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Trump Administration Considers Reduction In Amount Of Refugees To Be Admitted Into The U.S.

The Trump Administration is considering reducing the amount of refugees admitted into the U.S. On Wednesday, the New York Times reported the White House is thinking about continuing its 2017 move to draw back the number of migrants allowed to enter the country. In the report, one White House official said a migration crisis was gripping the country, and the administration is prioritizing asylum cases already in the U.S.



The Trump administration is reportedly considering reducing the number of refugees that can be allowed to resettle in the U.S., a move that would continue a trend that began in 2017 under President Trump.

The New York Times reported on Wednesday that the idea of scaling back the amount of refugees allowed to resettle in America is facing little pushback inside the White House

The Times, which cites two former government officials and another person familiar with the talks, notes that White House adviser Stephen Miller has had success in installing people in key positions who appear ready to sign off on deep cuts for refugee resettlement.

One plan the White House reportedly is considering would allow no more than 25,000 refugees to be resettled in the U.S., representing a cut of more than 40 percent from this year's limit.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will likely play a key role in whether reducing refugee resettlement will be successful, according to the Times. The newspaper reports that he is being advised by two senior aides who are close to Miller and share his hardline approach toward immigration.



An unidentified White House official declined to confirm or deny



President Trump listens during a campaign rally in Tampa, Fla. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in Tampa, Fla. A report released on Wednesday indicates the Trump Administration may be reducing the amount of refugee admissions into the U.S.

if cuts to the refugee resettlement program would occur. The official also would not confirm if a cap of 25,000 was put in place. But the official told the Times that a "migration crisis" was gripping the country and that the Trump administration would prioritize asylum cases in which the individual is already in the U.S.

The report comes as the Trump administration takes an increasingly hard-line approach to immigration. Refugee admissions for the 2018 fiscal year were capped at a record low of 45,000 refugees. (Courtesy http://thehill.com/homenews)

Trump May Slash Number of Refugees U.S. Accepts by 40% WASHINGTON — The White House is considering a second sharp reduction in the number of refugees who can be resettled in the United States, picking up where President Trump left off in 2017 in scaling back a program intended to offer protection to the world's most vulnerable people, according to two former govern-

This time, the effort is meeting with less resistance from inside the Trump administration because of the success that Stephen Miller, the president's senior policy adviser and an architect of his anti-immigration agenda, has had in installing allies in key positions who are ready to sign off on deep cuts.

ment officials and another person familiar with the talks.

Last year, after a fierce internal battle that pitted Mr. Miller, who advocated a limit as low as 15,000, against officials at the Department of Homeland Security, the State Department and the Pentagon, Mr. Trump set the cap at 45,000, a historic low. Under one plan currently being discussed, no more than 25,000 refugees could be resettled in the United States next year, a cut of more than 40 percent from this year's limit. It would be the lowest number of refugees admitted to the country since the creation of the program in 1980.



The program's fate could hinge on Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state. His department has traditionally been a strong advocate for the refugee program, but Mr. Pompeo is now being advised by two senior aides who are close to Mr. Miller and share his hard-line approach, according to the people briefed on the discussions, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to reveal internal deliberation about a decision that has yet to be completed. (Courtesy The New York

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Iconic Luby's Cafeterias Closing More Restaurants As Sales Fall

The Houston-based chain on Monday reported \$86 million in sales during the third quarter, down 3.1 percent from the same period last year. Same-store sales across the chain's three restaurant brands fell by 0.9 percent.

Chris Pappas, Luby's president and CEO, cited declining guest traffic and rising food and labor costs. The company, which earlier this year announced plans to close and sell 14 low-performing restaurants, said it will close more of its real estate to pay down \$44.2 million in outstanding

The restaurant closures come as Luby's has struggled to attract patrons, who are increasingly flocking to fast-casual restaurants that have grown in popularity, especially among young adults.

Luby's, founded in San Antonio in 1947 and led by the Pappas brothers since 2001, previously announced plans to offer more discounts, invest in training programs for employees and managers and launch a new loyalty app to boost customer traffic.

A Tragic Memory



During the lunch-hour rush on Oct. 16, 1991, 35-year-old George Hennard, of Belton, smashed his blue Ford pickup through the front window of a packed Luby's Cafeteria in Central Texas and killed 24 people. the Luby's shooting memorial containing the names of the victims behind the Killeen Community Center at 2201 E. Veterans Memorial Blvd., the site is open to the public every day.



Luby's plans to shutter more restaurants to shore up its balance sheet amid falling sales and mounting costs.

"The current competitive restaurant environment is making it difficult for our brand and the mature brands of many others to gain significant traction," Pappas said in a conference call with analysts. "We've been faced with this environment for quite some time, which has been a large drag on our financial results and company evalu-

Luby's did not disclose how many additional restaurants would close, their locations or a timeline for the closures. The chain operates 160 Luby's Cafeterias, Fuddruckers and Cheeseburger in Paradise restaurants nationally. It owns most of its restaurants, and will be putting its closed properties up for sale.

Luby's so far has closed and sold one restaurant, and has two others under contract, Pappas said. The 14 restaurant closures and sales announced earlier this year would raise an estimated \$25 million. The additional closures would raise another \$20 million, Pappas said.

Sale of the shuttered properties would eliminate the company's outstanding debt, Pappas said. Luby's is working with investment advisory firm Cowen to refinance its debt.

"We believe positioning our company to have lower debt, improved same-store

sales and a lower overall cost structure will enhance our financial performance as we move forward," Pappas said.



David Littwitz, a restaurant broker with Houston-based Littwitz Investments, said restaurant chains that own real estate have an advantage over those that lease space.

Chains that own restaurants are more attractive to institutional investors like banks because they can use their properties as collateral. They also can control overhead costs through a fixed-rate mortgage, and they can sell low-performing restaurants to raise cash and reinvest into their business, he said.

"This is a strategy of survival," Littwitz said of Luby's plans to close restaurants. "It's a good strategy, but at the end of the day, you have to look at how much company do I have left? You don't want to prune too deep." (Courtesy The Houston Chronicle)

Galveston Resident Diagnosed With County's 1st Human Case Of West Nile Virus In 2018

A young woman has been diagnosed with the first human case of West Nile Virus in Galveston County in 2018, officials said

The patient, who is in her 20s and lives on Galveston island, was initially diagnosed with West Nile fever in late June after she exhibited symptoms that included chills, a headache, rash, loss of appetite, vomiting, muscle weakness, and vertigo, according to spokesman for the Galveston County Health District. The patient, whose name is being withheld due to patient confidentiality, has received treatment and recovered. The spokeswoman had no information on where the woman was initially



Mosquitoes are more than just a nuisance. They carry diseases like West Nile virus and Zika.

"Whether it's West Nile, Zika, chikungunya or other diseases, you need to protect yourself from mosquito bites," health district CEO Kathy Barroso said in a written statement. "We encourage you to use insect repellent when outdoors and to do your part to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by emptying all standing water around your home or business."

The health district is typically notified after a patient tests positive for West Nile fever at a clinic or hospital. The agency will then conduct its own investigation to confirm the positive test before reporting it to the Department of State Health Services.

The district has notified Galveston County Mosquito Control of the confirmed case of mosquito-borne illness so that the agency may factor that into its surveillance and spraying efforts, if needed.

Two other cases of West Nile fever were reported in Dallas and Austin as well. The most recent instances of human West Nile Virus in Galveston County were six confirmed cases in 2016.

Most people infected with West Nile Virus do not have symptoms. About one in five people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms including headache. body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea or rash. Most people who come down with West Nile Virus recover completely, but fatigue and weakness can last for weeks or months.

About one out of 150 infected people develop a serious, sometimes fatal, illness like encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues). Those 60 years or older are at the greatest risk for severe disease, as are people with certain medical conditions including cancer, diabetes, hypertension, kidney disease and organ transplant recipients.

The Galveston County Health District encourages people to remember "the 3-D's" to prevent mosquito bites:

* Defend - wear EPA-approved insect repellent with DEET in it;

* Dress – dress in long sleeves and pants

when outdoors, and; * Drain – drain standing water around

homes and businesses so that mosquitoes don't have a place to breed.



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Editor's Choice Pictures



Houston police say the suspect in the shooting of renowned cardiologist held a 20-year-old grudge. A man whose mother died during surgery 20 years ago is the suspect in the fatal shooting of a prominent Houston cardiologist who performed the operation, police said Wednesday. Chief Art Acevedo said the mother of Joseph James Pappas, 62, was a patient of Dr. Mark Hausknecht, who was fatally shot as he rode his bicycle to work at Houston Methodist Hospital on July 20. Police earlier said Pappas was born in 1953. "It appears a 20-year-old grudge and sadly someone died," Acevedo told reporters. Acevedo said a tip came in Tuesday after surveillance video released a day before showed the suspect, whom someone said they recognized. Police got a search warrant and went to Pappas' home, but he was not there.



TSA is weighing a major change to air travel. The agency is considering dropping passenger screenings at 150 small airports. Experts reject idea as dangerous. The Transportation Security Administration is considering eliminating passenger screening at more than 150 small and medium-sized airports across the US, according to senior agency officials and internal documents obtained by CNN. The proposal, if implemented, would mark a major change for air travel in the US, following nearly two decades of TSA presence since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and comes as the Trump administration has stepped up screening measures for items such as laptops and tablets. (Photo/Getty Images/CNN)



Apple's Ride To \$1 Trillion: The Magic Number That Gets It There. Customers walk past an Apple logo inside of an Apple store at Grand Central Station in New York, U.S., August 1, 2018.—Apple Inc updated its latest share count on Wednesday, putting the magic stock price at \$207.04 that would make the iPhone maker the first publicly listed U.S. company valued at \$1 trillion. Apple said in a quarterly filing to the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, that its share count was 4,829,926,000 on July 20, less than the 4,842,917,000 it reported on Tuesday for the end of the June quarter. Apple's stock rose 5.89 percent to a record-high close of \$201.50 on Wednesday following the company's better-than-expected quarterly results. That would put Apple's stock market value at \$973 billion, based on its newly disclosed number of shares. (Photo/Reuters)





Three people arrested for massive Chipotle, Arby's, Chili's hacks . Three alleged members of an international hacking group have been arrested for cybercrimes targeting over 100 retailers, including chains like Chili's, Chipotle and Arby's, the US government announced Wednesday. The three men -- Dmytro Fedorov, 44, Fedir Hladyr, 33, and Andrii Kopakov, 30 -- are Ukranian nationals and, the Justice Department alleges, high-ranking members of a European hacker group known as FIN7. The group is accused of stealing more than 15 million customer card records in the US alone and selling them on the dark web. The government said the group "stole millions of customer credit and debit card numbers, which the group used or sold for profit."Fin7 used a company called Combi Security "to provide a guise of legitimacy and to recruit hackers to join the criminal enterprise," the DOJ said in a release.



Border Patrol Agents Rescue Illegal Immigrants As Death Toll Rises. Smugglers continue to abandon illegal immigrants once they cross the border, leaving Border Patrol agents to rescue them. Last week, agents from the Laredo Station found three immigrants stranded on Texas ranches during severe heat and without food or water. Authorities reportedly needed to administer an IV to one man at the scene who was suffering from severe dehydration. He was later transported to a hospital while the two other immigrants were taken to a Border Patrol station. So far, at least 200 people have died along the southern border this year.



Vice Pres. Pence In Hawaii To Receive Remains Of Fallen U.S. Service Members. (Photo) A U.S. airman stands guard next to caskets containing remains of U.S. soldiers killed in the Korean War and collected in North Korea before a repatriation ceremony at Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek, South Korea, Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018. Vice President Mike Pence is set to receive the remains in Hawaii. Vice Pres. Mike Pence is in Hawaii to receive the remains of fallen U.S. service members who fought in the Korean War. Pence arrived with his wife in Honolulu Wednesday along with several family members of Korean War veterans. North Korea handed over 55 boxes of remains to the U.S. last week as a part of an agreement between President Trump and North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un. (Photo/Pool/AP)

Sen. Marco Rubio Introduces Paid Family Leave Bill. FILE – Sen. Marco Rubio (r-Fla.) speaks to families in Pensacola, Fla. on Mar. 26, 2018. On Thursday, the senator introduced legislation which would provide for paid family leave. (Marco Rubio photo) Senator Marco Rubio (R-Florida) introduces his plan for paid family leave alongside Missouri Representative Ann Wagner (R-Missouri). The two lawmakers unveiled the details of the proposal Wednesday, which allows parents to tap into their future Social Security benefits to pay for rent, groceries and childcare supplies. Democrats have criticized the plan saying it would make parents put off retirement. Rubio says the plan is in line with Social Security's original purpose of helping dependents under its care. First Daughter and Presidential Adviser Ivanka Trump supports the plan, which is seen as a conservative solution to a problem Democrats have called out for years, but have yet to produce any concrete legislation.

Hausknecht, circled on the right, was

followed by a cyclist, in red, shortly be-

A close-up surveillance image showed

the suspect wearing a blue, short-sleeve

polo shirt, a khaki or white cap, khaki

shorts and an olive-green backpack, po-

The suspect, circled on the left, nears

Other surveillance images showed the suspected gunman just behind Hausknecht as both headed north on Main across West Holcombe Boulevard, po-

Police highlighted Hausknecht with a green circle and the suspect with a red circle on images posted on Twitter. The fatal shooting happened moments after

that crossing, one block away, police

said. (Courtesy https://www.cnn.com)

Hausknecht on the road.

fore the shooting, police say.



COMMUNITY

(CNN) A man whose mother died during surgery 20 years ago is the suspect in the fatal shooting of a prominent Houston cardiologist who performed the operation, police said Wednesday.

Chief Art Acevedo said the mother of Joseph James Pappas, 65, was a patient of Dr. Mark Hausknecht, who was fatally shot as he rode his bicycle to work at Houston Methodist Hospital on July 20. "It appears a 20-year-old grudge and sadly someone died," Acevedo told reporters.

Acevedo said a tip came in Tuesday after surveillance video released a day before showed the suspect, whom someone said they recognized. Police got a search warrant and went to Pappas' home, but he was not there.



Houston Police released a photo of Joseph James Pappas, 65, who is a suspect in the death of Dr. Mark Hausknecht.

Acevedo said Pappas had made phone calls indicating he was considering suicide. The suspect has not been seen in almost two days.

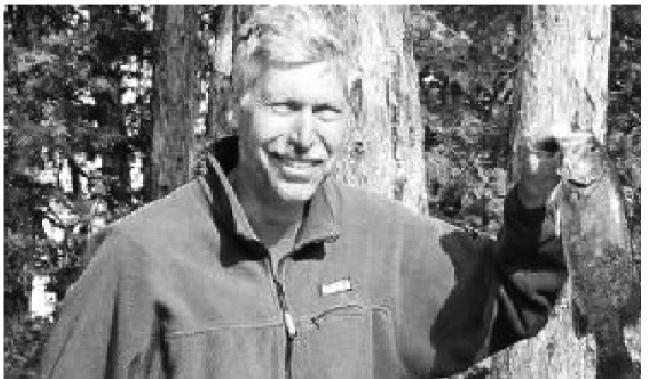
"This man is dangerous. This man is capable. This man has some skills (with firearms)," he said.

There was evidence at the home linking Pappas to the killing, the chief said.

The renowned cardiologist, who treated former President George H.W. Bush, and the suspect were seen shortly before the shooting riding their bicycles on South Main Street, police said.

Houston Police Say Suspect In Shooting Of Renowned Cardiologist Held Grudge For Over 20 Years

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Slain Houston cardiologist, Dr. Mark Hausknecht

suspect following Hausknecht as both pedaled north, police said.

Hausknecht's wife, Georgia Hsieh, said police told her that her husband was riding through a construction area when the gunman rode up in fron t of him and fired three shots while facing him.

The cardiologist was found feet away from the construction site, where about 500 workers were on duty at the time, a constructionmanager at the site said. But no one heard anything because of the equipment.





This surveillance image shows a

suspect in the shooting of Dr. Mark

Hausknecht, police say.

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(CNN) President Donald Trump has made his displeasure with Attorney General Jeff Sessions, special counsel Robert Mueller and the ongoing investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election he is leading crystal clear over the past year. But he took that critique to new heights on Wednesday morning, suggesting that Sessions needed to step in and end the investigation.

"This is a terrible situation and Attorney General Jeff Sessions should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now, before it continues to stain our country any further," Trump tweeted. "Bob Mueller is totally conflicted, and his 17 Angry Democrats that are doing his dirty work are a disgrace to USA!"

"Jeff Sessions should stop this Rigged Witch Hunt right now."

That seems like a pretty clear directive,

While there may be some debate over whether the President tweeting that Sessions should stop the investigation is different than him directly telling the attorney general to do so, we shouldn't get too caught up in the semantics here. What happened last Wednesday morning: The President of the United States asked the top law enforcement official in the country to end an investigation into a) Russia's active-measures campaign to interfere in the 2016 presidential election to benefit Trump and hurt Hillary Clinton and b) the possibility that a member (or members) of the Trump campaign colluded with the Russians to aid that end goal.

This is a bridge further than Trump has been willing to go in the past. Sure, he has run down Sessions relentlessly ever since the former Alabama senator decided to recuse himself from the Russia investigation. (Side note: Sessions' recusal means that, technically, he can't end the probe as Trump wants. That duty would fall to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who Trump has also maligned via social media.)





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President Donald Trump (left) has made his displeasure with special counsel Robert Mueller clean to Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Trump's lawyers immediately sought to walk the tweet back. Rudy Giuliani told CNN's Dana Bash that Trump was "was expressing his opinion on his favorite medium, Twitter, for asserting his First Amendment rights" and said the tweet wasn't a demand.

"We have been saying for months that it is time to bring this inquiry to an end," Giuliani said in a statement to CNN. "The President has expressed the same

And, yes, the President has suggested -- in a broad sense -- that the investigation should end soon. "At what point does this soon to be \$20,000,000 Witch Hunt, composed of 13 Angry and Heavily Conflicted Democrats and two people who have worked for Obama for 8 years, STOP," Trump tweeted in May. "They have found no Collussion [sic] with Russia, No Obstruction, but they aren't looking at the corruption."

But what he has never done before is specifically direct Sessions to end the investigation. Which is a big deal. And provokes a simple question: Why now?

Trump himself provided a semblance of an answer to that question moments after he tweeted out his call for Sessions to bring the special counsel probe to an end. Ten minutes after the Sessions tweet, Trump sent this one:

"Paul Manafort worked for Ronald Reagan, Bob Dole and many other highly prominent and respected political leaders. He worked for me for a very short time. Why didn't government tell me that he was under investigation. These old charges have nothing to do with Collusion - a Hoax!"



Manafort, who served as Trump campaign chairman and de facto campaign midst of a trial in which he faces numerous charges of financial improprieties related to his work for the pro-Russia Ukrainian government. The charges against Manafort stem directly from the Mueller probe and are regarded as the leading edge of the former FBI director's investigation -- which is expected to reach its conclusion sometime this fall.

Later, Trump added: "Looking back on history, who was treated worse, Alfonse Capone, legendary mob boss, killer and "Public Enemy Number One," or Paul Manafort, political operative & Reagan/ Dole darling, now serving solitary confinement - although convicted of nothing? Where is the Russian Collusion?"

And then there's this: Last week we learned -- thanks to CNN reporting! -- that former Trump personal fixer Michael Cohen says he is willing to tell Mueller that Trump had advance knowledge of a June 2016 Trump Tower meeting between top Trump campaign officials and a group of Russians. Trump has repeatedly denied he knew about the meeting, which came about after the Russians -- through an intermediary named Rob Goldstone -- promised dirt on Clinton to Donald Trump Jr. (Speaking of Don Jr., he has testified to Congress under oath that he never told his father about the meeting before it happened.)

Those developments come on top of the fact that five people have already pleaded guilty to a variety of crimes in relation to the Mueller probe, and two high-profile former Trump staffers -- former national security adviser Michael Flynn and former deputy campaign chairman Rick Gates -- are cooperating with Mueller. Cohen, who could well face criminal charges on unrelated matters in connection with an ongoing investigation by the Southern District

of New York, is also seen as a potential cooperating



witness.

In short: It's getting a little hot in here for Trump.

White House press secretary Sarah Sanders insisted Wednesday that Trump's morning tweet was "not an order," saying Trump was expressing his opinion. "The President is not obstructing, he's fighting back."

Talk to any of the people Trump confides in and they will all tell you that he believes wholeheartedly that he has done nothing wrong in connection with Russia and that the investigation is truly a witch hunt. But as Mueller creeps ever closer to Trump's innermost circle -- and Cohen as well as longtime Trump organization chief financial officer Allen Weisselberg are as "inner" as you get -- the pressure grows. And don't forget that we know Mueller's team is looking not only into Russian efforts in the 2016 election but also possible obstruction of the investigation as it relates to the removal of Flynn and former FBI Director James Comey in 2017.

Trump's lawyers have said he would be potentially willing to talk to Mueller about collusion -- NO COLLUSION! -- but that obstruction would be off the table for fear that Mueller would be leading the President into a perjury trap. Taking obstruction off the table in light of Trump's tweet Wednesday telling Sessions to end the investigation is -- how to say it? -- interesting.

It's hard to separate signal from noise when it comes to Trump's reactions to the Mueller probe. But the tweet this morning is an escalation from what we've seen from this President before. And we should all be paying very close attention to what happens next. (Courtesy cnn.com)





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陳美鳳說第一次看到童星,就 欽點要她來演武則天,因爲她的眼 睛會說話,十分符合「武則天」的

氣場,製作人王珮華也說她的神韻 跟陳美鳳及王瞳都很相似!果然重 頭戲一拍完就讓陳美鳳大讚童星吳 以涵演的渾然天成,是未來的明日

民視8點檔《大時代》捧紅許 多童星,這一次劇中乖巧伶俐的 「伍家媚」,由吳以涵飾演,劇中 跟成潤飾演的舅舅楊大業有許多打 鬧戲,舅舅跟外甥女的互動讓觀眾 看的笑呵呵, 直誇溫暖又樸實。成 潤跟她對戲後,直說「伍妹」真的 影響他很多,因爲不愛小孩的他, 有了想生孩子的念頭,直說伍妹真 的很有領悟力,把導演給的任務順 利完成,跟她拍戲自己玩的很開心 ,直說自己的童心被啓發,變年輕

《大時代》中一場伍家媚被武 則天附身,在廟前起乩,被網友喻 爲「大時代通靈小妹」,活靈活現 的表現,讓導演大讚她十分聰明, 製作人王珮華也說「她真的很有天 份,在片場指點一下馬上就融會貫

網友也說,「這伍妹的戲份很 難,小童星很厲害!」、「伍妹不 只可愛口條超好!」、「伍妹連笑 聲也可愛」等等。現在實景拍攝時 ,也許多民眾會問工作人員「今天 伍妹會來嗎?」,伍妹儼然已成小

殺青宴巧遇愛情? 謝佳見開心喊嫁了!



藝人楊謹華、謝佳見 、黄健瑋、邱宇辰等人昨 (7月31日)晚出席新戲 殺青宴,謝佳見透露在殺 青後,心裡頓時有了空虚 感,但昨晚似乎有東西塞 滿了他,原來是在劇中飾 演婚紗設計師的謝佳見, 竟在殺青宴上恰巧抽中市 價 10 萬的婚紗禮服,這也 讓他開心笑說:「就嫁給

楊謹華昨晚穿著短裙 白背心出席《我是顧家 男》殺青宴,她還特別秀 出美背,好身材更是直接 閃瞎黃健瑋、謝佳見。在 劇中飾演楊謹華弟弟的邱 宇辰表示,兩人雖然是同 -個經紀公司,但也是因 這部戲才開始熟識。第一 天對戲時,邱宇辰就大膽

對楊謹華說了一句:「姊 , 妳今天很怪…」楊謹華 臉色一沉, 邱宇辰立刻補 說:「怪可愛的!」把楊 謹華撩到心臟漏一拍。

靠著《大學生》最後 個處女爆紅的蘿莉塔, 第一次參與到有台詞、有 角色名字的戲,她爆料導 演在選人時,曾向納豆問 過意見,當時納豆還打包 票蘿莉塔會演戲,沒想到 爛,不過楊謹華等人都會 蘿莉塔也開玩笑說,雖然 她演完這部戲後演技沒進 步,但學到許多打人的方 法,在劇中她老公的阿達 就慘遭平底鍋、右勾拳等

周杰倫砸上億拍片捧昆凌 王俊凱客串



周杰倫(周董)除了助力老婆 昆凌闖進好萊塢,由他監製的新電 影「叱吒風雲」集資上億元新台幣 (逾300萬美元),讓過去只演過配 角的妻子躍上女主角, 寵妻溢於言 表。據「鏡週刊」報導,此劇組日 前在國父紀念館被捕獲,除了當紅 小鮮肉王俊凱客串該片外,昆凌身 邊還有以電影「KANO」走紅的曹

佑寧陪襯

此部片找來當紅年輕新秀參演 ,據悉,王俊凱因崇拜周董,很快 就答應演出電影,並從大陸飛赴台 灣三天試車拍攝。當時技術人員只 稍微教了一下,王俊凱就立馬甩尾 ,頗有開賽車的天賦。

電影目前仍在試拍階段,下個 月才會拉到屏東大鵬灣賽車場等地 開拍。昆凌爲了這部電影,花費 心思,除了無時無刻鍛鍊身體 外,還會特地到賽車場練車, 且一有空檔就會利用賽車電動 練手感,她相當積極,不因有 老公當靠山就怠惰。現在電影 還未上映就話題、曝光不斷, 也讓人見識到「周氏」夫妻檔 合體搶錢的威力。



宮鬥戲又崛起? 這夯劇點閱飆破16億



宮鬥大戲再起!大陸劇 《延禧攻略》才剛上映不到半 個月,點閱率就一路狂飆,至 今已經突破16億,新奇卻莫 名符合歷史的角色設定加上 誠意十足的淡雅古風,令網 友看得欲罷不能, 甚至開始 翻找歷史資料,就爲了看看 皇帝最爱的到底是誰,小宮 女跟皇后之間的姊妹情,更 令網友看得超興奮,直呼: 「如果我是她, 爲皇后去死

也沒關係! 」 《延禧攻略》有著戰鬥力 暴表的小宮女「魏瓔珞」、心 中只有小宮女的男神侍衛「傅 恆」、美麗溫柔不耍心機的 「富察皇后」跟超寵皇后、一 有女人示好就不爽的乾隆皇帝 ,加上逐漸黑化的宮鬥大 Boss 嫻妃,有別於一般宮鬥劇的套 路,皇上除了皇后對別的女人 都超嫌棄,嘴巴毒到令網友感 嘆「如果不是當皇帝一定娶不 到老婆」,對魏瓔珞循循善誘

的溫柔大姐姐富察皇后更是贏 得大批劇迷的心,在最近幾期 中,皇后明知魏瓔珞故意陷害 親王,但爲了保護瓔珞,不惜 在乾隆面前撒謊:「臣妾可以 用性命擔保,瓔珞絕沒有說謊 ,一定是弘晝做了不可饒恕的 事情。」讓劇迷看了超感動, 直呼:「如果我是魏瓔珞,爲 皇后去死也沒關係!」

人人暗戀的男神侍衛「傅 恆」跟魏瓔珞的對手戲,也讓 觀眾看得少女心大暴發,原本 一直被小宮女調戲的傅恆,近 日終於轉守為攻,時不時就撩 得魏瓔珞臉紅心跳,知道親王 想加害心上人,他不管對方是 皇親國戚,拉起領子就發火: 「離她遠一點,否則我見你一

次打你一次。」護愛心切超 Man,在最新幾集兩人進展飛 速,但根據歷史,不管是哪一 對CP都下場淒涼,讓觀眾看得 心驚膽顫,對後續發展相當期



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所致,但他也不是個傻瓜,過程中與發 哥有爭拗及拆夥。可是兩人看到"無雙 紙幣"時,都會被貪念熏染下踏上犯罪 不歸路。發哥更是直言要看電影後,才

知道金錢誘惑的魔力是非常強大的 莊文強選用發哥和城城當

香港文匯報訊(記者沙莉)徐小明

(小明哥) 將於本月31日在沙田大會堂舉 行"俠客行‧豪情演唱會"籌款,今次會 連同"樂樂"國樂團的70人樂團合作,是 一件非常難得的機會。小明哥出力之餘還 幫手找朋友買飛支持,前兩天開售已火速 賣了七成門票,更獲得香港中華文化總會 支持冠名贊助。

其實撮合今次的演出,是因為兩個月 前小明哥出席一個慈善籌款的活動,當時 認識一位"樂樂"團的總監梁志鏘, "我 非常欣賞他對中樂的執着和那份精神。加

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■城城坦言主要是發哥甜言蜜語哄騙他來演。

在缺乏經費下,但他們仍然堅持落去,令 人感動。加上我一向支持中國風的音樂

小明哥坦言: "其實搞一次演唱會要 花好多時間,大概要6個月呀,沒有時間 再去搞其他東西,所以4年多前開個唱 後,有人找我開 Part 2 都不敢搞,今次與 成立了45年的'樂樂'國樂團負責人分外 投契,所以義不容辭。"他近期也忙着自 己公司的製作及創作工作,整理好公司的 工作,才專心為演唱會綵排。

今次演唱會,小明哥直言: "會堅持 唱中國風的歌曲,因為現在什麼改篇的日本 東洋風、西洋風的歌曲太多了。不是為了掀 起什麼熱潮,是他入行時已經唱中國風的歌 曲。像1975年,出第一張唱片,而堅持到 現在。現在的樂壇新人好少唱中國風這類 型的歌曲,有點惋惜,但希望藉着唱中國

中國風的歌曲是具有亮麗、雄壯的一 面。"除唱中國風歌曲外,小明哥當然會 唱拿手的電視劇主題曲,以及一些小調的

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小明骨更特別邀請4位和他有很深淵 源嘉賓演出,情商粵劇名伶好友鄧美玲首 度台上合作一首粵曲小調,還有都是童星 出身的資深藝人鍾叮噹,對方已息影多 時,更成為古董文物修補專家,今次為其 再上舞台演出,還有小明哥同門小師妹余 仲欣,當然還有兒子Marco(徐沅澔)亦 會和他演唱武俠劇主題曲兼表演功夫。被 問到 Marco 會否在演唱中與他合唱時,小 明哥話會父子檔合唱的。而 Marco 除唱 歌,還會參與今次演唱會的籌備工作,實 行全力支持谷谷。

機做功課,我便在廳處理自己的事,但近 日他見我出外,便會説'咦, Daddy 又出 去?'幸好太太明白事理會幫忙同兒子解 釋,而自己亦會把握家庭樂時間。

胡子彤自謙演得不夠好

香港文匯報訊(記者李思 穎)余香凝、胡子彤和導演陳詠樂 2日出席口述影像電影新里程暨 《逆流大叔》電影欣賞會,以供視 障人士欣賞電影。余香凝已經看過 電影兩次,之前跟一班演員看,氣 氛很好,但錯過了片尾彩蛋,今次 一定要看,不想再錯過這些精彩花

胡子彤大讚片尾彩蛋的一分鐘



內容很值得看,都是他們扒龍舟的 NG片段,笑言可以留意誰在偷懶 沒出力扒。他又指在沙田城門河拍 戲時,看到河裡有很多垃圾和浮游 生物,見到廁紙和啡色散開的東西 向你打招呼,最慶幸是自己不用落 水,那邊的水質較好。他又表示:

"女友歐鎧淳已看過電影,大讚好 看,自己就要求高,覺得演得不夠 好,看完部戲有些不開心,見到好 多瑕疵,因整個團隊付出很多,自 己可以再做好一點,不過做演員要 面對好多衝擊,雖然導演和監製覺 得我演得不錯,但自覺可以再進 步。"身旁的余香凝即安慰子彤演 得不差,因拍喜劇好難,但子彤捉 節奏捉得很好,是好好的演員。余 香凝都覺得自己可以再進步,笑言 劇中演教練及龍舟鼓手位置,經常 好嘈怕會引起大家反感,不過粉絲 説她的聲音好聽,不然會令人煩



黄翊復出後 兒子有微言

文匯報訊 (記者李 思穎) 黄翊 將於十月舉行 演唱會,2日到

新城電台宣傳,經營大排檔的他,這陣子 在舖頭現身時,很多食客投以奇怪眼光問 他"為什麼你在這裡,不是要練歌嗎?" 他笑言: "其實早於三個月前已開始練 歌,以前推出過七張唱片,但太久沒唱自 己的歌,好多已經忘記了。"

復出幕前後,黃翊依然沒減少落舖頭 打點,他說:"通常早上返去準備一下, 之後空閒時間便出來宣傳,晚市再返去幫 手,盡量把唱歌和生意平衡。

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