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As home prices outstrip incomes, Texas cities fare better



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# Microsoft overtakes Amazon as second most valuable U.S. company

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Microsoft Corp (MSFT.O) regained its spot as the second most valuable U.S. company on Friday after a disappointing quarterly report from Amazon.com (AMZN.O) wiped \$65 billion off the online retailer's market capitalization.

Apple Inc (AAPL.O) tops the list at over \$1 trillion after crossing that threshold in September. Microsoft's market capitalization was Wall Street's highest in late 1998 through early 2000 before the dot-com bubble

Amazon's shares dropped 7 percent, the most in nearly three years after its holiday season sales outlook missed targets, fanning concerns that Wall Street's tech darlings are finally starting to face stronger competition. Microsoft fell a more modest 1.1 percent in a broad technology sell-off that was also driven by a weaker-than-expected report from Google-parent Alphabet Inc (GOOGL.O), leaving the Nasdaq composite index .IXIC down 1.9 percent late Friday afternoon.

Shares of Microsoft remain up nearly 4 percent from Wednesday, when the four-decade-old software company beat quarterly profit expectations, driven by its cloud computing business that competes with Amazon's. Its stock market value on Friday stood at \$823 billion, on track to close above Amazon's for the first time since April, when it gave up its spot as second largest company by market capitalization.

Amazon was worth \$805 billion on Friday, after falling below Microsoft's in extended trade on Thursday. The drop was equivalent to the combined values of Target Corp (TGT.N) and Corning Inc (GLW.N).

Amazon's tumble left it up around 40 percent year to date, while Microsoft has gained about 25 percent in 2018. On Wednesday, Amazon's stock traded at the equivalent of 70 times expected earnings, its lowest level since 2011.

The average analyst price target for Microsoft puts its market cap at \$963 billion, while the average price target for Amazon values it at \$1.068 trillion.

Amazon shares sink on growth worries

Apple will report quarterly results on November 1.Several of the people who were sent bombs - including former President Barack Obama and



City, New York, U.S., August 21, 2018. RE-UTERS/ Carlo Allegri -

**FILE** 

PHOTO:

A Microsoft store

is pictured

in New

York

Trump's rival for the presidency, Hillary Clinton - are frequent targets of right-wing critics.

Also sent packages were Eric Holder, who served as attorney general under Obama; former CIA Director John Brennan, who had his security clearance withdrawn after frequently lambasting Trump; prominent Democratic Party donor George Soros; and California Representative Maxine Waters, another outspoken Trump critic. Two packages were sent to Waters, whom Trump has called "an extraordinarily low IQ person."

Several politicians, including U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio, described the package bombs as an act of terrorism. "Someone is trying to intimidate. Someone is trying to quash voices in this country using violence," De Blasio said. "I am confident that we will find the perpetrator or perpetrators."

## Congressman Al Green's Statement on Bomb Threats



(Houston, TX) - On Wednesday, October 24, 2018, Congressman Al Green released the following statement regarding the suspicious packages discovered this week:

"Today, our country is in a state of alarming apprehension as we learn of the suspicious packages sent to Mr. George Soros, former President Bill Clinton and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former President and First Lady Obama, John Brennan at the CNN New York headquarters, former Attorney General Eric Holder, as well as Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA-43). To say that these are collective coincidences defies logic. This is an assault

on our democracy, an attack on our free press, and, most obviously, a threat to our safety. We have no way of knowing who may next receive one of these suspicious packages. We have no way of knowing whether these suspicious packages will be intercepted and properly handled before they reach the hands of the intended or if they will be detonated en route and cause harm to an innocent person regardless of their views.

"Each of the recipients of these suspicious packages has been the brunt of President Trump's incendiary rhetoric. While he may see his statements as mere words, they are capable of inciting injurious actions. As America's Commander in Chief, his words may be internalized by

many as a call to action.

"Mr. President, you set the tone and tenor for our nation. If you continue to use dog whistle politics, someone will suffer more than apprehension."

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# LOCAL NEWS

### Eagle Ford oil and gas driller Penn Virginia Corp. bought for \$1.7 billion

Rye Druzin, Staff writer

The Houston oil and gas driller Penn Virginia Corp. was bought Sunday in a stock and cash deal worth \$1.7 billion, including debt.

Denbury Resources of Plano will acquire Penn Virginia and its 84,000 acres in the Eagle Ford Shale in a deal expected to close in the first quarter of 2019, pending shareholder approval.

Denbury operates in multiple states across the Gulf Coast and Rocky Mountain regions. The company specializes in enhanced oil recovery techniques, which pump carbon dioxide into wells to boost their production.

Penn Virginia's CEO John Brooks said in July that the company was seeking "a range of strategic alternatives," including a possible sale.

Penn Virginia filed for bankruptcy in May 2016, about

three months after crude price hit their low of about \$26 a barrel during the recent oil bust.

During its bankruptcy, Penn Virginia moved its headquarters from Virginia to Houston. The company employed about 80 people at the beginning of this year. The company emerged from bankruptcy in September 2016, though it said in its second-quarter 2018 filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that as of Aug. 3, there were still claims against the company related to the bankruptcy.

Young said the change wasn't enough — and places children in charge of deciding whether or not a parent is present in the interviews. He added that the new policy does not address the issue of sexually explicit questions.



## As home prices outstrip incomes, Texas cities fare better

As home prices outstrip incomes across America, Zillow Director of Economic Research Skylar Olsen did a bit of back-of-the-envelope math.

Assume a couple with a median income began saving up to buy a home in 1988. If they put away 10 percent of their income every month, it would take 7.2 years to save up the down payment for a median-priced home

Repeat the same calculation with the national median income and home value of today, and it would take nearly nine years to do the same.

But that story plays out differently in different American cities. Home prices have most quickly outstripped incomes in California. In San Jose, it now takes a median-income couple 13.3 more years to save up for a median-income home than it did 30 years ago; in Los Angeles, it takes 9.5 more years and in San Francisco, it takes 8.5 more.

Texas cities fare better than most. In Houston, it only takes 5 months longer to save for a downpayment than it did three decades ago. And in a number of Texas cities, median incomes have actually grown



more quickly than home values. According to Zillow, it takes almost two years less time to save up for a home now in Austin; home buyers in San Antonio and Dallas-Fort Worth can also buy more quickly than in 1988.



Houston, TX: 0.4 years



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## Editor's Choice



route to the United States, hitchhike on a truck along the highway to Santiago Niltepec from San Pedro Tapanatepec



Central American migrants cross the Suchiate river, the natural border between Guatemala and Mexico, to reach the U.S., as seen from Ciudad Hidalgo



U.S. White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders arrives to hold the daily briefing at the White House in Washington, DC, U.S.



Migrants, traveling with a caravan of thousands from Central America en route to the United States, walk along the highway to Santiago Niltepec from San Pedro Tapanatepec



U.S. Attorney Scott Brady speaks to media inside the federal court after Robert Bowers, the man arrested in Saturday's mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue made his first appearance in court in Pittsburgh



Central American migrants cross the Suchiate river, the natural border between Guatemala and Mexico, to reach the U.S., as seen from Ciudad Hidalgo



Members of the Egyptian Arab Federation of Professional Wrestlers takes a selfie at the class of the Abu Sultan High School in Ismailiya



FILE PHOTO: Memory chip parts of U.S. memory chip maker MicronTechnology are pictured at their booth at an industrial fair in Frankfurt



# COMMUNITY

NEW YORK (AP) -- Twitter suspended at least 58 million user accounts in the final three months of 2017, according to data obtained by The Associated Press. The figure highlights the company's newly aggressive stance against malicious or suspicious accounts in the wake of Russian disinformation efforts during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign.

Last week, Twitter confirmed a Washington Post report that it had suspended 70 million accounts in May and June. The cavalcade of suspensions has raised questions as to whether the crackdown could affect Twitter's user growth and whether the company should have warned investors earlier. The company has been struggling with user growth compared to rivals like Instagram and Facebook.

The number of suspended accounts originated with Twitter's "firehose," a data stream it makes available to academics, companies and others willing to pay for it.

The new figure sheds light on Twitter's attempt to improve "information quality" on its service, its term for countering fake accounts, bots, disinformation and other malicious occurrences. Such activity was rampant on Twitter and other social-media networks during the 2016 campaign, much of it originating with the Internet Research Agency, a since-shuttered Russian "troll farm" implicated in election-disruption efforts by the U.S. special counsel and congressional investigations.

Suspensions surged over the fourth quarter. Twitter suspended roughly 15 million accounts last October. That number jumped by two-thirds to more than 25 million in December.

Twitter declined to comment on the data. But its executives have said that efforts to clean up the platform are a priority, while acknowledging that its crackdown has affected and may continue to affect user numbers.

Twitter said in April it had 336 million monthly active users, which it defines as accounts that have logged in at least once during the previous 30 days. The suspended accounts do not appear to have made a large dent in this number, which was up 3 percent from a year earli-

# Twitter Suspended 58 Million Accounts In Fourth Quarter

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In this Feb. 8, 2018 file photo, the logo for Twitter is displayed above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Twitter suspended at least 58 million user accounts in the final three months of 2017, according to data obtained by The Associated Press. The figure highlights the company's newly aggressive stance against malicious or suspicious accounts in the wake of Russian disinformation efforts during the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign. (Photo/AP)

er. Twitter maintains that most of the suspended accounts had been dormant for at least a month, and thus weren't included in its active user numbers.

Michael Pachter, a stock analyst with Wedbush Securities, said he thinks the purge late last year may have been part of an initial sweep of inactive accounts that had little effect on activity or advertising revenue. But he said he expected advertising revenue to fall 1 to 2 percent due to the more recent purge last week, when Twitter said it was removing frozen accounts from follower counts.

He expects the company to be upfront about the impact when it announces quarterly earnings on July 27, and said the cleanup is good for users and advertisers. "They're certainly doing the right thing," he said.



Scott Kessler, an analyst with CFRA who has a "sell" rating on Twitter stock, said multiple reports and vague clarifications by executives are creating uncertainty about what Twitter's numbers really mean.

The purge activity "adds a level of uncertainty," he said. "As an analyst, I want a more genuine view of the user base." Chief Financial Officer Ned Segal said in February that some of the company's

"information quality efforts" that include removing accounts could affect monthly user figures. Segal offered no specifics. Six months later, in late June, Twitter disclosed that its systems found nearly 10 million "potentially spammy or automated accounts per week" in the month of May, and 6.4 million per week in December 2017. That's up from 3.2 million per week in September. The company didn't say how many of these identified accounts were actually suspended.

Following the Post report, which caused Twitter's stock to drop sharply, Segal took to Twitter to reassure investors that this number didn't count in the company's user metrics. "If we removed 70M accounts from our reported metrics, you would hear directly from us," he tweeted last Monday.

Shares recovered somewhat after that tweet. The stock has largely been on an upswing lately, and more than doubled its value in the past year.

Twitter is taking other steps besides account deletions to combat misuse of its service, working to rein in hate and abuse even as it tries to stay true to its roots as a bastion of free expression. Last fall, it vowed to crack down on hate speech and sexual harassment and CEO Jack Dorsey echoed the concerns of critics who said the company hasn't done enough to curb such abuse. (Courtesy Associated Press)

#### Google, Hit With Record \$5 Billion EU Antitrust Fine, Company To Appeal



BRUSSELS (Reuters) - EU antitrust regulators hit Google with a record 4.34 bil-

lion euro (\$5 billion) fine on Wednesday for using its Android mobile operating system to squeeze out rivals, and Google said it would appeal.

The penalty is nearly double the previous record of 2.4 billion euros which the U.S. tech company was ordered to pay last year over its online shopping search service.

It represents just over two weeks of revenue for Google parent Alphabet Inc. and would scarcely dent its cash reserves of \$102.9 billion. But it could add to a brewing trade war between Brussels and Washington.

EU antitrust chief Margrethe Vestager said she very much liked the United States, countering a reported remark by President Donald Trump that she "hated" the country.

"But the fact is that this has nothing to do with how I feel. Nothing whatsoever. Just as enforcing competition law, we do it in the world, but we do not do it in the political context," she said.

Google's parent company Alphabet said in a regulatory filing it would accrue the fine in the second quarter of 2018.

"We are concerned that today's decision will upset the careful balance that we have struck with Android, and that it sends a troubling signal in favour of proprietary systems over open platforms," Google CEO Sundar Pichai said in a blog.

Vestager's boss, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, is due to meet Trump at the White House next Wednesday in an effort to avert threatened new tariffs on EU cars amid Trump's complaints over the U.S. trade deficit.

Vestager also ordered Google to halt anti-competitive practices in contractual deals with smartphone makers and telecoms providers within 90 days or face additional penalties of up to 5 percent of parent Alphabet's average daily world-wide turnover.

"Google has used Android as a vehicle to cement the dominance of its search engine. These practices have denied rivals the chance to innovate and compete on the merits. They have denied European consumers the benefits of effective competition in the important mobile sphere," Vestager said. (Courtesy Reuters)





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# BUSINESS

The Trump administration pledged \$12 billion in financial aid to U.S. farmers Tuesday as it reiterated attacks on the "illegal trading practices" it blames for a broadening trade war with China and other countries.

It was a dose of relief for rural Texans among the nation's largest exporters of cotton and sorghum to China — and a sign that despite Trump's tweet in March that "trade wars are good, and easy to win," the fighting of them is complex.

"The programs we're announcing today are a firm statement that other nations cannot bully our agricultural producers to force the United States to cave in," Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said in announcing a relief program that aims to make up for retaliatory tariffs wiping out key markets for commodities including pork, soybeans, wheat and grain sorghum. "This is a short-term solution that will give President Trump and his administration time to work on long-term trade deals to benefit agriculture and all sectors of the American economy," Perdue said.

The program will include payments to soybean, cotton, sorghum, corn, wheat, dairy and hog farmers; a program to buy up surplus products such as fruit, nuts, rice and legumes for distribution by food banks and government food programs; and an effort by the Foreign Agriculture Service and the private sector to develop new export markets.

The plan, which has been in the works since at least April, drew sighs of relief from farm interests that have seen prices reach lows not seen in years.



Photo taken on July 6, 2018, shows farmer Terry Davidson walking through his soy fields in Harvard, Illinois. US Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue announced on July 24, 2018, up to \$12 billion in aid to US farmers hurt by retaliatory tariffs imposed by trading partners. Farmers will receive direct payments or sell their excess production to the government, Perdue

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## U.S. Announces \$12B Bailout For Farmers Hurt In Trade War

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Photo taken on July 19, 2018 shows imported soybeans in a display at the Hopeful Grain and Oil Group in Sanhe, in China's northern Hebei province. The company is currently using soybeans imported from Brazil, after recently changing from US soybeans, weeks before China imposed tariffs on American goods in retaliation for tariffs imposed by the US on Chinese goods. (Photo/AFP/Getty Images)

told reporters. This will aid producers of soy, sorghum, pork, dairy, fruit, rice and nuts, all products hit by tariffs imposed in response to US duties. (Photo / AFP/Getty Images)

"U.S. pork, which began the year in expansion mode to capitalize on unprecedented global demand, now faces punitive tariffs on 40 percent of its exports," National Pork Producers Council President Jim Heimerl said in a news release. "The restrictions we face in critical markets such as Mexico and China — our top two export markets by volume last year have placed American pig farmers and their families in dire financial straits. We thank the president for taking immediate action."

Russell Boening, president of the Texas Farm Bureau, said the agricultural aid package "will help farmers and ranchers who rely on export markets stay in business as the administration works to develop and obtain new markets."

But it also drew harsh criticism from both sides of the political aisle as an expensive bailout to help a significant part of Trump's voting base weather what could be a prolonged, multifront trade war.

"This trade war is cutting the legs out from under farmers and White House's 'plan' is to spend \$12 billion on gold crutches," said U.S. Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb. "America's farmers don't want to be paid to lose — they want to win by feeding the world. This administration's tariffs and bailouts aren't going to make America great again, they're just going to make it 1929 again." U.S. Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Calif., criticized President Donald Trump on his favorite medium.

"OK @POTUS — you created this mess with your trade war and now you are going to spend \$12 billion to placate the farmers that voted for you," she tweeted. Exit polls from the 2016 election showed rural voters came out strong for Trump, whose appearances in heavily agricultural areas drew long lines of supporters. The Trump appeal was most dramatic among rural voters in tiny communities far from urban centers, where 71 percent went for Trump, compared with 40 percent of voters in cities with a million or more people. Farm communities are caught up in trade politics. After the administration imposed

tariffs on a wide range of imports, trading partners retaliated. China, a key buyer of U.S. agricultural exports, slapped \$34 billion in tariffs on goods including soybeans, sorghum and pork.

Perdue said the aid package announced Tuesday is "directly in line with the estimated \$11 billion impact of illegal tariffs" already facing the nation's agricultural producers.

"As you know, President Trump has promised since Day 1 that he has the back of every American farmer and rancher, and today's announcement is a fulfillment of that promise," Perdue said.



Song Qun, explains to his colleagues how the sorghum is harvested using the big tractor at the Chopelas Farms.

All the programs are authorized under the charter act of the Commodity Credit Corp. a government-owned entity incorporated in 1933 to help stabilize farm income and prices. Congressional approval is not required for the money to be used and producers are expected to be eligible to apply for the aid in September.

"We certainly provided outreach to Congress and let them know the plan that we're undertaking today," USDA chief economist Rob Johannson said. "It's taking advantage of existing authority that we

Greg Ibach, USDA undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs, said other countries would see the bailout as a sign the administration was not backing down in its fight for more favorable trade

"We hope that it will allow time to conclude trade negotiations that will indeed

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open those markets and restart trade," he said. "We're hoping other countries will see that we're serious now about trade negotiations."

Luis Ribera, an agricultural economist at Texas A&M University, looked at the value of five top agricultural exports to China to get a sense of losses. In 2017, U.S. ranchers sent about \$31 million to the just-reopened market for beef and veal (Texas share: \$4 million), \$349 million in wheat (Texas share: \$11.5 million), \$12.4 billion in soybeans (Texas share: \$11.6 million), \$976 million in cotton (Texas share: \$449 million) and \$836 million in sorghum (Texas share: \$209 million).

"We send \$15.5 billion worth of these agricultural products, so if no alternative markets are found then that would be the amount needed," he said, adding, "subsidies, in general they are just a patchwork and not sustainable. They usually disrupt markets and harm producers in the long run."



A Midwest U.S. farmer checks his crops. But Wayne Cleveland, executive director of the Texas Grain Sorghum Association, said the aid would keep a lot of growers from going under.

"This is absolutely critical for our guys," he said. "There's no grain trading at all and it's because of the tariffs. It's primarily the Chinese, but Mexico's even quit buying and you have to think that (North American Free Trade Agreement) negotiations are playing some part of this as well. This is across the board.

"Sorghum is a cash crop and it's used to pay for other crops, finish cattle," he added. "So the money isn't there. These guys are having to go back to the to bank and nobody's going to loan them money in these markets."

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall agreed that the funding "should help many of our farmers and ranchers weather the rough road ahead and assist in their dealings with their financial institutions." (Courtesy https:// www.expressnews.com)

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## 《無雙》全球票房逼近十五億

香港文匯報訊(記者 李慶全)電影《無雙》於內地票房 超逾十二億人民幣,香港票房亦收超過三千萬港元,全球票房 逼近十五億港元佳績,29日舉行慶功宴,導演莊文強、周潤發與 發嫂、郭富城、張靜初、馮文娟、廖啓智及孫佳君等齊人慶功, 發哥與城城更在一張面額 15 億港元 "巨鈔"上親筆加持。

#### **了** 哥在台上笑指莊導好迷戀他,小時候在爸爸的戲院看了一百次 《英雄本色》,所以合作時發嫂也叫莊導不好站得那麼埋身,不 掂他就好了。發哥又答謝城城,因為有他的表演才有自己: "我是做他 的另一面,有他的敘述才有我出現,是他想到我這麼帥,其實城城帥過 我呀!"司儀讚賞城城演技層次又提升,發哥即笑他是九層塔,城城則 謙稱今次自己入場看了三次,因為這部電影令人感到回味,全然是導演 拍出魅力,所以成功的不是演員而是導演。張靜初亦表示戲中角色很難 演,城城看了六遍劇本,自己也看了三遍才清楚其中哪個是自己,因為 她的角色很複雜。 莊文強將10年前劇本重見天日 口號齊叫票房衝衝衝。

談及《無雙》收近十五億港元,發哥笑説: "好誇張, 開心到不得了,有幾晚睡不着,成績有這麼好都是天時地利, 導演將這10年前的劇本重見天日!"莊文強即笑指這故事都 已經發霉是腐乳,他也沒預計有這樣好票房,因在內地上畫 時沒一日有過一億 (人民幣) 票房,但每日都好穩定,有新 戲上仍排到第二位,全靠耐力。智叔也高興地説: "《無 雙》票房衝衝衝,觀眾支持好輕鬆!"馮文娟亦支持智叔的

問會否再拍續集或前傳?發哥表示不要問他,都是 看導演,莊文強表示有興趣以原班人馬開拍另一個新故 事,他們就像戲班已經合作慣了。發哥又有否興趣? 他笑説: "我怕導演不找我,我怕怕呀!" 莊導曾 説今次大部分票房是發哥賺回來?發哥即笑 謂: "這應該不關我演技和名的事,全部都 是跑回來,今次跑過陽明山、飛鵝山、 奧運村,東跑跑、西跑跑,大媽都 跟着我跑,北京、台灣跑了個 多月,我就變了'香港阿 甘',甘甘甘!"



#### 城城承諾每年影全家福

城城與張靜初一起接受訪問,張靜初指沒想到現 在觀眾對電影也這麼有要求,城城也表示觀眾留言都是 讚賞電影拍得精緻看得賞心悅目。提到莊導有興趣原班 人馬再拍另一個故事,城城笑言自己是莊導的小粉絲, 電影之前是拍了兩個版本,其中一個版本最後他是爆炸 後從水裡冒出來,但現在是選用他死了的結局,感<del>覺</del>這 也能給觀眾留下美好的回憶。 城城剛度過53歲生 日,他表示生日願望是身體健康!至於生日派對上影 了全家福,城城坦言婚後添了小朋友<mark>,更專注家庭聚</mark> 會,朋友聚會已少之又少,基本上除工作以外<mark>自己</mark>的 時間就全給了家人,他也好想見到女兒,成家立室後 就踏入人生新的階段,有更大動力讓他專注工作,工 作完成後就回家,這是上天安排的成長過程,是-好事,他更承諾每年都要影張全家福



香港文匯報訊 即將結婚 的江若琳 (Elanne)、蕭潤邦 (Oscar) 29日進行了過大禮儀 式,一對新人亦跟足傳統,未 有在儀式中出現,完成後才與 家人合照留念,事後兩人表 示: "一個過大禮程序已經複 雜到頭量。"

Elanne 説: "今次過大禮 我們盡量都跟足傳統,結果累 沒?他説我終於有 狀態。

了金牌大妗姐麗姐幫手,我每

的狀態

日好像小學生交功課,不停 WhatsApp他,我今日買什麼? 到今日(29日)過大禮的時候,因 為傳統新郎哥是不出現,所以 我只負責做柴可夫,全靠一班 兄弟同麗姐。'

至於問到禮金金額,Oscar 則表示心意最重要,而且29日 自己是第二次給禮金,希望未 來外父外母感受到十足誠意, 爆 Oscar,每日有好多零零碎碎 Oscar 説: "之前求婚的時候, 的事要準備,有時我會突然彈 好怕世伯伯母不嫁女兒給我, 起, 問他買了那個、這個了 所以一求完婚即刻給禮金, 到 應該今日再給,世伯伯母説給 Oscar 説: "傳統的事我真 過就不用再給,但是我堅持, 是什麼都不知道,幸好今次找 我希望給他們見到我的誠意, 相信我一世都會對老婆好。



張寶欣讀碩士增值



香港文匯報訊(記者李慶全)張寶 欣、邵佩詩、羅天宇及吳沚默等29日出席 明珠台劇集《好醫生》宣傳,張寶欣透露 最近正修讀國際科技管理碩士課程,有感 科技是目前全球發展的大方向,電視業及 不少行業也應用得到,因此自己希望能考 取專業資格以備不時之需,但亦因要兼顧 演藝工作,都是半工讀方式上課。笑問有 沒有俊男同一班?寶欣笑謂班中男女同學 都有,而每位同學均很厲害,自己常向他 們求教功課。再問有否合眼緣的男同學? 她笑着表示尚未遇到, 這並非自己要求 高,只是一切順其自然吧!

邵珮詩最近勤做瑜伽,練得身形更 結婚,希望先在事業上衝刺。

fit,她更準備明年考瑜伽教練牌,而現時 她由印度男教師教授,希望將來自己可以 用中、英文雙語教小朋友。問會否到印度 取經?她表示暫時未考慮,因已經答應媽 咪去旅行,而且印度的課程要一個半月, 公司最近幫她接了司儀的工作,故此騰不

邵珮詩坦言不會刻意教男友做瑜伽, 畢竟男生夠健碩就可以,不用筋骨太柔 軟,笑問是否較喜愛肌肉男?她笑答:

"給大家想像空間吧!"她跟男友拍拖有 一年,但未想過學其他藝人去閃婚,主要 是家人及男友均沒催婚,會計劃五年後才



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### 黄曉明亮相海南島電影節



香港文匯報訊(記者 何玫、通訊 員安莉 博鰲報道)經中国國家電影局批 准,首屆海南島國際電影節將於12月 9-16日在三亞舉行,著名演員成龍擔任 電影節的形象大使。

該電影節首次新聞發佈會29日在博 鰲舉行,著名演員黃曉明等出席了活 動。本屆電影節組委會秘書長、海南省 委宣傳部常務副部長、海南省電影局局 長符宣國表示,海南島國際電影節將突

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據介紹,因籌備時間較短,電影 節主競賽單元"金椰獎"的國際評獎工 作將在2019年啟動。香港電影金像獎 副主席文雋在接受記者採訪時表示,海 南島距離香港很近,是天然的電影拍攝 基地,非常方便香港電影界人士往來。 希望在海南自貿區(港)放映的影片, 選片標準能放寬一些,讓一些不同題材 的電影能參加進來。



香港文匯報訊(記 者 李慶全)影帝黄秋生剛 丁母憂,但29日仍收拾心 情為英國劇集《陌路追 凶》宣傳,不過原定本年 底到澳洲探望雙生哥哥的 行程將順延至明年。秋生 連日為母親喪事奔波,而 日前正是其母親的頭七, 問到母親有否"回家"? 他説: "一早回來了,行 來行去,吃飯按摩,又拍 手拍腳,到第三日還拉工 人隻腳,我叫她不好嚇 人,之後就再沒回來,我 明晚就會回去睡。"

秋生談到拍攝英國劇集 《陌路追凶》四個月的感 受,他指劇集曾在英國及 香港取景,並讚賞兩位主 道 角John Simm及EmiliaFox 是很專業的演員, John 是 很地道英國紳士好斯文; 至於 Emilia 感覺上與鄭裕 玲很相似,大家會叫她做 Do姐,因其眼神好有殺 氣,又夠好戲。

秋生坦言很喜歡英國 的生活,拍攝空檔他會去 博物館、看音樂劇,也有 跟私生子 William 見過 面。至於會參與該劇第二 季?他表示沒有,但劇集 受歡迎連帶也有其他 casting,都希望有第二部。

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在萬聖節前夜,邁克爾逃走了,開始前往

伊利諾伊州的哈登菲爾德,這是他最原始的屠 殺地。壹直負責治療邁克爾的精神病專家 Ranbir Sartain博士(哈魯克·比爾吉納飾),還 有曾在1978年接警邁克爾案件的年邁警長 Frank Hawkins(威爾·帕頓飾)瘋狂尋找邁 克爾下落,後者繼續著他的殘殺,並無情地接 近著上次屠殺中唯壹的幸存者 Laurie Strode (傑米·李·柯蒂斯再次飾演她在原版中的角色

Laurie死裏逃生所帶來的創傷與壓力,使 她在精神上傷痕累累並疑神疑鬼,這也導致她 的女兒Karen(朱迪·格雷爾飾)與她漸漸疏遠 ;她與外孫女Allyson(Andi Matichak飾) 的關系較好,但也不能時常見面。Laurie 遠離 人群,獨居在壹所森嚴的房子中——屋內有數 不清的槍支,還有各種安保設施。然而,這部 電影中的故事會證明,Laurie 所有的多疑與準 備措施,都是具有先見之明並極其有效的

導演格林的職業生涯涉獵及其豐富:他的 頭兩部電影《喬治·華盛頓》和《最愛妳》是展 現微妙情感的藝術佳片;而最近的《堅強》則 打動人心,令人心碎;這中間還夾雜著像是 《菠蘿快車》和《保姆奇遇記》這樣鬧騰騰的 喜劇片。在此片中,他借助了這些涉獵類別廣 泛的經驗,將壹些現代血腥電影中無情嚴峻的 東西剔除了。

格林的聯合編劇Jeff Fradley,與特別是 丹尼·麥克布耐德的喜劇經驗,肯定對此有所幫 助,三人曾共同合作過 HBO 的美劇《副校長》 ,他們在本片中加入了壹些輕松的橋段與對白 ○話說回來,新版《萬聖節》無論在創新性還 是基調方面,都無可置疑地站在了壹個尷尬的 中間立場。通過結局來看,這部電影聰明而富 有層次,可以被解讀成爲壹部抨擊了掠奪性男 權的寓言性電影作品。

因爲 Allyson 和 Karen 在最後加入 Laurie ,三名女性壹同對抗邁克爾。但它同時**倍受**矯 揉造作的劇情,及壹些典型類型片套路的困擾 (比如將邁克爾移送新監獄的時間,正好是他 殺人狂歡紀念日的前壹晚;或是靑少年在親熱 時被響動打斷,繼而只有壹人去查看),這些 都讓人感到極其失望,讓人感受不到壹點設計 的精巧或是轉折的意外

《萬聖節》給人的感覺,基本就像是將三 個點子強擠到了壹部劇本中。其中最讓人感到 奇怪的就是開場那兩個 podcast 主持人,這與 現代社會有很強的聯系,卻慘遭拋棄,最終只 是爲邁克爾新壹輪的殺人狂歡貢獻了兩個廉價 的受害者。還有 Hawkins 警長這條線,他本應 與這個案件、邁克爾和Laurie都有著個人聯系 —就像對話中提到的那樣;但最終這也因爲 要完成驚悚殺人的目標,而隱沒在了劇情中

但或許最成問題的,要數格林對於片中 "創傷"及其毀滅性後遺癥的展現,但他並沒 有以更有意義的方式來表現這個問題。這本需 要許多對白上的沖突,並刪掉其他故事線,來 集中展現邁克爾對 Laurie 奇異的癡迷。以及雖 然她自由地活了40年,但從精神角度上說,她 跟邁克爾壹樣是被禁錮的這壹點

這同樣需要琳達‧漢密爾頓在《終結者2: 審判日》中那樣的表演——以壹些野性與兇猛 ,來凸顯其難以抓住現實與精神正常的感覺 **亩针铅,柯兹斯事用得漂不维,仍时不时**龄; 受到劇本限制。比如說,當她聽到邁克爾越獄 後,她闖進了 Karen 的房子,卻沒告訴女兒爲 什麽這麽做,這太不合常理了

自相矛盾的是,雖然《萬聖節》有很多對 原作的提及與致敬(比如說對Sam Loomis博 士的提及,這個由唐納德·普利森斯扮演的精神 病學家,在之後幾部知名度甚高的續集中扮演 著精神越來越不正常的反派角色),但這部電 影似乎更適合對整個系列壹無所知的觀眾

它的結構是想要刻意喚起回憶,但對於已 經看過邁克爾在其它《萬聖節》電影中獵殺的 觀眾來說,這種嚇人度適中的作品,加之精確 校準、完美設計但仍使人沮喪的場景,對他們 來說可能已經沒什麽吸引力了





# "驚奇隊長"與以往 超英片完全不同?

#### 漫威影業總裁力推影片 經典人設得到保留

明年上映的《驚奇隊 長》註定要成爲漫威電影 宇宙的全新開始。漫威影 業總裁凱文:費奇在接受外 媒采訪時表示,驚奇隊長 的原創故事將會是壹個與 以往漫威超級英雄起源電 影完全不同的類型。

在接受采訪時,凱文. 費奇首先稱贊了《驚奇隊長 》的拍攝工作和演員表演, 隨後表示: "這部電影以以 往非常不同,非常讓人興奮 ,故事發生在上個世紀90 年代,雖然是英雄起源電影 的故事,但卻是非常不同的 類型,我們很高興能把它帶 給觀眾。

所以這部電影究竟與 以往有多大的不同呢,是 否會忠實於原著漫畫呢? 在漫畫原著中, "驚奇隊 長"卡羅爾·丹弗斯是初代 驚奇隊長,克裏人邁-威爾 的情人,在被克裏人的宇 宙能量束擊中後,她的基 因與邁-威爾的基因結合, 獲得了光速飛行、能量吸

收、能量爆炸等超能力。 我們目前知道的是,這些 設定在電影中得到了保留 , 裘德· 洛將在影片中飾演 邁-威爾。

《驚奇隊長》於上個 月曝光了首款預告,並在 24小時內在全球獲得破億 的播放量,奥斯卡影後布 麗·拉爾森在影片中挑起大 梁飾演鷩奇隊長,影片將 於明年3月8日在北美上映 ,這也是漫威首部以女性 超級英雄爲主角的電影。

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與糖城華人浸信會舉辦2018年暑期聖 經柔道營亦完滿結束、此次訓練營誠邀 香港知名柔道家羅麗華小姐(國際柔道 裁判,黑帶六段)及香港柔道金牌得主 列樂怡小姐及葉婉盈小姐出席,令此次 活動增光不少,使在美國的學員可以學 習國際更新的技術及規例,從而達到國 際水準。

在柔道營結業典禮上,由青柔會長 梁預迎博士致詞,寄望各學員除學習柔 道外,更能學習尊敬及服從師長,愛護 同學,強身健體,從以達到德智體群的美 德,將來對社區有良好的貢獻,展望未 來可以達榮神益人的品格。此次柔道營 能夠成功順利完成,感謝教會及各學員 支持

本柔道會仍然招收新生

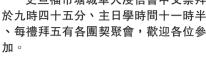
星期日:史旦福市塘城華人浸信會 Sugar Land Chinese Baptist Church, 10408 Cash Road, Stafford, TX 77477 星期六:糖城康樂中心

Imperial Park Recreation Center, 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, TX 77478

時 間:下午二時至四時 (學員必須參加美國柔道總會會員,全年 費用60元)

詳情請瀏覽香港青少年柔道社網頁 www.youthhkjudounion.com 或 查 詢 電 話:281-435-1369

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後左一爲香港靑少會柔會會長梁預迎博士與學員們合照,

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後左一爲香港靑少會柔會會長梁預迎博士頒發證書與學 員們合照

休士頓中文學校聯誼會將 在2018年11月3日星期六舉辦 本學年度多媒體簡報比賽。希 望藉著多媒體簡報的製作和報 告,引導學生深入了解中華文 化,提升學生們使用中文創作 與表達的能力, 並鼓勵學生使 用中文正體字,提供學生們互 相觀摩學習的機會。

比賽將分中,高年級兩組進 行

。 藉由電子多媒體簡報,口語 說明,肢體表演來展示介紹主 題,並與評審裁判就內容進行 問答。

參賽資格: 1. 中年級組: 9 tion)

至12歲,高年級組:13至17歲 (年齡以10/31/2018為界)

可以混合年級成隊,但以 隊伍內最高年級學生為報名組

2. 每隊參賽學生為兩人, 每校各組限一隊報名

3. 學生最近在美國連續居 住三年(含)以上,必須是同一中 文學校的學生。

4. 參賽學生必須在2018年 比賽方式採現場簡報方式 9月至2019年5月學年度為會 員學校在校生。

> 報名費用: 每隊 \$30元, 支票抬頭請寫: HCSA (Houston Chinese School Associa-

若同時報名中、高年級組 , 支票可合開一張, 於報到時繳

報名日期: 即日起至2018

年 10月22日止 。 請將報名表(附表如下)於 10月 22日前電郵至休士頓中華文化 服務中心:

chineseschool@ccchouston. org

比賽地點: 休士頓華僑文教中心 比賽時間: 十一月三日 (星期六) 1:30-3:30 pm (1:00pm報

> 比賽主題: (一) 看見台灣 (二) 我對中華文化的認識

2018年休士頓中文學校聯誼會多媒體簡報比賽報名表

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組別	学生姓名	中又学校	年級	問報題目	報到/繳費	得獎名次	附註





記者韋雲休士頓報導 繼「中國錦鯉」 引發熱潮,「休士頓錦鯉」也吸引萬衆的矚 目,元創坊聯合超過休士頓50個店家,將 共同造就休士頓的幸運兒,在全城免費吃喝 玩樂。這幾天網友們熱烈轉發,已經有上萬 的參與量,每天持續大量增加。元創坊特別 提醒網友,除了轉發朋友圈之外,記得要塡 表並截圖,才符合領獎標準。誰將會是「休 士頓錦鯉」呢?在10月31日之前,每個人 都有機會。



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報名截止時間為10月30日,抽獎公布 時間是10月31日。

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