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A look at every team's NBA 'City' uniforms this season



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Trump limits asylum from Mexico border, caravans head north

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - President Donald Trump on Friday effectively suspended the granting of asylum to migrants who cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally, seeking fresh ways to block thousands of Central Americans traveling in caravans from entering the United States.

The order, which goes into effect on Saturday, means that migrants will have to present themselves at U.S. ports of entry to qualify for asylum. U.S. immigrant advocates rushed to court to try to block the policy.U.N. tells Washington to protect refugees after Trump limits asylum U.S. rights groups seek to block Trump asylum order

"I just signed the proclamation on asylum - very important," Trump told reporters on Friday before leaving for Paris. "People can come in but they have to come in through the points of entry."

The order followed other rules unveiled on Thursday that sought to limit

Trump made his hard-line policies toward immigration a key issue ahead of Tuesday's midterm elections. He has vowed to deploy troops at the border to stop a caravan of mainly Honduran migrants, currently edging their way through Mexico.

Several hundred of the caravan started north again on Friday after a rest in Mexico City. Many of them have said they want to seek asylum in the United States, citing violence in their own countries.

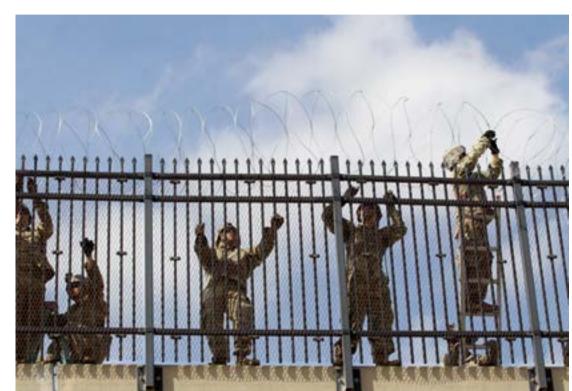
Trump's proclamation said mass migration on the border had precipitated a crisis and he was acting to protect the national interest.

The order will be in effect for 90 days or until the United States reaches an agreement with Mexico allowing it to turn back asylum-seekers who had traveled through Mexico, whichever comes first.

U.S. and Mexican diplomats have held talks over the issue this year, but there has been little indication Mexico would agree to such a pact. Mexico's interior ministry had no comment on the Trump order, an official at the ministry said.

Three civil rights groups sued on Friday in San Francisco federal court, seeking an injunction against Trump's order.

The lawsuit said the order violated the Immigration and Nationality Act, which allows anyone present in the United States to seek asylum regard-



as the flow of migrants across the southern border has

fallen in recent years.

Trump sends lawyers to Florida as recount looms "We also have an obligation under international law not to return people to a country where they fear persecution," he said.

Currently, migrants who cross into the United States illegally from Mexico can claim asylum, an option chosen by many families with children who hand themselves in to border guards. Asylum seekers who opt to cross at official entry points often wait for days before they enter U.S.

Oil slide, China worries send Wall Street tumbling

less of where they entered the country.

Civil Liberties Union said in a statement.

"President Trump's new asylum ban is illegal. Neither

the clear commands of U.S. law, but that's exactly what

The lawsuit was brought by ACLU, the Southern Pov-

erty Law Center, and Center for Constitutional Rights.

School, said the administration may struggle to justify

the national securi- ty concerns underpinning the order,

Stephen Yale-Loehr, a professor at Cornell Law

the president nor his cabinet secretaries can override

they're trying to do," Omar Jadwat of the American

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Wall Street's three major stock indexes lost ground on Friday, after a week of recovery from the October sell-off, as oil prices fell further and more evidence of a slowing Chinese economy was reported. Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York City, U.S., November 9, 2018. REU-TERS/Andrew Kelly

Oil prices fell nearly 1.0 percent on Friday, and have now seen the longest stretch of daily declines since 1984, on rising global supply and evidence of a slowing world econ-

The United States formally imposed punitive sanctions on Iran this week, but granted eight countries temporary waivers allowing them to keep buying oil from the Islamic

"Oil is spooking the market. If oil prices are going to go lower that's another sign that the global economy is going to slow its growth," said Chris Zaccarelli, chief investment officer at Independent Advisor Alliance in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average .DJI fell 201.92 points, or 0.77 percent, to 25,989.3, the S&P 500 .SPX lost 25.82 points, or 0.92 percent, to 2,781.01 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC dropped 123.98 points, or 1.65 percent, to

7,406.90.

The S&P energy index .SPSY dropped 0.4 percent after falling 2.2 percent in the previous day's session when U.S. crude prices LCOc1 confirmed a bear market by falling 20 percent from their most recent high. [O/R]

"I think we're going to go lower than the October low. Economic growth is slowing but it won't slow enough to stop the Fed from hiking," said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at the Leuthold Group in Minneapolis.

Investors appeared unwilling to take on risk, sending the S&P technology index .SPLRCT down 1.7 percent as Apple Inc (AAPL.O) dropped 1.9 percent and semiconductor stocks .SOX tumbled 1.9 percent. Eight of the 11 major S&P sectors ended the day lower. The consumer staples index .SPLRCS was the biggest gainer with a 0.5 percent rise while other defensive sectors such as utilities .SPLRCU and real estate .SPLRCR eked out small gains.

Against the backdrop of the trade policy dispute between the Washington and Beijing, Chinese data showed producer inflation fell for the fourth straight month in October on cooling domestic demand and manufacturing activity, while car sales fell for a



fourth consecutive month. The Chinese data sent global stocks into a tailspin and put pressure on trade and commodity sensitive sectors. The U.S. industrials sector .SPLRCI fell 1.0 percent and materials .SPLRCM dropped investment had moderated. more than 1.4 percent.

U.S. Federal Reserve policymakers left interest rates unchanged on Thursday, as expected and its policy statement signaled more rate rises ahead even as it noted that business



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LOCAL NEWS

A look at every team's NBA 'City' uniforms this season

When Nike took over as the NBA's official uniform provider last season, it allowed each team to get creative with a version of their uniforms it calls the "NBA City Edition" uniforms.

It gives teams a chance to switch up from the regular unis they wear and do something that gives a tip of the cap to their city. For the second straight year, the Rockets didn't go with anything specifically Houston and instead went with a Chinese theme, which does make some sense because they are one of the most popular teams in China, dating back to their days as the home of Yao Ming. Other teams really came through with a city-specific design. The Miami Heat went with a Miami Vice-themed jersey that might be the best of the 2018-19 batch. The Brooklyn Nets are close behind with a Notorious B.I.G.-themed design, honoring the late, great rapper with a Coogi sweater pattern as the trim. The Timberwolves also honored their city's music legend, going with a jersey they're calling the Purple Rain, which features purple lettering and trim in honor of Prince. Teams can wear their City Edition jersey whenever they'd like and





A look at the NBA City Edition jerseys for the 2018-19 season.

Houston's top high school basketball recruits in the 2018-19 season

Almost every year, the Houston area features one of the country's best high school basketball players. The past two seasons, it was College Park's Quentin Grimes, who currently is starting at Kansas as a freshman. Before Grimes, it was Cypress Lakes' De'Aaron Fox, who was the No. 5 overall pick in the 2017 NBA Draft. Before Grimes, it was St. John's Justise Winslow, who was a top 10 pick in the 2015 NBA Draft

wear them as many times as they'd like.

It's tough to pinpoint who that one guy on the local high school basketball scene will be this year. The top two seniors in the area are Elkins guard Donovan Williams and Houston Christian point guard Sahvir Wheeler, who are committed to Texas and Texas A&M, respectively.

The junior class might be even a little bit deeper with Morton Ranch boasting two of the top players in the Class of 2020 in point guard L.J. Cryer and

big man Eddie Lampkin. Both Cryer and Lampkin already have received offers from several big-name programs, making Morton Ranch one of the most interesting teams to watch this season.

The high school basketball season starts this week with the big annual Season Opener, which features a full day of basketball Saturday at Aldine's Campbell Center. Wheeler will be in action there when Houston Christian faces Humble at noon, and the Morton Ranch duo plays at 3 p.m. against Dickinson, which also stars one of the best juniors in the area in Tramon Mark. Concordia Lutheran also is playing in the Season Opener, taking on Port Arthur Memorial at 6 p.m. Concordia Lutheran will be fun to watch with the return of lights-out shooter Pierce Hellums and the addition of Kansas State commit Montavious Murphy, who transferred from Klein Collins.





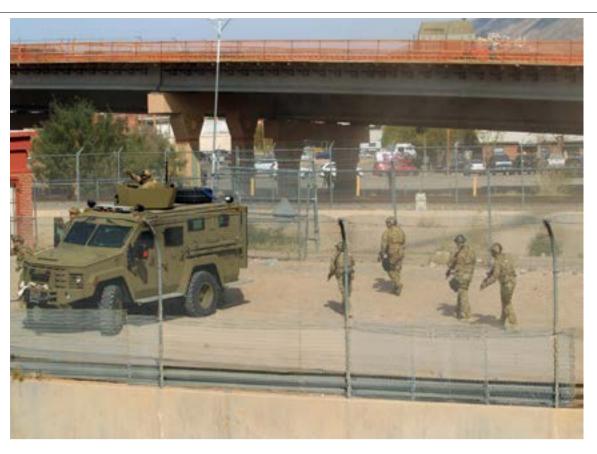
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Editor's Choice



The historical statue of soldier 'Tommy' is decorated with magnetic poppies ahead of Remembrance Day, in Seaham



The El Paso Sector of U.S. Border Patrol take part in a crowd control exercise at the railroad crossing on the U.S. border



Models present creations from fashion brand Totti Swimwear during a show at Belarus Fashion Week in Minsk, Belarus November 9, 2018. REUTERS/Vasily Fedosenko



Fire helicopters fly over the hills the Los Angeles Zoo which was closed and briefly evacuated some animals due to the presence of a nearby wildfire, in Los Angeles



Defense Secretary James Mattis welcomes Chinese Minister of National Defense Gen. Wei Fenghe to the Pentagon



Migrants, part of a caravan traveling from Central America en route to the United States, ride in a truck on the road that links Pijijiapan with Matias Romero



Russian President Putin and his Kazakh counterpart Nazarbayev visit a tourism exhibition in Petropavlovsk



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Defense Secretary James Mattis hold a joint news conference with Chinese officials in Washington



COMMUNITY

For the next 3 weeks, the City of Houston Municipal Courts Department (MCD) will discount certain delinquent cases to help individuals save money when they resolve those cases.

"Many of our citizens are still putting the pieces back together from Harvey, and we understand that sometimes many are not able to meet all their obligations," stated Judge J. Elaine Marshall, Director and Presiding Judge of the Municipal Courts Department. "We are hoping this final Amnesty of the year will give everyone the opportunity to clear up old business, reduce the stress that delinquent cases cause, to start the new year off fresh," said Judge Marshall.

The Amnesty Program will begin Friday, October 26, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. and ends Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. Any defendant who voluntarily appears at any Municipal Court location during the amnesty period will be permitted to resolve all of their eligible delinquent cases, including Failure to Appear (FTA) cases, and will not be subject to arrest.

Cases eligible for amnesty include cases that were delinquent prior to **September 1, 2018.** Only the defendant named in the citation or their attorney can participate in the Amnesty Program. Bonding companies, friends, relatives, and spouses cannot make the amnesty request on behalf of someone else.

The Amnesty Program does not apply to a defendant that is in custody, previously adjudicated cases, parking citations, administrative violations, bond forfeitures, or civil cases. Individuals may call the Houston Helpline by dialing 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 for questions about whether their specific case(s) is amnesty eligible.

Defendants may take advantage of the Amnesty Program by phone, US Mail or in person at any Municipal Court location

For additional information about Municipal Courts or court cases, please visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts, or call the Houston Helpline at 3-1-1 or 713-837-0311 if outside of Houston.

News From The International District

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Houston Municipal Courts Announces Fall Amnesty Program

2018 Amnesty Program FAQ's Why are you doing this?

To resolve cases for which all other means of resolution have been unsuccessful and to assist the citizens of Houston with any lingering outstanding Municipal Court issues.

When does Amnesty begin?

The Amnesty Program begins Friday, October 26 and ends at Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:59pm.

What kinds of cases are eligible for Amnesty rates?

Most delinquent traffic and non-traffic citations that were delinquent on or before September 1, 2018 will be eligible for Amnesty discounts. Parking citations and Administrative violations are not eligible for Amnesty. Citizens may call 3-1-1 to find out if they have eligible Amnesty cases.

What do I do if I have a delinquent parking citation?

Parking citations are not eligible for Amnesty. For additional information or assistance regarding paying your parking citation, please call 311 or 713.837.0311.

How can I find out if I have warrants?

Dial Houston's Helpline at 3-1-1, vis-

Dial Houston's Helpline at 3-1-1, visit the website at www.houstontx.gov/courts or come in person at any City of Houston Municipal Court location.

What are my options if I find out that I have warrants?

You may pay the fines at the applicable Amnesty rates if your cases qualify. You may also be able to post a bond and have your case(s) reset for a new court date. You always have the option to seek legal advice from an attorney or come to any City of Houston Municipal Court location to speak with a judge.

If I come to court to pay, will I be arrested?

No. The City Houston Municipal Courts will not arrest individuals who visit our courthouse to inquire about their delinquent cases. We encourage everyone to come in voluntarily to resolve their cases.

If I want to pay for my delinquent cases/warrants, what are my payment options?

Payment options are as follows: Phone

(3-1-1, 713-837-0311), U.S. Mail, or In-Person at any City of Houston Municipal Court location.

What forms of payment do you accept?

We accept cash, checks, money orders, and American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa

After I pay, how long will it take to clear my driving record through DPS? The City of Houston Municipal Courts Department will forward the information to DPS upon payment of your case(s). Please allow 5 to 7 business days for your driving record to clear through

your driving record to clear the DPS.

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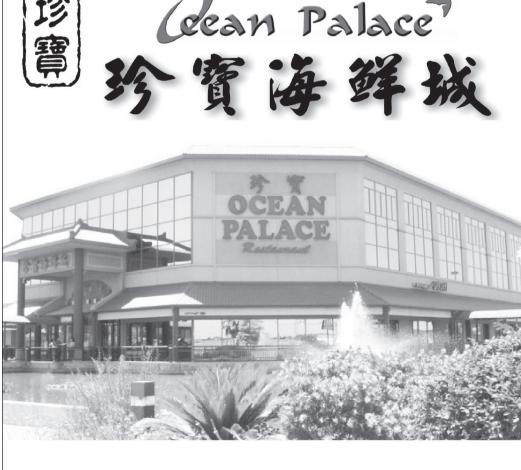
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BUSINESS

Overview

China on Thursday reported exports and imports for the month of October that exceeded forecasts, the country's General Administration of Customs reported.

According to Reuters, China recorded a trade surplus of \$31.78 billion with the U.S. in October — down from a record \$34.13 billion in September. The country's cumulative trade surplus with the U.S. in the first 10 months of the year was \$258.15 billion, Reuters reported. China's overall trade surplus was \$34.01 billion for October, lower than the \$35 billion economists had expected



Exports denominated in dollars rose 15.6 percent from a year ago in October, exceeding an expected 11 percent growth economists polled by Reuters had forecast. September exports grew 14.5 percent on-year.

Dollar-denominated imports meanwhile rose 21.4 percent from a year ago, topping an expected 14 percent. September imports grew 14.3 percent on-year.

Economic data from China is being closely watched amid a bitter trade dispute between the world's two largest economies, with U.S. President Donald Trump taking issue with his country's massive trade deficit against China.

Despite escalating trade tensions with the U.S., Chinese data show the economy has largely held up so far.



China's Exports And Imports Both Grew More Than Expected In October

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



Soybean meal in a dockyard in Nantong in east China's Jiangsu province Monday, Aug. 06, 2018.

Many economists say the phenomenon is mostly due to exporters benefiting from increased orders before the tariffs hit, but the figures are likely to show stress in the months ahead.

Chinese exports are also boosted by robust growth, both globally and in the U.S., said independent economist Andy Xie.

Even with heavier U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports, a sharp decline in the Chinese yuan is offsetting most of the impact, Xie told CNBC on Thursday ahead of the trade data release.



In fact, domestic factors due to the fallout from over-exuberant property market are the key reasons why China's growth would slow, Xie said.

The trade dispute with the U.S. is thus a handy and timely excuse for Beijing to shift the blame of the economic slowdown from the property bubble — which would hit government land sales, infrastructure building, property sales and eventually, the macro-economy — to Washington, Xie said.

"The government would say confidence is the issue and the trade war is the trigger, so that's why we should blame the trade war," Xie said. "It's an excuse to not do anything (to solve the problem, and) rather to frame this as part of the big trade war."

Already, China reported slow-er-than-expected economic growth of 6.5 percent in the third quarter of the year — its weakest pace since the first quarter of 2009.

Even before the escalation in trade tensions with the U.S. this year, Beijing was already trying to manage a slow-down in its economy after three decades of breakneck growth.

The trade war with the U.S. is now complicating those efforts, with analysts expecting Beijing to boost policy easing measures to manage the threats

from the bilateral dispute that may derail growth.

Markets are now keeping their eyes on a much-touted meeting later this month between President Donald Trump and President Xi Jinping at the G-20 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. (Courtesy https:// www.cnbc.com and Reuters)

Related

Trump hints at deal with China to end trade war



U.S. President Donald Trump appeared to have signaled a trade deal with China.

"We're going to try and make a deal with China because I want to have great relationships with President Xi (Jinping), as I do, and with China," he said at a freewheeling 11/2-hour press conference on Wednesday, the day after the Republican Party lost its majority in the House to the Democratic Party but expanded its majority in the Senate in midterm elections.

Mr Trump told reporters in Washington he will also meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un "some time early next year".



Meanwhile, North Korea had to be responsive for sanctions to be lifted, but he was in no rush, he said.

"We're very happy how it's going with North Korea. We think it's going fine," he said.

"We're in no rush, the sanctions are on, the missiles have stopped, the rockets have stopped, the hostages are home, the great heroes have been coming home, (Vice-President) Mike Pence was in Hawaii (for) one of the most beautiful ceremonies anyone has ever seen for the fallen," he said.

Mr Pence was in Hawaii in August to receive the remains of American soldiers sent by North Korea, following an agreement to do so in Singapore in June. More remains of American soldiers killed in the Korean War were "being provided as we speak", Mr Trump said.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo Secretary of State Mike Pompeo was scheduled to meet his North Korean counterpart Kim Yong Chol in New York this week, but the State Department on Wednesday said the meeting had been postponed.

President Trump brushed off the postponement as a travel scheduling issue. "I'm in no rush," he repeated. "The sanctions are on."

Mr Trump met the North Korean leader in Singapore in June.

"I'd love to take the sanctions off but they have to be responsive too," he said. "But we're not in any rush at all, no rush whatsoever."

"Before I got here they were dealing with this for over 70 years. And I guess on a nuclear front for 25 years. That's a long time," he said. (Courtesy https://www.straitstimes.com)

