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## U.S. briefly shuts border crossing to brace for migrants



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CBP Special Response Team officers stand guard at San Ysidro Port of Entry as seen from Tijuana, Mexico

TIJUANA, Mexico (Reuters) - U.S. officials briefly closed the busiest border crossing from Mexico early on Monday to add concrete barricades and razor wire amid concerns that some of the thousands of Central American migrants at the border could try to rush the crossing. Northbound lanes at the San Ysidro crossing from Tijuana to San Diego, California, were closed "to position additional port hardening materials," a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said. A Department of Homeland Security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters in a conference call later that U.S. officials had heard reports some migrants were intending to run through border crossings into California. Ahead of U.S. congressional elections earlier this month, Pres-



ident Donald Trump denounced the approach of a caravan of migrants as an "invasion" that threatened American national security. He sent thousands of U.S. troops to the border. By dawn on Monday, 15 of 26 vehicle lanes had reopened at the San Ysidro crossing, according to the DHS official.

It was a rare closing of the station, which is one of the busiest border crossings in the world, with tens of thousands of Mexicans heading every day into the United States to work or study.

"Today was a lost day of work. I already called my boss to tell her that everything was closed and I did not know what time I would be able to get in," said Maria Gomez, a Mexican woman who crosses the border every day for work. "I cannot believe this is happening." Trump had remained mostly silent about the caravan since the Nov. 6 vote, but on Monday he posted a photo on Twitter showing a fence that runs from the beach in Tijuana into the ocean now covered with razor wire. About 6,000 Central Americans have reached the border cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, according to local officials. More bands of migrants are making their way toward Tijuana, with around 10,000 expected.

Hundreds of local residents on Sunday massed at a monument in a wealthy neighborhood of Tijuana to protest the arrival of the migrants, with some carrying signs that said "Mexico first" and "No more migrants."

Trump faces pressure to part ways with Saudi crown prince

Last month, thousands of Central American migrants began a long journey from Honduras through Mexico toward the United States to seek asylum.

Other bands of mostly Salvadorans followed, with a small group setting off on Sunday from San Salvador.

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# US stocks take sharp losses as tech, internet companies drop

NEW YORK (AP) — Big technology and internet companies tumbled again Monday, leading to broad losses across the stock market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average briefly fell 500 points.

Apple, Microsoft and Amazon, the most valuable companies on the market, sustained some of the worst losses. Facebook, another longtime investor darling that has fallen out of favor since this summer, also skidded. After a brutal October, stocks had started to recover early this month. But continued losses for tech companies have sent major indexes lower again.

Mark Hackett, chief of investment research at Nationwide Investment Management, said investors are dumping the high-profile technology companies that have dominated the market recently. He said investors are picking companies based on traditional profit and revenue figures instead of the kind of user growth figures favored by tech companies.

“These things had outperformed the S&P by a mile over the last three years,” he said, but that’s changed now. “On good days they’re not the leaders, and on bad days they’re the laggards.”

The S&P 500 index fell 45.54 points, or 1.7 percent, to 2,690.73. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 395.78 points, or 1.6 percent, to 25,017.44. It was down as much as 512 earlier.

The Nasdaq composite skidded 219.40 points, or 3 percent, to 7,028.48. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks lost 30.99 points, or 2 percent, to 1,496.54. Investors focused again on trade tensions between the U.S. and China after the two countries clashed at a Pacific Rim summit over the weekend.

A steep loss for Boeing, a major exporter which would stand to suffer greatly in a protracted trade war, weighed heavily on the Dow. Boeing gave up 4.5 percent to \$320.94, but is still one of the best-performing stocks in the 30-stock index. Apple fell 4 percent to \$185.86 on renewed worries that iPhone sales could slow, Microsoft lost 3.4 percent to \$104.62 and Amazon gave back 5.1 percent to close at \$1,512.29.

High-dividend stocks like real estate companies and utilities, which investors favor when they are fearful of market turmoil, held up better than the rest of the market.

The disagreements between the U.S. and China at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting left investors feeling pessimistic about the prospects for a deal that would end the trade tensions between the world’s two largest economies. For the first time in almost 30 years, leaders at the summit could not agree on a joint declaration on world trade.

Talks between the U.S. and China are continuing ahead of a meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Donald



Trump planned for the G-20 summit later this month.

Among tech and internet stocks, chipmaker Nvidia dropped another 21 percent to \$144.70. Nvidia said last week that it had a large number of unsold chips because of a big drop in mining of cryptocurrencies. Facebook sank 5.7 percent to \$131.55 and Netflix lost 5.6 percent to \$270.21.

The S&P 500 index of technology companies has now plunged 13.1 percent since the end of September.

Nissan said its chairman, Carlos Ghosn, was arrested Monday and will be dismissed from the company after allegedly under-reporting his income. Nissan said an internal investigation found Ghosn under-reported his income by millions of dollars and engaged in other “significant misconduct.”

U.S.-traded shares of Nissan lost 5.8 percent to \$16.90. In Paris, shares of Nissan’s partner Renault dropped 8.4 percent.

Industrial companies and retailers also stumbled. Caterpillar fell 3.1 percent to \$125.98 and Nike lost 3 percent to \$72.52.

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Jimmy Kimmel introduces rapper Snoop Dogg as he receives his star on the "Hollywood Walk of Fame" in Los Angeles



A man dressed as Santa Claus leaves a media event in Hollywood after a promotion for the upcoming 87th annual Hollywood Christmas parade in Los Angeles



A migrant woman, part of a caravan of thousands traveling from Central America en route to the United States, carries her belongings on her head as she walks past the border fence between Mexico and United States while moving to a new shelter in Mexicali



Migrants, part of a caravan of thousands traveling from Central America en route to the United States, move to a new shelter in Mexicali



A migrant, part of a caravan of thousands traveling from Central America en route to the United States, climbs up the border fence between Mexico and United States for fun while moving to a new shelter in Mexicali



FILE PHOTO: 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

HOUSTON (September 12, 2018) - When Priti Singh took over as CEO of Associated Testing Laboratories in Houston, her focus was on the immediate, day-to-day operations of the family-owned business that opened its doors in 1959.



Today, she has taken on a vastly broadened perspective powered by a strategic growth plan - sage advice she gained from the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program at Houston Community College.

Singh is among 21 Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses alumni who received certificates of completion at the summer class graduation ceremony at the HCC Missouri City campus.

Before taking part in the program, Singh said she had a parochial view of her business, which provides environmental and geotechnical engineering services, as well as construction materials testing and inspection.

"Now, I have more awareness of the different aspects of the business," she said. "We've implemented a growth plan and we're procuring new business."

While there is no one-size-fits-all formula for business success, many small business owners are getting ahead with the intensive training and guidance they receive in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.

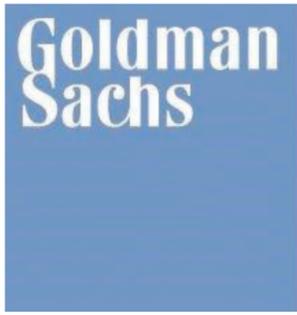
"Today, there are roughly 600 small businesses that have received help from the Goldman Sachs program that began at HCC in 2011," said Rita Reed, the program's alumni manager.

During the summer session, the business leaders spent 14 weeks, roughly 100 class hours, soaking up an innovative management and business curriculum that included growth opportunities, money and metrics, a legal clinic, and marketing. The class also took part in one-on-one business advising and financial workshops, and got timely advice from Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses community partners.

"When you give business owners the opportunity to have the tools to grow their

## Goldman Sachs 10K Small Businesses Program Graduates New HCC class

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# 10,000 small businesses

business, they will be able to increase their revenue and hire additional employees," said Manuel Aguilar, lead faculty for the Goldman Sachs program at HCC.

The deadline to apply for the spring 2019 session is Oct. 11, 2018. The program is open to business owners from across the Greater Houston region.

To learn more or apply, visit [hccs.edu/10ksmallbiz](http://hccs.edu/10ksmallbiz) or [10ksbapply.com](http://10ksbapply.com).

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#### HCC's "Take One & Done" launches students into workforce

HOUSTON (July 30, 2018) - Houston Community College is pioneering a program to ensure students earn a level one certificate, receive resume writing assistance and get help with job interviews in just one semester. The "Take One & Done" program is being offered at HCC's Southeast College Eastside Campus.

"Students come full time and we will provide financial aid, child care from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. if necessary, and they will get a level one certificate in one of seven pro-



grams," says Melissa Gonzalez, president

of Southeast College. "We looked specifically at these programs, where there are jobs and there is a demand for workers."

"Take One and Done" includes level one certificates in:

1. Welding Technology-Basic Welding Helper
2. Construction Management Technology
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#### 9. Real Estate - Residential



While taking courses at the Eastside Campus, HCC will help students prepare for job searches. "They will be getting a professional resume done through our career center and we are going to provide interviews for every single student," Gonzalez says. "We are working with our industry partners to make sure they are available to interview on site before the students are finished for the semester."

Gonzalez emphasizes that students also have the option to pursue an associate degree and prepare for a transfer to a four-year university. "We actually have an advisor on site from the University of Houston Downtown for our business program, but also for general UHD programs," Gonzalez says. "Texas Southern and the University of Houston also have a presence on our campus."

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Registration for classes is going on right now. For additional information on "Take One & Done," go here: <http://www.hccs.edu/campaigns/take-one>. A video about the program is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=33bKFW1-tbk&feature=youtu.be>

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For over a year, the Chinese government has withheld lab samples of a rapidly evolving influenza virus from the United States — specimens needed to develop vaccines and treatments, according to federal health officials.



Health workers culling chickens in Hong Kong in 2014 following an outbreak of avian flu. (Photo Getty Images)

Despite persistent requests from government officials and research institutions, China has not provided samples of the dangerous virus, a type of bird flu called H7N9. In the past, such exchanges have been mostly routine under rules established by the World Health Organization.

Now, as the United States and China spar over trade, some scientists worry that the vital exchange of medical supplies and information could slow, hampering preparedness for the next biological threat.

The scenario is “unlike shortages in aluminum and soybeans,” said Dr. Michael Callahan, an infectious disease specialist at Harvard Medical School.

“Jeopardizing U.S. access to foreign pathogens and therapies to counter them undermines our nation’s ability to protect against infections which can spread globally within days.”

Experts concur that the world’s next global pandemic will likely come from a repeat offender: the flu. The H7N9 virus is one candidate.

Since taking root in China in 2013, the virus has spread through poultry farms, evolving into a highly pathogenic strain that can infect humans. It has killed 40 percent of its victims.

If this strain were to become highly contagious among humans, seasonal flu vaccines would provide little to no protection. Americans have virtually no immunity.

“Pandemic influenza spreads faster than anything else,” said Rick A. Bright, the di-

# China Withholding Samples Of A Dangerous Flu Virus

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rector of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that oversees vaccine development. “There’s nothing to hold it back or slow it down. Every minute counts.”



Blood samples infected with Flu virus.

Under an agreement established by the World Health Organization, participating countries must transfer influenza samples with pandemic potential to designated research centers “in a timely manner.”

That process — involving paperwork, approval through several agencies and a licensed carrier — normally takes several months, according to Dr. Larry Kerr, the director of pandemics and emerging threats at the Department of Health and Human Services.

But more than one year after a devastating wave of H7N9 infections in Asia — 766 cases were reported, almost all in China — the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is still waiting for several viral samples, the National Security Council and the W.H.O. confirmed.

Scientists at the Department of Agriculture have had such difficulty obtaining flu samples from China that they have stopped requesting them altogether, according to a government official who spoke anonymously because he was not authorized to discuss the matter.

The Chinese embassy in Washington did not respond to multiple requests for comment. The Chinese Center For Disease Control and Prevention also did not reply to inquiries regarding the transfer.

When the H7N9 virus first appeared in China, researchers say the Chinese government at first provided timely informa-

tion. But communication has gradually worsened.



Health workers attending to an H7N9 avian flu patient in Wuhan, China, in 2017. At least four research institutions have relied upon a small group of H7N9 samples from cases in Taiwan and Hong Kong. (All four asked not to be identified for fear of further straining ties.) (Photo/ Getty Images)

Yet a sudden spike in infections during the 2016-2017 outbreak wave demands intense research, said scientists aiming to understand the virus’ evolution.

Recent trade tensions could worsen the problem.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative in April released a proposed list of products to be targeted for tariffs — including pharmaceutical products such as vaccines, medicines and medical devices.

So far, none of those medical products have landed on the final tariff lists. But lower-level trade negotiations with China concluded on Thursday with few signs of progress, increasing the likelihood of additional tariffs.

## Did The 1918 Flu Pandemic That Killed 50 Million Originate in China?

A National Geographic article\* claims that the Spanish Flu came from China and spread to Canada and then Europe. According to the story presented here, Chinese workers carried the disease to the Western Front during World War I. Go here for article: \*<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/01/140123-spanish-flu-1918-china-origins-pandemic-science-health/>

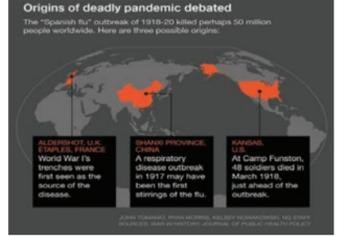
its research private. Some provinces withheld information about cases even from the central government in Beijing.

In 2005, Chinese authorities insisted an H5N1 influenza outbreak was contained, contradicting University of Hong Kong scientists who offered evidence that it was expanding. Those authorities hesitated to share viral samples from infected wild birds with the international community, concealing the scope to avoid a hit to their vast poultry industry.

Indonesia followed suit, refusing in 2007 to share specimens of H5N1 with the United States and United Kingdom, arguing that the countries would use the samples to develop a vaccine that Indonesians could not afford.

Those episodes led to the 2011 development of the W.H.O.’s Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Framework, which aims to promote sample exchanges as well as developing countries’ access to vaccines.

But for countries like China, bearing the burden of a novel virus is paradoxical. Outbreaks are expensive — the wave of H7N9 infections in 2013 alone cost China more than \$6 billion, according to the United Nations — but they can provide a head-start in developing valuable treatments.



“In a sense, China has made lemonade from lemons — converting the problem of global infectious disease threats into lifesaving and valuable commodities,” Dr. Callahan said.

And now, as the H7N9 virus evolves, United States authorities worry that the Chinese have obfuscated the scale and features of this outbreak.

The Chinese government has refused to share clinical data from infected patients, according to scientists, and claims to have all but eradicated H7N9 through a single poultry vaccination campaign.

“Influenza is going to do what it does best, which is mutate,” Dr. Kerr said. (Courtesy New York Times)



Influenza Patients lie in an influenza ward at a U.S. Army camp hospital in Aix-les-Bains, France, during World War I.

China hid the 2002 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, for four months and then kept the findings of

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