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Texas showdown: O’Rourke, Trump hold dueling rallies over wall

EL PASO, Texas (Reuters) - Beto O’Rourke, the former Democratic congressman considering a White House run, and President Donald Trump will hold dueling rallies in El Paso, Texas, on Monday over the U.S.-Mexico border and the president’s push for a wall.

O’Rourke, who lost in his bid for a U.S. Senate seat in Texas, promised to blast Trump for stoking “false fear” about immigrants and telling “lies” about his hometown El Paso, which Trump said was a dangerous place before it had a border fence. In a conference call with reporters, O’Rourke said his counter-rally two hundred yards from the Trump event would be a “powerful, beautiful” response to “Trump’s lies about our community, the U.S.-Mexico border, immigrants, about Mexicans.” Trump is traveling to El Paso to argue for a wall he says can protect Americans from violent criminals, drugs and a “tremendous onslaught” of migrant caravans.

The simultaneous rallies at 7 p.m. MST (9 p.m. EST) coincide with talks to reach a border security deal and avert another government shutdown. The talks stumbled on Monday over a Democratic proposal to reduce allotted spaces in immigration detention facilities for people facing deportation.

Trump, a Republican, spoke out against the Democratic attempt to cap detention beds before he left for Texas.

“We’re up against people who want to allow criminals into our society,” he said of the Democrats.

In his State of the Union speech last week, Trump said the border fence separating El Paso from Mexico had reduced the city’s high crime rate.

El Paso’s Republican mayor, Dee Margo, said the city had been safe for years before the wall was built.

“We were, I think, the No. 2 or No. 3 safest city before the fence went up and we progressed into No. 1,” he told Fox News. “We were significantly low on crime to begin with and always have been.”

O’Rourke will join a protest march past Trump’s rally at El Paso County Coliseum before they both speak within sight of the border fence.



Members of Border Network for Human Rights hold a march to protest against U.S. President Donald Trump’s proposed wall, in El Paso



Republican supporters John Joyner and Blanca Trout watch the State of the Union address in El Paso

Wall Street wavers as investors eye trade talks, growth fears

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Wall Street see-sawed on Monday, rarely straying far from opening levels as investors eyed ongoing U.S.-China trade talks, potential congressional gridlock and a diminished 2019 earnings outlook.

The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq eked out nominal gains while the blue chip Dow edged lower.

Both Beijing and Washington expressed optimism about trade negotiations between the world’s two largest economies, even as a U.S. Navy mission in the disputed South China Sea provoked China’s anger.

In Washington, congressional leaders attempted to reach an agreement on border security funding in a bid to avert another government shutdown.

With two-thirds of S&P 500 companies having reported, the fourth-quarter earnings season approached the home stretch. So far, 71.2 percent have posted better-than-expected profits.

Fourth-quarter earnings growth is now estimated at 16.5 percent, up from 15.8 percent at the beginning of the year.

But first-quarter 2019 profit growth expectations have diminished. Analysts now see the year starting with quarterly earnings dropping 0.2 percent from last year,

which would mark the first contraction since the second quarter of 2016.

“It speaks to concerns about the global slowdown that people are growing more aware of,” said Robert Pavlik, chief investment strategist and senior portfolio manager at SlateStone Wealth LLC in New York. “It’s the effects of tariffs and a somewhat tighter monetary policy.”

“Guidance has been a mixed bag and trade uncertainty is the major connecting issue,” Pavlik added.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 53.22 points, or 0.21 percent, to 25,053.11, the S&P 500 gained 1.92 points, or 0.07 percent, to 2,709.8 and the Nasdaq Composite added 9.71 points, or 0.13 percent, to 7,307.91.

Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., February 8, 2019. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

Losses on Monday were concentrated. Of the 11 major S&P sectors, only communications services, utilities and healthcare closed in the red.

Tariff-sensitive industrial stocks provided the biggest lift to the S&P 500, led by Union Pacific Corp, General Electric Co and FedEx Corp, among others.

Healthcare stocks were the biggest drag on the Dow, pulled down by UnitedHealth Group Inc and Pfizer Inc and Merck & Co, each down more than 1 percent.

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Abuse of Faith: Investigation reveals 700 victims of Southern Baptist sexual abuse over 20 years

Leaders of the Southern Baptist Convention have declined for more than a decade to create a list of sexual predators from affiliated churches. But the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News assembled one of our own.

The newspapers spent nearly a year building a database of church leaders and volunteers who pleaded guilty or were convicted of sex crimes in the past 20 years. Most are now in prison or are registered sex offenders. More are from Texas than from any other state.

Read the first part of our exclusive investigation, ABUSE OF FAITH, on HoustonChronicle.com: Southern Baptist sexual abuse spreads as leaders reject reforms

The cases tracked by the newspapers affected more than 700 victims over 20 years. Their stories are wrenching.

Victims of sexual abuse had pleaded for the SBC to act, saying it was allowing predators to move from church to church. But the SBC in 2008 rejected all proposals to produce such a registry, saying the organization could not tell its 47,000 member churches whom to hire or ordain.

About 220 church leaders were convicted. They were pastors. Ministers. Youth pastors. Sunday school and Christian schoolteachers. Deacons. Church program volunteers.

This collection of mug shots includes a portion of the 220 people who, since 1998, worked or volunteered in Southern Baptist churches and were convicted of or pleaded guilty to sex crimes. Click here to search the database on HoustonChronicle.com.
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HoustonChronicle.com. Scores of others were credibly accused or civilly sued. Some remain in the pulpit; others returned to positions in churches even after serving time.

The SBC has ended its affiliation with four churches in the past 10 years for affirming or endorsing homosexual behavior. The SBC governing documents ban gay or female pastors. They do not outlaw convicted sex offenders from working in churches.

One victim of sexual abuse said he can't forgive leaders who offered prayers but took no action. "That is the greatest tragedy of all," he said. "So many people's faith is murdered. I mean, their faith is slaughtered by these predators."ould need to be extended, though he said a deal might not be on paper by then.



Zillow launches iBuyer operation in Houston

Zillow, the Seattle-based real estate listing and data firm, is now buying and selling homes directly from consumers in the Houston area, joining a growing crowd of so-called iBuyers shaking up the traditional real estate business model. The company launched its Zillow Offers operation in Houston Monday, adding to a service it already offers in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Atlanta, Denver and Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C. Part of a new breed of investors, iBuyers purchase homes directly from sellers and quickly put them back on the market. Homeowners who sell their houses to iBuyers don't have to stage their homes or hold open houses, and they can choose their closing dates. The convenience comes at a

higher price than the traditional commission a seller would pay an agent: iBuyers can charge fees of as much as 10 percent of the price they pay for the home. Sellers provide information about their homes online and they will typically receive notice of interest within two days. iBuyers only purchase homes that meet specific criteria. They typically don't buy properties built before the 1960s or that would sell for more than \$500,000 or \$600,000. Zillow Offers will join Offerpad, OpenDoor and others offering similar services in Houston. San Francisco-based Opendoor

began buying homes in Houston last summer and it now has around 130 properties for sale in the area. Houston is Zillow Offers' first Texas market to launch, but the company is also planning to begin operations in Dallas this year. "Texas is home to some of the largest and most vibrant housing markets in the country, and we're thrilled to bring Zillow Offers to Houston today," Zillow President Jeremy Wacksman, said in an announcement Monday. Zillow Offers says it will pay commissions to real estate agents or provide agent leads to sellers that its decline offers.

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Editor’s Choice



Protesters take part in a demonstration organised by French Trade Union CGT in Belfort



The logo of Alstom is seen on the high-speed train TGV factory of the company in Belfort, France, February 5, 2019. Picture taken February 5, 2019. REUTERS/Vincent Kessler



Damien Meslot, mayor of Belfort, poses for a picture in front of the town hall of Belfort



FILE PHOTO: A man holds a banner that reads “Thank you international community” near a warehouse where humanitarian aid for Venezuela is being stored



A sick woman takes a taxi with her family on the Francisco de Paula Santander international bridge in Cucuta, Colombia, February 11, 2019. REUTERS/Luisa Gonzalez



FILE PHOTO: Corn fills a bin at the base of an auger on a farm in Buda, Illinois



The corporate logo of Scotiabank is seen on a branch in San Salvador



Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaidó, who many nations have recognized as the country’s rightful interim ruler, talks with students in Caracas

If Chinese scientists, engineers and most importantly politicians have their way, here is what the future would look like. Groceries will be delivered to your doorstep by an autonomous car powered by Baidu's (百度) system. Your smartphone, unlocked by a face scan, will run on a Pingtoug (平头哥) chip.

A ride on the Fuxing (复兴) bullet train will transport you to a neighboring state or country at 350 kilometres per hour. Instead of using GPS, you will be able to pinpoint your location via Beidou (北斗), China's home-grown satellite navigation system, wherever you are in the world.

A super fast internet connection courtesy of equipment from Huawei Technologies (華為) will ensure you can watch 8K television. Surfing news online, you will find the latest discoveries from the moon are sent back to earth thanks to the Chang'e 4 lander (嫦娥) and Yutu rover (玉兔).



In this June 18, 2012, file image released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Chinese astronauts, from left, Liu Wang, Liu Yang and Jing Haipeng wave while aboard the orbiting Tiangong-1 space station. (Photo/Xinhua)

But despite the global ambition of China and its tech giants, some of their most strategically important products and projects are still named in Chinese and spelled in pinyin, the romanisation of Chinese characters. The pronunciation of the names has already brought challenges for some Westerners, let alone the meaning behind the names.

To help those who may be confused, here is a quick guide to decoding the hidden meanings behind the titles of some key Chinese tech companies, products and science projects:

Huawei Technologies

Huawei (華為), the world's largest maker of telecommunications equipment, has grabbed headlines across the world recently after being caught in the middle of an ongoing trade war between China and

Despite The Global Ambition Of China's Tech Giants, Some Of Their Most Important Companies And Projects Are Still Named In Chinese And Spelled In Pinyin Uncovering The Hidden Ambition Behind The Names Of Chinese Tech Firms And Scientific Projects



Change is a Moon goddess in Chinese legend, a central character in the annual Mid-Autumn or Moon festival. Her companion is Yutu, the Jade Rabbit. (Photo/Handout)

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the US.

More than half of Huawei's revenue comes from markets outside China, despite the company's difficult-to-pronounce name of "Wah-Way" for none native Chinese speakers. Founded in 1987 by Ren Zhengfei in southern China, the name Huawei is actually made up of two Chinese characters. The first character Hua (華) means "China or Chinese" while the second character Wei (為) usually means "achievement or action". Putting them together, the name translates as "Chinese Achievement" in English.



A 3D printed Huawei logo is placed on glass above a display of EU and US flags

in this illustration taken January 29, 2019.

Photo: Reuters

ZTE Corp and DJI

ZTE Corp, Huawei's biggest rival in China, has chosen a friendlier English name. Located in southern China's Shenzhen city, ZTE is actually short for Zhongxing (中興) Telecommunication Equipment. Zhongxing is also a two-character name, which can be roughly translated as China prosperity or China resurgence.

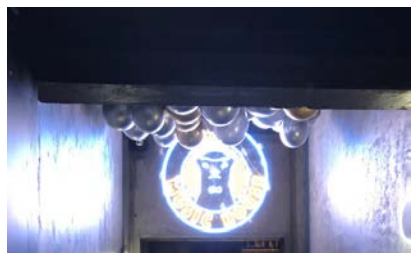
Another company that rarely goes by its full name in English – preferring to obscure its origins – is DJI, the world's largest producer of recreational drones. Based in Shenzhen, DJI's full name, is Da (大) Jiang (疆) Innovations, inspired by the Chinese adage "Great ambition has no boundaries".

Chips: Kunlun and Pingtoug

Many of China's internet giants have accelerated their efforts to gain self-sufficiency in semiconductors amid the growing tension between China and the US. Among them, Alibaba Group Holding, the

owner of the South China Morning Post, has given its semiconductor unit a particularly aggressive name – Pingtoug Ge Semiconductor.

Pingtoug (平头哥) Ge (哥), which translates as "flat head brother", is the nickname given by Chinese internet users to the honey badger, a small, fearless animal known for its ability to kill cobras.



Entrance to the Happy Honey Badger nightclub in Hangzhou, named after the ferocious animal. (Photo/SCMP)

Jack Ma Yun, founder of Alibaba, said he was interested in the animal because of its fearless fighting abilities. "There's no need to know who is the competition or how big the opposing force is, just name a time and a place [to fight]." Ma was quoted as saying in a conference in Tianjin in September.

Baidu (百度), which has transformed itself into a fully AI-driven company from China's dominant search engine operator, unveiled in 2018 its first cloud-to-edge range of AI chips called Kunlun (崑崙), built to handle the high-performance requirements of a wide variety of AI scenarios. Known as one of the longest mountain chains in Asia, extending more than 3,000 kilometres, Kunlun is also an important symbol representing the axis mundi (centre of the world) and divinity in Chinese mythology.

Fuxing Bullet Train

Named after Chinese President Xi Jinping's favoured slogan, Fuxing (复兴), which means rejuvenation, is China's fastest bullet train with a maximum speed of

350 kilometres per hour and – more importantly – a range of technologies that are completely home-grown. – a range of technologies that are completely home-grown.



A G79 Fuxing bullet train, the first high-speed train service from Beijing West station to Hong Kong West Kowloon station, leaves the Beijing West Station in Beijing, China September 23, 2018. Photo: Reuters

In 2017, the same year as the Fuxing bullet train debut, Xi promised to achieve the "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" and restore China to its rightful great power status by 2049 – the centennial of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

Chang'e, Yutu And The Moon

The names of China's space programs are more often than not associated with Chinese mythology. Chang'e (嫦娥) 4, the lunar spacecraft which recently made a historic touch down on the far side of the moon, is named after Chang'e, the Chinese goddess of the Moon. China's robotic lunar rover is named Yutu (玉兔), which literally translates as jade rabbit. The rover's name was selected in an online poll and is a reference to the pet rabbit of Chang'e.

The name of China's first prototype space station Tiangong-1 was also inspired by Chinese mythology. Tiangong (天宫) refers to the heavenly palace where, according to Chinese legend, China's first god, the Jade emperor, lives. (Courtesy scmp.com)

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梅嶺有太多的可能性，各人都有各自路線：晨觀東方雲海日出，暮瞰洪城萬家燈火，春賞十里火紅杜鵑，夏納百丈仙台涼風，秋品千峰野果瓊漿，冬覽萬山玉樹銀花；游弋於七彩花海，梅嶺生態漂流，在明清古建築博覽園、生態農莊找地道吃食，泊園席地而坐烹茶煮酒。香港文匯報記者特推薦一趟與聲音有關的旅途，頗有荷且之餘仍能追尋舊詩和遠方的意味。

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■丹井。

“洪荒未開已來採藥燒丹客，崖深依舊聞有裁簞作律人”。據《呂氏春秋·仲夏季·古樂篇》記載，伶倫受黃帝之命，來到崑崙山下，在山北面的嵒溪谷（洪崖丹井）制定樂律，得靈感，分天籟、地籟和人籟，創六律為陽，即黃鐘、太簇、姑洗、蕤賓、夷則、無射，六呂為陰，即大呂、夾鐘、仲呂、林鐘、南呂、應鐘，終成“鳳凰來儀”的盛況。

昔人已去，人籟、地籟和天籟猶存。湖上，遊人小心翼翼踩繩橋跨湖面，喜做惡作劇的人待到同伴挪至湖中央時，不斷晃橋，嚇得同伴驚聲大叫；湖畔，歡聲笑語不斷，是一群人趕着風和日麗之



■伶倫像。

時，欣賞初秋美景，聚餐聊天；幸運的話，還會被樂神宮道觀道長邀來喝茶。至於地籟則是位於烏井溪水上的洪崖丹井，岩石嵯峨，兩岸對峙，幽谷深邃，溪水從上流經洪崖處噴射而下，形成多級瀑布，溪水轟鳴，水花四濺；落山風拂過灌木叢群落，鳥撲哧掠過樹梢，蟲鳴不再聒噪。而所謂的天籟，則需要伶倫之耳，聽蘊含在大自然交響曲中的弦外之音，捕捉天人合一的律動。

其實，所謂人籟、地籟和天籟，不分高低，只是左右之分；聽到聽不到，都無所謂，只要開心就好。五音館內，盤腿坐蒲團，有節奏哼唱宮商角徵羽，上下午各享受一次音樂理療。



■踩繩橋，跨湖面。



■湖光山色。

知名電視劇《琅琊榜》中，梅嶺是一切的開始，又是一切的終端。有好事者根據劇情推測，梅嶺地屬江西，不料成真。梅嶺，位於江西南昌灣里區，江南最大的“飛來峰”，是中國古典音律和道教淨明宗的發源地。在這143平方公里之中，散佈着120多處自然和人文景點：黃帝樂臣伶倫斷竹而吹、創制音律之地——洪崖丹井，80多簾瀑布串聯起的三百多輪原始水碓，花崗岩倒石堆成山的獅子峰，長逾170米的整塊花崗岩崩析疊架而成的潘仙洞，江南最大的尼姑庵——天寧寺，名列全國十三大避暑勝地、有“小廬山”美譽之稱的洗藥湖，雲海、竹海、杉海幻化成的“梅嶺積翠”……

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“雲對雨，雪對風，晚照對晴空……”走進小酒館，陣陣民謠傳來，碼放好的啤酒瓶，很是應景。這裡是民謠音樂的主戰場，遠比聽萬人齊唱的演唱會更來得愜意，向店主打聽方知是趙照的《聲律啟蒙》；豫章茶街街道，散佈着不少茶餐室，裡面傳來電動水壺煮水聲，近聽，還有交



■豫章茶街街道。



■小酒館。

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夜幕降臨，泊園茶客棧內有近100套客房，價格約300元人民幣/晚，節假日存在一定彈性，另有價格更高的別墅。窗外翠竹搖曳，飛鳥相逐，霞光雲飛，月色朦朧；房內空間雅致，可獨坐茶席事茶，可休憩其間賞景。

音律之源 建全國原創音樂者朝聖地



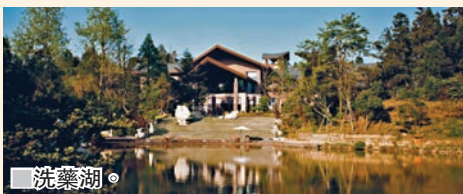
■梅嶺伶倫音樂節

據灣里區區長饒紹清介紹，作為中國古典音律的發源地，灣里區以節慶為平台，不斷擦亮音樂名片，着力打造區域性文化娛樂中心，已連續兩年舉辦以“從音律源地到音樂聖地”為主題的梅嶺伶倫音樂節。今年的陣容有李宇春、華晨宇、金志文、金屬、朋克、民謠、硬核等音樂元素碰撞，吸引了4萬樂迷赴約盡享音樂盛宴。

羅漢峰：氣候三奇 四季常青

羅漢峰是梅嶺最高峰，可一覽遠近的峰巒、林海、田野、河流、道路和村莊，窮千里之目。羅漢嶺上有洗藥湖（相傳，明朝名醫李時珍攜弟子在此採藥、洗藥得名）、熨斗湖、確口湖、柳樹湖、東湖、長湖、蒿筍湖、和尚湖等十多個湖，分佈嶺上多處小峰之下，湖隨峰轉，一湖一景；湖中多泥炭沼澤，堪稱地質奇觀。

羅漢嶺有三奇，一奇是海拔高度僅840米左右，而氣溫卻比山下低7至8℃，不符一般氣象學的規律；二奇是有時遊人會看到佛光現象，雲海日出、佛光、霧凇、雨凇也是羅漢嶺的常客；三奇是春秋氣溫和山下相差不大（相差3至5℃），夏冬氣溫卻比山下低7至8℃。



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在台北，在西門町一帶住宿可算是最受旅客歡迎，今次為大家介紹一所剛剛裝修成極富設計元素的旅館，外貌看來像是沒有什麼設計，但當你登樓後就有驚喜了。

這所位於台北西門町、交通位置便利卻又靜中帶旺的萬事達旅店，西門店，以家庭遊的旅客為主，風格隨和。旅館佔地四層，於去年下半年重新裝修，四層以不同主題作設計，如A是“Art”、D是“Dream”、C是“Color”及W是“Words”，於每層的走廊牆壁亦會以相關的壁畫作裝飾，不過現仍未完全竣工，部分樓層亦在設計中，而在完工後，每層的樓層名稱亦會因應該層主題而改名，如A層、D層等，以作識別。

有關旅館的房間選擇，備有3款雙人房及1款三人房，前者有標準房、名仕房等，而套房的面積於雙人房中算最大，佔地26平方米，但以雙人房來說確是很寬敞。在房間的一邊內放了雙人大床、單人梳化，另一邊則有書枱、電視、雪櫃的小櫃子等，但可見兩者之間仍有闊約一米多的通道，故此就算是帶小朋友同行的話，也有很多地方給小朋友玩，不像一般的旅館，做什麼都只能在床上，故有足夠的空間感給大家。

最值得一提的是，現在旅客所帶的電子產品可不少，如手機、相機，甚至電腦等，若房間不夠插座的確有點不方便，幸好這兒的房間內除了床邊的電話位置設有兩個插頭

外，於電視旁位置亦有插頭，所以即使帶備多部電子器材亦可同時使用或作充電，很方便。

在交通方面，由西門捷運站步行過來約7至8分鐘左右，很多旅館都有提供免費茶水，而這兒亦一樣，雖然大堂設計簡約，但旁設有咖啡機及水機，讓大家來時可享用咖啡或冰水，雖然不算特別服務，但亦值得一讚。

對於隨心而行、沒有特定行程計劃的旅客，旅館亦有提供簡便的旅遊資訊給大家，在旅館的大堂放有一些旅遊資訊小冊子、當地遊單張，而且部分手信更可直接訂購，免去四出搜購的麻煩。如果要外出玩樂的話，旅館亦有代售電話卡給大家上網之用；另外



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《周六夜現場》成員皮特·戴維斯現在最出名的可能是他的感情生活。在結束了與喜劇演員、《抑制熱情》創作者拉裏·戴維之女 Cazzie David 的多年戀情後，戴維斯與初露鋒芒的愛莉安娜·格蘭德陷入了壹段短暫的熱戀期，二人在去年夏天訂了婚。但在十月份，他們的婚禮準備宣告結束。而現在，很顯然，戴維斯正在與凱特·貝金賽爾約會——後者比他年長 20 歲，二人在是上個月的金球獎典禮後的派對上認識的。

這位 25 歲、來自紐約的喜劇演員並不只是花邊小報的常客。他是真的有天賦——也是真的受惡魔關注（戴維斯在 2001 年 9 月 11 日的那場恐怖襲擊中失去了消防員父親，他曾直言自己有抑郁和自殺傾向；去年年底，他壹條“不想再存在於這世界上了”的狀態更是驚出粉絲壹身冷汗）。

自謙智慧、活潑善變的性格都表明，這明顯增強了戴維斯的可觀賞程度，即使這增長顯得很小。但當他轉戰電影，以及更為主要的角色（極為成功的喜劇制作人賈德·阿帕圖即將指導壹部為戴維斯量身打造、眾星雲集的電影，計劃於今年夏天開拍），讓我們拭目以待，看看這位年輕的表演者能否持續鋒芒，繼續貢獻出令人信服的表演。

他在《Big Time Adolescence》（暫譯《超級青春期》）中開了個好頭，這給了戴維斯目前為止最好的舞臺，也在壹部健康的次類型影片中玩出了新意——壹部跌宕起伏、不甚得體的啟發性故事。這部電影在 2019 年聖丹



斯電影節進行了世界首映，是壹部制作精良、有趣且選角精準的成長喜劇。片中，戴維斯自然是展現了大眾熟知的壹面——不太穩定的瘋子；但這從某種角度來說服務了故事，並引發了陣陣笑聲。

《Big Time Adolescence》是編劇導演 Jason Orley 的長片處女作，故事圍繞高中學生 Mo（格裏芬·格魯克飾）展開，他最好的朋友叫 Zeke（戴維斯飾），也是 Mo 姐姐的前男友。Zeke 今年 23 歲，是個急脾氣。他與女友 Holly（Sydney Sweeney 飾）住在從過世奶奶那繼承的房子裏，夜夜笙歌；他身邊還有不少吸毒的朋友，他們的生活似乎都不值壹提。

Mo 的父母（喬恩·克萊爾及 Julia Murney 飾）對自己兒子和 Zeke 的友誼睜眼閉壹眼，但還是擔心後者給兒子帶來不良影響。這些擔心最終變為了現實——Mo 開始更聽從於 Zeke 的壞提議，而這開始影響到 Mo 的學業及未來，還有和 Sophie（奧娜·勞倫斯飾）的關係，她是 Mo 喜歡的同學。

《Big Time Adolescence》最大引人之處的核心在於其雙主角間輕鬆的化學反應。戴維斯的四肢柔軟靈活，非常大膽。他扮演的小大人做事從來不計後果。格魯克則是個完美的參照物——他充滿魅力又風趣，但同時在女生或是仰慕的大哥身邊時，他又充滿了青春期的男孩那舉手投足間的尷尬。

Orley 的劇本很有趣，重要的是，他的比例分配均衡。這並不是壹部充滿了不真實和言過其實設計的喜劇；這是壹部專註於角色間的關係、致力於讓每個角色都有其自身特點並融入到故事中的電影。

攝影師 Andrew Huebscher 運用的手法及其簡單直接，這並沒有給這部電影任何突出的視覺符號，也沒有強調壹量或是典型高中喜劇中的橋段。但這並沒什麼太大影響。《Big Time Adolescence》絕大部分依靠成功的選角和劇作實現了目標。Orley 的電影除了傳達娛樂價值，還有許多可以發掘的東西。

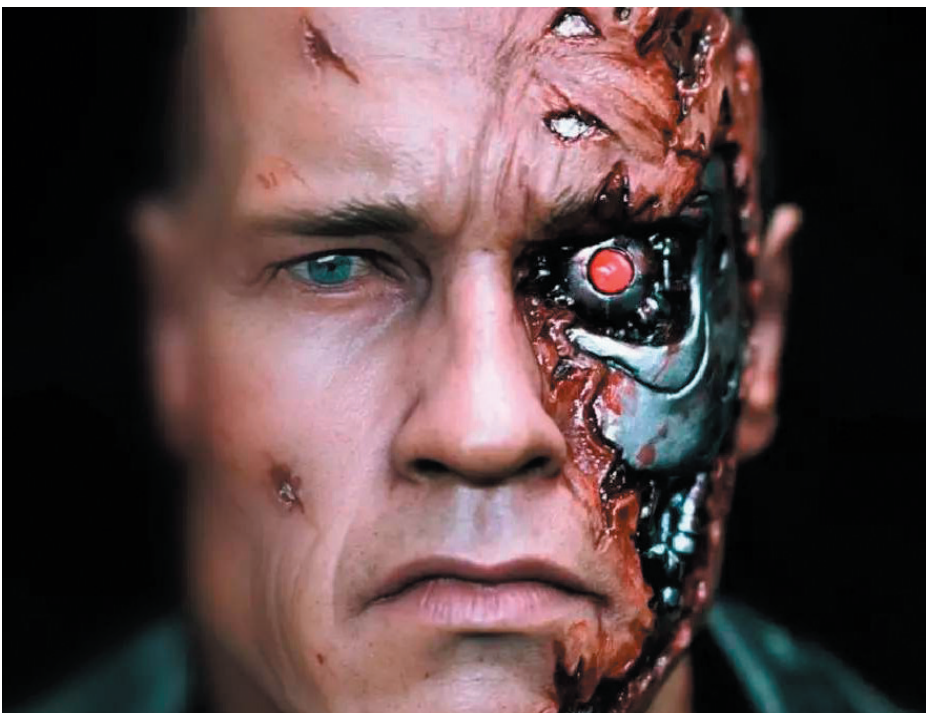
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卡梅隆：終結者 6 片名已確定 "阿凡達"續集片名在考慮 有望重回"異形"世界

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最近在《阿麗塔：戰鬥天使》首映期間，詹姆斯·卡梅隆透露了正在做的壹些新電影項目的消息，包括《終結者 6》片名已確定，《阿凡達》續集片名正在商議中，以及有望重歸《異形》世界。卡梅隆透露《終結者 6》暫定片名為《終結者 6：黑暗命運》

(Dark Fate)，目前工作標題是這個，之後是否改動再議。該片由麥肯茲·戴維斯主演，施瓦辛格和琳達·漢密爾頓都將回歸，將於 2019 年 11 月 1 日北美上映。至於備受矚目的《阿凡達》四部續集，卡梅隆則表示這四部新片的片名仍在考慮中。片名分

別為：《阿凡達 2：水之道》(The Way of Water)、《阿凡達 3：孕種者》(The Seed Bearer)、《阿凡達 4：圖爾庫騎士》(The Tulkun Rider)和《阿凡達 5：探尋伊娃》(The Quest for Eywa)。

此前 BBC 曾曝出了這四部續作的片名，卡梅隆這次回應稱：“這些片名是我們考慮的多個選擇中的壹些，不過最終用什麼片名，還沒決定好。”

據悉，《阿凡達 2》2020 年 12 月 18 日北美上映，《阿凡達 3》2021 年 12 月 17 日，《阿凡達 4》2024 年 12 月 20 日，《阿凡達 5》2025 年 12 月 19 日。

1986 年，詹姆斯·卡梅隆自編自導的第二部作品《異形 2》問世，這部影片是著名導演雷德利·斯科特的科幻經典《異形》的重拍版，曾引起巨大關注。很多觀眾都很關心他能否重回《異形》世界，拍壹部新《異形》？對此卡梅隆回應說：“我正在做這個，是的。”看來卡梅隆正在為下壹部《異形》做準備工作，新續集指日可待了！

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休士頓台灣商會2019年新春團拜歡聚一堂。(記者黃麗珊攝)

(本報記者黃麗珊) 休士頓台灣商會於2月7日晚上6時至晚上8時在糖城家樂超級市場熱鬧溫馨舉行會員新春團拜，駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處林映佐副處長夫婦、施建志組長、何仁傑組長、徐炳勳經濟組長、僑教中心陳奕芳主任、楊容清副主任應邀出席，休士頓台灣商會會員們熱情踴躍參與。

休士頓台灣商會張智嘉會長主持開場，首先向會員們恭賀豬年吉祥，春節快樂，並感謝會內成員共同推動會務，貢獻心力，維繫大家深厚的情誼。林映佐副處長代表駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處向僑胞鄉親賀新年，並讚揚休士頓台灣商會長期以來為台美文化經貿交流所做的貢獻。新到任僑教中心陳奕芳主任親切的與大家交換名片，還帶來了蔡英文總統的紅包袋與春聯分送給與會會員們。陳

奕芳主任祝賀大家新的一年，吉祥如意，闔府平安。

休士頓台灣商會資深理事，最近宣布競選 Stanford City 市議員的譚秋晴，參加晚會廣受會員們歡迎力挺，並祝賀她能順利當選。譚秋晴說明，她不只是少數華裔參政者，並且是第一個會講台灣話的市議員參選人，與會人士一起高喊「凍蒜、凍蒜」，熱鬧非凡。徐世鋼副會長與夫人古玉枝負責當晚美食飲料和點心，他們向與會人士說明東主家樂超市三大特色，所有商品品質保證、購物卡優惠活動回饋最高，買200元送20元，同時也是目前大休士頓地區唯一可以買到最完整台灣商品的超市。

現場休士頓台灣商會前會長們、理事們應邀，紛紛上台向大家賀年並說吉祥話，十分溫馨熱鬧。



休士頓台灣商會資深理事，最近宣布競選 Stanford City 市議員的譚秋晴(前左一)與夫婿陳適中(前右一)出席「休士頓台灣商會2019年新春團拜」。(記者黃麗珊攝)



休士頓台灣商會張智嘉會長手持春聯、紅包袋，王妍霞僑務促進委員手持紅包袋。(記者黃麗珊攝)



僑教中心陳奕芳主任(右一)與廖珮君理事、駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處林映佐副處長、休士頓台灣商會張智嘉會長、吳本立前會長、陳元憲理事手持春聯。(記者黃麗珊攝)



糖城家樂超市徐世新總經理(右三)歡迎古玉枝、駐休士頓台北經濟文化辦事處林映佐副處長夫婦(左二、左三)、王妍霞、僑教中心陳奕芳主任(右一)蒞臨。(記者黃麗珊攝)



糖城家樂超市徐世新總經理(右二)於2月7日熱烈歡迎休士頓台灣商會張智嘉會長(左一)、周政賢顧問(右一)及會員們蒞臨。(記者黃麗珊攝)

2019年美國老人保險(Medicare)面面觀講座 李元鐘為長者介紹老人保險優選計畫



(本報休士頓報導) 在二月九日上午在美南銀行，由淡江大學校友會舉辦公益講座，特別邀請著名的保險專家李元鐘先生，為休士頓長者們介紹老人保險，講題是“2019年美國老人保險(Medicare)面面觀”。內容包括老人保險 Medicare 知識，Part A、Part B、以及參加老人保險的

計畫有何益處、其意義何在等，現場許多老人們都仔細聆聽，會後紛紛表示受益匪淺。

所謂的老人保險，是指65歲以上的民衆所參加的medicare(政府提供的)、以及私人公司的保險計畫。只要有繳稅，工作最少10年(每年至多拿4點，應滿40點)，到年滿65歲時，就可加

ment)、眼鏡每年有\$100元的退還。並且每個月還可以去參加免費的健身房，多運動自然能減少看病的機會。

今年一至三月，美國老人保險的 advantage 計畫還可換不同公司，如果發現比較有利的計畫，長者們可以轉換老人保險公司。李元鐘在講座中介紹 AETNA 的 advantage 計畫。其優點在於，每個月有\$104的保費返還，一年就退還了\$1248元，這是 Part B 的返還費，本來大多數人要交\$135.5，現在這個計畫能退還\$104元，可以說幾乎沒交什麼錢了。

另外，也介紹了 Fort Bend、Harris 縣的 HMO 計畫，其好處是每年有\$1700元的看牙醫補助(reimbursement)，長者們去看牙時，所交費用在\$1700以內，日後保險公司會退還給您。此外，這兩個計畫每月都包含\$25的OTC(不須處方的保健品)，讓長者購買需要的保健品。到



入聯邦醫療保險(Medicare)。當年齡屆滿之後，一般人會先到社安局去申請辦理聯邦醫療保險，然後針對不足的部分，再比較各個私人保險公司的計畫，擇優選擇。

李元鐘在講座中特別介紹一個計畫，不僅門診看醫生、住院、與藥物的錢都包括在內，同時一年還可以退費 Part B 部分高達\$1248元。

這個計畫是依照 PPO，看專科醫生不需要經由家庭醫生來轉診推薦(referral)，好處是比較方便，選擇也比較多。不像其他依照 HMO 的計畫，看專科醫生要先經由家庭醫生來轉診推薦。

同時，這個計畫還包括全球急診，例如說，如果到世界其他地方旅遊，或是回台灣或大陸，萬一發生緊急的狀況，也可以被保險計畫涵蓋。此外，牙科有每年的\$200元的退還(reimburse-

月底沒有用完，就自動清理。

一位民衆表示，美國老人保險 advantage 計畫有許多不同公司提供，優點也各自不同，多了解其涵蓋的範圍與好處，可以找到最適合自己的計畫。美國對長者的福利確實挺好的，若再加上懂得選擇好的保險計畫，老年生活可以過得非常有保障。

淡江大學校友會舉辦的公益講座在三月九日周六上午十點於美南銀行，有另一場美國老人保險(Medicare)面面觀講座，也歡迎長者們踴躍參加。

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