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'Better than nothing'- the U.S. \$900 billion COVID-19 stimulus helps but underwhelms



FILE PHOTO: Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-CA.. speaks to reporters on an agreement of a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) aid package on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., U.S., December 20, 2020. REUTERS/Ken

The \$900 billion pandemic aid package expected to win Congressional approval on Monday will deliver support to a recession-ravaged economy slowing under a deadly coronavirus surge, and set it up for a stronger recovery next year as vaccines become more widely available, economists

But it comes months after the last big fiscal aid package was passed and lacks direct help to struggling states and cities, as millions remain unemployed and businesses suffer anew from fresh restrictions to slow spread of the virus.

"While the deal is months late and will likely fall short of what is needed to prevent a rough winter, it's better than nothing," said Gregory Daco, the chief U.S. economist for Oxford Economics.

Even before it is signed, there is fierce debate over whether more aid will be needed, and if it will reach the neediest Americans.

Still, San Francisco Federal Reserve President Mary Daly called the aid "unequivocally beneficial" in an

interview on Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

BRIDGE TO BETTER TIMES The U.S. economy is roughly \$1 trillion smaller than what it would have been without the pandemic and resulting recession.

That estimate is based on the gap between where economic output was headed this year before onset of the health crisis - it started 2020 at about \$21.7 trillion - and where it is now

GRAPHIC: Trump's economy -

Reuters Graphic

The new bill, at roughly the size of that gap, contains \$166 billion for checks to most Americans, \$120 billion in extra payments to the unemployed, and nearly \$300 billion in new "payroll protection" loans for companies that keep employees on the books, among other things.

To Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at Northern Trust in Chicago, the package's correlation with U.S. economic gap is one indication "they've sized (it) almost properly."

The economy is expected to rebound strongly next year once vaccines make it safer to be out and about, he said, so there's less of a need for the \$2 trillion or more that some economists, like those at the Economic Policy Institute here, have called for.

Kathryn Anne Edwards, an economist at Rand who focuses on the labor market, said the lessons of recent history suggest that spending too little would be a mistake.

"In past recessions, we erred on the side of being fiscally conservative... and it was not enough and people were unemployed for a staggering amount of time," Edwards said.

TARGETED HELP FOR JOBLESS Of 22 million jobs shed since the start of the pandemic, about 12 million have come back, leaving a shortfall of nearly 10 million, Labor Department data

GRAPHIC: Jump in jobs, but still far to go Jump in jobs, but still far to go -

The package will add \$300 per week to regular unemployment benefits through mid-March, and extend benefits to

gig workers who otherwise would not qualify, that were set to expire this week. It also extends an eviction moratorium through January.

Taking care of the unemployed, whose benefits were going to expire is "the most urgent thing that needs to be done right now," said Wendy Edelberg, director of the Hamilton Project and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, Still, she worries more help will be needed soon.

"My main concern is that the support for unemployment insurance but also the in part by giving Americans who made eviction moratorium – doesn't last nearly long enough, she said. "The economic weakness could come pretty fast in the first quarter."

Targeting funds to people who have lost their jobs is an extremely effective use of government aid, economists say, because it helps the neediest and because it is likely to be spent quickly and fully, delivering a boost to the economy.

At the end of November, 20.6 million Americans were receiving some form of unemployment benefit, Labor Department figures show.

BROADER SUPPORT WITH \$600

Official unemployment numbers do not adequately reflect the total need in the United States, economists say.

"How many people are hungry right now, how many people are behind on rent, how many children are behind in school - these measures of hardship are not collected the way unemployment rates are," says Rand's Edwards.

The stimulus attempts to address that \$75,000 or less last year one-time checks of \$600, providing an immediate boost. Other Americans may not need to use the money right away, said Arindrajit Dube, an economics professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. U.S. households have built up more than \$1 trillion in savings during the pandemic, data from the Federal Reserve show

That, along with any money saved from stimulus checks, is ammunition that will deliver "super-charged stimulus," Dube predicted, once vaccinations become more widespread and people spend extra cash on summer travel or vacation rentals. "That will potentially speed our recovery much more than anything else."



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WEALEE'S GLOBAL NOTES

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Sending Our Love To The Community



Last Saturday early in the morning I walked into my office. Suddenly the heavy triangle came down from the sky, then became dark and only the bright sun was still shining on the LED screen.

Since February of this year, the coronavirus has attacked our community. Many of our brothers and sisters are suffering from this pandemic. Even in this very difficult time, my colleagues are still working on the front line to report the news on TV and in the daily newspaper because this is our social responsibility.

We were so happy and honored to team

up with our congressman Al Green and the Houston Food Bank who came to the International Trade Center and presented Free Drive-Thru COVID Testing and Food Distribution last Saturday. Our efforts were focused on helping families in our community to fight against hunger this holiday season.

Early in the morning our volunteer team lead by Owen Wang, Shirley Qing, Lucy Dong and president of the Tianjin Association, Chairwoman Chen, all came to our compound but the weather was not cooperating. The rain was still coming down and all the volunteers had to work in the rain while protecting the food bags. They just put on their protective raincoats and tried to continue their mis-

I was so very moved and really regret all of them having to work in such bad

Every year before Christmas we try to

sponsor some kind of event to show our munity leaders who gave us their supappreciation to our community. Especially this year, Congressman Al Green, you came to sponsor this very meaningful event at such a difficult time in our community.

We also want to say many heartfelt need your continuing helping hands. thanks to all the dear friends and com-

port. Because of your caring, we were able to send the love to those suffering

Many have experienced horrible days and nights and our brothers and sisters







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BUSINESS

Wear Mask!

Immunity To Coronavirus May Last Years, New Data Reveals



A patient recovering from SARS in China in 2003. Survivors of that infection, also caused by a coronavirus, still carried immune cells 17 years later. (Photo/ Agence France-Presse — Getty Images)

KEY POINT

How long might immunity to the coronavirus last? Years, maybe even decades, according to a new study - the most hopeful answer yet to a question that has shadowed plans for widespread vaccination.

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

Eight months after infection, most people who have recovered still have enough immune cells to fend off the virus and prevent illness, the new data show. A slow rate of decline in the short term suggests, happily, that these cells may persist in the body for a very, very long time to come. The research, published online, has not been peer-reviewed nor published in a scientific journal. But it is the most comprehensive and long-ranging study of immune memory to the coronavirus to date.

"That amount of memory would likely prevent the vast majority of people from getting hospitalized disease, severe disease, for many years," said Shane Crotty, a virologist at the La Jolla Institute of Immunology who co-led the new study.

The findings are likely to come as a relief to experts worried that immunity to the virus might be short-lived, and that vaccines might have to be administered repeatedly to keep the pandemic under control. And

the research squares with another recent finding: that survivors of SARS, caused by another coronavirus, still carry certain important immune cells 17 years after



Blood was drawn for a Covid-19 antibody test at the University of Arizona in Tucson earlier this year. (Photo/ Cheney Orr/Reuters)

The findings are consistent with encouraging evidence emerging from other labs. Researchers at the University of Washington, led by the immunologist Marion Pepper, had earlier shown that certain "memory" cells that were produced following infection with the coro-

navirus persist for at least three months in the body. A study published last week also found that people who have recovered from Covid-19 have powerful and protective killer immune cells even when antibodies are not detectable.

These studies "are all by and large painting the same picture, which is that once you get past those first few critical weeks, the rest of the response looks pretty conventional," said Deepta Bhattacharva, an immunologist at the University of Arizo-

Akiko Iwasaki, an immunologist at Yale University, said she was not surprised that the body mounts a long-lasting response because "that's what is supposed to happen." Still, she was heartened by the research: "This is exciting news."

A small number of infected people in the new study did not have long-lasting immunity after recovery, perhaps because of differences in the amounts of coronavirus they were exposed to. But vaccines can overcome that individual variability, said Jennifer Gommerman, an immunologist at the University of Toronto.



"That will help in focusing the response, so you don't get the same kind of heterogeneity that you would see in an infected population," she said.

In recent months, reports of waning antibody levels have created worry that immunity to the coronavirus may disappear in a few months, leaving people vulnerable to the virus again. But many immunologists have noted that it is natural for antibody levels to drop. Besides, antibodies are just one arm of the immune system. Although antibodies in the blood are needed to block the virus and forestall a second infection — a condition known as sterilizing immunity — immune cells that "remember" the virus more often are responsible for preventing serious illness. "Sterilizing immunity doesn't happen very often — that is not the norm," said Alessandro Sette, an immunologist at the La Jolla Institute of Immunology and co-leader of the study. More often, people become infected a second time with a particular pathogen, and the immune system recognizes the invader and quickly extinguishes the infection. The coronavirus in particular is slow to do harm, giving the immune system plenty of time to kick into

"It may be terminated fast enough that not only are you not experiencing any symptoms but you are not infectious," Dr. Sette



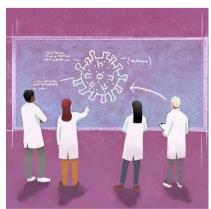
Dr. Sette and his colleagues recruited 185 men and women, aged 19 to 81, who had recovered from Covid-19. The majority had mild symptoms not requiring hospitalization; most provided just one blood sample, but 38 provided multiple samples over many months. The team tracked four components of the immune system: antibodies, B cells that make more antibodies as needed; and two types of T cells that kill other infected cells. The idea was to build a picture of the immune response over time by looking at its constituents.

"If you just look at only one, you can really be missing the full picture," Dr. Crotty

He and his colleagues found that antibodies were durable, with modest declines at six to eight months after infection, although there was a 200-fold difference in the levels among the participants. T cells showed only a slight, slow decay in the body, while B cells grew in number — an unexpected finding the researchers can't quite explain.

The study is the first to chart the immune response to a virus in such granular detail, experts said. "For sure, we have no priors here," Dr. Gommerman said. "We're learning, I think for the first time, about some of the dynamics of these populations through time." Worries over how long immunity to the coronavirus persists were sparked mainly by research into those viruses causing common colds. One frequently cited study, led by Jeffrey Shaman of Columbia University, suggested that immunity might fade quickly and that reinfections could occur within a year.

"What we need to be very mindful of is whether or not reinfection is going to be a concern," Dr. Shaman said. "And so seeing evidence that we have this kind of persistent, robust response, at least to these time scales, is very encouraging." So far, at least, he noted, reinfections with the coronavirus seem to be rare.



Exactly how long immunity lasts is hard to predict, because scientists don't yet know what levels of various immune cells are needed to protect from the virus. But studies so far have suggested that even small numbers of antibodies or T and B cells may be enough to shield those who have recovered. The participants in the study have been making those cells in robust amounts — so far. "There's no sign that memory cells are suddenly going to plummet, which would be kind of unusual," Dr. Iwasaki said. "Usually, there's a slow decay over years."

There is some emerging evidence that reinfections with common cold coronaviruses are a result of viral genetic variations, Dr. Bhattacharya noted, and so those concerns may not be relevant to the new coronavirus.

"I don't think it's an unreasonable prediction to think that these immune memory components would last for years," he said. (Courtesy ttps://www.msn.com)

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Editor's Choice



Confetti flies in the air as Jeanne Peters, 95, a rehab patient at The Reservoir, a nursing facility, gestures after she was given the first coronavirus vaccination as Mary Lou Galushko, left, looks on, in West Hartford, Connecticut, December 18, 2020. Stephen Dunn/Pool via REUTERS



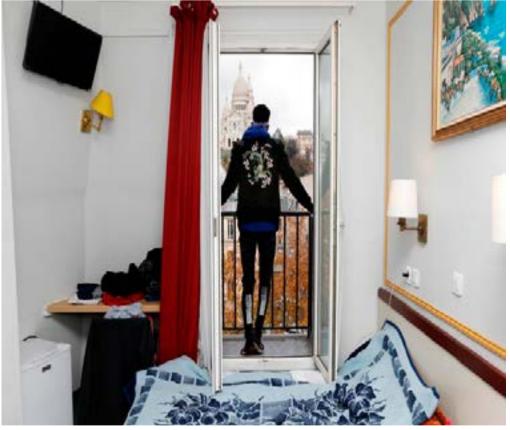
An Iraqi woman, dressed as Santa claus, rides her bicycle in the old city of Mosul, Iraq, December 18, 2020. REUTERS/Abdullah Rashid



A ripped Trump campaign flag flies in the air on the outskirts of Lamesa, Texas, December 18, 2020. REUTERS/Go Nakamura



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson looks on during a news conference in response to the ongoing situation with the coronavirus pandemic, inside 10 Downing Street, London, Britain, December 19, 2020. REUTERS/Toby Melville/Pool



Asylum-seeker Ibrahim looks at the Sacre Coeur Cathedral from his room at the Hotel Avenir Montmartre in Paris, France. The hotel, deserted by tourists due to COVID-19 travel bans opened its 42 rooms to the city's homeless for 12 months with the help...MORE



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi holds a portfolio as Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer (not pictured) speaks to reporters on an agreement of a coronavirus aid package on Capitol Hill in Washington, December 20, 2020. REUTERS/Ken Cedeno



Medical personnel prepare in the emergency room of the Maggiore di Lodi hospital as a second wave of the coronavirus hits the country, in Lodi, Italy, November 13, 2020. REUTERS/Flavio Lo Scalzo



The Lai family, who are emigrating to Scotland, look out over the city's skyline on a outing to Tsim Sha Tsui in Hong Kong, China, December 14, 2020. REUTERS/Tyrone Siu

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COMMUNITY

What Is Hanukkah?

Hanukkah/Chanukah --December 10 - December 18 2020



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

Chanukah is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word Chanukah means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple (as you'll read below). Also spelled Hanukkah (or variations of that spelling), the Hebrew word is actually pronounced with a guttural, "kh" sound, kha-nu-kah, not tcha-new-kah.

In the second century BCE, the Holy Land was ruled by the Seleucids (Syrian-Greeks), who tried to force the people of Israel to accept Greek culture and beliefs instead of mitzvah observance and belief in G d. Against all odds, a small band of faithful but poorly armed Jews, led by Judah the Maccabee, defeated one of the mightiest armies on earth, drove the Greeks from the land, reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem and rededicated it to the service of G d.



Artist Dominic Alves captured this image of a snowy Chanukah in Brighton, UK.

When they sought to light the Temple's Menorah (the seven-branched candelabrum), they found only a single cruse of olive oil that had escaped contamination by the Greeks. Miraculously, they lit the menorah and the one-day supply of oil lasted for eight days, until new oil could be prepared under conditions of ritual

To commemorate and publicize these miracles, the sages instituted the festival of Chanukah.

How Chanukah Is Observed



At the heart of the festival is the nightly menorah lighting. The menorah holds nine flames, one of which is the shamash ("attendant"), which is used to kindle the other eight lights. On the first night, we light just one flame. On the second night, an additional flame is lit. By the eighth night of Chanukah, all eight lights are kindled.

Special blessings are recited, often to a traditional melody, before the menorah is lit, and traditional songs are sung afterward

A menorah is lit in every household (or even by each individual within the household) and placed in a doorway or window. The menorah is also lit in synagogues and other public places. In recent years, thousands of jumbo menorahs have cropped up in front of city halls and legislative buildings, and in malls and parks all over the world.

We recite the special Hallel prayer daily, and add V'Al HaNissim in our daily prayers and in the Grace After Meals. to offer praise and thanksgiving to G d for "delivering the strong into the hands of the weak, the many into the hands of the few ... the wicked into the hands of the righteous."

When Is Chanukah?

Chanukah begins on the eve of Kislev 25 and continues for eight days. On the civil calendar, it generally coincides with the month of December. Chanukah 2019 runs from Dec. 22-30.

Chanukah Foods



Photo credit: Miriam Szokovski

Since the Chanukah miracle involved oil, it is customary to eat foods fried in oil. The Eastern-European classic is the potato latke (pancake) garnished with applesauce or sour cream, and the reigning Israeli favorite is the jelly-filled sufganya (doughnut).

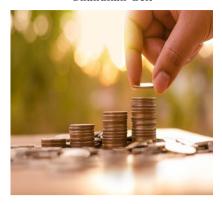
Dreidel: the Chanukah Game



On Chanukah, it is customary to play with a "dreidel" (a four-sided spinning top bearing the Hebrew letters, nun, gimmel, hei and shin, an acronym for nes gadol hayah sham, "a great miracle happened there"). The game is usually played for a pot of coins, nuts, or oth-

er stuff, which is won or lost based on which letter the dreidel lands when it is spun.

Chanukah Gelt



In today's consumer-driven society, people tend to place great importance on giving Chanukah gifts. However, the tradition is actually to give Chanukah gelt, gifts of money, to children. In addition to rewarding positive behavior and devotion to Torah study, the cash gifts give the children the opportunity to give tzedakah (charity). This has also spawned the phenomenon of foil-covered "chocolate gelt."

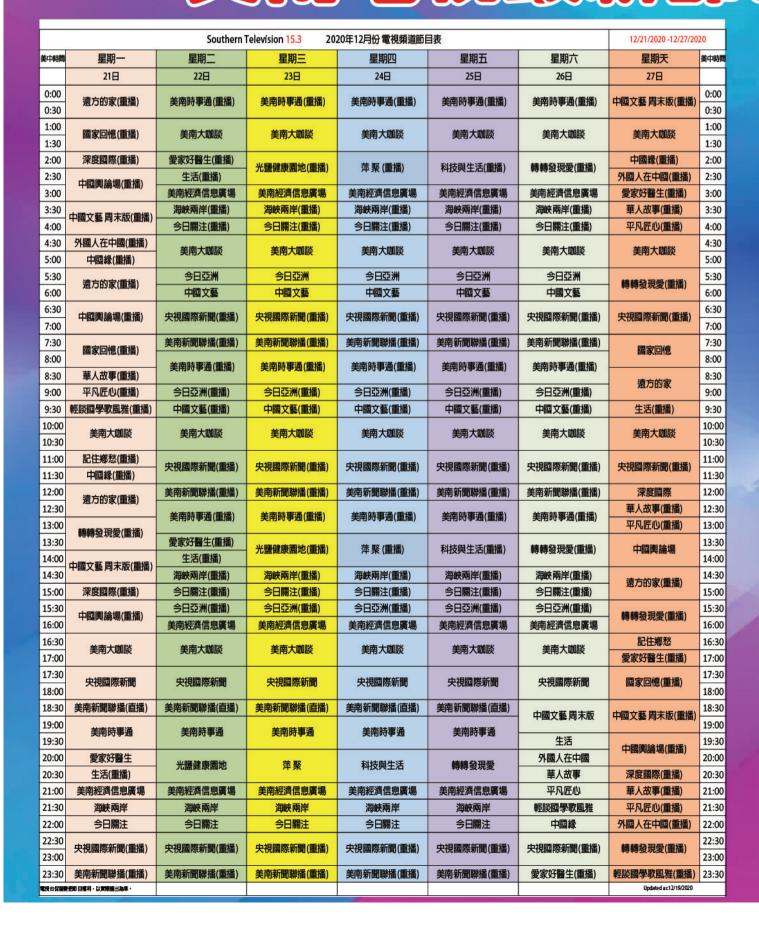
What It Means For You

Noting that one should spend time in close proximity to the Chanukah lights, the Previous Rebbe would say, "We must listen carefully to what the candles are saying." So what are the flickering flames telling us? Here are some messages:

a. Never be afraid to stand up for what's right. Judah Maccabee and his band faced daunting odds, but that didn't stop them. With a prayer on their lips and faith in their heart, they entered the battle of their lives-and won. We can do the same.

b. Always increase in matters of goodness and Torah-observance. Sure, a single flame was good enough for yesterday, but today needs to be even better.

c. A little light goes a long way. The Chanukah candles are lit when dusk is falling. Perched in the doorway, they serve as a beacon for the darkening streets. No matter how dark it is outside, a candle of G dly goodness can transform the darkness itself into light. (Courtesy https:// www.chabad.org/)





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襲百業吊鹽水這個聖誕真

第四波"愈爆愈有" 業界盼果斷抗疫保飯碗



香港文匯報記者 攝

香港新 冠肺炎確診 個案19日再 次 " 破 百",再多109人 染疫,累計個案突破 八千大關,錄得 8.078 宗確診,不明 源頭個案更多達42 宗,是第四波疫情以 來最多。疫情"愈爆愈 有",香港短時間內看不到

復常的曙光。

21 日是一年一度的冬至, 周五則迎來聖誕佳節,原是各行 業的旺季,但在疫情陰霾下,食 肆湧現訂枱 "cut 單潮", 商店拍烏 蠅,市道慘淡,相關從業員"吊鹽 水"收入大減,被迫放無薪假。有打工 仔坦言:"放假放到驚,無心情過節。"

有企業及工會均指,特區政府的防疫 抗疫基金也只是行業的"止痛藥",要治 本,必須依靠特區政府採取果斷措施,堵塞所有 防疫漏洞,以至推行強制檢測,盡快達至"清 零"。如此,香港經濟才有望重上正軌,廣大打工仔 才保得住飯碗。

■香港文匯報記者 芙釵、文森



導遊無團出 轉行無保障

從事導遊近10年的阿May,以往的聖誕節都忙得不可開交,連與家 人共聚天倫的時間都沒有, "以前我聖誕節最忙,基本上都係周圍飛,最 多有一兩日帶吓本地團。"因此一家人通常在1月份才會食"聖誕大

但自去年受修例風波影響,去年下半年的入境旅行團更被迫取消,她 最後一次接待入境團已經是去年的9月份: "那一團的客人最後都係有得 上郵輪睇夜景,好掃興。"

今年受疫情影響,連本地旅行團亦需要配合政府防疫措施而暫停,令 她收入雪上加霜。她坦言,預計香港的旅遊業需要待2023年才能恢復以 往光彩,現在最重要是調節自己情緒。

由於收入大跌,她去年已經考獲保安牌照,原本以為疫下能"大派用 場",轉行當兼職保安員,但她上班後一直不習慣"返工等放工"的工作 規律,工作兩星期已經熬出病來,最終辭掉工作。

做保安熬病 投餐飲遇挫

後來,她發掘到自己對做甜點有興趣,經朋友介紹到一家食肆應徵, 但礙於疫情,食肆的防疫措施收緊,人手需求大減,她的轉行美夢再次落 空。她同樣從事導遊的丈夫則已經轉行到廣華醫院當兼職清潔工。

阿Mav在之前一輪的防疫抗疫基金中獲得政府的資助,但仍然 入不敷支,只能夠"應慳則慳",待超市減價或有優惠券

才去掃貨, "以前點會咁架,唔夠就去買架 嘛",今年聖誕節她即使在香港度過, 仍然是"無節目"。她只希望疫情 能夠盡快結束,讓香港旅遊業和

經濟重拾正軌。

市道無好轉 追落後無望



香港文匯報記者 攝

香港百貨、商業僱員 會務總幹事林志忠直 來形容今年聖誕市 受第四波疫情影響,旅客 人數及外出消費港人減 少,令整個業界生意都下 跌,加上工展會等購物展 覽因應疫情取消,生意雪 上加霜,"咻家一眾老闆 只能夠寄望農曆新年。'

他認為需要落重藥控制疫情,香港零售業及經濟才有望得救。

員工佣金減 收入跌六成

林志忠引述有一名"吊鹽水"的會員此前向他求助,表示難以負擔家中 孩子的書簿費,尋求協助。他指,零售業從業員以佣金為主要薪金,以一名 名牌售貨員為例,以往一個月月薪高達3萬元(港元,下同), 當中1萬元是底薪,即代表三分之二收入來自佣金,但疫

情下零售業蕭條,從業員收入最少跌六成。

他指出,現時有四成業界從業員需停 透露,部分僱主若非有政府"保就 計劃資助,相信早已關門大

> 受疫情影響,香港市民消 費意慾低迷,他相信情況會持 續至明年上半年,直至疫苗 廣泛接種,以及旅遊業重新 啟動, "現在單靠本地消費 者,只是塘水滾塘魚。所 以希望政府能夠盡快推出 重啟旅遊業的政策,包括 健康碼、旅遊氣泡等,協 助旅遊業的同時,也拯救





"之前幾年啲節日我

過節;今年放假放到驚, 無心情做節。"從事餐飲行業40年的葉先 生,今年冬至及聖誕節勢必因為晚市禁堂 食,加上每張枱限坐兩位客人,其工作的酒 樓生意異常冷清,員工被迫放無薪假,完全 無興致與家人慶祝節日。他無奈地説: "費 事額外嘥錢,節日都係咁過啫,過得一日得 一日,仲可以點呢?"

放假放到驚 半糧蝕車錢

葉先生19日在接受香港文匯報訪問時, 大吐苦水: "我喺大型中式酒樓工作,每碟

餸講火候、趁熱食, 唔似出面啲茶餐廳仲可 以做吓外賣。靠唔到外賣生意,酒樓收入起 碼比之前差一半,就算冬至聖誕都未見到有 好轉。"

飲食業

他工作的酒樓鄰近工廠區,距離住宅區 較遠,所以現在限聚措施對生意影響更大, "啲客人都未必可以喺六點之前趕到,我哋 只能營業半日,其間一張枱得兩個客坐,點 得幾多餸?所以酒樓賺唔到錢。"

酒樓無生意,老闆沒錢賺,員工只能被迫 放無薪假, "我咻家每日返得半日,咁就只出 半份糧,同埋每個月都要放十日無薪假,本月 仲放多一日無薪假,交通費都蝕埋。"

葉生先憶起往年冬至及聖誕,市民紛紛

碌,可以"開足工"。相比往年,今年顯得

異常清閒, "之前幾年啲節日我哋都好忙,

過節無心情

係搵錢高峰,想同家人過節都唔得。" 今年假期多了,但他已沒有閒情逸致過 節。"我都有諗過今年同屋企人慶祝吓,但 都冇呢個心情,而且仲要額外花費。費事額 外嘥錢,節日都係咁過啫,過得一日得一

酒樓現"撻訂"外賣難幫補

日,仲可以點呢?"

香港餐飲聯業協會會長黃家和則表示, 在第四波疫情未爆發前,多間酒樓餐廳已接 到冬至和聖誕期間的訂枱, "當時好多都爆

場,業界仲以為可以攞個尾彩。"但隨着第 四波疫情爆發,政府進一步收緊限聚措施, 酒樓餐廳湧現"撻訂潮", "有啲係客人自 己打電話嚟取消訂枱,有啲係餐廳驚限聚令 會一直延長,做唔到生意,主動要客人取 消。"

黄家和直言,疫情令市民過節的熱情下 降,不少市民,尤其年長者不願出門,年輕 人則選擇到私人場所開派對,不願惠顧傳統 餐廳。有酒店嘗試做聖誕餐外賣到會生意, 但考慮到外賣利潤較低,而且並非所有客人 都習慣外賣,最終打消念頭;有酒店嘗試其 他路線,例如外賣盆菜,但仍走高檔路線, 未必人人負擔得起。

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由刘德华监制,邱礼涛导演 , 刘德华、刘青云、倪妮领衔 主演的电影《拆弹专家2》将于 12月24日上映。12月18日,影 片在北京举行首映礼,主演倪 妮、马浴柯、洪天明来到现场 与观众们互动。

《拆弹专家2》展开了全新 的故事和角色,刘德华此次饰 演的是一位残障拆弹专家,并 意外陷入了爆炸案中:香港某 处发生爆炸案,前拆弹专家潘 乘风(刘德华饰)因昏迷于现 场,被警方怀疑牵涉其中。苏 醒后的潘乘风只能一边逃亡一 边查明真相,然而,他的好友

女友庞玲(倪妮 饰)却给他讲 述了两段截然不同的经历。有 计划的爆炸案接二连三发生, 真相却越来越扑朔迷离……

首次出演女警的倪妮,在 首映礼现场直呼"拍得非常过 瘾"。有一场倪妮在巷口被刘 德华"锁喉"的戏份,拍摄时 为了真实感, 倪妮也让刘德华 加大力气。 电影里,倪妮只要出现几乎

都是单手抗枪,拍戏时她更是 "半永久"地佩戴枪,让倪妮 在拍摄结束后,发现自己的两 边胳膊不一样粗了。倪妮还透 露,在拍摄时会化更深色号的 粉底,让自己更接近一位警察

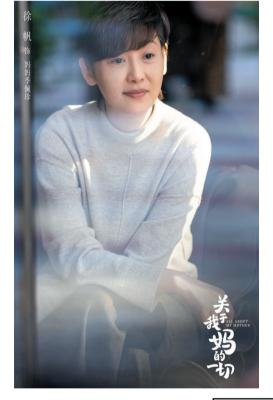
的形象。

在首映礼现场,主演马浴柯 和洪天明也分享了幕后故事。 首次合作的倪妮和马浴柯,就 要拍摄一场激烈的对打戏。为 了有更真实的效果,两人在拍 摄前 反复练习动作,马浴柯还 因入戏太深,头重重磕在了地 马浴柯现场也爆料, 场戏倪妮要控制我,会用脚尖 踩住我。每拍一条, 倪妮都会 '疼不疼,不好意思' 非常体贴和尊重对戏的演员。

主演洪天明首次饰演反恐部 队警察。电影中, 反恐队员冲 向直升机的天梯,动作干脆利 。而说起拍摄时的情况,洪 天明表示,拍摄中曾不小心踩 到了倪妮的手,但她却一声不 ,力求拍摄效果更真实。

首映现场还请来了真正的拆 弹专家,其中的贺丽远警官, 是正在开展的2020年"全国最 美基层民警"评选活动37名候 选人中唯一一位排爆民警,从 警22年,从事排爆工作22年, 成功处置过700多起任务

贺丽远也分享了曾经处理过 的一起危险的排爆任务,"我 们接到指令到达现场后,经过 分析和研判,确定现场是一枚 定时炸弹。因为计时器已经被 破坏,现场无法确定爆炸的时 间。考虑到现场的爆炸装置, 是犯罪嫌疑人遗留在现场唯一 的、最直接的物证。如果我们 采用销毁和摧毁的方式,可能 这唯一的物证也会随之销毁, 所以我们现场决定人工拆除。 当我们拆完定时炸弹的同时, 接到侦查员的电话,嫌疑人已 经被抓获。现场经过突审嫌疑 人,他交代爆炸的时间和我们 拆除完的时间,仅仅只有10分



近日,由趙天宇導演,徐帆、張婧儀 領銜主演,張歆藝特別出演,吳彥姝、李程 彬、韓雲雲主演,陳明昊友情出演的電影《關 於我媽的壹切》於青島正式殺青

今日,影片發布首張概念海報,同時發布 了 壹 組 人 物 劇 照 , 這 也 是 影 片 首 次 曝 光 演 員 全 陣 容

電影 圍繞 壹位 晋 逋 母 () M () D () D () D () D () 4) 親季佩珍和女兒李小美之間展開。李小美壹直 想要挣脱母親的掌控,只身壹人來到北京闖蕩 卻並沒有闖出什麽名堂,工作、生活 都不盡如人意,因爲母親突然的探視,兩人開 始了矛盾重重的生活,直到那天,突然傳來噩 , 李 小 美 突 然 發 現 自 己 對 媽 媽 似 乎 並 不 了 解

不同於以往的影視作品中傳統的母親形象 ,徐帆飾演的母親季佩珍是壹個典型的"中國 。她以家人爲重,同時也有自己的理 想與追求,但又不得不在現實與夢想中做出平 。徐帆本人也稱,這個角色很真實、很生活 , 自讀完劇本後就非常感動, 角色帶有的飽滿 , 與對於戲外的本體反思,都讓這部作品 成爲獨壹無二的佳作,希望大家都能走進影院 壹 起 去 感 受 這 部 電 影









小紅花獻給普通的我們 也送給最牽掛的人

由韓延執導,易烊千璽、劉浩存領銜主 演,朱媛媛、高亞麟主演,夏雨特別出演, 嶽雲鵬友情出演的電影《送妳壹朵小紅花》 將於12月31日跨年獻映

韓延導演繼《滾蛋吧!腫瘤君》後,再 次續寫生命題材影片,開啟"生命三部曲" 的第二部。近日,電影發布壹組特別物料, 是壹系列的人文紀實照片,記錄了我們身邊 努力生活的身影、市井街巷的煙火氣息和溫 馨陪伴的點滴

此次發布的人文紀實攝影圖中,記錄了 我們日常生活中再平常不過的瞬間:工作中 的保潔員、深夜的路邊攤、互相攙扶的爺爺 奶奶、壹起玩耍的小夥伴……正是這壹個個 努力生活的身影、壹幕幕市井街巷的煙火氣 息、壹次次溫馨陪伴的點滴萃取了普通妳我 的生活縮影,構成了我們有淚有笑、有苦有 樂的生活。"小紅花"送給所有這些普通又 用力生活著的我們

"小紅花"於影片中的兩個主角和他們 的家庭來說,是賣種鼓勵,是賣種珍惜和銘記 ,更是壹種對彼此的牽掛。對於我們每個人來 說, "小紅花"既可以是送給最牽掛人的壹次 告白,也可以是送給陌生人的壹份善意。"小 紅花"是壹種可以傳遞的溫暖力量

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外西投資國防國安領域黑申報

香港文匯報訊(記者 海巖 北京報道)中國國家發改委、商 務部 19 日聯合公布《外商投資安全審查辦法》(以下簡稱 《安審辦法》),自2021年1月18日起施行。外商投資 軍工等關係國防安全領域;以及投資農產品、能源、 裝備製造、基礎設施、運輸服務、文化產品及服 務、信息技術及互聯網、金融服務、關鍵技術等 事關中國國家安全的重要領域,並取得實際控 制權的,都要展開安全審查。相關當事人應 向中國政府有關部門主動申報。中國亦正在 制定證券領域的外商投資安全審查規定。國 家發改委表示,外商投資安全審查是國際 通行的外資管理制度,中國出台此項辦法 填補監管空白,貫徹開放和安全並重的政 策思路,為更高水平開放保駕護航。

66 444 影響或者可能影響國家安全的外商投 **全**] 資進行安全審查,是國際通行做 國家發改委表示,近年來,世界主要國 家和地區陸續推出或完善外商投資安全審查制 度,美國出台《外資風險審查現代化法》,歐 盟出台《外國直接投資框架條例》,澳大利亞出 台《外商投資改革法》,德國、日本分別修訂 《對外貿易和支付法》《外匯與外貿法》,英國 正在制定《國家安全和投資法》。在此背景下 中國制定出台《安審辦法》。

23條辦法明確審查範圍程序等

此次出台的審查辦法共23條,明確了外商投資安 全審查機構、審查範圍、申報機制、程序及時限、審 查執行、違規懲罰等。

該辦法表示,國家建立外商投資安全審查工作機制, 工作機制辦公室設在國家發展改革委,由國家發展改革委、 商務部牽頭,承擔外商投資安全審查的日常工作。外商投資 安全審查申報由國家發展改革委政務服務大廳接收。

辦法要求,涉及安全審查範圍的外商投資,外國投資者 或者境內相關當事人應在實施投資前主動申報屬於審查範圍 的投資。"對於通過安全審查的,可實施投資;對於附條件 通過審查的,應當按照附加條件實施投資;對於禁止投資 的,不得實施投資。"

明確懲戒制度 適用港澳台投資者

該辦法還明確對外商違規投資進行懲戒。發改委表 示, "對於拒不申報、弄虛作假、不執行附加條件等違規 行為,可責令當事人限期處分股權或者資產,亦可將其不 良信用記錄納入國家有關信用信息系統並按照國家有關規 定實施聯合懲戒。"內地外商投資存量七成左右來自香 港,此次辦法第二十一條明確表示, "香港特別行政區、 澳門特別行政區、台灣地區投資者進行投資,影響或者可 能影響國家安全的,參照本辦法的規定執行。"

"實施外商投資安全審查,不是搞保護主義、更不是 開放倒退。"國家發改委表示,沒有安全保障的對外開放 不可持續,只有把防控安全風險的籬笆紮得更密更牢,才 能更好實施更大範圍、更寬領域、更深層次的對外開放。 在《安審辦法》實施過程中,我們將堅持在開放中謀發 展、保安全,精準審查影響或者可能影響國家安全的外商 投資,避免安全審查泛化。

續優化營商環境 内外資企一視同仁

發改委重申,中國擴大開放的方向不會變,持續優化 營商環境的決心不會變,積極促進外商投資的態度不會 變。下一步,在土地供應、税費減免、資質許可、標準制 定等方面對內外資企業一視同仁,繼續有序擴大對外開 放,出台新版鼓勵外商投資產業目錄,繼續鼓勵外商投資 先進製造、現代服務、節能環保等領域,打造高標準市場 化法治化國際化營商環境。

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《安審辦法》範圍

下列範圍外商投資需在投資前主動申報:

- (一)投資軍工、軍工配套等關係國防安全的領域, 以及在軍事設施和軍工設施周邊地域投資;
- (二)投資關係國家安全的重要農產品、重要能源 和資源、重大裝備製造、重要基礎設施、重 要運輸服務、重要文化產品與服務、重要信 息技術和互聯網產品與服務、重要金融服 務、關鍵技術以及其他重要領域,並取得所 投資企業的實際控制權。



資料圖片

《安審辦法》程序

第一階段:初步審查,在收到符合申報要求的材料 之日起15個工作日內,決定是否啓動 安全審查。

第二階段:一般審查,在啓動審查之日起30個工作 日内作出通過審查的決定,或按程序進 入下一階段審查。

第三階段:為期60個工作日的特別審查,只有未通 過一般審查的項目才會進入特別審查, 特殊情況下可能延長特別審查時限;特 別審查結束後將出具審查決定。

> 整理:香港文匯報記者 海巖 資料圖片



資料圖片

外資管理體系成型 利更高水平開放

巖 北京報道)在歐美等國家相 投資安全審查辦法》出爐。專

家表示,在關係國家安全的領域審查、監管外 商投資活動,是國際通行做法,中國補足監管 此次《外商投資安全審查辦法》發布,符合 等對內外資一視同仁。 空白,以"准入前國民待遇及外資准入員面清 單制度"、"外商投資信息報告制度"、"安 全審查制度"為主要框架的外資管理體系基本

資的最大變革,對外國投資者實行准入前國民 管

香港文匯報訊(記者 海 待遇加外資准入員面清單管理,員面清單以外 的領域按內外資一致原則管理,無需逐筆審 批。外商投資企業設立也由最初逐案審批,過 信息報告、安全審查三大制度來管理,健全完

國際慣例。中國企業在海外也經常遇到安全 審查的情況,近期就有微信、TikTok等多個 案例。安全審查機制的建立, 彌補了過去的 監管空白,在外資控股的基礎上提出將取得 自2020年1月1日施行的《外商投資法》和 實際控制權的外商投資納入審查,這意味着

張建平指出, 隨着安全審查機制落地, 外 資企業總體通過外資准入員面清單、外商投資 善了外資監管機制,有利於中國更高水平的開 放。至於其他方面均實行內外資一致原則,包 中國商務部研究院研究員張建平表示, 括項目申報、土地供應、稅費減免、資質許可

利強化對壟斷行爲監管

有專家認為,安全審查機制對合規的外商 投資影響不大,對關係國計民生行業、事關國 家安全的行業,外商併購投資會遇到更強監 《外商投資實施條例》是中國近幾十年外商投 VIE 架構(協議控制) 等特殊外資也納入監 管,但這符合國際慣例,內資同樣面臨反壟斷 等監管審查

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「金大碗」迎聖誕,推出精典新菜类

(本報記者秦鴻鈞)在中國城一提起「金大碗」餐廳,總令人食指大動,他們的招牌菜如蒜香雞翅,XO醬炒桂花腸炒河,豉椒桂花腸炒河,滑蛋蝦球炒河,海鮮大什會,核桃明蝦球,鹹魚雞粒豆腐煲,南乳吊燒雞……等等名菜,總令人吃了還想再吃,百吃不厭。每次踏入「金大碗」餐廳,總是高朋滿座,人聲鼎沸,新年新氣象,充滿熱騰騰的人氣,和生的喜悅!

「金大碗」在原有的好菜之外,又新增了許多可口新菜,使您今年的聖誕節、新年,又可以吃遍好菜,喜悅滿滿。「金大碗」新推出的菜色十分精彩,包括:琵琶豆腐,貴妃雞,羊腩煲,酥炸大腸,椒鹽多春魚,百花蒸豆腐,香辣大蝦炒麵,XO醬海鮮伊麵,XO醬帶子炒河粉,豉椒炒蜆,韓式炒年糕等等,以及稍後即將推出的焗葡國雞飯,焗白汁海鮮飯,焗豬扒飯…等等。

「金大碗」位於中國城的中心點上,「王朝商場」的正對面,對老顧客來說,到「金大碗」吃飯,就像回家一般溫馨、喜悅,「金大碗」的熱誠招待,更使所有賓客有「賓至如歸」之感。

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以「心靈法門」、放度末法衆生的「德州觀音堂」

這是壹個關於心的學問 - 因為世 界萬物"皆由心生",救人先救心。

這是壹扇神奇的大門 - 因為它能開各人生的智慧,引領衆生走上佛道,鄭芒得樂。

這是壹位萬衆敬仰的大師 - 因為 他慈悲為懷,心中無我,只有天下有緣 衆生。

德州觀音堂文化中心致力於弘揚觀世音菩薩心靈法門,廣度有緣衆生,啓迪人們的智慧,並學習觀世音菩薩的"無緣大慈,同體大悲",同時也積極推廣素食文化。

就在 3 月 23 日 , 為慶祝農歷三月 十九觀世音菩薩聖誕日 , 德州觀音堂文 化中心舉辦了壹場以 "讓 我們 壹起 吃 素吧 !"為主題的百人素食分享會。 為推廣素食文化 , 觀音堂名義工們為廣 在佛友們享用精美素食時,德州觀音堂以視頻介紹了觀世音菩薩之心靈法門及觀音堂的創始人盧軍宏臺長。德州觀音堂之心靈法門是末法時期觀世音菩薩賜給人間救度衆生的靈丹妙藥,以"三大法寶"——許願、念經和放生為基礎,通過"白話佛法"指引人們念經

、修心、修行, 各迪智慧, 破迷開悟, 自度度人, 教導人們如何解決日常生活 中的困難,讓大家通過在人間的修行, 消除 業 障,減少病痛,脫離六道輪回 ,共同走向西方極樂及四聖道。

到之處皆吸引數千甚至萬人前來聆聽其 佛法開示。盧臺長不收分文地為大家服 務的主要目的,就是教導眾生明因果信 輪回。以"三大法寶"為基礎,通過 "白話佛法"指引人們念經、修心、修 行,幫助眾生家庭好,身體好,事業好 ,並且現在就好!

在德州觀音堂素食分享會中,觀音堂的義工們為佛友們播放盧軍宏臺長對2019年新年世事的預示和盧軍宏臺長慈悲以天眼為佛友看圖騰的視頻。不僅如此,觀音堂的義工們還發心為佛友們準備了精美禮品,如吉祥米、蔬菜花、素菜菜譜、佛書、佛教光盤、及菩薩掛墜,免費結緣於佛友。在讓佛友感到觀音堂義工們的親切和慈悲外,這些贈送禮品皆受到佛友們的喜愛。

此次素食分享會的圓滿成功,讓廣

大佛友們認識到學習 觀世音菩薩之心靈法門,不僅對期盼平安吉祥,幸福快樂的普通百姓有著現實的指導意義,而且對促進社會和諧和安定也有著深遠的社會意義!願更多的有緣衆生能夠搭乘觀世音菩薩的救度之船,學習觀世音菩薩的心靈法門,修心修行,吃素行善,離苦得樂,超脫煩惱,廣度衆生,同登極樂,共攀四聖!

若您有任何疑問或問題,請聯系觀音堂,電話:832.736.1897; Email xin—lingfamentx@gmail.com; 地址:6135 Corporate Dr. Houston TX 77036。 謝謝大家!



美國最大最豪華的韓式三溫暖SPA World試營業! 今年聖誕我只想舒舒服服沒包個湯!



(本報記者黃梅子) 2020年聖誕節快點來吧!過完聖誕節就是 2021新年了,壹切都會好起來!這個聖誕節要怎麽過?在全民註射疫苗之前,最好還是不要亂跑,待在休斯頓,不過別忘了多寵寵自己才不會虧待平日的努力哦!做 Spa 不失為壹個放松好選擇,休斯頓最近新開的 Spa world 是最好的去處!

Spa World 位於Katy Mills Mall 附近 ,剛剛裝修完畢正在試營業,是全美 最大最豪華的韓式三溫暖。我們經常 在韓劇裏看到,韓國人心情不好離家 出走或者心情大好需要慶祝,都跑去 三溫暖,在裏面蒸桑拿、聊天會友、 吃飯喝酒、K歌打球,待上整整壹天, 什麽都能在三溫暖裏搞定。當時壹邊 看電視壹邊想,這壹天得花多少錢啊 ?其實,韓式三溫暖是按天收費,Spa World只要買張票就可以在裏面玩壹整 天,幾平所有項目都是隨便玩(當然 吃飯喝酒要另外收費)。Spa World 簡 直就是壹個夢中樂園,沒進去之前, 妳都想象不到這麽豪華這麽舒適,這 麼多項目,竟然只要29.25美元就可以 在裏面流連玩耍壹整天,這是壹座皇 宮! Spa World集結了世界各國特色溫 泉的娛樂設施,除了有標準配備的溫 泉之外,還有遊泳池、桑拿房、冰蒸 房、保齡球館、高爾夫練習區、按摩

房、K歌房、兒童樂園、室外咖啡吧、 燒烤吧、休閒專區、健身房、飯店等 等,而這些能讓人放鬆享受的設施都 是24小時營業,按天收費。

Spa World 位於 Katy Mills Mall 附近,是壹棟獨棟建築,停車方便。走進大門,在前臺交過錢之後,換上拖鞋進到男女分浴區,穿上浴袍、搭上大毛巾就開始體驗啦……走進大廳裏,只覺得突然壹下豁然開朗,好像進到城堡裏壹樣,高聳的屋頂、現代而溫暖的色調、上檔次的石材和裝修,再打眼仔細壹看,裏面別有洞天,各式

各樣的三溫暖房間鱗次櫛比地排列著,有人穿著浴袍頭紮毛巾愜意地紮堆 壹邊汗蒸壹邊聊天,也有人單獨待在 汗蒸房裏汗流如註、獨自享受孤獨 ……Spa World的三溫暖有巖鹽浴、汗 蒸房、冰蒸房、玉石房、紫外線房 森林房等不同的房間,這些房間的冷 度和類型都不同,非常適合在寒局 度和類型都不同,非常適合在寒息 多天去排排毒出出汗,最特別的是冰 蒸房,適合帶片面膜去敷敷 ……蒸 素,適合帶片面膜去敷敷 ……蒸 点的好酸爽

三溫暖區域中,可以享受到多種

主題的三溫暖,而且與男女有別的三溫暖不同,Spa World可以讓情侶、家庭壹起進入並享受歡樂時光。其中「埃及」是使用類似金字塔石的壹種特殊磁磚,來建造成金字塔型的熔爐,並利用其所散發出來的強力紅外線讓人體溫暖起來。另外,「奧地利」中則有時常保持在38度的「溫水床」,讓人身心舒適;而中東風格的「土耳其」,則能讓人享受到日光浴般的悠閒感受喔。

另外,將水加入桑拿石上迫使蒸氣產生,然後將熱氣煽至人體促使發汗的「芬蘭浴」也很有人氣,據說這種讓體感溫度壹口氣上升的桑拿種類,還能達到消除疲勞的效果呢。

排完毒流完汗,身體空空的,可以補充點能量了,韓國拉面是三溫暖標配哦! 再吃個韓國阿姨親手卷的紫菜卷,各式韓式套餐、石鍋飯、泡菜鍋味道都不錯,價錢不貴還能吃到地道的韓國味。

只有您親自到過Spa world,您才會知道這裏是多麽物超所值。整棟大樓就像壹座主題樂園城堡,所有的家具都是韓式花梨木鑲銅家具,區域按功能劃分,區與區之間的玻璃櫃中陳列著眞正的韓國古董,陳列館中身著綢緞韓式禮服的人偶與眞人比例壹樣,人偶頭上眞正的古董珠寶熠熠生輝,散發出低調的奢華氣息。

整棟 Spa world 面積六萬尺,花了

巨資裝修,可容納幾千人同時玩耍。 壹樓為三溫暖區域,二樓是酒吧餐廳 休閑區,客人在此玩球休息吃東西, 還有咖啡吧以及戶外露臺燒烤吧,可 以舉辦各種 party 和家庭聚會,露臺上 備有許多躺椅讓客人在這裏曬太陽做 日光浴或休憩賞景。

如果您家有小孩怎麽辦?帶著小孩壹起去Spa World啊!這裏有專為小朋友設計的Spa world kid's,安裝有大型滑梯、泳池和各種幼兒玩樂設施,並且有專人照看小孩(要另外收費)),來Spa world玩樂的年輕夫婦可以把幼兒委托給這裏的看護人員,然後盡情享受溫馨的壹天。

Spa World 目前新張試營業,提供25%的折扣,成人周壹至周五\$29.25,兒童\$15元;周末成人\$36.75,兒童\$18.75。當然您也可以購買會員,那就更劃算了,具體情況請上官網查詢http://www.spaworldhouston.com,也可以去Spa world咨詢前臺。

這個聖誕節,去 Spa World 放松享受壹番吧! 不用擔心新冠病毒,因為病毒在高溫下不能存活! Let's go!! Spa World

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