



CAPA Community Education Fund

Gala 2004

21st Century Asian American Leaders

Celebrating CAPA's 20th Anniversary

Saturday, May 22, 2004
Walnut Creek Marriott
Walnut Creek, California

CAPA Community Education Fund (CAPA CEF) is a charitable corporation dedicated to the education of Asian Americans in the area of public affairs. CAPA CEF shall sponsor and provide financial support for educational programs that assist and encourage Chinese and other Asian Americans toward full citizenship, active participation in the democratic process, leadership, public services, and in community improvement activities.

The objectives of CAPA CEF are:

- (a) Promoting community service and leadership;
- (b) Promoting voter registration and disseminating voter information and educational material for major elections;
- (c) Providing internship for students with local, state, and national elected public officials;
- (d) Providing scholarships and grants toward Asian studies, public policy and public affairs related studies;
- (e) Supporting community awareness and education of Asian American culture, and
- (f) Providing training and support toward achieving leadership in public, community and corporate affairs.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



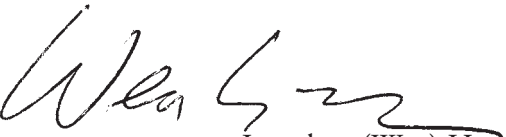
Good evening ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of CAPA Community Education Fund I would like to welcome you to our gala. This is a special year for us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our founding organization, the Chinese American Political Association. CAPA was founded in 1984 to give political voice to the Asian community living in the East Bay. Its singular focus in mission and the decision to serve a local community has proven to be the right recipe for maintaining a loyal constituency. As the organization steadily grew, and with a new appreciation of the difficult tasks ahead, it was soon realized that it was not enough to have a forum to attract other Asians with similar concerns. More had to be done to attract the Asian community as a whole to engage in broader civic participation and to develop young future leaders.

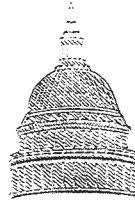
Thus, in 1998 the CAPA Community Education Fund was established to support and encourage broader civic participation in the Asian community through education and training. One of our most successful activities is the Student Summer Internship Program. We have graduated 170 interns since 1991. This year's applicant pool is the largest ever, competing for half the number of slots, making this program a truly competitive one. Another popular activity is the Voter Education Program. We started the Public Office Candidates Debates in 1992 and has since held a debate on every election year. Participants at some debates on contested seats ranged from federal congressional districts to the county supervisors. The attendance on some debates reached upwards of 350 people.

We are proud to say that our organization has been held as a model by numerous organizations with similar aspirations: Citizens for Better Community (CBC) serving the Fremont area, Asian Pacific Islander American Public Affairs Association (APAPA) serving the Sacramento area, and Vision New America (VNA) serving the San Jose area. We are also a founding member of the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium (EBAVEC). These organizations are here tonight to celebrate with us.

But what does CAPA Community Education Fund mean to each one of us on a personal level? For those who are first generation immigrants, we must remind ourselves that our children's future is here in America, and it is our duty to help them grow to become responsible, contributing citizens and future leaders of this nation. For the generations that are born here, you must remember the unique cultural values instilled in you so that you may add them to the tapestry of this country that Abraham Lincoln once called the Great Experiment. It is our aspiration and our duty that we all step up to be 21st Century American Leaders. This is the vision of CAPA Community Education Fund.

Thank you for your continued support; we wouldn't be here today without you. Enjoy the evening!


Jonathan (Wen) Hsu
President



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and the
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For 20 years
of community service,
leadership and civic education



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May 22, 2004

CAPA Community Education Fund
20th Anniversary

Dear CAPA Ed Fund,

Congratulations on celebrating your 20th annual Spring GALA!

The Summer Internship Program provides young people a unique opportunity to experience the political process and more importantly, encourage active participation in their communities. Every year, you place first-rate interns in offices of Bay Area elected officials-thank you.

CAPA Ed Fund should be commended on their countless efforts in educating and encouraging young people to be involved in the political process. The commitment and dedication you have rendered should be a role model for all other organizations.

Again, Congratulations and may you have 20 more years of success!

Sincerely,



Richard W. Pombo
Member of Congress
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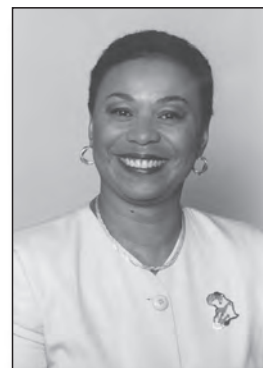
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May 3, 2004

CAPA Community Education Fund
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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the constituents of the Ninth Congressional District, I extend my congratulations to the CAPA Community Education Fund on the occasion of your 20th Anniversary of providing community service, leadership and civic education.

I commend CAPA for its efforts to increase civic participation in the Asian American community by providing its members with educational and internship programs that promote leadership and civic engagement. Community involvement is the key to effecting positive change both locally and abroad.

I salute CAPA and wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee

Barbara Lee
Member of Congress

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April 30, 2004

CAPA Ed Fund
PO Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA

Dear CAPA Ed Fund,

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on your 20th Anniversary! Such a milestone deserves special notice and I'm happy to hear of this magnificent news. The pledge and commitment you have made to make your community a better place in which to live forms a solid foundation for others to follow.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Guy S. Houston".

Guy S. Houston
Assemblyman, 15th District

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May 22, 2004

CAPA & CAPA Community Education Fund
P.O. Box 4314
Walnut Creek, CA 94596



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to CAPA and CAPA Community Education Fund as it celebrates 20 years of exemplary service to the Asian American community in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

As an organization supporting a wide array of projects including leadership trainings, I commend CAPA for building a stronger Asian American political voice. CAPA initiated activities such as voter registration drives, internships connecting students with elected public officials, scholarships supporting public policy work, and Asian American cultural events, not only encourages Asian Americans to be involved in the political process, but ensures that future generations continue to advocate for issues affecting our community.

Once again, congratulations on 20 years of amazing work. I wish CAPA much success in future years.

Sincerely,

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ASSOCIATION & CAPA COMMUNITY
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ON THE OCCASION OF CELEBRATING
TWENTY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE,
LEADERSHIP, AND CIVIC EDUCATION*



Congratulations to CAPA for 20 years of successful community service.

From the Nejedly and Piepho Families

*Mary Nejedly Piepho,
Jim, John A. and —
John T. Nejedly*



*David,
— Mariah and
Mary Piepho*

*Best wishes for continued success in leadership
and community service opportunities.*

*Congratulations
to the
Chinese American Political Association
Thank You for 20 years of community service,
leadership, and civic education*



*Warren E. Rupf
Sheriff*



Congratulations on Your 20th Anniversary



Gwen Regalia
Councilmember
City of Walnut Creek

Congratulations And Best Wishes On CAPA's 20th Anniversary

Norman Hui, DDS
California Commissioner on API Affairs

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM AND DINNER MENU

6:00 p.m.

Registration/No-Host Cocktail

7:00 p.m.

Dinner

Welcome Message

Presentation of Awards

Keynote Speaker

S.B. Woo

FORMER LT. GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

FOUNDER, 80/20 INITIATIVE

Introduction of Year 2004 Interns

Intern Presentation

"East Meets West" Fashion Show

Silent Auction

Dancing

Raffle Drawing

DINNER SALAD

Baby Spinach Salad

Sweet Onions, Cherry Tomatoes

Gorgonzola Cheese, Toasted Walnuts

Honey Lemon Vinaigrette

TONIGHT'S ENTRÉE

Grilled Chicken & Grilled Filet of Salmon

Lemon Chive Beurre Blanc & Lemon Ginger Beurre Blanc

Garnish

White and Wild Rice and Pearl Wheat Berry

or

Vegetarian Pasta

Gemelli Pasta with Garlic, Spinach, Eggplant, Kalamata Olives,

Feta Cheese and Tomato Basil Sauce

Seasonal Vegetables

Flatbreads, Sliced Baguettes, Breadsticks and Butter

DESSERT

Tiramisu

Lady Fingers, rum and espresso

Marscarpone, cocoa & shaved chocolate

Starbucks Coffee and Premium Teas

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OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

S. B. Woo

Former Lt. Governor of State of Delaware
President, The 80-20 Initiative



Dr. S.B. (Shien-Biau) Woo is a retired physics professor and former Lt. Governor of Delaware. He was born in Shanghai, China, and came to the United States from Hong Kong at the age of 18.

He is currently the president of The 80-20 Initiative that works on organizing Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) into a swing bloc vote in presidential elections, thereby inducing both major political parties to take rightful interests of the APAs community into proper consideration.

S.B.'s past experiences include being the Founding President of the Faculty Bargaining Unit at the University of Delaware, its Chief Spokesman and Chief Negotiator; a Trustee of the University of Delaware; an Institute Fellow at the Institute of Politics, the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and serving as the National President of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA).

He is listed in Who's Who in America. A life-sized picture of him is displayed in Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington D C. Another of his picture is in interactive display in the lobby of Asia Society in New York, NY. In 2000, a Magazine ranked him the 6th of the 25 Most Influential Asian Americans.

S.B. received his B.S., summa cum laude, in Mathematics and Physics from Georgetown College in Kentucky and his Ph.D. in Physics from Washington University in St. Louis in 1964.

GALA 2004 MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES

Janelle Wang



Janelle Wang is a reporter at KGO-ABC 7 news. You can find her reports on the morning and midday shows. She covers a wide range of issues including crime, politics and transportation.

Janelle's journalism career has taken her all over the West Coast. She started in Medford, Oregon where she worked as an anchor, reporter, photographer and editor. She then worked briefly for Bay-TV in San Francisco before heading to Salinas, California. After that, Janelle spent nearly 5 years in Portland, Oregon where she anchored one of the city's top rated morning shows.

Janelle is a Bay Area native and pleased to return home to report on issues important to local viewers.

Janelle graduated from University of California, San Diego where she studied Communications and Economics. Fluent in Mandarin Chinese, Janelle enjoys working with the Asian community. She also enjoys swimming and playing the piano, which she has done since the age of 3.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD WINNER

S. B. Woo

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COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER



ASIAN PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN PUBLIC AFFAIRS ASSOCIATION

APAPA is a new and dynamic organization which serves as a resource pool and support network for Asian Pacific Islander Americans in the Greater Sacramento Region for the political advancement of API American communities. Our primary objectives include:

- * Elect leaders for local, state and national offices that support our mission through endorsements and grassroots efforts.
- * Oppose prejudice and discriminatory actions against Asian Pacific Islander Americans.
- * Educate API Americans and the general public.
- * Educate and provide internships and training of our youth, the leader of our future.

CORPORATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER



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Foothill High School

Vivian Chang

Northgate High School

Kenny Chung

El Cerrito High School

Wesley Golangco

Monte Vista High School

Christine Han

Monte Vista High School

Caroline Kan

Monte Vista High School

Winston Kuok

San Ramon Valley High School

Christopher Lau

Monte Vista High School

Melanie Lew

Castro Valley High School

Elaine Ng

El Cerrito High School

Patrick Shao

Piedmont High School

Alexis Wong

Monte Vista High School

Kimberly Wong

Skyline High School

Lawrence Yang

Monte Vista High School

Elizabeth Yuan

Harker



▲ some of the members of last year's class speaking to the audience



▲ a group photo of the Class of 2003

INTERNSHIP COMMITTEE

Cynthia Chin, Chair

Cedric C. Cheng

Emily Chang

Judy Chen

Marianne Clark

Yuet Lee

Wen Hsu



CAPA/CAPA CEF INTERNS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



RON LUK

Ron Luk interned with then-Contra Costa County Supervisor Tom Torlakson in 1996 through the CAPA summer internship program. While in college, Ron interned with California State Assemblymember Darrell Steinberg and a public policy consulting firm in Sacramento.

The CAPA experience was the first in a series of internships that helped him gain real world experience in politics and government.

Ron graduated from University of California, Davis in 1999. He currently works for United States Senator Dianne Feinstein. He also recently worked on San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom's campaign. He currently lives in San Francisco.

LYNN LIAO

Lynn Liao interned with State Assemblyman Robert Campbell during the summer of 1992 while she was a student at UC Berkeley. She responded to constituent inquiries and performed legislative research for a bill regarding awarding local preference in public contracts. This experience cemented a growing interest in the intersection between government and business that has developed into a commitment to improving public education.



Lynn is currently a Director at The Broad Foundation, an education foundation based in Los Angeles, whose mission is to dramatically improve K-12

urban public education through better governance, management, labor relations and competition. She manages a portfolio of national grant programs focusing on principal recruitment and training. Lynn received her M.B.A. and M.A. in Education from Stanford University.

EMILY CHANG

Emily Chang started with CAPA as an intern in 1992 working for Contra Costa County Supervisor Sunne McPeak. She returned to CAPA the following summer to complete a research project on Proposition 187, which she presented before the CAPA membership at its fall forum. In the fall of 1996, with the support of CAPA, Emily completed an internship with the White House Domestic Policy Council.

The opportunities offered by CAPA reinforced her desire to enter public service. Emily studied Public Policy at Stanford University, where she graduated with honors in 1997. A few years later she received her Masters in Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley.

Emily has worked as a public finance consultant, a committee consultant on the California State Assembly Transportation Committee for then State Assemblymember Tom Torlakson, and currently as Executive Director of the CAPA Community Education Fund. Emily serves on the City of Walnut Creek's Transportation Commission and enjoys performing with the Actors Theatre of Sonoma County in her spare time.



MICHELLE CHEUK

While at Wellesley College, Michelle interned with California Assemblyman Richard Rainey in 1995 where she handled constituent cases. While in college, Michelle interned at the U.S. House of Representative Committee and the Work Force where she worked on education legislations.



After college, Michelle worked in education and epidemiology research at Harvard and Boston University. Currently Michelle is doing her sociology doctoral at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; her doctoral work and studies involve demography of aging and health, quantitative and survey methodologies. Michelle will be interning this summer at the Census working on a China health and aging research project.



CAPA/CAPA CEF INTERNS WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



INGRID CHEN

Ingrid Chen interned at the office of then San Francisco Supervisor Mabel Teng in 1995 after graduating from UC Berkeley. After completing her BA degree in Integrative Biology, she followed her love of arts and enrolled in the MFA program at Academy of Art College in San Francisco.

While finishing her Master's thesis, she co-founded Viv&Ingrid, a fashion accessories company, with Vivian Wang, a friend also from the CAPA family. Over the years, Ingrid has lent her creative talent to CAPA, producing our gala program book covers, tickets, and fashion shows from 1998 to 2000. This year, in celebration of CAPA 20th anniversary, she again joins forces with CAPA to produce the 2004 gala fashion show.

HENRY WU

Henry interned with State Assemblyman Richard Rainey in 1991, and with Congressman Bill Baker in 1992. He had also worked on election campaign for State Assemblyman and Governor Pete Wilson. With a B.S. from Stanford University and M.B.A. from Harvard, Henry currently works as a Financial Analyst for the Grout Group.



MICHAEL CHEN

Michael Chen interned with Congressman George Miller during the summer of 1991 working on community outreach, veterans' affairs and environmental issues. The experience was helpful in his role as a member of the board of YEA!: Youth for Environmental Action and planner of YEA!'s activities at Contra Costa County's first Earth Day festival in 1992 and in fostering an active interest in politics and government that continues to this day.

Michael graduated from Monte Vista High School in Danville in 1992. He was active in student government throughout high school. He studied architecture at UC Berkeley and at Columbia University. He is a partner in the New York-based architecture practice Normal Projects and teaches design at the New York Institute of Technology and the Graduate School of Architecture at Columbia University. Recently he was the 2003-2004 Dinkeloo Fellow at the American Academy in Rome where he conducted research on security technology, power and public spaces. He lives and works in New York City.

Over the course of five years, Catherine Chen interned with Contra Costa County Supervisor Gayle Bishop, then Alameda County Supervisor Wilma Chan, State Assemblyman Robert Campbell, Congresswoman Ellen Tauscher, and as a White House Intern under the Clinton Administration. Her years of volunteering provided her with invaluable work experience from an early age and inspired her toward a life of public service, laid a foundation for civic responsibility, and reinforced her belief that committed individuals can make a significant difference in the world.

Catherine graduated from Monte Vista High School in Danville, earned a bachelor's degree in Human Biology from Stanford, and recently completed a Masters in Public Health from Columbia. She now works in international relief and development, focused on combatting global human trafficking in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. She currently lives in New York City.



PAST CAPA PRESIDENTS

Tsu-Ming Yang	1984
Cheng-Liang Liao	1985
Carl Chen	1986
Stephen Lu	1987
Timothy Chen	1988
Hugh Wang	1989
Edwin Kung	1990
Frank Kung	1992
Hyman Wong	1993
Winnie Woo	1994
Robert Chen	1995
Norman Hui	1996
Helen Pan Troxel	1997
May Wong Hanecak	1998
Cheng-Liang Liao	1999
Eric Golangco	2000
Joel Wong	2001
Wen Hsu	2003 - present



20th Anniversary
1984-2004



▲ Founding President, T.M. Yang

◀ The first issue of CAPA's Newsletter

CAPA was founded in 1984 by a group of Americans of Chinese ethnicity. The founders were motivated by an incident that involved their efforts to develop a retirement community in the Contra Costa County. The county approved their re-zoning application, but rejected their development plans. Strong racial overtones were heard during the numerous public hearings held on the project. This group of Chinese Americans sought the advice of many friends who were involved in the community, including some local public officials. They were advised to form a grass-roots organization that would prevent this type of mistreatment from happening again; thus was born the Chinese American Political Association. It was registered under the IRS tax code as a 527 Political Organization. It's mission is to provide a political voice for the Asian community. It is non-partisan, actively engages with local public officials, and help lobby for issues that promote fairness and diversity in our society. The organization has since grown and inspired the formation of many similar organizations within their local Asian communities.



▲ President Wen Hsu with some of his predecessors



▲ CAPA Board of Directors in 2004

Highlights: Gala 2003

President Wen Hsu with our Keynote Speaker, Jenny Ming, President of Old Navy with her husband, Mitchell Ming.



Education Fund



Our awards recipients, SBC Communications, CAVECan Chang-Lin Tien, accepted posthumously by his daughter, Christine Tien.



Our award for recognition of Asian American women leaders were presented to CA. State Assembly Majority Leader Wilma Chan, SF County Assessor Mabel Teng and Alameda Co. Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker.



(left) Some of our 2003 interns preparing for the evening's festivities.

(bottom left and below) Two of our interns, Chris Young (left) and Ryan Lee (right) with their families to share in their experience.



•Another Successful Internship Program

We placed 12 interns in the offices of elected officials and governmental agencies in the summer of 2003. This has been our flagship program running for more than ten years. This 2003 interns put together an outstanding presentation at the Gala celebrating Asian American women.

•Increased Voter Registration Activities

Thanks to a generous grant from SBC Communications, Inc., CAPA Community Education Fund has teamed up with the East Bay Asian Voter Education Consortium to sponsor voter registration projects at high schools throughout Contra Costa and Alameda County.

•Awareness of Issues Surrounding Proposition 54

CAPA Community Education Fund worked with several local organizations to help voters and our members understand the issues on Prop. 54. We mailed out fliers, provided a webpage and links to both sides of the issues, and gave presentations to parents at the Piedmont Chinese school.

•Launch of CAPA eNews

For the first time, the CAPA Community Education Fund has published an electronic version of its traditional quarterly newsletter. In fact, the eNews has even greater potential to offer time sensitive information and announcements.

Highlights: Gala 2003



More outtakes from the Gala.

Highlights: "Getting to Know You" October Event

Held on October 19th, the event was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Pleasanton. CAPA CEF showcased itself in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. Information tables were set up ranging from information of our internship program to leadership opportunities for mid-career adults. Everyone enjoyed the event and came away with a better understanding of what CAPA CEF is all about.



The internship information table.



Manning the CAPA CEF table with Sally Huang-Nissen and company.



Intern Chris Young speaks.



CAPA CEF Executive Director Emily Chang greets the audience.



Representatives from the Calif. Dragon Boat Association.



The gathering learns more about CAPA CEF.



Our entertainment.

Highlights: Internship Graduation

We had our first internship graduation held at Chai Luk's home. Each of our interns who completed the program were presented with a certificate of completion along with their stipend. A beautiful summer day in which the parents of the interns attended to help celebrate this milestone.



(above) A group shot with the intern's families.



(left) Cindy Chin, Internship Chair along with the graduates.



(above) guests looking on congratulating the interns accomplishments.

Highlights: 2nd Annual Picnic

The picnic was a great event with the first annual "CAPAlympics", a series of games to test the athletic prowess of our interns and participants. Along with the menu of delicious foods coordinated by Mary Wu and the games and picnic planning by Cedric Cheng, the second annual picnic was great fun.



President Wen Hsu and Picnic Coordinator, Cedric Cheng with the winners of the "CAPAlympics". "Medals" were awarded to the top three teams in Gold, Silver and Bronze rankings. The Liao's, Gold "Medalists" showing off their wares.



Yes, that's CAPA CEF's President Wen Hsu and his predecessor, Joel Wong falling in the Tug-of-War event.



CAPA CEF 2nd Annual Picnic

• **Community Partner of the Asian Pacific American Leadership Project (APALP) and the California Asian Public Administrators Network and Caucus of Elected Asians (CA-PANACEA)**

The CAPA Community Education Fund was invited to help organize the first conference for APALP, which seeks to identify and prepare future Asian Americans for public office. The Education Fund also partnered with the newly formed CA-PANACEA to provide a support network for Asian Americans working in public administration and public office.

• **Great Showing at the "Getting to Know You" Members Appreciation Event**

The first-ever such event was held in October attracting more than a hundred attendees, many of which are new to the organization. We introduced the organization's vision, board members, and planned activities. Many attendees resonated with our message and expressed interest to be involved.

East Meets West



Elisa Wen waltzes away with the Best Evening Wear award presented by Diablo Magazine. What makes this place to doll up for your biggest nights out? It could be the relaxed atmosphere owner Elizabeth Wen Tell has created in the lofty space. Or it could be the style tips offered by the attentive sales help. (Two of their best: Keep in mind that accessories can significantly alter your look; and be comfortable in what you are wearing – if you're not, it will show.) But in all likelihood, the deciding factor is the dress collection. From flirty Betsey Johnson to sleek Mandalay, you'll find a look for any event, whether it can be a garden party or a black-tie fundraising gala.



Vivian Wang and Ingrid Chen met as young girls and remained close friends through adulthood.

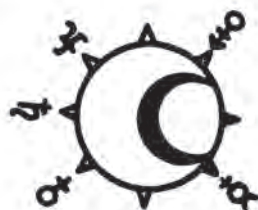
In January of 1999, while discussing the latest fashion trends over coffee, they realized that they were a design team waiting to happen. Vivian with her free-spirited flair, Ingrid with her refined detailing, both obsessive compulsive; they set out together to create a new philosophy in accessible luxuries for the modern woman.

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This evening's fashion show is produced and directed by Ingrid Chen

ABOUT TONIGHT'S ENTERTAINMENT



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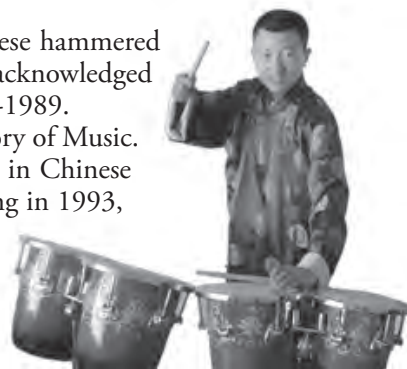
WANG WEI

Wang Wei's musical career started when his father taught him the yangqin, the Chinese hammered dulcimer, at the age of 4. His musical talent and accomplishment in the instrument was acknowledged at the China Music Conservatory, where he attended middle and high school from 1983-1989.

Graduating first in his class, Wei was immediately accepted to the Shanghai Conservatory of Music. There he trained under the best percussion teachers in Shanghai, continuing his studies in Chinese percussion with Li Mingxiong and Western percussion with Xue Baolun. After graduating in 1993, he joined the Shanghai Song and Dance Ensemble as the only percussion soloist.

Wei, as part of the trio Omen, won first place at Berlin's prestigious World Music Competition in October of 1996. In 1998 after completion of the scholarship, Wei attended the Berlin Conservatory of Music, becoming the school's first student ever to pursue a double major program in both jazz drums and hand drums/world percussion. He records extensively, including in the music for "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon".

Wei just completed a workshop series for "Young Audiences" as part of the San Francisco Symphony's outreach to students in San Francisco Public Schools. Currently, he performs with Melody of China nationwide as well as other ensembles in the Bay Area. Besides performing, he is also actively teaching percussion and rhythm to students of all ages.



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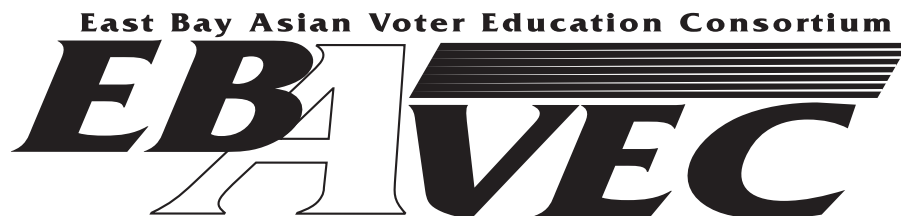
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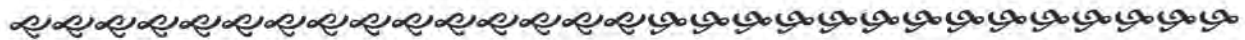
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Great food is a family affair

■ Look to Three Brothers From China for dishes piled high with delicious entrees

By Nicholas Boer
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

I knew Three Brothers From China was going to be good the moment we walked in the door. It was early on a Sunday night and both of the medium-sized dining rooms were already full.

As we were led to our table, we passed large and small family groups happily chatting and eating from plates piled high with seafood. The servers moved with a purpose, giving the dining room a sense of ordered chaos — like the energy of a busy street corner.

The three brothers from China — Steve, Allan and Ivan Li — have been in the United States for some 10 years. Their Pleasant Hill restaurant has been open since 1992; they opened another in San Ramon in 1994, and, by the look of the crowds, the Valley could easily support another.

The decor in the Pleasant Hill restaurant is uncluttered and well-worn. There are bright pink napkins, some large and small paintings and a quiet bar area, but the real focus is on the food — evidenced by the

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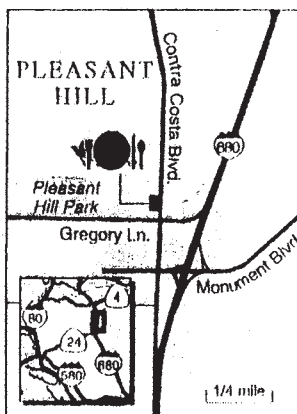
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tank of live crabs and lobsters built into a back wall.

There are two menus: a large plastic-coated one with more than 100 traditional-style dishes, and a smaller (only 60 choices) one that emphasizes seafood, steamed dishes and simple combinations. Both menus offer complete dinners, but the smaller one has three truly unusual dinners composed of eight or nine courses for one set price (\$48, \$68, \$98). We ordered the seafood-laden \$68 menu and, while it took

some time to get started, dinner soon moved into high gear.

The first course brought a gigantic terrine of soup loaded with imitation crab, silken tofu, green onions and beef tripe. Even after the five of us had second cups, there was still nearly a quart of the sesame-infused soup to take home.

The next course of braised scallops and baby bok choy was, with its lightly sweetened, cornstarch-thickened sauce, the closest dish to typical American-Chinese food we had.

But the generous portion of plump scallops, fork-tender bok choy and exotic mushrooms made it both unique and outstanding.

The table becomes crowded quickly, so be sure to save a space near you for the dry sautéed prawns — they are truly remarkable. Completely greaseless, encased in what seems like an impossibly thin tempura batter, the medium-sized shrimp arrive in their shell with the head on. The shrimp are so fresh and delicate that the entire thing is edible.

As the courses continued to arrive, we began to feel like royalty at a wedding banquet.

There was a quick and furious stir-fry of peppers, onions and meaty beef strips. A liberal dose of black pepper made this dish particularly well-suited to steamed rice.

A whole cracked crab was next, cooked live and coated in a light sauce infused with ginger and scallions. Much of the fun of this meal came from so many dishes that are cooked whole and allow you to eat with your hands. Licking your fingers and searching for hidden jewels creates a feeling of relaxed celebration.

Peking-style pork comes on the bone in the form of tender braised thin chops. They eat like Chinese

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Brothers

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spareribs, with a sauce that is sweet but not cloying.

A large half-chicken is also served on the bone: It's crisply deep-fried and cut into manageable-sized pieces. The deep-frying keeps the flesh steamy-moist, and a side dish of sea salt and pepper lets you season it on the spot, bringing out the poultry's true flavor.

The brothers travel to San Francisco's Chinatown (so you don't have to) almost every day, where they purchase all their produce, meat and seafood. That explains how they can offer both high quality and quantity at such reasonable prices.

The final savory course was also the flashiest: a whole deep-fried cod-

fish. There was more bone than meat, but the flesh was sweet, moist and flavorful from a light sauce perfumed with cilantro and ginger.

The restaurants' success is partly due to the brothers' willingness to listen. Steve and Allan work the front of the house, talk to the customers and use the feedback to refine their recipes.

If the myriad choices aren't adequate, they are happy to cook it your way — whatever way that may be. Ivan, who is the oldest, oversees the kitchen and demonstrates both talent and commitment.

It was hard for me to get excited about dessert — a warm, gray and intensely sweet tapioca soup — but by that point even a fortune cookie looked intimidating.

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