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Central American migrants from Mexico 'caravan' camp out on U.S. border

TIJUANA, Mexico (Reuters) - About 150 Central Americans from a "caravan" of migrants in Mexico were camped out early on Monday at the U.S. border, some trapped inside a port of entry between the two countries, as officials barred them from stepping foot on U.S. soil.
Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America sleep near the San Ysidro checkpoint after a small group of fellow migrants entered the United States border and customs facility, where they are expected to apply for asylum, in Tijuana, Mexico April 30, 2018. REUTERS/ Edgard Garrido
Denied passage on Sunday into a pedestrian crossing between Tijuana and San Diego at the San Ysidro port of entry, many of those who had fled El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras hoping for U.S. asylum slept in a square at the Mexican entrance.
Mexican officials late on Sunday allowed a first group into the walkway, about 50 women, children and transgender people, among the "most vulnerable" of the caravan, organizers said.
But they were stopped between the Mexican and U.S. gates, where U.S. Customs and Border agents would need to ask if they feared going back to their homelands, initiating a lengthy and fraught legal process that could end in deportation or asylum.
Organizers invited women and children in the group to return to migrant shelters, but few took up the offer, partly to show their determination and partly because they did not want to forfeit their best chance yet at reaching the United States.
"I think I'm next on the list to go," said Johanna Magaly, 37, from a patch of the square she had staked out with bags and clothes. The Guatemalan cook said she had fled a violent partner who attacked their eight-month-old son. "Especially for him," she said, shuddering as she glanced at the infant in her arms and tightened a thick blanket around him to ward off the cold.
The standoff between U.S. officials and the bedraggled and exhausted migrants who had trekked 2,000 miles (3,200 km) together across Mexico was the culmination of weeks of uncertainty after U.S. President Donald Trump began lashing out at them in early April.
"We have to have borders. If we don't have borders, we won't have a country," Trump said in a joint news conference on Monday with Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari when asked about the caravan.
Organizers said that the San Ysidro port of entry, among the largest in southern California, could hold more than 300 detained migrants. But the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol has said that it was already at capacity.
In early April, the caravan comprised 1,500 migrants from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador. Trump complained about the caravan, ordering immigration officials to be zealous in enforcing rules to stop unlawful entry by its members.
U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen said last week the caravan migrants should seek asylum in Mexico.

U.S. border authorities say some people associated with the caravan had already been caught trying to slip through the border fence and encouraged the rest to report to authorities.

Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America walk towards the United States border and customs facility in Tijuana

Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America wait to enter the United States border and customs facility in Tijuana

A man climbs up the border fence between Mexico and the U.S. as a part of a demonstration, as members of a caravan of migrants from Central America gather prior to preparations for an asylum request in the U.S., in Tijuana

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LOCAL NEWS

50th OTC kicks off with cautious enthusiasm

Jordan Blum,

The 50th showing of the massive Offshore Technology Conference kicked off Monday with rising oil prices and cautious enthusiasm for the energy sector as a projected 70,000 people began streaming streamed into Houston's NRG Park from around the world.

The offshore sector is again showing signs of life, but it hasn't rebounded yet from the 2014 oil bust.

Most oil and gas companies remain focused on the U.S. shale boom, especially West Texas' surging Permian Basin. OTC may be titled Offshore, but there's still lot of onshore talk at the conference.

Still, at OTC's opening ceremony Monday, French-based Total Chief Executive Patrick Pouyanne touted his long-term faith in the deep-water industry as evidenced by Total's $5 billion acquisition in Denmark's Maersk Oil in March. Shale drilling can only solve so much of the world's thirst for oil and gas.

Attorney General Xavier Becerra listed two simple reasons why California banned Offshore Oil Drilling. One, we don't need it, and two, we know what happens when something goes wrong.

"The last few years we have dealt with forces that were unexpected and unanticipated," Pouyanne said. "What makes me very confident for the future of offshore and the deep-water industry is its capacity to innovate."

Oil prices are key, but the booms and busts are really driven by technological advancements, he said. "That makes me an optimist."

Ryan Lance, chief executive of ConocoPhillips of Houston, said his company is focusing much more on onshore shale in North America, having stopped deep-water exploration in recent years. ConocoPhillips still operates offshore projects, however.

"We have not abandoned offshore," he emphasized. "Far from it."

But he said oil prices, while healthier, are still subject to sudden swings, and there's concern about investing in multibillion-dollar deep-water projects that take several years to develop.

"The industry needs to drive down break-even costs so the offshore projects can compete for capital," Lance said.

He supports driving down costs by using the same designs and engineering for multiple projects. "Design once and build many," he said.

Lance said the growing emphasis on down-hole data analytics using sensors in wells creates more precision and efficiencies, and the growth of machine learning and automation moves us closer to unmanned rigs each day.

Houston's National Oilwell Varco equipment manufacturer and services firm has diversified with much more of an onshore focus in recent years.

NOV Chief Executive Clay Williams said he's confident offshore will thrive again. He played off of Lance's mentions of technology advancements. He said the progress already is dazzling.

"I see an industry with much progress remaining," Williams said. "Imagine the progress as rigs begin to learn."

In 1947, the first rig that would fit the modern idea of offshore drilling, the Kermac No. 16 rig, was located about 10 about 10 miles offshore in the Gulf of Mexico. .

Fast forward nearly 70 years to 2016, Royal Dutch Shell's Stones project started producing 200 miles offshore in the Gulf at depths of 9,500 feet - the deepest ultra-deepwater project in the world.

Next month, Shell will launch its next major deep-water platform in the Gulf - the Appomattox - and Shell last week signed off on yet another Gulf platform, called Vito. But Vito was approved only after Shell cut 70 percent from the original price tag before the oil bust.

"The future is about being more scrupulous," said Harry Brekelmans, Shell's projects and technology leader. "We will need much more innovation and collaboration.

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Editor's Choice Picturs

Members of a migrant caravan from Central America and their supporters sit on the top of the U.S.-Mexico border wall at Border Field State Park before making an asylum request, in San Diego

Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America walk towards the United States border and customs facility in Tijuana

Members of a migrant caravan from Central America and their supporters sit on the top of the U.S.-Mexico border wall at Border Field State Park before making an asylum request, in San Diego

People in Mexico climb the border wall fence as a caravan of migrants and supporters reached the United States-Mexico border near San Diego

U.S. Border Patrol Agents watch protesters on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Mexico border wall at Border Field State Park as members of a migrant caravan from Central America stand on the other side, in San Diego

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Members of a migrant caravan from Central America and their supporters look through the U.S.-Mexico border wall at Border Field State Park before making an asylum request, in San Diego

Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America and supporters gather on both sides of the border fence between Mexico and the U.S. as part of a demonstration, prior to preparations for an asylum request in the U.S., in Tijuana

Members of a caravan of migrants from Central America sit on the border fence between Mexico and the U.S., as part of a demonstration prior to preparations for an asylum request in the U.S., in Tijuana

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COMMUNITY

SCORE/SBA Small Business Awards Event To Honor The Best Entrepreneurs In Houston

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SCORE and the U.S. Small Business Administration will honor the best small business owners and champions in Houston at an awards event to be held Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at the Westin Galleria 5060 West Alabama in Houston.

The event will includes a workshop titled, "Insights into Entrepreneurial Success", a small business expo and celebratory luncheon with a keynote address.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Johnny Carrabba III.

Keynote Speaker

Proudly born and raised in the East End of Houston, Texas, Johnny Carrabba III was raised in his parent's family-owned grocery store, Carrabba's Friendly Grocery, and attended St. Thomas High School. In 1986, Johnny opened The Original Carrabba's on Kirby Drive. The second location on South Voss Road opened its doors in 1988. In 1993, Outback Steakhouse created a joint venture partnership consequently opening over 250 Carrabba's Italian Grill Restaurants nationwide. Johnny and his family continue to own and operate the two original Carrabba's locations. Johnny and his wife, Randi, are philanthropists at heart and give back to the community through many venues and charities.

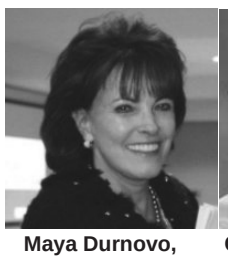
Master of Ceremonies

Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Bob Charlet. Bob Charlet became the publisher of the Houston Business Journal in 2005 where he joined a veteran team of professionals who have distinguished the HBJ as one of the leading business journals in the country.

Charlet joined the Pacific Business News, a sister publication, in 2009 as advertising director and was promoted to publisher three years later. Prior to PBN, he was North American group sales manager at Canon Communications, overseeing sales and marketing for a group of B2B media properties. He is a graduate of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana.

Event Workshop (9 AM - 11 AM)
"Insights into Entrepreneurial Success" Workshop

Attendees will gain an in-depth understanding of the resources available to the entrepreneur in Houston. Meet the distinguished panelists and learn about their programs to promote small, minority, and women-owned businesses. Learn about SBA's 3 C's, Capital, Contracting and Counseling plus programs to spur innovation and exports. Meet SBA's resource partners, UHSBDC and SCORE, who provide education and mentoring to help you succeed. Listen and learn from other successful entrpreneurs during a panel discussion.



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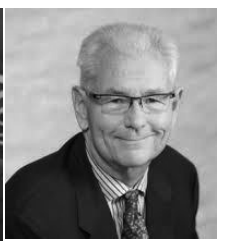

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The Small Business Administration (SBA) is a United States government agency that provides support to entrepreneurs and small businesses. The mission of the Small Business Administration is "to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by enabling the establishment and viability of small businesses and by assisting in the economic recovery of communities after disasters". The agency's activities are summarized as the "3 Cs" of capital, contracts and counseling.

SBA loans are made through banks, credit unions and other lenders who partner with the SBA. The SBA provides a government-backed guarantee on part of the loan. Under the Recovery Act and the Small Business Jobs Act, SBA loans were enhanced to provide up to a 90 percent guarantee in order to strengthen access to capital for small businesses after credit froze in 2008. The agency had record lending volumes in late 2010. (Source: Wikipedia)

SCORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides free business mentoring services to prospective and established small business owners in the United States. More than 10,000 volunteers provide these services, with all volunteers being active and retired business executives and entrepreneurs. In addition to mentoring, SCORE also offers free and low-cost educational workshops each year, both online and in-person. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. It operates out of 300 chapters across the U.S., with national headquarters in Herndon, Virginia. (Source: Wikipedia)

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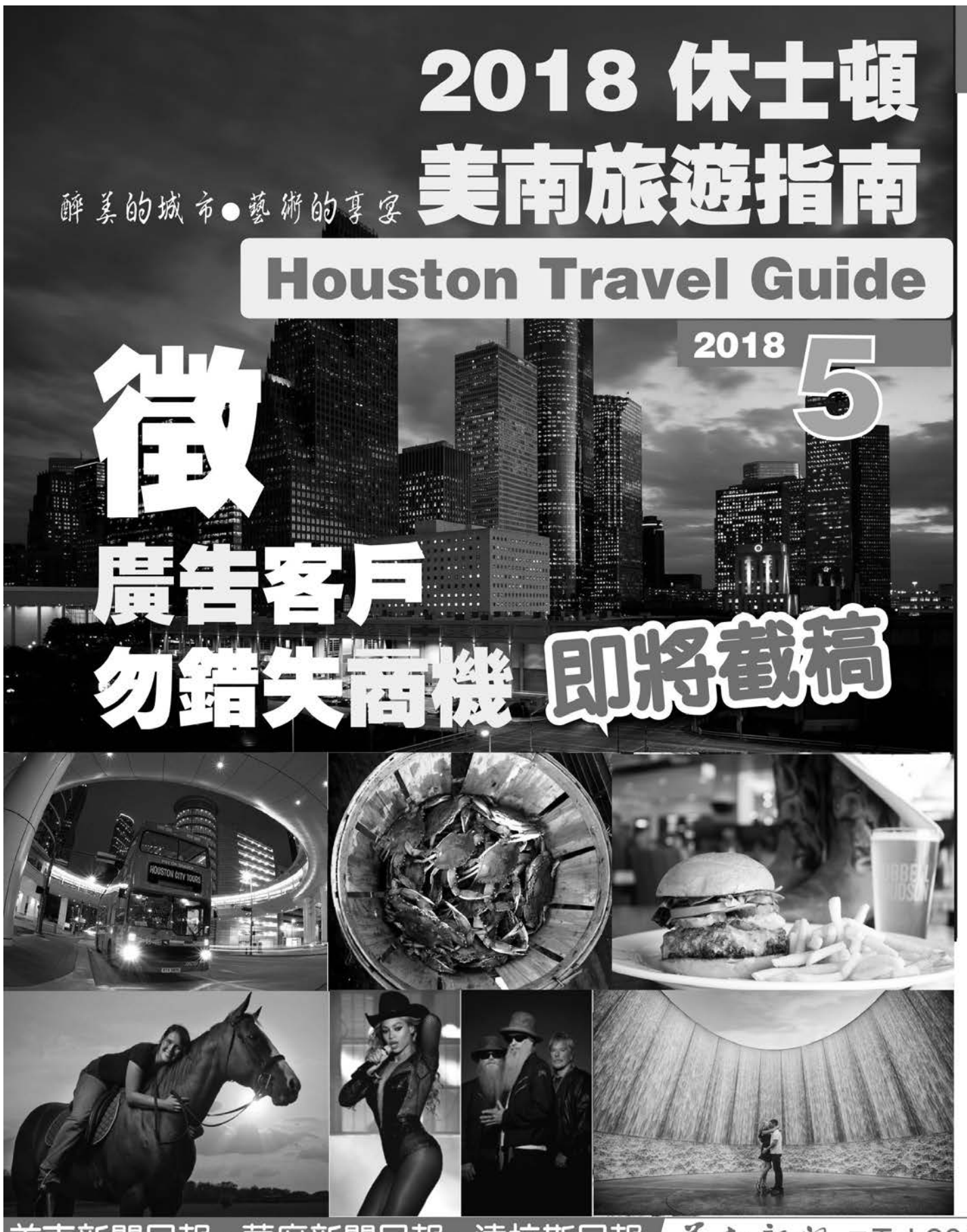

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BUSINESS

No Formal Requests Received To Host Trump-Kim Meeting In Singapore: PM Lee

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Singapore's skyline.

Speaking at a press conference at the close of the 32nd ASEAN Summit last Saturday (Apr 28), Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said: "We've also read the same reports as you in the newspapers about the possible places where the US-North Korea meeting can take place. We've had no formal invitations, requests from any of the parties.

"It has to be something agreed by both North Korea as well as the United States. I doubt very much they have come to any landing yet," Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said.

A South Korean daily had earlier reported that Singapore and Mongolia have been shortlisted to host a summit between Mr Trump and Mr Kim. Thailand has volunteered itself as a venue as well.

Mr Kim met South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Friday. Both promised to bring "lasting peace" between the two Koreas, and to work towards complete denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula.

Speaking at a press conference at the close of the 32nd ASEAN Summit on Saturday (Apr 28), Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong took questions about the next steps after the inter-Korean Summit and for the territorial disputes in the South China Sea.

"It's good that the North and South Koreans met, it's good that President Donald Trump is about to meet Mr Kim Jong Un," said Mr Lee, adding: "The question is how things move forward."

SITUATION IN KOREA POSITIVE, DESPITE "MANY DIFFICULT ISSUES"

Mr. Lee added that ASEAN's assessment of the situation in the Korean peninsula is a positive one. But he also pointed out that there are "many difficult issues to deal with".

"This is an issue with a very long history ... and a cycle of tensions and mistrust has built up over a long period of time," he said. "There is a very deep concern on each side that the other side does not mean it well, therefore to overcome that, you do have to take the first step. But the first step is the first of many, and the subsequent steps will not be easy."

He added that beyond trust, decisions also have to be made and commitments have to be undertaken, and they involve "many parties whose interests are not completely aligned".

"Everybody says they want complete, verifiable, irreversible denuclearisation," he said. "But what does it mean ... what are the conditions, how do we verify it, enforce it ... what happens if it's breached?"

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"So it's a positive step, it's better than firing missiles and testing bombs," said Mr Lee. "We will wait and see, and we can only hope for the best."

In terms of what ASEAN can do, Mr. Lee pointed out that the grouping "does not have levers".

He said that ASEAN can comply with United Nations Security Council resolutions, and do its part to make sure sanctions agreed by the international community are enforced and complied with.

ASEAN, he said, can also make sure that it adds its voice to the international discourse to "add moral pressure". But beyond that, ASEAN's leverage is limited.

"I think the first thing we need to understand is that's the reality," he said.

ASEAN foreign ministers earlier issued a statement to say that it welcomed the inter-Korean Summit.

"The ministers are encouraged by these positive developments and urge all concerned parties to work towards reducing tensions, and the complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearisation of the Korean peninsula which will contribute to the peace and stability of the region," it said.

Related

Why Kim Jong-un may not want to meet Donald Trump in Singapore

While the Lion City may be Washington's preferred choice for the groundbreaking meeting, the North Korean leader is believed to want to stay closer to home

Kim Jong-un may be reluctant to travel to Singapore for his proposed summit meeting with Donald Trump, analysts said, citing a range of factors including North Korea's distant relations with the city state and Kim's reluctance to travel by air.

Following Friday's historic sessions between North and South Korea, the focus will shift to the proposed landmark summit, the first time a sitting US president will have met the Communist state's leader.

It is widely believed that back-channel talks have been under way in preparation for the meetings, which the White House has indicated will happen in May or June.

Citing government sources, South Korea's Joongang Ilbo reported on Wednesday that Singapore and Mongolia had made the shortlist of possible locations, adding that neutral European countries like Sweden and Switzerland were unlikely to be selected given the distance and security concerns.

Wang Sheng, a professor of Korean affairs at Jilin University in northeastern China, said that the agenda and location of the Trump-Kim meeting may have been among the topics discussed at Friday's inter-Korea summit.

Kim's preferred mode of transportation is by train, observers have said.

"The US could find Singapore a good location for the meeting because it perceives that it has been siding more with them on North Korean issues," Wang added.

"The perception of Singapore's place in the international community would also make it suitable."

Lim Tai Wei, an adjunct research fellow at East Asia Institute of the National University of Singapore, said that the city state, where both Pyongyang and Washington have embassies, had many advantages.

"Singapore is a neutral venue. It has hosted other important talks that required neutral and objective venues as well," Lim said.

He was referring to the first summit between two non-governmental organisations from Beijing and Taipei in 1993, as well as the 2015 summit between Xi Jinping and Ma Ying-jeou, then Taiwan's president, the first meeting between leaders from both sides of the Taiwan Strait since the end of China's civil war.

As an air-travel hub, Singapore would "certainly give good treatment to Air Force One and North Korea's Soviet-era private jets," Lim added.

If Trump meets Kim it would be the first time a sitting US President has met a Northern leader. Photo: AFP

But Wang said that Mongolia may be closer to Pyongyang's expectations, since the Kim family has always preferred to travel by train and the North Korean leader could reach the country more easily by rail.

"Going to Mongolia would match the expectations of the North Korea government more closely because Mongolia has experience in dealing with issues relating to North Korea," Wang said.

It is believed that the Kim family's preference for rail is security-related – although Kim Il-sung, the current leader's grandfather, is known to have flown to Eastern Europe.

If Trump meets Kim it would be the first time a sitting US President has met a Northern leader. Photo: AFP

His son, Kim Jong-il, only used rail for foreign visits – seven to China and two to Russia – and for his first overseas visit as leader, his grandson also took the train last month to Beijing.

When the inter-Korean summit went off script and tensions surfaced

Lu Chao, a Korean affairs expert at Liaoning Academy of Social Sciences in northeastern China, said: "Singapore is unlikely [to be the venue] because its relations with Pyongyang are not even close.

"Singapore is definitely somewhere the US wants, but I don't think North Korea will support the idea."

Chinese cities such as Beijing, Shanghai or even somewhere close to the border would also be "a convenient choice" for Kim, Lu said, given the location and his recent rapprochement with Beijing.

Lu said that while flying may not be a problem for Kim, "why bother to fly if another place is appropriate?"

In an interview on Thursday, Trump told Fox News that three or four possible dates and five locations were being considered, without giving any details.

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學友預告明年一月唱回香港

香港文匯報訊（記者 植毅儀）天王張學友4月29日晚在台北小巨蛋舉行巡唱，吸引了大批名人、明星到場欣賞！尾場一班學友的好友劉嘉玲、梁朝偉、梁家輝、邱淑貞、杜德偉、曾志偉都有低調撐場。就連台灣天王周杰倫都有同老婆昆凌留下一對仔女拍拖現身。學友帶領大家一同見證157場的經典盛事，主辦方特贈“經典戰鎚”，學友於經典紀錄金字塔冰雕舉行“神級”敲冰儀式，又預告“2019年1月香港站終於申請到了。”大家又是時候準備搶票啦！

張學友帶着100多場的經典淬煉重返台北小巨蛋，滿場又唱又跳，“驚天一劈”的一字馬表演更是high翻全場！不但加唱經典歌曲《想和你去吹吹風》，6場不同的即興清唱橋段更是每場歌迷們津津樂道的幸運經典彩蛋。29/4晚重返小巨蛋限定6場的最終場，也是破紀錄巡演的第157場，在全場熱烈的掌聲及歡呼中完美落幕！張學友於慶功宴上和大家分享重返台北小巨蛋的心情，以及和歌迷再度寫下永恒經典之夜的感想。張學友表示，“來到小巨蛋感想特別多，可是演唱會總是要結束的，我已盡力，所以留在回憶裡都是美好的，謝謝台灣的朋友們！”

靠睡覺保持體力

他也透露：“2019年1月香港站終於申請到了，到時是第幾場沒關係，也不重要，這是一場做得很開心的演唱會，這次幾乎所有東西都按照我自己的想法去做，在很多地方回響都不錯。”學友表示：“很開心主辦方相信我、歌迷們相信我。我就盡力，抱持樂觀的態度，堅持下去，這是我熱愛的事，堅持到底！”大家都好奇“歌神”怎麼保持體力？他笑着說：“有睡覺體力就好，從前少吃一點會唱得好，現在少吃則沒力。”

周杰倫羨慕學友人緣好

4月29日晚，一班好友特別由香港飛去台灣支持學友，劉嘉玲於社交網上傳了同梁朝偉和梁家輝、杜德偉坐在小巨蛋的頂層包廂裡面看秀的片段，片中梁朝偉露出招牌淺笑，在人群中齊齊揮動熒光棒，而梁家輝還看到好激動，起身大喊，看得超投入。

周杰倫同昆凌之後亦在社交網上傳後台大合照，指劉嘉玲各人全部都是特地由香港飛到台灣幫張學友打氣，他更直言可以參與其中感覺好正，感謝學友帶來一個這麼好的表演：“學友哥的一幫老朋友從香港特別過來支持，這種感覺真棒，希望我以後也有這樣的朋友，今天到了《祝福》這首歌的時候，我終於懂了平常歌迷的感覺，原來聽到老歌的感覺真好，謝謝學友哥，給我們一場這麼棒的演唱會。”

慶功宴上學友親認明年1月會唱回香港。

邱淑貞一家齊齊飛去台灣撐學友，包括沈嘉偉和3個女兒。

嘉玲在網上放上與杜德偉（左起）、曾志偉、周杰倫夫婦、梁朝偉看張學友演唱會的合照。

任晴佳 爲母親節選禮物

任晴佳為母親琦琦送上極具意義的母親節禮物。

香港文匯報訊 日前琦琦與女兒任晴佳(Ella)於下課後，齊齊為母親節挑選禮物。當天Ella穿着充滿少女氣息的裝扮，短褲盡顯遺傳媽媽的一雙長腿。

琦琦非常享受與Ella的親子時光，經常兩人一起行街購物。問及往年母親節Ella有什麼禮物給媽媽時，Ella回答說她會買些漂亮的花，寫張母親節卡和親手做蛋糕或者朱古力曲奇給媽媽。 而琦琦對此非常受落，說女兒送她什麼都好，就算是一支花也非常開心。琦琦還大讚Ella是一個乖巧文靜的女生，平時不多話。今次看到鏡頭卻落落大方，與媽媽一起拍照留念，這份自信和突破相信是給媽媽很好的母親節禮物。

王大陸 向消防戰士致敬

香港文匯報訊（記者 植毅儀）中國真人秀節目《高能少年團》日前首播，王大陸跟隨少年團一起走進滿洲里，與工作在一線的消防隊員同吃同住，展開獨特的體驗之旅。節目第一期，王大陸就開撒“兄弟狗糧”，恩愛秀滿臉。

節目首站來到滿洲里，上周首播便進入少年團的“兄弟情”模式，王大陸先是一吻定情張一山，車上重聚時激動相擁互吻，後是在消防營午睡時，全程甜蜜牽手董子健。兩天的相處時間裡，觀眾們不僅見證了少年們的成長，也深刻意識到消防工作的重要性。王大陸與少年團們一起學習消防技能，並參與演習進入火海實地操作。他身着消防制服，手拿滅火工具，智勇前行衝鋒陷陣。

節目播出後，王大陸更在網絡發文感慨：“看完《高能少年團》昨晚（28日）的播出，想起節目裡指導員說‘時間就是生命’，原來只知道消防戰士辛苦，可真正體驗後才明白，那真不是一句‘辛苦’可以描述的，他們肩上扛的，是安全，也是一種責任。向所有消防戰士們致敬！”。

鄭融新歌輸出正能量

香港文匯報訊（記者 李慶全）鄭融4月30日到電台宣傳新歌《一切天空早注定》，她坦言深信愛是永恒值得擁有美好，但要堅持信念才可以發生，這也算是其心底話，也希望憑藉這首歌當作一個語錄般為大家注入正能量和正面思想的信念。

鄭融透露今次新歌與內地唱作人李悅君一同創作曲詞，記得在上海的錄音室天台看到美麗星空，靈感也因此而生，以星空作主題道出浪漫女生的心聲，就連MV也在水中放滿閃粉營造神秘夜空的感覺。她又指這首情歌其實不是慢歌，是很Hip Hop有型。有份參與填詞後，會否想過出書？鄭融笑說：“我寫旋律有信心多過寫字，不過像周柏豪、鄭秀文和盧凱彤的散文、插畫也有看過，看完也好像更認識到他們，但寫書未必適合我做，我用歌曲傳達吧！”

鄭融又指今次新歌配合舞蹈演出，網民反應都好正面，提到舊愛劉浩龍剛傳與容祖兒分手，會否也送這正能量歌曲給他聽？她說：“會向每個人推介，好音樂人人都適合聽，我自己的感情也不講，何況別人，每個人都值得有幸福，愛是永恒最powerful，不好因為一些經歷而放棄信念，這是我想帶出的訊息。”

自爆夜場獻唱曾被擲番茄 鄧健泓孖小方台上講情史

香港文匯報訊（記者 李思穎）鄧健泓(Patrick)相隔十年，4月29日晚假旺角麥花臣場館再開個唱“阿泓鄧健泓Music Live 2018”演唱會，前來捧場的圈中人黎諾懿、鄭敬基及陳倩揚均帶同另一半到來支持，還有蓋世寶、譚玉瑛、鍾麗淇等。

Patrick先以一套粉紅色西裝登場，更以新歌《那年。某日》打頭陣獻唱，其後，Patrick與歌迷分享在內地夜場唱歌的辛酸史：“好多謝一直問我幾時出歌的粉絲，令我接受這次挑戰，其實我一直都有在內地夜場唱歌，即是通宵酒吧，他們的宣傳手法很特別，如果上過電視，就會說成‘TVB力捧小生’，出過碟，就會說‘全香港最喜愛男歌手’，我又叫什麼？竟然是‘男神降臨’。”

Patrick又自爆在夜場唱《朋友二號》曾經被擲番茄、酒樽同煙頭，“當時感覺不大開心，後來決定以後在夜場不選唱《朋友二號》這首歌，現在我不會埋怨，反而感恩唱了11年夜場，可以以興趣工作買到麵包食，有力氣照顧家人和寫歌，可令大家重新認識這位女歌手，我好愛她。”

隨即太太石詠莉(Sukie)便以嘉賓身份出場，Sukie唱了多首老公的作品後，她有感而發：“很多人都叫我同Patrick拍拖要小心，因他好花心，不過時間可以證明，我們一起五年，嫁給他後好幸福，可以說是賺了，從來沒遇上一個這麼愛我的男人，希望大家跟我一樣支持Patrick。”說完，唱出《完全》時感動得眼濕濕。

另一位嘉賓方力申出場與Patrick合唱《好心好報》，Patrick表示要衷心多謝小方，因為每經歷愛情風波都得到小方鼓勵，小方即說：“講這些，原來我們相識有17年，好得沒有吵過架”，Patrick笑說：“因為你好少找我。”小方反擊謂：“你好多女朋友沒空讓我找。”小方更爆出Patrick失戀會哭，Patrick笑言：“當我哭到好像豬頭，小方會同我講‘你不好再浪費時間在一個不愛你的人身上面’，這句說話我記到現在，每次有人失戀我都套用這句說話安慰對方。”

公開多謝老婆Sukie

尾聲時，Patrick公開多謝老婆Sukie：“雖然她平時好懶，不過照顧和支持我時，都盡心盡力，今晚還跪下幫我綁鞋帶！”

鄧健泓和小方在台上講情史。

完秀後，Patrick接受訪問，問到自己表現值多少分？他表示：“大家來評啦，我給自己70幾分，要有進步空間。”

說到他和小方在台上講情史，不怕惹太太生氣嗎？他稱：“不會，我太太好大方，基本上她是一個男人，她更不介意同李施嬅一起食飯，剛才唱《借醉行兇》，這首歌是我同原子鏸分開時的故事，之前都有徵詢過她，她說不介意，最緊要是講出歌曲背後故事。”

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斯皮爾伯格《辛德勒的名單》25周年重聚 "我是靠著羅賓威廉姆斯的笑話拍完電影的"

今年是史蒂文·斯皮爾伯格導演《辛德勒的名單》上映25周年，前不久包括導演、主演連姆·尼森、本·金斯利和艾伯絲·戴維茲和卡羅琳·古道在紐約翠貝卡電影節重聚，回憶當年拍片往事。

斯皮爾伯格透露，當年《侏羅紀公園》後期和《辛德勒的名單》前期拍攝重疊，差點沒把人逼瘋，還好好友羅賓·威廉姆斯打電話給他講笑話排解抑郁，最後兩部片都取得了好結果。

辛德勒、侏羅紀雙線作戰累死人

很多年前斯皮爾伯格就想拍這個項目，各種原因延遲。回憶起拍攝的決定，斯皮爾伯格表說：“我覺得這是斯蒂文·澤裏安寫過最好的劇本，我的妻子凱特說妳趕緊拍吧，當時我就決定得馬上拍。”

斯皮爾伯格必須得在1993年3月波蘭開始拍攝，他不想錯過冬天下雪的場景，但《侏羅紀公園》的後期制作同時需要他。於是斯皮爾伯格做了壹個大膽的決定：白天在波蘭片場，每周大概3次坐車1-2個小時回到酒店，通過衛星傳輸信號指導洛杉磯/舊金山的特效後期以及剪輯。

《辛德勒的名單》1993年5月31日殺青，《侏羅紀公園》1993年6月11日上映，《辛德勒的名單》1993年12月15日開始點映，次年2月大範圍上映。

還好功夫不負有心人，1993年《侏羅紀公園》拿下全球票房冠軍，第二年春天的奧斯卡上《辛德勒的名單》給他帶來了第壹座奧斯卡最佳影片小金人。同壹年憑兩部不同的影片，分別拿到全球票房冠軍和奧斯卡最佳影片，迄今爲止，好萊塢只有斯皮爾伯格做到了這壹創舉。

談到奧斯卡，斯皮爾伯格說：“我不認爲影片拿獎就應該大肆歡慶，我希望更多的人能看這部電影，更多的學校能教學生這段歷史，這段歷史不應該被遺忘。”，後來斯皮爾伯格還牽頭在南加州大學做基金，來搜集這段歷史的圖片和影像，警示後人。

羅賓威廉姆斯說笑話幫忙紓解壓力

拍攝《辛德勒的名單》時間，斯皮爾伯格白天要沈浸在奧斯維辛集中營的悲傷中，晚上就要對付霸王龍，他那段時間情緒非常差，各種憤怒和發脾氣。他透露老朋友羅賓·威廉姆斯經常打電話給他，每次都說15分鐘左右的單口相聲，讓他放松心情，度過這個難關；“他經常會在我笑得最大聲時，突然掛掉電話，把我晾在那兒。”

斯皮爾伯格是拍《鐵鉤船長》（1991）時和羅賓·威廉姆斯接下友誼的，在羅賓·威廉姆斯去世前他曾對外表示，他確實在《辛德勒的名單》拍攝期間給斯皮爾伯格打電話，但印象中好像只有1-2次，而且每次聽完他的電話，斯皮爾伯格都會表示感謝。

斯皮爾伯格聽笑話渡過難關，包括連姆·尼森、本·金斯利在內的演員們則經常看《周六夜現場》的節目來緩解情緒。

科幻片"克隆人"：基努裏維斯計劃已久

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從喜劇演員轉型成爲娛樂產業巨頭的拜倫·艾倫在1993年正式開啓自己的職業生涯，並以壹檔周播真人秀節目將自己的人脈擴展到了全美國。

在節目中，他本人采訪了許多演員和其他名人。但直到近幾年，Entertainment Studios影業才開始成爲電影業的活躍分子和新聞制造者。這家公司旨在制作並推廣適中規模的類型片及類型劇。

其第壹年的成績在影院票房及預算層面上取得了成功：由曼迪·摩爾主演的鯊魚題材驚悚片《鯊海》收獲了4430萬美元票房；斯考特·庫伯自編自導的西部片《敵對分子》由克裏斯蒂安·貝爾與裴淳華聯袂主演，最終票房成績是2980美元。

另壹部剑指頒獎季的作品《查帕奎迪克》拍攝於去年秋天，主演包括傑森·克拉克、凱特·瑪拉和艾德·赫爾姆斯。這部影片前不久於4月6日在美國上映，目前的票房累計已接近1500萬美元。

提到上面這些的原因是，Entertainment Studios目前還處於發展的初期階段。不像很多其他的電影或電視公司，這家公司最終是興盛還是衰敗，完全取決於壹個人的決策運氣。

現在，Entertainment Studios出品的電影還不多，他們的財力與投資也遠不足以讓他們做出冒險激進的決策，比如在壹年中同時兼顧六部電影。這家公司目前所擁有的，只是艾倫這個56歲的CEO，而他則很有遠見，也充滿熱情。

這周早些時候，在內華達州的拉斯維加斯，各影業齊聚2018年美國電影產業大會（CinemaCon）。在公司的影院推廣主席Mark Borde簡短介紹後，艾倫登臺，這也是Entertainment Studios第壹次參加此項盛會。他的講話長達35分鐘，除了自己的生平，還講了壹些鼓舞人心的話。此外，他還談到自己的成長經歷與艱難時期，以此來與現場的影院老板和參展商產生共鳴。

“那些大影業，他們想要壹些大片，”Allen說，“它們太龐大了。我們就只專註於那些票房目標在3000萬-6000萬美元的電影。這對那些大公司來說不過是壹些不值壹提的面包渣。但妳必須撿起那些面包渣，把它們做成壹頓大餐，因爲產業生態需要平穩持續的發展。我從中看到了成功的機會，我這壹輩子都在做這樣的事情。”

除了他自己的故事和熱情，艾倫同樣花時間談到了當他們正要發行《鯊海》的家庭DVD時，是怎樣從鮑勃·維恩斯坦及其公司手中保護這部電影的發行權的。關於未來，以及將來要發行的影片，他反倒沒有提到什麽有價值的東西。

首先播出的是兩段來自合家歡動畫電影《神奇馬戲團》的片段，由《寂靜之地》夫妻檔主創約翰·卡拉辛斯基與艾米莉·布朗特獻聲。

隨後，喬·卡納漢的科幻動作新片《領袖水準》也被短暫提及，該片將由梅爾·吉布森、娜奧米·沃茨以及楊紫瓊主演。

唯壹沒有播出任何片段的真人電影是科幻片《克隆人》，艾倫將其形容爲基努·裏維斯計劃已久的作品。這個故事設定在不久的將來，壹位合成生物學家試圖拯救已經死去的妻子的孩子，而這將其置於壓迫政權與科學法律的雙重對立面。

《克隆人》由《變形金剛》制作人洛倫佐·迪·博納文圖拉制作，並計劃於8月24日在美國上映。這部片的表現將會如何，目前還難以判斷。

但對於艾倫來說，他已經向大家證明了自己感染力十足的演講技巧，他自己在財政和創作方面堅持不懈的故事和壹生對於效率的追求，將會永遠持續下去。

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開創另一段美好的生活
调整生活空间 让自己更省力

(記者韋霓休斯頓報導) 對於銀髮族而言，要面臨許多人生重大的轉變，其中之一，就是何時應該搬到小一點的家(Downsize)。隨著年齡的增長，要維持原來諾大的家，其實是蠻吃力的，當兒孫不在身邊，光是清掃就要花費許多力氣與時間。原本住了多年的地方，充滿了許多美好回憶，的確不捨得搬，但是，當身心狀況需要調整生活空間時，銀髮族朋友不妨開始規劃，讓自己更省事省力。

其實，考慮搬到退休社區是維持健康與安全最佳的選擇之一，一來可與同年齡的鄰居互動，能分享、有共鳴，同時不用費力維持那麼大的空間，把時間用來做更想做的事。

那麼，什麼時候該考慮搬家呢？爲了幫助老人家更了解自己的情況，考慮何時該在退休社區開創另一段美好的生活，本報訪問Treemont退休社區，這是專門爲銀髮族設計的社區，在休斯頓素來享有盛名，以下的幾項條件可供參考：

處理日常生活困難嗎？

買菜、購物、洗衣服對你來說是不是很困難？開車或照顧房子很辛苦嗎？在管理吃藥方面有問題嗎？老人家可以請人在家裡幫忙完成上述這些事情，但是，當你自己或者你的親人常常忘記關掉烤箱、或是吃藥時，這時就要小心了。

一個好的退休社區要照顧居民的日常生活，包括購物、三餐、洗衣、和清潔家務。想像一下：如果不再需要掃地、不要再洗碗了、不用再上下樓梯了，對你是不是感覺輕鬆很多？找一個退休社區，每天能提供三餐，維持均衡的營養。煮飯對老人家是一個挑戰，當人變老時，做飯慢慢變成是負擔。 在Treemont退休社區，提供居民三餐，同時有免費的交通，讓居民去購物、約會、看醫生，來去都很方便。

身體狀況

有沒有曾經跌倒過、常常發生意外狀況？或者在家裡有過緊急送醫的情況？或是獨居？ 隨著年齡的增加，緊急呼叫就醫的情況可能會常常地發生。如果是獨居、或只與老伴一起生活，可能無法在需要時很快地獲得協助。

好的的退休社區每天會提供數次安全檢查，退休公寓應該要有許多安全和應急的功能，例如浴室的扶手和房間與走廊上的拉繩，以提醒社區的工作人員，萬一你跌倒了，有人會立刻知道，並且前來幫助。

如果親人有慢性肺病、心臟病、或阿茨海默症等慢性疾病，在早期可能不會嚴重影響日常的生活，但隨著時間的推移，慢慢地可能需要更多的援助。在某些情況下，家人親友其實無法提供專業所需要的護理，這時就該考慮搬到有醫療設備的退休社區。

許多銀髮族們在身體還算硬朗時，就開始物色退休社區，在他們行動自如時，爲自己找到合適的退休居住場所，爲自己做決定。 適合的退休社區，能提供各種生活選擇，以滿足自己的種種需求，包括目前與十年之後的需要。舉例來說，居民可以先住進能獨立生活的退休社區，如果日後需要照顧了，再添加家庭健康服務或過渡到輔助生活。如果老人家在跌倒或健康有問題後去醫院，有護理和康復的選項會方便很多。在Treemont，居民能夠在回到獨立的生活公寓之前完成康復或治療。

缺乏社交聯繫嗎？

對於長壽與健康的生活而言，社交活動是關鍵因素之一。隨著年齡的增長，原來的朋友們不一定在了。有時候，老人家會失去參加活動或宗教聚會的動力。的確，在家裡待著是很舒服，但是也很孤單。

在退休社區裏，周圍有新朋友。每天都有機會與人交流，在餐廳裡同桌吃飯，談天說地。每天還有完整的活動行程，以幫助居民保持活躍和參與。在Treemont社區，提供的活動之多，是其他社區所不能比的，而且是專爲銀髮族所用心設計的，例如:園藝、手工藝、讀經、撲克、運動、美勞、寫作、爆米花與電影、音樂會、合唱、賓果、現場樂隊舞蹈等等，都離你住的地方只有幾步之遙，隨時可以加入。

感覺不太安全？

雖然許多老年人喜歡獨居，但這確實存在安全上的隱憂。除了身體上的風險，像是跌倒之類，獨居老人也有遭竊盜的危險。在Treemont社區，你可以安心地睡在社區中，不用擔心安全有問題，公寓周圍有保全與安管人員。你可以放心地在園區附近輕鬆散步，享受松樹和鮮花，而不用擔心犯罪份子來擾。 Treemont的長期照護員工都非常友善，幫助居民在此安居樂業，把Treement建立成新家園，讓親人不須擔心你的安危！

無論你目前的狀況如何，搬家的決定並非一件容易的事，Treemont退休社區的工作人員很樂意幫助你渡過這個轉換期。

目前社區中已經有一些華裔居民，社區離中國城不遠，地理位置優越，靠近醫院、醫生診所、購物中心。有興趣了解更多Treemont退休社區的民衆，請瀏覽 http://www.treemont.com。或請洽（713）783-6820，有免費午餐和園區介紹。2501 Westerland Dr., Houston, TX 77063。