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Farewell to the Past Life

By Dorothy Tian Hui Gong

Now I could still vividly recall the day when I stepped out of the plane in LAX. It was my first trip to the States. The plane arrived almost at lunch time. I stood there numbly, my shaking hands holding the heavy luggage, and my swollen eyes looked up the sun above while in seas of faces - all of different ethnicities around me rushing towards the customs. The sun was curiously shining at me. I looked ahead and was really uncertain about what was waiting for me there.

I tried hard to get all my senses back and crept towards the crowd waiting in front of the customs. I stood at the end of a long line. I thought: Do I really belong here?

I was answered unequivocally when the smiling officials greeted me with a warm "Welcome to the USA". It poured tons of energy in me with just this warm smile. It diminished my loneliness. This diversity is both the cause and result of this country's greatness: from its magnanimity comes pluralism, and from pluralism, strength.

I saw the American flag hanging above the luggage carousels, which made me realize that I was here in this new place full of wonders, and from that moment on I was going to depend on nobody but myself.

Experiencing independent life at the point when I was turning to be an adult made me realize something I'd never seen about life: For fifteen years, I had taken depending on my parents for granted. Then, one day, I saw from afar how I was spoiled before, and was reborn as a grown-up. It was a very special day for me, the day that distinguished the line of separation of my childhood.

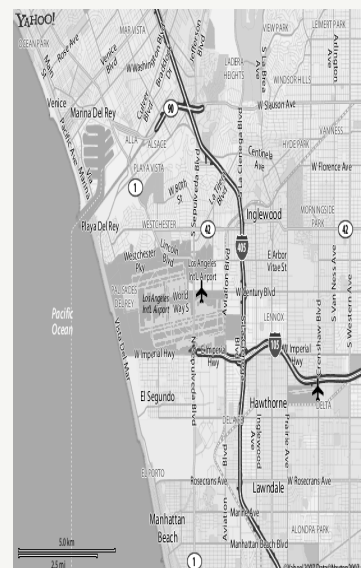
Farewell to my childhood. Farewell....



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Friends

Esther Yu



Friends are important because people cannot live alone in society. We can make friends in many situations, and it is very important for human beings. I have three different types of friends: friends from church, musician friends, and childhood friends.

Friends from church are faithful and honest, so we can share our lives and pray for each other. One of my friends, Grace, is such a good friend to share my life story because she always trusts and understands me. When I have a problem, I usually meet her and talk, and then she consoles me with a soft voice, and it makes me feel better. We can share our lives, problems, and we pray for each other.

My musician friends have knowledge of music, so we can talk and discuss it. Noah is my best friend to talk about music. He is a composer, so he always studies and composes music. He is very smart and has a lot of information, so he can help me when I am in need. When we meet, we always discuss music and share information. Our meetings are educational about music and not boring. Also, I can learn his musical styles, and I can teach him mine because we have different music backgrounds and tastes.

My childhood friends know my background and my personality, so we do not need to explain when we have to talk about our childhood. My best friend, Jina, in Korea, is my middle and high school friend. We have known each other for almost ten years. I know her personality, and she knows mine, so we always understand each other. Sometimes we do not need to talk because we can realize what we want with eye contact. Friends are necessary in my life because I need to talk to someone and share my life. Also, I can experience other life when my friend talks to me.

Life about Aung San Suu Kyi

By Maung Zaw

Aung San Suu Kyi is the daughter of one of the most respected heroes, the martyred General Aung San, who fought for the Independence from Great Britain in 1940 and was killed in 1947. Suu Kyi has the same dream as her father, which is to get the freedom and democracy in the country now called Myanmar.

Suu Kyi was educated at a Catholic school and went to India when she was a young teenager with her mother. There her mother became the Burmese ambassador in India. Later on, Suu Kyi went to England, where she met Michael Aris, married and had two lovely sons, Alexander and Kim.

In 1988, when there was a demonstration going on in Burma, Suu Kyi received a call that her mother had a stroke and would die soon. Hence, she left her family and went back to Burma to take care of her mother. On September 18, 1988, the communist leader took military aggression and took over the country and thousands of pro-democracy advocates were killed during the demonstration.

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In 1990, the general election began. In addition, any party's member could contest. At that time, Suu Kyi was head of the National League for Democracy Party (NLD), and she won a landslide victory with 80 percent support of the country. However, the most powerful leader didn't want to grant the power, so they put all the elected pro-democracy leaders in their houses with guards watching out side. Suu Kyi was also placed under house arrest.



Aung San Suu Kyi

Life under Military Reign in Burma

By Anonymous



*I*t is not hard to imagine how desperate the people's lives are, under the strict military reign. The people of Burma have been tortured by their own army since 1960. They have tried to escape from the brutality of their government in several ways. The whole country was deteriorated by this military system especially in economy, education, corruption, political improvements and degradation on ethnic people.

Nowadays, Burmese people have been struggling for their families' daily expenses under the deteriorated economic situation. Most of the businesses have been going down gradually day by day except the main business of the country like jewelry, oil, timber and natural gas. The country's vain businesses were dominated by the people from the government society. The contrast between the social classes is bigger and bigger day by day. Families with low income could barely afford to feed their children. Hundreds of children died from starvation every year.

The more terrible struggle people have, the lower education their children will be and the slower developments the country has. The majority of the educated people have left the country in order to find the better life in the surrounding countries like Singapore and Malaysia. Burma is the country which has the highest number of brain leaking to the other countries and human trafficking in Asia.

Most of the ethnic people were forced by the army to leave their native land. Refugee populations have been higher than ever in Thailand. Ethnic children under age were hurt, their houses were burned, their families were tortured to dead by military because they rejected to leave their land or village where their ancestors lived and died. Thousands of innocent lives were lost for no reason.

Students, monks and politicians who could not tolerate such a desperate situation anymore, call for the government change. But the military authorities used force to suppress everyone against them and sent those people to prison. Most lives of brilliant politicians ended at the notorious prison by suffering the cruelest torture by the military intelligence.

In conclusion, Burma, which was the Bowl of Asia in its old times, was destroyed by the military reign. The innocent lives of Burmese people should not oppressed by the nasty group of powerful people. International communities should bring the justice for the resentments that Burmese people have been suffering for 4 decades because that is the responsibility for all human beings.



Interview with an International student

Sara Avakian



Yan Niu and her daughter

Yan Niu graduated from Pasadena City College. She came to the United States three years ago to accomplish her goal in education. For the first two years, she attended PCC. After finishing her general education there, she transferred to UCLA majoring in Economics.

Hi, Yan, I would like to ask you some questions about your plans that made you reach UCLA in such a short time.

Where are you from originally?

First of all thank you for this opportunity. My name is Yan Niu. Originally I am from China.

How long have you been here in the United States? What is the reason of you being here?

I have been here in the United States for three years. The reason of my being here is to get a higher education. I want to challenge myself for a better education until I get my Master's Degree, and also I like to discover new countries and learn more about different cultures.

How do you like America ?

I like America more because there are lots of opportunities and facilities for someone to improve their education.

What are some of the significant differences between the States and your country?

One of the most significant differences between the States and China is the education system. In China, we do not have a good and strong education system and to me, that is very important.

Are you planning to stay here for the rest of your life?

No, because I am already feeling homesick; but again I like this country very much so I am not sure what my future plans are.

On the telephone, you told me that you have a six month old little girl. Are you married? Who is taking care of your little baby? And do you want to raise her here in the United States?

I am married to a wonderful man who is also studying in UCLA. We share together in taking care of our little girl; but now I am happy that my parents from China are here and they are taking care of her. As far as raising our daughter here in America, I don't see any problem, but I also want to take her back to China for a certain time to let her learn our culture too, and then let her come back and stay here in the States again because of the advanced schools and life overall.

Why did you choose PCC before you transferred to UCLA?

First of all PCC is a very good college. Also it is easier to attend any university with transfer because of the transition period; but to enter straight to any university, is harder and more pressure to get in. Now that I am majoring in Economics, I am very glad that UCLA accepted me but I was not surprised because I was very well prepared. Thanks to Pasadena City College.



College Single Moms Vanessa Gomez

For many college mothers, being single is not an easy task,. They face many challenges at work, school, and also have family responsibilities.

Many single moms are obligated to use community and public resources such as day-care centers, so they can get their work and studying done.

Being the head of the house can be difficult and challenging, especially if you are a single parent who cannot count on the emotional and moral support of family members. But even under this kind of circumstance, most single college mothers succeed in the goal of building a better future for them and their children.

So if you are a don't feel that you goals as others, be-make your dreams difficult or impossible

We all know be joyful and challeng- And there is no doubt difficult. But don't alone. Recent studies

school aged children were living in families headed by a single parent.



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Regardless of the structure of the families, parents still need to keep in mind, that there are certain factors that remain important. Those factors are: consistency, communication, affection and respect. Studies also show that children brought up by loving parents, who are supportive and authoritative, develop better social skills and they are happier than those children whose parents are either too lenient or too harsh.

So as a single parent keep in mind that children are always first. And there are ways to structure our lives, so our children can live in a secure and safe environment.

"Attitude"

By Charles Swindoll contributed by Imelda Villareal

The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than success, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we embrace for that day. We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitude."



Seoul nal in Korea

Jongbok Park



fic because they know that they will really have fun with many things from their hometown after they reach their destinations.

Families do many traditional activities during this holiday. First of all, the first day of the Seoul Nal people wear traditional clothes named ‘Han bok’ or new clothes. After dressing up, people bow to their parents early in the morning. After that, all family members prepare traditional food on the table for their ancestors. After finishing the morning event, everyone plays traditional games such as Yut, Kiteflying, and Noul-jumping. To play Yut, sticks, each about eight inches long with one flat side and one rounded side, are needed. The main object of Yut game is to move the markers to the starting point of the diagram before the opponents do. Yut game can be played by as few as two individuals or by as many as two to three teams.

Kite flying is called ‘Yonnalligi’ in Korea. This traditional activity is one of the most widely enjoyable games during the Seoul nal because it’s easy to make. People write their year’s greeting on the kite and fly it to the sky. Noul jumping is the game for only two people. Two people stand on the opposite side of an ob-long flat that is put in the middle of some object. The players jump alternately and as high as they can.

Those national activities are general things that people do during Seoul nal. For Koreans, having a short break with those activities is really enjoyable.





Life

Poem by Heng

Life is short,	Life is a key,
So be happy,	Don't merry early,
Despite adversity.	You'll be lucky.
Life is short,	Life is a key,
Don't be cranky,	Don't be lazy,
Or even touchy.	Fancy, or cocky.
Life is short,	Life is a key,
Should you study,	Do things slowly,
You won't be sorry.	And take it easy.
Life is short,	Life is a key,
Temper should be,	So don't worry,
Preserve till needy.	How it's going to be.

Why did I want to come to the United States?

Ngoc Anh Ho

Everyone has their own dreams. My simple dream is speaking English well, traveling, and being successful in education. To fulfill my wish, I have chosen the United States as my destination.

First of all, the United States is a good environment for me to practice speaking and listening to English with native speakers. I can use English on the street, in the market, with real people, not with a television or with a cassette player. Talking to real people, I immediately correct my pronunciation by imitating their accents, practice giving quick responses, and being flexible in making sentences to be understood. Interestingly, I can learn English everywhere, not in the classroom only.

Second, the United States is one of the countries that has many famous entertainment places in the world to please visitors of all ages. When mentioning the United States, children think of Disneyland with all of the cartoon characters they love such as Mickey Mouse, and Snow White. Adults think of Hollywood, where a lot of movies were produced. They want to travel to the United States with the hope to find out how magnificent it is, or maybe lucky enough to see a movie star they admire and take a picture with her or him. To those who love science, they can visit NASA.

Finally, the United States is a good country for me to reach my dream through education. There are many libraries in both cities and colleges filled with books in various fields. Class schedules are flexible. It is easy for me to get the class I want according to my plan. When I have any problem with Math or English, I can ask my tutors from the Learning Assistance Center. With the advantage from the education of the United States, I am sure that I can study better than I do in Vietnam.

For all the reasons above, I finally decided to come to the United States. I already visited Hollywood and Disneyland. They are so beautiful. For my dream, I went to college. At present, I am in the first semester. I hope that I will speak and write English well as a way to help me to become a good nurse.



Heat Wave Shocking L.A.

Joseph Huang

In September people should have seen a windy street with birds chirping, a light breeze and students strolling on the campus idly. Children would have started wearing jackets for upcoming winter. This year, however, views no longer repeat as usual. I see kids wear swimming suits playing with water in the pool in backyards; pedestrians put on T-shirts and shorts drinking water in order to cool down their overheated bodies.

This autumn, although people expect mild weather, the temperature seems to be insolent and persistently keeps climbing higher. Obviously it is becoming a big problem for L.A. residents. A construction worker answered about dealing with it. "Water, just drink a lot of water." A student said "I keep sweating." Consequently, people tend to dwell in the buildings and hide from the heat. But there are also some folks who like it. "I am

used to it. This is what I like about California." "Nothing, just another hot day," some people said.

Other than humans, our environment can not stand this endless barbecue as well. Wildfires keep happening in the city all over the mountains again and again. There are many dangerous fires reported during this heat. Dried grass can be ignited as easy as turning on a stove. Firefighters remind people to be



careful not to drop any cigarette butt in the bush. Anything like this may cause a huge aftermath.

Well, how to defeat this natural challenge? Maybe ice cream is a good choice. By putting ice cream in my mouth, I feel I am cooling down and distracted. At least it is cheap, isn't it?

Request for articles

The Globe is looking for articles from ESL students at PCC.

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