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Trump says tax hike on rich possible



A supporter raises his cowboy hat as U.S. President Trump speaks about tax reform during a visit to Loren Cook Company in Springfield.

President Donald Trump said on Wednesday the rich might see a hike in taxes as he pursues a major tax overhaul with outreach to Democrats who oppose cutting rates for the wealthy, while Republicans in Congress set a timetable to unveil their plan.

WASHINGTON (Reuters)

President Donald Trump said on Wednesday the rich might see a hike in taxes as he pursues a major tax overhaul with outreach to Democrats who oppose cutting rates for the wealthy, while Republicans in Congress set a timetable to unveil their plan.

The White House and the Republican-led Congress have not put forth a detailed tax plan despite months of talks that have excluded Democrats. House of Representatives Speaker Paul Ryan said an outline would be unveiled during the work week beginning Sept. 25, with congressional tax-writing committees crafting detailed legislation in the subsequent weeks.

Democrats have criticized the Republican tax overhaul efforts as benefiting mainly the wealthiest Americans. Trump, a real estate mogul, said the rich would not be making gains with the plan, which he said was geared toward providing the largest tax cut ever for the middle class and creating jobs.

"I think the wealthy will be pretty much where they are," Trump said of taxes on the rich, without specifying the income level. "If they have to go higher, they'll go higher, frankly."

Trump will host Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer and House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday evening to discuss the legislative agenda with a focus on the tax overhaul after meetings with bipartisan groups of lawmakers on Tuesday night and Wednesday afternoon.

"We should be able to come together to make government work for the people," Trump told reporters as he met with eight Democratic and five Republican House members to try to find common ground on taxes as well as immigration and health-

Asked what his message was to skep-

tical conservatives who worry he is cozying up to Democrats, Trump said: "I'm a conservative, and I will tell you I'm not skeptical. And I think that if we can do things in a bipartisan manner, that'll be great. Now it might not work out."

Trump blindsided Republican leaders last week by striking a deal with Schumer and Pelosi on the U.S. debt limit and federal spending for three months, and also spoke to them about how to resolve the fate of 800,000 young adults brought into the United States illegally as children, the so-called

Asked about Trump's comment on a possible tax increase for the wealthy, House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady said: "My goal is to lower taxes on every American as much as possible and help them keep more of what they earn." Trump reiterated his goal for a 15 percent corporate tax rate, down from the current 35 percent.

Local News



Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez's statement on the resolution of Shannon Miles' capital murder case



Accused killer in deputy Goforth case pleads guilty, avoids death penalty

Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez issued the following statement on Wednesday in response to Shannon Miles' capital murder plea agreement:

"Two years ago, the Harris County

Sheriff's Office family suffered a terrible loss when our brother, Deputy Darren Goforth, was ambushed and gunned down. Deputy Goforth served the residents of Harris County for nearly a decade. He will always be remembered for his service, his bravery, and his sacrifice. Today, the Goforth family and the Harris County Sheriff's Office family are pleased to learn that justice will be served upon Deputy Goforth's killer. We are grateful to Special Prosecutor Brett Ligon and his team for their hard work to bring this terrible case to a fair resolution. To the Goforth family, you will always be part of our family and our thoughts and prayers remain with

Finally, I want to thank the men and women of the Harris County Sheriff's Offic e family who faithfully serve our community with courage and dignity. We are grateful for our community's support and trust, which we hold sacred. Thank you.







BUSINESS

Center Could Boost Military's Code-Breaking Ability And Navigation Of Stealth Submarines

China Building World's Largest Quantum Research Facility



An artist's impression of The National **Laboratory for Quantum Information** Science in Hefei, Anhui. (Photo/Hand-

China is building the world's largest quantum research facility to develop a quantum computer and other "revolutionary" forms of technology that can be used by the military for code-breaking or on stealth submarines, according to scientists and authorities involved in the project.

The National Laboratory for Quantum Information Science will be located on a 37-hectare site next to a small lake in Hefei, Anhui province. Some time this month developers will be invited to bid for a contract to construct the site, according to an article in Hefei Evening News, a daily newspaper run by the city government on Thursday.

Pan Jianwei, China's lead quantum scientist who was playing a key role in the project, told local officials at a briefing in May that technology developed in the facility would be of immediate use to the armed forces, according to Anhui Business Daily newspaper.

Quantum metrology, which measures small variations in physical parameters such as gravity with unprecedented accuracy, could significantly improve submarines' stealth operations. A submarine with a quantum navigation system could operate underwater for more than three months without the need to surface for positioning satellite signals.

Chinese city to launch 'unhackable' quantum

After operating for 100 days underwater the captain would still be able to pinpoint the vessel's position in the Pacific Ocean with a margin of error of just a few hundred metres according to Pan, who could not be immediately reached



Another key mission of the laboratory is to build the nation's first quantum computer that

could break an encrypted message in seconds.

The ground-clearing ceremony of The National Laboratory for Quantum Information Science in Hefei, Anhui. (Photo/

"Our plan is that by 2020, or maybe as soon as next year, to achieve 'quantum supremacy' with calculation power one million times to all existing computers around the world combined," Pan was quoted as saying by Anhui Business Daily, which is run by the provincial government.

It was unclear whether the computer could be used for code-breaking.

Construction work is expected to finish in 2 ½ years with a budget of 76 billion yuan

Chinese satellite makes breakthrough in quantum communication

(HK\$91.6 billion).

Ground-clearing work started with approval from the central government in February, according to the website of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the owner of the new facility.

Guo Guoping, a quantum information researcher at the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Hefei, said a general-purpose quantum computer could take many more years or even decades Building a large facility with centralised resources could accelerate this process by pulling together the talents of scientists from all over the nation with knowledge and experience of multiple scientific disciplines to overcome a wide range of technical and engineering hur-



China's Quantum satellite

Guo stressed that in the national laboratory, researchers' performance should not be evaluated by the scientific papers they published but by their contribution to specific project targets, such as building a general-purpose quantum computer.

"This may sound a bit old-fashioned, even Soviet-style, but it can give China a chance to win the race," he added.

China moved a step ahead with the launch of a quantum satellite last year and conducted a series of cutting edge experiments such as quantum entanglement and teleportation in space. Some scientists have questioned the government's enormous bet on quantum technology. Critics have warned that spending more taxpayers' money on quantum research will only result in less funding for other disciplines.

A professor at Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, a major information technology research institute, said some computer scientists and cyber security researchers were worrying about their jobs.

"I have known some researchers whose funding applications were turned down because their study was unrelated to quantum. I have also met officials who knew nothing about quantum physics but took the bait on quantum computers and networks as offering a solution to all problems," said the professor on condition of

"They chose to ignore the fact that a quantum network can also transmit viruses, and a quantum computer today is slower than a hand-held calculator." (Courtesy http://www.scmp.com/ news/china/society/)

Texas Fescue **Grass First Species** Protected by Trump Administration



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has set aside 7,800 acres in Big Bend National Park to protect the Guadalupe fescue. a type of bunchgrass recently added to the endangered species list. (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

TERLINGUA, Texas - The federal government has added a species of bunchgrass found mostly in Texas to its list of endangered species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave Guadalupe fescue protected status and set aside 7 800 acres of the fescue's last U.S. location in Big Bend National Park, as "critical habitat." Michael Robinson, a conservation advocate at the Center for Biological Diversity, says it has taken four decades to gain protected status for the three-foot-tall species of bunchgrass that became rare because of climate change and overgrazing.

"The primary reason is that it got to the brink of extinction is that it was very palatable for cattle, and everywhere where cattle were allowed, they ate it up," he explains. "Big Bend National Park in the Chisos Mountains is the only place in the United States that we know it survived." The decision to protect the species is the result of a 2011 settlement agreement with the Center. In it, the Wildlife Service agreed to extend protection to hundreds of vulnerable species.

[View the official government document here: http://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection. federalregister.gov/2017-19001.pdf]

The fescue is the 185th species to be protected under the agreement and the first to be designated under the Endangered Species Act by the Trump administration. Robinson says the Guadalupe fescue is a bell-

wether species for the survival of grasses in habitats at 6,000 feet or higher, also known as

"This grass used to be found in mountaintops throughout the sky islands region in south and west Texas and in northern Mexico, and is now reduced to one mountaintop," he relates. "Now that it's on the Endangered Species list, it can benefit from science based recovery actions



Texas Fescue Grass First Species Protected by Trump Administration. The coarse plant is often considered a

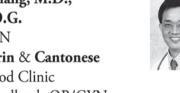
Robinson says grasses and other critical plant species are under increasing stress because of drought, competition from invasive species and climate change.

"While people in Texas are dealing with the after effects of a horrendous hurricane, it's important to be able to see the long term," he points out. "The Guadalupe fescue is threatened by, among other things, climate change and drought. So, there's a connection in the things that are going awry in our world that we need to address from a fundamental level." (Courtesy http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2017-09-13/ environment/texas)

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~Philip, HO, M.D.

Dr. Ho is a board-certified Urology specialist who completed his medical degree, internship and residency at Baylor College of Medicine. He has a fellowship in Urologic Oncology from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. He is member of the Texas Medical Association, the American Urological Association and the American Medical Association. His clinic interests include treating prostate cancer, bladder cancer, kidney cancer, testicular cancer, adrenal cancer, penile cancer, kidney stones and benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH.)

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A Snapshot Of The World



Es A local resident reacts as she sees the damage on her home after Hurricane Irma struck Florida, in Islamorada Key



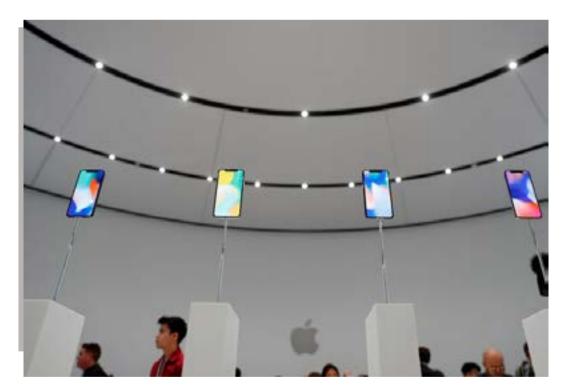
Copies of Hilary Clinton's new book "What Happened" line shelves before she arrives for a book signing in Barnes & Noble Union Square in Manhattan, New York



Peregrina, 26, an indigenous Zapotec transgender woman also know as Muxe, walks on the debris of her house destroyed after an earthquake that struck on the southern coast of Mexico late on Thursday, in Juchitan



European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker addresses the European Parliament during a debate on The State of the European Union in Strasbourg, France, September 13, 2017. REU-TERS/Christian Hartmann



Apple iPhone X samples are displayed during a product launch event in Cuper tino, California, U.S. September 12, 2017.



A model presents creations from designer Naeem Khan's Spring/Summer 2018 collection during New York Fashion Week in the Manhattan borough of New York City, U.S. September 12,



Transgender models Lamers and Benjamin Melzer unveil their their "I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur" campaign for PETA in New York



Olympic rings to celebrate the IOC official announcement that Paris won the 2024 Olympic bid are seen during a ceremony at the Trocadero square in Paris, France, September 13



Humanoid robot YuMi conducts the Lucca Philharmonic Orchestra performing a concert alongside Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli at the Verdi Theatre in Pisa



COMMUNITY

'Hand In Hand' Telethon Raises More Than \$44 Million For **Hurricane Survivors**



An A-list of celebrities came out in droves on Monday night to take part in the "Hand in Hand" hurricane relief benefit, which raised more than \$44 million for the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

During the telethon, Stephen Colbert announced that Apple was donating \$5 million and Jimmy Fallon added that Albertsons Cos. and Merck each gave \$1 million.

NBA star Chris Paul also said that the NBA Players Association, which donated \$500,000, would match any professional basketball player's donation up to \$20,000.

"We come together today to love on people that have been devastated by the hurricanes," Stevie Wonder, who sang "Lean on Me," said at the start of the telethon. "When love goes into action, it preferences no color of skin, no ethnicity, no religious beliefs, no sexual preferences, and no political persuasions. It just loves.



Highlighting the "Hand In Hand" telethon (I-r) were Beyonce, George Clooney and Blake Shel-

Throughout the hour-long benefit, which was broadcast on four networks, including ABC, celebrities stressed the importance of unity. However, the current politic climate was referenced at several points. In video addresses, Drake admitted that that news cycle recently has been "extremely overwhelming," while Beyonce noted that, "it's impossible to watch the news without seeing violence or racism in this

"Just when you think it couldn't possibly get worse, natural disasters take take precious life, do massive damage, and forever change lives, leaving behind contaminated water flooded hospitals, schools, and nursing homes and

countless families are now homeless," she continued. "Natural disasters don't discriminate. They don't see if you're an immigrant, black or white, Hispanic or Asian, Jewish or Muslim, wealthy or poor. It doesn't matter if you're from [Houston neighborhoods] Third Ward or River Oaks, we're all in this together."

Beyonce, a Houston native, also touched on climate change, pointing out other natural disasters that have taken place around the world in the past few weeks, including flooding in India and an earthquake in Mexico. Wonder also discussed the issue, and had harsh words for climate change deniers.

"Anyone who believes that there is no such thing as global warming must be blind or unintelligent," he said.

The telethon was also punctuated by stars including Kerry Washington, Sean "Diddy" Combs; Oprah Winfrey and Cher; and Justin Timberlake telling stories of those who were directly impacted by the hurricanes, as well as performances in locations around the country. In Nashville, Usher and Blake Shelton sang "Stand By Me." while George Strait, Miranda Lambert, Chris Stapleton, Robert Earl Keen and Lyle Lovett sang "Texas" and "I Believe" from San Antonio. Other performances included Luis Fonsi and Tori Kelly singing "Hallelujah," Brad Paisley, Demi Lovato, Darius Rucker, Cece Winans performing "With a Little Help from My Friends," and Dave Matthews singing "Mercy."

"This is what we can give people with our donations tonight. We can't bring back what they lost, but we can help them know where to take the next step and provide some solid footing for them to place their next foot. A path to stability. To a place where they can rebuild," Matthew McConaughey told viewers. "This is what they need and this is what we can give them."



Justin Bieber and Oprah Winfrey were among the star-studded cast of volunteers for the telethon.

Also answering phones during the telethon:

Businessman Says Migrants Will Rebuild Houston For The Most Vulnerable Survivors Of Hurricane Harvey

Vietnamese Immigrant And Self-Made Billionaire Donates \$5 Million To Storm Relief



Kieu Hoang presents a \$5 million check to Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner for Harvey Relief.

Hoang is the founder of Rare Antibody Antigen Supply, valued at \$14

Businessman Kieu Hoang donated \$5million to hurricane Harvey victims on Monday and said the donation was to 'pay back' to America after he was allowed to settle here as a refugee during the Vietnam war. His Donation is one of

Justin Bieber, George Clooney, Julianne Moore, Bruce Willis, Sofia Vergara, Oprah Winfrey, Julia Roberts, among others. Billy Crystal closed the telethon thanking everyone at all the call centers, and reminding people that the phone lines and donation centers will be open all night. He concluded, "This is what America is really all about."

Comic Relief USA, the nonprofit behind Idol Gives Back, will manage the donations and distribute them to organizations including the Rebuild Texas Fund, Feeding Texas, Habitat for Humanity and United Way of Greater Houston. Originally, the Hand in Hand telethon was meant to benefit the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. It was later expanded to include those affected by Irma, which hit the southeast this weekend. It has been estimated that the storms caused between \$150 billion and \$290 billion in damage to Texas and Florida.

At least 70 people died during Hurricane Harvey, and 22 deaths have been reported in the U.S. from Hurricane Irma.

What a powerful and beautiful night it was. People can continue to donate at: http://Hand-

InHand2017.com (Courtesy https://www.yahoo.com/gma/handhand-telethon)

the single largest sums paid to help victims of the hurricane

Kieu Hoang, 73, who lives in California, said the gift was his way to 'pay back' to America after he was able to flee the Vietnam war by settling here in 1975.

His money will be used to transition some of Harvey's most vulnerable victims - the elderly, poor and those with special needs - from temporary shelters into permanent housing, Houston mayor Sylvester Turner said.

Houston mayor Sylvester Turner said the money will be used to help the elderly, poor and those with special needs out of temporary shelter and into permanent accommodation

At a press conference on Monday, Hoang said: 'I am here to thank the American people who allowed me to come to this country as a refugee in early 1975 at the age of 31.

'I am here to pay back, contribute and show my gratitude to this great country.'

Speaking to the Houston Chronicle, he added: 'Dr. Martin Luther King said 'I have a dream. "Thanks to the American people's help, I have realized some small dreams.



Storm victims gather food and water dropped from military heli-

copters. 'A dream to have immigration laws so that a

lot of people do not live in constant fear of be-

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ing deported. A dream to allow immigrants like me to come into this great America to make it greater, and the greatest.

'Did you realize a lot of Houstonians dared not to check into shelter centers for help, as they are scared to be discovered and deported? God help America (to) help them. For Houston, who will

help rebuild the city?' Harvey destroyed and estimated 200.000 homes and displaced 1million, with some estimating that the total damage bill could run to

Hoang is one of the single largest solo donors to the Harvey cleanup effort. Les Alexander, the outgoing owner of the Houston Rockets, has pledged \$10million

Hoang's first job after coming to the US paid just \$1.25 per hour, but he now owns the Rare Antibody Antigen Supply company, which is worth \$14billion

He has a personal worth of around \$3billion, according to Forbes.



Thousands of Houston area residents have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey.

Harvey killed an estimated 50 people, destroyed approximately 200,000 homes over a 13-mile stretch of land and displaced more than

The governor of Texas has warned that the total bill to clean up the devastation could be as high as \$180billion. Hoang's donation makes him one of the largest

single donors to the Harvey relief effort so far, according to the Houston Chronicle.

Les Alexander, the outgoing owner of the Houston Rockets, has pledged \$10 million, H-E-B chairman and CEO Charles Butt pledged \$5million, while President Trump has promised a \$1 million donation from his personal wealth. This is not the first time that Hoang has been generous with his money. Back in March he donated another \$5million to victims of flooding in San Jose. (Courtesy http://www.dailymail. co.uk/news/article)

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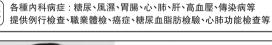
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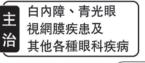
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Houston, Tx- The Arena has announced that Lina Hidalgo has been selected to their inaugural fellowship class. Ms. Hidalgo was selected for her ability to communicate her story and values, bridge across political parties and ideologies, grow and improve as a leader, and showcase a strong and viable campaign.

"We need fresh thinking and effective plans--from infrastructure, to law enforcement, to flooding--we have to make our County a model of great government. As the third largest

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Aerial mosquito spray operation planned For Harris County



Elliot Wu and his wife, Vera Hsiung, take a quick break as they work to clean rid their home of anything with mold on it in the aftermath of tropical storm Harvey in west Houston.

Harris County Public Health

The rain left behind by Hurricane Harvey has created large areas in Harris County where mosquitoes can lay their

To address increasing numbers of mosquitoes and the risk they pose to the recovery effort and public health, the U.S. Air Force Reserve's 910th Airlift Wing flying modified C-130 cargo planes staged out of Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio will be conducting an aerial spray operation beginning Thursday evening, September 14 and may take more than one day.

The plan is to spray approximately 600,000 acres by air, weather permitting. According to Dr. Umair A. Shah, executive director of Harris County Public Health (HCPH), "The goal is to reduce the effects mosquitoes are having on recovery efforts and the possibility of

a future increase in mosquito-borne disease."

The insecticide, Dibrom (EPA-approved), will be used during the spray operation in Harris County. Dibrom is considered safe for the environment and is applied by licensed applicators, according to the label instructions.

For anyone concerned about exposure during the aerial spray operation, HCPH recommends people stay indoors during the evening aerial application in the treated areas as a precaution. Authorities advise beekeepers may wish to cover their colonies to prevent bees from exiting during treatment.

Residents can help control mosquitoes during the recovery effort by emptying standing water around their homes. To reduce the likelihood of being bitten by mosquitoes, residents are encouraged to



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"世界胡须锦标赛"每两年举办一 次。比赛分为4个大类别,其下又分成26 个小类别。今年比赛的特别之处在于, 除了传统的"最佳胡须"、"最佳部分 胡须"和"最佳全胡须"这三大项,又 新增加了"最佳女性胡须"类别。

比赛举行前一天,参赛者们要花几 个小时的时间打理胡子,梳洗、吹干、 护理、造型,一步都不能少。

除了比赛类别增加,今年参赛者的 胡子造型也是花样翻新。比如"最佳自 由式全胡须"类别的亚军以赛亚·韦伯 (Isaiah Webb),他把胡须做成了一张"面 具"戴在脸上。

男子从德国搭飞机返英 睡醒人却在美国

英国一名从事银行业的商务男 子日前到德国出差,工作结束后搭 机返回英国的艾塞克斯郡,没想到 在飞机上睡一觉醒来,人却跑到了 美国的拉斯维加斯。这名男子最后 飞了2.7万多公里才回到家,比原 本预定的航程多了大约2.65万多公

据悉,这名运气不佳的男子名 叫塞缪尔,29岁,职业为银行人士 ,事发当天他刚结束在德国科隆的 一场会议,会议后的他原本准备马 上返回英国照顾已经怀孕的妻子。

目击者称,当时塞缪尔登上欧洲之 翼的班机后便传简讯告诉妻子自己 即将返家,并在飞机上睡了一觉。

塞缪尔表示: "当时我觉得 这架飞机的空间对短程航班来说 有点大,但我没有察觉到我搭错 了飞机。"当他醒来时才发现飞 机即将到达拉斯维加斯,让他十 分慌张。

而一下机后,当地执法人员也 因为他没有美国签证而暂时拘留他 ,最后在层层盘问后他才终于飞回

然而,噩梦并未到此结束,当 他回到科隆要再乘坐欧洲之翼回英 国时,却被对方以有犯罪嫌疑而拒 绝,于是他只好前往其他机场改搭 其他航班回家。

据了解,发生此项疏忽的原因 在于登机人员当时没有仔细检查塞 缪尔手上的机票,碰巧前往拉斯维 加斯与英国的班机又共享一个登机 口才会造成这个乌龙。原本从科隆 飞到英国艾塞克斯郡(Essex)只需要 一小时,但最后塞缪尔却花了两天 才回到家。

比利时"连环画节" 巨型卡通人物空中漫步



比利时漫画风气鼎盛,每年一 度的漫画节更是年度大事。据外媒 报道,当地时间9月3日,比利时

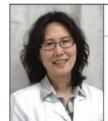
"连环画节"在布鲁塞尔举行,巨 型卡通形象气球参加了游行,知名 的漫画人物丁丁、贝蒂等都化身巨 大气球上街,吸引数万民众争睹。

据报道,漫画节期间,市中心 有多种与漫画有关的展览活动,吸 引许多漫画迷参与。布鲁塞尔皇宫 广场前展开的气球大游行,更是吸 引了数万民众争相目赌,掀起活动 高潮。

在气球游行中登场的漫画明 星气球,除了贝蒂娃娃、马达加 斯加企鹅外,号称漫画王国的比 利时不输阵, 出动丁丁、男孩布 尔、捣蛋鬼盖斯顿、皮小子斯皮 鲁、幸运星卢克等巨大气球,许 多民众全家前来,不只小孩兴奋

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气球游行主办单位布鲁塞尔观 光局活动部主任卡培塔诺维奇表示 ,漫画节可说是布鲁塞尔的一部份 ,许多的漫画艺术家出身于布鲁塞 尔,由于这样的文化自信,比利时 在漫画明星气球大游行上,展出了 多个源自布鲁塞尔或比利时的漫画 主角。



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过去的男人女人工作使美国变得美好,许多人 为自己的国家献出了生命。作为一个好的家庭成员 和一个好的公民,通过为国家服务,遵守法律,对 你的国家履行义务。遵守童军守则意味着时刻谨记

对他人的职责-

许多人需要帮助,一个愉快的微笑和一个援助 之手,让别人的生活更轻松。通过日行一善和助人 所需,证明自己是童子军,并尽力使这个世界更美 好。

对自己的职责-

保持身体强健意味着照顾你的身体,吃合适的 食物,增强力量。心智清明意味着学习所有你可以 学的,保持好奇心,多问问题。道德正直意味着诚 实地过着自己的生活,在言论和行动中保持洁净, 并成为一个具有坚韧品格的人。

这三点和我们儒家文化中"修身、齐家、治国 、平天下"的君子之道是不是有异曲同工之妙?基 于这个誓词,童子军组织和项目都是以此为中心开 展,通过各种集体活动比如雪地露营,高山徒步, 海上活动等等,成员增强体魄,帮助他人,承担责 任,参与领导与协调,并始终保持心灵至纯、道德 至正。

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BoyScoutMotto:BePrepared(时刻准备着)

童军的组织架构和每位成员的活动职责都是围 绕誓词展开,在活动过程中遵循童军守则,并将日 行一善的精神贯穿到童军成员的个人生活和习惯中 ,不断提升身体、人格、心灵的全面修养。

美国童子军活动项目及组织架构

出于行政管理目的,美国童军分为四个区域-西部,中部, 南部,和东北部。每个区域又划分成不同的地区,一共分属大约 300个地方童子军会(council)管理,每个童子军会覆盖小到一 个城市,大到整个州的地区。

美国童军的活动项目根据成员年龄和项目主题,分为虎子童 子军(一年级或六岁儿童)、幼子童子军(一至五年级或7-11岁 儿童)、少儿童子军(11-18岁)、华西提童子军(14-18岁青少 年)和探索童子军(14-20岁青少年)。

虎子童子军

虎子童子军的基本单位为小队(group)。每个儿童在成人搭 档的陪同下参加小队会议。小队活动包括做游戏、猜谜、做手工 、有限距离内的出游或巡回。虎子童子军的格言为"求索、发现 、分享"(Search,Discover,Share)。他们没有统一的制服,但每 个儿童可在衣服上佩戴虎子童子军徽章。

幼子童子军 (CubScout)

幼子童子军是最大的一个项目,其格言为"尽力而为" (Doyourbest)。 幼子童子军的制服为蓝色和金色,鼓励每个儿 童自己赚钱购买制服。

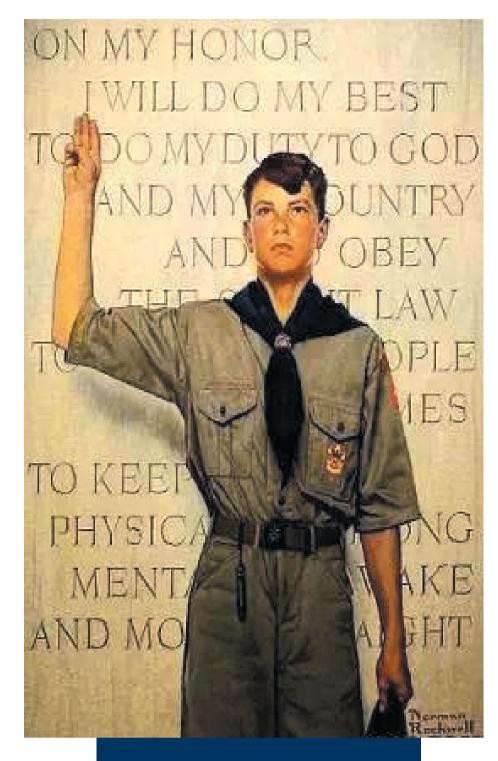
儿童加入幼子童子军,了解一些熟悉童子军活动的简单规定 后便成为"山猫"(Bobcat)。八岁儿童通常要向狼子级努力, 九岁则可向熊子级进军。满十岁后便成为威备乐士(Webelos, 即We'llbeloyalScout的简写,表示"我们将成为忠诚的童子军") 童子军,开始准备晋级少儿童子军。

各幼子童子军属于每周集会的小队(den)和每月集会的童 子军团(pack),一个童子军团由几支小队组成。童子军团中的 所有小队由一位成年童子军队长(cubmaster)指挥。幼子童子军 小队会议由成年小队负责人(denleader)主持。小队负责人可由 小队长 (denchief) 童子军担任助手。

幼子童子军的组织架构是这样的:

小队按月开展主题(由童子军团选定)各异的活动。各幼子 童子军要尽力完成名为"成就"的狼子级或熊子级项目,完成情 况由家长评定。幼子童子军一旦成功完成相应项目,他们便在童 子军团典礼上获得狼子徽章或熊子徽章。这些活动涵盖安全、环 保、美国历史知识等领域。

威备乐士小队由成年小队负责人率领,小队长可协助他的工 作。威备乐士小队选定相应主题,围绕主题规划要进行的活动。 威备乐士项目集中于地理、艺术、运动、工程、林业、旅游等20 种活动领域。向小队负责人证明自己完成某活动领域的规定事项



美国童军(BoyScoutsofAmerica,BSA)是美国最 大的青少年组织,包含大约270万童军成员,和100 万成人服务人员,成立于1910年,迄今已有一百多 年历史,据估计,超过1.1亿的美国公民是美国童军 的会员,可见童子军对美国历史及现代社会的精神、 意识、价值、文化的形成有多么大的影响。联系一下 中国类似的青少年组织,那么大概就是少先队和共青 团了。

就像少年队和共青团的宣誓誓词,美国童子军也 有自己的誓词。想要明白童子军是干什么的,那么必 须要从童子军誓词(ScoutOath)说起-On my honor,I will do my best,to do my duty,to Godand my country, and to obey the ScoutLaw; to help otherpeople at alltimes to keep myself physically strong mentally awake and morally straight.

中文翻译有不同版本,小编认为最到位的是这个: "以我的荣誉起誓,我愿尽力为神和国家尽责, 遵守童军守则;随时扶助他人;并力求自己体格强健 ,心智清明,与道德正直。"

后,威备乐士童子军便可获得该领域的徽章。满足威备乐士童子 军的有关规定,具备成为少儿童子军的条件后,威备乐士童子军 便可获得威备乐士徽章和光箭徽章。

少儿童子军(BoyScout)

少儿童子军最小单位为小队(patrol)(通常六至八名儿童组 成)。小队成员一块儿集会、远足和露营。他们要推选一位成员 当小队负责人(patrolleader)。小队再组成由团长率领的童子军 团(troop)。由高级童子军推选的团队长(seniorpatrolleader)— 般负责童子军团每周举行的例会。不要求统一着制服,但希望各 童子军能自己赚钱买一套。

少儿童子军的组织架构是这样的:

少儿童子军誓言就是前边提到过的ScoutOath:"以我的荣誉 起誓,我愿尽力为神和国家尽责,遵守童军守则;随时扶助他人 ;并力求自己体格强健,心智清明,与道德正直。"

少儿童子军的级别分为新手级(Tenderfoot)、二级、一级、 星级、生活级(life)和鹰级。如果少儿童子军学会新技能,积 极参加童子军会议,表现出童子军誓言和童子军法律所规定的童 子军精神,便可相应升一级。

完成有关晋级规定、获得相应奖章后,少儿童 子军便可依次升为新手级、二级和一级。晋级规定 包括学会某些技能(如急救)和了解童子军知识 (如童子军法律)。童子军还可与童子军团长 (scoutmaster) (成年管理人) 共同协商制定个人发 展目标。

少儿童子军有从露营奖章到太空探索奖章各种 奖章 110 多项。由成年人担任的奖章顾问(meritbadgecounselor)负责认定童子军某项奖章有关规定 的完成情况。

少儿童子军要升到星级、生活级和最高级别的 鹰级,须完成环保和其它服务项目,表现出领导才 能和童子军精神,并获得相应的奖章。成为星级童 子军必须获得6枚奖章,生活级须11枚,鹰级须21 枚,同时还须成功完成一项社区服务项目。

华西提童子军(VarsityScout)

华西提童子军是少儿童子军的一个分支,成员 14至18岁,它对童子军活动做了改动,是针对读高 中的青少年设计,增加了高度冒险与运动活动。华 西提童子军每周参加队(team)会,会议由名为教 练(coach)的成年管理人员负责。各队再分为更小 的小队(squads)。华西提童子军的晋升级别与少儿 童子军相同,通过从事各种项目、赢得相应奖章来 完成晋升。此外他们还参加体育运动、量身定制的 社区服务之类的活动。

探索童子军 (VenturingScout)

年龄在14至20岁的男女青少年都可加入,唯一 一个接收女孩的童子军项目。探索童子军属于公司 、教堂、学校、政府机构、工会和其它组织主办的 站(post)。各站可从事各种活动,或专注于计算机 科学、医学、法治之类自己感兴趣的领域。主要目 的在于提供正面的体验,协助青少年成长并准备成 为一个负责任的成人。

鹰级童军 (EagleScout)

从小学一年级开始,男孩子们就可以开始申请 加入幼子童子军了,到了五年级,从幼子童子军升 级转为少儿童子军,之后开始一级一级的进阶。美 国童军当中,童军阶段能达成的最高等级称为鹰级 童军(EagleScout)。自从鹰级童军于1911年引进之 后,共有200万的青少年达到这个等级。要达成这个 等级,首先需要获得21个功绩勋章,并经由童军誓 词、守则、服务与领导当中展现出童军精神。这包 含了基于童军规划、组织、领导与管理方面的延伸 性服务计划。

鹰级童军会获得奖章与布章,以针对完成整个童军阶段的 事实做认证。其他的认证象征,包含了鹰掌,这个象征是认可 其童军成员完成了额外的时程、领导统御,与更多的功绩勋章

鹰级童军美国公民的部分著名人物,包含了登月第一人尼 尔·阿姆斯壮,美国总统杰拉尔德·福特,奥斯卡金像奖导演麦 可·摩尔,纽约市长麦克·彭博,和第22任美国国防部长罗伯特 盖茨。

要拥有EagleScout的进阶资格,必须首先依次从新手级 (Tenderfoot)、二级、一级、星级、到生活级(life)。这 些进阶要求在野营,烹饪,导航,自然,水上,急救,健 身,领导,安全,公民和童军精神方面取得成就。这些进 阶需要大量的时间才能获得,不能急于求成,所以你要确 保有足够的时间加入童子军来完成这些进阶。进阶的一部 分是通过获得荣誉徽章来实现的,以证明童子军在特定领 域的知识和技能。当童子军完成"LifeRank"时,他们将获 得11个荣誉徽章。

当童军不断向上进阶完成荣誉徽章时,应该考虑那些鹰 级童军所要求的荣誉徽章。虽然只需要为 EagleRank 额外获得 10个荣誉徽章,但累计21张徽章中的13张徽章必须在指定的 某些领域。它们包括:急救、社区公民、国家公民、世界公 民,沟通,烹饪,个人健身,应急准备或救生,环境科学或 可持续发展,个人管理,游泳或远足或骑自行车,露营和家 庭生活。

为了满足 Eagle Scout 的要求, 童军还需要在领导职位提供为 期六个月服务,可以在自己的小队,华西提小队,探索小队船员 服务,或者作为一名独立的童子军,服务社区,学校或者教会。 在完成全部21个徽章和6个月服务后,就可以参加童子军团长大 会了,面对所有童子军成员演讲,阐述自己的抱负,理想和未来 的计划。

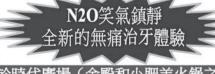
最后一步,是做一份项目计划并执行完成这个项目,项目可 以是有益于学校,社区或教会组织的任何服务项目,通常多为建 筑项目,比如桥梁,阳台,游乐场等等。童子军需要发挥自己的 领导才能和执行力,做计划,筹款,招募志愿者,带领大家共同 完成这个项目。

这样才算完成了所有鹰级童军的要求,可以向委员会提交申 请材料了。经过委员会批准后会有一个盛大的庆祝仪式,祝贺这 些优秀的年轻人拿到他们得之不易的荣誉。



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哈維颶風是50多年來德州最強大的颶風,前所未有的災難性洪水在休士頓和德州東南部造成災害。風災過後華人社區紛紛投入救災、重建家園行動;休士頓Hmart超市配合德州分部及公司總部調集價值5萬多元的物資,慷慨解囊救助德州哈維颶風受災民衆。

Hmart超市經理林俊雄表示,哈維颶風肆虐德州,Hmart超市集團總部第一時間派出人力和物資,為當地賑災,包括發放緊急食物和水,幫助災民清理災後家園,並全程陪伴等,和當地民眾一起,走出災難陰影。林經理表示,Hmart集團長期支持公益事業,此次受集團總部號召,發揮關愛傳遞正能量,協助亞裔機構為颶風災民送去溫暖

Hmart集團從總部物流調集物

資傾力救助臺災民,這些救災物質 通過各個亞裔機構、社區及賑災組送達 至災民手中,第一時間傳遞關懷;休斯 敦華人國際區救災委員會組長張玉城先 生出席捐贈儀式, 並代表受災民衆接 受Hmart超市的捐贈,張玉城組長對 Hmart超市的慈善義舉表示贊揚和感謝 。休斯敦華人商會會長李蔚華先生對

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