

NEW CASTLE — It's a bit of a blue Christmas for the obstetrician who loves Elvis Presley.

Dr. Pek Teh has delivered his last baby — more than 7,000 — in a career that goes back to 1974 and includes 34 years in New Castle.

Even he jokes that the king has left the building — a phrase that's often associated with Elvis.

All joking matters aside, three generations of women in the Crespo family are forever grateful for Teh.

Tammie Eversole of Wampum credits Teh for performing surgery to allow her to have healthy pregnancies.

The result — the birth of two children.

One of them, her daughter, Terra Palumbo, also of Wampum, is thrilled that her daughter, Harper, is a "Christmas baby" born Dec. 4, 2012, and delivered by Teh at Jameson Hospital. And that makes a fourth generation of the family under his watch.

Rose Crespo — Palumbo's grandmother and Eversole's mother — was the first of the three who was a patient of Teh.

This moment is bittersweet for the physician who quickly stopped thinking about the difficulty of getting up at 3 or 4 a.m. once he held a newborn for the first time.

"I stopped being grumpy and forgot everything," Teh said.



2013年5月著名作家冰凌先生的做客華報之行期間，在匹茲堡與著名的醫生鄭百洲先生(左)會面，鄭先生早年從台灣來美國，當產科醫生期間親自接生了7000多Baby他是鄭成功第28代後裔，也是黃小波20多年的朋友。鄭先生為華人服務美名廣傳，接生華裔嬰兒無數，克里夫蘭名人企業家倪學凌先生家中的四個小孩之中，鄭先生為他太太接生過三個孩子，伊利華報將在下期做鄭醫生的專訪報道。

That feeling is akin to a mother forgetting her labor pains as soon as the baby is born.

"I love to see the babies," he explained. "They are so beautiful, so cute, so innocent."

Then, his voice cracked for a moment recalling all the memories.

Teh's reassurances went a long way.

About a week before Palumbo was due, Teh was on vacation. Because she was feeling nervous and scared, Teh called from Florida to put her mind at rest.

Eversole and thousands of other appreciative mothers won't forget Teh's dedication, either.

BABY BLESSINGS

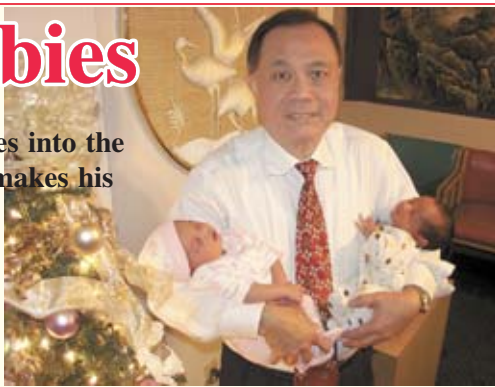
After two miscarriages by Eversole — one of which was twins — more than 30 years ago, Teh diag-

Bye-bye, babies

After bringing more than 7,000 lives into the world, a New Castle obstetrician makes his final delivery

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Dr. Pek Teh holds the last two of more than 7,000 babies he delivered in his career. At left is Cora Thomas, daughter of Emily Thompson, and with her is Gavin Rose, son of Ashley Farewell.



nosed a unique problem after her mother suggested she consult with the physician. Eversole, who is a registered nurse, had a split uterus, which meant there was a wall built in the middle of the uterus that inhibited proper growth of fetuses.

Teh performed a procedure called a metroplasty to remove the wall and repair the abnormality.

It was a success and she beat the odds. Eversole and her husband, Scott, have a son, Shawn, who is 29. Palumbo is 25. And Eversole has three grandchildren.

Accurate diagnosis was the foundation of her happy endings.

"I wouldn't be here," Palumbo said. "He is wonderful to have as a doctor. He was so attentive to me and my husband, and he's so quirky and funny. I looked forward to appointments."

There are many others who have several generations in the family seeking Teh's medical services.

Eversole also highly respects Teh as a person.

"We love him and I hold him in the highest regard for his skills," she said. "He has a big heart as a physician."

His sense of humor also extends to his age.

"I'm 29," he chuckled. Then he modified it to say, "I'm 66 plus."

Teh will continue to provide gynecology services. And he will always have his pager.

CALMING INFLUENCE

Knowing his adoration of the King, Palumbo asked Teh to sing Elvis to her in the delivery room.

He complied.

That gesture put Palumbo's mind at ease.

"He calmed me and helped me focus. He was amazing."

She off-handedly told Teh he couldn't retire in case she plans to have any more children.

In his nearly 40 years of delivering babies in this area, Teh said more were born from the mid 1970s to mid-1990s; then the rate slowed down.

While nothing has changed in the way babies are born, one significant difference is the number of young mothers.

In Canton, Teh delivered a baby to a 12-year-old.

"The mother's age has definitely gotten

younger."

What he will miss most is the bond he made with mothers and their babies.

"A three-year-old told me, 'I love you,'" Teh said. "Patients tell me they love me and I cry. I love my profession."

His calming influence with little ones has also caused patients to tell him he should be in pediatrics, too.

THE END OF AN ERA

A native of Malaysia, Teh graduated from Taipei Medical College, Taiwan. His internship in obstetrics and gynecology was at Barberton Citizens Hospital, Barberton, Ohio, and his residency in that specialty was at Aultman Hospital in Canton. Before coming to New Castle, he spent one year at Youngstown's Northside Hospital from 1978 to 1979.

The physician said he was inspired to specialize in gynecology and obstetrics from a professor in Taiwan.

When he arrived in New Castle in 1979, he joined the practice of doctors French, Wright and Ginsberg before starting his own practice in 1984.

Dr. Sonia Paneser and Dr. Amy Shannon will take over the obstetrics portion of Teh's practice, which will be called JHS Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Teh and his wife, JyHwa, have two sons, Eng Kat and Eng Khan, and two grandchildren.

He credits his wife for playing a large role in raising the children because of his unusual hours.

"My wife is a fantastic woman."

It was a difficult decision to stop delivering babies, Teh said, and he made it with mixed emotions.

"I will miss holding all

the babies in my hands but the happy part is there will be no more 2 and 3 a.m. emergency room calls."

He still receives accolades from mothers.

"The other day at church, I talked to someone who said, 'He delivered my son 21 years ago.'"

The age may change with each story that is told, but those tales always heap praise.

Eversole considers it a marvel that she has a family.

"He changed my life. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't have two kids and three grandchildren."

Teh said he is has been blessed to witness the most beautiful moment when a newborn enters the world.

His voice broke again.

"That's been my reward — seeing these babies being born. They're all beautiful in my eyes."

He was there for the beginning of thousands of lives. That's a miracle at Christmas and any time of year.

And during this season, what could be more perfect as an encore Elvis presentation than "Merry Christmas, Baby?"

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(本報訊)12月26日，來自中國杭州風華正茂健康管理有限責任公司的總經理楊進華先生在伊利華報主編浦瑛女士的陪同下，會見了克利夫蘭社區領袖、尼昂俄亥俄東北部社區醫療保健機構、CIS公司董事長威廉·奧斯丁、首席執行官亞瑟，雙方就合作投資做了全面的探討，隨後與威廉·奧斯丁、亞瑟還有張女士一起走訪了克利夫蘭尼昂俄亥俄東北部社區醫療保健機構。第一次見面與現場考察，給楊先生留下了深刻的印象。

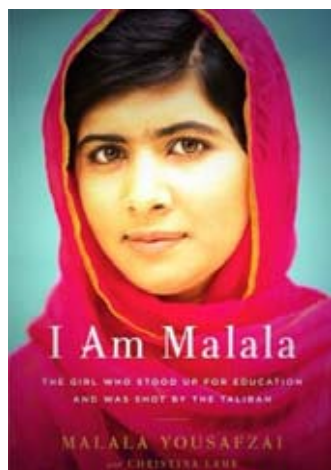
我們一行5人走訪了Hough Health 哈弗診所，診所設有兒科、成人醫學、婦產科，全面的產前護理、牙科、視力檢測、行為健康、化驗檢驗、X光、乳腺掃描、健康營養、足部醫療、藥劑科等，哈弗診所還提供夜間和周末聽診，每天為就診人提供方便快捷高品質的家庭式的服務。

而中國杭州風華正茂健康管理有限責任公司是一家社會福利事業，是包括醫療保健、養生度假、康復理療、養生文化交流、護理員培訓、住宿餐飲娛樂等在內的投資管理公司，公司在中國各大城市擁有房地產。楊先生他選擇投資的目標是能與他熟悉的房地產有關的企業合作，最後就是辦養老院，因為他表示過去的養老院就是建造一棟大樓，給老人住，幾乎每天老人看老人，現在他們已經在中國打造了一個新的養老小區，讓更多的老人度過一個美好的晚年。他還建議如果能在美國找一個風水宜人的地方，他與他的朋友們可以一起造一個度假村。

本報與環球華人服務中心預祝楊先生能在克利夫蘭投資，為克利夫蘭華人帶來福音，同時也願尼昂能儘快啟動中國城亞洲醫院，加快建造的腳步。希望有識之士一起共創未來。

從“馬拉拉”想到西湖中文學校

西湖學子



近日我拜讀了今年10月剛出版的新書《I Am Malala》。我的心一直難以平靜，一方面為這位年僅15歲的巴基斯坦女孩的命運而擔憂；另一方面又為她那不畏塔利班的槍林彈雨，勇敢站

起來堅決的奔走於“爭取女孩上學的權利”而奮不顧身的堅毅精神而鼓舞不已。

馬拉拉在2012年被塔利班恐怖分子在公車用槍打的頭破血流，後來幸運的被英國醫護人員挽救其寶貴的生命。馬拉拉醒來後再次投身於她的終身使命：為伊斯蘭教國家的女孩上學的權利而奮鬥！

一位15歲的女孩的心聲感動了全世界。聯合國把她被槍傷的那一天定為“馬拉拉日”，她甚至也被提名為最年輕的諾貝爾和平獎！一位少女的柔弱的心聲竟然感動了全世界，說明她的爭議得到大部分人的擁護和支持！甚至巴基斯坦的許多學校(包括大學)都到處張貼馬拉拉那英姿凜然的彩色海報！

馬拉拉有天生的堅強和聰穎，而這位“小巾幗英雄”背後有一位15年一直在用心栽培她成才的好父親！馬拉拉的母親是文盲的，而她父親不用傳統的方法教育這位“天才”而是讓她自由的翱翔知識海洋，同時也讓她瞭解世界，所以馬拉拉的心里從小就打下強烈的意識：要改變女孩的命運就必須脫離文盲，才能不受傳統的男尊女卑思想所束縛。終於，馬拉拉成功了！今天的馬拉拉已經

是人人夸獎的“偉人”。未來，將會有更多的馬拉拉不但能接受學校教育而且也衝破宗教傳統束縛，奔走於全世界，讓世界人民都知道在那偏遠的國度，還有那一群正在“飛起”的小鳥，為世界和平而努力……

我是西湖中文學校(Westlake Chinese School)的一員，我們學到了什麼呢？西湖中文學校座落在克利夫蘭市(Cleveland)西邊(Westlake city)，成立於1987年，至現在已經有近30年歷史，現在已頗具規模，是克利夫蘭市具有較高影響力的非營利性中文協會。這是一所培養學生學習中文和文化為主，培育多才多藝的雙語人才為副的機構。

從馬拉拉的故事，我想到西湖多年來走過那條不平坦的路。西湖中文學校已培養了不止一位哈佛大學名校學生，西湖還不斷的發掘每位學生的潛能，通過學生會培養他們的領導才能，有利於讓他們將來能更好的服務社會。良好的校風和校規是西湖一貫以來的共同努力。許

多西湖中文學校的老師除了認真教會學生們的漢語知識，也非常注重教育每一位學生的良好素質：與同學團結友愛，尊師重道，分辨是非能力，遵守規則以及自願幫助身邊有需要的人。許多西湖學子都是德智體全面發展的能為社會做貢獻的好學生。

西湖中文學校本學期已有140名學生，除了11個中文班外，還有6個課外興趣班，包括乒乓球、武術、舞蹈、美術、國際象棋和太極班。從馬拉拉的故事我感悟良多，我覺得每一個學校機構除了要學習像她父親一樣培養孩子為社會做一個有貢獻的人，同時也要正確引導好有暴力傾向或容易誤入歧途、迷失方向的學生，我們要正確的培養學生的良好素質，並且用心栽培他們成為推動世界和平而作出自己應有的責任和義務，讓“大愛”在人世間一代一代的傳承下去……

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