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Government shutdown fizzles on spending, immigration deal in Congress

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Congress voted on Monday to end a three-day U.S. government shutdown, approving another short-term funding bill as Democrats accepted promises from Republicans for a broad debate later on the future of young illegal immigrants.

The fourth temporary funding bill since October easily passed the Senate and the House of Representatives. That sent it to the White House, which said President Donald Trump was expected to sign the bill, a product chiefly of negotiations among Senate leaders.

Enactment by Trump of the bill will allow the government to reopen fully on Tuesday and keep the lights on through Feb. 8, when Congress will have to revisit the budget and immigration policy, two disparate issues that have become closely linked.

The House approved the funding bill by a vote of 266-150 just hours after it passed the Senate by a vote of 81-18.

Trump's attempts to negotiate an end to the shutdown with Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer collapsed on Friday in recriminations and fingerpointing. The Republican president took a new swipe at Democrats as he celebrated the Senate's pact.

"I am pleased that Democrats in Congress have come to their senses," Trump said in a statement. "We will make a long term deal on immigration if and only if it's good for the country."

Immigration and the budget are entangled because of Congress' failure last year to approve a budget on time by Oct. 1, just weeks after Trump summarily ordered an end by March to Obama-era legal protections for young immigrants known as "Dreamers." The budget failure has necessitated passage by Congress of a series of temporary funding measures, giving Democrats leverage each step of the way since they hold votes needed to overcome a 60-vote threshold in the Senate for most legislation.

With government spending authority about to expire again at midnight on Friday, Democrats withheld support for a fourth stopgap spending bill and demanded action for the Dreamers.

The roughly 700,000 young people were brought to the United States illegally as children, mainly from Mexico and Central America. They mostly grew up in the United States. Former President Barack Obama's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, program gave the Dreamers legal protections and shielded them from deportation.



A United States Park Police vehicle sits parked in front of a Statue Cruises ferry with passengers in Manhattan, New York

Democrats, as a condition of supporting a new spending stopgap, demanded a resolution of the uncertain future Trump created for the Dreamers with his DACA order last year.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) gestures to reporters after lawmakers struck a deal to reopen the federal government three days into a

shutdown on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S..

But Democratic leaders, worried about being blamed for the disruptive shutdown that resulted, relented in the end and accepted a pledge by Republicans to hold a debate later over the fate of the Dreamers and related immigration issues.

China's Xinjiang to build 'Great Wall' to protect border

LIJING (Reuters) - China's violence-prone far western region of Xinjiang will build a "Great Wall" around its borders to prevent the infiltration of militants from outside the country, state media reported on Tuesday citing the regional governor.

Hundreds of people have been killed in Xinjiang in the past few years in violence between Uighurs, a mostly Muslim people who speak a Turkic language, and ethnic majority Han Chinese, especially in the heavily Uighur southern part of Xinjiang.

China blames the violence in Xinjiang on Islamist extremists and separatists, some of whom it says have links to groups outside the country.

Rights groups and Uighur exiles say it is more a product of Uighur frustration at Chinese controls on their culture and religion. China denies any repression. Xinjiang governor Shohrat Zakir said Xinjiang would step up border measures to create a "Great Wall", the official China Daily reported.

"We will try our best to leave no gaps or blind spots in social security management and ensure the key areas remain absolutely safe," he said at the opening of the regional assembly's annual session.

Technology along the border would be improved and roads and other infrastructure increased, Shohrat Zakir said.

"The overall situation was stable in 2017, which made people feel safer," he said. "We won't allow separatism to stage a comeback and will ensure religious extremism never rises again from the ashes and terrorist attacks are doomed to failure."

The "Great Wall" comments were similar to those President Xi Jinping made last year during the annual session of the country's parliament, where he told Xinjiang lawmakers of the need to build a "great wall of iron" to safeguard stability.

Xinjiang has been relatively quiet over the past year or so after a spate of incidents, which has coincided with a massive increase in security, including collecting DNA and other biometric data from the whole population.

U.S. slaps steep tariffs on imported washers, solar panels

WASHINGTON/LOS ANGELES (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump slapped steep tariffs on imported washing machines and solar panels on Monday, marking his first moves to erect trade restrictions under seldom-used trade laws that allow unilateral actions.

The decisions in the two "Section 201" safeguard cases followed findings by the U.S. International Trade Commission that both imported products "are a substantial cause of serious injury to domestic manufacturers," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said in a statement. The washer tariffs exceeded the harshest recommendations from ITC members, while the solar tariffs were lower than do-

mestic producers had hoped for.

Trump will impose a 20 percent tariff on the first 1.2 million imported large residential washers in the first year, and a 50 percent tariff on machines above that number. The tariffs decline to 16 percent and 40 percent respectively in the third year.

A 30 percent tariff will be imposed on imported solar cells and modules in

the first year, with the tariffs declining to 15 percent by the fourth year. The tariff allows 2.5 gigawatts of unassembled solar cells to be imported tariff-free in each year.

Whirlpool Corp (WHR.N), which brought the washers "safeguard" case against rivals Samsung Electronics (005930.KS) and LG Electronics (066570.KS) after years of anti-dumping cases, stands to benefit from the decision.



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Unlike other billionaires, Fertitta has the means to be a serious contender in the Bitcoin business due to the size of his business empire.

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Billionaire Tilman Fertitta: "Bitcoin's Here To Stay." But Many Won't Buy In Until It's Insured

Billionaire Tilman Fertitta gave his fairly bullish take on the wildly popular digital currency bitcoin.

Fertitta likened the cryptocurrency trend to the dot-com boom of the late 1990s.

"I think it's here to stay," the founder and CEO of Landry's told CNBC's "Power Lunch" on Thursday.

Fertitta, also the star of CNBC reality show "Billion Dollar Buyer," said his biggest reservation about the digital currency's early days was the fact that it is not yet insured.

The CEO shared an example: if some eager individual tried to withdraw \$1 million in cash from a bank, the bank would probably be unable to fulfill the request.

Even so, the man behind the parent company of Bubba Gump Shrimp (and a slew of other successful dining and entertainment venues) said he could see his businesses accepting bitcoin as payment someday.

"I think it's going to happen," Fertitta said. "I mean, I remember somebody walking into my office and saying, 'The world's going to change. There's this thing called the internet.'"

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About Tilman Fertitta

Tilman Joseph Fertitta (born June 25, 1957) is an American businessman and television personality. He is the chairman, CEO, and sole owner of Landry's, Inc., one of the largest restaurant corporations in the United States.

He also owns the Houston Rockets of the National Basketball Association (NBA). In 2013, his net worth was estimated at \$2.4 billion, placing him at No. 235 on the Forbes 400 list of the wealthiest Americans; Forbes calls him the "World's Richest Restaurateur".

Fertitta is also chairman of the board of regents of the University of Houston System. Fertitta became the star of Billion Dollar Buyer on CNBC. On September 5, 2017, Fertitta reached an agreement to buy the Houston Rockets for \$2.2 billion.



Early life

Fertitta was born and raised in Galveston, Texas, several generations after his family had emigrated to Texas from Sicily. Italy. His father, Vic, owned a seafood restaurant on Galveston Island, and after school, Tilman would peel shrimp in his father's restaurant. Fertitta attended Texas Tech University and the University of Houston, studying business administration and hospitality management. His first entrepreneurial experience involved selling and promoting Shaklee vitamins.

In the 1980s, Fertitta founded and ran a construction and development business, and developed his first major project, the Key Largo Hotel in Galveston.

Business Ventures

Fertitta was a partner in the first Landry's Restaurant, Landry's Seafood, which opened its doors in the Houston suburb of Katy, Texas, in 1980. A year later, he helped open Willie G's Seafood & Steaks, a more upscale restaurant in Uptown Houston.

In 1986, Fertitta gained controlling interests of both locations, and in 1988, became sole owner of Landry's Restaurants. In 1993, he took Landry's, Inc. public and the company grew quickly, adding concept after concept.

In 2010, Fertitta, who already owned the majority of Landry's, Inc. stock, purchased all outstanding shares, becoming sole owner again. In 1993, the company was valued at approximately \$30 million.

The Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas

By 2011, the company's value had skyrocketed to a value of more than \$1.7 billion.[20] As of 2013, the company, under the leadership

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Eight in 10 Americans Afflicted by Stress

by Lydia Saad

2007, as well as in an earlier measurement in 1994, when 40% felt frequent stress. However, more say they experience stress now than reported this from 2003 through 2006, when between 33% and 38% felt Americans' Biggest Stressors Are Children and Work

Members of the Houston delegation to China last month.

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.

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. Lower-income Americans are shorter on time and higher on stress than middle- and upper-income adults.

those who neither work nor have children are the least likely to feel this way.

Time and Stress Pressures by Employment and Parenting Status

	Don't have enough time	Frequently experience stress
	%	%
Employed, have child	58	59
Employed, no child	50	47
Not employed, have child	47	54
Not employed, no child	23	33

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.

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. This technology may be providing some efficiencies in people's lives, such as allowing them to shop more easily from home, do their banking online, keep tabs on work while out of the office, follow the news, and much, much more -- thus enabling them to feel they are getting more done. Yet there has not been an obvious payoff in reduced stress. It's possible that some aspects of the new technology, like social media, are offsetting others in changing how much stress people experience.

Of course, many other aspects of life could factor into how Americans feel about their

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. For results based on the total sample of national adults, 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.

Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cellphone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cellular telephone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods.

AMERICANS WHO FEEL STRESS SOMETIMES OR FREQUENTLY DURING THEIR DAY

79%

GALLUP, DEC 4-11

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

•Four in 10 U.S. adults (41%) say they lack the time to do all they want

•A similar proportion (44%) frequently feel stressed

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- About eight in 10 Americans say they frequently (44%) or sometimes (35%) encounter stress in their daily lives. Just 17% say they rarely feel stressed, while 4% say they never do.

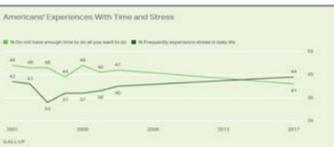
Americans' Experience With Stress

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



Although stress is common, just 41% of U.S. adults say, in answer to a different question, that they lack the time they need to do things they want. The majority, 59%, tend to think they do have enough time.

Americans were asked about their stress and time pressures in a Dec. 4-11 Gallup poll. This is the first year the questions have been updated in a decade, after being asked each December from 2001 through 2007.



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

	Don't have enough time	Frequently experience stress
	%	%
Gender		
Men	39	40
Women	42	49
Age		
18 to 29	46	54
30 to 49	53	56
50 to 64	35	37
65 and older	22	24
Annual household income		
Less than \$30,000	46	51
\$30,000 to \$74,999	40	44
\$75,000 and over	41	41
Employment status		
Employed fullpart time	53	52
Not employed	28	36
Children under 18		
Have child under 18	55	58
No child under 18	35	39

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

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Nope, Tide PODS aren't being discontinued.

Tide PODS are here to stay, despite rumors that suggest the internet-famous soap is being discontinued.

A screenshot of a fake tweet recently alleged that Tide would be removing the product from shelves starting Feb. 1, saying the company "can't risk lives over having clean clothes."

As many would suspect, the tweet is a fabrication and Tide has made no such announcement, according to fake-news-busting site Snopes.com.

In recent weeks, the internet has been taken over by the "Tide POD Challenge," a bizarre trend that dares social media users to eat "tasty-looking" laundry detergent pods. The internet meme has forced YouTube and its parent company Google to respond by removing what it deems "dangerous videos," or videos of people eating the Tide PODS.

"YouTube's Community Guidelines prohibit content that's intended to encourage dangerous activities that have an inherent risk of physical harm," a Google spokesperson said in a statement according to CNN. "We work to quickly remove flagged videos that violate our policies," while, would have to furlough 95 percent of its employees immediately. An agency spokeswoman said the derivatives regulator could call in additional staff, however, in the event of financial market emergency.



Don't be fooled by rumors that suggest Tide PODS are being discontinued.

Oil slips even as ministers say output cuts will continue

Brent crude declined even after Saudi Arabia and Russia pledged over the weekend to continue oil supply cuts.

Futures in London slipped 0.2 percent, erasing earlier gains. Output limits should remain through 2018 as re-balancing may be achieved next year, Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister Khalid Al-Falih said in a Bloomberg television interview held with his Russian counterpart on Sunday. Russia is prepared to cooperate

with OPEC after the current curbs expire, Energy Minister Alexander Novak said. Neither minister said



whether the cuts would continue next year. Benchmark Brent has eased after

supply curbs by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies to reduce a global glut earlier this month pushed prices above \$70 a barrel for the first time since December 2014. Banks including Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co. predict the coalition may begin winding down cuts from the middle of the year, before a scheduled end in December, as the market re-balances. There was no sign of such a move at this weekend's meeting between OPEC members and

some of their allies in Oman. "We already knew that the Saudis would like to have more permanent cooperation in the oil market," said Torbjorn Kjus, chief oil analyst at DNB Bank ASA. "Al-Falih wants more stability and more control over the oil market." Brent for March settlement fell 14 cents to \$68.47 a barrel at 1:01 p.m. on the London-based ICE Futures Europe exchange. The contract closed 1 percent lower at \$68.61 on Friday, falling for a second day.

美南電視轉換新頻道15.3操作指南

美南國際電視網STV Channel 已由55.5 轉換至15.3，並正式擴大為十個頻道，廣大收視觀眾只要透過遙控器轉台至15.3，即可收看到美南電視節目，如果您家中的電視遙控器轉到15.3頻道，依然無法收看到美南電視，請依以下中英對照操作指南方式調整。

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

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

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

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



過年前家毀妻亡 康龍臉被大火燒黑 傷重插管觀察中

資深藝人康龍12日住家起火，康龍、妻子萬裏鳳、媳婦、兩個孫子，壹家三代有五人燒傷。他妻子情況最危急，由於夫妻被轉送不同醫院，康龍每次清醒就要找妻子、壹度不顧身上插管、想掙脫去看妻子。13日午間，萬裏鳳離世。康龍兩個女兒幫忙處理後事，至今不敢告訴康龍這個噩耗。康龍好友康凱嘆息：「他兩個女兒哭到都在顫抖，小孩子根本也不知道要怎麼處理，他也傷得很重，還在加護病房。」

中華演藝工會理事長康凱說，康龍圈內人緣好，這幾年都在工會做理監事，萬裏鳳也是工會成員，「他太太萬裏鳳以前也是演員，壹起打拼過來的。」攜手扶持幾十年，康龍到哪都帶著妻子，夫妻鸞鴦情深，康凱硬咽說：「他們相依為命，無法想像他會有多痛苦，怎麼會出這種事。」

康凱說，康龍本身的病況也不太樂觀，臉部因大火被燒得黑腫，雖然在火場還能說話、叫警消防救妻子，「其實他到醫院，情況也很危險、昏迷，壹開始插管治療，現在已經拔管，但還住在燒燙傷加護病房，醫生說不要打擾他，讓他多休息，我們也希望先不要讓他知道他太太的事情。」

當時起火點在臥室，康凱說，康龍妻子與3歲小孫子壹起睡，為了孫子保暖，開了電暖器，康龍睡在外頭，發現起火，趕緊衝進去把孫子帶出來，康凱不捨地說：「他太太可能為了保護那個小孫子，才傷得這麼重，孫子傷得比較輕。」

朋友都在為他集氣、祈禱他早日好轉，也開始為他壹家人籌募急難救助金，康凱也協助處理他妻子的後事，找了殯葬公司，他不捨地說：「只要他們缺什麼，都盡量幫忙，怎麼會過年前發生這種事，無法再團圓。」除了演藝工會，康凱也協助申請文化部急難救助金，慈濟也伸出援手，除了他妻子後事、幾個人龐大醫藥費，還有破碎的家要整理。

不捨小妹結婚...張景嵐淚崩 高顏值3姊妹合照曝光

藝人張景嵐轉戰戲居圈表現亮眼，儘管已經有壹定的知名度，仍經常不藏私與粉絲分享生活點滴，本身有2個妹妹的她，13日在社群網站透露，小妹結婚升格人妻了，看著披著白紗的妹妹終於找到幸福，忍不住感動落淚，還特別自拍下狂掉眼淚的照片，「記錄下感動的瞬間。」

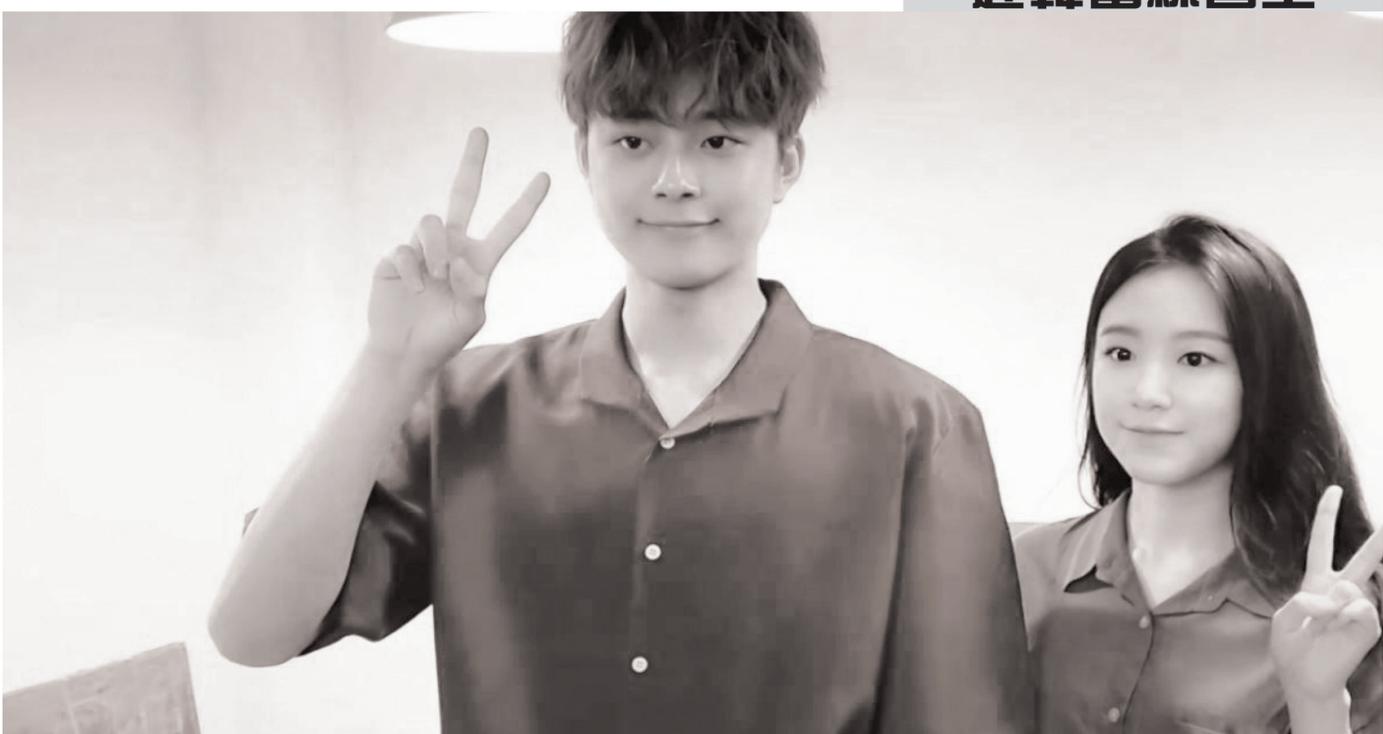
此外，張景嵐透露看到小妹結婚，「害我壹直哭。」皺眉落淚的表情符號，加上其他張照片中，可以看到她不斷落下門大的淚珠，顯見3姐妹感情之好，似乎相當不捨小妹出嫁。另外，姐妹難得合體的畫面，也再度在網路上引發討論，紛紛大讚：「3妹子長得都很美」、「優生學」，還有人敲碗問她：「什麼時候換妳啊？」

畢業於臺藝大的張景嵐是家中老大，過去參加妹妹的畢業典禮時，便曝光了家族超強的女神基因，妹妹們全是甜姐兒，笑容和眼睛和她很相似，不僅如此，她透露2個妹妹其實都比她會念書，分別是政大法研所、高師大的高材生，才貌兼具讓人既羨慕又嫉妒。

又有臺灣女孩到韓國闖天下，他就是18歲的葉舒華，葉舒華目前已經在韓國擔任練習生，他加入的經紀公司曾經捧紅不少團體，最近經紀公司又要籌組新女團，葉舒華能否被選中，和周子瑜壹樣大紅大紫，臺灣網友很期待。

大家好我叫葉舒華今年18歲，我來自臺灣我希望成為超級巨星。希望成為超級巨星，又有壹位臺灣女孩到韓國擔任練習生。韓文還不太流利不過已經和其他練習生打成壹片，而且葉舒華已經開始嶄露頭角，他和同公司已經出道的柳善皓拍過MV。

雖然MV當中沒有說話，畫面也不多，但是俊男美女的組合還是吸引不少網友注意，葉舒華加入的經紀公司是韓國Cube娛樂，曾經捧紅不少團體。韓國小野馬法雅以前所屬的女團4minute，就是屬於Cube娛樂，臺灣男孩賴冠霖也是Cube娛樂的藝人練習生，由於Cube娛樂今年又要成立新女團，葉舒華能否入選，臺灣網友都很期待。



臺灣女孩又壹人 18歲葉舒華 赴韓當練習生

求助名醫無效 吳克群母親驚傳癌癥病逝

歌手吳克群的母親今(12)日傳出癌癥病逝，其實上周六(6日)吳克群就在臉書感慨寫下「人，站在生命面前，方知自己渺小...」，並貼出壹張照片，畫面中陽光從床邊的窗護灑下，今日就傳出母親病

逝的噩耗。根據《蘋果》報導，吳克群2011年曾安排母親做健康檢查，當時發現母親有肝纖維化的癥狀，便馬上帶母親求助名醫，之後總在工作之餘回高雄陪伴母親，並常帶母

親出國旅行。吳克群身邊的工作人員今日在臉書寫下「吳媽我會永遠想念妳」，吳克群經紀人沒有否認這個消息，據了解，吳克群母親確實已經去世。吳克群的好友威廉則表示，

「吳媽媽在醫院和過世的時候，我都有陪在旁邊，跟吳媽媽說的話都在耳邊跟她說了。」

克群比較辛苦，還有巡演和電影要做，但他很堅強，會關心他的。」

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《神奇女俠2》故事設在冷戰時期 打完德軍鬥蘇俄特工 “史蒂夫” 回歸希望尚存



根據多家好萊塢媒體爆料，華納與DC已經為《神奇女俠2》劇本定好時間線，續集的故事將在1980年代美蘇冷戰期間。打完德軍之後，戴安娜將和蘇俄特工大戰一場。

《神奇女俠》幕後頭號功臣——導演派蒂·傑金斯正與DC主席傑夫·瓊斯共同開發續集劇本。由她回歸執導續集基本上是板上釘釘的事情，最終完成簽約只是時間問題。值得注意的是，儘管第壹部中克萊斯·派恩飾演的男

主角史蒂夫犧牲了，但華納並沒有排除該角色繼續出現在DC銀幕宇宙（DCEU）中的可能性。投資1.5億美金打造的《神奇女俠》已經成為2017年的爆款大片。影片上映壹個多月以來表現不俗，北美本土票房累計達到3.68億美元，不斷刷新DCEU電影本土最佳戰績。同時《神奇女俠》的全球票房在本周突破了7.45億美元，超越去年《X特遣隊》成績位列DCEU電影第二。

斯蒂芬金《黑暗塔》發國際版預告 三度易手幾經調檔 回顧6年坎坷歷程

根據斯蒂芬·金同名小說改編的奇幻懸疑電影《黑暗塔》今日發布了國際版預告。相比先前3分鐘的官方預告片，此版預告時長縮短壹半，砍掉了小男孩尋找平行世界與槍俠羅蘭（伊德瑞斯·艾爾巴飾）相遇的過程，以及關於黑暗塔的背景介紹，直接從羅蘭與黑衣人（馬修·麥康納飾）對決切入，節奏更加緊湊，風格更加黑暗驚悚。

《黑暗塔》講述了槍俠羅蘭·德鄧為了將自己居住的世界與其他世界相連，修復連接光束，阻止世界迅速消亡，而尋找黑暗塔的故事。影片曾歷經公司易手、導演變更、演員調整、頻頻調檔等諸多波折，可謂是好萊塢史上最命運多舛的影片之壹。

公司易手

電影最初由環球電影公司及其姊妹公司NBC環球電視娛樂公司開發。由於高預算，將電影開拍計劃延期之後，環球於2011年7月正式宣布放棄制作《黑暗塔》。

霍華德和制片人格雷澤沒有放棄，他們努力削減了4500萬美元的預算，為此編劇阿齊瓦·高斯曼不得不重寫劇本。這時候華納表示願意給他們機會。但是重寫後的劇本並沒有讓華納滿意，華納很快宣布放棄《黑暗塔》，項目再壹次擱淺。

直到3年後的2015年，電影才最終被索尼

接手，並確認了馬修·麥康納的加盟。

2010年《黑暗塔》項目籌劃時，原本將由《達芬奇密碼》《但丁密碼》的導演朗·霍華德執導此片，布萊恩·格雷澤擔任制片。後來因為預算及各種問題，電影遲遲不能開工，霍華德先去執導了F1賽車手傳記片《極速風流》。在2015年索尼接手後，朗·霍華德導演變為電影監製，改由《皇室風流史》的尼柯萊·阿塞爾執導。

男主角槍俠羅蘭最初確認為哈維爾·巴登飾演，然而隨著電影開拍的延期，口風發生變化，人選變得不能確定。

2012年華納接手項目時，媒體報道羅素·克勞將出演男主角。2015年底，索尼確認伊德瑞斯·艾爾巴飾演槍俠羅蘭。

索尼接手後，最初定檔在2017年1月13日。接著索尼來了壹系列眼花繚亂的調檔手法：先將電影延期至17年暑期檔，然後為了給《絕地戰警3》讓路，又提檔到2月；而後後制作比預期慢，索尼又不願意為了趕工而追加投資，不得不留出時間，將檔期推遲至7月。今年3月索尼宣布將本片和Emoii大電影《表情奇幻冒險》檔期對調，讓後者在開學之前有更多的上映時間。這意味著《黑暗塔》繼續延期，最終定檔於8月4日。

據悉，內地有望引進本片。



金棕櫚獲獎片“自由廣場”首曝預告 當代藝術圈現形記 有望登陸十月歐盟影展

今年戛納電影節金棕櫚獲獎影片《自由廣場》曝出首款預告片，本片由瑞典導演魯本·奧斯特倫德執導，克萊斯·邦、伊麗莎白·莫斯（《使女的故事》）、多米尼克·威斯特（《婚外情事》）、泰瑞·諾塔裏等主演，影片將於8月25日在瑞典本土上映。

影片圍繞著斯德哥爾摩的藝術策展人克萊斯·邦（克萊斯·邦飾演）展開，影片用兩個半小時的時間，探討了關於社會階級、男權、以及當代藝術，其中由泰瑞·諾塔裏飾演壹只大猩猩，並在宴會廳大鬧了壹番。本片在戛納電影節期間收貨評價頗高，場刊評分2.7，算是壹個中等偏上的成績，不過在由中國影評人組成的評分團中，《自由廣場》是唯壹部過了3分的影片。

魯本·奧斯特倫德上部作品《遊

客》入選了2014年戛納電影節的壹種關注單元，《自由廣場》是導演首度入圍戛納電影節主競賽單元，這也可以解釋他為什麼會在頒獎禮那提前如此激動。

據悉，木蘭花影業已經購得本片的北美版權，並將於10月27日在北美小範圍上映，有沒有可能登陸十月份的歐盟影展，讓我們期待壹下吧。

克萊斯·邦的新作《敦刻爾克》下周就將在美國上映；日前，諾蘭在接受外媒採訪時回應了外界對於他選角的爭議。

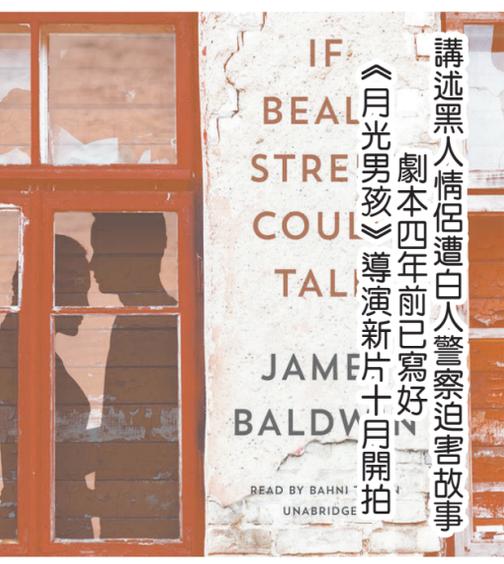
早在《敦刻爾克》卡司正式公布之前，就有不少人質疑“哈卷”哈里斯·泰爾斯作為壹個年輕歌手沒有實力出演這樣壹部電影。現在，諾蘭告訴《今夜娛樂》的記者：“我必須相信自己的直覺，哈里斯是這個角色的絕佳人選。”哈卷在《敦刻爾克》中飾演壹位英國士兵，這是他第壹次出演劇情長片。

“我並不熟悉他。我的意思是，我只是聽孩子們提起過他。試鏡的時候我見到他，我覺得他非常有魅力，他非常坦率但又敏銳，我相信他能演好這個角色。”諾蘭接著說：“當初我請希斯·萊傑演小醜，也有很多人質疑我呀！希望大家看這部電影時不要忽略他的表演，他的表演非常的細致、真實又真誠，他所表現出來的東西很重要，在不同情況下的人性和反應是不同的，就這壹點他完成得相當圓滿。”

《敦刻爾克》今日舉辦了媒體點映，絕大部分媒體認為本片非常出色，故事充滿懸念且配樂無與倫比，湯姆·哈迪和哈卷的表演都得到了贊揚。



“當初我選希斯萊傑也有人質疑呀。”諾蘭談哈卷出演《敦刻爾克》稱贊他是絕佳人選



《月光男孩》導演巴里·傑金斯確認將與Annapurna影業合作拍攝新片《假若比爾街能講話》，這是他今年贏得奧斯卡之後的首部影片。

《假若比爾街能講話》改編自美國黑人作家詹姆斯·鮑德溫的同名小說，寫壹個年輕的黑人女性為維護自己未婚夫的尊嚴和清白，在懷孕期間與白人警察鬥爭的故事。巴里·傑金斯幾年來壹直想完成這部影片的拍攝，2013年創作《月光男孩》的時候，他就已經同時寫好了這部影片的改編劇本。後來他就壹直與鮑德溫基金合作，詹姆斯·鮑德溫的妹妹Gloria Karefka-Smart告訴媒體：“我們很高興是巴里·傑金斯在做這個改編，他是壹位非常出色非常有天賦的導演，他的專業素養讓我們無法拒絕與他的合作。”

巴里·傑金斯在談到詹姆斯·鮑德溫時說：“詹姆斯·鮑德溫是壹位領先於時代的作家，他對於美國這塊土地的思考直到今天仍然有效。將這部小說搬上大銀幕是我壹直以來非常想做的壹件事。”

諾蘭導演正重制4K版“蝙蝠俠”三部曲 “讓觀眾更接近在膠片上拍攝與放映的效果”

華納兄弟的“大本”版蝙蝠俠在大銀幕上風頭正勁，“超蝙大戰”、“正義聯盟”、“蝙蝠俠”獨立電影……然而有許多粉絲依然對[克萊斯·邦·諾蘭]導演的“貝爾”版蝙蝠俠情有獨鍾，畢竟《蝙蝠俠：俠影之謎》、《蝙蝠俠：黑暗騎士》與《蝙蝠俠：黑暗騎士崛起》是影史上最精彩的三部曲之壹。如果妳認為諾蘭的“蝙蝠俠”三部曲好看的話，更激動人心的消息來了，他正在著手重制4K版的三部曲！為了發行DVD/藍光碟

，找回諾蘭導演重制這個系列，絕對是個能掙錢的妙招。

《敦刻爾克》上映在即，諾導行程滿滿。他在與記者的訪談中提到了對於更清晰畫質的熱愛，這也不讓人驚訝，畢竟他是還堅持用膠片拍攝的最後壹批導演中的壹員了。諾蘭認為，4K技術會讓觀眾更加接近在膠片上拍攝和放映的效果。

“4K技術最棒的地方在於，它會更接近我們在膠片上的拍攝效果，”諾導稱贊道，

“光化學層面上完成的35mm膠片分辨率至少是6K，IMAX膠片可以上升到18K。家庭DVD/藍光碟的格式也在不斷發展，4K——特別是帶HDR的4K，會讓我們即使在家看片，也能更接近看原始膠片放映的效果。”

諾蘭還承認，他目前的重制過程壹定會“親力親為”，但觀眾們不壹定馬上就會看到4K版本。“這個過程道阻且長，”他說，“但我覺得結果會很讓人滿意，與眾不同”。讓我們壹起來期待吧！

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2018新年音樂會紅樓夢音樂賞析

(本報訊) 2018, 新的一年如期而至。休士頓中華民樂團, 德州愛樂民族樂團聯合舉辦的新年音樂會也即將隆重登場。每逢新年, 本地國樂迷都知曉休士頓有個新年音樂會; 猶如世人皆知維也納新年音樂會, 那個獨具標誌意義的盛大演出。中華民樂團的新年音樂會已有八年曆史, 但今年的演出頗不尋常, 將會有聲樂珍品奉獻給觀眾, 那就是著名作曲家王立平嘔心瀝血的傳世之作, 美南金嗓子虞曉梅精美詮釋的紅樓夢七首“懷金悼玉”絕唱。

文學巨著《紅樓夢》是曹雪芹傾其畢生經歷的生命力作, 電視劇《紅樓夢》音樂同樣也是王立平先生傾力四年的生命作品。可以這樣說, 電視劇《紅樓夢》音樂是王立平一生創作的巔峰作品。是經過潛心研讀原著, 慎重選詞和反復推敲, 沒有用任何現成的曲調素材, 以全新的、只屬於《紅樓夢》的音樂語言寫出的。回想當年, 王立平曾感慨道: “《紅樓夢》音樂不是我憑空想像的, 而是在書中苦尋而得, 可謂傾盡我的所有。”他回憶說: “那個時候我經常趴在鋼琴上哭, 一開始心裡充滿激動, 就是想為《紅樓夢》寫音樂, 可直到落筆的時候, 突然覺得白茫茫一片, 一個音符都找不到。一年後, 他才擺脫內心掙扎, 開始真正醞釀起《紅樓夢》的音樂。“那天是為探春遠嫁配樂, 這段戲太感動我了, 寫完了以後說不清為什麼, 我趴在鋼琴上淚流不止, 我覺得這音樂應該是曹雪芹的神來之筆。”當兩個最具神性魅力的藝術遭遇到一起, 產生的是怎樣的奇妙與驚嘆。曹雪芹的天才巨著, 如何通過音樂傳達出鬼斧神工般的神韻? 當這些經典的詩詞隨著絕配的音乐傳出時, 迅速迷倒了大眾, 並征服了整整幾代樂迷。1995年, 《紅樓夢》音樂作為套曲入選了二十世紀華人音樂經典。上世紀八十年代, 全國音樂錄音展播, 經投票《紅樓夢》音樂名列第一。足見觀眾對它的喜愛和認可。王立平也因之被譽為“用音樂寫《紅樓夢》的人”, 留下傳世精品的旋律大師。

《紅樓夢》中共有13首歌曲, 這些歌曲的詞全部是從書中選取的詞、曲、令、詩譜寫而成。13首音樂情調相似而音調各異, 又各具風格特點, 與原著中人物的命運緊密相關。休士頓2018新年音樂會將亮相的是《紅樓夢序曲》《秋窗風雨夕》《題帕三絕》《枉凝眉》《分骨肉》《嘆香菱》《葬花吟》七首歌曲。這些歌曲被公認為最精彩的紅樓主題音樂, 每首都堪稱傳世經典, 深受世界各地樂迷的喜愛。《紅樓夢序曲》是描寫書中十二金釵的生活遭遇、人物性格及人生結局的一首樂曲。它彷彿

是全劇劇情的縮影, 預示了賈府由盛至衰的過程。樂曲開端, 便以古箏引入, 以女獨凄清、無奈的“啊”聲, 推出一段哀怨婉轉的嗟嘆, 接著以變幻色彩的弦樂齊奏, 導出《紅樓夢》的主旋律。本地即將上演的新年音樂會, 整個《紅樓夢》音樂是由民族管弦樂演奏的, 典型的中國式的語言, 突出音樂的線條、色彩, 這恰恰是民族樂器最擅長表現的。二胡、琵琶, 古箏是必不可缺的演奏角色, 也最能體現中華文化的優雅古樸和委婉細膩。琴瑟合鳴, 是命途多舛的哀婉; 古琴雲鍾, 給人以“發思古幽情”之長嘆。時而齊奏, 時而對話; 遙相呼應, 此消彼長。絲竹裊裊, 驚人地營造出強烈的空、靈、奇、幻之美; 靜時如嬌花照水, 行處似弱柳扶風。纖纖素指輕撥琴弦, 香茗淡飄, 琴韻離魂。將人們帶入了專屬於《紅樓夢》的音樂空間。

《紅樓夢》是愛情的悲歌, 《枉凝眉》是專門描寫寶黛凄美愛情故事的一首樂曲。曲調清麗婉轉, 唱詞深情婉約, 暗示主人公“心比天高, 命比紙薄”的命運。《嘆香菱》一唱三歎、哀婉的旋律凄美悲切, 給人痛斷肝腸的哀傷。道不盡無奈人生, 唱不完柔腸百轉, 愴然而無奈。《分骨肉》的探春遠嫁, 如狂風急雨, 弦緊聲迸, 展現了探春的精干大氣骨肉分離的空悲切, 旋律大起大落、氣勢恢弘, 委婉淒厲。每每聽之, 不由悲從心來, 淚眼模糊。中國的民族樂器有很強的表現力, 在人聲演唱時, 用二胡和琵琶來和音, 可以使人微妙的情緒得到更加細膩的展現。而且二胡本身音色悲涼感傷, 遇到與之相反清靈剔透的琵琶音色, 迅速營造出亦幻亦真的氛圍。西樂弓弦樂器具有交響樂的特質, 可以填補民族樂器單一的音色, 增加和聲織體的厚度和深度, 這也是紅樓夢音樂表現的一大特徵。例如二胡與小提琴的聯誼, 把二胡哀傷幽怨的音色與小提琴的靈巧悠揚融為一體, 營造了精巧細膩與立體飽滿的奇妙融和, 使人物的音樂形象更加鮮活生動。既有中國古典式的悲感之美, 亦有東方美學深邃之幽。

擔任主唱的虞曉梅是華人社區最受歡迎的民歌演唱家, 她自幼在上海京劇團京劇班接受正規現代京劇訓練, 上海樂團學習聲樂。旅美後, 在加州灣區、休斯頓、達拉斯和拉巴卡, 田納西州, 路易斯安那州, 亞特蘭大, 加拿大多倫多, 溫哥華, 愛德蒙頓等地多次登台表演, 深受觀眾喜愛。同時她自己也是紅樓夢的歌粉, 對這些歌簡直愛到骨子裡。為了唱好紅樓夢, 拜師求藝, 下足了功夫做準備, 付出極大心血和情感。此次她接下膾炙人口的聲樂套

曲《紅樓夢》的系列演唱重擔, 無疑是她豐富多彩舞台生涯的最新挑戰。我和喜愛她的歌迷一樣, 預祝期盼她演唱的巨大成功。

瑞雪迎新年。休士頓雖難得一見冬雪, 但你可走進紅樓夢的音樂殿堂, 去踏雪尋梅, 領略那昔日美艷, 長歌絕響。你也可以低吟淺唱那紅樓夢中曲, 這些淒婉的歌就是一部用音樂鑄就的紅樓夢——開闢鴻蒙, 誰為情種? 都只為風月情濃, 奈何天, 傷懷日。這悲金悼玉的紅

樓夢, 如歌而逝, 如夢而醒, 落花流水滄桑, 地老天荒盡在不言中。穿過繁華的塵囂, 心歸於寂寥不朽的古樸。一場紅樓賞樂, 遺下雋久的暗香餘韻……

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