Trump says popular retirement savings program unscathed in tax plan

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Monday dismissed the possibility of curbing a popular tax-deferred U.S. retirement savings program to help pay for sweeping tax cuts, and expressed doubts about adding another top bracket targeting the wealthiest Americans.

The potential scaling back of the 401(k) plans, which for four decades have helped Americans save for retirement, is one of several important details yet to be worked out in a major tax overhaul that Trump promised as a candidate and wants his fellow Republicans who control Congress to pass by year-end.

The top U.S. Senate Republican and the White House budget director said on Sunday they hoped for action on a Republican tax reform package by the end of the year, while keeping their options open on how to pay for sweeping tax cuts.

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It also would provide ammunition to Democrats, who have pointed Trump’s plan, with its $6 trillion in tax cuts, as a gift to the rich and corporate America that would balloon the federal deficit. Because many companies match a percentage of their employees’ 401(k) contributions, lowering the annual cap could result in a further reduction in the amount saved for retirement in these plans.

Securing congressional passage of his tax overhaul is of critical importance to Trump, who has yet to get any major legislation through Congress since taking office in January including a major healthcare overhaul he also promoted as a candidate last year.

The White House argues that tax cuts are needed to boost economic growth and create jobs, but has shown increasing sensitivity in recent weeks to organisms that it is endangering America’s long-term fiscal health. Based on the outline of the plan that was unveiled last month, independent experts have concluded that corporations and the highest earners would benefit the most, and many upper-middle-income people would face higher taxes.

There are signs Republicans may add a fourth income tax bracket affecting high earners to the tax blueprint, which envisions collapsing the number of brackets to three from the current seven. The idea of an additional top tax bracket was floated by Republican House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan.

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There is also pressure from investors to pass the tax overhaul. The expectation that huge tax cuts has helped propel U.S. stock markets to record highs during Trump’s first year in the White House.
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**Operations and distribution on Amazon's doorstep, their acquisition of Whole Foods will likely identify those competitive advantages.**

Despite the logistical challenges, food's massive market size and the online growth rate can be attributed to daunting logistics, food safety, and regulatory challenges.

We are experiencing another seismic shift, a disruptive innovation that what we commonly think of as food delivery service is just one example of the company's efforts to disrupt the food industry.

Consumption of bottled water is now replacing soda and ice cream, and Amazon has already launched a bottled water delivery service. The company's move into this space is not surprising, given the growing demand for convenience and speed.

The company has filed a trademark found.**

The growth of online food ordering and delivery services is likely to continue, as consumers seek more convenient and on-demand meal options.

The optimistic message is that despite Amazon's looming presence, there's plenty of opportunity to be had. The key is to identify those competitive advantages that can flourish by focusing on one or more dimensions outside their "sweet spot."
Houston, TX, USA; Houston Astros center fielder George Springer (4) makes a leaping catch to retire New York Yankees third baseman Todd Frazier (29) on a fly ball to center field in the seventh inning during game six of the 2017 ALCS playoff baseball series at Minute Maid Park.

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Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who is also leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, attends a news conference in Tokyo.

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Hospitals See Surge Of Skin Infections From Harvey

By John McComb 10/24/17

Bacteria as seen in a Petri dish. Amid concern about floodwaters brimming with contaminants, Houston-area hospitals, emergency departments and clinics are reporting an influx of patients with cases of skin infections caused by floodwaters. The numbers are not overwhelming, but health officials say they have begun seeing a significant number of patients with rashes and skin infections. The city has begun testing Harvey’s floodwaters for specific contaminants, but, so far, no results are available. Porfirio Villarreal, a spokesman for the city health department, last week emphasized that “even without such testing, it is obvious that the health department for testing into whether there is a relationship with Harvey and the floodwaters, and that “local officials report that there is no reason to avoid drinking the water.” However, several of the city’s municipal utility districts issued boil water notices.

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Houston’s pitch for Amazon’s $5 billion second headquarters hinges on a four-mile stretch on the Metro light rail line running from downtown to the Texas Medical Center, an area city leaders are calling the innovation corridor. It’s a section of Houston that includes some of the city’s largest companies, Rice University, tech startups, venture capital, private equity shops, museums, green-spaces, financial and professional services and plenty of restaurants and housing, according to a document outlining the city’s confidential proposal to Amazon.

Everyone wants a piece of Amazon! The tech giant announced on Monday that 238 proposals came pouring in from cities across North America who want to host its second headquarters. Some of the contenders include New York, Boston, and Atlanta. Amazon said it’s looking for places that have software developers, good transportation, and would be a good cultural fit. The company also noted new job salaries will average $100,000. “The corridor offers close access to two international airports, three interstates, 3 million workers, plus access to key game changers in business and an unparalleled array of amenities,” city leaders said in the document.

In the bid, local leaders highlighted Houston’s most prominent industries, including oil and gas, health care and manufacturing, saying these more traditional businesses would benefit from a partnership with a leading technology company, and Amazon could, in turn, tackle some of the biggest modern challenges, such as the sustainability of the world’s energy resources and climate change.

“What disrupters need is access to the traditional industry model and the problems it creates that they can’t imagine or conceive of from the outside,” said Bob Harvey, president and CEO of the Greater Houston Partnership, the group spearheading Houston’s bid for Amazon. “People might say what interest would Amazon have in oil and gas, but energy is the issue of the day.”

Also among the document’s 32 bullet points is the city’s ethnic diversity, nearly 100,000 people who work in technology-related fields, low local taxes, eclectic neighborhoods and restaurants, a low cost of living. The city’s diversity, Harvey argued, should appeal to a company that wants to attract millennial workers and to a tech industry that has come under fire for its ethnic uniformity, particularly in Silicon Valley. “As Amazon seeks to diversify its ranks at the executive, manager and professional levels, there is no better place to locate in Houston,”
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據臺灣媒體報道，38歲羅志祥（小豬）影視歌三棲，他愛情、事業兩得意，但愛情向來是他最低調呵護的壹塊，他對過往6段緋聞從未承認，卻在2015年時認愛小9歲網紅女友周揚青。

2人交往逾2年，他接受臺媒專訪時，點頭承認對她是以結婚為前提來交往，還以“佩服”兩字來形容自己對她的感覺，是否與她EQ高、大方承認整形壹事有關？他表示這僅是壹小部分，兩年來外界都認為她靠整容美貌來吸引小豬，他首度說出震撼真相“我認識她的時候，她還沒整容，所以大家都誤會以為我是看她整容才跟她壹起。”

訪談中，小豬成熟而坦率地回答感情話題，曾是不婚主義的他，近幾年萌生成家念頭，他笑說因為年紀漸增，想法逐漸改變，也讓他出道24年首度認愛。他以前曾因緋聞被媒體與其他人比較勝敗，認為若換成女生被比較，很不公平。

至於生子，他則講求緣分，“我的家庭就3個人，爸爸已經離開，我當然希望能有多壹點人加入，讓這個家庭更美滿、更豐富，但都是緣分，還沒到那個階段。”

要他用幾個字來形容周揚青，他深思許久，才緩緩吐出“佩服，衷心的佩服”，究竟佩服周揚青的什麽，他給了預告：“這等到以後再跟大家分享，如果真的有那個機會的時候，決定了那件事情之後，我就會跟大家分享我佩服她的原因是什麽……是沒有人可以贏過她的地方。”雖沒明講，但這時機顯然指的是結婚。

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周揚青的豪爽大方收服小豬及羅媽，小豬笑說“我媽喜歡聲音大的人，不喜歡裝模作樣的，比如吃飯壹粒粒吃、吃面壹條條吃”，看來周揚青已坐穩準豬嫂地位。而他理想中的婚禮，不走浮誇路線，“只有幾個朋友來，自己的家人朋友，她也喜歡低調，母親也是”，可見婚禮頗有共識，婚事他表示女方沒給壓力，現在不急著成家。

他喜歡演戲，因為可以體驗不同角色及人生，也得以嘗試平常做不到的事，“像是可以在大眾面前接吻、牽手”，他坦承至今無法和女友公開曬恩愛，除了不喜歡被公開議論，他也自嘲：“我可能是老藝人吧，以前剛簽約時會被說‘以後不能交女友、有女友不能承認’，這個觀念被灌輸到現在。但在人少時，他和周揚青還是會像壹般情侶甜蜜互動。
故事。片方同時曝光中國版獨家海報和預告片,絢麗夢幻放飛想象。

中國版海報預告曝光 “海底總動員”班底打造

《海底總動員》、《玩具總動員》系列的精華班底傾情打造,講述了壹個公映。影片描繪穿越絢麗亡靈世界的奇幻歷險,新鮮呈現溫馨催淚的親情的動畫電影《尋夢環遊記》(Coco)正式公布內地檔期,將於11月24日全面

關於愛與夢想的暖心故事。故事的主人公是來自墨西哥的小男孩米格(Miguel),他從小熱愛音樂,但他的家族卻有禁止音樂的嚴厲傳統,米格因

他們與祖輩親人聯系在壹起的。這個故事想講的是,即使在我們展望未來時

安克裏奇(Lee Unkrich)這樣描述主題:“我們想要探討家族紐帶是如何將我

金曲。

作為情感主題。《尋夢環遊記》對這壹主題加以濃墨重彩的描繪。導演李·

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《隨它吧》(Let It Go)之後又壹風靡世界的傳世

《飛屋環遊記》(Up)金獎配樂人邁克·吉亞奇諾

李·安克裏奇執導,《怪獸大學》(Monsters University)劇情藝術阿德裏安·莫利納聯合導演。

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李·吉雅奇諾、邁克·卡特成為主題曲《請記住我》(Remember Me)的作詞者。在這首歌中,米格的奶奶用歌中

《尋夢環遊記》是皮克斯動畫工作室的第19部長片,由風靡世界的皮克斯《尋夢環遊記》定檔11.24
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駐休士頓台北經文處新任處長陳家彥訪問奧斯汀僑社

【本報訊】駐休士頓台北經文處新任處長陳家彥於10月21日晚間於奧斯汀新財神餐廳舉辦僑情座談餐會，駐休士頓台北經文處新任處長陳家彥在林映佐副處長以及休士頓僑教中心莊雅淑主任陪同下，專程由休士頓驅車前往奧斯汀與僑社領袖會面，關心奧斯汀僑社發展，奧斯汀僑務榮譽職人員以及奧斯汀臺灣同鄉會、奧斯汀客家會、奧斯汀中華聯誼會、奧斯汀香雲寺佛光會、崔維斯澎湖姊妹縣、奧斯汀台中姐妹市協會、奧斯汀台灣同鄉會、奧斯汀華人高爾夫球協會、奧斯汀老人協會、奧斯汀龍吟合唱團等僑團代表，以及奧斯汀台灣商會、奧斯汀臺灣人專業協會等商業組織，於餐會上分享在奧斯汀的生活及工作心得，並期許在未來能與陳家彥處長保持良好的互動關係。

當天出席餐會有僑務顧問姚東權、葉雅鈴，僑務促進委員廖施仁、黃煒涵、劉芝伶等僑務榮譽職人員,另奧斯汀臺灣同鄉會、奧斯汀客家會、奧斯汀中華聯誼會、奧斯汀香雲寺佛光會、崔維斯澎湖姊妹縣、奧斯汀台中姐妹市協會、奧斯汀龍吟合唱團等僑團代表，於餐會上分享在奧斯汀的生活及工作心得，並期許在未來能與陳家彥處長保持良好的互動關係。

席間陳處長與奧斯汀僑領親切敘談，以及傾聽僑界意見及心聲，獲致奧斯汀僑界高度肯定及讚許，與會僑領於餐會結束後依依不捨離去。