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Train carrying U.S. Republican lawmakers hits truck in Virginia

CROZET, Va. (Reuters) - An Amtrak passenger train carrying Republican members of the U.S. Congress from Washington to a retreat in West Virginia slammed into a garbage truck on Wednesday at a rural Virginia road crossing, killing one person on the truck, authorities said.

No serious injuries were reported among the lawmakers or their staff on the train, the U.S. Department of Transportation said. There was one death and one serious injury among those on the truck, it added.

Amtrak said two crew members and three train passengers were hospitalized with minor injuries after the crash in Crozet, Virginia.

One of those, Representative Jason Lewis of Minnesota, was examined for a possible concussion.

"I'm fine compared to, tragically, the truck drivers, and thankful for the prompt action of our doctors and first responders. My thoughts are with the family

of the driver who passed away," Lewis told Reuters.

The train was taking lawmakers to an annual retreat being held this year in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, just west of the

Virginia state line. Amtrak said the collision occurred at 11:20 a.m. in Crozet, a tiny town between the college town of Charlottesville, Virginia, and White Sulphur Springs. U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, a doctor, said he and other lawmakers who are physicians tended to the injured until emergency personnel arrived.

The truck was on the tracks at a crossing when the crash occurred, Amtrak said. Video from the scene showed the battered truck afterward, with trash strewn around it.

"We were going along the Virginia countryside at pretty good speed," Senator Jeff Flake said in comments released by his office. "All

of a sudden, we felt an impact and obviously heard a pretty loud noise. Most of us were thrown a bit in our seats and those of us who were standing were really thrown." Spouses and children of some law-

makers were aboard, lawmakers said. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan was on the train, but Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell was not, lawmakers said.

U.S. Capitol Police officers and state troopers



Police officers keep watch after Amtrak passenger train carrying Republican members of Congress collided with a garbage truck in Charlottesville, Virginia

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"It was clear upon impact that something had gone terribly wrong and I am very grateful that the train was able to stop without severely derailing," U.S. Representative Lee Zeldin said in a statement.

Immediately after the crash, a law en-

forcement team surrounded the train with weapons drawn and searched the area for possible attackers as first responders treated the injured, said a local emergency worker, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"They surrounded the train on both sides and set up a perimeter with their automatic weapons pointing out and then searched the woods around the train," the worker said.

"At least five members of Congress helped firefighters and EMTs (emergency medical technicians) treat the three injured people who had been in the truck."

Stock Market

Wall St. ends off day's highs as Fed sees inflation

(Reuters) - U.S. stocks finished marginally higher on Wednesday as indexes gave up early gains after the Federal Reserve said it sees inflation rising this year, signaling it remains on track to boost interest rates again in March.

The Fed kept rates unchanged but, in a statement following its two-day policy meeting, it repeated that it expected that "further gradual" rate hikes will be warranted.

"The subtle message is that they will continue to press rates higher," said Scott Kimball, director and portfolio manager at BMO Global Asset Management.

The central bank raised rates three times last year and sees three additional hikes in 2018 even as it continues to trim its balance sheet on a largely pre-set schedule.

"They're more confident in their expectations of rising inflation," said Kevin Logan, Chief U.S. Economist at HSBC Securities.

Bolstering the Fed's view of a solid economy, ADP published a report on Wednesday showing 234,000 private sector jobs added in January compared with 185,000 expected by analysts. The U.S.

Labor Department is due to release its more comprehensive report on Friday.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average .DJI rose 73.74 points, or 0.28 percent, to 26,150.63, the S&P 500 .SPX gained 1.47 points, or 0.05 percent, to 2,823.9 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC added 9.00 points, or 0.12 percent, to 7,411.48.

Stocks were lifted earlier Wednesday by a surge in Boeing (BA.N) which forecast better-than-expected full-year profits and said it expects to deliver a record number of commercial aircraft in 2018, sending its shares up 4.9 percent.

The aerospace giant was the biggest percentage gainer on the Dow, helping pull the blue-chip index out of its biggest two-day plunge since September 2016.

The selloff earlier in the week had been prompted by an increase in U.S. Treasury yields to multi-year highs. The U.S. yield curve flattened to a decade low following the Fed statement as traders sold more short-dated Treasuries.

Facebook (FB.O) shares dipped more than 4 percent in after-market trading after the social media giant reported results.

Among the S&P 500's 11 major sectors, technology



.SPLRCT gave the biggest boost to the index.

Healthcare stocks continued to weigh on the three major U.S. indexes following a report on Tuesday that Amazon.com (AMZN.O), Berkshire Hathaway (BRKa.N) and JPMorgan

Chase (JPM.N) were joining forces to cut healthcare costs for its U.S. employees. The S&P 500 healthcare index .SPXHC fell 1.5 percent.

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Exxon Mobil Announces \$50 Billion Investment In U.S., 12,000 New Jobs, Citing Tax Reform

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The oil giant Exxon Mobil has announced it will invest an extra \$50 billion in the American economy, citing Republican's recently passed tax reform.

In a blog post, Exxon CEO Darren Woods cited tax reform as well as "sound tax and regulatory policies" as well as a "pro-growth business climate" as major factors behind the investment.

"These investments are underpinned by the unique strengths of our company and enhanced by the historic tax reform recently signed into law," Woods wrote. "These positive developments will mean more jobs and economic expansion across the United States in a myriad of industries."

"These are quality investments for our shareholders that are made even better by tax reform," Woods continued. "These are all possible because of the resource base developed by our industry along with sound tax and regulatory policies that create a pro-growth business climate here in the U.S."



The move will see Exxon increase its production of shale oil in the Permian Basin in western Texas and eastern New Mexico, where drilling costs are relatively low. It will also involve the company improving its existing infrastructure and constructing new manufacturing sites, creating as many as 12,000 new jobs.

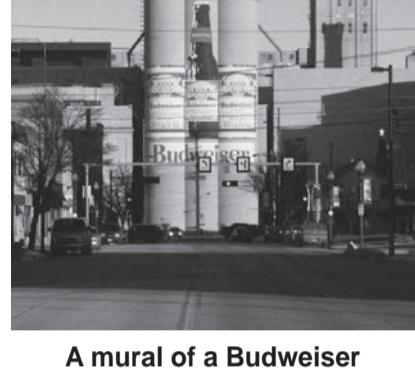
As a result of last year's historic tax reform package, companies have seen the corporate tax rate reduced from 35 to 21 percent. Dozens of companies including Apple, Comcast, and J.P. Morgan have since announced additional investment in the U.S. economy, while over a hundred companies have offered their employees bonuses or salary increases.

According to the International Monetary Fund, the reforms will help accelerate both U.S. and global economic

growth to 3.9 percent over 2018. (Courtesy: <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/>)

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Anheuser-Busch CEO Says He's Committed To The U.S. After Tax Reform



A mural of a Budweiser bottle and two Budweiser cans painted on a malt plant overlooks downtown Manitowoc, Wisconsin, January 18, 2016. (Photo/REUTERS)

Anheuser-Busch's new CEO said the company's Belgium-based parent AB InBev is "very bullish" and committed to investing in the U.S. following the passage of President Trump's tax overhaul legislation.

"We just finished our board meeting two weeks ago, where we said that we are committed to the U.S. market and that we are still very bullish on the U.S." Michel Doukeris, Anheuser-Busch CEO and AB InBev's North American zone president

told FOX Business.

"We are also very excited because our plants that we have in the U.S. we are going to put in around \$2 billion [worth] of investments," he said. An announcement that the company made back in May, a few months into Trump's first term.

Doukeris, who has only been at helm for less than a month, is tasked with growing U.S. sales, after many customers, especially millennials, have turned a cheek on iconic brands like Budweiser in favor of craft beers and spirits.



Michel Doukeris, Anheuser-Busch CEO

According to data from Susquehanna Financial Group, the company's organic top line growth is mainly coming from emerging markets at 60%, with volumes in the U.S. falling 3% in 2017 from January to

September.

Eric Shephard, executive editor of Beer Insights, said that dip isn't just coming from millennials, but customers overall, who are opting for lower-calorie and lighter beers.

Bud Light in particular topped this year's best seller list, with over \$5.65 billion worth of sales, according to a report from Beer Marketer's Insights. Budweiser,

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however, fell to the fourth spot, after its sister brand officially dethroned it from the top spot in 2001.

Paul Gatz, director of Brewers Association, added that the beer market is also "headed toward craft beers" with some sales leakage toward flavored malt beverages and newer alcohol-containing seltzers. But overall, he is "not aware of a more profitable time for Anheuser-Busch InBev. While volumes may be declining in the United States, the profitability is still massive."

Doukeris said when talking about Bud sales, it's very hard for people to separate the numbers with the role the beverage has played in American history.



"People forget, but the U.S. has created the style of the great American lager, and Bud is one of those brands that resembles that style," he said. "If you go globally, this brand is an icon and represents American beer."

While Trump's tax overhaul won't directly impact the beverage giant's books since it's based internationally, Doukeris believes it will have an indirect effect.

"Personally, when we look at our business, we are more optimistic about what tax reform will do, because if our customers are doing well financially, this will come back to the overall economy and it will hopefully impact our business," he said. (<http://www.fox-business.com/features/>)

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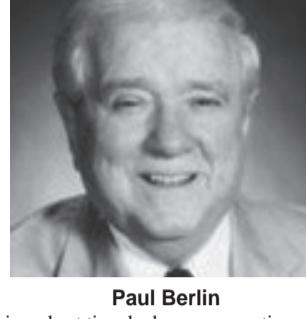
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Goodbye To A Houston Radio Legend

Paul Berlin 1930-2017

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Paul Berlin

Long-time Houston radio personality Paul Sanders Berlin, age 86, passed away June 23, 2017, in Houston, Texas. Paul Berlin was a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He began his broadcasting career in 1948 at the age of seventeen, when he won a contest that gave him a summer DJ job on a Memphis radio station. In 1950 at age 19, Paul came to KNUZ in Houston. He was an immediate hit and won numerous most-popular DJ contests.

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Paul Berlin, seen in 1956, began working for KNUZ after arriving in Houston from Memphis.

Concert Promoter

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Berlin jokes that his preferred format at KQUE was AOR - "all over the road" - and his musical tastes reflect that preference.

"I'm a mood guy," he said. "I love Dixieland. I loved Louie Prima and Keely Smith. Peggy Lee and Doris Day were wonderful ladies. I spent a day at the Beverly Hills Tennis Club listening to Jack Benny and Doris Day talk for hours. I enjoy certain things by the Beatles. 'Something' was a great song. But I also liked 'Working at the Car Wash Blues' by Jim Croce."

His favorite decade in music, Berlin said, was the 1950s, for its range of big bands to Frank Sinatra, Jo Stafford, Elvis and beyond.

Fragmenting Industry

He loved his job until, with the declining audience for adult contemporary music in the 21st century, it wasn't there anymore.

"I didn't know how much I enjoyed it until I wasn't doing it," he said. "I had been so active all of my life, and all of a sudden it's 'what am I going to do today?' I had prostate cancer, which gave me something to do for awhile, but I beat that."

The music business continued to fragment and diversify during his years off the air, and tech-

nology changed the game as well. Berlin is not optimistic about the future of terrestrial radio, given the popularity of specialized satellite and Internet stations. Indeed, his reign as Houston's longest-tenured radio voice may remain his by default.

Big Comeback

Berlin's most recent comeback began in 2009 when he joined KTRH (740 AM) host Michael Berry to talk about old times, and a year later KSEV owner Dan Patrick offered him a chance to go back on the air.



Cowboy icon Roy Rogers in the late 1950's. (Photo/US)

"We worked out a deal," Berlin said. "I didn't want to work too long or too hard. Two hours is good. I get to listen to music I enjoy, and I try to tell stories related to the music that might make it more interesting to people."

For Marty Robbins' hit "El Paso," for example, Berlin informs listeners that Robbins was afraid of flying, which resulted in a lot of long car trips from Nashville to his home in Phoenix.

"He would see the lights of El Paso and, man, it was like a gift from God," Berlin said. "And he said, you know, truck drivers probably feel the same way. But nobody had ever written a song about El Paso, and that was his inspiration."

Bringing Back Memories

RodeoHouston's recent run put him in a mood for Roy Rogers. "Happy Trails," in turn, reminded him of the time his young son was so excited to see the great cowboy star and his horse Trigger ride into the Sam Houston Coliseum that the lad relieved himself all over Daddy's lap.

It's a combination that fits Berlin and his listeners, who, he said, "want to reminisce about situations and times and 'do you remember such-and-such'?"

Every Saturday night, he is all too happy to deliver. Most nights, he closes, appropriately, with a Charlie Shaffer piano medley of "We'll Meet Again" and "I'll Be Seeing You."

"Bringing back musical memories of songs that you never seem to hear any more," he said at the end of one recent show. "And it's a pleasure trying to blow the dust off some of these moldy goldies ... with the Paul Berlin Show at KSEV, 700 AM, in heavenly Houston." (Courtesy The Houston Chronicle)

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Paul Berlin Through The Years

It is not impossible that Houston radio years from now will produce a host who will outlast, outdraw and outperform Paul Berlin, who, up to age 82, still put in a two-hour shift each Saturday night playing the "music of your life" AM radio. But time will tell. Paul's many years of broadcasting covered the "hay days" of such music legends as Elvis Presley and Sam Phillips, Doris Day and Jack Benny, Mickey Gilley and Marty Robbins, the Plantation Ballroom and Tidelands Club, the Beatles and Sonny and Cher and spanned a 65-year career by a master storyteller who has been on the air across eight decades.

"The formula for being happy is someone to love, something to do and something to look forward to, which is a pretty strong mixture," Berlin said in a 2013 interview. "And having this to do two hours a week is something that I still love and enjoy."

Berlin came to Houston in 1950 from his hometown of Memphis, Tenn., and never left. He played Western swing, big band, rhythm and blues and rock 'n' roll at KNUZ (1230 AM) and moved in 1974 to KQUE (102.9 FM), in 1997 to

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He was so smitten by Morris' secretary, Inez "Nazzie" Elbel, that he wrote a song called "Nazzie's Necessary" and serenaded her outside her apartment window one morning at 2 a.m.

Berlin doesn't recall the lyrics to "Nazzie's Necessary" but said, "Cole Porter did not blush, and Irving Berlin did not feel threatened."

At any rate, the gambit worked: The couple celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary March 19 and have five sons and nine grandchildren.

Paul Berlin had to pass on booking the Beatles

because he had another act scheduled: Sonny and Cher.

"Be informative," he said. "Be entertaining. Or be quiet."

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LOCAL NEWS

Kyle Bass' 2,400 acre Texas ranch sold for whopping \$59.5 million

By Cary Darling

A massive 2,492-acre parcel of land with a main house boasting 35,000 square feet has sold in Texas. The Barefoot Ranch once belonged to Texas hedge fund manager Kyle Bass and two other owners. It was sold to DTY Investments LP for roughly \$59 million, Dallas Morning News reported. Renovated in 2014, the main house is roughly an hour away from Dallas. It has a media



room, temperature-controlled wine cellar, and in-home gym.

The entire house is adorned in rustic, but polished architectural details that combine countryside-inspired aesthetic with high-end finishes.

Cole Hamels Donates \$10 Million Mansion to Children's Charity

Texas Rangers pitcher Cole Hamels and his wife, Heidi, have donated their \$10 million Missouri home to Camp Barnabas, a camp for special needs children. Elsewhere on the property is a barn, private lake with dock, tennis court, carriage house and artfully designed gardens. It also has a paintball course, shooting range and garages suited for car collectors.



Klein ISD warns parents of attempted abduction near elementary school

By Keri Blakinger

A stranger tried to lure an Eiland Elementary student into his vehicle this week, the district said.

Campus police have stepped up patrols after a man tried luring a Klein ISD student into his car as she walked home from tutoring, the district said in a statement. The stranger, described as 30 to 35 years old and wearing a white shirt and blue pants, approached the girl Tuesday as she left Eiland Elementary

in northwest Harris County. He was driving a black Jeep Compass with rims.

Klein ISD police are investigating the attempted abduction along with Harris County Precinct 1, and the district has upped patrols in the area.

"We have also cautioned students to walk in pairs or groups after school and reminded them to

not speak with any strangers," the district said.

"We are asking parents to talk to your child about stranger danger, and if you have any additional information on this case or similar incidents, please contact the Klein ISD Police Department at 832 249-4266."



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沙特举行骆驼选美赛 12只骆驼因“整容”出局



沙特阿拉伯一年一度受人关注的“阿卜杜勒·阿齐兹国王骆驼节”(King Abdulaziz Camels Festival)选美比赛正如火如荼展开，就有12只骆驼因注射肉毒杆菌被取消资格，提前出局。

据悉，沙特阿拉伯会在每年1月19日起至4月15日，举办“阿卜杜勒·阿齐兹国王骆驼节”，每年主办单位花费800亿美元举办这场盛宴。其中，为期28天的骆驼选美比赛，将选出号称“世界上最美丽的骆驼”，胜出者可获得超高额奖金，所以作弊事件时有所闻。

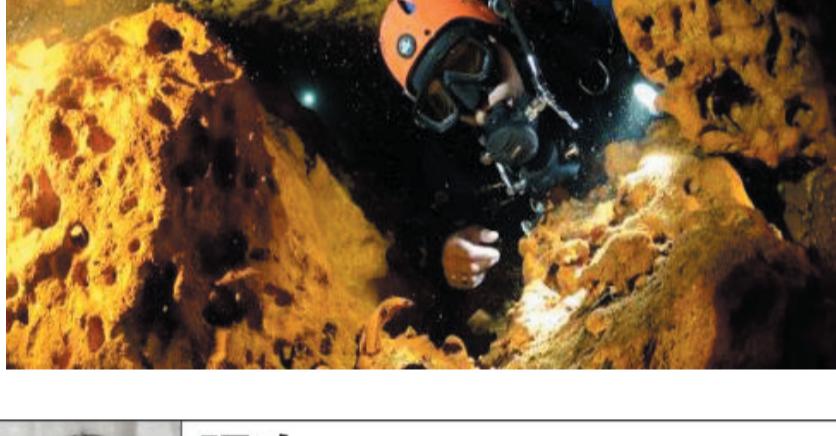
对于当地人来说，骆驼的身高、体型、驼峰位置、嘴形和耳朵，都是评选项目。

当地骆驼饲养员表示，作弊者往往会在骆驼的嘴形上下功夫，甚至在骆驼的鼻子和下巴注射肉毒杆菌让它们看起来更丰满。而动刀让骆驼耳朵更小，也是争取优胜的关键之一。

报道称，主办单位为了防止参赛者作弊，特别发行手册规定“凡是骆驼被发现注射肉毒杆菌、有剃毛、在身体任何部位染色、或是改变自然形态的都不被允许。”

今年，骆驼节在距离首都利雅得120公里的达赫纳沙漠地区(AI Dhana)登场，除了选美比赛之外，还有骆驼比赛，服从训练，骆驼毛艺术和最美的骆驼照片等，有超过2.6万多只骆驼在这些比赛中争夺总计5700万美元的奖金。

墨西哥现世界最大水下洞穴 或解密玛雅文明



一个潜水团队近日在墨西哥东部发现了连通两个地下洞穴的通道，发现了或是世界上最大的被水淹没的洞穴。据报道，这一发现或将有助于揭开古老玛雅文明的神秘面纱。

据报道，发现洞穴的潜水员团队来自一个名为Gran Acuifero Maya的项目团队，该项目致力于研究和保护墨西哥尤卡坦半岛的地下水域。据该团队发表声明称，经过几个月对错综复杂的水下洞穴的研究，他们发现了长达347公里的水下洞穴。

其实，该水下洞穴原本就已经被

发现，不过是以两个不同洞穴的形式存在。据Gran Acuifero Maya项目团队发表声明称，在图卢姆的海滩度假胜地附近，该团队发现长263公里的、名为Sac Actun的水下洞穴系统，与长83公里、名为Dos Ojos的水下洞穴是相连通的。

据Gran Acuifero Maya项目的领队、水下考古学家吉列尔莫·德·安达表示，这一发现能让人们更清楚地了解，这个地区的宗教仪式、朝圣地点以及前西班牙殖民地的形成过程。

据悉，尤卡坦半岛上布满了玛雅人的遗迹，这些玛雅人的城市建造了大量与地下暗河相连接的排水口，这些地下暗河被称为天然井。对玛雅人来说，有些天然井拥有特殊的宗教含义，因此这些玛雅人的后代依然继续居住在这个地区。

按妻子遗愿给盆栽浇水5年 发现是塑料的



Antonia Nicol @Flaminhaystack · 1月20日

My parents went for a walk & the wind blew the wig right off her head It went bowling down the beach.

My dad had to chase after it.

That would have been my mum's carefree moment - laughing & watching my dad chasing after that god-awful wig. She never bothered wearing it again.



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尼科尔说，她的父母相知相守多年，却未能一起度过晚年生活，难免令人遗憾，但也因为这个玩笑让家人重新体会到母亲幽默的陪伴始终存在。这则贴文也让不少网友红了眼眶，认为是“最浪漫的恶作剧”。

当父亲得知母亲在过世前还不忘留下最后的恶作剧时，让他忍不住笑了出来，还说这就是母亲生前的调皮作风。

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美国历史上10个真实的超自然灵异事件

自从人类这种生物在地球上出现以来，地球上就从来没少过鬼故事。尽管大部分鬼故事都很扯淡，但有一些故事却十分真实，比如有人亲眼看到、有视频录下来、或者有图有真相。这样还能让你相信这世上有鬼的话，看看下面十个美国历史上最著名的超自然事件。看完别尿啊……

林肯的预感

关于林肯的死，人们又很多版本的说法，其中流传最广泛也最可信的一种说法是，林肯在被刺之前，做梦时已经有了预感。林肯告诉自己的好哥们儿希尓拉蒙，他梦见自己的葬礼在白宫的东厅举行，葬礼上宣布总统是被暗杀的。而就在几天之后，林肯就真的被暗杀了，他的葬礼真的就在白宫东厅举行！而且接下来几年中，不止一名政要声称在白宫看见了林肯的魂魄。显然，林肯把白宫当自己的家了。

特拉维斯·沃尔顿绑架事件

特拉维斯·沃尔顿是一名伐木工人。1975年11月5日，他和同事正驾车在盘山公路上。他们突然看见道路旁一道闪耀的白光。在穿过右侧的一片开阔地之后，他们惊呆了，这时那个光源已经完全地呈现在了众人的眼前。那是一个碟形的发光物体，它正在废柴堆上空15 - 20英尺高的位置盘旋，物体发射出米黄色的光。这个物体宽20英尺，高8英尺，中间有一个环状的突起物。没有人下车，只有沃尔顿一个箭步冲了下去。沃尔顿说，开始他就是想在他们面前炫耀一下，觉得这东西一定会在他靠近之前飞走。但是他走近以后，发现那东西根本不像要飞走的样子，便决定立刻离开。但当他站起来，转身往

回跑时，这个碟形发光物发出一束蓝绿色的光击中了他的头部和胸部。沃尔顿感到如同被高压电击中一样，一阵眩晕，之后他感到全身都麻木了，头部和胸部尤其明显，很快他就丧失了意识，之后就不省人事，什么也不知道了。他的同伴们看到沃尔顿居然被那束光裹起，在被抬上一英尺之后，被突然甩到了10英尺开外的地方，左肩着地，身体软软地瘫在了地上。然后，沃尔顿被飞碟带走，随着飞碟失踪得无影无踪。直到五天后，沃尔顿才发现自己在一个公路上，他通过电话亭联系了工友，人们才找到了他。沃尔顿向人们叙述了他在飞碟上遇到的让人震惊的离奇故事，而且他坚信自己只离开了几个小时。

俄亥俄州加油站闹鬼事件

加油站的视频监控显示，有一团蓝色的烟雾一直盘旋在加油站附近，让监控人员奇怪的是，这团雾一直慢悠悠的似乎漫无目的飞行。很多看了这段视频的人都坚信这就是鬼魂，不过目前官方没有做出任何解释。有兴趣的童鞋可以网上搜一下这段视频，不要吓到啊！

长春花园的鬼魂克洛伊

这座位于Francisville的长春花园已经有215年的历史。1796年，大卫·布兰德福德将这座花园留给了他女儿沙拉和女婿克拉克·伍德拉夫。这座花园经常闹鬼，其中最著名是克洛伊。据说，克洛伊是花园工作的一名奴隶，又一次，克洛伊被男主人克拉克强奸，并在挣扎中掉了一只耳朵。愤怒的克洛伊在花园里用有毒的夹竹桃叶子来烤面包，试图毒死克拉克，却没想到把沙拉和她女

儿毒死了。克洛伊非常害怕，于是便跳进密西西比河中淹死了。她的鬼魂就在这所花园中，时不时露个脸刷下存在感。

新奥尔良法国区的蒙特莱昂酒店鬼魂

新奥尔良是全美国幽灵目击事件出现最多的地区，被认为是美国最恐怖的城市。坐落于法国区皇家街214号的蒙特莱昂酒店则是奥尔良闹鬼事件发生最多的地方。很多人反映，在晚上八点钟，都看到有鬼魂在酒店大厅出没。

阴魂不散的斯坦利酒店

不止一名目击者说，他们看到有鬼魂在舞厅里弹钢琴、在走廊里散步，甚至还听到了孩子们的笑声和奔跑的声音。然而真正让这家酒店成名的是它的217号房间，因为《闪灵》编剧斯蒂芬·金和他的妻子曾在这里入住，并在这里得到灵感，写出了《闪灵》，而且电视剧版的《闪灵》还在这里取景拍摄。这更是让斯坦利酒店名声大噪，成为著名的闹鬼酒店之一。

比亚·帕拉的转世

伊恩·史蒂文森博士是最著名的受人尊敬的科学家之一，重点研究轮回现象和超自然现象。他最著名的案例是一名名叫Swarnlata Mishra的女孩。在Swarnlata三岁时，她开始向人们诉说一个叫比亚·帕拉的人的经历和故事，在Swarnlata时，终于引起了史蒂文森博士的注意。史蒂文森对小女孩的故事进行了比对，竟然验证出一个惊人的结果，小女孩的诉说中至少有50个事实是现实存在的。比如Swarnlata竟然知道比亚·帕拉的家在100英里以外的某地，而小女孩跟对方没有任何交集。比亚的前夫听说了这

件事，他带着两个儿子和九个镇上居民来看望“比亚”。Swarnlata刚一见到他们，就叫出了比亚一个儿子的乳名，而且能够正确的认出他们中的每一个人。

丽齐博登的房子

1892年8月4日，On 4 August 1892, 安德鲁和艾比博登夫妇在自己家中被杀害，安德鲁的遗体是他女儿丽齐在卧室里发现的，妻子的遗体则是在楼上的客房中。丽齐还发现他们两都是被斧子劈中致死。警察怀疑这一切其实都是丽齐本人干的，不过最后证据不足，丽齐被无罪释放。直到1927年，丽齐患肺炎身亡。如今，丽齐博登的房子变成了一个旅馆和博物馆，这是美国闹鬼最多的房子之一。许多游客反应在房子周围看见了鬼魂的存在，而且在艾比博登死的房子里，还看到了一些不寻常的东西……

Anneliese Michel 驱魔事件

1968年，年仅16岁的Anneliese Michel开始遭受癫痫的折磨，并且在接下来五年中越来越严重。她时常会产生幻觉，能够看到鬼魂对她说她该死，她开始变得不能容忍任何宗教仪式和符号，包括圣水。大部分时间内，Anneliese Michel被认为精神出了问题，在精神病院接受治疗。直到1975年，她的家人对传统意义上的医学治疗已经失去了信心，转而向天主教堂寻求帮助。天主教堂一共为Anneliese Michel进行了多达76次的驱魔仪式，相信者能够帮助她。可是Anneliese Michel却拒绝进食，最后饥饿而死。根据驱魔录音带上的录音可以得出，Anneliese Michel用的是极富变化的声音说话而且一再地突然大喊。她用的那些粗鄙，下流的

表达方式被那些驱魔士归结为魔鬼。驱魔士声称，那些化身为Hitler或Nero（古罗马一暴君）的人形的魔鬼也对这姑娘造成了影响。

田纳西州的贝尔女巫

田纳西的案件，是美国历史上唯一一起官方承认的冤鬼索命致人死亡的案件，也是美国流传最广泛的闹鬼事件。19世纪初，农民约翰·贝尔一家从北卡罗莱那州搬到田纳西州的红河镇，1818年，约翰·贝尔看见玉米田里有一只形状古怪的狗，开枪打中了它，但当他上前捡拾那只狗的时候，却什么也没有看见。几天后，贝尔跟两个儿子一起。看见橡树高处有只怪鸟贝尔瞄准怪鸟开了一枪，它似乎掉了下来，但两个儿子跑到树下时，仍然什么也没有找到。是夜，贝尔家的屋子中成了噪音的源头：敲窗，挠门，踏地板，就连床柱上也出现了被老鼠啃过的痕迹。再后来，贝尔家的小女儿贝特西在卧室中突然遭到莫名力量的袭击，被无形的力量扯着头发吊在半空中尖叫，她的父母看着饱受折磨的孩子却无计可施。结果事情越传越大，全美的法师和术士都开始云集这个原本静谧的小镇，争相施展“驱魔”之术，但是“恶灵”没有驱走，反而是法师和术士们一个个落荒而逃。乡间有些超自然的传说本不足为奇，但是安德鲁·杰克逊的到来彻底改变了这件事在美国历史上的地位——这位未来的美国总统(第七任)当时还是位叱咤风云的将军，听到这种“假语村言”自然不肯相信，径直前往贝尔家的大宅子里去降妖除魔，结果被吓得屁滚尿流，连滚带爬的逃出了小镇。杰

克逊总统日后有句名言：“我不可对付一整支英国舰队，也不愿意在贝尔家哪怕只呆一晚。”

总统的金口玉言自然成了贝尔家闹鬼事件的最佳广告语，此事自此闻名全美，而杰克逊总统日后还专门组织了一个调查组旧地重游，意图找出真相，而这个调查组的报告后来也结集出版，但是对超自然的问题还是没弄个所以然来。

后来，约翰·贝尔发现所有现象的源头都指向了自己的邻居，一个被公认的女巫：凯特·巴兹，自己曾和这个女人因为一些生意上的事情而交恶。凯特也因此诅咒了约翰和他的家庭。事实上，虽然约翰没有遭受贝特西那样的折磨，但是他的健康状况在恶灵侵扰后的四年中的确每况愈下，最终不幸辞世。但也有人称约翰是被毒药谋杀的。尽管约翰死了，但是恶灵还是恶毒的说出了诅咒：七年之后，我还会复仇！之后的小镇平静了下来，七年之后的复仇也迟迟没有到来。

但美国是个法制国家，凡事必须走法律路线，当约翰·贝尔向法庭起诉后，并没有证据能证明巴兹施加害于贝尔家（毕竟那时已不是宗教裁判所一手遮天的中世纪了）。四年以后，健康状况每况愈下的约翰·贝尔辞世，法庭将这桩案件裁定为“冤鬼索命致人死亡”，这便是美国历史上大名鼎鼎的“贝尔女巫事件”——美国是一个判例法国家，法庭做出的认定自然具有权威效力，而这也是唯一一桩美国官方承认的超自然灵异事件。

直到135年之后，恶灵回来了，而且从此一步不离，甚至很多来此的游客也成了它袭击的对象。

为什么美国孩子特别强壮？中美文化不同孕妇禁忌也差异太大

中美文化差异不少，从孕妇孕期的习惯就可见一斑

怀孕前：美国孕妇提倡运动，中国孕妇尽量休息

在备孕期，中美孕妇都会吃叶酸、体检等，但是不同的是美国女人在备孕前会尽可能的进行中等强度运动，跑步、游泳、骑单车等。而中国的老人们则会告诫称，要尽量多休息。另外，美国孕妇还会检查牙齿，保证牙齿健康。但中国孕妇对牙齿的保健意识不强，一般不会去看牙医。

孕期：美国孕妇依旧运动，中国孕妇避免干重活，干脆不动以安胎

美国的妇产科医生常常鼓励孕妇运动，因为准妈妈在运动的时候，肚子里的宝宝依旧也在运动，但是中国孕妇一旦怀孕，别说运动了，很多人连家务都不做了，恨不得一天20个小时都躺在床上安胎。

美国孕妇：宠物照养中国孕妇：

很多人借机抛弃家中狗狗和猫咪

据果壳网报道，中国人一直深信养猫会导致流产。要孩子还是要宠物？这是很多年轻城市女性曾经、正在或者将要面临的问题。问题的核心则是一种绝大多数人只闻其名从未见过真容的寄生虫——弓形虫。很多准妈咪和预备役准妈咪被告知过，她们的宠物很危险，因为会传播弓形虫，而弓形虫是一种可怕的对胎儿很不利的虫子。但事实上，感

染弓形虫确实可能给孕妇带来麻烦，甚至引发流产。但感染弓形虫的渠道有很多，猫（粪）只是其中之一。其他动物不能向外界散播弓形虫后代，可能的途径就是吃下含有弓形虫活体的生肉。做到不吃生食、厨房里的生熟分开，很容易就能杜绝这个途径的传染。而猫作为弓形虫唯一的主动散播工具，也具有一定的时效性——首次感染的最初两周。准妈妈遇到这种危险猫咪的几率已经是非常低了，加上注意不要接触猫粪便，注意清洁和洗手，感染的可能性会进一步降低的。弓形虫这样的人畜共患病看上去好像挺吓人，但其实更多的危险来自于那些能在人与人之间传播的疾病。从这个角度说，各位准妈咪床上那只两条腿走路的动物才是你更该提防的。

美国孕妇：顺产缝完撕裂处就可以在产房洗澡中国孕妇：坐月子将就不洗澡不刷牙

据微博网友“火爸”在博客中介绍到，中国人讲究坐月子，千万不要以为传统的都是对的哦，许多讲究其实都是胡说八道。

坐月子至少要“坐”42天，而不是一个月！产妇分娩后，身体各器官开始恢复到怀孕前的状态，这段时间称为产褥期，但月子里千万不能久坐不动或久躺不动，这样对身体很不利！分娩后在身体可以承受的情况下要尽早开始下床活动！如果是顺产的

话，第二天就可以起床走动及进行产后运动了。剖宫产的话，则要咨询医生意见后，才可以开始进行产后运动。

中国孕妇：滥用中药材

【中草药肾病】据网易报道，在中医文化兴盛的中国，含有马兜铃酸的药物可不少。2000年版药典和国家药品标准记载的明确含马兜铃酸的药材就有7种，分别为关木通、广防己、青木香、天仙藤、马兜铃、寻骨风、朱砂莲。

被批准上市的含马兜铃酸的中成药更多。最多的时候，有超过100种含有马兜铃酸的中成药在市面上流通，单是含有关木通的中成药就有41种之多。

更糟糕的是，不少含有马兜铃酸的中成药，例如龙胆泻肝丸、青果止嗽丸、排石颗粒、喘息灵胶囊都是非处方药，价格不贵，用途又广，用于清热、止咳、消炎等常见病，是药店里的常用药，公众非常容易地就能从各大药店买到。业内人士认为，曾经用过含有马兜铃酸的药物，而自己并不知情的消费者并不在少数。

直到1993年，比利时学者发现，一群年轻女性服用一种减肥中药“苗条丸”后，出现肾脏的损伤。奇怪的是，这种减肥药15年都没有毒副作用报告，直至1990年加入广防己—广防己中也含有大量的马兜铃酸。到1999年，服用含有广防己的中草药导致肾损伤的病例达105例，其中超过三分之

一的患者进入晚期肾衰竭阶段，不得不接受肾移植或透析治疗。

【美国禁售含有马兜铃酸的草药】

虽然美国本土没有发现马兜铃酸致肾病的案例，仍然在2000年停止进口、制造和销售含有马兜铃酸的草药。

考虑到这类中草药都含有马兜铃酸，国外甚至称之为“中草药肾病”。而中国学者也建议将这一类的肾损伤称之为“马兜铃酸肾病”。

中国孕妇喜欢相信一些不科学的“坐月子”之道

美国孕妇生完了该干嘛干嘛，

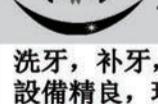
而中国孕妇则有很多老人流传下来的坐月子习俗，比如不吃蔬菜瓜果，因为太寒凉；用米酒催奶等等。事实上，这些所谓的习俗对于新妈妈都是有害的，新妈妈应该从蔬菜瓜果中摄入必要的维生素，不容易便秘和长痔疮。而米酒因为含有酒精，则会对宝宝的脑部发育有影响。

美国孕妇

电脑手机照用不误，中国孕妇怕辐射，很多人会穿根本没有用的防辐射服。

一位网名为“嘉明妈妈”的网友发帖子说，自己在美国看妇产科的时候问医生有关孕期使用手机的问题，美国医生差点没笑

喷，反问道，中国人那么注意孕期的辐射问题，对于手机电脑微不足道的辐射这么如临大敌，那么中国那么严重的污染，为什么不担心对胎宝宝造成伤害呢？”简言之，空气、水资源的污染，对于胎宝宝的伤害，远远超过手机和电脑的辐射。不可否认手机和电脑的辐射，但此微小的辐射对于胎宝宝来说，几乎是感受不到的。医学上所说，会造成胎宝宝畸形的辐射，是指那些X光等医学和工业的强辐射，对于任何人都是有危害的。因此，中国孕妇穿的防辐射服，除了让商家挣钱外，没有任何益处。



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