on the main stage. (Image courtesy of Yiyan Zheng.)

Japan Festival celebrates 60th anniversary of Kyoto-Boston sister city bond

The eighth annual Japan Festival Boston took place on the Boston Com-
mon from April 29 to 30. The festival included food offerings, eclectic perfor-
mances, culture workshops, a cosplay contest and history pavilion.

Featuring Kyoto this year, the sister city of Boston, the event celebrated the 60th anniversary of the relationship be-
tween the two cities. Visitors could draw a portrait with a manga artist from Kyoto at the Kyoto Booth, or try on kimono and learn the oldest traditional dance in Japan.

In addition to the many attendees at-
tired in traditional Japanese kimono and yukata, cosplay lovers also filled the fes-
tival. Second-time attendee Diana Milky was doing a take on “Decon” fashion with blonde pigtails and playful pink clips and ribbons. Originated in Harajuku and coming from the English word “decoration,” the “Decora” style includes bright colors and layers of ac-
cessories.

“My friends and I are pretty active in the cosplay community around Boston and the east coast,” said Milky. The Japan Festival Boston was first held in 2012. Organized by more than 300 volunteers every year, it aims to bring “matsuri” or a street festival to Boston, for every person to experience authentic Japanese culture.

Creative City celebrates socially engaged art

Creative City pilot program grantees celebrated the launch of New England Foundation for the Arts’ Creative City Boston grant for artists creating socially-engaged public art at the Pso-Arts Center on April 30. (From left) Back: Chao-Bansai, Wen Ti Tao, Heather Kaplan, John Kar-
delewski, Valerie Stephena, Beau Konyon, Peter DiMuro, Kenny Thomp-

Committee of 100 condemns Chinese American racial profiling

BY THE COMMITTEE OF 100

The members of the Com-
mmittee of 100 — all United States citizens — are com-
pelled to stand up and speak out against the racial profiling that has become increasingly com-
mon in the United States where Chinese Americans are being targeted as potential traitors, spies, and agents of foreign in-
fluence. Even as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our non-profit organization, com-
mitted to our dual missions of a constructive U.S.-China en-
gagement and the full equality and inclusion of Chinese Amer-
icans, our community has come under attack again. In the last few years, a few high American government officials, respect-
ed media outlets, and opinion leaders have stated or suggest-
ed that all Chinese persons in America should be suspected of wrongdoing. Overzealous criminal prosecutions in recent years of innocent individuals such as Sherry Chen and Xia-
oxing Xi, like Wen Ho Lee be-
fore them, have embarrassingly fallen apart, while ruining lives for no reason. Such targeting of individuals based on their eth-
nic heritage or national origin violates our shared American ideals. It simply has to stop.

By standing up and speak-
ing out for what is right and just, Chinese Americans can help lead the way in answering the call that is always before us as Americans: to embody the ideals and principles of this great nation we call home.
Proposed gas facility in Weymouth poses health and safety risks

BY LING-MEI WONG

The South Shore is home for many. It could be home for a natural gas compressor station, contributing to air pollution, harming health and affecting safety.

The proposed 7700-horsepower compressor station at 50 Bridge Street in Weymouth would be built for the Algonquin Gas Transmission, part of Enbridge. It pressurizes natural gas extracted in Pennsylvania by hydraulic fracturing along a pipeline, reaching Canada. The project is part of the Atlantic Bridge Project, for the sale of U.S. natural gas to international markets.

"Compressor stations are typically built in rural locations because of their impact on the environment," said Wendy Sheu, a concerned citizen and member of Mothers Out Front (MOF), a grassroots movement of mothers and grandmothers coming together to address climate change. "One of the most troubling aspects is the existing and anticipated levels of air toxics in the affected communities such as formaldehyde and benzene, which are both known carcinogens."

There are 930 homes within a half-mile radius, with 3,100 children living or going to school within a mile of the proposed site. A total of 13,000 children attend 38 different schools within 3 miles of the site.

MOF member and Newton violin instructor Amy Tai said, "We want Gov. Baker to deny the permit and not allow the Weymouth compressor station to be built."

Tai and Sheu are part of a bilingual canvassing team within MOF, made up of a dozen people from the Greater Boston area, ranging in age from 16 to 60. The team came together in recent months, and includes moms, students, young professionals, recent immigrants and American-born Chinese.

MOF supports the Fore River Station Against the Compressor Station, a coalition of residents from Quincy, Weymouth, Braintree and Hingham. Construction of the project faces opposition from elected officials and residents, including Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch, Weymouth Mayor Robert Hedlund and Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan.

A health impact assessment for air pollution was conducted in 2017 by the state Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Public Health. Results from a January report approved the facility for air quality, despite more than 1,200 opposing comments. The assessment drew a rebuttal from the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility (GBPSR), which cited data on the site and research from communities with similar facilities.

"The health impact assessment shows that residents of the Fore River Basin are already burdened with excess rates of lung disease, heart disease and cancer," wrote the GBPSR in a report. "These people, nearly half of whom are considered an ‘environmental justice’ population as defined by the Baker administration — require greater, not lesser, environmental safeguards to protect their health."

The physicians group noted the Weymouth site was too thickly settled for a compressor station that processes flammable gas. "We call on Governor Baker to protect the health and lives of the residents of Massachusetts by rescinding the air quality permit for the proposed compressor station in Weymouth," wrote GBPSR.

Tai and Sheu plan to raise awareness on the proposed facility among the Asian American community on the South Shore. Individuals or groups interested in outreach to Chinese speakers can email stopWCS@gmail.com.

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch meets with Asian community leaders

BY SOUTH COVE MANOR AT QUINCY POINT

Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch attended a luncheon on April 26 at South Cove Manor at Quincy Point (SCM). (From left) SCM board chairman Richard Lui, SCM president Bill Graves, Mayor Koch, SCM board member Helen Chin Schlichte, South Cove Community Health Center executive director Eugene Welch. (Image courtesy of SCM.)

Bill Graves, president and CEO of South Cove Manor at Quincy Point, and Eugene Welch, executive director of South Cove Community Health Center, hosted Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch for luncheon on April 26 with volunteer and professional leadership of Quincy area, which serve primarily Asian residents.

Graves said, “Mayor Koch expressed that all of these developments will lead to increased need for community services for all ethnicities, but the growing Asian population in particular.”

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455 Harvard Street is a 17 unit development in Brookline. 4 units in this building will be made available through this application process and rented to households that have incomes at or below 50% of the Area Median Income. Units will first be available in September 2019. Residents will have high-end finishes. The apartments feature nine-foot ceilings, central air conditioning, washer and dryers, refrigerators, microwaves, dishwashers and garbage disposals. No parking spots are included, but the building is located near in Brookline’s Coolidge Corner, steps to public transportation, restaurants, and parks. All units are 100% smoke-free.

Completed Applications and Required Documentation must be received, not postmarked, by June 4th, 2019.

A Public Info Session will be held at 6 pm on May 8th, 2019 in Room 103 in Brookline Town Hall (330 Washington Street). The lottery for eligible households will be held on July 1st, 2019 at 6 pm at the same location as the info session.

For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.brooklinelottery.org or call (617) 792-4940 (X3 then x2) and leave a message. ForTTY Services dial 711. Free translation available. Applications also available at Brookline Public Library on 361 Washington Street (Library hours M-Th 10-9, F-Sa, Fri-Sat 10-5, Su 1-5) Applications also available at Brookline Town Hall (Planning and Community Development)
Youth strive to stop smoking through art

BY YIYAN ZHENG

Chinatown native Jason Liang, 11, drew a cigarette face with horns and a pitchfork, next to a haloed no-smoking sign. (Image courtesy of BCNC.)

Jason Liang’s drawing shows a cigarette face with horns and a pitchfork, next to a haloed no-smoking sign. Image courtesy of BCNC.

“I simply drew how dangerous cigarettes can cause and how not smoking can help you,” said Liang.

Part of the Smoke Free Chinatown project organized by Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), the magnet design contest engages children in their after school program Red Oak to participate in the cause and raise awareness through art.

Liang’s work will be turned into magnets and handed out with sticky notes to the parents, as well as other adult education programs in BCNC, said Shaina Lu, assistant director of Red Oak. Other students’ works will also be made into posters to promote a smoke-free Chinatown.

“There are cigarettes butts all over the place in Chinatown,” Liang said. “Every time I pass by, I hold my breath, cover my nose and my face, but I suck in the smoke as well.”

Liang received smoking education in his health class every Tuesday at the Josiah Quincy Elementary School, as well as through the Red Oak program at BCNC after school.

The Smoke Free Chinatown project is funded by the Asian Health Initiative of Tufts Medical Center. The initiative has worked with six other community partners in Chinatown to address the harmful effects of smoking, including smoking cessation, prevention and education.

Elders learn about nutrition and art

BY THE GREATER BOSTON CHINESE GOLDEN AGE CENTER

Tufts University professor Silvia Bottinelli spoke about food and art. Her talk had students serve food for elders to sample, with smaller groups to discuss the food’s nutritional value, taste and visual appeal.

Dr. Chao-Qiang Lai explained the My Plate nutrition plan for seniors.

Two workshops on food and art, and nutrition plan for seniors, took place April 26 at Hong Lok House. (Image courtesy of the Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center.)

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Tuition’s advances in digital health care

BY SHIH-CHUNG CHEN, TAIWAN MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

This year marks the 24th anniversary of Taiwan’s implementation of universal health coverage. Taiwan’s National Health Insurance (NHI) covers the full spectrum of essential and high-quality health services, from prevention and treatment to rehabilitation and palliative care.

In the 1960s, Taiwan’s progressive health sector began the process of incorporating laborers, farmers, and government employees into the health insurance system. It is now widely regarded as one of the best in the world. The NHI ranked 14th in the 2017 Global Access to Health Care Index of “The Economist,” and ninth in the 2018 Health Care Efficiency Index of Bloomberg Finance. The success of Taiwan’s NHI can be attributed to several key factors. First, it adopted a single-payer model with contributions from individuals, employers, and the government. A supplementary premium is also charged based on payers’ income levels. Second, to control medical expenses, a budget payment system was adopted to set caps on health care costs paid by the government. Under these caps, Taiwan’s medical expenses accounted for only 6.4 percent of GDP in 2017, lower than the OECD average.

In the same year, the NHI’s administrative costs were kept under 1 percent of its total budget, and the public satisfaction rate was 86 percent. Third, the NHI’s integrated preventive health care services and pay for performance programs have ensured a high quality of health care and encouraged continued improvement of health standards.

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Novel examines Japanese American valor during World War II

BY LING-MEI WONG

of Japanese Americans. The men fought valiantly in World War II to prove their loyalty, despite discrimination they endured at home.

Lam, who studied history at Yale before becoming a retinal surgeon and author, said in a prepared statement, “Repentance” is a window into a seemingly perfect but actually dysfunctional family scarred by post-traumatic stress disorder, abusive parenting, marriage trouble and past secrets — all closely entwined with the history of the 442nd, a remarkable group of Japanese American heroes who volunteered to fight even though many of them had families that were unjustly incarcerated in camps like Manzanar at home.

The 14,000 men who served in the 442nd won 21 Medals of Honor, 52 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, 4,000 Bronze Stars, and 9,486 Purple Hearts. It is the most decorated unit per capita in American military history.

In “Repentance,” a World War II veteran of Japanese descent has a secret he wants to take to the grave. His son, world-famous cardiac surgeon Daniel Tokunaga, will stop at nothing to know the truth, spending his carefully ordered world.

Creating positive and uplifting knowledge

BY VENERABLE MASTER HSIN YUN, FOUNDER OF FO GUANG SHAN TEMPLE

When we want to acquire new information, we turn to newspapers or magazines. When we want to hear current news, we turn on our television sets, only to be bombarded with reports of heinous crimes or acts of self-destruction. As Laozi’s saying goes, “Is it not better to be uninformed than knowledgeable?”

When we start a new job, we are often troubled by scandals and slander, which makes us wonder if it is not better to be ill-informed. When the phone rings, our ears are painfully filled with neighborhood gossip and family feuds, which drives us to seek relief in ignorance. When husbands get home from a long day’s work, instead of peace and quiet, they often have to listen to their wives gripe about the rising cost of groceries or household problems. Often they are now faced with the unfortunate situation that “to know” is a frightening experience, without any promise of a better tomorrow.

Although knowledge can bring misery to our loves, we cannot forsake it for a little quiet and peace of mind. What we need to do is to change our perspectives and create positive knowledge.

Let our television programs be our vehicles to beautiful scenery and touching stories. Let our newspapers report wonderful deeds and moral acts. Let our governments avoid corruption and administer laws that are beneficial to the people. Let our society be just and kind. Allow us a chance to enjoy the gentle touch of a light breeze and the warmth of the spring sun.

HEALTH: Taiwan health system provides model

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Fourth, to reduce health inequalities, premium subsidies are provided to disadvantaged groups such as low-income households and the unemployed.

The provision of preventive and primary health care is the most cost-efficient approach to achieving universal health coverage. Taiwan’s Ministry of Health and Welfare has developed tools utilizing artificial intelligence and cloud computing to access the massive data- bases it has built over the past 24 years.

Taiwan has learned how to utilize its competitive advantages in information technology and medicine to deliver better care and enhance the health of the overall population. In response to the goals set by the Health Workforce 2030 of the World Health Organization (WHO), Taiwan has also provided scholarships for medical professionals.

A Public Info Session will be held on May 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall Main Hearing Room, 2nd Floor of Burlington Town Hall (29 Center Street).

A poetry open mic event took place April 19, co-hosted by UMass Boston’s Women’s Center and Big Sister Association of Greater Boston’s Diversity Board at UMass Boston’s Harbor Gallery.

The evening’s themes were mentorship and amplifying voices, and the performers were asked to write down what these topics mean to them. Courtney Leonard, president of the Big Sister Diversity Board and the event’s emcee, responded with the audience. Many performers cited their mothers as their models for mentorship.

A majority of the poems were inspired by personal events, races and immigration were recurring themes.

Lisa “Liv” Yang, Patience Andrew, Stella Reppatt and Amanda “AmandaShea” Schaefer took the stage to share their works.

Two doctoral students from William James College, Adetanu Ajibose and Sohenga Depestre, led a spoken word workshop. They talked about the artform’s history in the United States, as well as its therapeutic powers and ability to build a sense of community among its audience. They also invited every attendee to contribute to a group poem.

After the workshop, the lone male poet Osamah Elkat shared his work, and Ajibose closed out the evening with her poem addressed to her ancestors, accompanied by Depestre on a hand drum.

Affordable Housing Lottery

The Reserve at Burlington

The Reserve at Burlington is a luxury apartment community located in Burlington, MA containing 270 units offering connected and tranquil living. There will be 68 affordable apartments ready for occupancy starting in Summer/Fall 2019. Apartments feature vinyl plank flooring, in-line washer and kitchen, island bathrooms, carpeted bedrooms, stainless steel appliances, and oversized windows. The community features a two-story lobby, a large community, modern tech lounge, and four outdoor courtyards with four distinct feels: Active, featuring a resort-style pool, outdoor yoga area, kitchen & bar, spacious seating area, and fireplace; Playful, featuring outdoor giant checkerboard, performance space, and fireplace; Quiet, featuring peaceful zen garden, fireplace, and woodland views; Natural, featuring open lawn area for picnics or play nestled in the trees. In addition, the property will have a State-of-art fitness center and studio room with space for Fitness on Demand, yoga, and spin classes. Affordable Housing Lottery:

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Applicants must be residents of Burlington. For Lottery Information and Applications, or for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, go to www.sebh.com/lottery or call (617) 782-6900 x1 and leave a message or postal mail SEB Housing, 257 Hillsdale Ave, Nausham MA 02494. ForTTY Services dial 711. Free translation available.

A poetry open mic event took place April 19 at UMass Boston’s Harbor Gallery. (Image courtesy of Livian Yeoh.)
‘See You Yesterday’ shatters legacy of silence on Cambodian genocide

BY LINDA CHIN

For second-generation Asian Americans like me who long to know more about the first generation’s histories, several stories are being documented by talented artists before the primary sources vanish.

Following a stunning world premiere in Rwanda, Boston’s ArtsEmerson was selected by Global Arts Corps to present the U.S. premiere of “See You Yesterday,” a work which explores the painful history of the Khmer Rouge genocide in Cambodia. The 19 cast members are second-generation survivors who gained knowledge by interviewing their elders and a former Khmer Rouge child soldier.

They created a performance reassembling pieces of scattered history. It shatters the legacy of silence surrounding not only this painful period in history but its aftermath.

The storytellers’ extraordinary acrobatic and circus arts skills, along with determination to share their truths ensure “See You Yesterday” will deliver a powerful performance.

Summer Shack rolls out Chinese menu for seafood lovers

BY LING-MEI WONG

In Boston, nearly every out-of-town friend wants to get lobster. I’ve hosted visitors from Hong Kong and China who adore seafood. Ordering can get challenging for elderly Chinese relatives, as names of fish, scallops and oysters are specific. If the menu has no images, it can be hard for guests to picture a dish.

At Summer Shack, community consultant Bik Ng wanted more diners to enjoy scrumptious seafood. Its three locations will offer Chinese menus with pictures of the Shack’s classic dishes.

This includes Jasper’s famous pan-roasted lobster ($54), a succulent female lobster bathed in decadent bourbon-and-butter sauce.

Founder Jasper White was inspired by dumplings for his lobster potstickers ($13), served with citrus soy and ginger sauce.

A lobster clambake (market price) features a whole lobster, mussels, clams, potato, corn and eggs. It’s classic New England seafood, served with lemon and butter on the side.

The Summer Shack crab cakes ($15) are stuffed with crabmeat, rather than breadcrumbs, among the best in Boston. Smashing crabs are served Thursdays at the Alewife location.

Summer Shack serves quality seafood at fair prices in an unfussy setting. With Chinese menus, Summer Shack welcomes more diners to discover New England flavors.

This was an arranged tasting, so Sampan’s experiences may be more pleasant than the norm.

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