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# Trump's trade war splits a Missouri county into winners and losers

NEW MADRID COUNTY, Mo. (Reuters) - People don't talk about trade tariffs in this stretch of the Mississippi River basin, where grains and metals have paid the bills for generations.

They skirt the subject at church fundraisers and sidestep it at Jerry's Café and Quick Stop, where farmers and aluminum workers gossip about everything else.

Here, the winners and losers in U.S. President Donald Trump's trade war live side-by-side.

The Republican president's tariffs on imported metals were instrumental in reviving an aluminum plant that most locals had written off for dead. But in the fields surrounding the plant and across the county, farmers anxious over trade retaliations against U.S. crop exports are delaying equipment purchases, renting their land to hunters and pre-selling crops before harvest - locking in today's prices for fear they will fall.

"People don't want to talk about trade," said Justin Rone, a farmer with deep family roots in soybeans and cotton. "It's safer to talk about how best to grow your crop, keep your head down and pray." Farmers' fears were realized Friday as the United States and China levied dueling tariffs on \$34 billion worth of each country's goods. Many U.S. agricultural exports, including soybeans, now face 25 percent duties.

Neil Priggel knows both sides of the trade war's impact on his community. He worked at the Noranda Aluminum smelter before it went belly-up in 2016 and also runs his family's 4,000-acre farm along with two brothers.

As Trump announced steel and aluminum tariffs in March, Priggel stared at the TV news and thought: We're saved. We'll get our jobs back.

His very next thought: We've got to protect the farm.

Priggel and other farmers here, where about 70 percent of voters supported Trump, know their crops are obvious targets for countries striking back against U.S. tariffs. They also know the tax on metal imports helped lure new owners to reopen the plant that has long financed their neighbors' mortgages, truck payments and groceries. Kathee Brown worked at Noranda for three decades. She returned in March a one-person human resources division for what's now called Magnitude 7 Metals. Her phone rings constantly.

Is it true the plant is coming back?

Did you get my application?

At her dusty office desk, its drawers still full of old invoices, she checks her voicemail - full, again. Many callers are former plant workers; sometimes they break into tears when she calls back.

The plant's new owners plan to hire 465 people, for now.

More than double that number have applied.

Getting the smelter back was a long shot, locals say, just like getting a high-paying factory to this rural corner of Missouri in the first place. When it was built in 1969, they named its site for the patron saint of lost causes: the St. Jude Industrial Park.

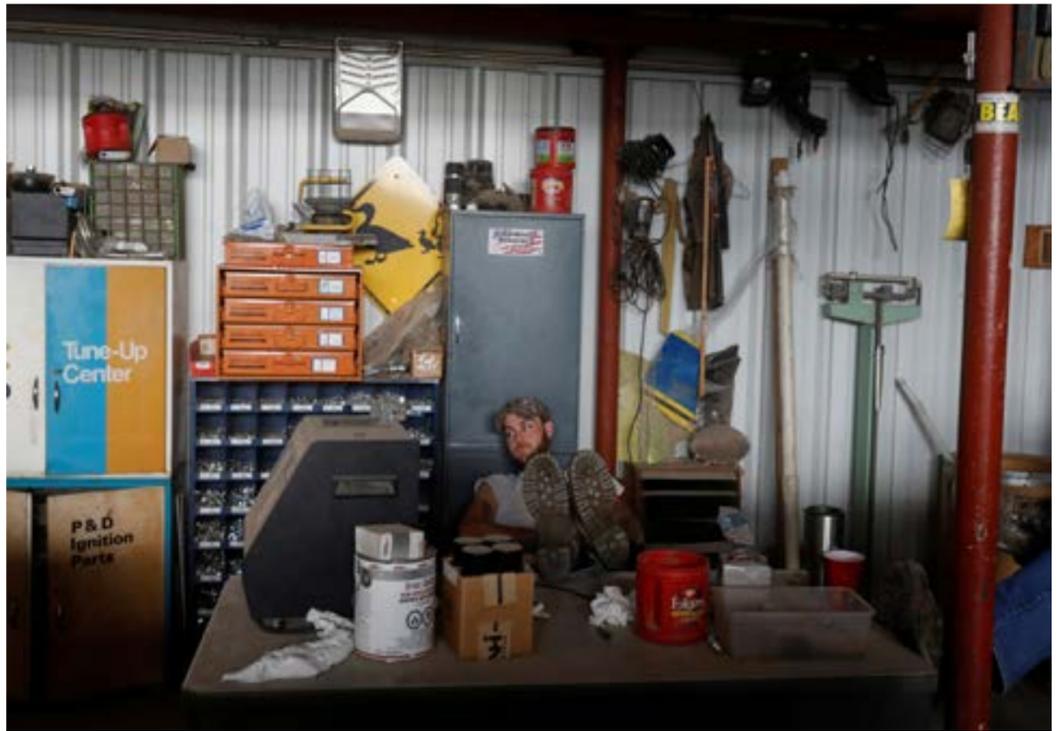
Workers rode out years of aluminum price drops, labor strikes, recessions and fights with electricity suppliers. The company would cut shifts, lay off workers, then hire them back, workers say.

But the plant closed in early 2016 after a series of crippling blows: global aluminum prices plunged; a New York private equity fund heaped on \$1 billion in debt in a leveraged buyout; an explosion disabled the plant's cast house; a power-outage shut two production lines.

About 1,000 people had to go find jobs, often at much lower pay, said Mark Baker, a farmer and presiding commissioner for New Madrid County.

"People lost homes," said Dick Bodi, mayor of New Madrid, Missouri. "People got divorced."

Local police and ambulance budgets were cut. The county went into



Farmer Jacob Jordan, 24, rests before starting the day of farming at at Bean and Bean Cotton Company in Gideon Missouri,

the red for two years, Baker said. Noranda never made a \$3.1 million tax payment to the New Madrid school district, forcing job cuts and halting school repairs, said Sam Duncan, county superintendent of schools. The district saw a 10 percent drop in school enrollments as families left the area, Duncan said.

But most stayed, often turning to the region's other dominant for work.

"The only people hiring were the farmers," said Dalton Bezell, 31, who worked for Noranda.

By late summer, Noranda's staff had shrunk to nine people, making a fraction of their previous salaries. Their job: Secure the plant and try to figure out a way to revive it.

Steve Rusche, now chief operating officer of Magnitude 7 Metals, was among the nine.

He watched as prospective buyers toured the plant - not to restart it, but to chop it up and sell it for scrap. One was different: Magnitude 7 Metals LLC, founded by former Glencore Plc aluminum trader Matt Lucke, who wanted to operate the plant if it could work financially, Rusche said.

Lucke did not respond to requests for comment. The Republican-controlled state legislature helped by passing a controversial law making it easier for manufacturers to hire non-unionized workers, a bill plant representatives supported. Some of Noranda's remaining crew of nine helped to cut electricity deals and lock in raw material prices for the new company. "The pivot point was when things started to come out of Washington about the metal tariffs," Rusche said. Last June, Magnitude 7 Metals Chief Executive Officer Bob Prusak testified before the Commerce Department at a public hearing about a department investigation into aluminum imports. Tariffs, he told



A digital screen shows the direction for fertilising Gideon, Missouri, U.S., May 16, 2018. Picture taken May 16, 2018. REUTERS/Shannon Stapleton

them, were "nothing short of critical to get us up and running," according to a video of the hearing. More investors joined as Trump threatened and later imposed the metal tariffs. The plant ramped up hiring and opened its first production line on June 14.

"Now, there's hope," said Bodi, the New Madrid mayor.

### FEAR IN FARM COUNTRY

Hope is fading on the farms of New Madrid county.

The region was among Missouri's top soybean and corn producers last year, according to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). DuPont Pioneer runs a massive soybean seed production plant here. A nearby riverbank is crowded with farm bins and barge loaders operated by global grain trader Archer Daniels Midland, farm cooperative Rice-land Foods Inc and suppliers Crop Production Services and Agrium Inc.

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## FEMA grants more than \$76 million to the Texas General Land Office for PREPS program reimbursement

AUSTIN, Texas - The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has awarded \$76.7 million to the Texas General Land Office as a reimbursement for the management and execution of the Partial Repair and Essential Power for Sheltering (PREPS) program following Hurricane Harvey. The PREPS program provided emergency repairs and power restoration to single-family, owner-occupied homes. These repairs made the home safe, sanitary, and secure so that the homeowner could return home, rather than shelter in a hotel or rental property, while they continued to work on their full recovery.

The measures taken during the PREPS repair process provided only the minimal and essential repairs necessary to make the home safe and sanitary. This FEMA grant of \$76 million requires a 10 percent non-federal match, or \$8.5 million, of the nearly \$85 million award. The total cost of the PREPS program, with previous reimbursements, was more than

\$170.5 million. This funding comes from FEMA's Public Assistance grant program which reimburses state agencies for actions taken during response and recovery from disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments, and certain private nonprofit organizations. FEMA obligates funding for these projects directly to the state. It is the state's responsibility to ensure that the eligible final recipients receive these awards. Following the state's review process and upon receipt of appropriate documentation, they will provide funds to the final recipients on a reimbursable basis. For additional information on Hurricane Harvey and Texas recovery, visit the Hurricane Harvey disaster web page at [www.fema.gov/disaster/4332](http://www.fema.gov/disaster/4332), Facebook at [www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey](http://www.facebook.com/FEMAHarvey), the FEMA Region 6 Twitter account at [www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6](http://www.twitter.com/FEMARegion6) or the Texas Division of Emergency Management website at <https://www.dps.texas.gov/dem/>.



## Congressman Al Green's Statement on Maintaining Border Security and the Abolition of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

(Houston, TX) - Congressman Al Green released the following statement regarding border security and immigration enforcement reform: "Immigration has been at the heart of our Nation's effort to form a more perfect Union. What began in 1891 as the Office of Superintendent of Immigration in the Treasury Department, became Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in 1933. As late as 2003, INS was abolished, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was born within the Department of Homeland Security. The functions of

INS were placed under ICE and other agencies. Throughout the past 127 years, several entities have emanated from the initial 1891 immigration enforcement effort. Currently, by taking babies from their parents, ICE has become a symbol of national shame. It has placed a stain on our Nation's global image. The state of immigration and enforcement must continue to evolve. It is not perfect, and we must not mistakenly believe that ICE is where the buck stops. Just as INS was abolished to create ICE,



we should abolish ICE to create an agency that is better balanced between immigration and enforcement; such that enforcement is not overemphasized and immigration is not deemphasized. I support just and balanced enforcement through comprehensive immigration reform, not open borders."

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# Editor's Choice



Bruce Edler, 56, a farmer for 40 years, fills seed planters with soybean seed in Gideon Missouri



A model poses with Northwest Cherries during a promotional event in Shenzhen



Employee, James Perkins, stands while working at the Magnitude 7 Metals LLC aluminium smelter which is reopening and taking on hundreds of local workers in New Madrid, Missouri



Workers inside the Magnitude 7 Metals LLC aluminium smelter which is reopening and taking on hundreds of local workers in New Madrid Missouri



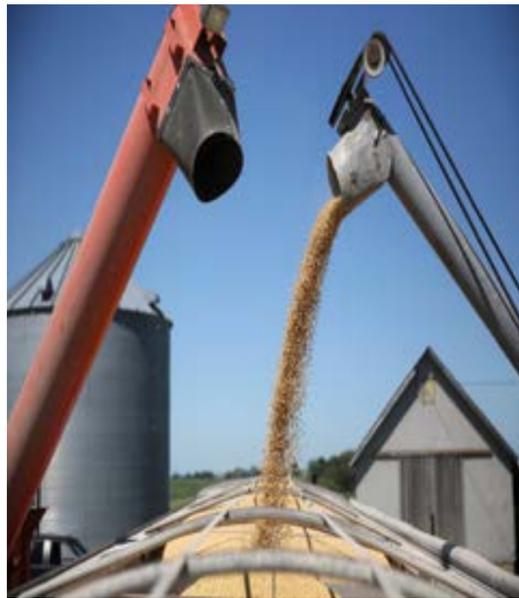
The Magnitude 7 Metals LLC aluminium smelter which is reopening and taking on hundreds of local workers in New Madrid Missouri



A guest poses with Northwest Cherries during a promotional event in Shenzhen



Corn is loaded into a truck at a farm in Tiskilwa, Illinois



A trailer is filled with soybeans at a farm in Buda, Illinois



Corn and soybean farmer William Hejl checks his cornfield in Amenia

The winds of change are blowing through employee benefit plans across Canada, and they smell like weed.

Benefits industry insider Mike Sullivan caught a whiff at a recent meeting with some of his clients, who represent private companies with benefit plans that cover about three million Canadian workers across a range of industries.

"This group that was in attendance, the No. 1 topic of discussion was medical cannabis," said Sullivan, who is president of Cubic Health, which provides analytics to employers who sponsor health benefit plans.

"That's what everybody wanted to talk about — but not in a negative way: there's a lot of support for looking at this and examining it in a thoughtful, responsible way," Sullivan told an audience at a cannabis business conference held in Toronto by the Canadian Institute May 25.

The insurance industry itself has been hesitant to cover medical marijuana, according to Sullivan.

"Insurance company actuaries cannot get their head around how to price the risk of medical cannabis," he said, citing the range of products available, the personalized nature of dosing, and the wide range of potential indications as complicating factors.

But that doesn't matter to medium- and large-sized Canadian employers, Sullivan said. They generally use insurance companies to administer their employee health benefit plans while paying the costs of coverage themselves, an arrangement known as a self-insured, self-funded or "administrative services only" plan.

Self-insured companies get to choose what their benefit plans cover — and apparently, some of their workers want them to cover medical marijuana.

"Employers are hearing it from their employees," said Joan Weir, director of health and disability policy with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. "Will it ever be a benefit?"

**'Mutual Benefit' To Employers, Employees**

Those employers, said benefits expert Mike Sullivan, are seeking the answer to a question: "Can they do a better job of getting people back to work sooner, and staying at work," by covering medical marijuana?

**Major Canadian Employers Are Already Considering Covering The Drug, Says Industry Insider**

**Could Medical Marijuana Be Your Next Employee Health Benefit?**

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



Large Canadian companies with self-funded employee benefit plans are seriously considering covering medical cannabis for their workers, according to a benefits industry insider. (Photo/Bloomberg)

Of course, paying for employees' medical marijuana raises a host of complex questions, especially in safety-sensitive industries like resource extraction or construction. But workers in those industries are already using employer-covered drugs, said Sullivan, especially opiates and benzodiazepines.

"I think it's a very naive argument for employers to say, 'Well, we don't want to open up the door here,'" he said. "The door is already open."

As self-insured health benefit plans start covering medical marijuana, employees shouldn't expect blanket approvals for the drug. Coverage will have to be approved on a case-by-case basis, said Sullivan.



Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadian For Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, convinced the University of Waterloo student union to cover his medical cannabis under its health benefit plan in December 2014. Covering medical marijuana brings "mutual benefit" for patients and their employers, according to Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana. (Photo/CBC)

Zaid himself has been covered for medical cannabis by the University of Waterloo student union's health benefit plan since December 2014. He said it took eight

"We hear wide-ranging anecdotal reports that are extremely positive from patients, saying that they're going back to work, they're having better family and social lives, they're happier, their symptoms are more manageable, and they're often going off of other pharmaceutical drugs which are all insured," Zaid said.

**Some Plans Already Cover Marijuana**

Zaid himself has been covered for medical cannabis by the University of Waterloo student union's health benefit plan since December 2014. He said it took eight

months of discussions to reach an agreement with his plan sponsor.

A small number of other self-insured Canadian health benefit plans already cover medical marijuana in certain circumstances.

Windsor, Ont., union LIUNA Local 625 recently started covering medical marijuana as a way to reduce opioid use among members. Earlier this year, a Nova Scotia human rights board said the Canadian Elevator Industry Welfare Trust Plan had to cover medical marijuana expenses for employee Gordon "Wayne" Skinner, although that plan's board of trustees is appealing the decision.

Veterans Affairs Canada also reimburses a growing number of military veterans for medical cannabis.

From the perspective of benefit plan sponsors, there's strong medical evidence that medical marijuana is effective for three specific conditions, according to Cubic Health's Mike Sullivan: spasticity in multiple sclerosis patients, nausea reduction for chemotherapy patients, and relief of chronic pain.



Loblaw Companies is covering medical marijuana for employees through their health benefit plans, but only in a limited number of cases. (Photo/Reuters/Canadian Press)

Press)

Grocery and pharmacy giant Loblaw Companies started covering medical marijuana for employees in late March — but Sullivan noted that Loblaw is only covering MS and chemotherapy patients, leaving out the potentially large population of chronic pain patients who could benefit from coverage.

"It's curious to me that they cherry-picked the two groups that are going to be very, very, very small in number, and that they just said [the annual coverage limit] is going to be \$1,500," Sullivan told CBC News. "Where did that number come from?"

**Licensed Marijuana Producers Lay Groundwork**

Marijuana has not been assigned a Drug Identification Number from Health Canada, which makes it difficult for insurers to process claims. But some licensed marijuana producers are laying the groundwork for employers to cover their products by assigning them Product Identification Numbers instead.

"We want to make it as easy as possible" for insurance administrators to cover costs, said Philippe Lucas, vice president of patient research and access at licensed producer Tilray.

Lucas said some Tilray customers are already getting their costs covered by major insurance plan administrators like Great West Life, Sun Life and Wawanesa by way of employees' individual healthcare spending accounts, which allow discretionary spending of an annual amount of money on approved medical expenses.

Tilray is also actively lobbying employee benefit plan sponsors to include cannabis in their coverage, he said. Meanwhile, Lucas sees changing attitudes towards medical marijuana among insurance industry players.

"I think that there's a hesitance by some industry members of being the first out of the gate to offer medical cannabis, but there's a greater fear of being the last out of the gate to offer this coverage," he said. (Courtesy <http://www.cbc.ca/news>)



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President Donald Trump meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the G20 Summit on July 7, 2017, in Hamburg, Germany. (Photo/AP)

On July 16, US President Donald Trump will meet in the Finnish capital Helsinki a triumphant Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has just secured another victory in the Syrian war and obtained the international recognition he wanted from hosting the World Cup.

The Russian president will seek to exploit the growing rift between the United States and the European Union and the intensifying Iranian-Israeli rivalry to achieve his two main goals: Break Russia out of international isolation and become the sole kingmaker in Syria.

But in pursuing a deal with Trump, Putin poses the biggest threat to the legitimacy of his US counterpart domestically and internationally. The US establishment and intelligence community largely believe that the Kremlin favored him in the 2016 US presidential race and an investigation into alleged Russian interference is still ongoing.

At the same time, Trump is confronted with an increasingly disgruntled group of allies who are wary of Russia's aggressive posturing. That he will be meeting Putin right after attending the NATO summit in Brussels and visiting the UK (which has just had a major diplomatic crisis with Moscow), will not please any of them.

A history of Helsinki summits
The choice of Helsinki as the venue of the summit is not coincidental. The Finnish capital has hosted leaders of the two superpowers for important talks on two other major occasions.

In September 1990, a month after Iraq invaded Kuwait, US President George H W Bush met with Soviet leader Mikhail Gor-

bachev in Helsinki to discuss the crisis in the Gulf.

Preoccupied with the dissolution of the Eastern bloc after the fall of the Berlin Wall and with a Soviet Union on the verge of collapse, Gorbachev was negotiating from a position of weakness. Bush wanted his commitment to implementing sanctions on Saddam Hussein's regime and he got it, in exchange for support for his counterpart's reform plans.

In March 1997, US President Bill Clinton met Russian President Boris Yeltsin to discuss a range of security and economic issues, including nuclear disarmament. At that summit, the Russian president had no trump cards to play.

The economic situation in Russia had been persistently deteriorating while the government was waging a highly unpopular war in Chechnya. Badly needing US financial support and backing, Yeltsin decided to concede to the expansion of NATO into Eastern Europe in return for Russia's integration in the global economy with US help.

For that disastrous decision, he was labelled a "US puppet" by his opponents. On July 16, President Trump will meet President Putin, but this time around, it seems, the roles have been reversed. The US president is facing a growing legitimacy crisis at home, where he is perceived as "a Russian puppet", while his Russian counterpart has been dealt a powerful hand.

US President George Bush holds a framed cartoon present-



The Helsinki Summit
Trump-Putin Summit: Last Hope For World Peace Or Futile Diplomacy?

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ed to him by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev on September 9, 1990 in Helsinki. The cartoon shows Mr World holding up the hands of Bush and Gorbachev after their knockout of the Cold War [AP/Doug Mills]

The Trump-Putin deal

This will be the fourth meeting between the two leaders since Trump took office in January 2017. They met twice during the July 2017 G20 summit in Germany and once on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit (APEC) summit in Vietnam last November.

Since they last met, Trump succumbed to domestic pressure and took a number of anti-Russian measures, including approving lethal weapons sales to Ukraine in December, expelling Russian diplomats from the US in March, striking the Syrian regime and imposing additional sanctions on Russian officials in April.

Putin, too, upped the ante by giving a provocative speech on March 1, issuing unveiled threats of an arms race with the US. Then, after his re-election, he took advantage of the simmering US-EU trade war and the Iran nuclear deal crisis to re-engage with France and Germany, while also negotiating with Israel on key points of concern regarding the Syrian war.

Trump will give up Syria to Putin the way Gorbachev left Iraq to Bush in 1990.

Putin's actions left Trump with no choice but to move up the meeting and send his national security adviser John Bolton to Moscow to set it up.

The US president plans to meet alone with

his Russian counterpart and his translator, triggering concerns in the US and Europe regarding what he might concede if left alone in the room.



Trump and Putin with translators at the G20 Summit

But despite these fears, no real breakthrough in US-Russian relations should be expected until Special Counsel Robert Mueller finalises his investigation. Lifting US sanctions on Russia, recognising its annexation of Crimea, and pulling US troops out of Eastern Europe are all off the table for the Helsinki summit; Trump's hands are tied by US domestic politics.

The only issue on which he can concede to lure in the Russian president is the Syrian war. Trump will give up Syria to Putin the way Gorbachev left Iraq to Bush in 1990. The prerequisites for this deal are already in place. Trump's closest ally, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, is scheduled to meet Putin on July 11, just five days before the Helsinki summit; this will be their third meeting this year.

Russia is engaging the Israeli prime minister, aiming to repeat the Deraa scenario in Quneitra province near the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Trump seems fine

with the idea of ultimately removing US troops from the al-Tanf area on the Jordanian-Iraqi-Syrian border in return for keeping Iranian forces and their proxies away from southwest Syria.



The al-Tanf area on the Jordanian-Iraqi-Syrian border

Trump's endgame is not Syria. What he ultimately wants is for Putin to remain neutral in the US diplomatic offensive on Iran. The White House hopes Russia will follow through on the initial agreement with Saudi Arabia and OPEC and increase its oil output to compensate for the drop in Iranian oil exports caused by the reimposition of US sanctions.

This move would diminish the effect of the US withdrawal from the Iran nuclear deal on international markets and minimise a potential negative impact on the US economy ahead of mid-term elections in November. Moreover, Trump is also attempting to outmanoeuvre the Europeans in their rapprochement with Moscow by offering Putin to rejoin the G7.

And it already seems that the agreement between the two leaders is solidified even before they met. Russia is passively watching as the EU states scramble to save the nuclear deal with Iran, while the US has done nothing to help the Syrian opposition factions it once supported against the Russian and Syrian regime operation in Deraa. Apart from that, the aftermath of the summit will also give an indication of how relations between Washington and Moscow will develop in the near future. Will a direct line of communication be re-established, most notably on arms control negotiations? Will the Russian ambassador in Washington have more access to US officials moving forward? Will the US establishment become more receptive to engaging Moscow without tangible shift in Russian policy post-Helsinki summit? If there is a change on one or more of these fronts, it could bring more dynamism into US-Russian relations. (Courtesy https://www.aljazeera.com)

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香港文匯報訊(記者 李思穎)全球矚目世界盃賽事進行得如火如荼,譚詠麟與明星足球隊部分藝人於日內拉隊到俄羅斯欣賞決賽,而囡囡曉風因身在外地有工作在身未能同行,父子二人會透過短訊分享觀後感,阿倫更大囡囡隔代遺傳,有踢足球細胞,而向來力撐英格蘭的克勤,自嘲是“明燈”,不敢親到現場,選擇在電視機前收看賽事,笑言要行遠一點觀賽,期望英格蘭捧盃。



譚詠麟和李克勤都睇好英格蘭有機會稱冠。

# 阿倫爆囡囡有踢波細胞

# 克勤自嘲明燈 遙捧英格蘭

譚詠麟和李克勤、澳門小姐麥嘉欣、顧紀筠9日出席澳門餐廳開幕禮,阿倫透露將於13號帶隊到俄羅斯觀看世界盃決賽,隨隊有明星足球隊一班藝人。在旁的克勤笑言:“我不會同行,因我是明燈,去過現場睇幾次英格蘭都輸,今次唔去希望會得,而且去的話好大陣仗,要帶埋小朋友和老人家,唔想太勞師動眾。”自稱是明燈的克勤,會否連電視播映球賽都不看,他緊張地說:“會睇,我行遠一點睇,希望今年英格蘭會贏。”

問到阿倫是否一家大細去觀戰,他笑笑口說:“我一個人去,阿仔要工作會睇電視。(囡囡捧同一隊球隊?)佢唔睇香港,無問過佢,不過有時會傳短訊講賽事好睇。(囡囡有踢波細胞?)有,隔代遺傳。”阿倫表示早期已經話睇好比利時和法國隊,但兩隊走在同一線決賽,今次英格蘭好爭氣,英格蘭着數在俄羅斯打殘了克羅地亞,入到準決賽時傷的傷,停賽的也停賽。克勤忍不住說:“英格蘭好有運,好波不如好運。”

阿倫和克勤無份投資這間餐廳,但兩人早已合份搞雲吞麵店,阿倫笑說:“大家在這裡

未吃飽,便可以到對面吃雲吞麵。”至於會否再合作投資,兩人異口同聲說:“遲些再算,雲吞麵店上市才是終極目標。”

### 克勤踢波拉傷腰部

克勤早前不慎拉傷腰部,他透露:“已經完全康復,瞓足4日床,又做物理治療,已經無事,行動自如。”阿倫笑說:“都叫你唔好做高難度動作。”克勤反問:“你講踢波?我無做倒掛金鈎,出事當日剛巧跟梁漢文踢完一場波,他撞傷頭,我就整傷腰。”

### 麥嘉欣不太接受親熱戲

澳姐麥嘉欣於八月便卸任,她表示:“期待見到新一屆佳麗,會視對方妹妹看待”現時她正忙着籌備兩首新歌MV,稍後有可能接拍香港電影,首次接拍電影的她透露:“新片角色和本身性格截然不同,會較粗魯和型格。(接受拍親熱戲嗎?)太親熱接受不來,這部戲亦無須親熱。(有否新男友?)工作忙到無時停,經常四圍飛,這個暑假相當充實。”



澳門小姐麥嘉欣表示稍後有可能接拍香港電影。

## 陳友為記錄友情 拍《兄弟班》

香港文匯報訊(記者 鐘楚貽)以樂壇傳奇“溫拿樂隊”的奮鬥故事為藍本的熱血青春喜劇《兄弟班》,8日在廣州舉行首映禮,銀都機構總裁陳一奇,導演陳友,監製禰嘉珍,“溫拿五虎”譚詠麟、鐘鎮濤、陳友、彭健新、葉智強以及飾演“小溫拿”的陳家樂、于湉、王梓軒和鄧加樂悉數亮相。

導演陳友分享他的拍攝初衷是將自己與兄弟們的友情故事記錄下來。他認為:“其實我們的故事和現在的年輕人都差不多,也希望這部電影可以給大家帶來一些啟示。”之後他們與現場觀眾玩起了“湯匙傳球”遊戲,兩隊手持“Winners”牌合影,現場一度引發氣氛高潮。現場粉絲送上貼心禮物,真情告白令人動容。陳一奇總裁送上錦旗,陳家樂、于湉、王梓軒和鄧加樂送上蛋糕,祝願溫拿精神千載不變。



陳一奇總裁送上錦旗,祝願溫拿精神千載不變。



譚詠麟、鐘鎮濤、陳友、彭健新、葉智強以及陳家樂、王梓軒和鄧加樂等很受觀眾歡迎。

## MONSTA X 廣東話靚港歌迷



MONSTA X 同粉絲打招呼。

香港文匯報訊(實習記者 劉悅、于靜媛)韓國人氣Hip-hop男團MONSTA X 10日晚在九展舉辦世界巡迴香港站,為與香港MONBEE(MONSTA X的粉絲名)更多接觸,七名團體成員9日晚親臨荷里活廣場出席見面會,現場粉絲尖叫不斷,直叫基賢(KIHYUN)感嘆“論熱情,香港粉絲排第一。”

七子初登場,輪流以廣東話向現場觀眾打招呼。成員LM表示七子有特地為香港粉絲學講廣東話,更有準備精彩舞台節目,希望香港粉絲能享受今晚的表演。

民赫(MINHYUK)更透露巡迴結束後將會籌備新專輯,明年會與香港粉絲再見面。

七子更即時場回答主辦方先收集的粉絲傳媒提問。隊長SHOWNU指周憲(JOOHEON)是出道以來變化最大的成員,出道時走可愛路線,如今變成了一個有魅力的男人。談及最想介紹給妹妹的隊友,民赫表示最想將LM介紹給妹妹,因為LM的聲音甜美,且相信他願意一路支持陪伴妹妹。而元虎(WONHO)說自己最擁有的超能力是瞬間移動,如此便可隨時由韓國來到香港,與香港粉絲見面。

## 坤哥 同阿田親熱戲點到即止

香港文匯報訊(記者 梁靜儀)吳業坤(坤哥)、王灝兒(JW)、鄭欣宜及許廷鏗9日以“超級榮譽太陽使者”身份出席港台活動,為放榜的香港中學文憑考試(DSE)考生打氣。坤哥表示當年會考有11分,因中文科唔合格,而中文作文更拿U,結果用了一年重讀中文,結果中文拿到C,而作文更拿到5星,他笑說:“所以人一世都好運,會用過往經歷同學生分享。”

提到他將與前輩田蕊妮(阿田)合唱浪漫抒情歌,他指歌名叫《大女人主義》,是填詞人黃偉文(Wyman)為阿田度身訂做的,歌詞講姊弟戀,他很多謝阿田與他合唱。問到他是否鍾意成熟型的女生?坤哥抵死地說:“思想要成熟、肉體上唔成熟都得,年齡要成年合法!我已經諗緊MV點拍。(有冇親熱戲?)點到即止,諗緊唔唔,希望佢老公唔好話我。”

### JW認為分數不是最重要

另外,JW表示當年會考等放榜前並沒有太擔心,因為已盡力,相信無論成績如何都會找到出路,結果成績可以留在校升讀中六,但她想像家姐一樣到英國升學,於是選擇了讀國際學校,這樣銜接會較好。

她又認為分數不是最重要:“好多叻人成績都唔係好,有些人成績好但唔識同人溝通,所以讀書並非一切,不過書一定要讀。”

她亦認為香港競爭風氣很大,較在外地讀書辛苦,加上很多方面亦令人易有壓力,但她不會因此而怕了生小朋友,都會讓小朋友入讀本地學校。



吳業坤、王灝兒、鄭欣宜及許廷鏗為DSE考生打氣。

## 周國賢首同吳浩康拍劇

香港文匯報訊(記者 梁靜儀)周國賢、吳浩康(Deep)、夏韶聲、駱振偉及岑樂怡等9日出席ViuTV全新科幻懸疑劇集《REBOOT》的拜神儀式。

### 劇中不乏動作戲及超能力

劇中周國賢飾演警員,而一身老翻打扮的Deep則演古惑仔,更被周國賢讚會是強姦犯。

他笑說:“佢纏繞咗我半年,真係黐呀,呢個差佬好有誠意但癡線。”二人又透露於劇中不乏動作戲,還有超能力,

Deep說:“開工幾日已好好玩,我們擁有超能力,我跑得快過飛機,周國賢就可以同物件通靈。”

周國賢表示第一次同Deep合作,大家都是同期樂壇新人,但在音樂上就未曾合作,所以都有趁今次拍攝未埋位的空檔一齊Jam歌。

說到周國賢已婚兼做了爸爸,Deep仍然單身,他慨嘆說:“等我慢慢搵個啱的人,尋覓中。”再次為ViuTV拍劇的夏韶聲,劇中飾演科學家陳教授,劇情同UFO有關。



周國賢、吳浩康、夏韶聲、駱振偉及岑樂怡等日出席劇集《REBOOT》拜神儀式。

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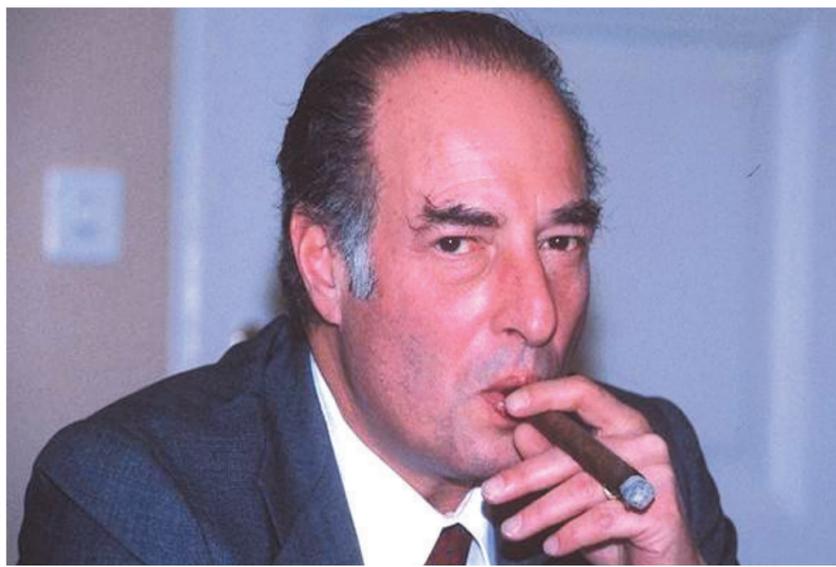
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# 馬特達蒙或將主演“石油之王”傳記片

## 合作《寂靜之地》導演 演繹商業大亨傳奇壹生



據《好萊塢報導者》消息，馬特·達蒙正在商談在傳記片《石油之王》中飾演已故億萬富翁馬克·裏奇，環球影業將與《寂靜之地》導演約翰·卡拉辛斯基共同開發這部電影。

環球影業將丹尼爾·阿曼2009年的傳記《石油之王：馬克·裏奇的秘密生活》(the King of Oil: the Secret Lives of Marc Rich for Krasinski's company)的版權轉讓給了卡拉辛斯基的公司，希望他們能說服達蒙出演

這部改編版影片，使作品獲得壹些明星影響力。

約翰·卡拉辛斯基不會擔任導演，但考慮到今年《寂靜之地》的票房和影評人對其的評價，將他的名字與《石油之王》聯名在壹起也有助於提升作品的知名度。再加上馬特·達蒙這個有票房號召力的明星以及壹個引人入勝的真實故事，這部電影很有可能成為大熱之作。

馬克·裏奇是20世紀最具爭議的國際商人，被業界稱為“石油之王”，

是美國司法部通緝了17年的十大通緝犯之壹，卻壹直在瑞士Lucerne湖邊的Rosa別墅過著悠哉遊哉的奢侈生活，心安理得地運作他的商業帝國，最後於2001年獲得克林頓總統的赦免。

他以善於在高層領導人中培植勢力而著稱，擁有瑞士、西班牙、玻利維亞、以色列國籍，惟獨不想要原來的美國國籍。貿易商說他，壹通電話就可以立刻聯絡到幾乎所有的外交官和能源部長。

馬克·裏奇總共賺取了將近100億

美元資產，逃稅90億，創造了美國歷史上最高的逃稅記錄，被控罪名達51項，可判處監禁325年。傳說還與各國的特工、黑社會、洗黑錢等有密切關聯，是俄羅斯瑪菲雅組織(Mafiya)的“教父”，在前蘇聯解體事件中扮演重要角色。但同時他又曾幫助過成千上萬的猶太人，捐贈過幾十億美元用於修建以色列的學校、孤兒院、醫院、博物館。馬克·裏奇於2013年去世，享年78年。

《明日邊緣2》的兩位編劇喬·施

雷普內爾和安娜·沃特豪斯已被選中，負責將改編劇本。到目前為止，還沒有消息說誰將被直接任命為導演，也沒有影片開拍的具體時間，壹切尚處於早期籌備階段。

如果協議全部達成，這將不是馬特·達蒙和約翰·卡拉辛斯基第壹次合作。他們曾共同擔任過格斯·範·桑特《應許之地》的編劇並共同出演了該影片，二人還壹起擔任過奧斯卡獲獎影片《海邊的曼徹斯特》的制片人。

# 老馬丁&小李新片

## 明年春天開機

### 《花月殺手》聚焦上世紀20年代印第安人慘案



馬丁·斯科塞斯與萊昂納多·迪卡普裏奧再次合作的新作《花月殺手》有望明年春天在俄克拉何馬州開拍，曾與老馬丁合作電影《飛行家》、《雨果》、《沈默》的奧斯卡最佳藝術指導丹特·費雷蒂也最新加盟該片。

犯罪驚悚片《花月殺手》基於大衛·格蘭恩(也是《迷失Z城》的作者)的暢銷書《花月殺手：奧色治慘案與FBI的誕生》改編，書中的故事則來自於真實事件。

影片故事將聚焦俄克拉何馬州奧色

治地區的印第安人部落發生了壹系列謀殺案，經過重重調查發現，這些案件與當地地下豐富的油氣資源背後的腐敗案件有關。本案是美國聯邦調查局(FBI)參與調查的首個重大案件。

《花月殺手》將是斯科塞斯在《愛爾蘭人》之後投入拍攝的下壹部影片。奧斯卡獲獎編劇艾瑞克·羅斯(《阿甘正傳》、《本傑明·巴頓奇事》)為影片撰寫劇本。目前該片暫未定檔。但也許壹切順利的話，該片可能會在2020年與影迷們見面。

# 硬核朋克《鐵血戰士》曝新劇照

## 拋棄古早漁網裝 終極鐵血戰士臟癩配鐵甲



福斯重啟的《鐵血戰士》電影近日通過《帝國》雜誌曝出新劇照，普通鐵血戰士與新片中的“終極”鐵血戰士分別身著戰甲亮相。

升級之後，兩代鐵血戰士無論戰鬥力還是硬件配置都有明顯“代溝”。殺傷力更強的終極鐵血戰士拋棄了80年代流行的古早漁網裝，全新戰甲更硬核更閃亮。導演沙恩·布萊克透露

，這樣的設計目的是讓“鐵血戰士們更有神秘色彩，造型更駭人”。

新版《鐵血戰士》由沙恩·布萊克(《鋼鐵俠3》)執導，他本人曾經在1987年的原版《鐵血戰士》中扮演霍金斯角；他與老搭檔弗萊德·戴克爾共同創作了新版劇本，與《鐵血戰士》的情緣極深。

波伊德·霍布魯克飾演的男主角將

是壹個全新角色，與阿諾·施瓦辛格原先的角色沒有太大關係。新版《鐵血戰士》主演陣容還匯聚了《X戰警》的奧立薇婭·瑪恩、《我們這壹天》主演斯特爾林·K·布朗、喜劇明星吉甘-邁克爾·凱、《奇跡男孩》雅各布·特瑞布雷等等。

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# CYC 達福地區華裔青少年夏令營結業 成果展示豐碩

休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑(右5)夏令營營長李庭槐(右6)、副營長王嘉玲(右7)、羅玉昭諮詢委員(右4)等營隊幹部合影。



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休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑(右5)夏令營營長李庭槐(右6)頒發感謝狀謝僑委會所核派林慧君老師(右3)以及該中心自行由台灣聘請謝老師(右4),左1.2為副營長王嘉玲以及谷祖光僑務諮詢委員。



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2018 達福地區華裔青少年夏令營(CYC)於7月7日下午在德州大學阿靈頓校區舉行結業典禮, 300多名青少年用歌舞才藝展現他們一週以來的學習成果, 休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑、僑務諮詢委員谷祖光、羅玉昭、僑務委員孟敏寬等僑社領袖以及500位家長均到場觀禮。

中華民國僑務委員會為鼓勵海外華裔青少年傳承具臺灣特色之中華文化, 每年選派文化巡迴教師到海外各地夏令營教學, 今年達福地區華裔青少年夏令營由達拉斯華人活動中心主辦, 自7月1日至7日為期一週, 僑教中心莊主任特別代表感謝達福地區華裔青少年夏令營團隊連續30年在海外傳承文化的付出與努力, 並鼓勵學員們薪火相傳, 夏令營營長

李庭槐也對僑委會多年來大力支持表示由衷感謝, 莊主任和李營長並代表夏令營團隊贈送紀念品給林慧君文化巡迴教師。

華裔青少年夏令營是達福地區孩子們每年暑假最期盼的活動之一, 大家除了在營隊中學習領導才能及拓展人際視野外, 更藉由活動認識父母親的原鄉文化, 活動寓教於樂, 並注重青少年們的參與。結業儀式上全體青少年登台演出, 向家長們展示研習傳統體育、舞蹈、扯鈴和歌唱等成果, 學員們穿上亮麗鮮艷的服裝及道具, 令在場近500位的家長看得目不轉睛, 難以想像這300位學員僅僅利用了3、4天的時間却能有如此精彩的表演! 最後在大合唱「朋友」的歌聲中溫馨圓滿落幕。



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休士頓僑教中心主任莊雅淑(右4)夏令營營長李庭槐(右6)以及全體CYC同學合唱「朋友」。

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## 休斯頓遊覽 Uptown/Galleria 欣賞潮流 品味時尚



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(記者韋霓休斯敦報導) 綺麗貴氣、琳瑯滿目, 上城區(Uptown/Galleria)是休斯敦的華麗地帶。這裡有著最高檔的購物中心、精緻的酒店、各國佳餚、以及新穎現代的商業大樓, 在這裡, 有看不盡的時尚, 吃不完的美食, 著名的商業區和豪華住宅區優雅又獨特的混合著, 是休斯敦購物、酒店、餐飲、和娛樂的天堂。

遊覽休斯敦上城區, 在購物之前, 一定要先去一個景點, 那就是水牆(Gerald D. Hines Waterwall Park), 位於 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, 距離 Galleria 很近, 在 Williams Tower 旁。遊客可以先停好車, 再步行幾分鐘來欣賞水牆。這個公園佔地 2.77 英畝, 有一個 64 英尺高的半圓形建築, 每分鐘重複循環 11,000 加侖的水, 人造瀑布沿著水牆的



Galleria 是德州最大的購物中心, 包括將近 400 家世界聞名的高級品牌

內部和外部牆壁傾瀉而下, 氣勢磅礴。如果置身在環形水牆中間, 感覺自己彷彿被巨大的水流緩緩托升而上, 是非常特殊的體驗。

水牆在 Hines Waterwall 公園中, 環繞 186 棵橡樹。小朋友們特別喜歡這個地方, 尤其在夏天的時候, 從水牆噴出的水霧瀰漫, 沁涼人心。水牆和橡樹與大樓之間的綠地, 非常適合孩子們奔跑, 這算是休斯敦上城區一個既有趣又讓人欣賞的戶外景點!

看完水牆, 接著就是到 Galleria 購物啦, Galleria 意指位於 5085 號 Westheimer 路的購物中心周邊的購物區、辦公區和住宅區, 但對遊客而言, 主要是指這個高檔的購物中心, 這裡每年有超過 3000 萬的遊客, 來自世界各個角落, 這是德州最



Uptown Park 是一個偏歐洲風格的購物區

大、也是全美第四大的購物中心, 裡面有將近 400 家世界聞名的高級品牌、精品店, 還有室內滑冰場與美食區。

無論你花多少錢購物, 到 Galleria 就是一場時尚的觀摩、欣賞、與學習, 你能看到全球最知名的設計家的各種設計, 從質料到顏色到創意, 看到他們的精心巧思, 如何吸引顧客的眼睛, 如何大膽呈現。

逛累了, 在 Galleria 有屬不清的美食可供選擇, 有世界著名的廚師和屢獲大獎的餐廳, 從義式美味到南非佳看, 從法式美食到日本料理, 而「唐茶苑 Yauatcha Houston」是其中的佼佼者, 有著精緻的服務, 供應道地的廣式點心、法式甜品, 還可以喝到台灣的高山茶喔。



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通常, 去一趟 Galleria 會逛到沒力氣卻還沒逛完, 但如果你精力超人一等, 你還可以去 Uptown Park, 黃昏的時候挺美的, 這是一個偏歐洲風格的購物區, 優雅的商店流露出不同的魅力。

在整個 Galleria 地區, 有許多酒吧和高檔夜總會, 是夜貓子的樂園, 可以聽聽嘻哈音樂、靈魂樂、或拉丁音樂演奏, 再點一杯蘋果馬丁尼品嘗品嘗。如果想體驗美國人的夜生活, 就來個探險之旅吧。



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Galleria 室內滑冰場, 有時可以看到不錯的練習