

Baltimore Chinatown could move

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BALTIMORE -- A restaurant owner says he hopes to start a new Chinatown blocks away from the neighborhood that once served as a center for Baltimore's Chinese immigrants. The present Chinatown hardly exists, The Baltimore Sun reports. Most of the restaurants have closed, and the people who once lived or shopped there have moved on. Sharon Tan and her husband own the Chinatown Cafe, the last restaurant in the area. "People come in and ask me directions to Chinatown," she said. "I say, 'I don't think there is a Chinatown.'" Tony Cheng, who owns two restaurants in Washington, and his son have begun a bus service from the Station North Arts and Entertainment District and bought property in the area. "The neighborhood needs a little boost, and my father is trying to make it happen," said Anthony Cheng Jr. The Station North already has many Korean-owned businesses, and the Cheng said his family hopes to lure investment from other Asian-Americans.

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