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U.S. states press on with reopenings, markets boosted by virus vaccine potential

(Reuters) - Nearly all 50 U.S. states were at some stage of reopening on Monday as authorities eased restrictions imposed to contain the spread of the new coronavirus and stock markets opened higher on optimism about a potential vaccine trial.

Markets were also encouraged by Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell's remarks over the weekend on a gradual economic recovery, and his affirmation that more monetary stimulus was on the way if required.

The patchwork approach to restarting business activity and easing social distancing restrictions has been shaped by political divisions and demographics in the United States, where nearly 1.5 million people have been infected and nearly 90,000 have died.

Despite the widespread if gradual revival of businesses and social life, only 14 states have met the federal government's for guidelines for lifting measures aimed at fighting the pandemic, according to a Reuters analysis.

The U.S. auto industry slowly returned to life on Monday, with some vehicle assembly plants reopening. Suppliers geared up to support a sector that employs nearly 1 million people.

On a chilly and damp morning, hundreds of workers at Fiat Chrysler Automobile's (FCA) truck plant in Warren, Michigan, began lining up before 4 a.m. to start the 5 a.m. shift. Signs overhead read: "Let's restart."

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Some potential good news in the global race for a vaccine helped U.S. stocks rise nearly 3% in morning trading.

Moderna Inc said on Monday its experimental vaccine for COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus, showed promise in early trials and it looks to advance the vaccine into late-stage trials in July.

In a small early-stage trial the vaccine produced vi-



rus-neutralizing antibodies similar to those found in recovered patients. Moderna shares soared 25%.

PUSH TO REOPEN

Republican governors, especially in Southern states such as Georgia and Texas, have pushed to reopen more quickly than Democratic governors whose states are home to large, densely-populated cities.

Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson said on Monday that a spike in cases reported in Texas over the weekend was likely a result of the reopening of parts of the state's economy at the beginning of May.

"These things sort of lag - the decision is made and then you don't see the result in the cases until a couple weeks later," Johnson told CNN. "So this is more than likely connected in some way to the opening of restaurants and movie theaters and retail ... a couple of weeks ago."

New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio repeated at his daily briefing that the "first half of June" will be the first opportunity to relax restrictions on non-essential businesses and social life in the city of more than 8 million people. "We will lay all this out in stages as we are ready."

Protesters chafing at restrictions have made their voices heard in various parts of the country, sometimes encouraged by President Donald Trump, a Republican eager to jumpstart the economy as he seeks re-election in November.

"REOPEN OUR COUNTRY!" Trump wrote in a Twitter post-

FILE PHOTO: A New York Police Department officer keeps an eye on people as they control social distance on a warm day during the outbreak of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) at Domino Park in Brooklyn, New York, U.S., May 16, 2020. REUTERS/Eduardo Munoz/File Photo

Monday and "TRANSITION TO GREATNESS."

On Monday morning the Atilis Gym in Bellmawr, New Jersey, reopened in defiance of Democratic Governor Phil Murphy's shutdown order. The state, hardest hit by the coronavirus after its neighbor New York, has allowed non-essential retail businesses and non-essential construction to resume operations beginning on May 18.

When the gym reopened its doors for members, a crowd of supporters chanted, "USA! USA!" and waved American flags and Trump 2020 banners.

Ian Smith, the gym's co-owner, had described the shutdown order as a "gross violation of constitutional rights."

In a Facebook post, the gym shared a series of safety measures it had taken, including limiting access to members, all of whom would have their temperature taken at the door, and it would operate at 20% of capacity.

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U.S. auto industry returns to life after lockdown

WARREN, Michigan (Reuters) - The Detroit Three auto-makers and their suppliers began restarting assembly lines on Monday after a two-month coronavirus lockdown in a slow revival of a sector that employs nearly 1 million people in the United States.

On a chilly and damp Monday morning, hundreds of workers at Fiat Chrysler Automobile's (FCA) (FCHA.MI) truck plant in Warren, Michigan began lining up before 4 a.m. to start the 5 a.m. shift. Signs overhead read: "Let's restart."

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Detroit automakers on Monday said there were no issues with absenteeism as the plants opened.

FCA reopened four U.S. assembly plants on Monday, including Warren Truck, on a single shift, as well as four parts plants.

The reopening of car plants will be a closely watched test of whether workers across a range of U.S. industries can return to factories in large numbers without a resurgence of infections.

General Motors Co (GM.N), Ford Motor Co (F.N) and FCA have all been preparing for weeks to reopen their North American factories in a push to restart work in an industry that accounts for about 6% of U.S. economic activity.

Investors welcomed the gradual restart, sending GM's shares up more than 9% on Monday. FCA shares rose 7.3%, while Ford's were up 6.7%.

Auto companies have redesigned assembly lines and retrained workers in an effort to avoid coronavirus outbreaks that could derail production again.

Workers entering factories on Monday were checked by temperature monitors. Face masks or shields are standard protective equipment. Jobs such as installing seat belts that used to require two or more workers to get close together inside a vehicle have been redesigned to keep

people a safe distance apart.

Plastic screens have been installed along assembly lines to separate workers leaning in to the engine compartments of vehicles. Break areas have been reconfigured to keep workers six feet apart.

The Detroit automakers have collaborated with each other and with the United Auto Workers to develop common coronavirus safety practices. Other automakers in the United States are adopting similar safety measures.

Wearing a black Detroit vs Everybody face mask as he entered FCA's Warren Truck plant early Monday, production operator

Laruante Gary, a Detroit resident who installs doors on Ram pickups, said, "I expect to see things cleaned and safety protocols being observed, and I expect us to know something as far as the next steps for us."

Another production worker at the plant Sean Reid, 37, of Belleville, expressed concern over the earlier virus-related deaths of several U.S. auto workers, including one at Warren Truck.

"I don't know where people have been, I don't know what they've been doing," he said. "I don't like it, but what can I do, really?"

The Detroit automakers have many older workers in states such as Michigan that were hit hard by the pandemic.

Theresa Segura, 61, of Lincoln Park, arrived for work at the FCA Warren plant on Monday but was immediately sent home after noting on an FCA questionnaire that she had been exposed to a family member who had just tested positive for the virus.

Segura, who has worked at the truck plant since 1993, said she thought that it was in any case too soon to reopen "because there are still people sick out there."



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Top Trump Official Says Country Safe To Reopen As Governors Stress Social Distancing



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

Governors are stressing the importance of social distancing and mask wearing as their states reopen, though enforcing those protocols has been difficult and even led to violent confrontations. Officials have been forced to largely rely on people to self-regulate, including in New York City, where residents have been asked to possibly report rule-breakers to 311.

At the same time some governors have expressed dismay at those choosing to ignore safety guidelines, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said on Sunday he is unconcerned and that it is safe to reopen the country because half of U.S. counties reporting cases of the novel coronavirus "haven't had a single death."



All U.S. beaches are projected to be open on Memorial Day 2020.

Here are some significant developments: Peter Navarro, one of President Trump's top economic advisers, said Sunday that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention "let the country down" on the testing front during the early days of the coronavirus pandemic.

Nursing homes operated by Life Care Centers of America violated federal standards meant to stop the spread of infections even after the start of the covid-19 outbreak, inspection reports show.

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Eric Trump Claims Social Distancing Is a Democrat 'Strategy' and COVID-19 Will 'Magically' Disappear After Election



Eric Trump at the 45th President Donald J. Trump's address of the crowd for the opening ceremony of the New

York City 100th annual Veterans Day Parade and wreath-laying at the Eternal Light Flag Staff in New York on Nov. 11, 2019.

Last Saturday, Eric Trump declared that COVID-19 social distancing measures are part of a "cognizant strategy" for Democrats to win the 2020 Presidential election, and that the novel coronavirus will "magically" disappear after Nov. 3. In an interview with Fox News' Jeanine Pirro on Saturday, the President's son cast doubt on social distancing measures aimed at curbing the spread of coronavirus, which has claimed the lives of more than 89,000 Americans. Trump declared that Democrats are "trying to milk" the pandemic by temporarily closing businesses and implementing other social distancing measures, and that they aim to undermine President Donald Trump's ability to win reelection.



President Trump at a political rally in America's heartland in 2019.

"They think they're taking away Donald Trump's greatest tool, which is being able to go into an arena and fill it with 50,000 people every single time....," Trump said.

"And you watch, they'll milk it every single day between now and Nov. 3. And guess what, after Nov. 3 coronavirus will magically, all of a sudden, go away and disappear and everybody will be able to reopen."

Trump added that Vice President Biden "loves this" because he is not able to draw comparable crowds to his campaign events. He said that Democrats are trying to take away the President's "greatest asset"—his ability to connect with the American people, and appear at campaign rallies.

Trump's comments echoed his fathers'.

In February, President Trump said that Democrats' criticism of his administration's response to COVID-19 is "their new hoax."



The president's son, Eric Trump, says democrats are "politicizing" the importance of social distancing to keep citizens from going to work.

Several Fox News hosts have faced criticism for downplaying the threat of the COVID-19, especially early in the American outbreak, including Pirro and Sean Hannity. Research released in April by the Becker Friedman Institute for Economics found that viewership of Hannity's show, compared to a Fox News show which warned viewers of the virus' threat, is "strongly associated with a greater number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in the early stages of the pandemic."

Trump said the conspiracy was being used by former Vice President Joe Biden, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee to run against his father in the general election.

The coronavirus outbreak, which has largely paralyzed the world economy and killed 89,498 people in the U.S., is not a hoax. Scientists and public health officials have credited social distancing measures with curbing the spread of the disease.

Critics on social media took issue with Trump's cavalier attitude toward the virus.

"90,000 dead Americans, but Eric wants you to know Trump and his rallies are the real victims here," tweeted journalist S.E. Cupp. (Courtesy <https://www.washingtonpost.com/> and [time.com](https://www.time.com/))



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A man reacts, next to a Polish flag laying on the ground, after being sprayed with tear gas, during an anti-government protest, in Warsaw, Poland. REUTERS/Kacper Pempel



Ugandan academic Stella Nyanzi reacts as police officers detain her for protesting against the way the government is distributing relief food and the lockdown situation to control the spread of coronavirus, in Kampala, Uganda. REUTERS/Abubaker

USDA Farmers To Families Food Box Plan Is Big Success



USDA has awards contracts to food producers and distributors to support its Farmers to Families Food Box Program.

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

As part of the Coronavirus Farm Assistance Program Secretary Perdue announced on April 17 that the USDA is exercising authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute up to \$3 billion of agricultural products to those in need. USDA will partner with regional and local distributors, whose workforce has been significantly impacted by the closure of many restaurants, hotels, and other food service entities, to purchase fresh produce, dairy, and meat. USDA will issue a solicitation to invite proposals from offerors to supply commodity boxes to non-profit organizations, identified by the offeror, on a mutually agreeable, recurring schedule. USDA will award contracts for the purchase of the agricultural products, the assembly of commodity boxes and delivery to identified non-profit organizations that can receive, store and distribute food items. Agricultural Marketing Service's Commodity Procurement Program will

procure an estimated \$100 million per month in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$100 million per month in a variety of dairy products, and \$100 million per month in meat products. The distributors and wholesalers will then provide a pre-approved box of fresh produce, dairy, and meat products to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need. (<https://www.ams.usda.gov/>)

Related Ivanka Trump And Maryland Gov. Hogan Tour Launch Of USDA's Family Food Box Program



Ivanka Trump, the daughter of President Donald Trump, tours Coastal

Sunbelt Produce, Friday, May 15, 2020, in Laurel, Md. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik) (Andrew Harnik/AP) Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue and White House adviser Ivanka Trump on Friday toured a Maryland food service distributor that's participating in the Farmers to Families Food Box Program. At a brief ceremony marking the program's launch at Coastal Sunbelt Produce in Laurel, Perdue gave credit to President Donald Trump. Trump had seen news reports about farm goods going to waste and said 'Sonny, I want you to bring me a program that will work,'"Perdue said. Billions of dollars worth of fruit, vegetables and other farm products that might have gone to waste because of the coronavirus pandemic will instead be delivered to food banks and nonprofit organizations that help the needy under a new Agriculture Department program.



Perdue announced last month that his department will spend up to \$3 billion in coronavirus relief money to buy and distribute agricultural goods through regional and local distributors. "When this thing happened, obviously, it was horrifying to hear about vegetables having to be plowed under because of no markets and milk having to be dumped, animals potentially having to be euthanized because we had broken the supply chain," Perdue said. Food distributors saw sharp declines in business after restaurants and other food service establishments shut down or cut back because of the pandemic. Suppliers, like Coastal Sunbelt Produce, is packaging the fruits and vegetables in family-sized cardboard boxes and expects to deliver 35,000 boxes a week to food banks, community and religious organizations, and other nonprofits

through June 30.



Perdue, Ivanka Trump and Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, who wore face coverings inside the refrigerated warehouse, watched as workers swiftly packed boxes with mushrooms, tomatoes, zucchini, bell peppers, potatoes and other produce items. The workers were bundled up against the chill and wore face shields, face masks and other protective gear. "We held them," Ivanka Trump said. "These are 20 to 25 pound boxes of the finest fresh produce, often locally grown." The president's eldest daughter has been working with USDA, the Small Business Administration and Treasury Department to include smaller farms in coronavirus relief programs, the White House said.



After Coastal Sunbelt Produce received a USDA contract, the company was able to recall 50 furloughed employees to work on the food box program, she said. Trump praised the program at an unrelated White House event on Friday. "It'll be helping farmers, ranchers, but it'll be bringing food to some of the food lines and some of the food kitchens that you've been seeing on television," he said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved \$1.2 billion in contracts to support food producers and communities through its Farmers to Families Food Box Program in response to the

COVID-19 pandemic. Through the program, USDA will contract with distributors and wholesalers that will provide pre-approved boxes of fresh produce, dairy, and meat products to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other nonprofits. The program is expected to begin distributing surplus food to communities across the country within days.



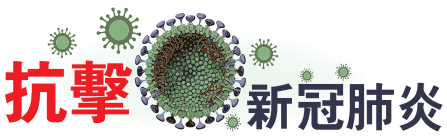
The USDA announced the program on April 17 as part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program developed to help farmers, ranchers, and consumers in response to the COVID-19 emergency. Through the program, the USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service is partnering with national, regional, and local suppliers, whose workforce has been impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels, and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$3 billion in fresh produce, dairy, and meat products. The program will purchase \$461 million in fresh fruits and vegetables, \$317 million in dairy products, \$258 million in meat products, and \$175 million in a combination boxes of fresh produce, dairy, or meat products. Suppliers will package these products into family-sized boxes then transport them to organizations from May 15-June 30. The service may extend the contracts, via option periods, dependent upon program success and available remaining funds up to \$3 billion. (Courtesy <https://www.dbusiness.com/> and [baltimoresun.com](https://www.baltimoresun.com))



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■圖／文：香港文匯報記者 楊韶紅 甘肅報道

宕昌縣哈達鋪鎮藥鄉聯社理事長楊玉安介紹，疫情以來他們自己手工調配的黃芪茶網上訂單猛增，加班生產依然供不應求。境外訂單也大增，之前每個月會有兩三個境外訂單，春節後則最少五六單，甚至十幾單，數量大增，上周他們還發了新加坡、泰國的訂單。訂貨種類最多的是黃芪、當歸飲片，這類藥材訂貨量增加了至少10%。這些訂單的金額多在100元（人民幣，下同）左右，都是自用的多。他還透露港澳地區區單最多，而且除了黃芪飲片外，訂得很多的是淫羊藿。“港澳地區的人們都是中國人，所以他們更懂得這些傳統的好藥。”

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宕昌福江源藥業科技公司負責人王福元表示，復工以來中藥材交易量穩步增長，境外人員從電商平台也多有下單，但這個生意還不太好做，跨境電商主要是物流不暢，海關經常也不能通過。“順豐、中通物流都發不了境外，只有郵政，但價格非常貴。最主要境外的物流和我們銜接不好，到了境外機場，貨提不走，送不到客戶手上。還有海關問題，我們發的許多貨有時被北京海關擋下，有時被上海海關擋下，最終退回來。客戶網上下單買中藥，有的就幾十元的貨，我們經常來回郵費花了幾百元，還沒發出去。這種生意我們是賠錢做，主要是想開拓區域，探索些新市場，但很不容易。近期，我們也看到境外因疫情爆發很需要中藥材，但不知道怎麼樣銜接上去，心裡也很着急。”

去年上半年公司基本無境外訂單，今年一季度的境外訂單大大增加，比春節前也有較大增幅，“春節前一個月有幾單，多時會有十幾單，這幾個月基本每月都有十幾單”。王福元說，春節後增長最多的訂單是黃芪飲片，需求猛增，境外訂單主要是馬來西亞、韓國、新加坡等，要量較多的還是香港、台灣的客戶。“香港也有客戶與我們線下聯繫，是我們的合作夥伴，一次訂幾百公斤，幾千公斤的原藥，有黃芪、黨參、當歸等。”據了解，該公司電商訂單每天在幾百到幾千單不等，曾經在搞活動時，日訂單達到過7,000至8,000單。

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位於甘肅隴南市宕昌縣的甘肅琦昆公司中藥材倉儲物流基地的黃芪、當歸等訂單近期平穩增加。據該公司負責人高建軍介紹，目前大宗發貨及網上訂單都基本進入平穩狀態，價格方面，板藍根漲幅最大，每公斤漲了10元（人民幣，下同）左右，黃芪漲了5至10元，當歸、黨參漲幅相對小一點，黃芪精製飲片每公斤已在65元，他預測一個月後，價格應該還有新一輪增長。

高建軍又透露，近期公司的當歸“全歸片”網上銷量非常大，他們正在研究其中緣由，覺得兩三根的小包裝可保持客戶使用時的新鮮度，防生蟲，使用又不浪費，可能這些特點受到客戶喜歡。他說：“做藥材，就是做長線，做人品，要確保質量。我們要求電商部門人員要穩定訂單，堅決防止退單。”此外，公司去年已與哈薩克斯坦等多個國

家簽訂貿易協議，今年將啟動相關工作。

據隴南市宕昌縣電商中心主任胡東鵬介紹，近期當地通過電商獲得下單的客戶已有日本、韓國、意大利、美國、新加坡、香港、澳門、台灣等國家和地區，許多是新客戶。宕昌理源藥業有限公司2月底向美國發出了125公斤黨參薄片樣品，對方已收到。前一段該客戶又要求發了黃芪樣品，收到後認為質量都很好，電話回復計劃要大量採購。

據悉，該客戶是該公司負責人喬伍忠一個河北做藥材生意的朋友介紹的，是在美國紐約做中藥材生意的華人，之前已訂過幾次藥材，有一次訂了500公斤價值5萬元的黨參，同時還從他河北朋友那裡訂了其他藥材，是訂貨量比較大的長期合作夥伴。喬先生一般是把貨發去河北，然後經他朋友與其他藥材一併發走。近期也有給香港發貨，客戶要黃芪茶，他通過EMS已發了兩個樣品，讓對方先感受一下。



■聯合社加工車間內待包裝的黃芪茶。

疫情下的美國：各“州”為戰背後的“頂層”缺失

（綜合報導）隨著美國絕大部分州進入重啟階段，聯邦政府層面疫情防控策略的缺失正在遭到越來越多的批評。美國輿論認為，缺少一套全國性的防控指引，可能會導致疫情反彈，最終阻礙經濟復甦。

5月16日，距離白宮公佈分階段重啟經濟的指導方針正好“滿月”。藉由這一方針，白宮將重啟經濟的決定權交給了各州州長。但該方針也因沒有具體執行標準、缺乏可操作性而被質疑。

當地時間5月13日，洛杉磯市長加希提宣布，為了保障安全，人們只要出門就必須戴口罩。圖為洛杉磯街頭戴著口罩的市民。

過去三週以來，美國各州的重啟節奏和力度可謂“一州一策”。僅以重開零售商店為例，北卡羅來納州限流50%，佛羅里達州開放25%，而加州則只允許路邊提貨。西部加州和東部紐約州此前都曾表示將與相鄰州協調重啟步驟，但截至目前已鮮有提及。

美國《國會山報》指出，各州和總統基本上忽略了這份重啟方針。在重新恢復經濟的過程中，白宮退居次要地位，而州長們卻各自為戰，以放鬆防疫限制。

美國穆迪分析公司首席經濟學家馬克·贊迪指出，健康的人口是健康經濟的必要條件。“這種零敲碎打式的重啟方式，每個州都採取不同的開放標準，風險巨大。”

美國約翰斯·霍普金斯大學18日發布的新冠肺炎疫情最新統計數據顯示，美國累計確診病例1508817例，累計死亡病例90165例。

目前，美國的日均病毒檢測量為35萬份。而據哈佛大學以及美國醫療專家估算，要確保在重啟經濟後能準確監測疫情，美國每月需達1200萬到1500萬份的檢測水平。

除了檢測能力不足的擔憂，“誰來檢測”也成為複工企業頭疼的問題。美國商會首席政策官尼爾·布拉德利指出，美國大多數企業並不具備防疫監測能力，如果沒有覆蓋廣泛的第三方機構來跟踪疫情，復工之後的地方政府將面臨沉重的公共衛生負擔。

過去一周，美國總統特朗普先是赴賓夕法尼亞視察醫療物資中心，對外展示美國有充足的設備、物資應對後續疫情。他此後又在白宮宣布加速疫苗研發，希望今年底完成。他還強調

，無論有沒有疫苗，美國都要恢復經濟。

美國醫療衛生專家擔心，白宮一味強調重啟經濟，而缺乏疫情防控協調的做法，將置各州於風險之中，美國疫情有可能在今年秋季大規模反彈。

“我們現在的疫情應對沒有領導層，也沒有應對的總體計劃”，美國生物醫學高級研究和發展局前局長里克·布萊特14日在國會警告說，如果美國不採取更加協調一致的全國應對措施，美國將面臨“現代史上最黑暗的冬天”。

聯邦層面缺乏協調的現象，也出現在各州在疫情期間搶購醫療物資上。在三四月份，特朗普被多次問及如何解決聯邦政府和州政府相互競價購買同批醫療物資的情況。他的答復是，“給白宮打電話，我們會退出。”

當地時間5月11日，美國白宮舉行了關於新冠肺炎的新聞發布會，白宮新聞秘書和其他白宮工作人員、記者以及美國軍方成員均佩戴口罩出現在白宮玫瑰花園參加發布會。

此外，美國媒體還指出，原本應起協調作用的美國疾控中心也在此次疫情中被弱化。美聯社公開了一份美疾控中心為地方政府撰寫的“重啟經濟防疫指南”。其報導稱，這份文件分類詳列了餐廳酒吧、辦公場所、公共交通等公共場所逐步開放的準則，卻被特朗普政府擱置。

美國前總統奧巴馬16日在一場面向畢業生的視頻演講中對



美國的疫情應對工作提出批評。他說，“這次病毒大流行徹底戳破了一種假象，即認為掌權者知道他們自己在做什麼”“他們中的很多人甚至都不會去假裝在負責”。

而就在一天前，白宮新聞秘書麥克尼舉行記者會，專門介紹特朗普政府如何彌補奧巴馬政府在疫情應對政策上留下的不足。她還表示，特朗普政府的疫情應對工作是“美國歷史上最好的應對之一”。

申請大幅減少，美國移民局資金告急：只能撐到今年夏末了



（綜合報導）隨著美國新冠疫情不斷蔓延，負責申請公民身份和工作簽證的美國移民局資金告急，稱若無救助，今年夏末資金將告罄。

據紐約每日新聞網報導，隨著美國疫情形勢日趨嚴峻，美國公民和移民服務局收到的希望在美國生活和工作的申請大幅減少。4月，美國總統特

朗普為限制就業競爭又暫停發放綠卡，美國國務院幾乎也暫停了所有的簽證申請，來自其他國家的旅行也受到限制。由於該機構資金來源主要依賴於申請費，幾乎沒有從稅收中獲得資金，申請人數的急劇下降導致美國移民局出現了嚴重的資金缺口。

報導稱，美國移民局預計

其年收入將下降約61%，該機構表示，如果不接受救助，到今年夏末資金將告罄。

美國移民服務局表示，希望國會提供12億美元的緊急資金來支付工資和其他費用，一位發言人表示，“如果沒有國會的干預，移民局將不得不採取激烈行動，以維持該機構的運轉。”



兩月內先後開除4名監察長 特朗普面臨兩黨人士譴責

（綜合報導）當地時間15日，美國總統特朗普突然宣布解僱美國國務院監察長史蒂夫·利尼克，這已經是他近兩個月內開除的第四名監察長。上週末，來自國會兩黨的多名人士紛紛對特朗普表示批評，指責其解僱多位監察長的行為缺少正當理由，並試圖以此掩蓋政府失職。

據美國《新聞周刊》報導，特朗普開除利尼克被民主黨人稱為是國務卿蓬佩奧被調查的報復行為。之前，美國衛生與公共服務部的監察長克里斯蒂·格里姆於5月初被解僱。情報領域監察長邁克爾·艾特金森則在4月初被革職，國防部代理監察長格倫·費恩也在同一周被解僱。

猶他州共和黨參議員米特·羅姆尼於16日在社交平台上表示：“如此開除好幾位監察長的行為前所未見。如果不能給出正當的理由，這會有損監察長職位所必需的獨立性。這是對於問責民主的威脅，也擾亂了憲法的權力平衡。”

作為監察長和聯邦政府告密者的長期支持者之一，艾奧瓦

州共和黨參議員查克·格拉斯利發表聲明稱，特朗普沒有對利尼克的解僱決定給出充分解釋：“在開除監察長時，需要向國會提供合適的理由。對其缺乏信心的說法根本不能滿足國會。”

新澤西州民主黨參議員鮑勃·門內德茲則直接將利尼克的解僱決定稱為“又一場週五夜大屠殺”，並將此和尼克鬆在1973年水門事件中解僱調查官員的“週六夜大屠殺”作比較。門內德茲在16日宣布，他和另一位民主黨眾議員開始了對這一解僱事件的調查，並已經向白宮致信。

“特朗普總統近日開除了包括利尼克在內的多名監察長，這一做法史無前例，他們都是聯邦機構的獨立監管者。我們堅決反對這一出於政治目的的做法。”兩人在聲明中寫道，“有

報導稱，是蓬佩奧親自建議開除利尼克。而據我們了解，他這麼做是因為利尼克開始對蓬佩奧與本人的過失進行調查。這種行為明顯是為了避免讓蓬佩奧承擔責任，不僅有損我們的民主制度，也可能是涉及違法的報復行為。”

報導指出，監察長一職在美國軍隊中擁有悠久歷史，但美國國會自水門事件和尼克松辭職以後才在1978年正式設立這一職位。值得注意的是，特朗普本人在5月初曾表示，自己從尼克鬆身上學到了很多，其中一點就是不要隨意開除他人。



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香港文匯報訊（記者 倪夢環 上海報道）由孫儷、羅晉、張萌等主演的現實主義都市劇《安家》此前在內地熱播，香港觀眾現也可透過“myTV SUPER C-Club”點播組合觀看。《安家》不僅製造出多個話題登上热搜，劇中多位新生代演員也憑藉不俗表現成為焦點。95後內地女演員孫佳雨在劇中的表現更廣獲好評，但原來她本不是“朱閃閃”這個角色的人選，憑藉實力與努力，終於從“不用去試鏡了”到“朱閃閃就是你”，得到發光的機會。



■孫佳雨的演藝之路既有運氣更有努力。

■孫儷(右)相當關心孫佳雨。

劇集《安家》講述了某房地產中介公司大區經理房似錦（孫儷 飾），臨危受命去挽救一家業績不斷下滑的門店之後所發生的故事。劇中“團寵”朱閃閃（孫佳雨 飾）與“賣房達人”王子健（王自健 飾）的感情“波折”便引起不少網友共鳴，而電視裡這個滿口上海話的姑娘在現實中卻是一個地道的北方人。在接受香港文匯報專訪時，孫佳雨直言：“我非常喜歡朱閃閃這個角色，因為她的善良和真誠是我們現在最需要的品質，這部劇反映了很多的現實問題，但無論遇到多大的挫折，朱閃閃都能以最快的速度走出陰霾，我也希望這個角色能給所有人以鼓勵，最終能夠找到自己的幸福。”

另外，劇中，徐文昌（羅晉 飾）與房似錦從“相殺”到相愛，在買房賣房之間碰撞出火花，他們也在摩擦中幫助解決了一件件或平凡或奇葩的“安家”故事。“儷姐和晉哥都是非常口碑的好演員，在拍戲過程中，我們就真的像劇中展現的一樣，是一個大家庭，特‘二’但也特溫馨。”回憶起拍攝的時光，孫佳雨笑言不僅劇中有不少歡樂故事，現實中也有眾多趣事。

孫儷羅晉跟劇組無隔膜

羅晉飾演的角色徐文昌外表頗有些玩世不恭，與朱閃閃在內的員工們打成一片，從來沒有領導架子，沒想到拍攝期間他亦被徐文昌“附身”，最愛開玩笑。“我們現場有一些道具多肉植物，有一次晉哥把這些道具假裝成葡萄說要請我們吃，還到處推銷‘騙’了不少人，特別可樂。”

另一位主演孫儷則是孫佳雨最崇拜的偶像，“我微博最先關注的就有儷姐，當我還是學生的時候，就已經很關注她了。”談及對孫儷的印象，孫佳雨說：“我記得最開始知道儷姐，是看到一個新聞說她幫忙救助流浪的小動物，這一次在拍攝過程中，我們攝影棚外恰好也有一些流浪動物，最開始我發現後，會經常給他們餵點吃食，後來儷姐知道了以後，還特意去一起照顧，真的非常善良。”而作為劇中的“團寵”，在拍攝過程中，孫佳雨亦享受到了前輩們的照顧，“比如儷姐，當知道我肚子疼的時候，會幫我問中醫調理；電視劇裡有一集是儷姐和晉哥參加長跑比賽，當時儷姐還帶

44歲崔智友誕女

香港文匯報訊 現年44歲的韓劇天后崔智友前年下嫁圈外男友，16日順利誕下女兒，所屬經理人公司YG娛樂證實喜訊，透露崔智友目前正在休養，母女平安，感謝外界送上的祝福。

早前崔智友公開一張臨盆之際的照片，公開腹中胎兒性別，也透過手寫信為高齡產婦們加油，她指在疫情環境下焦心準備的過程中，心生對媽媽們的敬意，還在信中自稱“高齡產婦的icon”，盼準媽媽們可以一起努力。



我們一起去場地‘靜坐’提前體驗，因為天氣太熱，坐在滾燙的地上我們都笑了，其實敬業不一定就要表現得嚴肅，儷姐和晉哥都很親切，但也是我們都非常尊敬的好前輩。”

積極練上海話爭取角色

僅僅經過7個月的學習表演，孫佳雨順利考上北影成為了影視院校的“學霸”，而在拍戲後，有着早睡早起良好作息的她，基本都是提前到達片場做準備。“可能現在對於‘小鮮肉’等稱呼的爭議較大，但我真的覺得不管別人怎麼說你，你做好自己，證明自己，就可以了。”

從資歷較淺的新人，到後來好評不斷，孫佳雨的演藝之路既有運氣更有努力，這個95後的女孩用實力證明“沒有不可能”，“當初我拿到劇本的時候，就連我的經紀人都說，你不用試了，你們氣質差太多。”原來，為了符合劇中人設，最初該劇導演是希望找上海姑娘飾演朱閃閃，本來孫佳雨不是理想選擇，“因為不同城市的人還是有着不一樣的狀態和氣質，但我真的很喜歡這個角色，我也相信我會將她演出彩，所以我開始學習上海話，了解上海風俗，還特意找了上海朋友幫忙，觀察他們的家庭生活到底是怎樣的。”

當時，孫佳雨不斷將自己學習上海話或者排練、試演的視頻發給導演，“至少希望導演看到我是有能力去飾演這個角色的。”而最終定下角色後，孫佳雨依然沒有放鬆練習，“我知道劇中其實不用說幾句上海話，但我學習了至少我心裡有底，我希望呈現出來一個理想的朱閃閃。”皇天不負有心人，從“不用去試鏡了”到“朱閃閃就是你”，不僅朱閃閃讓孫佳雨獲得了認可，她的新劇亦正在緊鑼密鼓地推出中，“其實每個演員可能都會被代入角色，但我不希望被定型，我會接受每個角色帶來的影響，做好我的每一部戲。”



■在孫佳雨心中，朱閃閃其實是個遇到任何事情都可以“抗”過去的角色。

談及自己的角色朱閃閃，不少網友稱其為“傻白甜”的代表，業績能力不突出，看中“金龜婿”卻差點被騙，但在孫佳雨心中，朱閃閃卻是不可取代的重要角色，“朱閃閃看起來是一個嬌小姐，但其實是一個遇到任何事情都可以‘抗’過去的角色，她非常善良，即使遇到挫折很快就‘翻篇’，在現實中，其實我的性格和她也有相似的地方，是一個很直接的女孩。”

不過，朱閃閃對於婚姻的要求也引起了一定的爭議，比如起初要求交往對象一定是上海戶口，“其實朱閃閃沒有戀愛經驗，她的要求來源於父母，但朱閃閃的父母之所以希望女兒找上海戶口的男朋友，是因為朱閃閃的家庭條件並不好，她的外號‘壁櫥公主’其實很形象，父母認為如果找上海本地人可能女兒就沒有買房的壓力，而不是有地域歧視，希望大家不要誤解。”

最後，朱閃閃與王子健修成正果，“所以其實愛才是最重要。”

自己性格如角色般直接

孫佳雨 憑實力證明沒有不可能

與偶像合演《安家》 讚孫儷待人親切



■孫佳雨(中)戲裡戲外都是“團寵”。



■95後女演員孫佳雨在《安家》中的表現廣獲好評。



■劉雅麗(左)早於10多歲時已經認識倪詩蓓(右)。

劉雅麗下月與母開秀計劃暫停

香港文匯報訊（記者 阿祖）劉雅麗日前到新城電台接受倪詩蓓主持的節目訪問，她早於10多歲時已經認識對方，卻有數十年沒見面，劉雅麗指倪詩蓓是阿爸的朋友，當時自己17歲想入讀剛開設的演藝學院，爸爸卻不希望她要讀4年太長時間，倪詩蓓便介紹她入電台台做助理，最後她仍堅持要讀演藝，之後大家就沒再見面。

劉雅麗將於7月會在港演出舞台劇，8、9月會移師廣州及上海演出，下月便正式投入排練。會否擔心疫情影響要取消？她坦言希望疫情能逐漸轉好，而她之前簽了合約亦收取了訂金，加上今次獲得政府的抗疫基金補助，即使取消了沒演出，她也可以獲取8成人工。此外，她之前計劃跟媽媽於6月舉行演唱會，她表示暫時停了這計劃：“因為要做的話，4月就要與樂隊開會和開始賣廣告、賣票，但一取消的話要重新入紙再等一年，只希望明年母親節可以跟大家見面啦！”

選港姐只為入行做演員 黃智雯：最初對選美極反感

香港文匯報訊（記者 阿祖）黃智雯日前接受商台節目訪問，談及當年演藝畢業後參選2007年港姐入行，她坦言當年獲母親鼓勵，視選港姐作為入行做演員的踏腳石，從來無想過爭三甲，起初對選美也極為反感。她說：“未入行最初對選港姐是反感的，首先沒想過自己跟選美有關，其次不明白為何要穿泳衣在台上答問題。但媽咪知道我喜歡演戲，認為這是一途徑。”

黃智雯直言入行後頗幸運，第四年已憑《缺宅男女》關二嫂摘下“飛躍進步女藝員獎”，對於有些人遲入行比她更快上位，她說：“有些人覺得我走得比人慢，但這就是我的節奏，我專注做自己，也不會跟人比較！”至於2018年以《三個女人一個因》一劇先後摘下新加坡及大馬視后之後，最終在台慶頒獎禮大熱輸給後輩李佳芯，她說：“事前當然想三連冠，好像很型嘛！最終不是自己也沒所謂，只是當晚太多朋友支持，包括粉絲們，我是怕令他們失落吧。”



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德州骨科醫院領導小組與兩位藝術創作者楊禮維和露西洛薩諾在新完成的壁畫前拍照留念。

從左到右：凱旋卡特 (Keshonn Carter) – IT & S 副總監 (Associate Director of IT&S)；勞倫·蘭金 (Lauren Rankin) – 內科醫師關係主任 (Director of Physician Relations)；蘭迪巴比 (Randy Babbitt) – 設施總監 (Director of Facilities)；楊禮維 (Willie Yang) – 台商會的副會長/藝術家 (Artist)；傑克遜瓦格 (Jackson Wagner) – 行政助理 (Administrative Assistant)；露西洛薩諾 (Lucero Lozano) – 藝術家 (Artist)；艾瑞克貝克 (Eric Becker) 首席執行官 (C.E.O.) 和約翰·米爾 (John Miller) – 首席護理 (Chief Nursing Officer)。

德州休士頓，為慶祝全國護士週和醫院週，德州骨科醫院的領導團，於醫院停車場一樓的新壁畫前剪彩。

這個由台商會的副會長/藝術家楊禮維 (Willie Yang) 和東西壁畫的藝術家 – 露西 (Lucero Lozano) 捐贈給醫院的 9.5 英尺 x 20 英尺充滿活力的壁畫為感謝所有醫護人員在這次冠狀病毒所做的貢獻，位於醫院停車場一樓的新壁畫讓所有每天進出的同事、員工、醫師、患者和訪客都可以欣賞到這幅壁畫。台商會的副會長楊禮維 (Willie Yang) 和東西壁畫的藝術家 – 露西 (Lucero Lozano)，總共花了 27 個小時設計和親手繪製這幅壁畫在兩個週末中。

“我們的員工和醫師同事很榮幸，收到由台商會的副會長楊禮維 (Willie Yang) 和東西壁畫的露西 (Lucero Lozano) 製作的這份精美的藝術禮物。”德州骨科醫院首席執行官 Eric Becker 說。“他們投入了他們自己寶貴的時間，才能和資源，來讚賞我們英勇無私的醫護人員”貝克補充說。

這幅壁畫的特點，是兩名戴著防護口罩的超級英雄醫護人員一起站在水晶和花朵中來代表醫護人員給予的關愛和安全。“當我和

露西開始設計的時候，露西一直在思考“並不是所有的英雄都披著斗篷”。巧合的是，我後來發現醫院一直在推廣“英雄在這裡工作”這個主題以支持其員工。因此，似乎幾乎是上天注定的。”楊禮維說。

“作為設計師，我們已經合作了 7 年，但是我們一直希望在業餘時間做更大的創作。”楊說。“創作這幅壁畫，給了我們在做我們喜歡做的事情同時，也給我們有回饋社區的機會。露西和我都深



知醫護人員是真正的英雄，我們的壁畫將每天提醒人們，他們在照顧社區方面，是為我們付出了這麼多。”楊說。



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(本報休斯敦報導) 一個多月前，在林城中文學校的倡導下，有林城中文學校、北休斯敦華人協會、和休斯敦亞商會等數個組織積極響應，北休斯敦地區以當地華人和 6 家餐館為主幹，開展了為護士送溫暖、和向前線英雄致敬的活動。經過一個多月的籌備和多方準備

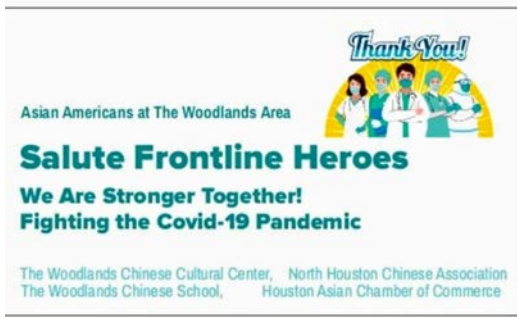


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各醫療機構的主管們非常感謝這麼有意義的暖心活動，一再表示這不僅僅是對護士工作的肯定，更是一種在精神上的鼓勵。面對疫情不孤單，背後有社區強大支持，感到有無比的力量！

這次活動中，林城中文學校特別設計了暖心卡，學生們用他們炙熱的心給前線醫務人員寫下了感激讚美之詞。而熱心參加活動的 6 家餐館分別是 Bloofin Sushi & Bar, Shogun Japanese Grill and Sushi Bar – Woodlands, China Bridge Restau-



rant, Atsumi Asian Kitchen and Sushi Bar, DrinkabiliTea Café, 和 Spicy Cuisine。

在與林城各大醫院聯繫確定護士人數後，制出了 3000 個暖心卡和 3100 張餐券，已在 5 月 11 日國際護士節前一天，送到以下醫療機構：Memorial Hermann – Woodlands (1150)、Conroe Regional Healthcare Center (750)、St. Luke's – Woodlands (650)、St. Luke's – Springwood Village (100)、Maxim Healthcare Services (20)、華人護士群 (100)、其他個人醫務人員 (30)。

同時，在亞商會聲援 \$2000 下，Airi Poke & Ramen 於當天中午為 Methodist Hospital – Woodlands 獻上 200 份香噴噴的拉麵和波霸奶茶



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新冠病毒大流行導致餐館業蕭條，但並沒有影響餐館老闆們對前線醫務人員表達他們的感激之情。最初暖心活動打算通過捐款方



林城中文學校設計的暖心卡

式購買各餐館的禮卡，幫助餐館增加營業收入，但是他們卻主動提出以捐禮卡形式來感謝醫務人員，並把禮卡的有效期限定為半年。

醫務人員們對他們的捐贈付出表示衷心感謝，並同時表示會帶家人，和告知朋友們多去他們的餐館就餐。最有意思的是有一家醫院已經給一家餐館老闆聯繫方式，希望他們今後有進一步的合作可能。

林城暖心活動帶來意想不到的結果：送出愛心，卻得到更多的愛心回報。愛心是構成社區的基礎，也是社區力量的存在。美好的世界是共同創造的，從社區做起吧！在這裡，對所有參與暖心活動的人士表示衷心的感謝！



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