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U.S. job growth surges, unemployment rate falls to 3.8 percent

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. job growth accelerated in May and the unemployment rate dropped to an 18-year low of 3.8 percent, pointing to rapidly tightening labor market conditions, which could stir concerns about inflation.

The closely watched employment report released by the Labor Department on Friday also showed wages rising solidly, cementing expectations that the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates this month and boosting the probability of two more hikes later in the year. It renewed fears about the economy overheating.

"The strength of the labor market supports our forecast for the Fed to raise rates three more times this year," said Ryan Sweet, a senior economist at Moody's Analytics in West Chester, Pennsylvania. "The Fed is going to get antsy that the labor market will blow too far past full employment." Nonfarm payrolls surged by 223,000 jobs last month as warm weather bolstered hiring at construction sites. There were also big gains in retail and leisure and hospitality payrolls. The economy created 15,000 more jobs than previously reported in March and April.

Last month's one-tenth of a percentage point drop in the unemployment rate pushed it to a level last seen in April 2000. The jobless rate is now where the Fed forecast it would be by the end of this year. Average hourly earnings rose eight cents, or 0.3 percent last month after edging up 0.1 percent in April. That pushed the annual increase in average hourly earnings to 2.7 percent from 2.6 percent in April. The strong employment report added to a string of upbeat economic data, including consumer spending, industrial production and construction spending, that have suggested economic growth was regaining speed early in the second quarter after



FILE PHOTO: A steel worker returns to work at U.S. Steel Granite City Works in Granite City

expanding at a moderate 2.2 percent annualized rate in the January-March period. The Atlanta Fed is forecasting gross domestic product rising at a 4.8 percent pace in the second quarter. The strength comes even as the stimulus from a \$1.5 trillion income tax cut package and increased government spending is yet to be felt. But there are dark clouds on the horizon. A decision this week

by the Trump administration to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and the European Union has renewed fears of a trade war, causing financial market volatility. Trouble has also been brewing in Europe. Some economists believe the political tensions in Europe and a protectionist domestic trade policy could dissuade the Fed from taking a more hawkish stance when policymakers meet on June 12-13. Traders, however, raised bets for four rate hikes this year.

Trump tweet before U.S. payrolls report raises eyebrows

(Reuters) - President Donald Trump set tongues wagging across Wall Street and among economists on Friday when he tweeted what some viewed as a tip about the big monthly U.S. payrolls report due out later in the morning.

"Looking forward to seeing the employment numbers at 8:30 this morning," Trump said by tweet at 7:21 a.m. EDT (1121 GMT), just over an hour before the highly anticipated news was released. The post was quickly retweeted thousands of times, especially by market participants, economists and financial journalists for whom the monthly data is a top-tier news event.

"Since we know the president gets the report way in advance, it's probably safe to assume it's a beat," Yahoo Finance Managing Editor Sam Ro tweeted. Indeed, the number was a bit stronger than expected, with 223,000 U.S. jobs created in May, 35,000 above the Reuters estimate of 188,000. The unemployment rate dropped to an 18-year low of 3.8 percent.

It does not appear, however, that market participants jumped to trade on Trump's tweet before the official release.

S&P 500 e-mini futures ESv1 were up about 12 points, or 0.45 percent, before his tweet, then nudged about 1 point higher in the moments afterward. There was no discernable pick-up in trading

volume to accompany the move to suggest market players saw it as a tradable tip.

Similarly, futures on the 10-year Treasury note TYv1 were lower and added fractionally to the losses, but as with the equity futures, no volume acceleration accompanied the move.

Larry Kudlow, director of the White House National Economic Council, said in television interviews later on Friday that he had briefed Trump on Thursday about the numbers. By law, the NEC head is one of a handful of administration officials allowed an advance view of the report before its public release from a high-security lockup at the Labor Department, typically on the first Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. EDT (1230 GMT).

"It is my call on whether to send them over to the president, to give him a call or have a meeting with him. That's just what I did last evening," Kudlow said on CNBC.

"He has a right to know. He is the commander in chief. That's all. He chose to tweet. His tweet basically said, like everybody else, we await the jobs numbers. You can read into that ten different things, if you want to read into it." Trump has frequently tweeted about robust jobs numbers after they've been released, but this was the first time he did so ahead of its release.

A 33-year-old rule from the White House Office of Management and Budget governing the release of embargoed economic data forbids executive branch employees from public discussion of the data within an hour of its release.

Last year, members of the Trump administration drew criticism for commenting on the numbers too quickly after their release. Members of past administrations chided the president for breaking protocol and potentially offering an advance view of one of the world's most market-moving pieces of economic data.



U.S. President Donald Trump talks to the media after meeting with North Korea's envoy Kim Yong Chol at the White House in Washington

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Three amazing hand-built trailers stolen in Willis; family seeks help from public

By Mark Collette

A Willis family has suffered a heartbreaking loss when three handmade, custom trailers were stolen from their neighbor's property over Memorial Day weekend.

Eddie and Heather Bridges, who moved to Alabama recently, left behind three unique barbecue cook-off trailers on a neighbor's property, with the intention of coming back for them soon, Heather Bridges said Friday.

The new owner of the Bridges' former property of FM 3018 noticed the trailers parked across the street were missing and called the family to notify them, Bridges said.

And while all three trailers are treasured possessions, that wasn't all the family lost.

One enclosed camping trailer was packed with valuable parts for a '69 Bronco and a '69 Mach 1 Mustang, Bridges said, adding that the family cleaned out their shop and loaded up the trailer when they moved away. "We can't even remember all the stuff we packed in there," she said. She estimates the value of the stolen items at about \$40,000.

Also stolen were a commercial refrigerator, two commercial deep fryers and two commercial ice cream/margarita machines.

The camper was also full of the Bridges' trophies, earned at barbecue cook-offs as the Cowboy Mafia Cookers.

The Bridges had hoped to turn their barbecue success into a new business venture in Alabama, but getting started will be hard without their barbecue pit.

"We're going to open a restaurant here, and now we don't have a pit," Bridges said.

The San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office is investigating the thefts. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call 936-653-4367.



St. Luke's in Houston to suspend heart transplants after recent deaths

Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center on Friday temporarily suspended its renowned heart transplant program following two deaths in recent weeks, saying it needs to reassess what went wrong and determine the path forward.

The decision to put the program on a 14-day inactive status — meaning it will turn away all donor hearts during that time — came two weeks after the Houston Chronicle and ProPublica reported that in recent years the program has performed an outsized number of transplants resulting in deaths and lost several top physicians. One of the program's two primary surgeons left for another

job this week. HoustonChronicle.com Exclusive: Heart failure at St. Luke's "We greatly respect and value the trust patients and their families have placed in us over the years, and believe this temporary pause will serve their best interests," Doug Lawson, CEO of Catholic Health Initiatives Texas Division, which operates St. Luke's, said in a written statement Friday afternoon. "Although extensive reviews are conducted on each unsuccessful transplant, the recent patient outcomes deserve an in-depth review before we move forward with the program. Our prayers are with the families, as

well as all those on the waiting list." For weeks, officials at St. Luke's and its affiliated Baylor College of Medicine have defended the program, saying they had made improvements after a string of patient deaths in 2015. Officials said the program's one-year survival rate after heart transplants had reached 94 percent in 2016 and 2017. But in recent months, more patients have died. James "Lee" Lewis, a 52-year-old pipefitter from Bay City, died on March 23, nearly three months after operating room equipment malfunctioned during a key stage of his transplant surgery.

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Former U.S. House Speaker John Boehner is seen at the Mackinac Policy Conference, in Mackinac Island, Michigan



FILE PHOTO: Elon Musk at a press conference following the first launch of a SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket in Cape Canaveral



A new ambulance is seen on a container at APM Terminals in the port of Algeciras



Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto holds up a Mexican national soccer team jersey given to him by team captain Rafael Marquez at a ceremony for the Mexican national soccer team in Mexico City



A demonstrator takes a break behind a barricade during a protest against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's government in Managua



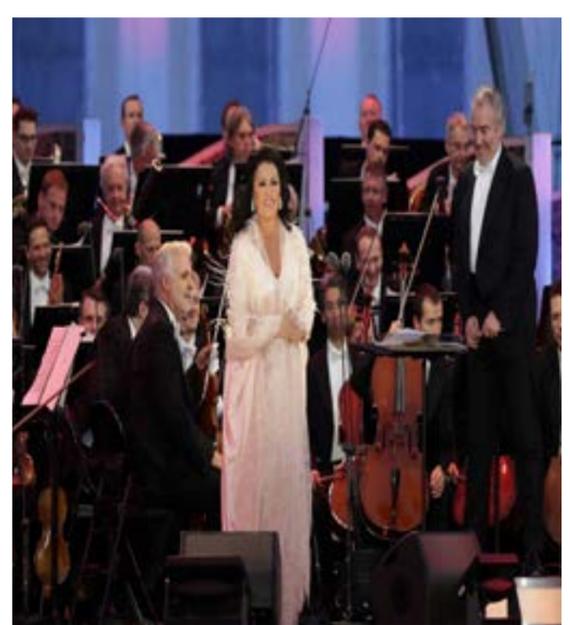
A demonstrator prepares his homemade mortar during a protest against Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega's government in Managua



FILE PHOTO: Soccer player Hope Solo arrives for the "Glamour Women of the Year Awards" in the Manhattan borough of New York



South African actress Charlize Theron attends the Summer Night Concert of the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra at the baroque gardens of Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna



Russian-Austrian soprano singer Anna Netrebko, Russian conductor Valery Gergiev and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra perform on stage during the Summer Night Concert in front of Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna



Gov. Greg Abbott announces new school safety measures in response to the Santa Fe High School shooting, at the Dallas Independent School District Headquarters on May 31, 2018. (Photo/The Texas Tribune)

Less than two weeks after 10 people were killed in a southeast Texas school shooting, Gov. Greg Abbott laid out a 40-page, 40-strategy plan for preventing future school shootings, and left the door open to calling lawmakers back to Austin to pass some of those priorities.

"If there is consensus on some laws that could be passed, I am open to calling [a special session]," Abbott said.

A special session would be a dramatic move during an election year in which he, all top state officials and a majority of lawmakers are seeking new terms. It's even more rare given how emotionally charged — and politically divisive — issues of school safety and gun control are.

Some lawmakers have demanded that Abbott, who has the sole authority to call and set agendas for special sessions, take such action. Most Texans responding to a poll taken before the Santa Fe shooting said they support stricter gun control laws.



Much of the plan Abbott laid out Wednesday would require approval from the Texas Legislature, which will not reconvene until January 2019 unless Abbott intervenes.

Abbott's announcement, made at the Dallas school district's headquarters Wednesday, came one day after Santa Fe students returned to class for the first time following the deadly shootings. Thirteen people were also injured in the attack.

At the heart of the governor's proposal is an expansion of the existing School Marshal Program, one of two existing systems for arming school personnel. More than 170 school districts of the 1,000-plus in Texas already have some type of system for arming educators and other staff. Santa Fe ISD, in fact, had already approved the plan but had not yet implemented it.

Abbott said he would not propose requiring schools to join that program but that the state should pay for the training associated with it. "When an active shooter situation arises, the difference between life and death can be a matter of seconds," Abbott said. "Trained security personnel can make all the differ-

Announcement Follows Three Days Of Roundtable Discussions On School Safety Last Week In Austin That Included Proposed Changes To Gun Laws
Texas Governor Announces School Safety Plan Following School Shooting In Santa Fe

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ence." Abbott also raised narrow, gun-related proposals, including the tightening of Texas' safe gun storage and laws.



Suspected shooter Dimitrios Pagourtzis, a 17-year-old junior at the high school, has been in custody in Galveston County since the attack at Santa Fe High School.

Authorities say he used his father's guns. Current Texas law holds parents accountable when their minor children — under the age of 17 — access their loaded weapons. Because Pagourtzis was 17, his family won't be liable under that law, though they are being sued under other, more general liability statutes. Abbott proposed raising that age to include 17-year-olds, a measure that would bring Texas in line with dozens of other states that have stricter child-access prevention laws.

Abbott also proposed expanding a mental health screening program already operated through Texas Tech University. He said he hopes to "eventually" make that program — currently operational in 10 school districts — a statewide system, and said he recommends Texas fund it with \$20 million. The Telemedicine Wellness, Intervention, Triage, and Referral Project at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, which aims to identify junior high and high school students at risk of committing school violence and intervene before tragedy occurs, has already had 25 students removed from school, 44 placed in alternative schools and 38 sent to a hospital. Abbott had praised that program just hours after the shooting, tweeting that "we want to use it across the state." (Courtesy texastribune.org)

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Texas Governor's School Safety Plan: More Armed Guards, No Big Gun Controls



Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas, left, at a recent roundtable with people affected by gun violence. The series of round-

tables after the Santa Fe school shooting were seen by many as stacked against any significant tightening of gun laws. (Photo/The New York Times)

Two weeks after a student armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a revolver killed 10 people at a high school outside Houston, Gov. Greg Abbott of Texas on Wednesday proposed spending more than \$100 million to put more police and armed guards on school campuses and expand programs to identify students at risk of engaging in mass violence.

Mr. Abbott, a Republican, also proposed stepping up security at schools by limiting the number of entrances and exits, and installing alarms specifically designated to warn of active shooters. "You have to know who is coming into the school, and you have to know who is leaving it," Mr. Abbott said. But his school safety plan contained only modest changes to gun laws: He proposed requiring parents to keep firearms locked away from children under the age of 18, a tightening of current law which requires such controls for families with children younger than 17. He also proposed improvements to the system for reporting felony convictions and adjudications of mental illness, both of which trigger prohibitions on gun possession under federal law.

And he asked state legislators to "consider the merits" of passing a so-called red flag law that would allow the police, family members or a school employee to petition a judge to temporarily take guns away from someone deemed a threat to themselves or others. Texas would become one of only about 10 states with red flag laws, if legislators were to pass such a law, though proposals for similar legislation are pending in more than a dozen other states.



"I will never allow Second Amendment rights to be infringed, but I will always promote responsible gun ownership, which includes keeping guns safe and keeping them out of the hands of criminals," Mr. Abbott said.

He said his aim was not to expand regulations, but help schools accomplish what they already want to do — protect students. "They don't need mandates from the state," he said. "They need assistance from the state."

The proposals were spurred by the school

massacre in Santa Fe, Tex., on May 18 that left 10 students and teachers dead and another 13 people wounded. The White House announced Wednesday that President Trump will visit families of the shooting victims in Houston on Thursday, and Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the press secretary, said a school safety commission convened by the president to look at federal solutions is meeting this week.



It was no surprise that the proposals presented on Wednesday by Mr. Abbott, who is running for re-election this year, were heavily skewed toward hardening schools and bolstering campus security and mental health programs, while failing to endorse any significant new restrictions on gun ownership or sales.

Mr. Abbott is a staunch gun rights advocate who has urged Texans to buy more guns. And he is governor in a state where polling indicates that far more Republicans — the party that controls every major political office in Texas — blame mass shootings on failures of the mental health system than they do on the failure to pass more gun laws.

Polls conducted by the University of Texas and The Texas Tribune have shown wide support among both Republicans and Democrats in the state for background checks on all gun sales, a measure that would eliminate the ability to purchase firearms in person or online from private sellers without the standard F.B.I. check on the buyer's criminal, domestic abuse and mental health background. But seven times as many Texas Republicans blame mass shootings across the United States on mental health system failures as on gun laws, a University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll found in October 2017. The same poll indicated that five times as many Republicans in the state believed that more guns would make the country safer than those who believed that they would make it less safe.



The reelection campaign for Gov. Greg

Abbott canceled a contest that would award a free shotgun to one of his supporters (Photo/Reuters)

Mr. Abbott's suggestion for dedicated active-shooter alarms appeared to be a response to concerns that any fire alarms pulled during a school shooting may prompt students to leave classrooms instead of barricading themselves inside, where they might be safer.

Ms. Valdez favors regulations including background checks for all gun purchases and closing the so-called boyfriend loophole, which would make it harder for those who abuse their domestic partners to obtain guns. The movement to boost gun controls became a major political issue in Florida after a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland in February, leading the Republican governor, Rick Scott, a die-hard National Rifle Association supporter who faces a tough contest for a Senate seat this year, to back new restrictions.

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In the wake of that shooting, Mr. Scott, with support from the Republicans who control the Florida Legislature, as well as Democrats, approved increasing the age to buy any gun in that state to 21; imposing a three-day waiting period for firearms purchases; establishing a red flag law; and banning bump stocks, which can make semiautomatic rifles fire almost like automatic weapons.

Any political effort resembling what happened in Florida would be harder in Texas, experts say. While gun control advocates consider Florida a permissive, pro-gun state, Texas is even more permissive, allowing gun owners to openly carry their handguns.

Two weeks before the Santa Fe shooting, Mr. Abbott made clear his leanings in a speech at an N.R.A. convention in Dallas, where he said the answer to gun violence was "to strengthen Second Amendment rights for law-abiding citizens."

He suggested that some parents were among the true culprits in the escalating gun violence at schools. "You know, someone said that the problem is not guns," Mr. Abbott said. "The problem is hearts without God. It's homes without discipline. It's communities without values."

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President Trump said the country can expect an upcoming massive drop in prescription drug prices.

"I'm proud to keep another promise to the American people," he stated.

The president said the prices will go down within the coming two weeks, but didn't elaborate further.

This announcement came as the President Trump signed the Right to Try Act Wednesday. This new legislation allows people with fatal diseases to use experimental medication.

He also said the affordability of health care has declined over the past decade due to malicious business practices of the Big Pharma and insurers.

"You're going to have some big news — I think we're going to have some of the big drug companies, in two weeks, said they're going to announce, because of what we did, they're going to announce voluntary massive drops in price," announced the president.



Additionally, President Trump noted the move comes as part of his broader strategy to bring down prescription drug prices, which was unveiled in April. (Courtesy <http://www.oann.com>)

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Trump: "We're taking on the tangled web of special interests to lower drug prices."

President Donald Trump unveiled his administration's plan to lower drug prices. Trump has repeatedly chastised drug companies, even accusing them of "getting away with murder."

Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar told CNBC on Friday everyone's benefiting from high drug prices except patients and taxpayers.

President Donald Trump criticized middlemen in a speech introducing his plan to lower prescription drug prices, but the proposals his administration unveiled largely spared health-care companies massive reforms.

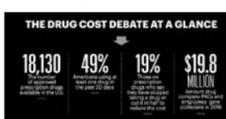
President Trump: Prescription Drug Prices To Go Down Within 2 Weeks

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President Donald Trump speaks during an event about prescription drug prices with Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Friday, May 11, 2018. (Photo/AP/Carolyn Kaster)

Trump's plan, called "American Patients First," seeks to increase competition, improve negotiation and create incentives to lower list prices of prescription drugs and out-of-pocket costs for consumers. Some of the steps it outlines are rebate-sharing in Medicare drug plans, promoting generics and copycat version of biologic drugs and requiring drug manufacturers to publish list prices for drugs in television advertisements.



However, it stops short of allowing Medicare to directly work with manufacturers on prices, something Trump had called for on the campaign trail but Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar, a former Eli Lilly executive, has opposed.

"Everyone involved in the broken system — the drugmakers, insurance companies, distributors, pharmacy benefit managers and many others — contribute to the problem," Trump said. "Government has also been part of the problem because previous leaders turned a blind eye to this incredible abuse."

Despite saying everyone's to blame,

Trump focused his harshest comments on middlemen, specifically pharmacy-benefit managers, which negotiate discounts with manufacturers.

"We're very much eliminating the middlemen," Trump said. "The middlemen became very, very rich. Whoever those middlemen were, and a lot of people never even figured it out, they're rich. They won't be so rich anymore."



These rebates have become a battleground in the fight over who's to blame for high drug prices. Drugmakers accuse PBMs of profiting off higher list prices because they can negotiate bigger discounts. PBMs say it's manufacturers' fault for setting the high prices in the first place.

Azar said the administration is calling into question the entire system of rebates as the method of negotiating discounts in the pharmacy channel.

"Because right now, every incentive is for the drug company to have a very high list price and to negotiate list price down, often in a very nontransparent way," he said in a press briefing following the Rose Gar-

den speech.

The administration said it could one day restrict the use of rebates, or discounts pharmacy-benefit managers negotiate from drug manufacturers. This could include revisiting anti-kickback statutes that currently allow the practice.

Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Scott Gottlieb last week suggested the federal government should re-examine this.



Trump said the administration will take on the "tangled web of special interests," pointing to the drug lobby, which spent a record \$10 million in the first quarter of the year.

Azar said he's directing Gottlieb to look into requiring drug manufacturers to publish list prices in drug advertisements.

"Think about all the time everybody spends watching drug company ads, and how much information companies are required to put in them," Azar said. "If we want to have a real market for drugs, why not have them disclose their prices in the ads, too?"

Trump said it's time to end the "global freeloading once and for all," referring to how some countries set price controls and therefore pay less for drugs than Americans, while U.S. companies invest in research and drug development. He said he has directed U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to make fixing this a top priority with every trading partner.

"We have great power over the trading partners," he said. "You're seeing that already. America will not be cheated any longer and especially will not be cheated by foreign countries."

Some of the proposals could be implemented through administrative actions,

while others would need Congressional approval.

Express Scripts and CVS Health, both PBMs, praised Trump's efforts to tackle prescription drug costs. The Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, which represents the PBM industry, said getting rid of rebates would leave patients and payers "at the mercy of drug



"PBMs have long encouraged manufacturers to offer payers alternative ways to reduce net costs. Simply put, the easiest way to lower costs would be for drug companies to lower their prices," the group said in a statement.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America CEO Stephen Ubl said in a statement some proposals could help make medicines more affordable, but others could "disrupt coverage and limit patients' access to innovative treatments."

BIO CEO Jim Greenwood said he also has concerns about the plan. America's Health Insurance Plans commended parts of the plan but said it's concerned that some could actually lead to higher premiums. Alliance of Community Health Plans CEO Ceci Connolly thanked the administration for pressing the issue of "sky-high" drug prices.

Investors appeared relieved. Health-care stocks initially slid then quickly rose, with CVS and Express Scripts shares both hitting session highs.

Fear over what the Trump administration would do to control costs has weighed on stocks. As a candidate, Trump advocated for Medicare negotiating prices with manufacturers. Shortly before taking office, he accused the pharmaceutical companies of "getting away with murder."

Democrats attacked on Friday for ditching his promised push for direct negotiation for Medicare drug prices in the plan he announced. The idea is the government would be able to assert its vast buying power to push for lower prices for Medicare recipients. (Courtesy <https://www.cnbc.com/>)

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《龙虾刑警》曝“卧虎藏虾”版海报

王千源袁姗姗主演 喜剧版“无间道”暗藏玄机



由李昕芸执导，王千源、袁姗姗、刘桦、周游、周云鹏联袂主演，沈腾、张锦程等特别出演的喜剧警匪动作电影《龙虾刑警》将于6月22日全国上线，打响暑期档喜剧第一炮。近日，片方发布了一款“卧虎藏虾”版海报，集中展现了刑警小队不为人知的另一面。

与之前曝光的海报不同的是，此次“卧虎藏虾”版海报聚焦于刑警小队，充分展现了团队的整体气质。画面中，他们不再是一副嬉笑玩闹的市井形象，统一的深色着装配合着严肃的表情，反倒是有了几分干练与稳重。看到刑警小队焕然一新的面貌，让人不禁对这个“史上最欢乐”的行动小组有了一丝的信心与期待。

除了风格上的不同之外，细心的观众可能会发现一个问题：刘桦饰演的能叔并没有出现海报中。以一手地道的小龙虾烹饪技艺征服了无数食客的能叔，是刑警四人组中最成熟稳重的一位，在这个团体中扮演着“老父亲”的重要角色，却没有出现在海报中，其中是否另有隐情呢？或许只有影片上映之后才能得到答案了。

《龙虾刑警》由真实故事改编，讲述话唠杜宇飞（王千源饰）、恨嫁女花姐（袁姗姗饰）、处于半退休状态的能叔（刘桦饰）、以及新人陈笠（周游饰）组成的不靠谱缉毒刑警小队，为了更隐蔽地监视毒贩而盘下隔壁的龙虾店。却不料生意火爆起来，

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正如海报中所见，刑警小队表面上在经营龙虾店，但实际上却是要对毒贩们进行秘密监控，三人手中的望远镜、记事本与窃听电话已经证明了一切。而令刑警们意想不到的，在这背后还有更大的阴谋等着他们。虽然此版海报着力渲染了严肃紧张的气氛，但影片本身有着浓厚的喜剧色彩。卧底小组沉迷赚钱无法自拔，反派势力表面凶狠但智商却不在线。不知在这场令人啼笑皆非的无间道对决中，究竟哪方更技高一筹。

《龙虾刑警》即将于6月22日登陆全国院线。



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《繡春刀2修羅戰場》導演路陽的新片《刺殺小說家》，近日宣布啟動演員籌備工作。在該片發布的演員籌備征集海報中，新片的壹些細節初見端倪。

由路陽執導的新片《刺殺小說家》，改編自作家雙雪濤同名小說《刺殺小說家》，類型為奇幻動作片，監製為大名鼎鼎的導演寧浩，開機時間為2018年下半年度，預計拍攝周期120天，拍攝地點為重慶、雲南和青島。

新片的主要人物介紹也同時曝光，主角包括“小橘子”——壹壹歲女孩，生存能力強，有超出自身年齡的成熟感，父母已故，在混亂的環境中獨自壹人生存。“李沐”——45-50歲左右，集團董事長，睿智精幹，為達目的不擇手段。“般箬”——20歲左右，英氣十足，身手矯健。“路母”——45-50歲左右，足療技師，和藹，有親和力。“小雨”30多歲，文靜知性，孩子母親。“於昌海”30多歲，身形精壯，唯利是圖的人販子。

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"前任3"導演田羽生將拍《偉大的願望》

改編自同名韓片9月開機 招募"微胖男"當男主角

5月29日，由《前任3：再見前任》導演田羽生執導的新片《偉大的願望》，首次曝光演員招募海報。這部新片是壹部青春校園喜劇電影，改編自2016年的同名韓國電影《偉大的願望》，恒業影業操刀制作，預計2018年9月中旬開機。在海報中，該片宣布招募單純可愛的“微胖型男”作為男主角。

田羽生導演此前因為執導“前任”系列電影而被業界熟悉，他執導的《前任攻略》第壹部在2014年1月上映，票房收獲1.28億，《前任攻略2》在2015年11月上映，斬獲2.52億元。最新的壹部《前任3：再見前任》令他名聲大噪，該片於2017年12月29日上映，狂攬19.42億元票房，成為檔期的最大黑馬。

新片《偉大的願望》改編自同名韓國電影，這並非是田羽生導演第壹次改編韓國片子了，2015年的《前任攻略2》劇本就是改編自韓國電影《男人使用說明書》。韓國版《偉大的願望》由柳德煥、金東英、安在洪等主演，講述了患上肌萎縮性脊髓側索硬化癱的高中生，和朋友、家人度過最後時間的溫暖又愉快、令人感動的故事，該片於2016年4月21日在韓國上映。

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由周全執導，張頌文、譚卓、顧寶明、董晴和榮梓杉等人主演的電影《西小河的夏天》正在熱映。今日，片方發布壹支片場特輯，記錄了眾主創在40°C高溫下依舊精雕細琢，認真打磨每個細節的拍攝點滴。

拍攝間隙，幾位主創的互動有愛逗趣。團寵榮梓杉踢球、賣萌、做鬼臉、“冒充導演”壹項不落，張頌文與顧寶明鬧出的“美麗的誤會”也逗笑全場。

此外，譚卓與董晴兩位女演員也有不俗表現。譚卓苦練越劇，扮相驚艷。導演周全曾在採訪中透露：“我們特意邀

請到著名的越劇演員吳鳳花、楊麗芳老師擔任專業指導。董晴在片場則是合著吉他伴奏演唱主題曲《遊夏》，曲風清新回味無窮。首次挑戰英語老師壹角，董晴透露從自己英語老師身上得到不少啟發，也挑戰不少新技能，“英語、唱歌、跳舞、吉他，我都有練習，爲了唱好《遊夏》，我還向專業的聲樂老師請教了很久。”

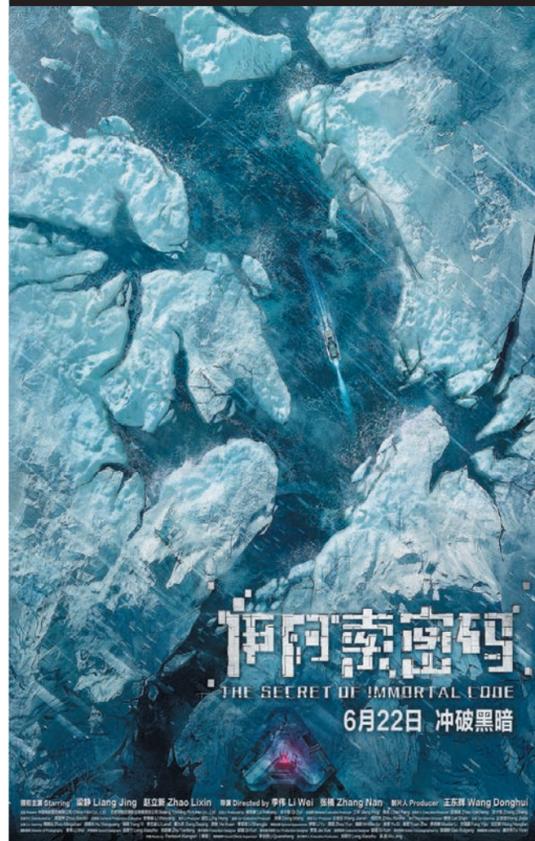
臺前諸位主演的紮實演技讓人驚嘆，電影《西小河的夏天》的幕後團隊同樣令人矚目。著名電影人張家振和著名剪輯師廖慶松擔任監製、第51屆金馬獎最佳

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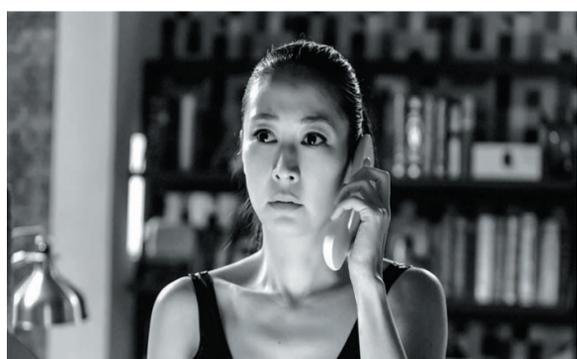
影片的清新質感也受到不少觀眾喜愛，“畫面清新，配樂恰到好處，喜歡如此純粹的江南生活”，“電影如捐捐細流潤物無聲，沒有外界的喧囂，有的只是靜靜地感受與回味”。

電影《西小河的夏天》由企鵝影視、壹山文化、彼此影業出品。現已在全國熱映，讓我們壹同回望壹“夏”長大的年少時光。

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驚悚懸疑電影《伊阿索密碼》今日曝光主演特輯，主演梁靜、趙立新、李蘭迪首次現身介紹影片角色，揭秘三人在影片中的性格特征，更曝光了現場的拍攝細節。三人充滿反轉的人物特征和撲朔迷離的人物關係，令影片神秘感十足。在最新曝光的主演特輯中，整體黑白的色調爲電影質感增色不少，同時也加深了影片神秘的氣息；特輯中三位主演驚慌失措的神情和急促激烈的音樂節奏也

讓影片驚悚的氛圍壹覽無遺，飾演韓松的楊軼被偷襲倒地、倒吊著的屍體、血肉模糊的頭顱等恐怖刺激的畫面和各種近身打鬥的場面更是令人膽戰心驚。特輯中，梁靜飾演的林子琪眼神堅定，雖困難重重，卻誓死要拯救家人。在面對持槍打鬥、近身肉搏等各種高難度動作戲時全部親自上陣，正如梁靜對自己角色的解讀壹樣：“她是壹個內心特別堅強的女人。”

此次趙立新突破以往儒雅形象，變身惡魔天使，憂郁又兇狠的眼神讓人惶恐不安。本來懷揣著拯救世界善心的他，卻被自己的初衷反噬。對於這樣壹個反轉，趙立新自己非常滿意還評價其是最有意思的角色。新晉小花李蘭迪此次不僅打破了固有的年齡概念，出演梁靜的姐姐，還在影片中與梁靜、趙立新兩位戲骨同銀幕飆戲，令觀眾十分期待。在本次發布的特輯中還包括

了多個精彩情節的幕後花絮，從中可見導演李偉、張楠及演員們敬業認真的專業態度。兩位導演也分享了自己對人物角色的創作理念。李偉認爲，林子琪本身無法做選擇，必須在堅持自己的理念價值觀的同時去拯救家人。張楠則更深壹步的分析了姚博士的心理，“直到他所認爲的理想把自己吞沒”這句話似乎也暗示了影片的情節走向。電影《伊阿索密碼》將於6月22日在大銀幕上映。

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