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- * Algebra I
- * Algebra II
- * Geometry
- * Math Analysis * Trigonometry
- * Pre-Calculus
- * Calculus AB & BC

代數、幾何、三角、微積分

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SATII tests are getting more important

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- · Biology (生物)
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(5-7年級)分班

- *Writing (寫作技巧)
- *Vocabulary (單字)
- *Reading (閱讀)
- *Math Word Problem



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一九九九年,千椽通訊常駐編輯委員會成立,依功能分有編輯、校對、電腦編排、廣告等組,以主編為軸心,訂定當期大綱、方向與時間表,再由各組負責執行各細務諸如邀稿催稿、打字校對、電腦編排、廣告等等。至於文稿內容的百分比與取捨,則以整個康谷華人讀者群為依歸,除了要達到資訊交流的基本需求、維持水準以上的內容及可讀性外,還要避免爭議性或過於個人化酬庸的文章,除此以外,還必須考量廣告盈餘以能對華協提供財務上的協助。

每回編輯新刊時,皆會以過去經驗為訓。好則發揚光大、疵則引以為戒,不需也不應再去重複前人的痛苦,摸索與錯誤,以求去蕪存著。同時,也極力吸收新血與高手加盟,才能不斷的加入新的創意。當然,我們不希望這本刊物年年大換裝,歲歲轉方向,因此除了世代交替,老手還是或留任或待命,繼續提供顧問及咨詢,以維護整個通訊精神與方向的一脈相承。刊物出爐發放後,緊接著網路小組會再將所有文章登上我們的網頁,與世界各地的朋友共享,也同步接受所有讀者的檢視與建議。

自一九八四年始,十八年來,千椽通訊一直忠實的報導社區的動態,不曾懈怠;每期的編輯 將訊息與文章織成冊子,讓康谷華人有機會更了解彼此,從未間斷。這幾年來,千椽通訊已擴充 了許多各式各樣的版面,它的內容,已不是"通訊"這兩個字可以涵蓋的了。

老讀者可能注意到,自一九九九年起,千椽通訊發行的時間較往期延後一個半月出刊,主要是考量暑假與中文學校的作息及新春晚會的報導。康谷每年春節的大演出,可以看出服飾、道具、舞臺、節目、編導年年有突破,當然,還有很多的空間可以更上一層樓,但世上又有那樣的成功是僥倖?本期,您就可以自文章中細細咀嚼幕起幕落後的辛勞與苦心、工作人員的任勞任怨、責任小組的操心、關心與叮嚀,家長的感動與期許,繽紛歌舞構思與排練的心路歷程。閉幕舞主題"九一一"在晚會的歡樂結束中留給我們對將來更長遠的省思,在"青少年工作室"的許多文章中,您也可以體驗到我們下一代對去年諸多災難的感受。逝去的有無數不識的人,也有他們昔日相處的同學好友,同樣是熱切的生命,霎爾終止,疑似夢幻,但情又何堪?但從字裡行間,從他們堅毅的眼神中,我們深信哀痛終會放下,大家將對未來抱以更大的希望,攜手共同走出這場夢魇。我們也相信這些衝擊,將激發深藏人心底處的感情;親我如老三,疼我如四姆姆,待我如珍妮絲,或教我如明德老師者,何能忘也不能忘。讓我們與作者,一起體會這份溫馨。

交好友,是人生一樂,讀好書,更是生活一快。這期新闢的"讀書與生活"中,介紹您多本由各個讀者推荐的好書,獨樂樂不如眾樂樂,也願您的生活也充滿好書的清香。千棣通訊雖是本靜態的刊物,但當您打開扉頁後,它會帶著您奔馳內蒙草原、見大漠風光;倘佯蘇州河畔,細品茗茶;漫行西安,與長居外鄉別離二十年的遊子、分享同窗歸巢的團聚樂;北訪京城,於前清王府水榭花木中、再拾當年青春學子的悠然歲月;南探滬城,重遊故土細述故人情;深入貴州山村,過青龍寨、掬漣江水、聽那原始山歌;再如雄鷹展翼,飛越太平洋,窺拉斯維加斯的神奇,心遊天地,如畫詩當前,何等快意?

康谷雖小,卻是五臟俱全,有特色、有個性。有二十七年歷史悠久的中文學校,也有執教十六年如一日的老師;有成立二十二年的中華文化協會,也多的是居此二十餘年視走為下策不捨離開的老康谷人。有籃網乒乓高爾夫,要上球場見高低,隨時不乏對手;有舞班畫室圖書館建言社,要武要文,要論理說保健談心靈,絕不怕無人奉陪。

時光飛逝,有成長的喜樂,也有又是一年的感嘆。但只要您曾在康谷住過,就不會忘卻那段 繁華似錦的歲月。談往事、數好友,在康谷的這段獨特、美好、開心、難忘的日子,就讓千樣通 訊一點一滴忠實的把過去與現在,在時光軌道上留下刻痕。

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各位康谷中華文化協會的朋友們,大家好:

過去六個月以來,我們華人社區在康谷和千橡市的形象顯著提升。Ventura County 檢察官的候選人到中文學校來發表政見,我們舉辦了一次有關南加州華人移民歷史的週末講座,同時並捐贈了五本書給附近公立圖書館。康谷中華文化協會、千橡中文學校,和夢幻交響樂團為救災和支援教育,共同舉辦了一場慈善音樂會。華協在中文學校全力支持下圓滿推出了馬年新春晚會。總體而言,康谷華人社區已發展為生機蓬勃的團體,社區內各個文化團體也爭相與我們接觸。

在此我要向所有今年新春晚會準備工作出力的朋友說聲謝謝。因為您的一份心,今年的新年晚會得以圓滿完成。在大家的支持和幫忙下今年也在幾件事上開了先河:

- --這是我們首次在 Fred Kavli 劇院演出。
- --集演出人員和來訪佳賓有將近 1000 人參與新春晚會。
- --參與表演的學生首度得以在觀眾席參觀演出。
- 康谷中華文化協會被千橡市政府認可為一個社會文化團體,並贈與文化推廣補助金。

雖然總體而言我們的進展足以為傲,但仍有可以改善的地方。新年晚會已發展成為康谷華協和千橡中文學校每年的重頭戲,為了能讓經驗累積,俾使籌劃小組有足夠的準備時間,成立常務小組是當務之急。準備工作應當從每年春節晚會閉幕後就著手進行,華協自今年開始將另組新春晚會常務工作小組負責計劃運作的事務,詳細情形將在近期內公佈。

在這一次新春晚會準備期間和會後,有一些家長朋友們對今年籌劃小組未能讓家長參觀排演的決定很不諒解。在此我要向受到影響的家長們說聲對不起,也要向堅決執行這項決定的小組同仁們說聲"辛苦了",謝謝您們忍受家長們的責難。因為您們貫徹小組的決定,我們才能繼續保持零事故的記錄。讓我藉這個機會和大家解釋。今年的新春晚會是在 Fred Kavli 劇院舉行,這個劇院上下共有三層樓。這麼大的一個劇院很吸引小朋友,尤其是樓上陽台邊緣。我們排演的時候,戲院沒有提供安全人員,所以維護大家的安全是我們最重要的責任,我個人寧願挨 100 個家長的責難也不要有一個子弟從樓上摔下來,所以謝絕參觀排演是基於安全考量的決定,華協會堅持執行。

康谷中華文化協會和千橡中文學校就像兩個正值發育期的青少年,今天我們的社區成長迅速,我們需要更多熱心人士為社區的進步貢獻他們的時間和精力。今日在社區內的地位完全是靠歷屆會長、校長們的領導華協和中文學校。我們如要進一步提升我們在社區內的形象,請對華協的現任理事,中文學校的老師或行政人員,家長會的理事,多給予信任支持和建設性的建言。支持、信任和建言是一個年青的團體成長所不可缺的要素,在互信、互敬和秉持一個共同理念的原則下,康谷華人社區的發展將會在和諧的氣氛中突飛猛進。反之,如果只有批評和責備,我們將會令許多熱心人士卻步不前,而社區的發展也將遲滯不進。批評和猜疑就好似明鏡上的細砂,不但會留下不可彌補的痕跡,更糟的是它們還可能將鏡子磨破。

成功的團體需要所有成員捐除已見,為團體福利貢獻他們的力量。力不分大小,您可以對校長和行政人員們說聲謝謝,辛苦了,您也可以直接參加華協、中文學校或家長會。我們能有今天的成就,每一位朋友都盡了很大的力量。康谷是我們的家,大家都希望將自己的家建得更完美,希望大家一起努力互信、互助,讓這一段在康谷的日子成為您將來美好的回憶。

在此謹代表康谷華協敬祝大家心想事成!

Embracing A Year of Brilliance and Prosperity

Tenshang Joh
President of CCCA

Dear friends of CCCA:

Over the past six months, we have made a big stride in our presence in the local community. We had local political leader campaigning in our school. We held a weekend speech on the Chinese immigrant history in Southern California. At the same event, we also donated books to local public libraries. CCCA and TOCS jointly sponsored a charity fund raising concert together with the Reverie Youth Orchestra for the cause of demolishing illiteracy and rebuilding the infrastructure of disastrous areas. We had a wonderfully presented Chinese New Year Performance. We are viewed as a flourishing and influential cultural group that local cultural societies like to be associated with.

I like to thank every one of you who have given your time and effort in the preparation of this year's New Year Celebration Performance. Because of your dedication, the Performance was a true success. Not only have we made a successful presentation to our local community, we've also broken a few new grounds:

- This is the first time that the New Year Performance was given at the Fred Kavli Theatre
- Well over 1000 people, including guests and students, attended the event.
- Performing students were invited to watch their fellow students' performance
- CCCA was recognized by the City of Thousand Oaks as a viable cultural organization and was awarded a cultural endowment fund.

Despite these encouraging accomplishments, there is still room for improvement. The New Year Performance has become an annual event of CCCA and TOCS. However, as of this year the event has been handled on an incidental basis. To best prepare for the New Year Performance, it is imperative that a standing working group be established to assume the responsibility, and the preparation should start right after the curtain is closed. We are now forming a New Year Performance Working Group to take charge of the planning and logistics of the New Year Performance each year. Detailed information will be announced shortly.

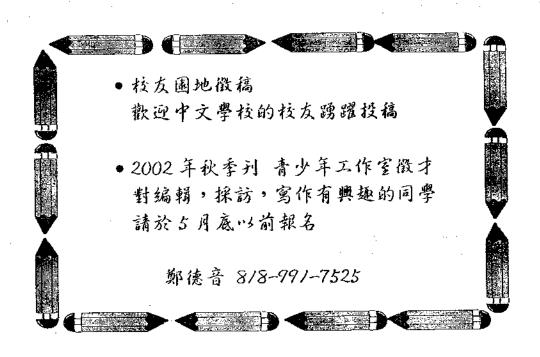
During the preparation of and after the New Year Performance, some parents have expressed their discontent about the inconvenience incurred by the new policy of banning guest observation during rehearsal. I like to commend the staff who stood firm on the policy. Because of your dedication, we are able to maintain our zero-incidence record in a big facility such as Fred Kavli Theatre. I also like to use this opportunity to clarify the reason why the new rule was instituted. The Fred Kavli Theater is a three-story structure. There are many areas that our youngsters may find enticing, especially at the edge of the balcony. Due to the unavailability of security personnel during rehearsal sessions, it is our utmost responsibility to ensure the safety of our youngsters by keeping them from any unsafe areas. Personally, I would rather to be blamed by 100 parents than to be notified that any of our youngsters fell from the balcony. This is a safety measure that we cannot relinquish, and a policy I personally endorse. As we will have our performance at the Fred Kavli Theatre in the future, the policy of no guest observation during rehearsal sessions will continue to be enforced thoroughly.

CCCA and TOCS are like two juveniles experiencing their growth spurts. As our community grows ever so rapidly, we need more and more dedicated individuals to volunteer their time and

service for the well being of our community. Under the leadership of our past and current community leaders, CCCA has become a viable cultural association in the local community. We have come a long way to where we are today. It behooves each member of our Chinese community, be he/she a director of the CCCA, staff or teacher of the TOCS, or parent of students, to provide mutual trust, respect, and constructive suggestions through open communication to each other. Constructive suggestions and trust are the two most important nutrients for developing a healthy young organization. With mutual trust and respect among members, our organization will grow ever faster and stronger by adhering to a common goal. On the other hand, criticisms and distrust are like grains of sand on a well-polished mirror. It will only leave scratches that sometimes may be irrecoverable. In some instances, it may even break the mirror.

A successful organization requires every member to contribute its efforts, and to abandon personal agenda for the benefit of the organization. This effort can be as simple as a "Thank You" or a pat on the shoulder for showing appreciation to fellow member, or as direct as joining the Board of the CCCA, the TOCS, or the Parent Volunteer Association by devoting your time and service. We have come a long way. We will also be here for a long while. Let us make this Conejo Chinese community a lasting memory of joy and accomplishment for our children and every one of us.

On behalf of CCCA, I wish you many success and happiness.



憶及學生時代作文題目「我的志願」時,無法清晰記得曾有過何種志願夢想,但卻未曾期望成為「校長」。當榮幸的受到大家的信賴與託付,承接了此重任後,細想這項工作的意義和責任,才頓感雙肩負荷的沈重!記得在去年九月學校開學不久,我下班到超市買東西,迎面見到一位中國太太帶著小兒子,這位太太看到我好興奮地告訴兒子這是校長,小傢伙看到我便好有禮貌地說:「校長好」。我當時心中感受一股暖流,此後更是時時警惕自己必須以身作則肩負「百年樹人」的使命。中文學校經過二十七年的苦心經營能有今天的規模乃是歸功於歷來所有的校長、家長和行政人員的努力奉獻。我會努力地學習充實自己接下這一棒而不讓大家失望。

干橡中文學校今年成長入學比例高達百分之二十,學生來源分別遠至 Northridge 及 Ventura,開學註冊時便面臨教室不足的挑戰。尤其幼幼班爆滿,孩子加上父母把教室擠得水 洩不通。妥協之後父母輪流在課堂上幫忙才解決了問題。感謝家長們的了解與配合,更難為 了老師們辛苦的教學,行政人員克盡職守分工合作發揮團隊精神;家長會勞苦功高為老師學 生影印教材之餘,還兼賣便當乾貨,預備餐點茶水等給孩子們享用。在推動學校教務行政方 面,特別加強老師間的溝通與聯繫,控制教室及學生管理因材施教,實施多樣教學以創造優 良中文學習環境。在和家長的互動方面則爭取家長的理解和支持。相信這一年在各位老師精 誠奉獻的教學下,本校中文教育能達到真善美的境界。

真---教學內容真確詳實

善---教學結果臻於至善

美---教學方法變化生動

今年是馬年,說到馬,我們中國歷史上最有名的一匹馬,名字叫千里。千里馬矯捷健壯日行千里,但也需伯樂的慧眼識英雄,才能揮灑牠的卓越才華。今天我們中文學校的每一個孩子,都懷著不可限量的潛能,就好像一匹匹躍躍欲試的千里馬,誰也不知道他們將來會有怎麼驚天動地的成就。而我們這些作父母,作老師的,都有責任作他們的伯樂,去發掘他們的才華,提供最適當的機會,好讓他們的潛能得到最大的發揮,但願有一天,這些孩子們在中、西文化的薰陶下,個個能一展長才,成為社會的菁英,為社會創造更美好的未來。

非常感謝大家給我如此的機會能為學校社區服務。這八個月來我學習到許多做人處事 之原則,和志同道合的朋友們為共同的理想而努力是美麗的人生體驗。我願意抱著我的座右 銘「真情投入、全力以赴」為千樣美好的明天努力再努力,使學校訂日新,日日新,又日新。

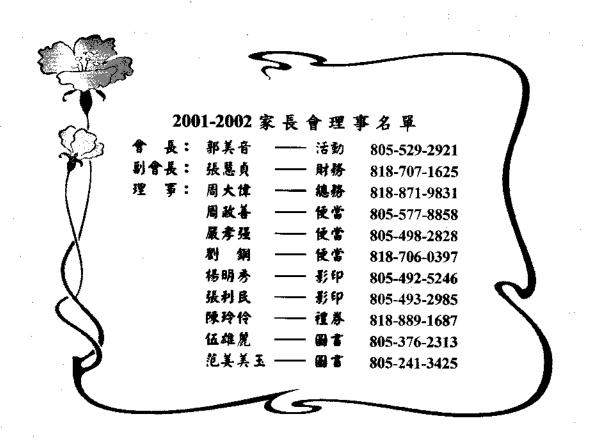
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「請各位家長離開後台」,「小朋友快去找節目的老師」,「不要亂跑!請安靜!」,「劉鋼下個節目 XXXX 請準備」,「拜託不要亂丟垃圾」,「有位小朋友掉了一隻鞋」,「小朋友肚子餓了,快來吃包子,還有 Donuts。」「慧貞、大偉,你們那邊如何?」「明秀、孝強,這裡有小朋友要送到三樓去看節目。」「周政善、May,聽到我嗎?」這些對講機不停的對話,就是新春晚會後台的寫照。

為了協助主辦單位 CCCA,同時為了遵 行大會的規定,從第一次排演到正式演出, 家長會理事們個個是卯足了勁來維持後台秩 序。理事們更是忍辱負重的執行大會規定, 為了學生的安全及避免干擾專業攝影人士的 工作,排演時家長不得進入後台及觀眾席, 所幸大多數的家長都能體諒辦活動的苦心, 使得我們執行任務時雖有避免不了的忙與 亂,但在忙亂中有家長的配合與小朋友的認 真,直到表演完畢,都堪稱順利。



去年八月底,家長會長郭美音打電話找我幫忙管理學校圖書館,本著"人生以服務為目的"的想法,我就一口答應了。原以為佔據學校儲藏室一角的"圖書館",除了其貌不揚之外,實際上恐怕也乏善可陳吧!過去多年我自己就未曾跨過它的門檻一步。

> 極, 勇於任事, 伍雄麗和我在 她麾下, 職有專任, 責有 屬, 是以每個星期六, 大 軍可以在圖書館那個小角落 裏看到我們, 要來借書或還書 一定服務到底, 就是要來聊 天, 我們也很歡迎。

今年新添購的書籍真不 少,除了前面所說的漢語拼 音,繁體字圖書也是整套成箱 的在汰舊換新。我們大略分類 如下:第一類成人類,有文 藝、食譜和工藝,在此要特別 聲明的是,成人類書的購買都 是家長們的建議,我們只不過 基本上我們購書的原則是依據家長們的意見歸納出來。第一:太艱深難解的不買;第二:儘量以和中國歷史、人物、民情風俗有關的書籍為主;第三:最好圖文並茂。各位家長或老師們如有想要的圖書,在經費許可範圍內,我們非常願意配合購買(本人不經手財務,是以不知尚有多少預算)。再者,若不經手財務,是以不知尚有多少預算)。再者,若不經不過書或影帶可以捐贈給圖書館,我們也非常歡迎。3年A班家長馬海玲女士上月即捐贈了數套錄音帶,在此特別謝謝她。

一個學期過去了,因為時間和空間的限制,伍雄麗和我能著手整理的圖書有一定的限度,但我們很高興進出圖書館的家長們越來越多,甚至高年級的學生也偶而會主動來借閱。 有一位小女生經常來借食譜,她說是自己要看的,可見"文化傳薪"所言不虛了。

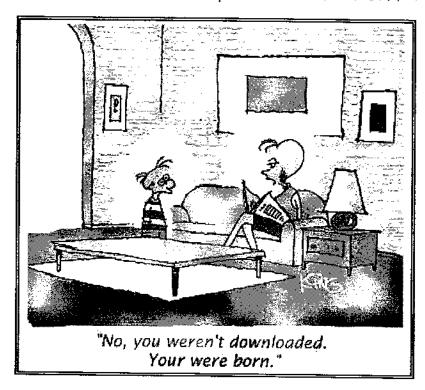
最後在此呼籲各位家長務必按時歸還所借 書籍。



中文學校賣便當已有許多年了,記得第一 次買便當是在大約三年前小孩剛來中文學校上 學不久。陪小姐讀書到中午時已是饑腸轆轆, 開始籌劃回家後吃什麼。第三節課鈴聲響後, 忽然看見幾位家長帶著小孩在花壇邊一坐,左 手一個飯盒,右手一把叉子樂悠悠地吃起了午 飯,只見幾位舉手、揚頭,不多時如風捲殘雲, 幾個空盒子已向垃圾桶飛了去。看到此景,自 覺慚愧,還是別的家長想的問到,午餐已給小 孩帶到學校來了。這真是既免了自己的腸飢之 苦,也省了放學回家後的忙碌,真是一舉兩得。 走上前去剛想讚揚兩句,這位老兄擲過來一句 話:「那邊買的便當」。聞此言,順這位老兄的 手指望去,果然見不遠處幾位家長會前任理事 正忙得不亦樂乎,面前的桌上放著許多飯盒, 供家長和同學們挑選。走上前去,心中大喜, 不必再為第三節課後用什麼來填飽肚子發愁 了。從此以後,我也就理所當然的成為買便當 隊伍中的一員。

本學年開始,有幸在家長會幫忙。鬼使神 差被安排做賣便當的生意。初次上任,同幾位 同行牆邊一站,看著桌上的飯盒似乎覺得在圓 以前想下海經商的夢。賣便當說難也難,說容 易也容易。說其容易是因為只要你有能遞貨收 錢的技能,加上有好的貨源就足夠保持商機一 片。說其難是因為從聯繫餐館到售後結算都是 經濟問題,來不得半點馬虎。再加上中文學校 内烹飪高手雲集,一不留神就有停業整頓的危 險。賣便當的主要目的是為家長會籌集資金以 便資助中文學校師生的活動,同時也為家長和 學生提供一個不用在家做午餐的機會。近來由 於同樂園餐館的生意轉讓,便當的貨源也發生 了變化。儘管是眾口難調,家長會仍然在盡全 力聯繫,以便能為大家提供一份較為可口的便 當。

伴讀日當午,肚內響如鼓。此時想起當年 把便當引入到中文學校的那位老兄,如果不是 一位聖賢,則必定是我輩好吃懶做之徒。



"不是!你不是從網路上下載而來的,你是我生的。"

李可染的國畫藝術

山杉新音季可染 之二

張棠

李可染最大的藝術成就在中國山水畫,他融合了中西繪畫的技巧,創造出具有時代感的新山水,他成功的把金石派在花鳥畫上的成就,發展到山水畫,將傳統的中國畫,推到一個新的高峰。他的山水畫以濃郁的生活氣息,和清新的筆墨意境,獨樹一幟,在國內外都發生了重大影響,因而形成了「李氏山水」的藝術流派。

李可染不嗜酒,不抽煙,對文玩雜物一無所好,個性寬厚,不善交際,全部精力都放在繪畫上,李可染可以說是明清以來,第一位提倡苦苦作畫,並付諸實踐,而得到傑出成就的畫家。他自認他的成就完全是靠「勤勤懇懇地作畫」,「踏踏實實地作畫」,「嚴肅認真地作畫」,一步一腳印「漸修」而成的。

山水畫的創作不外是臨摹傳統,和摹寫自然 (外師造化)。李可染十分注重基本功的勤學苦練,但因環境的關係,他在生活方面投下的功力, 遠超過傳統,他從生活中得來的收穫,也大於傳統。在五十年代以後,他的藝術觀念與新社會的「革命文藝路線」,剛好一拍即合,於是有了他萬里長征的寫生生活。

李可染的寫生,是先觀察自然景物,風雲變 幻,然後取山川之精髓而落筆,而不是「與照相機 爭功」的寫生。

在當時,寫生的環境相當的艱苦,李可染年近五十,患有高血壓和失眠症。在黃山,他與張仃、羅銘兩教授們住在破廟之中,下兩天睡覺要撐傘,房間沒有窗,雲霧在房中穿出穿進,畫畫時要把門板卸下來當畫板。他與學生黃潤華到南方四川等地寫生時,在炎熱的夏天,每天背著畫夾、畫具、水壺、飯盒、兩衣、遮陽傘等等沉重的包袱,來回走一、二十里,甚至四、五十里,為了專心畫畫,吃住都極為簡陋。

但這幾次的寫生奠定了他日後創作的基礎,是 他日後新風格形成的一個重要關鍵,尤其是 1956 年為期八月的「江蘇、浙江、安徽、湖南、四川」 五省寫生,他曾經說過「沒有 1956 年就沒有後來 的作品」。

從1960年開始,李可染對他的寫生作品提煉加工,稱之為「採一煉十」法,他認為創作有如採鐵煉鋼,要經過十次以上的反覆提煉才行。他的作品就是對寫生的素材,反覆的藝術加工,積煉而成的。

李可染對構圖極為用心,他認為經營位置,寸畫寸金,為了內涵的豐富和全局的寬敞,他的構圖很滿。他又認為山水畫所表現的事物最複雜,所以層次一定要豐富,空間一定要深遠,他畫一幅畫往 建要加墨十多次,甚至二十多次,這種「積墨法」是他從老師黃賓鴻那裡得到的最大收穫。在傳統的中國的筆墨之外,他又廣泛地採用了西方繪畫的技巧,例如光的表現,明暗處理等技法,然後他將融合後的中西方繪畫技巧,變成了他個人獨特的藝術語言。

李可染作畫的速度極慢,往往十日一山,五日一水,稍不如意,就廢棄不要,他自稱「廢畫三千」。他每次畫完後,喜歡把畫釘在牆上,反覆研究,別人都覺得完美了,他仍不滿足,還要修改,幾天後,改得面目全非了,然後再釘在牆上,再研究,再修改,反覆不知多少次。他的特別之處也就在於是「敢於破壞」,以求深入,最後達到整體的完美。

最重要的,在眾多國畫改革派中,李可染的特別成功,是他對中國文化堅信不移的信念,李可染的山水畫,最有中國味。

後記

從1844年吳昌碩的誕生,到1989年李可染的去世,這一百五十年來的中國,戰亂頻仍,民不聊生,然在中國畫的畫壇,卻人才輩出,吳昌碩、齊白石、潘天壽、李可染,無不飽輕亂,其中潘天壽最為可憐,不但書畫一再的丟失,最後還在文革時被活活打死,然而他們每一個人卻在艱苦的環境中,突破重重困難,在中國畫壇上寫下不朽的作品,前仆後繼,代代相傳,在中國畫史上作出最卓起的貢獻。「風簾展書讀,古道照顏色」,在讀書寫書之餘,這些偉大的「中國魂」,一再深深的感動著我。

在蘇州喝茶

郭平

「小天地,大場合,讓我一席;論英雄,談古今,喝它幾杯。」......

蘇州飯店前的十全街是一條不大、但卻非 常繁忙的商業街道,那梧桐樹的濃蔭籠罩了的 街巷,擁擠的車流、人群和路邊納涼的大媽, 組構了一幅城市黃昏的版畫。左右兩邊的商舖 典雅而古樸,店主們大都和善而親切,彷彿開 門做的不是生意,而是開門請遠方來的朋友進 門歇歇腳,喝口茶。在這眼花撩亂的店家中, 有一家並不惹眼的福茶行。同其他茶行比,除 了櫃內的五顏六色的各類茶葉外,來買茶的客 人還可以在此品茶、聊天。這是一家夫妻經營 的茶行,老闆何先生是個待人熱忱、彬彬有禮 的年輕人,來自福建。俗話說"山不在高,有 仙則靈",茶行雖小,可茶葉種類非常齊全。 何老闆讓我最先品嘗的是烏龍茶,最正宗的品 **噹方法則屬閩南功夫茶了,講究的是白鶴沐浴** (洗杯),烏龍入宮(落茶),懸壺高沖(沖茶), 春風拂面(刮泡沫) ,隨後再飲之 。袁枚品鳥 龍茶有此一論:杯小如胡桃,壺小如香橼,每 斟無一兩,上口不忍遽咽,先嗅其香,再試其 味,徐徐咀嚼而體貼之,初淡而無味,後勁徐 來,韻味十足,回味無窮。再下來品嚐的是西 湖龍井茶,當茶湯入口,閉目凝神,在你眼前 就會幻化出江南水鄉溫柔而秀麗的風光。而飲 苦丁茶則更是有趣,只需一根茶葉便可,沸水 注入杯內,舒展的葉片寬厚的潤出滿杯琥珀色 的茶汁,立時,芳香四溢,氣韻澄明。

我們中國是一個幅員遼闊、民族眾多的國

家,生活在這個大家庭中各族人民有著各種不同的飲茶習俗,真可謂 "歷史久遠茶故鄉,絢麗多姿茶文化"。記得在《紅樓夢》中,妙玉譏笑寶玉時說:「豈不聞一杯為品,二杯即是解渴,三杯便是驢飲?」可見飲茶的精妙就在於一個"品"字。

這品茶講究的是:茶、水、具、境、人是 缺一不可。說到茶具,在我一踏入小店時,就 曾覺眼前一亮,熱情、漂亮的老闆娘身旁茶桌 上的茶具就吸引了我。精緻的宜興紫砂壺、杯, 退有小巧玲瓏的白瓷上釉茶杯,杯、壺之下是 個竹製、可自行排水的茶座,甚是精巧、美觀。 你可聽說過以茶具喻人的戲說?在民國初年, 有位文人辜鴻銘先生,他用茶壺比喻男人,茶 杯比喻女人;精美茶壺一定要有漂亮的茶杯來 配,而且多上幾個茶杯也無妨。20 年代風華絕 代的陸小曼同徐志摩結婚以後,她怕生性風流 的徐志摩再同別人談情說愛,便對徐志摩說: 「志摩!你不能拿辜先生茶壺的譬喻來做藉 口,你要知道你不是我的茶壶,乃是我的牙刷, 茶壺是可以公用的,牙刷是不能公用的。:難 怪現今有的朋友家的茶壺還是只配一個茶杯, 妙喻原來在這裡。

喝茶還要有一個好去處才能喝出好心情。 我的一個有智慧的朋友作了這樣一個比喻:茶 館是一個人生歇足的驛站。在望不到盡頭的庸 常人生道路上,當你身心疲憊的時候,它收留 了你的茫然和沮喪。在蘇州這麼優雅的城市的 確有不少喝茶的好去處,像是迷人的企鵝茶 座,典雅的古鏡坊。然而在蘇州喝茶,園林裡 的茶館才算得上是當地特色。像是茶境極佳的 半園、耦園和藝圃。半園的名字來由是因為它 只占了半畝地,並依此修了半邊的樓、半個亭 子、半邊的牆和半面水,連門票也是"半元"。 耦園的茶館雖不如它的磚雕來的有名,但茶館 在樓上,當花開時節,園內的微風伴著花香會 輕盈環繞在房間內,花伴茶香、濃香四溢。而 藝圃的茶館則是跨在水上,也是別有一番情 趣。據說蘇州最好的茶館是近臨蘇州國書院的 聽楓園。近來,在蘇州的一些大街上開了幾家 茶樓,外面看很現代、很氣派,可總感覺像是 北京的大碗茶搬到了蘇州,有點不倫不類。真 正江南"原汁、原味"的蘇式茶館,據說在蘇 州已寥寥無幾了。東山老茶館是僅存的其中之 一,茶館座落在姑蘇東山的西街上,很偏僻。 它藏在小鎮的深處,也似藏在歲月的深處,靜 靜的,像位與世無爭的老人,送迎著常來常往 的老茶客,也似在詮釋著已留存千年的江南風 情。它給現代化的生活增添一些模質的情趣和 人與人之間那種互相依存的、彌足珍貴的情愫。

 芭蕉;緩如小溪流水,幽婉深邃。我此次再聽 評彈是在楓橋鎮的楓橋茶館。所謂評彈,實際 上是評話和彈詞的簡稱,通俗一點講就是我們 北京的說書,但不是那種靠唱來講故事的京韻 大鼓。我這個北方佬,雖然能瞎侃幾句洋涇邦 的上海話,但幾乎聽不懂一句評彈臺詞,可我 還是聽得如醉如痴,就像美國人聽意大利歌劇 一般。

俗話說"一方水土養一方人",蘇州人的 特點就像這優雅的水鄉;民風淳樸,溫文敦厚, 友善好客,彬彬風雅。我曾慕名到位於觀前街 的 [得月樓] 進晚餐,我選在老店清靜的二樓 坐下,服務生的熱情,加之她那姑蘇韻味、甜 美而"嗲嗲"的普通話是珠圓玉潤,如夜鶯百 靈。常聽人說"寧聽蘇州人吵架,也不聽寧波 人說話",就是在讚美蘇州人吳儂軟語的講 話。講到家居,蘇州人家中牆上掛的是徐悲鴻 的馬,喝茶的壺是紫砂的,吃飯的碗是景德鎮 的,插花的瓶是景泰藍的。蘇州人顧家、持家、 管家也是與眾不同,她們要的只是祥和安寧的 生活。蘇州人的特點是一個"柔"字,就是吳 語的"糯"。"糯"對蘇州、蘇州人的風格確 有相當的概括力, "糯"可以包含柔美、温文、 清雅、細膩、瀟灑…

飲茶是老少皆宜,雅俗共賞。無論是北京 的大碗茶,或是蘇州的功夫茶。無論是上好的 龍井毛尖,或是平常的花茶末,其都消乏解渴, 稱心惬意。高朋欣聚之時,一蓋在手,能引起 許多綿思遐想,哀樂悲歡,文情詩韻,娓娓情 懷,款款心曲。我生活在美國,天似更藍、水 似更清,喝的是道地的家鄉茶,用的是正宗的 宜興杯,在花草盎然的自家後院,沐浴著溫暖 的加州陽光,伴隨著輕鬆的音樂,小酌幾杯功 夫茶。時而獨酌,也曾共飲,一杯在手,清香 满院,消除煩慮,使人拋卻是非心、名利慾。 有客到訪,以茶奉客,雖不及酒後令人豪情萬 丈,意氣風發,但三兩良朋,沏茶小息,令人 六腑皆芬芳"。閑話家常、天南地北、氣氛 更為和樂,主客更能曲盡情意,茶的世界是一 個祥和的世界!

繁華似錦

左大磊

各色蝴蝶蘭如千百隻彩蝶在各個角落裡或停或飛,動靜之間總是透著一派雍容華貴......

前記:三年前與友人同往 Santa Barbara 參觀蘭花展,曾經為文記下當時的景況與感想。後來因故擱下,一直沒有完成。近日又有機緣往洛杉磯市區的"小東京"欣賞另一個蘭花展。歸來後,一時興起,翻出舊文,覺得尚有可為,於是繼續塗鴉一番,終於有了一完結篇。

隨著擁擠的人群緩緩向前移動,移向一片 嬌艷繽紛的花之海。這是一場大自然的饗宴, 以花為杯,以葉為盤,一道又一道粧點如錦繡 的佳餚似流水般滑過眼前,秀色竟是如此可 餐!滿樽馥郁熏人醉,觥籌交錯間,花香飄蕩 在每一個人的心房裡,久久不散。我曾說花香 是點綴人生生活的調味品,在此它又是銷魂的 魅力,令人無法抗拒。

身陷在花團錦簇之中,不由得不佩服造物 之神奇,可以將這麼多的色彩調配得如此和諧 悦目。且看那豔紅熱情,嫩粉可人,清白惹人 憐,閃亮的黃讓人得瞇著眼才能看清,濃濃的 紫深沉穩重,是天生就屬於帝王的顏色。環顧 左右,層層疊疊詫紫嫣紅在此深淺不一的綠葉 陪襯下,充分流露出大自然的浪漫詩情,教人 幾度徘徊,幾度回首。而花之造型隨著品種千 變萬化,各色蝴蝶蘭如千百隻彩蝶在各個角落 裡或停或飛,動靜之間總是透著一派雍容華 貴。拖鞋蘭精緻玲瓏又饒富趣味,還有各種尺 寸呢!恨不得自己的腳上也套上這樣一雙。-片黄雲似天女撒落的花雨,原來是一群"跳舞 的女孩",個個甩著檸檬黃色的大蓬裙,舞出 傲人的青春。還有那通體碧綠的,花心裏像藏 著個小精靈,不時探出頭來向過往的人群擠眉 弄眼耍淘氣。再有那帶著斜紋或斑斑點點的, 當然是極名貴的品種,好像是伸展台上身著奇 装異服的模特兒,帶著不自覺的炫耀,引人側 目。一張長方桌上靜悄悄的立著幾位由東方送 來的嬌客,高挑細長的身架載著極細膩的點點 繁星,平淡的容貌很容易就讓人忽略了它的存 在。若逢有心人肯停下來細細欣賞它的微笑,

讀它的眼神,就不難領會出那一股源於古國優雅飄逸的神采,裊裊繞繞,纏綿不去。遍地不知名的小蘭花,一簇一簇的藏在葉隙間,花形動人,香氣甜潤,是柔情與靈氣的完美組合。它們無不盡力向上伸展怒放,對著天窗外偶然觀過的白雲訴說著一個又一個的花的故事。人若能與花對談,這世界將更奇妙!

會場裏另闢有一房間專門展出插花與盆景,參與者竭盡巧思之能,在有限的格局裏發揮想像力去創造那務求景物合一,天人共趣的小小世界。於是迷你型的山川瀑布,小橋流水,逐一呈現在人們的眼前。各類插花都以蘭花為主,有的配上竹筒、茶杯,古意盎然,有的加上瓦片枯木,自然抽樸,有的觀著酒壺、扇子、風流別緻。經過人工修飾的盆景與插花雖然略的高尚消遣。

人們對美景的追逐是永無止境的,花開花謝自消歇,生命的芬芳愈是留不住,愈是彌足珍貴。然而大地之美,隨時隨處,俯拾即是,懂得欣賞就永遠不會厭倦,永遠有一片繁華似錦在心頭。



"種田"?種田是什麼?是超級特懶學生的一種作弊方法……

我的外祖父很富裕,每年過完年,我和老三都有很多壓歲錢。當時,一個孩子身上有一萬多塊錢,是蠻多的。我總是留下一、兩百塊,其餘的全數存入郵局。我家老三卻可以三天花掉六、七仟,只是和她的朋友們吃喝玩樂的花用,而另外一半的錢,也總在一個月不到,就花得一毛不剩,真是少見的海派女孩。

唸國中時,學校的女生班分為和、平、德、智、體、群六班。一進入國中,是以智力測驗的分數來分班,高智商的分在和、平班而以此類分。老三和我國一上都是在和班,而她六個學期唸了六種班,和、平、德、智、體、群,每班都唸過一次的,大概也只有我家老三一人了。我曾擔心的勸她,玩歸玩,千萬不可混入幫派,她說:「二姊,我只是愛玩,沒那麼笨啦!」

國中一、二年級時,我得過校際 100,200 短跑,及跳高、跳遠等獎牌,曾洋洋得意的掛在家裡牆上好久。國三時,老三上國一,她把 100、200 短欄,跳高、跳遠全包了第一名,並且代表學校參加中部五縣市及全省的比賽,拿下大大小小,100 多項獎牌。那幾年,家裡金光閃閃,我也悄悄地拿下我那幾個不起眼的獎牌,收到抽屜底下去了。

老三雖然學科一蹋糊塗,國中畢業時,卻有不少好學校爭相邀請她去唸有獎學金的體育班,以便替學校爭光。她後來選了省立商職,並且告訴我說:「二姊,豐商是省立的,名聲好;是職校,可學一技之長,以後找工作容易;離家才五分鐘,免通車,玩耍時間不會被打折扣!」真是頭頭是道!

學校是省立的,學科自然要求相當嚴格,但是一般老師對於體育班的學生通常都會放水,有時會畫"考試重點"給她們,以便過關昇級。我卻為了幫忙老三"種田",每學期都有一個週末在她們學校裡忙。"種田"?種田是什麼?是超級特懶學生的一種作弊方法。雖說老師把"重點"都給了學生。但是當時考試申論題多,他們連背下這些題目的答案都懶,卻願意

花整個週末,在考試教室裡,找幾張平滑好寫的桌子,用鉛筆,把答案全部寫在桌上,一科種一桌,考5科種5桌。每科考完後,還得桌子大搬家,而且每科的桌子在那裡還不能搞錯,"種田",真是一個大工程!

讀了三年書,種了三年田,老三居然也平 安畢業,拿了省立商職的畢業證書。對未來頗 有計劃的老三,苦讀了二個月高中課程,在體 育術科幾乎滿分之下,考進了省立體專,也住 校住了三年。我當時在台北上學,老三在台中, 我們每個月都有壹仟五佰塊的零用錢,老三另 外有一筆飯錢。和往常一樣,她仍常常入不敷 出,時時找我"週轉"。有一次,老三又來電說 錢花完了,希望我能寄錢給她,而我那個月買 書買得兇,早就沒錢了,也沒辦法幫她。收到 老三難得的來信說:「我一輩子(其實才 18 歲) 善待朋友、花錢如流水、沒想到、到頭來、吃 了一個月的泡麵!!」老三又說,她徹底覺悟 了,云云……。我只怪自己因書痴,沒能幫她 而悔恨不已!沒想到,這一次的"泡麵月",徹 底改變了她的人生觀,開始變成凡事斤斤計 較,又視錢如命。一直到幾年後,有一次因為 一定要平分 3 塊錢,被我光火罵一頓,才開始 變得正常,平衡些。

老三,哥兒般的豪爽個性,加上聰明勤奮努力的形象,做的每個公司,都交了很多朋友,倍受寵愛。現在的老三,帶著十年前割得頗媚的雙眼皮,高佻健美的模特兒身材,和對服裝的獨特品味,已是一個社會的中堅份子。前年她的帥哥老公,還帶她玩了一趟歐洲,送她一克拉的鑽石項鍊來紀念他們結婚十週年。

今年,我家老三的婚姻、事業、健康都如意。在此新春之際,我衷心祝福老三:年年有今日,歲歲有今朝!還有,別忘了今年夏天來玩時,替我帶一箱臺灣的漂亮衣服。

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眼神二章

續易瑾

眼睛,是人的噩魂之窗,而眼神,則是透露真情之門……

「非」理

自古以來,世界上的各種道理,都是由男人規定的,而在這些規定中,幾乎有一半都是針對女人來製定的。現在,已無需要去討論那些「理」是否合於人道,因為隨著女人的智慧開展,與男人胸襟的變寬,有許多不合人情的「道理」已經漸漸被淘汰了。

但是,為什麼到了這二十一世紀初葉,縱 然男人們總是在喊:「母親萬歲」等口號,可是, 骨子裏還是要評論「女人們!不可理喻也」?

女人們!讓我們平心靜氣的分析一下:

男人,在孩童的時候,是不跟女孩子玩的,不是你打,就是我踢,好不熱鬧。在青少年期,一個個又像怒髮衝冠的小公雞,不成熟中帶著無窮的慾望,在女孩子面前晃來晃去。到了青年期,又成了一隻隻活力充沛的雄蜂,聚在一起時,嗡嗡嗡的到處給女人取綽號。個別行動時,不是想在女人身上採花蜜,就是找機會叮女人一下。

男人到了中年期時,隨著閱歷的增長,像樣的就蛻變成一隻貓,頂多偶爾發發牢騷,偷偷懶。次像樣的就蛻變成一隻狗,只准他在人前批評女人,而不容許女人在人前評論他。最不像樣的就蛻變成一隻兔子,打著一大堆"老婆不溫柔"、"家中無溫暖"的旗號,在外面拈花惹草,製造所謂的"狡兔三窟"。

男人們到了老年時,返老還童的特徵特別 明顯,那種頑固與脆弱,可以讓女人們重溫當 母親的舊夢。

縱觀男人們的一生,可以知道他們絕不是 省油的燈。如果我們女人盡是如此不講理,他 們豈肯如此委屈其大丈夫之尊,與妳白首偕 老?

所以,女人們,安心吧!我們是活得理直氣壯 的。他們所謂的不講理,只是為維持自尊的一種 「非」理狀態。讓我們以寬大的心胸,一笑置之。

眼神

那是一雙令你心痛的眼神!

當你羽翼豐滿,欲展翅高飛時,切莫忽略了那雙依依不捨卻故作堅強的眼神。

當你悲傷痛苦,跌跌撞撞時,那一雙黯然失色的眼神,永遠是你最真誠的依靠。

當你杯酒高歌,歡欣鼓舞時,可曾想到那守在照片旁,殷殷盼望的眼神?

當你健步離去時,那一雙閃著淚光,混濁無奈的眼神,更是令你頸椎僵硬而不敢回首一瞥。

為人子女們,且莫忘了:「樹欲靜而風不止,子欲養而親不在。」的古訓。

那是一雙值得回味的眼神!

當妳心平氣和的時候,千萬不要去看那躺在椅子上懶洋洋的身軀,而是要去注意那雙眼神!他,比妳還惬意,還要悠然自得的看著他喜歡的各樣螢幕。

當妳暴跳如雷的時候,請干萬不可去看那因呼吸急促而不斷翕動的鼻翼,也不要去看那張笨拙又不讓步的嘴,而是要去注意那雙眼神!

他,充滿著受傷與驚慌,更充滿著期待,期待這場風暴趕快結束。

眼睛,是人的靈魂之窗,而眼神,則是透露真情之門。我們常常只在意說好聽的,聽順耳的,而忽略了那雙暗藏真情的眼神。朋友們,請靜下心來,悄悄地去發覺那一雙雙值得玩味的眼神吧!

男人的心靈雞湯

陳蕙玲

當初我們一見鍾情就結婚了,婚後才發現病人個性相差太多……

之一

當現任周會長一把從背後摟住培娟的腰時,我猛然當作視若無睹,卻在心中對這超浪漫夫妻,狠狠的羡慕,妒忌著,也永遠忘不了 培娟眼角,春天的,滿足的笑。

之二

在胡小明家觀牌局,張大健回來了,在問過好,給大家沏了茶之後,吹著口哨在廚房洗碗。我說:「他心甘情願,又吹著口哨洗碗耶!!」愛買花戴的小明一定是上輩子修的一才有好爸爸,好丈夫,好兒女。人比人,真羨慕死人。

之三

在M和 D 剛油漆過,而潔白明亮的客廳閒聊時,只見 D 突然皺著眉,快快起身地倚向坐在另一個沙發的 M 身旁,不捨而關愛的問 M:「怎麼啦?」M 一手用衛生紙吸著鼻子,一邊微笑的回道:「沒什麼啦,今天過敏藥吃完了,鼻水流得厲害些。」原來口沫橫飛,話講一半的我,突然接不太下去原來的話題了。看著瘦的我,突然接來太下去原來的話題了。看著瘦的 D,心中暖暖的相信一他們的愛情一定也和 D 的相貌一樣,數十年如一日。

之四

美霉拿出一盒她珍藏的音樂 CD 專集給我看,她放了其中一張台語懷舊專集給我聽,而這也是她去年過逝的爸爸最鍾愛的。我翻了翻這本由李泰祥音樂大師所編輯的介紹專集本,發現居然所有的曲子也是我很喜歡的。欣賞了幾首之後,心中被優美而感傷的曲子深深感動

著…。原來在樓上盯孩子功課的正常,由樓上下來,輕輕地走到美雪旁邊說:「我上次聽這些曲子時,覺得愈聽心情愈沉重,太感傷了,…更何況又是你爸爸喜歡的…下次再說吧!…」我們都還記得美雪大哭之後,連墨鏡也遮不住的核桃大眼,只見美雪的眼中已泛著微紅,正棠阻擋了一次洪水泛瀾,一超級任務一成功!

之五

三杯酒下肚的公公,瞇著眼對回家過節而聚集一堂的子孫說:「大家聽著,我有話要對你們媽媽說…當初我們一見鍾情就結婚了,婚閱 对發現俩人個性相差太多,而一輩子吵吵鬧鬧的過…但是我得承認,這兩年來,你們媽媽的脾氣和個性越來越好…值得嘉獎!」只見婆婆一付不以為然的笑笑。不過我相信,她今晚一定會有一場好夢,因為我想婆婆大概和我一定會有一場好夢,因為我想婆婆大概和人真好收買呢!

之六

除了稱讚過我的死黨(相信老婆的眼光)之外,我老公在我面前,幾乎沒說過誰漂亮。只要有誰說 XXX 漂亮,他一定說:「哪裡漂亮?我怎麼不覺得!」雖然我老說他假惺惺,可心裡可是真滋滋。

之七

至於大姊每次問姊夫去哪裡剪髮修面?他 總是回答:「喔,是 China Town 那個功夫很好, 卻很老的老太婆啦!」雖然我心裡總是不以為 然的打著悶號,不過,大姊看起來很買帳。

我想以上這些個男人,都可以提名參選今年的最佳"雞湯獎"!!

之尾

最後,希望不認識我的人,別去打聽我是誰。因為,一個滿臉皺紋仍愛看言情小說的自己,長著一張—"喝了太多雞湯"的臉!

題畫詩

張炳南

荷花

團團翡翠映綠波 楚楚凌波照紅妝 陣雨摘葉可當傘 蓮心雖苦卻清香 多情藕絲折不斷 清修菩薩作禪床 騷人墨客爱吟唱 畫罷筆下有餘香

紫藤石頭 苔色鎖春寒 珠光透墨香

寧接花下露

不作補天想

登黄山曙光亭 觀日出

秋露茫茫滴輕寒 凍雲掩月遊客忙 前呼後應戒失足 靜聽蟲鳴待雞唱 朝露漸聚漸燦爛 捧出一輪紅嬌陽 恰似觀音拋火球 載浮載沉射毫光

牡丹

萬里浮棹避秦來 夢裏相思有幾回 偶在異國山頭見 鷙鴻一瞥意徘徊

虎 明月照松間 空山夜瀑暄 深林獨行客 何事嘯岩前

黄山雨景 春雨濛濛洗黃山 群峰脈脈脈試新妝 風吹薄霧半遮面 嫩綠添在枝頭上 琤淙新瀑腰間掛 萬壑清泉奔流忙 倚杖間澗邊尋詩客 渾忘細雨濕衣裳

喜鹊梅花 柿子透紅喜事重 雪晴喜氣上梅梢 勸君莫作烏鴉啼 且學喜鹊報吉兆

臨唐寅山水 山光水色雲弄影 花香鳥語雜泉聲 草堂迎風飄茶香 應是新採碧螺春

秋遊九寨溝珍珠灘

久寨枝頭綻燕脂 一片紅霞照秋光 萬斛珍珠落瑤台 深琤水聲夾琴韻 粼粼波光纖霓裳 環珮叮咚踏歌行 洗卻一肩舊風塵 客心已是泉水清

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淡淡虚心養謙沖 磊磊氣節干雲漢 閒吹三弄竹林中

秋日泛筏武夷山 九曲十八彎 神女峰上簪彩雲 九曲溪流绕山行 雨岸景緻錯落遇 一篙點破水中影 海外遊子歸鄉客 濯足清流故鄉水 聞聽篙夫話桑麻 多少歡樂與酸辛



落磯山-鐘山, 密蘇里-長江, 浩瀚無比的太平洋將它們緊緊地連在一起。 一隻勇敢而自由的鷹, 搏擊長空,飛向幸福的彼岸。 不去那深山幽谷, 無暇領略那五湖風光, 他自有方向。 科迪拉松濤將他吹向柔軟的沙灘,迷人的海濱。 俯瞰原野,這裡是人間天堂, 遥望遠方,那是紅日升起的地方, 極目天際,祖國和愛人在召喚。 自由的鷹呵, 這仙山瓊閣只是你逗留成長之地, 遠非永留棲身之處。 要考驗你的翅膀,雙翅就是力量, 切莫有半點軟弱。 在你離開故土時, 天高任鳥飛,海闊憑魚躍。 當你重返祖國時, 十年磨一劍,今朝方脫穎。 飛吧!再飛得高些,

自由自在,悠然自得, 這是世上極樂的宗旨。 **北太平洋的狂風算得了什麽**, 阿拉斯加的寒流又怎能將你阻攔。 加州,福祥之地, 將你鍛鍊。 飛翔吧,遨遊是遊子的樂趣。 歸來吧,母親在盼著你, 前方有乾枯雙眼的愛侶, 莫徬徨,他鄉雖好,終非歸宿。 你已是一隻勇敢堅強的蒼鷹, 緊緊地投入故土的懷抱。 在這紅日升起,陽光初照的地方, 將滿身豪氣遍灑大地。 泥土的芳香沁入肺腑, 泥土上分明有你童年時的腳印, 小河裏依然有你嬉水時的蹤跡, 這是自然純樸的美。 家鄉還落後,晚輩怎心甘? 多多地搬運遠方的材料, 建成金色的窩。 神州之地,四海之中, 怎能不如一個加州, 美洲? 你更是一隻自信的鷹。 出征時也許幼弱, 歸來時已碩果纍纍,才華四溢。 出征為了歸來, 歸來又怎能碌碌無為,處度光陰? 毫無保留地奉獻給生你養你的中華。 雄鷹啊!莫為小事紛擾展翅高飛吧!

山村回憶

施志清

思緒也從遙遠的時間隧道的過去的某一點被達然拉回到眼前。夢醒之後卻無法重新入眠……

引子

在風雨蕭瑟的深夜,夢中的思緒飄游不 定,徘徊在時間隧道的雨點之間。不知此刻身 在加州太平洋岸邊一個叫做千橡的小城裡,還 是又回到三十年前貴州深山裡一個叫做青龍寨 的山村裡。那淅淅瀝瀝的雨點,好像是灑落在 一座二層小樓後院裡挨牆站立的那六棵高大的 龍柏和旁邊的夾竹桃上,又好像是在散碎地撥 弄著我們在鄉村裡住的那半壁農舍的茅草屋 頂。窗外遠遠地傳來含混不清的低沉音籟,不 知是來自 101 高速公路上夜行的車流,還是來 自青龍山後應風而起的松濤。遠遠傳來犬吠, 睜開似醒還夢的雙眼,望見窗外黑黝黝的遠 山,仍然在疑惑難道還是山村小路上偶爾過路 的夜行客,驚醒了村頭農戶的看家狗。一陣風 過,清脆如樂的風鈴聲叮噹而起,這才讓我明 白此時身在何處。,往事如敲窗的夜雨,涓涓 滴滴從眼前流過……。

青龍寨

許多年前的一個春天,未滿十八歲的我與 全中國數以百萬計的青少年一樣被捲入了一場 被稱為"上山下鄉"的運動。我們同一所中學 的26名少年男女,經過五天的火車、汽車和步 行,來到了貴州省惠水縣一個名叫青龍寨的山 村裡,從此開始了我們的農民生活。貴州高原 歷來被描寫為"天無三日晴,地無三尺平,人 無三分銀",地理環境的欠佳,以及農民的貧 窮,由此可見一斑。當時一個男性強勞動力苦 幹一天,所得的報酬是不到三角錢人民幣,合 當時二斤大米的價錢。貴州山區種植以玉米和 小麥為主,水稻很少,所以米飯顯得很珍貴。 村裡的孩子除了冬季以外大半年裡都打光腳, 而大人為了下田幹活則普遍穿那種用廢汽車輪 胎改造成的"山鞋",每年到了春天青黃不接 的時候,許多農民家裡吃雜糧加野菜,或是將 上一年年終分配到的幾塊錢到集市去買高價糧

漣江

是大大小小的卵石,河水漫過石灘,潺潺的水聲,就如貴州高原上重覆了千百年的鄉村生活那樣樸素而單調。

我們與村裡的孩子們一樣喜愛這條清澈美 麗的漣江。每日從田中勞動歸來,只要不下兩, 我們總是會到河邊上來洗臉、洗衣服。貴州的 春天來得早,冬天也並不長,每年從四月到十 月只要是有太陽的日子,河水就暖和而適宜游 泳。每天幹活再累再髒,收工後跳進河裡在清 凉的水中洗一洗,再横越河面游幾個來回,一 身的疲勞和泥土便都隨波而去。趕集的日子, 我們在河堤上一步一步踩著露出水面的卵石過 河,上岸後再踏上去鎮上和縣城的公路。有一 次我們同隊的一個青年半夜發了急病,我們幾 個男知青連夜抬起擔架,在手電筒的微光下, 一步一顛地走過河灘,步行十幾里把他送進了 醫院。在山村生活的那幾年裡,僥倖獲得機會 離開農村回城就職或上學的同學們,都是在同 伴們相送下,踩過卵石河堤,走過河邊蘆葦叢, 踏上新的人生道路的。

每年春天下了兩後,山泉狂湧,漣江水變得又深又急,嘩嘩的水聲可以響到幾里路外,那水聲就像一群童稚未脫的少男少女在恣情歡笑。許多年過去了,在海外漂泊的我,常常在面對異國異鄉的河流時,想到漣江,想到漣江,振水時那嘹亮歡樂如少年人歡呼一樣的笑聲。想到你在笑,我也忍不住要笑了,漣江啊!

山歌

我的村民朋友們很少識字,他們也絕對沒 有為賦新詞強說愁的雅興。他們多半是感受到 勞作的辛苦,生活的重壓,以及為衣食的擔憂, 是的,青龍寨的鄉親們是貧窮,然而他們 並沒有窮到一無所有,至少他們還有那真正屬 於他們的山歌。

挖煤的日子

這樣的機會開始零零落落地出現,有少數 幾個同學幸運地離開山村,或去工廠,或去讀 書。然而我雖然好幾次被推薦上去,最終總是 被"涮"下來。原因並非是我不努力勞動,而 是因為我的父親在抗日戰爭時曾參加國民黨的 青年軍。雖說志在抗日,然而日後卻成了一個 政治歷史上的污點,而這污點註定要由子孫後 **輩來承擔後果。在那些日子裡,我唯一能做的** 便是忘卻一切地幹活,還投入了村裡的小煤礦 去挖煤。所謂的"煤礦",其實是深山裡挖下 去的一條條狹窄而陡峭的巷道。每次像狗一樣 爬進爬出,點著小煤油燈,在巷道深處挖滿一 筐煤,便一步一顫地彎腰把煤筐拖出洞口,又 累又沒有安全保障。記得在一個陰雨綿綿的傍 晚,有幾名同學將要被抽調去當地的工廠工 作,而我則從山裡挑了滿滿一擔煤趕回村子 來,在泥濘的山路上我一失足滑倒了,煤塊樹 了一地。我掙扎著爬起來,才發覺左胳臂摔折 了,手臂變得畸形而淤血。當我在兩中的山路 上跌跌撞撞回村子時,心頭一片漆黑。回到住 處,正好碰上被抽調走的幾個同學高高興興地 辦完手續回來,我雖然由衷地為這幾個同學慶 幸,然而心中卻是一種廣漠無邊的對前途的茫 然。那一天的情景如此深刻地烙印在我的記憶

裡,幾十年來難以忘懷。然而我性格中隱藏著的倔強的一面,卻逐漸使自己冷靜了下來。所以我繼續我的勞作、讀書、給鄉村小學教夜校,在煤洞裡挖煤。骨折癒合了,生活繼續著。我想,也許將來會有那麼一天,也許命運會改變的。

尾記

在清貧而單調的山村歲月裡,曾經在油燈下夜讀時,或是與同學們在冬夜烤火時,都常對未來作種種揣摩。在深夜裡,聽著同學們輕微的鼾聲,寫下一頁頁鄉村日記。私下裡最大膽的妄想,無非是有朝一日重回學校,圓了我的大學夢,可是無論如何絕對不會想到十來



難忘吾師

吳佳

覃老師用她的熱情感染了我們這些高中生,也激起了我們對未來生活的嚮往和憧憬……

在春節拜年的電話中,得知我那幫"狐朋狗友"們春節又和鞏老師團聚了!聽說鞏老師還是那麼精力充沛,居然和我的老同窗們去京郊放鞭炮呢!從網上傳來的照片看,鞏老師依舊是風韻不滅當年。而那群坐在她周圍,與高采烈的少年男女就是我那些勞蒸分飛,闊別已久的高中同窗們!他們熟悉的面孔更多了幾分成熟。是啊!我們大家都在不知不覺中步入了中年。只是那份和鞏老師的師生情還是那麼地濃。

鞏明德老師是我十八年學生生涯中最難忘的一位師長。認識她時,我剛升到高中部的理 科重點班。跟著重理輕文的時尚,我和理科班 的各位"書蟲"們一樣,堅信著"學好數理 化,走遍天下都不怕"。所以文理並重的學生可 謂是鳳毛麟角。同學們各個埋頭苦幹,最關心 的是自己在每次數理化大考中排名第幾。人人 一副"自掃門前雪,不管他人瓦上霜"的動 頭,鞏老師就是在這種情況下成爲我們班主任 兼語文老師的。

我還記得第一次見到羣老師的情景。她那時大概三十七、八歲的樣子。一頭好像燙過微微捲曲的黑髮,穿著一身海藍色的西裝套服,足蹬一雙黑色高跟鞋。這在那時,可謂是瀟灑時髦了。她講課的方式讓我耳目一新。她快善,聲音明亮,面部表情十分豐富,並且善於運用肢體語言。她上課從不照本宣科,不固

守講臺,板書很少。她邊走邊講,再加提問, 稍不留神,碰上她快捷的提問,就會被搞得目 瞪口呆,張口結舌。鞏老師上課妙語連珠,她 能把枯躁乏味的之乎者也變得趣味無窮,加之 她問答相間,課堂提問涉及課文時事。她生動 活潑的教學方式很快就引起大家的學習興趣。 與豫不同的是,在課上她居然就當時電視新聞 中,美國總統雷根遇刺提問,她問我們總統保 鏢是怎樣以身體護衛總統的。問得大家大眼瞪 小眼,人人啞口無言。因爲許多同學都不知道 有這回事,即使有少數看的同學也沒注意到這 個細節。結果鞏老師不僅當場表演了那個動 作,她遗告訴大家,新聞作爲文學的一種形式 理應得到我們的關注。學習也不是"兩耳不聞 窗外事,一心唯讀聖賢書"。聽了鞏老師的課 後,我再也不怕枯澀難懂的古文和令人頭痛的 句法分析了。而我的作文在她的指導下,也有 了長足的進步。

羣老師的另一個功勞,是把我們這個死氣沈 沈的書呆子班變成了一個活潑友愛的小團隊。這 也是爲什麼畢業後時隔數十載,同窗友誼至今一 如繼往。那時鞏老師常常在六節課後,率領全班 在音樂教室裏放聲歌唱。我們一次次地伴著她的 琴聲進入教室。 我們的精神也在歌聲中振奮起來 了!我們唱岳飛的"滿江紅"、"松花江上"、"德 聶伯爾河",還有當代歌曲,"浪花裏飛出歡樂的 歌"等等。鞏老師用她的熱情感染了我們這些高 中生,也激起了我們對未來生活的嚮往和憧憬。在輩老師的倡導鼓勵下,我們成功地進行了我們高中的第一次、也是最後一次的新年聯歡會。在那個人人都有節目的聯歡會上,看到的是同窗們一張張的笑臉,聽到的是一陣陣的掌聲。記得那次聯歡會是在鞏老師指揮的全班合唱中圓滿結束的!

那是我永遠難忘的一年。在電老師引導下,我們不但參加了籃球,排球聯賽,而且田徑場上也有我們矯健的身影。我們輪流辦壁報,開班級學習經驗交流會。我們縱然有考不完的試,但我們更有多彩的生活。同學們賽場上互相加油喝采,學習上攜手共進。

蜡蜡打帮車事進來,下車後,73歲的小兒子,體門探望。

缚缚:美女回來了。(心情愉悅地)

兒子:美女?美女在哪兒?(作大惑不解四顧搜費狀)

媽媽:美女就在這兒。(一臉委屈)

兒子:我沒有看到美女,我只看到一個超級美女。

姐姐:你就會追我學心.(眉闡眼笑)

一取材自母子真實對話

懷念恭王府

王瑞芸

正院之中有两裸很大的銀杏樹,到了秋天,一樹金黃,煌煌然有富貴氣象......

我不是北京人,但在來美國之前,我在北京讀書、工作,待了有六年,我愛北京。雖說北京的住讓我狼狽過,但誰讓北京是三朝古都呢!就是狼狽,那份狼狽中也透著古都文化的餘澤,讓人想著也鶯懷,嚼著也有味,總之我愛北京。

我在一九八二年進了北京的中國藝術研究 院讀研究生,那個研究院座落在一個絕好的去 **處:恭王府。恭王是光緒皇帝的六叔,被人戲** 稱為"鬼子六"的那位,恭王曾經權傾一時, 在慈禧前比光緒還有臉,他的王府因此極其氣 派。恭王府位於北海後門的什剎海。什剎海是 由北海流出的水蓄成的兩個潭組成,實際上等 於是兩個池塘,能被尊為"海"自然出自皇家 的氣焰這兩潭水一前一後,前面一潭水叫前 海,後一潭水叫後海。在北方乾燥的地域,有 水城相伴是一種難得的福氣,所以沿前後"海" 一带盡為王府,在恭王府的前面有醇親王府, 現為郭沫若故居,恭王府的後面有端親王府, 現為宋慶齡故居。宋慶齡故居我去參觀過,保 護得很好,有南方園林玲瓏精緻的風格。郭沫 若故居和恭王府只一街之隔,我們凡從恭王府 出門上街必沿其高牆走過,但六年中卻不得進 去過一次,因為從不對外開放。郭沫若生前有 些不可琢磨,死後故居也不肯亮相,可惜好大 的一個王府成日空關著,不知裡面是個什麼樣 子。這一帶王府中首推恭王府最大,派用場最 多。其中不僅有中國藝術研究院,還有中國音 樂學院,以及『紅樓夢』研究所。這三家把恭 王府一分為三:『紅樓夢』研究所佔據了恭王府 全部的後花園。中國藝術研究院佔據了王府幾 乎全部的前院。中國音樂學院大概來的晚,只 在恭王府裡分到幾間側殿作為演奏室,然後利 用王府門前的空地——王府門前要歇轎停馬, 從前一定非常寬敞---蓋了兩棟很高的棲房, 做他們的教室、琴房、學生宿舍、圖書館、食 堂。有了他們,靜靜的王府內便可常聞琴聲、

歌聲。現在恭王府原先的大門已不復存在(大約 是音樂學院蓋樓之過,可惜!)只隨便裝了一扇 鐵製的門,下面一半是鐵板,上面一半是鐵欄, 這種鐵門隨處可見,毫無特色,作為王府的門 面,很不雅相。在這大門的兩邊,分別掛了兩 塊牌子:一是"中國藝術研究院",一是"中 國音樂學院",白底黑字,醒目得很。『紅樓夢』 研究所不從這個大門進出,她們在花園那邊另 開一個門,這個門前不掛他們的牌子。

恭王府的格局有些像缩小簡約的故宫,有 中軸線而左右嚴格對稱,從最前面那扇現代鐵 門進去,裡面還有兩道王府原先留下的朱漆二 門三門,都配得有門廳,門廳兩邊各有一排廂 房,大約以前住衛兵。兩門離地面有相當高度, 之間有一條石砌的通道相連,走在上面是有些 身份的。從三門進去,便是一個正院,迎面一 個大大的正殿——如今成了中國藝術研究院的 會議室,正殿的兩邊有配殿,長年空關著,裡 面不知堆了什麼東西,正院之中有兩棵很大的 銀杏樹,到了秋天,一樹金黃,煌煌然有富貴 氣象。在正院的兩旁有四個側院,左邊的兩套 高敞肅穆;右邊的兩套極為雅致精巧,裡面栽 桃植李,修竹摇碧。在正院和側院之間有窄窄 長長的通道,通到後面的大院裡,最後的這個 院子有一楝極長的兩層凹字型樓房,相當於一 堵圍牆的長度,把整個王府攔腰斷開,作為整 個前院的結束。這棟棲有一個奇怪的名字叫 "九十九間半",因為中國人忌滿數。果然的, 這棟樓上下合計共有九十九間半房間,在"九 十九間半"之後便是花園的開始。

恭王府的花園非常大,裡頭有花園假山流水小丘是不消說,最可奇的是這花園裡錯錯落落分布著許多小院落,單門獨戶,而且風格不一,有軒敞的,有幽靜的,有華麗的,那批紅學家們盤踞其中,深居簡出,不免因情生景,堅持認為恭王府的花園就是大觀園的原形。並且能一一指出哪一處為恰紅院,哪一處為稻香

村,哪一處為瀟湘館---說的有鼻子有眼的。 還說 "九十九間半 "是王熙鳳的廂房,在"紅 樓夢"第三回裡,黛玉剛進賈府,熙鳳來得遲, 是因為在後樓上,為王夫人找緞子,耽擱了, 她說的後樓就是九十九間半啊!原先,王府的 花園和前院是連著的,但現在和前面用一道牆 完全斷開,只在花園的圍牆上另開一個門。這 門整日裡緊關著,連我們這樣的近鄰輕易也不 讓進,因為實在離得近,我們在散步的當兒, 總可以遇見那扇綠漆大門洞開之時——大抵是 門房在收郵件,或工人往裡拉沙子——溜進 去,著實逛過幾回,果然,裡面有一處處院落, 最是在花園的盡頭,靠了圍牆的一處,有幾間 屋子,花窗幽静,修竹寂寥,像極了瀟湘館。 我們在窗洞裡張望,空落落的,靜幽幽的,沒 有人住,大家都伸舌頭,縮脖子,踮著腳兒走 開,怕攢了林妹妹的清魂。

像藝術研究院這樣的機構,落腳王府倒不 **辱沒這古蹟**,在這兒都是讀書知禮之人,上班 悄悄地來,下班悄悄地走,彼此見了面都點頭 做揖,柔聲問好,絕無鏗鏘的步子踏壞了王府 的樓板,沒有囂人的聲浪震動王府的瓦片。老 一批的研究人員們都在北京胡同的四合院子裡 另有住處。所以古老的王府讓一群溫雅的讀書 人添幾張書桌,也是物盡其用。到了80年代, 情形開始不同了,舉國上下改革開放,藝術研 究院不甘寂寞,開始辦研究生院,招新納賢, 後學新進們開始一批批地進來,而且還一批批 地留下,那幾年無論是招來的研究生,還是留 下的畢業生,全都在恭王府內安營扎宅,因為 王府之外,北京市內,並無一所空房可供租借。 如此,恭王府的老身敞開懷抱,著實替北京市 消化掉一些人口。

在研究生時期,我們做學生的被集中在王府之內後來蓋成的一座樓裡,地處王府內東南的空地上——故宫的東南角也有一片很大的空地上——故宫的東南角也不迟建築上下商時度,樓上就作為藝術學院的研究生居住學習,樓上就作為藝術學院的研學生居住學習,當大時間還要留出一塊大的空間供我們上大課中間還要留出一塊大的空間供我們三年研究起桌子打台球。那一層樓面便是我們三年

究生生涯的全部活動天地了,作為書齋,倒也 馬虎的過,因為學文科無需特殊的設備,一 書桌足矣,況且讀書人可以藉書本在想像裡 是是,認至竟賢,居斗室又有何妨。 是是在一層樓面上,倒也相安無事 是一個學生住在一層樓面上,倒也相安無事的 是一個學生的,漸漸地就有破綻露出來了,年紀大些的 學有內眷攜兒帶女來探親,年齡小些的 情節 交 ,常有紅男綠女來走動,這些分外的情節 在 那個有限的空間裡簡直沒有一點餘地可供發 展,笑話多了去了。

只說我那時候,也開始交男朋友,男友在 北京大學讀研究生,也住集體宿舍,每個週末, 或者他來會我,或者我去找他,沒有缺席過一 次,雖說春天可以去八大處踏青,夏天可以在 什剎海裡戲水,秋天有香山紅葉可賞,冬天不 妨到北海溜冰,但我們大部分的時間還是需要 在室內消磨,他在北大的宿舍有三位男同胞合 住,我這邊是三位女同胞合住。彼此的室友倒 都很貼心解意,那邊的見了我,這邊的見了他, 寒喧兩句,就都借指一事,知趣躲開,讓我們 兩人自在。但日子長了,不免就有些懈怠。我 的室友不能湊巧每個週末都有被單可洗,及便 有了,也不能洗到兩個小時以上,他的室友或 者正打算在週末的晚上横躺在床上看金庸的武 俠,捨不得中斷。我們當然也有眼色,審時度 事,留不下就走,那個時期,我們在離恭王府 不遠的新街口電影院看了許多不想看的電影, 後海沿街的小花園內,一年四時,必定可以看 見我們雙雙倩影,春秋時節,後海是個好去處, 有一"海"子碧水, 臨"海"且有石凳可坐, 當得起花前月下的境界。到了夏天,因有蚊蟲 施虐,情形就要差些。那些小蟲子攪得人不能 安坐,不得出神,時時走動,刻刻提防,就這 **磨著**,約會一次,身上總得帶著好幾處紅癢做 結束。在冬天裡,就更狼狽了,有時在潮風怒 號的夜晚,我們裹著大衣,也得到小花園找說 話的地方。那個時候,我們別無一求,只求有 一小方屬於我們自己的獨立空間,那怕特別小 也成啊!

我們同在八五年畢業,各自都留在原單位 工作,既工作了,就結婚---也就是成家吧!結婚,成家這兩個詞原指一事,在我們的情形下,

卻分明是兩回事,我們只能先結婚:登記、領 證,從登記處出來還是各回各的集體宿舍,成 家,沒門,房子呢?這情形反正也不是我們一 對,所以我們頗能處之泰然,依然每個週末做 後海小花園約會的老功課。兩下裡設法,發現 北京大學那邊家大業大,人滿得只差站到未名 湖中去,簡直無縫可站,這邊恭王府老宅倒有 些好處,它除了明處的正殿,側院之外,曲裡 拐彎,有不少耳房偏室可以開發,我們前面的 畢業生留下之後,都在王府內的這些細微末節 之處見縫插針,找了安身之地。輪到我們這一 **屆,可惜連這樣的地方也幾乎利用完了,研究** 院不得已,只得把留下的人安置在後面九十九 間半的辦公樓內住。這事聽來奇怪,但實際卻 也可行。因為在研究院的人無需每天來坐班, 通常每星期只來王府一次,點個卯,借兩本書, 會一會同事,辦公室大半時間空關著,於是把 辦公室兼做臥室並不妨礙工作。與院裡商量之 後,我也住進了九十九間半的辦公室。那間辦 公室分配給三個人用,裡面放了三張辦公桌, 那兩位同事把辦公桌放在房間的外邊半間,我 們就在裡面半間放了一床一桌,並在房間的一 半處拉了塊布簾子,這個地方畢竟是辦公之 處,總不能讓我們公然堆放鍋碗瓢杓,於是院 裡把恭王府細細的一搜,居然還能在最前面的 左侧院中找出一間極小的耳房 …小到連一張 雙人床都放不下(不知以前是做什麼的,是給更 夫放更棒的?)…讓我們可以放箱籠被褥、日用 雜物。至此,我們的家算是草成了。這個"家" 情形是:在恭王府後院的樓上有一張床,在恭 王府前面的側院有一間耳房。從此我開始成天 在恭王府裡前後亂竄,到前面的耳房去取一塊 肥皂,往後院的樓上送一條被單,有時讀書至 夜,腹中飢餓,便深更半夜在黑黝黝的,高牆 深院的恭王府裡穿過,到前面的那間小耳房裡 用電爐去煮掛麵吃。

這樣的生活狼狽嗎? 不,一點也不,我 和丈夫心滿意足,因為我們已經實現了當年在 後海小花園中的夢想:有一塊屬於自己的空 間。雖然這空間被分為兩處,有一處還只在晚 **閰屬於我們,但這夠好了。而且,九十九間半** 是什麽地方?王府的樓房,不吹牛,能在王府 的樓上放一張床,簡直是修來的福氣,因為九 十九間半,簷是簷,廊是廊,板是板,磚是磚, 蓋得又結實又好,牆壁有尺把厚,柱子有半抱 粗,這樣的房子冬暖夏涼,住著別提有多麼舒 服。而且九十九間半還有一個別處少有好處: 它每一間房間的窗戶被做成不同的式樣,有圓 的、有扇形的、有菱形的,我們住的那一間竟 是一個桃形的,我的書桌就放在這桃形的窗 下,一個凝神讀書的身影配了一扇桃形的窗戶 一定是非常好看的。那時恭王府已經被北京市 作為文物保護單位,所以王府內被粉刷油漆一 新,樑柱簷飾,描金敷彩,富麗堂皇,置身其 中,真是賞心悅目。那一段時間,真是我們的 好日子,每天下午五點之後,上班的人去樓空, 王府之內靜謐幽深,不聞市置。閒閒地拎了碗 去設在王府內的食堂吃了現成的晚飯,在晚靄 中,或在九十九間半沿廊漫步,或找王府內散 住同事交換新書,閒話時事。消食之後,便在 王府的樓上,桃形的窗下挑燈讀書,愛讀那一 本就讀那一本,愛讀到多久就讀到多久。王府 内的清靜在早上十點前是不會被打破的,盡可 以懶睡。在這樣的環境裡生活,讀書,我們這 一起人,雖不是物質上的,但絕對是精神上的 **貴族。**

如今在美國,我們曾有三年的時間中住在 一棟靠著一家大醫院的公寓中,飽受過往的街 車,以及醫院救護車鳴笛的吵鬧之苦,遙想當 日在北京恭王府中的悠然歲月,"叫我如何不 想它"!

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家中內外的燈,每晚總是亮著到我回家為止,深怕我會走錯跌跤,這等關懷,怎能忘記……

算算已是二十餘年前的事了,那時候我因好 奇又想能獨當一面過著自給自足的生活,就很有 自信的買下了一間連鎖店。沒料到,經營店面, 實在不容易,說起來更是苦水滿杯一言難盡。

因不會開車,為了往返便利,在店的附近分租了一間房屋。房東名阿蒂爾,是位很不快樂的婦人。沒想到,往沒多久,房東就心臟病突發去世,當時我非常的難過又感慨,想想剛才安定下來又得搬家,實在很煩。

還在左右為難的時候,突然間有位附近的 鄰居跑來說:她叫珍妮絲,就住在隔了十幾間 外的房子。她說她是阿蒂爾的朋友,我的一 情形她都非常清楚。她希望我能搬過去和她們 住,吸引人的是不收房租,交換的條件是她們 夫婦經常外出旅行,家中需要有位可以信賴的 大住著,就比較放心。最重要的是她說可以把 她們的家當作自己的家,不用拘束,完全自由。 有這麼多的好處,我就立刻搬了過去。

從連鎮店到新居,步行不過五、六分鐘。但 每當我工作疲憊回家時,在我的床邊,總會有些 餅乾水果之類放在那兒,深怕我會挨餓受飢似 的。家中內外的燈,每晚總是亮著到我回家為止, 深怕我會走錯跌跤,這等關懷,怎能忘記。

珍妮絲和她的丈夫情深似海,那種親蜜與 包容是平常人難與相比。看到她們如此相處無 間,真令人羨慕,更領悟到什麼是真正的幸福。 她們夫婦對人親切,真誠又有愛心。對我的關 照,更是無微不至。

與她們相處感覺上永遠是和平安樂的。有時假日和她們同去做些慈善的事情,更是何時的快樂。有次,她們夫婦作歐洲旅遊為期三週,她說我可以邀我的朋友來小住數日,以遣寂寞。我的友人都非常的驚奇,恭喜我有如此優厚的房東。她們歐洲回來那天,我為她們開了個小小的派對,煮了一些可口的中國菜,同時在大門上舖了"歡迎回家"的布條。這件事卻讓她們記了一輩子。逢人必說,所有左鄰右舍,

親朋好友,無人不知。

我們在國內往往是以文會友,到了美國則 是以菜會友,因此讓我結交了不少美國朋友, 其中又以珍妮絲為最。雖然我們有文化的不同 與語言的隔閡,可是我們從來沒有困難去瞭 對方。我們所做的每一件事都能那麼融合,認 實互通,精神合一。就是憑著這個道理,讓我 瞭解"相逢何必曾相識",彼此能有同樣的善心 與實心,冥冥之中就會成為知己,又有誰會計 較你是來自何方?

我與珍妮絲相處久了,情感與日俱增。她 提議要結成異國姊妹,永不分開,讓這份真情 直追永遠。

終於到了這一天,我分配到了公寓,速食店也該轉手讓人的時候。她聽到我要搬出去這個消息,讓她不能自己的哭了幾天,成天眼睛都是紅腫的,後來還是她的丈夫再三苦勸解說我分配到了房子該是件高興的事,應該慶幸才是,她方漸漸的堅強起來。

往事歷歷,如今都成了追憶。自我搬出之後,每逢佳節仍回到她們的家園團聚。我住過的房間,她都保持原樣,每隔一段時間,就重新佈飾一次。還邀我回去觀看一番。每次都洋溢著友情的珍貴。

現在大家都老了,相見也難,往往力不從心。"友情"只能深刻心版,回味無窮。

應她再三的要求,要讓我結識的點點滴滴寫 出來作為永久的記憶。所以我用中文寫了這篇文章,屬名"溫情",由我的女婿張翻成英文寄出。 她感動極了,來函再三向我及女婿致謝。

我非常珍惜這一段真誠的友情,它是人生 道路上的旅伴,會使你感覺上沒有那麼孤單。 隱隱之中有人在關懷,那不是值得慶幸的嗎? 所以我才將她寫了出來與大家共享,以誌永念。

任吳少嫻寫於千橡樹下時年八十又三

山間的清泉

劉萊莉

四姆姆自幼失學,目不識丁。雖然她受的文化教育不多,品格卻自潔高尚……

我是由媬姆照顧長大的,自然而然在我與她之間有一種不可分割的感情聯繫。凡提到往事,她的名字總是掛在我嘴邊,她的音容笑貌也常浮現於我的腦海。如果你問我"她是一個什麼樣的人?"我會告訴你"她就如山中的清泉,雖平淡,卻清純,回味甘甜"。

我的媬姆周瑞容,出身於農村地主家庭, 是大太太唯一的孩子。母親早逝,由繼母帶大。 後來繼母也去世。當她十八歲出嫁時,她的父 親已娶了第三任妻子。非常不幸,她結婚不到 一年,男人被抓兵,一去不復返。失去了依靠, 她帶著遺腹女,回到娘家討生活。與後母相處, 如同寄人籬下。後來不知因何聯繫,她託人向 我的外祖父求助。外祖父看她寡妇孤女可憐, 又念及她丈夫與自己同姓,便收留了她母女二 人。開始,她在外祖父家負責做鞋。後來,在 我三歲多的時候,我的小弟,也就是母親的第 三個孩子出生。我是老大,便被送回樂山外祖 父的家中。從此她便成了專職照顧我的媬姆。 我稱呼她為"四姆姆"。我與她朝夕相處,一直 到小學畢業上初中的時後,我重返成都,才與 她分離。

俗話說 "民以食為天"。提起我的四姆姆, 首先想到的是她為我煮過的成千上萬頓飯菜。 四姆姆的廚藝高,燒得一手好菜。她會灌香腸、 做臘肉。經過煙燻的香腸、臘肉用曬衣的長竹 竿掛起來,在陰涼處吹乾,然後放在大瓦缸中 密封保存。煮熟後切成薄片的香腸臘肉,有肥 有瘦。肥的透明,瘦的色如玫瑰红,放在口中 鮮美無比。有煙燻的香氣,鹹淡適宜,且略有 絲絲甜味。逢年過節,她還會蒸出一碗碗粉蒸 内、扣肉。有的用芋頭、土豆打底,甜燒白則 用糯米或紅薯襯托。那蒸肉軟軟滑滑,入口即 化,回味無窮。她也是做四川泡菜的行家。她 做的一罐罐泡菜,既酸又脆還帶點辣味。最常 用的材料是粉白蘿蔔、長江豆、嫩薑和辣椒。 她的泡菜手藝小有名氣,街坊鄰居常來向她討 泡菜罈裡的"老水"作為菌種。秋冬季節,她

選常自襲甜米酒。每次選等不及甜酒發酵成 熟,香味就從厚厚的被窩中飄出來,我便忍不 住偷偷用勺匙將酒窩中的瓊漿取而食之。端午 節她做的白粽、紅豆粽,以及元宵節的桂花芝 麻甜湯圓、肉餡鹹湯圓,都是使人饞涎慾滴的 美食。平日的家常便飯中,有幾樣葷菜是我的 最爱。白切肉拌上十幾種麻辣香甜的酌料,滋 味豐富。溜肝尖用蒜苗或蒜苔,芳香之中的肝 片嫩嫩軟軟。紅蘿蔔燒五花肉,肥瘦兼搭,香 而不腻。川丸子配上筍尖、木耳、香菇和冬瓜, 肉餡中不加醬油,白白的粒粒小丸,一口一個, 肉質疏鬆充滿湯汁,清香爽口且鮮美。你瞧瞧, 我在這裡如數家珍,將四姆姆為我做過的好菜 飯都羅列出來。一則是"炫耀"她的精湛廚 藝,引以為榮。同時我自己也趁機作一次精神 會餐。過去數十年來,走南闖北,漂洋過海, 赴了不少宴會,也去過不知多少中餐館,想尋 回童年時的滋味感覺,始終不能如願。此時此 刻我精神上雖有了飽足感,可憐口水卻長流不 ıŁ∘

家鄉人過春節要從初一過到十五,四姆姆 設計了一套幾乎不變,年年都要執行的程序 表。大年三十以前,要將家裡上上下下,裡裡 外外,每個角落都清掃得一乾二淨。大年初一 至初三決不能動用廚刀和掃帚。初一清晨我醒 來,在枕頭邊會找到一身嶄新的衣褲鞋襪。初 二她會帶我去給外祖父、外祖母拜年。初三我 們則乘船去大佛寺、烏龍寺燒香拜佛。樂山的 大佛世界聞名,是用整座大山雕刻成的。大佛 脚下三江匯合,水流激而險。翻船事故往往出 在這裡。一上船,四姆姆就緊合雙眼,手捻佛 珠,誦經不止。我想她大約是在求佛主保祐, 擺渡平安。大佛寺和烏龍寺分別座落在兩個山 頭上,彼此相距不遠。山上蒼翠高大的樹木, 密密匝匝,投下濃陰片片。因為潮濕,石板路 上還有一薄層綠綠的苔蘚。站在山頂望前看, 樂山縣城以及環繞它的三條大河盡收眼前,景 象非常壯觀。到了佛寺,她去燒香敬拜,我則

用所得的壓歲錢,去各式各樣的小攤買零食 吃。在那裡我最愛吃的零食之一,是麻辣酸甜 香,五味俱全的凉拌大頭菜。一分錢一片,不 用半分鐘,食物就下了肚,可留在口中的濃郁 滋味足以讓你回味一陣子。陶醉於誘人的美食 之中,我對週遭仙境般的山山水水,渾然不覺, 無所感受。可是面對巨大的佛像,我驚嘆不已。 瞪大了雙眼看著人們攀上佛頂,在上面悠然地 走來走去。據說佛頂上大到可以擺一桌酒席, 而大佛的耳垂即有一人之高,實在是偉大。烏 龍寺給我印象最深的是那一尊活靈活現如同真 人般的濟公像,他灰黑灰黑的讓我生畏,但那 面目的笑容又讓我感到可親。還有那千年觀 音,手那麼多,我數過,好像沒數清楚。現在 樂山已成為旅遊的熱點,她的名勝古蹟,清麗 的山水,吸引了無數遊客。人人都說我的家鄉 美。我盼望在不久的將來,重返舊地,以一顆 成熟了的心,一雙經歷過世面的眼睛,重新領 略故鄉的風姿韻貌。

四姆姆自幼失學,目不識丁。雖然她受的 文化教育不多、品格卻自潔高尚。與人相處、 她不卑不亢;辨事有分寸,不出格;她態度謙 和,隨遇而安;從來不曾見她長篇大論的說過 什麼道理。四姆姆對我的管教不鬆也不嚴。沒 有強迫我做過什麼事,幾乎沒有青罵過我。只 記得有一次,我夥同鄰居的幾個孩子偷泡菜 吃,從我家開始,吃完了我家的,再去分享鄰 居高大娘的。誰知高大娘的泡菜罈又高又大, 我人小,拿不動那罈蓋,一失手將罈蓋掉在地 上打碎了。幾個小小孩,膽子可不小,不知闆 了禍,繼續坐在地上,將高家的泡菜也吃光。 然後胡亂將碎了的罈蓋放回去。事發之後,她 用尺子打了我的手心,左右手各三下。如今回 憶起來,她對我的教育和影響,全部在於她的 表現與行為。從她的身上找不到懶散軟弱的痕 跡,一天到晚勤勤懇懇。她身體力行教育我養 成勤勞的習慣。大约在我十歲左右,她讓我隨 同鄰居的大孩子一道去米店買米,然後用背兜 將米撐回家。有時也讓我到河邊,漂洗少量她 洗過的衣裳。春節前,又讓我將園中的雜草除 盡,並以發壓歲錢作為獎勵。一次,她生病不 能起床。我在鄰居的協助指導下,踩在小凳子 上,夠著鍋台,做了一頓飯菜,送到她床邊。

她感動不已,讚口不絕地鼓勵我。

我從小愛聽故事,常纏著四姆姆要她給我 "說書"。她的故事多半是有關 "程咬金","唐 三藏西天取經","梁山伯與祝英台","西廂記" 和"白蛇傳"。每次我都聽得津津有味。她還學 茶館裡的說書人,拿拿架子,一到精彩之處便 停止,說明天再講。這樣的一老一小,老的戴 著花鏡做針線活,態度安祥;小的坐在小板凳 上,全神灌注;老的講,小的聽。如此平安的 畫面,至今仍讓我覺得溫馨。

我是在城鎮中長大的孩子,多虧了四姆姆 才有機會與自然、美麗、純潔的農村有了一些 接觸。她的父親始終住在河對面的農村裡,一 年之中有幾次她會帶著我下鄉探親訪友。坐小 船過了河在砂石灘走一小會兒,就會看到兩邊 的農田。春天稻秧刚刚插下去,嫩綠嫩綠的, 一簇一簇排列整齊,就像我們小學生上體操 課,隊列橫平豎直,間距相等,煞是好看。秋 天一片金黄,成熟的稻穗頭重身輕,真的會隨 風飄舞起波浪。不過我不喜歡去摸,它上面有 小針芒,摸起來棘手刺癢。她的父親長得高高 大大,白髮白鬚,慈眉善目,臉色白裡透紅, 胸前掛一大串佛珠,像個佛爺。那第三任太太 比四姆姆還年輕,長的也挺高。可能是因為總 在外面幹活,整個人看上去是深棕紅色,皮膚 也粗糙。每次去,都是她跑前跑後,洗菜、切 肉、做飯。菜是從她家後邊菜園子裡摘下來的。 那菜園不小,什麼都有。有攀藤架的絲瓜、豆 莢,還有在地上爬的冬瓜、南瓜,以及一畦一 畦肥嫩鲜綠的蔬菜。他父親的房子靠山,用的 水是用竹筒將山泉接過來。那水又涼又甘甜, 真好喝! 進大門庭院中間有葡萄架,結的葡萄 甜甜酸酸。農村的人很好客,尤其是對大戶人 家的孩子,特別的優待。每次去總以"宴席" 款待之。若是夏天去,還會請我們吃冰甜的涼 糕。那種涼糕呈鮮橙色,據說是從一種植物的 果實中擠出汁來做成的。至今我仍記得,她父 親家的廳堂又高、又大、又空、也較暗,因為 只有一面向陽有窗戶。說有的時候,在高高的 房樑上會發現大蛇吊在那裡,不知是真是假。 我每次坐在那裡吃飯,總會向上觀望一下,看 看是否有大蛇從上面掉下來。

剛上初中,我就離開樂山,回到成都。雖然與四姆分離,可心者也為著她。大學畢業後,與幾經周折,最後與先生、小兒子居如幾經周折,最後與先生、小兒子居如婚人,我有了自己的不,便當一個孫女接來小住。那一天,與當人人的大人,有種感情上的歡欣衝動。此過一點,下坡慢,我滿心憐愛,內學不過一點,下坡慢,我滿心憐愛,內別重逢時,又攙又扶。我想這就是親人久別重逢的事人又攙又扶。我想這就是親人久別重逢的事人,又攙又扶。我想這就是親人久別重逢的事人,又攙又扶。我想這就是親人久別重逢的事人,又攙又扶。我想這就是親人久別重發的確是我心底中的至親。

四人幫倒台後,我重返北京大學研究院學 習。三年後畢業,馬不停蹄,立即又來美國繼 續深造,搭乘著一輛接著另一輛的直達快車。 十多年中,一直是忙,忙,忙! 既沒有時間給 自己喘一口氣,也沒有功夫思念親人。日夜拼 搏,暈頭轉向。終於兒子大學畢業了,有空坐 下來翻翻陳年舊賬,才恍然大悟,我與四姆姆 失去聯繫已經十幾年了! 於是急忙向國內的親 人打聽,一拿到她的電話號碼,我立即掛長途 問好。可惜她已油乾燈草即將盡,大多數的時 間處於昏迷狀態,幾乎連親人也不能識別。我 聽見電話的另一端,她的女兒在叫她,告訴她 萊莉從美國來電話了。我在遠洋這邊,激動的 心砰砰亂跳,思緒萬千,種種畫面像萬花筒般 在腦海裡旋轉。滿懷著期望,我靜靜地等候, 等候她醒來。時間過的真慢,似乎是過了一個



父親當時在鄰裡孩童眼裡是個公認的風度極佳的紳士,終日忙於繁瑣的大學行政事務……

九月的上海秋高氣爽,這已是我十六年來第八次回到故土。我照樣約見了老友小 L,老鄰居蒙大,老同學惠,當年同演"沙家"時扮演刁德一的小鋼,及一幫留洋返回故土的復旦英文系的高材生。我照樣徜徉在大多不再熟悉的大街小巷,孜孜不倦地尋覓著我兒時熱愛的"糖葫蘆"、"素火腿"、"紅薯片"……

小L小我一歲,仍是孑然一身。每每見到 這幼兒園時的摯友,便忘卻一切在海外生活須 時時提防的忌諱,忍不住問起男友之事。小 L 總是訥訥地告我說這世上似乎找不到能嫁的男 子。小儿一直驚嘆同出於故土的我居然生了三 個孩子。我實在為老實、賢慧的她心焦,便將 我們共同的朋友小新最近赴美結婚之新聞告訴 了她。小新是在離婚後通過互聯網上的婚姻介 紹所結識並嫁給一美國白人的,而且她還非常 幸福。我以為小 L 仍怕惹上"崇洋媚外"之 名,正想規勸這快四十的人趕緊"孤注一擲"。 小上攀攀肩,無可奈何地告訴我小新的照片一 上網,竟收到無數封求愛信,可她自己沒有收 到過一封。我突然記起小新曾說過小上不會打 扮,照相穿著T恤毫無魅力。我心中暗自感嘆: 小L在中學可是個好學生,且端莊而秀麗,可 窈窕的小新倒真是善於"包裝",我的壁櫥中至 今還留著幾年前小新送我的她嫌 "不時髦"的 上海夾克衫。

有錢。我注意到他的腰似乎比前幾年見面時小 了幾圈。聊天時證實了我的猜想: 健身房已成 為他常光顧的地方。短暫的會面結束了,坐進 他那全新的黑色"別克"轎車中,詫異地發覺 CD 機中放的是上海也極流行的沙拉.布萊特蔓 的動聽而傷感的"離別時刻"。我貿然問起他多 年經商的心得,他回答我他的哲學乃"謙讓及 以誠相見"。我心中正琢磨著這當年的小伙伴, 如今的大富翁所說的生意經的真正含義,他又 說:"其實我小時對你的父親印象深刻,至今每 當教師節來臨我都會想起他的"。我聽了直發 愣:父親當時在鄰里孩童眼裡是個公認的風度 極佳的紳士,終日忙於繁瑣的大學行政事務及 世界經濟學研究,他與小蒙大沒有多少直接接 觸,莫非父親的人品連鄰里小孩也能感受 到?!

小學時代與我同台演出革命樣板戲的小 鋼,全無了"刁德一"的精瘦模樣。他現在是 上海電視廣告業的巨頭之一,其辦公室座落在 市中心內千百座與車水馬龍渾然一體的高樓之 中。我曾建議我們一起去看望退休了的對我們 影響很大的小學班主任支老師,他不以為然地 笑笑說"從無聯繫"。我又問起曾與我同台演出 "紅燈記"的扮"李玉和"的同學小 Z, 他也 回答我說"不知去向"。最後我想"將他一 軍",問起當時與他一起惡作劇,總與女同學作 對的死黨小 H 在哪裡,回答卻仍然是"失去聯 繋"。看得出來,小鋼的業績非常不錯,不停地 指揮著手下近二十個朝氣蓬勃的年輕大學生, 不斷地在電話上處理棘手的各種問題。他告訴 我近期目標乃是奪下"巨頭"之冠,他顯然不 满足現有的"巨頭之一"的桂冠。我記得他在小 學時就是女生行"注目禮"最多的最棒的學

中學同學惠一點沒變,從一出生就失去母 親的她還是那麼溫柔漂亮。同是律師的她卻由 於小時過度注射鏈霉素引起的聽力障礙無法出 庭。好在她平時是大學法學系副教授,只做兼職律師。我們見面免不了會談論些"國家大事",我最關心的是目前的法律制度有無實效。記得多年前惠因無令人刮目相看的家庭背景,更受不了"人治"統帥的中級法院,毅然決定去大學教書。我們照例在她的寬敞的四室大學教書。我們照例在她的寬敞的四室大學教書。我們照例在她的寬敞的四室大學、安徽來的小媬姆照舊燒得一桌佳餚,既可口又不油膩,500 元人民幣月薪請到的住家媬姆又一次讓我羨慕不已!

小 S 從浙江弄來的剛上市的"大閘蟹",一邊開始揭發每個同學的"暗戀史",仿彿又回到了臥 虎藏龍的復旦園…….

回上海的第二天,我带著二女,順著兒時 去"工會"或小菜場排隊買年貨的那條曾種滿 梧桐樹的路走去母校復旦附屬小學。這條路邊 現在擺滿了外地小商販的各種各樣五顏六色的 小攤位。復旦小學今非昔比,門口有復旦前校 長的精緻題名,校会由從前的矮平房變成了拔 地而起的高樓。我照樣見到了我做學生時的校 長現在的副校長李老師,我還見到了已提出退 体的我的英文啟蒙老師戴。由於姐姐是小學英 文教研室的主任,老師們的各種消息便源源不 絕。聽說當年教我隔壁班學生的徐老師前陣子 患了胰腺癌,她那張極富青春朝氣的臉一下子 浮現在我眼前。沒多久又聽說她去世了,據說 沒有幾個學生參加了她的追悼會。還聽說到會 的老師們都若有所悟: 怎麼只是幾個當年較差 的學生來弔唁,這些既無法留洋又不可能遠離 故土的學生留在了這片土地上,撫慰著九泉之 下的老師。

多少次我返回故土,拒絕孩子們住旅館的要求。這老家雖破,但在這裡我沒有揮之不去 的漂泊感,這裡是我的故土,有我的故人……



對人生加以思索的人,覺得人生是喜劇;只憑感觸而未思索的,便覺人生是悲劇。

那時候,我們每天走在這梧桐樹覆蓋的校園馬路上,是匆匆忙忙地來往於教室、圖書館、宿舍和食堂......

今年的中國過年,用十天的時間隻身一人去了中國。讓我能夠"瀟灑走一回"的理由,除了在北京陪年邁的父母過年,更重要的是去西安參加大學畢業二十年的同學聚會。

一九八二年一月,我們全班一百一十八位同學從西北電訊工程學院(現為西安電子科技大學)畢業,已經整整二十年了,雖然有的同學從沒見國的,可是這次竟有七十二位同學從全國各地乃至國外,相聚在西安西海大廈,每人衣服外邊套著一件下恤衫,左前胸上的小字是77級,背後的大字是17級,十年浩劫後,第一屆通過正式考試,全國大學生,與個人都有著不同變大學生,每個人都有著不同雙握在一起的手,從那一張張洋溢著熱情的臉,從那一陣又一陣的美聲,你所看到的是二十年的期盼與不變的同學情誼。

三天的聚會裡,我們有聊不完的話題,傳達 著二十年的思念與問候。然而我們聊的最多的竟然 是孩子。二十年前全班只有十幾位老三屆的學學已 經結婚有孩子。二十年後,連當年最小的同學也已 過了不惑之年。人到中年雖已事業有成,可更多的 是對父母和子女的責任。有的同學把正值初中、高 中的子女送到英國、澳大利亞等國家去留學,還有 不止一位同學對我說他們的孩子大學畢業後要到 美國繼續深造,希望我幫忙照顧。我真的為自己能

有這個機會為同學的下一代盡這個力而感到榮 幸。特別是見到王興珍同學和她的女兒,感受更深 了,王舆珍是當年我們班來自貴州山區的布依族女 生,我還記得她當年充滿稚氣的臉上常常掛著微 笑,二十年後,再見到她,歲月的滄桑已留下了不 少痕跡,走在街上,也許我認不出她來了。還是像 當年一樣坐著火車的硬座從貴州來到西安,所不同 的是带著她上高中的女兒同行。貴州是中國一個相 當落後又偏遠的省份,交談中知道王興珍現在在家 鄉的一所職業學校當老師,女兒八歲時她離了婚, 靠自己微薄的收入,一個人撫養女兒。好在女兒非 常優秀,學習相當努力,考到地區去上高中。平日 就住在學校老師的一間小棚子裡,這個連房子都不 是的小棚子,半間放的是老師燎火做飯用的柴禾, 另半間就是她的一張小床。每個周末,王興珍會坐 一個多小時的火車去看望女兒一次。她告訴我們, 女兒曾經對她說:「媽媽,我知道你這麼多年辛苦 都是為了我,我要好好學習,考上大學,將來有了 好工作,把你接出去。」這是一個偏遠山區女孩再 樸實不過的願望了,可它多讓一個作母親的欣慰 啊!我對王興珍說:有這樣一個女兒,你所做的一 切都值了!同學們在感嘆之餘,都表示以後她的女 兒在求學中有任何困難,我們二系七七一班的同學 都義不容辭地幫助她。

想想自己,現在最大的責任就是培育兩個兒子,不得不承認二十年後的生活重心和對事業的憧憬與二十年前已經截然不同了。我們是我們這一代人中有理想和機會受好教育的人,我們們當然努力。常言說:人生如夢,這需要我們不懈知知的說:人生如夢,二十年是人生一個不知到。常言說:十年能讓我們如夢方醒,意識達不,則還來的及。那就是要永確一個人生,扮演好自己在家庭、工作和社會中的角色,不論還有幾個二十年,夢醒的自以種會中的角色,不論還有幾個二十年,夢醒的自以在會中的角色,不論還有幾個二十年,夢醒的自以在會中的角色,不論還有幾個二十年,夢醒的自以在會對時人生路上留下的每一個堅實腳步以及我們不斷的追求。

"再過二十年,我們來相會,舉杯讚英雄, 光榮屬於誰?……"我不記得這首歌的名字了,可 相信我們這輩人,年輕時都聽過甚至會唱這首歌, 不是五年,也不是十年,二十年真的夠長。如今我們真的實現了二十年後的相聚,可回憶的實在是太

多了,幸好還不只是有回憶。因為在我們的生命裡,還有更多的二十年,我們還有更多的事要做。

又是一年

馮瀚雄

深夜驅車在人煙杳然的街上,靜得會教你發慌……

矇矓少年時作文,最喜歡套用 "光陰似箭,日月如梭","日曆日曆,掛在牆壁,一天撕去一頁,叫我心裡著急"。嘴中掉著文,老氣橫秋,自以為知天識地,其實那點兒年紀,少不更事,又怎麼真識愁滋味?只嫌玩的時間苦短,讀書時間過長,心裡只盼自己快快長大,可以獨立自主,像大人一樣,愛怎麼就怎麼,邀遊江湖,去作那仗義行俠之事,豈不快哉?

幾十年後,看過去歲月逝逝如水流,一去不回頭,真個是一語中的,不但長得快快,憂略略稍微過熟。雖然自己是自己的主人,憂心思量的事情卻也前仆後繼。江湖上雖滿了個邊,略經滄桑,世故仍不洞明,說什麼扶弱除惡,是心有餘而力未殆,能無誹少貶,也是慶之幸之了。如今,偶而的能度日如年,感覺還真不差,如果時光能夠倒轉,那就更是妙透。

住了一段時間,發覺這個地方,與別的城

曾幾何時,當年的青春慢慢都轉移到自己 的孩子身上。看中文學校十多年前蹦蹦亂跳的 小女孩小男孩,於今個個亭亭玉立、器宇軒昂。 當時的少男少女,早就在外各自一片天空、超 翅飛翔。新春晚會,早已移師劇院,台下之 翅飛知。新春晚會,早已移師劇院,台 上五彩繽紛、富麗堂皇。 環顧今日康谷華人,臥虎藏龍、來自四方,不 管你漢滿蒙回藏,一樣的文化,有緣千里來相 會,在此共聚一堂。

光陰仍然似箭,日月依舊如梭,各不相讓。 瞻之在前,忽焉在後,就是無法留在身旁。隨 著日月消長,反應與體力日減、年齡與體重日 增,記憶漸短、智慧漸長,頭髮漸白、兩鬢飛 霉。

百年風雨來時路,萬里河山赤子心。願各個老康谷朋友,豪情莫滅、雄心依舊!

尤其離奇的是竟在這條街的二樓街旁造出一條河流來,寬約8-10 米,長近百米,水清見底,河上有橋洞、有港灣、有碼頭、有遊船

我在很早以前就聽說美國的拉斯維加斯 是世界上最大的賭城,也是供人們觀光遊覽的 最佳選擇,凡是到美國旅遊的人,沒有不到拉 斯維加斯的。前不久,我在報上的一篇文章中 看到:「在全世界最大的 13 家豪華酒店中,拉 斯維加斯就佔了 12 家,而且,拉斯維加斯所提 供的娛樂活動,比世界上任何地方都要豐富。」 這個城市究竟如何好玩法?我急於想去看看。

2001 年聖誕節的前幾天,我和兒子全家去 了拉斯維加斯。汽車離開洛杉磯市郊的家裡, 約行有 2 個多小時,即進入沙漠中的高速公 路。車特多,路面很平,路很直,兩邊是一望 不到邊的荒漠。在接近內華達州界不遠的地 方,三輛在快車道上行馳的汽車撞到一起,使 整個車流慢行了一個小時,中途我們下道在驛 站吃一次快餐。這樣,本來六個小時的路,我 們走了近八個小時才到達。下午五時許,天空 已很黑了,突然在一串耀眼的車燈前,出現了 一大片華光和彩燈樓影,我還以為已然到了 呢!兒媳告訴我:「還有好遠呢!這不是拉斯維 加斯,是一個小鎮。」又前行了約半個小時, 才真正進入了這個五光十色,到處閃爍著輝煌 的不夜城——拉斯維加斯。旅館是事先訂好 的,是一家很大的旅館,客房大樓38層高,一 樓設有遊藝廳、商場、餐廳和一個大賭場。在 我們進入大廳時,正趕上大廳裡的文藝舞台上 進行模擬機器人動作表演,形象逼真,我以為 是真的機器人。兒媳說:「這是演員裝扮的,演 技好高明呢! | 據說這家旅館是近幾年建造 的,在拉斯維加斯排第三號呢!

我們安排好住處,匆匆地吃些由家裡帶來的方便食品之後,即步行去市內觀看夜景。沿著市中心大街右側前行,首先展現在我們眼前的是紐約市的高樓景觀,居中帶光的高樓是帝國大廈,其兩側平頂深色的是 911 事件中被毀掉的兩棟世貿大樓的縮影,其對面的是埃及的

在回旅館的路上,兒子向我介紹說:「拉斯 維加斯的主體是賭,它是由變化萬千為賭服務 的大小旅館組成的。每家大型豪華旅館中都設 有能吸引遊客使之流連忘返的獨到景觀。 1 我 們在第二天早飯後,即開始重點暢遊「賭城」 的著名旅館。特別令我難忘的是威尼斯旅館賭 場區佛利蒙街的上空所建的巨形橋蓋,使整條 街和店面形成人造天空,在燈光作用下看上 去,青天白雲,和真的白晝街神似。尤其離奇 的是竟在這條街的二樓街旁造出一條河流來, 寬約 8-10 米,長近百米,水清見底,河上有橋 洞、有港灣、有碼頭、有遊船,一些遊客排隊 等著乘坐遊船。這條街是仿意大利水城威尼斯 的一條街興建的,只是規格照原街縮小些了而 已。另一家新建的大旅館,名為阿拉丁,源於 阿拉伯同名神話人物。它的人造天空的規模更 大,绵延好幾條街區,而且街道兩旁的商店也 是琳瑯滿目。門面大多是仿世界馳名建築的造 型,有現代畫廊,也有古色城堡。我漫遊在這 樣的大街上,除了見不到川流不息的汽車而 外,真感覺不出與日光下的街道有什麼不同。 各家大旅館都設有演藝舞台,聘請世界上有名 氣的具有各種風格的藝術家蒞臨演出。我和孫 女就趕上演雜技,連續看了三場。一家叫塞克 斯的大旅館裡,還設有專門供兒童遊玩的大型 遊樂城,每張門票14美元,裡面設有世界上最

先進的兒童遊樂設施,是兒童們的天堂。

拉斯維加斯最大的遊樂項目是賭,在這裡賭是合法的。每家大小旅館都設有賭場,各種現代賭具應有盡有,每天 24 小時開放,但明文規定「兒童禁入賭場」。另一全天候供遊客享樂的就是美食。除同樣設有賭場的專業餐飲店外,各家旅館都設有餐廳,在這裡可以品嚐到世界上各國的高檔名菜。據說,拉斯維加斯中國城的中餐廳,由中國名廚烹飪出來的溫馨佳餚,就很受遊客們的青睐。

來拉斯維加斯的遊客,除了觀光外就是 「賭」和「吃」。大多數遊客都或多或少的賭上 一點,從幾角幾元到成千上萬。當然,有好多 遊客是出於好奇想試試自己的「運氣」和「手 氣」,結果,多數也把幾十、幾百美金送給了賭 場。這些賭場的稅收是拉斯維加斯市以至內華 達州的主要經濟來源。

我們沒有參加賭,但都吃了一頓高檔的美 國餐。在聖誕節的當天中午,排了兩個多小時 的隊,才吃上了每人 20 美元的自助餐。這家旅 館的自助餐廳好大,設備果然不凡,各種名菜 和糕點的品種繁多,有日本的、意大利的、墨 西哥的、中國的、最多的則是美國的,新鮮和 豐盛得令人驚詫不已。而最受食客歡迎的是來 自阿拉斯加的大蟹腿,因已鋸成兩半,所以一 扒即扯下來一長條嫩白的蟹肉,十分可口,在 眾多飲料中,我特意品嚐一下美國茶,是一小 袋紅茶,一小盤蜂蜜,兩塊檸檬(飲時擠汁入 茶),一小壺開水,在杯中沖兌好,喝起來已無 茶味,酷似酸甜飲料。

拉斯維加斯原先只有「賭」一項生意,來者大多為賭徒。隨著為賭服務的旅館和觀光景點的建設,現在的拉斯維加斯,已經是個十足的遊覽觀光城市,是名符其實的花花世界。連它週邊凡可利用的地區,也均被開發成旅遊娛樂場所。如巧克力和果汁加工廠的加工製做過樂場所。如巧克力和果汁加工廠的加工製做過樂場所。如巧克力和果汁加工廠的加工製做過樂場所。如巧克力和果汁加工廠的加工製做過樂場所。如巧克力和果汁加工廠的加工製做過來數費等數學不可。

誰又能想像得到,這樣一座神話般的奇異 城市,竟是建築在沙漠中心的一小塊綠洲之上 呢?誰又能想像到在這樣不毛之地所建起來的 人造景觀和現代賭場,竟能令世界上成千上萬 的有錢人嚮往,蜂湧般地來此大手花錢,大筆 消費呢?應該說,最先在此創業的人,是一位 偉大的具有卓識遠見的開拓者,是應受到人們 無比欽佩和尊敬的。

有話直說

有一次,我愿感到 Albany N.Y.的教包古講道,教师自把我送到機場,我想跟她眼间玩笑。臨別的時候,我先在她臉上輕輕地親了一下,然很假裝正經的對她說:「除了我以外,你不可有別的丈夫!」(我是在奮用聖經中著名的十條誠命的話) 你知道她怎麽說?她倒乾脆的說:「好!」很來又加上一句:「一個丈夫已經夠麻烦的了!」哈哈哈!我們都笑了!

千橡基督教會牧師 鄭國昌

蒙古人個個擅長騎馬,素有"騎在馬背上的民族"之稱。所以,去草原,騎馬是不可缺少的項目之一……

歌手和一位馬頭琴伴奏家來給大家敬酒,把午 餐的氣氛推向了高潮。只見女歌手高歌一首蒙 古歌,然後手捧銀杯,斟滿當地產的烈性白酒, 雙手向大哥敬去,大哥雙手接過酒杯,左手端 著,右手用中指沾一些酒,向空中彈去,然後 再沾些酒向地下彈去,又沾些酒向中間彈去, 表示上敬天,下敬地,中間敬自己。最後雙手 端著酒杯,一飲而盡。女歌手唱一首歌,敬一 杯酒,敬遍了所有的成年人,有的還是連敬雨 杯。那歌聲之美妙,音域之寬廣,歌喉之嘹亮, 加上馬頭琴的巧妙配合,讓人有一種進入仙境 般的飄飄欲醉的感覺。女歌手連唱十幾首蒙古 歌曲無一重複。有用蒙文唱的,也有用漢語唱 的,其中只有幾首歌是我聽過的。更讓人驚嘆 的是這期間女歌手滴水未沾,歌聲之美絲毫不 滅。在那種氣氛下,每個人都受到了激發,就 連不會喝酒的人也不由自主地乾上一杯,會喝 酒的更是要豪飲數盅。

午飯後,我們用了近半小時收拾行李安排 住處。大哥和三個司機經常去草原,對蒙古包 已不新鮮,他們要了招待所客房,餘下的人選 了兩個蒙古包,男士和女士們各一個。對我來 說,住蒙古包還是大姑娘上轎,頭一遭。一進 蒙古包首先是一個約一米見方 30 厘米深的一 塊凹地,可以把鞋脫在那裡,其餘的地方都是 平的,像北方人家裡的炕一樣,只不過是圓型 和木結構的,上面鋪著毯子,蒙古包中央放著 一個約一米見方 30 厘米高的炕桌,後來我們才 發現,把炕桌放在進門的凹地恰好填補了一塊 空缺,鋪上褥子還可睡人。蒙古包有點像我們 露营搭的帳篷,但材料卻厚實得多,多是毯子 和棉被外面包著防雨帆布,裡面有電燈。大人 加上小孩七、八個睡在一個蒙古包裡綽綽有 餘。儘管當時已是七月盛夏,蒙古包裡一點兒 也不覺得熱。所長告訴我,隨著改革開放的深 入和旅遊事業的發展,越來越多的外國遊客喜 数到草原體驗生活,蒙古包也走上了現代化之 路,很多蒙古包已開始用鋼筋混凝土結構,並 裝有空調設備。後來我們確實在附近看到一大 片正在舆建中的現代化蒙古包。

安排好行李和住處後,所長便帶領我們徒 步去看附近一個有名的敖包。"敖包相會"這首 歌是很多人熟悉的,但敖包是什麽我卻不明 白。所長告訴我,敖包實際上是山包的意思, 蒙古人用它作為地標。因為草原一望無際,沒 有地標很難找到確切位置。習慣上,路過敖包 的蒙古人都放一塊石頭在那裡,一方面使地標 更明顯,另一方面也造福後人,可謂添磚加瓦。 我們參觀的敖包是當地最大的一個,據說中央 電視台著名的主播趙忠祥和倪萍當年介紹內蒙 風情時就是站在該敖包前實況播報的。內蒙有 幾次那達慕(蒙古族一年一度的競技大會),大 會也是在那裡召開的。那座敖包有一人多高, 形狀就像一個蒙古包,上面還用一些小三角彩 旗装飾著,周圍是一個很大很大的空場。我們 也按照蒙古人的習俗,每人放了一小塊石頭, 然後繞著敖包轉左三圈右三圈,以求吉利。當 地還有不少蒙古人出租男女蒙古袍供照像用, 我們也湊了個熱鬧。

另一位蒙古騎手。而後,我們又參觀了當地的 昭廟,廟不是很大,有幾尊神像供牧民們祈福 和祭拜。 我們幾位都各上了一柱香。

傍晚六點半左右,晚餐開始了,和午餐不 同的是增加了四桌,一桌是韓國的留學生,兩 桌是包頭電力局的客人,也就是招待所的頂頭 上司,另一桌是一些零散的遊客。晚餐是烤羊 腿和攸麵。羊腿烤得恰到火候,皮脆而不焦, 鮮嫩可口,攸麵也是我很喜歡的。有言道"內 蒙有三寶:土豆、攸麵、大皮襖"。可見攸麵在 內蒙的地位。晚餐是另一個高潮,同一女歌手 又出來敬酒,這次馬頭琴伴奏家沒有出現。女 歌手先從韓國留學生敬起,每人都滿飲一杯, 喝的臉紅撲撲的,女歌手也連著唱了十幾首 歌。接下來是敬電力局的大員們,這次不同, 大員們是點歌,每個人不讓歌手唱三支歌絕不 放行,女歌手唱的同時,他們也跟著唱,其他 人會唱的也和著唱,不會唱的也跟著學著唱, 使整個飯廳熱鬧非凡。那種場面是我所見到的 最熱烈的場面之一。那優美動聽的蒙古歌曲也 深深地震撼了我的心。

晚飯後,夜色已深。草原的夜色有些冷,我們多穿了些衣服到附近的旅遊點去觀看內蒙烏藍色牧騎表演的歌舞,邊看歌舞邊烤篝火,烏藍色牧騎表演者們嫻熟的舞技,美妙動人的歌聲,令人讚嘆不已。晚上十點左右大家回到招待所,意猶未盡,重新點起用煤塊堆起的旺火,燃放鞭炮,載歌載舞,直到深夜。

攜手走出夢魘

王友平

談談防治災難性精神創傷後综合症

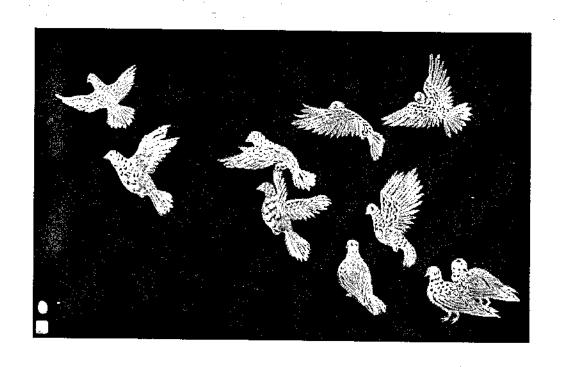
在心理衛生學中,災難性精神創傷指那些意外突發,致死致殘,使倖存者和旁觀者承受嚴重打擊的事件造成的心理傷害。這些事件色括許多人同時受害的地震、洪水、災、大型事故、劫機等,也包括只涉及一人或個人的親友突然死亡、失蹤、被襲擊、殘廢等。其共見太寒之之、炎發、難以承受和持久傷害。此為治知之,極少有誰絕不遭此類打擊。所以防治知之,而且早有了解比大禍臨頭才學習應對之策要有效得多。華人亦不例外。

許多人都有過夢魘。本文插入一段對夢魘 的簡介有利於大家了解精神創傷後綜合症。該 綜合症的特點並不在於災難性打擊後持久存在 的心理障礙(如抑鬱、焦慮、恐怖、退缩、孤 獨、敏感、偏激)及伴隨的失眠、性慾低下, 二便異常、疼痛、心慌、抖顫等軀體反應和工 作學習效率低下,而在於這些表現常被與災難 性打擊相似的情景、語言、人物、時間等一再 誘發;在於當事人否認、誇大或縮小對自己上 **遽狀況的判斷,就如身在夢魘中一樣。當事人** 常常自稱清楚自己的情況而拒絕別人的幫助, 實際上他們只是在"夢"中的錯誤體會。他們 更常常把一次打擊變成誇大了的永久威脅,而 又認為別人的勸解是對實情的"不知不管"、 "無動於衷",所以單憑自己掙扎,他們也常 常覺得"有鬼壓在身上",擺脫不掉,但不知 道鬼從何來。也有少數情況令當事人在巨大失 望的壓力下走上絕路-或自殺或死於繼發於心 理障礙的軀體疾病(如腫瘤、心血管病)。許多 研究指出,該綜合症多發生於災難前就有不良 心理或軀體障礙者,這與夢麗發作亦很相似。

綜合上述簡介,防治此綜合症的要點有:

- 平素就應建立正確的人生觀,研究顯示, 恰當的人生信仰使人易於應對災難。
- 培養良好心理素質,例如不過份內傾的個性,知情意的平衡,助人與求助的人際關係品質。
- 3. 當事人應主動與他人交流,勇於求助。不要以為無人能體驗你的痛苦,不要企圖單憑一已之力走出困難,不要把求助視同於無能。當事人也應避免將事事災難相聯繫,或奢想從此事事都有別人照顧。自助與他助的平衡來源於當事人對災難的既不誇大又不否認的認識與平衡。
- 4. 當事人可以適當調整工作生活學習的時間 地點方式,但調整應不是戲劇化的。當事 人也可用增加體力活動,多去幫助別人使 自己避免沉浸在往事的糾纏中,絕不可退 出社會。
- 對他人的關懷與幫助應持久、恰當、平常 化。關懷幫助均應以喚醒當事人和助其自

- 立為目的,不應替代包辦,不可侵犯當事人的權利和使其自尊自信進一步受打擊。 慎用 "忘了吧"、"你看 XXX 比你堅強"、 "我……都挺住了"這一類的語言。當實 在找不出恰當語言時,寧願不說。寧願多 聽當事人說和同當事人一起做。
- 6. 找職業心理學專家輔導比親友的解說更有效。有些時候遵醫囑用一些能調解心理狀態的西藥比單獨心理輔導有效。有時候用一些中藥也會有奇效。
- 7. 不可把一切軀體不適都簡單歸為心理問題。不論什麼原因誘發的軀體不適,治療減輕後就會對心理有正向幫助。當然心理愉快健康亦有利於軀體疾病康復。
- 只有當事人與問圍的親友、專業輔導人 員、醫生、社區和社會攜起手來,當事人 才易走出夢魘,我們每個人也才不易墜入 夢魘。



養生保健問答

焦守恕

從一九九九年秋季的一期開始,我受命主持醫藥保健專欄,在朋友們的支持、鼓勵之下,已經走過兩個半年頭,每期都有一兩篇專論。為了把這個欄目辦得活潑些,信息量豐富充裕些,從本期起,改為刊登一篇專論,另一篇為養生保健問答。筆者將從日常生活中廣泛地收集問題,特別是在養生保健方面一些似是而非的概念,對照醫學科學知識,以問答形式進行分析,力求勘誤揆正。本期先登錄從朋友處收集到的兩問,以期拋磚引玉,引導人們對諸多習以為常的現象多問幾個為什麼,切忌盲從,養成健康、科學的生活方式和行為習慣。

長時間打麻將或打牌有益於健腦嗎?

一些朋友酷愛麻將,有些朋友嗜好玩牌,常常是一上桌便通宵達旦。應該說打麻將和玩牌的確是一種智慧與趣味相結合的活動,激勵人們積極地思考,在數字和方略中運籌帷幄,從而達到不斷地刺激大腦神經細胞,生成更多的突觸聯繫,為增強記憶甚至產生新思維創造了基礎。從這個意義上說,經常打麻將和玩牌有益於鍛鍊大腦的功能和促進智力開發。然而打麻將和玩牌也和其它活動一樣,如果過量就會通得其反。臨床上已經積累了不少的病例說明經常長時間地打麻將和玩牌會不同程度地損害腦的功能和身體其它器官的健康,例如:

- (1) 在打麻將和玩牌的過程中,由於精神高度集中,加上玩的時間過長,會使精神疲憊不堪,常引發失眠、頭暈、耳鳴和記憶力下降。久而久之可導致神經衰弱,表現為精神脆弱,容易激怒,甚至出現不易自制的哭泣和壓抑感。玩與過濃還會擾亂飲食起居規律,特別是酒足飯飽之後立刻開牌,更是影響消化功能,及至發展成胃炎和胃十二指腸潰瘍。
- (2) 長時間地坐在牌桌邊,可因坐姿過久,使脊柱韌帶和肌肉處於不平衡的緊張狀態,造成腰 背疼痛的重要誘因。久之還會導致頸椎病和腰肌老損,嚴重者會伴發坐骨神經痛。
- (3)久坐不動,臀部和大腿肌肉組織長時間處於緊張狀態並擠壓血管,造成盆腔和會陰部血液循環受到阻礙。這不但能導致盆腔內臟器(包括直腸、膀胱、子宮及其附件)充血和腫脹,還會演變成慢性炎症。據統計,痔瘡和充血性盆腔炎的發病率在玩牌族中遠遠高出其他族群。

所以,無論是打騙將還是玩牌,都要適可而止,時間不要太長,一般以1-2小時為宜。患有高血壓、心腦血管疾病、糖尿病或有動脈硬化性疾病的人,則以不上牌桌為好。

如何科學地看待美容和化妝?

美容和化妝是一門優美的造型藝術,恰到好處的設計會使人顯得年輕,嫵媚動人和充滿活力。可是,你知道嗎,如果化妝品使用不當,美容和化妝就會變成害人的隱形殺手。在市場上不斷推陳出新、琳瑯滿目、各式各樣化妝品的誘惑之下,要特別保持清醒的頭腦,堅持科學的美容化妝觀念。

首先是切忌濃施粉黛。因為絕大多數化妝品,包括護膚霜、護膚脂、洗面乳、面膜等等,都是化學合成品,都由多種色素、香料、油脂基質(如 Lanolin,即羊毛脂和 Stearate, Stearic acid 等)以及防腐劑、殺菌劑(如 Methylparaben, Propylparaben等)等原料加工而成。防腐劑對皮膚細胞的毒性是顯而易見。色素和香料的基本成份多屬 hydrocarbon 族的有機化合物,例如醛類香料,都會對細胞膜結構有腐蝕和殺傷作用。更有甚者,有些化妝品還含有容易在體內積蓄並對細胞有劇毒的重金屬。FDA 曾對市面上出售的 20 餘種護膚霜脂進行抽查,都查出含量不等的鉛元素或汞元素,一些化妝品中還含有砷。對長期使用這些化妝品的人進行體檢,竟然發現其頭髮和尿液中汞、鉛含量比正常人高出 17 倍之多,真令人觸目驚心!更有些劣質的化妝品還含有大量的病原菌,致使皮膚發生毛囊感染。如果靜下心來想一想,把這麼一些複雜的有機、無機的化合物厚厚地塗抹在臉上,安全麼?此外,我們知道,人體皮膚上還有大量的汗毛孔,汗液時時地由汗毛孔蒸發出去而帶走細胞的代謝廢物難以排泄,從而影響細胞的新陳代謝,使皮膚的抗病能力大大降低,皮膚彈性減弱。許多皮膚科專家認為,對皮膚的保養,最要緊的是保持皮膚清潔並輔以飲食營養,並不在於多使用化妝品。

再就是不要留任何化妝品在臉上過夜。假如一個人早上 8 時化妝上班,至晚上 9 點才洗掉,臉上的皮膚細胞在化妝品的覆蓋下長達 13 個小時。此時潰膩在毛孔裏的化妝品已變成利於細菌、真菌生長的培養基。如果毛囊因毛孔的阻塞而反覆感染,皮膚會變得粗糙和毛孔增大,反而不美。因此,要美容就要一定遵循這個原則:在臨睡前要把臉上的化妝品的油污和汗漬用溫水洗淨,使面部的皮膚細胞能有充分的時間自由呼吸、休養生息。

值得注意的是,近年來許多化妝品廠商利用現代人鍾愛"回歸自然"的思潮,大力發展將動物或植物的提取物應用於化妝品中的技術,向市場打出"天然化妝品"的品牌,贏得不少女性的青睐,大大地賺了一把。殊不知所謂"天然"並非十全十美。雖然說生物高科技滲入到化妝品產業從20世紀80年代中期就開始了,但動植物提取物的安全性和有效性等問題並沒有真正解決。因受提取技術和保存技術水平的限制,"天然"提取物中的酉每和蛋白質的生物活性在化妝品中多已喪失,使廣告上吹嘘的"天然營養"功能成了無稽之談。Biotech 的專家們曾提醒人們,按當今的生物技術水平,期望以"天然提取物"來保養皮膚,還為時尚早。所以在選用化妝品時,千萬別讓"天然"二字詢了您的腰包。

說來說去,使用化妝品也要以養生保健為第一原則,不要輕視化妝品的毒性和副作用。一方面,化妝品要盡量少用,切忌濫用;另一方面,要細心選擇。要選用質量好的並適合自己皮膚特性的品牌。本身有過敏史的人要尤其小心,每換用一個新品牌時應先做小面積皮膚塗抹試驗,一旦發現有任何不良反應,要立即停用。

放慢脚步吧!珍惜我們此刻所擁有的!明白現在你能走能跑也是一種福份嗎?……

放眼世人,人人都在"尋開心"。但是真正 開心快樂的人好像並不多,實在叫人費解,又 不需花費分文就唾手可得的事情,真有這麼困 難嗎?

然而世事不如意者十有八、九、當噩運還 是避免不了的時候,只有「山不轉路轉」,轉換 另一種心態去坦然面對了!開心過一天,不開 心還是得過一天,這抉擇就操之在你了!常常 「危機」就是「轉機」的開始,不是嗎?

「人」真是一種複雜又矛盾的動物。

有人問神:你感覺人類最奇怪的是什麼? 神答道:

- ◆ 他們厭倦童年生活,急於長大,然後又 渴望返老還童。
- ◆ 他們犧牲自己的健康來換取金錢,然後 又犧牲金錢來換取健康。
- ◆ 他們對未來充滿憂慮,但卻忘記現在。

放慢腳步吧!珍惜我們此刻所擁有的!明白現在你能走能跑也是一種福份嗎?記得父親過世前最大的願望就是能「走」到公園散步!而也並不是每一個家庭都能「天天全家一起吃晚飯」!所以先生們請不要抱怨「菜色」,起碼有人做給你吃!太太們也不能埋怨做飯辛苦,起碼你有做飯的對象!曾經聽過一位難異的女

人嘆道---就算有一身的廚藝,表現給誰欣賞呢?真的!再看看我們的孩子,只要他(她)們能健健康康的在身邊,我們還能不感思嗎?而你又怎麼忍心不提供一個健康快樂的環境,讓孩子健全的成長呢?

開心吧!為了你可愛的孩子,為了你親愛的另一半,當然也為了你周遭的好朋友!因為你開心了,大家也就都會開心。開心是一種傳染病,讓我們一個傳染一個,讓整個地球都充滿了這個「致命」的傳染病!這樣大家不都開心「死」了!!

以下又是我在網路上發現的好東西,希望 對大家的「尋開心」活動有所幫助。

1、讓外表簡單一點,內涵就會更豐富一點。

2、讓需求簡單一點,心靈就會更豐富一點。

3、讓流程簡單一點,質感就會更豐富一點。

4、讓言語簡單一點,溝通就會更豐富一點。

5、讓學習簡單一點,知識就會更豐富一點。

6、讓私心簡單一點,友情就會更豐富一點。

7、讓挫折簡單一點,經驗就會更豐富一點。
 8、讓情緒簡單一點,人生就會更豐富一點。

9、讓效率簡單一點,成果就會更豐富一點。

10、讓行銷簡單一點,業績就會更豐富一點。

11、讓環境簡單一點,空間就會更豐富一點。

12、讓愛情簡單一點,幸福就會更豐富一點。

逃避不一定躲得過,面對不一定最難受。 孤單不一定不快樂,得到不一定能長久。 失去不一定不再有,轉身不一定最軟弱。 別急著說別無選擇,別以為世上只有對與錯。 許多事情的答案都不是只有一個。 所以我們永遠有路可以走。 你能找個理由難過,由一定能找到做嫌。

你能找個理由難過,也一定能找到快樂。

懂得放心的人找到輕鬆。

懂得遗忘的人找到自由。

懂得關懷的人找到朋友。

放下者

林書玉

寒山頭帶西瓜皮出門,在外子眼底更是不凡。他學著禪師跟我嘻皮笑脸.....

有一天,某位名嚴陽尊者向趙州和尚指出:「當內心未懷有任何抱負時,該怎麼辦?」趙州和尚回答:「放下者。」尊者不解其意,接著又問道:「既是什麼都沒有,那究竟又能丟棄什麼?」趙州和尚回答道:「你就由自己承擔吧!」

(出自從容錄,摘自圖解 禪問答)

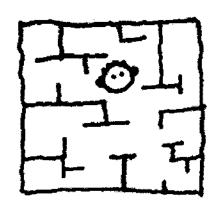
我十幾歲時就接觸一些禪書,當然不是我 厲害,而是當時台灣的出版界正在流行出版各 類論禪的書籍,受到社會風潮波及,我也就隨 波逐流,囫崙吞棗的亂讀一番。若問我禪理何 解,那我可說不出,但胡亂吸收到底還是可以 給自己帶來好處的。記得從前曾讀過六祖慧能 說禪的一段故事,話說"有一天大地吹起一陣 風,將廟前的旗子吹得飄動起來。兩位修行者 乃對此事議論起來。其中一人說是幡動,一人 說是風動,如此爭論不休,遂去請教六祖慧能。 慧能說:「既非幡動也非風動,是你們的心在 動。」"(出自無門關)原來早已忘了這段故事, 前幾天看連續劇,居然在戲裡就出現了這樣的 台詞,只不過故事成了兩幫和尚在船上為風動 或幡動爭吵,六祖路過,見了則說"既非風動 也非幡動,而是仁者心動"。我對後頭這句「仁 者心動」印象特別深刻,我想在生活裡自己的 眼界有多少是受仁者心動而影響。

寶座,無奈她性格善妒,最後卻失去寵愛,又被活活氣死,福薄命短的故事。柏楊把這個故事說的很明白,在他的"皇后之死"一書裡還用了"性格決定命運"這句話做小標,恰巧與佛經裡的這句話有不謀而合之處,讓我不禁點頭稱好。

粟姬原為漢景帝劉啟的寵妃,美艷絕倫, 艷冠群芳。原來的薄皇后是薄太后指婚,漢景 帝並不愛她,而且也沒有替皇上生下一兒半 女,在粟姬替皇上生下皇子,而薄太后又去世 後,薄皇后自然淪為廢后。粟姬贏得皇上寵愛, 兒子理所當然的被封為太子。對票姬而言,她 想當然爾自己是未來的立后人選。不過處在嬪 妃眾多,鬥爭不斷的後宮內,她並沒有花大腦 筋去思考大局,替自己的立后之路鋪路;相反 的,她深深認為憑皇上的恩寵,她便可高枕無 **憂的享受榮華富貴,因此痛恨接近皇上的其他** 嬪妃。這其中她最恨長公主劉嫖,原因何在? 原來劉嫖是皇姊,她為討好自己弟弟,三不五 時的幫他從外頭選了好些美女進宮,供皇上玩 樂。葉姬原善妒,見到這樣的事當然將劉嫖恨 之入骨。劉嫖雖壞,但腦筋還是清楚,她眼見 粟姬得勢,便巴結著要把女兒嫁給太子,如果 粟姬的腦筋轉得快,她就知道該把握這大好良 機,拉攏長公主,使自己地位更加穩固,何況 立后之事未果,誰曉得會不會有變數?那知粟 姬氣量狹小,以為平日累積的怨氣已遠到出 口,就趁機把長公主修理得很難看,仇是報了, 氣也出了,但是結下的樑子更深。長公主轉而 巴結另一寵妃,也就是漢武帝劉徹的親娘。當 長公主有意把女兒許配給劉徹時,她不僅一口 答應,而且表現的非常樂意,漢景帝原來就疼 愛劉徽,在加上長公主不時的在他耳邊說粟姬 壞話,造謠生事,在經過一連串的風波後,漢 景帝果然改立劉徹為太子,他娘親也就順理成 章的坐上皇后寶座。

粟姬與劉徹他娘個性南轅北轍,這也是柏 楊在書裡為何評粟姬是被自己的個性給害了的 緣故。她的善妒不僅毀了自己前途,還把兒子 的大好江山拱手讓給漢武帝。當時我看了這一 段故事,也想起很多熟悉的人物,他們被 理 的性格牽著走,生活從此陷在苦惱的泥濘裡 跳脫不出去。看他們不停的埋怨命,卻很少 動 到他們去思索什麼原因造成了他們今日的 運,我想這就是不同性格的人之間的差別吧!

回歸禪說的主題上,記得剛嫁給外子時, 兩人有時抬槓,女人拌嘴難免耍些無賴,外子 便會搬出"寒山""拾得"來擋架。他向來佩服 他俩是真正的禪師,行事灑脫,不拘世俗眼光, 尤其寒山頭帶西瓜皮出門,在外子眼底更是不 凡。他學著禪師跟我嘻皮笑臉,等我氣消,一點 不為之者不 不為其是整天的「阿堵物」,離禪說 最遠。我當然不能承認如此,只能說禪意自在
> 林書玉 二○○二年二月三日



弱者困於環境;智者利用環境。

身處社會之中,心遊天地之外

李琰琰

人除了本能之外,透需要追求生活的藝術境界,對「名」、「利」、「權」、「情」要學會懂得何時應該前去……

現今之世,物質文明空前發達,而思想之 魔雜紛亂,人心的空蕩無依,超過了以前的任何時代。這些都造成物質與心靈的失去平衡與 協調。也許有些人的地位、權力高了,物質富 有了,可是心裡並不快樂,整日孜孜矻矻,生 活的惶惶然,缺乏安全感。

如何來培養我們精神的健全與靈性的充滿 呢?「惟微」、「惟精」、「惟一」,說簡單明白 點,就是要生活簡單化,思想純樸化,讓 儘量回歸於自然。我們順著大自然的變化而變 化,能夠如此,就容易做到佛家所說的:「夠法 執、勿我執」,也容易做到儒家所說的:「窮不 失義,達不離道」。循此標準來處世做人,人才 能有氣慨;唯有有氣慨的人才不會受外界環境 的左右,才不會被客觀條件所牽制。

中國的道家融會了老子「道德經」上所說的一切,了解宇宙大地的與秘以及「天得一以清、地得一以寧」的至高道理,教導我們如何採擷天地山川之靈氣,並衍生了下面幾種修身、養性、美儀、健身的思維與方法:

第一是要知道人的死生無常,富貴、貧賤、 福禍、愛憎,是無常的,要看破人世間的一切, 要歸真返璞,因任自然,上於天地精神往來, 解脫生死形骸,外表的種種。

第二是要寡欲,要胸無雜念,一心清靜。 心清則神明,神明則能圓融變通。而所謂神者, 乃智之淵,神清則智明,智者乃心之府,智公 則心平,心平才能體會生命的真正喜悅,才能 孕育出健康的神魄體態。

第三是要養神,利用精神集中的方法來淨 化思想、強化心志、鍛鍊體能,集中生命能力, 衝越尋常狀況的生命界限,改正對人、對物的 關係,保持與他人及物質間的調和,以向大自 然奪壽命。

第四是雖然我們瞭解人生為過往雲煙,但 走在人世的路上,卻不得不為每天的五斗米折 腰。這其實是動物的求生本能,但人類應與其 它的動物有所不同,這區別就在人除了本能之 外,還需要追求生活的藝術境界,對「名」、 「利」、「權」、「情」要學會懂得何時應該前去 爭取,何時應該揮慧劍、斬羈絆。

我們若能通達道、儒、釋家的做人處世方法,則能用名利,而不為名利所用,制人而不制於事,身處社會之中,心遊天地之外。事來順應。因情變通,既能把得定,亦能看得開,既能擔得起,亦能放得下,才能旋轉乾坤如反掌之易,拋棄名利如草芥之微,於情於理,無拘無礙,舉止自由,神態自在。

走為上

孚威

三十六計是部通俗易懂的兵書全書,共六套,每套又各六計,總共三十六計,前面有總論,後附有跋……

中國目前尚知其名的兵書有四千二百二十一部,可謂浩浩煙海,汗牛充棟。出名的人物有:孫武與吳起,雙峰並峙,堪稱"兵聖",孫臏用兵,鬼神莫測,飄逸瀟灑,堪稱"兵仙",司馬穰苴古樸忠厚,可稱"兵佛",韓信用兵刁鑽,可稱"兵鬼"。名氣最大的兵書有兩本,一本是"孫子兵法",另外一本是"三十六計"。可是許多人只知"三十六計走為上"這半成語,半歇後語式的說法,而不知"三十六計"原來是部兵書。

由來與立意

三十六計至今尚不知作者為誰,基本上說源於 檀道濟(公元?年至公元436年),高平金鄉(今山東 金鄉)人,世居京口(今江蘇鎮江),是南宋名臣。 至 十六計在歷史上長期廣泛流傳,經過多人不斷 理,大概在明、清之際,才成為現在的版本,可 說是中國古代智慧的結晶。這本書的思想主體 子的"道法自然"。目的是"贏",手段是"變", 說是立意清楚,方向明白。一切事情因時、因 對 是立意清楚,方向明白。三十六計特別反對 冒險,極辨和不可為而強為。打的過就打,打中最 關明的"走為上"卻是一般人認為不光彩的"開 溜",但是它保留了實力。

结構與內容

三十六計是部通俗易懂的兵書全書,共六套,每套又各六計,總共三十六計,前面有總論,後附有跋(惜已殘缺)。前三套為處於優勢時用,後三套是在劣勢情況下的計謀。每計都用眾所周知的成語為名,優點是好記,缺點是不甚準確。每計先出名,次做解語,解語多引自著名兵法和易經。它以通俗易懂的方式總結了以往戰爭中的兵家"說道",但也常常製造了些神秘感,以抬高自己的身價。

總論

六六三十六,數中有術,術中有數,陰陽變理,機 在其中,機不可設,設則不中。也就是說"兵無常勢"、"水無常形",一切事情須順其道而行,萬萬 不可預設而行。事情有了變化,就是機會的到來,需 從實際出發解決問題,否則必敗無疑。就如打太極拳: 敵不動,我不動,敵一動,我先到,要有捨己從人, 因敵制勝的精神。

六套三十六計

第一套:勝戰計。此套是三十六計致勝根本,是用在我大敵小之時,也就是要出其不意的戰勝敵人,同時也要仔細算投資報酬率。(1)瞒天過海 (2)圍魏殺趙 (3)借刀殺人 (4)以逸待勞 (5)趁火打劫 (6)聲東擊西

第二套:敵戰計。此套是用在敵我實力相當時,主要方式是鬆懈敵人,利用形勢以制敵。(7)無中生有 (8)暗渡陳倉 (9)隔岸觀火 (10)笑裡藏刀 (11)李代桃僵 (12)順手牽羊

第三套:攻戰計。此套是敵我過招時的套路,具體是一引:(13)打草鶩蛇 (17)拋磚引玉。二借:(14)借屍還魂。 三擒:(15)調虎離山 (16)欲擒欲縱 (18)擒賊擒王

第四套:混戰計,此計與第二套相似,都是在敵我實力相當時用,手段是示弱、示假,目的是滅其勢,保實力,以實現全局的勝利。(19)釜底抽薪 (20)混水摸魚 (21)金 蟬脫殼 (22)關門捉賊 (23)遠交近攻 (24)假道伐號

第五套:開戰計,此套是在對敵作戰時排除異己的計謀,所謂"兵不厭詐",同時必須以最小投資,得到最大回收。(25)偷樑換柱 (26)指桑罵槐 (27)假痴不顧 (28)上屋抽梯 (29)樹上開花 (30)反客為主

第六套: 敗戰計,此套是敗中取勝的方法,利用一切方法鬆懈敵人,保全自己。(31)美人計(32)空城計(33) 反間計(34)苦肉計(35)連環計(36)走為上

跋

陳述三十六計是將過去戰爭的變化萬端,該詭 奇譎,整理成一本有規律的計策,可惜部份跋已殘 缺,無法知道全部內容。

後記

三十六計不但是本兵書在政治上、日常生活中都有它一定的作用,但千萬不可生搬硬套否則註定苦不堪言。無意間發現千樓圖書館新購入全套三十六計,有心研讀者可去那兒借閱。

書名: The Inner Game of Tennis 作者: W. Timothy Gallwey 1974

推薦:梁寬洲

This book is about the mental game of tennis. There are many books and videos on the physical part of playing a sport, but when players get to a level where they can play competitively, then the mental part becomes more important, and that is what this book addresses.

This isn't a how-to book on swinging a racket or game strategy; it assumes the reader already knows that. It's more of a philosophical discussion about letting the mind relax to overcome the conscious habits of mind that paradoxically inhibit good play the more a person thinks about playing good.

While the book uses the game of tennis to explore the great potential of the human mind and body, I find that the philosophy of the Inner Game of Tennis is even more useful outside the game of tennis, particularly in the game of life that everyone goes through.

書名: Who Moved My Cheese?

An Amazing Way to Deal With Change in

Your Work and in Your Life 作者: Spencer Johnson, M.D. 1998

推薦:黃家蘭

This is a short book in a parable format about 4 mice looking for cheese in a maze, and how different mice handle this experience. The message has many applications to the life that people lead, because the cheese represents goals such as money and happiness that people look for. In the book, 3 mice successfully go through the maze and one gets frustrated, and the lessons they learn can help others go through the maze.

This is a simple book, and takes only about one hour to read, but hopefully the lessons that can be learned will help for a lifetime! 書名:西藏生死書 作者:索甲仁波切 推薦:楊黛華

這本索甲仁波切的<u>西藏生死書</u>的內容和觀念深深的吸引和震撼了我,我如獲至實般一口 氣讀完它。

其中談到關於人生的終點---死這個問題, 我們一般中國人都是諱莫如深,尤其是對於年 長者,更是避之唯恐不及。但是書中認為我們 一生行事無論是考試、工作、結婚、生子,無 一不做充分準備,唯獨對於死,我們為何如此 忽略,如能在有生之年預備,朝著覺悟和發掘 真性而努力,則這人生最後一站,才能走得安 詳,走得毫無所懼。

達賴喇嘛在序中說,這本書不但深入討論如何認識生命的真意,如何面對和接受死亡,以及如何幫助臨終者和亡者。它不僅是一本契合時代需要的巨著,也是一本教人如何親身勵行的實用書。

書名: Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

作者:Douglas Adams

推薦:顧泉

你大概對最近像"Harry Potter"一類的流行小說感到膩味了吧?你是什麼時候讀到一本讓你覺得有意義的書呢(當然學校中必讀的書除外)? 退一步想,你會覺得像 Harry Potter 這樣的書是完全娛樂性的,它的文學價值較低。如果你想讀一本你永遠會記得的書,那麼你就去讀 Douglas Adams 寫的 <u>Hitchhiker's Guide</u> to the Galaxy.

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 是一本關於一個被綁架的人和他的三個外星人朋友的三部曲之一。讓人奇怪的是,這個三部曲有不止三本書。Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy 是這三部曲的第一本書。它涉及了生活中很多令人發笑的層面。你一定得讀,你肯定會喜歡的。

書名: Word Power Made Easy

作者: Norman Lewis 出版: Galahad Books

推薦:邱慈涵

Word Power Made Easy by Norman Lewis is a simple and embracing book, the learning methods of which will exceed the printed text and carry over into daily life. This 500-page book is an extensive storybook of the vast and rather uniquely structured English language. Under the guise of teaching ten words per chapter, the book cleverly incorporates etymologically related words to expand the educational yield to around forty or fifty words per chapter. A thorough analysis is given for each word, including but not limited to pronunciation, spelling, usage, etymology, historical background, and even some mnemonics. Between chapters intermissions of everyday grammar designed for sophistication without too much prissiness. Also present to spice up the reader's experience are challenging etymological tidbits, of which one of my personal favorites is the lovely adjective callipygous. Go ahead, I challenge you, to find out what it means.

Overall, this is a highly commendable book for its expansive learning value. Read this book thoroughly and you will find yourself throwing sprinkles of elegance into your daily language. And have you looked up callipygous yet? Perhaps before you pull out your dictionary, you should consult Word Power Made Easy...

書名:生活簡單就是享受 Simplify Your Life

作者: Elaine ST. James, 吳達譯

推薦:陳蕙玲

「你是否被生活搞得頭痛、胸悶、失眠、心裡也愈來愈煩躁?請試試書中 100 個具體可行的妙法,幫助我們過返璞歸真的生活吧!」記得從前曾在自己錢包內,放置一張便條寫著:「1、需要嗎?2、價錢合理嗎?3、不買可以嗎?」來提醒自己節約用錢,自認為是一個不可多得的好方法,這本書內有 100 個妙法,等著你去發掘,您能不心動嗎?

書名:「教訓」華裔電腦巨人王安自傳

作者:王安,中國時報資料中心 譯 出版:時報文化出版企業有限公司

推薦:陸麗珠

電腦企業鉅子王安博士以一名留美學生,在哈佛大學學成做研究工作。數年之間,在適當的時機,辭去研究所工作,在1951年以有限的資金開創了獨資經營的一人公司,至1986年發展到員工超過三萬,營業額達30億美元以上。他的成就曾使他入選全美十二位最傑出的移民之一,也曾列名全美十大富豪之一。

<u>教訓</u>裡,王安先生告訴我們他是如何把理想付 諸行動。<u>教訓</u>這本書是率真、親切、流暢易懂的, 它提供了王安一路走來起起伏伏經營企業的經 驗,讓有心創業或已在商場上的人參考。王安先生 能創出奇蹟式的成就,自然有很多待人處事方針、 人生的理想及哲思值得大家深思效仿。

書名: Sophie's World 作者: Jostein Gaarder

推薦:鄭思瑜

Sophie's World is a lively novel about the history of philosophy by Jostein Gaarder. Written as a story of one young girl, Sophie, within the story of another girl, Hilde, it explores in detail the lives and beliefs of important philosophers as recounted to the two schoolgirls. Each philosopher gets his chapter, beginning with the philosophers and Democritus and continuing through the ages to include Socrates and Aristotle. Locke, Hume, Kierkegaard, Marx, and Freud; in addition, Jostein Gaarder touches upon key ages and movements in history, such as the Renaissance, Baroque period, and the Enlightenment. language is simple but eloquent, and overall the novel provides a delightful way to learn an otherwise stuffy and obscure subject. For readers who have never taken a course in philosophy, the book is a wonderful introduction. Sophie's World is entertaining and informative, and it presents the study of Western philosophy in an entirely refreshing and intriguing way that is sure to captivate its readers.

書名:心靈簡單就是美 Inner Simplicity

作者: Elaine ST. James, 黃漢耀譯

推薦:陳蕙玲

這本書是<u>生活簡單就是享受</u>的姊妹作。 「愈多的簡樸,愈多的自由。」高柏園。

「如果人的快樂不可能沒有自由的感覺,那麼,對外在世界愈少的依賴,我們會愈快樂。」 袁保新。

「美當然可以繁複,但繁複之美卻可能只是偽 飾;簡單不一定就是美,但簡單之美卻不一定 假。」曾昭旭。

畢卡索(Picasso)曾說過:「藝術就是剔除那 些累贅之物。」學習簡單心靈,就很容易享受 簡單生活所帶來的清淨之美。因為,只有由內 在的靈性生活淨化做起,才能更具體的實踐我 們外在的生活。

本書告訴我們 100 則方法,如何投入這個世界所提供的美好事務中,譬如--家人之愛,朋友之爱,奇妙的大自然,以及安靜沉默的深思之外,可獲得的寧靜、澄澈。它更提醒我們,別忘了花點時間好好想想自己人生的最大課題是什麼?無論那是什麼,請別遲疑,立刻鎖定它改進,而我們的身、心、靈,將獲得最大的解放!

書名:世界上最偉大的推銷員

The Greatest Salesman in the World

作者:奥格曼狄諾 Og Mandino

推薦:馮瀚緯

這是本極具啟發性的迷人小書,很難不一 口氣讀完。它沒有一板一眼的教條,也沒有嚴 峻冷冰的公式。

作者用寓言式的小小說,美麗動人的辭句, 把慈悲、愛心,熱忱、毅力與信仰很流暢的慢慢 注入到你心深處。我不相信你讀完這本書而毫無 感動,最偉大的推銷術,就是從關懷開始。

本書於 1967 年初版迄今已以多種文字暢 銷世界各國。中文版也極易於書局及圖書館找到。 書名: And Yet… They Fly 作者: Guido Moosbrugger

推薦:邱顯庭

這是一本介紹 Mr. Edward 'Billy' Meie 與來 自外星的人種接觸經過的書。

目擊不明飛行物並不是很稀奇的事。Mr. Meier 自 1975 年以來,持續與不同外星種族接觸達數百次。除了清晰的飛碟照片,瑞士軍機的目擊報告,數以百計的旁觀目擊者書面證明,另有外星太空船金屬樣本。經由 IBM 資深科學家證實目前科技無法製造這種 Crystal 帶有金屬特性的樣本。與其他的目擊事件相比,Mr. Meier 的接觸層面是相當深入的。每一個銀河系有數十億個恆星,至目前為止宇宙中的銀河已是以百萬計,地球是唯一有高度進化生物的星球嗎?

And Yet… They Fly 這本書提供了一個另類思考的空間,若有興趣不妨一讀。 Amazon 有售。

書名:蘇東坡新傳

作者: 李一冰

出版:台北聯經出版社,上下二冊。一九八三

年初版。

推薦:鄭徳音

好書介绍

書名:中國抗日戰爭圖

作者:楊克林 曹紅 編著

出版: 淑馨出版社於 1992 年初版

推薦:馮瀚緯

本書從中日關係的歷史淵源開始,敘述了 甲午戰爭、臺灣人民的反割讓、東北的局部抗 戰、盧溝橋事變後的全面抗戰、長期相持、反 攻到抗日戰爭結束。無數珍貴的照片圖片與人 物年代的記錄,是編者積數年嘔心瀝血、蒐証 考據完成的的大工程。這是本對中日史有興趣 的朋友不可不讀的一套巨著。

本書由淑馨出版社於 1992 年初版,全套 含三大精裝巨冊,重十三磅。尚未見此書於美 書局及圖書館出現,恐怕須至香港或臺灣訂購。

書名: 恩寵與勇氣 GRACE AND GRIT

作者: 肯恩・威爾伯 Ken Wilber

出版:張老師文化出版社

推薦:鄭美芳

「因為不能再忽視死亡,於是我更加用心 地活下去」—崔雅·威爾伯。

對死亡的理解是超出我能力範圍的,但, 我常想與其思索死亡本質的問題,倒不如思索 如何去面對生命與死亡。這本書討論了面臨死 亡所經歷的各種心路歷程。崔雅因罹患乳癌而 學習到生之意義,這樣的態度深深感動了我。 書名:A Prophet in His Own Country

The Story of The Young Edgar Cayce

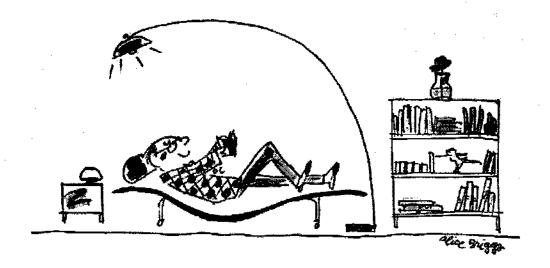
作者: Jesse Stern 推薦: 邱顯庭

這本書介紹通靈人 Mr. Edgar Cayce 年輕 時的經歷,以故事方式敘述,頗為生動有趣。

Mr. Edgar Cayce 是一位虔誠的基督徒,在年輕時候及展現了驚人的通靈能力,可知道數千哩外病患的病情,並提供詳細的療法。雖然Mr. Cayce 於 1945 年去世,但他的秘書記錄了一萬餘次的通靈過程,是美國至今記錄最豐富的通靈人。

Mr. Cayce 深信靈魂轉世,起初 Mr. Cayce 自己也無法接受轉世的觀念,但發覺聖經中亦 有記載。Elijah 便是 John The Baptist (Matthew 11.14 Matthew 17.13), 慢慢地 Mr. Cayce 也將 轉世的觀念融入了他的人生基本觀。

Mr. Cayce 所介紹的療法有許多都是自然 食療法,十分簡易。有興趣者不妨至 T.O. Library 借閱。Amazon 亦有售此書。



圍丁之歌演出花絮

聽我把四聲分清, 看我把字寫端正, 誰道漢字真難認, 中華語文血脈承。

千橡中文學校的全體老師和工作人員的歌 聲迴盪在春節聯歡會場的上空。歌聲唱出了全 體教職員的心願,也表達了全體教職員培養下 一代,發揚中華文化的決心。

一年一度的新春晚會是康谷地區華人的重 頭戲,它不儘顯示了康谷地區華人的力量,也 是華人團結的象徵。千橡中文學校歷年的演 出,全體老師和工作人員登上舞台今年是第一 次。開始,藍芸問我可不可以搞一個老師的節 目,並且建議演"三句半"。據我所知, "三 句半"只能是四人演,最好是男的。這麽多女 老師共同演"三句半"可能不大好,但是老師 們願意參加演出應該給予支持,我欣然答應 了。看來,許多人對我過去曾經編寫過的 "三 句半"於1998年在 Amgen 的慶祝新年晚會上 的演出還記憶猶新。恭敬不如從命,我只好編 "三句半"了。經過幾天的構思,我初步考慮 由老師表演合唱,找四個男生演"三句半"。 為了表現師生之情,由小孩出場給老師獻花。 我徵求了潘黛美,蔡友文和藍芸的意見,她們 認為不錯,節目就這樣搞定了。我編寫出"三 句半"初稿,在蔡校長聖誕節老師的 party 上, 我和周明念給大家聽,以後,劉力老師又補充 了幾段,為三句半增加了色彩。經過我進一步 推敲將"三句半"定稿後,確定由周明,段志 邦,胡建策和張柏等四人演出。

"三句半"有了著落,但是歌和朗誦詞還沒有找到。我給幾個朋友打電話,拜託她們幫忙。一、兩個星期過去了,沒有任何音信。誰知,踏破鐵鞋無覓處,得來全不費功夫。在續老師的音樂會上,我發現《秋蟬》很好聽,決定用《秋蟬》的曲子,然後填詞。王瑞芸老師素有才女之稱,填詞非她莫屬。我給王瑞芸老

師打電話,並把《秋蟬》的原版歌詞電傳給她。 在填詞沒完成之前,許美雪找來了《秋蟬》的 錄音磁帶,並錄製了二十盤分發給參加演唱唱 老師。在藍芸的組織下,由駱銘娟老師教唱。 老師們認真地排練起來。為所樂生率的 們說 一功。幾天之後,王瑞芸老師果然不負眾 當一功。幾天之後,王瑞芸老師果然不負 當一功。幾天之後,我不禁拍案以 當她把填詞電傳給我之後,我終於可以向老師 們交差了。

在排練過程中,老師們非常努力和認真, 盡管家中有孩子需要照顧,但是人人克服用 難,按時參加排練。為了演出效果,老師們穿 上最漂亮的中國式樣的服裝,每個人都很亮 麗。"三句半"的四位演員亦是個個賣力。周 明的第四句,雖說是半句,卻是三句半的核心, 他為了練好這半句,還特別請教了馮瀚緯。段 志邦是演出老手,由他打第一炮,聲音宏亮, 令人耳目一新。胡建策,張柏是第二句,第三 **句**,說得也是有聲有色的。穿著唐裝的四位男 士們,敲鑼打鼓走上台,一下子就吸引了觀眾, 精彩的表演不時引起台下的笑聲。我們的幕後 英雄吳迎春為了"三句半"用的鑼鼓,不知踟 了多少次中國城。最後,借了鑼,買了合適的 鼓,為"三句半"的演出立下了汗馬功勞。周 紅老師班的小小孩兒,手捧鮮花,踏著音樂, 把鮮花獻給了他們敬愛的老師手裡。

這雖然只是一個節目,但動員了全體老師和工作人員,在大家共同努力下,勝利地完成了演出,這是力量和團結的顯示。讓我們肩並肩,手挽手,如歌詞所寫:

總歸是華人,總歸是華人 行天涯 遊四海 走八方 中華文化不能忘,一代一代源遠流長

民族舞蹈出台前後

舞台上婀娜多姿的小孔雀,她們以優美的 舞姿展現著傣族舞蹈的萬般風情,用孔雀翩翩 之飛象徵著傣族的和平和昌盛。我望著舞台上 小演員的表演,分享著她們的成功,忘記了幾 個月的勞累和疲倦。孔雀舞的演員雖然年齡只 有十一,二歲,她們卻有至少三年,有的達七 年的舞蹈訓練。這次在干寧老師〔畢業于上海 舞蹈學院)的指導下,完成了許多較難的舞蹈 動作,以她們嫻熟的技巧跳出了孔雀舞的特 點。《青藏高原》是由成年人表演的,許多人是 第一次登上舞台。開始有的人沒有信心,怕上 台出醜。她們在姚老師(瀋陽音樂學院舞蹈系 老師)指導下,成功地完成了藏族舞蹈的演出。 在舞蹈的訓練和演出過程中,她們不僅跳出了 青春的活力,也享受了美和藝術的結合。跳《傣 族之春〉舞的孩子們,以她們天真、活潑、可 爱的獨特之情,沐浴在春天的大自然風光中。 她們之中最小的五歲,初次餐台表演,難免忘 記動作,但是認真的表演搏得了觀眾熱烈的掌 聲。孩子們的媽媽給予了大力支持,大家一起 做演出服,做頭上的花,充滿了團結友愛之情。

事情的發展並不像我想的那樣簡單。這些 在美國長大的孩子們崇尚自由,課堂上很少受

束縛。特別是 5 至 7 歲的孩子更是難教,常常 是你教你的我玩我的,一會兒嚷著口渴了,一 會兒又吵著要上廁所,弄得你哭笑不得,真像 托兒所、幼兒園一般。經過一段時間的磨煉, 我體會到,對待這一階段的孩子,重要的是先 培養孩子對民族舞蹈的興趣,而不是重在技 巧。她們對民族舞真正喜愛了,才會認真練習。 於是我試用了許多的方法來啟發她們的興趣。 譬如看錄相帶,觀摩其他小朋友的演出;尤其 是女孩子喜歡漂亮的服裝,我就告訴她們這個 舞蹈穿什麽服裝。對於她們的每一個進步,都 要給出口頭表揚或物質獎勵。漸漸地,孩子們 由参加到喜爱,從應付到認真,和老師的感情 也越來越好了。幾年下來,從排練小蜜蜂到表 演新疆維吾爾族舞蹈,從展現蒙古小姐妹的騎 馬英姿到今天能完成有相當難度的孔雀舞,她 們一個個成長起來了。許多孩子的媽媽對我 說:『王老師,我的女兒好喜歡舞蹈,她還要跟 你跳。』家長的信任,孩子的成長,是對我的 最大的支持和鼓勵。去年,為了提高她們的舞 蹈技巧,我给她們請來了有專業水平的舞蹈教 師。于老師,姚老師都是專業舞蹈教師,畢業 於舞蹈學校,在大陸專業舞蹈比賽中得過獎, 我希望孩子們在專業教師的訓練下,更好地提 高舞蹈基本功和技巧。

舞蹈確實是一門很好的藝術,它可以鍛煉人的靈活性和動作的協調性,也可以在音樂舞蹈中陶冶性情。中國有五千年歷史,有五十六個民族,我們海外學人,有責任和義務把中國的歷史,民族的文化藝術傳播到美國的主流社會中去。我認為舞蹈是傳播中國文化的最好形式,它沒有語言障礙,可以讓人們在音樂舞蹈中輕鬆地了解中華民族文化的博大精深,中國歷史的源遠流長。

2002 年的新春晚會成功結束了,它是康谷 地區華人團結的象徵,凝聚著許許多多人的汗 水結晶。我們期待著今後的新春晚會,一年比 一年辦的更好。

舞台

朱嗣中

"Fly the Curtain. Go!"

想機來加州也快十五個年頭了,如今我們唯一的兒子也已經上了中文學校最高班了,大概這應該是我們最後一年參加中文學校吧。但是很不幸的被友人陷害,最終還是不能明哲保身,硬還是被選為康谷華人協會的理事。上次十年前參選是高票落選,這一次卻在同額競選下低票當選,真是造化弄人。

第一次參加理事會議,衝著免費午餐及電影票,欣然赴會。會長大人閒談中透露出我必須參加一個工作小組,在下不才,其它職位恐非我能勝任,但是有一新年晚會舞台總監之職出缺,職稱確實相當的好聽,但究竟作什麼事我可是"莫宰羊",那也已是去年七月的事我可是"莫宰羊",那也已是去年七月的事了,當時想想還有七、八個月才過年,還早的吃!也就是這樣糊里糊塗的,一步一步的走進了萬丈深淵。

首先我是莫名其妙的先作了節目負責人, 這我可是沒啥概念,統籌解目好像跟舞台總監 不同嘛,好在有各位前輩先進的跨刀鼎力相 助,漸漸的我們有了整個新年晚會的輪廓。正 當準備喘喘氣時又被推舉為特別活動組的召集 人,也就是說"新年晚會就看你的了"!

好了,節目製作人也當了,那舞台總監該可另請高明了吧! "不急不急,我們再看著辦吧!" 隨著日子一天一天的逼進,依然不見高人蹤影,我知道這下兇多吉少了。一日但見前屆高僧捧著本舞林秘笈道: "一切的一切但望你閉門苦練,終有修練出關之日。為你引薦一女俠,此女有著古道熱腸,怪主意其多,她會助你一臂之力,完成大業。"

回到現實,又有了個大狀況,我們極可能 有機會使用大的場地,檔期會提前二週。於是 製作小組經各方徵詢、試探,各節目均願全力 配合,務必於二月九日前準備好所有節目,這 下我們全被逼上梁山了。

話說從頭,小弟自幼貪玩,讀書得過且過, 不求甚解。上了高中,人家可是緊張的夜夜苦 讀,拼了命的準備考大學,我則是夜裡熬夜聽 音樂,白天及週末則趕場聽音樂會。進入大學 之後,變本加厲,作了應召舞男趕場子,嫌跳 的不夠就自辦舞會,這舞會總監我可是幹的太 多了,駕輕就熟。當初沒有 CD,但小弟放唱 片的技術絕對是一等一的。

這輩子音樂會、演唱會聽了無數,古典的、現代的、中式的、西洋的,但這負責整個新年晚會,可絕對是大姑娘出嫁。當初本著對音樂及藝術的執著,接下了這"好"差事,可沒想到今天可是來真的了,而且初次下海就玩個特大的。雖說讀書不求甚解,馬馬虎虎,但是對音樂及藝術卻是極盡挑剔之能事,耳朵裡可聽不下一點雜音,作起事來亦求盡善盡美,與眾不同。今年既然接了大場地一切的作法將作許多的修正。

首先是票務,這將會是人家的第一印象, 於是從設計印刷我可是花了功夫經過四道手續 才印成,先印馬年的浮水印,然後是中英文字, 加上背面的地圖,最後是座位號碼,我祇花了 紙張的錢連剪裁都自己作了,不知那來這麼多 閒功夫。

售票規則經委員會討論通過付諸實施,事 後檢討及各方反應,許多細則需詳加討論作為 以後的參考,由於許多人及事都是第一次,我 們都是在嘗試及摸索中,戰戰兢兢的,如有不 盡如人意之事還望不吝賜教指正。

接著就是節目本身了,初期之時還看不出端倪,但見無數熱心的家長們及默默的工作者,排練、試樣、剪裁服裝及道具,那場景令我動容,都是不計名利奉獻時間及專長的幕後

英雄,我真的很佩服他們能做出這麼有水準美 麗的服裝道具。

對於舞台總監雖非一竅不通,但也差不了 多遠,真的很感謝 Internet,許許多多的資料都 可在那找到,我下載了四個舞台劇的燈光設 計,認真研讀;又精選了四個舞台設計,才對 於專業舞台有了初步的認識,我反覆聽著音樂 看著錄影帶以準備燈光設計,又自己轉錄音樂 燒成最後使用的光碟,每首音樂都不知聽了多 少遍,日裡聽、夜裡聽、車上聽、工作時也聽, 這聽到麻木我可是親身經歷了,無非是想找到 最佳的 key,配上適用的燈光。

The Moment of Truth

之後的二天中,我反覆的檢討與修正,加 上伙伴們的全力支持與建議,我們對第二次彩 排增加了不少的信心。當然星期六的預演亦非 盡善盡美,但這二次的彩排對所有人來說都太 重要了,第二次彩排時其實我已病倒了。

硬撑著疲憊的身心期盼著當晚最後的演 出,萬事俱備祇見觀眾是姗姗來遲:

"Dim house light to half. Go. "

"Fly the curtain. Go. "

"Music CD 2 Track 1. Go"

"Light cue 1. Go. "

"Fade up. House light. Go."
"Bring in the curtain. Go."

有太多人要感謝,我也要謝謝每個人對我的支持、鼓勵、協助及指正。我在節目單的後面特別加上銘謝的句子,發自內心的感謝所有 參與的表演者學生、家長、工作人員、家長會 的全力支援維持秩序,更感恩能有這機會與那麼多朋友完成這艱鉅的任務,更令我感動的是 有那麼多的家長志工的全力支持與配合。當然 有許多值得檢討改進的地方,我們會虛心的接 受大家的指導及建議作為下次改進的依據。

拉拉雜雜的寫了一堆不知所云,其中經歷了太多太多非親身經歷不能體會其中的甘苦。當然,一切都過去了,是非成敗轉頭空,大家日後自有論斷。曾經後悔過為什麼要接下這個活動,也曾擔心著如何才能把節目作得更好,當各方箭頭直指你而來時……唉!

有緣使大家共聚一堂,為這個社區及孩子們付出奉獻,看到下一代賣力的爭相加入各項 表演,使我們不得不限制參加的節目次數。這 一切,得來不易,希望大家珍惜。

借用千橡園丁之歌:

行天涯遊四海走八方 中華文化不能忘,一代一代源遠流長。



有關大會舞的回憶

鄒敏如

近年來飽受頭疼之苦,彷彿有多枚不定時炸彈在我的腦裡,隨時會爆炸,炸得我放棄一切, 默默的等待下一次清醒來沒有頭疼的時刻。漸漸的,我學會了一套振作自己的方法。在沒有 病痛的日子裡,我儘量專心做完該做、想做的事,若遇上心力交瘁的情況,則勉勵自己; 總比頭疼時躺在床上的日子好吧!就這樣情況 去這三個月編舞、教舞的日子,就在這種情況 下,一日一日的渡過來。對於編舞,我無怨無 悔;其它的,我已悟到體力不勝負荷的無奈。

在一種莫名的使命感之下,今年我又接下 了兩支大會舞的重擔。先生對我的決定完全支 持,唯一的條件是不可以太累。選擇山地舞作 為開幕舞的部分理由是想偷懶。兩年前,我為 兒子的五年級班上的山地舞節目留下 22 套完 整的服裝和原先編好的六分鐘的舞(因大會限 制,修改成四分半鐘)。今年讓四、五年級的小 朋友穿那 22 套衣服,只需再做 30 套大些的服 **装給這些已升到七年級的小朋友,可以省下許** 多力氣。六分鐘的舞稍作修改就成為八分鐘的 大會舞。我只加入一些更具原始意味的道具、 音樂和舞步。我加入台灣阿美族郭英男唱的『老 人飲酒歌』的清唱和台灣音樂家將它編成的山 地民謠。配上歌曲中表示敬畏的鷹、天、地、 風的舞步,希望能夠詮釋出台灣原住民的生命 力,算是我對他們文化的傳承盡一分力,也讓 這些小朋友多多少少認識台灣的原始文化。

事實完全不如想像中的簡單,教舞過程的艱苦是外人無法瞭解的。今年得到許多家長的幫忙,我除了有一串很長的"Thank you list"之外,大家真該感激吳菁苓所付出的心力,她默默的做事還處處替人著想,最後一天表演前還被不懂事的小朋友弄得掉眼淚。感謝那些幫忙做衣服的家長們,但我相信有幾位媽媽特別感受到孩子們成長的喜悅:新做的服裝比兩年前的大了好幾個尺碼。這些服裝和道具都留下來了,需要用的人歡迎來借。

選定了題材,但如何詮釋這支舞呢?也許是 親身體驗,也許是學新聞的直覺,我決定用口 速新聞報導的方式導出災難的不幸。從網路 裡,我找到想要的 Enrique 唱的 "Hero" 和各種 有關的口述記錄剪接。至於那首 Bette Miller 的 "Hero"則是在 911 之後第一場職業足球審時 由她唱的 Tribute。 從電視的字幕裡,我才發現 這首老歌的歌詞竟是這麼的動人,我幾乎是照 著歌詞的內涵編的每一個舞步,一點都不抽 象。為了不讓這支 Tribute 舞太灰暗,我選擇用 比較活潑的方式處理舞的後段;一方面是有感 於美國泱泱大國的魄力和人民表現出的向心 力,一方面也是讓春節晚會在歡欣的氣氛中收 場。從網路裡不同版本的"New York, New York"中,我選擇了 Liza Minnelli 的 Broadway 演唱現場錄音,它更能表現出紐約重 建的活力和希望。

我在編這段 "New York, New York" 的爵士舞時,礙於沒有受過傳統爵士舞的訓練,惟恐無法將這段舞處理得貼切,我找了老師,上了一小時的個人指導課程,由她解說 Broadway爵士舞的特徵和型式。由這一小時的資料裡,

我知道如何用現代舞的方式,點到為止的表現出 Broadway 爵士舞的風格。至於那三人的opening,我請 Janet 自己設計爵士舞舞步,和Tiffany, Melody 姐妹一起舞出傳統爵士舞的嫵媚,的確很吸引人。

這支 Finale,由於有 Diana 和 Janet 的參與, 我得到更多創造的空間。她們具有職業水準的 舞技,也具有編舞的能力,所以有些獨舞部分, 我告訴她們某段舞的意義,讓她們用自己設計 的舞步來詮釋,我再將它們融入團體舞中。事 實證明她們不僅做到了,而且為整支舞提升了 水準。表演時,我非常欣賞她們的舞技。我告 訴她們:「I wish I could do that!」

什麼是現代舞?就如林懷民常說的:「不要 只給我那個動作,我要感覺到你的精神。」「認 識你的肢體,才能知道如何運用它來表達你的 精神。」「要有外在良好的舞技,也要有內在



春節晚會的大幕終於徐徐地落下,我們為 晚會服務的幾位同仁們也終於鬆了口氣。去年九 月,當朱嗣中老弟接下了舞台總監一職後,委託 我繼續擔任後台道具的服務工作, 仗著在後台服 務已有兩年的經驗,第三年應該是駕輕就熟了。 所以,接受任務後,直到聖誕節也未急著招兵買 馬。不曾想今年由 400 席位的小場地,換到了可 容納 1800 人的大劇場。以前的場地工作經驗也 不太適用了,而且時間也由原定的二月二十三日 提前至二月九日。於是,新年後,立即發出 SOS 求援信號。還好,兄弟們鼎力相助,他們當中有 多次在後台服務的李昭、焦守恕和陳重久兄長, 以及顧東風老弟,還有新增加的徐衛龍兄長和鄭 德音老弟。我們七人組成了後台道具服務小組。 和往年不同的是,大劇場可用幻燈片在後台變換 背景,於是朱嗣中還找了來梁兆國先生負責放映 幻燈片。到了一月中旬的新年晚會籌備工作會議 上,得知攝影和錄像的工作組還未落實好,會議 責成我去落實。時間緊,任務急,只好求助於行 家裡手彭躍南掛帥攝影和錄像組。彭老弟果然厲 害,很快聯絡了老將吳萱箐、王長卓和子汶負責 攝影,陳曾綽負責錄像,還招幕了兩員新幹將: 許大昆和劉寧,分別協助攝影和錄像的工作。這 樣在一月下旬,幻燈、後台道具,以及攝影和錄 像組都準備就續,衛龍兄還代表後台道具組勘察 了場地。

二月九日下午的正式彩排就不那麼輕鬆 了,攝影和錄像組的成員們忙得不可開交,絕 大多數的相片都是在這次彩排時拍攝的。梁兆 國先生準確無誤地掌控幻燈機,空閒時,還給 演員和工作人員們拍照。道具組也是忙得不可 開交,朱老弟不知從那裡搞來了一台煙霧機, 三、四個節目需放煙幕。害得李昭大哥現去買 **來兩大袋冰,但效果不是很好,因冰的溫度不** 是很低,施放出來的煙霧很快向上飄,然後就 消失了。晚上正式表演時,使用乾冰冷卻,效 果就好得多了,煙霧沿著舞台地面擴散,使那 些跳"荷花舞"的小姑娘們和"青藏高原"的 女士們真像仙女下凡一樣。道具擺放也很緊 張,小型節目且不提它,幾個大型節目真讓人 忙得腳打後腦勺。交響樂團演奏完後,所有的 椅子和譜架都需要在很短時間內清理完畢,除 了所有道具組的全體工作人員外,負責維持秩 序的學校和家長會的工作人員以及舞台總監和 副總監都出來幫忙,大家三下五除二地把這些 道具搬到後台,然後再擺放,這就大大的縮短 了時間。另一緊張工作是教師千橡園丁之歌合 唱後,接著是畢慕舞,合唱用的弧型站台需要 改成直線型的,這就要更換四個小型站台中的 兩個,而且還要用紅、藍、白三色布條來覆蓋 三個台階,一陣緊張有序的工作後,剛擺放好, 大幕就開始拉開。

有了正式彩排的實戰演習,晚上正式演出時就有了經驗,儘管增加了給韶音合唱團擺放站台的新項目,道具組的成員都有條不紊地忙碌著,始終沒有因為道具擺放而耽誤晚會的時間,梁兆國先生更是游刃有餘,幻燈機配合得天衣無縫,攝影和錄像組的工作也緊張而有序地進行。晚會結束後,道具組的成員又幫著拆裝儀器,卸吊掛的道具等,直到收拾的差不多才離去。

晚會結束後,觀眾的反映多是正面的,儘管整個晚會時間略有些長,但對節目的質量都給予充分肯定。目前,攝影和錄像組的工作還在繼續,他們還在編輯、剪接錄像,挑選相片,

製作錄像帶、CD 和加洗相片,以題提供新春晚會的完整錄。

最後,借用三句半的形式來作為結束語: "康谷華協辦的好","全靠華人心一條", "有 錢出錢,有力出力","不多!"祝華人協會、 中文學校,以及一年一度的新春晚會越辦越 好,蒸蒸日上。

喜見千橡胶胶向榮

蔡朱保權

 可爱的孩子們相處,是何等大的享受啊!

最令我感動的是王瑞芸老師用"秋蟬" 曲詞改變的歌詞:

> 聽我把四聲分清,看我把字寫端正, 誰道漢字真難認,中華語文血脈承, 般切切,園丁情,

意盼盼,三春暉,

精心備課認真教,育才千橡桃李芬芳, 總歸是華人,總歸是華人, 行天涯,遊四海,走八方,

中華文化不能忘,一代一代源遠流長。

新春剪影 之一





新春剪影 之二







新春剪影 之三





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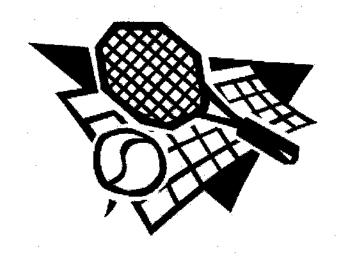
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康谷對聖谷 球場見高低

隊員既然敢來挑戰,那能怯場,自然要放手一 搏。雙方拼得頑強、激烈,開戰後不到一小時, 康谷的老將陳達文和小將 ARTHUR 一對速戰 速決,首傳捷報,先得一分。接下來,其他運 動員也相繼鳴金收兵,雙方各有勝負,在將近 中午十二點的時候,雙方只剩下一對一號男雙 還在場上打得難解難分。這時康谷隊的戰績是 三勝二負一和,握手言和的那一對是年長雙 男,因不敵烈日高溫,各勝一盤後理智收兵。 於是,大家的注意力都集中在最後的這盤比審 上,康谷的兩位選手 ALLAN 和 ANDY 。肩 負著全隊獲勝的重任,而聖谷的兩位選手身 上,更寄託著主隊求和的希望,兩隊運動員球 藝精湛,實力相當,防守嚴密,進攻有力,很 多球都經過來回拉鋸式的鏖戰才能定輸贏。他 們高超的球技不時博得觀戰球員的掌聲,最後 ALLAN 和 ANDY 技高一籌,兩盤皆以七比五 的接近比分赢了這場比賽,也為康谷網球隊的 勝利劃上了圓滿的句號。兩隊收兵作別時,聖 谷球隊已揚言來年將征戰康谷,誓報一箭之 仇,而康谷球隊則成竹在胸,慨然應戰,今年 已牛刀小試,知己知彼,回去後秣兵屬馬,嚴 陣以待,再加上主場優勢,豈能讓聖谷隊報仇 願望輕易得逞?



記夢幻交響樂團與康谷華人合唱團 2001 年 12 月 16 日義演音樂會

舞台上,一支小型交響樂團正在續易瑾音樂博士的指揮下演出一場中西音樂合璧的音樂會。今人驚異和讚嘆的不僅僅在於所有的樂隊成員都是年僅十幾歲的華裔中學生,而且選與為這個樂團成立僅二年多,便已能成功地演練和傳達西洋古典大師和中國現代音樂的不同風格與各自動人之處。當這些年青的樂者全神貫注地把他們對樂曲的理解轉化成一串串飄逸流轉的音符,當等放、鍵盤、鋼管、本管和鼓鈸在他們的指下和唇間流瀉出和諧音符時,此景、此樂,顯得分外動人。

音樂會的後半場,由康谷華人合唱團加入 演出,續易瑾老師組織起來的這個合唱團,二 年來曾數次在當地華人社區演唱。參加者全部 是業餘歌唱愛好者,演唱曲目以現代中國流行 歌曲為主,包括"再別康橋"、"請跟我來"、"秋 蟬"、"長江之歌"等曲子,經過續老師改編成分 聲部合唱曲,包括男高音和配樂朗讀,在夢幻 交響樂團的烘托伴奏下,使得合唱節目抑揚起 伙,聲情並茂。

節目單上,清楚地表明了這是一場義演音 樂會,由康谷青少年夢幻交響樂團和康谷華人 合唱團合作演出。演出由康谷華協會和中文學 校贊助,在許多義務人員的支持下,得以順利 進行。演出的收入全部捐贈給中國"希望工程" 和智幫忙基金會,用於幫助中國邊遠貧困地區 的小學教育與脈潛中南美洲幾個國家之用。 行到康谷地區華人社會的踴躍支持。觀當地區 特到康谷地區華人社會的踴躍支持。觀當地區 除了熱心公益,關注華裔青少年成長的當地 除了熱心公益,關注華裔青少年成長的自國 除了熱心公益,關注華裔青少年成長的自國 為於磯總領事館的領事官員。演出中間由續易 理老師代表交響樂團和合唱團內中國領事捐款 的一幕更引發了全場熱烈的掌聲。



人生常樂歌舞緣

My Experience in Sweet Adelines

Last May, the Chinese Folk Dance group was invited to perform at Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza. Since my daughter, Suyun, is a member of the Dance group, I went and enjoyed the show. An all-women chorus group singing beautiful songs without any instrument caught my attention. I have always liked to sing and was very interested in this 'A Cappella'. After talking with them at the end of the show, I went to their summer workshop, passed the audition and became an official member of Agoura Hills Harmony Chorus (AHH) in September 2001.

Our chorus consists of 50 to 60 members aged from 20 to 80. We convene and practice regularly at New Berry Park High School every Tuesday night from 7:15 to 10:30 pm. Members come from Ventura to Sherman Oaks, some even from Santa Monica. Some of the members are mother and daughter from the same family. We sing American songs dating back from the 50's to the present. There are four parts: Tenor, Lead, Baritone, and Bass. Our voices are our sole music instrument.

I am the only Chinese in the group. We used to have a Japanese Nisei (second-generation), but she took off for school and won't be back for a while. Everyone in the group welcomed me with warm embraces and I was treated like their sister because that's how we call each other. I enjoyed singing with them every Tuesday night, and sometimes the 'afterward party' at TGI Friday restaurant. We occasionally have potluck, we eat and drink and just have a good time.

Ever since I joined the chorus, we have given our annual performance at Civic Arts Plaza in November 2001, sung in charity events for senior homes and hospitals during Christmas, and had a 'Sing Out for Hire' on Valentine's Day. We will be singing on Mother's day for 'Breast Cancer' Foundation.

The most exciting event that I have ever

experienced was the 'Regional 11 Competition' held this past weekend (March 14 through March 17, 2002) in Bakersfield. Choruses from Fresno down to San Diego and Las Vegas all gather at this small place for the competition. Chorus members also flew all the way from Chicago to this little town just to watch us compete. The judges came from every corner of the United States.

On Friday afternoon, the moment I arrived with my chorus sisters, we checked in at the hotel, and rushed to Bakersfield Convention Center for Quartet Competition (4 persons singing 4 parts) scheduled to start at 5 pm. There were a total of 22 Quartets competing this year. These contestants are the top singers from different They all have angelic voices chorus groups. and the songs they sang were so beautiful, I was in tears over some of the songs. The Quartet competition did not finish until 12 am, and we had to be ready for our chorus competition the next day.

Saturday morning, we got up early, had our breakfast and rehearsed our warm up session before quickly putting on our make up and getting dressed up for the competition. The bus took us to Bakersfield Convention Center where we had another pre-show warm up and began our longest yet shortest five-and-a-half-minutes in our life. All the hard work and practices were going to be evaluated at this one single performance. We were the thirteenth group to be on the stage so we only got to watch another three groups perform after us. I was so amazed that the sweet adelines members are so energetic. women were in their seventies and eighties, yet they all dressed very elegantly, sang beautifully and danced energetically. Time doesn't seem to have left any trace on their glorious faces. Some women have been in the sweet adelines for more than 45 years and still actively participate in the business. (Sweet Adelines began in the late

40's). I was so impressed with their vitality and happy hearts and wished that I would be the same at their age. These chorus groups vary in size, ranging from 26 to 150 members. Our group had 50 members on stage this time, so we won the first place in the mid-size category and we also won the fourth place among all 16 chorus groups.

Since we won first place in our category, we had the honor of performing at the 'Champion Night' again. We rushed to our hotel, finished our dinner, changed to another outfit and headed back to Convention Center again at 8 pm. After the show, we went back to our hotel and started our celebration. The winning quartet came through every group and sang for us. I asked the Lead in the 2002 International Champion 'FANATIX' how many years she had been in the sweet adelines. She told me: "13 years" and she is only thirty-one! There are some members in my chorus who had been in this field for 30 years, and they are only in their forties, because their mothers were in the sweet adelines and their fathers were in the barbershop. They basically grew up in this environment. We sang and ate and drank and laughed and had fun all night. WE HAD SUCH A BALL!!! This was the most exciting and craziest party I have ever attended.

The next morning (Sunday), we had brunch at Double Tree Hotel. We got to meet all the

administrative members from Region 11. These women were the ones that put everything together to make this event happen, many of them held doctoral degrees in music, and many of them were career women who were doing very successfully in their businesses. We saw a slide show of all the champions for the past fifty years. Some of the members are still singing and looking great. We did some fund-raising to help our first place quartet and first place chorus compete in the International level this coming fall. (The International Competition will be held this fall in Nashville, TN. This event is the competition among all the champions from different regions all over the world such as New Zealand, Canada, England, Netherlands, Sweden, Australia, Japan, etc),

When I got home Sunday afternoon, I was so tired I collapsed in bed. But that's not the end of it. We need to get ready for our future events: Mother's Day sing out for 'Breast Cancer' Foundation; we will be hosting our regional event in August; our annual performance in November; Christmas sing out, and last but not least, the next year's regional competition. I love this busy schedule, the busier I get, the more energetic I become. Singing makes me feel good and young at heart. I LOVE BEING A BUSY BEE.

記五年C班

時間過得好快啊。轉眼鋪滿落葉的地上又 泛出片片翠綠。五年 C 班的孩子們跟我一起渡 過了第一個秋季學期。儘管每週只有短短的兩 個小時,但他們留給我的印象卻是極其深刻 的。在這裏就讓我寫寫他們的轉變吧。

提起現在的五年C班,大多數知道的人認 爲它是一個比較"特別"的班。之所以說它 "特別",這其中有一個小小的插曲。三年前, 由於班級人數不斷增加,學校決定將該班一分 爲二。不分年龄大小一律按成績劃分。一般來 說,學習成績的好與壞,是和課堂上的表現成 正比的。在千橡中文學校兩年執教中,我有幸 接觸到這兩個特殊的班,一個是去年"一般" 的五年 C 班,一個是今年"特別"的五年 C 班。平心而論,去年的五年 C 班,並沒有給我 留下極深刻的印象,因爲大多數同學課堂表現 都很好。老師在上面講課,同學們自覺在下面 做筆記,每次考試,成績都還不錯,所以一年 也就這樣平鋪直敍,順利地過去了。今年的五 年 C 班可就不是這麼簡單了。在接這個班之 前,我並沒有做太多的思想準備,還是以平常 心看待。第一個週六的兩個小時中,同學們的 表現還是可圈可點,令人滿意的。也許這是給 新老師一個面子,也許是在試探這個新老師, 不敢輕舉妄動吧。但在第二、第三週,他們卻 暴露了"廬山真面目"。上課大聲講話,說笑, 扔紙團,撒紙飛機,滿地亂竄,玩得五花八門, 說得"有聲有色",真是"談笑風生",好不 熱鬧。兩個小時下來,我已口乾舌燥,精疲力 盡。同學們學到多少中文知識呢,可想而知。

校長很快知道了五年 C 班的現況,派人到 班上坐陣,並男女搭配,固定座位。當然,我 也不能等閒視之。創造一個安靜的學習環境, 維持一個良好的課堂秩序,是我們每個中文老 師義不容辭的責任。面對這樣一個班級,如何 由 "差"轉變爲好呢?這個問題一直萦繞在我 的腦海裏。經過幾個晚上的深思熟慮,同學們在 班現和 Point System 已躍然紙上。同學們有 "法"可依,有"規"可循,並可根據自己在 課堂上的表現,完成作業情況及考試成績來增 加或減少自己的點數。當點數增加到某一個數值時,就可以從老師這兒領取獎品。當然,對那些點數只減無增的同學,老師也會給予適當的懲罰——抄寫課文。

同時,我們班的 Room Mother 楊燮也積極 地配合老師,每週安排一名家長到班上維持秩 序,並協助老師輔導同學。經過大家的齊心努 力,現在的五年 C 班有了明顯的轉變。它已告 別了無組織,無紀律,自由散漫的習慣,由一 盤散砂轉變成具有向心力的小團體。同學們不 僅能遵守課堂紀律,而且對中文也產生了一定 的興趣。課堂上,同們踴躍舉手發言,秩序井 然,活而不亂,嚴而不死。每週教的生字,同 學們都能自覺地去記,並主動地要求老師給予 測驗。在測驗中,他們積極地動腦筋,爭取盡 可能地多組一些片語。有的同學生病沒來上 學,下次上課,主動要求老師給予補考。我班 蔣之傑同學中文基礎比較差。在剛開始的幾週 裏,眼睛都不敢正視老師,生怕被提問。但在 後來,他卻主動舉手發言。成績也由期中考試 的 36 分提高到期末考試的 93 分。這是多麽了 不起的轉變啊!看著這群活潑可愛而又聰明的 孩子,看著他們的中文一天天在進步,我的心 裏有說不出的喜悅和激動,更爲他們感到驕傲。

在這裏,我要感謝中文學校領導的支援, 感謝 Room Mother 楊瑩大力的合作,感謝五年 C 班全體家長朋友們的幫助,特別是嚴海先生 在開學的前幾週,主動地承擔起維持課堂紀律 義務,使我能順利地完成教學計劃。當然,我 更要感謝我們五年 C 班全體孩子們的努力,是 他們自身的變化,才有今天五年 C 班的轉變。



十六年前,中文學校的規模不大,祗有八十多名學生。有一天高班的謝月松老師請假,我自告奮勇地代課。對一個不會注音符號的人來說,這是一件難事。我把準備了很久的教材在十分鐘內就用完了,突然靈機一動,以傳授中國文化為藉口,用摺紙來填時間,一堂課下來居然大受歡迎。從此以後,我和千橡中文學校的摺紙班結下不解之緣。

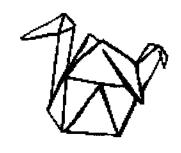
我教過形形色色的學生很多,有六歲的小神童,也有六十多歲的老頑童。每張笑臉都留在我的腦海中,我對有幾位學生的印象特別深刻。Nancy 許就是其中之一。她在我班上時才八歲,每次都坐在左手邊的第二排,柔軟的短髮,配上烏黑的眼睛托出了一臉的靈氣。她的領悟力很強,學習態度認真。可惜才過了一學期,就全家移居北加州,從此斷了訊息。幾年

前,雷澤川夫婦去北加州採朋友,友人有一千金,是一位亭子玉立的少女。她一聽到雷氏伉儷俯來自千椽就問:「張老師還在教摺紙嗎?」原來她就是 Nancy。她帶著客人去參觀她的臥室,桌面上、櫃子上都放著她的摺紙作品。摺紙已成了她的嗜好。她捎了一封信給我,放在一個精緻的兔寶實信封裡。隻字片語充溢著感情,我看了幾遍不能放手。這封信我會一直珍藏,它是我的寶貝。

學生們需要獎勵,求學要有目標,摺紙班的同學們也不例外。可是要找一件既有意義,又特別的東西不是件容易事。我揣摩學生心理,想出了一個好辦法,就是頒發學位,這個學位名銜很大,號稱 Paper Folding Doctor,簡稱 PFD,與 PhD 只有一線之差。我的要求很高,十五年來只有五個學生(侯凱元、陳宣堯、瞿百儀、鄭思孟、梁永義)。為他們,我特地準備了正式又大方的文憑,在結業典禮上頒發給他們,下次在校園看到他們,請你們尊稱一聲:「博士好!」

十六年如一日,每星期六早上,我就抱了 裝滿了摺紙材料的百寶箱來到了中文學校與學 生同樂。將我熟悉的中國摺紙,一項二項地傳 给學生。我鼓勵他們學習,激發他們創作。我 在講台放眼望去,看到了一雙雙的巧手,一張 張的笑臉。他們都是我的寶貝!







進入名校之道

如何申請美國優良大學

進入著名大學就讀,是每一個華裔家長及 學生的共同心願。許多早期為留美學生的父母 在取得美國學位之後,留在本地就業、生根並 撫養下一代,希望這些出生在美國的「龍的傳 人」能夠頂著儒家思想的光環、重視教育,在 高中畢業後能順利進入全美名校就學,並更進 一步獲得碩士或專業博士學位,若青出於藍更 是光耀門楣。美國大學要求申請者在高中時期 **德智體群美五育並重,學生在高中四年之內所** 完成的二百二十個畢業學分中,須致力於選擇 較具難度的 Honor 榮譽班或 AP 班課程,其中 包括四年的正規英文課程;數學最好涵擴代 數、幾何、涵數及微積分;歷史須修畢世界及 美國歷史,如增加美國政府及經濟學則更佳; 科學則包括物理、化學及生物三科;外加二年 以上的外國語言課程。前述課程均為進入大學 的 College preparation 預修課程,如同一科目修 第二年則可選擇 A P 課程。除校內功課之外, SATⅠ、Ⅱ的考試成績也是大學在選擇學生時 的重要參考指標,總計五科滿分為四千分,通 常 SAT I 、 II 英文 650 分、數學 750 分,SAT Ⅱ選考科目 700 分以上(不含中文項目,因全國 平均已高達 750 分)。想進入優良大學首先須知 道這些大學是根據什麼標準在挑選學生,固然 人盡皆知學業平均成績 GPA 點數(通常須達到 三點九以上)及 SAT I、Ⅱ考試(SAT II 三科總分 二千一百分以上)是申請一流大學的兩大主要 **参考要件**,但除此之外,申請者須要讓校方完 整地看到除知識成就以外的一切有利條件,亦 即綜合個性、能力、品德、興趣、價值觀等參 考架構須呈給大學作評估之用。高中生在申請 大學時須先瞭解該校的立校精神、校風、最負 盛名的科系或研究方向;強調思想教育或注重 實際就業技藝;注重大眾化的通才教育或培養 領袖人才;畢業前須通過論文、筆試、口試或 是修足學分即可畢業;校友組織的凝聚力及畢 業後起薪及就業率。前述是由學生的觀點來挑 選合適就讀的大學,然而在申請學校的同時, 各大學的入學許可辦公室(Admission Office)也

是在成千上萬的申請者當中層層淘汰,從百分 之十一到四十之間的錄取率中選擇佼佼者發給 錄取通知,以便在秋季班進入全美前二十五名 的大學部或研究所(Graduate School)就讀。全 美最優大學在選擇新生入學時不僅僅注重高中 平均課業成績 GPA 及 SAT I、Ⅱ考試分數。這 些頂尖學府在審核學生的資格時兼顧學生整體 表現的廣度及深度,校方在 GPA 達到四點,或 更高(A P 課程及榮譽班課程某些大學多給一分 或半分,某些則依舊最高只給四分)之外,更要 檢查在高中的修課內容,多拿高階的課程 AP 或 Honor 課可增強該科目的深度及實力,並對 在大學入學所選的科系會更具說服力及具備競 爭條件。以加州地區最受學生歡迎的名校 UCLA 為例,去年申請者超過四萬人,經過淘 汰後只有一萬人獲得錄取許可,在這些角逐勝 利者中約有百分之七十的學生(包括絕大多數 的亞裔)是憑學術表現申請入學,其高中平均的 GPA 點數為四點三,而 SAT I 分數為 1384 分, 平均修十八點五個 AP 榮譽課學分。由此可見 進入名校競爭的激烈性。對於想要進入一流學 府就讀的學生,校方要求申請者展示其能力、 成就、學習動機(Motivation)、領導才能、勤勉 及誠實正直(Integrity)。學生要充分利用所有機 會去驗證及表現其品德、能力、才華、勤奮向 學以及對所居住社區的回餽或貢獻。另一類可 能會受一流學府青睞的學生是在音樂、寫作、 科學、政治、體育等專業中有極為傑出表現並 獲得某種程度或形式的肯定。其他一些特質, 像是學生個人氣質中較難衡量比較的項目,例 如正義感、愛國情操、憐憫心等則留在學生個 人自傳或推薦信函中表達闡釋。大學亦誘過申 請者的與趣嗜好、課外活動、課餘或暑假期間 的工作内容及一些志願義工服務等活動來觀察 審核學生的個性、氣質、目標、發展潛力及價 值觀,從中推測判斷申請學生是否適合就讀該 校。高中生在校的體育、群育成績反映在所参 加的社團活動及運動項目中,對於音樂、美術 及設計方面的表現亦高於可獲得積分點數的項

目,歸於美育。這些活動可以反映學生的創作性及合群性,美國大學亦重視學生的品德及道德觀,這些項目反映在學生對公益活動及社團的參與,如社區服務、環保、重視家庭、尊重傳統文化的價值。透過參與各項校內或校外的活動,學生的領導、協調事務的能力可從中訓練培養,並得到表現及受肯定的機會,而具備良好的領導能力及溝通技巧(包含口語表達及寫作)更是進入名校的重要條件之一。

綜觀前述概要,美國大學在選擇學生是以「面面俱到」為主要架構,再從中加減取捨其比重,亦即是要選擇一個 Well Rounded Student。申請者除了課業成績好之外,須熱愛知識,並有一顆熱情的心,關懷人性,尊重長輩及師長,樂於常助別人,對於學校、家庭、社區及國家

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艦筋急轉變

打雷的時候,星星為什麼不會被打到?

因爲星星一閃一閃的

Conejo Chinese Cultural Association

Community Service Award

The Conejo Chinese Cultural Association (CCCA) is a non-profit organization catering to the needs of the Chinese community in the Conejo Valley. In addition to supporting the Chinese School, this organization promotes the Chinese Culture through various activities in the area.

As part of its goals and objectives, CCCA is offering \$200 Scholarships as recognition to deserving high school seniors, attending Thousand Oaks High School, who have served their community.

Teachers need to fill out the attached Nomination Form and mail the form, by May 1, 2002, to:

Ellen Long, CCCA Scholarship 5005 Evanwood Ave Oak Park, CA 91377

(818) 889-1138

Note: The number of scholarships available are limited. If there are more nominees than scholarships, a selection committee will evaluate the candidates and make a final decision. Nominees will be notified by mail.

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Nominee's Name:_

Community Service Award

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Phone:	
Details of Community Service work done:	
Nominated by (Teacher's Name):	
Grade:	
Phone Number:	(home/classroom)
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Conejo Chinese Cultural Association

Academic Merit Award

The Conejo Chinese Cultural Association (CCCA) is a non-profit organization catering to the needs of the Chinese community in the Conejo Valley. In addition to supporting the Chinese School, this organization promotes the Chinese Culture through various activities in the area.

In order to give recognition for academic excellence, CCCA is offering several \$200-Scholarships to college-bound seniors, of Thousand Oaks Chinese School, with the following qualifications:

- 1. Grade Point Average of 3.5 or above in high school.
- 2. Has attended Thousand Oaks Chinese School for at least 3 years.
- 3. Applied for admission at a 2 or 4-year college or university.

All application forms must be accompanied with an essay, in either Chinese or English, about their experience in Chinese School.

The Merit Scholarships will be presented at Awards Night to selected candidates.

Application deadline is May 1, 2002. For more information, please call Ellen Long at (818) 889-1138.

Conejo Chinese Cultural Association Scholarship Application

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

The new millennium has been faced with hardships from the onset. In such a short period of time, hearts have both been broken and mended. The 21st century has started with many terrorizing events but has undergone successful healing as well.

This issue of Chinese School Newsletter explores key points from the new millennium. A time of new beginnings became what seemed like the end for many. The theme is tragedy and recovery. Disaster lined our newspapers and never had the community seem so aware of its surroundings. People come together as a nation and as one body. After the traumatic events in the past year, renewal is an admiral topic. Overcoming these losses is certainly something worth writing about because so many of the large events have affected our lives forever.

Amazing developments and comebacks have awakened the public. Advancements in the medical field are constantly being discovered. Old entertainers have returned to entertain a whole new generation. Despite all the horrors running around, progress continues.

This issue is dedicated to the many lives lost this year. Each death, whether nationalistic or personal, has hit close to home. Written by Chinese high school students, the articles range from the most notable tragedies of September 11 to America's rage for Harry Potter. In the next pages, our writers express their thoughts and opinions on many levels. Much effort was put into this compilation, and we hope that it will give you a taste of the millennium's start.

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The Nation Awakes

Max Wu

The people of The United States of America awoke from hibernation on September 11, 2001. The alarm clock: The roaring crumble of both towers of the World Trade Center, and a side of the Pentagon. Panic engulfed New York City as thousands ran for their lives under a thick blanket of smoke. Debris went crashing down as the World Trade Center buildings disintegrated floor by floor taking trapped victims down with them. In the Pentagon, fire blazed on as government employees rushed to evacuate. Thousands of lives were lost and billions of hearts were broken.

The once thought unbreakable steel of the World Trade Center lay in pieces, scattered everywhere. The seemingly indestructible backbone of America has been bent. Ever since the Revolutionary War, the two shining seas of the Pacific and Atlantic have protected America from foreign threat. Ever since Pearl Harbor, no American life has been lost to foreign powers on American soil. But since the surprise attack, America has slowly fallen asleep, blanketed in false security of being the most powerful country on Earth. The tragic event of September 11th has changed all that. We no longer live our lives ignorant of the world outside this country. The word "Afghanistan" has become an ordinary word used in common conversation. We learn about the country and how the people are treated, while at same time we learn about ourselves. An eruption of American patriotism is displayed through American Flags and the demand for justice. Acts of terrorism have gotten the Nation's attention, and America has made them pay the price. Terrorists behind the attacks have been captured and identified and the Taliban Army has been crushed. Hiding in caves, the remaining forces of the Taliban are helpless. The threat of terrorism has been subdued, but at the expense of many innocent lives. Sadly, many more will be sacrificed as the war on terrorism continues around the world. The events of September 11th have reminded us of the fragility of our own lives. as well as those of others. What lies under the ruble of steel and concrete in New York City is hope. Nations around the globe have come together to end the threat of terrorism. The world is finally on the same page, fighting for the same cause, and striving to preserve life. September 11th is not only the most influential event of 2001 for America, but also for the entire world. No human being can escape the horror of what has happened. No one will forget the images of the crumbling World Trade Center, nor will they forget the lives of those lost in this tragic event.

America is a melting pot of all cultures, religions and races. The Jewish, English, Chinese, Irish, Germans, Muslims, Christians, Mormons, and every other culture in the world all co-exist in the heart of America. September 11th has united the people of this country. By donating blood, money, and time, we are driving towards the same goal—preservation of human life. Slowly healing from this tragic event, we Americans have emerged as a whole, working together to make the future a place with liberty and justice for all.

"All Things Must Pass" – The Death of George Harrison

Jan Luo

George Harrison, the guitarist of the Beatles, died on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at age 58. His death, as well as his life, was influential for many people worldwide.

As a member of the band, George Harrison appeared to be shy and quiet. Where John Lennon had his wit, Ringo Starr had his affability, and Paul McCartney had his charm, George possessed maturity. While he was the youngest Beatle, he always pursued greater understanding, adding a spiritual sensibility to the band.

The Beatles arrived in America in 1964. Already popular in their home country of Great Britain, they appeared on *The Ed Sullivan Show* in front of 73 million viewers. Overnight, America fell in love with the group. Arriving just after the assassination of President Kennedy, the cheerful and optimistic music of the group inspired hope for many. The band toured the country and played many live shows in front of adoring, and sometimes fanatical, admirers. However, the magic soon began to wear off, especially for George. He questioned the appeal of "being chased around by a crowd of hooting lunatics from one crappy hotel room to the next."

During this time, the Beatles became increasingly serious. Their perspectives were altered by psychedelics, and interests in Eastern religion, culture, and music. When the band broke up in 1970, many people were teary-eyed but Harrison advised, with resolute wisdom, that "all things must pass."

Today, as many people mourn the death of George Harrison, this phrase, and all the underlying understanding, inspire many to remain strong. Even while George was battling cancer, he never feared death. He believed that living and dying were part of the same process. George's acceptance of his mortality serves as an influence for many people to learn to cope with their own, because, in the end, "all things must pass away."



Dear Jordan and Kenny

Howard Chou

I had the time of my life with you guys: the fun parties, hilarious jokes, and countless get-togethers. I will never forget the moments that we spent together. To many of us, both of you were the most wonderful friends we have ever known. The influence you have had on us is undeniable. Kenny was always one up on everyone in telling new jokes. I still laugh upon hearing about Jordan's ingenious pranks. Then, a fatal car accident occurred on December 28th, 2001: a horrific event that ended two precious lives. Accidents happen, right? But I never thought they could happen like this. Just thinking about it brings sad tears to my eyes. Nevertheless, your tragic accident will be forgotten. Instead, we will remember more important dates such as your birthdays. October 10th, 1985 will always be Jordan's special day as is September 22, 1985 for Kenny. Unlike many things in the world, you guys will never be forgotten. Memories live an eternity.

Hey Jordan, I don't know if you ever knew this, but I admired you so much. Your incredible athletic ability, musical talent, and personality attracted me to become a fan of yours since the first day we met. I hope that you continue doing all the things you love best. I know that you will continue to watch over us as you did so well as a friend. You always showed off how awesome you were at playing the bass; I was always impressed. Remember the time when we ambushed cars with water guns? That was great. No matter how crazy your ideas were, I followed them. Now these memories are here to stay, along with your legacy. I'm sorry for not saying goodbye, but I know in a sense, that you will always be here with us. I regret not wishing you good luck on your endless journey through heaven, but I know that *you* don't need luck to succeed. I wish I could go back in time and thank you for everything, but I'll just say it now because I know someday I'll see you again. Thanks Jordan.

I should've known. I was truly out of my league when I stepped up to play basketball against you. Back then, I only knew that your name was Kenny. Standing at only 5'5, I was a foot shorter then you! Although first impressions can be deceiving, the one you gave me showed your true character. Instead of totally destroying me on the court, you let me win and you won't admit it! That's the kind of person that you were: friendly, good-natured, and approachable. No fun was ever complete without you. I will miss your competitive fire. Although you were quiet by nature, those jokes you told me kept me laughing for days, nights too. No matter how much you made fun of me, I could never get mad because your jokes were never serious and they were so darn funny. After all, you were a nice guy, no matter how hard you tried to be "cool". Sometimes when I'm all stressed out, I wish I could be as carefree and blithe as you. I can't wait to see you again and hear all your lousy jokes. So what do you think Kenny, rematch?

If there's one thing you guys have taught me, it's not to be depressed. These are hard times for all of us, but I'll try and stay positive and live life to the fullest. The two of you knew how to do that best. Thanks for the friendship, the good times, and the memories. We shall meet again. Rest in peace Jordan Bass and Kenny Glass.



HATE at First Glance

Priscilla Chang

Accompanying the aftermath of September 11th came unsettling disputes on the topic of racism. People from around the country felt discomfort when dealing with those

of Middle Eastern background.

Newspapers were lined with many horrific stories of the world's cruelty. Balbir Singh Sodhi, a dark-skinned Indian who wore a turban, owned a gas station in Phoenix. Shot by a masked gunman who did not take any money for himself, Sodhi was killed for what was identified as a racially motivated crime. On September 16, Waqar Hasan, a Pakistani grocer, was found dead as another example of hate crime. How far from home is this kind of prejudice?

Prejudice in regards to race is an everlasting issue. Served for a minority group, Thousand Oaks Chinese School is no stranger to these prejudices. For many Chinese School students, waking up early on Saturdays to learn Chinese is not as appealing as it sounds. It can in fact be embarrassing. Children do not want to waste perfectly beautiful mornings learning. They would rather spend that time sleeping. Nevertheless, the

schooling is a way to hold on to the Chinese Culture.

"I would say that I am quite Americanized," Albert Hwu said. "I guess I eat some

rice, use chopsticks and speak Chinese at home, but that's not much."

The majority of the students at Thousand Oaks Chinese School are second generation Chinese. Although there is that gap, kids can understand and relate with prejudices.

"People view us as the ones who are good at math," Emily Cheung said.
"Chinese people are those chopstick and fortune cookie people who have small eyes and

bad accents."

The difference in skin color and language sometimes seems to create a wall for

people of different races.

"I always try my best to eliminate the barrier between myself and others of a different ethnicity," Albert said. "However there is always a subconscious difference between races. I can be sure to say that people are usually more open, friendly and attracted to the people of the same race.

According the Jerry Jiang, he has not seen any real problems regarding prejudice. "Due to the fact of my upbringings and where I live, I haven't been faced with many

difficulties of that sort," Jerry said.

Even though it may not feel like racism is at all present in Thousand Oaks, it is important to know that it is out there. With this acknowledgement as well as with the facts of history, people can be aware if the dangers at hand when it comes to hate.

Comebacks ...

Harry Potter to the Rescue

Emily Cheung

Beware! The persons sitting next to you may not be who they seem to be! Sure, they may look human enough...but how can you tell when there are so many wizards and witches secretly living amongst us?! This is the world of Harry Potter where, everything is filled with mystery, surprises, and magic.

Although many look upon the Harry Potter phenomena as an ephemeral craze or something too childish to read, its popularity grew increasingly over the past couple of years. It not only influenced young readers around the world, but its appeal even got adults becoming Potter-Fanatics.

The Harry Potter series is very long and detailed, filled with entertaining characters and unique spins on everyday phenomena. The protagonist of the series is 11-year old Harry Potter, whose life as an average child is intolerable with his aunt and uncle. Young Potter feels that there is much more to life than what he was experiencing. However, what he is about to discover about himself is not at all what he expects. Soon his life is turned upside down when he finds out that his parents were wizards, and he himself is a wizard in the making.

Attending one of the most prestigious wizardry schools of all time, Hogwarts, Potter learns much more than spells, charms, and potions. He also meets his new friends and fellow magical-folk, including Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger. Together, these three students of Hogwarts go in search of adventure. Thus, the excitement begins.

J.K Rowling (the author of the Harry Potter books) crafts a tale of magical mayhem and always keeps her audience excited. Her humor is sly and subtle and the intricate plot twists and turns so that the readers are on the edge of their seats and wanting to read more. Rowling creates Harry to be a courageous yet cautious boy whom all children can identify with in one way or another. His supporting characters at Hogwarts are also charming and completely believable. In this way, Rowling is able to unite fantasy with reality.

In today's environment of rapid technological growth, the allure of reading a book has been largely forgotten by children. Huddled in front of their computers during this "E-generation", many book critics began hailing the end of books as a source of entertainment for children. However, Rowling has managed to create a wonderful tool to yank the masses away from their glowing monitors and back to the real world. Her books have fascinated and captivated many. In a sense, they have saved many minds of the younger generation.

TRANSPORTATION IS BACK

Joy Jeng

Four months after the tragedy that occurred on September 11th, the country has endured inexpressible suffering together, and progressed together to the point where it is able to observe the aftermath of the events of that morning. It is not possible to narrow the consequences of the assault down to one category; the terrorist attack created numerous effects and levels of outcomes, turning some lives completely upside down and leaving others less affected, if greatly shaken. Immediately following the attack, anxiety over safety in public transportation became a prime area of concern. In addition to the many hearts that were broken, a portion of the nation's character—its faith in the protecting forces that ensure the safety and security of every citizen—was shattered when the airplanes disappeared into that terrifying blossom of smoke. All at once, Americans realized that an attack could have occurred all along and that another could happen exactly the same way in the future, any time a group of terrorists decides to hijack an airplane and fly it into a building. On that day, the country became a place where safety measures suddenly seemed much too lax or downright inadequate.

Following the attack, the transportation system in the United States suffered great distrust and underwent many cautious procedures, particularly in the airline industry. As was to be expected, many people cancelled their flights that would have taken place in the next few days or weeks, preferring to remain on comfortable, solid ground close to their loved ones. In airports all over the country, the amount of security at any entrance increased heavily, terrified to let more dangerous individuals slip through its metal detectors and x-ray inspection scanners. There were suggestions to replace the traditional curtain dividing the cockpit and the rest of the airplane with an actual door, further secured with a sound lock, to prevent intrusions into the pilot's controls in that crucial region. Trips that were made out of absolute necessity were usually carried out on trains or by car-on the whole, everybody seemed to be more willing to wait and crawl slowly through congested traffic or put up with crowded buses rather than risk a trip by flight. Long-distance travel was generally suspended for the rest of the month, and home emerged as the best place to be during the holidays, as the highways counted fewer automobiles and even the most popular vacation spots saw significantly fewer visitors during Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. During the period of recovery after such painful loss, the country wanted nothing except to stay near family and friends and avoid everything to do with airplanes and such dealings, meanwhile placing some red, white, and blue wherever possible and doing all it could to aid the victims of the attack.

After September 11th, after the sense of security possessed by the nation was completely blown away with the terrorist attack, people have grown quietly stronger, more patient, and infinitely more compassionate towards the grief of their countrymen. As America recovers from the first shock of the attack, airlines are encouraging people to fly again, and nobody complains about the increased safety measures that create long lines but reassure passengers that no dangerous persons will be admitted onto the plane. In time, the nation will learn to cope with its losses and rebuild its confidence, but I hope

that the strength and fortitude that has carried the country this far will continue to support it after the events of September 11th have become a haunting memory.



Rebirth of the King

Anthony Sun

Michael Jackson has been around since the beginning of the pop music surge. He is listed as the "King of Pop" and rightly so, for he has topped just about every record there is. He even holds a record in the Guinness Book of World Records. After several years of absence, Michael made an amazing comeback this year with the release of his new CD "Invincible".

"Invincible" debuted at number one in thirteen different countries. He followed up the release of his CD with the release of the first single off the CD; "You Rock My World." The video for the single was reminiscent of the video for "Thriller" - A video that revolutionized the way music videos were perceived. The "You Rock My World" video was created as a short movie mixed with soothing music and intense dance steps. It proved to the world that Michael could still sing and move after a long drought in the music business. Twenty-two years after he was given his first Grammy award as a solo singer for his song "Don't Stop 'til You Get Enough", his songs are still new and innovative. His catchy lyrics with distinctive beats and his unique dance moves are still prevalent. His ability to climb the charts among younger singers who were inspired by him and grew up listening to his music shows the impact that he has had on the entire music industry both then and now.

The fact that his popularity has sustained throughout his absence is a testimony to his talent as well as his status as a pop star. With his new CD, he has captured the attention of his loyal fans, and once again, become a pop icon for a whole new younger generation of pop music listeners. Now that's a comeback!



THE FRONTIER

Derek Chang

Masses of identical bodies roam the earth destined for monotonous labor. They are robust in physique and highly superior in intelligence. They even invade other civilizations as crowds of dehumanized beings conquering and vanquishing all those who stand in their way! Does this scene seem familiar? It is a theme that has been dominant in many sci-fi movies: Cloning.

By definition, a clone is an organism that has the same genetic information as another organism or organisms. Cloning has been a prevalent issue throughout the world during the beginning of the twenty-first century. Although it took seventy-one eggs from seven volunteers, scientists were recently able to clone their first early embryo which consists of six cells. In the past years, cloning has been successful in plant propagation and in lower animals; however, now, scientists have put their foot in the door and have begun human cloning. Despite such a remarkable accomplishment, there are many who view cloning as an unfortunate triumph.

One of the biggest problems associated with cloning is the decline in genetic diversity. If everyone consists of the same genetic makeup, a disease could easily wipe out an entire population; there is not enough diversity to have select species survive epidemics. Attempts to save endangered species are not fruitful either. Zoologists are not having as much trouble keeping population numbers up as having animals breed that are not cousins. Other concerns for cloning include moral and ethical standpoints. These standpoints consider nuclear transfer to eventually cause men to be reproductively obsolete. They also view that cloning does not respect the existence of human souls and that the passion and love between couples that drive them to reproduce may very well diminish. Cloning would also deprive every person of uniqueness; psychological and emotional problems may be evoked if a cloned person were to find out that he/she is cloned. These concerns should be respected and not ignored.

On the other hand, cloning does have its positive aspects. Cloning directly offers a means of curing diseases or a technique that could acquire new data for the sciences of embryology and of how organisms develop as a whole. The agricultural industry requires the use of nuclear transfer to produce better livestock. Currently, scientists bombard embryos of livestock with genes that produce preferred traits so that agricultural industries are able to manufacture biological products such as proteins for humans. These biological proteins can help people who have diseases, such as diabetes, Parkinson's, and Cystic Fibrosis. Scientists foresee that cloning pigs will produce organs that will be accepted and not rejected by humans. As mentioned earlier, nuclear transfer would also allow couples who are infertile or have genetic disorders to have healthy children. Ultimately, the main thrust for research in cloning is to extend and improve human life.

Some critics believe cloning is an advantageous step in science whereas others condemn it for allowing humans to play God. At this point, there have been no dominating ethical arguments that have stopped scientists from blazing new paths in this unfamiliar field; therefore, funding and research still prevails in the scientific community.

Despite the sparks between these two agitated sides, one thing remains a fact: scientists have only begun to tap this important source, and hopefully a peaceful and better world may evolve from this frontier.



VIRUSES BEWARE

Jerry Jiang

Worried about catching the common cold? With advances in technology, medications are catching up with it. Up till now medications have only been able to alleviate cold symptoms, but with the development of two new drugs, we will be able to stop viruses dead in their tracks. Viruses have been hard to eliminate because unlike bacteria that colonizes in bodily fluids, viruses ingratiate themselves into our cells. Viruses are microscopic strands of RNA and protein that are unable to reproduce themselves and scientists have developed drugs that exploit this very weakness.

The first drug is a protease inhibitor and since it is still in developmental stages, it is called AG7088. It works by immobilizing key enzymes so that the virus cannot shoot its genetic information into the cell's DNA. This medication has been able to block a hundred strains of cold viruses from taking over. Tests show that the drug reduces cold symptoms compared to people in the control group who experienced a full-blown cold. Because the drug is still in the middle of the second phase of human testing, it won't be out on the market for a few years.

The other medicine is called Picovir, which stops the virus from even entering the cell. This drug wedges itself in a fissure that runs across the viral surface and prevents the virus from shedding its coat. Incapable of shedding its coat means that the virus cannot penetrate the cell membrane to infect the cell. The only problem with this drug is that it only has an effect on rhinoviruses because only they have a deep fissure on their membrane, but rhinoviruses cause about half of all colds so it is still pretty useful. This drug also slows down viral shedding, which means that it cuts down on the rate at which colds are spread. In a test, this drug was able to help people feel better within 24 hours after taking it, compared with the group that got a placebo. Though these two drugs won't be out on the market for a few years, they won't become a big hit when they do come out.

The problem with these two drugs is that they only reduce the severity and duration of cold symptoms. By the time we start feeling sick, we have had the virus in our body for a few days so they already had a head start in taking over our body. Another

problem is that the symptoms we feel such as running nose, sneezing, fever, couch, and scratchy throats are all caused by our immune system, so the new drugs will need to be given with another drug to suppress the symptoms while they eliminate the virus. Another bonus to these drugs is that they come in inhaler form and pill form, so say bye-bye to painful flu shots. Humanity is finally making a come back against the once undefeatable virus!



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Peter Chang

Michael "Air" Jordan is known to most people for his talented skills on the basketball court. Jordan is six foot six inches tall, weighs 216 pounds, and a former member of the 1984 North Carolina Tar heels. Michael is arguably the greatest basketball player of all time. Jordan, however, left the Chicago Bulls and exited from the NBA after the death of his father. Still active in sports, Jordan chose to play baseball for the Chicago White Sox's. There, Jordan played as an outfielder. Realizing that he could not fit in by playing baseball, Jordan went back to what he knew best, basketball. Winning another two NBA Championship Rings, Jordan once again retired along with his famous number 23 jersey.

But was this the last of Jordan that we'll see? NO WAY JOSE! The basketball legend comes back once again in the year 2002 to play on the Washington Wizards. Jordan, part owner and part player, is once again the prestigious number 23. This was somewhat of a surprise to all, for everyone thought that Jordan was done. With this comeback, Michael has proved that he is better than ever by improving the record of the Washington Wizards. Jordan's comeback has inspired us all to keep doing what we love. We must not let any obstacles prevent us form being happy and free. I wish Jordan the best of luck, and hope that he does well in the last years of his basketball career. Whether he is better or worse, Michael Jordan will always be remembered as an inspirational hero to us all. Good Luck MJ!

十四個春秋在我的眼前閃過。我的生命,像一本書似的攤開著在我面前。我的優點,我的缺點,我的勝利,我的失敗,我的興高采烈,我的失魂落魄,都寫得一清二楚。這十四年的道路我走得多遠那!

我出生在大連,一個海濱小城。從小我就 喜歡大海。聽爸媽說,我小時候,他們常常帶 我去海邊玩兒。有一次,姥姥讓我一絲不掛的 在海裏撲騰了一會兒。直到今天,我仍然愛著 大海。在我眼裏,它代表著無限的自由和不可 征服的精神。

還記得,在幼稚園的時候,我們有舞蹈班。 小孩子嘛,也不能學太深的,老師就教我們一 些舞蹈的基本動作。比如腳位,壓腿,劈叉…… 等等。所以,我很早就對跳舞有概念,也對舞 蹈很有興趣。當我來美國的時候,我參加了芭 蕾舞蹈班。但我覺得芭蕾舞很死板,規矩多, 所以不大喜歡。直到去年,我才找到我真正喜 歡跳的舞,民族舞。



我六歲那年隨父母探望住在山西的爺爺奶奶。他們商量了一番,決定把我留在爺爺奶奶家上學。從那以後,我就住在山西。我奶奶是一位小學教師,對我和表姐的管教很嚴格。在奶奶的輔導下,我的成績不斷進步。雖然不是班上第一名,但學習也不錯,還被評上"三好學生"。

說我的個性,我的性格直率,有時行爲毫不顧忌。我人緣兒不錯,能夠交一些知心的朋友,也得到了同學們的尊重。我對別人都是一種不即不離的態度,我平常喜歡幫助他人,可是由於有時心煩意亂,所以拒人千里之外,的思來真感到愧疚。但我有不到黃河心不死的決心,只要我下定決心去做一件事,就不會半途而廢。親戚和朋友誇我是個聽話懂事的女孩,學習好,才藝多。

我是一個傳統的中國女孩,從小就知道懂 禮貌,孝順父母,敬老尊賢。我也熱愛著我的 祖國,在我的心裏,我知道,不管我在那裏, 我知道,在我的心裏燒著中國人 至我的心裏燒著中國人堅強的烈火, 在我的心裏燒著中國人堅強的烈火, 是 一股不可屈服的氣概。我以我的祖國爲榮,以 我的先人爲傲。他們氣壯江山是中國偉大的開 國英雄。我是他們的後代,我會像他們一樣, 爲祖國爭光。我的名字是李涵,我是龍的傳人。

"Wow, look at this place! It used to be dirt, just garden-variety dirt," I think to myself as I look out the back kitchen window onto our backyard. Ah. is another fine iŧ summer-vacation morning. As I sip on my cup of steaming apricot-flavored tea, I see a squirrel crawl up the towering pine tree. Small black birds are gobbling up the breadcrumbs that my grandmother had placed for them on the verdant grass the night before. The backyard bustles with life as the earth awakes to greet the sun. But it was not always like this.

As far as I can remember, my parents always wanted a garden that looked like it came out of Sunset magazine: lush and blooming. When we moved into our Calabasas house fifteen years ago, they were at first disappointed to find that the backyard lacked even a stringy weed, but they were not discouraged. They began their quest humbly, with my helping hands at their side, planting a few small Double Delight rose bushes and the rudimentary tiles of grass seedlings.

As the amount of vegetation proliferated, I began to see why this garden was so integral to my family. I remember when my dad decided to build a patio to complement the yard, and I helped him paint the wood planks a deep mahogany. As I played around with the paintbrush, my father taught me how to paint: up and down, up and down. We talked the whole time about anything ranging from my school life to his own childhood growing up in Taiwan. That day of painting the patio was actually a day of bonding.

"Patrick, come inside for dinner!" my mom hollered at me one summer dusk while I was in



the backyard. The sun was sinking beneath the western hills, causing the clouds above to glow an almost fluorescent pink, and I was alone pruning the auxiliary branches of the many plum, pear, and peach trees in the garden, Being a stickler for completing one task before moving on to another. I velled back that I did not wish to go inside just yet; the job was not finished. The sky grew dark, but I continued reaching for those higher branches; the trimming had to be done that day. Beads of sweat began to form on my forehead and my triceps started to burn. Finally, just as the sun was just about to vanish, I snipped my last branch, collected all the others scattered on the ground, and threw them into the compost bin. Trimming the trees that day took a lot of work, but I finished the job.

Nowadays I see that the backyard was all worth the hard labor and sweat. My garden is a wonderful alternative to that technology-crazed world I live in. Just a few weeks ago, as the Laenid meteors cascaded from the star-filled heavens, I lay supine in a cozy sleeping bag on a bench in my backyard. All around me were the elements of nature at night: the howling coyotes, the chirping crickets, and the dewy ambience. As I saw each shooting star tear through the blackness, I felt a sense of blissful tranquility. It was a moment such as that that I truly felt the sweet reward of contributing so much effort and time to the garden.

It is rather difficult to believe that something so simple in life such as a backyard could offer so much happiness in my life. The backyard once started out as nothing; just dirt. But after so many years, it has become a symbol of accomplishment for my family and me. It is now lush and prolific, producing abundant fruits, vegetables, and flowers. Each summer, I enjoy picking baskets full of peaches, pears, and plums. To me, each fruit plucked is a sweet return for the endless hard work that I have contributed to the yard. Biting in the fruit lets me sense the gratifying return of my toils. We started out with nothing, and we made it something. I made it into something.

I Hold In My Hands, My Memories of Grandma Vivian Shih 本文榮獲加州家長教師協會 Reflection Program 文學傑出作品獎

Last year, in the month of September, my grandma passed away. I felt very surprised and depressed. I wondered how she could die so soon after she had visited us from Taiwan? I thought she died because of her old age, but she seemed young and happy. Now I got a little bit used to what had happened and so did my mom.

Before she died, she had a talent for making a lot of amazing things with her own hands. She could make dresses, jeans, T-shirts, and anything that we could wear. My mom and grandma taught Goldie (my sister) and me how to sew. It was so fun! She also made hair bands for me. I was very glad that she could sew, or I wouldn't have been able to wear the beautiful clothes she made for us!

Even though I thought what she could sew was fascinating, the other thing I really liked was that she could make great food. She could make the most delicious Chinese dishes! She would make curry, fish, rice chicken, and a lot more. She was always very happy to make these for us because she knew we liked her food. Sometimes we would go out to eat, but only to the places where there was food she didn't know how to make.

Something very fun we would do with her

was learning sign language. She was deaf, so it was very hard to communicate with her. My mom and grandma would teach Goldie and I how to move our hands and which position to put them in. If there were things that I didn't know how to use sign language with, I would write them down on a piece of paper. Since she didn't know how to read English, I had to write it in Chinese. As a result, I got to practice writing the Chinese characters I learned in my Chinese School. My grandma always acted as if she wasn't afraid of anything. When we went to Disneyland, I wanted to go on the ride, Space Mountain. To my amazement, my grandma came along with me. I thought that she would be scared, also thinking that she was handicapped. However, because she loved Goldie and me very much, she went on the fast ride with us.

Now you have learned about my grandma. She did a lot of amazing things before she died. She had a quiet, but happy life. You can tell that she loved me very much and I loved her very much. Because of all the talented things that she could do with her hands, every time I look at my hands my memories of my grandmother come back to me. So now, I always know, I hold in my hands, my memories of grandma.

It was probably the hardest decision I've had to make in my whole life. It's something I had wanted to do for so long - ever since I can remember. My nickname in high school was "Connie" because everyone knew I wanted to be a television journalist, just like Connie Chung. So when I graduated from USC last May, I was all geared up to start my career as a TV news reporter. I put together a resume tape of my best work from college and sent them out to about forty different stations - from as close to home as Palm Springs to as far away as Sioux City, Iowa. I did get a couple of phone calls from news directors who were interested in hiring me, but the timing or the job market condition just wasn't right for me. After waiting a frustrating five months of feeling like I wasn't good enough to get a reporting job at a respectable station, the right offer finally came at the right time. NBC station Midland/Odessa, in (hometown of President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush) needed a reporter to replace their Asian female reporter who was moving on to her next job. I knew a few people who are "alumni" of this station, so I knew it was a good place to get started. Even though it all seemed right and I had been waiting for that opportunity for what seemed like a long time, I was scared to pick up and move so far away from home all by myself. But that fear wasn't going to hold me back. I knew I had to give it a try.

Now that I'm actually here on my own in Odessa, Texas – a city of less than 100,000 people – I realize how much of a sacrifice I've made. It's a lot different here than what I'm used to. When I moved here, I had no friends or family anywhere near me. You could say the people and the culture here are "behind the People still call me "oriental." times." woman even referred to my African American friend, Hispanic friend and me as "black, brown and yellow." I try not to let it bother me because I figure they don't know any better. There's not half as much to do here as there is in L.A. But what keeps me going is the great people I work with, improving my reporting and live shot skills,

and getting some good material together to move on to my next job. So you could say the job practically becomes your life.

What makes this job so appealing to me is the fact that I'm not cooped up in an office behind a desk all day. I get to learn something new and meet interesting people every day. It's like taking a crash course on a different topic with each story I do. Whether it's signs to look for in a domestic violent relationship, how to a "winterize" your car, or what goes on behind the scenes in an authentic West Texas candy factory, my job is to inform our viewers about issues and events they may not be able to learn about first hand. As Jessica Chang from News West Nine, I get to do things that the regular Jessica Chang would never get to do.

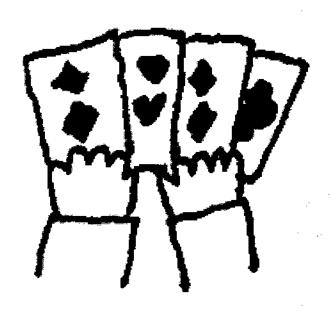
My most memorable day on the job so far was only about a couple of weeks after I started. It was the first snow day of the season. you think of Texas, you may not think of snow, but West Texas experiences all different kinds of weather. From what I hear from the natives, it may snow here about once a year, so getting some of the white stuff here is a big deal. I started out my day with a light-hearted story about how kids were spending their day off from school. On our way back from the station, my photographer and I got a call from the assignment editor telling us to check out a fire at an apartment complex. As we got closer, we could see the thick, dark smoke filling the sky. When we got there, the building was still intact but there were flames coming out of the side and they were getting bigger. Firefighters were already on the scene, but it was clear to them that the building would be gone in a matter of minutes. Their purpose now was to keep it from spreading to other buildings. Dozens of people were standing across the street in the snow just watching the flames gulping up When you looked around, you the building. could tell who lived in the apartment complex. They were the ones in their pajamas, without any jackets in the freezing cold snow. You couldn't help but feel sorry for them as they watched their homes and belongings being destroyed.

My instruction from the station was to call in for a live "phoner" - that's when you hear the reporter describe what's happening over the phone without seeing any video. After I called in and did the best I could without knowing too much of what was going on, I went back to the scene. I really didn't know what I should do since it was my first time ever covering any sort of breaking news, except wait to see what happened. My photographer and I interviewed some of the residents - most of whom didn't have renters' insurance and had no idea what they were going to do next. They were all upset about their losses, but at the same time, they were grateful that none of those losses was a human life. It was moving to see and hear their startled reactions to the horrible surprise they woke up to on that snowy morning.

It was an exhausting day, but that's how the job goes. I really felt for those residents and wished I could help them out directly, but I had to

get my story done because we always work under a strict deadline. We were able to help them indirectly, though. By telling their story, we let our viewers know they could help out by donating items, like clothes and bedding, to help them get back on their feet. It also gave our viewers a wake-up call on fire safety. The fire started in someone's fireplace after they supposedly started it with rubbing alcohol.

We have to be ready for anything. Whether it's a breaking news story like a fire, or a fun story like a high school cheerleading team winning first place in nationals, we do it all. When I come into work in the morning, I have no idea where I'll be going or who I'm going to meet that day. It could be so freezing outside that you can't feel your nose, or the wind could be blowing so hard that the sky turns brown with dirt, or it could be so hot you feel like you can't breathe. No matter what the circumstance is, the news doesn't take a break, so neither do we.



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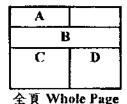
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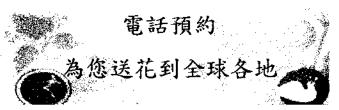
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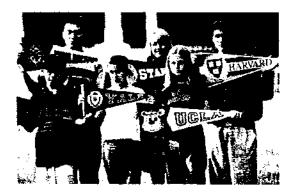
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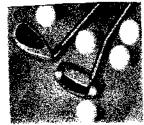
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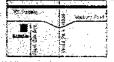
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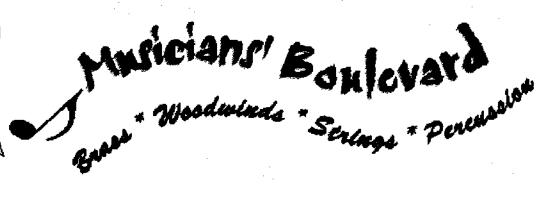
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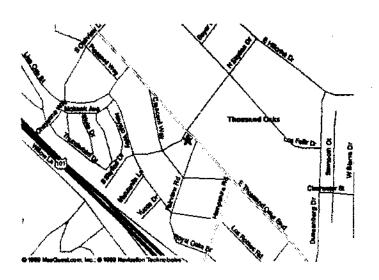
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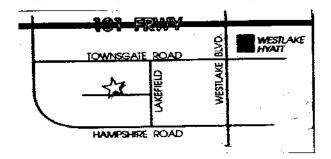
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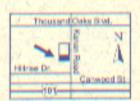
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