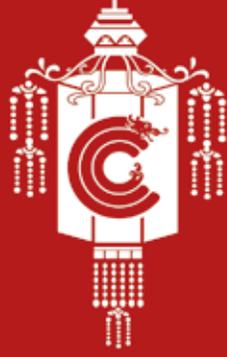


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NAVY FAMILY HOUSING PRIVATIZATION

by Stanford Yuen

Congress has recently approved a major housing initiative for the Hawaii region that will enable the Department of the Navy (DoN) to partner with private investors and developers to provide high quality, affordable housing to area military families. Through this Public-Private Venture (PPV), the DoN intends to ensure that safe, good quality, energy-efficient, well-managed, affordable housing will be available to military families stationed in Hawaii over the long term.

A "pre-proposal conference" on Tuesday, February 4, will cover the Navy's family housing recapitalization program in Hawaii. A formal notice of the conference was published in the classifieds section of the January 26 *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*. The conference will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, but no specific room or time was specified. In the morning, there will be a formal presentation by "senior officials" and a panel discussion. The afternoon session is an optional tour of the five Navy family housing neighborhoods included in the project. There is no cost for the conference and lunch is not included. The Request for Qualifications/Proposals can be downloaded (or to register for the conference) at the DoN's Electronic Solicitation Website at www.esol.navfac.navy.mil—use N6274202RP00001 to access the solicitation in the search engine. All interested parties must pre-register for the solicitation under the Conference Registration tab. For more information, contact **Tom Allison**, PPV Procurement Contracting Officer, at allisonti@edpac.navfac.navy.mil or by telephone at 472-1087..

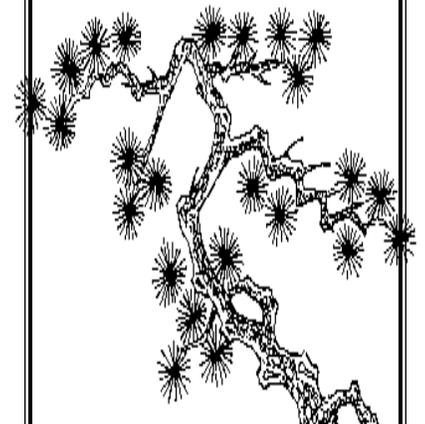
Editor's note: **Stanford Yuen** and **Libby Lew** are working on a membership forum to be held at the end of March or beginning of April with speakers from the Army, Navy, and Air Force speaking on potential government contracts available for bidding on by small companies.

PAUL LOO TALK

On Tuesday, February 11, the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) will hold a dinner meeting at the Hale Koa Hotel Waikiki Ballroom, 2055 Kalia Road. Registration and cash bar begin at 5:30 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m., and the program is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The topic is "What Should Be Your Investment Strategy in 2003 and 2004?" The talk will be given by **Paul Loo**, Senior Vice President, Morgan Stanley Hawaii. The cost is \$26.00 for AAII members and \$31 for non-members. Call 942-2494 to reserve a place or for more information.

Narcissus and Bonsai Display

The Honolulu Academy of Arts will have narcissus plants and bonsai on display on Saturday and Sunday, February 8 and 9, during normal museum hours in the Academy courtyards. A large variety of blooming narcissus plants using the crab-claw and upright methods of culture will be featured in the traditional Chinese New Year display. The narcissus display is the result of a five-week course offered at the Academy on cultivating crab-claw narcissus taught by local architect and narcissus cultivation expert **Gilman Hu**. A limited number of blooming plants will be available for sale during the exhibit.



THE
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Reuben S. F. Wong

January 2003 has been the busiest month for the Chamber. The year started with the traditional January 1 open house with all the Chinese societies. The Chinatown open house at the Cultural Plaza, co-sponsored by the Chamber and Longevity Enterprise drew large crowds. However, the big events—the 54th Narcissus Queen Pageant and the Coronation Ball—set the tone for a new beginning, the new year of the Ram.

As you know, the Chinese Chamber has long been at the forefront in promoting Chinese culture in our community. The Narcissus Festival events reaffirm our unique heritage as Chinese living in Hawaii. And as members of the older generation, we have a duty and responsibility to pass on the gift of our culture to the future generations who follow us.

The newly crowned Narcissus Queen, **Kathleen Wong**, and her court have studied and trained extensively over the past five months to further their understanding and appreciation of Chinese customs and traditions. For example, they have had hands-on classes on the art of carving a narcissus bulb; they have learned the principles of Chinese martial arts; and they have discovered the secrets of Chinese cooking, to name a few. The queen and court should be admired, not only for

their beauty, but also for their commitment to our culture and our community. The queen and court will represent us locally among Hawaii's diverse ethnic community. They will also serve as our "ambassadors of aloha" as they journey to China on the Chamber's annual goodwill tour this summer.

While we congratulate the new Narcissus Queen and her court, we thank immediate past Queen, **Kuuleialoha Chun**, and her court for their contributions to the Chamber and to the community during the past year. We also thank all of the fifteen contestants in the Queen Pageant for their participation in a very competitive queen contest.

As we begin the new year of the Ram on February 1, may I extend to you best wishes for a new year of happiness and good health.

CHAMBER NEWS & ACTIVITIES

SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL TOUR

by Yen Chun

The Hawaii International Film Festival, the Shanghai International Film Festival (SIFF), and the East West Best Travel have collaborated to create an exciting and educational tour to China in June. The focus of the twelve-day tour (June 5-16) is the 7th annual SIFF/10th annual Shanghai Television Festival, but the tour is also packed with visits to a wide variety of cultural and historical sites in and around Shanghai such as the Shanghai Museum, Wuzhen Water Town, and the gardens of Suzhou. An optional five-day add-on package (June 17-21) also includes visits to the city of Xi'an and its *terra cotta* warriors museum as well as Beijing and all its treasures, including the Great Wall and Ming Tombs, and adding almost unlimited access to all the films and glittering special events of one of Asia's premier film festivals makes this tour really unique. The twelve-day package is \$2,200.00 double occupancy/ \$2,900.00 single occupancy while the five-day add-on is an additional \$800.00 double occupancy/\$1,100.00 single occupancy. For more information and a detailed itinerary, contact East West Best Travel at 8523-1837.

Valentine's Day Concert

Music at Manoa, the UH music department, will be presenting a recital by *gu zheng* (Chinese zither) virtuoso **Thomas Dang Vu**, a student of renown *gu zheng* master **Wang Changyuan**. Mr. Vu will perform a program of traditional *gu zheng* repertoire. The recital will be on Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, at Orvis Auditorium, UH Manoa Music Department. Admission is \$12.00 general admission and \$8.00 for students and seniors. To reserve tickets by phone, call the UH Music Department at 956-8742. In addition, tickets may be purchased two weeks in advance at the UH Campus Center (956-7235).

SHANGHAI MEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

by Kelfred and Abigail Chang

The Shanghai Men's Volleyball Team came to Hawaii to participate in the Outrigger Invitational Men's Volleyball Tournament from January 16-18, 2003. The Chinese Chamber and the U.S.-China People's Friendship Association co-hosted a pre-tournament kickoff dinner for the team at the Hale Koa Hotel. The Chinese team was enthusiastic about visiting Hawaii, and took particular delight in attending the Chamber's Chinatown New Year activities on Friday, January 18.

The talented Shanghai team swept Ball State University, Penn State University, and our 2002 NCAA champions, the University of Hawaii, in three straight games each night. Three of Shanghai's players were selected to the all-tournament team, and one player was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

The players and coaches are members of the Shanghai Sports Training Center (SSTC), one of China's most prestigious athletic training facilities. Coaches at SSTC emphasize education in addition to athletics because of their belief that in addition to talent, athletic success requires an ability to strategize and adapt to different situations. Accordingly, many of the athletes at the SSTC are students in business, engineering or computer science while others are graduate students. Last year, the SSTC team won the 2002 Nationwide Volleyball Championship and East Asia University Championship. Currently, five members of the SSTC are practicing with the China National Team in preparation for the 2004 Summer Olympics to be held in Athens, Greece.

The head coach, **Shen Fook Lin**, was the setter for the Chinese National Team and was chosen the Most Valuable Player at the 1981 World Cup Championship in Japan. From 1987 to 1994, he was the head coach for the Chinese National Men's Volleyball Team. Many in China regard him as the best setter in Chinese volleyball history.

Before departing, the team asked us to convey their sincere appreciation to the people of Hawaii, and most importantly, to our Chinese community for the hospitality that they received. They hope to return to Hawaii in the future.



Shanghai Men's Volleyball Team winning the Outrigger Hotel's Tournament



Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year

The United Chinese Society is accepting nominations for its annual Model Chinese Mother and Father of the Year award. The purpose of the award is to honor and give community-wide recognition to a Chinese mother and father, who by their dedication, hard work, and integrity, have reared a successful family as evidenced by the character and accomplishments of their children. Nomination forms are available from the UCS and must be received before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, to be eligible for consideration. For further information, call **Henry Lee** at 536-4621.

TAIPEI MAYOR'S VISIT



Chinese Chamber's President Reuben Wong greets Mayor Ma Ying-Jeou of Taipei City at a welcome banquet on Jan 21, 2003.

A dinner was held in honor of **Ma Ying-Jeou** on January 21, 2003, at the Hong Kong Harbour View Seafood Restaurant at Aloha Tower. Mr. Ma is mayor of Taipei City, and attended a conference sponsored by the Aspen Institute on Lanai, where he made a speech on the cross-Straits relationship between Mainland China and Taiwan.

Narcissus Pageant

The 54th annual Narcissus Pageant was held on Saturday, January 11, at Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Due perhaps to competing with a Lionel Richie concert at the Blaisdell Arena, some people found parking at a premium. In any event, the evening began with a welcome from Chamber President **Reuben Wong** and a run-down of Festival events from Narcissus Festival General Chairman **Terrill Chock**. Then came the opening number choreographed by **Sing Sing Bliss**, who danced along with the fifteen lovely contestants. In a change from tradition, the speech phase came right after the opening number while the contestants were still in their short *cheongsams*. Following the talent phase and a short intermission, the contestants had the opportunity to show off their gowns or long *cheongsams*.

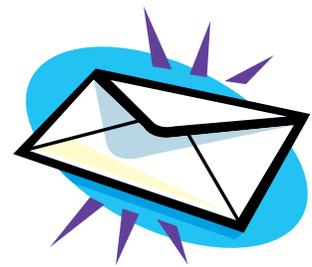
Pageant chair **Michele Choy** acknowledged the platinum, gold, and silver sponsors as well as others for their contributions to the pageant. 2002 Narcissus Queen **Kuuleialoha Chun** and her court—Second Princess **Sherri Seto**, Third Princess **Colette Ching**, and Fourth Princess **Kaipolani Chang**—were introduced, and Kuuleialoha gave a short farewell speech. (Apparently, First Princess **Natalie Louie** had to return to school on the mainland that evening). Special awards were then presented: Miss Popularity (who sold the most Pageant tickets) was **Charis Hee**, Miss Congeniality (selected by vote of her fellow contestants) was **Sheri Chun**, and Miss Talent was **Kathleen Wong**, who performed a hula, “He Mana’o Aloha.”

At last, the moment that everyone had been waiting for all evening, the Narcissus Queen and her court. The results were announced in ascending order: Fourth Princess **Sue Ping Kuo**, Third Princess **Allison Tai**, Second Princess **Tricia Say**, First Princess **Sheri Chun**, and 54th Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong**. Afterwards, family and friends had an opportunity to meet and greet the contestants.



MEMBERSHIP

NEWS



Linda and Larry Chan got the jump on Chinese New Year advertising. They were pictured seated at a table set with a blooming narcissus plant, a bottle of champagne and a *gau* on the cover of the “Dining Out” section of the January 12 *Honolulu Advertiser*. Their Eastern Garden locations in Westridge Shopping Center and at 3088 Waialae Avenue will feature two Chinese New Year banquet menus for parties of ten through the end of February. For \$168.00, there is Chinese chicken salad, scallop soup, Northern-style baby back ribs, sauteed *moi*, steamed egg custard with clams, golden crisp chicken, *jai*, and almond tofu. The second menu at \$198.00 is more elaborate: duck salad, minced melon soup with crabmeat, sauteed fish in sweet-sour sauce, roast chicken, steamed mochi rice with crab and lobster bits wrapped in lotus leaf, seafood lettuce wrap, *jai*, and a fresh fruit platter. The Chans are also offering *gau* at \$5.00 for small one and \$10.00 for a larger one as well as *jai* for \$8.95. (The Chans’ ad in the January 26 “Dining Out” section says that there will be a lion dance on Sunday, February 2, at the Westridge location at noon and at 6 p.m. at the Kaimuki location—and Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong** and Second Princess **Tricia Say** will be at the Kaimuki location as well).

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Li May Tang's Hong Kong Harbour View Seafood Restaurant ad in the same "Dining Out" shows that it likewise has two Chinese New Year menus (as well as a lion dance at 7:00 p.m.). The first menu for 8-10 people for \$188.00 includes chicken salad, assorted seafood tofu soup, baked prawns with salted pepper, orange peel beef, baked tea chicken, roast duck, braised black mushrooms with choy sum, and dessert. The second menu for 8-10 people at \$268.00 has chicken salad with jelly fish, seafood combination soup, live Dungeness crab with ginger and green onion, live Maine lobster sauteed with garlic butter sauce, Hawaiian prawns with soy sauce, sauteed beef in bird's nest, fish fillet sauteed with green vegetable, and dessert.

Not to be left out, **Jennifer Chan's** Little Village Noodle House in Chinatown and Chan's Gourmet Buffet at 3131 North Nimitz Highway are both offering *jai* for Chinese New Year, and garlic chicken, orange chicken, and crab claws have been added to the Buffet menu.

According to Ben Wood's column in the Saturday, January 25, *Honolulu Star-Bulletin*, new member and Morton's the Steakhouse general manager **Cheng Hsiao** has been transferred to another Morton's location on the mainland.

The January 29 issue of *Midweek* featured Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong**, First Princess **Sheri Chun**, Second Princess **Tricia Say**, Third Princess **Allison Tai**, and Fourth Princess **Sue Ping Kuo** modeling fashions from Shanghai Tang in Ala Moana Center. A few pages further on, Hawaii State Women's Golf Foundation president and former Chamber president **Lily Yao** was pictured accepting a \$10,000.00 donation to HSWGFF made by the Waikoloa Beach Resort.

Coronation Ball



NEW MEMBERS

At its January 28 meeting, the Board of Directors approved the applications for **Gifford Chang**, business manager at Ideal Properties; **Kelfred Chang**, sales manager at Ideal Properties; **Wilson Lau**, president of Excellent Gems; **Laisin Lee**, a Realtor-Associate with East Oahu Realty and president of the Hong Kong Business Association; **Judy Liu**, a retired Realtor and president of the Hawaii Chinese Association; and **Wanda Tse**, controller and vice president of Timcorp International Marketing Co., Ltd. All six new members were sponsored by **Reuben Wong**. Welcome to each of you and we look forward to meeting you at the next general membership meeting.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

January 15-20, 2003
- Shanghai Volleyball Team

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 17 • Mon **President's Day**
Feb 18 • Tue Executive Board Meeting
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
Feb 25 • Tue Board of Directors Meeting
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon

THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII EIGHTH ANNUAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS INSTALLATION BANQUET

The Hong Kong Association of Hawaii cordially invites the members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii to its 8th Annual Installation Banquet held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Lanai Room at cost of \$55 per person by Feb. 15, 2003 or \$60 per person thereafter. The banquet is featured keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Chan Man Hung, Director, China Business Center, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. If you are available to attend the banquet, please contact Loretta Kam at phone #539-7887 or by fax #539-7889 for your reservation.

**The China Business Center is an independent professional center specializing in promoting commercial and business links between Hong Kong and Mainland China. The Center offers extensive training programs for senior executives of local and overseas enterprises.*

**Dr. Chan, Director of the Center since its inception in 1992, had extensive research experience at Universities in Hong Kong, Japan and Australia. His famous book "Economics of China's Reform and Open-door Policy" was translated into Japanese. Among his many distinguished posts, he has been a consultant for the World Bank, a member of the Consultative Committee on New Airport and Related Projects, a Hong Kong Affairs Advisor to the Chinese Government, a research fellow in the Economics Research Center of the Guangdong Provincial Government, and an economic advisor for the Chinese Manufacturers' Association.*

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