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Defying warnings of unrest, Trump recognizes Jerusalem as Israel's capital

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WASHINGTON/JERUSALEM (Reuters) - President Donald Trump abruptly reversed decades of U.S. policy on Wednesday and recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, generating outrage from Palestinians and defying warnings of unrest in the Middle East.
Drawing praise from Israel, Trump said in a speech in the White House that his administration would begin a process of moving the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a step expected to take years and one that his predecessors avoided so as not to inflame tensions. The status of Jerusalem -- home to sites holy to the Muslim, Jewish and Christian religions -- is one of the thorniest obstacles to reaching a peace deal between Israel and the Palestinians.
The international community does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over the entire city, believing its status should be resolved in negotiations. "I have determined that it is time to officially recognize Jerusalem as the capital of

Israel," Trump said. "While previous presidents have made this a major campaign promise, they failed to deliver. Today, I am delivering." Trump's decision jeopardizes the United States' historical role as a mediator in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and frays relations with Arab allies that Washington relies on to help it oppose Iran and fight Sunni Islamist militants. Israel considers the city its eternal and indivisible capital and wants all embassies based there. Palestinians want the capital of an independent Palestinian state to be in the city's eastern sector, which Israel captured in a 1967 war and annexed in a move never recognized internationally. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailed Trump's announcement as a "historic landmark" and urged other countries also to move their embassies in Israel to Jerusalem. Netanyahu said any peace deal with Palestinians must include Jerusalem as Israel's capital. This would be a non-starter for Palestinians if it means the entire city would be under Israeli control. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas on Wednesday called the city "the eternal capital of the state of Palestine." Abbas said Trump's decision was tantamount to the United States abdicating its peace mediator role. Palestinians say Trump's move will



Palestinians react during a protest against Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip

mean the "kiss of death" to the two-state solution, which envisions a Palestinian state in territory - the Gaza Strip, the West Bank and East Jerusalem - that Israel took in 1967. No other country has its embassy in Jerusalem. Two small Latin American states, El Salvador and Costa Rica, previously had embassies in Jerusalem before shifting them to Tel Aviv in 2006, saying they wanted to abide with international norms.

Trump has tilted U.S. policy toward Israel since taking office in January, considering it a strong ally. His decision on Jerusalem fulfills a campaign promise and will please Republican conservatives and evangelicals who make up a sizeable portion of his base of support. With Vice Pence Mike Pence looking on, U.S. President Donald Trump signs an executive order after he announced the U.S. would Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, in the Diplomatic Reception Room

of the White House in Washington, U.S., Otherwise, the political benefits for him are unclear. "He cannot expect to side entirely with Israel on the most sensitive and complex issues in the process, and yet expect the Palestinians to see the United States as an honest broker," said former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Daniel Kurtzer.

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For eight years, jitney service the Houston Wave has offered local tours of the best holiday lights the city has to offer. This takes out the hassle of loading everyone into the family car and burning gas and miles looking for lights. Starting Dec. 21, the Houston Wave will pick up riders at 6 p.m. at downtown's Market Square Park (301 Milam) and for a \$35 per person fee they will enjoy a tour of the city's best Christmas lights. The tours last through Christmas Eve night. Tickets are currently on sale via EventBrite. Guests are told to arrive before 6 p.m. in order to



take in the sights around the park.

City Hall, Discovery Green, River Oaks, and Woodlands Heights are all on the itinerary and there is time for guests to get off the bus to take photos and selfies. The ride lasts until around 9 p.m., and according to the Wave, there are holiday refreshments aboard

the small commuter bus. Guests can bring their own food and drinks but glass is prohibited. Alcohol is allowed on the bus so those guests wanting to bring along children should use their best judgement. Kids do need tickets, except the wee ones who don't need a whole seat get in free.

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Japan's Attack on Pearl Harbor – 76 Years Ago Today
"Day of Infamy" Shaped the Course of History

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The attack on Pearl Harbor by Japan on December 7, 1941, occurred 76 years ago today and the vast majority of people reading this article more than likely were not even born at that time, and those of later generations may even lack a basic understanding of the impact this event had on history. But along with being the overriding action that forced the United States into World War II, the attack on Pearl Harbor shaped the structure of future relationships between the U.S. and other countries for years to come, right up to the present day.

With a single, carefully-planned and well-executed stroke, the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor, one of the great defining moments of history, removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, completely unprepared and considerably weakened by the surprise strike, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.

On the following day, December 8, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, speaking before the United States Congress, stated that, "Yesterday, December 7, 1941 -- a date which will live in infamy -- the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan."

Continuing his address, the President announced that at the same time the Japanese had simultaneously also attacked Malaysia, Hong Kong, Guam, the Philippines, Wake Island and Midway Island.

"Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area," the President explained.

In conclusion, Roosevelt said, "I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese Empire."

Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable.

By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed

U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.



The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. Its planes hit just before 8AM on December 7th. Within a short time, five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based

combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.

These great Japanese successes, achieved without any prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered.

However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on

Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a relentless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.



The USS Arizona Memorial presents the ship's deck six feet below the water line. The 184-foot memorial was completed in 1961 and a flag is flown from the destroyed mast. Visitors can see a historic short film recapping the events and explore the Pearl Harbor Museum, complete with wartime memorabilia. The Pearl Har-

bor Memorial is one of the top Oahu attractions attracting more than a million tourists each year. Numerous Pearl Harbor tours arrive in the afternoon making the morning hours the best time to go. The USS Arizona Memorial can be toured from 7:30am to 5:00pm daily and is closed on all major holidays.

Today, The USS Arizona Memorial pays tribute to those moored at Battleship Row. They were the initial targets of the first wave of attacks on the Americans. The first stop on a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial is the Visitor Center where the Pearl Harbor Museum, dual theaters, restrooms, a snack bar and Pearl Harbor Memorial exhibits are located. Those driving from Waikiki Beach or Honolulu can expect an hour's trip before arriving at the Pearl Harbor tribute. The memorial is also easily reached from the North Shore.

Seven Decades Later, Many Feel U.S. Should Recognize China's War Contribution

WWII Military Priorities Dispute Still Recalled In Today's Joint U.S.-China Naval Exercises

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Faced with the ever-present threat of North Korea, U.S. and Chinese naval ships have held joint exercises in the past at that most historically freighted of marine destinations, Pearl Harbor. In the first such visit to U.S. waters since 2006, three Chinese ships took part in a simulated search-and-rescue mission as far back as 2013 alongside American warships. The stated aim of the exercise was to foster better understanding between the two militaries, a welcome gesture when military and diplomatic relations between Washington and Beijing sometimes seem to move from antagonism to warmth and back again with alarming speed. It was only on Aug. 29 that Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that he was concerned about Chinese military actions in the South China Sea, which "increase the risk of confrontation, undermine regional stability and dim the prospects for diplomacy."

The uneven relationship between the U.S. and Chinese militaries is no surprise in an era when China's influence is rising. However, there is an increasing disparity in the way that the two sides view each other's

actions. American interests are more and more tied to an unstated "containment" of China's presence in the Asia-Pacific region. Yet the Pearl Harbor exercise has a historical aptness for a different reason: In China, there is a growing sense that American actions are tied to an unjust regional settlement that dates from the end of World War II.



World War II Poster Depicting China's Contribution To The War

Pacific, declared to his Chinese visitors, "We are linked with you together in history, and we will be linked together in the future." For China, which is rediscovering its historical relationship with the United States, Williams's statement rings true, but in ways that may not be comfortable for America ears.

For years, it has been well-known that Chinese

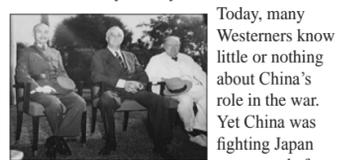
and American military priorities clashed in wartime China. The conflict was crystallized in the confrontation between China's leader Chiang Kai-shek and the American chief of staff sent to China after Pearl Harbor, Gen. Joseph Stilwell, whose brusque manner led to his nickname "Vinegar Joe." Stilwell's diaries showed his contempt for Chiang, whom he nicknamed "the Peanut." Disgusted by the corruption endemic in the wartime capital of Chongqing and the poor state of the Chinese armies, Stilwell launched himself on a collision course with Chiang. Eventually, in 1944, the Chinese leader demanded that Roosevelt recall Stilwell. This moment signaled a fundamental breakdown between the Americans and the Chinese. The view of Chiang as a corrupt and incompetent fool became widespread in a postwar America: Chiang's nickname had become "Cash-my-Check."



Poster For Current-Day Exhibition Depicting Japan's War Crimes Against The Chinese

Yet in recent years, this version of events has been subject to serious historical revisionism in China and the West. There has been a wider recognition that China went to war with Japan in hugely difficult circumstances and with little foreign support. The early 20th century saw a

growing confrontation between rising nationalism in China and an ever-more aggressive Japanese imperialism, with the occupation of Manchuria in 1931 the clear signal that Tokyo had aggressive designs on China. On July 7, 1937, fighting broke out between Japanese and Chinese troops at the Marco Polo Bridge near Beijing, and within weeks, China and Japan were locked in full-scale conflict. Over the next eight years, some 14 million Chinese would be killed, some 80 to 100 million would become refugees, and the flawed but real modernization of roads, railways, and industry that had been under way in the 1920s and 1930s would be utterly destroyed.



The Allied leaders of the Asian and Pacific Theater: Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Winston Churchill meeting at the Cairo Conference in 1943.

China made a significant contribution to the overall Allied strategy. By early 1941, the Nationalists and their uneasy Communist allies were the only major forces opposing the Japanese in East Asia. If they had surrendered then -- or even earlier, in 1938 -- China would have become a Japanese colony, and Tokyo could have moved much earlier against Southeast Asia or even British India, making Allied victory in the Pacific far more difficult.

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Trump announces that the United States recognizes Jerusalem as the capital of Israel in Washington



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks at the Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Conference in Jerusalem



FILE PHOTO: Jewish worshippers, among them Israeli border police (C), pray at the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest prayer site, in the Old City of Jerusalem March 15, 2010. REUTERS/Baz Ratner/File Photo



Naftali Bennett, leader of far-right Jewish Home party, attends a party meeting at the Knesset, the Israeli parliament, in Jerusalem



A Christian tourist from Poland carries a wooden cross during a procession in Jerusalem's Old City



A general view of the Christmas tree in Vilnius, Lithuania December 6, 2017. REUTERS/Ints Kalnins



People pass by a store with closing signs in the Brooklyn borough of New York



The team poses with Loca, a female Staffordshire bull terrier with a 3D printed mask serving as a cast for fractured skull in this undated social media image taken in Davis

BEIJING -- The fourth World Internet Conference concluded Tuesday in the East China town of Wuzhen after three days of discussions and exhibitions of cutting-edge internet products.

During the conference, government representatives, heads of international organizations, experts, scholars, and entrepreneurs attended 20 forums, displaying their achievements in innovation and discussing means of cooperation.



Delegates attend the closing ceremony of the 4th World Internet Conference in Wuzhen, east China's Zhejiang Province, Dec. 5, 2017. (Xinhua/Huang Zongzhi)

At a forum on the internet and finance, Liu Zhengrong, vice president of Xinhua News Agency, said regulating the release of financial information on the internet is indispensable to ensuring financial security.

"The internet does not change the rules of financial regulation, just attaches to it new connotations and requirements," Liu said.

Well-known tech companies from around the world, including Apple, Alibaba, and Huawei, released their latest products at the conference.

Two reports were also issued at the conference on Monday, covering the development of the internet around the world and in China respectively. According to the reports, China's digital economy reached 22.58 trillion yuan (about \$3.4 trillion) in 2016, ranking second globally and accounting for 30.3 percent of the national GDP.

As of June 2017, there were 3.89 billion internet users around the world, of which 751 million were in China, the most of any country worldwide, said the reports. (Courtesy http://www.wuzhenwic.org)

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Wuzhen: Overview And Outlook

Zhuang Rongwen (fourth left), deputy head of the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC), Lin Nianxiu (fourth right), deputy director of China's National Development and Reform Commission and other guests launch the "The belt and Road" digital economy international cooperation initiative during the Fourth World Internet

World Internet Conference Concludes In East China

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Conference in Wuzhen, East China's Zhejiang province, Dec 3, 2017. [Photo by Zhu Xingxin/chinadaily.com.cn]

The Fourth World Internet Conference (WIC, Wuzhen Summit) was held in Wuzhen, Zhejiang Province, China, from December 3 to 5, 2017. The event brought together more than 1500 government representatives, international organizations officials, prominent Internet entrepreneurs, scholars and experts from over 80 countries and regions. With its focus on the theme "Developing Digital Economy for Openness and Shared Benefits—Building a Community of Common Future in Cyberspace", the Conference promoted vivid discussion and exchange of opinions on a broad array of issues, including digital economy, cutting-edge technologies, the interplay between the Internet and the society, governance, exchanges and cooperation, etc., to promote common approaches to and share practices in the governance of cyberspace.

Building on the Wuzhen Initiative 2015 and Wuzhen Report on World Internet Development 2016, the Organizing Committee of the Conference projects trends of the global Internet development as follows.

I. Digital transformation of the global economy has begun; the digital economy is poised to form a new engine of economic growth.

Digital economy has triggered a fundamental transformation of demand, optimization of resources and re-engineering of business processes across the globe and pushed forward the convergence of industries. The United Nations (UN), Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), G20, BRICS, International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the World Economic Forum (WEF) and Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) have all paid close attention to the advancement of digital economy and developed their action plans. Many countries have formulated their national strategies in order to seize the historical opportunity.

Jack Ma, Alibaba Group's chairman, delivers a speech during the forum of Business Leaders Dialogue: New Economy in the Internet Era of the 4th World Internet Conference in Wuzhen Town, east China's Zhejiang Province,

Dec. 5, 2017. (Xinhua/Zheng Huansong)

The booming digital economy, represented by e-commerce, sharing economy, digital inclusive finance and industrial Internet, has emerged as a fresh solution to structural and institutional challenges in the traditional economy, such as insufficient supplies and supply-demand imbalances. Therefore, in order to lead the global economy into a new era, it is imperative to be proactive in addressing the transformational challenges, fostering further integration between the digital and real economy, improving regulatory systems, and establishing coordination mechanisms.

II. The world Internet penetration rate exceeds 50%, bridging the new digital divide will be a new avenue for action.

The Internet expanded throughout the planet. Today, a half of the global population enjoys access to the Internet, while the proportion of the young (aged 15 to 25) netizens reached over 70%. The number of mobile Internet users increased rapidly and the IPv6 deployment accelerated across many countries.

The traditional digital divide is still there due to the imbalanced development of regions, urban and rural areas, as well as differences in gender, age, and income. The new digital divide in terms of Internet literacy and digital skills brings new challenges. Notwithstanding, the

Apple Inc's CEO Tim Cook prepares to deliver a speech at the opening ceremony of the Fourth World Internet Conference in the Wuzhen, East China's Zhejiang province, Dec 3, 2017. [Photo by Zou Hong/chinadaily.com.cn]

expansion of the Internet penetration, the upgraded capacity to encourage the use of ICT, innovation and abundance and an increasing affordability of Internet-related services should enable the global community to bridge the digital divide and attain the UN 2030 SDGs.

III. The Internet promotes the richness of culture, its formats and outreach, and the outcomes of cultural exchange online will be more fruitful.

The Internet has become a new medium for cultural life. Artistic inspiration and creativity have taken root on the Internet. The

expansion of smart technologies greatly facilitated cross-cultural communication. Internet-enabled services such as social networks, new media, network entertainment, and online education became accessible to millions of households, multiplying opportunities for self-improvement and intellectual advancement.

Internet culture in its digital format will expand rapidly. The embedding of arts into the fabric of the Internet will give rise to new genres of culture. With perpetually growing contribution to inclusiveness of content creation, Internet users will become more exposed to, and enjoy, shared and diverse benefits of cultural achievements. The richness of culture on the Internet underlies an increasingly extensive use of digital content which forms a fundamental prerequisite of sustainable development in the long term. The proportion of digital-content products in the international trade in services will keep growing considerably. That should propel greater inclusiveness and facilitate communication and mutual understanding in the process of the global cultural dialogue.

Xiong Xiaoge, IDG Capital Global Chairman, receives interviews before the opening ceremony of the Fourth World

Internet Conference in Wuzhen, East China's Zhejiang province, Dec 3, 2017. [Photo by Zou Hong/chinadaily.com.cn]

IV. Governments are poised to contribute more actively to the global effort to tackle cyber security risks.

Cyber security threats have posed a global common challenge for governments. Ensuring security of the critical information infrastructures is the utmost priority for governments. The dangerous increase in variety of new cyber threats along with an alarming ability for offenders to stay invisible and far lower costs of cybercrime instruments has been in reverse proportion to the magnitude of cyber incidents and damages they inflict. New types of cyber threats persistently call for a more efficient collaboration among all interested parties.

Due to their mandate, governments are poised to play a leading role in promoting the security of cyberspace. They should develop respective law and regulations, encourage innovation and thorough application

of cyber security technologies, bolster cyber defense capabilities, foster a sustainable and robust development of the cyber security industry, combat cyber threats, cybercrime and cyber-terrorism, as well as improve the global communication and policy coordination. Meanwhile, international organizations, Internet companies, technology communities, public associations, academia, and Internet users will continue to contribute to the process of countering cyber threats in their respective capacity.

V. International governance of the cyberspace has made much progress. Even more creative approaches are needed to promote the orderly development of cyberspace.

The international community has proactively contributed to the development of governance of the cyberspace and promoted practices in a multi-platform, multi-layer, multi-directional way. New hot topics of cyberspace governance have emerged such as norms and principles to be applied to the next generation Internet, artificial intelligence, and transformation of digital economy.

The governance of the cyberspace is in need for new ideas and should be given a further impetus. Guided by the imperative to ensure in the first place development and security in the cyberspace and by the human-centric philosophy, and the principle of mutual benefit and deepened cooperation, the international community should invest further efforts in the inclusive development of the Internet worldwide through the advancement of ICT. The international community should take more effective measures to explore mutually acceptable rules, norms and principles of Internet governance and to promote multilateral and multi-party collaboration in more constructive ways.

Wuzhen, China

For a long period of time, all parties of the global society have spared no effort to promote the evolution of the governance of the cyberspace and have made meaningful attempts and explorations. Although the mission is complicated, considerable progress has already been achieved. The Internet makes the world close and wonderful. In this process, it is worthwhile for everyone to think deeply about how to face the transformation, ensure sustainable development and help the civilization evolve in a positive way. It is our duty to look ahead and shoulder the responsibility for building a community of common future in cyberspace and to create a better one for generations to come. (Courtesy http://www.wuzhenwic.org)

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The Texas man behind one of the most popular anti-Trump signs in 2017

By Fernando Alfonso III

Following a year filled with countless, and often vulgar, anti-Trump proclamations, Gale McCray's simple sign featuring a saying he grew up hearing as a child in Lawton, Oklahoma, was one of the most popular this year.

McCray's sign was in stark contrast in decorum to a sticker Karen Fonseca featured on her truck proclaiming "F--Trump." Fonseca was arrested Nov. 16 on an outstanding warrant for fraud.

Like Fonseca, McCray never expected his sign, which he started holding at Fort Worth at intersections like Main Avenue and 2nd Street, to go viral. McCray, a former bus driver and mailman, has since been featured in the Grand Forks Herald, Topeka Capital-Journal, and High Plains Reader.

approve of the job President Trump is doing.

During a trip this summer to Washington, D.C., McCray participated in a protest and met people from South Africa, Iran, and Ireland who had seen his sign on social media. "It's great. It seems like a lot of people from other countries know more about what's going on in America than Americans."

The last thing Gale McCray, 75, of Fort Worth, expected was for his simple anti-Trump sign to become one of the most recognizable images criticizing the commander-in-chief this year.



Harvey's health toll only now starting to be realized

Three months after Hurricane Harvey, local health officials now are beginning to see the storm after the storm. In Harris County and the other hardest-hit regions of Texas, 17 percent of those who had houses damaged or suffered income loss report that someone in their household has a new or worsening health condition.

City. Researchers surveyed more than 1,600 Texans in 24 affected counties to gauge their personal recovery. The report released Tuesday found a region still reeling in ways obvious and hidden. The record-shattering flood and wind wrecked hundreds of thousands of homes, forcing once stable lives into limbo.

short-term apartments. Some waiting for repairs are finding the rebuilding process taking longer than expected. Contractors are stretched thin, and some homeowners have yet to receive flood insurance payments. City of Houston officials estimate more than 311,000 housing units, including apartments, were damaged during the storm.



damaged, nearly half said they had homeowners' or renters' insurance, but only 23 percent had flood insurance. "We're going to see foreclosures

hit. It will probably be people that financially were in a tight spot already," real estate agent Matthew Guzman said in a recent interview.

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据报道，在澳大利亚的悉尼，布里斯班，墨尔本以及堪培拉等地，有一家专门为宠物开设的豪华连锁酒店Hanrob酒店。针对那些准备出门远行，无法带自己宠物的“铲屎官”，为他们的宠物提供服务。在这里，宠物们有自己的独立套房，套房内设置有豪华大床，玩具，等离子电视，DVD播放机等。

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在主人离开时，为宠物们提供一个豪华的假期，更可以缓解宠物在主人离开之后感到的压力。”

据报道，除了酒店基础设施豪华外，宠物们在该酒店还能享受到强大的“娱乐设施”。宠物们会在大片绿色草坪接受抛接球训练，也会学习如何提高与其他宠物的社交能力。宠物SPA，特殊毛发护理等服务这里也会提供，同时，主人可以跟自己的宠物们进行远程情感沟通。

报道称，宠物们在此可以享受顶级奢华待遇的费用也是高昂的，“铲屎官”们需要为这样的服务付出每晚89澳元(约合人民币447.18元)起的成本。

此外，大部分Hanrob酒店都位于澳大利亚的机场周边，提供免费接送服务，同时这些酒店中有超过150名兽医随时待命。

澳大利亚美容新时尚 头皮打瘦脸针减少出汗

不少爱美女性为了能够青春永驻、容颜不老，会选择在脸上注射Botox(主成分为高度纯化的肉毒杆菌素a型，作为整形美容材料，主要用于除皱与瘦脸)。但是近日在澳大利亚，另一种名为“Blotox”(Botox+scalp)的美容手术正在流行，这种手术是把Botox注射在头皮上，从而达到缓解头皮出汗的效果。

据报道，目前这种名为“Blotox”的美容手术在澳大利亚很流行，医生将Botox注射到顾客的头皮毛囊里，从而可以让顾客的头皮减少出汗，时刻拥有蓬松、不油腻的发质。

悉尼一位名叫库克的美容外科皮肤医师表示，她最近刚给顾客实施了Blotox手术，而且她还推荐健身爱好者可以试试这种手术，因为它可以解决健身者运动时头皮出汗的问题。“这种手术的效果很好，它可以给人们一个更高质量的生活。”库克说。

此外，Botox还可以有效治疗多汗症，注射Botox能达到在神经末端阻断乙酰胆碱的效果，从而抑制汗液分泌。比如在治疗腋下多汗症时，医生将Botox注射于两侧腋窝下，只需短短10分钟，就能有效缓解多汗症，而且患者在治疗过程中没有太大的痛苦，也不用担心留下疤痕。一般来

说，每次的注射效果大约可维持6个月左右，所以需要坚持进行。

对于刚做完头发造型的女性来说，Blotox手术可以有效地阻止头皮出油，从而减少洗发的次数。另外，洗头的时候所需要的洗发水也会变少。库克医师表示，顾客在做手术的时候只会感觉头皮被“轻轻地扎了一下”，而且头皮也不需要时间修复，不过效果需要过几天才能看到。

报道称，虽然Blotox手术可以为很多人带来方便，但是它的价格并不便宜，平均做一次需要800澳元至1000澳元(约合人民币4001元至5001元)，顾客需要每6个月至12个月后重新再做一次手术。

据悉，Blotox的主成分为高度纯化的肉毒杆菌素a型。a型肉毒毒素是一种神经毒素，注入导致皱纹的肌肉内，作用于周围运动神经末梢、神经肌肉接点即突触处，抑制突触前膜释放神经递质，阻断乙酰胆碱的释放，从而使肌肉张力下降或瘫痪麻痹，皱纹也随之而逐渐消失，从而达到治疗面部皱纹的效果。

Botox还是一种天然、纯化的蛋白质，可让造成皱纹的肌肉放松，肌肤变得平滑、年轻、而且更富有青春活力。它可以用来塑造脸部线条、打造小腿腿形或除抬头纹。

日本2017全国吉祥物 大奖揭晓 “成田鳗君” 夺冠

近日，颇具人气的“吉祥物大奖2017”评选活动在日本三重县桑名市的一处公园内揭晓了结果。

据报道，日本千叶县成田市的“成田鳗君”夺得自治体“当地”竞赛单元的冠军头衔。成田鳗君是以东京成田机场的飞机与当地特产鳗鱼为原型设计而成。

第二名则为日本爱知县知立市的“知立P”，第三名是大阪府东大阪市的“达阵君”。

据悉，包含企业竞赛单元在内，共有1158个吉祥物申请参赛。竞选者以两天的网络投票及会场现场投票的总票数展开争夺。



15岁找到使命感 意明星发型师 欲为美发带来变革

出身理发世家、15岁开始就找到对理发的使命感，57岁意大利籍“明星发型师”罗萨诺·法拉帝如今扬名国际。除了为好莱坞明星剪发，他还在全球设立超过20家美发沙龙。

据悉，法拉帝从小就怀抱着梦想，念书时就对绘画、建筑等方面都十分感兴趣，他日前透露，他的母亲和爷爷都是理发师，14岁那年他跟随他们的脚步，报名就读小镇内的一家美发学校。

然而，他当时并未有任何实习的机会，直到一年后到伦敦念书，才发觉对理发的热忱。

他忆起上课的情景时说：“那是我第一次帮人剪发，但一切感觉很自然……我

知道自己有一双巧手，但直到那一刻才发现，我能用双手设计发型。”

接下来的几年里，法拉帝开始四处旅游，也替人剪发以精进技术，他到访的国家包括巴黎、纽约、日本等地。

他也开始受邀上游艇或到顾客家为人剪发，在短短几年内名声大造，他在1992年于意大利开了自己的第一间美发店，生意非常红火，如今他在全球多个国家，共设立了超过20家店。

法拉帝的明星客户包括好莱坞明星安吉丽娜·朱莉、英国剑桥公爵夫人凯特等。“我希望能被普遍认定是一名对美发界带来革命性变化，为理发赋予新生命的发型师”，法拉帝说。

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初出国门的你会不会因即将到来陌生的一切感到紧张?在适应新的气候,食物,地里面貌,生活方式的同时,更要面对文化和价值观的碰撞。对于大多数人来说,为自己即将到来的美国学习生活做准备,是需要付出很多努力的。来到美国之前,一定对这个国家并不陌生。但是需要清楚的一点是,现实与想象之间必然存在着一定程度上的差异。比如,当你来到美国,你随处可见自己已经相当熟悉的麦当劳餐厅,可当你看到菜单时就会发现美国麦当劳提供的食物与自己国家是有所不同的。对于美国文化的认识决不能止于从电视上了解到的内容,因为,她有着自己最鲜明的特点,那就是多样性。作为一个拥有庞大移民人口的国家而言,美国不存在唯一的生活方式,不存在唯一的行为标准,更不存在唯一的文化。美国的多样性渗透在国家的各个方面,以下的指南也许不能帮你克服所有因文化差异而带来的困扰,但希望能对大家为美国生活而做的基本准备和大致计划有所帮助。



时间

美国社会由于竞争激烈,充满了运动和变化,人们始终处于奔忙之中,结果也就养成了美国人的紧张时间观。“时间就是金钱”这句话是美国人对于时间的态度的最准确表达。美国人对于时间的珍视不仅仅因为他们认为时间是一种切实的事物,更重要的是他们认识到了时间的紧迫和缺乏。美国人相信,在时间的问题上可以充分反应出一个人的自身素质修养,以及他对于他人的尊重。所以,有一份详细的作息时间表,并严格的遵守它,是相当必要的。

更改时间:美国人不喜欢随意更改已经预约好的时间,除非是在约定双方持相同看法的时候,一起决定更改时间。因为每人都有一份自己的作息时间表,倘若一方要求更改时间,那么必然会另一方带去时间安排的麻烦,这不利于人际交往的发展。

对于自己已经安排好的时间,也同样要避免更改。不过,因为这一点并没有涉及到他人,所以是可以相对灵活一些的。若事情不紧迫,时间又比较充足的话,今天没完成的事情放到明天继续也是未尝不可的,关键是合理,不浪费时间。

同一时间只做一件事:美国人习惯于把一件事情彻底完成后再开始下一件事情,这点在正式场合和商务安排上体现的尤为突出。人们在研究讨论一个问题时,除非把这个问题所涉及的每一个细节都解决了,否则是不会进入下一个话题的。

准时:首先,我们要再次强调,做到准时,不仅仅是关乎到个人的日程安排,若你没有做到准时,反应出的是你对他人时间的不尊重。

在学习生活中,除了准时上课外,更需要遵守的是各种学习任务的截止时间安排。美国学校的教学方式一般是老师安排给学生一项课题,然后由学生几个人之间结成学习小组共同来进行。学习小组中的每个人都会负责不同的方面,如果你没有在规定的截止日期内完成你负责的那一部分,影响的就是整个小组的成绩,这也是很多美国学生不断在抱怨的一个问题。所以,做到准时是在美国学习和生活的一个最基本的要求。

交流

与人交谈是人际交往中最基础的

形式。当你与来自世界各地的朋友们交谈时,你们之间交流的不仅仅是彼此的观点和话题,更深层次的是在进行着文化的交流。

语言表达的方式往往可以反应出某个地区或是某个国家的特色。

直接爽快 大多时候,美国人的谈话属于有一种想要获取信息的趋势。他们喜欢提出很多问题,并且是用很直接的方式。他们会用最简单直接的语言表达来获取自己想要的信息,这过程中,他们并不太在意措辞是否优美,意思表达是否婉转等问题,这有时不免会让与之对话者有一种不太礼貌的感觉。回答问题也是一样,当答案是否定的时候,美国人会直接告诉你“不”,同样不会去为他的答案进行润色,若是你没有提前了解到他们这种说话习惯,那感觉尴尬就是在所难免的了。

积极提问 美国人的交流方式中还有一个明显的特点就是毫不犹豫的提问。在交谈过程中,如果美国人有不明白,没听清的地方时,他们通常会及时的向对方把问题提出,直到弄懂为止。这一特点在课堂上成为被鼓励的做法。在美国的课堂上,学生可以随时向授课教室提出任何相关问题,而授课者都会极为乐意为学生解答问题。所以,美国的课堂总是会让学生在轻松,互动,积极的氛围里吸收知识。

肢体语言 人类交流的工具不仅仅是语言,还有肢体语言。说话时的手势,身体的姿势,以及脸部的表情都是恰当运用肢体语言的关键,我们要分场合,分对象,分话题的灵活调整和运用肢体语言。其中目光接触则是上述要素中的关键。交谈时要时刻保持自己的目光是与对方相接触的,目光自然和善即可。这一点也是美国人相当看重的。

这里我们给大家提供几个很合适与几乎所有美国人交谈的话题:天气情况和心情;自己以往的某些经历;自己的校园生活,或是工作内容;汽车,时尚,购物,影视,音乐,服装等休闲话题;

同时我们应该避免以下话题:存款,收入等与个人经济情况有关的话题;家庭情况;宗教信仰等等。

最后需要提醒大家的一点是,当你对自己的幽默感并没有十足的把握时,最好不要随意发挥它。要知道,不同国家,不同文化,对幽默的认识是有所不同的,恰当的幽默可以活跃

谈话气氛,反之则很容易引起不必要的误解或是不愉快。

社会地位与阶级

如同大多数国家,社会地位和阶级的差异也同样存在于美国社会中。不过差异并不明显。反而由于美国是一个高度民主自由的国家,美国人把个人的自由看得更为重要。美国社会遵从“人人平等”的原则,所以任何阶级,民族,种族,国籍,性别,还有社会地位的个体,其自由权都应受到尊重和保护。

人人平等 从某种程度上说,社会阶级的差异在美国是不受重视的,所以美国人没有家庭世袭的头衔。美国人反而喜欢用职业上的头衔。这种头衔有别于家庭头衔,因为它是靠自己“挣来”的,而不是由祖先传下来的。美国人注重有好的,不拘礼节的的关系,而不注重地位头衔。美国人相信自己即使直称一个人的名字,仍一样可以对他表示尊敬。

对于作为学生的你来说,可以在校园中切实感受到这一人人平等的氛围。学生可以直呼自己老师的名字,可以跟老师们一起吃饭,游玩等等。

自由有度 当然了,尊重个体的自由权利并不意味着可以无组织无纪律的为所欲为。美国有详细的法律法规来控制个体自由行为的底线。越过底线,一样会受到惩罚。学校里也是一样。每所学校都制订了本校的规章制度,为学生们能够得到平等公正的对待提供保证。所以,熟悉并遵守各项社会和学校的规章将会有利于你适应美国的学习生活。

法律职能

美国的法律系统提供对每位公民合法权利保障的同时,确保公民义务的履行。对待国际学生亦然。我们要特别注意的两个核心词是“保护”和“禁止”。

保护 美国联邦移民法作用于所有在美留学的国际学生。其中详细的制订了国际学生所享受的合法权益。当你的合法权益受到侵犯时,每所接受国际学生的学校都设有留学生服务处,在那里将会有专职顾问为你提供及时的帮助。

禁止 在你享受合法权益的同时,要自觉遵守国家的各项法律条款。如果你违反了移民法中的任何规定,同样会受到制裁。轻者罚款,重者驱逐出境或更甚。

揭秘美国人真正饮食习惯

美国人吃生东西多,蔬菜,最典型的是沙拉。几样青菜随便一切,浇上一些 dressing,盛在一个盆里,就是沙拉,很少作熟,怕维生素被破坏。牛肉,通常是6分熟的。

美国人吃动物内脏,如猪肝,大肠,鸡心,牛肚。我们觉得美味的东西,他们很惧怕。美国教育联盟(http://www.xueus.com)留学专家马怡尔老师表示,没有什么特别的原因,他们就是觉得动物的内脏很恶心,只能丢弃,不能吃的。还有吃动物的肉,一定要把动物的头去掉。比如鱼,鸡鸭。

另外,他们吃蘑菇,但不吃木耳。英语中对应的翻译就是 edible treefungus 估计是中国人翻译的,直译就是“树上长的食用菌”。如果喜欢,你只能在亚洲人开的超市里买到。

还有,我们眼中的山珍海味,比如燕窝(bird's nest),鱼翅(shark'sfin),鲍鱼(abalone),熊掌(bear'spalm)等等,在他们看来不可思议:为什么连鸟的窝也要吃?鲨鱼的鳍不就是一种胶原蛋白么?鲍鱼不外乎就是一种贝类。还有,干吗那么残忍,要杀掉熊而只为了吃它的脚?

其实,我们自己想想,也是,这些东西到底有多大的营养价值?之所以名贵,或许就是因为这些东西不容易得到,所以成为少数人炫耀财富和权势的招牌而已。洋人吃的是营养,我们有些人,吃的是面子。

你说洋人不识货也好,土得掉渣也好,他们就是觉得吃这些被中国人视为珍品的东西是件非常不可思议的事。所以

记住,宴请老外,青菜,鸡肉或者牛肉,土豆,水果,外加点心和冰淇淋则可,千万别在什么山珍海味上破费当冤大头。那是“老公公背儿媳妇——费力不讨好”。

除了啤酒、红酒、茶和咖啡,美国人所有的饮料都是要加冰的。国内习惯早上一杯热热的牛奶,但这里,牛奶是放在冰箱里,取出来,倒入杯子就喝。凉饮料,夏天容易接受;可大冬天的,外面下着大雪,你面前摆着一杯加满冰块的水,你能接受么?他们很少喝热的东西。但食物一般都要吃热的。煮好的饺子,要放在一个有盖子的容器里。有时候出席宴会吃自助餐,很多食品都是放在一个托盘里,托盘又放在装满水的大托盘里,下面燃烧着小的酒精炉,保温。所以,招待老外的饮料,越冷越好。

国内的教育让我们养成了“饭前便后要洗手”的好习惯。老外“便后”洗手的习惯非常好,非常主动也非常自觉。但是“饭前洗手”的习惯就完全没有了。不用说饭前,似乎吃任何东西之前他们都没有洗手的习惯。在学校餐厅的高中生身上可以看到,在快餐店也可以看到他们用手捏着东西吃,还要把手指头吮吸一下,有滋有味。但真正的餐桌礼仪,他们也是很讲究的,要餐巾对折一下,搭在大腿上,以防汤汁撒落身上,上身要端正,左手拿叉子,右手握刀,食物送入口中时要把胳膊抬起,不要低头去吃;不许出声。在美国,首要之事要学会吃饭不出声。

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