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**Vern Yip (June 27, 1968 - )**

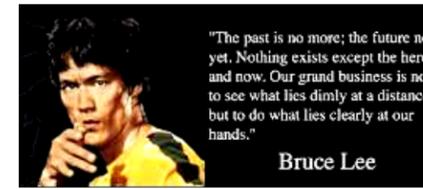
Vern Yip is an American interior designer born in Hong Kong. He went to high school in northern Virginia. He double majored in Chemistry and Economics at his alma mater, the University of Virginia, then went on the Georgia Institute of Technology to receive a masters in management and architecture. He periodically appeared on TLC's trading Spaces through its fourth season, and was known for frequently including silk, candles and flowers in the rooms he designed. Yip hosted an HGTV special called Urban Oasis, in which he designed a Chicago loft in the Trump International Hotel. Yip's interior design work has been award winning, including the prestigious 2000 South-east Designer of the Year and he has been prominently featured in countless interior design and media publications.



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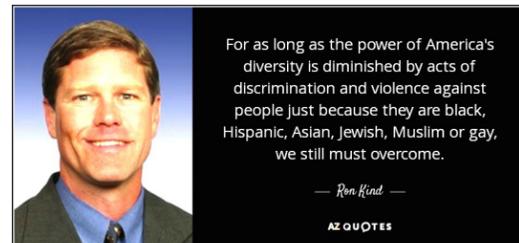


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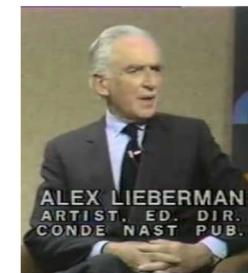
**Michelle Yeoh (August 6, 1962 - )**

Michelle Yeoh was born in Ipoh, Malaysia. At the age of 20 she won the Miss Malaysia beauty pageant. Later that year she won another pair of beauty pageants. She was also Malaysia's representative at the Miss World 1983 pageant in London. After appearing in television commercials her movie career began in action and martial arts films. She appeared in Police Story 3: Supercop (1992), Holy Weapon (1993) and many more. Yeoh has been honored with many awards and honors for example in 1999 she was a member of the jury at the 49<sup>th</sup> Berlin International Film Festival, in 2001 she was awarded the Darjah Datuk Paduka Mahkota Perak (DPMP) which carries the title Dato' by Sultan Azlan Shah, the Sultan of Perak, her home state, in recognition of the fame she brought to the state. Michelle Yeoh was included in the BBC's 100 Women list of 2020.



**Jennifer Lynn Connelly (December 12, 1970 - present)**

An American film actress who began her career as a child model. Her mother was Jewish and was educated at a yeshiva. All of her mother's grandparents were Jewish immigrants from Poland and Russia. She appeared in magazine, newspaper and television advertising, before she made her debut in the 1984 crime film *Once Upon a Time in America*. She continued modeling and acting, starring in films such as the 1985 horror film *Phenomena*, *Labyrinth* and the 1991 films *Career Opportunities* and *The Rocketeer*. She gained critical acclaim for her work in the 1998 science fiction film *Dark City* and for her portrayal of Marion Silver in the 2000 drama *Requiem for a Dream*.



**Alexander Liberman (1912 – 1999)**

He was a Russian-American immigrant. He became a magazine editor, publisher, painter, photographer, and sculptor. He began his publishing career in Paris in 1933–36 with the early pictorial magazine *Vu*, where he worked under Lucien Vogel as art director, then managing editor. He began working for Condé Nast Publications, rising to the position of editorial director. In the 1950's he took up painting and, later, metal sculpture. His sculptures are assembled from industrial objects and often painted in uniform bright colors. His prominent works are displayed in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Storm King Art Center, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park, Tate Gallery, and the Guggenheim Museum

