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## APEC fails to live up to its name amid U.S., China acrimony

PORT MORESBY (Reuters) - The C in APEC stands for Cooperation. But when the two biggest members are fighting a trade war and using the forum to attack each other's policies, it was always going to be hard work delivering on that.

The weekend's Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Port Moresby was one of open disagreement, led by disputes between the United States and China over trade, security and which would be the better investment partner for the region.

As APEC approaches its 30th anniversary, the failure to agree on a communique for the first time calls into question its relevance in a crowded summit calendar and as the Trump administration makes clear its aversion to multilateralism.

"It does mark the death of APEC's founding trade vision," Euan Graham, executive director of La Trobe Asia at Australia's La Trobe University, said on Twitter, adding APEC was the "most disposable of the regional summits".

Rather than cooperation, the theme seemed to be conflict and containment as Beijing and Washington directly criticized each other's policies and staked their claims as to why they were the security and investment partner the Pacific should choose.

"It's not even supposed to be binding, it's APEC," said one diplomat involved in negotiations for the communique, surprised that the members could not agree on what is usually a humdrum summary of issues discussed.

"China and the U.S. hijacked the APEC spirit, I suppose."

The United States even preferred its own terminology of Indo-Pacific, which it defines as running from "the western shores of Latin America to the furthest reaches of the Indian Ocean", with U.S. Vice President Mike Pence mentioning APEC five times and Indo-Pacific 41 times in his APEC speech on Saturday.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence reacts as he walks past China's President Xi Jinping (not pictured) while leaving APEC Haus, during the APEC Summit in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea November 18, 2018. REUTERS/David Gray

Without mentioning China by name, the U.S. State Department sought to cast the blame for the lack of a communique elsewhere, lamenting what it characterized as the unwillingness of some to sign on to a statement agreeing to promote free and fair trade.

"It is unfortunate that not all economies - despite their rhetoric - could support these positions," it said in a statement.

Speaking in Beijing on Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the United States attended APEC in a "blaze of anger", causing disputes and disagreements and damaging the "harmonious atmosphere" of the meeting.

"APEC is a platform to deepen cooperation, not a place to criticize each other. China attended to promote cooperation and seek consensus, not to get into a boxing ring," Geng told reporters.

### 'NOT A BIG DEAL'

Founded in 1989 with a view to fostering trade and economic ties around the Pacific Ocean, it operated at a ministerial level until 1993 when U.S. President Bill Clinton established the annual leaders meeting. Each meeting had produced a joint statement at its conclusion, until Sunday.

"This is very concerning from a systemic perspective. The WTO faces similar challenges," said Charles Finny, a Wellington-based trade con-



China's President Xi Jinping talks with International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde after a family photo during the APEC forum, in Port Moresby

sultant and a former New Zealand government trade negotiator.

In an editorial, Chinese state-run tabloid the Global Times said the absence of a communique was "not a big deal", and placed more significance on an upcoming meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The two leaders are expected to meet at the G20 summit, which starts in Argentina next week.

Slideshow (4 Images)

"It is hoped Washington makes serious preparations for the summit and not pin its hopes on exerting pressure," said the tabloid, which is known for its nationalistic stance.

Still, there did seem to be some Chinese concern over the communique, with officials rebuffed on Saturday when they tried to meet Papua New Guinea (PNG) Foreign Minister Rimbink Pato on the issue.

Pato confirmed to Reuters that Chinese officials had wanted to see him, but said they had not made "necessary arrangements".

As the APEC host, it was Papua New Guinea's role to produce a communique. But the hostility and conflict-

visions on display meant few blamed the group's poorest country for being caught between two feuding superpowers.

"In these times, chairing a gathering such as the leaders that we had over the last few days is no easy task," Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said, adding PNG Prime Minister Peter O'Neill had shown great integrity and leadership.

Indeed, one big change was that long-forgotten Pacific nations found themselves aggressively courted by the two big-spending superpowers competing for influence in the strategically important ocean.



Pence said the United States would join Australia to help PNG build a navy base on its Manus Island, which was a U.S. base in World War Two, after China had emerged as a possible developer of the deepwater

port. Analysts had said a Chinese presence on Manus could have affected the West's ability to navigate in the Pacific while offering China a site close to U.S. bases in Guam. The United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand also unveiled a \$1.7 billion plan to bring electricity and the internet to much of PNG, a collective counter-attack to the lure of Beijing's flagship Belt and Road program.

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Family of Lamar student shot dead says he was a "big talker" but no gangster

In the days after Lamar High School student De'Lindsey Mack was shot dead outside of the River Oaks campus, possibly at the hands of a gang, his family scoured his social media accounts. There they found images of the 18-year-old on Instagram portraying to be gang member, a false persona that seems to have contributed to his death, the teen's father and others said Monday. "It wasn't even an alternative life; it was an alternative persona where he presented himself to be something that anybody who knew him, knew he was not," said Pastor D.Z. Cofield, the family's spokesman and pastor of Good Hope Mission. Instead, he was what one family member called a "bedroom gangster," Cofield said, hiding a secret within the pixels of his smart phone. The teen cultivated that persona unbeknownst to his parents, his father, father Dwight D. Mack said at a news conference at Good Hope Mission in Houston's South Side on Monday. Mack said he and his wife only discovered their son's Instagram account and its contents after the shooting. "If you don't get into your kids' social media pages, you'll be where I am," he said. "It's sad that someone can create a persona on social media to make someone hate them that bad." Cofield and Mack impressed on that message on Monday, encouraging parents to get

their kids off social media if possible, or at least knowing what platforms they use and what content they're posting. "We're literally putting technological guns in the hands of our children when we give them access to the entire world and they don't have the maturity to handle it," Cofield said. "Social media may not be your thing, but you better make it your thing, because that's the way and that's the world your child lives in," he said later in the news conference. Cofield and Mack both said that the 18-year-old was leaving school for the day last Tuesday when he was approached by three young men near the campus, police said. The gunman responsible for slaying the teen shot at him on the sidewalk, then stood over him and fired more shots, Houston police Executive Assistant Chief Troy Finner said during a news conference after the shooting. Meanwhile, a family friend was waiting for the teen outside the school to take him home, Cofield said. Gang activity might have been involved, and the shooting appeared to be targeted, Finner said. Houston police declined to comment Monday when asked about the family's claims, citing an ongoing investigation. No arrests have been reported in the case. Editorial at HoustonChronicle.com: American carnage strikes Lamar High School Seeing the nature of the violence prompted the teen's family to look into his social media accounts. On his Instagram page in particu-



lar, he portrayed himself as a gang member and had commented on some gang-related posts, Cofield said. The teen had also direct messaged some people, saying things along the lines of "Who do you think you are," and, "I'm not scared of you." In one of the teen's posts, he held cash and a gun - likely borrowed from his father, who owns several businesses -- implying that he was involved in illegal activity, Cofield said. Cofield didn't deny that gang activity might have been a factor in the shooting, but said the teen only portrayed himself as a gang member and wasn't in a gang. By all other accounts, the younger Mack was like every other kid in his daily life - a "big talker," but not a gangster, according to the pastor. "He was just a soft kid who wanted to be hard, knows a lot of hard people, growing up in the inner city," Cofield said. "But in terms of those relationships being a part of his life and shaping his character, that wasn't the type of kid De'Lindsey was." The teen was new to Lamar High School this year. Before that, he briefly attended Yates High School before his mother pulled him out to be homeschooled for the following two years. Cofield said the teen was bullied and picked on at Yates.

Advertisement for the 2018 Houston Travel Shopping Guide. It features a collage of travel-related images and text. A central graphic reads '2018 休斯頓旅遊購物指南 HOUSTON TRAVEL SHOPPING GUIDE VOLUME 5'. Below it, there are several callouts for featured locations: 'Pepper Twins', 'COUNTRY STYLE ORGANIC CHINESE FOOD', 'APPELIZER OF THE YEAR', '#13 BEST CHINESE RESTAURANT IN AMERICA', and '6 TH LOCATION COMING SOON TO CITYCENTER'. The bottom of the ad has large, bold Chinese characters: '請至本報社 免費取閱' and '已經發行'.

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Rapper Snoop Dogg's star is seen on the "Hollywood Walk of Fame" in Los Angeles



U.S. President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump receive the official White House Christmas tree at the North Portico of the White House in Washington, U.S., November 19, 2018. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque



Jimmy Kimmel introduces rapper Snoop Dogg as he receives his star on the "Hollywood Walk of Fame" in Los Angeles



French President Emmanuel Macron, his wife Brigitte Macron, Belgian King Philippe and Queen Mathilde take part in a gala dinner at Laeken Royal Palace in Brussels



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A pelican tries to eat a piece of fish entangled in a plastic mesh on the coastal edge of a beach in Valparaiso



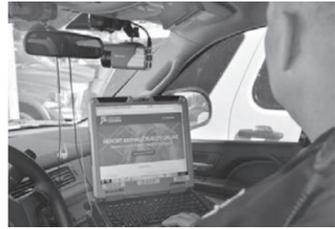
FILE PHOTO: Pharmacist and co-founder of the now-defunct New England Compounding Center Cad-den walks to his car after being sentenced to in jail in Boston



Porters offload a consignment of cashew nut bags from Tanzania military trucks at the Mtwara Port warehouses in Mtwara Region

In April 2017, Crime Stoppers of Houston, working with Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap, formed a city-wide Anti-Animal Cruelty Partner Council to bring key partners and agencies together to collaborate on finding solutions to improve the way crimes against animals are reported and responded to in Harris County and the City of Houston.

With over 50 law enforcement agencies in Harris County, citizens often do not know where this type of abuse can be reported. The council's goal was to make it easy for citizens to report animal cruelty and neglect to the correct agency, thereby helping animals in need as quickly as possible. This also would free up resources that were incorrectly getting the calls.



Active members of this council include Harris County Constable Precinct 5, Harris County District Attorney's Office, Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston Police Department, Crime Stoppers of Houston, Houston PetSet, Houston Humane Society, ADORE Houston, and Houston K-911 Rescue. Following Hurricane Harvey, the Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce, led by Harris County Precinct 5 Constable Ted Heap, was formed with the primary goal of streamlining the process of where and how animal cruelty can be reported in the Greater Houston Area. The taskforce created 832-927-PAWS in order to further structure this reporting process, speed up response times and minimize duplication of efforts across the county.



## WHAT IS THE HARRIS COUNTY ANIMAL CRUELTY TASKFORCE?

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Additionally, the Taskforce secured a partnership with drumBEAT Marketing and their website, www.Best4Pets.org. drumBEAT Marketing is donating the time and services to create the one-stop website for citizens in Harris County and the Greater Houston Metropolitan area to report animal cruelty and get information on all issues pertaining to animal welfare. Harris County Sheriff's Office has also added an additional Deputy to animal cruelty investigations.



**Harris County Animal Cruelty Task Force (HCACTF)** is designed to be a proactive and comprehensive approach to investigating human cruelty against animals. Concerned citizens can report cruelty through either the website [www.927PAWS.org](http://www.927PAWS.org) or by calling 832-927-PAWS(7297).

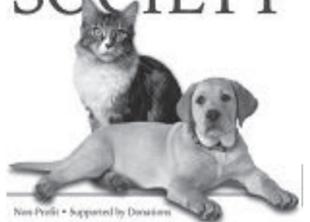
Through education, awareness and continued collaboration, the Harris County Animal Cruelty Taskforce hopes to make a larger impact in the lives of abused and neglected animals.

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Overview

California has the highest percentage of non-English speakers with 44 percent.

In Los Angeles, 59 percent of the population does not speak English at home.

The fewest is in West Virginia where the number is less than two percent.

A record 67 million people living in the United States do not speak English at home, a new study has revealed, accounting for just over a fifth of the population.

The study was carried out by The Center of Immigration Studies and was released on Wednesday. It is based on the newly released Census Bureau Data for 2017.

California has by far the highest number of non-English speakers per state, with 16.5million people (44 percent of its population) favoring other tongues.

Texas, where the number of 36 percent, has the second highest percentage, followed by New Mexico, New Jersey, and Nevada.

In the country's five major cities, the numbers are especially high.

Nearly half of the residents in the nation's five biggest cities do not speak English at home, choosing instead their native language, according to the latest Census Bureau data that details the impact of a decade of soft immigration policies.

Overall, a record 67 million do not speak English at home, said the bureau. That is nearly double in 27 years.



In its just-released analysis of the Census data, the Center for Immigration Studies said, "As a share of the population, 21.8 percent of U.S. residents speak a foreign language at home — roughly double the

Includes Half Of Houston And New York City, Per Study 67 MILLION People Living In U.S. Do Not Speak English At Home

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11 percent in 1980."

The Center added, "In America's five largest cities, 48 percent of residents now speak a language other than English at home. In New York City and Houston it is 49 percent; in Los Angeles it is 59 percent; in Chicago it is 36 percent; and in Phoenix it is 38 percent."

The findings come as more and more reports emerge about both Americans and foreigners getting into heated debates over speaking English.

In one case in New York last May, a man threatened to call immigration police if employees and customers didn't stop speaking English in a restaurant. Last week, in Florida, a Taco Bell patron was turned away because a worker said nobody spoke English and couldn't take the order.

Among the top findings from the Center for Immigration Studies report:

In 2017, a record 66.6 million U.S. residents (native-born, legal immigrants, and illegal immigrants) ages five and older spoke a language other than English at home. The number has more than

doubled since 1990, and almost tripled since 1980.

As a share of the population, 21.8 percent of U.S. residents speak a foreign language at home — roughly double the 11 percent in 1980.

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Houston, Texas skyline.

In 2017, there were 85 cities and Census Designated Places (CDP) in which a majority of residents spoke a

foreign language at home. These include Hialeah, Fla. (95 percent); Laredo, Texas (92 percent); and East Los Angeles, Calif. (90 percent). Perhaps more surprisingly, it also includes places like Elizabeth, N.J. (76 percent); Skokie, Ill. (56 percent); and Germantown, Md., and Bridgeport, Conn. (each 51 percent).

Nearly one in five U.S. residents now lives in a city or CDP in which one-third of the population speaks a foreign language at home. This includes Dale City, Va. (43 percent); Norwalk, Conn., and New Rochelle, N.Y. (each 42 percent); and Aurora, Colo., and Troy, Mich. (each 35 percent).

In contrast to many of the nation's cities, in rural areas outside of metropolitan areas just 8 percent speak a language other than English at home.

The data released thus far indicates that nationally nearly one in four public school students now speaks a language other than English at home. In California, 44 percent of school-age (5-17) children speak a foreign language at home, and it's roughly one-third in Texas, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, and Florida.

Of school-age children (5-17) who speak a foreign language at home, 85 percent were born in the United States. Even among adults 18 and older, more than one-third of those who speak a foreign language at home are U.S.-born.

Of those who speak a foreign language at home, 25.9 million (39 percent) told the Census Bureau that they speak English less than very well. This figure is entirely based on the opinion of the respondent; the Census Bureau does not measure language skills.

In New York City and Houston, the figure is 49 percent. In Los Angeles, it is 59 percent, it is 36 percent in Chicago and 38 percent in Phoenix.

The highest percentage per city of anywhere in the country is in Hialeah, Flori-

da, where 95 percent of the population do not speak English.



New York City skyline.

MOST POPULAR LANGUAGES

- 1) Spanish 2) Chinese 3) Tagalog 4) Vietnamese 5) Arabic 6) French 7) Korean 8) Russian 9) German 10) Haitian

For the most part, the non-native English speakers are instead conversing in Spanish which is spoken by 40million of the 67million listed.

The next most popular languages are Chinese (3.5million), the Filipino language Tagalog (1.7million), Vietnamese (1.5million), Arabic (1.2million), French (1.2million) and Korean (1million).

Only 20 states across the country have a population of non-native English speakers that is lower than 10 percent.

The lowest is in West Virginia, where only 2 percent do not speak it at home.

The increase since 1980 is startling. Then, only 11 percent of the country (23million people) did not speak English at home.

Nevada has seen the sharpest increase over the last 37 years.

In 2010, the number was 718,000. Now, it is 875,000.

Washington DC saw the highest increase between 2010 and 2017 with a rise of 36 percent. (Courtesy dailymail.co.uk)

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