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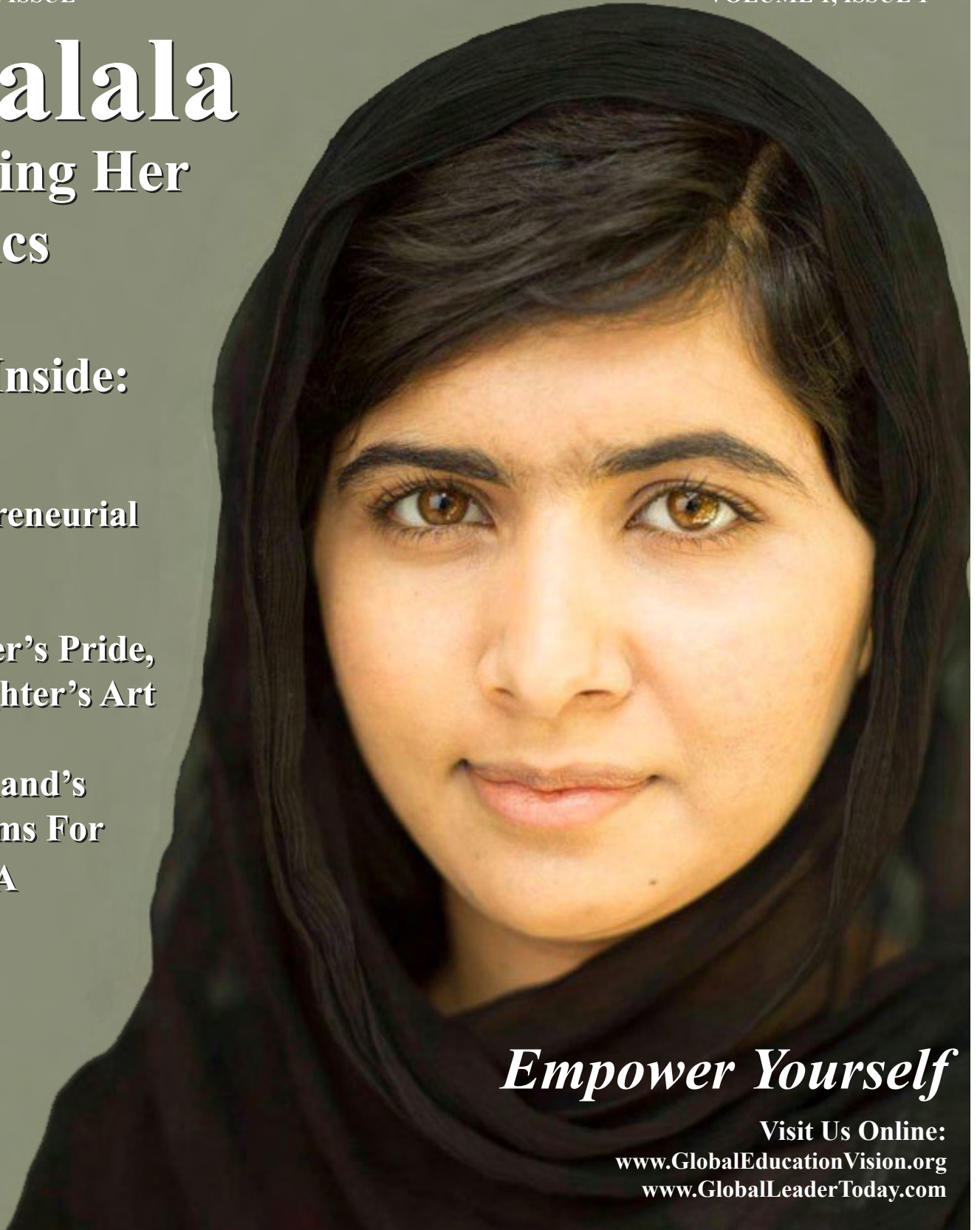
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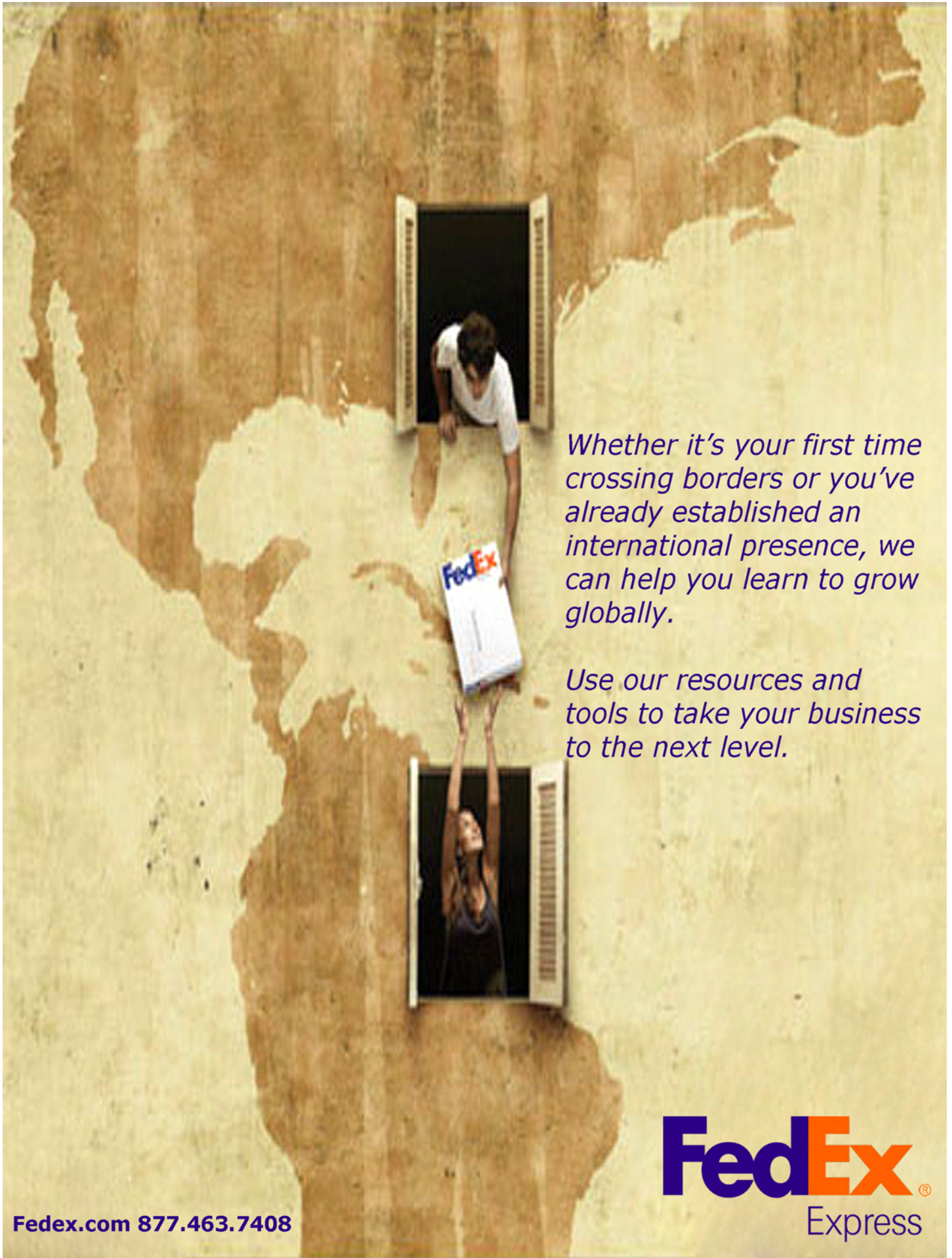
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Letter from the Publisher



Dear Readers,

As the publisher of a new magazine called *Global Leader Today*, I'd like to introduce myself and our vision for this new publication.

I moved to the United States thirty-six years ago when I came to study here. Since then, I've found success in a number of ventures. However, having been a school teacher in Korea for nearly 10 years prior to my move to the US, I've always had a strong ambition to help young people obtain a quality education. The most important investment that anyone can make, education can change an individual, a society, or even the international community. With this goal in mind, I founded a university in California to embark on my mission of making the world a better community through enhanced educational techniques and approaches.

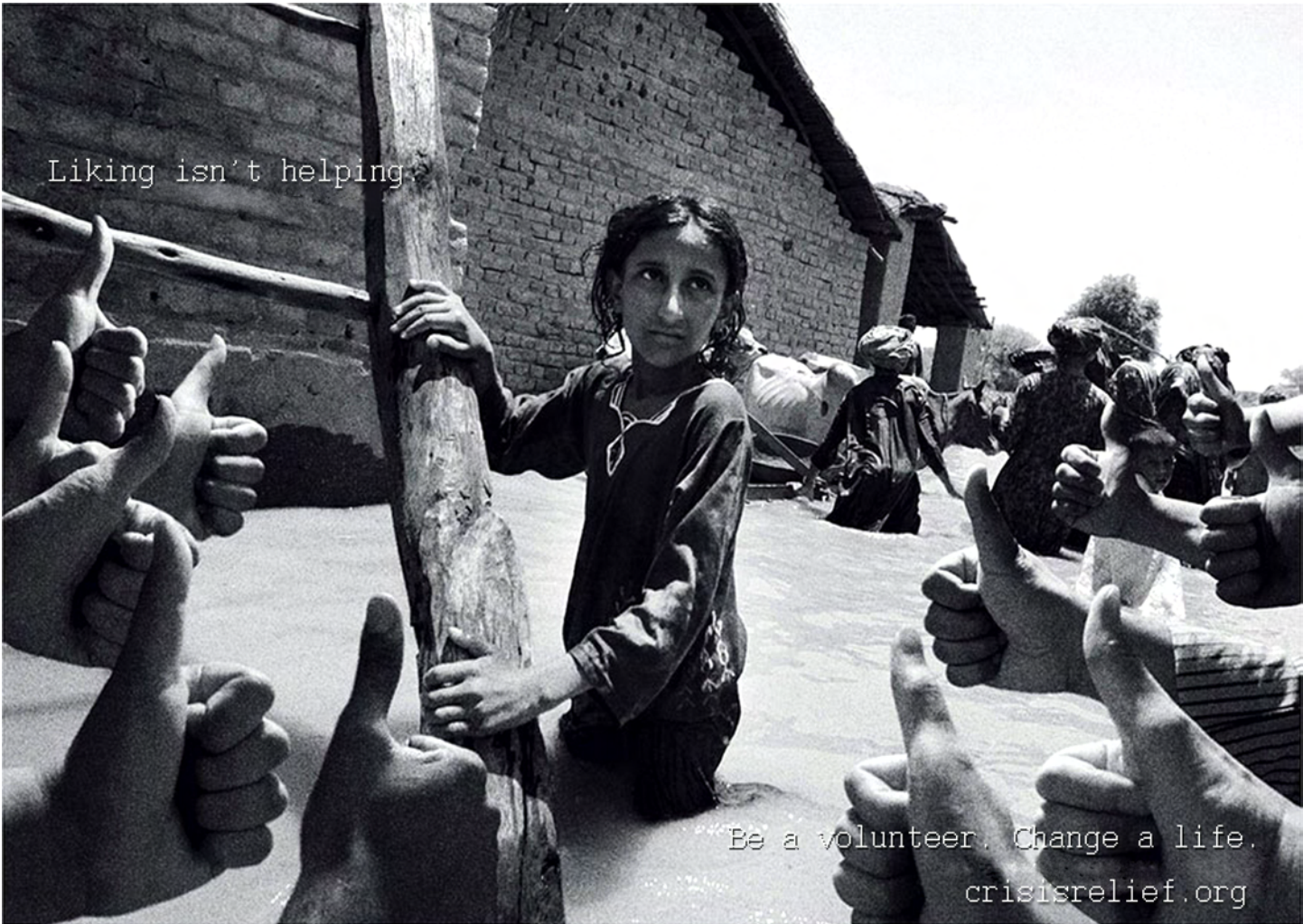
In January 2016, we launched Global Education Vision. Our goal is to support students of all ages in emerging countries to provide a quality education for those individuals who cannot obtain one in their own communities.

We aim to establish schools around the world where we find a strong need. We are targeting small rural communities that don't have the funding or leadership to facilitate quality education or build passable educational institutions. By providing for those desperate for a quality education but without the means to obtain it, we will help them turn the impossible into the realm of possibilities. We will build the schools, hand pick teachers from across the globe, and provide the tools necessary for the students of these countries to become the emerging leaders in their societies.

Today, there are a number of educational magazines in circulation. Though these magazines do a great job of identifying quality trends and institutions across the globe, there is a glaring need for a motivational magazine that will inspire the youth in communities across the world to create and chase after their dreams, small or large, helping them to become the leaders of our future.

Thank you to everyone who is working to make the Global Education Vision and *Global Leader Today* ventures a reality and for striving to make this a better world to live in.

Regards,
Dr. Harry Hwang
Global Education Vision
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To The Parents...

GPA is Not Everything for Your Children **High School GPA of Steve Jobs**

Steve Jobs High School GPA was 2.65 out of a 4.0 full score. Overall everyone said that he was a genius, but his GPA was only 2.65! It was amazing. So, even though your children do not have a high GPA, or outstanding transcript, do not

blame them or scold them. At the same time, help and encourage your children. Parents need to show special character and personality to motivate children to achieve their dreams for the future.

Character is Higher Than Intellect

We are in the 21st Century. It is much busier and more complicated than the last several decades. In order to succeed in this world, we need several kinds of intellectual intelligence. Besides IQ, we need EQ [Emotional Quotient] and SQ [Social Quotient], but the most important

factor is CR, which means Creative Intelligence. In 1958 Paul Torrance (the Father of Creativity) invented the Torrance Tests of Creative Thinking. Today this test is used in over sixty countries around the world.

Be a Role Model for Your Children

The richest businessman in the world, Bill Gates, said that he learned the most in his life from his parents, who were also his best role models. One of the most important lessons he learned early on was how he could donate to and help other people.

I think it is very important what kind of parents children have because parents

are the most responsible for helping their kids determine their vision for their future life. In that respect, the lessons that children learn at home are much more important than the education they receive in school. That is why it is especially important that parents understand how important it is that they be a strong role model for their children.





To Our Student Readers: At Global Education Vision, we encourage students to set goals for where you want to go to college now. Here is a list of top-ranked schools to consider, but besides these Universities there are so many other excellent universities around the world. The thing is, there are things you can be doing now to get ready. Don't wait.

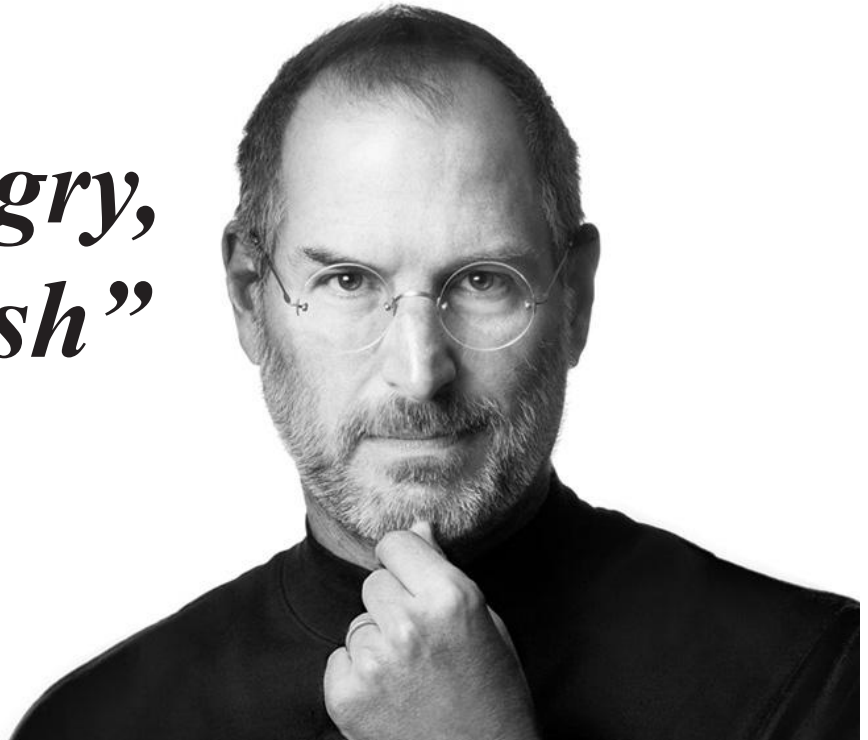
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*“Stay Hungry,
Stay Foolish”*



A Profile of Steve Jobs

By Alex Schrader

“Do it while you’re young. We had absolutely nothing to lose. I was twenty, Woz (Wozniak) was twenty-four at the time. All we were going to lose were our cars and the shirts off our back.” This was classic Steve Jobs. A man who was neither afraid of big ideas nor taking big risks. Raised by adopted parents in San Francisco, California and a college dropout, Steven Paul Jobs was a pioneer and visionary of the home computer and animated motion picture industries in the United States. At various times in his life, he founded Apple Computer, NeXT, and Pixar Animation Studios – which at one time – was the most successful animated movie studio in the world.

A free spirit who motivated young people to take action, at the tender age of 12, Jobs called up Bill Hewlett, the multi-billionaire co-chairman of Hewlett-Packard to ask for spare parts to build a frequency counter. Bill laughed at the young man, gave him the spare parts, then offered him a summer job. The relationships he forged at Hewlett-Packard with people like Steven Wozniak

led him to drop out of Reed College and found Apple Computer in his parent’s garage. His motto during that time was “Stay hungry and stay foolish.” By the age of 30 he was a successful billionaire who was FIRED by the very company he founded.

“Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don’t lose faith.” Having to start all over again, but maintaining a positive attitude, he proceeded to found NeXT – a company whose operating system NEXTSTEP – was the platform used for creating the World Wide Web. The company was so successful, it was purchased by Apple in 1997 and by 2000... he was again CEO of Apple Computer. He also founded Pixar Animation Studios – whose film “Toy Story” was the world’s first computer animated feature film.

From the day he was born to the day he died on October 5, 2011, Steve Jobs never lost sight of the “magic of changing the world.” It was an opinion he continually expressed to both young and old.



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Spotlight



AT 14, A ROCK-CLIMBING ENTHUSIAST

Ashima Shiraishi can scale boulders and rock faces that most people twice her age simply can't.

The 14-year-old New York native started climbing boulders in Central Park when she was just six years old and hasn't looked back since.

"It's a dangerous job, but the only thing I am afraid of, is not getting to the top," the young athlete remarks in a YouTube video. "With climbing, it doesn't matter how big you are. If you're

smaller, your hands might be able to hold on better."

At 5-foot-1, 100 pounds, Ashima is the best teenage climber in the world, male or female. Some consider her the best female climber in the world regardless of age. According to espn.go.com, she won the American Bouldering Series Youth National Championship every year from 2010 to 2014. This year she also won the IFSC World Youth Championships, for athletes 13 to 19, in both lead climbing and bouldering. Many think she's on track to become the best climber in the world, full stop. Only time will tell.

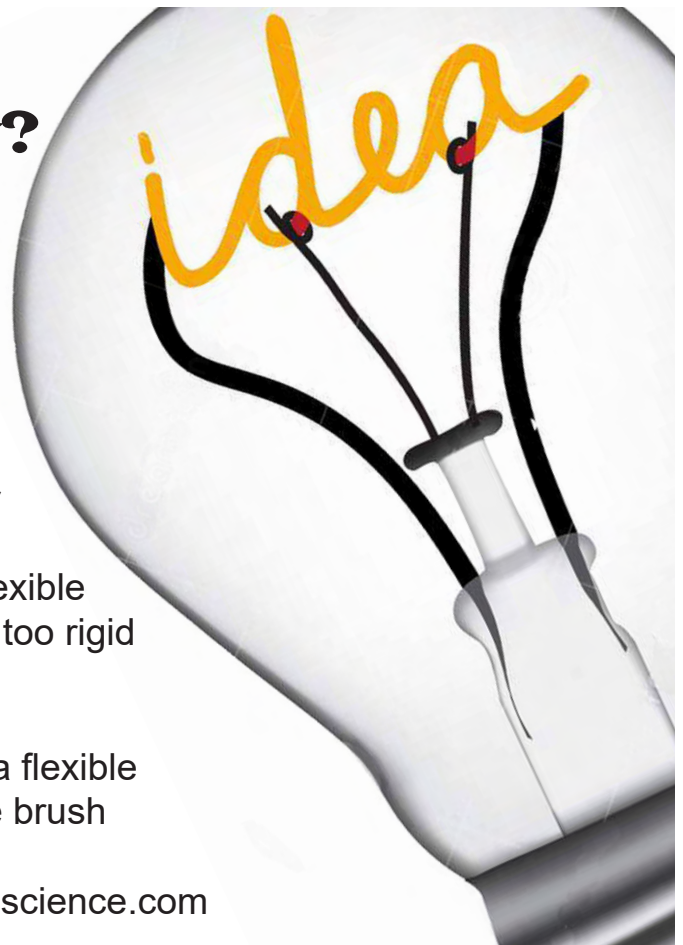
New Ideas

A Folding Battery?

Scientists in China have developed a flexible, rollable, foldable battery inspired by traditional Chinese calligraphy involving ink on paper.

Worldwide demand for flexible electronics is rapidly growing, because the technology could enable such things as video screens and solar panels to bend, roll and fold. These flexible electronics require batteries that are equally flexible to power them, but conventional batteries are too rigid and bulky to be used in flexible electronics.

Chinese scientists, however, have developed a flexible lithium-based battery that is based on Chinese brush painting.



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The Traveler

A Light to Show the Way

As Cambodians, consider yourselves lucky to be sitting on the cusp of a new Golden Age. The cobwebs of the past have been brushed off and your country is full of great opportunity. You young people are the future.

The purpose of this magazine is for you to see the endless possibilities out there and to know that you can achieve your goals. Remember, if you are going to accomplish anything you have to think big. You have to shoot for the stars. Next, you have to have a vision. You have to visualize your goal, whatever it may be, and pay no attention to those who say it cannot be done.

When I traveled to Cambodia back in December 2015 with my boss and mentor, Dr. Harry



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Alex Schrader

Hwang, who has built many successful businesses and schools, we observed the construction of a new skyscraper in downtown Phnom Penh being built by a lot of people your age. He turned to me and said “They can be a great people if they wish to be, they only need the light to show the way.”

That conversation led to the creation of this

magazine. It is for that purpose that this magazine will only focus on people your age, with human interest stories of boys and girls just like you, all around the world. As an old-world American who grew up at the dawn of the Internet Age, I leave you with an important question you will one day ask yourself: Who are you... and what do you wish to achieve?





All Hail The King

India's King Siddharth Developed Entrepreneurial Spirit Early on. What is He Up to Now?

By Anthony Victoria and Felicia Thomas

School dropouts usually endure difficulty trying to navigate through life. That's not the case for King Sidharth.

Despite facing adversity, Sidharth is one of India's most prominent young leaders and is considered among the top entrepreneurs in the world.

The young man from Mumbai has accomplished his feats by going against the status quo. For Sidharth, going to

school, getting a job, getting married, and raising a family stunts personal growth. He challenges people to make life choices that will help them fulfill their dreams.

"I consider myself an outlaw because I refuse to follow a given pattern," Sidharth said. "I'm going to reinvent the wheel. My vision of the wheel is unique."

At age 11 Sidharth began organizing events and small competitions for children in small-town communities. Through



King Sidharth along with few of his friends used to organize events and competitions for other children at the age of 11. They used to make tickets and charge an entry fee.

those efforts Sidharth made small earnings, which he eventually gave to impoverished youth leisure activity and personal fulfillment. During high school, Sidharth founded and managed the *Friendz* magazine that served as a forum for young people to share creative ideas, opinions, and social concerns.

It was in college that Sidharth made the decision to leave his education.

The routine, day-long, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule gave him very little time to develop his interests. After one year of attending a college for the arts in India, he chose to pursue his personal goals. Despite experiencing failure in his attempts to create startup companies, he told Indian publication *Your Story* in 2013 that he's never had regrets about his choice.

"I knew college [wouldn't] teach me anything, so

why I should join? Just to follow the other rats in the race?" Sidharth asked. "There was nothing wrong with the college, but in a way, it was hampering my startup career. Although I did learn a lot from different people, I really wanted to do something of my own."

Today Sidharth works as a web developer and marketer for Instamojo-- the Indian startup company that allows a web platform to sell digital goods like ebooks, reports, comic books, music, software, templates, photos, and tutorials. In addition, he serves as a motivational speaker and mentor to teens across India. Sidharth motivates youth to develop skills and relationships at a young age for the "purpose of growth."

"Entrepreneurs fail. They fail more than normal people because they try different and crazy things that have never been done before," Sidharth wrote on his blog back in 2013. "And, in the end, there is no failure, if you had fun in it and if you grew as a person."



Netherlands Basketball Duo Take Their Shot at the NBA

By Anthony Victoria

In a country where soccer is the dominant sport, University of California, Riverside (UCR) basketball players Menno Dijkstra and Robert Boezeman represent a minority.

In a recent interview with *Global Leader Today*, Dijkstra and Boezeman shared that in their native Netherlands, physical and mental development is limited in relation with basketball.

With limited opportunity in their home country, both young men felt they needed to pursue something outside of their comfort zone to truly develop into good athletes and strong leaders.

“I wanted something more,” said Boezeman. “I felt my development was getting stagnant. I had already fulfilled my potential.” Dijkstra agreed and added that he was not a skilled player and aimed to get stronger.

Both young men found the Canarias Basketball Academy, located in the Spanish Canary Islands. The academy, led by former UC Irvine coach Robert Orellana, has produced over 80 NCAA Division I players from around the world. The academy focuses on providing its students with the necessary physical training to perform at an elite level, the nutritional knowledge to maximize the execution of the skills, and the mental approach to be able to perform.

“It’s not easy and it’s not for everyone,” he said. “Basketball is a microcosm of life. You have to learn to take criticism. You can’t be sensitive. You are told what you need to hear, not what you want to hear.”



Robert Boezeman in action for UCR

The physical and mental regimen Canarias demanded took a toll on both Dijkstra and Boezeman. Both said they struggled to adapt to life at the academy. "I remember having to wake up at 5 a.m., practice in the morning, lift weights in the afternoon, eat lunch, practice again, eat dinner, practice in the evening, and sleep," explained Boezeman. "In the Netherlands you practiced four times a week at max. The intensity provided at the academy was a vast improvement."

"Was it hard? Absolutely. After a while, you start missing your family, especially as a 15-year-old kid," said Dijkstra. "Does it make you a stronger athlete and better person? Yes it does. As a man, I feel more

mature because of the academy."

Both say they aspire to play in the United States' National Basketball Association. "It's always been a dream to play in the NBA. America is the 'mecca' of basketball," insisted Boezeman.

Orellana said the two men have developed into great leaders, who in short time will be essential playmakers at UCR.

"These two men had hunger," he said. "They wanted to be good basketball players and always had the dream of playing basketball in the United States."

The former Division I coach had special praise for Dijkstra, who he saw grow from a young "uncoordinated" boy into a leader and the focal point of the team.

"The kids have looked up to him. I demanded him to be a leader and he accepted the role," Orellana said. "I don't admit it to him, but some days I miss him."



Menno Dijkstra holding his UCR signing letter

ON THE MAP



1. Doctor in India Delivers Babies-- for free

An obstetrician in India says he will freely deliver female babies that are born in hospitals according to a story published on bbc.news.com. In India, there are only 916 female births for every 1,000 males, according to the article. The doctor says he is on a mission to save girls. "The biggest challenge for a doctor is to tell relatives that a patient has died. For me, it was equally difficult to tell families that they'd had a daughter," noted Dr. Ganesh Rakh.

2. Colombian Teen Skier Represented South America in 2016 Youth Olympic Games

A Colombian athlete made his debut at the Winter Youth Olympic Games; 17-year-old Michael Poettoz competed in slalom and giant slalom and was the only representative of Colombia at the YOG Lillehammer 2016, which ran from 12 to 21 February in Norway. Poettoz was only the second skier to represent his country from the South American continent according to www.olympics.org.



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Malala

Defying Her Critics

The young Nobel Prize winner continues to scour the globe in a quest to demand for Women's Rights around the world

By Anthony Victoria

Just a few years ago, Malala Yousafzai, 18, was on the verge of losing her life.

As she boarded a school bus on October 9, 2012, a Taliban member shot Yousafzai at point blank. The bullet, which

went through the left side of her head, caused temporary brain damage. The group said it targeted Yousafzai for her decision to stand up for the rights of young women and girls in her home nation of Pakistan.

Today Yousafzai, a Nobel Peace Prize winner and renowned human rights activist, continues to defy her critics. She is urging the world's leaders to raise billions of dollars to help Syrian refugee children become educated.

"I have met so many Syrian refugee children, they are still in my mind. I can't forget them. The thought that they won't be able to go to school in their whole life is completely shocking and I cannot accept it," Malala told Reuters on January 31. "We can still help them, we can still protect them. They are not lost yet. They need schools. They need books. They need teachers. This is the way we can protect the future of Syria."

Yousafzai attended the Supporting Syria and the Region Conference in London on Thursday February 4 and informed leaders from nations around the world that the humanitarian crisis affects young girls tremendously. Yousafzai explained young women that get married at early ages do not get the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and progress through life.

"Most of these girls in the refugee camps are kind of a burden on the families; the families force them to get married at age

12,13," she said during a press conference after the international gathering. "So it's key they get education – it's not just learning, but in a way a protection for them, for their independence, for their own personality, to have that identity of being themselves."

Approximately 700,000 Syrian children living in refugee camps across the Middle East don't attend school, according to a report released by the Malala Fund on January 29. In the report Yousafzai pointed out that almost half of the four million displaced children are not in school. She warns leaders that these children may become a "lost generation."

"It's time for the world to match their commitment to get every Syrian child back in school," Yousafzai told the BBC.

Yousafzai's organization, the Malala Fund, has provided more than \$1 million in aid to Syrian refugees in the past year.

According to the nonprofit's website, the \$1.4 billion being demanded from world leaders will help provide alleviation from the deficit in donations from international agencies for the education of Syrian children.

Yousafzai was awarded the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize for her steadfast advocacy of education. She began her campaigning in the Swat Valley in northwest Pakistan, where the Taliban waged a campaign to prevent girls from attending school.

Yousafzai said that the pledges made so far, which include a \$300 million grant from the United States for education programs in Jordan and Lebanon, provide her with optimism.

"I have great hope that the future of Syrian children will be saved and they will get the opportunity to go to school," she said. "We are hoping that a time will come that peace will be restored."

***"I think of it often and imagine the scene clearly. Even if they come to kill me, I will tell them what they are trying to do is wrong, that education is our basic right."
~Malalah Yusafzay***



A Father's Pride, A Daughter's Art

"Fashion is not only passion but it '... is art with legs.'"

*Such is the sentiment of Isabella Rose Taylor, a 14-year-old girl from Austin, Texas who did the unthinkable at the young age of twelve: She became a fashion designer. Many young girls dream about becoming a successful fashion designer, but many girls wake up from that dream. **Global Leader Today** was able to have a chat with Isabella's father, Cesar Taylor, for an interview about the unlikely success of his daughter.*

By Tara Clark-Schulte



As a young girl, did Isabella show interest in art?

She has been painting and drawing since she was three years old. She started having gallery shows for her art when she was about 5. She started selling it for a couple hundred dollars. Lately her paintings have been sold at a major gallery in Dallas for a lot more than that.

What was she like when she was younger? Did she show ambition?

It's hard to measure ambition in a child. She always excelled at everything that

she did. She was always very curious to try different things. She has done amazing things since she was a young kid.

How would you describe Isabella's clothing line?

A contemporary line based on her art, inspiration, and street wear geared toward girls in their teens to early twenties.

Did you have any clue that she would become an entrepreneur?

Well, she started selling her paintings and putting money away when she was about five years old. She's been doing it ever

since. I think I always knew that she would become a business owner. I never thought she would be working for someone.

Financially, how was she able to pursue entrepreneurship at such a young age?

Art is not very expensive to produce. I got her supplies for her art. She made her art and sold it, making money for more supplies. I think if you start out slow, it's not very hard to get started.

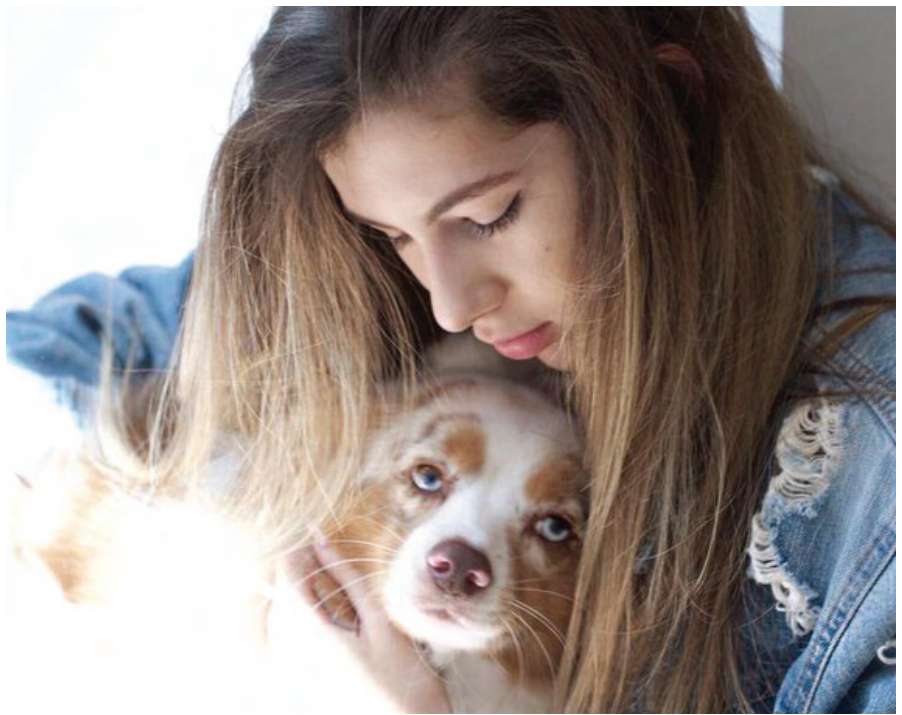
The path to entrepreneurship isn't easy, were there roadblocks?

In the beginning, people had to get over the fact that she was barely ten years old. The people, at first, didn't take her seriously. She had to show them, 'I am an artist, I've been painting for 8 years, and the clothes are based on my art.' I think eventually as you prove yourself, people stop doubting you. She wasn't formally trained as a fashion designer. Now she's fourteen and going to Parsons, the best design school in the country. Slowly you build up a reputation, and more doors open up to you as you prove that you belong somewhere.

Is she in high school?

She finished high school when she was eleven. She did two years of fine arts in Austin at the university here. She just started her second year at Parsons. She is studying fashion marketing, the business side of fashion. She is doing it 100 percent online because she is still in Austin with us.

The goal of her fashion line is to 'encourage people of all ages to pursue their passion, to dream big and to keep on creating!'



“Not everyone will like your work and people will try to discourage you, but it's so important to stay the course and understand people's criticism, but not let it affect what you want to do in the end.”

– Isabella Rose Taylor

How was Isabella inspired to follow her dreams? Was it how she was raised?

I don't want to take credit for that, but we have always told her she could do anything that she wanted to. We never discouraged her from doing any of that. A lot of it was her but also she didn't find parents that were discouraging to her. I think it's important and a lot of kids don't have that. If you really want to pursue your dreams, you'll do it despite your parents or what anyone else thinks or says. It's still important for parents to be there in support of their kids.

Do you have any advice that you would give to a young entrepreneur?

I think what we told Isabella as a kid was that she can achieve anything she wants to. The first thing is to dream and don't let society dictate what your dreams are. If you know what you want and you go for it, there will be people there that will notice and want to help you.



An Extraordinary Ear for Music

By Anthony Victoria

The soothing sounds of a piano echoed through a Lansing, Michigan, USA mall during the afternoon of January 25. Resident Sara Hadley, who recorded the moment on her iPhone, said 18-year-old Montel West's rendition of Yiruma's "River Flows in You" fascinated her.

"I had goosebumps," Hadley told *USA Today*. "It was just amazing, and I figured he just deserved some sort of recognition."

The capture of West's self-taught talent has made him an internet celebrity almost overnight. A week later, and several television appearances after, the aspiring musician finds himself in awe of his own ability.

"I have more people supporting me now than ever," West said. "It's kind of hard to really make sense of it all."

West, a senior at Everett High School, presently has scholarship offers from Lansing Community College and the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, as well as a trial opportunity with the Los Angeles-based publishing and record company 33 ink.

Many are impressed with the young virtuoso's ability due to him not knowing how to read music. According to the *USA Today* story, West learned how to play the piano by watching YouTube videos and practicing piano techniques on a keyboard.

West said he was playing

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South Korean pianist Yiruma's "River Flows in You" as he was listening to Brian Tyler's "Loss of a Twin" on his earphones. Apparently West has the talent of re-creating music by hearing other sounds.

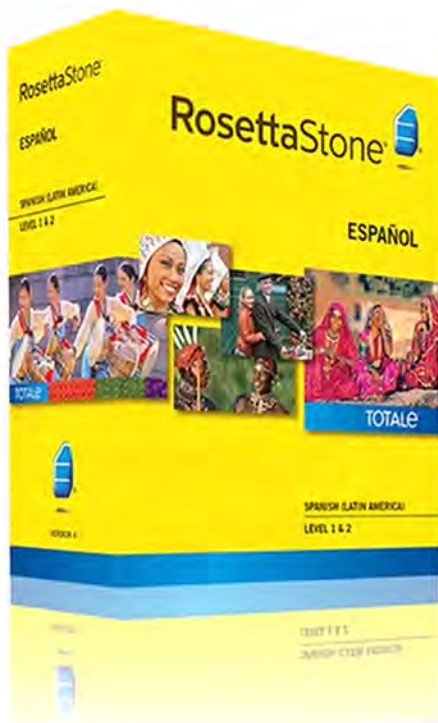
West, who lives in Lansing with his father and 16-year-old brother, has not been able to afford piano lessons. The community has created a donation fund to help him realize his goal of becoming a better skilled pianist. So far the community has raised approximately \$10,295 through the GoFundMe website.

"If I did get lessons, I think I could be better," West said. "You can always get better."

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Meet China's Teen Education Reformer
Zhan Haite

By Tara Clark-Schulte

The authorities knocked on her door, harassed her, and threw her father in jail all because she decided to stand up for her right to education.

In 2012, the then fifteen-year-old Zhan Haite just wanted to further her education in a city she had lived in since she was four years old. She quickly realized Shanghai was deeply rooted in generations and generations of old laws and tradition. There was only one thing stopping her from entering high school-- China's hukou.

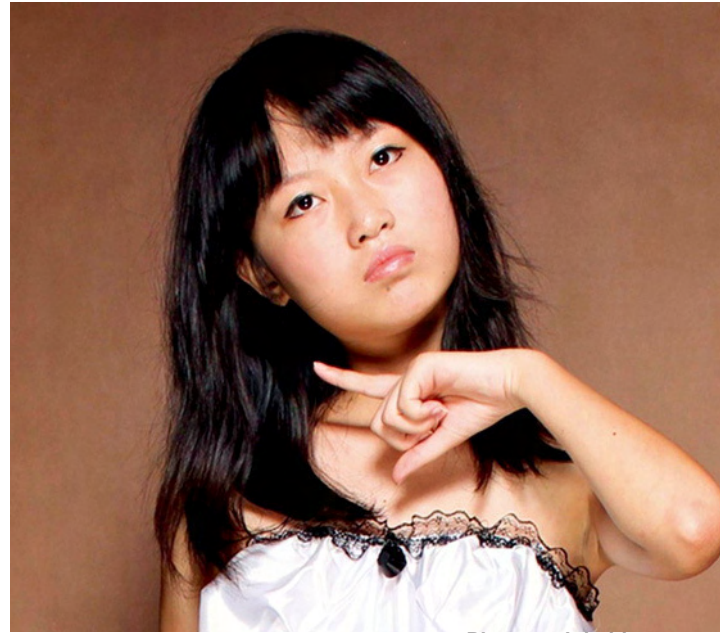
Hukou is a household registration system in China. It has been in place since ancient times. Some even refer to hukou as a caste system distinguishing the wealthy class and poorer class of migrants and say that hukou doesn't give everyone an equal chance at being successful. It guarantees that children of migrant families have to go back to their place of birth, even if they haven't lived there since they

were young--and if they want to continue in education.

Haite, the daughter of a migrant businessman, wasn't registered under Shanghai's hukou. She was allowed to attend school up until middle school without having a household registration there. In order to enter high school in Shanghai, Haite would have had to been registered under hukou in Shanghai.

Not tolerating this type of treatment Zhan Haite turned to the Internet to protest. She created a blog on a website called Sina Weibo, a Chinese microblogging website. There, she expressed her thoughts on hukou. She gained many followers and was encouraged to keep protesting. And that's exactly what she did.

Zhan Haite called herself "naïve" for protesting in a city where people generally don't ask questions. The thought of being an activist and protesting a system that has been in place for years and years



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made her uneasy--after all, it's a system that intimidates most grown adults.

In an interview with a Washington D.C. journal, *Taking on The Giant*, Haite said, "I think, if I stand up, I can change something." She goes on to say, "I think one person can overturn the world."

Such an attitude sparked thoughts of reform in one of China's oldest requirements, but not before consequences

came--including retaliation.

Zhan Haite's family was criticized, harassed and her father was even brought in by the police for a short time. This, however, didn't stop Haite from standing up for what is right. She told the magazine that her greatest ambition is to "end the tragedy of migrant family children that have to go back to their home town to study just because they don't have the hukou."

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By Randy Gold

A HEROINE IS BORN



Sometimes it just takes one opportunity, one choice, to make all the difference in whether your life becomes amazingly successful, or whether you're just another ant in the any colony. On December 17th, the day before the new Star Wars film opened in theaters, Daisy Ridley was just another ordinary twenty-three-year-old, but on the 18th of December, her whole life changed. Suddenly the relatively unknown actress from London became an international icon. To get the role, Daisy auditioned five times, and never really knew she'd landed the role until she "nailed" her last attempt. Before the film premiered, in an interview she said, "Maybe I should pretend like I'm not insecure, but I really am. This movie is going to come out and... will people like it? Will they like Rey?" Let the numbers be the judge. To date, the film has grossed over two billion dollars in theaters, making it the third most successful film of all time. Filming has already begun on Star Wars Episode VIII which is set to be released on December 15, 2017.

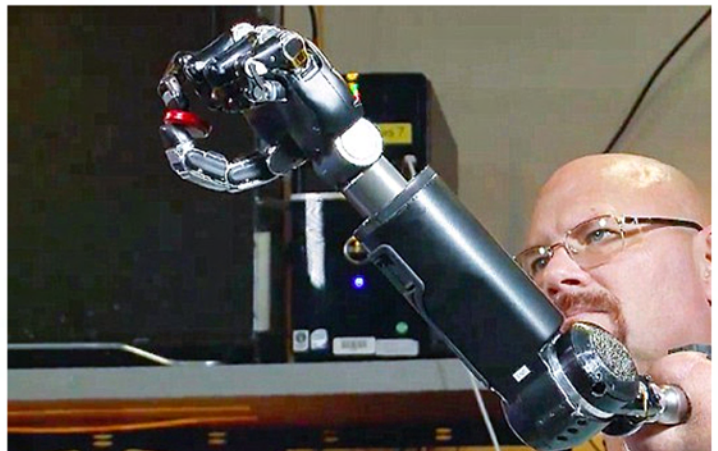
"PILLOWTALK" TOPS THE BILLBOARD CHARTS AT NO. 1



Image Courtesy of Youtube

Last year when Zayn Malik announced he was leaving One Direction, fans of the mega-successful English-Irish boy group were in shock. Oddly enough, all five singers in the band originally entered The X Factor as solo acts, but were asked to join together by the judges to form the group. After having sold more than 50 million albums globally, Malik quit the band on March 25, 2015, citing his desire to live as a "normal 22-year-old who is able to relax and have some private time out of the spotlight." With his new single topping the charts yet again, the spotlight is exactly where he has returned.

THE FUTURE IS NOW: MAN MOVES ROBOTIC ARM WITH HIS MIND



Researchers at Johns Hopkins University have been working with a test patient to perfect this technology and recently revealed he can move individual fingers and grasp small objects.



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GOLF RETURNS TO THE OLYMPICS



When the Summer Games tee off in Rio this summer, Golf will make its return after a 112 year absence. While the Olympics won't feature the deepest field in women's golf, the games will feature a deeply diverse field with so many different nations represented. An Olympic gold medal weighs slightly more than one pound (531 grams), but the real weight of it can't be measured so easily. For a lot of women around the world, a gold medal will be weighted with more nationalistic pride than any other golf trophy they could possibly win. As one golfer recently said, "When you are from a small country that doesn't get a lot of athletic recognition, standing on the podium with a gold medal is the goal you grow up with and you dream about."

THE COST OF SUCCESS



Image by Reuters

One of the high costs of increased affluence often comes as a side-effect,

mainly smog. Extra cars on the roads, busses, trucks, and many times factories spewing toxins into the open air, it all adds up. In 2012, air pollution killed about 7 million people, making it at that time the world's single biggest environmental health risk, according to the World Health Organization.

In August of this year, the International Conference on Clean Water, Air & Soil [CleanWAS] will meet in Beijing, China. The conference will bring together leading researchers, engineers and academicians in the domain of interest from around the globe.

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SUPER BOWL TURNS 50



Credit: The Associated Press

On February 7th nearly 115 million people in the USA tuned in to watch the American version of football. The Super Bowl, along with the UEFA Champions League final, are currently the most-watched annual sporting events on TV.

One Last Word...

Go Ahead, Be Inspired!

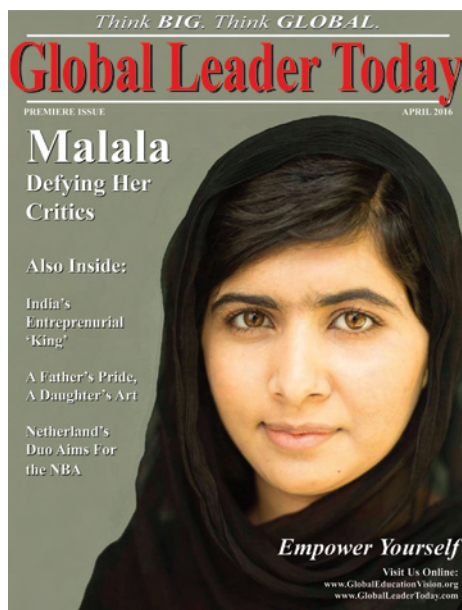
By R.A. Contreras

As you looked over the first edition of this magazine, we at *Global Leader Today* sincerely hope you were inspired by the stories you read. The lives of this issue's subjects: King Siddarth, Malala Yousafzai, Isabella Rose Taylor, Zhan Haite, Monntel West, Robert Boezeman and Menno Dijkstra all share a commonality: they represent the true entrepreneurial spirit or have become leaders in their respective disciplines.

Such are the stories we will aim to highlight on a quarterly basis. Such are the stories that highlight youthful innovation.

Such are the stories that highlight leadership that is happening now.

The Internet Age and Social Media applications continue to explode at a rapid pace. In just the past few weeks, it has aimed its spotlight on young change makers such as piano virtuoso West, who was



found honing his craft at a local mall. A few YouTube hits turned into instant worldwide recognition. We hear—almost on a daily basis—of the life-changing work that Nobel Prize winner Malala has been doing, thanks to the Internet. Let's not forget that it was through the use of Facebook and Twitter that real, meaningful change has been—and will very likely continue to be—sparked across tumultuous regions of the world.

And to a special group of readers of this magazine:

You, in Cambodia are at a unique crossroads: Managing Editor Alex Schrader related to me of the fresh and vibrant spirit he found while traipsing through the streets of Phnom Penh a few months ago. As your country, in the spirit of democratic ideals, aims to achieve political consensus, establish fair land use, impart millennium development goals, stimulate foreign investment and economic growth, and obtain some closure to the tragic events of the late 1970's, it is our hope that the young readers of this magazine will have a new forum to engage in the development of entrepreneurial and leadership qualities.

After all, is it not possible that you could be the next King, Isabella, Zhan, Robert, Menno, Monntel—or a future Malala? Go ahead, be inspired! It could be very possible—and closer than you think.



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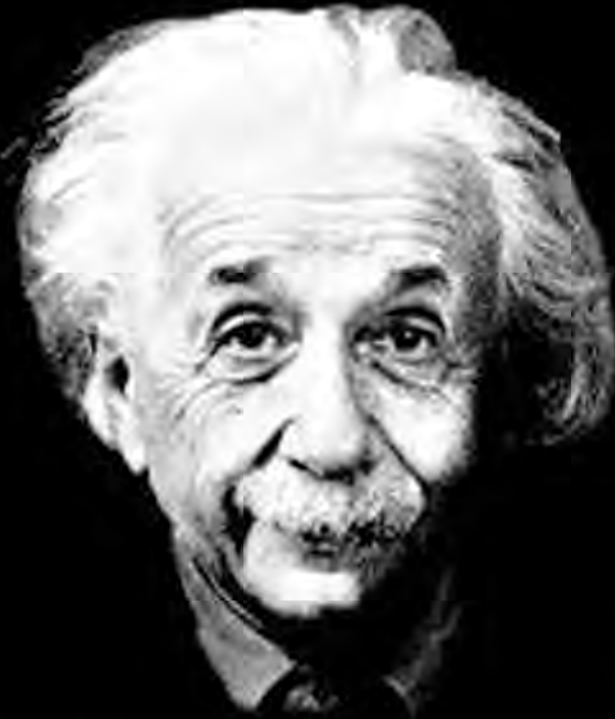
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