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U.S. expects immediate action from China on trade commitments

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The United States expects immediate action by China on trade issues after a deal reached by the countries' leaders, including lower tariffs on automobiles and measures against intellectual property theft and forced technology transfers, a White House official said on Monday.

U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed to hold off on new tariffs for 90 days during talks in Argentina on Saturday, declaring a truce following months of escalating tensions on trade and other issues.

That 90-day period will begin on Jan. 1, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters.

The Chinese offered more than \$1.2 trillion in additional commitments on trade, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin said on Monday. Kudlow said that figure was a broad benchmark and referred to private transactions for buying U.S. goods, subject to market conditions.

China also committed immediately to start lifting tariffs and non-tariff barriers, including reducing its 40 percent tariffs on autos, Kudlow said.

"We expect those tariffs to fall to zero," he told reporters.

Americans will get majority ownership in companies in China for the first time, which should help address top U.S. concerns about including intellectual property theft and forced technology transfers.

None of the commitments were agreed to in writing and specifics had yet to be hammered out.

Mnuchin said there was a shift in tone at Buenos Aires from past discussions as Xi offered a clear commitment to open China's markets to U.S. companies.

"This is the first time that we have a commitment from them that this will be a real agreement,"

U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping attend a working dinner after the G20 leaders summit in Buenos Aires, Argentina December 1, 2018. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque Mnuchin told CNBC.



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping meet after the G20 in Buenos Aires

Kudlow, director of the National Economic Council, said he, Mnuchin and U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer held two private meetings with China's Vice Premier Liu He in Argentina and he told them that Beijing would move immediately on the new commitments.

"The history here with China promises is not very good. And we know that," Kudlow said. "However, I will say this: President Xi has never been this involved."

Honor guard, cannon as former President Bush begins last trip to Washington

HOUSTON (Reuters) - A military honor guard loaded the body of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush onto Air Force One on Monday for a final trip to Washington and the start of four days of mourning the man who led the nation as the Cold War ended.

Cannons fired in tribute at a Texas Air National Guard base outside Houston where the 41st president's flag-draped casket was loaded onto the presidential jet, called "Special Air Mission 41" for the flight to Joint Base Andrews outside of Washington.

His son, former President George W. Bush, was set to join family, friends and aides of the former executive for the flight.

The deceased Bush will lie in state at the U.S. Capitol Rotunda from Monday through Wednesday, when a state funeral is scheduled at the National Cathedral. Bush died at his Houston home on Friday night, seven months after his wife Barbara died. After services in Wash-

ington, there will be another funeral in Houston on Thursday followed by burial at the Bush Presidential Library in College Station, Texas.

Bush served two terms as vice president under fellow Republican President Ronald Reagan before his own stint in the Oval Office from 1989 to 1993, a time that saw the end of the Cold War as well as the United States' routing of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's army in the 1991 Gulf War.

He failed to win a second term after breaking a no-new-taxes pledge.

Trump has ordered the federal government to close on Wednesday and both the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq will be closed on Wednesday in observance. U.S. bond and options markets were also due to be closed, with energy and foreign exchange markets expected to remain open.



The flag-draped casket of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard to the hearse, at Andrews Air Force Base

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Houston artist converts airport relic into cool installation art

Houston artist Jo Ann Fleischhauer can see the artistic value in almost anything, even an abandoned control tower at George Bush Intercontinental Airport.

Fleischhauer spent hours on end breathing new life into the defunct structure, illuminating constellations along the tower so weary travelers can enjoy a brief whimsical experience during their layovers. The result: a newly completed light installation “Trapping Time.”

“I’m hoping when people board planes they don’t whip their shades down immediately, that they look,” Fleischhauer told Houston Chronicle staff arts critic Molly Glentzer. “I’m hoping it’s like a, ‘What the hell is that up there?’ kind of a thing.”

Glentzer described the challenges this artist had to overcome to create this visually compelling piece, including climbing winding stairs to the top of the tower, a dark ascent into the tower that no longer has electricity.



Work crews install the sculpture Archivaldo, which is part of the "Wings of the City" exhibit that includes nine bronze sculptures by famed Mexican artist Jorge Marín.

The Atropos Key, by sculptor Hannah Stewart has been on top of the Hill on Hermann Park since 1972. In Greek mythology, along with her sister, Atropos was responsible for the destiny of humans.

Home appreciation rates could nearly halve by 2020, Freddie Mac says

As mortgage rates continue to rise, annual home appreciation rates could nearly halve by 2020, according to Freddie Mac. The mortgage-finance company has released its forecast for the next two years, predicting that annual growth in home prices, which increased 7.2 percent in 2017 and are on track to grow 5.1 percent in 2018, will drop to 2.9 percent in 2020. In the next two years, Freddie Mac believes the total amount of loans taken out on single-family homes will drop by \$30 billion. “Almost all the trends in the U.S. housing mar-

ket have been negative in recent months as housing market activity continues to adjust to higher mortgage rates,” the forecast read. As a result, Freddie Mac revised many of its estimates downward and stated, “If new-home sales are to resume growth in 2019, builders may have to shift their focus to more modestly priced homes and smaller homes to help offset housing affordability concerns.” While rising costs will make affordable homes a challenge, Freddie Mac said that modular housing, which can be built off-site, may help lower construction costs.



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The casket of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush arrives at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland



Family members watch as the flag-draped casket of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush is carried by a joint services military honor guard during an arrival ceremony, at Andrews Air Force Base



The casket of former U.S. President George H.W. Bush arrives at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland



Former U.S. President George W. Bush along with former first lady Laura Bush walks from Special Air Mission 41, the plane that carried his father, former President George H.W. Bush, to Washington, at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland



Van leaves the construction site of the new Mexico City International Airport in Texcoco



An Egyptian doctor makes a test during an unprecedented campaign that aims to test 50 million people to detect and treat hepatitis C patients in a bid to eliminate the disease by 2022, in Cairo



CSA astronaut David Saint-Jacques unites with the rest of the crew members on ISS

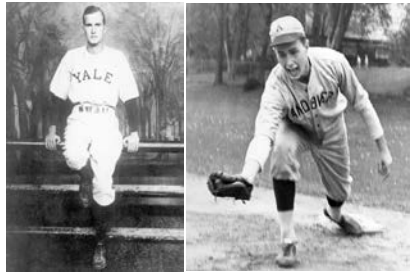


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The passing of George H. W. Bush has evoked deep sadness across the nation and has brought condolences from all corners of the world as he is remembered for the “kinder gentler” man that he was and as the statesman who guided the country through challenging times. President Bush passed away on the evening of Friday, November 30, 2018, at 10:10 PM CST surrounded by family members and friends at his home in Houston, Texas. President Trump has designated Wednesday, December 5, 2018, as a national day of mourning for the late president and has issued a proclamation directing that the American flag be displayed at half-staff at the White House and on all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and over U.S. embassies and consular offices around the world for the next 30 days. This page is dedicated to the memory of the late president through photos that show him through the years from his college days, his service as a military pilot, his political career including ambassador, Vice President and President of the United States and as a dedicated family man.



George H.W. Bush
President Bush's Love For Baseball
Started In His College Days At Yale



As captain of the Yale University baseball team, George Herbert Walker Bush played in the first two College World Series in 1947 and 1948. Bush played first base for the Yale University Bulldogs.

The Passing Of The Forty-First President of the United States Of America

George H. W. Bush 1924 – 2018

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



A quintessential baseball man President Bush attended many Houston Astros baseball games. Upon hearing of the Pearl Harbor attack, Bus joined the Navy to become an aviator



Upon hearing of the Pearl Harbor attack, while a student at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, George Bush decided he wanted to join the Navy to become an aviator. He enlisted in the Navy on his 18th birthday and began preflight training at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As part of Air Group 51, his squadron was based on USS San Jacinto in the spring of 1944. During the return of his aircraft from a mission, Ensign Bush's aircraft made a forced water landing. The destroyer, USS Clarence K. Bronson, rescued the crew, but the plane was lost.



Candidate George Bush with wife Barbara on the campaign trail

In foreign affairs, Bush excelled



President George H.W. Bush shares a joke with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on December 3, 1989.



George H.W. Bush is remembered in Beijing for helping stop ties with Washington from going off the rails, observers say. The trust and personal ties he spent years building often proved invaluable in bilateral relations. “Bush has packed much into his life: war hero, ambassador, CIA chief, VP and President.” With the troops



Three generations of the Bush family are shown below



George Bush was a dedicated family man.



A Bush family portrait from 1992. President Bush was a close friend of former U.S. president Bill Clinton



“His friendship has been one of the great gifts of my life,” Clinton writes of his predecessor.

Many paid tribute at the gate outside of former President George H.W. Bush's residence



Houstonians say goodbye to hometown hero.

President Donald Trump Responds To The Loss Of Former President George H.W. Bush



“Through his essential authenticity, disarming wit and unwavering commitment to faith, family and country, President Bush inspired generations of his fellow Americans to public service — to be, in his words “a thousand points of light” illuminating the greatness, hope, and opportunity of America to the world.”

- President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania Trump

President Trump will attend George H.W. Bush's funeral and has named Wednesday, December 5th as a national day of mourning.

Bush was a dedicated family man



Former President Bush and wife Barbara on their wedding day and a recent photo last year.

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■華仔表示今次演唱會製作上，很多優秀團員是首次合作。



戒糖戒澱粉 操練身形開秀 華仔深夜獨舞 練體能

香港文匯報訊(記者 李思穎)劉德華演唱會如箭在弦，剩下不足兩星期便登上紅館開秀，華仔積極「備戰」以最佳狀態演出，除了鍛煉體能，更戒澱粉戒糖操練身形，務求帶給大家一個「超值」演唱會。



■劉德華全面備戰演唱會。

華仔的《My Love Andy Lau 劉德華 World Tour》香港站將於本月15日在紅館正式演出，距離不到兩周的時間，華仔透露每天除了動練體能、不斷排練外，茹素的他在飲食方面一向清淡，這次大量的蔬菜、每天吃足6隻蛋，成為優質蛋白質攝取的主要來源之

一，這次很大不同的飲食方式是戒澱粉、戒糖。華仔說：「吃素後澱粉類一直是主要的飲食，戒澱粉初期還會覺得餓，但是很快就習慣。大家不要擔心我體能狀態，因為都會有營養師看管着。」

每天至少45分鐘跑步

華仔曾說演出前一個月是去蕪存菁



■當大家排練完，華仔仍挑燈夜戰，獨自練舞，務求盡善盡美。

期，目前一切已大致定下，剩下小細節上的微調。而這次演唱會製作上有很多優秀的團員，華仔和他們都是第一次合作。他們非常的用心、努力。大家經過幾個月朝夕相處、溝通、配合，培養出了十足的默契。這次在舞蹈方面結合了藝術界翹楚的曹誠淵老師及知名現代舞老師 Alan Mak，每個老師的方式都略有不同，但嚴格及要求卻都是一樣的。

華仔素來毅力驚人，常常一整汗水淋漓的和大夥兒排練完，他仍挑燈夜戰，獨自練舞，務求盡善盡美。而無論多晚回到家，華仔也堅持每天至少要做

45分鐘的跑步。這樣嚴格控管自己的體能、體態，對節目細節的高度要求，為的就是希望能讓每一個來看他演唱會的觀眾都能盡興而歸，每張門票都能物超所值。

將紅館中央懸吊大熒幕拆下

睽違8年再次踏上紅館，華仔坦言自己心情是緊張的。而談到這次演唱會的舞台設計，華仔略作透露：「這次會有一個新的創舉，就是會將原本掛在紅館中央的懸吊大熒幕拆下，改設置在旁邊。讓觀眾的視野更加開闊。觀眾可以更直接地欣賞舞台上的演出。希望每一個觀眾都能更融入演唱會中。」



■劉心悠對於首次踏足芭蕾舞舞台表示興奮，故不惜推掉工作，以投入訓練。



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香港文匯報訊 劉心悠粉墨登場，在《胡桃夾子》中友情客串全新角色——星光仙子，為迎接本月14日的首演，她近月每天努力練習和綵排，務求以最佳狀態演出。心悠所飾演的星光仙子角色，由聖誕樹頂端的星星幻化而成，是特別為她度身而設的全新角色，將在首兩幕演出。零芭蕾舞根基的心悠為了準備友情客串《胡桃夾子》，不惜推掉多部電視劇和電影拍攝的邀請，專心留港練習。在香港芭蕾舞團導師指導下，心悠日夜排練，將每一個舞步跳得滾瓜爛熟。記熟舞步對於擅長背誦台詞的心悠而言不是難度，難倒她的是芭蕾舞基本的腳位、各式腳位、各式手位，全都需要高柔軟度與肌肉力量。

一向對自己要求極高的心悠除了接受香港芭蕾舞團的訓練外，更特意聘請了私人芭蕾舞導師為她補習芭蕾舞技巧。心悠每日努力拉筋最少6小時，拉到一字馬為止，以提升柔軟度，甚至不惜拉筋拉到痛哭，她說：「雖然我有做運動，有瑜伽底子，但柔軟度依然不足以應付芭蕾舞的柔美動作，每次拉筋的動作都好像令肌肉撕裂一樣，是非常痛，痛到淚水不由自主地流下，導師以為我接受不了，想停止幫我壓腿，但我覺得我可以捱到，不停叫他繼續。」心悠付出的不止是體力，她在練習後還參考不同的芭蕾舞劇，盡力掌握芭蕾舞劇的節奏。

董敏莉順利幫愛女換片

香港文匯報訊(記者 李思穎)董敏莉(Monic)早前剖腹生下囡囡，榮升媽咪級的她，在成功餵哺母乳一刻，激動得想落淚，順利幫愛女換片更有成功感，首嘗母愛的力量。Monic最初幾天嘗試給BB餵哺母乳時不大成功，2日終於順利餵母乳，令她感動到想喊出來，開始感受到做媽咪感覺，她笑說：「慢慢已習慣，以前我好怕尿尿之類的物體，但幫個囡換片真的不同，好有成功感之餘，真的是母愛的力量！」



■董敏莉

會驚，最難是掃風，要好好研究一下，這幾天好多朋友來探子子，長輩們很疼錫BB，一出世已經收好多衫同利是。」

由於她產後出現腳腫情況，亦因要照顧囡囡，暫時不接工作，談到湊女樂，她一臉滿足道：「我現在當囡囡是公仔，之前買下大批BB衫，可以幫她扮靚。今年過聖誕節就好開心，多了囡囡陪我，工作方面暫時都未有復工時間表，我都同電台同事講要新年後先復工，因為真的不捨得離開個囡。」



■田蕊妮新劇演失婚失業的40歲女人。

田蕊妮開工即病倒

香港文匯報訊(記者 吳文釗)已有年多沒拍劇的田蕊妮3日返電視城為新劇《她，她，她的少女時代》開工拍攝，她表示新劇已開工四、五天，笑言角色像延續她主持的節目《女人四十》，她將演一個失婚失業的40歲女人，如何在谷底自強。問到角色是否為她度身訂造，延續《女人四十》效應，阿田笑言相信只是巧合，新劇輕鬆和勵志，希望帶給觀眾新鮮感。

久未拍劇的阿田自嘲一開工就病倒，而且劇中角色情緒起伏大，田蕊妮說：「頭幾集已經哭得好瘋狂，以為自己很幸福，怎料老公原來有第二個，幸福家庭的希望完全幻滅。」阿田笑指監製找她時以輕鬆勵志片掛帥，怎料收到劇本後是另一回事，笑道：「為什麼不可以讓我做些簡單角色，要我哭都不是問題，只要劇本感動到我就得，因為我不會為哭而哭，而且大家都知道我哭點有幾低。」今年沒份提名視后的阿田表示有沒有獎項都是輕鬆心情面對，笑指她今年加入樂壇要爭新人獎時，她即大賣廣告表示第二首派台歌《半段路》已推出，但能否出席音樂頒獎禮要視乎檔期，她也有很多音樂想法跟大家分享，而且她也跟大家一樣，希望古天樂能贏到我最喜愛的男歌手獎。

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