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U.S. charges ousted Hollywood executive with defrauding pandemic loan program, BlackRock fund

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. prosecutors have charged the recently ousted owner of a Hollywood movie distributor with defrauding a federal coronavirus emergency relief program and a BlackRock Inc (BLK.N) investment fund, including to pay for a Beverly Hills mansion and other luxuries.

Prosecutors said William Sadleir, 66, diverted much of the $1.7 million of loans he received on May 1 from the Paycheck Protection Program for personal expenses.

He allegedly did this after falsely telling JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N) and the Small Business Administration the funds were meant for his former company Aviron Group, which had terminated him in December and where he has no current role.

The PPP was meant "to help small businesses stay afloat during the financial crisis, and we will act swiftly against those who abuse the program for their own personal gain," U.S. Attorney Nick Hanna in Los Angeles said in a statement.Sadleir was also accused of having previously induced the closed-end BlackRock Multi-Sector Income Trust Fund (BIT.N) to invest $75 million in Aviron to support its films.

Prosecutors said he then created a sham company to conceal his use of the money, and assumed the fake identity "Amanda Stevens" to communicate by email with the BlackRock fund about its investment.

In a related civil case, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission said Sadleir's "lavish lifestyle" also included a $127,000 Tesla.

A lawyer for Sadleir could not immediately be identified. A BlackRock spokesman declined to comment.

FILE PHOTO: A sign for BlackRock Inc hangs above their building in New York U.S., July 16, 2018. REUTERS/Lucas Jackson

U.S. plansmassive coronavirus vaccine testing effort to meet year-end deadline

CHICAGO (Reuters) - The United States plans a massive testing effort involving more than 100,000 volunteers and a half dozen or so of the most promising vaccine candidates in an effort to deliver a safe and effective one by the end of 2020, scientists leading the program told Reuters.

FILE PHOTO: Small bottles labeled with a "Vaccine COVID-19" sticker and a medical syringe are seen in this illustration taken taken April 10, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/Illustration/File Photo

The project will compress what is typically 10 years of vaccine development and testing into a matter of months, testimony to the urgency to halt a pandemic that has infected more than 5 million people, killed over 335,000 and battered economies worldwide.

To get there, leading vaccine makers have agreed to share data and lend the use of their clinical trial networks to competitors should their own candidate fail, the scientists said.

Candidates that demonstrate safety in small early studies will be tested in huge trials of 20,000 to 30,000 subjects for each vaccine, slated to start in July.

Between 100,000 and 150,000 people may be enrolled in the studies, said Dr. Larry Corey, a vaccine expert at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle, who is helping design the trials. "If you don't see a safety problem, you just keep going," Dr. Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), told Reuters. The vaccine effort is part of a public-private partnership called Accelerating COVID-19 Therapeutic Interventions and Vaccines (ACTIV) announced last month.

The effort fits into the research and development arm of "Operation Warp Speed," the White House program announced last week to accelerate coronavirus vaccine development. Vaccines, which are intended for use in healthy people, are typically tested in successive steps, starting with trials in animals.

Human testing begins with a small safety trial in healthy volunteers, followed by a larger study to find the right dose and get an early read on efficacy. The final stage consists of large-scale testing in thousands of people. Only then would a vaccine developer commit to manufacturing millions of doses. In the era of coronavirus, many of those steps will overlap, particularly the mid-stage and late-stage trials, Collins and Corey said.

The approach has its risks, as certain safety issues may only appear in large-scale trials. Americans are concerned about the speed of the vaccine effort, a Reuters/Ipsos poll showed.

A highly effective vaccine could be tested in as little as six months if there is a big difference in benefit between the vaccine and placebo groups, Corey said. For a modestly effective vaccine, trials could take nine to 12 months.

The U.S. government has committed billions of dollars to help manufacturers produce doses of vaccines that may never prove successful.

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To get the quickest answer, vaccines will be tested in healthcare workers and communities where the virus is still spreading to show whether they reduced new cases of COVID-19. Washington, D.C, which has not reached the peak of its outbreak, is one likely test site. Trials may be conducted abroad, including in Africa, where the virus has just started to spread, Collins said.

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Summer Season Is Here

Millions of high school and college students conducted their graduation ceremonies through the internet last week. But the timing was different because we are facing the coronavirus pandemic.

Memorial Day is here. This is the day when we commemorate our military heroes who have lost their lives in so many wars. We also need to pay tribute to those fighting in the front lines of the coronavirus. These people are our heroes too!

Today the world is in turmoil. In the Mideast, Asia and the South China Sea – each could result into major military confrontation. In the economic war, countries are now using political power to pressure private industries to serve their political ambitions.

We are so sad to learn that the world's largest car rental company Hertz has filed for bankruptcy. Rental cars now sit in parks the size of football stadiums; airlines just have only a few customers and the price of oil has dropped to the bottom. In just three months, our economy has turned upside down.

We urge the federal and local governments to call an emergency economic recovery meeting and invite private businesses to find more effective ways to recover our economy.

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We have full confidence we will overcome and will win the battle.

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Health Officials Say They Are Being Forced To Suspend Their Mass Immunization Efforts Amid The Surging Coronavirus Pandemic

The World Health Organization Suspends Polio Immunization Efforts Due To COVID-19 Crisis

Child receives oral polio immunization.

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

LONDON -- Health officials attempting to eradicate polio say they are being forced to suspend their mass immunization efforts amid the surging coronavirus pandemic.

The World Health Organization and partners decided that for the next six months, all polio activities including national vaccination campaigns and house-to-house surveillance "should be suspended to avoid placing communities and frontline workers at unnecessary risk."

The announcement came after a meeting last week of the Polio Oversight Board, an expert body coordinated by WHO and partners.

The experts noted that while halting efforts to stop polio is necessary given the speed at which COVID-19 is infecting people globally, it will undoubtedly result in the increased spread of the paralytic disease and the numbers of children paralyzed by the virus.

The mass vaccination campaigns — which occur as frequently as every month — are critical to stopping polio, as eradication requires that more than 95% of children under 5 be immunized.

The polio epidemic of the 1950's.

The global effort to wipe out polio began in 1988 and was intended to eliminate the disease by 2000. But the initiative has been hobbled by numerous problems including resistance to the vaccines, outbreaks in some instances caused by the vaccines themselves and little access to conflict areas in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria.

It will be up to individual countries to decide whether to suspend their vaccination campaigns, according to a note released after the polio meeting. Officials warned that stopping polio efforts will require scaled-up work once immunization activities can resume.

Polio is endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan and continues to be a problem in about 10 other countries worldwide. (Courtesy https://abcnews.go.com/)

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Polio, Measles And Other Diseases Set To Surge As COVID-19 Forces Suspension Of Vaccination Campaigns

"A devil's choice." That's how Seth Berkley, head of GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, describes the dilemma facing global health organizations in the past few weeks. They could either continue to support mass vaccination campaigns in poor countries and risk inadvertently helping to spread COVID-19—or recommend their suspension, inevitably triggering an upsurge of many other infectious diseases. In the end, they chose the latter. As Science reported last week, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative on 24 March recommended suspending polio vaccination campaigns until the second half of the year.

Door-to-door campaigns against polio, such as this one in Kenya in 2018, could help spread COVID-19.

Two days later, the World Health Organization's (WHO's) Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) issued a broader call, recommending that all preventive mass vaccination campaigns for other diseases be postponed. "Any mass campaigns would go against the idea of social distancing," says Alejandro Cravioto of the National Autonomous University of Mexico's faculty of medicine, who chairs SAGE.

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But experts say the fallout from the wrenching decision will be huge and may last long after the pandemic subsides. It comes on top of the damage COVID-19 will do to the fragile health systems in many countries.

Mass vaccination campaigns against a host of diseases are already grinding to a halt in many countries. For many children, these campaigns are the only chance to get vaccines. Some 13.5 million have already missed out on vaccinations for polio, measles, human papillomavirus, yellow fever, cholera, and meningitis since the suspensions began, Berkley says. "I tell you those numbers will be much larger than what we see today."

In the case of polio, more children will be paralyzed in countries where polio is still circulating, and the virus will likely spread to countries that are now polio-free. The decision couldn't come at a worse time. The polio eradication effort is already reeling from setbacks in Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the wild virus is surging, and in Africa, where outbreaks caused by the live polio vaccine itself are spiraling out of control. The program will reassess the decision every 2 weeks.

Twenty-three countries have already suspended their measles campaigns, and as a result, 78 million children will miss out on the vaccine, says Robb Linkins, a measles expert in in the Global Immunization Division of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Sixteen other countries are still deciding. Linkins foresees "tragic" consequences. In poor countries, the virus can kill 3% to 6% of those it infects, WHO says, with malnourished children especially at risk. Measles infected an estimated 10 million and killed 140,000 in 2018, the last year for which numbers are complete. And because measles is incredibly contagious, case numbers could quickly surge following the suspensions.

Unlike the polio initiative, SAGE stopped short of recommending that countries halt campaigns to quell ongoing measles outbreaks, but it said they should carefully weigh the risk of an immediate response against that of a delayed one. For now, campaigns are continuing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where the world's biggest outbreak has so far killed an estimated 6500 children—far more than the ongoing Ebola outbreak in that country—and sickened more than 340,000.

WHO, GAVI, and other health organizations stress that routine immunization of individual children at clinics must continue as much as possible during the coronavirus pandemic. But health systems in many countries were already stretched thin, and protective gear is often lacking. Berkley fears severe disruptions of routine immunization if health workers are diverted to COVID-19 or become sick or die, or if parents are afraid to bring their children to a clinic. Vaccines may run out as well. Some countries are already experiencing shortages as flights are grounded and borders close, Berkley says.

Other essential health services will also be disrupted, says Augustin Augier, executive director of the Alliance for International Medical Action. Every year, ALIMA trains about 500,000 African mothers to diagnose acute, potentially fatal malnutrition in their children; those programs have been suspended. The knock-on consequences of the pandemic "will be much stronger and more lethal for the world's most vulnerable populations," Augier says.

Across all these programs, the goal is to regain lost ground quickly once the pandemic is over. In the meantime, WHO says, countries should continue surveillance for vaccine-preventable diseases to figure out where pathogens are circulating and which children are most at risk. But that, too, is a challenge amid the fear and disruption from COVID-19.

Berkley sees some hope in the experience in West Africa after the 2014–15 Ebola outbreak. "There was an unprecedented flow of finance and goodwill," he says. "We did campaigns once Ebola was over and strengthened routine immunization. We not only recovered coverage levels, but exceeded them." But that epidemic was largely confined to three countries with a combined population of fewer than 25 million people. This time, the entire world is affected. (Courtesy https://www.sciencemag.org/)

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Editor's Choice

Migrant workers cover themselves with a scarf, to protect from heat as they wait to get registered before boarding a train to their home state of eastern Bihar, during an extended lockdown in New Delhi, India. REUTERS/Danish Siddiqui

A man sits with a pelican in St James's Park, London, Britain. REUTERS/John Sibley

Victoriano Vera, 49, a certified public accountant, is sprayed with a chlorine solution, which has become a standard procedure for every person and boat arriving at the town pier during the coronavirus outbreak, in Puerto Roma

A man throws water on a girl playing in a pool, during a hot weather, in Sidon, southern Lebanon. REUTERS/Ali Hashisho

A man with a child ride on motorbike in the street blocked by trees that were uprooted by Cyclone Amphan in Satkhira, Bangladesh. REUTERS/Km Asad

Healthcare workers gather in a street during coronavirus testing in Sadr city, district of Baghdad, Iraq. REUTERS/Thaier Al-Sudani

A man carries his son who holds a balloon outside a shopping mall ahead of Eid al-Fitr holiday in Sanaa, Yemen. REUTERS/Khaled Abdullah

Israelis play at the shore of the Mediterranean Sea in Tel Aviv as coronavirus restrictions ease in Israel. REUTERS/Amir Cohen

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Another Coronavirus Vaccine Candidate From UK Company —AstraZeneka--Could Make Delivery Of Doses By September

Fauci Voices Cautious Optimism About Moderna Vaccine, Calling The Trial 'Quite Promising'

Dr. Anthony Fauci (r) standing next to President Trump, speaks during a coronavirus task force briefing at the White House on April 22. (Photo/AFP via Getty Images)

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

Dr. Anthony Fauci expressed "cautious optimism" about the initial results from a coronavirus vaccine trial — results that were widely celebrated this week — and says it remains "conceivable" that a vaccine for the deadly pathogen could be available by the end of the year.

Amid a global arms race for a vaccine, the nation's leading infectious disease expert said Friday in an interview with NPR that he was encouraged by findings from the Phase 1 trial of a vaccine under development by researchers at the Massachusetts-based biotech company Moderna. On Monday, the company said the vaccine appears both safe and capable of stimulating in test subjects the type of immune response needed to ward off an infection.

But the company, which is developing the vaccine in collaboration with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which Fauci leads, has yet to publish detailed results from the trial, fueling concerns among researchers about how much the announcement can be trusted.

Addressing those concerns, Fauci said full details from the trial are now being compiled by his team at the NIAID, but said, "Having looked at the data myself, it is really quite promising.

The vaccine induced what we call neutralizing antibodies, as opposed to just binding antibodies, and neutralizing antibodies are antibodies that actually can block the virus," said Fauci. The results were "even better than we thought," he said, "and they did it at a moderate dose of the vaccine."

Fauci said full results would be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, most likely within a few weeks. If all goes according to plan, Fauci said it is possible that a vaccine could be available within a matter of months — a timeline that would shatter the years-long process typically required to produce a vaccine.

COVID-19 vaccine researchers.

"I think it is conceivable if we don't run into things that are, as they say, unanticipated setbacks, that we could have a vaccine that we could be beginning to deploy at the end of this calendar year, December 2020 or into January 2021," Fauci said.

But "that's never a promise," he cautioned, "because when you're dealing with vaccines, there could be so many things that get in the way."

Moderna's vaccine is just one of hundreds under development by companies and universities worldwide racing to stamp out a virus that in the United States alone has infected more than 1.5 million people and claimed the lives of nearly 95,000. With all 50 states now in the beginning stages of reopening their economies after weeks of lockdown, the search for a vaccine is taking on new urgency.

Any vaccine will be met by massive global demand requiring billions of doses and a total shift in approach to how vaccines are typically developed. Fauci said that has meant moving forward with production before testing can be completed. He explained that accelerating efforts to develop the coronavirus vaccine in this way is "not compromising in any way the safety or the scientific integrity."

"What we're doing right now, and this is something that I think is going to be characteristic of multiple of the candidates that are being tested for a coronavirus vaccine, is that you even start investing and even making doses of the vaccine before you are completely sure that it works. So the risk is not to the patients, because the safety and the scientific integrity is intact," he said. "The risk is to the investment."

Until a vaccine is ready, public health experts agree that social distancing and other mitigation measures will remain central to keeping the outbreak at bay, particularly as states begin to reopen.

Fauci himself has warned of a second wave of cases, and said on Friday that "the one thing I'm sure of is that there will be infections around in the fall and in the winter, because it's not going to disappear from the planet."

Fauci said the test for government leaders will be how well prepared they are to keep "blips of cases" from growing into outbreaks, and from there, "real rebounds of infection." Doing so will require "identification, isolation and contact tracing," he said.

"It isn't inevitable that we're going to have a massive rebound," said Fauci. "What is inevitable is that we will see cases. It's how we deal with it that's going to be the end game."

Fauci was also asked about an analysis released this week by researchers at Columbia University which found that approximately 36,000 deaths could have been avoided in the United States had broad social distancing measures been put in place just one week earlier in March. The U.S. could have also seen roughly 700,000 fewer infections if actions that began on March 15 had instead started on March 8, according to the study.

"We always could have done better, particularly when you look in the rearview mirror and do a retrospectoscope and say, 'Wow, you know, we could have saved a lot of disease if we had done it much earlier.' And that's true," Fauci said. "You have to have a certain degree of realism and humility about it." (Courtesy https://www.npr.org/)

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First Deliveries Possible By This September

U.S. Secures 300 Million Doses, Almost One-Third, Of AstraZeneca's Potential COVID-19 Vaccine Output

Vaccines are seen by world leaders as the only real way to restart their stalled economies.

The United States has secured almost a third of the first one billion doses planned for AstraZeneca's experimental COVID-19 vaccine by pledging up to $1.2 billion, as world powers scramble for medicines to get their economies back to work.

After President Donald Trump demanded a vaccine, the U. S. Department of Health agreed to provide up to $1.2 billion to accelerate AstraZeneca's vaccine development and secure 300 million doses for the United States.

"This contract with AstraZeneca is a major milestone in Operation Warp Speed's work toward a safe, effective, widely available vaccine by 2021," U. S. Health Secretary Alex Azar said.

The vaccine, previously known as ChAdOx1 nCoV-19 and now as AZD1222, was developed by the University of Oxford and licensed to British drug maker AstraZeneca. Immunity to the new coronavirus is uncertain and so the use of vaccines unclear.

The U.S. deal allows a late-stage--Phase III--clinical trial of the vaccine with 30,000 people in the United States.

AstraZeneca, based in Cambridge, England, said it had concluded agreements for at least 400 million doses of the vaccine and secured manufacturing capacity for one billion doses, with first deliveries due to begin in September. (Courtesy https://www.business-standard.com/)

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擴大開放穩外貿外資基本盤

大幅縮減外資准入負面清單 出台跨境服貿負面清單

面對新冠疫情衝擊下日趨嚴峻複雜的國際形勢，中國政府承諾將繼續"堅定不移擴大對外開放"。國務院總理李克強在政府工作報告中表示，今年中國推進更高水平對外開放，大幅縮減外資准入負面清單，出台跨境服務貿易負面清單，營造內外資企業一視同仁、公平競爭的市場環境，穩住外貿外資基本盤。

■香港文匯報記者 海巖 兩會報道

■政府工作報告中表示，今年中國大幅縮減外資准入負面清單，出台跨境服務貿易負面清單。圖為早前上海臨港的上海南港碼頭，新出廠的汽車等待裝船轉運。 資料圖片

今年受全球疫情衝擊，世界經濟嚴重衰退，產業鏈供應鏈循環受阻，國際貿易投資萎縮，大宗商品市場動盪，外貿首當其衝受到衝擊。

支持外貿企業增訂單保就業

李克強在政府工作報告中表示，要促進外貿基本穩定，通過加大信貸投放、擴大出口信用保險覆蓋面、降低進出口合規成本、支持出口產品轉內銷等方式，支持外貿企業增訂單、穩崗位、保就業。此外，加快跨境電商等新業態發展，提升國際貨運能力；推進新一輪服務貿易創新發展試點。今年還要籌辦好第三屆進博會，積極擴大進口，發展更高水平面向世界的大市場。

賦自貿區更大改革開放自主權

在利用外資方面，李克強表示，大幅縮減外資准入負面清單，出台跨境服務貿易負面清單。賦予自貿試驗區更大改革開放自主權，加快海南自由貿易港建設，在中西部地區增設自貿試驗區、綜合保稅區，增加服務業擴大開放綜合試點。

政府工作報告還強調，高質量共建"一帶一路"，堅持共商共建共享，遵循市場原則和國際通行規則，發揮企業主體作用，開展互惠互利合作。

此外，"中國將推動貿易和投資自由化便利化，堅定維護多邊貿易體制，積極參與世貿組織改革。推動簽署區域全面經濟夥伴關係協定，推進中日韓等自貿談判。共同落實中美第一階段經貿協議。"李克強重申，中國致力於加強與各國經貿合作，實現互利共贏。

將公佈海南自貿港建設方案

國家發改委在提交全國人大審議的計劃報告草案則進一步細化外資外貿工作的任務目標。發改委提出，今年要保持進出口基本穩定，大力開拓多元化市場，引導企業出口轉內銷，支持跨境電商貿易、市場採購貿易等外貿新業態新模式加快發展。在風險可控前提下，支持擴大短期出口信用保險業務並降低費率，設立中長期政策性出口信用保險專項安排。

在利用外資方面，國家發改委提出，今年全面實施外商投資法及配套法規，大幅縮減外資准入負面清單，深化服務業、金融業、製造業、農業對外開放。做好招商、安商、穩商工作，擴大鼓勵外商投資產業目錄範圍，繼續推動一批重大外資項目落地，確保內外資企業同等享受助企紓困政策。另外，今年將發佈實施海南自由貿易港建設總體方案，出台海南自由貿易港跨境服務貿易負面清單，在中西部地區增設自貿試驗區、綜合保稅區。

今年為企業減負新增2.5萬億

香港文匯報訊（記者 海巖 兩會報道）為穩企業保就業，今年政府工作報告提出，疫情初期出台的多項階段性稅費優惠政策，從原來的6月前到期延長至今年底；加上繼續執行降低增值稅稅率和養老保險費率等政策，預計今年為企業新增減負超過2.5萬億元（人民幣，下同）。

李克強在政府工作報告中表示，2019年減稅降費2.36萬億元，超過原定的近2萬億元規模，其中製造業和小微企業受益最多。今年"要堅決把減稅降費政策落到企業，留得青山，贏得未來。"

新增減稅降費5000億

政府工作報告提出，今年繼續執行下調增值稅稅率和企業養老保險費率等制度，新增減稅降費約5,000億元。前期出台六月前到期的減稅降費政策，包括免徵中小微企業養老、失業和工傷保險單位繳費，減免小規模納稅人增值稅，免徵公共交通運輸、餐飲住宿、旅遊娛樂、文化體育等服務增值稅，減免民航發展基金、港口建設費，執行期限全部延長到今年年底。小微企業、個體工商戶所得稅繳納一律延緩到明年。

對於地方財政，財政部部長劉昆在首場"部長通道"採訪中表示，今年地方財政減收增支的規模在8,000億到9,000億元，一些地方保基本民生、保工資、保運轉面臨較大的壓力。加強對地方財力的保障，是今年預算安排的重點。李克強總理在政府工作報告中提出，今年增加赤字率所增加的財政資金全部安排給地方，中央財政發行抗疫特別國債的收入，也全部用於地方基礎設施建設和抗疫相關支出，這是對地方財力和地方財政運行的強大支撐。在今年的一般預算安排上，中央財政對地方的轉移支付增加了12.8%，這在近年來是最高的。中央財政還專門設立了特殊轉移支付，用於支持地方基層運轉，保障基本民生，落實"六保"任務。中央財政對均衡性轉移支付、縣級基本財力獎補資金增長安排了10%。

拜登打出防疫牌：若當選，每個人免費接種疫苗

（綜合報導）新冠肺炎還在美國本土肆虐，截至目前美國有超過160萬人被確診，超過9.5萬人死亡。美國各黨派總統候選人紛紛針對疫情發言，爲了11月3日的大選做好準備。

美國民主黨總統候選人、前美國副總統拜登也開始打自己的疫情牌，上來就是一個重磅：若當選，每個美國人免費接種疫苗！

喬.拜登在接受美媒CNBC旗下節目“ Squawk Box ”的採訪時表示：“我告訴你，如果找到了，我將確保每一個美國人都可以接種疫苗，不需要任何花費”。

同時根據CNBC報導，民主黨熱門總統提名人拜登不止一次表示，如果自己當選總統，那麼每個美國人都能免費接種新冠疫苗，完全不需要花費一分錢。

稍早前，特朗普曾表示，他正在考慮是否可能免費提供新冠病毒疫苗。

但據CNN報導，特朗普當天主要還是強調，不管屆時有沒有疫苗，美國也可以在沒有疫苗的情況下繼續前進，重新開放經濟。

對此，拜登則認爲，現在每位政治人物都在講“重啓經濟”，但就目前而言還爲時尚早，應該等到民衆對於“群聚不會感染”有了足夠的信心之後，再開始著手恢復經濟等相關工作。

針對從本月開始，特朗普敦促各州迅速重新復工，恢復經濟運行的行爲，拜登表示，特朗普此舉是對生命的漠視，並譴責是特朗普遲緩與不足的危機應對才是造成現如今的生命損失與經濟崩潰的根本原因。

拜登在上周五接受CNBC採訪時說：“（美國）要從新冠疫情中恢復經濟，似乎有“很長一段路”要走”。

“開除門”持續發酵 特朗普蓬佩奧不當行為觸衆怒

（綜合報導）美國總統特朗普突然宣布開除美國國務院監察長史蒂夫.利尼克，但並未給出具體原因。連日來，美國主流媒體紛紛聚焦此事，認爲利尼克被開除絕非個人能力問題，而是因爲他正進行一些對特朗普及其親信不利的相關調查，特朗普頻繁開除政府要員，已經嚴重危害了美國的民主制度。

蓬佩奧假公濟私，面對質疑躲閃其詞

《紐約時報》報導，開除利尼克首先是由國務卿蓬佩奧提出的，並最終獲得了特朗普本人的同意。蓬佩奧之所以發此提議，是因爲利尼克正在調查關於蓬佩奧假公濟私的醜聞。

據知情人透露，蓬佩奧讓國務院公務人員爲其和妻子蘇珊.蓬佩奧辦理個人私事，包括遛狗、去乾洗店取衣物、預訂餐館位置等。此外，蓬佩奧可能曾濫用納稅人資金，頻繁乘坐公務機前往其老家堪薩斯。利尼克已經關注對蓬佩奧的調查一年之久。

不過，蓬佩奧當然否認了利尼克對他提出的大多數指控。當《華盛頓郵報》問及有關其假公濟私行爲時，蓬佩奧表示，他自己“不知道”這些事情，且拒絕正面回答他是否利用過公共資源謀求私人利益。蓬佩奧稱：“我不會對這些沒有事實依據的指控給出任何回應。”

然而，這些調查並非“沒有事實依據”。蓬佩奧閃爍其詞的回應和迴避追問的態度，在媒體看來無疑是一種掩飾。

追查特朗普出售軍火，蓬佩奧逃避問題轉移矛盾

此外，美國主流媒體也指出，利尼克被解僱的另一大原因，是他正在進行的關於特朗普非法出售軍火的調查。

利尼克的調查顯示，特朗普或曾試圖通過宣布國家進入“緊急狀態”而繞過國會向沙特和阿聯酋銷售高達80億美元的軍火。對此，蓬佩奧5月19日表示，他拒絕接受與此有關的任何採訪。輿論認爲，這正表示，蓬佩奧知道利尼克目前正在進行的調查，並看出了利尼克對此的質疑。由於觸犯了蓬佩奧的政治野心並對特朗普不利，最終利尼克遭遇了被解僱的惡意報復。

此前，特朗普出售軍火的行爲已經飽受兩黨立法人員質疑。衆院外交事務委員會主席、紐約民主黨代表艾利奧特.恩格爾公開表示，他去年6月曾要求監察長利尼克對特朗普的銷售軍火行爲展開調查， 該調查可能是蓬佩奧向特朗普提議解僱利尼克的“另一原因”。

值得一提的是，蓬佩奧接受《華盛頓郵報》採訪時表示，他之所提出解僱利尼克，是因爲利尼克未能“履行對國務院助益”的相關職能。但是，自2013年擔任國務院監察長以來，利尼克素來擁有謹愼小心、能力出色，且客觀公正的口碑，因此，其此次遭遇絕非個人能力問題。

蓬佩奧同時表示，通常情況下，他只能在監察長報告公開前幾天才能看到相關信息，因此，他不可能出於“惡意報復”而提議解僱利尼克，因爲他並不能預先知道利尼克正在調查什麼。然而，《紐約時報》尖銳指出此話不實。因爲，雖說利尼克關於沙特軍火銷售的調查尚未對外公佈，但國務院高級官員卻早在3月就收到了來自監察長辦公室的有關此調查的草案。

多項調查或成離職導火索

其實，利尼克早已被國務院高層視爲眼中釘，因爲其經手的調查不僅多以特朗普及其親信爲目標，且對國務院管理層多有監督批評。

去年，利尼克曾調查一名伊朗籍美國人的待遇問題，並指政府對該官員的解僱暴露了高級政務官的偏見，當時觸怒了國務院高層。

利尼克的另一項調查揭露了國務院禮賓辦公室的問題。該辦公室與蓬佩奧關係密切，曾多次爲其組織私密晚宴，存在資金使用不當問題，且該辦公室前任領導人對員工存在暴力、威嚇和騷擾行爲，而現任領導人坎德.亨德森及副手瑪麗.費舍爾則對其進行包庇。利尼克對該辦公室的調查顯然惹惱了國務院管理層。

此外，利尼克還在特朗普彈劾案中發揮過一定作用，這也可能成爲招致開除的原因之一。因此，輿論分析，利尼克遭開除可能源於“多種因素”，而非某項單一調查。

監察長在美國政治生活中起著獨特作用。他們監督政府工作，發現並製止潛在的欺詐、浪費、濫用權力、管理不善等違法亂紀情況，在實現高效管理、促進經濟發展方面有著重大作用。通常，監察長的選拔主要參考資歷，而非政治背景和黨派立場，因此，一個行事客觀公正、不偏不倚的監察長，對製衡政府權力起著至關重要的作用。

過去6周中，特朗普已經開除了4名監察長。美國輿論認爲，特朗普屢屢解僱監察長的行爲，已經極大危害了美國民主制度，也折射出了其濫用職權的荒唐。而國務卿蓬佩奧也將因爲這次解僱行爲和對其自身種種不當行爲的掩蓋，最終難逃調查。

白宮新聞秘書公開展示特朗普捐款支票 不料卻洩露了總統私人賬戶信息

（綜合報導）據《紐約時報》報導，當地時間5月22日，白宮新聞秘書凱莉.麥克納尼在新聞發布會上宣布，特朗普將把10萬美元的季度工資捐給美國衛生與公衆服務部，以幫助應對新冠疫情。與此同時，麥克納尼還在發布會現場向媒體展示了捐款支票。不料這一舉動，卻洩露了特朗普私人賬戶的相關信息。（麥克納尼展示支票。

報導稱，麥克納尼在發布會上展示了一張商業銀行“第一資本金融公司”（Capital One）開具的10萬美元支票。支票上面，特朗普的私人銀行賬戶和路由號碼等個人信息清晰可見。

《紐約時報》稱，對於普通民衆來說，這些信息可以用來取款或存錢，在線購物或入侵賬戶。

“公開分享這些信息並不是好的做法，”美國身份竊盜資源中心負責人說，“如果你沒有適當的保護措施，在了解賬戶、路由號碼和個人信息的情況下，（有人）就可以通過複雜的計劃及方式（入侵賬戶）並且獲得（賬戶內）的現金。”

這名負責人說，幾乎可以肯定，一家銀行會爲像總統這樣的知名人士的賬戶提供額外的保護措施，特朗普不太可能遭到因支票照片在網上廣泛傳播可能面臨的黑客襲擊。

但該負責人也提到，麥克納尼將特朗普的個人信息展現在鏡頭前的舉動發出了一個令人擔憂的信號。“在這種情況下，樹立榜樣是非常重要的，”負責人稱，“對於普通民衆來說，認識到這不是一種好做法非常重要。”

白宮沒有立即回應《紐約時報》的置評請求，但一名官員表示，新聞發布會上從來沒有使用過假支票。

集氣驅走新冠 藝人不惜“犧牲”自己

馬明願一世“天然呆” 諸懿肯一生光頭

香港文匯報訊（記者 達里、梁靜儀）經過新冠肺炎疫情洗禮，不少藝人都與市民同心抗疫，先後落區派發物資給有需要人士，發揮香港人互助互愛的精神。自經過今次新冠肺炎疫情洗禮之後，大家經歷了不少難忘事，人生觀亦出現改變。藝人在此一起集氣，不惜“犧牲”自己，許願替大家祈福。如果全球疫情可在短期內極速消失，馬明打趣說願意一世“天然呆”作交換。黎諾懿更情願一世光頭。黎耀祥亦不惜“金盆洗手”退出娛樂圈。

■視帝馬明坦言最難忘見到香港人能互相幫助。

馬明難忘港人互相幫助

疫情持續至今，視帝馬國明（馬明）坦言最難忘見到香港人能互相幫助，主動出街派口罩給有需要人士，食肆也免費提供防疫物資給市民使用，印證大家同心合力抗疫。馬明稱疫情也令他人生觀有改變，他說：“會更加珍惜眼前和目前擁有的，因為今日不知明日事，明白到人生好脆弱，只是大家平時都不察覺。”若然有機會令疫情消失，馬明打趣說願意一世“天然呆”，笑道：“我不介意24小時都天然呆，可以無時無刻含住塊樹葉，哈哈！”

■黎諾懿表示同心協力去做好一件事，是大家最想見到的事。

諾懿高興同心協力做好事

黎諾懿也感動見到香港人能齊心合力分享防疫物資，遇到缺乏口罩的人士或團體也樂於捐贈，正如不少同行都自發性派口罩給長者，他說：“以前的香港就是一有事，大家就會肯走出來幫手，同心協力去做好一件事，是大家最想見到的事情。”至於有機會跟疫情來一次“等價交換”，諾懿笑稱願意一世光頭，他說：“如果可以令疫情消失，我願意一世光頭，等大家見到我時，就知道我令疫情消失，犧牲頭髮換來大家的健康，幾（多）偉大，哈哈！”

■黎耀祥坦言受疫情影響，很多工作都要煞停。

黎耀祥願“退出江湖”

黎耀祥（祥仔）慨嘆疫情不單對演藝界有影響，對各行各業都有影響，好像他很多工作都要煞停，其中有跟薛家燕、肥媽上遊輪登台，還有美加及內地很多商演活動都煞停了，收入方面的影響可謂很大，所以要是疫情能消失，他第一件最想做的事也就是開工：“畢竟停工了多月， 如果全球疫症可以喺（在）今個月內消失，我可以退出江湖，我好認真，即係（是）金盆洗手，我願意，最好明天即刻冇晒（沒了）疫情，（觀眾有沒有損失？）唔會唔會（不會），一山還有一山高，一雞死一雞鳴，冇我有第二個。”

受到“限聚令”影響，不少人都大大減少社交生活，祥仔笑言自己平日不是愛逛街的人，加上朋友並不多，好友來來去去都是一兩個，就算在家中聚會也沒有問題，對他說來唯一最大影響是不能與太太去旅行，因兩人都喜歡去日本，都期待再到當地旅遊。

祥仔又稱今次疫情對他的人生觀不多不少都有一定影響，從中更學懂珍惜：“原來好多嘢（事）都係（是）意料之外，好似今次都估唔（不）到疫情會令全世界停頓晒（了），出去（外地）又唔得（不行），呢（這）件事之後會更加珍惜擁有嘅嘢（的東西）。”祥仔珍惜的還有與家人之間的親情，他指香港人向來都是比較匆忙，面對好多事都會說“第二日先”，但原來突然一個意外，就會打亂所有計劃。

他笑謂疫情期間最令他感動的，不是朋友幫忙撲抗疫物資，反而是他幫家人撲到口罩：“農曆新年前去咗（了）日本旅行，嗰（那）時疫情仲（還）未爆，好多親友託我喺嗰邊買口罩，我撲（買）咗一箱返來畀（給）家人用，（一家人因為口罩感情更好？）都係㗎，咁（那）一向都有聯絡嘅（的），自己都好樂意。”

■若疫情可瞬間消失，個子嬌小的Amber願意再矮多20cm。

■如果疫情可以馬上消失，陳曉華願捐出全副身家及睡眠時間。

陳曉華感受醫護壓力大

兩位前港姐陳曉華（Hera）和鄧卓殷（Amber）也有難忘經驗，本身讀護理系出身的Hera，得知不少舊同學在疫情期間承受很大壓力，甚至影響到他們的家人，她說：“因為做醫護很大壓力，連帶他們的家人也會緊張起來，由以前不會送朋友返工，現在都會主動接載返工，令親人之間的關係更緊密。”Amber早前到英國返學上堂，雖然疫情未開始惡化，但她回港後也自我隔離14天，她說：“記得坐飛機返來時好緊張，因為在英國不讓我上機，結果要轉乘其他航班，回港後未實施強制家居隔離，自己都有掙扎過需不需要，最後想深一層如果自己有事，就會影響到好多人，所以最後都完成自我隔離，也要感恩家人對我的支持。”至於她們願意付出什麼來驅走疫情，Hera笑言願意捐出全副身家和所有睡眠時間，她也可以一直不停工作來彌補收入。個子矮小Amber就願意再矮多20cm，即使被取笑是侏儒也不介意。

■黃智雯不介意畀人笑自己蠢，最重要令大家開心。

黃智雯獻上僅餘智慧

黃智雯記得疫情在港開始時，她剛去參加紐約時裝周，當時外國朋友都關心她，會送口罩給她備用，之後她回港後到外國疫情爆發，她就反過來要慰問紐約的朋友，也有幫忙寄贈物資給對方。黃智雯說：“其中一位在紐約的朋友好無奈，因為疫情帶走了對方一位好友，但朋友自覺根本做不到什麼可以幫忙對方，覺得人生好無常。”經歷今次疫情，黃智雯坦言更懂得珍惜目前，她說：“不止在工作上，也更重視與家人、朋友見面的機會，有時一個簡單電話問候，都已經好珍重。”至於黃智雯願意用什麼來換走疫情，經常被好友取笑蠢的她，笑道：“我願意用我僅餘的智慧來作交換條件，畀（被）人笑我蠢都無所謂，最重要令大家開心，可以帶給大家一個歡樂的世界。”

■劉佩玥鼓勵大家可以嘗試食素。

劉佩玥甘失自豪身高

劉佩玥（Moon）疫情期間曾與江嘉敏、陳曉華等人，自發性到舊區派發口罩，她最難忘是遇到一位老婆婆，竟然一個口罩用了多天，對方表示明白使用口罩方法不對，但奈何搶購不到口罩，只好出此下策。Moon說：“聽到這種故事覺得很心嗡（心痛），自己能力有限做到幾多（多少）就幾多，平時也會帶備有多啲（一些）口罩，見到沒有口罩的老人家，都會主動送贈給對方。”Moon表示送口罩的行為不是為有成功感或令自己開心，純粹可以幫助到別人，今後也希望能繼續發放正能量。Moon又稱疫情未有改變她的人生觀，因她一貫對事物抱有感恩之心，做人知足和要活在當下。

如果可以來一次等價交換來換走疫情，Moon笑言願失去自豪的身高和不再吃零食，她說：“其實我新年後開始轉食素，發覺身體好了很多，除了皮膚好之外，連人也精神多了，所以很鼓勵大家可以嘗試食素。”

■薛家燕“抗疫十字步”可謂家喻戶曉。

家燕想帶七百萬人跳舞

薛家燕表示：“今次疫情期間令我最難忘係（是）大家互相守望、互相關心，好似疫情爆發初期，大家都唔（不）夠口罩、消毒用品、廁紙，甚至衛生用品， 但藝術中心嘅（的）學生、家長同公司同事都會關心問我夠唔夠用，朋友又會送口罩畀（給）我，呢（這）份情係好難得，仲（還）有子女對我好緊張，見我去街就要問我去邊（哪），要報告行蹤，身在美國嘅大女睇（看）facebook，見我做節目直播冇（沒）戴口罩，又會好緊張叫我快啲（點）戴返口罩，香港人喺（在）今次疫情都好守規矩，做返自己嘅本分，大家發揮團結、凝聚嘅香港精神，希望疫情盡快遠離我哋，而這段期間對我嘅人生觀亦有所改變，第一係健康好緊要，一下子遇到身體有唔舒服，就算做好所有事，都冇福去享受，我呢十幾廿年忙到不得了，後來發現要靜下來多啲時間做自己嘅事，同埋了解身體嘅需要，喺家（現在）最需要食滋潤補品，同每日做運動，個心唔好只掛住工作，所以個腦諗住（想著）安排緊冇疫情就去環遊世界，就算去十幾日都好，因為我今年七十大壽喇，趁行得食得就去，呢個係（這個是）志在必行。”

家燕笑說：“如果全球疫症可以喺今個月內消失，我願意帶領全港七百幾萬名市民一齊跳十字步作交換。”

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"明天妳是否依然愛我"發先導海報 baby合作李鴻其

由劉開珞擔任制片人，周楠執導，楊穎（Angelababy）、李鴻其領銜主演的愛情電影《明天妳是否依然愛我》發布先導海報，首次曝光主演陣容，女主角Angelababy與男主角李鴻其首次合作，共譜奇特而難忘的戀情。海報中，晶瑩剔透如童話世界般的冰雪世界中，Angelababy滿目溫柔向前方望去，李鴻其遙遙站在身後，遠遠看著Angelababy，似有思緒萬千。據悉，電影《明天妳是否依然愛我》講述了壹段“倒計時愛情”的故事。

新鮮設定詮釋愛情最好的模樣

5月20日是“我愛妳”的諧音，是很多人表達愛意的日子，今日片方應景地發布了電影《明天妳是否依然愛我》的先導海報，清新的風格和浪漫唯美的氛圍引起了對故事的期待。影片講述了壹個毫無存在感的IT男費力（李鴻其飾），壹個光彩奪目的女神趙希曼（Angelababy飾），在芬蘭的雪原上，在綺麗的極光下，兩個不可能在壹起的人，開啓了壹場浪漫的異國之旅，經歷了壹段被限定時間的戀愛。

我愛妳，是壹場知道終點的旅程。不同於尋常的愛情故事，《明天妳是否依然愛我》將用“倒計時愛情”概念，展現給觀眾思考愛情的全新視角。據悉，影片中將會展現的極光既是象征趙希曼與費力愛情的重要元素，又是本片的壹大線索。

“人氣擔當”Angelababy搭檔“實力小生”李鴻其

影片陣容壹經曝光就在網絡上引起熱議。女主角Angelababy曾在《鬼吹燈之尋龍訣》、《擺渡人》、《微微壹笑很傾城》、《新娘大作戰》、《狄仁傑之神都龍王》等影視佳作中演繹特色鮮明的多樣角色，是壹直以來炙手可熱的人氣女演員之壹。男主角李鴻其雖然是90後年輕演員，卻已三度入圍各大電影節，受到業內外的認可。2015年憑電影《醉·生夢死》獲得金馬獎最佳新演員獎並提名最佳男主角，並於2016年憑借該片獲得第16屆華語電影傳媒大獎最佳男主角以及最佳新演員提名；2018年憑借電影《幸福城市》入圍金馬獎最佳男配角獎。除此之外，他還在《縫紉機樂隊》、《地球最後的夜晚》等影視作品中均有不俗表現。

此次，Angelababy和李鴻其首次合作演繹銀幕情侶，兩人有壹個共識就是希望能讓觀眾借影片感受最真實、戳心的愛情，尤其是這樣壹份被賦予了時間期限的“倒計時愛情”。對於Angelababy和李鴻其的首次合作，不少網友亦表示期待。值得壹提的是，《明天妳是否依然愛我》的主創團隊由海內外多個專業團隊組成。

電影《明天妳是否依然愛我》由CMC Inc.華人文化集團公司旗下引力影視投資有限公司、寧波合樂影紀文化傳播有限公司、CMC Inc.華人文化集團公司旗下上海華人影業有限公司出品。影片預計在今年正式上映。

《新封神：哪吒重生》入圍“動畫界奧斯卡”

近日，中國電影再從海外傳回喜訊，動畫電影《新封神：哪吒重生》入圍“動畫界奧斯卡”法國昂西國際動畫電影節WIP單元。該片由追光動畫的《白蛇：緣起》原班人馬歷時四年打造，將於2020年暑期上映。

不壹樣的“哪吒”走向國際獲“動畫界奧斯卡”認可

動畫電影《新封神：哪吒重生》入圍法國昂西國際動畫電影節WIP單元，將於6月以線上形式迎來首次國際亮相。該電影節由戛納電影節的動畫版塊獨立而成，是全球歷史最長的A類動畫電影節，有“動畫界奧斯卡”之稱。眾多名導佳作都曾在此亮相，如宮崎駿的《紅豬》、韋斯·安德森的《了不起的狐貍爸爸》。

此次《新封神：哪吒重生》入圍的WIP單元，主旨是評選每年全世界最優秀的正在開發制作中的項目，並以昂西首創的路演形式進行推介，提前曝光獨家深度內容，如新海誠的《天氣之子》等不少佳作經由該單元走入行業和觀眾視野。《新封神：哪吒重生》是今年WIP單元唯壹入選的華語動畫電影，能從諸多強片中脫穎而出，無疑證明了其獨到美學和優秀品質贏得專業評委認可，也更讓人期待可以看到壹個不壹樣的哪吒。

《白蛇：緣起》團隊四年磨壹劍“哪吒”或將成爲突破之作

去年上映的《白蛇：緣起》憑借東方美學和華麗想象力被無數觀眾盛贊，而令人驚喜的是，這部《新封神：哪吒重生》正是由導演趙霽率領的原班人馬傾力打造。據悉，該團隊從2016年底開始故事概念討論和前期文獻收集，迄今可謂是四年磨壹劍。而根據知情人士透露，該團隊在此次創作過程中開發並使用了不少新技術，包括機器智能建模系統、批量生產機車的綁定工具、以及能夠細膩呈現微表情的面部表情綁定系統，力求打造出全新的架空世界和美學風格，爲觀眾呈現壹部顛覆古典的突破之作。

事實上，此前曝光的概念海報就曾引發了網友的關註和好奇。海報中，三頭六臂的哪吒半隱在背景裏，前方則是呈現金屬質感的蓮花，而蓮座上身著勁裝的少年仿佛浴火重生。畫面盡顯神秘與顛覆氣質之余，也不禁讓人好奇該少年與哪吒之間有何關聯，並對此次全新演繹的故事倍添期待。

電影《新封神：哪吒重生》由追光動畫、阿裏影業、博納影業、嗶哩嗶哩影業出品，泡泡瑪特聯合出品；淘票票發行，博納影業、嗶哩嗶哩影業聯合發行。影片將於2020年暑期上映。

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新冠病毒疫情的發展，預防及治療

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光鹽社與休士頓亞裔健康協會(HEAL)共同舉辦健康講座 –「新冠病毒疫情的發展, 預防及治療」。這次的健康講座邀請黃綠玉教授為社區民眾提供有關新冠病毒的疫情發展及防治。除此之外，也邀請許環麟醫師新冠病毒肺炎治療及分享在疫情期間 – 休士頓加護病房經驗。本活動免費，歡迎所有社區人士踴躍參加! (開放現場問答) 。

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許環麟醫師曾任紐約長老醫院下城醫院以及布魯克林醫院 內科住院醫師和紐約州立大學下州醫學中心 內科主治醫師。2015–2017年在史隆凱特琳癌癥中心(Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center)接受重癥醫學專科訓練。從2017年開始在休士頓衛理醫院 (Houston Methodist Hospital) 擔任內科加護病房主治醫師，在康奈爾大學醫學院擔任臨床醫學助理教授，同時也在德州農工大學醫學系兼任助理教授。

讀樓著〈老蔣在幹啥?〉有感(12)

樓文淵先生於2019年6月發表此書，是以民國38年任蔣侍衛人員時的〈工作日誌〉，加上摘錄同時期蔣的〈日記〉所編撰而成。雖然日記部分僅是 “摘錄” ，但仍是記錄蔣當時思維最眞實的一手資料。如果再將這兩項資料進一步加以整理分析，那麼對蔣的人格特質及其面臨山河變色危局的因應與心路歷程，就能有較深入的瞭解。本文即以此為目的試作探討。

1949年蔣的言行活動

結語：

分析〈老蔣在幹啥？〉一書中的資料，我們看到蔣在1949年是個生活有規律，操守良好，以國家盛衰、人民福禍為己任而奮鬥不懈的政治領袖。

那年年初，蔣迫於環境，辭去總統職位，以圖取得國共談和的可能。但他對權力，並未放鬆。仍以國民黨總裁的身分，牢牢掌握。然而在與中共鬥爭時，他對國內外局勢的瞭解，不夠正確，對敵我的實力，亦嚴重錯估，以致日後山河變色之速，完全出乎他之意料。

到了1949年底，代理總統李宗仁棄職經香港赴美。蔣見大廈將傾，決定復位。他在做此決定前，所問的是：「該不該再起」，而非「再起後的利害得失」，其結論是：「何忍避嫌卸責」「成敗利鈍在所不計也」。這也符合他救國救民捨我其誰的一貫信念。

蔣在日記中，對見解不同或工作欠佳之部屬，經常惡言斥責。這反映出他性格中急躁尖刻的一面。然而他的行為，未必均將內心感受，赤裸地表現出來，多半還是有所克制，讓理智勝過情緒。

蔣之江山，因與中共正面作戰失利而喪失者少。因將士缺乏鬥志，未戰先潰，或方面大員倒戈易幟而喪失者多。這一慘痛經驗，對他退守台灣後，加強威權統治，恐有直接關係。

蔣雖全心投入政治，但他也愛好山水自然，只是國難當頭，須日理萬機，不容有太多時間自娛。

蔣氏父子情深。只要經國與父親同處，必定恭謹隨侍在側。在公務上，經國也是父親最信任的耳目膀臂，是父親在精神與工作上，都不可或缺的重要伙伴。蔣氏父子日後的志業傳承，在那一段風雨飄搖時期，已顯跡象。

陳兆熙 2020年1月20

金城銀行召開股東年會業務穩健成長，協助客戶獲得薪資保障計劃貸款

金城銀行以其優良營運及管理，連續榮獲鮑爾財務公司(BAUER FINANCIAL，INC)最高五星評級；而依據聯邦金融管理機構之銀行表現報告(Uniform Bank Performance Report)，金城銀行2019年的平均資產投資報酬率高居所有總行位於休士頓市的華資銀行之冠。

金城銀行2020年度股東年會已於五月十四日下午在休士頓總行召開，會中除推選下一屆董事會成員外，並發佈2019年之財務和營運報告。董事長吳光宜先生首先感謝所有股東對於金城銀行的一貫支持，並對全體董事、管理團隊以及同仁們的努力致謝。吳董事長表示，2019年金城銀行總資產額突破十億美元，稅後淨利超過1仟5佰2拾萬美元。達成銀行階段性目標。而且金城銀行在2019年的表現傑出，在稅後純利、總資產額、總貸款額、總存款額以及股東權益均達到新高點。在2020年新冠病毒（COVID–19）肆虐期間，金城銀行採取了多樣方式來防範疫情和其他疾病的傳播，包括鼓勵員工經常洗手, 配帶口罩, 並在客戶進入銀行大廳前測量體温和放置手部消毒液，對營業大廳和工作區進行消毒; 以上措施都是金城銀行致力於保護公共健康安全的承諾。做為一家永續經營的銀行，金城銀行堅持業務品質的價值與管理。我們不追求短期收益而犧牲銀行的業務品質。秉持穩健和永續發展的理念，我們以穩健且謹慎的策略和作業流程盡量減少客戶和銀行承擔的風險。金城銀行同時致力發展網路銀行和商業現金管理服務，更推出商業支付處理服務；並且在德州和加州努力耕耘，為客戶提供更多金融服務選擇。出席股東隨即在會中推選現任的七位董事會成員(吳光宜、楊明耕、曾柏樺、譚秋晴、Al Duran、吳俊賢和吳國駒) 繼續擔任金城銀行下一屆董事，更推舉吳光宜先生為董事長，並聘任楊明耕先生、曾柏樺先生和Mr. Al Duran三位副董事長。

總經理吳國駒表示,金城銀行自創立至今，矢志在銀行業務發展和客戶的利益中建立互惠互利的原則。 我們以最優惠的價格為客戶提供優質的產品和服務; 同時努力提升競爭力，並採取穩定可持續的策略。金城銀行堅定創造優質的客戶體驗，以幫助客戶實現財務上的成功並贏得他們的忠誠信賴。吳國駒總經理說:「金城銀行在追求金融業務發展的同時, 始終以企業經營的長期價值為核心, 將企業的社會責任結合金融本業, 為企業、客戶和社會的永續發展而努力。」金城銀行在疫情期間，為幫助中小企業渡過這段艱難困境，並配合政府和美國小型企業管理處（U.S. Small Business Administration）所推出的薪資保障計劃（Paycheck Protection Program），已經協助許多客戶和社區朋友獲得免償還薪資補助，為客戶爭取最大財務上的支援。金城銀行將持續支持社區發展, 與客戶攜手共渡難關，期望發揮更大的影響力。

金城銀行是社區的銀行，具備彈性和便利，更瞭解客戶的需求，能提供更專業和貼心的服務。金城銀行有30多年社區銀行的經驗， 管理團隊更秉持兢兢業業的態度，努力為客戶提供量身訂做的存款和貸款服務，希望能幫助客戶的業務蒸蒸日上。有關本行最新資訊請參閱網站 www.goldenbank–na.com 。金城銀行休士頓百利總行的地址是9315 Bellaire Blvd. Houston, Texas 77036，電話:713–777–3838。歡迎光臨惠顧。

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百利食街商家爲Memorial Hermann一線工作者送愛心餐
中國城餐飲業逐漸重新營業 種種防護措施 用餐更安心

(本報休斯頓報導) 新冠病毒疫情之下，全美的餐飲業頓受重擊，休斯頓中國城餐飲業也成爲重災區，許多民衆待在家中，往日的美食只成回憶。餐飲業身處蕭條，儘管在店家們自己的經營狀況還是不樂觀時，百利食街有幾家熱心的商家，店主們看到醫護人員在這疫情期間的勇敢與付出，都積極想要出一份力，捐贈愛心餐給前線的醫療人員。

向白衣天使們致敬

民衆皆知新冠病毒的可怕，疫情有如魔鬼，爲了向每天同魔鬼抗爭的白衣天使們致敬，中國城百利食街的 鮮芋仙、重慶雞公煲、與越南麵館 Migo Saigon Food Street 等店主們積極行動，在5月20號一起爲第一線的醫務工作者送來他們的愛心餐。

此次鮮芋仙、重慶雞公煲、與Migo Saigon Food Street 越南麵館一共捐了200多份愛心餐與飲品，到休斯頓Memorial Hermann 醫院，接受捐贈的醫護人員們充滿了驚喜和感動，並且不停的感謝商家們對醫護人員的無私奉獻。香噴噴的愛心餐與飲品，吃在口裡，暖在心裡。

餐飲業重振旗鼓、祭出種種安全措施

打從今年一月的時候，中國暴發疫情，休斯頓中國城大部分餐飲業已經受到影響。美國疫情暴發後，休斯頓中國城的中餐業更是雪上加霜，很多餐館都關門歇業了。隨著居家令的逐步解除，休斯頓中國城的店家開始細心準備迎客。

最近，百利食街大部分的商家又重新開業了，並且開放在安全措施下的堂食服務。爲了能讓堂食的顧客們吃得更開心與放心，店主們都確保服務員戴塑料面罩或口罩，桌與桌間都有6英尺的距離，餐桌上換成一次性的餐具，種種防護措施，都爲了讓用餐更安全與安心。

愛心活動傳播暖意

中國城百利食街的華裔商家們表示，未來會持續這類的愛心活動，希望透過活動，能在這場抗疫救災中幫助更多的人渡過難關，爲我們被疫情衝擊的社區傳播一份愛意。

這次參加捐款商家包括：鮮芋仙 Meet Fresh、重慶雞公煲 Chongqing Chicken Pot、Migo Saigon Food Street越南麵館，原來都是非常受到民衆喜愛的店。相信，店家的防疫措施做得好，保持安全距離，民衆還是能夠享受美食，超越疫情的限制，讓味蕾再度奔放。