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How Houston-area districts fared: TEA releases STAAR results, accountability grades

By Shelby Webb

The Texas Education Agency released its accountability ratings Wednesday morning, officially assigning districts an A-through-F letter grade for the first time. While 47 of 123 local charter and traditional districts were not given an official ranking after receiving accountability waivers tied to Hurricane Harvey, nearly 62 percent of those that were rated earned A's and B's, 26 percent were given C's and 12 percent received D's or F's.

Harmony School of Science - Houston, which includes one campus, and rural Devers ISD in Liberty County scored the highest of all Houston-area ISD or charter school districts, both earning a score of 96 and an A grade overall. Rounding out the top local districts were Barbers Hill ISD (95), Friendswood ISD (95), Houston Gateway Academy (94), Harmony School of Excellence (94) and Pearland ISD (94).

The lowest performing district in the state, A+ Unlimited Potential charters, is located in Harris County. It earned a score of 45. Damon ISD earned a score of 50, charter district Meyerpark Elementary earned a 62, Comquest Academy charter district received a 62 and Santa Fe ISD (the site of a mass shooting in May) earned a 63.

At the campus level, three Houston-area campuses received the highest scores of any schools in the state, earning a 99 out of 100: Spring Branch Academic Institute in Spring Branch ISD, and DeBakey and Carnegie Vanguard high schools in Houston ISD. Another nine local schools earned 98 out of 100 points. The Lane School in Aldine ISD earned the third lowest rating in the state, a 34. Other local schools with low scores were A+Up University charter (44), Victory Prep Academy South charter (48), The Varnett School Southeast charter (49) and Kashmere High in Houston ISD (49)

If individual schools were assigned letter grades based on scale scores, 21 percent of those in the greater Houston area would have received A's, 33 percent would be rated as B's, 31 percent would have gotten C's, 10 percent would be labeled as D's and five percent, or 84 schools, would have been F's.

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Local schools that were among the most devastated by Hurricane Harvey seemed to perform well. Kingwood and Summer Creek high schools in Humble ISD both met the state's academic standards after having to share one campus for most of the 2017-2018 school year. C.E. King High in Sheldon ISD, which flooded and saw more than 65 of its students lose their homes in the storm, also met the state's standard, scoring a 78 out of 100 possible points on the accountability system's scale score. Creech Elementary in Katy ISD, and Robinson, Braeburn, Scarborough, Kolter and Mitchell elementaries in Houston ISD also met the state's academic standard after their campuses flooded. The state's new accountability system based 70 percent of each school and district rating on the highest scaled score earned among three categories: raw student achievement, student progress and performance relative to percentages of economically disadvantaged students. Another 30 percent of the grades were determined by schools' and districts' success in closing achievement gaps between different demographic groups, including at-risk students, English-language learners and students of different races.

Officials use those metrics to calculate an overall scale score that ranges from zero to 100, which match up with letter grades. Any scale scores below a 60 translate to F's, scores below 70 equate to D's, grades below 80 would be C's, scores below 90 would be B's and scores of 90 or above would be A's. Kashmere High in Houston ISD (49) If individual schools were assigned letter grades based on scale scores, 21 percent of those in the



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休斯敦僑學界強烈反對蔡英文“過境” 休斯敦聯合聲明

2018年8月18日

臺灣地區領導人蔡英文將借8月12日到20日“訪問”巴拉圭、伯利茲之際，去程“過境”洛杉磯，回程“過境”休斯敦。蔡英文上任以來拒不承認以一個中國為核心意涵的“九二共識”，肆無忌憚地推行“文化臺獨”和“去中國化”，與其口頭表述的“維護臺海和平穩定”的說法背道而馳，執意在分裂的道路上越走越遠。如同去年一月所謂“過境”休斯敦鬧劇一樣，蔡英文把逗留美國當成是宣揚臺獨的政治舞臺。對此，美南地區及全美各地的廣大華僑、華人和留學生表示堅決反對，不歡迎麻煩製造者蔡英文“過境”休斯敦，並發表聲明如下。

(一)、臺灣是中國領土不可分割的一部分。任何臺獨的企圖都是癡心妄想。在當今世界局勢之下，“臺獨”就是一個偽命題，

而臺獨份子終將受到歷史的審判。

(二)、“九二共識”是兩岸關係和平穩定的定海神針。離開一個中國原則空談維持現狀，就是空中樓閣。臺灣當局不要肆意挑釁、破壞兩岸和平。

(三)、美國和中國分別是世界上最大的發達國家和發展中國家。生活在美國的華僑華人有責任有義務推動祖(籍)國的和平統一，維護祖(籍)國同美國的友好合作關係，決不會坐視臺獨分裂行徑拉中美關係下水，損害中美關係大局。

(四)、實現祖國統一是中華民族偉大復興中國夢的重要內容，是全球炎黃子孫的共同期盼。我們旅美僑胞要團結一致，向美國政府和主流社會發出心聲，堅決反對臺獨，

維護祖國統一，堅決反對蔡英文借“過境”美國兜售臺獨理念。

(五)、海峽兩岸每個有良知的中國人都具有責任、有義務推動實現祖國統一。越來越多的臺灣同胞真心希望兩岸和平統一、支持兩岸關係良性發展，不願意受到外來勢力的幹擾和破壞。

我們海外華人華僑熱切期盼祖(籍)國實現統一和繁榮。我們堅信，祖國統一是歷史潮流，只要海內外中華兒女團結一心，臺獨勢力一定不會得逞。兩岸同胞和海外僑胞攜起手來，一定可以共創更加光明璀璨的明天，早日實現祖國統一和中華民族的偉大復興！

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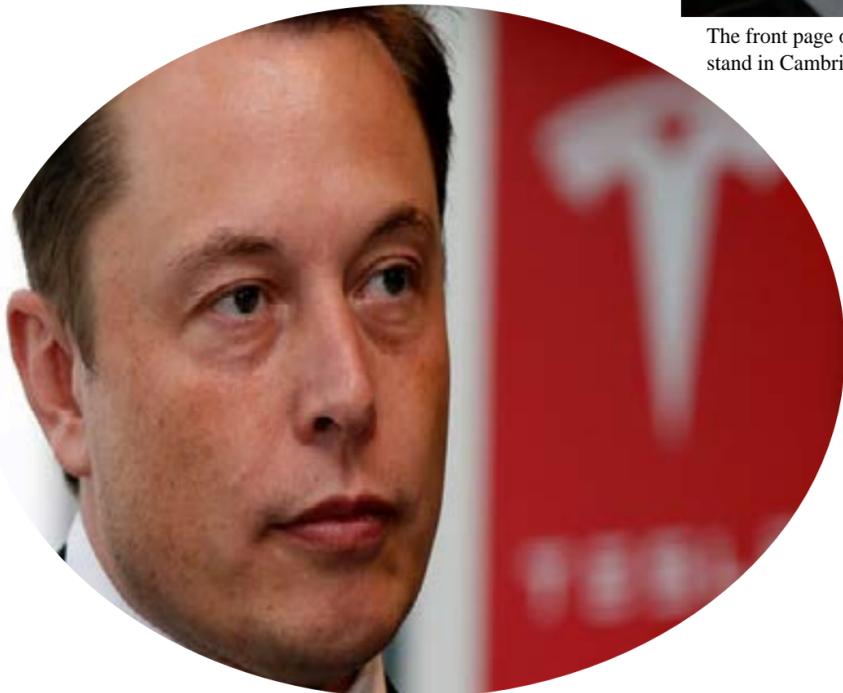
Editor's Choice



FILE PHOTO: People gather in front of the Presidential Palace during a protest in Warsaw



The front page of the Boston Globe newspaper references their editorial defense of press freedom at a newsstand in Cambridge



FILE PHOTO: Tesla Motors Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk pauses during a news conference in Tokyo



FILE PHOTO: The Nordstrom store is pictured in Broomfield



U.S. President Trump holds a cabinet meeting at the White House in Washington



A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the opening bell in New York



A boy lies on a giant waterlily leaf during an annual leaf-sitting event in Taipei



A Walmart logo is displayed above the floor of the New York Stock Exchange shortly after the opening bell in New York



Each year, roughly 40 million Americans, or about 14% of the U.S. population, move at least once. Much of that movement includes younger people relocating within cities, but it is trends of

Americans moving to warmer climates, more affordable areas, and better job opportunities that have largely determined migration patterns in recent decades. Because of those long-term patterns, as well as the recent period of economic recovery, cities in some parts of the country have lost tens of thousands of residents. To highlight the U.S. metropolitan areas that have had the largest net decline in population as a result of migration between 2010 and 2017, the Wall Street Journal reviewed population figures from the U.S. Census Bureau's Population Estimates Program.

The cities where the most people are moving away from can primarily be found in the Northeast, Midwest, and West Coast, particularly in states like Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and New York. Among the cities where people are leaving in droves are places such as Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, New York, and Los Angeles.



In some U.S. cities, everyday comfort and happiness is much harder to attain than in others.

William Frey, demographer at the Brookings Institution, a nonprofit public policy research group, explained that these cities that have been losing thousands of residents due to migration are part of the long-term trend of movement from the Northeast and the Midwest to warmer climates, a trend that has increased in recent years.

"The story of the broader migration pattern in the U.S. is from Snow Belt to Sun Belt," Frey said. "That migration has slowed a little bit in the early part of the decade, when we were still dealing with the aftermath of the recession, but it's coming back."

Detailed findings Not all the cities with the largest net declines in population from migration since 2010 are necessarily the fastest shrinking cities. However, among the U.S. metropolitan areas with the highest net population declines due to migration, the vast majority have had the largest overall decreases in population.

Two notable exceptions are New York and Los Angeles. While tens of thousands more people moved out of each city than moved in, both cities have still had among the highest net increases in population. This is because of natural population growth -- hundreds of thousands more people in these cities have been born than died. Notably, Los Angeles had a net migration loss of 93,959, but the overall population increased by over three-quarters of a million people because of births.



Fairbanks, Alaska • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,011 • Population change, 2010-2017: +2.2% (97,585 to 99,703) • Natural growth, 2010-2017:

12,364 births, 3,417 deaths • Median home value: \$226,900

Johnstown, Pennsylvania • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,070

• Population change, 2010-2017: -7.4% (143,674 to 133,054) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 9,624 births, 13,203 deaths

• Median home value: \$93,400

Hinesville, Georgia • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,171

• Population change, 2010-2017: +3.2% (77,919 to 80,400) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 12,218 births, 3,030 deaths

• Median home value: \$133,600

El Centro, California • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017:

-7,219

• Population change, 2010-2017: +4.8% (174,528 to 182,830) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,531 births, 7,106 deaths

• Median home value: \$170,900

Frey explained that movement from New York and Los Angeles to many of the cities with the largest net migration increases is due to residents of these cities getting pushed out because of rising populations and prices, the latter of which is a product of the economic recovery.

"Now that things are picking up again, people are moving out of cities. As the housing market is coming back, people are being sucked out of pricey areas to where it is more affordable again."

Frey gave the example of one common migration pattern: Los Angeles to Las Vegas, the latter of which had the 15th highest net population increase due to migration. Los Angeles has always lost residents to Las Vegas, but when the recession hit and housing prices fell, that movement slowed significantly.

Bakersfield, California • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,314

• Population change, 2010-2017: +6.4% (839,621 to 893,119) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 102,106 births, 41,099 deaths

• Median home value: \$204,200

Norwich-New London, Connecticut • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,365

• Population change, 2010-2017: -1.8% (274,059 to 269,033) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 19,518 births, 17,252 deaths

• Median home value: \$242,000

Now that housing prices have recovered in Los Angeles and have become too expensive for many residents, people are once again moving out of the city in droves. As of 2016, Los Angeles had the seventh highest median home value of any metropolitan area, at \$578,200. Las Vegas' median home value is just slightly more than half that, at \$233,700.

"The same sort of thing is true for a place like New York," Frey added. "There has always been huge movement going from New York to Florida, but during the Great Recession period that slowed up quite a bit, and now it is picking up again."

Frey added that the reasons behind the decline in population in cities like Los Angeles and New York -- overcrowding and high prices -- are very different than the reasons for decreases in other cities on this list, notably Rust Belt cities like Flint, Michigan; Toledo, Ohio; and Rockford, Illinois; and even larger cities like St. Louis, Cleveland, and Milwaukee. These cities have been losing domestic migrants for decades due to stagnating economic conditions stemming from the decline of American manufacturing.

Methodology To identify America's Fastest Declining Cities, 24/7

Wall Street reviewed the annual estimates of resident population and the estimates of the components of residential population change from April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017, provided by the American Community Survey. Population, and home value data also came from the 2016 American Community Survey. (Courtesy USA Today)

Here Are Some Of The Other Cities That People Are Leaving According To The Study

Fresno, California • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,571

• Population change, 2010-2017: +6.3% (930,495 to 989,255) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 113,926 births, 47,252 deaths

• Median home value: \$238,100

Macon-Bibb County, Georgia • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -7,877

• Population change, 2010-2017: -1.5% (232,286 to 228,914) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 21,752 births, 17,233 deaths

• Median home value: \$122,000

Anchorage, Alaska • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,464

• Population change, 2010-2017: +5.3% (380,821 to 400,888) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 43,973 births, 15,756 deaths

• Median home value: \$299,700

Vineland-Bridgeton, New Jersey • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,476

• Population change, 2010-2017: -2.6% (156,628 to 152,538) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 14,926 births, 10,604 deaths

• Median home value: \$165,900

Erie, Pennsylvania • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,511

• Population change, 2010-2017: -2.1% (280,564 to 274,541) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,920 births, 20,396 deaths

• Median home value: \$125,700

Mobile, Alabama • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,517

• Population change, 2010-2017: +0.2% (413,143 to 413,955) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 40,422 births, 30,886 deaths

• Median home value: \$126,800

Atlantic City-Hammonton, New Jersey

• Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,550

• Population change, 2010-2017: -1.7% (274,540 to 269,918) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 22,801 births, 18,976 deaths

• Median home value: \$215,100

Fayetteville, North Carolina • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,741

• Population change, 2010-2017: +5.6% (366,322 to 386,662) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 47,548 births, 19,638 deaths

• Median home value: \$134,600

Jacksonville, North Carolina • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,791

• Population change, 2010-2017: +9.1% (177,799 to 193,893) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 30,768 births, 7,184 deaths

• Median home value: \$151,500

Yakima, Washington • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -8,916

• Population change, 2010-2017: +2.9% (243,237 to 250,193) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 29,681 births, 13,811 deaths

• Median home value: \$166,300

Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,470

• Population change, 2010-2017: -3.8% (251,737 to 242,217) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 18,295 births, 18,409 deaths

• Median home value: \$121,000

Sierra Vista-Douglas, Arizona • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,495

• Population change, 2010-2017: -5.0% (131,356 to 124,756) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 11,814 births, 9,110 deaths

• Median home value: \$130,100

Farmingington, New Mexico • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,633

• Population change, 2010-2017: -2.4% (130,045 to 126,926) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 13,381 births, 6,949 deaths

• Median home value: \$153,100

Lawton, Oklahoma • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,641

• Population change, 2010-2017: -2.3% (130,291 to 127,349) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 14,355 births, 7,848 deaths

• Median home value: \$124,900

Charleston, West Virginia • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,772

• Population change, 2010-2017: -5.6% (227,061 to 214,406) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 18,078 births, 20,856 deaths

• Median home value: \$111,300

Saginaw, Michigan • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -9,783

• Population change, 2010-2017: -4.1% (200,169 to 191,934) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 16,380 births, 14,912 deaths

• Median home value: \$96,200

Pine Bluff, Arkansas • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,001

• Population change, 2010-2017: -9.3% (100,278 to 90,963) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 8,244 births, 7,701 deaths

• Median home value: \$84,700

Montgomery, Alabama • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,317

• Population change, 2010-2017: -0.2% (374,541 to 373,903) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 35,032 births, 25,380 deaths

• Median home value: \$135,700

Wichita, Kansas • Population decrease due to migration, 2010-2017: -10,335

• Population change, 2010-2017: +2.3% (630,924 to 645,628) • Natural growth, 2010-2017: 65,873 births, 40,647 deaths

• Median home value: \$132,400

Additional cities Americans are leaving include the following: Watertown-Fort Drum, New York, Albany, Georgia, New Haven-Milford, Connecticut, Visalia-Porterville, California, Shreveport-Bossier City, Louisiana, Hartford-West Hartford-East Hartford, Connecticut, Youngstown-Warren-Boardman, Ohio, Peoria, Illinois, Hanford-Corcoran, California, Rochester, New York, Brownsville-Harlingen, Texas, Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, Virginia, North Carolina, Syracuse, New York, Toledo, Ohio, Rockford, Illinois, New York-Newark-Jersey City, New York-New Jersey, Pennsylvania, El Paso, Texas, Flint, Michigan, Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis, Wisconsin, Memphis, Tennessee, Mississippi-Arkansas, Cleveland-Elyria, Ohio, St. Louis, Missouri, Illinois, Detroit-Warren-Dearborn, Michigan, Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, California, Chicago-Naperville-Elgin, Illinois, Indiana-Wisconsin.

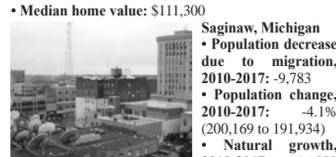
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Every Year, Almost 40 Million Americans Pick Up And Move Creating An Economic Impact On Many Of The Country's Largest Cities

Population Migration Patterns: Here Are Some Of The U.S. Cities Americans Are Abandoning

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Electric car startup Nio wants to raise \$1.8 billion by listing its shares on the New York Stock Exchange, according to documents it filed Monday.

Nio, founded in 2014, already has some deep-pocketed investors, including Chinese tech companies Tencent(TCEHY) and Baidu (BIDU), and US venture capital firm Sequoia Capital.

The company has been described by some analysts as a “Tesla-fighter” in China, the world’s biggest auto market.

Nio can certainly compete with Tesla (TSLA) on price. Its ES8 electric SUV, which was unveiled last year, sells for about \$65,000, or about half the current price of the most basic version of Tesla’s Model X SUV in China.

Nio boasts that the ES8 also offers customers some Tesla-esque features and perks, including an in-car artificial intelligence system and a charging portal that it says will let drivers change their car batteries in just three minutes.



A Nio concept car on display during the Beijing Auto Show in April.

Tu Le, head of research firm Sino Auto Insights, said Nio was one of a number of electric vehicle makers in China “that could make life much more difficult for Tesla.” But he added that “it’s still too early to tell how they’re doing.”

Nio only started delivering its SUVs to customers in June and about 17,000 of the vehicles are on order with customers.

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The firm didn’t provide a time frame for the proposed IPO and said its estimates on how much money it wants to raise could change. It plans to trade under the ticker “NIO.”

The company’s president, Lihong Qin, told CNN in December last year that it wants to “target the middle class in the big cities in China,” predicting that market will double in size in the next few years.

Global Ambitions

Nio also wants to eventually expand sales

Chinese Rival To Tesla Poised To Go Public In The U.S.

China’s ‘Tesla-Fighter’ Plans To Go Public In New York

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beyond China, including to the United States. It already has offices around the globe, including in California, London and Munich.

One reason for listing in New York is that it could make it easier for Nio to position itself as a company with global ambitions, Le said.

China is already the world’s biggest market for electric vehicles, but Nio faces a crowded playing field. As well as Tesla, it also faces competition from other local auto companies like BYD(BYDDF) and Geely (GELYF).

Despite the buzz around the company, its filing Monday revealed that Nio only began generating revenue this year. In the first half of 2018, it recorded just \$7 million in sales and made a loss of \$503 million.

By comparison, Tesla already has about \$2 billion in annual sales in China even though its US-made vehicles face hefty

import tariffs. Tesla hopes to eventually build as many as 500,000 cars a year in China by setting up a huge factory in Shanghai. (Courtesy <https://money.cnn.com>)



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Elon Musk confirms next Tesla Gigafactory will be in China

Speaking during the Q1 2018 earnings call, Elon Musk announced that Tesla’s next Gigafactory would be built in China. What’s more, Musk stated that all future Gigafactories would support the manufacture of the company’s vehicles.

Musk’s update on its factory plans in China came as a response to a question from CNBC’s Phil LeBeau, who asked for more details about Tesla’s plans regarding the Model Y, the Tesla Semi, and company’s future vehicles. Musk’s response to the question was direct, stating that the next Gigafactory will be established in China.

“It has to be later this year. Maybe next quarter, but not later than fourth quarter for Model Y. We also expect to announce the location of a Tesla Gigafactory in China soon. In the future, all Gigafactories will include vehicle production. So, right now, vehicle production and battery production, like battery production and motor and power electronics and charger production are at Giga, and then, we

have our Fremont car factory. But future Gigafactories will all incorporate vehicle production.”

Musk also extended Tesla’s gratitude to the Chinese government over its decision to lift ownership restrictions for factories operated by foreign car manufacturers. When Chinese President Xi Jinping announced the country’s intention to reduce import tariffs and remove ownership restrictions for foreign-operated facilities, Musk stated on Twitter that China’s decision will “benefit all countries.”



Tesla CEO Elon Musk

“We’re very appreciative of the fact that the government of China has announced that they will be allowing full ownership of manufacturing facilities in China. We’d like to express our appreciation to the Chinese government in that regard.”

Even before Musk’s announcement of its next Gigafactory, expectations were high that the facility Tesla’s China facility would be tasked with the manufacture of the company’s two mass-market electric cars — the Model Y and the Model 3. During Tesla’s Q3 2017 earnings call last November, Musk stated that having a factory in China is “really the only way to make cars affordable” in the country. Musk also noted that the upcoming facility “won’t be making Model S and Model X, but probably Model 3, probably Model Y primarily for the local Chinese market.” Musk’s update on Tesla’s next Gigafactory in China was in line with his statements back in February during the Q4 2017 earnings call. During the Q&A session, Musk teased that Tesla will begin investing in the Model Y sometime later this year.

“We are going to make some capital investments towards the end of this year related to Model Y. I don’t want to jump the gun on those, but I think we’ve got a good plan. I’m pretty excited about how we’re designing Model Y. It’s really taking a lot of lessons learned from Model 3 and saying how do we design something to be easy to manufacture instead of how to manufacture or difficult, really,” Musk said. (Courtesy <https://www.teslarati.com/>)

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演完北一女資優生茉莉 王淨：我覺得我死了！

公視劇集《你的孩子不是你的孩子》目前熱播中，其中單元〈茉莉不是你的孩子〉受到廣大網友討論，也讓裡頭飾演北一女資優生「茉莉」的王淨獲得關注。王淨接受本刊專訪時透露，拍攝該劇時險得憂鬱症，「戲殺青的時候，我覺得我死了！」

年僅20歲，王淨比同齡孩子要來得幸運，不但在《你的孩子不是你的孩子》收獲知名度，接下來還在商業大片《門魚》《返校》擔綱女主角。她坦言從未想過成為一名演員，兒時願望其實是當個小說家，她並非光說不練，13歲時還真的出版小說《芭樂愛情》。

文字抒情 對空氣演戲
「後來我發現，我會

喜歡演戲，可能也跟愛寫小說有關。」王淨古靈精怪，凡事愛用文字發想，不僅如此，她還會想像自己是女主角，對空氣擁抱親吻，「我喜歡把文字演出來，純粹是自己跟自己玩，現時在回想，應該是從那時開始就有演員因子在了吧？」

她的首部電影是《痴情男子漢》，和蔡凡熙在片中演歡喜冤家，原只是抱著好玩心態一試，卻沒想到被連奕琦導演稱讚是「天才型演員」，決心朝演員這條路發展。

做足功課 化身劇中人

若說《痴情男子漢》啓蒙王淨的演藝之路，那麼〈茉莉〉最後一天就是讓王淨體會到何

謂「演戲」，為了揣摩茉莉個性，王淨拍了許多紀錄片觀摩，她還把茉莉的日常生活、刷牙、洗臉、吃東西、折衣服、常行為等完全跟我是同一樣的性格，但是拍攝時，我卻完全進入角色裡，我在我最後跳樓死亡，她死了一次。」她坦言剛殺青時差點得憂鬱症，整天不出戶，讓家人都很擔心。

她先前被本刊拍到與林柏叡談戀愛，受訪時被問到此事，王淨表示若是人生重新再來，她還是會做同樣選擇，「我還是會正常過生活，大方談戀愛。」

公視《憤怒的菩薩》重現戰後台灣社會 吳慷仁請家教特訓日文

公視時代劇《憤怒的菩薩》即將於本週末播出，今(15)日於光點華山電影館舉行首映記者會，導演許肇任以及吳慷仁、巫建和、劉品言、林思宇、劉冠廷、張翰、賀一航、柯宇綸、吳朋奉、林志儒和洛可杉等一眾演員皆有出席。

《憤怒的菩薩》的故事背景設定在1946年的台北，國民政府剛從日本手中接過台灣。導演許肇任認為當時的台灣非常有趣，因為不管什麼樣的人跟語言都有，過去這個年代最具代表性的影視作品應該是《悲情城市》，而這次他決定用比較輕鬆的方式來講故事，因為他覺得文化差異產生的矛盾不一定是負面的，有時候會是一件蠻有趣的事情。

許肇任又說，1946年正好和美國電影《教父》的故事背景是一樣的，《教父》所呈現出來的內容非常進步，我們(台灣)應該也辦得到。他表示，除了電腦還沒發明之外，當時的知識水準應該很接近現代，過去大家拍這個年代都像在拍「農村曲」，這次則不希望再這樣，他認為當時人們追求新知的態度，跟現代人其實是一樣的。

故事設定在一個政權更替的年代，多元的語言成為演員們最大的挑戰，特別是台語和日文。劉品言笑稱：「還好我(演)大家閨秀，話不太多。」其中最讓她印象深刻的，是一場處理鱈魚的戲，她要抓著活鱈魚，用台語念一長串勸它「來世記得做人」的俗語，劉品言因此咬舌很多次，舌頭的邊邊都變得有點腫。

劉品言表示，她覺得台語比日語更難，因為台語的「氣口」真的太多了。劇組安排的台語老師有幫演員們錄音，她說，聽



著老師的錄音帶入眠的時候，就會覺得自己台語變好了。

吳慷仁則說，最初看到劇本的時候是想要拒絕的，因為日文的台詞很多，「我覺得就算三個月我也背不起來」，可是後來知道是許肇任導演就答應了，因為他知道導演不會照著劇本拍。吳慷仁表示，其實四集劇本看下來並不輕鬆，敘事方式甚至有一種平鋪直敘的沉重，「最後真相大白，也沒有打算要讓大家都喘一口氣」，因為它是一個時代造成的悲劇。

在開拍前幾天，劇組安排一位劉品言公司裡的女性員工為吳慷仁特訓日文，對方曾在日本留學，一下班就到他家上課，吳慷仁說：「坦白說，她就坐在我客廳的地上。」劉品言在這時補充道：「而且她下班就說：『老闆，我要去慷仁家了。』」引發眾人大笑。

有些觀眾表示，吳慷仁和巫建和在劇中很像英劇《新世紀福爾摩斯》裡的福爾摩斯和華生，巫建和坦言沒看過《新世紀福爾摩斯》，但覺得他們比較像《神探兩個半

》，他說，一開始覺得這兩人很厲害：「但是演完就覺得(他們)很兩光，不知道為什麼。」吳慷仁則說：「我是演的時候覺得很兩光，演完覺得很厲害。」

許肇任又說，這部劇其實很不好拍，因為一不小心就會穿幫，其中很多地方可能會被觀眾批評錯誤，「可是對我來說，那時候確實是存在這樣的世界」，比如很多人都說他們中華民國國旗掛反了，但是他覺得當時老百姓即使不知道國旗怎麼掛，還是會把它掛起來，「因為日本旗怎麼掛都對啊。」

《憤怒的菩薩》改編自直木賞作家陳舜臣的同名小說，故事描述1946年貨船「朝風丸」從日本回到基隆港，在日本因為偵破殺人案而聲名大噪的中國留學生陶展文(吳慷仁飾)也搭乘這艘船，跟著好友楊輝銘(巫建和飾)要前往菩薩庄探親，結果卻遇上連串離奇的殺人案，預計將於8月18日晚上九點播出，一次播出兩集。

王瞳《大時代》逆齡演出



王瞳馬不停蹄從《幸福來了》殺青後，再剪更短的頭髮加入民視人氣八點檔《大時代》，熱愛表演的她，竟然覺得演出「伍家媚」一角超級累！到底怎麼回事？

原來劇中鬼靈精怪的伍家媚，不僅是講話高八度，表情動作都要很誇張，連台詞都多到不行，每一句話都要用很hyper的方式演出，讓她舉手求饒說「我已經32歲了！不是18歲的頭腦啊！」

不過敬業的她，每一次都在休息室角落好好背台詞，一改跟其他人嬉鬧的習慣，她也坦言下戲後真的精疲力盡，累到不想再講話。

王瞳除了戲好，還主動教第一次演八點檔的李又汝棚內走位，讓李又汝很感動，連忙感謝，王瞳笑說沒問題啦，「我都老屁股了！」

王瞳表示當初接到角色時，大家可能會認為，由她來演出伍家媚想必是得心應手，沒想到卻讓她絞盡腦汁，後來製作人王珮華說，必須要回想22歲自己在幹嘛，也讓王瞳回去思考1天1夜之

後，發現以前真的是很man，也很天真，消化吸收後，逆齡演出22歲的小女生，每一次拍完都覺得自己好像真的變年輕了，連男友艾成也誇讚為戲剪短髮的造型「超美的」！

王瞳提到擔任第二部曲的女主角，武則天轉世的設定讓她壓力很大，因為古今中外多少人演出這個角色，但王瞳在拍《幸福來了》時就知道要挑戰《大時代》伍家媚的角色，讓她邊拍邊做功課，選上網看以前武則天的影集，好勝心作祟的她，直說要自己登場就跟「曉萍」有落差。

這一次王瞳跟韓宜邦的「轉大人」初登場，讓韓宜邦喊說「我才是苦主！」原來韓宜邦飾演的伍家媚以為是色狼，不僅踩他的腳，更是咬他的手臂，讓他自嘲說「還好脂肪夠厚，可以承受」，兩人在劇中有多場對手戲，第一次在八點檔中合作，卻十分有默契，互讚對方是很好的演員，期許《大時代》第二部曲收視率能夠大開紅盤！



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