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CORONAVIRUS SCAMS SPREADING AS FAST AS THE VIRUS ITSELF, FTC WARNS

by Mark Hedin



Not only has the corona virus wrought havoc worldwide, it's also become a new pretext for fraudsters trying to take advantage of people's trust to steal their money. According to the United States Federal Trade Commission, COVID-19-related crimes are being reported by the thousands, have doubled in just the past week and are growing faster still.

The FTC has received more than 10,000 complaints so far this year, (<https://tinyurl.com/FTC-coronavirusreports>), with losses approaching \$7 million and a median of more than \$500. More than half of those reports arrived in just the past 10 days.

Complaints describe perpetrators claiming to represent the government or a business, and who often take advantage of travel and vacation-related reports about cancellations and refunds. Other complaints reported problems with online shopping and mobile texting.

The federal government agency is updating the numbers the exponential growth of coronavirus-related complaints at its Explore Data web page, and offers information on types of scams and how to avoid them at <https://www.ftc.gov/coronavirus/ftc-in-action>.

If you have been targeted by a fraudulent operation, please report it to the FTC: [FTC.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

As a general rule, don't click on links in emails that claim to be from the government or a bank, even if they look legitimate, and don't respond to those emails. The criminals are good at copying the look of those institutions' correspondence. It's better to call the government agency or bank directly. But even there, be careful to find out the correct phone number on your own, and don't trust the number in any unsolicited call or email.

Also, most phone calls trying to defraud people are "robocalls" — calls made by machines — so even though some are made by individual people, if you pick up a call and there's no person on the other end of the line, just hang up.

Because the government has passed legislation offering various kinds of financial relief to consumers, some scammers are trying to take undue advantage of that, too. In one effort to combat this type of crime, the Small Business Administration is asking people to contact them directly, either by phone or at the sba.gov/coronavirus website to find out what kind of help is legitimately available.

Similarly, be wary of people or callers offering a fast-track to such financial help. And never give your Social Security, tax ID, bank account numbers or any other such highly personal information to someone you don't know.

Even if you've received a check in the mail, proceed with

caution. Not all "coronavirus relief" checks can be trusted. The FTC has a blog with advice about how to spot a bogus relief check.

In recent weeks, the FTC has had to notify numerous technology companies such as internet service providers(<https://tinyurl.com/FTC-coronavirus-fraud-warning>) that they are helping illegal telemarketing and "robocalls" involved with coronavirus-related scams.

Those companies included: VoIPMax, SipJoin Holding, Corp., iFly Communications, Third Rock Telecom, Bluetone Communications, LLC, VoIP Terminator, Inc., also known as BLMarkeing, J2 Web Services, Inc., VoxBone US LLC and Comet Media, Inc.

"It's never good business for VoIP (Voice Over Internet Protocols) providers and others to help telemarketers make illegal bad when your company is helping telemarketers exploiting fears about the coronavirus to spread disinformation and perpetrate scams."

Another company, Globex Telecom, is being prosecuted by the FTC for this kind of activity, the agency reports, as is? software provider James B. Christiano (unclear: is FTC also prosecuting the software provider? If so, see revised paragraph below). The Department of Justice is prosecuting two VoIP companies for "committing and conspiring to commit wire fraud by knowingly transmitting robocalls that impersonated federal government agencies."

The FTC and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have warned other companies about selling unapproved products that may be falsely claiming to be helpful in treating or curing COVID-19.

These include Gaia's Whole Healing Essentials, LLC, Health Mastery Systems/Pure Plant Essentials, Homeomart Indibuy, Neuro XPE, FullerLife C60, LLC, Halosense, Inc., JRB Enterprise Group Inc., Carahalth, Corona-Cure, Vital Silver, Quyinessence Aroatherapy Ltd., N-ergetics, GuruNanda, LLC, Vivify Holistic Clinic, Herbal Amy LLC and the Jim Bakker Show.

Although the FTC strongly recommends against communicating with ANY unknown person or business, the opposite is true when it comes to notifying friends and family to be careful.

"Share these tips with your co-workers, family and social networks," the agency says.

MARK HEDIN
Reporter

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Top U.S. watchdog vows 'aggressive' oversight of Trump administration after intel firing

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The top U.S. federal watchdog vowed on Saturday to continue to conduct "aggressive" independent oversight of government agencies, after President Donald Trump fired the inspector general of the U.S. intelligence community late Friday night.

FILE PHOTO: Intelligence Community Inspector General Michael Atkinson arrives to testify at a House Intelligence Committee closed-door hearing on a whistleblower complaint about President Donald Trump's dealings with Ukraine, on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., October 4, 2019. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst/File Photo

Michael Horowitz, chair of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency (CIGIE), an independent agency in the executive branch and the inspector general at the Department of Justice, said in a statement that Michael Atkinson was known for his "integrity, professionalism, and commitment to the rule of law and independent oversight."

President Donald Trump wrote in a letter to Congress Friday night that Atkinson, who was involved in triggering an impeachment probe of the president last year, will be removed from his position in 30 days.

The firing comes as U.S. inspectors general, who are charged with independent oversight of federal agencies, were recently tasked with broad surveillance of the government's response to the coronavirus, including the historic \$2.3 trillion fiscal package to mitigate its economic impact.

"The inspector general community will continue to conduct aggressive, independent oversight of the agencies that we oversee," said Horowitz.

"This includes CIGIE's Pandemic Response Accountability Committee and its efforts on behalf of American taxpayers, families, businesses, patients, and health care providers to ensure that over \$2 trillion dollars in emergency



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Donald Trump's
dealings with
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Capitol Hill in
Washington,

federal spending is being used consistently with the law's mandate."

Democrats have expressed concerns about how the fiscal package will be doled out through the U.S. Treasury, headed by Steven Mnuchin. "We're not here to create a slush fund for Donald Trump and his family, or a slush fund for the Treasury Department to be able to hand out to their friends," said U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts.

The watchdogs' role in the coronavirus over-

sight is to examine the decision-making process, and provide the public information about where the taxpayer dollars and other resources go.

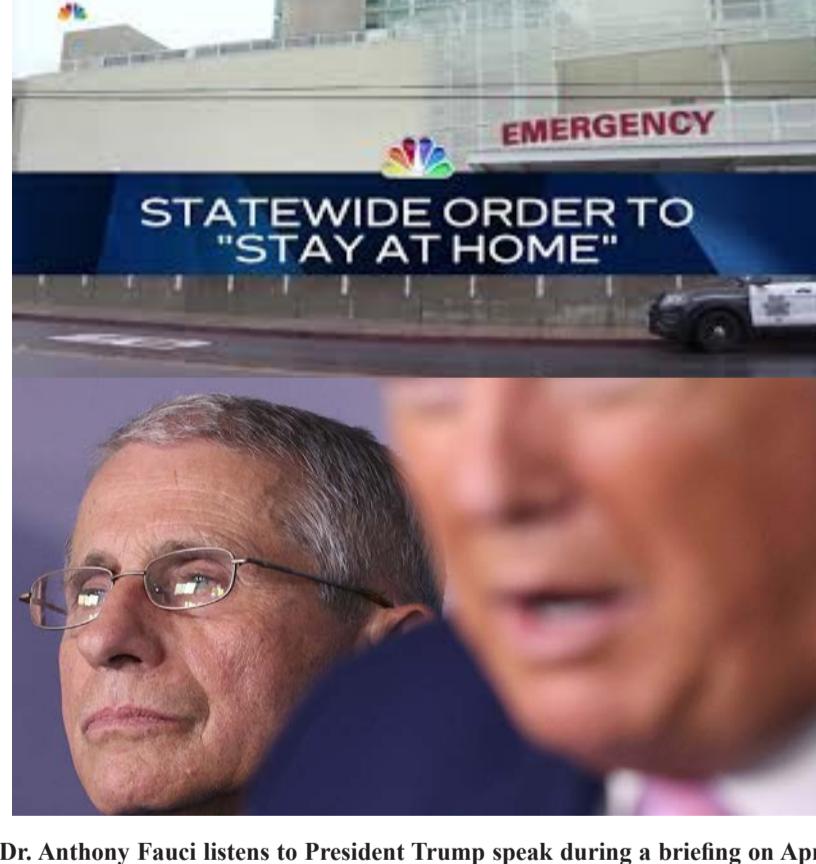
Atkinson, a Trump appointee, had determined that a whistleblower's report was credible in alleging Trump abused his office in attempting to solicit Ukraine's interference in the 2020 U.S. election for his political benefit.

Trump said Friday Atkinson no longer

had his "fullest confidence."

Atkinson expressed concern that Trump potentially exposed himself to "serious national security and counter-intelligence risks" when he pressed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden and his son during a July 25 phone call, according to a Justice Department legal opinion.

Fauci Advises All States Issue Stay-At-Home Orders



Dr. Anthony Fauci listens to President Trump speak during a briefing on April 1. Photo: Win McNamee/Getty Images

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

Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Dr. Anthony Fauci recommended last Thursday that all states across the U.S. implement stay-at-home orders, at a CNN town hall. **Why it matters:** The recommendation stands in contrast to President Trump's calls for "flexibility." Nearly 40 states have issued stay-at-home orders to promote social distancing as a way to combat the novel coronavirus — but the orders vary in strictness and duration.

• Trump said at the White House coronavirus task force briefing on Wednesday that in states with fewer infections, "it's awfully tough to say close it down."

What he's saying: "I don't understand why that's not happening," Fauci said, per CNN, of a nationwide stay-at-home



Background: The Trump administration has directed Americans to "work or en-

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More States Issue Stay-At-Home Orders As Coronavirus Crisis Escalates

Florida and Georgia governors ordered all residents to stay at home late Wednesday, with exceptions for those engaged in essential services, including health care and government functions.

Statewide shelter-at-home orders



The big picture: In a matter of weeks, the number of states that issued orders nearly quadrupled, affecting almost 300 million Americans.

Data: Axios reporting; Map: Danielle Alberti/Axios

The state of play: Governors that were originally against stay-at-home orders, like those in Georgia and Florida, finally succumbed this week after COVID-19 cases in their states increased rapidly.

- Florida is the third biggest state in the U.S. and one of the highest-risk for coronavirus. Yet Gov. Ron DeSantis' response lagged well behind other populated states.
- States that still don't have such orders have a number of local directives suggesting residents stay indoors.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, the first state to issue a shelter-in-place order, had a message on CNN Wednesday to governors who have not mandated its residents stay

home:

"What are you waiting for? What more evidence do you need? ... There's no greater intervention, period, full stop, none, than physical distancing."

The big picture: The orders allow citizens to leave their homes for "essential" reasons like grocery shopping, pharmacy pick-ups or trips to restaurants for take-out only. They also permit people to assist others in obtaining supplies, as well as to walk their dogs and be in nature — as long as they keep 6 feet between themselves and others.

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have to ratchet down what we are doing in society," Amy Acton, director of Ohio's Department of Health, said. "Listen to Italy begging us not to make mistakes — you're hearing it from folks who are ahead of us in this curve. We don't have a day to spare." (Courtesy axios.com)



California Governor, Gavin Newsom

- Some excursions deemed essential in North Carolina include traveling to and from places of worship and volunteering.
- "Many people want to know how they can help right now, and for most people this is how — by staying home," Washington, D.C. Mayor Bowser said Monday.
- There is no doubt in my mind that we

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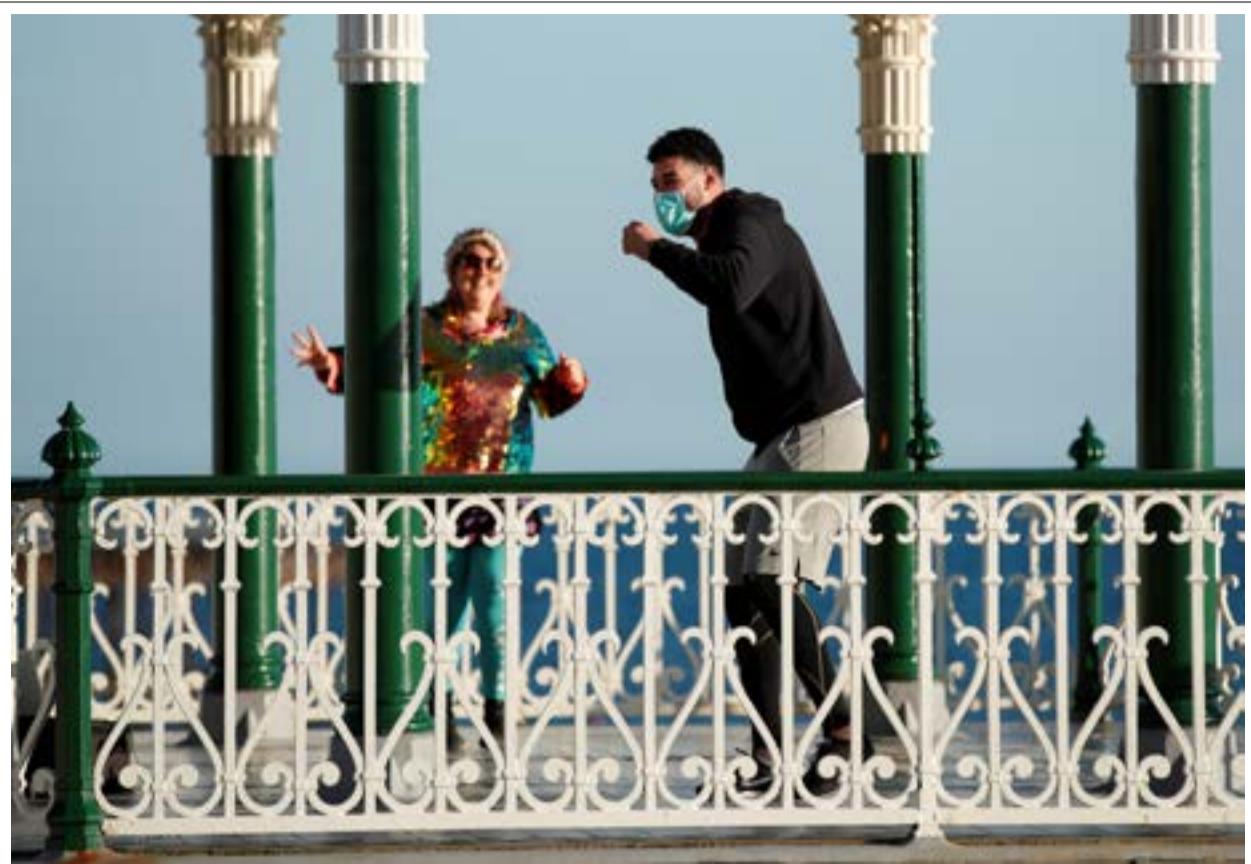
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Editor's Choice



A man takes a picture of a sheep at a beach, during a lockdown to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in Algiers, Algeria April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Ramzi Boudina



A man wearing a protective mask dances with Cara Brennan, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, Brighton, Britain, April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Peter Cziborra



People are seen at a service station, as the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, Antrim, Northern Ireland, April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Jason Cairnduff



A custodian cleans the lectern before an expected briefing by U.S. President Donald Trump on the administration's response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak at the White House in Washington, U.S., April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Joshua Roberts



A flight attendant waits for the departure of a one-passenger flight between Washington and New Orleans as the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) continues, in Washington, U.S., April 3, 2020. Picture taken April 3, 2020. REUTERS/Carlos Barria



Medical officers rest during a rapid test amid the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in Bandung, West Java province, Indonesia, April 4, 2020 in this photo taken by Antara Foto. Antara Foto/Novrian Arbi/ via REUTERS ATTENTION EDITORS - THIS IMAGE WAS



Iacopo Mastrangelo poses with his father Fabio in front of Piazza Navona, as Italians remain under lockdown to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), in Rome, Italy, April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Alberto Lingria



People walk at Tempelhofer Feld, during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, in Berlin, Germany, April 4, 2020. REUTERS/Michele Tantussi

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COVID-19 Crisis Has Created A New “Golden Age” For Vaccine Research With Philadelphia As Its Epicenter



Entrance to a Johnson&Johnson laboratory facility.

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

The coronavirus pandemic has exposed gaps in U.S. medical manufacturing and distribution. Cheap foreign materials and “just in time” shipping have made it tough to meet the sudden demand for cleaning agents, protective gear, and ventilators — even as sick patients are filling hospital ICUs.

And yet U.S. companies that make vaccines — the kind of low-priced, one-dose commodity product that drugmakers often leave to foreigners — have stepped up.

Last Friday, President Donald Trump signed the \$2 trillion CARES Act, including \$27 billion for vaccines and protective gear. On Monday, drug giant Johnson & Johnson said it was joining the CARES-enriched Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) to spend more than \$1 billion developing anti-coronavirus vaccines.

J&J said the first “emergency” shots should be available on a “not-for-profit” basis early next year — well in advance of the usual five- to seven-year timetable — and an eventual billion doses will be made in a new U.S. factory at an

unnamed location. J&J’s Janssen unit, which includes the company’s vaccines business, has labs in Belgium, central New Jersey, and Horsham.



The Philadelphia area is the historic center of vaccine science. Maurice Hilleman’s labs at Merck developed preventives for measles, mumps, meningitis, hepatitis, pneumonia, and flu, among others. Hilary Koprowski and colleagues at the Wistar Institute on the Penn campus developed vaccines against polio, rabies, and more. Scientists at Merck and GlaxoSmithKline labs in the western suburbs and start-ups in University City remain focused on new generations of vaccines.

And specialized firms such as Fort

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Washington-based Inovio Pharmaceuticals have lately announced accelerated coronavirus vaccine schedules, also armed with federal funding — from the U.S. military, in Inovio’s case. The fact that U.S. vaccine capability hasn’t withered along with other commodities once made here is no accident, but a result of steady lobbying, medical initiative, and government foresight, advocates say.

Washington has funded vaccine development and other pandemic preparation in uneven doses. But the framework of a national vaccine policy has endured between crises and into periods of neglect — and will now be flush with new anti-coronavirus billions.

“We are very pleased to see the government’s increased appreciation for vaccines, which save both lives and substantial costs to the U.S.,” said Amy Pisani, executive director of Vaccinate Your Family, a Washington-based advocacy network backed by the CDC, vaccine makers, and charitable groups. “Our country has an amazing brain trust of scientists who are aware of the potential threats to the world from future viruses,” but they need R&D funding, as well as support from better public health education. “There are still some who believe coronavirus is a conspiracy,” Pisani added.



In the emergency preparedness climate that followed the 2001 terrorist attacks

on Washington and New York, the federal government rolled out Project BioShield, a \$5.6 billion pandemic preparedness program funding testing and vaccines, initially designed to run from 2003 to 2013.

When the H5N1 flu hit hard in early 2005, President George W. Bush, joined by the CDC’s top infectious disease expert, Anthony Fauci, summoned executives from Baxter, GSK, Wyeth, and other vaccine makers to the White House.

“Bush said, ‘Where’s the flu vaccine? This should make you a lot of money,’” recalls Berwyn lawyer Frank Rapoport, who prepped the GSK executives for the meeting.

“And they said, ‘Sir, we won’t make money, but we will get sued.’”

Bush and Congress responded with the federal PREP Act, which extended legal protections from plaintiff lawsuits to vaccine, testing, and antiviral makers building medicines for pandemics, said John Clerici, a founder of pharma consulting firm Tiber Creek Partners in Washington.



Clerici worked to draft PREP with then-Republican Senate aide Robert Kadlec, whom Trump in 2017 named assistant secretary for preparedness and response, overseeing BARDA and its vaccine funding, and the Strategic National Stockpile of medical supplies — making Kadlec a key leader in the coronavirus fight.

Without legal liability protections, Clerici says companies such as J&J would be “100%” against developing vaccines in the U.S.

In 2013, when the original BioShield funding ran out, Congress began a series of annual appropriations totaling about \$1.5 billion a year to fund BARDA vac-

cine development efforts and to build up the emergency medical stockpile. A special \$5 billion was appropriated for the multinational Ebola virus fight in 2015.

But flu planning has been stuck at about \$250 million a year in each of the last three federal budgets — “extremely underfunded,” in Clerici’s view.

The CARES Act has multiplied those resources, splitting \$27 billion between rebuilding the depleted medical stockpile and BARDA vaccine funding — on top of \$6 billion appropriated for those purposes in the first anti-coronavirus bills last winter.



Clerici said BARDA also has the power to bypass “very burdensome” federal purchasing regulations, and speed vaccine development by paying companies for mass-producing vaccines and antivirals while their clinical trials are not yet concluded, even if they end up proving unsuitable.

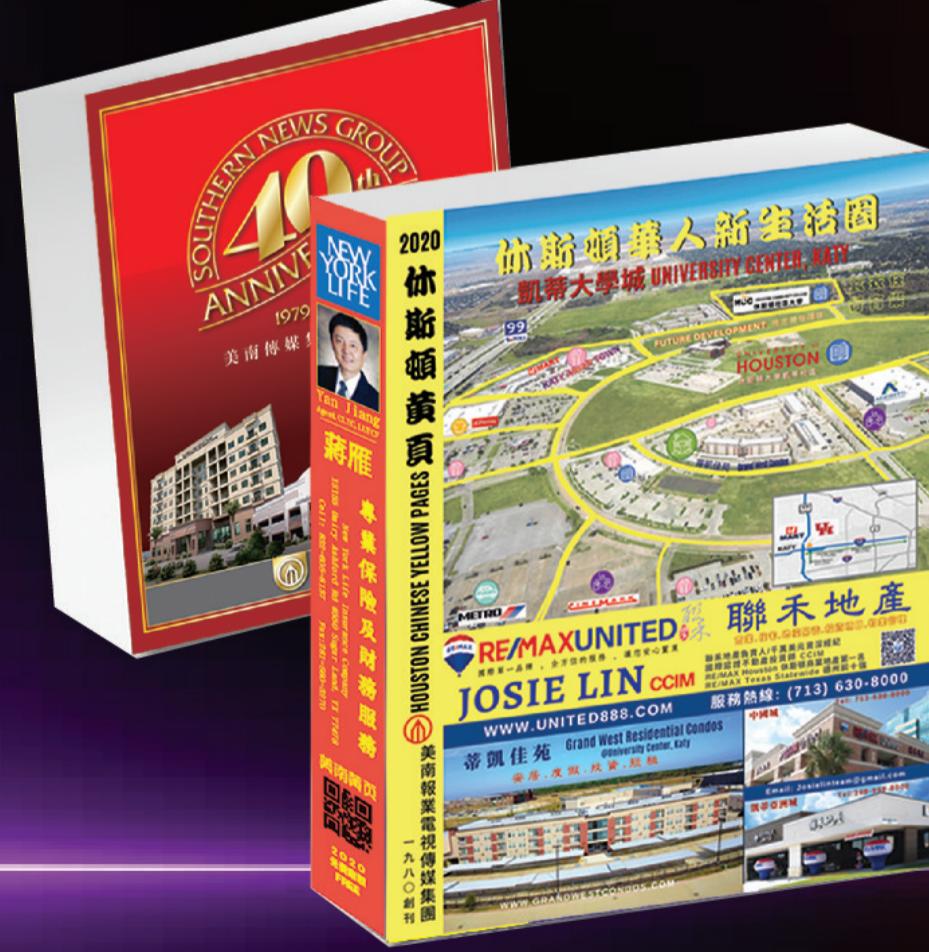
He said the agency has remained “very conservative” about using such powers, preferring the “National Institutes of Health style” of sequencing development, then animal, and finally human trials, rather than the more expensive but faster approach of attempting different stages at the same time.

Pisani says this new attention to vaccines should lead to permanent higher funding. She’d like to see higher appropriations for the CDC and state, city, and tribal health departments, as well as higher vaccine and antiviral R&D spending.

“The coronavirus stimulus packages to date have provided critical funding for the immediate emergency,” she said. And there will be others. (Courtesy https://www.inquirer.com/)

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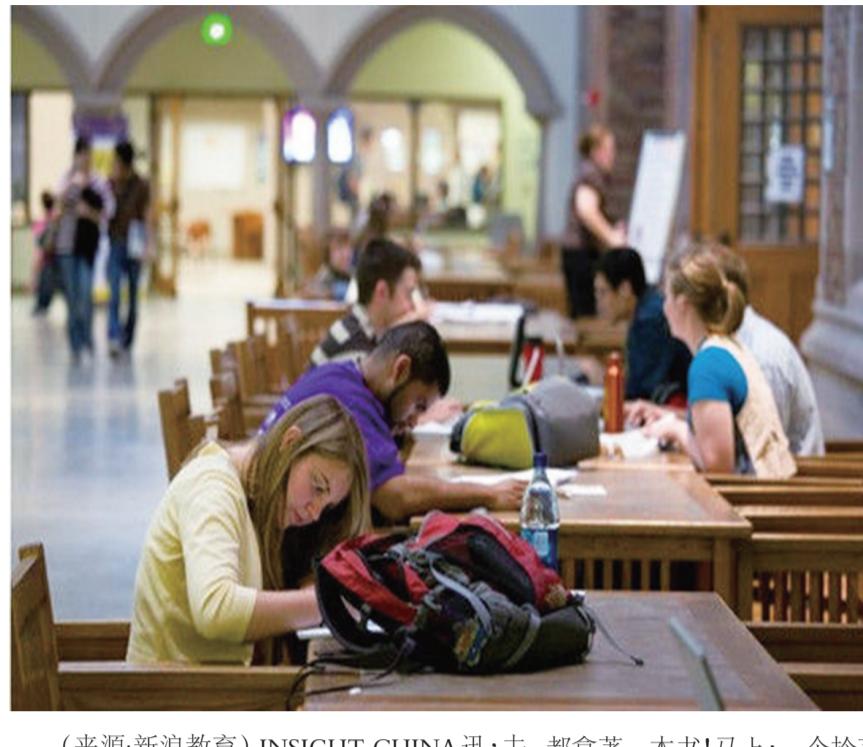
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“不读书的人,是没有潜力的”他们会永远保持他们固执的想法,不去接受新的思想,他们无法进步,即使数理化再好也无法补充阅读的空缺。

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亚洲的学生在美国学校里很牛——尤其是数理化牛气冲天。我高中时参加的那些数学比赛,台上的获奖者都是清一色的黄皮肤、黑头发,让我这个站在后面的亚洲人很无地自容。但是在我的高中里,几乎没有听说过哪个亚洲学生文学学得好。

很是搞不懂我们这个以读书为荣的民族为什么现在没了读书的习惯,并且丧失了阅读的乐趣。我们中的很多人,从小到大就读课本上那点点东西,然后就是看看报纸翻翻八卦,这大概就算是一生的阅读了吧。

要是问起来还很理直气壮:“读书有什么用?这些东西电视上都有”、“太忙了,没时间读书。”在我看来,这是因为我们没有阅读的习惯。美国人会利用一切时间来读书:车上,飞机上,做家务的间隙,等等。美国人有各种各样的毛病,但是热爱读书这一点非常值得我们学习。

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美国人读书是全民性的。从收入很高的家庭到靠救济金吃饭的家庭,都有读书的习惯。在得梅因,只有非常穷的人才会坐公车,因为每家

都拿著一本书!马上,一个拎著大蛇皮袋子的流浪汉打扮的人放下了手上的书,从口袋里掏出了一把硬币:“来,给你。”我感激地接过钱,忙说“谢谢!谢谢!”他微笑著摆摆手,又坐回去看书。他看的是一本泛黄了的《圣经》。

我不会忘记那些夏日的下午,在我跳上车,交完钱后,坐在座位上观察那些乘客。我看,明媚的阳光透过窗外的树叶,星星点点地在那些布满皱纹的老妇人的脸上跳跃,在她们那些打开的书页上舞动。到了该下车的时候,这些穷苦的老妇人小心地拿出书签来,夹在书里面,然后把书放进她们破旧的包里。仿佛那一本书是什么圣物一样。

公共汽车是一个小小的社会。这里只有买不起车的穷人,还有非常少量的一些不到开车年龄的学生。得梅因是个小城,所以大家往往都认识,每次上了车,和熟人打一声招呼,乘客们就坐下拿出一本书来看。

不同文化的碰撞

我一直认为这样做对眼睛不好,但美国人似乎压根儿就没有这种观念。“莎拉,你这样会把眼睛看坏的。”在我们去体育馆打扫卫生的路上,美国接待家庭里的妹妹莎拉打开了车后面的灯,在摇晃的车厢里借著那一点昏黄的灯光看书。“谁说的,”莎拉摇头,“我一直这样看。”我不是提倡在车内看书,但是这种抓紧一切时间读书的习惯的确令人惊叹。

当我和我的接待家庭一起在佛罗里达州的奶奶家度假的时候,一天晚饭后,奶奶忽然说想让我们全家一起玩智力游戏。我、莎拉还有克里斯汀都在房间里看小说。我们三个人都答应了,但是没有一个人动。

后来还是美国妈妈过来劝我们:“奶奶好久都没有和我们在一起玩游戏了,咱们都去玩一

玩吧。”于是,我们三个人没精打采地走到外头,坐在地上开始玩那个游戏。游戏实在是无聊,但我们也不好扰了奶奶的兴趣,只有继续玩下去。

忽然,莎拉很气愤地叫了起来:“放下!把书放下!”我抬起头来,看见接待家庭的爸爸正偷偷地把藏在沙发底下的书拿起来看。“你们先玩你们的呗,到我了我就出牌。”爸爸嬉皮笑脸地说,“什么都不耽误。”“不公平!”克里斯汀也叫了起来,“凭什么就你看书啊。”这时莎拉气鼓鼓地站了起来,走进房间,还把门一摔。

“莎拉!”美国妈妈不满地叫了一声。“莎拉走了,我也不想玩了。”克里斯汀抓住机会,马上站起身来进房间看书。我转过身来看看美国爸爸,他已经坐在沙发上在看书了,还把身子转了过去,生怕别人又打扰他。美国妈妈无奈地摇了摇头,马上转过头来对说:“Gogo,咱们三个人玩吧。”我只好点了点头,继续玩那无聊的游戏。

我非常佩服妹妹莎拉的一点就是她的读书习惯。她几乎是以每天一本书的速度在读书。她是完全离不开书的。每周末她都去图书馆借上七八本书,一周以后去还,再借新的,她在海滩上晒太阳的时候戴著墨镜看书,在超市工作的时候利用二十分钟的休息时间看书,在课间看,在等人的时候看。

全家学霸的好友

我的一个非常好的朋友克里斯汀娜,来自一个非常优越且受教育程度非常高的家庭。她的父亲斯坦福毕业,她的母亲曾经是一名记者。在她去爱荷华州立大学荣誉学生新生报到的时候,她的家人把我带了去,好让我更了解美国的大学。

那天早上,我、克里斯汀娜和她爸爸坐在教室里听辅导员讲解——她的妈妈还在家里,下午开车过来。我记得辅导员提到了一本书,并且希望学生们在暑期看完。克里斯汀娜的爸爸当即拿出iPad,上了亚马逊网站,在一分钟之内就把实体书买了下来。他还小声地对克里斯汀娜说:“嘿,发个短信给你妈妈,告诉她我已经买下了实体书和电子书,并且已经把电子书发到她的kindle(亚马逊网站发行的电子书)上了,所以她现在就可以看了。”

这种高科技、高效率的阅读非常令我震惊!网络与电子书的普及能够节省下来多少时间啊!但是震惊之余,我还是有些不解:这是克里斯汀娜的作业,为什么她的全家都要看呢?她的家人工作都很忙,他们有时间看吗?

晚上吃饭的时候,我问了克里斯汀娜的妈妈——杰西卡夫人——这个问题,她一脸惊:“我们当然要看啊!我们要是不看的话,跟克里斯汀娜不就没话说了吗?”然后,她故意放低声音跟我说:“那样她就会嫌弃我们这对老夫老妻不与时俱进了!”“嘿!”克里斯汀娜哈哈大笑,“我可不会嫌弃你们的!”

书籍,在美国的家庭中是一架桥梁。每天饭后,家庭成员就会聚在一起,讨论自己正在阅读的书籍,从而使家庭成员的关系更加亲密。

美国学生的读书习惯

我的朋友可拉,AP成绩几乎都是满分,SAT和ACT的成绩也近乎满分,当我问到她到底是怎么学习的时候,她简单地回答:“就是读书啊。”

在美国,想要取得好成绩,唯一的方法就是阅读。美国人重视批判思考与独立写作的能力,而大量阅读则是培养这种能力的最好途径。所以美国的学校在学生很小的时候就要求学生读经典作品,而且是大量地读。

那么,我们会不会想:一个十几岁的孩子,能读得懂像是《奥德赛》《罪与罚》这样的作品吗?

伊塔洛·卡尔维诺,这个世界上最伟大的作家之一给出了这样的解释:这种青少年的阅读,可能(也许同时)具有形成性格的实际作用,原因是它赋予我们未来经验一种形式或形状,为这些经验提供模式,提供处理这些经验的手段,比较的措辞,把这些经验加以归类的方法,价值的衡量标准,美的范式:这一切都继续在我们身上起作用,哪怕我们已差不多忘记或完全忘记我们年轻时所读的那本书。”我们在成熟时期重读这本书,我们就会重新发现那些现已构成我们内部机制的一部分的恒定事物,尽管我们已回忆不起它们从哪里来。这种作品有一种特殊效力,就是它本身可能会被忘记,却把种子留在我们身上……

的确,小时候读的东西,在长大后可能不记得细节,但是对于那些还没有进入社会的青少年而言,经典以一种震撼人心的方式塑造著孩子的性格,告诉他们什么是善与恶,什么是人性的矛盾。而这些书,在成年后重读,能够获得更多更深刻的感受。

Central Academy 的日常

吃饭的时候读书,是Central Academy 学生的常态。

第一次带美国的妈妈去Central的时候,正好是午餐时间。因为Central不是一所完整的高中,所以没有食堂,所有人都带著午餐,在自习区或者坐在走廊上吃饭。我们走进去的时候,虽有打闹的、踢自动售货机的孩子,但是大部分人都坐在沙发上或者地上看书。

我记得非常清楚的是,有一群坐在地上的女孩围成一个圈,其中的一个正在大声地朗读莎士比亚的戏剧,其他的女孩都在仔细地听著,时不时咬一口手里的三明治。

但并不是每个人都那么热爱读书,而是Central 有每天读二十页书的任务,而且小测试不断,我读《卡拉马佐夫兄弟》的时候,有一次拖到周日晚上还有几百页没读,网上连个好的总结都找不到,当时急得我直跳脚,后悔这周没努力。

但是当我给在美国的其他中国留学(微博)生打电话时,大家连作业都没多少,更不用提读大部头的小说了。我感叹:好学校真的就是不一样。而这“好”字,恰恰就体现在阅读量上。

和美国孩子比中国留学生最缺啥能力?(下)



(来源:新浪教育)接上文

美国高中历史的style

当我在美国高中学历史的时候,曾经不停地回想在中国高中学到的方法:画表格,理时间轴,编口诀。记忆、记忆、再记忆,但是完全无效。

果。美国短短的历史课本却有一千多页,老师还打印出大量的文献让我们阅读。但是中国几千年的悠久历史,课本就是那么薄薄的几册,完全没有细节,仅仅是记概念,记定义。

刚开始我怎么也读不进去,后来每天晚上读一章,后半年才算读得进去了。可是那么多东西,根本就不知道什么是重点,而且老师也不给画重点。我很苦恼,于是给我可拉打电话。她高二的时候选的AP美国历史,轻松地拿了满分。

“可拉,我快死

了!”我一开口就说,“这破历史怎么这么多东西啊!怎么一点重点都没有啊?”她有些不解地回答:“有了重点那还是历史吗?历史上的每件事都很重要啊。”

我有些抓狂:“我不是那个意思!我是说考

试的重点是什么?”她不屑地一笑:“哈!你这个中国人!”“我知道,我知道,我知道我特功利,但是我们以前不是这么学的。”我无力地说,“我真的快被折磨死了,你赶快告诉我,你是怎么学的?”“你把那课本从头到尾读一遍呗。”

可拉说,“我就是这么学的。”“可拉!”我震惊了,“这书这么大,一千多页,起码有好几磅,书都能把我砸死!读完这书我都有孙子了!”“你别急啊,慢慢读,我有时候也读不进去,”可拉说,“我一般就是读几个小时,然后下楼做做家务什么的。”

我还是不甘心:“难道就没有别的更好的方法吗?就没有个提纲什么的能让我背的吗?”可拉有点急了:“你这人怎么这个样子啊!你不能这么学历史!你难道不认为那些细节才是历史的精华吗?那些故事非常有意思吗?你现在背了,以后肯定会忘了的,那样有什么用呢?历史是很有趣的东西!”她说的的确很有道理,但是对于我而言……

“那你在AP考试前是怎么复习的?”我不放弃,“有什么特别的方法吗?”“有!”可拉说。“什么?”我激动了起来。“我把历史书从头到尾又读了一遍。”

我顿时感觉没有了希望,只好回到那本厚厚的大书里,一点一点地读起来。可拉的话是对的,其实我在内心也没有期望她告诉我一条捷径,因为那样的话,可拉就不是可拉了,可拉

就不是那个读萨特、康德、黑格尔的可拉了。

作为 Central Academy 最优秀的学生,作为连 Central Academy 的老师们都尊敬的学生,可拉是有她学习的方法的。而这种方法,就是单纯地阅读,大量地阅读。

不阅读即是野蛮

“不读书的人,是没有潜力的”他们会永远保持他们固执的想法,不去接受新的思想,他们无法进步,即使数理化再好也无法补充阅读的空缺。

很多人认为美国人笨、智商低、数学差,但是美国人的情商却很高。这种高情商,就是通过大量的阅读来培养的。所以美国人也许不会编程序,做软件,但他们能够驾驭那些掌握专业技术知识的人。这和自己有这种能力又有什么区别呢?

“美剧之所以强大,”石康说,“是因为他们每个编剧都很牛,每个人都在特定领域内有著深厚的专业知识,组织起来就是一个全面的专业团队。而我们甚至对“创作团队”这个概念都不理解。”

我认为,在现在的中国义务教育中,应当加进大部头名著的阅读,而非仅仅几篇节选的阅读。这一点台湾就做得很好。不要被数理化的优秀蒙蔽了双眼,读书才是强国的根本啊。

出国留学读MBA 美国好还是英国好?



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MBA是出国留学的同学们申请较多的一

一起来看看!

入学要求:

美国MBA申请要求申请者具有雅思和GMAT成绩。GMAT考试不仅考查申请人的语言能力和数学能力,还要测试其头脑反应、逻辑思维和解决实际问题的能力。美国一流商学院要求申请者GMAT成绩达680分以上。

同时,美国大学还需要申请者拥有1-2年工作经验;全期修业时间为2年,不过近年陆续有大学开设一年期的MBA课程,修业时间只要12-15个月。

英国MBA一般要求申请者有雅思或托福成绩即可,个别需要GMAT。英国院校开设的MBA课程,绝大多数为一年全日制课程,只有个别院校,修课时间稍长。另外,学生还可以兼读,但修业期会较长。

一般而言,英国MBA好的院校要求学生有5年的工作经验,次佳学校也要3年。因此,如果工作经验不足,多半学生只能申请到较次的管理院校。

经济能力:

美国读MBA一般需要两年时间,基本费用(包括吃、住和学费等)最低要4·4万美元,而最高则达到30·79万美元。MBA的报名费最低为250美元,最高为700美元。除此之外,还要交书本费和计算机使用费,最低为1000美元,最高为5000美元。生活费的开支差别也比较大,这取决于吃、住的标准,自己独住和与人合租的花费就明显不同。此项花费最低也要2·2万美元,最高则可以达到6·6万美元,其中包括交通费1000至3000美元。在美国读书还必须买医疗保险,这是对外国学生的强制性要求。这项开支最低1000美元,最高6000美元。比如哈佛大学,仅学费一项就达5万多美元。与哈佛齐名的麻省理工学院略高一些,为5·16万美元。而去年全美排名第一的宾夕法尼亚大学华顿商学院的费用则略低于哈佛。

英国的MBA一般需要1年时间,全部花费大约是20-30万,学费一般1万-1.6万镑,生活费是6000镑。比如最贵的是LSE,学费是1.6万镑生活费是1万镑。其他好学校是伦敦商学院,曼大,华威,牛津大学都差不多。

另外,在奖学金方面,美国MBA奖学金多为半奖;英国MBA很少设有奖学金。同学们根据自身的实际情况作出合理选择吧!

《龍嶺迷窟》開播

潘粵明領銜 鐵三角高能不斷

由管虎担任监制，费振翔执导的探险悬疑网剧《龙岭迷窟》于4月1日20:00播出，《龙岭迷窟》改编自天下霸唱“鬼吹灯”系列的第二部，剧中由胡八一（潘粤明饰）、Shirley杨（张雨绮饰）、王胖子（姜超饰）组成的铁三角和各种惊险刺激的探险场景一直是观众们关注的焦点。而今日曝光的终极预告与主海报也再次勾起大家的好奇心，新版铁三角将会碰撞出怎样的火花？龙岭迷窟探险之旅又会呈现哪些高能场面？众多看点引爆观众期待。

《龙岭迷窟》主要讲述了胡八一、王胖子和大金牙（佟磊饰）因为一只出自陕西乡间的绣花鞋，前往古蓝县开启寻宝之旅，并偶遇了寻找龙骨天书的Shirley杨，在了解她此行的目的之后，决心一探龙岭迷窟寻找尘封的下落。在整个历程中，这支探险小分队面临重重险阻，既要智解变幻莫测的机关陷阱，勇斗神秘罕见的奇虫异兽，又要应对地痞恶霸大金牙（周晓鸥饰）一伙的威胁，而铁三角的默契也将伴随着危险的升级实现深化。

在今日曝光的海报中，铁三角眼神坚毅似乎下定决心背水一

战，海报背景中的悬梯也将原著场景进行还原，让人分外惊喜。同时曝光的终极预告中，紧张刺激的场面吊足观众胃口，马大胆开棺打旱魃、众人在地洞中被蜘蛛吓到尖叫狂跑、蝙蝠群、人面黑睡虫和巨型蜘蛛等原著中重元素的展现都令人期待加倍。为了呈现更自然真实的画面效果，剧组在制景选景上做足功课，曾在陕西神木市荒地和悬崖峭壁一带进行实拍，并努力克服了交通不便和危险环境的阻碍，耗费了诸多时间和心血。

透过官方所释放的物料不难看出，几位主演的表现着实令人惊喜。饰演胡八一的潘粤明是鬼吹灯的骨灰级铁粉，对于故事和人物有着更深度的理解，这次不仅在着装造型上实现了形似，自身的京腔本色和实力演技则使角色塑造更接近神似。预告片中，胡八一和Shirley杨战斗力爆表，潘粤明、张雨绮的动作戏干脆利落令人印象深刻。姜超饰演的王胖子则展露出角色的逗贫本性，与胡八一、大金牙在剧中插科打诨贡献了不少笑料。而鹧鸪哨（高伟光饰）也将再度现身，该人物的命运结局会在本部对观众

作出交代。另外，《龙岭迷窟》逗贫和硬核的混搭也是别具一格，用悬疑兼欢乐的风格满足观众的不同需求，看点更加丰富。

在拍摄过程中，因为故事背景和人物形象的设定，剧中主演为此吃了不少苦，每天不仅灰头土脸还要“带伤上阵”，众多动作戏份也是不小的挑战。为了实现更理想的人物创作，导演和演员们会在片场积极沟通人物关系，剧中每一个分寸把握、每一场戏的演绎、每一句台词的念法都经过团队的仔细推敲，主创团队的用心程度可见一斑，对于最终呈现的效果，导演也表示了满意和信心。值得一提的是，本部《龙岭迷窟》不仅是新版铁三角的初亮相，同时也是鬼吹灯五部连拍系列的奠基之作。

潘粤明、张雨绮、姜超等演技派演员的加盟和演绎，无疑为本剧增添了不少口碑保障，随着剧集的播出，观众也会对接下来的鬼吹灯系列产生更多期待和想象。

4月1日20点，《龙岭迷窟》将播，每周三20点更新3集，VIP抢先看下周。4月15日起，VIP额外尊享超前点播特权，每周三提速看更多。



顧佑明《民國奇探》 巧助胡壹天破懸案



由愛奇藝出品，晦樂影視、麥特文化、九州夢工廠聯合出品的民國輕喜探案劇《民國奇探》正在愛奇藝熱播，該劇由戴瑩、賈智棋擔任總制片人，張偉克執導，胡壹天、張雲龍、肖燕領銜主演，講述發生在民國時期上海灘的探案故事。每個單元案件都有實力派演員和演技突出的年輕演員助陣，看點頗豐。在最新的河神案中，顧佑明作爲主演飾演身份神秘的警探闖大個，其飾演的警探表面憨厚實則內有隱情的前後反差演技，更引發網友熱議。

《民國奇探》講述民國十四年以後，從英國留學歸來的紳士公子路垚（胡壹天飾）、巡捕房

探長喬楚生（張雲龍飾）與正義感爆棚的女記者白幼寧（肖燕飾）組成偵探三人組，偵破了壹個個看似離奇的命案，性格迥異的三人在亂世中堅守著正義，維系社會安定的傳奇故事。

在河神案這壹單元中，顧佑明飾演身材健碩、面部有燒痕警探闖大個，壹出場便嚇到胡壹天飾演的路垚。兩人組成吃貨搭檔，風趣橫生的對手戲令觀眾忍俊不禁。在調查大戶小姐何清漪失蹤案時，而兇手被認定是“小痞子”徐遠。之前憨憨神秘的闖大個，隨著調查的深入，真面目慢慢被揭開並還原真實身份——“徐遠”。

原來徐遠是爲了給死去的情

人何清漪報仇，化名闖大個臥底警察局，並引導路垚查尋真兇，癡情的闖大個最終也如願手刃真兇。該單元曲折跌宕的劇情讓觀眾看得相當過癮，有網友更稱贊：

“闖大個太帥太深情，後面報仇非常男人，又是看哭的壹天，顧佑明詮釋得太到位啦！”

《民國奇探》由多個單元案件組成，其中的單元主演都是實力派戲骨與演技突出的年輕演員。作爲河神案單元主演，顧佑明的表演得到了觀眾的認可與喜愛，而此前曾在《全職高手》中飾演霸圖戰隊隊長韓文清而備受好評的顧佑明，此次更是圈粉不少。

除了表演，顧佑明的好身材在劇中也不容忽視，壹出場就能給人震憾感。其實在生活中顧佑明壹直都堅持著運動，也經常在社交眼號上分享自己的健身視頻，教大家如何簡單的運動，快樂的運動，傳達出其熱愛生活、積極努力的正能量與人生態度，期待未來帶給我們更多的精彩。

張國榮離開已17年！ 兩片將修復重映

“夜半歌聲”香港重映
“霸王別姬”韓國推遲



香港東方影業將在今年4月，將張國榮主演、於仁泰執導的《白發魔女傳》《夜半歌聲》兩部電影作4K修復後，重新搬上香港大銀幕，用以紀念哥哥逝世17周年。

其中，張國榮、林青霞主演的《白發魔女傳》將於4月1日率先上映，張國榮、吳倩蓮主演的《夜半歌聲》則會在4月8日上映。

另外，據韓媒體報道，原定4月1日將在韓國重映的修復版《霸王別姬》將延期至5月公映。該片韓國發行方表示此舉是受新冠疫情在全球蔓延的影響，推遲上映“不可避免”。

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《美南新聞聯播》

美南新聞聯播是一檔美南國際電視台
今年最新推出的晚間直播新聞類節目。

全球直播

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美南國際電視台



节目介绍：

美南新聞聯播是一檔美南國際電視台今年最新推出的晚間直播新聞類節目。由特約主播高白，向觀眾朋友們介紹全球，美國，中國，以及台灣地區最新發生的新聞。不僅如此，美南新聞聯播還會在節目中連線加州以及加拿大華人電視台，給您帶來北美最全面的新聞資訊。

播出時間：

節目播出時間為周一至周五每天晚間6:30，次日早間7:00重播。
敬請關註。

美南廣播電視台 看電視聽廣播

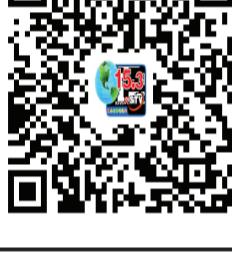
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《美南大咖談》報紙預告：

意見領袖、時尚先鋒、行業精英、
業界大咖.....
熱點時事、熱門話題、勵志故事、
傳奇人生.....

美南國際電視最新訪談欄目

《美南大咖談》隆重上線！

本期嘉賓：休斯頓TMCO交響樂團
中提琴演奏家劉銳、青年鋼琴家

LULU LIU；

熱點話題：青年鋼琴家LULU LIU的
成長之路、青少年音樂教育等

歡迎點擊以下鏈接收看：

<https://youtu.be/TmqpViWMapA>

最專業最即時多元的新聞報導，國際時事、社區動態、生活藝文資訊、氣象和路況報導。

**美南新聞聯播，每週一到週五晚6點30，
全球直播，掌握世界新聞脈動**



美南新聞聯播



美南國際電視15.3日前「電視廣播合為一體」全球直播上線，手機掃瞄二維碼就可24小時觀看該頻道，獲得廣大迴響；為廣大觀眾，讓新聞播報更即時，美南國際電視STV15.3即將在6月18日全球直播新聞「美南新聞聯播」，新聞播報時間為周一至週五傍晚6:30~7:30，讓觀眾行車間也可以方便收聽，掌握國際和社區重大新聞資訊。

美南國際電視15.3創下華人媒體創舉，將電視與廣播融為一體，帶給觀眾不同體驗。全球新聞「美南新聞聯播」，將採用全新主播陣容，用專業新聞態度為社區觀眾帶來最即時多元的新聞報導。

「美南新聞聯播」囊括國際時事、社區動態、生活藝文資訊三大版塊，播報新聞同時也會穿插氣象和路況報導，觀眾可利用網站搜尋、微信連結或下載Apps方式，行車間連接車載音響設備(數據線/藍芽設備)，可收看及收聽該頻道。



主播 高白

畢業於浙江傳媒學院新聞系播音
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中國國家級主任播音員。
1986年至2009年任浙江衛視首席新聞主播，
2010年至2015年任浙江衛視駐美國首席記者
兼新華社駐休斯頓記者（2016年卸任）。



美南電視本周節目單

Southern Television 15.3 2020年3月份電視頻道節目表							3/30/2020-4/5/2020
美中時間	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.	SUN.
00:00-00:30	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
00:30-01:00							
01:00-01:30							
01:30-02:00	國家回憶(重播)	中國緣(重播)	中華情(重播)	遠方的家(重播)	休士頓論壇(重播)	中華醫藥(重播)	生活(重播)
02:00-02:30							
02:30-03:00	中國地名大會(重播)						
03:00-03:30							
03:30-04:00	外國人在中國(重播)						
04:00-04:30							
04:30-05:00	中國輿論場(重播)						
05:00-05:30							
05:30-06:00	中國文藝(重播)	中國緣(重播)	中華情(重播)	遠方的家(重播)	休士頓論壇(重播)	中華醫藥(重播)	轉轉發現愛(重播)
06:00-06:30	洋言洋語(重播)	生活(重播)					
06:30-07:00	中國輿論場(重播)						
07:00-07:30							
07:30-08:00	央視國際新聞(重播)						
08:00-08:30							
08:30-09:00							
09:00-09:30							
09:30-10:00							
10:00-10:30							
10:30-11:00							
11:00-11:30							
11:30-12:00							
12:00-12:30	記住鄉愁(重播)						
12:30-13:00							
13:00-13:30							
13:30-14:00	轉轉發現愛(重播)	中國緣(重播)	中華情(重播)	遠方的家(重播)	休士頓論壇(重播)	中華醫藥(重播)	中國地名大會(重播)
14:00-14:30							
14:30-15:00	中國文藝(重播)	中國輿論場(重播)	外國人在中國(重播)	國家回憶(重播)	轉轉發現愛(重播)	記住鄉愁(重播)	中國輿論場(重播)
15:00-15:30							
15:30-16:00							
16:00-16:30							
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18:00-18:30							
18:30-19:00							
19:00-19:30							
19:30-20:00	中國緣	中華情	遠方的家	休士頓論壇	中華醫藥	生活	中國文藝
20:00-20:30	生活(重播)					外國人在中國	中國地名大會(重播)
20:30-21:00							
21:00-21:30							
21:30-22:00							
22:00-22:30							
23:00-23:30							
23:30-00:00							

杨俊义老师率休市拳友们 以太极拳健康“正能量”战胜疫情，共护地球

目前美国“疫情严峻”，今天休斯敦也处在“居家令”禁令下！虽然仅十日，但是为了社区每个人的健康，我们要联合起来，共同抗疫，战胜病毒！

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