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Texas sends 250 National Guard troops to Mexico border

(Reuters) - The Texas National Guard has begun deploying troops to help secure the state's southern border with Mexico as President Donald Trump has been unable to get the U.S. Congress or Mexico to fully fund his proposed wall along the border.

The deployment, announced on Friday by Texas officials, comes after Trump directed Defense Secretary James Mattis to request the use of National Guard personnel to help the Department of Homeland Security secure the border in four southwestern U.S. states, including Texas.

Mattis on Friday authorized the funding for up to 4,000 National Guard troops for the operation through Sept. 30, a Department of Defense memo showed.

The troops will be under the "command and control" of their respective governors, it said.

Trump has failed so far to persuade either the Mexican government or the U.S. Congress to fully fund a wall he wants to build along the border. Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto on Thursday sharply rebuked Trump over the plan.

The Texas Army National Guard said 250 guardsmen along with aircraft, vehicles and surveillance equipment were to be deployed along the state's border with Mexico within the next 72 hours.

Exact details of the mission, including the total number of troops to be deployed and the cost, were yet to be determined, Brigadier General Tracy Norris, commander of the Texas Army National Guard, told a news conference.

The National Guard has operated along the border for decades. About 100 members of the Texas Military Department are currently assigned along the border in an "observe and report" role, Norris noted.

In Arizona, some 150 National Guard members will be sent to the border next week, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey said in a Tweet on Friday. The National Guard, Mattis and Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen said in a joint statement on Friday.

Nielsen said this week that the troops would not be involved in law enforcement.

In a supporting role, possibly for aerial reconnaissance, the Guard will help U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel with stopping illegal immigrants from entering the country, Nielsen said. In keeping with a theme he often invoked as a candidate in 2016 and has continually returned to since taking office, Republican Trump has sharpened his anti-immigrant rhetoric, warning that illegal immigrants threaten U.S. safety and jobs.

"It sounds to me more like political rhetoric than something that is actually needed on our border," Representative Vicente Gonzalez, a Texas Democrat whose district includes the border city of McAllen, told the New York Times.



Border patrol agents apprehend immigrants who illegally crossed the border from Mexico into the U.S. near McAllen



Border patrol agents apprehend people who illegally crossed the border from Mexico into the U.S. near Falfurrias

U.S. lawmakers skeptical of promises to shield farmers from trade dispute

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (Reuters) - U.S. lawmakers and the farm industry were skeptical of the Trump administration's promise to shield farmers from the rapidly escalating trade dispute between the United States and China, concerned about the lack of details in protecting the U.S. agricultural export sector now embroiled in the back-and-forth. Major farming states supported U.S. President Donald Trump in big num-

bers in the 2016 election, but lawmakers from those states were harsh in their criticism on Friday of proposed tariffs that have unsettled both the industry and agricultural trading markets.

It is unclear what types of options exist to protect the sector, though expectations were that the omnibus farm bill, the U.S. government's main food and agricultural policy tool, could include crop insurance and potentially other subsidies that could address the concerns. That bill is up for renewal this

year.

"This is not a good situation. It just isn't," said U.S. Senator Pat Roberts, a Kansas Republican who heads the Senate Agriculture Committee. However, no specific proposals for protecting farmers have been suggested, and farming industry representatives were leery of tariff relief. "We have heard no specific proposals and haven't offered any," said Will Rodger, director of policy communications at the American Farm Bureau Federation, the largest farm lobby group in the nation. "Our preferred outcome is a negotiated solution so that neither China nor the U.S. actually imposes tariffs."

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Texas family turns school bus into stylish home for just \$38,000

By Jim Kiest

When the wheels on this school bus go round and round, so does the home of one Texas family. Debbie Mayes, 33, from Wigan, England, her husband Gabriel, 35, from Angleton, Texas, and their family of four children decided to convert a 17-year-old Thomas High Top school bus into their new home. The transformation began in February 2017 and included the addition of two couches that convert to full beds, a full

kitchen and bathroom. "In August of 2017 we moved our 4 kids onto the Skoolie, FULL TIME! We traveled across the country and landed on the west coast in Northern California where we currently have our kids in school," the Mayes family wrote on their website. The Mayes plan to build a permanent home in California soon, the Daily Mail reported. "We are always going to keep the bus either as an Airbnb or to travel in it as a family," Debbie Mayes told the Daily Mail.



Oil futures decline as investors flee risky assets for gas customers

Crude fell as a sell-off in equity markets signaled a flight from riskier investments. Futures slid as much as 1.9 percent on Monday in New York. U.S. stocks declined as China imposed retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, the latest move in an escalating trade dispute between the world's largest economies. At the same time, supply concerns that prompted hedge funds to increase bullish bets on the benchmark U.S. crude contract have fizzled. "The broader markets are struggling," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital LLC, a New York-based hedge fund. In addition, the oil market "is super long at the moment, so without a catalyst it will be hard for that length to stick around." Oil also fell as trading volume lagged normal levels by about 25 percent in the first trading session

after the Easter holiday weekend.led CenterPoint to cut its rate request almost in half.



Child almost kidnapped during field trip to Houston Zoo

A man who attempted to kidnap a young child at the Houston Zoo was shadowing the group prior to the abduction attempt, Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said Friday. A class of young children was on a field trip at the zoo Tuesday when the attempted abduction happened. A chaperone, who was overseeing a group of four children on the field trip, had to run after one child who abruptly ran away. As the chaperone was chasing down the rogue child, the man swooped in and attempted to take one of the remaining three children but failed, Acevedo said. A man who police believed attempted to kidnap a young child at the Houston Zoo on Tuesday was shadowing the group prior to the abduction attempt, according to Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo. Scroll through to see posters of missing Houston-area children Photo: Jon Shapley, Staff / © The targeted child did not immediately come forward to the chaperone but instead opened up to parents at home that night. The parents

called police the next day, Acevedo said. "At the end of the day, we're happy this child was not taken," Acevedo said. "We need to bring this person to justice." The suspect, who did not have a child with him, was seen on surveillance video following the group of children around the zoo before the abduction attempt, Acevedo said. He said anyone in charge of children should always be aware of their surroundings. "It happens this fast," Acevedo said, snapping his fingers. "When you're in public spaces with your child or with young children, you really have to pay attention." The suspect is described as a male about 5 feet, 8 inches tall, weighing approximately 155 pounds. Anyone with information about the abduction attempt can call Houston Crime Stoppers at 713-222-TIPS (8477).

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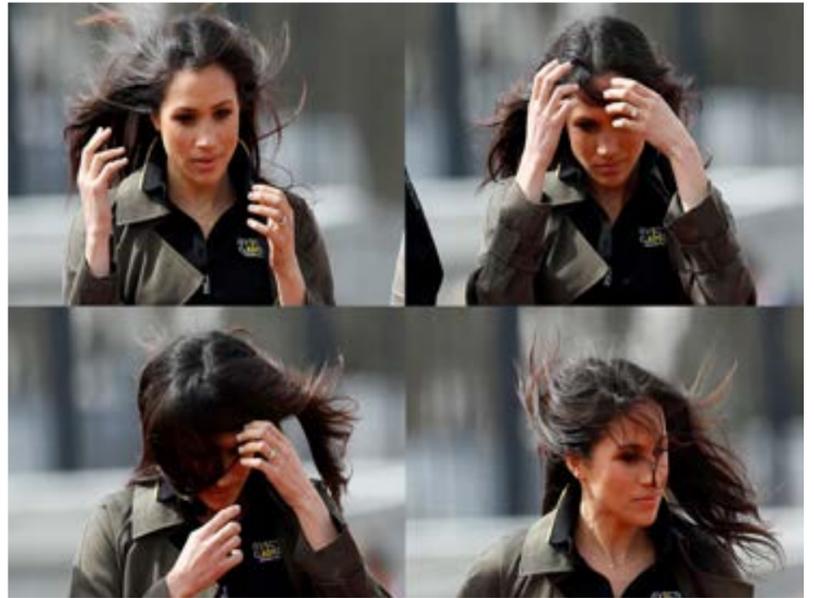
Britain's Prince Charles, takes a drink with Chief Sine Mao Tirsupe, President of the Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs, during a visit to the Chief's nakamal, as he visits the South Pacific island of Vanuatu



Palestinians evacuate mortally wounded Palestinian journalist Yasser Murtaja, 31, during clashes with Israeli troops at the Israel-Gaza border, in the southern Gaza Strip



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A combination picture shows Meghan Markle adjusting her hair during a visit to watch athletes at the team trials for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 at the University of Bath Sports



Palestinian protester sits on a tire during clashes with Israeli troops near the Jewish settlement of Beit El, near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank



Catalonia's former leader Carles Puigdemont looks on as he leaves the prison in Neumuenster



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Four In Ten U.S. Adults (41%) Say They Lack The Time To Do All They Want
Gallup Poll: Eight Out Of 10 Americans Are Afflicted By Stress



Americans' Experience With Stress

In general, how often do you experience stress in your daily life -- never, rarely, sometimes or frequently?

Table showing stress levels: Frequently (44%), Sometimes (35%), Rarely (17%), Never (4%)

Women and men are about equally likely to say they lack sufficient time, but women are more likely to report frequent stress: 49% vs. 40%, respectively.

Fewer Americans today than from 2001 through 2007 say they lack sufficient time to get done what they want, although the 44% saying this in 2004 was statistically similar to today's 41%.

Americans' current stress level is similar to what Gallup found in 2001, 2002 and 2007, as well as in an earlier measurement in 1994, when 40% felt frequent stress.

Americans' Biggest Stressors Are Children and Work



Age is a major factor in whether one feels stressed and time-pressured. Those 50 and older -- particularly those 65+ -- are much less likely than those who are younger to say they feel stress or lack the time they need to get things done.

Relatedly, being short on time and feeling stressed are much more common experiences among employed Americans and parents of children under 18 than among adults without these significant obligations in their lives.

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Naturally, work and family obligations have a compounding effect, so that working parents are especially likely to feel short on time and stressed.

One piece of good news for working parents is that the decline since the mid-2000s in the percentage of Americans feeling short on time has been especially pronounced among employed Americans and is seen about equally among adults with and without children.

Time and Stress Pressures by Employment and Parenting Status

Table showing time and stress pressures by employment and parenting status, including categories like 'Employed, have child' and 'Not employed, no child'.

Bottom Line

Much has changed in the past decade, not the least of which is the proliferation of smartphones, beginning with the introduction of the iPhone in 2007.

stress. It's possible that some aspects of the new technology, like social media, are having a compounding effect, so that working parents are especially likely to feel

Table showing time and stress pressures by key subgroups, including gender, age, annual household income, and employment status.

offsetting others in changing how much stress people experience.

short on time and stressed. By contrast, those who neither work nor have children are the least likely to feel this way.

SURVEY METHODS



Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted Dec. 4-11, 2017, with a random sample of 1,049 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

AMERICANS WHO FEEL STRESS SOMETIMES OR FREQUENTLY DURING THEIR DAY 79%

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A worker trims cannabis at the growing facility of the Tikun Olam company near the northern city of Safed, Israel. (Photo/ Getty Images)

(Reuters) - A handful of drugmakers are taking their first steps toward developing marijuana-based painkillers, alternatives to opioids that have led to widespread abuse and caused the U.S. health regulator to ask for a withdrawal of a popular drug this month. The cannabis plant has been used for decades to manage pain and there are increasingly sophisticated marijuana products available across 29 U.S. states, as well as in the District of Columbia, where medical marijuana is legal.

There are no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved painkillers derived from marijuana, but companies such as Axim Biotechnologies Inc, Nemos Bioscience Inc and Intec Pharma Ltd have drugs in various stages of development.

The companies are targeting the more than 100 million Americans who suffer from chronic pain, and are dependent on opioid painkillers such as Vicodin, or addicted to street opiates including heroin.



Opioid overdose, which claimed celebrities including Prince and Heath Ledger as victims, contributed to more than 33,000 deaths in 2015, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Earlier this month, the FDA asked Endo International Plc to withdraw its Opana ER painkiller from the market, the first time the agency has called for the removal of an opioid painkiller for public health reasons. The FDA concluded that the drug's benefits no longer outweighed its risks.

FIGHTING THE EPIDEMIC

Multiple studies have shown that pro-med-

High Hopes Ride On Marijuana To Also Manage Chronic Pain

Could Medical Marijuana Be The Answer To Halting The Opioid Crisis?

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ical marijuana states have reported fewer opiate deaths and there are no deaths related to marijuana overdose on record. (http://reut.rs/2r74Sbe)

But marijuana-derived drugs could take longer than usual to hit the market as the federal government considers marijuana a "schedule 1" substance - a dangerous drug with no medicinal value - making added approvals necessary. Any drug typically takes at least a decade from discovery to approval. It could be worth the wait.

An FDA-approved marijuana-based painkiller would ensure consistent dosing and potency, and availability across the country, analysts and experts said.

"Doctors like to be able to write a prescription and know that whatever they wrote is pure and from a blinded, placebo-controlled trial," California-based Nemos's CEO Brian Murphy told Reuters.



Nemos is testing its product - a synthetic version of the non-psychoactive CBD compound found in cannabis - on rats with chronic pain and expects to report data later this year.

Rival Axim, whose North American headquarters is in New York, is conducting pre-clinical studies on a chewing gum containing synthetic CBD and THC, a psychoactive compound found in marijuana. The company expects to submit an FDA application to start a trial on opioid-dependent patients this year. Leading the pack is Israel-based Intec, which recently announced the start of an early-stage study testing its painkiller made of natural CBD and THC extracts.

OTHER OPTIONS

Independent scientists are also looking to find natural, non-pharmaceutical alternatives to opioids, but many have said it is difficult to access government-approved marijuana to conduct research due to supply restrictions.

"It's taken me seven years to get the DEA license," said Dr Sue Sisley, who is planning to conduct an FDA-regulated study evaluating whether marijuana can help opioid-dependent patients.



There could soon be other alternatives as well. Pfizer Inc and Biogen Inc are among a clutch of drugmakers developing non-opioid painkillers that are in advanced clinical studies. Still, opioid painkillers are here to stay and will continue to be widely prescribed, especially for patients with acute and post-surgical pain.

The Republican healthcare bill unveiled on Thursday has proposed a drastic cut to the Medicaid budget and could gut, what advocates say, is essential coverage for drug addiction treatment, potentially hampering the fight against opioid abuse. (Courtesy https://www.scientificamerican.com/)

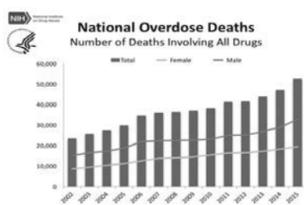
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Two New Studies Show That Medical Marijuana Could Help Stop The Ongoing Opioid Epidemic

Opioid prescriptions tend to decrease in U.S. states that adopt medical marijuana laws or legalize recreational use of pot, two different research teams have concluded.

The studies couldn't prove cause and effect. But one study found that opioids dispensed through Medicare's prescription drug plan decreased significantly if people had access to medical pot dispensaries or were allowed to grow marijuana for their own use.

"We had about a 14.5 percent reduction in opiate use when states turned on dispensaries, and about a 7 percent reduction in opiate use when states turned on home cultivation-based cannabis laws," said researcher David Bradford, chairman of public policy at the University of Georgia School of Public and International Affairs.



The other study, led by researcher Hefei Wen, from the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, found a decrease in opioid prescriptions covered by Medicaid in states that legalized either medicinal or recreational pot. Both types of laws were linked to about a 6 percent decline in opioid prescribing, researchers reported.

"We do think there's good reason to be hopeful that cannabis might be one tool out of many we could use to address the opioid epidemic," Bradford said.

Drug overdoses killed nearly 64,000 Americans in 2016, with two-thirds of deaths involving a prescription or illicit opioid, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported last week. Overdose deaths rose 21.5 percent in 2016, a much sharper spike than the 11.4 percent increase seen the previous year.

At this point, 30 states and the District of Columbia have laws legalizing some form of marijuana use, including eight states that have legalized recreational use.



Studies have found medical pot is effective in treating chronic pain, Bradford said. In 2017, the prestigious National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine issued a report concluding that pot can significantly reduce pain symptoms.

Both research teams suspected that if this were true, then medical marijuana might ease opioid use in people with chronic pain.

To investigate this theory, the investigators turned to recent data from the federal insurance programs Medicare and Medicaid. They

compared opioid prescribing patterns between states with medical or recreational pot and those that have taken a hard line against weed.

An average state filled 23 million daily doses of opioids through Medicare's prescription drug plan between 2010 and 2015, Bradford's team found.

But states with medical pot dispensaries filled 3.7 million fewer daily doses, and states with home cultivation filled 1.8 million fewer doses, they said.

Results did vary based on the type of opioid, however. Medical pot was linked to reductions in hydrocodone, morphine and fentanyl prescriptions, but not to prescriptions for oxycodone, Bradford said.



The second study found a similar effect among people covered by Medicaid.

The two studies were published online April 2 in JAMA Internal Medicine.

"I think at this point, with patients dying every day as a result of opioid use disorder, we need to consider all possible solutions to the crisis," said Dr. Kevin Hill, director of addiction psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. "Papers like these two suggest that cannabis may play a role."

He said these studies and others offer strong support for anecdotal evidence from patients who report they need fewer opioids for chronic pain when they are put on medical cannabis. Hill wrote an editorial that accompanied the two articles.

At the same time, Hill says medical marijuana should not be given a lead role in treating chronic pain. Instead, it should be a backup option for patients who are struggling to manage pain and who could be in danger of addiction.



"I think it's hard to deny that there is a growing body of evidence that suggests a role for cannabis in treating chronic pain, but it's not the level where it would be a first-line or even second-line treatment," Hill said. (Courtesy https://www.cbsnews.com)

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夏蔚，曾用名夏誌程，男，一九二五年九月十六日出生在浙江省樂清市牛鼻洞鄉，也有家譜記載為一九二五年十月十七日出生。

夏蔚是我國解放初期第一屆水產專科學校畢業生，是中國水產界的一位元老。他所就讀的學校隨著中國水產事業的逐步發展成熟，幾經學校合並校名更改，由上海滬江水產專科改名為現在的上海水產大學。

夏蔚從上海畢業後被分配到水產資源豐富專業人員缺乏的浙江省杭州市，就職於浙江省商業廳食品科歷任副科長、科長。工作後夏蔚經常深入沿海獲取第一手資料，指導當地水產事業管理和健全，同時撰寫不少論文、評語發表在專業和科普雜誌報刊上。隨著中國水產事業的發展，在全國領先的浙江省水產供銷公司中夏蔚起到了一份不可磨滅的奠基石作用。中國改革開放後，利用資源增加外匯，夏蔚參與並籌建了浙江省水產進出口公司出任副經理。夏蔚出訪了日本、美國等幾十個國家，他的足跡遍及五湖四海的亞洲、非洲、拉丁美洲，他著名的貿易談判技巧被各國同僚稱贊，為國家外貿水產立下了不朽的功勳。他還多次受到中國水產進出口總公司的特等嘉獎。八十年代初，夏蔚帶領團隊在斯裏蘭卡註冊成立的蘭華公司，是中國政府第一個境外合資企業，為中國在境外設立合資公司開了先鋒樹立了樣板。在當時政局不穩定的斯裏蘭卡內戰中，他又親臨戰區營救團隊同誌，被一致認為是個好領導。夏蔚參與並籌建了浙江省水產養殖公司，九十年代末退休後享受生活副廳級待遇的他，又被聘為籌建浙江省遠洋漁業公司，由於德高望重及珍貴的貿易談判經驗，七十多歲還經常出國出差，被贊譽為不老的美男子。夏蔚與夫人夏麗娃的姻緣也很羅曼蒂克。當年夏蔚讀書時由於參加革命活動被偽政府追緝，他不得不臨時尋學逃到舟山群島上一家大戶人家當燒柴夥計避難。那家女主人看中了年輕英俊的夏蔚，贊譽他能伸能屈大丈夫今後定能成大事，就將三小姐夏麗娃介紹給他。二〇一七年中秋節他們在杭州香格里拉拉總統套間度過了難忘的結婚六十周年紀念日，女兒夏菱、女婿貝克漢姆·喬納森，喬納森，長子夏一平、媳婦金子敏和孫女夏文瑀，次子夏一勤，媳婦李琳等從美國日本等地趕來祝福父母鑽石婚。



聞

遺族：妻子：夏麗娃

子孫：夏菱、女婿貝克漢姆·喬納森、(Jonathan Bickham)

查珣，夏一平、金子敏、夏文瑀，夏一勤、李琳、

夏翔太、夏翔月

同泣啓

夏蔚是一位勤奮好學，鞠躬盡瘁的好領導，好父親。他一辈子深深愛著夫人夏麗娃和三個孩子，特別溺愛四個孫輩，外甥查珣、孫女夏文瑀、孫子夏翔太和孫女夏翔月，他老人家有講不完的故事，孫輩們會撒嬌的說，爺爺我聽過一百遍了。他對所有的親戚朋友幾乎都有求必應，盡量幫助大家。二〇一七年春節期間，他最後一次回老家樂清虹橋，受到家鄉親戚長輩孫輩的熱情接待，一百多人的年夜飯，輪流不斷的宴請家訪，他拄著拐杖健步走在家鄉的土地上，享受著愛戴的尊嚴和親情的貼心。他風趣的說，看到你們病也好了比吃藥還靈。夏蔚退休後開始學打太極拳健身，他行運若水的拳姿，作為高齡太極拳舞者經常被邀請去登臺表演。他註重外表端莊和科學營養，對新鮮事宜特別感興趣也學得快，九十幾歲思維敏捷口齒清楚。在電腦上玩遊戲、手機上看新聞、用微信給兒子女子孫發視頻是他每天做的開心事。八十八歲體檢時不幸發現了肝癌，他堅持要手術切除。在去上海手術的路上他對兩個陪著的兒子說，你倆是做生意的，我要是不能從手術臺下來這叫夠本，要是能從手術臺下來，就是盈利。他驚人的毅力使奇跡發生，手術成功。之後的五年裏，他每年都挺過了一次微創手術處理新生小腫瘤。今年一月，九十四歲高齡的他，再次上了手術臺，成功的做了超神刀。三月本來跟醫生預約並探討了新的治療方案，可是一貫堅強的他，突然臥床不起，於二〇一八年四月四日上午七點五十八分，喝過水以後，靜靜的躺在他舒適的床上永遠閉上了那雙慈祥的眼睛。他從來不跟人吵架，告訴我們幸福的秘密是要讓對方高興。謝謝您，爸爸，謝謝您愛我們，我們永遠都愛著您，懷念您的每一句話，每一個音容笑貌。再見，爸爸。

夏蔚同誌，永眠。好人，一路走好！追悼會於二〇一八年四月八日上午九點在中國浙江省杭州市殯儀館舉行。

張艾嘉 難拍非洲悲慘見聞 寧藉電影講愛

張艾嘉(左二)和林嘉欣(右一)為本年度的「饑饉三十」進行宣誓儀式。

訪的種種見聞。飢餓，並分享多年來到非洲探訪的張艾嘉，帶領眾人宣誓對抗動。為宣明會擔任了25年義工關楚耀等人，7日到香港仔運(坤哥)、JW(王灝兒)、釗(張艾嘉、林嘉欣、吳業坤)香港文匯報訊(記者吳文



吳業坤(中)饑饉完畢後便趕去拍劇。



林嘉欣有教導一對女兒要惜食。

已擔任宣明會義工多年的張艾嘉，深感受到戰爭和飢餓對小朋友的影響，這也促使她在電影中經常會提到愛。雖然題材老土，但她希望大家會更懂珍惜。

張艾嘉提到，過往她多數會在現場參與「饑饉」，然而近年常有工作在身而未出席。今年她身體力行，由前一晚8時起再沒進食，會捱餓捱足30幾個鐘。她坦言此乃象徵式行為，長幼若身體不適就別勉強。當談到做義工的難忘經歷，張艾嘉指曾到訪非洲一些飽歷飢餓和戰爭的地方，看到有些小朋友只得一隻手和一隻腳，令她印象深刻。不過，常拍電影的她也直言未必能把所見所聞拍出來，但會拍攝講述愛的作品。

林嘉欣大份早餐打底

早前遠赴烏干達探訪的林嘉欣，透露她已率先體驗饑饉三十。嘉欣說：“在烏干達餓到差點吐水，所以今次饑饉

相對上較輕鬆。之前我已吃定一個大早餐來打底。”她稱自己也是捱得之人，只是平時吃少一餐都不可，因會沒氣力工作，所以今次饑饉可以身體力行支持。

至於兩女知否饑饉的意義，嘉欣說：“她們都知，不過她們仍是小學生，不能參加。平時在家也教她們不要浪費，即使晚飯吃不完，會第二天翻煮再吃。”吳業坤表示活動過後就要開工拍劇，會呼籲同劇的鄭則仕一起參與，坤哥說：“同劇還有苑瓊丹、馬海倫、邵美琪等前輩，‘集郵’都集不完。”

JW婉拒關楚耀做婚攝

關楚耀對上一次參加饑饉已是十年前，今年他會客串做大會攝影，拍下眾星饑饉的情況。JW笑稱之前開騷已節食，現在食量已減少。當提議關楚耀將來可為她做結婚攝影師時，JW搞笑地要手婉拒，笑稱待她生日時先嘗試一下。

偕未婚夫出席仁濟晚宴 江若琳要找男生充當姊妹團

香港文匯報訊(記者梁靜儀)江若琳(Elanne)、蕭潤邦(Oscar)、朱晨麗、王浩信、江美儀、麥長青、陳浚霆及馬天佑等，6日到灣仔出席仁濟醫院第51屆董事局就職聯歡晚宴。接棒擔任仁濟經理的嚴紀愛(Carmen)，獲舊愛陳浚霆到場支持，她透露正忙於籌備明年6月的婚禮，好友馬天佑包辦形象及幫手揀婚紗，而馬天佑亦自薦做司機及司儀。Carmen並透露伴娘是Janice Man(JM)，到時會親手遞上花球，希望JM快些出嫁。

將於12月23日結婚的Elanne和Oscar，透露婚禮場地已選定在黃埔一間酒店，筵開40圍，現正忙於召集兄弟姊妹。Elanne笑言因男方兄弟陣容盛大，令到女方有壓力，暫時兄弟人數已有十幾二十個，姊妹暫時就有十個，可能要找些男生做姊妹。不過Elanne好開心很多朋友見義勇為幫助他們，故暫時未有壓力。

問到可有為籌備婚禮而嗆交？Oscar就稱不

會有拗擾，因對方一有不妥他就選擇不作聲。不過Elanne說：“不是呀，我會跟我講三個鐘道理，跟我講結婚並非一場秀。結婚只得那一天發生，婚姻就是我們兩個諸如此類，令你明白別要搞那麼多出來。”Oscar就稱婚禮都重要，但婚後漫長的日子更重要。他又透露晚宴場地有個舞台，但自己就不會上台表演，因不想大家辛苦。

朱晨麗期待和千嬅拍劇

朱晨麗6日穿低胸裙為晚宴獻唱兩首歌曲，她表示入行之夢想是做歌手，去卡拉OK唱歌更是“咪霸”，最愛唱王力宏、周杰倫、陶喆、蔡依林及蕭亞軒的歌曲。稍後她將會與楊千嬅合拍新劇《多功能老婆》，“朱朱”自言很喜歡對方，覺得千嬅經常笑得很開心，很期待和她合作。問到可拍千嬅拍劇時會笑到NG？朱朱笑言不怕，如果開心忍不住笑，可以當花絮，最重要是大家拍攝時開心。



江若琳和男友蕭潤邦忙於籌備年底的婚禮。

王浩信部署再戰樂壇

香港文匯報訊(記者吳文釗)王浩信7日以歌手身份出席時代廣場街頭音樂會，現場獻唱多曲吸引不少粉絲到來。他坦言場地對他意義重大，因13年前初入行，正是在這地方播他的新歌MV。

王浩信憶述當年嚙住家人簽約做歌手，直至他的第一首歌MV推出，才給媽咪一個驚喜，叫她到時代廣場看大電視。7日王母也混入觀眾群中欣賞兒子演出。浩信稱希望將來有機會踏足紅館獻唱，屆時媽咪就可安坐欣賞，不過今年他拍劇檔期已滿，不想倉促處理音樂理想。“去年幸運地在電視有一個里程碑，都計劃下個目標在音樂方面，但真的要時間去準備。一直有唱片公司跟我聯絡，我也想成為一分子為廣東歌發光發熱。”問問時有否唱歌給小朋友聽？浩信說：“在家我都常哼歌，女兒也現場看過我演出，她都有意向表演。不過現在年紀未適合，可能將來會父女檔上陣，場面都會幾溫馨。”



王浩信做完視帝，下一站想征服樂壇。

為百場巡迴戒油鹽糖 城城不擔心難捨妻女

香港文匯報訊(記者梁靜儀)郭富城(城城)、宣萱、鄭美雲和江美儀等7日到荃灣出席“單手掌上壓挑戰閉幕禮”，見證逾300人成功挑戰單手掌上壓一分鐘的健力士世界紀錄。未有落場的城城為參賽者打氣，而有份出席的前中國體操運動員李小鵬就即場示範單手掌上壓。

曾在電影《寒戰》飾演警隊“一哥”的城城，與警務處高級助理處長兼行動處處長鄧炳強於台上頒獎時，戴上黑框眼鏡的城城笑言是模仿鄧處長，見到鄧處長心都寒一寒、震一震。而鄧處長就稱在城城身邊好緊張，覺得他好有威嚴同親和力，城城就笑說：“其實我都是演你，在拍《寒戰》時扮演警務處處長

都是參考你。如果我不入行做演員或歌手，我想都是去當差。”鄧處長就笑稱自己若不是做警察都會去做演員。

受訪時，城城笑言不知是否入戲太深，見到鄧處長好像見到同事一樣：“當時拍《寒戰》做最年輕的警務處處長，自己都好享受，做到高職位受人景仰，保護香港市民有份英雄感和責任感。然而自己做不到警察保護大家，但我可用歌聲來感染大家。”問將來可會讓女兒當警察？城城說：“太遙遠的事，言之過早。(你會想因何做什麼？)家庭事遲點再和大家分享。”

工作方面，城城透露正密鑼緊鼓準備稍後

舉行的100場巡迴演唱會，現開始要保持狀態。“今次體能要求好重要，要準備三年來保持狀態，雖然是辛苦，但我願意迎接挑戰。”為了今次巡迴，城城表示要食營養餐，那豈不是無東西好吃？“不是，有好東西吃，不過如要破自己紀錄，是要付出和犧牲。這三年要戒油、鹽同糖，一日只可飲一杯咖啡，不可吃麻辣火鍋，拍戲都盡量選不用增磅或太大隻。人生就是要不斷挑戰自己，我已開動演唱會模式，I'm OK!”問到出埠做巡迴可會怕不捨女兒和老婆？城城說：“不怕，我又不是出去三年不回來，到時她已三歲，應已識唱我的歌，是開心的事。”

湯怡自曝曬黑“無市場”

香港文匯報訊(記者梁靜儀)湯怡與中國女排成員徐雲麗7日出席世界女排聯賽香港站宣傳活動，湯怡表示小學六年級便加入排球校隊，直至升上中學也無間斷練習。她自曝試過被學長假借一起練習為名發動追求攻勢，笑謂對方追求了半年後，原本應承對方，豈料對方見她游水曬黑了就沒再追求。湯怡笑說：“我知道變黑了是沒有市場，所以沒再曬黑。”問男友洪卓立是否喜歡她曬黑？她就不願多談男友：“別要講他啦！好悶呀！”

另外，湯怡憑主演電影《某日某月》有份角逐北京電影節的女主角獎項，她表示下周將出發參與電影節。由於片中另一主演者原島大地要開學未能出席，她和導演要做代表，此行會去四天，她當是去學習。

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