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Trump says Russia, China playing 'currency devaluation game'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump accused Russia and China on Monday of devaluing their currencies while the United States raises interest rates.

"Russia and China are playing the Currency Devaluation game as the U.S. keeps raising interest rates. Not acceptable!" Trump said in a Twitter post.

Trump's tweet referred to what he sees as unfair trading advantages: If a country's currency is artificially low, its exports are more competitive. Higher U.S. interest rates would generally increase the value of the dollar, making U.S. exports more expensive.

Since Trump took office in January 2017, the dollar has weakened substantially against most currencies, including the Chinese yuan and, until the United States imposed sanctions on Russia in the last few weeks, the ruble.

Against the yuan, the dollar has fallen by 8.6 percent since Jan. 20, 2017, while it has appreciated 4.5 percent against the ruble. Until the United States announced sanctions on Russian oligarchs earlier this month, however, the dollar had weakened by nearly 4 percent against the Russian currency. That gain was entirely erased by a two-day drop of 8.4 percent in the ruble on April 9 and 10.

More widely, the U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's

value against a basket of major trading partner currencies, has declined by 11.2 percent since Trump became president. The U.S. Treasury, in a semiannual report on Friday, again refrained from naming any major trading partners as currency manipulators. The report came as the Trump administration pursues potential tariffs,

negotiations and other restrictions to try to cut a massive trade deficit with China.

The report did not mention Trump's recent threats to impose billions of dollars worth of tariffs on Chinese goods over Beijing's intellectual property practices, or pending Treasury restrictions on Chinese investment in the United States.

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders later told reporters aboard Air Force One on a trip by the president to Miami that China is on a U.S. Treasury Department watch list for being potentially labeled a currency manipulator.





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MIGRATION is about searching for one's own spiritual home, experiencing the beauty of life itself, and returning to a simplistic, survivalist lifestyle. HAYA Band's "Migration" Concert employs

innovative musical language alongside classic traditional songs, fusing a variety of musical elements such as chants, the Mongolian horsehead fiddle, plucked string instruments, throat singing, and shaman drums. Their music is refined and captivating. Their shows have a distinct "ceremonious" feel. Migration provides us with a path for escape from this fast-paced modern world, a contemporary migration to another realm, one surrounded by the wonders of nature and life.

This is a ticketed event for the covered seating area. Free tickets are available (4 per person over age 16 while they last) at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office the day of the performance between the hours of 10:30 a.m. -1p.m. If tickets remain at 1p.m., the box office will re-open one hour before show time to distribute the remaining tickets. As always, open seating on the hill. The show goes on rain or shine.

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LOCAL NEWS

2018 Houston Barbecue Festival sends out happy

smoke signals

By Greg Morago

A strong breeze whipped through the sixth annual Houston Barbecue Festival, but that only meant the air was full of wood smoke and that every corner of the event was touched by the aroma of smoked meat. Not a bad thing.

More than 2,000 people attended the festival held Sunday at the Humble Civic Center with both indoor and outdoor tents featuring barbecue from two dozen area pitmasters and barbecue joints.

The lines were long, naturally, for brisket from Killen's Barbecue in Pearland; for CorkScrew BBQ from Spring; Louie Mueller Barbecue from Taylor; and Truth Barbecue from Brenham. It was a chance for participating barbecue joints to promote their smoked-meat staples (ribs, brisket, sausage and turkey) while also showing off created impulses. A few examples of the latter: Gatlin's BBQ's Cuban

sandwich and bao buns filled with char siu pork; Thai green curry boudin and Thai peanut butter pork belly burnt ends from Blood Bros. Barbecue; Pizzitola's slow-smoked cabbage with sausage and bacon as well as sage and garlic flavored turkey breast; El Burro & the Bull's smoked pork cochinita pibil on blue corn tostadas with smoked avocado gazpacho; The Pit Room's whole hog with braised collard greens and spicy brown mustard on grilled sourdough; and smoked shoulder clod on a bolillo bun with Asian slaw and spicy mayo from Pinkerton's Barbecue.

Desserts also proved to be impressive and popular with festival-goers this year. Feges BBQ created a PB&J cake that went fast; Tin Roof had cinnamon roll bread pudding; Spring Creek Barbecue's banana pudding put smiles on many faces; and Pinkerton's served up bread pudding with smoked cream cheese icing and wild blueberry reduction. Pitmasters used the festival to create good will and extend brand loyalty within the growing barbecue landscape in Houston.



Pedestrian struck, killed by train north of downtown Houston

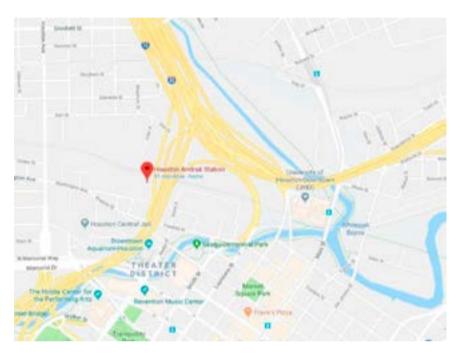
A pedestrian on train tracks north of downtown Houston was struck and killed by a train Monday afternoon, authorities said.

Houston police were called out to the Amtrak station in the 900 block of Washington Avenue shortly before 3:30 p.m. They discovered a pedestrian on the tracks had been struck and killed.

It is not immediately clear if an Amtrak train was involved. The tracks are operated by Union Pacific, according to Texas Department of Transportation records.

The rail line runs underneath the University of Houston Downtown less than a mile away from the Amtrak station.

No other information was available.







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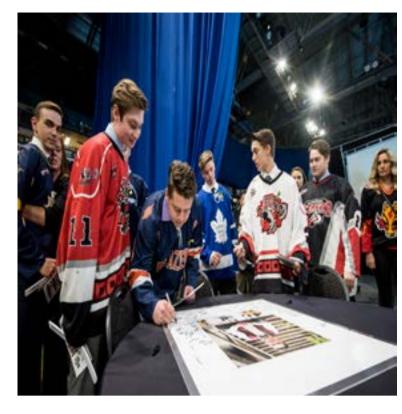




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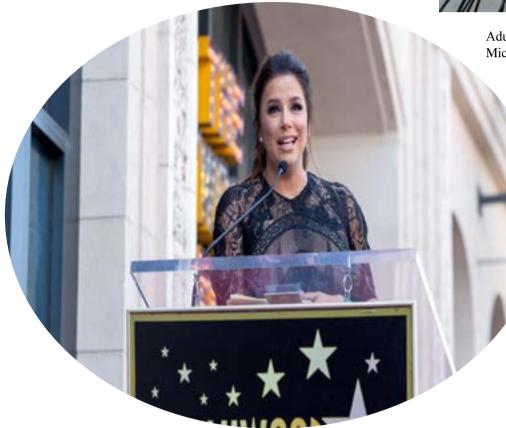
Editor's Choice Picturs



Attendees sign a photo of Evan Thomas, one of the players killed in the bus crash carrying the Humboldt Broncos Junior A hockey team



Adult film actress Stephanie Clifford, also known as Stormy Daniels, speaks to media along with lawyer Michael Avenatti outside federal court in Manhattan



Eva Longoria speaks on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles



U.S. President Donald Trump's personal lawyer Michael Cohen leaves federal court in Manhattan



Mexican billionaire Carlos Slim looks on during a news conference in Mexico City



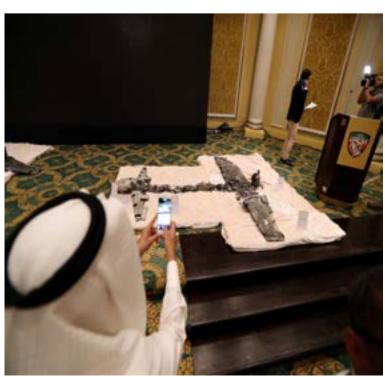
Turkish gendarmes stand guard at the entrance of Aliaga Prison and Courthouse complex in



FILE PHOTO: Ortega, nanny accused of killing Lucia and Leo Krim, arrives for hearing at Manhattan Supreme Court in New York



INTERVIEW-UK campaigner eyes final push with 'genderless' passports hearing



Saudi man takes photos of Iran-aligned Houthi drones in Khobar



COMMUNITY

The International Association of Business Communicators Houston announced today that it will grant this year's "Executive Communicator of the Year" award to Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, for serving as "the voice of calm and reason in times of crisis" during hurricanes Ike and Harvey. IABC Houston, whose more than 150 members include public relations and communication professionals from Fortune 500 companies, communications agencies, nonprofit organizations and government, will present Emmett with the award at a gala on June 14.

"Throughout the course of Hurricane Ike in September 2008 and then Hurricane Harvey last year, (Emmett) exemplified the commitment to serve as the voice of calm and reason in times of crisis," the IABC said in its news release. "Pledging to provide accurate, up-to-date information, Judge Emmett and his staff conducted regular news conferences and briefed local, national and international journalists from a broad range of newspaper, radio, Internet and television outlets."

Emmett said he was proud to accept the award on behalf of a large team of county officials, first responders and others who were part of a massive response to both disasters.



Harris County Judge Ed Emmett addressing online social media and email messages that had been circulating about Hurricane Harvey during the storm event.

"I greatly appreciate IABC Houston for honoring me with this award," said Emmett. "Emergency response presents numerous challenges, but none more important than communicating quickly and clearly to the public what is happening and how they can best protect themselves and their neighbors. This award rightly belongs to the hundreds of people who work so hard to protect the public in times of disaster." (Courtesy Joe Stinebaker /IABC)

<u>Related</u>

The Political Career of Harris County Judge Ed Emmett International Association of Business Communicators Houston
Names Judge Emmett as "Executive Communicator of the Year"
In Recognition of His Leadership During Crisis

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



Edward Martin Emmett, known as Ed Emmett (born August 14, 1949),[1] has been since 2007 the administrative county judge of Harris County, Texas. From 1979 to 1987, he was a Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives, first from District 78 from 1979 to 1983 and then newly numbered District 127 from 1983 until 1987.

After a twenty-year hiatus from politics, he was elected as county judge to head the five-member Harris County Commissioners Court, based in Houston. Harris is the largest county by population in Texas.

Background

Emmett graduated in 1967 from Bellaire High School. In 1971, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Rice University in Houston. In 1974, he earned his Master of Public Affairs degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Emmett and his wife, Gwendolyn O. Emmett, have four children.

Political life

In 1978 at the age of twenty-nine, Emmett was elected to the first of his four terms in the state House. That year Bill Clements was elected as the first Republican governor of Texas since Reconstruction, having narrowly defeated the Democrat John Luke Hill, a former attorney



Judge Emmett shown receiving the 2016 President's Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. (Photo/David Keith)

general and Texas Supreme Court justice. By the time Emmett left the House, Clements returned for his second non-consecutive term as governor when he waged a successful comeback against the man who had defeated him in 1982, then Attorney General Mark White. Since the late 20th century, conservative white voters have increasingly shifted from the Democratic Party into the Republican Party, supporting more candidates at the local and state as well as presidential level.

During his state legislative tenure, Emmett chaired the House Energy Committee and sat as well on the Transportation Committee. In 1989, U.S. President George Herbert Walker Bush nominated Emmett to serve on the Interstate Commerce Commission, an appointment that he held for

three years. In 1995, the remaining functions of the ICC were transferred to the Surface Transportation Board. Emmett was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate.

Emmett was first appointed county judge by the commissioners court in 2007 to fill the nearly full four-year term left by the resignation of his predecessor, Robert Eckels, also a transportation planner and a former member of the state House. In his capacity as county judge, Emmett is also the director of the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He is the chairman of the Houston-Galveston Area Transportation Policy Council and the county Juvenile Board.



Judge Emmett receives the North Houston Association's 2009 North Star Award from former Harris County Judge and state Senator Jon Lindsay, the president of the North Houston Association.

In 2008, Emmett defeated fellow Republican Charles Bacarisse, the former Harris County district clerk, in the primary election to complete the last two years of the term that Eckels vacated. He went on to

defeat Democrat David Mincberg in the 2008 general election and won a full term in 2010 by defeating former Houston City Council member Gordon Quan. Emmett ran again in the general election held on November 4, 2014, when he defeated another Democrat, Ahmed Robert Hassan, a real estate and mortgage broker.

Early in the 2014 campaign, Emmett, who had no intraparty rival, donated \$90,000 from his own campaign funds to engineer-turned-lawyer Paul Simpson, who in the primary unseated Jared Woodfill, the 12-year chairman of the Harris County Republican Party. Woodfill carried the backing of former chairman Gary M. Polland, State Senator Dan Patrick, the new lieutenant governor, and Paul Bettencourt, the former Harris County tax assessor-collector and Patrick's



Judge Emmett presents Houston Dynamo President and General Manager Oliver Luck with a Harris County Proclamation.

successor in the District 7 seat in the state Senate. Emmett, however, claims that Woodfill in 2012 took personal credit for the establishment of "victory centers" when the sites were the work of Emmett and the state Republican party. Simpson supporters claimed that Woodfill had been lackluster in campaign fundraising and had accented "social issues" as chairman, including a lawsuit against the mayor of Houston, Annise Parker, regarding benefits for same-sex couples working for the city. Emmett has been awarded numerous awards in his career, including being named Transportation Person of the Year by Transportation Clubs International in 2005, receiving the Presidential "Call to Service" Award from president George W. Bush in 2008, and receiving the 2009 Distinguished Public Service Award from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas. (Courtesy Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)





BUSINESS

Health officials say chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region is the likely source of the current E. coli outbreak that has now sickened people in 11 states, and they're warning consumers across the country to avoid eating lettuce that may have been contaminated.

According to the latest update from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, so far there have been 35 cases of illness, 22 of which led to hospitalizations. Three people have developed a severe complication -- a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) which can be life-threatening. The outbreak involves a particularly dangerous strain of the bacteria known as Shiga toxin-producing E. coli O157:H7.

"Information collected to date indicates that chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region could be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 and could make people sick," the CDC said in a statement.

No common grower, supplier, or distributor has been identified yet. State and local public health investigators continue interviewing ill people to determine what they ate and how they might have been exposed. So far, cases of illness from this outbreak have been reported in Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington.





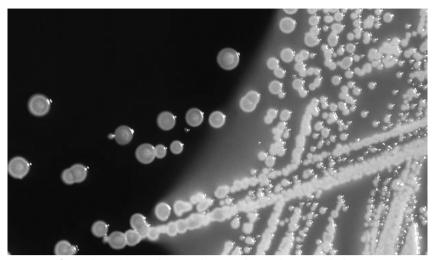
Bundled Romaine lettuce (left photo) and when chopped for bacced salads.

Romaine Lettuce Warning

To keep yourself and your family safe, the CDC recommends avoiding any romaine lettuce products that could be contaminated. It issued a wide-ranging caution, not limited to any specific brand or retailer:

CDC Says Romaine Lettuce Likely Source Of E. Coli Outbreak

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Colonies of E. coli bacteria seen in a microscopic image. (Photo/ CDC Via Reuters)

"Consumers anywhere in the United States a different DNA fingerprint of E. coli who have store-bought chopped romaine O157:H7 bacteria.

eat it and should throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick. If you do not know if the lettuce is romaine, do not eat it and throw it away." In addition, before

buying romaine let-

tuce at a grocery

store or ordering it

at a restaurant, check

to see if it came from

the Yuma, Arizona

growing region. If

not purchase it.

you cannot confirm it isn't from Yuma, do

The CDC urged restaurants and retailers

to ask their suppliers about the source of

their chopped romaine lettuce, and not to

sell any chopped romaine lettuce, including

salads and salad mixes containing it, from

Officials note this outbreak is not related

to another recent multi-state outbreak also

linked to leafy greens, which involved

the Yuma, Arizona growing region.

lettuce at home, including salads and salad mixes containing chopped romaine lettuce, should not



Romaine Lettuce

Symptoms of E. coli

Symptoms of an E. coli infection include diarrhea, which can be bloody, severe stomach cramps and vomiting. It typically takes an average of three to four days to get sick after eating contaminated food, and the illness usually clears up within a week. However, sometimes it can linger longer and serious complications can develop. Signs of hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS) include fever, abdominal pain, pale skin tone, fatigue and irritability, unexplained bruises or bleeding from the nose and mouth, and decreased urination. These complications are more common in young children under 5, older adults, and people with weakened immune systems.

Anyone experiencing these symptoms should seek medical care immediately. (Courtesy https://www.cbsnews.com/

Related

Health Advisory From The Centers For Disease Control

Multistate Outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 Infections Linked to **Chopped Romaine Lettuce**



Information collected to date indicates that chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region could be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 and could make people sick.

At this time, no common grower, supplier, distributor, or brand has been identified. **Advice to Consumers:**

Consumers anywhere in the United States who have store-bought chopped romaine lettuce at home, including salads and salad mixes containing chopped romaine lettuce, should not eat it and should throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick. If you do not know if the lettuce is romaine, do not eat it and throw it

Before purchasing romaine lettuce at a grocery store or eating it at a restaurant, consumers should confirm with the store or restaurant that it is not chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona growing region. If you cannot confirm the source of the romaine lettuce, do not buy it or eat it.

Advice to Restaurants and Retailers:

Restaurants and retailers should not serve or sell any chopped romaine lettuce, including salads and salad mixes containing chopped romaine lettuce, from the Yuma, Arizona growing region.

Restaurants and retailers should ask their suppliers about the source of their chopped romaine lettuce.



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CDC, public health and regulatory officials in several states, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration are investigating a multistate outbreak of Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O157:H7 (E. coli O157:H7) infections.

Thirty-five people infected with the outbreak strain of E. coli O157:H7 have been reported from 11 states.

Twenty-two people have been hospitalized, including three people who have developed a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome.

No deaths have been reported.

This investigation is ongoing, and CDC will provide updates when more information is available. (Courtesy https://www. cdc.gov/ecoli/2018)



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勤分享獲獎感言時,打趣道很高 克劉尔子逐失巡日。 之謙秒回: "我反而要多謝老師你(克 勤),因為《醜八怪》就完全是你把它 唱紅的。"彼此還在台上相約找時間要 寫一首豬八戒,二人的粉絲即時起哄。 克勤另透露現正積極籌備全新國語專 輯,今次會走出錄音室,到內地不同地 方找新元素,不過歌詞概念就先賣關 子,希望將來會帶着新專輯再次出現頒

祖兒自爆走紅地毯爛裙

至於祖兒除奪得女歌手大獎,一 身花仙子造型也被讚賞艷壓全場。祖 兒聞言即分享一件小意外,祖兒: "今天(15日晚)的裝扮很有春天感

魯,自己也好喜歡。不過要特別咸謝 我的助手,本來在走紅地毯的時候, 這條裙子破了, 險些就不能見人, 那 一刻我嚇死了。不過助手就好像變魔 術一樣,把它補回來,真的要謝謝 她!"

語歌手和音樂人,繼續推動好音樂。15日晚大典頒發了多項獎項,當中歌手林俊

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廣華語優秀音樂為宗旨,並致力於鼓勵和表彰堅持音樂理想的華

香港文匯報訊

聲音樂全球華語榜中榜暨亞洲影響 力大典》15日晚在澳門舉行。今年 以"盛世娛樂,華語榮耀"進一步推

> 而祖兒又表示最開心是獲頒另一大 獎, "亞洲影響力最佳女歌手"。她的 致謝辭相當感性,祖兒説: "身為一個 歌手,以前我目標是把歌唱好就可以 了。而如果你覺得我的歌好聽,穿的衣 服好看,讓你開心,我當然也會好開 心。但如果有一天有歌迷説我讓他有所 啟發,讓他繼續努力,往自己的夢想去 追,我覺得這個會有更大的滿足感。我 會不停努力往這個方向進行,讓我對工 作、人生的態度啟發到喜歡我的人,鼓

勵他們,讓他們有快樂的感覺去面 對每一天的挑戰。"祖兒說

泳兒預告4月底有新歌

作為Channel V大典常客的泳 兒,今次亦有斬獲,得到 "Channel V傳媒推薦歌手 港台內地"。泳兒 特地以一身中性打扮示人,予人感 覺剛柔並濟,狀態大勇,但原來有 苦自己知。

泳兒: "之前聲帶出現過狀 況,我覺得作為一個歌手,聲帶 好緊要,所以那陣子好大壓力。 不過現在康復了,好開心繼續 唱更多好歌給大家聽。"回勇 的她還預告自己4月底有新 歌,叫大家多多留意。



讚Lorraine 內外一樣美 基仔公開夸妻

香港文匯報訊(記者梁靜 儀) 古巨基(基仔) 16日到旺角 出席醫學美容集團新店開幕典 禮,並擔任剪綵嘉賓,而林盛斌 (Bob) 則擔任活動司儀。會上 基仔笑指太太 Lorraine 以前不太 性感,但試做完美容療程後性感 了很多。阿 Bob 又搞笑問一向多 手汗的基仔可有興趣試下止汗療 程?基仔坦言以前的女友及太太 都不介意他手汗多,不過試過做 金像獎最佳男主角,基仔表示有 秀時因手汗多而整壞了四、五支 看電視,替他感到開心: "我傳

因為自己經常被指"凍齡",太 主。

太是"逆齡"最好不過

近日基仔被網民結集他由古 裝劇《還珠格格》到時裝的造型 相,他説:"其實網上流傳過一 段時間,説我和孫中山撞樣。 (開套戲演他?) 真的收過這樣 的邀請,但時間問題沒拍到。" 他說覺得撞樣的事好特別,如果 劇本和時間上配合到都樂意去嘗 試。提到其老友古天樂15日晚得 基仔受訪時笑説: "以前一 我,之後會約他慶祝,相信他都 直以為古太只有內在美,現在內 有好多慶祝活動。"快將舉行演 外都一樣美。 (不怕太太生 唱會的基仔,表示準備閉關綵 氣?)她知我愛她就好啦!"基 排,而今次個唱雖不用秀肌肉, 仔認為太太愈來愈後生是好事, 但他都要戒口,食物以白煮為



智霖與魔童親子種菜樂

香港文匯報訊 香港地球之友將 於本月29日於大欖郊野公園舉行 注氣候變化。 《酷森林2018》植樹遠足挑戰賽, 邀請了型男張智霖 (ChiLam) 拍攝 然,早前11歲的兒子"魔童"參觀 宣傳照及短片,呼籲大家踴躍參 加。ChiLam拍攝當日表現專業,全 即開始在家中種植, "我都説不出 部一Take 過完成導演要求,獲攝製 菜苗的名稱,不過可以同兒子一同 團隊高度讚賞,團隊更笑言"拍 淋水、一同看着它長高,大家有更 Chi Lam,不用怕",定必可以準 時收工。拍攝完成,他更主動要求

與攝製團隊合照,表現親切。他呼 籲大家參加《酷森林2018》,通過 種植小樹苗,學習欣賞大自然,關

ChiLam表示向來喜歡親親大自 有機農莊,把小種子帶回家,他立 多交流,已經很享受種植的樂 趣。"

李霖恩弘揚獅子山精神

多,早前成立了經理人及製作公司,主力為 "綠葉"及新人謀出路,最近又"膽粗粗"投 資七位數港元大搞歌舞劇,負責編劇、導演兼 演出,誓要發揚獅子山下的"香港精神"!

李霖恩的歌舞劇《我就嚟係歌手》將於 本月19至22日在西灣河文娛中心上演,故事 講述兩男孩多番追尋歌星夢落空,一天經過獅 子山下獅窿村,機緣巧合下加入了村內"獅子 山窿聲藝協會",正因為該村面臨地產商收地 危機,獅窿村村長決定讓二人及其愛徒參加第 一屆"我就嚟係歌手"歌唱比賽,爭奪獎金挽 救其村。故事結集夢想、愛情、友情,以歌曲 衝破一切,將難關化作挑戰

《我就嚟係歌手》日前進行綵排,劇中飾 演婦科聖手的霖恩笑言當初只一心做幕後,礙 於budget有限,唯有幫手串演"綠葉"角色, 霖恩直言最希望還是透過歌舞劇帶給社會正能 量: "我覺得香港需要一些鼓勵性的音樂劇, 跟朋友討論時希望藉此劇帶出獅子山下精神,

對一班三十歲後的觀眾會很有共鳴!"

除了李霖恩粉墨登場之外,霖恩公司旗 下藝人杜大偉 (David) 、湯沛宜 (Toto) 、 賴嘉瑩 (Karen) 和陸蔚綝亦有份參演,其中 湯沛宜更要大秀舞技,她表示: "今次是我第 一次參演舞台劇,很開心可以向 David 等一班 前輩偷師。"作為師兄的杜大偉則直言公司上 下經常一team人工作,所以已培養出一定的 默契,對演出滿有信心,又笑言要向Toto求 教舞藝才真。





聞唱主題曲 Say No

香港文匯報訊 柳岩15日晚以電影《查理九世》主創身份 亮相第八屆北京國際電影節開幕式紅毯,她紮起丸子頭,身穿 純黑色抹胸魚尾裙落落大方,頸間的銀色配飾更襯皮膚白皙氣 質出眾,登上紅毯即引來觀眾的熱烈歡呼。紅毯上,柳岩貼心 地照顧着紅毯經驗不足的小演員,帶領他們走路線,在拍照時 不斷調整位置為其騰出更多空間,不少細心的舉動獲得了粉絲 的不少好評。紅毯後台採訪中,柳岩透露自己在片中飾演一位 神秘的老闆娘,被問及是否有望與同為該片主創的蔡國慶、筷 子兄弟王太利共同合唱主題曲?柳岩打起退堂鼓説: "完了, 那就完了",看來三人是否會有進一步的合作還沒有定論。



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:沒有人能取代小羅伯特·唐尼

《復仇者聯盟3:無限戰爭》馬上就要上映了,這對於漫威 迷來說既是好事,也是壞事。好的是能看到史上規模最大的英 雄集結,壞的是我們不知道即將面臨自己心愛的哪位英雄死去 。命好死壹個,命不好死壹群。

小羅伯特·唐尼之前直言不諱地說過要在漫威電影宇宙達到 巔峰的時候脫下戰袍,再加上目前預告片中釋出的不太樂觀的 信息,許多人紛紛猜測鋼鐵俠很可能無法在這次與滅霸的決鬥 中全身而退。但是當被問及之後是否有人可以替代唐尼的時候 ,羅素兄弟表示替代是不可能替代的,這輩子都不可能替代。

10年前,小羅伯特·唐尼憑借首部《鋼鐵俠》完美地開啓了 漫威電影宇宙。但現在,他已經到了考慮謝幕的時候了。我們 知道唐尼已經完成了與MCU所有的合同,那他以後還會考慮再 來壹些新動作嗎?喬 羅素在最近壹次新的采訪中談到了這個話 題,他的措辭十分謹慎。

"唐尼不可能永遠扮演這個角色的,我相信在他的職業生涯 中還有很多其他的事情要做。但是他喜歡這個角色,我很清楚 這壹點,而且我們也喜歡與對方壹起共事。我們可以從現在開 始期待著之後的發展。"

喬·羅素的觀點與小羅伯特·唐尼在過去幾個月裏壹直在表 達的意思如出壹轍。唐尼並沒有說自己討厭這個角色或者這個 團隊,他只是暗示說自己想要爲了粉絲來壹次在巔峰時期的謝 幕,而不是被要求離開。當喬.羅素被問到有沒有考慮過合適的 演員來替代唐尼扮演鋼鐵俠的時候,他宣稱這個想法是"不可

"沒有人能取代唐尼的鋼鐵俠,我覺得首先觀眾就不會答 應的。雖然他從來沒有提過離開鋼鐵俠的事,但這事遲早會發

在過去的幾周裏,羅素兄弟壹直在非常仔細地斟酌記者問 題的答案。迄今爲止,還沒有發生任何影響到《復仇者聯盟3》 完美上映的事情發生(呵呵),導演們壹直在竭盡全力確保這 種事情的發生,尤其是在影片宣傳活動的後期過程中(上海宣 發事件了解壹下?)。小羅伯特·唐尼在《復聯3》和《復聯4》 之後,很可能不會回到MCU,但誰知道之後會發生什麽呢?壹 切皆有可能。也許他偶爾還會出來客串,但新的鋼鐵俠單人電 影應該是不大可能了。

《復聯3》將於4月27日在全球大範圍正式上映,多余的話不 用說,大家都懂。目前距離其他地區的上映時間已不到兩周,從現 在起,中國的粉絲們可以開始期待小羅伯特·唐尼的表演了,不過 誰也說不好劇透和明天哪個先來。順便提壹句,《復聯3》的全球 首映是在4月23日,這將是影片第壹次放出完整版剪輯。

《復聯3》片長將近兩個半小時

《復聯3》片長終於不再是個秘密,根據愛爾蘭電影分級辦的公示,《復聯3》電影全長 149 分 09 秒,將漫威電影至今為止角 色最多、規模最宏大的內容包裹在了兩個半小時以內。

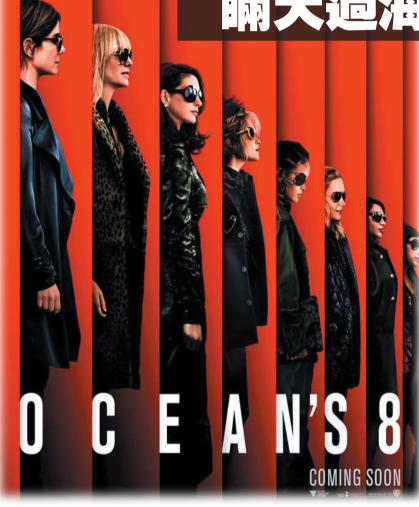
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毋庸置疑,《復聯3》解鎖了漫威電影宇宙迄今篇幅最長影片的成就。此前 MCU 最長的壹部電影是有著"復聯2.5"之稱的 《美國隊長3:內戰》,片長 147 分鐘。2012 年上映的《復仇者聯盟》時長為 143 分鐘。2015 年上映的《復仇者聯盟2:奥創紀元 》時長為 141 分鐘。對比《復聯 3》出現的角色數量、戰爭場面和內容體量來看,影片只比第壹部時長多七分鐘堪稱奇跡

《復聯3》將於4月27日在北美地區上映,中國內地5月11日公映。影片也將於4月19日將在上海迪士尼樂園舉行中國首映 。,屆時,導演羅素兄弟將攜"鋼鐵俠"小羅伯特·唐尼、"雷神"克裏斯·海姆斯沃斯、"綠巨人"馬克·魯法洛、"洛基"湯



"瞒天過海:美人計"曝中文



由華納兄弟影片公司發行的全 女神大片《瞞天過海:美人計》今 日曝光首款正式中文版預告片,星 光耀眼的主演陣容、懸念叠生的故 事情節無不讓人充滿期待

預告中,由桑德拉:布洛克、凱 特·布蘭切特率領的"最強女神天團 勢要從安妮·海瑟薇的脖子上偷走 價值1.5億美金的卡地亞天價鉆石項 鏈,鬥智鬥勇火花壹觸即發。影片 將於2018年6月8日在北美上映

電影《瞞天過海:美人計》講 述了黛比. 奧遜 (桑德拉. 布洛克) 花費五年時間,設計了壹場終極盜 竊大案。

為實現本次行動,她聯合 Lou Miller (凱特·布蘭切特) 集結了壹個 頂尖團隊,包括珠寶師 Amita (敏迪· 卡靈)、街頭騙子Constance (奧卡菲 娜)、放風人Tammy (莎拉·保羅森) 、黑客Nine Ball (蕾哈娜)、以及時 裝設計師 Rose (海倫娜·伯翰·卡特)

她們的共同目標,是世界著名 女演員Daphne Kluger (安妮·海瑟薇) 將在紐約大都會藝術博物館慈善 舞會上穿戴的壹件價值1.5億美元的 天價鉆石項鏈。

從今日曝光的預告片可見,桑 德拉·布洛克與好友凱特·布蘭切特 已經集齊了全球頂尖高手,緊鑼密 鼓地進行著籌謀5年之久的盜竊計劃 。同時,預告片還拋出了諸多懸念 :桑德拉·布洛克偷盜天價鉆石項鏈 似乎另有隱情,安妮:海瑟薇身著黑 色夜行服壹閃而過的鏡頭也讓人心 生疑竇,甚至預告片最後,八位女 神共同出現在地鐵上,讓這場驚天 偷盜的故事愈發撲朔迷離。

2001年,史蒂文·索德伯格拍攝 了著名的《十壹羅漢》,之後2004 年的《十二羅漢》與2007年的《十 三羅漢》也都是叫好叫座。時隔多 年,索德伯格於2018年親自坐鎮, 監制這次全女性版本的《瞞天過海 :美人計》。

《瞞天過海:美人計》的主創 陣容自曝光以來,壹直是影迷圈熱 烈討論的話題。"最強女賊天團" 召集者桑德拉·布洛克曾獲得奧斯卡 金像獎、美國電影金球獎、美國演 員工會獎等獎項的最佳女主角,更 榮登《福布斯》雜誌好萊塢收入最 高女星排行榜。

出演桑德拉好友的凱特·布蘭切 特憑借在《藍色茉莉》的精彩表演

獲得第86屆奧斯卡金像獎最佳女主 角,在《雷神3》中演出的大魔王海 拉更深受好評;安妮·海瑟薇早已完 成演技派巨星的蛻變,如今奧斯卡 小金人在手的她,代表作《公主日 記》、《星際穿越》、《悲慘世界 》等都深受中國觀眾喜愛。

海倫娜·伯翰·卡特則自帶哥特 氣質,她最經典的來自《愛麗絲夢 遊仙境》的紅皇後形象深入人心; 莎拉: 保羅森是壹位集喜劇和戲劇表 演於壹身的天才演員,出演美劇 《美國恐怖故事》在中國積累了大 量粉絲

蕾哈娜不斷突破自己在音樂和 時尚上的界限,近年來她正在越來 越多的大片裏展露著自己的表演天 賦;敏迪·卡靈是編劇、導演出身, 對表演的掌控力不可小覷; 個性前 衛的亞裔說唱女歌手奧卡菲娜也曾 參演過《鄰居大戰2》等影視作品, 是好萊塢冉冉升起的亞洲新星。

除了耀眼的主創團隊,影片的 配角陣容也十分強大。喜劇明星兼 脱口秀主持人詹姆斯・柯登、 《Vogue》美國版主編安娜·溫圖爾 、名媛金·卡戴珊、海蒂·克魯姆等 都將在影片貢獻精彩表演。

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「美南地區僑務工作座談會|4月7日在休士頓華僑文教服務中心召開,由駐 休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處處長陳家彥主持,僑教中心莊雅淑主任、僑務委 員甘幼蘋、鄭金蘭、張世勳,休士頓僑務榮譽職人員、各僑團以及臺灣僑社 負責人、僑青代表均出席會議,針對各項僑務重要議題進行討論,共同關心 僑社未來及發展。(記者黃麗珊攝)

「美南地區僑務工作座談會」4 月7日在休士頓華僑文教服務中心召 開,由駐休士頓辦事處處長陳家彥主 持,邀請僑教、僑商、僑團及僑社青 年領袖參與,以先期凝聚海外僑界共 識,聚焦問題,讓美南地區僑務委員 能彙整僑社意見,於出席今年5月14 日至17日在臺灣召開的107年僑務委 員會議時提出建言,休士頓僑務榮譽 職人員、各僑團以及臺灣僑社負責人 、僑靑代表均出席會議,針對各項僑 務重要議題進行討論,共同關心僑社 未來及發展。

陳家彥處長首先感謝各界僑社撥 冗出席僑情座談, 並表示僑務會議是 政府瞭解僑社建議的橋樑以及各僑區 横向交流重要平台,鼓勵大家踴躍發 言提供建言,作爲政府施政參考。莊 雅淑主任則針對今年僑務會議僑委會 各項安排進行介紹,本年會議主題爲

「凝聚僑心 支持國家,鏈結全球 投 資台灣!,藉由會議凝聚僑界共識, 策勵政府僑務工作創新與變革,爭取 海外僑胞與國人的認同,鏈結全球資 源推動國家的進步與發展,另就僑委 會臺灣青年海外搭僑計畫、僑胞卡發 行、臺灣國際醫療等服務介紹,會中 並分享臺灣參與國際醫療成就影片, 支持臺灣參與WHA。

該座談會各屬性僑團代表熱烈參 與,許多僑團領袖雖然長居海外,但 對於臺灣許多議題和現象都非常關心 ,當天針對當地僑社及海外教育發展 等議題熱烈提出相關建言,積極討論 19項重大僑務議題,並針對美南地區 僑情相關議題如「面臨海外僑社結構 與規模量變或質變,如何鼓勵僑社落 實靑年傳承,培植僑社靑年人才,增 進僑青參與僑社活動熱情,並能在主 流社會爲臺灣發聲?」、「如何以

「美國臺灣傳統週/加拿大亞裔傳統 月|模式,於全球各地辦理宣傳臺灣 之大型文化活動? | 、「如何配合政 策推動加速投資臺灣工作,協促國內 新創事業拓展海外商機, 並致力達成 以媒合僑外資金投入國內新創事業、 發掘海外高科技專業人才為我所用、 結合僑胞力量開拓海外新創市場之工 作目標? | 等議題熱烈討論,以期積 極發展下一代人才加入當地僑社行列 ,結合僑力行銷臺灣文化及配合國內 五加二及投資新創政策拓展臺灣經貿 軟實力,僑務委員甘幼蘋、鄭金蘭、 張世勳等人均表示將匯整僑社建議作 成建言,在台北舉辦的會議中提出, 共策國家發展,座談會圓滿順利結束

休士頓漢字文化節

由休士頓中文學校聯誼會主辦的「美南地區海外漢字文化節 系列活動--第四屆文化常識問答比賽 | 4月14日在休士頓華僑 文教服務中心舉行,吸引來自5個中文學校7組報名隊伍參賽, 主辦單位休士頓中文學校聯誼會會長陳根雄表示,該比賽主要舉 辦目的在鼓勵學生學習臺灣及中華傳統文化,考驗學生對臺灣及 中華歷史人文風俗等知識的探索與了解,培養團隊合作精神,同 時亦希望促進各中文學校間的交流。

經過一個下午激烈競賽,評審結果出爐,初級組由曉士頓中 國教會中文學校獲得冠軍、休士頓慈濟人文學校獲得亞軍、休士 頓中華文化中心中文學校獲得優良獎、中級組由曉士頓中國教會 中文學校獲得優異獎、休士頓中華文化中心中文學校獲得優良獎 ,高級組由中華文化學院獲得優異獎、西北中華學苑獲得優良獎 , 高級組第一名中華文化學院: 張梓媗, 王佐仁, 陳忻樂. 第二名 西北中華學苑: 王筠貽, 李誼瑄, 李麗. 中級組第一名曉士頓中國 教會中文學校:沙琳娜, 駱佳晨, 鄧仕鑫. 第二名中華文化服務中 心中文學校: 汪辰芝, 李佳恩, 李佳欣. 初級組第一名曉士頓中國 教會中文學校: 駱佳禾, 潘若晨, 鄧筱熙. 第二名慈濟人文學校: 林 承翰, 張芷宸, 張弘易. 第三名中華文化服務中心中文學校: 何宜 庭, 陳寶琳, Sophia Kalivoda. 第一名每隊每人獎金60, 第二名每隊 每人獎金50元,第三名每隊每人獎金30元 並由休士頓僑教中心 莊主任雅淑頒發獎盃以及獎金,莊主任於頒獎典禮致詞感謝主辦 單位舉辦這項有意義的活動,同時也希望這次比賽不只是競賽,

而是讓參賽同學有認識臺灣及中華文化的機會,進而使文化種子 發芽長大,讓中華文化在海外深根,所有參賽同學藉由參加這項 活動機會彼此觀摩學習,均表示收穫良多。



僑教中心莊雅淑主任於4月14日在 休士頓中文學校聯誼會中華 文化常識比賽 頒獎典禮致詞。(記者黃麗珊攝)



莊雅淑主任(後排左8)與休士頓中文學校聯誼會會長陳根雄(後排 左7)、校長、評審及得 獎同學合影。(記者黃麗珊攝)

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