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**FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Previous notes in this column have mentioned the 3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue improvements project, which aims to strengthen “the identity of this [Old Town / Chinatown] district, foster cultural and economic diversity, and promote a vibrant pedestrian environment for commercial retail and rental uses.” Construction is scheduled to begin in late March. Unfortunately, one of the first things that will happen is the removal of all the trees, including the blossoming oriental cherries, in the construction area. This comes as no surprise to the businesses and organizations in the area, or to people in the community who have attended public meetings as the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> avenue plan was developed, but project organizers are concerned that many people will wonder why the trees were slated for removal.

According to a memo from the City of Portland Department of Transportation to members of the project steering committee, “the City’s Urban Forester determined early in the planning process that many of the trees in the project area, including the cherry trees on NW 4th Avenue, are in failing health. Trees do not last forever, and the trees slated for removal have served their useful life. By the time the 3rd & 4th Avenue Improvements Project is finished, we will have planted more than 100 new flowering trees of beautiful Asian species that are rare in North America.”



NW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Davis St.

Having attended some of the steering committee meetings and events that invited public input into the process, I can confirm that considerable thought was given to the question of preserving or removing the trees. It is nevertheless a sad thing to see them go, especially in spring.

*Rosario Aglialoro*

The Council’s Year of the Rooster Auction, sponsored by HSBC Bank USA, was held at the Great China Seafood Restaurant in Chinatown on February 26. More than 300 people attended and helped make this one of our most successful Chinese New Year fundraisers, with twenty-nine thousand dollars raised. Honored guests at the event were First Lady of Oregon Mary Oberst and award winning artists Yuqin Wang and Zhengli “Rocky” Xu. Mary Oberst accepted the Council’s Flying Horse Community Service award on behalf of the Friends of Kam Wah Chung, an organization, based in John Day, dedicated to promoting and preserving an important Chinese American historical site, the Kam Wah Chung & Co Museum. Ms Yu and Mr. Zheng, recipients of the prestigious 2004 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) National Heritage Fellowship, performed a wonderful rod puppet show, “The Crane and the Turtle,” which we think put the crowd in a very positive philanthropic frame of mind for the live auction that followed.



(L to R: Norman Locke, Kam Wah Chung Museum campaign committee member, Mary Oberst, NWCC director Rosario Aglialoro and NWCC board member and HSBC Bank VP, Paul Ip. (photo by LeeAnn Gautier)

The success of the event was due to the great work of auction committee chair Beth Erickson and auction committee members Rick Aizawa, Paul Ip, Laura Mattingly, Paul Millius, Judy Poutasse and John Wong, and a wonderful contingent of volunteers and supporters. They include Antonia Aglialoro, Suki Bernard, Dave & Kathy Bleyle, Mary Cooper, Nate Donely, Trina Hing, Shireen Farrahi, Paul Ip, David Kohl, Dennis Lee, Holly Lim, Jeanne Liu, Jason Miller, Robert and Selena Moon, Hande Ozer-Buyuksahin, Nesteren Pintarich, Julie Reed, Dayna & Elise Sanders, Stacey Shapleigh, Jane Stackhouse, Ron Smith, Nancy Thompson, Lillian Tsai, Joanne Wakeland, Marcia Weinstein, Ann Williams, Joan Wolverton, John Wong, Lynn Zhang and Willow Zheng.

Finally, in case you are wondering, the 2006 Chinese New Year begins on January 29<sup>th</sup>, the Year of the Dog.



## PROGRAM NOTES

Stanford emeritus Professor **Lyman P. Van Slyke** gave the opening lectures for the Yangzi River series on January 26 and 27 at Portland State University. The first talk focused on the geography of the river and the central role that the Yangzi has played in the development of the Chinese nation. The following evening, his talk was devoted to the river in history and literature, with special attention given to the epic Chinese historical novel, *The Romance of the Three Kingdoms*.

On February 17, **Dave Bleyle** and **Pam Logan** joined forces for talks at Linfield College and Portland State University. The afternoon talk at Linfield provided an introduction to Kham, an area in Western Sichuan province, home to the Khampas, a Tibetan ethnic group. Logan, the executive director of the Kham Aid Foundation, spoke about the organization various projects in the region, including the restoration of Tibetan temples, education for young women and the Kham Aid wheelchair project. The evening talk centered on the roots of Kham culture, which Logan traced back to the Kingdom of Derge, an ancient Tibetan kingdom that flourished on the eastern Tibetan Plateau.

On March 2 at Portland State University, journalist and environmental activist **Ma Jun** (Michael Ma), fresh off the plane from Beijing and a three week stay on the Jinsha River near Tiger Leaping Gorge in Yunnan Province, spoke about the damming of the Jinsha (the upper reach of the Yangzi). Ma, currently a Yale World Fellow studying Chinese water policies and the environment, explained the impact of the Yunnan dam projects on people living in the region. He noted that completely stopping dam development not possible. What is, however, is better planning and coordination for where dams are built and how relocation and redevelopment projects are managed.

More information on these topics is available through the following resources:

--*Yangtze: nature, history and the river*, by Lyman P. Van Slyke. This excellent book is currently out of print, but is available from a number of on-line booksellers and at the library.

-- *Tibetan Rescue: The Extraordinary Quest to Save the Sacred Art Treasures of Tibet* and *Among Warriors: A Martial Artist in Tibet*, by Pamela Logan. Also check out the "Pam Logan Adventure Page" (<http://alumnus.caltech.edu/~pamlogan/>) and the Kham Aid website at [www.khamaid.org](http://www.khamaid.org).

-- *China's Water Crisis*, by Ma Jun, translated by Nancy Yang Liu and Lawrence R. Sullivan, and the International Rivers Network website at [www.irn.org](http://www.irn.org), which includes an overview of China's dam projects, old and new.

## CHINA BUSINESS NETWORK

**Ted Fishman**, author of *China Inc.: How the Rise of the Next Industrial Superpower Challenges America and the World*, was the featured speaker at the February 14 CBN luncheon at the House of Louie restaurant. Mr. Fishman, a financial and economic journalist, provided observations on how China is profoundly affecting the global economic order and its impact on multinational conglomerates and small businesses alike.

### CBN Calendar

Please see opposite page for April CBN information. In May, CBN will defer to the May 19 "China: Risk and Reward Conference" (see below), sponsored by *The Business Journal*.

### China: Risk and Reward Conference

The Oregon Convention Center, May 19—7 AM to 4 PM

Join *The Business Journal* for an unprecedented one-day conference, featuring keynote talks and panel discussions with the regional and international CEO's, development officers and financial executives on the front lines of this explosive economic emergence.

Speakers and panelists include:

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For ticket information and registration options call 503-274-8733 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday, or email [cjohns@bizjournals.com](mailto:cjohns@bizjournals.com).

### LANGUAGE TRAINING for the BUSINESS TRAVELER

Over the past two years, an increasing number of professional people have been adding Chinese language study to their long-term career planning strategy. The China Council has been teaching Mandarin language classes since the 1980's and currently offers four ten-week sessions at the Council and on-site training in a variety of formats. Please call Council executive director Rosario Agliatoro at 503 973-5451 for details.

### SUMMER LANGAUGE CLASSES BEGIN JULY 18



**Photos:** (L to R) Professor Van Slyke and Yangzi enthusiasts at PSU; Dave Bleyle & Pam Logan at Linfield College; Ma Jun, center, with "water people" at PSU.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

### "Yangtze Remembered: The River Beneath the Lake"



On eight three-week trips between 2000 and 2003, photographer Linda Butler explored the Yangtze River with a Chinese guide. Her photographs form a record of the land, the human environment, its people during a time of great changes and challenges.

Ms. Butler will give a talk and show slides based on her exhibit "Yangtze Remembered: The River Beneath the Lake," currently on display at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Massachusetts.

#### McMinnville

When: Tuesday, April 5, 7:30 PM

Where: Linfield College, Jonassen Hall Cost: Free

#### Portland

When: Wednesday, April 6, 7PM

Where: Whitsell Auditorium, Portland Art Museum

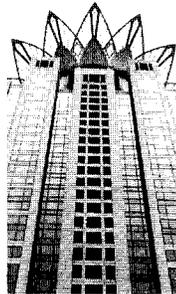
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Cost: \$5 general; full-time students with current term I.D. free

## SHANGHAI LECTURES

### Shanghai Resurgence

Beginning in the 1990s Shanghai transformed itself as perhaps no other city in history, and it is not done yet. Joseph Borich, U.S. Consul General in Shanghai from 1994 to 1997 and currently the executive director of the Washington State China Relations Council, will talk about the city's dramatic resurgence as it prepares to host the Shanghai 2010 World Expo.



When: Wednesday, April 13, 12-1:30pm

Where: House of Louie Restaurant,  
331 NW Davis, Chinatown

Cost: Lunch & Talk: \$20 members; \$30 General, \$15 for students with valid ID.

Register with credit card to 503 973-5451 by April 12

### Shanghai: from Walled Town to World City

For Shanghai, China's greatest city, location was destiny. A walled trading town when forcibly opened to foreign trade in 1842, Shanghai grew faster than any other city at the time to become China's most populous city in less than two decades. Stella Dong, author of Shanghai: *The Rise and Fall of a Decadent City, 1842-1949* will



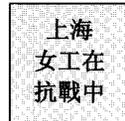
explore the pivotal relationship between the Yangtze and the dynamic city near its mouth.

When: Wednesday, April 13, 7PM

Where: PSU Smith Memorial Ctr., Room 236

Cost: Free Registration: None required

### Heroines of the Chinese Resistance in World War II Shanghai



During World War II, Chinese women played a key role in resisting and eventually repulsing the Japanese invasion. Susan Glosser, a professor of history at Lewis and Clark College, will talk about the various ways in which women

participated in the anti-Japanese resistance and discuss the political implications of women's wartime efforts. Professor Glosser completed her Ph.D. in East Asian history at UC Berkeley in 1995. Her book on family reform in, *Chinese Visions of Family and State, 1915-1953* was published by University of California Press in 2003.

When: Wednesday, April 20, 7PM

Where: PSU Smith Memorial Ctr., Room 327

Cost: Free Registration: None required

### Ambassador James R. Lilley



U.S. ambassador to the People's Republic of China from 1989-1991, and to the Republic of Korea, 1986-1989, James Lilley's life and family have been entwined with China's fate since his father moved to the country to work in 1916. Lilley spent much of his childhood in China and after a Yale professor took him aside and suggested a career in intelligence, it became clear that he would spend his adult life returning to China again and again.

Ambassador Lilley will read from and talk about his book, *China Hands Nine Decades of Adventure, Espionage, and Diplomacy in Asia* (Public Affairs, 2004), a fascinating memoir of America in Asia, Asia itself, and of one especially capable American's personal history.

When: Thursday, April 28, 6PM

Where: PSU Smith Memorial Ctr., Room 338

Cost: Free Registration: None required

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### Minority Nationalities of Yunnan Province

Dr. Jioanna Carjuzaa, Associate Professor of Education at Linfield College, served as a citizen ambassador on the People to People Multicultural Education Professional Delegation to the People's Republic of China during November 2004.



Jioanna will share her experiences with the minority nationalities of Yunnan province. Highlights (with pictures) from the following visits will be included: Kunming, Yunnan Institute of the Nationalities, the Center of Ethnic Studies, and the Stone Forest.

When: Wednesday, May 18, 7 PM

Where: NW China Council, Kida Bldg. 127 NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Cost: Free Registration: None required

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