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No half measures and mind the gap - UK nod for AstraZeneca vaccine raises more questions



FILE PHOTO: Astra-Zeneca's logo is reflected in a drop on a syringe needle in this illustration taken November 9, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/ Illustration

LONDON (Reuters) - British health officials greenlighted the AstraZeneca and Oxford COVID-19 shot on Wednesday but also rebuffed one of their central claims: that a half-dose followed by a standard dose offered more protection against infection.

The reassessment of the best dosing regimen for the vaccine was an unexpected move by Britain's medicines regulator based on its own analysis of as-yet-unpublished data and it raised fresh questions about the efficacy of a vaccine which has yet to be approved in other countries.

Though cheaper and easier to distribute than rival shots, the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine has been plagued with uncertainty about its most effective dosage ever since data published last month showed a half-dose followed by a full dose had a 90% success rate while two full shots were 62% effective.

Oxford researchers said that the more successful outcome was an "intriguing result" that merited further testing.

A Reuters investigation, however, found that the existence of the low-dose/standard-dose arm was the result of a potency miscalculation by Oxford researchers, casting doubt on the robustness of the result.

Munir Pirmohamed, chair of a British advisory group on COVID-19 vaccines, validated those doubts on Wednesday saying the 90% efficacy rate did not hold up under

analysis.

Instead, Pirmohamed said a higher success rate may be due to a longer gap between the administration of the first and second shots.

"The low dose/standard dose regimen, although it has been quoted to have an efficacy of 90%, this is confounded by the fact that the interval between the first and second dose was quite long," Pirmohamed told a news conference

"And we feel that that result may be related to that interval, rather than the dose itself," he said.

The UK's COVID-19 vaccine chair, Wei Shen Lim, said a single dose of Oxford/AstraZeneca's vaccine was around 70% effective from 21 days until a second dose was given.

Pirmohamed said that leaving the three month gap rather than a one month gap between doses could lift the success rate of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine to 80%.

After British health officials disclosed the new details about the efficacy of the vaccine, an AstraZeneca spokesman said: "It is for the regulators to authorise how the vaccine should be used."

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"Factors they will have taken into account include the comparable immunogenic response after two doses with either regimen, as is the protection against severe disease (100%)," he said.

"We believe we have got the best vaccination strategy approved by the MHRA.

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Faced with a record surge in infections driven by a highly contagious variant of the virus, Britain is prioritising getting a first dose of a vaccine to as many people as possible over giving second doses. Delaying the distribution of second shots would help stretch the supply.

Britain's Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) recommended an interval of between 4-12 weeks between doses of the AstraZeneca/Oxford vaccine and also updated its guidance for a second dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech shot saying it could be administered within 12 weeks, rather than the 21 days originally recommended.

Hundreds of thousands of Britons have already received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine after the UK was the first country to approve its rollout, with second doses due from this



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We Got The COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccination

world famous CHI St. Luke's Medical Center to get the COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine shot which was arranged by our daughter Margaret. In the lobby area we were greeted by very professional nurses and got the shot at 2:30 pm. We are so fortunate at this coronavirus pandemic time. We were among one or two million people to get the vaccination so far.

Since early this year, Margaret has worked at the hospital. We have been so worried about her safety, but she is so devoted to do everything a dedicated professional medical doctor needs to do.

Today my wife and I walked into the It was many years ago when Margaret studied at New York Columbia University. Every time I went to visit her, we always invited all her roommates to eat Korean food in front of the university. In the winter days especially, the barbecue made us warmer.

> Margaret became a medical doctor almost ten years ago. With her warm personality and smiling face, along with her natural kindness, she has had a very successful career as a physician.

> We are also so fortunate and proud because with Margaret's help, we had the chance to get vaccinated at a very early

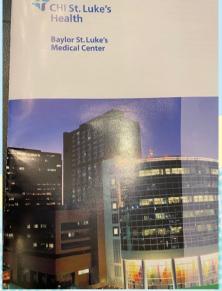


stage.

We all hope more vaccine will be on the way. This is problematic and the only chance to rescue our society.

Here we are all thankful for the many vaccine researchers and medical teams on the front line fighting the virus every







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An endless flow of information is coming at us constantly: It might be an article a friend

shared on Facebook with a sensational headline or wrong information about the spread of the coronavirus. It could even be a call from a relative wanting to talk about a political issue.

All this information may leave many of us feeling as though we have no energy to

As a philosopher who studies knowledge-sharing practices, I call this experience "epistemic exhaustion." The term "epistemic" comes from the Greek word episteme, often translated as "knowledge." So epistemic exhaustion is more of a knowledge-related exhaustion.

It is not knowledge itself that tires out many of us. Rather, it is the process of trying to gain or share knowledge under challenging circumstances.

Currently, there are at least three common sources that, from my perspective, are leading to such exhaustion. But there are also ways to deal with them.

1. Uncertainty

For many, this year has been full of uncertainty. In particular, the coronavirus pandemic has generated uncertainty about health, about best practices and about the

At the same time, Americans have faced uncertainty about the U.S. presidential election: first due to delayed results and now over questions about a peaceful transition of power.



As Trump supporters denounce the 2020 election results, feelings of uncertainty can come up for others. Karla Ann Cote/NurPhoto via Getty Images Experiencing uncertainty can stress most of us out. People tend to prefer the

planned and the predictable. Figures from

17th-century French philosopher René Descartes to 20th-century Austri-

an philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein have recognized the significance of having certainty in our

lives.

information so readily available, people may be checking news sites or social media in hopes of finding answers. But often, people are instead greeted with more reminders of uncertainty.

2. Polarization

Political polarization is

As political scientist COVID-19. Lilliana Mason notes in her book, "Uncivil Disagreement: How Politics

Became Our Identity," Americans have been increasingly dividing politically "into two partisan teams."

Many writers have discussed the negative effects of polarization, such as how it can damage democracy. But discussions about the harms of polarization often overlook the toll polarization takes on our ability to gain and share knowledge.

That can happen in at least two ways. First, as philosopher Kevin Vallier has argued, there is a "causal feedback loop" between polarization and distrust. In other words, polarization and distrust fuel one another. Such a cycle can leave people feeling unsure whom to trust or what to believe.



A woman views a manipulated video



stressing many Ameri- Viral misinformation is everywhere. This includes political propaganda, misleading messaging from private corporations, and misinformation about

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that changes what is said by President **Donald Trump and former President** Barack Obama. ROB LEVER/AFP via Getty Images

Second, polarization can lead to competing narratives because in a deeply polarized society, as studies show, we can lose common ground and tend to have less agreement.

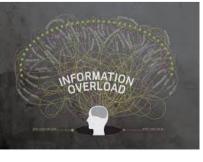
For those inclined to take the views of others seriously, this can create additional cognitive work. And when the issues are heated or sensitive, this can create additional stress and emotional burdens, such as sadness over damaged friendships or anger over partisan rhetoric.

3. Misinformation

Viral misinformation is everywhere. This includes political propaganda in the United States and around the world.

People are also inundated with advertising and misleading messaging from private corporations, what philosophers Cailin O'Connor and James Owen Weatherall have called "industrial propaganda." And in 2020, the public is also dealing with misinformation about COVID-19.

featured a large number of false claims about COVID-19 in rapid succession. This flooding of misinformation in rapid succession, a tactic known as a Gish gallop, makes it challenging and time-consuming for fact checkers to refute the many falsehoods following one



What to do?

after another.

With all this uncertainty, polarization and misinformation, feeling tired is understandable. But there are things one

The American Psychological Association suggests coping with uncertainty through activities like limiting news consumption and focusing on things in one's control. Another option is to work on becoming more comfortable with un-

through certainty practices such as meditation and the cultivation of mindfulness.

To deal with polarization, consider communicating with the goal of creating empathetic understanding rather than "winning." Philosopher Michael Hannon describes empathetic understanding as "the ability to take up another person's perspective."



As for limiting the spread of misinformation: Share only those news stories that you've read and verified. And you can prioritize outlets that meet high ethical journalistic or fact-checking standards.

These solutions are limited and imperfect, but that's all right. Part of resisting epistemic exhaustion is learning to live with the limited and imperfect. No one has time to vet all the headlines, correct all the misinformation or gain all the relevant knowledge. To deny this is to set oneself up for exhaustion. (Courtesy theconversation.com)



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U.S. Vice President-elect Kamala Harris receives a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at United Medical Center in Washington. REUTERS/Leah Millis



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson gives a thumbs up after signing the Brexit trade deal with the EU at number 10 Downing Street in London. Leon Neal/Pool



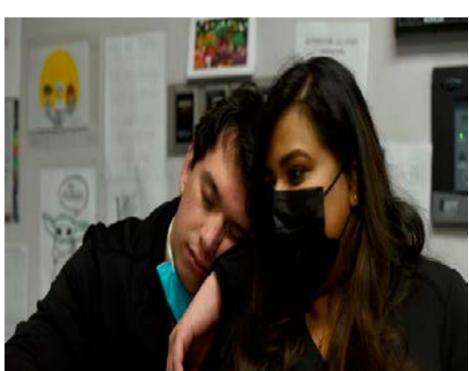
Farmer Tomislav Suknaic touches his horse in front of his damaged household in Majske Poljan village after an earthquake in Croatia. REUTERS/Antonio Bronic



The full moon known as the Cold Moon rises next to One World Trade Center and the New York City skyline as it is seen from Jersey City, New Jersey. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz



American Airlines flight 718, the first U.S. Boeing 737 MAX commercial flight since regulators lifted a 20-month grounding in November, takes off from Miami, Florida. REUTERS/Marco Bello



Gabriel Cervera and Sanjana Krishnan take a break from treating patients infected with the coronavirus at United Memorial Medical Center in Houston, Texas. REU-TERS/Callaghan O'Hare



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FTC And States Sue Facebook For Illegally Stifling Competition



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg appearing before the U.S. Congress.

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State and federal antitrust enforcers accused Facebook of illegally hurting competition by buying smaller rivals and engaging in other harmful behavior in a pair of antitrust lawsuits Wednesday.

Why it matters: With Google already facing an antitrust lawsuit from the Justice Department and state attorneys general, the Facebook case is another major test of the government's power to police internet giants.

Details: The Federal Trade Commission and 48 state and territorial attorneys general, in parallel lawsuits filed in federal court, both say Facebook has maintained an illegal monopoly shored up in particular by the 2012 purchase of Instagram and the 2014 acquisition of WhatsApp.

The FTC says Facebook has limited competitors' access to code that would let them link their services to Facebook-run platforms.

- The agency is asking the court to make Facebook unwind the Instagram and WhatsApp acquisitions, among other, less drastic remedies.
- The vote at the five-member commission to proceed with the lawsuit was 3-2, with

Chairman Joe Simons, a Republican, siding with agency Democrats in favor

and the other GOP commissioners op-

The state coalition says Facebook's actions stifling competition have denied Americans access to alternative social networks that would better protect their privacy.



- · "While consumers have been spending time keeping in touch on Facebook, Facebook has been spending time surveilling users personal information and profiting from it," New York AG Letitia James told reporters on a video conference Wednesday.
- The AGs want the court to block Facebook from engaging in anti-competitive conduct and ask that it force the company to tell states in advance before em-

barking on any acquisitions worth \$10 million or more. They also suggest the court go so far as to demand Facebook divest past acquisitions or other lines of

Catch up quick: Past acquisitions that helped turn Facebook into the juggernaut it is today have come under intense scrutiny, and Congressional antitrust leaders grilled Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on them this summer.

• The FTC has been studying past tech mergers to see if they need to be re-evaluated in light of how the industry has evolved, and Chairman Joe Simons has said he wouldn't rule out unwinding past mergers.

What they're saying: Facebook has argued consumers benefitted from those mergers, and that neither Instagram nor WhatsApp would be what it is today without Facebook at the helm.

• "The most important fact in this case, which the Commission does not mention in its 53-page complaint, is that it cleared these acquisitions years ago," Facebook general counsel Jennifer Newstead said in a statement. "The government now wants a do-over, sending a chilling warning to American business that no sale is ever final.



The big picture: The flurry of antitrust activity in the online sector that began in 2019 is coming to fruition, but the cases will take time to go through court.

- · James announced the multi-state Facebook antitrust investigation that resulted in Wednesday's suit last year, shortly after Facebook revealed it was facing a separate FTC antitrust investigation.
- Eleven Republican state AGs joined the DOJ's lawsuit against Google in October, while a separate state investigation of the search giant is expected to wrap

What's next: Facebook will have to decide whether to ask that the suits be dismissed or to dig in for a lengthy court battle. With Joe Biden taking office next month, the FTC's case will ultimately be seen through by an agency with a different lineup of commissioners and a new chairperson. (Courtesy axios.com) Related

Facebook Accused of Breaking Antitrust Laws



When he spoke to the House judiciary subcommittee in July, the Facebook chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, said his company had not squashed competition. (Pool photo by Graeme Jennings)

WASHINGTON — The Federal Trade Commission and more than 40 states accused Facebook on Wednesday of buying up its rivals to illegally squash competition, and they called for the deals to be unwound, escalating regulators' battle against the biggest tech companies in a way that could remake the social media industry.

Federal and state regulators of both parties, who have investigated the company for over 18 months, said in separate lawsuits that Facebook's purchases, especially Instagram for \$1 billion in 2012 and WhatsApp for \$19 billion two years later, eliminated competition that could have one day challenged the company's dominance.

Since those deals, Instagram and WhatsApp have skyrocketed in popularity, giving Facebook control over three of the world's most popular social media and messaging apps. The applications have helped catapult Facebook from a company started in a college dorm room 16 years ago to an internet powerhouse valued at more than \$800 billion.



Mark Zuckerberg

The lawsuits, filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, underscore the growing bipartisan and international tsunami against Big Tech. Lawmakers and regulators have zeroed in on the grip that Facebook, Google, Amazon and Apple maintain on commerce, electronics, social networking, search and online advertising, remaking the nation's economy.

President Trump has argued repeatedly that the tech giants have too much power and influence, and allies of President-elect Joseph R. Biden Jr. make similar complaints. The federal case against Facebook is widely expected to continue under Mr. Biden's administration. (Courtesy msn.com)



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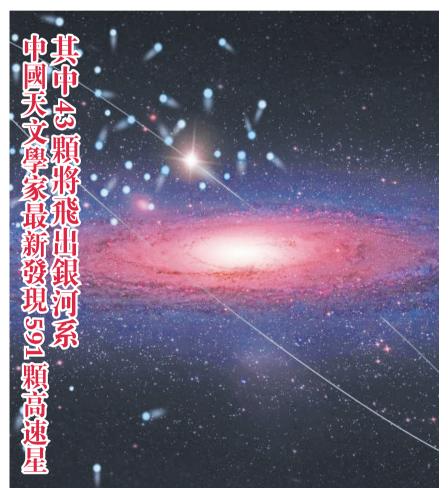
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12月7日早上,特朗普政府关于 H-1B的新政策让本就艰难的留美工作道路变得更加琢磨不定。壹时间,各大华 人微信群里都有人在讨论新规的影响。

根据特朗普政府今天发布的最新关于 H-1B 的规定,无论是在申请或者延长 H-1B 签证,通过的标准都发生了巨大的变化:

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而且根据工作经验和学历高低,可以分为4个不同的Level,Level1为零工作经验的毕业生;Leve4则是有比较丰

富经验的职场人士。

H-1B申请中的薪资要求,是基于相关部门对各个行业薪水范围的问卷调查结果之上。在过去,壹个刚毕业,没有任何工作经验的人(Level 1)申请 H-1B的薪资门槛只需要落在他所申请行业的薪水范围的17%的位置,而在新的规定下,则必须达到 45%;与之相对应的,Level 2 是 62%,Level 3 是 78%,而 Level

举壹个例子,如果你大学刚毕业,申请了湾区壹家公司的程序员工作,那么在新规下你的年收入必须要在\$140K左右,才可以符合 HIB 的申请薪资标准,这即使在湾区很多大厂也是非常高了。而对于创业公司来说,这将会加大他

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们招聘的难度。

考虑到目前美国仍然处于 Covid 19 疫情困扰之下,绝大公司并没有涨薪计划,因此短期来看,势必会影响到很多人在美签证和移民申请。同时,从长远来看,公司可能也会受限于薪资,而减少对于刚毕业学生的招募。

特朗普政府此次关于 H-1B 的规定申请中,将会对申请者的专业做更加严格的限制。

虽然在官方的文件里并没有明确的 规定到底对于所学专业和未来工作之间 到底需要有什么样的紧密联系。但根据《华尔街日报》的分析,即使是电子工程专业的学位也不能让你去申请壹个软件工程师的职位。这对于很多跨专业找

工作的人有非常大的影响。过去几年里 ,因为科技公司对于技术人才的大量需 求,许多人虽然来美学习的是物理、化 学等其他专业,毕业之后都会优先选择 大公司的程序员岗位。

对于这部分人来说,新的政策无疑 大幅度地减少了很多留美工作的选择。 而从公司层面来看,这也将限制他们从 其他领域招募相应的人才进行创新的研究,例如生物科技。

还有,缩短某些特定合同工的 H-1B 签证的时长,某壹类公司的员工 H-1B 的 有效期限将会从 3 年变成 1 年。

特朗普关于 H-1B 的最新规定将会作为临时最终规则发布,因此所有的新政策将不会有任何的公众评论,也不需要经过其他部门的监管和审查,而这壹切背后最为充分的理由是"在新冠疫情对于经济的影响下,最大限度地保护美国人的工作。

美国国生 安全局 Ken Cuccinelli 称:"新的规定 有 1/3 的 H-1B 申请会被拒绝"。

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H-1B 签证已经变得越来越难。

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不过,事情也许还有转机。拜登 2021年上台之后,也许会有对现有政策 有所宽松?请收看美南国际电视15.3《美 南时事通》,美南新闻记者肖永群、达 拉斯记者 Clara 采访德州自身律师包杰生

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美南國際電視15.3《美南時事通》 新冠疫苗到了妳敢打嗎?

(本报记者黄梅子)在经历了差不多壹年的 lock-down之后,辉瑞制药公司研发的新冠病毒疫苗终于开始大批量供应给美国民众,辉瑞疫苗显示出 95%的有效性,并且没有出现重大的副作用。第壹批疫苗已经于日前到达休斯顿,并接种医疗第壹线人员。辉瑞公司计划 2021年生产13亿只,所有的美国人全部接种完大约要到 2021年7/8 月份。

值得注意的是,辉瑞提交的安全数据包括了100名 12-15岁儿童。疫苗上市后将分阶段,人群接种。接种的顺序为。

种的顺序为:
• 第壹批:既存病史的新冠高风险的人群,65岁

以上老人, 医护人员, 重要和关键行业人员; ● 第二批: 所有民众。

根据美国卫生和公共服务部长亚历克斯●阿扎尔(Alex Azar)和 Fauci博士的预计,2021年4月份全美民众都可开始接种疫苗。疫苗面向公众后,CVS,Rite Aid,Walgreens,Kroger以及Walmart等药房均可进行接种。休斯顿在第壹轮疫苗分发中的过程中,壹天就收到了500封电子邮件,有人甚至愿意出1万美元买壹剂疫苗。

据CNN的民调显示,美国人对接种疫苗的态度是:

• 30%的受访人士表示会马上接种,

50%表示会考虑接种,

• 20%的人表示不会接种。 在表示不会接种的人之中,除了本身反对接种疫苗的 人士以外,还有部分人是对疫苗研发太快表示不信任

美南国际电视15.3《美南时事通》主持人盖军,美南新闻记者肖永群与您讨论,疫苗出来了,你敢打吗?请关注美南国际电视15.3频道《美南时事通》,也可以通过iTalkBB平台收看。美南新闻网站scdaily.com,也可以在youtube上搜索Stv15.3 Houston,订阅美南新闻频道,随时收看美南国际电视的节目。





以海倫瑞蒂講述巨星人生起伏的電影《生爲女人》口碑延 燒全台,片中貼近人心的講授性別不平等的日常情節引人共鳴 ,許多觀眾看完爆哭,甚至也有許多名人力挺支持。《生爲女 人》將於12月24日聖誕檔期在台上映,導演慕雲珠甚至跨海 祝賀影片表示很高興生爲女人能夠在台上映,她感到非常興奮 ,並期許大家能從中獲得啓發

《生爲女人》日前11月在金馬影展放映之後,影片放映結 束全場觀眾拍手叫好。現場有觀眾感性分享,自己與劇中主角 有許多共同經驗,不少明星、名人看完《生爲女人》也自主推 薦電影,網紅陳沂感動直呼:「我覺得在生活當中,一定有非 常多不公平的事情,可是就像片中告訴我們的,不管你是男人

或是女人,非常歡迎走進戲院,一起告訴自己,永遠比你自己 想像得更加勇敢!」

值得一提的是,入圍金曲獎最佳演唱組合獎的歌手「小球 (莊鵑瑛)」給予極高好評:「海倫瑞蒂非常堅韌、非常有耐 心,追求自己的目標,然後中間她雖然遇到很多困難,她一點 都不害怕,我覺得更厲害的是,她中間經歷了那麼多的起起伏 伏,可是她都願意一而再再而三的挺身而過,然後爲了他的家 人也好,爲了她的事業也好,爲了她最喜歡的唱歌也好,最重 要的是,她是爲了很大的集體意識在做這件事情」。

創作歌手柯泯薰看完電影也感性表示:「從電影中可以獲 得家庭的溫暖和釋懷!」最佳台灣獨立雙胞胎樂團依錚依靜也 推薦,獨立樂團 Vast & Hazy 以及金馬獎最佳動畫導演易智言 也都一同在金馬上映期間就搶先共襄盛舉觀賞《生爲女人》

其他到特映會現場支持《生爲女人》的的包括女性電影導 演陳蔚爾,和網紅麥基我更覺得要像電影的女主角一樣,奮力 一搏,這是一部看似勵志,但卻是滿滿熱血的爽片,若你是一 個很做自己,不爲別人而活的人,這部片將會告訴你「妳是對

由於《生爲女人》溫暖而觸動人心的劇情,許多觀眾紛紛 在社群網站狂刷好評:「今年貢獻最多眼淚的電影」、「看完 時口罩都吸滿眼淚鼻涕了啦!」知名音樂人朱頭皮(朱約信)也 在11月的人權演唱會現場推薦生爲女人

實拉貝爾摸透眞愛 《水漾的女人》獲選年度十大



連續以電影《水漾的女人》(Undine) 勇奪2020年柏林影后、歐洲影 后的德國女星寶拉貝爾 (Paula Beer) 最近大紅全球,不僅演技獲美國 【 綜 藝報】首席影評人陶德麥卡錫(Todd McCarthy) 力讚「像美人魚難以捉摸 」,電影日前更獲英國知名時尙雜誌 《Dazed》選進「年度十大電影」,是 2020年最具影響力的電影之一。由於 新冠疫情肆虐歐洲,《水漾的女人》 明年將陸續在英、美等國上映,片中 敢愛敢恨的寶拉貝爾, 日前接受歐媒 訪問大曝愛情觀,認為人人雖對愛情 充滿嚮往,卻往往保有太多自我,甚 至「對愛情過多期待」。有趣的是, 水瓶座的寶拉演出《水漾的女人》, 從沒跟男主角法蘭茲羅戈斯基

(Franz Rogowski) 培養感情,反而花 半年時間摸透「柏林」人文歷史,認 爲「它才是男主角」。

寶拉貝爾在《水漾的女人》敢愛 敢恨,現實中卻充滿理智。她雖將片 中淒美愛情演繹得甜蜜又令人心痛, 被英國【衛報】盛讚「引人入勝的魔 幻愛情」,卻直言「現代版的愛情童 話裡,不會有城堡」。寶拉貝爾因爲 極度欣賞德國名導克里斯汀佩佐 (Christian Petzold) 文采,在拍攝他 的前作《過境情謎》時,只聽他大概 說了《水漾的女人》故事,便興奮到 爽快答應「預約」下次合作。該片雖 根據日耳曼神話改編,充滿著女性的 情慾與復仇,寶拉貝爾卻一反傳統, 演出一個「只想愛、不願恨」的現代 女子,片中雖被愛情傷很大,卻讓她 今年連封二后。

寶拉貝爾在《水漾的女人》飾演-的男友忽然提出分手,導致一個中世紀 詛咒即將發生。傳說中背叛「水神溫蒂 妮」的男人必死,但她不想變成這樣、 她還想繼續愛…。片中寶拉貝爾後來閩 與飾演工程潛水員的法蘭茲羅戈斯基墜 入愛河,卻無法抑止這個悲劇的發展, 電影結局讓人不勝唏嘘,也令許多女性 觀眾潸然落淚。但寶拉貝爾爲愛痴狂的 精彩演出,卻連獲國際媒體「令人著迷 」、「演技出色」的無上讚譽。有趣的 是,知性的寶拉貝爾,演出《水漾的女 人》沒跟男主角法蘭茲羅戈斯基培養感 情,反而花了半年時間去摸透「柏林」 ,研讀它的人文與歷史,並認爲「它才 是這片的男主角」。

《水漾的女人》日前被英國知名 時尚雜誌《Dazed》選爲「年度十大電 影」,認爲對2020年電影影響重大。 德媒更認爲電影問世一百多年來,就 在年初柏林影展結束、寶拉貝爾封后 後,2020年成爲影史最驚悚且現實的 一年,卻也可能是開啟新篇章的一年 。寶拉貝在聖誕節前、回顧精彩又驚 悚的這年「像過了一輩子」,即使 《水漾的女人》全球累積不少聲量, 但她最想快快回到戲院宣傳電影。

蜜拉喬娃維琪長女飛進「漫威」

演《黑寡婦》的少女時期



《惡靈古堡》的「滅絕屍太」有 女繼承衣缽, 蜜拉喬娃維琪長女伊娃 安德森在「漫威」大片《黑寡婦》中 飾演思嘉莉約翰森的少女時期, 蜜拉 膩稱女兒是「我的寶貝小寡婦」,而 她在片中的表現更令各界期待。

蜜拉喬娃維琪接受美國娛媒 「ETOnline」專訪表示:「非常高興女 兒能演《黑寡婦》,雖然我和他爸爸 (導演保羅W.S.安德森)都知道在電 影界打拼大不易,但從小跟著我們在 片場長大的她,耳濡目染,走進演藝 界是自然的,能找到自己熱衷的事是 寶貴的,尤其在拍《黑寡婦》的片場 (探班)看她那麼專注投入,尤其令 我們感到欣慰。」

今年45歲的蜜拉喬娃維琪來自烏

克蘭,11歲就被攝影大師理察艾維頓 發掘,臉孔登上義大利時尚雜誌「Lei 」,從此成爲模特兒;13歲轉進演藝 界,沒有走紅;22歲主演盧貝松執導 科幻動作片《第五元素》,揚名國際 ,更奠定2002年主演全球大賣《惡靈 古堡》系列科幻動作電影的基礎

今年13歲的伊娃比媽媽有過之無 不及,9歲就在爸爸執導、媽媽主演的 《惡靈古堡:最終章》(2016年)裡 飾演「紅后」;同年更登上時尚 「VOGUE Bambini」雜誌封面,同時 進軍演戲和模特兒界,會被「漫威」 選中,絕非偶然。

而且伊娃從小就被導演爸爸叫去 練習跆拳道,武藝非凡,會不會在 《黑寡婦》中大展身手?

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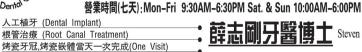
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白字:始終願做那個

"少年,就應該是勇往直前吧。 白宇想了想,緩緩地道出。

這賣點,是他從江陽(《沈默 的真相》中其飾演的角色)身上得 到的啟發, "人,很容易隨著年齡 的增長認清現實,於是就會不斷地 磨滅心中的那團火,失去初心。

曾經他以為年齡不會給自己帶 來什麼改變,但他發現,30歲,還 是變了,"變得內心更加堅定"。 十年後又會是什麼樣子? 他未曾想 過。他說自己從來不會去想很久以 後的事情,他壹直都是個"做好眼 前事"的人。"重要的不是未來, 而是妳的現在。"

但心中的那團火在他看來, 依然是很重要的, 壹定要在。 "我希望自己壹直都是心中有火 的少年。"

30歲是男演員黃金期

30歲來臨之前,白字壹直覺得 之後的自己,不會和之前有什麼不 同。甚至當他過完30歲生日的當下 ,都沒覺得有什麼不壹樣

直到兩三個月後,他突然覺得 自己有點兒不壹樣了, "那種感覺 很奇妙。就是妳也說不清楚,但就 是跟以前不壹樣了。"他說,"唯 壹我能真切感受到的,就是我覺得 自己更加堅定了。

以前當面臨很多選擇的時候, 受。" 白宇經常會被別人的意見所左右, "可能很多人都會這樣,沒有那麼 坦誠選擇自己的內心。"30歲這壹 年,白宇變得更堅定自己的選擇。

知道,但我沒啥可焦慮的。"為什 白宇,那是因為妳還不夠強

麼30歲的人要有困惑?這才是最讓 白宇困惑的問題, "30歲可是壹個 男演員的黃金時期啊。"

在白宇看來,30歲的男演員正 是可發揮空間最大的階段,正如今 年他在熱播劇《沈默的真相》中飾 演的檢察官江陽,從大學畢業時的 朝氣陽光,到歷經磨難、病入膏肓 ,年齡跨度十幾歲,前後狀態也相

30歲的男演員,往下演個二十 五六歲的角色,往上演個三十四五 ,甚至四十多歲的角色,都沒什麼 問題。"所以,妳看這個年齡多黃

遇到不公平先自我檢討

2018年,由白宇主演的網劇 《鎮魂》播出後,這個已經出道了 幾年的演員才被很多觀眾第壹次認 識。面對突然走紅,他卻表現得異 常冷靜,隨之而來的是一 飽還是先談夢想"成了他思考的問 題,"妳壹定是先吃飽飯之後再談

但走紅給他帶來的紅利也是顯 著的,選擇權越來越大,同時他的 生活也要被曝光在更多人面前,抑 或說不再像從前那麼自由了。"凡 事都是雙刃劍,該接受的就要去接

要求什麼,他也沒有這個習慣, "我希望看到的是,因為我值得, 別人主動給我。" 當遇到壹些所謂 三十,而立之年。"別人我不 的不公平時,他總會這樣勸自己:

他依然記得很多年前,某次拍 ,收工後劇組所有的人和車都走 了,沒有人記得白字還在片場。他 和他的助理只能和壹堆道具擠在壹 起,蹭劇組的拉貨車回酒店。當時 白字的助理很生氣,他起初也有些 "還是自己不行,壹下就想開了。 他也從來不會為了這樣的事情去鬧 ,因為覺得沒有意義

爭來搶來的未必適合妳

很多人說白宇的性格太過溫和 ,不爭不搶。雖然很多時候這樣會 吃虧,但他說,從很小的時候就懂 得:吃虧是福。"這要看妳到底想 要什麼。"白宇說。他的目標很簡 單:我就是想正兒八經的好好拍戲 。他堅信想要做好內容的人和真正 想要去演優質作品的人,是同壹類

白字覺得真正有相同目標或者 理想的人,到了適當的時候,壹定 會來找妳。而他要做到的就是不停 地磨煉自己,讓自己變得更強

"我們所說的爭搶,爭什麼?怎麼 搶?為什麼搶?搶來的就適合妳嗎 ? 爭來的就是妳想要的嗎?妳想要 ?沒那麼簡單。"

而伴隨《沈默的真相》的熱播 ,有人說,今年對他來說,是收獲 所以,這些年,白宇拍戲從不 的壹年,早已熟悉這個行業生存規 律的白宇,卻想得很清楚。演員只 有做好自己的本分,想太多並不能 改變什麼,也沒必要。"說實話, 拍《沈默的真相》時真的是讓我很



《盛世》呈現肆意飛揚的盛唐

大型歷史文化紀錄片《中 讀書,壹起參加國家的科舉考 國》在芒果TV、湖南衛視播出 試,入朝做官。來自日本的遣 第十二集《盛世》。公元8世紀 唐使者阿倍仲麻呂是其中的佼 ,東亞大陸上,唐朝正經歷著 國》第壹季在獨特的盛唐氣度 化。他在國子監太學潛心攻讀 中收官

度,長安城裏的鴻臚寺,是接 的阿倍仲麻呂也擁有了中文名 待前來大唐訪問的使者的官方 機構。富庶繁華的大唐令外國 使者紛至沓來,瞻仰明媚璀璨 的盛唐氣象。包容大度的唐朝 ,允許外國人和中國學生壹起

儒家經典,最終進士及第,擔 海納百川是唐朝特有的氣 任了洛陽司經校書,極度慕唐 界各地的遊學者,大膽擢用客

唐朝是壹個詩歌的盛世,

飛揚。投筆從戎的王昌齡在 大唐璀璨的文學星空中,是 充盈著青春朝氣和歷史觸感 想。在那些漫長的歲月裏, 居長安的外國能人,大唐文化 流傳的不朽詩篇 圈飛速發展

,使得人們天然地對各 種事物都保有接納的胸 且開明。那個時代的寬 容與通達超乎後人想象 《唐律戶婚》中,專 ,女方再嫁不為失節,

只有詩歌,才配得上大唐的 個層面的活動,她們不僅為國 家創造財富,也使自己和家庭 獲得了可觀的收益

寫下了《出塞》這壹佳作, 稱為海上絲綢之路的航線也通 行多時,外貿稅收是大唐國庫 ,更充滿了英雄史詩般的夢 壹項重要的財源,政府鼓勵外 横溢的詩人為後世留下永久 稅登記的商品,不但可以暢行 全國,還能享受到損失保險。 唐朝的皇室源自關隴軍事 在這個自由開放的國度,外 集團,李唐政權深受胡風影響 商可以在各處買地建房,立 , 多民族的交匯與融合 店經營, 為城市的商業繁榮 做出貢獻。富於冒險的粟特 商人,是東西方貿易交流的重 懷,在婚姻上也是開放 要擔當者,他們與唐朝互通貿 易的同時,也帶來了藝術,傳 播了宗教。

在兼容並蓄、開放包容的 門有協議離婚的條款, 大唐盛世下,物質豐富,文化 夫妻雙方都可提出離婚 繁榮,思想開放。令後世無比 仰望的盛唐氣象,留在了敦煌 唐代婦女也不以屢嫁為 用洞窟和壁畫凝固的時空裏;留 恥辱。也正是在這樣的 在每壹個小人物自信的身姿裏; 時代與社會風氣下,唐 也留在了充滿欲望和夢想的宴 代婦女積極參與社會各 會裏

六百年前,紫禁城在北京落成。六百 年來,壹代又壹代的高手匠人不斷延續著 這片古老建築群的生命。《我在故宮修文 物》姊妹篇、紀念紫禁城建成六百年的紀 錄片《我在故宮六百年》將於12月31日 晚登陸央視紀錄頻道播出。

紀錄片《我在故宮六百年》由中央廣 播電視總臺、故宮博物院聯合出品,中央 廣播電視總臺影視劇紀錄片中心攝制。該 片以"丹宸永固"大展、養心殿研究性保 護項目、古建歲修保養為線索,通過故宮 博物院古建部、修繕技藝部、工程處、文保 科技部、考古部等故宮人的工作視角,踏上 故宮再發現之旅。紀錄片聚焦古建修繕保護 ,記錄宮墻之內悉心呵護故宮的匠人,展現 宮墻之外的天下人與這座城池發生的奇妙關 聯,講述紫禁城青春永駐的故事。

2016年,展現故宮匠人修復故宮文物 的紀錄片《我在故宮修文物》壹經播出, 便風靡網絡,掀起了對於文物修復的關註 。如今《我在故宮六百年》再次聚焦故宮 匠人與學者,細膩地呈現了故宮古建修繕 的過程和技術。

在《我在故宮六百年》中,故宮人癡 心尋訪海月貝殼,按照傳統工藝繪制保存 彩畫小樣,在換好的構件上標註更換日期 ,體現了壹顆顆熾熱的匠心;長春宮遊廊 彩畫繪制;養心殿扶脊木更換;角樓、乾 隆花園古華軒修繕等,則展現了高超的技 藝;在堅持傳統修繕技藝的同時,不斷引

入現代科技技術,延續文物修復的人才隊伍……片中還揭秘了在 修復保護的過程中,故宮博物院與國內外專業機構合作,借助科 技創新的力量,培養新壹代青年文保人的故事。

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掌握房价订定,抓住谈判机会



在房产交易中,价格对于买卖双方都非常看重; 其实定价不是冷冰冰的一个价格, 到底如何开价才算「合情合理」? 谈判 过程中又能给予多少调适空间?

了解定价过程,理性决定价格

大多数民众在买房看屋时,只会担心价格是否跟自己预期的一致,并没 对定价所涉及的因素及内容进一步认识。一般来说,卖家会先给予房仲心中 的卖价,再与经纪人一同拟定最终挂牌价。过程中,经纪人会综合房屋的区 域、格局、装潢等物理状况,再配合行情数据进行客观价格分析,亦是其中 一个出价关键;在美国,专业房仲会利用MLS Listing系统中的完整历史成 交纪录参考市场基准价格,藉由有效地比对同构型房产品,协助卖家精准开 出合理价格范围,才真正放到市场上曝光。

此处必须提醒买家,遇到心仪的房屋时千万不可贸然开价,若与定价 差距太大,不但会影响挂牌方在筛选买家时的谈判意愿,甚至被其他有心人 捷足先登,错过成交机会。因此,定价对于买卖双方同等重要,大家都应预 先做好认知准备,询问专业经纪人意见,提高成交机率,以免呆滞市场。

认识交易步骤,掌握每次谈判机会

在很多的情况中我们发现,绝大部分房地产交易并非一蹴而就,而是经 过买卖双方不断的沟通磨合达致最终共识。不单每次交谈让对方留下印象, 正式落实前的各个阶段也会影响成交率,交易中通常会有三个重大事件:

1.合約階段

当卖家及买家在房屋价格达成基础共识,便可签订合同。此时房屋会 下架市场,若各方已为产权转移做好准备,另可于契约中注明谈判相 关事宜,增加保障。

2. 选择期(option period)

在德州,投资者有权力决定是否采用此选择期,为买卖双方保留十天 无条件毁约之空间,只需支付一定费用便可执行。买家可进一步检验 房屋,确认其价值是否合乎预期,倘若发现问题,可暂停交易程序, 再次启动谈判。

3. 第三方估价(appraisal)

银行或估价机关提供公正之参考价格,买卖双方可根据价格差异决定 调整,估价也同时审核新房主之贷款资格,并严谨审视其是否存在次 贷危机,为交易评估潜在风险。

逐步搓和到双方满意的价格后,我们建议买家评估能负担的总价,做 为可接受价的最高限度,如头期款、每月房贷、房屋装潢及家具家电预算 等。有了明确的资金规划,便可安心买房。

议价无秘诀,重点在于人

「一样米养百样人」,谈判技巧说是利刃,实质上面对不同人会有不 同结果。房地产交易讲求并非具体的时机与数字,而是较为抽象的心态。 出价好比一场心理战,买家与屋主谈判时因气氛上好产生好感,愿意在价 格上退让的情况并非鲜见。通常此类投资者对市场行情较有一定的认知, 也因此对于经纪人的专业素养有所要求。我们建议大家多看多比较,养成 搜集信息、实事求是的投资好习惯,不只为了更理想的收益或舒适的家 居,也是为了更成熟的投资能力。

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