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After 106 years, the romantic story between Jackie and rose, continues to unfold. The Titanic tells the tale of tragedy and demeanor in the face of disaster. However, new reports show that the story did not end at shore for all of the survivors.

According to a report, “There are 90% of the Chinese who don’t know that once there was a Chinese passenger on the Titanic, the remaining 10% knew that they would say: Oh, I’ve heard of several Chinese passengers who did something less than decent...”

In that shipwreck accident,
More than 1500 people were killed,
With only 700 people were lucky enough to survive and in 1998, the film “The Titanic” was released in China, with 360 million box-office sales, which accounted for one-third of the box office. This record was kept for 11 years.

However, few people know that there were 8 Chinese on the Titanic, with 6 of them surviving in the cold Atlantic Ocean. When the disaster was over, all Titanic survivors came to New York. The Americans welcomed their open arms and did not include the six Chinese.

“Chinese must go!” In addition to being blocked by the United States from entering the country, they have been stigmatized by the disgraceful reputation of “being greedy for fear of death and disguising themselves as female passengers entering the lifeboat”.

What is the truth behind this dusty past? Almost nobody asked.

Until last year, when Arthur Jones and the team’s documentary “The Six” trailer came out. Which now gives us the opportunity to understand the truth hidden under beyond the iceberg.

“This is not only a story about the Titanic survivors, but also a story about a group of very brave Chinese people who explored the outside world in those days, and these stories were unknown before.” Jones said.

A few years ago, Jones’s friend Steven Schwankert, a marine historian of the United States, accidentally discovered the Chinese passengers when he was studying the history of British sailors. “There were actually 8 Chinese passengers on the British Titanic, and 6 of them are still alive!” he exclaimed.

After hearing this he wondered: “Why didn’t anybody mention them, where did they come from and where did they go? I should go and uncover these mysteries.”

For three years, he and his team followed the clues left over from history to search for the United States, Canada, and Hong Kong, and finally arrived in China... The past of 100 years ago slowly revealed itself.

Starting on April 10, 1912,
The Titanic prepared to sail from South Cape, England, carrying more than 2,000 passengers and crew to New York.
The “Versailles at sea”, was where British and American businessmen and celebrities, are proud to hold a first-class cabin ticket.

There was a flash of Chinese people in the uncut version of “Titanic.”
They were brought on board due to the British coal workers’ strike,
Due of racial discrimination, they were subject to 15 hour work days.
While their salary was only one-fifth that of the white crew.
In order to save money, eight people share a third-class ferry ticket.
The ticket cost a total 59 pounds 9 shillings and 11 pence
And even then it was an expensive investment for the Chinese workers.

Unsurprisingly, because of the class hierarchy, when the ship was in trouble, the first-class nobles and celebrities received notice first. Those who lived in the third-class cabin did not know that the ship would sink, and the doors were still sealed.
When the door was opened, the third-class man was not qualified to board the lifeboat and was left to find his own way to a lifeboat.

The South China Morning Post also reported that after the accident, the passengers of other third-class cabins, like the eight Chinese were released from the locked gate after other passengers.

In the chaos, two Chinese people were trampled to death while they hid in the cabin.
Five of the men discovered that there was a broken boat on the deck. They saw that the boat was going to sink so they made concerted efforts to throw the broken boat into the sea and jumped on the boat.
Fortunately, before the boat sank, they encountered a lifeboat before returning.

The Six Chinese Men on the Titanic Will Get Their Story Told after 106 Years

It was the first Class of the Titanic, Costing 75 million pounds to build, 46,328 tons, 882.9 feet long, 92.5 feet wide, 11 stories high from the keel to the four chimneys; the restaurant has plenty of meat, eggs, milk, beer and cigars, and a variety of leisure facilities The swimming pool, gymnasium, squash room, and orchestra play all-weather and was extremely luxurious.

However, under the big wheel deck, was the third class passengers. It was stuffed with immigrants and laborers from all over the world and included the 8 Chinese: Fang Lang, Lee Bing, Ali Lam, Chang Chip, Choong Foo, Lee Ling, Ling Lee, and Len Lam.

Arthur Jones

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The 6th Chinese man, Fanglang, 26, was fortunate enough to be discovered by the only rescue boat No. 14 that returned to search and rescue.

Before the young man lost his consciousness, he tied himself to the remains of the Titanic. At that time, the lifeguard officer took a look and thought that he was Japanese and was not willing to save him.

But the people on the lifeboat responded, “Can’t be saved or not saved,” and the officer placed the boat next to him, saved him, and warmed him. (Source: www.huffingtonpost.co.za)

Unexpectedly, what Fang Lang did when he woke up had earned the respect of all lifeboat owners.

After being rescued, the guy quickly opened his eyes. He tried to speak Chinese to the people on the boat and found that no one could understand it. He struggled to stand up, stretched his arms, and stumbled. After about five minutes he recovered his strength.

A second-class survivor, Charlotte Collyer, recalled: “When he saw the sailor next to him tired of paddling, he took the initiative to push the sailor away and pick up the paddle, like a hero, until we were the ship was rescued.” (Source: www.huffingtonpost.co.za)

However, these Chinese people who survived would come to face another challenge.

In the United States in 1912, the Chinese Exclusion Act had not been abolished. When the survivors of the Titanic came to New York, everyone was welcomed and warmed by the locals, except for Fang Lang.

They were the only survivors who had failed to enter the United States. They were first sent to an island named Daedel. They were sent away early the next morning because of the Chinese Exclusion Act and then turned back to the Atlantic with the “Annetta”, heading south to Cuba, which is a story forgotten by history.

“For a hundred years, the six Chinese were thus placed in an unfair and unfair position,” said Jones.

To this day, they did not wait for an apology.

A hundred years later, after learning of the story of the six surviving Chinese, the British director Jones decided to speak upright. After the three years, they spent looking for where the six people had finally gone, they also visited Shandong to search for their descendants.

To his astonishment, the descendants of the vast majority of survivors stated that they did not know that the family and the Titanic had such a history.

Tom Fong, son of Fang Lang, one of the six surviving Chinese people, said:

“I have never spoken a word with my father and I don’t know his story of life until my relatives told me “your father was on the Titanic.”

“My grandfather experienced this shipwreck that shocked the world?”

It was shocking to hear about this past.

“We don’t want to talk to outsiders about our family.”

However, most domestic and foreign audiences still say this: “Looking forward to this film” “I hope these Chinese people can be named” “Hope that people can understand what happened to these poor people”...

Over 3 years, Jones found:

“Historically, these six people did not have any historical data on “doing evil for survival.” Moreover, they also helped other people when they were wrecking. They were all good and kind people.”

In 2017, when this documentary about the unknown truth was screened, he won the Best Asian Project Award from the French Sunshine Documentary Film Festival.

Jones also mentioned, “The most important thing is that, of course, these six Chinese are historically well-recognized rather than winning. I hope this documentary proves that they are not widowers and that they did not trade their lives at the expense of others.”

After the release of the trailer, this topic had twice been on the hot search list, although some people feel, “It has been 106 years and nothing will change.”

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Champaign, Ill. — The new Siebel Center for Design at the University of Illinois will set the bar globally for design thinking in education, said Thomas Siebel, the three-time U. of I. alumnus who provided a $25 million lead gift to establish the center.

A standing-room-only crowd of nearly 500 people gathered April 24 as the U. of I. broke ground for the Siebel Center for Design, a multidisciplinary hub of student-focused design thinking and learning. The 59,000 square-foot building will be located between Huff Hall and the Art and Design Building. Construction is expected to be completed in early 2020.

“Our vision for this design center and our vision for this design-thinking process is that the University of Illinois set the bar at global scale, by which and to which all other institutions — MIT, Stanford, Yale, Berkeley — will measure their standards,” Siebel said.

“This is a place where miracles happen,” he said of Illinois, “but we need to plan for them very carefully. It’s my hope that for generations to come, the Illinois design center will serve as a happy place where some of the brightest young minds on the planet will gather daily to collaborate, to ideate, to create, to imagine the impossible, to advance the process of design thinking, to invent and reinvent the future, and to make miracles happen.”

Chancellor Robert Jones said the Siebel Center for Design will empower students to design their own futures, much as Siebel himself did at Illinois.

The 59,000-square-foot Siebel Center for Design will feature five team-based collaboration studios; a large workshop for 3-D printing, fabrication and computer-controlled machining; and two digital media studios, among other spaces. The building was designed by architectural firm Bohlin Cywinski Jackson.

“Tom is a visionary leader and innovator who has made a career demonstrating the transformational power of multidisciplinary approaches and nontraditional thinking to create solutions nobody ever imagined to be possible,” Jones said. “His ideas and innovations have, without exaggeration, played a significant role in shaping today’s global information, service and technology economy.”

Provost Andreas Cangelaris said the center will take the culture of interdisciplinary research represented by the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology and develop a culture of interdisciplinary education that will transform the experience of every student on campus.

Rachel Switzy, who will be the inaugural director of the Siebel Center for Design, said technology companies have a real need for employees who understand and embrace tenets of design thinking, and the new design center will enable Illinois to infuse undergraduate education with those principles.

“Our students will enter the workforce ready to solve complex problems creatively and with end users in mind,” Switzy said.

“This building is going to be a physical manifestation of a movement, of putting the human experience at the center of all we do, of thinking and communicating in new ways,” she said. “It honors all of the exploration, the experiments, the evolution our faculty and students engage in every day, and it honors all the boundaries that we push in the name of making this world a better place.”

U. of I. President Tim Killeen said the Siebel Center for Design will personify Illinois’ ambitious plans to become a model for higher education in the 21st century.

“This is going to be hallowed ground, just like the Morrow Plots,” he said.

“The Siebel Center for Design will reimagine student-focused education, and expand opportunities for hands-on learning that provides real-world skills,” Killeen said. “It will build on a systemwide culture of innovation, collaboration, entrepreneurship and thoughtful risk-taking that helps drive discovery and progress. And it will cultivate our most valuable assets — the human and intellectual capital that fuel our power as an engine for statewide and regional economic growth.”

The center will facilitate and support innovative approaches to product, process and user-interface design, with an emphasis on societal relevance, advanced technology, creativity, purpose and multidisciplinary collaboration.

The new building will feature five team-based collaboration studios for up to 400 students, including one studio for large-scale construction and graded access for full-scale prototyping; a large workshop for 3-D printing, metal fabrication, laser cutting, water-jet cutting and computer-controlled machining; two digital media studios for video and audio recording; immersive technologies for virtual-reality applications; and public gathering spaces, meeting rooms and galleries to encourage informal interaction.

The Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation in 2016 provided the $25 million lead gift to establish the Siebel Center for Design. The center will cost about $48 million, with the remainder of the money coming from institutional funds.

Thomas Siebel is the chairman of the Thomas and Stacey Siebel Foundation and the chairman and chief executive officer of C3 IoT, an enterprise PaaS and SaaS software company that enables companies to design, develop, deploy, provision and operate large-scale AI and “internet of things” applications. The cross-disciplinary range of his academic degrees from Illinois in history, business administration and computer science are reflected in the tenets of design thinking.

Source: Illinois Newsbureau

Campus to Allow Freshman Applicants to Self-Report Standardized Test Scores

Champaign, Ill. — Students applying for admission to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as new freshmen for the fall 2019 semester will be able to self-report their standardized test scores in new freshman applications to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the fall 2019 semester, a change made to improve accessibility for students applying to college. Photo by L. Brian Stauffer

Historically, students were required to have their test scores sent directly from the testing agency before an application for admission was considered complete. Moving forward, students will enter their highest scores and subscores directly within the application. Only students who are admitted to the university will then be asked to verify these scores prior to enrolling.

This change was made to improve accessibility for students applying to college. Students currently receive just four free score sends upon taking the ACT or SAT, prior to knowing their scores. They must then pay $12 to $13 per test administration to send additional scores to each school to which they are applying. Although ACT and SAT recently announced more free score sends for low-income students, school counselors have raised concerns about the administrative burden of helping students qualify for these sends, as well as for middle-income families.

“We work closely with school counselors who asked us to consider removing this financial barrier for students applying to the university,” said Andy Borst, the director of undergraduate admissions. “With our large application volume, we estimate that this change will help students collectively save almost $1 million per year.”

Princeton Review reports that more than 90 colleges across the nation are adopting similar policies.

The freshman application for admission to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for the fall 2019 semester will open Sept. 1. Students will be able to apply through either the Coalition or myIllini application.

For additional information, contact Andy Borst, director of undergraduate admissions, at ab160@illinois.edu or 217-300-3957.

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Most Americans Look to Research Universities for Innovation Leadership, Finds Polsky Center

A Polsky Center survey finds a majority of Americans are looking to research universities to be the foremost drivers of innovation. Photo by Jean Lachat

Innovation Indicator reveals challenges for U.S. global competitiveness

An overwhelming majority of Americans are looking to research universities to be the foremost drivers of innovation at a time of anxiety over global competition, according to a new Innovation Indicator survey from the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Chicago.

The Polsky Innovation Indicator found that 71 percent of Americans believe research universities are a “major force” in driving U.S. innovation, considerably more than the number who said that of large corporations, startups businesses or government. The survey also points to real challenges for global competitiveness, with just one in four people viewing America as the global leader in innovation. That suggests a growing need for universities to provide leadership through field-defining research and applying new knowledge to benefit society.

Leadership role for universities

As for what fuels innovation in the U.S., 71 percent of respondents said research universities are a driving force for innovation versus 60 percent for large corporations, 53 percent for startups and 47 percent for government. At the same time, more than half of respondents in the Polsky Innovation Indicator considered declines in public and private funding a major barrier to innovation.

“This survey reinforces what the American people see every day—that our research universities have propelled the United States to a global leadership role in innovation and are essential public goods. But without robust and sustained federal research investments, research universities will be unable to help ensure that the U.S. remains at the top, by providing the people, ideas and discoveries that enhance our economy, improve our public health and bolster the national defense,” said Mary Sue Coleman, president of the Association of American Universities.

Despite increased emphasis on commercialization and entrepreneurship at universities, respondents said that academic institutions can still do more to lead U.S. innovation. Sixty-one percent of respondents to the Polsky Innovation Indicator survey said that universities play “about the same role they always had” in creating the next generation of innovation and only a quarter said that universities are “leading the charge more than ever before.”

“Universities still need to find a more effective way to help innovators move their discoveries into the marketplace. At UChicago, the Polsky Center is providing a distinct engine for advancing innovation,” said Eric Isacys, Executive Vice President for Research, Innovation and National Laboratories at UChicago, at the Polsky event. “We’re building on our record by putting pieces into place that enable us to open new facilities and launch new ventures dedicated to enriching lives here in our community and across the world.”

The Polsky Innovation Indicator survey was conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago for the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the University of Chicago. Interviews for this survey were conducted between April 11 and 16, 2018, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and District of Columbia. 1,086 panel members completed the survey—975 via the web and 111 via telephone. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.2 percentage points.

The University of Chicago Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation brings the power of ideas in the laboratory, classroom and community to the world. Through education, resources, and programs, the Polsky Center commercializes discoveries, partners with companies, and attracts venture capital. The Polsky Center runs UChicago’s top-ranked business accelerator, the Edward L. Kaplan, ’71, New Venture Challenge, which has helped launch more than 185 companies worldwide that have gone on to achieve more than $10 billion in value and raised over $600 million in funding. The mission of the Polsky Center is to support students, faculty, alumni, and community members by bridging the gap between knowledge and practice, idea and action, and research and impact. By igniting a spirit of innovation and fostering connections that extend across the University, city, region and world, the Polsky Center enables more ideas to have a meaningful impact on society. Learn more at polsky.uchicago.edu.

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Source: UChicago News

(About the UChicago Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation)

“The federal government can provide an environment for growth, but it’s the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators around the U.S. who are going to lead us to a successful 21st century,” Dubin said. “UChicago’s Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship is creating an environment where they can excel.”

Slipping as innovation leader

The Polsky Innovation Indicator found that 28 percent of people surveyed said they consider the U.S. the world’s leader in innovation, with 29 percent saying the nation is falling behind and 42 percent viewing the U.S. on par with other industrialized countries.

The survey results follow recent reports raising concerns about the U.S.’s global competitiveness in innovation. The 2018 Bloomberg Innovation Index placed the United States out of the top 10 most innovative economies for the first time in the report’s history. The number of new companies in the U.S. has dropped by half since 1980, producing what some economists have labeled a “start-up deficit,” slowing productivity and economic growth. In 2016, for the first time, Chinese venture capital fundraising matched U.S. levels—with much of that investment coming from within China’s borders.

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To Put It Concisely: Grad Students Win in University Contests

Six graduate students recently took top honors in two Purdue contests that demand brevity and quality of expression.

In the Three Minute Thesis, entrants had to summarize their research efforts in 180 seconds and one slide. In Say It in 6, the task was to characterize the experience of being a graduate student in six words and an original image.

Three Minute Thesis

In 3MT, competitors must crystallize their message about what they are researching, knowing that a full presentation on the subject probably would take nine hours. Their telescoping of their work of three years or so allows the audience to celebrate the quality and range of graduate research at Purdue. The Three Minute Thesis competition was developed and trademarked by The University of Queensland, Australia.

Purdue’s winners, their prizes and their presentation titles:


Second place: Akane Ota, Agriculture. $250. “Can Charcoal Solve Global Warming -- or Not?”

People’s Choice: Ashlee Colbert, Engineering. $250. “Say Cheese! To No Malaria Disease.”

Finals of the competition, which is hosted by the Graduate School’s Office of Professional Development, took place April 17 after preliminary rounds in March and early April. Presentations were judged on communication style, comprehension and engagement. Many contestants prepared by attending specially designed communications workshops in October, January and February.

Say It in 6

In 6MT, competitors must crystallize their message about what they are researching, knowing that a full presentation on the subject probably would take nine hours. Their telescoping of their work of three years or so allows the audience to celebrate the quality and range of graduate research at Purdue. The Say It in 6 competition was developed and trademarked by The University of Queensland, Australia.

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Saying Boiler Up by boiling it down may have gone even further in the six-word, one-image limit of this contest. Every successful entry will display clarity, conciseness and creativity. From among 10 categories -- Purdue, Resilience, Identity, America, Hope, Compassion, Culture, Happiness, Feminism, Diversity -- competitors chose one by which they wanted their entry to be judged. This contest and its trademarked name is based on Smith Magazine’s “Six-Word Memoirs,” also trademarked. Purdue’s winners and their prizes:

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The winners were recognized at the 3MT finals event. The six words are not quoted in this article to let readers experience the effect of seeing image and word together.

Finalists’ submissions will be featured on the Graduate School website and promoted on posters and banners around campus.

Source: Purdue Today

Ismail Center to hold summer yoga classes

Purdue’s Ismail Center will hold an eight-week summer yoga session starting Tuesday (May 8).

Class will meet 12:10 to 12:50 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Ismail Center in Lyles-Porter Hall, Room 1130. The class will combine the fundamental sequence of postures that are synchronized with the breath, aiding in the relaxation and purification of the body and leading to improved flexibility, joint mobility and balance. All levels are welcome.

The class, which is open to the Purdue and Greater Lafayette communities, costs $40 for Ismail Center members and $60 for nonmembers. Validated parking in the Harrison Street Garage or street parking is available.

To register, call the Ismail Center at 765-496-1015.

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Trade War Continues, and Does Anyone Would Benefit From It?

TACS Team Column

On April 12, President Trump said that the U.S. would consider rejoining the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). According to the New York Times, “many economists say the best way to combat a rising China and pressure it to open its market is through multilateral trade deals like the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which create favorable trading terms for participants.” The U.S. rejoining the pact is expected to allow farmers to take advantages from new access to markets, especially Japan, and improve the situation of the agricultural industry that is hurt from China’s retaliation in reaction to President Trump’s latest tariffs.

Trump’s administration proposed $150 billion in tariffs on other imports from China after it imposed tariffs of 25% on steel and 10% on aluminum. The New York Times states, “China has responded to Mr. Trump’s threat of tariffs on as much as $150 billion worth of its goods by placing its own tariffs on American pork, and threatening taxes on soybeans, sorghum, corn, and beef.” China is now taking a reciprocal action against the U.S. government, and it would badly hurt the U.S.’ agricultural industry. In addition, China claimed that they could further retaliate with tariffs on American car, chemicals, and other products.

President Trump insisted that the U.S. is not in the trade war with China, but the U.S. government’s recent tariff policy is not consistent with his claim. Peter Navarro, the director of Mr. Trump’s Office of Trade and Manufacturing Policy said:

“What we have here is a situation where every American understands that China is stealing our intellectual property, they’re forcing the transfer of our technology when companies go to China, and by doing that, they steal jobs from America, they steal factories from America, and we run an unprecedented $370-billion-a-year trade deficit in goods.”

This idea supports President Trump’s tariffs plan and reflects that the U.S. would not stop till they achieve what they want, even though many industries in the U.S. including the agricultural industry could be hurt from it. As China claimed that they would not hesitate to immediately make a fierce counter strike, it raises more concern that the situation would last longer and harm the economy of both countries.

US-China Forum in Illinois

The United States-China Innovation and development forum, held by the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (UIUCSSA) ended on Apr. 7.

This forum includes keynote speeches and two concurrent sessions. Lei Hong, the Consulate-general of P.R.C. in Chicago, Diane Marlin, mayor of Urbana and guests from the University and business gave speeches, sharing their experience and research results in their field and exchange ideas with students.

“This began in 1904, when University of Illinois President Edmund James worked with Mr. Wu Tingfang, Chinese Minister to the United States, to bring students from China to study at our campus,” Marlin said.

In the host welcome, Marlin talked about how Urbana became a famous city with great university and the cradle of entrepreneurs. She also recalled the close relationship between China and Urbana and Illinois.

“The City of Urbana has many direct ties to China. We established a Sister City relationship with the Haizhu District, Guangzhou several years ago and cooperated with Zomba, Malawi on a grant to improve sanitation in that African city as part of Sister Cities International Sino-African Initiative,” Marlin said.

Hong talked about the Sino-U.S relationship, and the positive influence that Chinese international students could achieve.

In the following keynote speeches, Jason Xu, the chief engineer of Didu in the North America, Mike Yao, professor of the College of Media of Illinois, and Joe Zhu, investor, gave students speeches related to their background and experience, sharing what they have learned in their life.

In the following concurrent sessions, students had more opportunities to talk with guests. Guests from China and the U.S. gave more specific speech related to the topics of the concurrent sessions.

In the concurrent session I, which topic is China-U.S. relationship and Chinese Brand in Global Market, guest speakers talked about their understanding of the market, encouraged students to use their advantages and change the world.

In the concurrent session II, which topic is Technology and Innovation, Business Start-up and Employment, guests talked about the dilemma that Chinese students faced when they tried to blend in the new culture.

“A student told me he only said English when he ordered food,” Fish said. Guest speakers encouraged students reaching out and utilize their multicultural background to achieve success.

UIUCSSA spent more than three months on the event. As a director of this event said, because of the time conflict, some guests could not present.

“We will try our best to bring more guests to our forum,” the director said.

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North Korea and US troops

The presence of American troops in South Korea has long been a pressing problem for North Korea. From Pyongyang’s point of view, U.S. Forces Korea (USFK), a legacy of World War II, along with U.S. forces in Okinawa and Guam, are a major security threat. On many occasions, North Korea has openly cited “military threats” from the U.S. as a pretext for its nuclear development. After the two sides agreed to hold their first summit over denuclearization, concerns were raised that the North might renew its long-held demand that the U.S. withdraw troops from the South and use this as a bargaining chip in the denuclearization dialogue.

According to South Korean President Moon Jae-in, however, North Korean leader Kim Jong-un will not touch on this issue when he meets U.S. President Donald Trump, possibly in late May or early June. This, if true, could be a realistic choice by Kim to reach a grand nuclear bargain with Trump by avoiding making demands the U.S. can never accept.

More importantly, North Korea’s perception toward the U.S. troops stationed in the South could be possibly changing. During the first inter-Korean summit in 2000, then North Korean leader Kim Jong-il shared his views about the presence of U.S. troops in the South with President Kim Dae-jung. It is an open secret that Kim did not oppose the U.S. keeping its troops, even after the two Koreas are united, as long as the USFK is given a “new role.” This, of course, shocked Kim and South Korean officials who attended the meeting.

It is only recently that Kim’s thoughts about U.S. troops have become known to the public. According to sources involved in the 2000 summit, Kim had grave concerns about possible Chinese influence on a united Korea, so he believed the continued existence of American troops could act as a balancing tool against China to maintain peace on the Korean Peninsula in a post-unification era. On the surface, however, the North has kept demanding a U.S. troop pullout. And it has used tensions with the U.S. to develop its own nuclear weapons.

It is unknown how the junior Kim views the presence of U.S. forces in the South. But it is not hard to imagine what this means to China. If circumstances change, Pyongyang and Washington will have opportunities to discuss this issue frankly. Seoul, of course, should not be only a third party in these talks. Who knows? President Moon and Kim Jong-un may have frank discussions on the U.S. troop presence at their meeting on Friday.

Moon, while speaking to the press last week, said North Korea has never made demands that the U.S. side cannot consider for the Kim-Trump summit. The North, instead, asked the U.S. to reconsider its hostile policy and provide a guarantee of security in return for taking denuclearization measures, according to Moon.

“If the two sides have a common understanding about denuclearization, it will not be difficult for them to reach deals,” Moon said. “The deals will be about signing a peace treaty, normalizing bilateral relations and providing international aid to the North for economic development.”

As the Kim-Trump summit looms, China’s feelings toward North Korea will become complicated. China has long supported direct dialogue between Pyongyang and Washington, saying this is essential to establish permanent peace on the peninsula. However, if the two sides foster closer economic and political ties through the summit, it will be a whole different story for China.

In fact, China has long been criticized for using North Korea to defend its interest in its rivalry with the U.S. North Korea’s economic dependence on China is now heavier than ever, and it will surely make all possible efforts to prevent the U.S. from damaging its interests on the peninsula.

Is North Korea really seeing U.S. troops in the South differently? If so, this will pose a grave security challenge for China.

Source: Na Jeong-ju/ The Korea Times

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1. **GO ON A GUIDED ARCHITECTURE TOUR.**

The Chicago Cultural Center’s grand Classical Revival-style building originally opened in 1897 as the first home of the Chicago Public Library. Learn the building’s fascinating story and experience its magnificent architectural features during one of the free Chicago Cultural Center Building Tours. The 45- to 60-minute tours will take you beneath the world’s largest Tiffany stained-glass dome, past colorful mosaics and through rooms featuring exquisite details such as dramatic marble arches and coffered ceilings.

Tours are offered Wednesday through Saturday at 1:15pm and meet in the Randolph Street lobby. Tours are generally limited to the first 20 people, so be sure to arrive early. Special enhanced tours for Spanish speaking, deaf and blind visitors are offered on select dates (see schedule).

2. **LIVEN UP YOUR LUNCH WITH A CLASSICAL MUSIC CONCERT.**

Every Wednesday at 12:15pm, the grand Preston Bradley Hall in the Chicago Cultural Center comes to life with classical music during Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concerts. These free, 45-minute music concerts feature a lineup of emerging artists, from violinists to pianists and more (refer to the schedule for upcoming performers).

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Learn more about other current and upcoming Chicago Cultural Center exhibitions. And check out our blog for an in-depth look at the Abney and Haring exhibits.

6. **CATCH A LIVE THEATER OR DANCE PERFORMANCE.**

The Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (DCASE) presents an ongoing performing arts series that showcases both emerging and established music, theater, dance and multi-disciplinary artists at the Chicago Cultural Center. Check the schedule for the latest performances.

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Applying for Asylum in the US Takes At Least 3 Months, 2 Interviews And One Big Decision

(CNN) When we think of people coming to the United States to escape danger and persecution, we tend to think of refugees. But the caravan of Central American men, women and children currently languishing at the US-Mexico border has turned national attention to another type of endangered group: asylum seekers.

In the United States, applying for asylum is a completely different process than arriving to the country as a refugee. Asylum seekers also tend to be of different nationalities than refugees.

According to statistics from the Department of Homeland Security, China was the country with the highest number of citizens seeking asylum in the United States in 2015, followed by El Salvador, Guatemala and Egypt.

So what does the asylum process look like? And to whom does it apply?

Asylum status isn’t the same as refugee status

When people request asylum, they are essentially seeking protection from violence or persecution that keep them from feeling safe in their home country or keep them from returning safely to their home country. In order for someone to qualify for asylum, they must meet the definition of a “refugee” as laid out by the Immigration and Nationality Act.

And yes, there is a difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker. Refugee status is granted to people who are outside the United States. Asylum is granted to people who are either already in the country or are seeking entry and asylum at a border.

There are two paths to asylum

If someone has been in the US for less than a year, or is seeking asylum at a port of entry, it is considered affirmative asylum.

If someone is facing deportation from the US or is caught trying to enter the US illegally, they can attempt to claim asylum in order to stay. This is known as defensive asylum and has a very different timeline of events that feels more like a legal trial than a bureaucratic waiting game.

Since there are a lot more variables with that kind of asylum, we’ll focus on the affirmative asylum process.

There’s a LOT of paperwork

The most important document for asylum seekers is the I-589, the Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal.

It’s not the longest government document ever, but the 12 pages of question-and 14 pages of instructions are understandably extensive. There are several fields that require “detailed and specific” accounts of persecution or fear of persecution, as well as requests for dates and events that could have taken place years ago. If spouses or children are to be included on the application, there’s even more to provide, including photographs.

Also, if someone is newly in the United States, they may immediately run into a problem that could follow them throughout the asylum process: Providing a reliable address where they can be contacted.

… and a biometrics appointment

Once the process has begun, applicants will be scheduled for a “biometric services appointment,” usually conducted at one of dozens of Application Support Centers located around the country.

Though “biometrics” sounds fairly ominous, it’s actually just referring to various forms of identification related to the body. At the appointment, applicants are fingerprinted and photographed, and sign documents to verify everything they stated in their I-589.

During this period, other security measures, like background and security checks, will also be conducted.

Applicants may face challenges in getting to and from appointments. Some states have only one or two Application Support Centers, meaning applicants may have to make costly and time-consuming travel arrangements.

… and an interview

After the biometrics appointment comes an interview with an asylum officer. The scheduling process for this interview is actually kind of backwards: The USCIS prioritizes more recent filings to discourage people from filing for asylum for fraudulent reasons and biding their time while the proceedings drag on.

The USCIS says the window for this interview typically starts at 21 days after an application is filed. However, in early 2018 the USCIS released new guidelines that said the scheduling process may take longer because of “workload priorities related to border enforcement.”

At the interview, an asylum officer will determine whether an applicant fits the definition of a refugee. Applicants are required to bring all of the documents they’ve racked up throughout the process, as well as things like birth certificates and marriage certificates. Some people may choose to bring a lawyer along, which is allowed. And if an applicant doesn’t speak English, they need to bring their own certified translator. According to the USCIS, the interview lasts about an hour.

Again, accessibility and transportation play a critical role here. Asylum interviews are conducted at Asylum Offices, sub-offices, or at a USCIS field office. There are only eight Asylum Offices and two sub-offices in the entire country. The Chicago office, for example, services states as far away as Idaho. There are a few dozen field offices, but the availability of interview times may be limited.

… and then a tense wait

After the interview, the fate of an asylum seeker lies in the asylum officer’s hands. A few other people also must sign off on the decision, including a supervisory asylum officer. According to the USCIS, the decision may come within two weeks after the asylum interview.

An approval, or “Grant of Asylum,” officially gives someone asylum status and allows them to apply for things like a green card and immigration benefits. A “no” comes in the form of a “Notice of Intent to Deny,” which includes a short window for appeal.

It’s a months-long process

When the decision comes back, it may not be a simple “yes” or “no.” Sometimes unfinished background checks or other clearances haven’t been completed yet, and applicants will be given a recommended approval until everything is sorted out. Applicants who were in the United States illegally may have their case referred to an immigration court, which turns the decision over to an immigration judge.

Source: AJ Willingham, CNN Design: India Hayes, CNN
10 Ways to Keep Those Pesky Ants Out of Your Kitchen

I love springtime — except for the invasion of ants in my kitchen that this time of year seems to encourage.

We all have our worst ant moments; mine happened when I was preparing to give my 5-year-old son his breakfast cereal, and discovered that the entire contents of the package were alive, moving with all the ants that had found their way in.

Maybe you’ve tried making a trail of sugar, with the idea of leading the little critters away from your home, but that hasn’t worked? So what to do?

Here are 10 tips for keeping those ants out of your house. Best of all, the “recipes” are all natural and involve items you’re likely to have in your home already.

1. DETERRENCE

The best way to get rid of ants is to prevent them from ever considering your home an easy target. Ants are tiny, and can find thousands of doorways that you didn’t even know about. But as much as you can, block those entryways.

2. CAULK

Continuing on this theme, try sealing with caulk any windows, doors and any cracks the ants crawl through. This will also give you better temperature control and lower energy bills, and is one of the least risky methods if you have kids or pets.

If those two don’t work, try the next two deterrents:

3. VINEGAR

Clean surfaces in your home with a half-and-half solution of white distilled vinegar and water. As an added bonus, this is a great mixture to use for cleaning in general, replacing detergents with polluting phosphorus. Vinegar works because ants hate its smell, and the vinegar removes the scent trails they use to get around.

4. LEMON JUICE

Just like vinegar, lemon juice also seems to destroy those scent trails that ants follow. Try spraying lemon juice around the places you think ants are using for entryways.

5. PEPPERMINT OIL

Here’s another super-easy one to try. Clean off your surfaces really well, and then wipe them down with a clean damp cloth that has a few drops of essential peppermint oil on it. Ants seem to really dislike the smell, and it’s environmentally friendly, as well as safe for humans and children. Not to mention, your kitchen will smell minty fresh.

6. SPICES AND HERBS

Another deterrent to make your home smell awesome! Sprinkle black pepper, cayenne pepper, chili pepper, cinnamon, mint, chili pepper, cloves or garlic — whichever you have at hand — wherever you’ve seen ants and along your home’s foundation. You can also try placing bay leaves in cabinets, drawers and containers.

7. COFFEE GROUNDS

Sprinkle your used coffee grounds in the garden and around the outside of your house. If you can locate exactly where the ants are getting in, be sure to put some there. You should see them move away from your home because they dislike the smell of coffee grounds.

8. CHALK AND BABY POWDER

Try drawing a line of chalk or sprinkle baby powder across the spot where the ants are entering your home. It works because talcum powder, an ingredient in both chalk and baby powder, is a natural ant repellent.

9. CUCUMBER OR CITRUS PEELS

You can repel ants by leaving these peelings in areas of known ant activity. That’s because cucumber and citrus peels are toxic to the types of fungi that ants feed on, so they don’t want to go anywhere near them.

10. DISH SOAP

Put a very thin line of dish soap around baseboards, windows, doors and wherever else the ants tend to gather. You can also try pouring dish soap directly onto ant hills or mix the soap with some water in a spray bottle.

Source: Judy M/ care2.com

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在我芝加哥大学经济学系的博士生涯

在芝加哥大学经济学系已经求学三年，这个暑假决定回国一年，在与老同学不断接触中我有幸第一次强烈地意识到芝加哥大学的学术地位与血统已经彻底地“芝加哥化”了。这一变化在耳濡目染渐移默化中形成的新古典经济学的学术思维与自得感。

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在此之前, 很多中国学生也来芝加哥大学经济系学习, 所以我们在读大学时就会经常和他们一起讨论经济理论。其中不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师, 还有不少人在毕业后成为教师。目前还有好几个芝加哥大学的校友 portfolios on the Internet, 很多校友告诉我们他们对芝加哥大学的评价非常好。我认为这是一个值得骄傲的地方。但是这种骄傲并不是过度自满, 只是由于在芝加哥大学学习的时光中每天都充满了挑战和机遇。

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次我去Becker教授家里参加一个聚会。有张桌子上摆了很多照片。我后来一一看到了一张很不起眼的小照片，那是他和美国总统克林顿的合影。

记得有一次我作为价格理论的TAs与Murphy, Becker两位教授在办公室里讨论作业习题，中间Becker教授的眼镜不小心掉在地上摔坏了。这时已经是芝大杰出服务讲座教授克拉克奖项获得者Murphy教授连忙蹲下身子在地上认真地寻找那个小螺丝，为他的恩师兼同事摆弄修理这副眼镜。我看着他们这一对师徒，心里特别感慨。

上次芝大成立贝克尔中心，众多明星教授云集。我在的得弟子之中的哈佛教授Ed Glaeser饱含感情地回忆了Becker教授的传道授业之恩，说芝加哥永远是他的精神家园。

这些让我想起几年前林毅夫教授为其芝大导师TW Shultz以及D Gale Johnson不吝啬地撰写悼文，字里行间情真意切，感人肺腑。经济中心的学生一定会记得那张在万众期待下林老师弯下身子推着轮椅上D Gale Johnson教授的合影，那时是首届中国经济学年会期间。林老师在开幕式发言时看着坐在轮椅上的恩师深情地说“一日为师，终身为父”。

林老师明显将这种师恩毫无保留地传承给经济中心的弟子们。没有林老师的鼎力推荐我不可能享受到芝加哥经济系的奢侈教育。没有林老师长期以来的关心与爱护，我也不可能有现在这么好的锻炼自己的学习和研究机会。

林老师是我在经济中心的硕士论文答辩委员会主席，而我的博士导师、素以准确预测中国宏观经济运行而闻名的宋国青教授也曾是芝大经济系的学生，他在出国前就已经是一个优秀的宏观经济学家，担任国务院下属的一个宏观经济研究室的主任。

宋老师为人低调，不喜张扬，但是业内学者个个对他的宏观经济学深有敬仰。直到目前为止，从CER研究生项目毕业出去在美国著名大学经济系毕业并留在美国或香港地区学术界发展的人数全部都是宋老师门下的学生。

经济中心毕业生中第一个在北美顶尖杂志上发表论文的就读于芝加哥大学经济系的胡明博士也是宋老师的学生。他毕业后就在JET上发表了一篇研究。我的好朋友CCER同班同学王鹏飞在康奈尔大学经济系现在已经在美国顶尖杂志上发表了一篇研究。他也是宋老师门下的学生。

到目前为止我一共回国了两次，每次总是回到CCER。去蓝旗营登门拜访的第一个老师就是宋老师。当年宋老师将他在CCER办公室的钥匙，并允许我使用所有的研究设备。在我申请出国留学时他曾关切地和我说如果赴美学习生活资金方面有需要的话，他愿意动用他个人存款帮助我。虽然后来我拿到了芝大经济系比较高的四年的Fellowship，但是宋老师的恩情一直让我铭记在心。
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留学是什么？

王广发（北京法政集团董事长）：留学，对我国落实对外教育开放，培养复合型人才的国家战略，是件好事。发达国家先进的教育环境资源、技术、科研，适合部分学生走出去；了解一个国家的教育文化、科研，也可以看到发达国家与发展中国家的差距。

几十年前，邓小平走进法国；一百年前，容闳赴美；1904年，明尼苏达大学接受首批中国留学生——如今的留学，是延续了过去留学的战略格局、人才培养的国家思路，这是国家开放包容全球化的表现。

近二十年改革开放，这一切说明，中国发展崛起、融入、融合世界的机会已经来了。得益于引进人才、资金，得益于人才为各行各业服务，优质人才在良好的大环境下发挥才能，帮我们实现内线超车。

希望留学生通过知识结构调整，丰富自身才干，融入国际社会，报效祖国。

贺克斌（清华大学环境学院院长）：七十年代末八十年代初，早年留学的时候，只要出去，别管学什么，基本上都是学习先进的东西。可如今，时代不同。

留学后要工作，那么，如何学以致用。比如，来中国发挥作用，那么关键问题：中国未来发展需要什么样的专业知识。

2017年6月26日，联合国环境规划署宣布，中国入选全球九大绿色城市之一，是唯一入选的亚洲城市。中国环保行业在国际上的影响力和竞争力日益增强。如今的留学，是一种互补，也是相互文化传播、增进理解的过程，理解到前提是了解，作为留学生，你的行为举止、生活方式等，都传达了中国人的形象。

毕业季，留下还是回国？

杜少中（北京环保局前副局长兼新闻发言人）：每年56万出国留学的学子，这个数字对环保产业的人才缺口来说，远远不够。

环保事业蓬勃发展，中国在新能源开发、利用，发展环保产业的各个方面，怎么把绿水青山当作金山银山发展，都需要大量人才。年轻人不能好高骛远，一定要适合自己，别想着惊天动地，我们几十年在环保系统工作，甚至耕耘一辈子，我国的环保事业也才刚起步。

学习方式多元化，就业方式也多元化，国外有合适的工作岗位能学习锻炼，甚至在国外作出一定成就，他们再回国发展，已经成为榜样；或者直接回来，在实践中增长才干，边学边练，都会有用武之地。

中国改革开放之后，整个用人体系对海外留学逐渐了解，海归变海带，这种现象也挡不住。如今中国市场对人才的竞争局面已经形成，甚至比国际更大。大家一定要有真才实学。

如果你是创业者，招人，这里有商机也挺多：现在来讲有很多企业都在提供创业平台，对于创业者来讲，一开平台，有专利，或者有成熟的产品，或者有技术，或者有市场，或者有渠道，都可以找到合适的项目。对于创业者来讲，招人，招有志气、有激情、有创新精神的人，可以让你的公司更加快速地发展，更快地占领市场，更快地实现盈利。

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与人感兴趣，不要把如今的酒店行业就当作你既定的命运。读完书回来，结合酒店行业的专业性，结合不断实践的结果，让自己具备时尚型，具备捕捉未来的趋势的能力。

3、科技性。未来一定是网络、移动互联网、AR、VR技术、人工智能、物联网的时代，在未来生活空间，科技可以发挥决定性的作用。科技创新的实际应用，改变行业，也就改变了自己。

我们过去只注重专业，可未来的酒店行业高层，首先是个生活人，起码知道生活的质量，能让水泥大理石建筑的酒店更有活力。

对留学生赠言

孙坚(如家酒店集团董事长):
你们处在非常好的时代，祖国经济发展，教育环境良好，但幸运是今天，明天要继续幸运，需要你们努力。

戴旭(国防大学教授):
我们中国人不管走到哪个地方，不管向谁学习，自信和自尊都不能忘。

贺克斌(清华大学环境学院院长):
除了专业知识，归国留学生，要对国内的国情的结合，要有充分的了解。否则你可能找到了位置，你的适应时间周期太长，发展的速度就会受影响。

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芝加哥大学为何再次驳回开设『商科』作为本科专业的请求

众所周知，芝加哥大学的Booth商学院是全球顶尖的商学院，然而，它基本上属于研究生院校。最新消息，芝加哥大学驳回了在为本科生开设商科专业的提议，虽然芝加哥大学的学生可以在大二大三选修Booth商学院的课程，但是他们的选择仅仅是选修，学生无法选择business作为本科专业。

很多人不理解——芝加哥为什么不开设business本科。他们到底在坚持什么？其实这一坚持体现了美国大学对于本科教育和研究生教育的不同看法，以及也解释了，为什么他们说专科教育的时候，更加针对研究生教育。

专业排名对于文科教育指导意义并不大，虽然有一定的惠及力量以及资源支持，但是专业强悍的精华几乎都集中在研究生教育里。

美国本科教育强调思辩能力的培养和通识教育的培养，而研究生教育分为职业培训与研究学术培养两个方向。职业培训色彩浓重的学科有研究生阶段的CS、数据分析、统计等学科，研究生学术方向的培养包括大多数学术型的master项目以及Ph.D.项目。

在本科阶段，美国本科教育注重学生思辩能力培养，侧重点在基础学科，并不注重培训独特的职业技巧。绝大多数人认为，从高中进入大学，应该是一个让学生去发掘兴趣，了解自我，掌握学习知识的阶段。这也使得，在美国大学里换专业比之国内更加自由，专业选择更加随兴趣而定，而非分数门槛。

研究生学习对于大多数美国人来说并非是必须的阶段，产生研究生学习动机主要来自：在职过程中挖掘的兴趣，以及学术兴趣两个层面。前者使得很多应用性学科在研究生阶段格外受到欢迎，后者使得有学术潜力和学术兴趣的人走向科研道路。

目前最热门的对于就业有实用意义的研究生项目，这类项目通常来自职业领域。所以美国本土不少研究生申请者都拥有1-3年或者更久的工作经验，在职场上有所体验，才会对自身规划以及能力培养形成清晰判断。这就是为什么研究生申请时要体现出来。

芝加哥大学再次驳回开设『商科』作为本科专业的提议，他们在坚持什么？也许，芝加哥大学在为本科生开设商科专业的提议，是他们在坚持本科教育和研究生教育的不同看法。
中国发展论坛圆满结束

4月7日下午，由UIUC华人学生联合会举办主持的2018中美发展论坛圆满落幕。本次论坛吸引了超过150人次的中国留学生及本土学生参与，得到了校方和各界人士支持。

本次发展论坛包括主论坛与以“投资与创业的蜕变与革新”、“国际市场的机遇与挑战”为主题两个分论坛，芝加哥总领事洪磊先生、厄巴纳市长Diane Marlin与学术界和商界嘉宾参与主题演讲，分享了各自领域的经验和研究成果，与同学们交流心得体会。

在开幕式上，Marlin女士谈及了厄巴纳市如何成长为世界驰名的大学城及创业摇篮，回顾了UIUC及厄巴纳市同中国的密切联系，并表达了对中国学生的欢迎和鼓励。

“厄巴纳市和中国有着紧密的联系。我们多年前同广州海珠区建立了友好姐妹城市关系”，Marlin女士说。而洪磊领事则在随后的发言中谈及了中美关系。

在随后的主题演讲中，天使投资人朱天怡先生、滴滴集团北美总工程师徐迅先生及UIUC传媒学院Mike Yao教授以各自专业背景和人生经历发表了相关演讲，与同学们分享经验和教训。

在随后的分论坛中，中美嘉宾与同学们分享了各自的经历和经验，结合分论坛主题与同学们交流思想，答疑解惑。在分论坛二，“与华人留学生群体在推进中美关系所能起到的积极作用”。

留学生必读：知道这些 你才能去就读美国高中

1. 美国高中没有围墙，更没有大门和门卫。
   每天进出学校时，需要到秘书办公室登记，而且家人的胸前要佩带“访问者”的标签。这种没有围墙的高中，既方便了学生和家长，同时也给犯罪份子提供了进出方便的机会。不过有些高中，有专职警察驻校，小打小闹的捣乱者，根本成不了大气候。一旦有持枪攻击者，后果不堪设想。

2. 美国高中不干预学生早恋，即使是未婚怀孕的高中女生，也可以挺着大肚子去上学。
   在大庭广众之下，美国高中男女生不会旁若无人地亲吻。每天高中生进出学校时，他们的仪容和精神状态非常健美。身体有残疾的高中生，有专门校车接送，而且是免费的。当残疾生进出学校坐在轮椅上时，大家会为他们让路，而且没人嘲笑他们。

3. 美国高中没有考试，只考平时成绩。
   每年，美国高中都要举行两次学生音乐会和大型画展。除此以外，美国高中的表演团体，会举行商业演出，门票价格不菲，演出质量也很高。美国高中除了培养数理化和文史哲人才，艺术和体育教育占了很大比重。若不会画画，你得会唱歌；若不会唱歌，你得会上台表演。只会读书的书呆子，不仅会很孤单，也不容易溶入朋友圈。

4. 美国高中的图书馆对学生开放，你喜欢什么就借什么。
   美国高中的阅读任务繁重，尤其是写研究性质的文章时，十几本书的阅读量和消化吸收能力，需要高中生扎实的基本功做保证。美国学生的阅读能力非常强，因为从小就是在书堆里长大的。无论是在家还是在教室和图书馆，美国学生随手就能抓到书看。

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6. 美国高中的动手能力很强，会用艺术的形式展示科学。
   在艺术课上，除了绘画，美国高中还有陶瓷烧烤课。做个杯子呀，做个动物呀，美国高中生的校内产品水平极高，具有保存和商业价值。美国高中有毒品，也有bullying。美国警察定期到学校抽查毒品。关于校园凌霸，学区会有专门的讲座教导学生如何应对。弱肉强食，在哪里都一样，美国高中生也有这方面的基本功。

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据外媒报道，美国移民局对H-1B签证提出了更加严格的要求和条件，许多依赖于这一政策雇用国外科技人才的企业将深受影响。美国公民和移民服务局(USCIS)向参议院司法委员会发函称，其计划撤销2015年推出的“允许H-1B签证持有者的配偶申请工作许可”的政策。此外，该机构正在制定一项旨在废除奥巴马时代定立的“国际企业家规则”的方案。

之前多年，其一直允许外国出生的创始人，在美国成立他们的创业公司。在真正的“创业签证”被国会毙掉之后，该规则被视为一个变通的方案。

此外，USCIS还修订了“特定职位”(specialty occupation)、“雇用”(employment)和“劳务关系”(employer-employee relationship)的定义——在申请H-1B签证的时候，企业必须向USCIS证明其符合上述三项标准。

### 美国宣布H-1B签证新限制

**计划堵上“创业移民”漏洞**

美国移民局对H-1B签证提出了更加严格的要求和条件，许多依赖于这一政策雇用国外科技人才的企业将深受影响。美国公民和移民服务局(USCIS)向参议院司法委员会发函称，其计划撤销2015年推出的“允许H-1B签证持有者的配偶申请工作许可”的政策。此外，该机构正在制定一项旨在废除奥巴马时代定立的“国际企业家规则”的方案。

之前多年，其一直允许外国出生的创始人，在美国成立他们的创业公司。在真正的“创业签证”被国会毙掉之后，该规则被视为一个变通的方案。

### 美国H1B抽签结果逐步揭晓 华人留学生忐忑不安

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中新网4月27日电 据美国《世界日报》报道，近日，美国移民局完成了工作签证H-1B的抽签，“中签”的申请人已经逐步获得确认通知，也有许多人仍在等待结果。美国移民体系中的抽签制度，让不少在等待的留学生感到煎熬。

此次参与抽签的刘同学表示，这场抽签“游戏”可谓残酷。在2018年新启动的SEVP系统中，学生可以提前查看自己是否有被抽中的“迹象”。他表示，如果在系统中发现自己的OPT(留学生毕业工作期)被延期了，那就证明被抽中。

刘同学称，他在SEVP系统中得知了自己的OPT被延期，但并没有完全相信自己已被抽中。“等待的过程失魂落魄。”他透露，连他的老板都感到十分焦虑，因为担心他这位员工抽不中。

### 新加坡

### 纽约市政府介绍移民资源 无证移民也可获得服务

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中新网4月27日电 据美国《世界日报》报道，美国纽约州国会议员维乐贵丝(Nydia Velazquez)和梅隆尼(Carolyn Maloney)当地时间25日在曼哈顿20小学举办“了解你的权益”移民资源座谈会。纽约市政府和多个移民团体为民众介绍移民可享用的资源，即使无证移民，也可以获得服务。

这次活动由维乐贵丝和梅隆尼委托纽约市第一学区教育理事会(Citywide and Community Education Council for District One)举办。由于身在华府，两位议员并未到场参加，他们的代表到场为民众答疑解惑。

纽约市长移民事务办公室小区(Mayors Office of Immigrant Affairs)小区事务专员博哈拉(Depak Borhara)到场向民众介绍了市政府提供的移民资源。

博哈拉表示，纽约市为所有居民提供支持，包括无证移民在内的每个人都可以获得服务，包括上学、使用医疗健保系统和其他服务。

### 纽约市第一学区教育理事会举办“了解你的权益”移民资源座谈会。

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美国伊利诺伊州农民称：“不愿失去中国市场，需要出口。”

作为美国农民，我们对加征关税不感兴趣。但是我们需要保护自身利益。我们不愿失去中国市场，我们需要出口。”史蒂夫·沃里克，一位来自美国中西部伊利诺伊州的农民，道出许多美国农户的心声。

距芝加哥约50公里的威尔县，农田一望无际，临近春季播种，万物复苏，到处洋溢绿色生机。但是，从事农业数十年的沃里克感受到的却是贸易摩擦带来的“寒意”。

针对近期美国对进口钢铝产品征收高额关税等贸易保护行为，中国国务院关税税则委员会决定自2018年4月2日起对美进口的128项产品加征关税，其中对猪肉及制品加征关税税率为25%。

美国农场主们对可能失去中国市场叫苦不迭，尤其是那些辛勤努力的小农场主。

沃里克站在自家的猪圈里，向新华社记者算起养猪的经济账：“我们以前平均每头猪可以卖到100到130美元，但现在（加征关税后）每头猪平均价格比以往低了将近20美元，这非常糟糕。”

沃里克很担心成为美国挑起贸易摩擦的第一批最直接的受害者。“如果我们失去中国市场，会面临很严重的问题，尤其是我们农场规模不大，任何的价格不确定性都将致命的，所以我们必须关心这个问题。”

就在几天前，沃里克卖出了120头猪，现在整个猪圈只剩下孤零零的8头猪，比起以往挤满的猪圈相比，现在很冷清，把这几头猪卖掉之后，我们可能就放弃养猪了。”他无奈地对记者说。

美国猪肉生产者协会首席执行官尼尔·德克斯表示，过去10年，美国是世界最大猪肉出口国之一，猪肉出口为当地带来了约11万个就业岗位。去年，美国向海外市场出口了价值约65亿美元的猪肉，占全国总产量的26%。其中，中国是美国猪肉第三大出口市场。

该协会总裁吉姆·海默尔说：“我们出口很多猪肉到中国，加征关税的话，会损害我们生产者的利益，毁坏美国的农业经济。”

和许多美国中西部的小农场主一样，沃里克身材魁梧，热情朴实，他对自己的农民身份十分自豪。沃里克对记者说，像他这样多样化经营的小农场才是传统意义上的“美式农场”。

的确，与美国中大平原农场动辄五九千英亩（1英亩约合6.07亩）土地上仅种植一两种作物不同，沃里克家1600英亩的农田里，除种植大豆、玉米、小麦之外，每年还养约400头猪和30头牛，属于比较典型的“小散户”。

但是，由于近几年农产品市场价格下滑剧烈，美国农民的收入也大幅缩水。过去四年，美国农民面临的生活形势十分严峻，农业投入成本一直居高不下，但农产品价格却下跌了不少，所以我们的生活形势很紧张。”沃里克说。

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“我们通常关注大豆价格。但是，过去四年，大豆价格持续下跌，这对我们来说是一个严重的问题。”沃里克对记者说。

根据美国农业部数据，美国去年对中国大豆出口额高达140亿美元。伊利诺伊州是中国最大的大豆生产地，每年生产的70%大豆都出口到中国。目前，尽管两国贸易摩擦持续，但对华4370万吨大豆的大豆生产计划仍然被看好。

基夫纳表示，对于这些市场不确定性，农场主无法预见。“我更担心贸易战对农场的长期影响。我们很有可能失去中国（市场）。”

出货量下滑，一些大型手机企业受到严重冲击，包括三星、魅族、OPPO、vivo。与往年相比，魅族、三星的出货量减少一半还要多，苹果的表现也不好。出货量只是排在第五位。vivo一季度的出货量达到1000万台，OPPO达到1000万台，两家公司的出货量同比减少大约10%。

虽然整个市场十分不景气，还是有少数企业成为赢家，份额增加。小米手机出货量增加到1200万台，同比增长37%。由于供应受到限制，2017年一季度小米的出货量被限制，所以这样的对比数据并不客观。与竞争对手相比，小米推出更多廉价手机，在中国争夺市场份额，红米Note 5 Pro也很流行。

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新浪科技讯 北京时间4月27日消息,据国外媒体报道,NASA正以月球作为终极目标,努力推动深空探索。美东时间4月26日(北京时间当日晚10点),NASA在休斯顿约翰逊航天中心举办媒体发布会,介绍了该机构深空探索项目的现状,以及即将发射并开展绕月之旅的猎户座飞船。

去年NASA曾在一份报告中表示,猎户座飞船可能推迟到2020年6月发射。不过约翰逊航天中心主任埃伦·奥乔亚(Ellen Ochoa)在会上确认,NASA仍在努力完善强大的“太空发射系统”,希望能在2019年之前用它发射猎户座飞船,完成首次绕月飞行,即“探索任务1号”无人航天计划(EM-1)。

“我们希望能在2019年底完成发射,这是我们正在努力实现的目标。”奥乔亚在媒体发布会上表示,“我们正在对此展开深度评估。目前来看,发射时间可能为2020年初,但这取决于猎户座飞船的组装情况以及推进系统。”

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