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Wall Street jumps as tech bounces back at end of blistering month

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. stocks rebounded for a second day on Wednesday, as investors snapped up beaten-down technology and internet favorites and strong company results lifted spirits after equities had been spooked this month.

Shares of Facebook Inc (FB.O) gained 4.6 percent after the social media giant said margins would stop shrinking after 2019 as costs from scandals ease.





work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., October 30, 2018. REU-TERS/ Brendan McDermid

Traders

The S&P communication services sector .SPLRCL, which also houses Alphabet (GOOGL.O) and Netflix (NFLX.O), rose 3.0 percent.

Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) and Apple Inc (AAPL.O), other members of the FAANG group, climbed as well.

"Tech is leading the way," said Mike Dowdall, investment strategist at BMO Global Asset Management in Chicago. "Growth stocks, broadly, are closing the gap with value a little. They've been underperforming them by a decent amount."

"Facebook earnings came in decent yesterday after the market close. That's provided a bit of support for tech overall," Dowdall said. The high-flying group has powered U.S. stock market's decade-long bull run, but fears of rising borrowing costs, global trade disputes and possible slowdown in U.S. corporate profits have pummeled the stocks recently.



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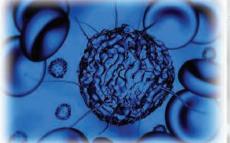
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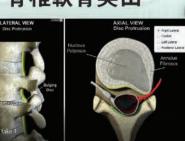
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LOCAL NEWS

Houston police chief says FBI agent's statement on fatal shooting of kidnap victim doesn't match evidence

Houston's police chief said Wednesday his department's investigation into a fatal shooting of a kidnapping victim in January by a local FBI agent who was attempting to rescue the man determined the agent's description of the shooting was not supported by the evidence.

Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo has previously said the shooting occurred as agents were trying to rescue Ulises Valladares, 47, a day after the Conroe man was bound with duct tape and pulled from his home by gunmen who later demanded ransom. The agent told police that as he used his assault rifle to break through a window at the rear of the home where Valladares was being held, an unknown occupant grabbed the

The local FBI in Houston has never identified the agent, who reported that he was worried he would lose control of the gun and that it would be used on agents entering the front of the house. He fired two shots, killing the person who had grabbed the gun and it was later learned it was a man he was trying to

At the Wednesday press briefing, Acevedo said the agent's comments were "not supported" by the evidence and department's investigation, and that he had referred the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Western District of Texas, the Harris County District Attorney's Office and the FBI. He declined to provide specifics into the discrepancies between the agent's description and the sequence of events during the shooting, citing an ongoing criminal investigation into the incident by the Western District



Jimmy Tony Sanchez, 38, is seen outside the 9th state District court at the Lee G. Alworth Building, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, in Conroe. Sanchez, along with Nicholas Chase Cunningham, 42, and Sophia Perez Heath, 35, were arrested Jan. 25 at two different locations on first-degree felony charges in connection with the kidnapping of Ulises Villadares from his home in Conroe on Jan. 24. An FBI agent later killed Villadares during a predawn operation in northeast Houston

Beto O'Rourke was threatened by Florida pipe bomb suspect, campaign staff says

The Florida man accused of sending pipe bombs to former President Barack Obama and at least 13 others also threatened Democratic U.S. Senate candidate Beto O'Rourke earlier this year, his campaign con-

Cesar Sayoc, 56, sent threatening messages to O'Rourke via Facebook in April, O'Rourke's campaign spokesman Chris Evans said.

Evans said he reported the messages to the Capitol Hill police immediately and turned over the messages to the FBI in July.

The messages, first reported Wednesday by the Dallas Morning News, included pictures of O'Rourke's wife and children, and a warning that Sayoc would see him

O'Rourke did not receive pipe bombs like other Democrats that Sayoc targeted. Sayoc sent explosive devices containing "shards of glass that could only have been intended to maximize harm to the defendant's victims," according to federal prosecutors.



dential candidate Hillary Clinton, and former vice president Joe Biden, among others. Prosecutors have said Sayoc, a vocal Trump supporter, kept a list of more than 100 potential targets. It is unclear whether O'Rourke was on that list.



O'Rourke, 46, is a three term congressman challenging U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, a Republican, for re-election.

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-Beth Yip, M.D., co-managing physician, Pearland Clinic

Dr. Yip is a board-certified pediatrician who completed her medical degree, internship and residency at Baylor College of Medicine. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association, Harris County Medical Society and Texas Pediatric Society.

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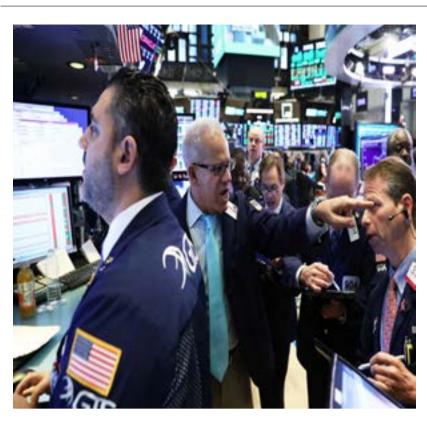
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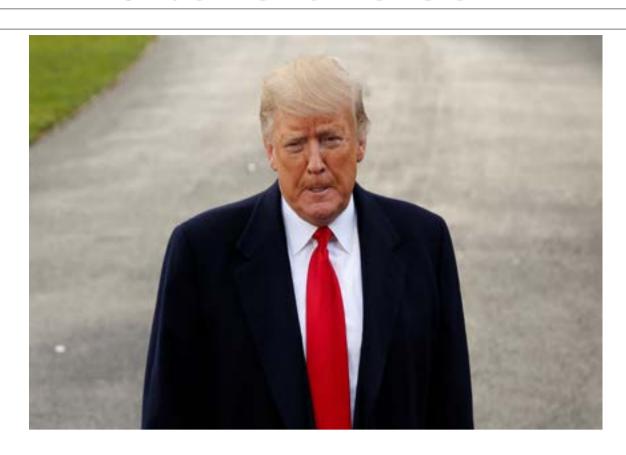
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Editor's Choice



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U.S. President Donald Trump speaks to the media as he departs for a campaign rally in Fort Myers, Florida, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington



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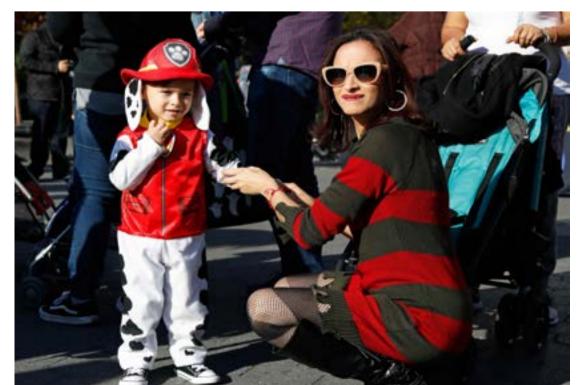
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People take part in the Annual Children's Halloween Parade in Washington Square Park in New York City



Soccer Football - Carabao Cup Fourth Round - West Ham United v Tottenham Hotspur - London Stadium, London, Britain - October 31, 2018 Tottenham's Son Heung-min celebrates scoring their first goal Action Images via Reuters/Matthew Childs EDITORIAL USE ONLY. No use with unauthorized audio, video, data, fixture lists, club/league logos



People take part in the Annual Children's Halloween Parade in Washington Square Park in New York



Ghofrane Belkhir of Tunisia celebrates after winning gold medal in the Weightlifting Women's 58kg Group A at the Europa Pavilion, Youth Olympic Park, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 11, 2018.



COMMUNITY

For the next 3 weeks, the City of Houston Municipal Courts Department (MCD) will discount certain delinquent cases to help individuals save money when they resolve those cases.

"Many of our citizens are still putting the pieces back together from Harvey, and we understand that sometimes many are not able to meet all their obligations." stated Judge J. Elaine Marshall, Director and Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts Department. "We are hoping this final Amnesty of the year will give everyone the opportunity to clear up old business, reduce the stress that delinquent cases cause, to start the new year off fresh," said Judge Marshall.

The Amnesty Program will begin Friday, October 26, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and ends Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Any defendant who voluntarily appears at any Municipal Court location during the amnesty period will be permitted to resolve all of their eligible delinquent cases, including Failure to Appear (FTA) cases, and will not be subject to arrest.

Cases eligible for amnesty include cases that were delinquent prior to **September** 1, 2018. Only the defendant named in the citation or their attorney can participate in the Amnesty Program. Bonding companies, friends, relatives, and spouses cannot make the amnesty request on behalf of someone else.

The Amnesty Program does not apply to a defendant that is in custody, previously adjudicated cases, parking citations, administrative violations, bond forfeitures, or civil cases. Individuals may call the Houston Helpline by dialing 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 for questions about whether their specific case(s) is amnesty eligible.

Defendants may take advantage of the Amnesty Program by phone, US Mail or in person at any Municipal Court loca-

For additional information about Municipal Courts or court cases, please visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts, or call the Houston Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 if outside of Houston.

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Houston Municipal Courts Announces Fall Amnesty Program

2018 Amnesty Program FAO's Why are you doing this?

To resolve cases for which all other means of resolution have been unsuccessful and to assist the citizens of Houston with any lingering outstanding Municipal Court issues.

When does Amnesty begin?

The Amnesty Program begins Friday, October 26 and ends at Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:59pm.

What kinds of cases are eligible for **Amnesty rates?**

Most delinquent traffic and non-traffic citations that were delinquent on or before September 1, 2018 will be eligible for Amnesty discounts. Parking citations and Administrative violations are not eligible for Amnesty. Citizens may call 3-1-1 to find out if they have eligible Amnesty cases.

What do I do if I have a delinquent parking citation?

Parking citations are not eligible for Amnesty. For additional information or assistance regarding paying your parking citation, please call 311 or 713.837.0311.

How can I find out if I have warrants? Dial Houston's Helpline at 3-1-1, visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/ courts or come in person at any City of

What are my options if I find out that I have warrants?

Houston Municipal Court location.

You may pay the fines at the applicable Amnesty rates if your cases qualify. You may also be able to post a bond and have your case(s) reset for a new court date. You always have the option to seek legal advice from an attorney or come to any City of Houston Municipal Court location to speak with a judge.

If I come to court to pay, will I be ar-

No. The City Houston Municipal Courts will not arrest individuals who visit our courthouse to inquire about their delinquent cases. We encourage everyone to come in voluntarily to resolve their cas-

If I want to pay for my delinquent cases/warrants, what are my payment

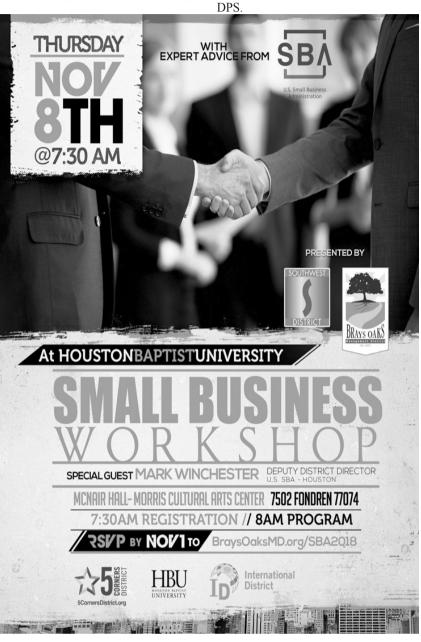
Payment options are as follows: Phone

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What forms of payment do you accept?

We accept cash, checks, money orders, and American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.

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BUSINESS

Another child has died amid a deadly virus outbreak at a New Jersey rehabilitation, bringing the total number of deaths to nine, officials said Sunday. The state's Department of Health said the victim was a "medically fragile" child who had a confirmed case of adenovirus.

The unidentified child died Saturday evening at the Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Haskell, the department said. There have been 25 cases associated with the outbreak.

"This is a tragic situation, and our thoughts are with the families who are grieving right now," Health Commissioner Dr. Shereef Elnahal said in a statement. "We are working every day to ensure all infection control protocols are continuously followed and closely monitoring the situation at the facility."

Adenoviruses are a family of viruses that account for about 5 to 10 percent of fevers in young children, but most patients recover. The infections can affect the tissue linings of the respiratory tract, eyes, intestines, urinary tract and nervous system, causing illnesses ranging from a cold to bronchitis to pneumonia to pink eye.



The children at Wanaque appear to have been more susceptible to serious infections due to their other medical conditions. Children at the center are severely disabled, with some living in comas, and for many, it is their permanent home, the Bergen Record reports. Many will never walk or talk, and some have spent virtually their whole lives there, according to the paper. A team of infection control experts will head to a New Jersey rehabilitation facility where nine children have died from a virus, and will visit other, similar facilities, the state health department said Monday. They experts will also visit a public hospital where four premature babies caught a different infection. One of the babies has died

They will reinforce basic infection control procedures. It's not necessarily an easy task, said Dr. Shereef Elnahal, the state's health commissioner.

"It really requires meticulous attention to detail and it requires a culture of zero harm," Elnahal told NBC News.

"What that means is not failing to follow

9th Child Dies From Adenovirus Outbreak At New Jersey Facility

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The marquee outside the Wanaque Center for Nursing Related and Rehabilitation in New Jersey, where New Jersey state Health Department confirmed 18 cases of ade- Surprise inspection reveals novirus in Haskell, New Jersey on Oct. 23, 2018, and problems at N.J. facility where six children have died from an outbreak of ad- where 9 kids died in viral

every single step that you should take to minimize infection. This isn't rocket sci-



The state health department confirmed that nine children at the Wanaque Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation in Haskell died from infections caused by adenovirus – a virus that normally causes common cold symptoms but which can be deadly in fragile patients.

"A total of 25 pediatric cases have been associated with this outbreak. A staff member at the facility — who has since recovered — also became ill as part of the outbreak," the health department said in a statement.

The children at the facility have developmental disorders or immune deficiencies that put them at special risk. Several were on ventilators and had tracheostomies openings in the throat that allow the installation of breathing equipment. Such patients have a high risk of infection.

Staff who treat such patients should be following precise procedures to protect their vulnerable charges, the health de-

"The team will visit University Hospital, Wanaque Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation in Haskell, Voorhees Pediatric Facility in Voorhees, and Children's Specialized Hospital in Toms River and Mountainside," the department said. (Courtesy https://www.nbcnews. com/health)

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The Wanaque Center for Nursing And Rehabilitation in Haskell, where an adenovirus outbreak has claimed the lives of nine children. (AP Photo)

The state released a new inspection report of the Wanaque Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in Haskell -- where nine children died in a severe viral outbreak and more than a dozen others sickened -finding some deficiencies in handwashing and infection control.

In one case, a nurse performing care of one patient donned gloves, touched the patient's gastrostomy tube (a tube inserted through the abdomen that delivers nutrition directly to the stomach), re-positioned the resident, but then "removed her gloves, and without benefit of performing hand hygiene, then touched the tubing connected to the resident's tracheostomy tube and the ventilator machine."

At the same time, Health Commissioner Shereef Elnahal raised questions over whether the standards set by the Centers Medicare & Medicaid Services for care of patients in settings like Wanaque need review

"Certain findings raise questions about whether these general long-term care standards are optimal for this vulnerable population of medically fragile children," said Elnahal. "I will be engaging in collaborative discussions with CMS to assess how we can better align standards for theses pediatric long-term care facilities."

Health officials note that CMS is already moving to require long-term care facilities to have an "infection preventionist" onsite, responsible for infection prevention control programs. That mandate begins in November 2019.



"I am encouraged by this new CMS requirement. We also need to think whethabout

er there is more we can do as healthcare leaders to protect immunocompromised children, such as those served at Wanaque Center," said Elnahal.

To date, that has been 26 confirmed pediatric cases associated with the adenovirus outbreak at the facility. In addition, a staff member -- who has since recovered -- also became ill as part of the outbreak.

Those who died, as well as the others who remain sick, were pediatric patients who ranged in age from toddlers to teenagers, many on ventilators with compromised immune systems -- some with developmental disabilities or serious health challenges. All became ill between Sept. 26 and Oct. 22, said health officials.

The state said it was notified of the adenovirus outbreak on Oct. 9.

Adenovirus is typically a mild illness that mimics flu- and cold-like symptoms, but can pose serious complications to some people, particularly those with weakened immune systems

The health department conducted an unannounced inspection of the facility on Oct. 21. According to the report of that visit, a review of medical records for those who died revealed that prior to hospitalization revealed they were being monitored for fever, and medicated with Tylenol alternating with Ibuprofen, and antibiotics administered on a doctor's orders



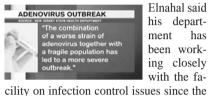
Virus outbreak discovered at NJ facility. During the inspection, the state confirmed there were germi-

cidal disposable wipes, sanitizers, masks, gloves, and gowns available on every wing, and mostly in every room for the staff and visitors to use prior to entering

The report said there were also guidelines regarding adenovirus for visitors visible in each room, warning visitors not to visit if they are sick, and observed staff cleaning the rooms with germicidal cleaning solutions. A review of the facility's records showed that there was an Oct. 8 memo that went out, informing all staff on intensive housekeeping and disinfection on the pediatric unit and classrooms.

"In addition, the facility had good communication with physicians and the receiving hospitals," the report said.

However, the report cited deficiencies in hand washing procedures, where members of the staff did not wash their hands long enough. In another case, a nurse stepped out of a room without first performing hand hygiene and went to another patient's room to open the window, again without performing hand hygiene, and went to her medication cart.



Elnahal said his department has been working closely with the fa-

outbreak was reported, including having a member of the agency's Communicable Disease Service onsite at the facility. "Additionally, in November, we are de-

ploying a team of infection control experts and epidemiologists to conduct training and assessments of infection control procedures at Wanaque and similar facilities," he said. Rowena Bautista, adminstrator for the

Wanaque Center, did not respond to requests for comment.

The Wanaque Center in northern Passaic County is a 227-bed nursing home, rehabilitation center and a pediatrics center, which offers short- and long-term care.

Licensed for 92 pediatric beds, state officials said the facility has agreed to cease admitting new patients until the outbreak ends. It also has established a 24/7 hotline for families affected. It said the Wanaque Center is also offering professional grief counseling to anyone impacted. (Courtesy



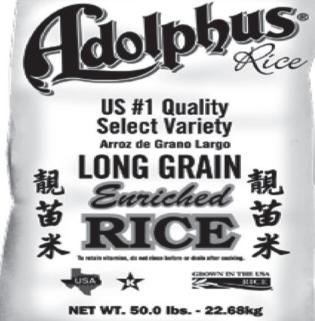


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去年,网络上开始了四处寻找港湾 广场投资者的信息:

代表投资者的迈阿密律师 Jeffrey Schneider 表示,这个项目从一开始就存 在着欺诈。开发商通过改变融资方式, 让外国投资者无法取消贷款来拿回他们

类似的还有,上月,4名中国投资 者在纽约东区联邦法庭,对投资移民 "纽约长岛双酒店"项目提起民事诉讼

该项目曾经承诺2013年年底动工, 但是因为父女开发团队的老开发商在当 年病故,其女儿在遗产法院移除了开发 商的控制权,于是热门项目就此停工, 这些网站还展示了美国国旗、时任 导致数千想通过项目移民的中国家庭进 退两难

移民欺诈有诸多精心策划的骗局, 一定要睁大眼睛看清楚!找一个靠谱的 移民公司也很重要。

关于中国国内移民中介的管理,小 侨告诉大家一个最新政策!

前日,中国国家国务院发布了关于 在全国推开"证照"改革的通知,其中 就涉及移民事项。

第一批改革涉及的"因私出入境中 介机构资格认定(境外就业除外)"牌照 ,直接取消审批。

这意味着,移民中介牌照将彻底在 全国范围内放开!

有很多人可能都有些担心:没有牌 照了,移民中介行业会良莠不齐、无序

以前由于有准 入的限制,行业门 槛比较高,进入行 业的企业数量有限 ,没有足够的行业

现在放开了市 场,运营成本进一 步降低,行业会出 现足够的竞争,市 场"优胜劣汰"的 原则反而使得行业 有可能更加规范。

而且,新成立 不久的国家移民管 理局也会更加有效 地管理中外签证、 居留、移民等等事

所以,移民中 介牌照在全国的放 开,对移民中介行 业和移民申请人来 说,的确是一件好 事!

那么,如何判 断移民中介公司的 优劣呢?

【第一招——看移 民公司海外项目的 质量】

有的移民机构会借助其他移民中介 机构的"明星项目"来包装自己,谎称 有优质资源来吸引客户,在客户选好项

【第二招——看移民公司团队的整体素 公司,则应小心为妙。

个优质的移民中介公司会配备专 业水平较高的咨询人员,对移民国家的 移民政策、移民优势、投资趋势了如指

【第三招——看移民公司的信誉度】 通常,优质的移民中介机构将根据

Form \$1-400

Form 1-150

Form LARL

Form 1.435

Form W 400

Form 5.765

申请国移民政策就资产要求及管理经验 等细节进行细致评估。在准备递交文件

目后,又借故打消客户投资已选项目的 掌,可以为客户制定个性化的移民方案 的过程中,与客户保持良好的沟通和反 念头,进而推销自己的无优势项目。 。而对于那些"来者不拒"的移民中介 馈,力求万无一失。

一些移民律师表示,目前明显感觉 到移民政策与过去不同。纽约移民律师 曹杨亲民说,当地时间9月22日国土安 全部推出关于公共负担(public charge)新 规则草案,就释放一个信号, "移民政 策收紧了"。

曹杨亲民表示,过去,移民官对公 共福利问题只是提一下,并不认真追问 "我从业这么多年,没有一个申请人 因为享受公共福利而被拒绝。"她曾有 一个客户因为生孩子用了医疗补助,移 民官都没有问细节。"法律早就有公共 负担这个条款,但执行起来一直比较宽 松。"但是,现在情况完全不同。她估 计,如果这个政策认真执行,有些人可 能拿不到绿卡。

绿卡面谈 严查收入来源

曹杨亲民说,移民政策从严,体现 在方方面面。最近明显感到移民官在经 济方面查得很紧。"我们都告诉客户, 一定要实事求是,不要弄虚作假,不然 就会遇到麻烦,但有的客户不听。"

不久前,她陪一个申请人去移民局 进行绿卡面谈,当问到经济状况时,申 请人说已经买房,没有经济负担。但是 ,移民官说,从他的收入上看,他没有 多余的钱买房,那么他是从哪里获得买 房的钱。客户回答说钱是父母、朋友给 的,移民官要他拿出证据。"虽然调整 身份的申请通过了,但是客户花了很多 时间去找证明。"

她说,许多移民官对申请者的税单 很关心,看W-2很仔细。如果申请人有 租金收入,移民官就会询问房屋是何时 购买的,买房的钱哪里来的。一名申请 人除了有W-2外,还有1099表和Schedule C,获得了9000多美元的联邦退税 所有资料都找到了,对比后发现早年办 今年申请延期,四个月没有消息,最后 。因为这个退税额是最高的,移民官就 理工作许可(work permit)时填写的内容 收到拒绝信。" 对这个数字表示怀疑,追问这个数字是 与调整身份(I-485)时填写的不一样。移 美领事馆 严查亲属移民

有的申请人住在一个地方,而工作 在另一个地方,两者距离有200多公里 ,移民官也会怀疑地址不真实,追问他 每天怎么上班,路上花费多长时间,这 样申请人就要解释。如果解释不合逻辑 ,移民官就不会批准申请。

雇主帮助申请的工作签证(H-1B)和 跨国公司经理签证(L-1)等也比过去难了 。过去,H-1B一旦抽签抽到,基本上就 能获得批准。但是,现在比过去严多了 。移民局要求补充材料(FRE)、到工作 场所抽查和拒绝的比例明显提高,而且 拒绝的理由千奇百怪,许多"过去没有 见过"。

调集数据 前后对比申请

库扩大得很厉害,很容易调集申请人所 有的数据,进行前后对比,然后送到法 "如果是新客户,我都要建议他们 调档。"她说,有的客户说他们没有必 要调档,因为他们过去没有提出过申请 ,其实不然。

偿还偷渡费再说。多年后,他们和有身 份的配偶结婚,拿到绿卡。但是,在考 公民时遇到麻烦,因为移民局把他们的 民局认为他欺骗政府,取消绿卡 ,他只好请律师处理。

她说,移民局将所有数据电子化, 如果把申请者的姓名输入进去,相似的 姓名数据都会出现,方便移民官核对。 "有的华人认为,自己很久以前提出的

申请,移民局不会知道,结果和他们估 计的相反。'

政府律师 没那么好说话

曹杨亲民说,现在政府律师也没有 过去好说话了。以前,如果她提出共同 开案的要求,政府律师出于帮助的目的 大多同意,但是现在多半是"不同意" 。例如,若是申请I-601A豁免,需要把 过去的案件关闭,但是政府律师不同意 关闭。"以前同意的比例很高,现在基 曹杨亲民说,她感到移民局的数据 本上反转。"政府律师拒绝开案,而且 不给理由。

> 递解出境是将某人送出境外,被递 解者一般身负递解令。"不过,许多人 并未出境,留在美国黑了下来。"

她说,过去提出的暂缓递解申请 (Stay of Removal)容易获得批准,但是 还去做了试管婴儿,虽然没有做成,不

,听信别人说先办一张工作许可,挣钱。来美多年,单身,没有孩子,因为患上 肾病,需要每周洗肾三次。如果回中国 ,他的经济条件无法支付洗肾费用。去 年提出暂缓递解,很快获得批准。"但

曹杨亲民说,移民政策收紧还体现 在美国领事馆发放移民签证上。许多华 人移民入籍后会申请父母和兄弟姐妹来 美国团聚。过去,领事馆签证官对公民 此前偷渡史查得不太严,但现在严查, 并拒绝其父母移民。"他们认为父母帮 助子女偷渡,不批移民签证。"

她曾经收到一个亲属移民案件。妹 妹入籍成为美国公民后,就申请姐姐一 家移民美国。不过,她的姐姐在其间婚 姻发生变化。"姐姐曾经谈过一个男朋 友,怀孕了没有结婚,未婚夫就去世了 姊姊生了一个女儿,独自抚养长大

后来,姐姐又认识了一个年轻十来 岁的男友,两人结婚。于是,姐姐一家 三口申请移民签证。"广州美国领事馆 签证官面试时间很短,并且拒绝申请。 "领事馆的处理决定说:"她要偷渡人 口,不相信他们的婚姻是真实的。"

的婚姻是真实的。"两人为了生孩子,

她说,有的申请人很早就偷渡来美 现在很难。例如,她有一个客户,偷渡 过都有证明。"她认为,这是政策趋严 所致。

> 两个"备忘录" 直接拒绝申请 曹杨亲民说,移民局最近发出两个

"备忘录"。第一个直接指示移民官, 一旦发现移民申请数据不全,直接拒绝 ,不要求补材料。第二个鼓励移民官, 一旦拒绝申请后,马上将案件从移民局 转到移民法庭,由移民法官处理

她说,过去,律师为了争取时间, 尽管数据不全,都是先把申请递交上去 , 争取时间, 使排期提前。如果申请数 据不足,移民局会来信要求补充资料, 到那时才补交后续资料。但是,这种 "边申请边补件"的做法已经行不通了

从她接触到的案件来看,许多人自 己提出移民申请,结果因为文件准备不 足,被移民局直接拒绝,然后将申请人 放入递解出境程序,案件转到移民法庭 。而移民法庭案件积压严重,移民法官 的工作增加很多,移民案件拖得很长。

她说,现在政府律师权力很大,多 不同意关掉许多可以申请绿卡的案件。 如果申请人有东西可做,就可以往前走 。但是,许多人没有东西做,只能提出 "自动离境"。"在这种情况下,他们 应该离境,若不离境后果很严重。"因 她说,她认为申请人的姐姐与丈夫。此,她建议,在申请移民时,最好是请 位有经验的律师,尤其是目前的情况下



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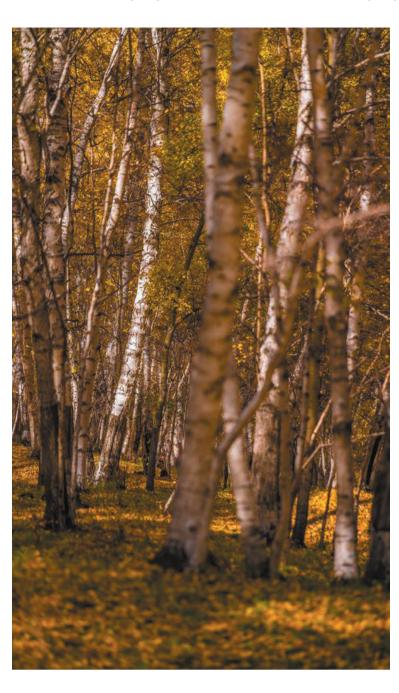
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美林谷白桦林,说好了秋天要回来看你



是生长在南方的人,鲜有机会目睹塞外那连 绵的白桦林。一年前的冬季,在皑皑白雪中 ,我在阿尔山的山林间也见过它。那个时候 ,大雪将白桦树紧紧素裹着,很难见识到它 生机勃勃的原样。直到今年的初秋,去了内 蒙古赤峰的美林谷,才算第一次近距离接触 到了秋天的白桦林。

那是一个美到让人必须屏住呼吸的秋 : 草甸边上的山坡上,成排成行的白桦树, 树干呈白色,树叶一片金黄色。远远望去, 层林尽染,金黄色如同一匹漂亮的羽纱,从 这个山头,向另外一个山头覆盖,直到天际

美林谷,隶属于内蒙古赤峰市喀喇沁 旗美林镇,它是一个自发形成、以原始森林



小时候曾听过《白桦林》这首歌,只和亚高山湿地草甸为主体景观的山间谷地。 目前美林谷草甸还处在没有商业开发中,因 而去美林谷赏秋,最大的好处是游人甚少。

美林谷地处茅荆坝国家森林公园的旁 边,它西距北京市约299公里,离开河北承 德市约87公里,距离赤峰市反而有些远, 大约有91公里。美林谷紧靠赤(峰)承 (德)一级公路,山谷内建有一条36.5公里 长的环谷公路,公路环绕着美林镇,其间除 了有美林谷滑雪场、小美林谷草甸、马莲道 、美林谷花园等观赏点外,最吸睛的地方就 是环谷公路两边的白桦林。

这是秋天中一条诗意的公路,由金黄 色的白桦林出任主角。白桦,落叶乔木,树 干高可达25米高,树身能有50厘米粗。白 桦的树皮白色光滑,象纸一样,还能将其分 层剥下来,用铅笔可以在剥下的薄薄的树皮 上面写字。在植物界中,白桦雌雄同株,春 天树上的叶还没长出来的时候就先开花,秋 天时白桦树的树叶变成金黄,并且开始结果 ,果实扁平且很小,叫翅果,很容易被风刮

这也就是白桦树为什么这么能成片生 长的原因,随风飘散的果实,只要气温、湿

度合适,很快就

个时候,路两旁的白桦林越来越多,到了马 莲道附近,整个草甸的山坡上,几乎全是金 黄色的白桦树。驾车从山谷间的公路驶过, 车窗外的蓝天、远山、草场、马群、白桦树 ,秋天的美景让人陶醉。

美林谷的原名叫"默尔根乌黑难苏台 ,此后又更名为"默尔沟"。还在清朝时 期,美林谷就是一处皇家打猎的"围场" 清朝的康熙皇帝,曾率领狩猎大军,在此围 住过数千头马鹿。因而美林谷至今还传说着 康熙围鹿的故事。

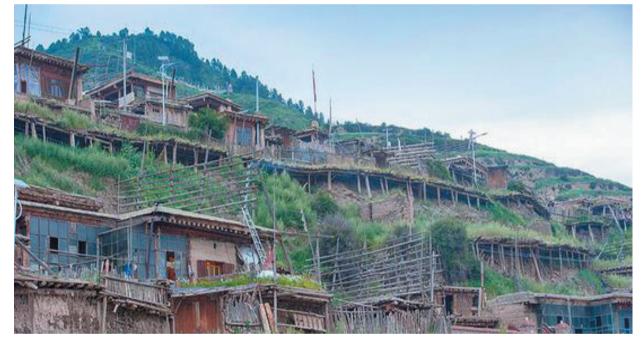
据说被康熙大军围住的数千只马鹿里 ,有一只金色的鹿特意跑到康熙的坐骑前, 前脚跪地,向康熙皇帝请命。康熙见此, 心生怜悯,收起弓箭,挥手让手下的大军 放开马鹿群。于是,数千头马鹿朝美林谷 的原始森林里奔跑而去,瞬间消失的无影 无踪。从此以后,这一地段再也见不到成

今年盛夏的时候,我第一次踏上美林 谷草甸,那个时候,美林谷还被一片绿色包 裹住,草场是绿色的,白桦树是绿色的,放 眼望出去,整个美林谷是个绿意盎然的世界 。那个时候,我就心想着秋天该再来一次美 林谷,不为别的,就是来看看美林谷的白桦

而当这个初秋,我再度驾车来到美林 谷时,真的被这片金黄色的世界震撼住了。 塞外的秋天来的早,江南人还穿短衣短袖时 ,美林谷已经是个深秋的景象了。中午太阳 当头时,气温不到20度,早晚时,甚至可 以到零度左右。白桦树几乎就像在一夜之间 脫胎換骨,从绿色变成金黄。

白桦树是俄罗斯的国树,它的象征意 义是"生与死的考验"。用这句话来形容秋 天的白桦林最贴切不过了,即将落叶的白桦 路,从美林谷滑 林,会在秋季时迸发出自己生命中最璀璨 雪场经过后,一 的一幕,然后归于一个冬季的寂静,待来 直朝谷里开。这一年继续焕发蓬勃的生命力。

甘南有座悬挂在山坡上的百年藏寨



甘南自驾游,这一天我们离开卓尼 县,沿着洮河逆流而上,行车大约八十 公里后,到达偏僻的尼巴藏寨。这处已 有两百多年历史的藏族村落,村中房屋 皆依山坡而建,从低到高,层层叠加, 且每户之间,均由架空的栈道相连,从 远处眺望,错落而有致,极具特色。据 说这样户户相连的建筑方式,在旧时主 要是为了防御外敌入侵,试想一下,雄 踞山坡之上的村寨,视野极佳,山脚下 又有河流阻拦,形成一个自然天险,且 因户户相通,组合成一个严密的防御整 体,所以在遭受流寇入侵或者防盜防匪 上,颇得地利。

,意指"朝向阳光的山坡"。整个村落 座北朝南,阳光充沛,清澈的车巴河从 村前穿过,直奔洮河而去。密密麻麻的 藏式传统房屋,布满了整个山坡,远看 好像悬挂在山坡之上,由无数根木头在 支撑,有点藏版吊脚楼的感觉。

如今的尼巴藏寨,被车巴河一分为 二,河流南岸地势平坦,一幢幢新式的 藏家大院拔地而起,许多房屋正在修建 中,和对岸山坡上的百年藏寨俨然已成 为两个世界。我们走进山坡上的老村寨 ,村中格外古朴、安静,近距离可以看 到这些老房子均为厚厚的夯土外墙,而 院落和连接各户之间的栈道,则由一根 早在2013年,尼巴藏寨就被列入中 根圆木依山势架空支撑着,这些悬空而 国传统村落名录,"尼巴"为藏语音译 建的栈道,不仅解决了人、畜在高低不

平的山坡上的交通问题,还扩大了藏寨 的有效生活面积。

留守在老村寨中的村民已为数不多 ,偶尔会遇到几位老人,用汉语打招呼 她们也听不懂,不过仍然会用淳朴的笑 容来回应。

尼巴藏寨也是有名的长寿村,村子 里生活着许多百岁老人,年龄最大的一 位曾活到114岁,如今村中健在九十岁

以上老人就有十多位。 依山就势而建的藏式民居,层层叠 叠地镶嵌在山坡上, 袅袅炊烟, 分外恬

尼巴村早前是一个以游牧民定居形 成的藏族聚居区,生活习俗上,还保持 着古老的游牧民传统,比如这里至今还

有着独特的婚俗,嫁出去的姑娘新婚第 辈子也没离开过这里。他们大多长寿, 二天就要回到娘家,住满三年才能去男 方家里。在此其间,丈夫可以随时来女 方家,三年内生的孩子,无论男女,都 要留给女方家。这样的婚俗,有些母系

一座石桥连接着车巴河的两岸,桥

头几位老人正闲坐着聊天。 百年藏寨仍保留着浓郁的宗教气息 ,石桥旁边有一座白塔,塔旁的玛尼房 四周布满转经筒,一直都有村民来此转 经祈福,络绎不绝。

甚至还有村民叩等身长头 跪,绕着经房一圈又一圈……

村中的老人,日日转经,很多人一 前往一览。

大概也是因为心无杂念吧,再加上一有 空就来转经、磕头,也算是活动筋骨。

玛尼房几乎是尼巴藏寨的活动中心 ,是整个村子人气最旺的地方,经过的 氏族社会的遗迹,更有利用游牧民的后 村民大多手持转经筒,或者背上背着玛 尼桶。照片中这位提着桶去打水的藏族 姑娘,长的还真是漂亮。

车巴河南岸的区域,大多藏式民居 正在新建,大人们忙碌着,小朋友们就 在一旁玩闹,见我拍照,还特别配合地

尼巴百年藏寨,因为偏远而闭塞 ,几乎没有游客,也因此而更为朴实无 华,传承着特有的民族文化,非常值得

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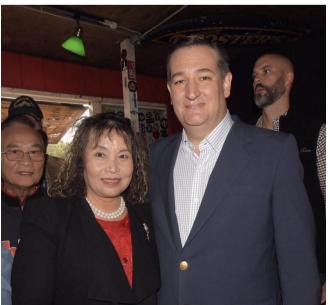


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2018年10月21日,德州州长Greg Abbott、美国国会参议员Ted Cruz和美国国会众议员John Culberson来到FireHouse Salon助推中期选举,为共和党造势。华侨领 袖戴慧怡女士等应邀出席,呼吁亚裔尤其是华裔及早投票,行使自己神圣的权力。



华侨领袖戴慧怡女士手执 Southern Daily英文报纸与手执 美南日报的媒体大亨合影。



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华侨领袖戴慧怡女士与州长 Greg Abbott 是老朋友,两人一见面就热烈拥抱、握手 ,相互加油。



当天的助推音乐会外租来的飞机 上带著巨大横幅,上书 "No Beto • BECAUSE SOCILISM SUX!",飘扬蓝天白云间。



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