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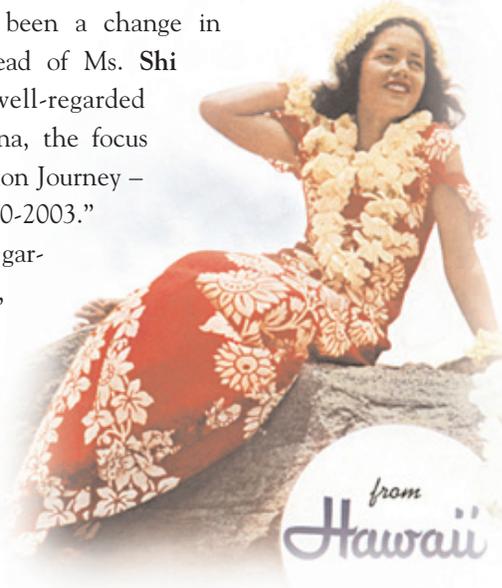
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Narcissus Fashion Show

Due to the unsettled condition of world events, there has been a change in designer, and instead of Ms. **Shi Yan Qin**, a well-regarded designer from China, the focus will be on "A Fashion Journey – Hawaii Circa 1800-2003."

Well-known local garment company, Princess Kaiulani, will present its historical collection of Hawaii's fashion. A year and a half

in the making, this collection preserves an important part of Hawaii's fashion past that everyone will enjoy. There will be replicas of many of the most magnificent gowns worn by Hawaii's monarchs, including Queen **Kapiolani's** famous peacock dress, adorned with hundreds of peacock feathers and a 9-foot train. This rarely shown historical collection is an opportunity not to be missed. The fashion show on Sunday, March 16, will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom, starting at 9:00 a.m. with boutique sales and a silent auction, followed by a Hawaiian lunch at 11:00 a.m. and the show. Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong** and her court will be there, and entertainment will be provided by singer and former Miss Hawaii **Cathy Foy**, accompanied by award-winning pianist **Randy Hongo**. Please take note that the cost of the fashion show and luncheon has been reduced to \$37.00 (originally \$49.00) per person or \$370.00 per table due to the change in



designer. Make your reservations by calling the Chamber at 5233-3181 or fax 533-6967, and make your checks payable to "Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii," mailing them to 42 North King Street, Honolulu 96817.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Libby Lew and **Stanford Yuen** have been hard at work organizing a seminar-type meeting on "Federal Government Contracts" to be held at Buffet 100 in Ward Warehouse on Thursday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Last month's *Lantern* had an article on the Department of Navy's (DoN) intent to privatize its family housing in Hawaii, a public-private venture (PPV) to partner with private investors and developers to provide high quality, affordable housing to area military families. In addition, there are other types of federal contracts available with the military. (According to a recent article in *Hawaii Business*, the military spends some \$9 billion annually in Hawaii, compared to the \$11 billion tourist industry). If you are interested in finding out what is available and what you need to do to become a government contractor, you're cordially invited to attend the April membership seminar, featuring representatives from the Army, Navy, and Air Force. They will discuss federal contracts available, where one begins the contract process, and the request for qualifications/proposal (RFQ/P) procurement process. The cost, including lunch, is \$10.00 for Chamber members and \$11.00 for non-members. Call the Chamber at 533-3181 if you plan to attend.

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Reuben S. F. Wong

Kung Hee Fat Choy to all as we begin the new year of the Ram!

The Chamber's new Narcissus Queen and Court, led by Narcissus Queen **Kathleen Wong**, have already started their role as the "ambassadors of aloha" by making official visits to many Chinese societies, to many merchants within Chinatown, and merchants at the major shopping centers. It will not be long before they will be the "ambassadors of aloha" for the State of Hawaii, representing the Chinese Chamber and the Chinese of Hawaii as they journey

to the Orient as a part of the Chamber's annual goodwill tour. Chamber members and friends of the Chamber are invited to join that elegant tour where many red-carpet receptions and banquets are almost a daily event.

In the meantime, the Chamber's next major Narcissus Festival event will be the fashion show on Sunday, March 16. This event will bring together our members and friends to enjoy a display of Hawaiian fashions that are suitable for just about everyone. A silent auction and a delightful luncheon before the fashion show will round out an entertaining morning.

As a part of the Chamber's business program for the year, the Chamber, under the leadership of **Libby Lew** and with the support of **Stanford Yuen**, will sponsor a special business seminar highlighting small businesses contracting to sell goods and services to the U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force. Since Congress has man-

dated that a certain percentage of government contracts must be contracted with small business in the local community, this seminar is intended to help our members, most of whom would qualify for such government contracts. While government spending in Hawaii has increased in these globally difficult and trying times, nevertheless small businesses have not taken advantage of this window of opportunity to enter government contracts. This important seminar can be rewarding for all who attend.

Since this is the time of the year that the many Chinese societies in Honolulu will be celebrating Spring with the annual Spring banquets, anniversary banquets, and banquets for the installation of new officers and directors, the Chamber wishes to extend to each and every society best wishes and much success in the new year of the Ram.

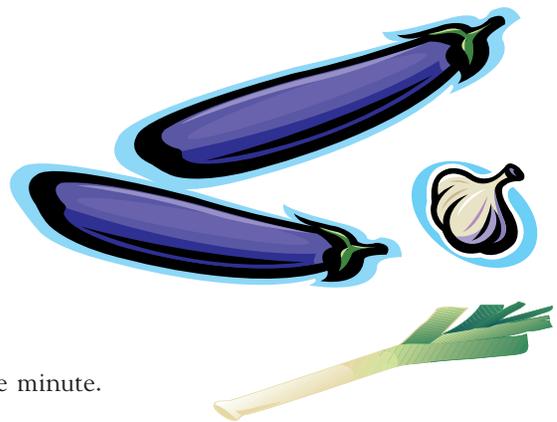
FUN COOKING

by Elvira Lo

Spicy Eggplant

2 long eggplants	1/2 teaspoon vinegar
oil	1/2 teaspoon sugar
garlic minced, to taste	salt to taste
ginger, to taste	white pepper
1/2 teaspoon bean paste	1/3 cup water
1 teaspoon soy sauce	green onions diced

1. Cut eggplant into 1-1/2 inch pieces.
2. Heat the oil, then fry the garlic, ginger, and bean paste for one minute.
3. Add eggplant and the remaining seasonings, mixing well.
4. Add water and simmer until sauce thickens.
5. Sprinkle with diced green onion for additional flavor



CONDOLENCES

On Saturday, January 25, **Wah Chan Thom** passed away at the venerable age of 102. Acknowledged as the founder of the Narcissus Festival in 1949, he was founder and manager of W. C. Thom & Company and Nu Enamel Company; vice president and manager, Young's Department Store; and owner-manager of Mid-Pacific Kona Coffee. Wah Chan was president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the See Dai Doo Society, Chung Wah Chung Kung Hui, Chung Shan Association, Hawaii Chinese Education Association, the Chinese Cultural Association, the Tom Association, the American Chinese Club, the Lin Yee Chung Association, the Hoo Cho Chinese School, and the Mun Lun Chinese School Alumni Association. After World War II, Wah Chan helped to reestablish the legality of language schools in Hawaii. Selected as Model Chinese Father in 1983 and Chinese Citizen of the Year in 1995, he was also named a Hawaii Chinese Living Treasure in 1982 and Hawaii State Cultural Treasure in 1983 for his skill as a master calligrapher, and was selected by a national panel to demonstrate his calligraphy at the Smithsonian Institution's Festival of American Folk-life in the summer of 1989. Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences go out to his children: **Lois, Adele,** and **Roland** as well as to his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



Dinner for Lily

The Hawaii State Women's Golf Foundation (HSWGF) will be hosting a "retirement and 60th birthday dinner" for former Chamber president and First Hawaiian Bank vice chair **Lily K. Yao** on Friday, June 13, at the Hawaii Prince Hotel. Lily, who needs no introduction to Chamber members, helped found the HSWGF last year to promote golf among women and juniors in Hawaii. The dinner is a benefit for the non-profit foundation, and proceeds will establish the Lily K Yao Scholarship fund for college-bound girls. Tickets are \$125.00 per person, and sponsorships are available for tables of ten at \$1,250.00 and \$2,500.00. For reservations and more information, call HSWGF at 589- 2046.

PROGRAM FOR DISADVANTAGED AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES

If you own a small disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) or woman-owned business, the State Department of Transportation has a free training program for you if you provide services or products used on or for highway construction projects. The program lasts one year, and consists of informational seminars and one-on-one counseling assistance to qualified DBEs. Eligible participants include businesses that are small DBEs and DBE woman-owned businesses; engaged in specialty fields related to highway construction; and certified or eligible to be certified with the DOT as a DBE. Contact Sato Associates, 1314 South King Street, Suite 754, at 596-4463, fax at 593-1023 or e-mail at sato@satoassociates.com.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CHINATOWN BUSINESSES

The Chinatown Small Business Resource Center (SBRC) has been located in the Chinatown Gateway Plaza for about a year. To date, teams from city, state, and federal agencies, working together through the SBRC, have visited Western-oriented businesses elsewhere on Oahu. Services have included hundreds of small business workshops, applications for small business loans, and access to a computer lab to design Websites. These same services are available to small businesses in Chinatown although one drawback may be language problems. At present, none of the staff speaks Cantonese or Mandarin, Lao, Vietnamese, Tagalog or Ilocano, the languages and dialects spoken by various Chinatown business owners. The language problem is not insurmountable since interested owners may have English-speaking children or relatives to help translate. Also, Chamber president **Reuben Wong** was quoted in an article on the SBRC in the January 28 *Honolulu Advertiser*, mentioning that immigrant business owners may not understand that the Center is there to help them. So don't hesitate, contact the SBRC and make use of the SBRC's services – after all, they're free! The SBRC is located at 1042 Nuuanu Avenue, and is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is 522-8130.

CHINA VISA SERVICE

The Chamber will now be assisting individuals and groups in expedited processing of visas for trips to the People's Republic of China. A valid U.S. passport, together with two 2" x 2" head and shoulders photos and a completed visa form, for each individual must be submitted. The Chamber will send a packet via express or priority mail to the PRC consulate in Los Angeles with a two-week turnaround time. Visa forms are available at the Chamber office. For more details as well as the costs for various types of visas and shipment, contact the Chamber office at 533-3181.

CHAMBER'S VISITORS

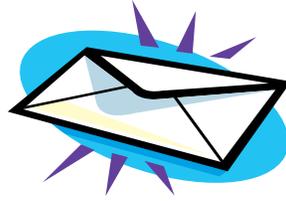
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- Mr. Hao Zhiping
Consul of the Consulate General of the PRC in
Los Angeles

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 16 • Sun **54th Narcissus Fashion Show**
Hilton Hawaiian Village - 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 18 • Tue **Executive Board Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Mar 21 • Fri **Special Board Meeting - Election of New Officers**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- Mar 25 • Tue **Board of Directors Meeting**
New Empress Restaurant - 12:00 noon
- April 3 • Thur **Membership Seminar**
Buffet 100, Ward Warehouse - 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Chamber director **Eddie Flores Jr.** was profiled in the Leadership Corner of the February 10 *Honolulu Advertiser*. The column, as it does every week for a featured business man or woman, covered

his biography as well as favorite book and Website/search engine; most remembered mentor; best and worst part of his job; and best decision as a leader we well as how he's taking on the competition here and on the mainland. On that aspect of his business, Eddie mentioned a brand name, a good location, and very dedicated employees as well as the freedom for each L & L Drive- Inn location to be different.

Narcissus Goodwill Tour

The itinerary has been finalized for the 2003 Narcissus Goodwill Tour. The tour will depart on June 7 and return on June 25, spending three days in Hong Kong and fifteen days in China, plus an optional two days in Taipei. In China, the group will visit Guangzhou, Guilin, Xian, Hohhot, Beijing, Shanghai, and Shenzhen. The cost is \$3,798.00 per person (based on double occupancy) and \$2,532 for children under twelve years of age. The tour cost includes first- class hotel accommodations, three meals daily, round-trip city transfers, transportation between cities, city tours and sightseeing, evening cultural programs, and English-speaking guides – in short, all-inclusive. The Taipei stopover is an additional \$390.00 per person. For another copy of the itinerary (one was included in last month's *Lantern*) or to reserve a place in the tour group, call the Chamber.

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