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Create The "Perfect Baby"

By Jingrong Huang



Imagine if your dreams did not come true and now you have a chance to be a parent. Would you like to have a perfect baby who will make your unfulfilled dreams come true? If you want a perfect baby, do you mind if your baby is a cloned baby? Do you think creating a cloned baby is a risky action? I do not want a cloned baby no matter what's the reason, and there are several reasons why I disagree to create a cloned perfect baby.

All parents want to have some perfect babies because they will not spend too much time to correct the children's mistakes; the perfect babies will not get sick because their genes have been changed by some medical elements before they were born, and the perfect babies will never fail because they have high intelligence quotient and beautiful appearance. However, I still can not imagine if the world only has perfect people. No one is perfect in the world. There are several disadvantages about creating the "perfect baby".

First, cloning baby is a dangerous art. If some parents want to create the perfect baby, during the pregnancy time, scientists will take out the zygote and change the normal gene to be perfect. After scientists finish rebuilding the gene, they put back the perfect zygote into the mother's body. During this process, the mother may get disease, and the unborn baby may die before he or she was born. Cloning is still a risky and uncertain activity.

Second, cloning a baby is very expensive. Some parents spend one million dollars to create a perfect baby, but some parents use one million to bring up several babies and try to make them to be perfect. Which situation is profitable? I think it is the responsibility for parents to bring up their baby, and a lot of families enjoy the process to bring up a baby even if the baby is not a perfect one. I think the most clever way is to spend money to bring up a baby instead of spending a lot of money to create a perfect baby.

All in all, cloning technology is still immature. There are many ways to create a normal baby to be perfect. If someone wants to spend money to create a "perfect baby", I recommend spending this money to improve the school's education and make some children's gardens. I do not think to be a perfect person is important, I think to be a happy person is more important.

Global Warming

By Yung-Tzu Chen

Recently, the weather in the world is noticeably changing. It becomes warmer and more unpredictable, probably because of the phenomenon known as "global warming." It is very important for us to know what causes the global warming, what our life will be if the global warming becomes worse, and what can we do to prevent it.

The main reason for global warming is mainly human activities, such as the burning of carbon fuels, the methane produced by farm animals, and the cutting down of the forests. All of these activities will directly or indirectly increase CO₂, which makes the

global warming worse.

If the earth temperature becomes higher and higher, then our life will have big changes in the future. The first thing that will affect us is the changing of our weather. The ice on the earth will melt and the sea level will rise. There will be more flooding of costal areas, heat waves will become more frequent, and wild-fires will happen more often. Also, we will have less and less land upon which to live. A lot of species will become extinct, which will destroy the balance of nature.

There are many ways to prevent global warming. Instead of driving, use public trans-

portation, carpool, bicycle, or walk to reduce the use of gasoline. Eat less meat and more organic foods. Try to save the energy in your home. Also, the media can educate people to push our government to implement the Environmental Protection Act.

We only have one earth, and every one has responsibility to protect our environment. Global warming is one of the big problems of the 21st century. Every one can help protect the environment; hopefully the government will become more aware of global warming and help

My Obstacle

By Potjaman Pigulsawas

You move to this school because you could not pass to the higher grade, didn't you? This was the first question that a teacher from my new school asked me in front of my thirty-five new classmates in the fourth grade classroom after I finished introducing myself. The teacher smiled while some of the students laughed at me. They may have thought that I was going to be shy and run away because of the rude question. I did not satisfy them with doing anything they want to see. Instead, I stared at the teacher's face and said nothing. Indeed, I wanted to show her that I could study better than her students by making the decision not to speak. Although this difficult situa-

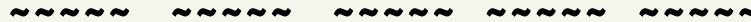
tion would push me to make a lot of effort and hard work to overcome, I would try every way that I could to prove that they insulted the wrong person.

Because of my dad's decision that he wanted to move to a new place to create a new business, I faced the best challenge in my life and I had to fight it by myself. Despite having a lot of homework to do, I did all of it. Then, I studied harder after school. I redid the exercises and made sure that I understood and could get the right answer by myself. Although there were two subjects that I found the most difficult -math and history- I tried to read it again and again. This way, I would understand these hard subjects and

remember all details. I could play sports such as volleyball. I improved this skill by practicing whenever I had some free time. Consequently, I did very well on both my examination because my GPA was the highest in my class. I also become a volleyball player in the team of my school.

Because this was a struggle, I have never believed that I would achieve the ultimate goal of mine. Although there were a lot of challenges waiting for me, despite worrying, I trusted myself that I could pass all of the difficult situations by trying hard. Whenever I thought about this challenge, I was so proud that I could beat the thirty-five students who

laughed at me and the teacher who insulted me. However, the most important thing was that I could beat myself. A lesson I learned from the experience is to remember that whenever there is any trouble, just change it to be a challenge. You would have fun to try to win it. More importantly, you will be very proud of yourself when you finish.



By Gisella Damaris Budiono

Without You

*Dedicated to Denny Stephen Almendingen
December 6th 1988-December 24th 2007*

As you left your path of life, I stop to admire the life that I once had. I had thought to the infinite time of the possible things that I could find at this moment to replace you. However I actually had known the answer beginning, without even needed to waste my energy and that was you were too precious to be replaced.

I could remember exactly how my body and mind reacted at the time I finally found out that you were completely gone. Suddenly, my visions were blackened by the shocking words that I wished I had never read. I demanded to scream loudly, but I could feel the tightness of the two invisible hands around my neck, squeezing my throat terribly hard until I couldn't speak no more. My body was in the process of falling to the ground, but amazingly, my mom managed to catch me before it touched the coldest tiles. I was brought to the room and all I could only stare at the while ceiling, imagining and hallucinating as if I saw your body was painted on it, exactly like all of the body portraits you used to create, which were still nicely hanging on the school's gallery. Your deep voice continuously kept on echoing with the last compassionate words you ever said to me. My mind was occupied with the play of a long-filled magnetic tape of our memories together.

Directly, I visited your room to heal myself. I waited outside until the others to arrive because I realized that I emotionally wouldn't be able to get in there by myself. Everything was exactly the same, except I was there, without you. I was seated at the same exact place as the place I sat when we had our last conversation together.

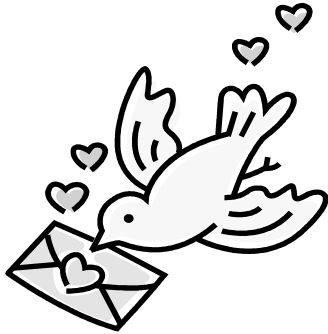
Your favorite pair of jeans was still hanging on the knob of the cupboard. The calculator you had always used on our mathematics' class was still on your desk. I opened it and pressed some of the numbers to feel the warmth of your fingers. Once again we also admired the art works of yours together.

Denny, at this point of time I realized that there is nothing I could do except to pray continuously; so that the soul that once had been part of mine would rest in the eternal peace.

You are my soul mate. You are my best friend. You will always be my loved one.

Thank you Mrs. Robinson!

By Jenny Lin



Mrs. Robinson

Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

Christmas has passed and this semester is almost finished. I'd like to say something that I've felt this semester. When this semester started, to tell you the truth, I was afraid of you, and didn't like you. When you asked me why I didn't buy the book, I said "I wanted to copy it." Then you said something that really hurt my feelings. I felt as if the floor had a hole in it, and I would have crawled in it to hide. Some classmates said to me,

"You are very brave because you came back to class. Some classmates don't come back to class because t

They can't accept how strict the teacher was." I said, "I'm in America, I have experienced many things, and I really want to learn English." Day by day, I learned to understand that you are strict because you want the students to learn English and be successful. Chinese have an idiom.

"A strict teacher has higher level students." You want to do your best in teaching us, but sometimes students can't understand you or your attitude. However, just like you said "Life is long learning."

Before this semester, I couldn't write a sentence or a paragraph, but this semester I learned how.

Next year, I'm going to move up to level four if possible, and would like you to be my teacher again. I might go to a training school in order to find a part-time job. On the other hand, I want to go to Pasadena City College one day. If I can graduate from PCC, I will find a better job. This is my dream.

After Christmas, students went back to school. I asked, "Did you read the Christmas card? I was afraid you wouldn't understand because I made too many mistakes." You said to me,

"Yes, I read it, and I understood it. It really touched my heart. I will keep it because it is better than any other gift.

Nowadays, not many people do that." Then I saw some tears in her eyes. After that, we were closer to each other. Also, I have learned that a good teacher is strict, but motivates students to learn.

The next year, I decided to attend PCC. When I took the test to attend PCC, I didn't understand many questions. I prayed to God "please help me to pass the test because I really want to study at PCC." God listened to my prayer, and I got the level two. When I look at my goal, it seems really far away for me to reach. Sometimes I struggle and I want to give up, but when I think of my health problems, and my prayers, I say to myself, "I am doing my best. How much I can learn, I learn. I very much appreciate all my teachers at

Everybody dreams-after thoughts of "Jumper"

By Rita Xia

Everyone has dreams, including me. After watching movie "Jumper", I dreamed I can jump like the characters in the movie. "Jumper" talks about a boy who finds out his special power—jumping through another path and how he uses and lives with that special power. The first time he finds out he has the special power is when he falls into the icy water. While he is in the water, he concentrates and thinks about the school library. In one second, he is in the library. Everyone thinks he is dead, but he returns to home. However, he has not stayed long at home; instead, he left his home. He tries to live on his own. He is only 15 years old, and the only thing he can do is get into the bank and steal enough money for him to live. Even though he has special power, he can't escape from police. Someone tries to kill him and people with this special power. His family, friends, and he are in danger. It is cool to jump to anywhere you want. I dream I could have this special power

too. Also, if I had this power, it would save me so much time. Anyway, I still need to come back to reality. The only thing I can do is to study hard and invent this special power.

Book Review

By Kimmy Pham

This story name is Until Angels Close My Eyes by Lurlene Mc Daniel. The memorable scene in the book was when Lead and Ethan met. Before Lead came to the farm, she had told her parents, so her parents can let her go to visit her friends and Ethan. Lead didn't want to leave without telling them, and she doesn't want her parents to worry. Therefore, she had asked her parents and her parents had let her go. They had not met for a long time, so when the New Year came, Lead had come to the farm to see Ethan. Both of them were really glad to see each other. When they met together, they had hugged each other tightly and talked about a lot of things. They were very happy and they spent time with each other.

Days passed, Lead had to go home, but Ethan didn't want her to go home because he will know both of them will apart again. As a result, he wanted Lead to be there but she cannot because she had said to her parents she will be home before the New Year's Eve. So Lead had asked to come with her and Ethan goes too, but he needed to say good-bye to his parents first. Then, both of them left with permission of Ethan's parents to go to Lead's house. When they came home, Lead's parents were not home yet because they were still on a trip. So, just both of them were together and Ethan had made a fire and they sat together and Lead slept safely in Ethan's arms. That was wonderful and romantic. They really loved each other and that's why they stayed with each other and didn't want to separate.

It is hard and painful to be apart because I had experienced that, so I know. When both people love each other and can't be together, it's really sad and hurtful. At that time, I had cried a lot when I separated from my boyfriend because we can't see each other. Then, I had chosen the way to be friends with him because I thought it was the best way, so I had told him to be friends. When I told him he pretended like he didn't hear me and just talked about other things. Anyway, we are friends now and much better than before and not hurtful anymore. That's why I had chosen that way and it made each of us feel happy.

READING

By Angela



Nowadays, the advanced technologies bring lots of hi-tech products into our life and make our life more convenient and colorful. While our attention is distracted by those various choices, most of us have neglected to do reading, which could be more entertainment and intellectual nutrition of our life. Reading will also give us a few quiet hours, so we can escape from the tense lifestyle for a while.

In the modern society, we rush to do everything---working, studying, meeting friends, talking, and having parties...until we feel exhausted. But let's imagine when you are reading, sitting in the sunshine or with a gentle light. It's a moment for yourself to slow down and taste the other world in a book. Compared with the Internet or TV programs, reading a book may not give you that much information at one time, but it will make you think deeply about some particular subjects. While you take your time to explore the depth of your mind, you will feel peaceful and clear about yourself. Why do we sometimes feel confused about ourselves or even the life? We are getting lost in doing things in a rush. Reading provides us the chance to have quiet hours to think about what kind of person we desire to be. What kind of life do we wish to live? What kind of ideas do we agree with or disagree with? We can figure things out with a cool and clear mind.

As far as education is concerned, reading is also playing an important role. It's a byword that writing is mostly learned from reading. According to an educator's report--- "the generations that grew up under television can barely write an English sentence, even at the college level", yet reading could help people to be more literate. On the other hand, reading can be enjoyable as well. We are relaxed while reading comic stories or fiction. We laugh about the funny tales or be amazed by the unpredictable imagination of the author; in the meantime, we are free from any stress of reality.

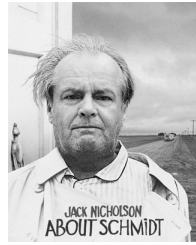
So, let's rediscover the beauty of reading. Those great writers with their great works or thoughts could be a wonderful reference and inspiration for us. You will find that yours life would incredibly be enriched by reading.

“About Schmidt” Movie Review

By Shoho Ryu

Warren Schmidt is recently retired from an insurance company in Nebraska. After his retirement, he has nothing to do any more, and watches TV all the time. One day, accidentally he watches one program about donations to poor countries. Without any deep thinking, he starts donating just a little bit amount of money for a six-year-old boy. A couple weeks later his wife, Helen, dies by a blood clot in her brain. From this time, his real journey starts. The following paragraphs will be analysis of ironies in the movie and the theme of the movie.

There are many ironies in the story. One is after Helen dies. Warren feels something wrong with her because she has been dramatically changed in a bad way. But after she is gone, he misses her so much. He realizes how much he loves her. This



irony does not end yet. He thinks they love each other through life time; however, until he finds love letters to Helen from Warren’s friend, Ray. By these letters, his feeling for her is collapsed. He feels betrayed. A couple months after, he re-realizes that he sincerely loves Helen when he has an opportunity to kiss another woman. Although many events happen that truly breaks his heart, those automatically put pieces to the right place, which gives him true feelings.

In my opinion, the theme of this movie is that life is a journey. He literary takes a journey, sees different places, and meets people in the movie. Before that, he recognizes that his life is meaningless because he seemingly never

takes his own action, but through traveling, he finally figures out what is a meaningful life to him. Life is so unpredictable that even a very small thing can make him feel the brightest and the importance of life. Donation to the young boy is surely his case.

In the movie, Warren experiences good and bad events which give colors to his boring life. Everything is not as good as he expected, such as Helen’s death, daughter’s bad engagement; however, those are not as bad as he thinks, moreover, they show him what the real world is and what he really desires. In the end, life is not always, of course, good. Most times people will have such a tough time to get through though, those are not for destroying spirit or desire but as overcoming them, they become stronger mentally as well as spiritual so that they can move up to next level.



Dear Yung,

Camping really does change us

By Tutor Slim (QUAN CUI)



The previous CEO of Goldman Sachs, Henry Paulson, who has become the 74th United States Secretary of the Treasury, has camped a lot before his successful career. As most people know, he loves the environment extremely, wants to save animals from extinction, and donates to educate children. He has changed and contributed to our world, but what has changed or made him? Is it only because of his knowledge? Or is only about his personality? The answer would be simple: something which taught him about life. It is also what we had better gain.

Talents are born, but greatness is not. Great people are made; some by suffering, others by their life-experiences. And if you compare Henry Paulson with any other great person, you would find out that something really specific and unique about him and his background is his environment. Growing up near forests, he found his passion in the environment, hiking, camping, and touring. He learned about life and the ways to deal with things. He got inspired by the great natural creation. He knew how to think and consider things

in a natural way. That was what he has gained from camping, how about us?

Just like Henry, I did really change after my first camping experience. Well, in fact I have been really changed after that first camping experience. My goal, my future, and my life style, a lot of things have been changed. I organized everything very well which I used to fail on doing. I found my goal which I have been looking for throughout my life. I have been told my future will be wonderful, after sharing my camping experience with others. Moreover, I fell in love with camping.

We could gain a lot from camping, and everyone could do it. Camping is something that words could hardly describe. My view of life has been changed after camping. I strongly recommend everybody to try it! I hope you have known something about it after Henry and my story. If you do not believe it, just go to try and prove it by yourself.

(P.S.: CAMPING ITSELF IS THE VERY THING THAT WE COULD GAIN, AT LEAST FOR ME, IT IS TRUE!!)

Hope Everyone is Healthy

By Eva Fan

When I was young, I felt I was healthy, had a good appetite, did a lot of work, and would not feel tired. After my marriage, my children and the housework made me busy all day. I didn't even think about maintaining my health condition. Finally, at the age of forty, I totally felt I was sick and lacked energy; it was not like before when I could work all day long without

stopping. I also found my body was out of shape. Now, however, I am happy about my health condition because it was improved as follows:

I won't miss any meal even if I am so busy. I told myself I deserve to have three meals— treat myself well. Especially, I eat balance food including carbohydrates, protein, and fiber groups at each of my mealtimes. I really appreciate the

nutrition instructor in my nursing school and it still benefits my later life.



A balanced diet keeps you from eating too much because enough carbohydrates will tell you that your blood sugar has been raised. You won't feel hungry anymore and you stop eating more to help you not gain weight. Also being overweight it is not good for your knee joints because it wears out the knee function in the long term.

???Since I was student till recently I had never known I need 8 hours sleep. Till two children had gone to college, I had chance to sleep more without interruption. Enough sleep makes me feel fresh in the following day. Every organ has enough time to recovery normal function during sleeping.



A war between religions has always been a big issue in society since ancient times.

People have been fighting over it for decades, but it seems that this issue would never be resolved.

It is regretful to see those who had sacrificed themselves for this war because of

their loyalty to their religions. I think if God does really exist, he would have said the

same thing. Is it really a religious war or is it

I also started to exercise: yoga, jogging, running, playing tennis, and ping-pong whichever was convenient for me. These exercises help me pump my heart faster to strengthen my heart. Exercise is also helping increase body oxygen saturation to activate more body cells. I feel that I have more energy and my brain is clear. Not only it is good for my energy level, but also the I became thinner than before.

According to American Heart Association, "... walking and moderate physical activity for at least 30 minutes on most days of the week or every day can help you reduce the risk of many diseases..., improve blood pressure, blood sugar level, and lipid profile... maintain mental well being... maintain body weight..." Everyone pumps up! I am here to encourage everyone to renew your life style to enhance your health. Once you have good health, your life is brilliant and many opportunities are waiting for you.

Religion dispute

By Sophal Sao

just human disagreement? Wouldn't that the purpose of religion was supposed to keep people in peace, uniting, loving, and forgiving.

But why would tension between them have never stopped? To my understanding, the

conflict between the war is not about God himself, instead it is about human jealousy and

greediness. I believe money and power are usually the fact that caused this to happen.

Lets think about two lions wanted to live in the same mountain, would that be possible?

If none of them doesn't want to surrender, the conflict will certainly occur. It's pretty

shameful but true.

Bottom line is God has nothing to do with the war, we as human who caused all of

this disputation between ourselves. If we be able to open mined a little, we would have

avoided most of the tragedies, and the world would be more peaceful place to live.

Dear Yung,

Recently, I always think about the relationship between my boyfriend and me. We have different opinions about our personal secrets. I think as a couple, we should tell everything to each other. He thinks that we do not need to know personal secrets. We disputed about whether we should tell everything that we are thinking about each other or not. The judgment was generally in his favor. I think the reason why he is always right is because he is older and more mature than me. He tried to persuade me into believing in him, but sometimes I still feel disturbed. I really do not know what I should do.

Sincerely,
Confused Jing Rong

Dear Jing Rong,

In any relationship, the elder one doesn't always mean that he or she is more mature. In your case, neither you nor your boyfriend is right or wrong. Every one has the right to have his or her own opinions and secrets. Also, do not expect others to have the same standard as yours. However, if your boyfriend's secret is about having an affair with other girls, you definitely have the right to know.
Good Luck!

Yung



THE TEA SHOP

By Rita Xia

The place I am going to introduce today is not a fancy restaurant, either is not a place you can have the food from the world. It is a normal little place for you to drink tea, eat snack or meal, play games, and study. The little tea shop has a nice name "Bu Jian Bu San". In English it means, I will not leave until I see you. Talking about food, you can find lots of unique meals and snacks over there. Unlike some fancy restaurants, the tea shop serves the food is like family made. You can feel the warmness of family while you are eating them. Furthermore, they have lots of choices of drinks. The first time I saw the drinks, I didn't think they are good



because they didn't have a very good looking. However, they taste great. They have cold and hot drinks. Also, the shop serves the drink that usually other tea shops don't serve. I believe boys will love the tea shop because it has two big game machines. You can always compete with the people over there. For girls, it is also a good place to go because you can do homework and study over there. Unlike other tea shop, "Bu Jian Bu San" has very bright light. I spend my free time over there. It is a fun place to go. By the way, it is located at main street, besides Denny's in Alhambra.

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