

**Subject:** Re: my background

**From:** wbahn@bfe.com

**Date:** Tue, 05 Aug 2008 19:51:48 -0600

**To:** phoebe6336@yahoo.com

Quoting Phoebe Chien <[phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)>:

I used to think when I have kids, I will raise them by myself till they are 3, but now I do not want to spend your money, so I probably will go to find a job when everything really settle down. But at that time, I will find a easy job, can go home on time, to take care of house and Stacy as I can. That's what in my mind now, what do you think?

I appreciate your desire to not spend my money, but if we are married then, at least to some degree, it becomes our money. Besides, unless you get a pretty good paying job, it may not be enough to cover day care for Stacy. In addition, I think kids do best when they are raised by their parents, so we will need to discuss that and figure out what is best for Stacy, first and foremost.

**Subject:** Re: How's today?

**From:** wbahn@bfe.com

**Date:** Wed, 06 Aug 2008 03:48:39 -0600

**To:** phoebe6336@yahoo.com

Quoting Phoebe Chien <[phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)>:

Thanks for letting me know you have such a interesting day. wow, 32 cadets? Are they good kids? Can you handle them?

On the whole they are very good kids. Sometimes you want to strangle them, but that is when you have to step back and remind yourself that, when all is said and done, most of them are just 18 or 19 years old and away from Mom and Dad for the first time. But, yeah, on the whole service academy cadets are a pretty class act.

For me, our street has street carnival today, some parents organized it, since it's summer vacation. so they have pool outside, and it seems all the kids came out, my niece had a lot of fun.

That does sound like a good time. Glad youi niece enjoyed it.

Thanks for letting me know the weather in CO, I guess we will have no problem with it. And Taiwan is in earthquick zone, and we have typhoon every year, so I'm get used to storm and earthquick.

Most people love the climate here - there's definitely something for everyone!

Yes, I'm nervous, I don't know what exactly I'm nervous about. Because we need to face it together, and it's just not like what we can discussed in the e-mail, it's real, so... kind of don't know what it will be.. so..

Yeah, I know the feeling. I try to imagene what being married and having a baby girl all of a sudden will be like. Huge changes, that's for sure. I think I am ready and eager for them, but it will still be a major change in my lifestyle and I'm sure I will have some problems making the transition - you'll have to be a bit patient with me. I'm sure it will be a big change on your side, as well, and I promise I will try to be patient when needed as well.

it's time to go to bed, wish you have a sweet dream, good night!

The same to you!

Bill

**Subject:** Re: Good morning!  
**From:** Phoebe Chien <phoebe6336@yahoo.com>  
**Date:** Sat, 9 Aug 2008 21:40:54 -0700 (PDT)  
**To:** "William L. Bahn (BFE)" <wbahn@bfe.com>



Hi, Good evening, now..

How's your day? tired now?

Sorry that I only check e-mail till now today, because I think you are working in your project, so better don't interrupt you during that time.

wow... I really appreciate that you want to learn Chinese, and yes there are many dialects, so our official language is Mandarin, and the dialect we use is called "Taiwaness", these are the two languages what my family speak.

But do you still have time for studying Chinese? you got 2 jobs and still need to coordinate the academy to participate the election, I really don't know how busy will you be... :)  
but I think it'll be nice if we can speak in Chinese sometimes to communicate, ( I guess it must be interesting).

And yes, English will be Stacy's first language, but I also hope that she can learn how to speak Mandarin, because if she can, she can be easily communicate with my mom, and all the people in China, but how to make her learn it, still need to work out with it.. maybe let her stay in Taipei for few months when she is 3 or 4, then she will easily learn it... don't know yet... it's really nice for her to understand her mom's culture and language.

oops, we are discussing her education issue now? wow... there are so many to consider o it.....

--- On Sat, 8/9/08, William L. Bahn (BFE) <wbahn@bfe.com> wrote:

From: William L. Bahn (BFE) <wbahn@bfe.com>  
Subject: Good morning!  
To: phoebe6336@yahoo.com  
Date: Saturday, August 9, 2008, 6:43 PM

Good morning, Phoebe!

I've been reflecting on some of our recent exchanges and we have covered quite a bit of ground in the last week! We've covered so much that it seems impossible that this all started less than nine days ago. Wow!

What is your native language? I know there are many dialects, all of which we tend to simply call "Chinese". There is a Chinese Language School here at Colorado College.

<http://www.cschineseschool.org/>

If this is compatible with your language, I might enroll in the adult beginning class that starts in September. What do you think?

On a related note, have you thought about what you want Stacy to speak

as she grows up? Here are my thoughts - which are open to discussion. If someone is going to live in a culture, then they should make an effort to become as fully fluent as they can in the language of that culture. In America, right now, that means English. So I think the first priority is for Stacy to grow up fluent in English. But I also believe that knowing a second language (or more) is extremely good and that kids learn languages so much more easily than adults do. I think there are many benefits - it teaches them that there are multiple ways to think about and communicate the same thing and I think it teaches them to separate a concept from how we represent that concept far better than most people who only speak a single language. So I would like to see Stacy grow up as fluent in Chinese (your flavor of it, anyway) as possible. Besides, it is part of her heritage and she will be able to more easily relate to your relatives and friends that don't speak English. This is also why I would like to at least attempt to learn your language as well.

One of my colleagues (both he and his wife are from mainland China) has two daughters who don't speak Chinese except for just a little bit. They went back to China last summer (or maybe the one before that) and the girls had a miserable time. Here they were, two girls who were clearly Chinese but who couldn't communicate in Chinese - it made for a rough time for them. I'd hate to see something similar happen to Stacy. How do you feel about it?

Well, I've thrown about four e-mails at you that you've had to wade through, so I should probably take a time-out and perhaps even get some work done.

Till later,

Bill

**Subject:** Re: Good Afternoon!  
**From:** wbahn@bfe.com  
**Date:** Sun, 10 Aug 2008 23:16:53 -0600  
**To:** phoebe6336@yahoo.com

Howdy Pheobe!

Quoting Phoebe Chien <[phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)>:

hi, Bill,

I really think we think in similar way toward the marriage or the life attitude, the only thing we need to do make sure we do what we think, and I do like the way you said we need to be committed to repairing any damage.. it does need faith.

I agree. The more we talk (type?) the more convinced I become that we are a good match for each other and that we have a real shot at making this work long term.

I 'm a dog person, we had a dog name " lily" she lived with our family almost 15 years, and still alive now. But my mom took care of her mostly, and something you need to know that, I'm kind of lazy, so if possible I prefer not to have a big dog, because they are not so easy to take care. but if our kids ask for it, then I will agree.

Yep - we're both dog people. We could have just asked that from the beginning and settled the whole thing right then and there: Are you a dog lover? If yes, then propose!

Hm... I never thought of home schooling before, I just think kids should go to school to get into the society... why you lost the faith of public school? hm... let's see then,,, we will figure out which way is better....

We've got lots of time to figure this out, so no rush. The quality of the education that most (not all) public schools provide has gone downhill dramatically. I see it all the time in working with cadets and, even more so, with students at UCCS. Plus, many public schools push political agendas that they really don't have any business even touching on, regardless of whether I happen to agree with the position or not. But my big thing is the quality of the education and that is at least something that can be overcome by strong parental involvement. As for socializing of home-schoolers, it turns out that there are actually quite a few programs that are aimed at dealing with just that issue. Home-schooled kids can participate in public school athletics and clubs and also there are several charter schools that offer classroom instruction in topics that are harder to teach at home and so the kids attend class usually for half a day two or three times a week. And then there are all of the youth organizations like Boy/Girl Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, Little League athletics and so on. Lots of alternatives - and lots of time for us to think out it and learn more about it and make a decision.

If we are truly a married couple, then my money is your money - or "our" money. We just have to work together to make sure we use it wisely. Families have lived with a single "breadwinner" for centuries.....

Thanks for letting me know your family situation, and let's discuss this later in future, but I think maybe you are much better than me in managing the money. I once invested my money in stock market when I was young, but it came out of losing most of it.. so.. I'm not that good in investing...

Hey, you're talking to someone whose retirement account has lost more than 50% of its value in the last few months, so we both could do much better on the investing side of the house. And perhaps, working together, we can. My problem is that I am too passive and don't keep up with things.

You will familiar with those milk, diaper stuff, and will know how to be a dad, how to take care of Stacy very soon, so don't worry about this..

I busted up laughing when I read this!!! I'm still smiling!

**Subject:** Re: A couple more pics

**From:** "William L. Bahn (BFE)" <wbahn@bfe.com>

**Date:** Sun, 10 Aug 2008 22:03:21 -0600

**To:** phoebe6336@yahoo.com

Most of flying an airplane is very easy - whenever I take up someone, particularly kids, I let them do almost all the flying. I've had five year olds do just fine. The hard part is take-offs and landings - particularly landings. Plus, there's a lot you have to know and be able to do to plan the flight, including doing weight and balance calculations, and getting weather briefings, and planning the route, and making sure that you have adequate fuel, etc., etc..

To get a PPL (Private Pilot's License) you have to have at least 40 hours including 20 hours of dual instruction with a Certificated Flight Instructor (CFI). All of that time must be "logged" in a pilot's logbook. I'm not yet a CFI, but I'm actually relatively close and that is one of my major goals after I finish school - because then other people (my students) can pay for most of my flying! Once I get that I would love to be your instructor - and I can certainly teach you to fly before that, you just can't count any of those hours towards your license.

Phoebe Chien wrote:

Wow... sounds great! Is it difficult to get the license? Could you be my instructor for that? is it possible in the future?

--- On \*Mon, 8/11/08, William L. Bahn (BFE) /<wbahn@bfe.com>/\* wrote:

From: William L. Bahn (BFE) <wbahn@bfe.com>

Subject: Re: A couple more pics

To: [phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)

Date: Monday, August 11, 2008, 3:34 AM

I'm real glad to hear that!

Yes, not only do I have a Private Pilot's license, but I am also Instrument Rated. That means that I can fly in weather in zero visibility (such as in fog and clouds) using only the instruments in the aircraft. I haven't flown in about four years because of the time commitment to getting my degrees out of the way, but once I start up again I would love to take you and Stacy flying on a regular basis. Back in 2002 I took my stepmom down to Phoenix for Christmas - and took many of my cousins up flying while we were down there.

Who knows, maybe we can all do that this upcoming Christmas - well have to see how the timing works out on it.

Phoebe Chien wrote:

> wow.. sounds cool, I like adventure sometimes... you got pilot license?

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> Subject: Re: A couple more pics

> To: [phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)

> Date: Monday, August 11, 2008, 3:18 AM

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> That definitely sounds like a plan!

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> Switching gears - have you ever flown in a small airplane (I'm talking a > plane that only holds four people). Would you be interested

in that  
(not > while you are out here this time since I'm not "recent"  
in my  
> hours)?  
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> Bill  
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> Phoebe Chien wrote:  
> > hm... dear,  
> > > Thanks for the photos. And your appearance deffinatly is not  
the > > problem for me. But for your own good, and for our healthy  
future, and > > even for our future kids, we need to get you downsize. I  
also  
need to > > lose some weight, too. So let's work together to make you  
much more > > healthier... we an make this together.  
> > > Phoebe  
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> > --- On \*Sun, 8/10/08, [wbahn@bfe.com](mailto:wbahn@bfe.com) /<[wbahn@bfe.com](mailto:wbahn@bfe.com)>/\*  
wrote:  
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> > Subject: A couple more pics  
> > To: [phoebe6336@yahoo.com](mailto:phoebe6336@yahoo.com)  
> > Date: Sunday, August 10, 2008, 6:17 PM  
> >  
> > Hey Phoebe!  
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> > Attached are a couple more pictures that show more of me.  
I'm not >  
> > proud of them, but I figure you have a right to know what  
you're > > getting into - and it's not like you won't see me in  
all my > > economy-sized glory in a couple weeks.  
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> > I've gotten the impression that my appearance isn't a  
big  
> > problem for > > you, which I really appreciate, so the main  
thing is that I  
wanted to >  
> > avoid any shock factor when you exit airport security (they  
get so > > these days touchy about people screaming hysterically!  
;-P).  
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> > Well ... 'tis off to work I go!  
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> > Talk to you later.  
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> > Love,  
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> > Bill  
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