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As more women run for office, U.S. state legislatures are poised to change

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - As women line up to run for U.S. political office at historic rates, state legislatures - where some of America's most critical policy decisions get made - could see a slew of new female lawmakers after November's vote, according to a Reuters analysis of election data.

In Michigan, for example, a state that proved pivotal in electing President Donald Trump in 2016, only 23 percent of state lawmakers are women. But this year, a woman will appear on the Michigan ballot for governor, attorney general, secretary of state and in 63 percent of the state's Senate seats and 71 percent of its House seats.

Nationally, if women candidates are as successful as they have been for the past two decades - their historic rate of victory is about 60 percent - the number of women in state legislatures could reach an all-time high of about 40 percent, according to an analysis by Reuters of state ballots and historic campaigns.

More women in office could lead to policy changes in areas that women traditionally feel strongly about and generate a new pipeline of candidates for future higher offices, political observers, candidates and fundraising organizations predicted.

In the 1990s, the last time the number of women in office saw a large increase, that led in many cases to eased abortion restrictions, expanded health care access and increased bipartisan compromise.

This year, women have already broken the record for major party nominees in governor's races and, with every primary completed, the number of women candidates for state legislatures is reaching new highs, according to totals tracked by the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University www.cawp.rutgers.edu.

Some think the numbers of women winning their races could be even higher than historical records predict.

"In past years, a lot of political consultants, members of the media have looked at being a woman as a potential disadvantage, something you had to overcome," said Delaney Skinner, a Democratic strategist working with women congressional candidates.

But she and others believe outrage over Trump's often-



FILE PHOTO: Protesters demonstrate during the Women's March on Washington outside the White House in Washington

fensive comments about women will motivate voters. "It's a real advantage to running as a woman this year," she said.

Gretchen Driskell, a Democratic member of the Michigan legislature who is now running for Congress, said she has seen evidence in her time in the legislature that women govern differently.

"Women were far more interested in solving problems that we talked about instead of

presenting problems as win versus lose," Driskell said.

Because women candidates for state legislature seats skew toward the Democratic party, Democrats may have a slightly better chance of challenging Republican control of statehouses. If so, Democrats could also take away Republican management of the redistricting process that most states will undertake in 2021 after the

national census. And more women candidates in this election cycle could have a long-term impact. State legislatures are the pool from which national candidates are generally drawn. With only 20 percent of the U.S. House seats held by women and 23 percent of Senate seats, a surge on the state level strongly foretells a radical change

Turkey doubles tariffs on some U.S. imports; lira rallies

ISTANBUL (Reuters) - Turkey doubled tariffs on some U.S. imports including alcohol, cars and tobacco on Wednesday in retaliation for U.S. moves, but the lira rallied further after the central bank's liquidity moves had the effect of supporting the currency.

Ankara acted amid increased tension between the two NATO allies over Turkey's detention of a Christian American pastor and other diplomatic issues, which have helped send the lira tumbling to record lows against the dollar.

The currency TRY/TOM=D3 has lost nearly 40 percent against the dollar this year, driven by worries over President Tayyip Erdogan's growing influence on the economy and his repeated calls for lower interest rates despite high inflation.

Turkey's doubling tariffs on U.S. products will amount to \$533 million, trade minister says

Erdogan spokesman says problems with U.S. will be resolved

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It rebounded some 6 percent on Wednesday, briefly strengthening to less than 6.0 against the dollar, after the central bank squeezed lira liquidity in the market, effectively pushing up rates and supporting the currency.

Optimism about better relations with the European Union after a Turkish court released two Greek soldiers pending trial and a banking watchdog's step to limit foreign exchange swap transactions have also helped the lira.

"They are squeezing lira liquidity out of the system now and pushing interest rates higher," said Cristian Maggio, head of emerging markets strategy at TD Securities.

"Rates have gone up by 10 percent ... The central bank has not done this through a change in the benchmark rates, but they are squeezing liquidity, so the result is the same," Maggio said.



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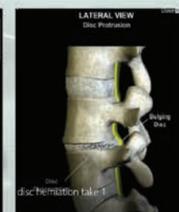
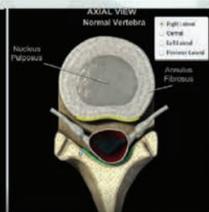
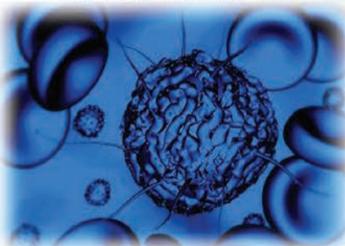
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Station Houston taps Gabriella Rowe as new CEO to grow tech startups

By Andrea Leinfelder

Station Houston has tapped education leader and management consultant Gabriella Rowe as its new CEO. The startup hub, with a focus on early-stage software technology companies, needed a new leader to continue Station Houston's growth and to help negotiate the finer details of an innovation district being developed with Rice University. Station Houston was attracted to Rowe for her experience as an entrepreneur, investment banker and her broad involvement in the local startup community, co-founder Grace Rodriguez said.

"She's somebody who can understand how to develop a strategy and how to get people to implement a strategy," Rodriguez told the Chronicle. "And that was something I think we were having a challenge with."

Rowe will replace John "JR" Reale, who will remain on the board of directors. He said Tuesday that he's looking forward to spending more time with entrepreneurs.

"This is something I've put all of my energy into and I'm super passionate about," he said. "And I think we've done some great stuff, so I'm proud of it. There's just a lot more work to be done."

Reale helped co-found and launch Station Houston in March 2016. The organization is part of a more recent push to ele-

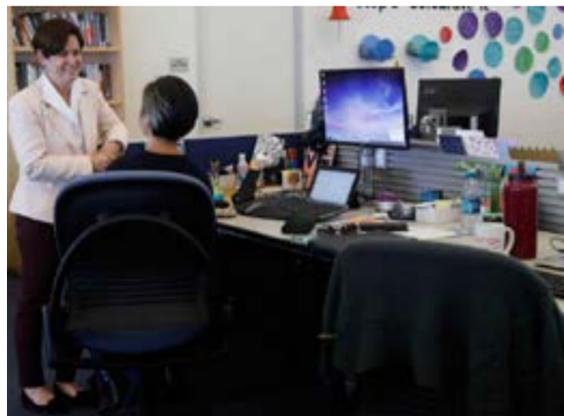
vate Houston as a destination for high-growth, technology entrepreneurs.

Early-stage tech entrepreneurs had been struggling to gain traction in Houston. Rodriguez said the Houston Technology Center, the dominant startup assistance organization in Houston for many years, wasn't meeting the needs of less-established entrepreneurs. It wasn't able to truly assist technology experts who needed a more business-minded partner, for instance, or solo entrepreneurs with an idea.

Station Houston launched out of a former energy accelerator's space on West Gray Street, quickly reaching its capacity and moving to offices in downtown. It plans to remain downtown until the innovation district is completed in the former Sears property in Midtown.

Rodriguez praised Reale for opening doors that many other startup organizations couldn't breach. He connected Station Houston to the city, Greater Houston Partnership, Houston Technology Center and other large organizations.

Reale was selected chair of the Mayor's Technology & Innovation Task Force and a board member of Houston Exponential, a nonprofit that markets Houston and connects the various entities in Houston's innovation community.



"He was able to get people to listen," she said. She described Rowe as a great negotiator who is able to find a middle ground among people with various opinions.

Prior to Station Houston, Rowe was head of school at The Village School in Houston, where she spearheaded major school expansions and innovative curriculum updates, such as required coding classes for middle-school students, an entrepreneurship diploma with the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and a partnership with MIT to enhance Village's STEAM program.

Before Village, Rowe was an education executive, investment banker and management consultant in New York City for more than 25 years. She has been a mentor at Station Houston for the last 18 months.

She is currently chair of the Learning Committee for Houston Exponential, and a member of both the Greater Houston Partnership's Economic Development and Trade Committee and the Greater Houston Partnership's Executive Women's Committee.

"We're in a phase of growth," Rodriguez said, "and Gaby is the right person to take us into that new phase of growth."

Conn's set to open a warehouse, distribution center in N Houston

Conn's HomePlus is breaking ground Wednesday on a new 656,658 square-foot warehouse and distribution center in north Houston, according to a company press release.

The facility, located on about 36 acres northwest to the Hard Toll Road, also will serve as office space, and a clearance and customer pick-up center. It is being developed with developer Liberty Property Trust and brokerage firm Newmark Knight Frank. The LEED-certified building will be completed in the second quarter of 2019.

The Houston-based home furniture and electronic appliance store will be celebrating the ground-breaking 9:30 a.m. ceremony.

Conn's has 118 retail locations in 14 states and employs 660 people in the Houston area and almost 3,000 in Texas.



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A U.S. dollar banknote is seen through a magnifying lens on top of 100 Turkish lira banknotes in this picture illustration in Istanbul



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Businessmen holding U.S. dollars stand in front of a currency exchange office in Ankara



Turkish lira banknotes are pictured at a currency exchange office in Istanbul



Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan is greeted by his supporters in Trabzon



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An Afghan family ride in a vehicle as they flee their houses following heavy fighting in Ghazni Province, on the Ghazni - Kabul highway in Afghanistan



The Denton A. Cooley, MD and Ralph C. Cooley, DDS University Life Center serves as a multi-purpose venue for UTHealth faculty, students, and staff, the institutions of the Texas Medical Center, and the Houston community at large. The center is available for university gatherings, professional conferences, continuing education courses, distance learning programs, and other special events related to the university's mission. The Cooley Center is located in the Texas Medical Center in UTHealth's South Campus Research Park Complex, adjacent to the Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences Building and the UTHealth School of Dentistry. The 14,000-square-foot center has a modular design that allows for a variety of events and audiences. In its largest configuration, the center can serve as a standing reception area for 600, a seated auditorium for 400, or a banquet hall for 220. The center can also be configured into a range of smaller spaces to accommodate seminars, lectures, and other meetings.

The Cooley Center offers state-of-the-art technology, including wireless connectivity, advanced video and sound systems, teleconferencing and distance learning capabilities, and on-site technical support. Other features include a warming kitchen for catering services, convenient parking, a covered outdoor patio and an open landscaped courtyard.

The conference center is named in honor of the renowned heart surgeon Denton A. Cooley, MD, surgeon-in-chief, founder and president emeritus of the Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, and his father, Ralph C. Cooley, DDS, who was a 1908 alumnus of the Dental School. In keeping with the vision and generosity of the Cooley family, UTHealth is committed to utilizing this space to support the enrichment of university life, facilitate collaboration within the Texas Medical Center, and promote the health sciences.

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The Life Of Denton A. Cooley, MD World-Famous Heart Surgeon



Denton Arthur Cooley, MD, a pioneering heart surgeon, died November 18, 2016, at age 96. He was born in Houston, TX, on August 22, 1920, to Ralph Clarkson Cooley and Mary Fraley Cooley.

From the beginning, Cooley's career in medicine and his contributions to humanity seem to have been foreshadowed. His father was a prominent Houston dentist, and the attending obstetrician at his birth was Dr Ernst William Berner. Berner would be part of the team that developed the renowned Texas Medical Center where Denton Cooley later established the now world-acclaimed Texas Heart Institute (THI). In the early 1890s, Cooley's paternal grandfather, Daniel Denton Cooley, helped found the Houston Heights, a major suburb of the growing city of Houston.

Denton A. Cooley's pioneering career spanned the history of modern cardiovascular surgery. Beginning in the late 1940s, he developed many of today's commonly used cardiovascular procedures and devices. Nevertheless, he is probably best

Honoring The Medical Contributions Of The Cooley Family
The Denton A. Cooley, MD and Ralph C. Cooley, DDS University Life Center In Houston Serves The Community

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known for performing the first successful human heart transplant in the United States (1968) and the world's first human implantation of an artificial heart (1969).

Many of Cooley's other contributions, however, are equally important: the first repair of an aortic aneurysm (1949); the first repair of a ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm (1954); the first repair of a ventricular septal defect that developed after a heart attack (1956); the first successful carotid endarterectomy (1956); new techniques for repairing diseased heart valves and congenital heart defects...the list goes on to include >30 such firsts.



President Bill Clinton awarding Dr. Denton A. Cooley with the National Medal of Technology.

In some way, Cooley participated in every major development in cardiovascular surgery. With characteristic humility, he always said, "My good fortune professionally came from the fact that I began my career when heart surgery was in its infancy, when surgeons were free to discover and innovate. I've been a participant in so many breakthroughs primarily because I was there when they occurred. With the advent of the heart-lung machine, for example, we surgeons had the key to a door that had previously been locked. Once we had the key, then we could venture out into unexplored territory."

In the early days of open heart surgery, when few heart surgeons operated on >2 patients per day, Cooley routinely operated on 12 patients each day. He used a sugar solution rather than blood to prime the heart-lung machine, so patients were spared unnecessary exposure to blood products. More operations could be performed because less blood was needed. Cooley popularized this bloodless surgery technique, proving that open heart surgery could be done efficiently and for large numbers of patients, including Jehovah Witnesses.

He felt this technique might have been his most important contribution to open heart surgery. He and his team performed over 120,000 open heart operations—more than any other surgical group in the world.

Cooley's innovations were not limited to the operating room or the laboratory. For example, he founded a managed healthcare plan that was the first to bundle cardiovascular service billing into 1 fixed fee. It saved millions of healthcare dollars and convinced others, including the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, to adopt this approach.

Cooley was also a member of a musical group at the Texas Medical Center made up of medical professionals—the group was called "The Heartbeats."

Cooley believed his most import-

ant contribution to the field of cardiac care was his founding, in 1962, of THI, in the Texas Medical Center. Under his leadership, the nonprofit Institute quickly became a world leader in research, education, and patient care. It is now recognized nationally and internationally for its many significant contributions to the prevention and treatment of heart disease.

Cooley always said he learned the importance of working together for the greater good in his youthful athletic activities. At San Jacinto High School, he overcame severe shyness and developed self-confidence by participating in tennis and basketball, at which he excelled. He was also an avid golfer. After enrolling at The University of Texas (UT) in 1937, he became a star of the Longhorn basketball team which won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1939. He was also a member of the Texas Cowboys, an honorary service organization.

Cooley graduated with the highest honors from UT in 1941. He had originally enrolled there in the premedical program, planning to enter his father's dental practice on graduation. However, a fortuitous trip to San Antonio altered his career plans. There, Cooley visited a friend who was interning in the emergency room at Santa Rosa Hospital. Many of the patients had been badly cut in knife fights and automobile accidents. Because of the large number of patients with cuts that night, Cooley's friend handed him a needle and thread and asked if he could sew. He could, and he liked it. Enthused by this experience, Cooley changed his major to premedical immediately on his return to Austin.

After 2 years at The UT Medical Branch in Galveston, Cooley transferred to Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 1944, he graduated at the head of his medical school class. Also in 1944, as an intern under noted surgeon Dr Alfred Blalock, Cooley assisted in the first blue baby operation to correct a complicated congenital heart malformation. That operation, which was often referred to as the dawn of modern heart surgery, convinced Cooley he made the correct decision about becoming a heart surgeon.

Also at Johns Hopkins, Cooley met the love of his life, Louise Goldsborough Thomas, a registered nurse in the famed Halsted Surgical Clinic. In 1949, after 2 years of serving in the US Medical Corps as chief of surgery at the 124th Station Hospital in Linz, Austria, Cooley walked Louise down the aisle.

After working for a year with Lord Russell Brock in London, Cooley returned to his native Houston as a full-time faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine. He was there for 18 years as a professor of surgery. He resigned in 1969 to lead THI, where he was already surgeon-in-chief.

In addition, Cooley served as chief of cardiovascular surgery at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, a consultant in cardiovascular surgery at Texas Children's Hospital, a clinical professor of surgery at The UT Medical School at Houston, and, most recently, a distinguished emeritus professor at Baylor College of Medicine.



Louise Cooley, left, and her husband, Dr. Denton Cooley.

During his career, Cooley authored or coauthored >1400 scientific papers and 12 books, as well as 100,000 Hearts: A Surgeon's Memoir (University of Texas Press, 2012). He was a member or honorary member of >70 professional societies, including the Denton A. Cooley Cardiovascular Surgical Society, founded by THI surgical trainees in his honor. He was also president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. Over his lifetime, he received >120 honors and awards. He was especially proud of being the first non-Russian to receive the Bakoulev Premium, Russia's highest award for cardiovascular surgery, presented by the Russian Academy of Medical Science. He held honorary degrees from 8 universities and honorary fellowships in 5 Royal Colleges of Surgery—a nearly impossible feat. He also received various awards for his athletic activities, including the Theodore Roosevelt Award, given by the National Collegiate Athletic Association to a varsity athlete who has achieved national recognition in his profession.

Of all his awards, Cooley was probably most proud of his 2 presidential medals. In awarding him the Presidential Medal of Freedom (1984), the highest US civilian award, President Ronald Reagan acknowledged Cooley's contributions by remarking that he had charted new territory in his search for ways to prolong and enrich human life.



In 1999, Cooley received his second presidential medal, the National Medal of Technology, from President William Bill Clinton for his inspirational skill, leadership, and technological accomplishments during 6 decades practicing cardiovascular surgery... and for having founded the THI, which has served more heart patients than any other institution in the world. Cooley's contributions to technology include >100 surgical products that have helped save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people.

Cooley attributed much of his success to his family, who instilled in him a strong sense of family pride, respect for playing by the rules and dedication to hard work. He liked being called a workaholic. It is "a term to which I have no objection," he said. "I enjoy my work and consider it a highly valued privilege."

Novelist Arthur Hailey was a patient of Cooley's and considered himself one of Cooley's living monuments. In writing the foreword to Cooley's 1984 book of essays, Hailey set forth his impression of the surgeon: "What happens there (in Cooley's surgical suite) and elsewhere in the Texas Heart Institute reflects not only the exceptional

skills of Denton Cooley, which are world famous and acknowledged, but also his warm humanity and that rarest of human qualities—inspired leadership, which leaves its hallmark everywhere." Throughout his life, Cooley made generous charitable donations to support biomedical science programs, medical schools, museums, sports centers, and other civic and humanitarian causes. Facilities that bear his name include the Denton A. Cooley Student Center at Johns Hopkins; the Houston Zoo—Denton A. Cooley Animal Hospital; The UT (Austin) Alumni Center; the UT Denton A. Cooley Basketball Pavilion; the Denton A. Cooley, MD, and Ralph C. Cooley, DDS University Life Center, School of Dentistry, UT Health Science Center in Houston; and the Denton A. Cooley, M. D. Hall at the Texas Medical Center Library.

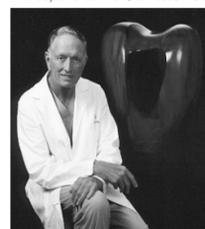


Cooley's articles and the video library of his surgical procedures have been donated to the Texas Medical Center Library, where they are being archived and will be available for study by future generations of medical trainees and historians.

In 2002, the Denton A. Cooley Building was dedicated at THI. The building stands as testimony to Dr. Cooley's many successes and to advances yet to come. Inside the front door is a poem called A Bag of Tools, written by R.L. Sharpe. The poem was his favorite and exemplifies his life:

"Isn't it strange That princes and kings, And clowns that caper In sawdust rings, And common people Like you and me Are builders for eternity? Each is given a bag of tools, A shapeless mass A book of rules; And each must make Ere life has flown A stumbling block Or a stepping stone."

Denton Cooley was a founder, surgical innovator, mentor, leader, counselor, and teacher. He made stepping stones wherever he went—a true builder for eternity. He was also a family man: a husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather—and an avid sportsman, especially enjoying golf in his later years. He always said his family gave him the most joy, and his office was filled with their photos. He always proudly pointed out the newest great-grand to anyone who happened in. He loved spending time with his family at his ranch, Cool Acres, and at his Galveston beach home.



Denton Cooley lived life to the fullest. He will live on through his family, through THI, and through the work of his trainees and their trainees. He was a surgeon like no other. He will be missed by all who knew him and by all whose lives he touched.

Cooley died in Houston on November 18, 2016. He was preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Louise Thomas Cooley, and their daughter Florence Talbot Cooley. He is survived by 4 daughters, Mary Cooley Craddock (husband, John Craddock Jr, MD), Dr Susan M. Cooley, Louise Cooley Davis, MD (husband, Richard Davis), and Helen Cooley Fraser (husband, Charles D. Fraser Jr, MD); 16 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren. (Courtesy <http://cicrcres.abajournals.org/content/120/1/17>)

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Overview

President Donald Trump signed the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act which authorizes a top-line budget of \$717 billion.

“The National Defense Authorization Act is the most significant investment in our military and our war fighters in modern history,” Trump said Monday. “We are going to strengthen our military like never before and that’s what we did.”

President Trump touted American military strength while in Fort Drum, New York just before he signed the annual 2019 defense spending bill.

The president deemed the annual military spending bill the “most significant investment in our military.”

He specified the bill is critical in updating military resources, including 4,000 more active duty soldiers and updating various technologies.

President Trump clarified that the appropriations will be used for F-35 fighter jets, B-21 bombers, battle ships, and for modernizing the nuclear triad.

The president continued to praise American armed forces, saying “no one on earth can match the strength of the U.S. military. (Courtesy oann.com)

Trump Gives \$717 Billion Defense Bill A Green Light. Here's What The Pentagon Is Poised To Get



U.S. Navy Aviation Electronics Technician signals to the crew of an EA-18G Growler on the flight deck of aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson.

President Donald Trump approved a colossal defense policy bill Monday that authorizes a top-line budget of \$717 bil-

President Trump Signs Massive Defense Spending Bill

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President Donald Trump holds up the \$716 billion defense policy bill named for Sen. John McCain that he signed during a ceremony Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, in Fort Drum, N.Y. (Photo/AP)

lion to cover a litany of defense spending.

Trump traveled to Fort Drum, home of the Army’s 10th Mountain Division, in upstate New York to sign the bill, which was named in honor of former Vietnam prisoner of war Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who is battling brain cancer.

The 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, or NDAA, includes \$616.9 billion for the Pentagon’s base budget, \$69 billion for overseas contingency operations funding and \$21.9 billion for nuclear weapons programs under the Energy Department. The NDAA is only half the process, since Congress must still pass a spending bill to fund specific priorities with the Defense Department. “The National Defense Authorization Act is the most significant investment in our military and our war fighters in modern history,” Trump said Monday in front of a U.S. Army Apache helicopter. “We are going to strengthen our military like never before and that’s what we did.”

Trump lauded the bill, saying it will give service members the “finest planes, and ships and tanks and missiles.”

The measure authorizes a 2.6 percent pay raise for troops — the largest in nearly a decade. It also delays the delivery of stealth fighter aircraft to Turkey and blunts Chinese investments by strengthening the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. Here’s a breakdown of some of the big-ticket items the Pentagon is authorized to buy.



A U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter approaches at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. (Photo/U.S. Air Force)

The NDAA allows \$7.6 billion for 77

of Lockheed Martin’s F-35 Joint Strike Fighters. The fifth-generation stealth jet is made at a Lockheed facility in Fort Worth, Texas, and remains the Pentagon’s most expensive weapons system. The defense policy bill also bars the delivery of F-35 jets to fellow NATO member Turkey amid concerns over Ankara’s desire to buy a Russian missile defense system.

Turkey, an F-35 program partner, is currently slated to receive two of the jets, the first of what Ankara hopes will be the start of a 100-strong fleet.



A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter. The legislation authorizes \$85 million for UH-60M Black Hawk utility helicopters. The choppers are made by Sikorsky, a unit of Lockheed Martin, at a facility in Stratford, Connecticut.

In March, Trump described Sikorsky’s Black Hawk helicopters as “fighting machines” and the “most advanced helicopters in the world.”

Congress also agreed to fully fund the U.S. Air Force’s new long-range stealth B-21 bomber. America’s next heavy bomber is named “Raider” and made by Northrop Grumman.



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cation Specialist Seaman Harry Andrew D. Gordon

The aircraft carrier USS Enterprise is underway with the Enterprise Carrier Strike Group in the Atlantic Ocean.

Congress approved \$1.56 billion for three littoral combat ships, even though the Navy only requested one. The bill also authorizes the fourth Ford-class aircraft carrier, six icebreakers, and a Columbia-class ballistic missile submarine.

In all, 13 new warships were approved for the coming fiscal year.



Cpl. Tyler Main | United States Marines
A U.S. M1A1 Abrams main battle tank

The NDAA authorizes \$225.3 million for Stryker A1 combat vehicles and supports efforts to modernize the Army’s armored combat vehicles, which includes: 135 M1 Abrams tanks, 60 Bradley fighting vehicles, 197 armored multipurpose vehicles, 38 improved recovery vehicles, and 3,390 joint light tactical vehicles.

The legislation also adds \$140 million to the Missile Defense Agency for development of critical directed energy and space sensing projects as well as hypersonic defense capabilities.

The Army’s efforts to integrate its Patriot and Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, missile defense systems also gets \$284 million. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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多家移民区域中心被关停 律师分析原因

根据移民局(USCIS)网站公告信息，截至8月8日，255家EB-5投资移民区域中心遭移民局关停。来自LUCID的粗略统计，在所有可获得信息的被关停区域中心项目中，没有招募到投资人是区域中心遭关停的最主要原因(约占47%)；其次为没有通过年审，I-924A缺失(35%)，以及被SEC或司法部起诉(11%)的问题区域中心也是关停的重要原因。

据移民局信息，取消某一区域中心的EB-5投资移民计划资格，基于其未能满足如下条件：其一，每年需要递交移民局年审质审查I-924A表格；其二，按要求完成促进经济发展的目标，包括创造一定就业机会等。

区域中心被关停，将造成尚未获得临时绿卡的该项目EB-5投资人I-526被拒，已获批的或被收回，移民申请失败。

洛杉矶华人律师张军先生表示，目前所有EB-5投资移民区域中心项目，超过90%的投资人来自中国大陆。但是目前，投资人越来越少，是区域中心难以维系的重要原因。

EB-5区域中心历史起伏起伏

张军律师介绍说，纵观投资移民法20多年的历史，特别是区域中心项目，起起伏伏，有过低潮。1990年国会颁布投资移民法(EB-5只限于直投项目)，希望向加拿大等移民国家学习经验，通过移民投资促进经济，创造就业。之后，92年演变通过区域中心项目法案及条款，尤其获得蓬勃发展。

张军认为，区域中心项目的初始想法很好，当时美国经济不是特别好，的确吸引了很多外国投资人，出现各种各样的投资移民项目，一定程度上促进了经济成长。但是，区域中心多了难免鱼龙混杂，及各种各样的问题，导致上世纪末到本世纪初区域中心风毛麟角，影响了大部分EB-5投资移民的外国人，与市场经济规律类似。

张军指出，奥巴马政府时期开始鼓励投资移民区域中心项目，吸引了众多中国投资人，发展极度过热，区域中心计划申请越来越难，审批也越来越难。

张军认为主要被拒绝的原因包括，区域中心的年审变得越来越严格，美国政府包括证监会质疑区域中心是否兑现

当初承诺区域经济发展的计划，即帮助经济增长，及直接或间接创造就业机会的计划。加之，区域中心本身在海外的融资出现片面单一化的倾向，造成区域中心越来越多，中国投资者众多，但是每年EB-5投资移民签证的配额并无倾斜增加。

所以目前的情形，即使I-526得以批准，由于排期缺少配额，需等待多年。区域中心无论什么项目，每阶段完成融资计划，由于投资人排期越来越长，双方面做起来都越来越困难。前所谓投资移民泡沫化的局面，越来越厉害，甚至不难预料断崖式的破灭。

区域中心良莠不齐难以维系

张军指出，区域中心发展过快过猛，各种问题不断，出现良莠不齐的情况。投资人轻信蒙蔽受损，非常无奈。因此，越来越多投资人对EB-5区域中心失去信心，甚至转投其它移民方式。加之，特朗普政府移民紧缩把控，雪上加霜，很多区域中心难以维系。所以移民局目前频频关停区域中心的情形，属于一定的量变积累到最终质变的情形，不足为奇。

但是，张军也表示对区域中心关停的惋惜。他说，关掉一个区域中心等于关掉了多少中国投资人的移民梦。但愿如此从根本上挽救了他们的投资。

同时，张军呼吁，投资人有必要向美国的政府相关部门，包括证监会，移民局，及民选官员谏言反应，包括状告美国政府的诉讼，需要美国的政策制定者了解，确实外国投资人对美国的投资情况了解不够。虽然区域中心的关闭，美国政府出于关心投资人利益的考虑，张军认为区域中心关闭，投资人的投资利益得以保护，但事实上为子女和自身创造良好受教育和生活环境的移民利益未获保护，前功尽弃。

这一点，无论政府如何更迭换届，是否应该延续前任政府的政策，兑现承诺？目前的情形，每年超过90%以上的EB-5投资人来自中国大陆，移民配额不够。相反，其它国家配额用不完，是否可做重新调配？否则，张军认为，这点是否违背投资移民法律的初衷，即首先不是为了帮助外国人移民，更重要的是帮助美国的经济带来投资，为解决美国就业机会。

张军提醒投资人，自己要做负责任

的投资人是颠扑不破的真理。在众多中国投资人对EB-5投资移民趋之若鹜的情形下，无论直投，区域中心或其它任何意义上的投资，投资人首先对自己的投资负责任，别人无法替代，否则EB-5投资项目出现各种问题导致投资损失，甚至移民申请失败，不可避免。

张军律师认为，一般事业成功的投资人，即使不懂法律，但是智商，包括与人打交道的能力，最起码的智慧毋庸置疑，如果作尽职调查，即使投资有风险，也会最大程度规避风险。

据粗略统计，截至8月8日移民局取消的255家区域中心，包括本年度7个月取消约100家。其中，今年1月至4月间遭移民局关停的区域中心超过其中的60%。2017年下半年以来接连爆发的EB-5投资人与区域中心相关的负面案例及诉讼案所暴露的区域中心的问题，移民局对此加强审核，趋于严格勿容置疑。

张军表示，9月30日，将是EB-5区域中心法案条款中需要国会讨论通过是否继续区域中心项目的截止日期，被称为sunset。国会是否会继续或取消区域中心项目，拭目以待。

老年华人如何更好适应异国生活？需要各方用心引导

文化习惯与生活方式的差异令初到国外的中老年华人不甚适应，纠纷时有发生，执拗的性格、格格不入的行为，在困扰自己的同时，也给人带来麻烦。帮助并推动老年华人融入海外新生活，不仅需要他们自身调整，也需要各方的共同努力和用心引导。

对侨居国的文化、法规、风俗等了解不够也是老人“任性”的常见原因。暨南大学华人华侨研究院教授张应龙就认为，到海外的中国老人来源复杂，素质不一样，他们的生活习惯和行为方式基本已经定型，在海外容易按照自己的行为习惯行事，“当然，他们会得到家人的劝告，通过调整自己去适应海外生活，但在没有家人陪伴或不顺心时，原来的习惯和情绪还是会控制不住地表现出来”。

原因，选择移居海外，就有义务学习当地语言。”李斧认为，只有语言进步，才有可能更好地帮助了解当地文化、法规、风俗。“参加当地各种社会活动、包括公益活动，都是了解当地社会的有效途径，参加家长会就是了解教育文化的好方式”。

而家人在这一过程中扮演了很重要的角色，张应龙相信，“要使老人更好融入当地社会，最主要的是家里子女的引导和帮助。”

同时，多位专家也都提及社会应该搭建更多的平台，积极推动中老年华人适应海外生活。林德宪则呼吁(祖籍)国的政府部门和旅游公司都有必要在国人出国前举办针对性的礼仪培训、文化介绍课，“初始阶段，要落实到每一个人，这样才能避免尴尬”。

张应龙建议，当地华人社团可以组织活动，让老人有更多机会在一起交流分享海外生活经验，了解当地社会。侨务部门可以通过华助中心为老人提供有组织的活动，丰富其精神生活，引导他们调整心态，适应当地的生活。

总的来看，上述现象反映出中老年华人面对海外迥异的文化习惯与生活方式表现出的“文化振荡”。面对这一融入困境，除了老人自身需要做出改变之外，中华民族守望互助的优良传统也发挥了重要作用。

谈及此处，林德宪总是颇有感触。作为中美建交后首批赴美移民的一员，他表示：“从中国到陌生的另一个国度，那些最初的嘱咐可以说是老移民对新移民在面临中西文化交融冲突时的启蒙教育。幸好我有前辈的指导，并一直牢记遵循。”正是一代代海外华人传帮带的不懈努力，让初到异国的同乡顺利融入，并为沟通(祖)国和侨居国的关系作出贡献。

专家表示，虽然时代在变，但是这样的努力同样能在老年华人的教育和融入工作中助益不小。

老人惹祸很揪心

出于陪读、探亲等方面的需要，近年来越来越多的中老年华人开始踏出国门，旅居海外，但与此同时，中老年华人在海外发生纠纷的案例也多了起来。

2013年，华人大妈在纽约跳舞时，遭到居民报警并将带头人铐起。据报道，警方列出华人大妈被控罪的理由是“在公园内没理由的制造噪音”。华人大妈为此喊冤。但依照当地法规，公园在早8点前就是不能吵嚷、不能放音乐，这是基本法规，需要人人遵守。

如案例中提及的华人父母在与执法人员冲突中出现推搡、持械自卫等举动，在李斧看来就稍有不妥，“在美国的一条重要生活常识就是不要与执法人员在现场和执法过程中发生冲突，真有委屈要到法庭上解决，或求助律师，至少也要到警局解决”。李斧提醒，现场冲突往往造成极端后果，这一点，即使较有身份地位的美国人也会谨记恪守。

美籍华人、企业家林德宪回忆起刚到纽约时，“老华侨亲戚就告诫几件事，一是学习美国社会的规章制度；二是每个人都有私人空间权利，不管在什么场合碰到谁，不管是谁碰到谁，都要说对不起；三是要尊重别人的隐私，不可问这问那，除非他自己讲。”

值得注意的是，虽然中老年华人在海外“闯祸惹事”的情况时有发生，但大多数中老年华人还是谨小慎微、恪守法纪的。“以上例子虽时有发生，但我不认为具有普遍性”。李斧补充道，即便如此，中老年华人适应困难的情况仍需要引起关注，此类案例也值得新移民引以为戒。

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如何帮助中老年华人更好地融入侨居国的新环境，减少乃至避免上述事件的出现？专家表示这需要各方的共同努力和用心引导。

解铃还须系铃人，“无论是什么

下的主流。

另一方面，随着“恋爱结婚”成为主流，曾经不太常见的结了婚以后的麻烦还是变多了。

报道称，恋爱结婚的情况与曾经以金钱为目的的婚姻不同，夫妻双方通常是势均力敌的对等关系，这样一来，由中日生活习惯和文化差异导致的意见分歧就会更容易出现，最常见的就是两个家庭围绕“小家庭”的想法产生的对立。

刘潇潇说：“在中国，结婚后马上买房属于常识。现在，中国的适婚男女因为大都是独生子女，独享了从父母乃至祖父母那里获得的帮助。所以，夫妻双方都会从各自家庭获得大量资金援助用来买房。”

现年33岁，已经有了四个孩子的雪兰(化名)之前在上海工作，与一位外派上海的日本男性相识，结婚半年后来到了日本。

报道讲述了她的故事：雪兰以为是理所当然，于是表示“想要买房”，但是遭到公婆的反对，“我们给不了你们援助，去租房吧”。雪兰据理力争，“房子属于资产，应该买”，但据说却遭到公婆嫌弃，认为她只要一见面就提房子。现在雪兰的很多中国朋友都开始安慰她，觉得她不容易。

报道称，文化碰撞是跨国婚姻无法避免的。其实从某种意义上说，中日跨国婚姻已经回归到本该有的状态。



日媒称，一谈及日本人和中国人的跨国婚姻，人们往往马上想到“小有资产的日本男人与年轻的中国女人”这样的不对等婚姻，事实上这种想法已经落伍，在今天甚至出现了反转现象。

适应困难挺闹心

老年华人在海外引起纠纷，并非其无端任性。

“中老年人移居海外最普遍的障碍还是语言。”美国波特兰州立大学教授李斧表示，错过了语言学习最佳年龄的老年华人，外语提高比较慢。而由于语言不通，与执法人员沟通的时候就可能发生误解。

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婺源篁岭，听一声蝉鸣，留住一夏时光

大概已有大半年的时间没到篁岭了，上一次来篁岭，还是油菜花盛开的早春三月，转眼，已是盛夏季节了。

这次到篁岭前，听到了两个好消息，一是下了杭瑞高速江湾出口后，通向篁岭景区的乡间小道，已经被宽敞的沥青道路所替代；另一个是在篁岭五百米高的山崖上，地理位置最高的篁岭晒秋美宿，又有一排新居建成入住。也许这个，是最让我心动的。

说起篁岭的晒秋美宿，其实以前曾住过好多次。那些用先前的民居改建而成的美宿，外表看上去跟普通的徽派建筑毫无两样，但进入屋里，却总是让人眼前一亮，因为其内部都是按照五星级的客房标准打造的。

一直说篁岭是一座挂在山崖上的古村，大概就是古村内的民居，基本都是临山坡而建，大多数民居坐北朝南，这在婺源民间，算是最普通的了。

因为山区地形的限制，篁岭古村的民居，多以二层楼建筑为主，通常一楼为客堂，二楼作为居家居住。这是因为地处江南的篁岭，虽在山地，但还是免不了山区的潮湿。这也就是篁岭晒秋的起源。

因为山地建房可利用的面积小，大部分居民家中是没有庭院的。如果想要晾晒些东西，只能从自家的二楼窗户，或者阳台上用木杆向外挑出一段来，木杆之间的间距约为三十到五十公分，挑出的木杆长度在三米左右。这一排排木杆，只要搁上一只竹制的晒匾，便成为村民晾晒的场所。

每每天气晴朗之时，村民就会把自家的衣被、农作物，从窗户或阳台上推上木杆晾晒。晨起的时候是晾晒，到傍晚夕阳西下之前，家家户户便忙着收纳一天晾晒的东西。这一忙碌的晾晒景观，被当地人称之为“晒秋”。也许，正是在金色的秋天里晾晒，也算是整个篁岭最有代表性的风景。

篁岭美宿的前身，便是这些散布于篁岭山坡上的民居。因为生活条件好了，村民都已经搬到生活条件更为方便的山下新村里去居住，留在山坡上的这些民居，经过规划与改造，便成为了今天游人们见到的“晒秋美宿”。

好多游客来到到篁岭，会很好奇

这些山坡的徽式古建筑，如果时间充裕，能选择一间小住两日，体验一把当地人的生活，甚至亲自体验一下晒秋的过程。虽说以前整个山坡上有八十多间晒秋美宿，但旺季时，也经常一房难求。

以前，篁岭古村的最高观景台是村里一处叫“晒工坊”的地方，它建在古村的山坡高处，独有的三层楼建筑。在晒工坊的楼台上，可以俯瞰整个篁岭古村，以及古村山坡前的层层梯田。

在晒工坊的边上，有一条僻静的小巷“担水巷”，在我二月份来篁岭的时候，担水巷还处在半封闭状态，原因就是这条巷子里，正在改建古村中地理位置最高，视野最开阔的美宿。

担水巷，让人想起篁岭古村先前的村民，居家生活，必须从古村下面水口林的水池里，挑水上山。当然现今已经看不到这样的景象了，游客能见到的，就是担水巷两边一批新的美宿，开始开门接客了。

担水巷这一区域的美宿，被篁岭命名为“A区”，新的门牌号码也统一用“A”字来叫的。因为整个A区离古村里最繁忙的“天街”有些距离，所以A区的美宿，也算是古村中最为清静的。跨越A区，便是篁岭五百米高的山头，从山头蔓延至A区美宿的，是大片的原始森林，以及当年用来命名篁岭这一名字的“篁竹”。

大部分城里人，也许都没有见过“篁竹”到底长什么样的。据最权威的清朝道光年间的《婺源县志·山川》记载：此地古名篁里。篁岭，县东九十里，高百仞。其地多篁竹，大者径尺，故名篁岭。

还在古代时，篁岭的山上就有一种叫做“篁竹”的竹子，这是一种长着长方形竹叶的竹子，而人们最常见的竹叶，大多呈“宝剑状”。据说用篁竹编织起来的生活用品和劳动工具，特别坚固耐用。

A区与山头之间，有一条宽约四五米的山道，抵达这块区域的客人，可以坐电瓶车经过山道直接抵达美宿的门口。为了把这条山道与底下并行的篁岭天街区分开来，山道也就有个好听的名字“篁岭花街”。

也许是承载了篁岭鲜花小镇的内涵，篁岭花街便有了更特殊的意

义。花街的护栏，用瓦缸和石栏砌成，瓦缸的口中，是一束束的鲜花，而石栏的顶部，便是用花簇组成的屏风。盛夏的时候，要是从这条花街穿行而过，阵阵花香，能让你倾倒。

A区的每一间美宿，朝南的方向，都有落地式的大窗，或者是外挑的阳台。推开窗户，或者坐在阳台上，居高俯瞰整个古村，视野及其开阔。想象明年油菜花怒放的时候，居住在这里，可以把篁岭的万亩梯田一览无余。

夏日的傍晚，山间的气温总是比平原地区来的低。你可以在自己的房间内，喝一杯篁岭的绿茶，赏一回夕阳从对面的石耳山上西下，当然还可以静观古村在夜幕降临前亮灯的盛况。

那是一种有着山野情趣的景观：当夕阳在远处的山顶收下最后一缕光芒，璀璨的晚霞还挂在天际时，古村一百多间晒秋美宿，从山坡的最底下，依次亮起灯火。这些灯火，有沿着房顶的景观灯，有悬挂在屋檐下的大红灯笼，有天街上的油灯，还有美宿的窗户里透露出来的照明灯。这个时候，你的脑海中便会自然而然地想起那篇《天上的街市》中描绘的场景了。

《天上的街市》中，是这样描绘的：“远远的街灯明了，好像闪着无数的明星。天上的明星现了，好像点着无数的街灯。我想那缥缈的空中，定然有美丽的街市。”其实你只要来到了篁岭，这一景象就真实地出现在眼前。

入夜之后，从花街一旁的山树林间，会传来蝉鸣蛙声，在静宜的山林间，会变得格外的清脆入耳。也许它能伴你入眠，就如同栖息于原始的大自然间，让人好梦连连。

篁岭古村里，有好多棵柿子树。当盛夏过后，柿子果便开始发红，悬挂于枝繁叶茂的树上，着实让人喜爱。在A区的入口，以及花街的边上，就有好多棵结着青果子的柿子树，人要是走到树下，柿子青涩的香味，能随风送入你的鼻中。于是，你会在心底里跟柿子树相约，等过了这一夏，再来篁岭看红透了的柿子。

盛夏，在婺源篁岭，听一声蝉鸣，做一回山居人，可以留住一夏时光。



酷暑难耐，这里的夏天只有16度

本周，中国大部分地方都将遭遇高温酷暑。热得汗流浹背的同时，不由得分外想念吉林长白山，它是亚太环境保护协会最新发布的“2017中国避暑名山百佳榜”的榜首！这里的夏天只有16度，原始森林、清凉的溪水、山巅尚未融化的积雪，满满的负氧离子。跟着我一起去清凉一夏吧！

说起长白山，大家似乎都不陌生。如玉龙横亘在中国的东北边疆的长白山，是满族的发祥地。满族人将长白山视为神山，清朝时期曾经封禁此地长达200多年，是皇家圣地。因此产生了一系列的传说和遐想。这座东北的第一高峰，你是否倾慕已久呢？

从《鹿鼎记》韦小宝从四十二章经中寻找龙脉，到南派三叔《盗墓笔记》中青铜门后守护的秘密，长白山的神秘启发了文人墨客无限的灵感。盛产人参和东北虎的神山到底真实面目如何呢？跟着我的镜头一起逛逛吧。



长白山有东西南北四坡。北坡是开发最早的，交通便利，是游客的首选。西坡视野开阔但需要攀登1442级台阶。南坡据说风光极好，但目前尚未对游客开放。东坡目前在朝鲜境内，普通百姓禁止攀登。

曾经我国独有的火山湖天池，现在却成为了中国和朝鲜的界湖。其历史说起来就错综复杂至极。大清朝龙兴之地，如何成为日俄韩都垂涎三尺之地？简单说就是清政府的东北封禁使得这片土地保持了其完美的原生态，但也致使边防空虚。这给朝鲜边民非法越境创造了条件，于是有了金日成的各种神话，成为朝鲜王朝的发祥圣地。

披着神秘面纱的少女，轻易不能看到她的真面目。据说只有30%的人有这个幸运一睹她的芳容。我们去的北坡。从山脚出发的时候大雨如泼。但当我们从步道走到天池边，正好目睹了云烟轻轻的飘来，就在短短的一分钟内，从一览无遗到什么都看不见。人生中的大起大落来得实在是太突然了~~~



长白山是一座休眠火山，如今依然有多处温泉不断的从地下溢出。天池水从天豁峰和观日峰间的狭缝飞泻，成为松花江、图们江、鸭绿江三江的发源地。去往长白瀑布的路上，还有在泛着热气的温泉池里煮熟的鸡蛋玉米卖。走累了可以吃几个滑嫩的温泉蛋，取取暖，分外香甜。

长白山最值得称道的就是它无与伦比的空气质量。森林覆盖率达85%的长白山林海是东北亚最为广袤的原始森林。PM2.5指数常年低于10，肆意呼吸着每立方厘米2万+负氧离子的清新空气，有种幸福的感觉。

离开长白山的时候，不妨去有着朝鲜族第一村的红旗村看看。这里的朝鲜族人都是从日本占领朝鲜半岛期间迁徙到中国来的朝鲜族人的后裔。如今他们在中华大地上繁衍生息，不用为温饱安全而担忧，和鸭绿江对岸生活着的人们形成鲜明对比。

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管中閔旋风！ 欢迎管中閔教授莅休演讲（上）

（右起）「美南国建会」会长黄初平、朱唯干教授、朱琨夫妇、「美南报系」社长朱勤勤、董事长李蔚华夫妇，王妍霞在演讲会现场合影。



休大超导中心负责人、前香港科技大学校长朱经武（左）在演讲前介绍主讲人管中閔教授（右）学术上成就与行政能力同样非凡。



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管中閔教授（右一）蒞临会场，与欢迎侨胞亲切握手。



管中閔教授（中）与文化大学校友丁度（右一）见面，（左一）为「文化大学校友会」会长黄登陆。



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由中国海外交流协会与美国中国风艺术协会主办，周洁晓慧舞蹈学校承办的社会公益性中国文化艺术海外培训项目，「华梦计划」舞蹈夏令营，8日举行闭幕仪式。中国驻休士顿总领馆文化参赞解飞以及近百嘉宾和学生家长出席。9日由高晓慧校长带队的休士顿「华梦计划」舞蹈夏令营一行14人飞抵洛杉矶，参加全美「华梦计划」汇报演出。

文化的魅力和精神风貌。演出集中展示了参与「华梦计划」的华裔青少年和舞蹈爱好者们学习中国舞蹈的成果。周洁晓慧舞蹈学校的学员们表演了具有代表性的蒙古族筷子舞，藏族以及古典舞等不同特色的舞蹈赢得了全场近千名观众的阵阵喝彩。「华梦」即「华人共同的艺术之梦」，

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经过短期集中培训和排练，来自美国多个城市的华人舞蹈爱好者和青少年展现出精湛的舞艺，通过舞蹈的艺术形式来传播中华文化。

2018年「华梦计划」课程于8月8日在World Theater圆满结业。中国驻休士顿总领馆文化参赞解飞、文化领事刘一然、美南传媒集团董事长李蔚华先生以及全美山东同乡总会会长孙铁汉出席了此次活动。来自北京舞蹈学院民间舞系的在读研究生韩诗月老师为我们的学生带来了传统与新流派的民族民间舞。她分别为幼年级和高年级的学生教授了不同训练价值的民间舞组合。幼年级注重基础与传统韵味，高年级则侧重地域风格及表演。孩子们不仅在舞蹈得到了较高的指点，中文也有非常显著的进步。让生长在美国的中国孩子通过中国舞了解中国的各大民族及传统文化

11日晚「2018文化中国 艺彩华梦」全美舞蹈汇演在美国洛杉矶市中心的莱克曼剧院举行，来自全美6个城市的近百名华裔青少年和舞蹈爱好者共同为洛杉矶民众献上具有浓郁中国文化特色的舞蹈表演。来自北京舞蹈学院的专业教师和编导团队为演出成功倾力助阵。舞蹈顾问、北京舞蹈学院教授高度说，华裔青少年的舞台表现非常优秀，展现了中国



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演出结束后学员们与高度教授，高晓慧校长，北舞老师



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