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## U.S. moves toward expelling 200,000 Salvadorans

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Some 200,000 Salvadoran immigrants allowed to live and work in the United States since 2001 will lose their right to remain in the country in 2019, officials said on Monday, marking the Trump administration's latest move to tighten immigration enforcement. Salvadoran immigrant Mirna Portillo watches on during a media conference at the New York Immigration Coalition following U.S. President Donald Trump's announcement to end the Temporary Protection Status for Salvadoran immigrants in Manhattan, New York City, U.S., January 8, 2018. REUTERS/Andrew Kelly

The United States will end the Salvadorans' temporary protected status (TPS) on Sept. 9, 2019, giving them 18 months to leave or seek lawful residency, and for El Salvador to prepare for their return, officials said. The status was granted in the wake of two devastating 2001 earthquakes in El Salvador that left hundreds of thousands in the country homeless.

The decision to end TPS for Salvadorans is part of the administration's broader push to tighten immigration laws and expel those living in the United States illegally. The move was heavily criticized by immigrant advocates who said it ignored violence in El Salvador and gave the Salvadorans few options but to leave the United States or remain illegally.

The Trump administration has faced a series of deadlines over the past year to decide whether to end the protected status of immigrants in the United

States whose home countries have been affected by disasters. Salvadorans are by far the largest group under TPS, a program administration officials said is supposed to provide a temporary haven for victims, not a permanent right to remain in the United States.

Critics have complained TPS has allowed participants to repeatedly extend their stays in 6-month to 18-month increments.

Trump administration changes to the TPS program mean that over the next two years approximately 250,000 people who previously had permission to live and work in the United States will be subject to deportation if they remain.

Haitians and Nicaraguans will lose their protected status in 2019 and Hondurans, the second largest group in the program, could lose their rights later this year.

"The past practice of allowing foreign nationals to remain in the United States long after an initial emergency in their home countries has ended has undermined the integrity of the program and essentially made the 'temporary' protected status a front operation for backdoor permanent immigration," said Roy Beck, president of NumbersUSA, which favors less immigration overall.

Demonstrators hold signs protesting the termination of Salvadorans' Temporary Protected Status (TPS) in front of the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S., January 8, 2018. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque

Advocates of the program say long-



Protest over termination of the Salvadorans' TPS in Washington

term resident Salvadorans and their children should not be sent back to El Salvador, a country struggling with a weak economy and gang violence that has given it one of the world's highest murder rates.

"Our (U.S) government is complicit in breaking up families — nearly 275,000 U.S.-born children have a parent who is a TPS holder — and further destabilizing our neighboring countries," said Oscar Chacon, executive director of Alianza Americas, an immigrant advocacy group.

A senior administration official brief-

ing reporters on the decision said it was based on the status of El Salvador's recovery from the 2001 earthquakes. The country has received millions of dollars in aid for the recovery and rebuilt schools, homes and hospitals, the official said. In the past two years, the United States has repatriated 39,000 Salvadorans back to the country, showing the ability of the country to absorb an influx of its citizens, the official said. The government of El Salvador said Monday it was glad the administration decided to at least leave the program in place

until September 2019.

"El Salvador's Foreign Ministry lobbied heavily for the interests of our fellow citizens," the government said in a statement, adding that it would continue to search for alternative solutions, seeking action by the U.S. Congress to protect the immigrants.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce had urged the government to extend TPS protections for Salvadorans, Haitians and Hondurans, saying "the loss of employment authorization for these populations would adversely impact several key industries," including "construction, food processing, hospitality, and home healthcare services."

## Vietnam starts high-profile trial over oil firm losses

HANOI (Reuters) - Vietnam began the trial on Monday of 22 executives charged over losses totaling hundreds of millions of dollars at the state oil firm, Petro-Vietnam, with the most serious offences potentially carrying the death penalty.

A policeman directs traffic in front of a court in Hanoi, Vietnam January 8, 2018. REUTERS/Kham

The defendants included the communist state's first politburo member to face trial in decades and a businessman who Germany says was kidnapped by Vietnamese agents from a Berlin park.

The trial is part of a widespread crackdown on fraud and mismanagement in the energy and banking sectors that intensified after the security establishment gained greater influence in the ruling party last year. The Petro-Vietnam trial in Hanoi was taking place simultaneously with a separate trial in the commercial capital Ho Chi Minh City, where a fraud case involving Vietnam's Construction Bank was being heard.

The 46 defendants include the bank's ex-chairman Pham Cong Danh, who is accused of causing losses of 6.1 trillion dong (\$268.62 million), according to the government's news website.

Total losses caused by fraud at the bank amounted to 15.5 trillion Vietnam dong (\$682.55 million), a previous report said.

The Petro-Vietnam case at the Hanoi People's Court was not open to the public and security was tight. Photographs released by the Vietnam News Agency, the official state news provider, showed defendants handcuffed as they were led to the courtroom.

Of the 22 executives on trial, 12 are accused of "violation of state regulations on economic management causing serious consequences". Eight are accused of embezzlement, according to the government's offi-

cial news website. Two are accused of both.

The most senior former executive on trial is Dinh La Thang, who was arrested last month. He is a former politburo member who was dismissed from his post over the losses at Petro-Vietnam and then stripped of his role as party head of Ho Chi Minh City.

Also on trial is Trinh Xuan Thanh, who Germany says was kidnapped last year and taken home against his will to face accusations over losses of more than \$150 million at a subsidiary of Petro-Vietnam.

Thanh is accused of both corruption

and breaking state rules on economic management. A Reuters reporter saw the bespectacled Thanh arrive under police escort at the court on Monday.

Thanh appeared on state television in August and said he had decided to return home to turn himself in. Neither Thanh nor Thanh made any comment at the court and Reuters was unable to contact the lawyers representing them.

The maximum jail term for deliberate violation of state regulations is 20 years in prison, state television VTV1 reported in a news bulletin on Monday.

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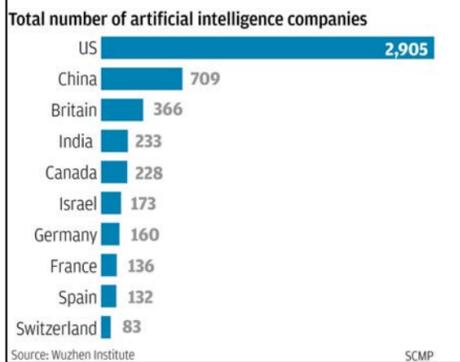
China Is Building A US\$2.1 Billion Research Park Dedicated To Artificial Intelligence

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This file photo taken on July 23, 2013 shows a robot retrieving medicines in the pharmacy of the Argenteuil hospital, in Argenteuil, a Paris suburb. Technology has long impacted the labor force, but recent advances in artificial intelligence and robotics have heightened concerns on automation replacing a growing number of occupations including highly skilled or "knowledge-based" jobs. (Photo: AFP)

China is planning to build a 13.8 billion yuan (\$2.1 billion) technology park in the suburban Mentougou district in Beijing dedicated to developing artificial intelligence (AI), state-backed news agency Xinhua reported last Wednesday. Last year, China laid out plans to become a world leader in AI by 2030 and China wants to make a "major breakthrough" in AI technology by 2025.



The campus will be constructed within five years and situated in the suburban Mentougou district in western Beijing. It will cover 54.87 hectares, Xinhua said. The technology park will be home to around 400 businesses and is expected to create an annual output value of about 50 billion yuan.

High-speed big data, cloud computing, biometrics and so-called deep learning, a strand of AI, will be the focus of the new park. It will also have 5G mobile internet, a super computer and cloud services, according to Xinhua. The news follows the Chinese government's announcement in July 2017 that laid out plans for the country to become a world leader in AI by 2030, with the aim of making the industry worth 1 trillion yuan.

Beijing hopes to help accelerate the commercialization of AI in China in areas such as smart cities, but is also eyeing its military capabilities, something that could worry the broader international community.

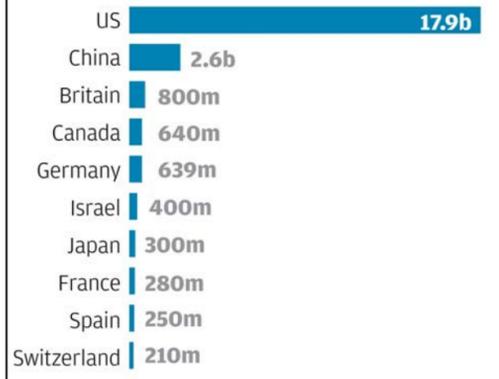
Already, the U.S. is taking note. A recent Pentagon report showed how worried Washington was about Chinese firms investing in U.S. start-ups, suggesting that there might need to be tighter controls around this.

On Tuesday, the U.S. government failed to approve MoneyGram's multi-million-dollar merger with Ant Financial, an affiliate of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba.

Some experts including noted venture capitalist Jim Breyer have compared the competition between the U.S. and China in AI to the "space race of the '50s." However, he did say that the U.S. will lead Chi-

na in AI. "I don't think they'll (China) be number one, because I think there's still a level of genius and creativity in Silicon Valley that persists and will always persist," Breyer said during a CNBC-hosted panel in November.

Size of financing received by artificial intelligence firms between Q1 2012 and Q2 2016 (US\$)



Xinhua said the Beijing park will be developed by Zhongguancun Development Group, which will seek partnership with Chinese and overseas universities, research institutes and large enterprises to establish a number of research hubs on the premises. These will include a "national-level" artificial intelligence lab, Xinhua said.

Related: World dominance in three steps: China sets out road map to lead in artificial intelligence by 2030

The Chinese government's July 8 plan aims to keep pace with AI technology by 2020, make major breakthroughs by 2025, and lead the world in AI by 2030.

China, already the world's second-largest investor in artificial intelligence (AI), has set out an ambitious plan to leap frog ahead of the United States to be the global leader in the field by 2030.

The proposal, laid out on July 8 by the State Council and distributed on July 20,

takes a three-step approach: firstly keep pace with leading AI technology and applications in general by 2020, make major breakthroughs by 2025, and be the world leader in the field five years thereafter.

The ambitious plan will be an economic bonanza for the country's technology firms, as the area defined as core AI is expected to be valued at 150 billion yuan by 2020, while AI-related fields are valued at 1 trillion yuan, according to the government's forecast. By 2025, those values will exceed 400 billion yuan and 5 trillion yuan (US\$739 billion) respectively. Government finance will lead the way in AI research, including the development of supercomputers,

and high performance semiconductor chips, software and the hiring of key talent to lead the field, China's science and technology minister Wan Gang said in March during the country's parliamentary meeting.

The focus on AI sets a new director for China's economic model, which is trying to wean industries and state-owned enterprises off years of exports manufacturing to reinvent themselves to stay relevant for the future. Up to 26 per cent of China's gross domestic products (GDP) could

be generated by AI-related industries by 2030, making the country the world's biggest winner from investing in the field, according to a report last month by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

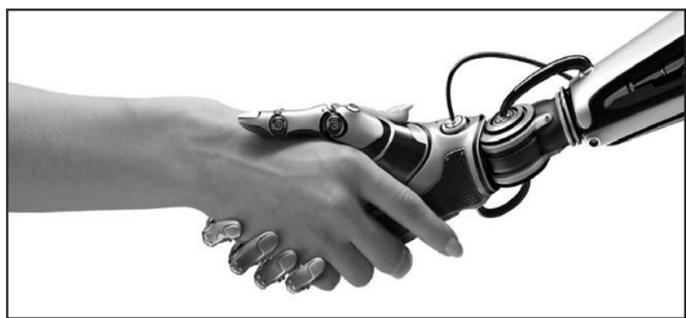
AI technologies are expected to bolster global GDP by 14 per cent by 2030, the equivalent of US\$15.7 trillion, by improving labour productivity and spurring consumption, said the report.

JD.com, one of China's biggest e-commerce service providers with 120,622 employees on staff, is using AI and robotics to improve efficiency in logistics and warehousing, said its founder and chairman Richard Liu Qiangdong.

"In the next 12 years, we aim to have multiple-fold growth in our business," Liu said during a technology conference on Thursday in Shanghai. "I believe that 10 years from now, the total number of employees may be even smaller than what we have today. Our aim is to have 80,000 employees."

JD.com is not alone. Chinese internet companies led by Alibaba Group Holding, Baidu and Tencent Holdings have been investing heavily in AI applications. Alibaba, which owns the South China Morning Post, already has an AI bot that can recognise counterfeits on its Taobao Marketplace and Tmall.com online shopping platforms, while Baidu is developing AI-assisted autonomous driving system with Microsoft and other major companies.

Lenovo Group, the world's second-largest personal computer supplier as of the second quarter, said this week it has set aside at least US\$1.2 billion to beef up research and development in AI, as the company expects drastic changes to personal computing and consumer electronic devices over the next three to four years. (Courtesy http://www.scmp.com/tech/enterprises/article)



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# A Snapshot Of The World



Salvadoran immigrants prepare to exit after a media conference at the New York Immigration Coalition following US President Donald Trump's announcement to end the Temporary Protection Status for Salvadoran immigrants in Manhattan, New York



Salvadoran immigrants Rosa Romero, Mirna Portillo and Aminta Romero prepare to exit after a news conference at the New York Immigration Coalition, in New York



Mexican Finance Minister Jose Antonio Gonzalez Anaya addresses diplomatic corps during the 29th Meeting of Ambassadors and Consuls in Mexico City



Acting German Chancellor Merkel attends a reception for carol singers in Berlin



Migrant child is carried as other migrants in a dingy are rescued by Libyan coast guards off the coast of Garabulli



75th Golden Globe Awards – Photo Room – Beverly Hills, California, U.S., 07/01/2018 – (L-R) Laura Dern, Nicole Kidman, Zoe Kravitz, Reese Witherspoon and Shailene Woodley pose backstage after winning the award for Best Television Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television



A baby receives the sacraments during the Orthodox Christmas mass at the St. Clement Cathedral in Skopje



Kite-flying enthusiasts fly kites on the first day of the eight-day-long International Kite Festival in Ahmedabad



A boy rides a donkey as he collects recyclables from a garbage dump on the outskirts of the Red Sea port city of Hodeida

Drugmaker Pfizer will launch its own generic version of Viagra next week when the company's patent protection on the impotence pill expires and competition hits the market.

Pfizer Inc. will begin selling the pill — which is white instead of Viagra's trademark blue — at half the \$65-a-pill retail price on Monday, when its patent-protected monopoly ends, The Associated Press reported.

Many more generics go on sale next summer, which will steadily slash the price of generics, possibly by 90 percent.

"Patients are paying fortunes. When generic Viagra comes out, they will be very happy," said Dr. Nachum Katlowitz, a urologist at New York's Staten Island University Hospital.



Launched in 1998, Viagra was the first pill for impotence. It transformed a private frustration for many aging men into a publicly discussed medical condition with an easy treatment, far more appealing than options like penile injections and implants.

Eli Lilly's Cialis came out in 2003 and now dominates the U.S. market with on-demand pills and daily, low-dose ones. Viagra is a close second.

Pfizer says its market research shows 20 percent of customers are loyal to Viagra. So rather than give up sales to generic makers as brand-name drug makers once routinely did, the company is selling its own generic and also fighting to keep men on its blue pills.

"We believe that the story for Viagra isn't done. It's just going to be a new chapter," said Jim Sage, president of U.S. brands for Pfizer Essential Health, which sells its older medicines.

In January, the drug maker will offer two new discount programs and increase its copayment card discounts. Uninsured

Pfizer's Viagra Patent Protection Ends -- Generic Viagra Days Away

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Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, photo shows Pfizer's Viagra, left, and the company's generic version, sildenafil citrate, at Pfizer Inc., headquarters in New York. The drug maker is launching its own cheaper generic version of Viagra rather than lose sales when its impotence pill gets its first generic competition. (AP/Photo)

men can get brand-name Viagra half off through an innovative online home delivery program, Pfizer Direct. Many insured patients will be able to get a month's prescription — typically six to 10 pills, depending on plan limits — for as little as a \$20 copayment.

"This is the most comprehensive pricing and marketing response I've seen to a generic," said Erik Gordon, a pharmaceuticals analyst at the University of Michigan's business school. "It's unprecedented."

Gordon thinks Pfizer's reduced prices will

retain some patients and attract others who buy pills, often counterfeits, from the internet.

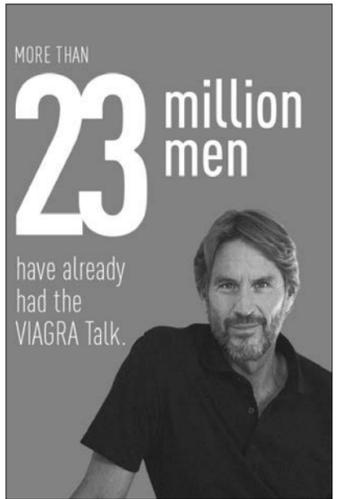
Dr. Matthias Hofer, a urologist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said some of his insured patients who take Viagra wouldn't want a generic. "They will be ecstatic if they can save money and get the brand product from Pfizer," he said.

Last year, more than 12 million prescriptions for Viagra and Cialis were filled in the U.S., generating a combined \$3 billion in sales, according to health data and clinical

research company IQVIA. However, prescriptions have dropped more than 20 percent since 2012, as repeated price hikes put the pills out of reach for many men lacking good insurance.

According to health information analytics firm Elsevier, over just the past decade, retail prices jumped from about \$10 to \$62 per pill for Viagra and from \$11 to \$61 for Cialis. Pharmacies and other middlemen add a few dollars more per pill.

Generic Viagra, called sildenafil, will become even more affordable starting June 11, when more versions go on sale. "Many



patients already know it's going generic and they want it," said Aracely Pena, a medical assistant at San Diego Sexual Medicine.

Cialis and Levitra, another pill launched in 2003, get their own generic competition next fall.

In the meantime, some doctors specializing in sexual dysfunction have found other options. Some prescribe generic Revatio, the blood pressure pill Pfizer was testing when older patients reported stronger erections as a side effect. It contains one-fifth the sildenafil dose in Viagra and costs as little as \$1 per pill.



Northwestern's Hofer arranges for his patients to receive made-to-order pills from a couple of specialty pharmacies.

Daniel Lobello, 60, is satisfied with those pills but thinks a lot of men probably would use cheaper generic or brand-name Viagra.

"It's great" that the prices are getting cut, said the West Chester, Illinois, electrical inspector, "because it's something men need." (Courtesy https://www.newsmax.com)

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Independence Heights is the Houston neighborhood that “Has it all,” according to report



If you're looking for a Houston neighborhood that “has it all,” you'll want to look at homes in Independence Heights. That's according to a study conducted by real estate company Redfin, who ranked neighborhoods based on their affordability, home selling speed, highly rated schools, transit and low crime rates. Independence Heights is north of Loop 610 and west of I-45. The neighborhood's boundaries include Interstate 45 to the east, Tidwell Road to the north, North Shepherd Drive to the east, Yale Street to the west and Interstate 610 to the south. Independence Heights has a median home price of \$137,000 and has 45 homes for sale as of December, according to Redfin. Redfin defined affordability by zip codes that have a median home sale price below the national median of \$291,700. For home selling speed, the company found that homes in the top 25 neighborhoods that “have it all” had a median of 46 days on the market before being sold. As for schools, transit and crime rates, Redfin used its own data to sort the neighborhood. Independence Heights ranks 13 out of 25 on Redfin's list of “have it all” neighborhoods. Independence Heights 5.667 for schools (out of 10), 50.5 for transit (out of 100) and 61 for a crime rate (also out of 100, where a lower score is better). “More than half of the neighborhoods on the list are in the Chicago area, the rare major metro area that has remained relatively affordable and has largely bucked the severe inventory shortage trend seen across much of the country over the past few years,” Redfin wrote. Of the top 25 that made the list, 13 of them are neighborhoods in Chicago, with Dunning taking the top spot.

## Is tax overhaul really a good deal for Big Oil?

For Big Oil, the U.S. tax overhaul is turning out to be a mixed bag, especially for companies that drill overseas. Two weeks after President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans passed a sweeping rewrite of the tax code that cuts corporate rates, drillers are finding other changes that are less of a boon. BP Plc and Royal Dutch Shell Plc offered a preview recently, saying they may write off as much as \$4 billion in tax assets as a result. Caps on debt-interest payments and cuts to deductions from previous years' losses may hurt companies building capital-intensive projects with borrowed money. And other provisions, including time limits on expensing exploration, could hem in drillers with long-term projects, including Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. That may also give an edge to domestic shale production.

“This is an America First-type tax plan so oil and gas companies that have the majority of their business in the United States are going to do better than multinationals generally,” said Andrew Silverman, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst in New York. Cutting the corporate rate to 21 percent from 35 percent likely makes the legislation positive overall, according to Greg Matlock, America's energy tax leader for EY, a global accounting and consulting firm. “But that's tempered

somewhat by several important provisions,” he said in an interview. Those provisions include curveballs that could blunt or even eliminate the benefit for some sectors, including refining, BI said in a report Thursday. That's added a tinge of uncertainty as the industry prepares to unveil fourth-quarter earnings



later this month.

“We're going to have to see what companies say in their earnings call to get a sense of how they see this new law,” Silverman said. “In some cases it may be surprising.” Here's a look at how the overhaul may affect oil and gas businesses: One downside to the lower corporate rate: Companies with so-called tax assets -- deductions from future earnings due to past losses -- will see the value of those deductions reduced. Furthermore, the new rules allow businesses to offset no more than 80 percent of a year's earnings, down from 100 percent previously, according to Steve Marcus, a Dallas-based tax partner at Baker Botts LLP. As a result, Shell said it may take a charge of as much as \$2.5 billion against its fourth-quarter results. BP put the impact at \$1.5 billion, although both said they expect the tax bill to be a help in the long

term.

“A number of the US E&Ps will experience something similar,” Leo Mariani, an Austin-based analyst at NatAlliance Securities LLC, said by email. This “is just a non-cash accounting charge and is a one-time hit to net income.”

By contrast, EOG Resources Inc. will post a one-time gain of \$2.2 billion at its fourth-quarter results because of a net deferred tax liability, the Houston-based company said Jan. 4.

**Exploration Expenses**  
The law's repeal of the alternative minimum tax for businesses will eliminate the ability to amortize exploration costs, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. Those costs will now expire, for tax purposes, if they're not used to offset income the year they're incurred.

That could favor shale explorers whose wells come online in a matter of months over more conventional drilling operations that may take several years to start producing oil and gas, Silverman said.

**Multinational Income**  
Domestic output may gain other incentives as well, as the legislation raises barriers to multinational companies that seek to transfer some income outside the U.S. The impact will be complicated, though, by the international nature of huge oil companies. Explorers with global reach such as Exxon or Hess Corp. also own some of the largest footprints in U.S. shale fields these days.

Representatives from Exxon and Hess declined to comment. Chevron said it's evaluating the new rules and its plans to invest \$8 billion in the U.S. this year are unchanged.

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點選遙控器內的Menu頻道設定，重新掃描，注意智能型電視可能有一個聰明的按鈕用於設置MENU選項。通常會有廠商的LOGO標誌。尋找頻道設置選項。確認頻道是以天線收視。從MENU中，選擇數位頻道搜索 (Channel Scan 或 Channel Search 或是Auto program)，進行頻道掃描搜索或頻道自動設定。當電視完成自動搜索後，你會看到電視列出已有多少個頻道重新被發現。頻道重新設定過程有時可能長達一個小時。頻道設定完成後，按確認然後退出。如果頻道重新搜尋仍無法接收或是收視情況不佳，請購買天線調整最佳收視角度。如仍有相關問題，請致電美南新聞281-498-4310，聯繫Daniel。

## How to complete a channel scan on your Digital TV to add Channel 15.3

Please note: All TV manufacturers differ, so menu options, wording and other items may vary. The best way to complete the channel scan is to refer to the TV owner's manual. If that is unavailable, the following general steps should guide you through the process.

1. Using your television's remote control, press the Menu or Settings option. Note: a "Smart TV" may have a smart button that must be used to access the settings menu. It will generally have the manufacturer's logo on it.
2. Locate Channels or Tuner Set Up option.
3. Check the menu for an option of Antenna Type or Connection Type followed by either Antenna or Cable.
4. Make sure that the designated setting is Cable (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include Digital Cable, CATV or Cable STD)
5. From the menu, choose Digital Channel Search (based on manufacturer, alternate choices may include Channel Scan, Channel Search or Auto program.)
6. Allow the TV to complete the search. You will see a bar listing how many channels have been found. The process may take up to an hour.
7. Once complete, confirm the menu prompt, then press an exit or quit option.

# 吳宗憲只是最小咖 張菲全班學生都是A咖主持人



綜藝大哥張菲相隔近7年，復出主持華視周六晚間8點節目《綜藝非常讚》，上周首播收視開紅盤，4歲以上收視率高達2.66，舊情人金元萱跨海來臺合體，衝上瞬間最高3.30，首集收視人口多達170萬人。日前菲哥過去主持的《龍兄虎弟》也被挖出，驚見當時來賓相當驚人，其中吳宗憲只是最小咖！

1993年開播的《龍兄虎弟》，當中有個「音樂教室」單元，由張菲擔任班主任，每集都能請到大咖來賓。隨著張菲強勢復出，日前有網友挖出過去《龍兄虎弟》的片段，當時臺下的來賓，如今都居然都是壹線主持人，包括張小燕、庾澄慶、黃子佼、曾國城、費玉清和吳宗憲，其中吳宗憲和曾國城坐在後排，只見憲哥戴上張菲招牌假髮，模仿小燕姐唱歌破音，才唱壹句就馬上被菲哥按瓦斯槍，而當時黃子佼則留妹妹頭，曾國城則看起來高高瘦瘦的，張小燕和庾澄慶造型則和現在差不多，只是看來年輕些。超強班底壹出，立刻引發當年沒看過節目的年輕網友驚呆了：「這麼強大的陣容只有菲哥才能請出來，壹集製作費不知道會多少」、「當時最小咖的竟然是吳宗憲！」

另壹方面，張菲睽違近7年重回主持戰場，復出主持華視周六晚間8點節目《綜藝非常讚》，上周6日首播收視開紅盤，其中55歲以上的收視族群更高達4.43，在同時段居亞軍，第壹名是由胡瓜主持的《臺灣那麼旺》，平均收視有3.16。張菲日前受訪時坦言，《綜藝非常讚》光籌備就超過半年，與製作單位來來回回就開過40次會議。《綜藝非常讚》首播最吸睛橋段，落在節目找來舊情人金元萱跨海來臺合體單元，2人重溫當年緋聞，並深情合唱英文情歌《When I Falling Love》，瞬間衝上當晚最高收視3.30。除此之外，節目更找來網紅又仁模仿女神卡卡，大跳招牌曲《bad romance》，收視也衝上3.21，為當晚收視第二高點。

三立本土居《壹家人》邁入150集尾聲，接檔戲《金家好媳婦》原由孫協誌飾演，另外加入轟動壹時的《飛龍在天》黃少祺與江宏恩，想不到角色都定裝了，孫協誌卻慘遭換角，反而是韓瑜加入居組。韓瑜今(8日)出席新戲《金家好媳婦》首映會，被問到前夫孫協誌慘遭臨陣換角，沒想到她爆氣回應了！

39歲孫協誌2011年與韓瑜結婚，僅維持4年就告吹，傳因婆媳問題、金錢糾紛、生子壓力有關，她會直言：「沒有什麼好聯絡，因為我覺得臺面上的場面有點難看」，男方則以「她都已經講沒聯絡了，還問我幹嘛？」韓瑜今天出席新戲《金家好媳婦》首映會，身穿低胸長禮服解放酥胸，被問到孫協誌慘被無預警換角？韓瑜爆氣說：「這種東西是長官們的事情，跟我們演員沒有關係，我其實不知道也不想知道，我只覺得今天接了這個工作，我把這個工作做好就好好」，接著又說：「和我有關係嗎？真的和我有關係嗎？我就是臨時知道要接的，怎麼會跟我有關係」。被問未來是否會再和孫協誌壹起拍戲？她又賭定回說：「我想應該沒有機會」，讓現場氣氛急凍。

製作人劉世範也解釋說，高宇秦與韓瑜是最後2個定案的卡司，完全是考慮到居本才會找韓瑜，至於是否會再邀孫協誌演出，製作人表示居本都已經定的差不多了，暗示孫協誌不可能再與韓瑜同臺。製作人也強調，由於三立改革，這檔戲就是拍攝6個月，集數也是150集上下，目前已開出約35位演員，都會從第壹集演到完結篇。此外，韓瑜也透露，這幾天趕殺青只睡2小時，難得昨天睡5小時，韓瑜現場也與江宏恩、黃少祺合照，讓她勇現3人當年在民視《飛龍在天》的回憶，感性直呼：「飛龍在天裡的飛龍 飛虎 金蘭花 又見面了」，網友看後也紛紛留言：「香火袋 拿出來相認吧」、「哇哇哇...好奇妙的緣份喔」、「懷念合體」。

## 孫協誌慘遭《金家好媳婦》換角 韓瑜爆氣幹譙了

### 周董嗆林俊傑 “不稀罕” 竟當眾揭阿信秘密



據臺灣媒體報導，五月天“人生無限公司”桃園場7日正式劃下句點，繼金曲歌王林俊傑(JJ)、金曲歌後林憶蓮，再迎來桃園分公司最後壹名新進職員，同樣也是鍍金的周董倫(周董)，他上臺笑說，JJ之前組“六月天”壹點都不稀罕，“我們幹脆組個‘周五’，代表從周董唱到周五。”讓阿信大笑不已，隨即推出“周五”限定單曲《雙節棍》，兩人邊唱邊大用周董送給團員的紫色雙截棍。

五月天組團很帥，找了音樂班的同學組團，“結果隔天來了五個鍵盤手，有看過樂團五個人都彈鍵盤嗎？”

阿信說，在場歌迷其實都是“假五迷，真周粉”，還當場要歌迷清唱《千裏之外》，聲音之大讓周董驚呼：“真的欸！”最後周董華麗離場，直接走到臺下，從觀眾群穿越離開，被瑪莎笑罵：“他在走星光大道啊！”阿信也說：“每次請嘉賓，到後來都感覺好像是我們跑到別人演唱會。”



## 金球獎對性騷擾宣戰 《意外》四獎最大贏家

第75屆金球獎今天(8日)揭曉，驚悚片《意外》是最大贏家，共拿下戲居類最佳影片以及最佳女主角等四項大獎。而戲居類最佳男主角則是專門演反派的蓋瑞歐德曼，從影多年的他，演甚麼像甚麼，有如「千面人」，這回演出英國前首相邱吉爾，終於登上影帝。

精準詮釋，非常時刻裡的非常領袖，原來他是英國男星蓋瑞歐德曼，他曾經是哈利波特裡面的天狼星也曾經是劫持空軍壹號的壞人。蓋瑞歐德曼堪稱是反派角色的不二人選，演技沒話說卻始終跟影帝無緣，這次邱吉爾上身終於在金球獎壹吐怨氣，同洋因為模仿得維妙維肖而奪獎的還有他。

好萊塢全方位藝人，詹姆斯法蘭柯自導自演，詹姆斯法蘭柯為戲增胖又戴上長假髮，間直變成了片中的靈魂人物湯姆維索壹舉讓《大災難家》擊敗《大娛樂家》強敵休傑克曼榮登喜居類影帝。在海倫米蘭、茱蒂丹契等前輩環伺下，23歲的瑟夏暹南憑電影《淑女鳥》中的叛逆少女奪下喜居類影後，瑟夏暹南雖然年紀最輕，但奪獎絕對不是僥倖。從家族裡的小妹妹到飄洋過海的新移民，童星出身的瑟夏暹南，從銀幕上就可以看出蛻變，這次已經是第三度入圍金球獎，終於順利摘下後冠。

主持人挖苦嘲諷，好萊塢的性騷擾話題，首位終身成就獎的非裔得主歐普拉反性騷擾致詞更逼哭眾女星，脫口秀女王歐普拉的演說振奮人心，還因此被拱出來選總統，儘管她強調無意參選也意外讓金球獎沾上政治味。

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香港文匯報訊(記者李慶全) 李佳芯(Ali)、森美、朱晨麗(朱朱)、何廣沛及Amanda S.等8日出席護膚品牌活動，談及無綫《萬千星輝頒獎禮》舉行在即，有份角逐視后的李佳芯表示不緊張，因上次在新加坡拿到視后已是爆冷，今次有就開心，沒獎也會接受到。森美大力撐她說：“一次是爆冷，第二次就是肯定的了！但拿兩次會很大壓力！”



李佳芯去年表現突飛猛進，但她稱沒信心贏得視后殊榮。

# 電視頒獎禮舉行在即 李佳芯無信心贏視后



全場只有朱晨麗(左)和何廣沛(右)穿深色衫。



這對緋聞情侶神情很一致。

李佳芯坦言今年對手強勁，大部分是前輩，自己資歷最淺。森美聽後即揶揄說：“你意思是說她們老啦！”Ali即指住他苦笑說：“我向來沒信心，上次新加坡得視后是強心針，但我看好田蕊妮(阿田)。我們私下很好，她是位值得尊敬和欣賞的前輩，又肯跟我分享演技。”

廣沛笑言可能大會別有用心，朱朱即打圓場表示都是配合主題。二人8日是二度情侶檔出席活動，他倆的酬勞是否收得較高？朱朱表示沒問公司，要是收得高那就要一起多接些工作。記者直接問二人是否已一齊(拍拖)？朱朱笑說：“我們是一齊的拍檔，其實都希望拍續集可以開花結果！”現實生活中也想開花結果？

## 男友傳欠債店被淋紅油 Amanda S.一提病父即落淚

香港文匯報訊(記者李慶全) Amanda S.男友Sam被傳經營飾物店欠債千萬(港元，下同)，店舖被人淋紅油後報警。當求證Amanda S.時，她表示不知有這問題發生，都是上週有記者傳短訊給她才知道。及後Amanda眼濕濕提到爸爸於去年11月發現癌病復發，可能是Sam不想她擔心所以沒向她談及，不過她指香港經濟也不算太好，做生意有問題經常會發生，男友不想講，她也不好意思去問。

但知否男友欠債千萬？她說：“生意就是生意，我不知生意怎去做，但聽到很多出名做生意的人也欠幾億，而男友經營生意都有20多年經驗。”Amanda坦言男友沒問她借錢，要是他開口又如何？她說：“他肯定不會問！”當提到爸爸的情況，Amanda即忍不住落淚：“爸爸身在泰國，情況並不樂觀。早兩個月我也到了泰國陪他，等做完香港的工作會再過泰國，陪伴爸爸度過餘下的日子！”



談到父親癌病復發時Amanda即不停落淚。



“福祿壽”7日晚現身旺角鬧市引起哄動。

## 福祿壽快閃旺角宣傳 盼周杰倫讓期加場

香港文匯報訊(記者李思穎)王祖藍、阮兆祥及李思捷合組的“福祿壽”將於3月8日舉行“福祿壽十周年演唱會”，三人7日晚現身香港旺角鬧市做快閃宣傳，他們又唱又跳非常努力，吸引不少途人圍觀。

他們透露門票銷情非常好，祖藍表示開售兩週已售出了一半，到表演時應該爆滿，自己都欠很多人門票。阮兆祥：“紅館檔期在我們之前有Shine演唱會，後面是周杰倫，已經用回Shine的舞台來節省時間，所以有機會加場都是日場。除非周杰倫肯讓一日出來，便不用加日場，但夜場”夢多，要再想想，哈哈。”

### 祖藍不擔心新監管制度

說到內地廣電總局對電視節目加強監管，有指要拍攝外國模式的節目需提早兩個月前備案，祖藍對此要先了解一下。他說向來拍的節目都沒問題：“《奔跑吧！兄弟》已經播完。(擔心日後更多掣肘?)有什麼掣肘會多過TVB，不能扮政治人物和做得過分?我在TVB訓練出來，是由教育電視出來，不會有問題。”



王祖藍(左)認為自己在TVB訓練有素。

## 聖誕胖了要抓緊修身 伍允龍渴望覓終身伴侶

香港文匯報訊(記者梁靜儀)伍允龍(Philip)、王浩信、楊明和江嘉敏等8日到香港旺角拍攝無綫劇集《兄弟》，劇情講飾演警察的Philip闖入記者會拘捕涉嫌藏毒的拳手，二人拳來拳往，Philip更打到“啪啪聲”，最終拳手應聲倒地。事後Philip受訪時笑指這場對打戲好“小兒科”，又透露黑人演員本身其實是真正的拳手，但拍戲經驗較少，所以多謝對方被自己打倒。問到會否因此不用就力？Philip說：“那又不會，拍戲最重要是配合，是看來真的像傷害了對方。”他又透露稍後要到菲律賓拍外景，會赤膊上身秀肌肉，但之前聖誕跟林志杰(Andy)一家去玩，現在吃的很胖，所以日內要開始節食和操練。



伍允龍(右一)稍後赴菲律賓拍外景，起行前要先操練肌肉。

有份角逐無綫頒獎禮最佳男主角的王浩信，在台上被監製邀請公開拉票，他笑稱希望可以早下班。受訪時他表示因他們拍得較趕，都想趕快拍完收工回家，晚上還要續拍。問到會否拉票？他笑說：“拉票對我來說有點害羞。(叫太太陳自瑤同女兒幫忙拉票?)會呀，會叫身邊人和女兒的同學幫手，我已常亮幼幼稚園，只差未派傳單！這個獎是入行多年的夢想，過去一年拍的三個劇都很辛苦，都會對自己的努力負責任。”

## 鮑姐不介意頒獎禮“陪跑”

香港文匯報訊(記者李思穎)鮑起靜(鮑姐)憑劇集《同盟》有份角逐無綫視后，雖然身邊朋友建議她不要出席免得“陪跑”，但鮑姐都堅持參與支持，更看好宣萱是視后人選。鮑姐8日到電台做訪問，說到頒獎禮時她直言：“朋友稱我‘朋友稱我’對去陪跑，叫我不去。不過我覺得是一個派對，如果《同盟》得獎

獎已很開心，所以會去支持，到時更會悉心打扮。(有否信心得獎?)我不會拿啦，但看好宣萱，今年希望她得獎。”說到宣視以網台形式復活，鮑姐稱是好事，可延續亞視精神。那會否回去幫手?“沒人找過我，如果是清談節目都可以，拍劇就沒有，投資會好大。”對於高院8日正式撤銷亞視的清盤呈請，鮑姐即說“這便好了”。



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# 美南台灣旅館公會聖誕晚會熱鬧溫馨

美南台灣旅館公會2017年12月20日晚間在姚餐廳舉辦聖誕晚會，駐休士頓辦事處林映佐副處長、游慧光組長、施建志組長、休士頓華僑文教中心李副主任美姿、僑務委員葉宏志等人代表出席與會同歡。

林映佐表示，旅館公會致力於創建良好的旅館環境，讓遊客住在旅館中有家的感覺，

李美姿則讚揚該會係僑商經濟代表性僑團，並感謝該會熱心僑社事務，協助106年搭僑計畫，支持政府，同時說明中心為提供僑胞更好服務品質，刻正進行全面整修，將於12月底竣工，修繕期間造成僑胞的不便希望大家體諒，歡迎會員2018年1月1日參加中華民國元旦升旗典禮，參觀整修一新的僑教中心。

美南台灣旅館公會會長葉德雲除歡迎大家外，並感謝所有會員共同努力讓旅館公會繼續發展壯大，會中並頒發「僑社楷模 公會之光」感謝牌予美南台灣旅館公會陳美芬榮譽理事長及北美臺灣旅館公會總會前總會長嚴杰，晚宴氣氛歡愉熱鬧。



休士頓台北經文處副處長林映佐、美南台灣旅館公會會長葉德雲頒發獎牌以僑社楷模、公會之光給嚴杰、陳美芬，表彰他們對社區的貢獻。(記者黃麗珊攝)



美南台灣旅館公會2017年12月20日在姚餐廳舉行聖誕餐會，美南台灣旅館公會會長葉德雲、前會長陳美芬、周雲、何怡中、台北經文處副處長林映佐、施建志組長、休士頓華僑文教中心李副主任美姿、僑務委員葉宏誌等與該晚兩位贊助者支付寶休士頓總代理「元創坊」負責人Commi Tong、及AIG的利姪其合影。(記者黃麗珊攝)

## 美南大專校聯會跨年舞會熱鬧迎接2018年



美南台灣旅館公會會長葉德雲、前會長陳美芬、陳清亮、周雲、嚴杰、何怡中、李迎霞、賴清陽、僑務委員葉宏志、王妍霞等聖誕晚會同歡。(記者黃麗珊攝)



前美南台灣旅館公會會長陳清亮、謝坤增夫婦、陳詩章夫婦等歡聚一堂。(記者黃麗珊攝)

美南大專校聯會於12月31日晚間在休士頓舉行跨年舞會，駐休士頓辦事處處長陳家彥夫婦、僑教中心主任莊雅淑與校聯會理事長黃初平、校聯會會長謝家鳳以及所屬校友會會員數百人一起跨年迎接2018年。

美南大專校聯會是由美南地區來自台灣十多所大專

院校校友會聯合組成，會員近千人，每年跨年舞會以及精彩節目，更成為僑界一大盛事。在舞會開始前，校聯會會長謝家鳳特別感謝僑務委員會、駐休士頓辦事處以及僑教中心對這一年來校聯會活動的支持，未來將繼續為校友提供更佳服務，陳家彥與莊雅淑對美南大專校

聯會凝聚各校校友會員向心，協助推展僑務亦表達肯定。校聯會精心策劃安排專業老師帶動排舞以及兔子舞，讓與會僑胞重返當年校園青春歲月，在子夜時大家舉行倒數，除舊迎新，歡迎2018年的到來。

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