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In U.S. Gulf, robots, drones take on dangerous offshore oil work

HOUSTON (Reuters) - At BP's massive Thunder Horse oil platform in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, a dog-sized robot called Maggie uses magnetic tracks to creep along pipes connecting the giant oil facility to the sea floor.

Before MaggHD, dubbed "Maggie" by BP, the dangerous inspection job was reserved for highly paid specialist technicians who did their jobs while rappelling along the platform.

The energy industry has turned to robots and drones to cut costs and improve safety in some of the world's tougher working environments.

Drones inspect gear high up on floating rigs. Robots crawl underwater to test subsea equipment for microscopic metal cracks. Remotely operated mini submarines can replace divers.

Big oil producers such as BP and Statoil are racing to create the oilfields of the future, where smart devices replace workers. They have the potential to cut costs, save lives, and reduce the scope for human error.

"This is going to change the way oil and gas does business," Carri Lockhart, senior vice president of offshore at Statoil USA, said in an interview earlier this year, referring to the push towards autonomous gear and facilities.

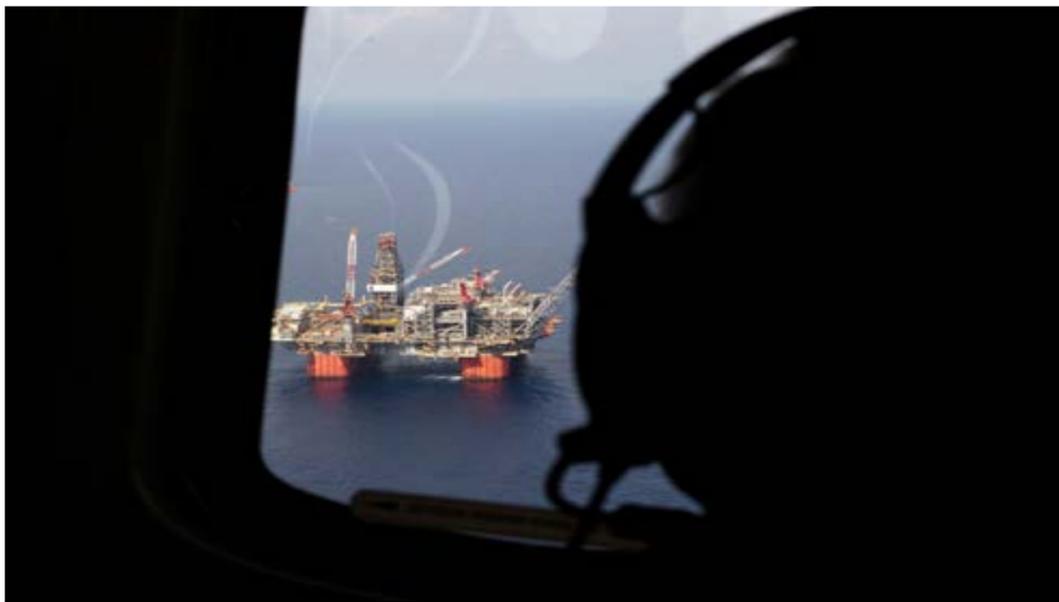
Maggie belongs to a group of devices known as magnetic crawlers, which can move across rigs, platforms, and pipelines above and below water using ultrasonic test devices and high-definition cameras. They can cost \$60,000 apiece.

BP, the largest operator in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, piloted Maggie on its Thunder Horse platform last year and expects to roll out similar crawlers across all its Gulf of Mexico platforms in coming years.

BP's 2010 Deepwater Horizon rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, which killed 11 people and was the largest accidental release of oil into U.S. marine waters, underscored the dangers of offshore work. BP wants the robots "to remove individuals from being in unsafe environments. The efficiencies we gain by collecting data this way are significant. The safety factor is obvious," said Dave Truch, a technology director in BP's Digital Innovation Organization.

Drones and crawlers can do inspections in about half the time of rope access technicians, while placing fewer workers in harm's way, executives at BP said this week.

Other gadgets can reduce the need for shutdowns, which are sometimes necessary for safe inspection of equipment by humans. Drones can conduct inspections of flaring equipment, which burn



FILE PHOTO: Representative Steve Scalise (R-LA) views BP's Thunder Horse Oil Platform in the Gulf of Mexico, from the air, 150 miles from the Louisiana coast in this May 11, 2017 handout photo obtained by Reuters June 26, 2017. Chris Bond/Handout via REUTERS

off dangerous gases at oil and gas production facilities, without requiring a shutdown.

Those shutdowns could last anywhere from five to 20 days, said Iain Gault, a business development manager at Stork, an energy maintenance unit of Fluor Corp.

"We still can't do the physical work with a drone or crawler, but the efficiency is gained by only putting people in the field when needed," said Gault, who started his career in oil and gas as a rope access technician, rappelling along the sides of oil structures in the North Sea, nearly 30 years ago.



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LEGENDARILY IRREVERENT COMEDIAN KATHY GRIFFIN IS BACK ON THE ROAD

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Los Angeles, CA (April 27, 2018) – After a year of national scandal and following a sold-out run of stand-up shows and rave reviews around the globe, Kathy Griffin is returning with the much-anticipated North American continuation of her “Laugh Your Head Off” World Tour. Due to popular demand Griffin is adding more shows throughout the United States. Armed with the story of the now infamous and controversial photo (yes... THAT photo), the fiery redheaded, award-winning, American comedian is bringing the story of the photo heard ‘round the world and the fallout that followed, along with breaking down everything in the pop-culture landscape from Trump to the Kardashians. Griffin tells all in this more than 2-hour no-holds-barred show in the raw, honest, and engaging way fans have always loved about her. The North American stint of the “Laugh Your Head Off” tour begins Friday, May 25th in Toronto, ON with U.S. dates produced by Live Nation. “Donald Trump will not survive the live and hilarious indictment I will be bringing down on his orange head. Did I say head?” Griffin said. “To all of you in North America who have been sending so much love and support, now’s your chance to show it. Buy a ticket for one of these tour stops and I promise you won’t be disappointed. You’re gonna get the whole story. We will talk about THE photo that sparked a conversation around the world, how my mom Maggie still watches Fox News and thinks I might be in ISIS, and hell, I’ll even walk you through my interrogation by the feds. You’re not gonna get that story anywhere else! Oh, and did I mention that my next door neighbors during this whole ordeal are none other than Kim Kardashian-West and Kanye Kardashian-West?” Griffin continues, “My show isn’t for the faint of heart so leave your kids at home. My motto is ‘Funny First.’ But don’t worry, we’ve got some serious smack talking to do about everything and every-

one,” before adding, “with love, of course.”

Following a wildly successful run overseas including New Zealand, Australia, Singapore, the U.K., among many others, the prolific comic is ready to come home and tell her truth in the only way she can – through fearless and peerless comedy. More motivated than ever, Griffin is ready to deliver the most balls-out and frankly hilarious shows of her stellar career.

Newly announced tour dates and ticket information for the North American leg of the “LAUGH YOUR HEAD OFF” World Tour can be found below. Tickets for these recently announced dates will go on sale to the general public beginning Tuesday, May 1 at 10am local time. For more information on Kathy, visit www.KathyGriffin.com.

“Every era gets the Lenny Bruce it deserves. Ours is Kathy Griffin.” - The New York Times

“Griffin’s show was defiant, fierce and viciously funny.” - The Sydney Morning Herald

“Mouthy? Yes. Vulgar? Frequently. Unforgettable? Definitely.” - London Evening Standard

New Tour Dates Added:

- Sunday, June 17, 2018 Portland, OR Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall
- Thursday, July 19, 2018 Los Angeles, CA Dolby Theatre
- Saturday, July 28, 2018** San Diego, CA San Diego Civic Theatre
- Wednesday, August 01, 2018 Washington D.C. The Kenne-



- dy Center
- Friday, August 03, 2018 Charlotte, NC Belk Theater
- Saturday, August 18, 2018 Dallas, TX Winspear Opera House
- Sunday, August 19, 2018 Austin, TX Bass Hall
- Monday, August 20, 2018 Houston, TX Jones Hall
- Wednesday, August 22, 2018 Denver, CO Ellie Caulkins Opera House
- Wednesday, September 12, 2018 Miami, FL Arsht Center
- Thursday, September 13, 2018 Orlando, FL Bob Carr Theater
- Friday, September 21, 2018 Atlanta, GA Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre
- Saturday, October 06, 2018 Philadelphia, PA Merriam Theater
- Thursday, October 25, 2018 Minneapolis, MN State Theatre
- Friday, October 26, 2018 Detroit, MI Fisher Theatre

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For a complete list of tour dates visit: <https://www.livenation.com/artists/78352/kathy-griffin>

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Russian servicemen wash a military vehicle before the rehearsal for the Victory Day parade in central Moscow



Russian servicemen are seen onboard military vehicles before the rehearsal for the Victory Day parade in Moscow



White House counselor Kellyanne Conway chats with other guests after the National Day of Prayer ceremony at the White House in Washington, U.S., May 3, 2018. REUTERS/Leah Millis



U.S. President Donald Trump participates in the National Day of Prayer ceremony at the White House in Washington



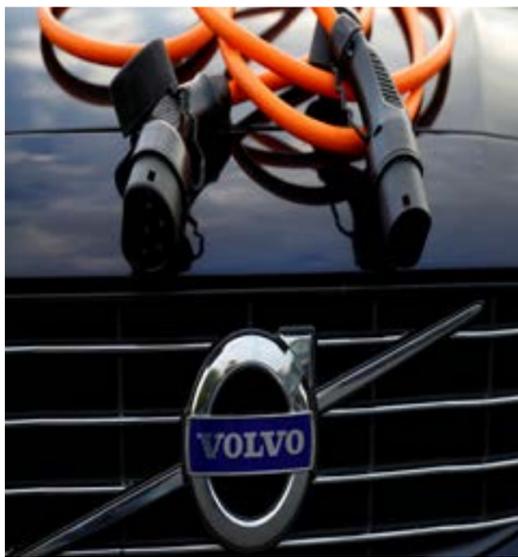
Chairman of Inspire Medical Systems, Marilyn Carlson Nelson rings a ceremonial bell with President and CEO of Inspire Medical Systems, Tim Herbert, to celebrate their company's IPO on the floor of the NYSE in New York



Farmer displays wheat grains at field in the Beheira Governorate



FILE PHOTO: A security guard stands guard outside a branch of Rizal Commercial Banking Corporation (RCBC) in Paranaque city, Metro Manila



FILE PHOTO: An electric vehicle charging cable is seen on the bonnet of a Volvo hybrid car in this picture illustration



May 3, 2018; Louisville, KY, USA; An exercise rider works Kentucky Oaks entry Monomoy Girl at Churchill Downs. Mandatory Credit: Jamie Rhodes-USA TODAY Sports



Princess Dato'Sri Maria Amor Torres DK1, D.D., Princess and Home Minister of The Royal Kingdom of Sulu, Princess of The Royal House of Balo-i, recipient of DARJAH KERABAT (highest award for Royalty given to Kings, Sultans, Presidents) will visit the International Trade Center- Houston on Friday, May 4, 2018, from 6-8:00 PM. Media partners for the event include International Focus Magazine, Southern Newspaper, News&Views and Pinoy Houston TV. The dinner will be sponsored by Wheatstone Benefit Solutions.

About Princess Dato'Sri Maria Amor Torres Princess Dato'Sri Maria Amor Torres DK1, D.D., Princess and Home Minister of The Royal Kingdom of Sulu, Princess of The Royal House of Balo-i, recipient of DARJAH KERABAT (highest award for Royalty given to Kings, Sultans, Presidents) is the Founder and President of the We Care for Humanity, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote universal humanitarianism and provide education, health and empowerment to the underprivileged and underserved women and children using various global novel collaboration and projects. We Care for Humanity was founded in 2009 and formalized in 2011.

Under her leadership, We Care for Humanity has initiated many innovative and important activities in extending care and help to the poor and the needy, building peace projects, strengthening international relations, promoting education and health for all, and empowering women and developing new peace and humanitarian leaders.



Dr. Maria Amor has lectured and a staple invited speaker throughout the United States and Asia on issues of peace, humanity, health and education, human trafficking and international trade. She has received many awards for her works for a more peaceful and humanitarian world, including her appointment as the Minister of Home Affairs of the Rpyal Kingdom of Sulu, (former) Secretary-Of-State of the Federation of the South Kingdoms, Global Ambassador of Goodwill by The Royal House of Baloi of HRH Dr. Datu Camad Ali, World Peace Committee Head Representative for California and International Director of Dignitary affairs by WPC President DjuyotoSuntani, Conferment of Doctor of Divinity by the Order of Hagiasmosin Indonesia. She has been interviewed on major news networks and international television and radio shows on her numerous and outstanding humanitarian and peace endeavors globally.

The Traveling Princess: In Search Of The Greatest Humanitarians In The World

H.H. Governess Queen Maria IV H.H. Princess Maria Amor, D.D.
HUMANITARIAN - ENTREPRENEUR - VISIONARY
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Prior to arriving in the USA, she is a highly-recognized beauty queen, youth and women advocate and an entrepreneur in the Philippines where she was born and raised. But it was in the United States where she began honing her crafts and making big dreams turned into business opportunities when she pursued her career in Modeling and Marketing in 2005. She finished Fashion Designing & Merchandising course at Fashion Careers International in 2006.



His Highness Sheikh Juma Al Maktoum of the Dubai ruling family awarded Princess Maria Amor the Global Champion for Peace & Security Award and Inducted in Women Hall of Fame in Dubai last Dec. 13, 2015 at the SAMEAWS 2015. Special thanks to Ms. Lamis Alkaati for the nomination and to WCH Publicity Ambassador Devani Pascual for the support and assistance.(For video coverage, go here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fVRA-JVXkXr4>)

She is now a multi-awarded and globally-recognized diplomat, philanthropist, education and health advocate, women and children's champion, community leader, artist, television host, businesswoman and most of all, a humanitarian. A book on her philanthropic and humanitarian works will soon be published on her honor. Maria Amor is a Marketing and Branding expert. A modern artist and savvy designer. Her interests include humanitarian works, film studies, book publication, culinary and entertainment skills enhancement activities. Amor has also spearheaded numerous other charitable events over the years, including the following:

- Creator/ Chairman, 2nd Global Officials of Dignity (GOD) Awards, United Nations, NY 2014
- International Event Organizer, World Peace Summit, 2014
- Creator/Producer, 1st GOD Awards in Academy of Television arts & Sciences, CA 2013
- Head Representative for CA USA, by the International Peace Committee, Indonesia 2013
- Invited Main Speaker, International Spices Conference in Ambon Maluku, Indonesia 2013
- Recently Invited at the USA Presidential Inauguration in Washington DC, 2013
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A morning with Team PFDA and Princess Maria Amor Torres
Philippines' Princess Maria Amor Torres spends time with Bangladesh's special children



Filipino social activist Princess Maria Amor Torres has visited the PFDA-Vocational Training Center (PFDA-VTC) in Dhaka and spent time with the children with special needs. The PFDA-Vocational Training Center is the first organisation in Bangladesh that works on capacity-building for persons with neuro-development disabilities.

It has been almost 78 years since Austrian pediatrician Hans Asperger drew up his case histories and shaped what was then considered clinical insight, into autistic disorders. Concluding from his cases, Asperger viewed the disorder as an exclusively male phenomenon, an argument that has since been thoroughly debunked. By and large, though, Asperger's clinical picture of autism at the more able end of the spectrum still stands. The stereotypes of autism have witnessed a considerable proliferation over the past 20 years or so. Autistic people made it to the central characters of novels and movies and have been featured as subjects of biographies or autobiographies, epitomes in marital guidance books and even in the school textbooks. But little are we able to perceive the true potential and warmth from these representations or stereotypical imagery of people with autism. Before stepping into the modest red brick establishment of Parents' Forum for Differently Ableds' Vocation Training Centre, an autistic person to me was just a person of average or below average intelligence, who may struggle with issues related to social interaction and communication. It took only a minute to change my perception forever, and I wasn't alone in this.

Founded in 2014, the centre is a training institute for the developmentally challenged above the age of 15 and it was the day (April 3) when the bunch of differently-abled youths were waiting for "the travelling princess," Maria

Amor Torres, to visit them in the facility.



To make the Filipino social activist's visit a welcome one, I saw some of the ardent youngsters busy decorating the stage in the ground floor of the building only to showcase their wonderfully undaunted cultural skills later in a short cultural ceremony in the honour of the Princess. The floor also houses a cozy restaurant run by none other than these spry people with special abilities.

We followed the princess, who is also the founder and president of We Care For Humanity; the honorary consulate of Chile in Bangladesh, Asif A Chowdhury; and the founding Chairman of the training Center Sajida Rahman Danny. Upstairs, we discovered a buoyant new world for the youngsters. Guided by a pool of skilled mentors, the youngsters were absorbed in mastering a wide array of life skills. In the Tie Dye Section, they learn swinging, designing, scaling and coloring clothes. They are also quite proficient in blocs, beads and ICT.

The alluring quality of the products they made did not fail to attract the princess, who eventually couldn't resist collecting her share of the curios. Astonished by their professionalism, she said that the products deserve a larger consumer attention "They are better skilled and proficient in vocational works than many of us. The designs and quality of their hand-made products are really amazing and deserves a better treatment." Calling on local actors and celebrities to join hand with the developmentally challenged youngsters, Princess Maria Amor Torres said, "I will surely put my best in promoting their wonderful creations. Local actors and celebrities can make a huge impact by promoting their products."

The VTC, which is the training centre instituted under PFDA, has previously represented Bangladesh in Hong Kong and bagged two international awards- Best visual Effects award and the Excellence Performance, at the Autistic Talent Gala 2017. As we entered the IT room, it seemed quite busy; some youths working on data entry, while others gathered to finalize the greeting card they made for Pohela Baishakh.

The VTC has successfully implemented Bangladesh Skills for Employment and Productivity (B-SEP) Project

for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)' funded by ILO from 11 March 2017 till 10 March 2018 and developed a 360 hours curriculum and module on Baking and on Food Service for the special needs persons. Out of the 205 persons who completed training, 52 are now professionally placed in jobs in government institutes, 3 star hotels, chain shop outlets, coffee and pastry shops etc, while 20 persons are waiting job placements.

The organization also distributed seed money to 21 individuals to develop their own business. Agreements were signed with Shwapno Retail Shop, Bangladesh Parjatan Corporation (BPC) and Signature and Coffee to increase the employability and mainstreaming process of the differently able people. The VTC motivates employers to employ 2/3 special persons in a group so that they can provide emotional support and empathy for each other.

The liveliness and warmth of the youngsters touched the Princess to tears, as was evident in her concluding speech. "I have visited many special education centres in different corners of the world, including USA, Philippines and South Africa, but most of them are focused on serving these people. What makes PFDA-VTC stand out is that it went beyond service and is focused on making them self-reliant. It is in fact nurturing them to build a dignified life," she said.

Princess Torres concluded on a laudatory and optimistic note, saying, "I earnestly believe that the VTC will soon be a role model for global organizations working to ensure the rights of differently able people." And like me, the short tour to the PFDA-Vocational Training Centre "was indeed an equally inspiring and perception-changing experience" for her.



It said the princess visited the centre at Mohakhali on Tuesday along with the Honorary Consul for Chile in Bangladesh Asif A Chowdhury. Chairman of the centre Sajida Rahman Danny accompanied the princess and Asif during the visit and showed them the activities of the organisation.

The princess is also the founder and President of 'We care for Humanity' and she is currently visiting different centres of the special children in the world. The PFDA Centre is dedicated to provide learning opportunities through life and livelihood skills, promote methods to empower young adult and adult with neurological disorders so that they utilise their potentials and take part in mainstream society and in cases, obtain independence.

Part of this initiative is to ensure employment of persons with disabilities and in 2017, 63 persons have been engaged in paid employment with different companies. (News link: <https://m.bdnews24.com/en/detail/health/1479109>)

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A US-China trade war is on the horizon if Trump's team and Xi's team can't come to an agreement on trade reforms. (AFP/Getty Images)

President Donald Trump is sending his top economic advisers to Beijing this week for talks to avert a possible trade war with China. US Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, and other senior economic officials will meet with Chinese officials on Thursday and Friday to discuss the two countries' trade disagreements.

Among other things, the US wants China to import more American goods and to stop forcing American companies to hand over their prized intellectual property if they want to do business in China. It already looks like talks are going to be tough. Chinese officials have declared they will refuse to discuss two of the US's biggest demands, and US officials are signaling that they aren't particularly optimistic.

"I'm always hoping but not always hopeful," Lighthizer said at a US Chamber of Commerce event on Tuesday in advance of the China trip. "It's a big, big challenge. There's a very different system over there and a system that, in all honesty, has worked very well for the Chinese."

If the two countries do manage to strike a deal, it could dramatically reduce tensions between the two world's largest economies. But if they don't strike a deal, or at least make serious progress toward one, things could go south fast — perhaps even escalating into a full-on trade war.

President Trump has sent Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to Beijing for "substantive" trade discussions in the wake of tariff threats between the two countries.

What follows is a brief guide to what a trade war is and why it could be so costly for both the US and China.

What is a trade war?

To understand what a trade war is, you first need to know what a normal trade dispute looks like.

Countries disagree with each other all the time about what counts as an unfair trade practice, clashing over policies like government subsidies for industries. There are a few different ways they handle their disagreements.

Let's say the US finds out that Country X uses gen-

erous government subsidies to make its production of tennis balls cheaper and give them an unfair price advantage over tennis balls made in the US. The US then has a few options for how to respond. Washington can take Country X to the World Trade Organization — the world's supreme court on trade — and complain about its subsidies of tennis balls. The hope would be that the WTO forces Country X to cut its subsidies or gives the US permission to use trade barriers against Country X's tennis balls.

The second option the US has is to initiate direct negotiations with Country X over its tennis ball subsidies and come to some kind of compromise agreement.

If neither of those works or seems desirable, the US could impose tariffs, or punitive border taxes, on Country X's tennis balls and say it won't let up until the tennis ball subsidies are reversed. Country X might then choose to come to the negotiating table to try to find a solution. The problem is that it could also choose to impose its own tariffs on an American export that it thinks the US handles unfairly.

Experts say that what separates a trade dispute from a trade war is the way that third situation unfolds. It's a trade dispute if the US and Country X's tariffs on each other are one-off strikes. But if the initial tit-for-tat causes further escalations, in the form of higher or more tariffs, then it becomes a trade war.

Phil Levy, who was a senior official on President George W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers, told me that his rule of thumb for characterizing something as a trade war is that the escalation of trade barriers is "uncontrolled."



(AFP/Getty Images)

Are the US and China heading toward a trade war?

The US and China are already engaging in what

Monica de Bolle, a senior fellow at the generally pro-free trade Peterson Institute for International Economics, calls a "pre-trade war."

First, on April 3, Trump unveiled a list of more than 1,300 Chinese exports — which included flat-screen televisions, aircraft parts, and medical devices — that he said he plans to hit with 25 percent tariffs. The tariffs are intended to punish Beijing for restricting US investment in China and stealing American intellectual property. Combined, they would affect about \$50 billion worth of Chinese exports.

The very next day, China struck back, unveiling its own list of US exports that it plans to hit with 25 percent tariffs. The proposed package could affect more than 100 American-made products, including cars, airplanes, and soybeans — the top US agricultural export to China. Combined, they would cover about \$50 billion worth of US exports, perfectly mirroring the US tariffs.

But it didn't stop there. The day after China's announcement, Trump directed his trade team to identify tariffs on an additional \$100 billion worth of goods, clearly intending to escalate even further after seeing Beijing's readiness to match his initial tariffs.

Levy says that's the moment it switched to a potential trade war. The Trump administration's original proposal for tariffs on \$50 billion worth of Chinese exports was specifically designed to compensate the US economy for the amount of revenue it's lost due to Chinese intellectual property theft. But Trump's rationale for the additional \$100 billion seems to be pure one-upmanship.

The next day, a spokesperson for China's Ministry of Commerce said that China will fight "at any cost" and take "comprehensive countermeasures" to Trump's latest measures.

Who would win a US-China trade war?

Trump has said he thinks trade wars are "easy to win" if the US exports less to a country than that country exports to the US. The logic is that the US has more targets to choose from to hit with tariffs or quotas (caps on the total amount of the country's exports) than the other country has.

The US's trade deficit of \$375 billion with China

— the amount by which its imports from China exceed its exports to China — is already pretty big, which means the US should have a lot more targets than China.

The US released a list of potential Chinese targets that covers more than 1,000 different items, but there's a focus on high-tech materials, including medical devices, machinery, aircraft parts, batteries, and flat-screen TVs. Tariffs on those products will make them more expensive and hurt the Chinese companies that manufacture them.

But experts say that Trump would be mistaken to think the US doesn't have a lot to lose.

One reason is that nearly every tariff Trump places on a Chinese export to the US doesn't just hurt China — it also hurts US producers and consumers. Trade with China saves typical American households up to \$850 a year, and that extra money gets spread across the economy and helps keep people employed in a variety of domestic industries. That could change if higher prices lead more Americans to change their buying patterns.

US businesses could also feel the sting because Trump's tariffs on machinery and high-tech components from China would almost certainly mean US manufacturers of things like aircraft and cars have to spend more than they do now.

The Trump administration hasn't said what new Chinese products could be hit by the additional \$100 billion in tariffs, but analysts say it's going to probably include a lot more essential consumer goods like cell phones, laptops, and furniture. Again, a double-edged sword — it'll deal a blow to the Chinese companies that make them and the US consumers that buy them.

China might not have as many exports to choose from, but the ones that it can hit are going to sting. Beijing is looking to hammer US agricultural exports produced in states that Trump and the GOP consider vital political strongholds. If China imposed its proposed tariffs, it would cause demand for those US exports to slump in China, and that in turn could dent profits and cause layoffs in those industries.

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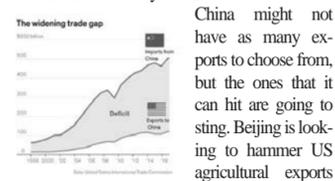
So what happens next?

The main thing to watch is the upcoming meeting between Trump administration officials and Chinese officials this week. It's possible they could come to a deal that would result in US and Chinese tariffs being lowered or even taken off the table.

But experts are skeptical that they'll actually manage to come to terms. There's a deep divide within the Trump administration on how to approach the Chinese. Officials like Lighthizer and White House trade adviser Peter Navarro are hawks on China, want big concessions, and favor tariffs, while Mnuchin and National Economic Council Director Larry Kudlow are more inclined to strike a deal with more moderate concessions.

"It's worrisome because you don't have clarity and consolidated negotiating strategy," Levy told me.

The divisions within the administration could make it harder to settle on an agreement with China, and that in turn means that tariffs could be on the way. The question then will be whether Trump will actually deliver on everything he's threatened — and if China will keep up the fight as well. (<https://www.vox.com/world>)





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從《角頭2》看台灣版教父怎麼穿？

第一次看到《教父》的時候，由於太小，基本上只記得大家心機好重，那個誰害誰，誰殺誰，誰又陷害誰。講白一點就是利益當頭，哪管義氣兄弟什麼兩個字怎麼寫。但，第二次看《教父》時，適逢自己也開始重視穿搭，就特別關注故事裡的男人怎麼經營自己的服飾哲學。這時驚呼艾爾帕西諾與馬龍白蘭度的穿著真是高檔，基本的領帶、三件式西裝、袋巾、領巾等配件搭配，完全迷人。

這時，當我發現《角頭2》找來鄒兆龍助陣時，第一次亮相居然是請這票男明星們『走秀』，我就發現，這部台式黑幫電影，比起過往黑道作品以本省籍的『吊嘎仔』式主流有所差別，更讓我好奇，片中男生們如何穿好穿滿？

首先，我沒有打算先從主角開始介紹起，倒是很喜歡鄒兆龍身旁的左右護法。古斌跟黃騰浩。先看古斌。他在片中是屬於浮誇動作派，畢竟這種電影裡面，有人負責動眼神，就有人負責要讓血噴。當然，也有人只負責動嘴皮子，鄒兆龍屬於動眼神跟嘴皮子。古斌屬於第一號戰將，給他特別亮色的西裝，以及一頭漂白白髮色，象徵這個角色的狂傲。



窄版合身西裝乾淨俐落，動起來超帥。

另一位護法：黃騰浩，屬於僅次於鄒兆龍地位的第二領導人物。劇組給他非常反差的设计，留一個文青馬尾，大概介於道士

下山與黃安之間的長度與捲度（我覺得黃騰浩應該想殺我），還給他一把狼勁十足的斧頭。

重點是，如此剽悍的動作身手，照樣得穿三件式西裝。但他的配色就相對暗沈低穩許多，如

灰黑色系與鐵黑色，但配件別針都沒少過。證明他是一個邊砍人，還要讓人看（我穿的真帥）的人。

再來是本戲最帥的角色：鄒兆龍。他一開始年輕模樣刻意穿

比較街頭風格。但當上老大之後，就開始穿《教父》般的穿搭組合，領巾、袋巾、三件式西裝之外，甚至還穿雙排扣西裝。基本上台灣男性很難這樣穿，其最主要的問題在於氣候。要能穿西裝就不簡單，更何況穿三件式，裡面那個背心真的會很熱。但穿上去之後，彷彿有修身效果，好似男士馬甲。雖然熱，但體態會比較有氣勢。而太熱就很難穿三件式，要穿上街頭火拼，就只能說『愛美不怕流汗』。

第二：三件式難穿就算了，要在頸部搭配領巾，更是難上加難。除非冬天，否則台灣濕熱氣候，領巾真是很折磨人的利汗工具。《教父》能這麼帥，好歹拍攝都在相對乾燥的氣候之中。《角頭2》光拍戲，讓男星們帥，其實演員們的飄汗代價也是很高的。

鄒兆龍這個角色象徵：『誰與爭鋒』，自然需要穿搭最頂級的風格。而且，穿上『雙排扣』更是最有自信，因為雙排扣也是考驗體型，身材不夠壯、不夠瘦，都無法穿。

因此，劇組設計給鄒兆龍穿最完整的帥哥西裝，是有其對照角色心理狀態。最有自信，最有品味，講究細節，要求完美，不能輸給時間的體態。

被台灣演員「欺負」張林子導演：他越界線了



電影《鏡像人·明日青春》以各自獨立又環環相扣的三個故事，講述未來產物「鏡像人」的遭遇，這些被人類設定的產物，必須在人類統治裡掙扎，而這部中國少見的科幻片不僅在台灣上映，也讓大家看到對岸如何拍出有意義的科幻電影，導演張林子和男主角之一的王柏傑，在接受《NOWnews 今日新聞》訪問時，便談到片中那些被人類控制的鏡像人，為愛、為對的事，義無反顧向前衝的精神。

才33歲的張林子導演，是中國備受矚目的青年導演之一，台灣觀眾或許對他極為陌生，但其實他拍的許多電視劇和電影都大有來頭，包括韓片《我的野蠻女友》導演郭在容監製、由他執導的電影《情敵蜜月》，主角是權相佑、張雨綺，接著又拍攝韓國大型娛樂公司CJ&M，在中國投資製作的首部電視劇《一又二分之二的夏天》，更別提黃磊監製的央視賀歲電影《燈下的小女孩》，以及張柏芝製作的電視劇《裸愛》，都是由張林子執導了。

但看似如此順遂的經歷，張林子卻認為這些都是自己義無反顧、苦過來的經驗。導演說：「我幾乎

沒有哪件事不是這樣義無反顧向前衝的，我的生活體驗一直都是這麼一個過程，一直想挑戰打破自我的限制，我只是把順利的一面表現出來，不願說出苦的一面而已。由於我對電影的創作方法是通過實踐去學習，所以一開始就跟別的青年導演不太一樣，而且我不太挑，有任何機會我都會去拍。」

也因為這樣，當年超級年輕的他，就曾在現場被演員欺負過，而且想不到的是，居然還是被一個台灣演員欺負，張林子說：「因為那時候什麼都不懂，就是比較倔的堅持下來了。那個演員是一個台灣演員，年齡不小的演員，當時我雖然已經拍了一些短片，但畢竟是第一次拍電視劇，那個陣式把我嚇著了。拍攝期間那個台灣演員一直以一個前輩的姿態教我，但是那個教的方法踰越了一個導演和演員的關係，踰越那個界線了，而且所有表演如果只聽演員的，那演員自己或許會演得很過癮，但戲卻未必好，不過我接受了，因為我覺得那時候不能意氣用事，必須有忍辱負重的精神。」

張林子從王柏傑拍的第一部電影《九降風》就「看上他」啦，覺

得他身上有一種貴氣，「他在電影裡很搶，他一出場就是在畫面裡會發光的那種，很容易讓人注意到他，像《十月圍城》他剃光頭，我看那個光頭，很少有人光頭還像他那麼好看的！」

不過，王柏傑可完全不知道海峽那一邊，居然有個導演如此賞識他的，一開始《鏡像人·明日青春》副導演打電話邀請他演出時，他還以為是詐騙電話，「我到蒙古（拍攝地）之前完全沒跟導演碰過面，沒跟他視訊沒跟他講過電話，就覺得很悶，怎麼會這樣子，因為從來沒遇過這種情形，以前拍戲導演雖然沒見過面，但至少會要求視訊一下，問個話看看、聊一下彼此熟悉一下，但他完全不跟我聯絡，很悶悶他到底是要幹嘛。」

那是因為導演早就把他烙印在心裡，因為電影裡的角色，導演完全是照著王柏傑寫的，所以對他的表演很放心，也不想給他太多限制，張林子還大讚王說：「他特別敬業，拍戲都不離開現場，我就會叫他去抽根菸吧，但他哪怕去上個廁所，都會說『我一分半鐘就回來』，他對我們這麼著想，我們也會為他著想，氣氛自然就會很融洽，不希望讓他凍著餓著，各方面都會為他想到。」

也因此即使拍完戲了，導演還繼續跟王柏傑聯絡，甚至來台灣拍戲或跟老婆旅遊時，還會去王的酒吧坐坐，張林子更承諾：「未來我要是有合適的角色，肯定第一時間就想到王柏傑，這是本能，他一直在我腦袋裡。」

張鈞甯禮服飄仙氣 被指山寨貨超窘！



氣質女星張鈞甯2014年因演出《武媚娘傳奇》在大陸打開知名度，她的新戲《溫暖的弦》最近熱播中，其中一幕她穿著優雅禮服跟男主角張翰共舞的浪漫場景，被網友大讚美到像仙女，但隨即有眼尖網友發現她身上的紫色漸層魚尾裙其實是山寨貨，讓劇迷的公夢瞬間清醒。

張鈞甯1日在微博上秀出跟張翰翩翩起舞的浪漫影片，引起粉絲瘋狂按讚，她身上這唯美禮服也登上微博熱搜，詢問度超高，她自曝為這場舞練了7天7夜，知道網友讚美她的造型很仙，還搞笑說：「對了，聽說大家很喜歡我的魚尾紋 喔不，魚尾裙。」又引來粉絲不斷誇獎。

沒想到有網友發現這件紫色漸層魚尾裙抄襲Elie Saab 2014春夏高訂系列禮服，英國女星莉莉柯林斯（Lily Collins）曾穿著她出席第九屆羅馬電影節，對比圖一拿出來，山寨貨瞬間被打趴在地。

張鈞甯這件禮服應該是由《溫暖的弦》的劇組提供，她在不知情的狀況下穿上盜版貨拍戲，被捧上天後又慘遭打臉實在是有夠無辜，知道真相的網友也對她相當同情，「劇組想省預算，結果捅了張鈞甯一刀」、「沒說的時候我還覺得好精緻，和正版圖一比就顯得粗糙了」、「雖然衣服是假的，但美貌跟氣質是真的」。



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交通運輸部副部長劉小明對林超賢導演充滿信心。

林超賢導演目前正積極搜集資料，初步計劃遵照比利時、意大利、英國三套不同潛水特訓標準，望能以漸進式手法，全方位催谷演員的狀態，變身為更有實際的海上救援隊成員：“一般去外地旅遊，很多人都會玩潛水訓練，我的要求當然不止於此，除了潛到一定的水深，既要演海上救援隊，演員更需熟悉在水底救援的運作，譬如燒焊、清除障礙物以便救人及解決一切難題，這個訓練將在倫敦進行，正為演員編排行程及處理相關手續。”

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香港文匯報訊（記者 植毅儀）林超賢導演新作《緊急救援》（暫名），籌備工作正進行得如火如荼，男主角彭于晏（Eddie）本身擁有潛水牌，但由於是次為更嚴格的進階版，預計Eddie也要訓練接近兩個月。

林超賢導演目前正積極搜集資料，初步計劃遵照比利時、意大利、英國三套不同潛水特訓標準，望能以漸進式手法，全方位催谷演員的狀態，變身為更有實際的海上救援隊成員：“一般去外地旅遊，很多人都會玩潛水訓練，我的要求當然不止於此，除了潛到一定的水深，既要演海上救援隊，演員更需熟悉在水底救援的運作，譬如燒焊、清除障礙物以便救人及解決一切難題，這個訓練將在倫敦進行，正為演員編排行程及處理相關手續。”

Eddie秘密練氣狀態奇勇 相距《緊急救援》開機仍有一段日子，Eddie已先秘密練氣，狀態fit得不得了，林導演笑言：“拍《破風》時天天在香港訓練，令Eddie踏單車踏到上癮，加上在台灣踏單車感覺一流，台東、台南、台中均有單車道，一路上山又可以在靚cafe歎杯咖啡，停一停欣賞美景，一樂也！”

交通部禮遇顯高度重視

《紅海行動》進一步確證林導演有充足駕馭動作大片的過人本領，新作《緊急救援》自然備受各方注目，日前，國家交通運輸部副部長劉小明特別親自接見林導演、監製梁鳳英及《緊急救援》總製片人李語，就電影的籌備工作進行交流，展現高度禮遇。

潛水特訓演好海上救援隊

彭于晏調動工作 與林超賢“破風”

李語，就電影的籌備工作進行交流，展現極度禮遇；劉部長直言，早就欣賞林導演非凡的專業能力，以及一直秉持的工匠精神與英雄情懷，故早於2015年3月，人民交通出版社已點名邀請林導演掌舵《緊急救援》，堪稱慧眼識英雄！



早前，林導演抽空往台灣一行，彭于晏特地調動工作，相約一起“破風”。

詩詠考慮“雪卵”生寶寶

香港文匯報訊（記者 李思穎）唐詩詠3日踏入37歲生日，單身的她不急於拍拖，但就不排除會“閃婚”，更希望組織家庭，快將面對“四”字頭的她，會考慮“雪卵”作為送給自己的生日禮物。

替他開心，希望是他最後一個，大了都要成家立室，（幾時到你組織家庭？）我都想有自己家庭，相信每個女生都希望，至於生小朋友便視乎另一半，自己沒有所謂，兩個人都是一個家庭，有事時有人在身邊陪伴支持，（越來越心急？）不會，年齡只是數字，做這行遲婚不是大問題，要找到個適合時機先可以，遇到對的時機不介意拍拖一年或幾個月便“閃婚”，這個年代沒所謂。



唐詩詠

鍾欣潼 留洛杉磯影婚紗相

香港文匯報訊（記者 李思穎）鍾欣潼（阿嬌）3日出席女裝品牌活動，更獲鬼才設計師親繪阿嬌肖像的油畫給阿嬌作禮物。計劃年底結婚的阿嬌，會於本月15號出發到美加展開三場巡唱，緊接於25日在洛杉磯舉行婚前最後一個單身派對。3日阿嬌再度聲言不是婚禮，至於婚前派對籌備進展，她輕鬆地說：“我人到去參與就得，不用搞太多東西，我也不知叫什麼派對，總之是一班朋友聚會。（會不會有狂野男舞蹈員表演？）我不會玩得癲，玩不起，我會怕醜，真的朋友提議過，但我覺得好尷尬，想像不到個畫面，我未見過這面，（怕未婚夫賴弘國吃醋？）不會，我會讓他玩，看住他玩，（他不准？）他沒講。”



鍾欣潼

洪永城同翠如吵架變默契

香港文匯報訊（記者 李思穎）洪永城(Tony) 3日出席旅遊用品專門店開幕活動，並化身店長演繹春夏服飾，更即場為“馬來西亞華裔小姐冠軍”陳玉娥度身設計野遊造型。Tony透露將與黃翠如再拍檔做旅遊節目，成事的話會於7、8月出發，主要到亞洲地區做一星期以露營為主題的節目，下周便會投入新劇《多功能老婆》拍攝工作，希望可以抽到時間做旅遊節目，也是時候出外走一趟了，不然會腦閉塞。



洪永城和陳玉娥出席活動。

說到舊愛唐詩詠生日，會否約對方慶祝？Tony笑說：“你都知道是舊愛，我會傳短訊祝賀，（她會回覆嗎？）應該會，她有很多朋友，或者已收到千幾個短訊，擔心她沒時間覆我。（會吃飯慶祝？）可能是一班朋友一起。”

梁家玉收兒子鑽石感動

香港文匯報訊 雷頌德太太梁家玉(Jade) 以母親身份分享母親節的窩心禮物，不止是首飾所帶來的心意，還有當中的一份感動。

最讓我自豪的讚美。”梁家玉的笑容中溢出母愛，在三位兒子和丈夫的眼中永遠都是閃亮從心。“他們把零用錢存起，悄悄地畫了一張卡，甚至和爸爸夾錢買了鑽石作為母親節禮物。收到的一刻，讓我感動得無法言喻。”梁家玉感受到禮物中帶來的愛。

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