

Designer Babies: The New Fad*

— By STEPHEN BURKE —



Photo from www.mybabylife.co.uk

Always wanted a child with blonde hair and blue eyes? What about brown hair with green eyes? Now, the choice is yours, thanks to SGEN (Sizan Genetics Engineering Company). SGEN discovered how to alter the DNA of infants before they are even born! Do you have a child with frizzy hair, buckteeth, or bad skin?

Disappointed with your children's schoolwork, or that they didn't make the varsity football team? Worry no longer! SGEN is offering you a second chance! Now you can choose exactly what kind of baby you desire, which will fill in that hole in your heart, which all your imperfect children made.

Just this month, SGEN has discovered a way to target specific genes, for particular outcomes in

your child. Not only can you actually choose characteristics of your baby, but also, for a small charge, you can use the company's website to specifically design your baby's face! This also opens up a new field of work: baby design. SGEN has opened this new field, and has trained (and is still hiring) professional baby designers, who can be hired for an extra charge.

"I personally think this is the best thing that could happen," says Mrs. Rabinowitz, the school drama teacher. "I love to shop! So I feel that shopping for perfect babies should open in Beverly Hills. It's about time we had designer babies, like a Prada baby, or a Gucci baby!"

Appearances aren't the only thing you can alter. You can decide your baby's IQ, sense of humor,

athletic ability, and so much more! So how does this whole process work? It's quite simple. During the first three months while your baby is still a fetus, just go to your local baby-enhancement clinic. A foot long needle will be inserted into your womb via piercing the stomach, and will directly inject the genes desired into the fetus! It's as easy as 1,2,3. This is all made available to the general public for a low price of \$499,999.99 (per injection), with the optional costs of the website, or a hired baby-designer. The cost is expected to go down, as the product's popularity increases, and its technology improves.

"Correcting humanity for a perfect tomorrow," reads SGEN's current slogan. SGEN is financially backed by the "Purists of America" foundation. This organization's original purpose was to legalize genocide, but has re-centered its attention to SGEN. So come down to your local clinic, and start designing your perfect baby today!

*Possible side effects include violent vomiting of both the mother and baby, reddening or yellowing of the skin and eyes, sudden seizures of the baby, thoughts of suicide, and cancer.

* Happy April Fools from the Owllet.

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

Hoosac's 2010 talent show winners.

Hoosac School had its 3rd annual talent show on Friday, March 5. There were a total of 8 acts in the show. All of the participants worked really hard on each of their acts. First place went to TianXing (Kikyoo) Yan, second place was Dave Redmond, and third place was Mengkun (Kaci) Liu. Kikyoo performed a traditional Mongolian dance, Dave played two songs on an acoustic guitar, and Kaci performed a Hoosac rap.

U.S. seeks \$16.4 million fine against Toyota.

The Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is seeking the maximum fine of \$16.4 million against Toyota Motor Corp. for failing to notify the agency of a "sticky pedal" defect in its cars for at least four months. Under federal regulations, automakers are required to inform the agency within five days of determining that a safety defect exists in one of its products. NHTSA learned, through documents obtained from Toyota (TM), that the automaker knew of sticky gas pedal problems since at least September, 2009, the agency said in a press release.

"We now have proof that Toyota failed to live up to its legal obligations," said Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood. As reported on CNN.com.

Tiger Woods says he's a better person after rehab.

A humbled Tiger Woods returned Monday to Augusta National Golf Club and told reporters that he has emerged from rehab a better man, if not a better golfer.

"I'm trying as hard as I possibly can each and every day to get my life better and better and stronger, and if I win championships along the way, so be it," said the four-time winner of the Masters, which tees off at Augusta National on Thursday.

Woods' 35-minute news conference came more than four months after he crashed his Cadillac Escalade into a fire hydrant and a tree outside his family's home in a suburb of Orlando, Florida. The November 27 incident, which left him with a sore neck and a cut on his lip that required five stitches, also set in motion the crash of his storybook life. Just after Christmas, he entered a rehabilitation center, where he stayed for 45 days. Asked what the rehab was for, he said, "That's personal, thank you."

"It was to take a hard look at myself, and I did, and I've come out better," he said. As reported on CNN.com.

The 2010 Hoosac Talent Show.



Above: Winners from this year's talent show (L/R): Third place winner, Kaci Liu, second place winner, David Redmond, Mrs. Rabinowitz and first place winner, Kikyoo Yan.

Nothing Added, Much Gained

— By ANNIE LYONS —

Today, "organic" is defined by a strict set of federal regulations. Crops bearing the USDA organic seal of approval are raised without synthetic pesticides, petroleum-based fertilizers, or sewage sludge. Organic animals consume organic feed and must have access to the outdoors. They are not treated with antibiotics or growth hormones. The organic label also means your food was not genetically engineered or treated with radiation to prolong shelf life. But Organic food can cost a lot more than non-organic food.

Organic foods are healthier than non-organic foods since they contain more antioxidants, heart-healthy polyunsaturated fatty acids, iron, and magnesium, zinc and more antioxidant phytochemicals, such as phenols and flavonoids.

With organic food production, there isn't anything that goes into the soil or contaminates water supply during the growing process. Organic farming also is better for the workers by not exposing them to chemicals in the fields.

Jenn Freeman said, "I can kind of taste the difference between organic and processed foods, but it is so expensive these days."

The chemical toxins that are commonly used in non-organic products have reduced the ascorbic acid, beta-carotene and B vitamins found in organic products. People who eat organic products have more of these nutrients in their bodies. Both ascorbic acid and beta-carotene are both known for cancer prevention. So maybe the extra cost can be worth it after all.

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

Two weeks ago in California, a man lost his hand after being dragged by a train. The man explained that he fell onto the tracks and the incoming train somehow caught onto his hand, severing it from the wrist after dragging him 87 feet. Luckily for the man, he only lost his hand and not his life. Just last week, a northbound train hit the man again. When police arrived, he gave the same explanation that he fell onto the tracks. The first accident was investigated as an accident, but this second fall made police suspicious of a possible suicide attempt. If not, this clumsy man is very lucky to be alive. As reported on cnews.ca

A woman decided to sell her surplus breast milk via the online marketplace. The mother discovered her son was allergic to a protein found in cow's milk. She had been producing breast milk to feed her son, but he could not drink it because she was drinking cows' milk at the time of its production. She has cut dairy out of her diet, so she can now breast feed her baby, but as for the milk already produced, she kept it in the freezer, and is now selling it online. As reported on alldaeaf.com

A woman tried to have her 5-year-old son and her 4-year-old daughter "adopted." She put up a flyer to have her kids adopted for \$2,000. A couple agreed, but said that they couldn't afford that price. The price was lowered to \$1,500, on the account that the couple would also give the woman a rare bird. The mom's attorney claimed that this was an "attempt to do a good thing that went wrong." The mom said that she was trying to help the children, and "get them situated." As reported on cnews.canoe.ca

Passing Up His Seat

- By JENNIFER FOSTER -



Photo from www.churchworldservice.org

Rep. Patrick Kennedy (right) seen here with Rt. Rev. Johncy Itty.

Patrick Kennedy, son of Edward M. Kennedy (Ted) who passed away last August, will not be running in the re-election for congress this time around. Patrick Kennedy who was 21 years of age when he joined the Rhode Island House of Congress has been pondering this shocking decision for nearly a year and talked it over with his father before his passing.

Patrick had planned to stay active in mental health issues. Which was a big part of his political and personal life. His mother, Joan Kennedy, had battled alcoholism for years and his father had many incidents that involved alcohol in the early years of his career.

In his life Patrick Kennedy had battled with alcoholism, depression and drug addiction. He has worked on those issues in the eye of the senate. He told a TV station that he would like to work "in a more hands on way" to help those who are in recovery.

Born on July 14, 1967 in Boston, Patrick Kennedy became a Rhode Island state representative while still attending Providence College. He was elected to Congress from the state's first district in 1994 and was reelected seven more times. He was deeply involved in many minor scandals over the years. Like checking himself into rehab facilities several times and an incident in which he shoved an airport security guard and another in which he crashed his car into security barriers near the US Capitol. Near the start of his political career in 1991 he also had to testify in the Florida rape trial of his cousin William Kennedy Smith, who was eventually acquitted.

John F. Kennedy, Patrick's uncle, was the first Kennedy to run for president. He was assassinated on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas. "I would not count us out for good you know," he said in an interview in the lobby of a providence television station.

Lives At Risk

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -



photo from s2.thisnext.com

The Giant Panda, indigenous to China, is one of the animals listed as an endangered species.

An endangered species is a population of organisms which is at risk of becoming extinct because there are few left in the world, or because the species is threatened by changing environmental or predation conditions. Also, it could be due to deforestation and, therefore, a lack of food and/or water.

Animals in danger of being extinct is a topic with which many people are not familiar. It's important to take into consideration the main 10 animals which are presently in danger: The Siberian Tiger hunted for its skin; there are only 200 left. The giant Otter hunt-

ed for its skin has disappeared in Uruguay and only a few are left in Argentina. About 150 pairs of the Nile Crocodile, hunted for their skins, are still extant. Of Iberian Imperial Eagles, only 150 pairs are still free. Sea turtles, pursued by collectors and offered in luxury restaurants as an exotic food, are dwindling. Mountain Gorillas, wanted by zoos and private collectors--only 600 are left. Scarlet Macaw, imported in large quantities to the USA, are dwindling in number. Of African Black Rhinoceros, only 2000 are left. The Giant Panda, wanted for its skin--only 1000 are left in the world, and the Tasmanian Wolf, which might already have disappeared--the last one was seen in 1980.

"I think people need to be less selfish and think about other living things," says Jory Uhlman from the VIth form. "The preservation of these species depends on us, and if we don't do something soon, they will disappear," says Steve Shulman from the IIIrd form. As we can see, there are many animals in danger of extinction. They need our help to survive as a species.

Student of the Week

David Redmond

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Q: How do you feel about being student of the week?

A: I'm really happy about it. I was kind of nervous because I had missed some school and needed to catch up, so I guess my extra work is paying off.

Q: What did you do over the break?

A: I went with my family to the Virgin Islands, and I had a great time.



Q: Do you have any plans for the summer?

A: Well I'm not sure if I will be leaving the country but I will probably be working in my home town.

Sudoku

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3			6				1
		9		1			
	2	4	1	8	3		
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		4	6	2	3	5	
			2		9		
9				3			4
	3			8			7

What would you like to see in the Owlet? Give written suggestions to Ms. Roemischer.

Sudoku-Answers

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1	5	3	9	4	8	2	7	6
2	9	4	7	6	1	5	8	3
9	4	7	1	8	2	3	6	5
3	2	5	4	7	6	1	9	8
8	6	1	3	5	9	4	2	7
4	8	6	2	9	5	7	3	1
7	3	9	6	1	4	8	5	2
5	1	2	8	3	7	6	4	9

SPORTS

Sat. - 4/10 @ 2:30pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse (Home) vs. Mt. Greylock

Sat. - 4/10 @ 3pm
Tennis (Away) vs. Mt. Everett

Sat. - 4/10 @ 3pm
Girls Varsity Lacrosse (Away) vs. Forman

Sat. - 4/10 @ 2pm
Varsity Baseball (Home) vs. Kings School

Wed. - 4/14 @ 4pm
Girls Varsity Lacrosse (Home) vs. Miss Hall's

Wed. - 4/14 @ 3:30pm
Varsity Baseball (Away) vs. Mt. Anthony

Thurs. - 4/15 @ 4pm
Boys Varsity Lacrosse (Home) vs. Greenwich

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Every Monday & Thursday
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