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## Brexit bedlam: May's EU divorce deal crushed by 230 votes in parliament

LONDON (Reuters) - British lawmakers defeated Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit divorce deal by a crushing margin on Tuesday, triggering political chaos that could lead to a disorderly exit from the EU or even to a reversal of the 2016 decision to leave.

After parliament voted 432-202 against her deal, the worst defeat in modern British history, opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn promptly called a vote of no confidence in May's government, to be held at 1900 GMT on Wednesday.

With the clock ticking down to March 29, the date set in law for Brexit, the United Kingdom is now ensnared in the deepest political crisis in half a century as it grapples with how, or even whether, to exit the European project that it joined in 1973.

"It is clear that the House does not support this deal, but tonight's vote tells us nothing about what it does support," May told parliament, moments after the result was announced.

"... nothing about how - or even if - it intends to honor the decision the British people took in a referendum parliament decided to hold."

More than 100 of May's own Conservative lawmakers - both Brexit backers and supporters of EU membership - joined forces to vote down the deal. In doing so, they smashed the previous record defeat for a government, a 166-vote margin, set in 1924. The humiliating loss, the first British parliamentary defeat of a treaty since 1864, appeared to catastrophically undermine May's two-year strategy of forging an amicable divorce with close ties to the EU after the March 29 exit.

With May vowing to stand by her deal and Labour trying to trigger a national election, parliament is still effectively deadlocked, with no alternative proposal.

May's spokesman told reporters that May's deal could still form the basis of an accord with the EU, but opponents disagreed. "This deal is dead," said Boris Johnson, the Conservative Party's most prominent Brexiteer, who urged May to go back to Brussels to seek better terms.

If there was any consolation for May, it was that her internal adversaries appeared set to fight off the attempt to topple her. The small Northern Irish DUP party, which props up May's minority government and refused to back the deal, said it would still stand behind May in the no-confidence vote. The pro-Brexit Conservatives who were the most vehement opponents of her deal also said they would support her. Labour has said if it fails to trigger an election then it will look at the possibility of supporting another referendum.

The EU said the Brexit deal remained the best and only way to ensure an orderly withdrawal. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz said there would be no further renegotiation.

"The risk of a disorderly withdrawal of the United Kingdom has increased with this evening's vote," said EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, adding that it would intensify preparations for a no-deal Brexit.

A Labour Party spokesman said it was becoming more likely that Britain would have to ask the EU to postpone the March 29 departure date required by the Article 50 withdrawal notice. But Donald Tusk, the chairman of EU leaders, suggested Britain should now consider reversing Brexit altogether. "If a deal is impossible, and no one wants no deal, then who will finally have the courage to say what the only positive solution is?" he tweeted

May said she would reach out to opposition parties to forge a way ahead. But Corbyn, who wants Labour to be given the chance to negotiate with Brussels, was dismissive.



REFILE - QUALITY REPEAT Prime Minister Theresa May sits down in Parliament after the vote on May's Brexit deal, in London, Britain, January 15, 2019 in this screengrab taken from video. Reuters TV via REUTERS

## Netflix, China boost Wall Street as investors shrug off Brexit vote

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. stocks rose on Tuesday as technology and internet stocks gained on Netflix Inc's (NFLX.O) plans to raise fees for U.S. subscribers and hopes of more stimulus for China's slowing economy fostered a risk-on mood among investors.

Netflix shares jumped 6.5 percent after the video streaming company said it was raising prices for its U.S. subscribers. Other internet stocks, including shares of Alphabet Inc (GOOGL.O), Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) and Apple Inc (AAPL.O), also rose following the announcement.

The S&P 500 communication services index .SPLRCL, which includes Netflix and Alphabet, climbed 1.7 percent. S&P 500 technology stocks .SPLRCT advanced 1.5 percent.

Stocks also found support from hints by Chinese officials at more stimulus in the near term, easing concerns about a slowdown in the world's second-largest economy.

"We've had good news today overall," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist at TD Ameritrade in Chicago. "China is helping to defuse the daily emotional roller-coaster that is tariffs, and that Netflix thinks it can raise its subscription prices is also

really good."

Wall Street's major indexes briefly pared some gains after the British parliament defeated Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit divorce deal by a wide margin. The rejection of the deal could lead to a disorderly exit from the European Union or even to a reversal of the 2016 decision to leave the EU.

The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq still closed near the session's highs, however.

"No one was expecting anything great from the Brexit outcome," said Keith Lerner, chief market strategist at SunTrust Advisory Services in Atlanta. "The market was able to shrug this off."

The Dow Jones Industrial Average .DJI rose 155.75 points, or 0.65 percent, to 24,065.59, the S&P 500 .SPX gained 27.69 points, or 1.07 percent, to 2,610.3 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC added 117.92 points, or 1.71 percent, to 7,023.83.

Earlier in the day, gains were capped by disappointing earnings reports from big U.S. banks.

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# I feel ... helpless: About 50 people protest government shutdown at NASA's Johnson

Sandra Jones' first job out of college was her dream gig -- a public affairs position at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston that she couldn't have been more thrilled about starting Jan. 7.

But about two weeks before her start date, the federal government shutdown. And just like that, the excitement of her new job turned to dread. She was starting a life in Houston, a thousand miles away from her home in Nebraska, without a job to go to or, more importantly, a paycheck.

"I feel like, as a young person, I'm helpless," said Jones, 24, who graduated from the University of Nebraska Omaha in December. "Johnson has a good network of people to help out but it's not ideal."

People protest against the government shutdown outside of NASA's Johnson Space Center Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019. Jones was among more than 50 people protesting the shutdown Tuesday outside Johnson. They held signs denouncing the government's closure -- and those responsible for it -- which incited enthusiastic honking from passersby that became so loud people had to shout to be heard.

The number of protesters Tuesday doesn't come close to the number of people impacted by the shutdown. About 94 percent of the 3,055 federal employees at the Houston center have been out of work since Dec. 22, when the government was shuttered as President Donald Trump held firm on his demand that Congress fund a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

Johnson is home to the nation's astronaut corps, where human space flight research and training take place. It also is home to the International Space Station's mission operations and the Orion program. About 200 federal employees still working at Johnson are there primarily to ensure the astronauts aboard the International Space Station stay alive. And they're not getting paid

People, organizations and even restaurants have been stepping in to help furloughed workers where they can. A NASA engineer started a GoFundMe page -- that had raised \$3,560 as of Tuesday afternoon -- to help cover peoples' bills. The Johnson Space Center Federal Credit Union is offering zero interest loans to those impacted. And several restaurants in Houston -- D'Amico's Italian Market Cafe in Rice Village, Bistro Provence in the

Energy Corridor, Ouisie's Table near River Oaks and the Rainbow Lodge on White Oak Bayou -- are offering free meals.

On the federal level, U.S. Rep. Pete Olson, R-Sugar Land, filed a bill Tuesday that would allow federal workers and contractors to take funds from their retirement without penalization. The measure still must be approved by Congress.

"Hardworking federal employees and contractors at federal facilities like Johnson Space Center shouldn't suffer because the federal government can't do its job," Olson said in a statement. "Families of federal employees should not become casualties of partisan politics in Washington. This simple adjustment will allow them to access funds to provide financial stability during a stressful period they have no control over."

While most people driving by Tuesday showed support for the protesters, not everyone was thrilled about their presence or message.

As the demonstrators chanted about democracy and reopening the government -- pumping fists full of PayDay candy bars for emphasis -- drivers more than once slowed down, shouting "get a job" and "secure our border."

But protesters, like Paromita Mitra, held strong. A month ago, the 27-year-old uprooted her entire life in Mississippi to take a job at Johnson as an engineer working on space suits. She's only received two paychecks. Her third would have come last Friday -- if the government hadn't shutdown.

"It's stressful," Mitra said of the financial burden that's been placed on her over the past month.

Mitra had hoped she could apply for the zero percent interest loans being offered during the shutdown by the JSC Federal Credit Union. But she didn't sign up for an account in time, she said.

"I'm living off credit cards and trying to be as frugal as



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An employee from gun manufacturer Taurus Armas SA works at the company's assembly line in Sao Leopoldo



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Hondurans, part of a new caravan of migrants travelling towards the United States, are seen as police officers check their documents after arriving to the Agua Caliente border with Guatemala in the municipality of Ocoatepeque



Anti-Brexit protester Steve Bray packs away placards into his car after the result was announced on Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal in London



A woman smiles after the result was announced on Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal in London



Prime Minister Theresa May sits down in Parliament after the vote on May's Brexit deal, in London, Britain, January 15, 2019 in this screengrab taken from video. Reuters TV via REUTERS TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro smiles during a signing ceremony of the decree which eases gun restrictions in Brazil, at the Planalto Palace in Brasilia



A woman prepares to fire a handgun at the 1911 Shooting Club in Sao Paulo

**2019 Is The Year Of The Pig On The Chinese Zodiac**

Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



The Pig is the twelfth of all zodiac animals. According to one myth, the Jade Emperor said the order would be decided by the order in which they arrived to his party. Pig was late because he overslept. Another story says that a wolf destroyed his house. He had to rebuild his home before he could set off. When he arrived, he was the last one and could only take twelfth place.

**Personality and characteristics**

Pigs might not stand out in a crowd. But they are very realistic. Others may be all talk and no action. Pigs are the opposite. Though not wasteful spenders, they will let themselves enjoy life. They love entertainment and will occasionally treat themselves. They are a bit materialistic, but this is motivation for them to work hard. Being able to hold solid objects in their hands gives them security.

**Men** born in the Pig year are optimistic and gentle. They are very focused. Once they decide on a goal, they'll put everything into it.

They are not the best with money. Though cool-headed, they are also gullible. They trust others easily and are often scammed. This can cause them to lose a fortune.

**Women** born in the Pig year are full of excitement. They attend social events whenever possible and treat everyone genuinely. Combined with their easygoing personality, they gain everyone's trust. However, they are sometimes over-friendly. In their excitement, they can forget to give others personal space. They also have good fortune with wealth. As long as they keep at it, the efforts will not go to waste. Though they don't start with an advantage, their hard work will keep money

flowing in.

**Compatibility**

**Most compatible with Pig: Tiger, Rabbit, Goat**

Pigs are the most compatible with Tigers. The brave Tiger gives Pigs the security they need.

**Least compatible with Pig: Snake, Monkey**

Pigs and Snakes have clashing personalities and are the least compatible. They have biases against each other and can't compromise. It's hard to get along with Monkeys as well. The relationship is full of tension.

**Careers fit for Pigs**

Pigs are gentle and rarely lose their temper. Even when they do, it's never a dramatic commotion. They'll always try to compromise and settle things quickly. Because their goal in life is for everyone to live in harmony, they are suitable for careers related to charity and fundraisers.



**Health and lifestyle**

Pigs mostly have a great build and a resilient body. They are always spirited, as if they will never run out of energy. Their natural health is something Pigs are proud of.

But sometimes they can be overconfident and overlook some minor symptoms. If neglected for too long, even the smallest things can become grave.

Pigs in the Year of the Pig (2019)

The year of one's zodiac sign is their **本命年** (ben ming nian). It is traditionally the most unlucky year with trouble and danger lurking at every corner.

Similar to the previous year, Pigs may find luck in some areas of their life, but others

will require hard work to avoid potential pitfalls. Pigs will most likely experience many emotional ups and downs, making them feel frustrated and sad at times.

This will not be a transitional year for Pigs, and it is best to try and "stick it out" in situations if at all possible. While that can be terribly frustrating, try to remember that a key element to utilizing your luck is timing. Next year will bear good fruit for Pigs, but the time isn't right to harvest the fruits of your labor. Instead, familiarize yourself with possible oversights and improve upon them so you may take advantage of similar situations as they occur in the future. This is a key element in many Asian religions, that is to say, you may be stuck consulting the same problem over and over until you solve it.



**Careers**

Pigs' 2019 horoscope reveals that changing careers may bring unforeseen consequences, and in most cases should be avoided. Instead, keep your nose to the grindstone and be wary of conflict. Pigs have a way of directly confronting their problems and at times this can impair their ability to see the deeper meaning of an issue. While Pigs can expect confrontation this year it will be best to face these problems with patience and practicality, two tools that are in Pigs "tool belt" but aren't always utilized when they should be.

**Luckiest Months:** April 8th - July 20th  
**Unluckiest Months:** September 12th - December 2nd

**Education**

The education forecast for Pigs, however, reveals some good fortune. For those seeking higher education, it seems the stars are aligned in your favor. The 2019 Pig horoscope shows that investing in education will position them to take better advantage of future opportunities.

**Health**

Health can be rated as a mediocre category for Pigs this year. While there are no major illnesses on your horizon, Pigs will have to pay attention to minor ailments to keep them from growing into something large.

If you feel ill, don't delay in consulting a physician or healer, this is a major key to staying healthy this year. Other than this, maintain a consistent exercise regimen and a diet made up of healthy, unprocessed foods. Add more fruits and vegetables to your diet for an extra boost to your immunity



**Relationships**

The love forecast for Pigs is also pretty unremarkable for 2019. It seems that while this is not the year for true romance,

Fortunately for Pigs, the lack of relationship drama means they can focus on making new friends and connections. Extending their network could have a significant impact on Pigs' future, and in some respects be more rewarding than an intimate relationship. Remember not to be too quick to jump into a relationship as it may lead to more problems than it is worth, focus instead on enlarging your circle of friends.

**Lifestyle**

Pigs are in for almost an unfair year it seems. This year is about favoring the characteristics of Pigs in order to succeed, but for Pigs, to whom this comes naturally, they will have a difficult year and must practice patience and discipline.

It is important to remember not to be short sighted. You could focus on this year and say it is unfair, or you could focus on the future and realize that this time is meant to set up opportunities for the long term and practice the elements that will make you successful in your future endeavors.

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ATLANTA (AP) — The number of airport security screeners failing to show up for work around the country is soaring as the partial government shutdown goes into its fourth week.

No-shows among screeners jumped Sunday and again Monday, when the Transportation Security Administration reported a national absence rate of 7.6 percent compared with 3.2 percent on a comparable day a year ago. Monday marked the first business day after screeners did not receive a paycheck for the first time since the shutdown began.

At Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest, some passengers waited more than an hour to get through checkpoints. The airport reported the long lines on its website Monday morning, showing the hour-plus waits at all three checkpoints in the domestic terminal.

"It's chaos out here," passenger Vincent Smith said as he stood in a line that snaked through the Atlanta airport's atrium and baggage claim areas. "This line, I've been here about 15 minutes and it has moved 2 feet."

TSA is working with the Atlanta airport and airlines "to maximize all available operational resources at the airport," TSA spokesman Jim Gregory said.

The agency is working with airports and airlines nationwide to consolidate operations and get the most out of resources, Gregory added. He declined to provide absentee figures for Atlanta or other airports, saying that would compromise security by exposing possible vulnerabilities.



Customer Service representative Magda Lambo, center, directs travelers as security lines at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta stretch more than an hour long amid the partial federal shutdown, causing some travelers to miss flights, Monday

Government Shutdown Affecting Thousands Of Travelers

Number Of "No-Show" Security Screeners At Airports Soars



Security lines at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta stretch more than an hour long amid the partial federal shutdown, causing some travelers to miss flights, Monday morning, Jan. 14, 2019. The long lines signaled staffing shortages at security checkpoints, as TSA officers have been working without pay since the federal shutdown began Dec. 22. (Photo/AP)

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morning, Jan. 14, 2019. The long lines signaled staffing shortages at security checkpoints, as TSA officers have been working without pay since the federal shutdown began Dec. 22. (Photo/AP) Screeners will not do anything to compromise or change their security procedures," he said.

But Smith said he could relate to government workers who don't show up so they can find other ways to make ends meet. "If I was a government worker, yes, I would probably call in and try to do something else because creditors don't care if you're furloughed or not," Smith said. "They just want to get paid and with a family of six, you have to do what you have to."

Atlanta's wait times stretched well beyond what the TSA says most passengers have encountered since the shutdown began.

Delta Air Lines, the dominant carrier in Atlanta, and other airlines said they were

advising passengers to get to the airport at least two hours before domestic flights and three hours before international trips. A Delta spokeswoman said airline employees were pitching in by helping manage TSA lines.



Air travelers endured waits of more than an hour to get through domestic checkpoints at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta amid the partial federal shutdown Monday morning, Jan. 14, 2019. No-shows among screeners across the nation soared Sunday and again Monday,

the first business day after TSA agents missed paychecks for the first time due to the partial government shutdown that began on Dec. 22. (Photo/AP)

TSA said that it screened 1.97 million people on Sunday and that 99.1 percent waited less than 30 minutes, and 93.1 percent less than 15 minutes. Precheck lines for people who pay a fee for expedited screening averaged less than five minutes, TSA said.

A combination of a busy Monday travel day combined with some security lines being closed led to the long lines, airport spokesman Andrew Gobeil said. He said he didn't know how many security lines were down.

A statement from TSA attributed the long waits in Atlanta to "anticipated high volume."



Waiting in long lines is the "name of the game" in airports around the country. Meanwhile, TSA said it would move officers around the country to deal with local shortages. A few airports are making changes to deal with the shortage of screeners.

At Houston's George Bush Intercontinental Airport, a security checkpoint and ticket counter that were shuttered Sunday afternoon in Terminal B will remain closed through Tuesday, a spokesman said.

The terminal handles United Express flights. Passengers must go through checkpoints in other terminals, then walk or take a train to planes parked at Terminal B. A spokesman for United Airlines said flights were not affected.



No relief in sight for air travelers at airports in all major U.S. cities.

Miami International Airport closed one of its concourses for part of Saturday and Sunday, shifting about a dozen afternoon and evening flights each day to other concourses so that TSA workers could adequately staff the other checkpoints. Airport spokesman Greg Chin said TSA was staffing the Concourse G checkpoint on Monday, but airport officials were monitoring the situation and would make more adjustments if necessary.

An official with the union representing TSA workers said TSA canceled employees' vacation requests about a week ago.

"Since nobody is getting paid, (TSA officials) don't want them to take annual leave," said Cairo D'Almeida, president of a government workers' union local in Seattle. He said he was asking local food banks if they can help the workers.



The "chaos" caused by the government shutdown shows no signs of improving.

Gregory, the TSA spokesman said that was not a TSA decision. Under guidelines from the federal Office of Personnel Management, paid time off is canceled for employees, including the airport screeners, who are exempt from certain federal labor laws.

In Atlanta, Monday's long wait times come with less than three weeks remaining before the city hosts one of the world's biggest sporting events. Super Bowl 53 on Feb. 3 is expected to bring hordes of travelers to Atlanta for the game and days of concerts and related events.

"We're confident that we will be as efficient and as welcoming as people expect the city of Atlanta to be here at Hartsfield-Jackson for the Super Bowl," Gobeil said.

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Advertisement for 雲天燒腊麵食家 (Yun Tian BBQ Noodle House). Features a menu with items like 京都肉排, 葱油鯧魚, and 北菇雞. Includes contact info: (713) 988-5745 and address: 9380 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77036.

Advertisement for 中美酒樓 (Chinese American Restaurant). Features a menu with items like 清蒸海上鮮, 北京片皮鴨, and 薑蔥雙龍蝦. Includes contact info: 281-498-1280 and address: 11317 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77099.

Large advertisement for Adolphus Rice. Features the Adolphus Rice logo, a bag of rice, and text: "US #1 Quality Select Variety Arroz de Grano Largo LONG GRAIN Enriched RICE". Includes contact info for American Rice, Inc. and website: www.americanrice.com.