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Amazon invites Ocasio-Cortez for tour, calls worker claims untrue

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A senior Amazon.com Inc executive on Friday disputed claims raised by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez that Amazon workers face "dehumanizing conditions" as being untrue and invited her to take a tour of company facilities.

Ocasio-Cortez, a newly elected progressive Democrat who was an outspoken critic of the plans to locate Amazon's second headquarters in a New York City neighborhood near her congressional district, asked on Twitter if Amazon's culture of "strict performance" is "why Amazon workers have to urinate in bottles & work while on food stamps to meet 'targets'?" Performance shouldn't come at the cost of dehumanizing conditions."

She cited a September Newsweek story that raised those claims. Dave Clark, Amazon's senior vice president of worldwide operations, responded on Twitter that the claims "simply aren't true. We are proud of our jobs with excellent pay (\$15 min), benefits from day 1, & lots of other benefits like our Career Choice pre-paid educational programs." He invited her to take a tour of Amazon's operations.

A spokesman for Ocasio-Cortez did not respond to a request for comment.

Ocasio-Cortez was among progressive New York Democrats who had objected to the \$2.8 billion in incentives from the city and New York state to woo Amazon to build a new headquarters in the city's borough of Queens. Amazon abruptly canceled the plan on Thursday

"When the community wanted to negotiate, Amazon said 'all or nothing.' They bailed when they didn't get 100% of what they wanted," Ocasio-Cortez tweeted. "Google came into NYC just fine. Amazon wanted to be Foxconn."

Taiwan-based Foxconn Technology Co won \$4 billion in state and local incentives from Wisconsin in exchange for a promise to build a \$10 billion development.

Earlier this month, Foxconn said it would still build a factory in Wisconsin even as it shifts more of the focus of the investment away from manufacturing. Reuters reported Foxconn was reconsidering making liquid crystal display panels and intended to hire mostly engineers and researchers there.



U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez speaks during a news conference for a proposed "Green New Deal" at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



U.S. military not decided yet on necessity of border wall

ABOARD A U.S. MILITARY AIRCRAFT (Reuters) - Acting U.S. Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan said on Saturday he had not yet determined whether a border wall with Mexico was a military necessity or how much Pentagon money would be used.

President Donald Trump on Friday declared a national emergency in a bid to fund his promised wall at the U.S.-Mexico border without congressional approval.

By declaring a national emergency, Trump can use certain Department of Defense funding to build the wall.

According to the law, the defense secretary has to decide whether the wall is militarily necessary before money from the military construction budget can be used.

"We always anticipated that this would create a lot of attention and since moneys potentially could be redirected, you can imagine the concern this generates," Shanahan told reporters traveling back with him from his trip to Afghanistan, the Middle East and Europe

"Very deliberately, we have not made any decisions, we have identified the steps we would take to make

those decisions," Shanahan said.

He added that military planners had done the initial analysis and he would start reviewing it on Sunday.

Officials have said that the administration had found nearly \$7 billion to reallocate to the wall, including about \$3.6 billion from the military construction budget and \$2.5 billion from a Defense Department drug interdiction fund.

A U.S. defense official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Shanahan would meet with the service secretaries in the coming days to pick which specific projects the money should come from. The official said that based on the initial analysis, Shanahan was likely to approve the \$3.6 billion being redirected from the military construction budget.

Shanahan said that planners had identified the different sources of money that could be used, but he had not decided specifically what projects it would impact and ultimately it was his decision.

"I am not required to do anything," he said.

Shanahan said he did not expect to take money away from projects like military housing.

Poor standards of military housing were highlighted by recent Reuters reporting, which described rampant mold and pest infestations, childhood lead poisoning, and service families often powerless to challenge private landlords in business with their military employers.

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Uber posts \$50 billion in annual bookings as profit remains elusive ahead of IPO

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Uber Technologies Inc had \$50 billion in total bookings for its ride-service and food-delivery businesses last year, a testament to the size and global reach of the company as it prepares to woo investors in one of the biggest public stock listings to date. But figures released by the company on Friday showed revenue grew just 2 percent in the fourth quarter, a sign that Uber continues to heavily subsidize rides in competitive markets, raising questions about its future growth prospects. Uber's full-year revenue for 2018 was \$11.3 billion, up 43 percent from the prior year. Its losses before taxes, depreciation and other expenses were \$1.8 billion, an improvement over the \$2.2 billion loss posted in 2017. Uber highlighted the annual bookings figure, which was up 45 percent over 2017, in its release on Friday of a smattering of selected figures for its fourth-quarter and full-year results, a practice it has had for the last several quarters as it anticipated going public. The full-year figures are particularly important to show potential investors the trajectory of the business, as opposed to Uber's more erratic quarterly results. Uber in December filed confidentially for an initial public offering, which may come as early as the second quarter this year. It is racing neck-and-neck with rival Lyft to become the first ride-hailing IPO. "Last year was our strongest yet, and Q4 set another record," Uber Chief Financial Officer Nelson Chai said in a statement.

Uber said gross bookings for the fourth quarter were a record \$14.2 billion, up 11 percent from the prior quarter. That marks an improvement after bookings growth slowed to just single-digit percentages throughout much of last year.

Uber's revenue in the fourth quarter reached \$3

billion, up 2 percent from the third quarter and a 24 percent increase over the previous year

INTENSE COMPETITION
The food-delivery service, Uber Eats, accounts for more than \$2.5 billion in bookings quarterly, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. Uber has trumpeted Uber Eats as the largest online food delivery business outside of China.

Uber must convince public market investors that its market share, growth trajectory, global scale and diversity of businesses make it a compelling investment, despite its enormous losses.

"Uber needs to show it can control costs and can make money, basically provide a strong argument that its business model is not broken and that it can achieve and sustain profitability despite issues with drivers, customers and politicians," said David Brophy, professor of finance at the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business.

Ongoing intense competition with ride-hailing foes across the globe has kept Uber in the red. Rivalries in India with ride service Ola, in Latin America with Didi Chuxing and in the Middle East with Careem have pressured Uber to lower prices, raise driver commissions and invest heavily in marketing and recruiting. Uber has held talks with Careem since the middle of last year about a potential merger, but the companies have not reached an agreement.

Lyft's strategy to compete with Uber on IPO. Uber Eats is also battling a crowded food-delivery industry, forcing it to adopt discounting tactics to compete with companies like food-delivery startup DoorDash, which is in the pro-



FILE PHOTO: Uber's logo is displayed on a mobile phone in London, Britain, September 14, 2018. REUTERS/Hannah Mckay/File Photo

cess of raising \$500 million from investors at a \$6 billion valuation, and restaurant and grocery delivery company Postmates, which filed for an IPO this month.

Uber has no plans to slow investment in Uber Eats or other costly areas such as autonomous car development to show profit any time soon. The company's losses before interest, taxes and depreciation spiked in the fourth quarter to \$940 million, a 43 percent jump over the previous quarter and 21 percent increase from 2017.

"I believe investors will forgive even higher fourth-quarter losses if there's evidence of

significant topline growth," said Arun Sundararajan, a professor of business at New York University Stern School of Business.

But, he said, Uber's business still represents a fraction of global consumer spending on transportation, and "evidence that Uber is making significant inroads into changing behaviors" is critical to its long-term success. ing was treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

At least two of the five police officers wounded by gunfire remained in hospital on Saturday in stable condition,

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People gather while waiting to buy water in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, February 16, 2019. REUTERS/Ivan Alvarado



Family and friends carry the coffin of Emiliano Sala, soccer player who died in a plane crash in the English Channel, while a crowd attends his wake in Progreso



People gather while waiting to buy fuel in Port-au-Prince



U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Markey hold a news conference for their proposed “Green New Deal” to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions in 10 years, at the U.S. Capitol in Washington



Colombian and Venezuelan supporters of Venezuela’s President Nicolas Maduro participate in an “abrazaton” (big hug) for the peace in San Antonio del Tachira



People watch a water parade marking the beginning of carnival season, along the Rio di Cannaregio canal in Venice



Cardiff City CEO Ken Choo attends Emiliano Sala’s wake in Progreso, Argentina February 16, 2019. REUTERS/Sebastian Granata NO RESALES. NO ARCHIVES.



Angela Shanelec poses with Silver Bear for Best Director, after the awards ceremony at the 69th Berlinale International Film Festival in Berlin, Germany, February 16, 2019. Christoph Soeder/Pool via Reuters

Bill Represents Greatest Proposed Change In Property Tax Law
In 40 Years – A Huge Step For Taxpayer Property Tax Relief
Texas State Senate Committee on Property Tax Passes SB2-
The Texas Property Tax Reform and Relief Act Of 2019
Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor



SB2 has passed from the Senate Committee on Property Tax with a 4-0-1 vote with 2.5% ‘voter approved rate’ limit and automatic election for taxpayers. The legislation will now head to the full Texas Senate for consideration. The fight for the bill has been led by Senator Paul David Bettencourt the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Speaker and Chairman Burrows in the Texas House. Bettencourt succeeded state Senator Dan Patrick of Houston On January 13, 2015. Patrick successfully ran for Lieutenant Governor of Texas. SB2 passed from the Senate Committee on Property Tax with a 4-0-1 vote with 2.5% ‘voter approved rate’ limit and automatic election for taxpayers. SB2 would reduce how much cities, counties and other taxing entities can increase property taxes without the option of an election from eight percent to 2.5 percent. That rate is known as the rollback rate. The bill would also trigger an automatic election if an entity wants to increase the rate by more than 2.5 percent. Currently, if an entity increases taxes by more than the rollback rate, voters have a right to petition for an election.



Senator Paul David Bettencourt (left) and Dan Patrick Lieutenant Governor of Texas (right). Before voting SB2 out of committee, the senators approved 15 amendments, most of which were administrative. One amendment would get rid of the term “rollback rate” itself. Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston), who is the author of SB2 and chair of the Senate Committee on Property Taxes, said most people don’t know what the term means. So under the bill, the rate would be called the “voter-approved rate.” Bettencourt said this made sense considering voters would have to approve any rate more than 2.5 percent. Another amendment would allow voters in smaller communities to opt into the change in rate. As the bill is written now,

the 2.5-percent cap only applies to taxing entities that collect more than \$15 million a year. Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa (D-McAllen), the lone Democrat on the committee, countered by asking if larger communities would be able to opt out of the 2.5 percent. Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) argued the bill already allows larger cities to opt out because voters can approve a higher rate. More than 100 people testified on the bill which now heads to the full Texas Senate for consideration. According to Bettencourt, “The testimony was clear as ordinary Texans turned out from across the state to testify for property tax reform and relief.



The Texas State Capitol Building in Austin.

“In fact, our major amendment, allowing Texans to opt-in to vote for a lower ‘rollback rate,’ now known as the ‘voter approved rate,’ was requested by many from rural and smaller towns across Texas as that testified. In fact, no private citizen testified against SB2, only those who were elected officials or taxpayer funded lobbyists spoke against,” Bettencourt said. As an example of those who could benefit from the bill, Bettencourt used fellow Sen. Pete Flores’ experience. “Sen. Flores’ escrow account went up \$900 per month because of higher taxes, even he worries he can’t keep his home because of rising property taxes,” Bettencourt said. Flores is a freshman Republican senator from Pleasanton, south of San Antonio. He is not a committee member. Before a 4-0 vote — with one “present” vote from Sen. Juan Hinoosa — members of the committee approved 15 amendments to SB2, which were mostly technical corrections.

Among the items in the nearly 100-page bill are provisions relating to transparency, appraisal review board requirements and automatic triggers for rollback elections. The proposed rollback rate is 2.5 percent, which will require voter permission to set a tax rate increase that exceeds that number. An amendment to the bill would change the name of “rollback rate” to “voter-approved rate” to help taxpayers better understand what it means. One amendment would allow smaller entities to hold elections to determine if voters want to put the limits on their governments. If a city or village collects less than \$15 million in combined sales and property tax revenue, voters would be asked whether they want the taxing authority to fall under the provisions of SB 2. Making its way through the House and currently in the House Ways and Means Committee is the identical HB 2, sponsored by State Rep. Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock). Shown below is the report from the Texas State Senate Committee on Property Tax

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Senate Committee on Property Tax Takes Huge Step for Property Tax Relief for Taxpayers

SB2 passed from committee with a 4-0-1 vote with 2.5% voter approved tax rate limit and automatic election for taxpayers. Greatest proposed change in property tax law in 40 years per testimony.

Austin - Chair Bettencourt announces SB2, the 2019 Property Tax Reform and Relief Act passed out of the Senate Property Tax Committee by vote of 4 to 0 with one present not voting. Today's action occurs after a very successful Senate Property Tax hearing, on Wednesday February 6th, where 110 people from all over the state testified on the bill. ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#))

"The testimony was clear as ordinary Texans turned out from across the state to testify for property tax reform and relief. The Committee listened. In fact, our major amendment, allowing Texans to opt-in to vote for a lower 'rollback rate,' now known as the 'voter approved rate,' was requested by many from rural and smaller towns across Texas that testified. In fact, no private citizen testified against SB2 only those who were elected officials, or taxpayer funded lobbyists spoke against," Chairman Bettencourt stated.

Today's hearing was conducted by Committee Vice-Chair, Senator Angela Paxton (R-McKinney), who presided over the inclusion of fifteen amendments into the committee substitute of SB2 that was voted out today. Senator Paxton commented on Chairman Bettencourt's comments, **"there are many permutations that could result in significant property tax relief."** She remarked, **"as a former math teacher (and a BS in mathematical sciences from Baylor University,) not only are there many permutations, but many combinations as well."**

The Senate Committee on Property Tax looks forward to our House colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee and Chairman Dustin Burrows (R-Lubbock) taking up the debate along with the House Public Education Chair, Dan Huberty (R-Kingwood), and Senate Education Chair, Larry Taylor's (R-Friendswood), with the anticipated forthcoming roll out of the School Finance Reform Bill. **"Taxpayers have demanded a louder voice on this issue,"** said Senator Hancock (R-North Richland Hills). **"And as we reign in property tax growth we will see a significant increase in the percentage of state funding for public education, another top priorities for the 86th Legislature."**

Senator Creighton (R-Comroe) carried the amendment for smaller taxing units' citizens to be able to opt into the bill by a one time public vote. He said, **"This bill now allows the people control over their own tax rates in all jurisdictions by giving them an automatic stay at the polls. Today, we strengthened the bill by maintaining property tax reform options for all of Texas."**

Chairman Bettencourt noted that we are 35 days into the session and have 105 days to go. Chairman Bettencourt quipped, **"that this is like the first quarter of the football game"** and Senator Hinojosa (D-Corpus Christi) quipped back, that he was **"looking forward to halftime, so we can make some adjustments to the game plan,"** to great laughter by the audience. Future meetings of the Senate Property Tax Committee can be found at <https://senate.texas.gov/cmtc.php?c=586>.

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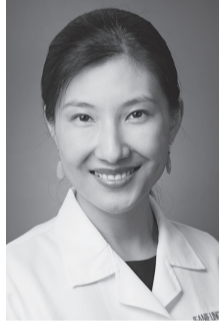
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JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon speaks at the 2015 Fortune Global Forum..

Engineers at JPMorgan Chase have created the “JPM Coin,” a digital token that will be used to instantly settle transactions between clients of its wholesale payments business.

Only a tiny fraction of payments will initially be transmitted using the cryptocurrency, but the trial represents the first real-world use of a digital coin by a major U.S. bank.

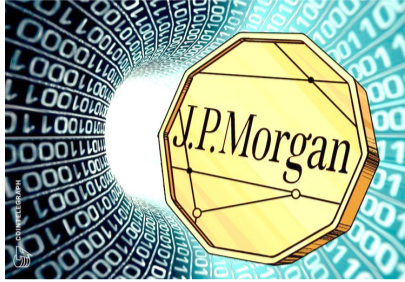
While J.P. Morgan’s Jamie Dimon has bashed bitcoin as a “fraud,” the bank chief and his managers have consistently said blockchain and regulated digital currencies held promise.

In a first for a major U.S. bank, JPMorgan Chase said on Thursday it would launch a cryptocurrency tied to the US dollar. The bank said the coin, called the “JPM Coin” is intended to “make instantaneous payments using blockchain technology.” JPMorgan’s chief executive officer, Jamie Dimon, said in late 2017 that bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency, was a “fraud.” He later regretted the comments. The lender moves more than \$6 trillion around the world every day for corporations in its massive wholesale payments business. In trials set to start in a few months, a tiny fraction of that will happen over something called “JPM Coin,” the digital token created by engineers at the New York-based bank to instantly settle payments between clients. J.P. Morgan is preparing for a future in which parts of the essential underpinning of global capitalism, from cross-border payments to corporate debt issuance, move to the blockchain. That’s the database technology made famous by its first application, bitcoin. But in order for that future to happen, the bank needed a way to transfer

JP Morgan Is Rolling Out The First U.S. Bank-Backed Cryptocurrency To Transform Payments Business

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

money at the dizzying speed that those smart contracts closed, rather than relying on old technology like wire transfers.



“So anything that currently exists in the world, as that moves onto the blockchain, this would be the payment leg for that transaction,” said Umar Farooq, head of J.P. Morgan’s blockchain projects. “The applications are frankly quite endless; anything where you have a distributed ledger which involves corporations or institutions can use this.” For some, J.P. Morgan’s new currency may come as an unexpected development for a technology that rose from the wreckage of the financial crisis and was supposed to disrupt the established banking world. When the international payments are tested, it will be one of the first real-world applications for a cryptocurrency in banking. The industry has mostly shunned the asset class as too risky. Last year, J.P. Morgan and two other lenders banned the purchase of bitcoins by credit card customers. And Goldman Sachs reportedly shelved plans to create a bitcoin trading desk after exploring the idea. Dimon bashed bitcoin Though holders of digital currencies may seize on the news that a major financial institution is issuing its own crypto as bullish for the asset class, retail investors will probably never get to own a JPM Coin. Unlike bitcoin, only big institutional clients of J.P. Morgan that have undergone regulatory checks, like corporations, banks and broker-dealers can use the tokens. There are other key differences between the bank’s crypto and bitcoin, which J.P. Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon has bashed as a fraud that won’t end well for its investors. (To be clear, he and his managers have consistently said that blockchain, as well as digital currencies that were regulated, hold

promise.)



Each JPM Coin is redeemable for a single U.S. dollar, so its value shouldn’t fluctuate, similar in concept to so-called stablecoins. Clients will be issued the coins after depositing dollars at the bank; after using the tokens for a payment or security purchase on the blockchain, the bank destroys the coins and gives clients back a commensurate number of dollars. Real-time settlement There are three early applications for the JPM Coin, according to Farooq. The first is for international payments for large corporate clients, which now typically happens using wire transfers between financial institutions on decades-old networks like Swift. Instead of sometimes taking more than a day to settle because institutions have cut-off times for transactions and countries operate on different systems, the payments will settle in real time, and at any time of day, he said. The second is for securities transactions. In April, J.P. Morgan tested a debt issuance on the blockchain, creating a virtual simulation of a \$150 million certificate of deposit for a Canadian bank. Rather than relying on wires to buy the issuance — resulting in a time gap between settling the transaction and being paid for it — institutional investors can use the J.P. Morgan token, resulting in instant settlements. The final use would be for huge corporations that use J.P. Morgan’s treasury services business to replace the dollars they hold in subsidiaries across the world. Unseen by retail customers, the business handles a significant chunk of the world’s regulated money flows for companies from Honeywell International to Facebook, moving dollars for activities like employee and supplier payments. It generated \$9 billion in revenue last year for the bank. “Money sloshes back and forth all over the world in a large enterprise,” Farooq said. “Is there a way to ensure that a subsidiary can represent cash on the balance sheet without having to actually wire it to the unit? That way, they can

consolidate their money and probably get better rates for it.” Looking further out, the JPM Coin could be used for payments on internet-connected devices if that use for blockchain catches on, Farooq said. J.P. Morgan is betting that its first-mover status and large market share in corporate payments — it banks 80 percent of the companies in the Fortune 500 — will give its technology a good chance of getting adopted, even if other banks create their own coins. “Pretty much every big corporation is our client, and most of the major banks in the world are, too,” Farooq said. “Even if this was limited to JPM clients at the institutional level, it shouldn’t hold us back.” (Courtesy cnbc.com) Related Say Hello To The JPM Coin The JPM Coin is the first cryptocurrency to be rolled out by a major U.S. bank. How will it be used? The new tokens, each of which represents a U.S. dollar, will help settle some payments between the bank’s clients. CNBC reports that the new digital coin will enter testing “in a few months.” It will facilitate a “tiny fraction” of its wholesale payments business. What’s the point? “Money sloshes back and forth all over the world in a large enterprise,” Umar Farooq, the head of JPMorgan’s blockchain projects, told CNBC. “Is there a way to ensure that a subsidiary can represent cash on the balance sheet without having to actually wire it to the unit? That way, they can consolidate their money and probably get better rates for it.” It also gives JPMorgan first-mover advantage. This will be one of the world’s first real-world crypto applications for banking, and the biggest move into the sector yet by an American lender. It also sets the bank up for a future in which crypto could be an integral part of the financial

sector. The bank has come a long way on crypto. Its C.E.O., Jamie Dimon, famously declared Bitcoin a “fraud” in 2017 and said he would fire any employee caught trading it. (He later regretted his comments and added that he believed in the value of blockchain, the technology behind cryptocurrencies.) JPMorgan, the largest bank in the US, said on Thursday that it had created and successfully tested a cryptocurrency this month. It marked an unprecedented move for a major US bank.



The bank said its digital currency, called “JPM Coin,” is based on blockchain technology and is intended to enable the “instantaneous transfer of payments between institutional accounts.” CNBC first reported the bank’s announcement on Thursday. JPMorgan said each JPM Coin has a value equivalent to one US dollar; digital currencies tied to fiat currencies have come to be known as “stable coins.” “When one client sends money to another over the blockchain, JPM Coins are transferred and instantaneously redeemed for the equivalent amount of U.S. dollars, reducing the typical settlement time,” Umar Farooq, the firm’s head of Digital Treasury Services and Blockchain, said in a release. The bank said that over time, JPM Coin will be “extended to other major currencies.” As for whether regulators support the coin, the bank said the cryptocurrency is “currently a prototype,” and as it moves toward production the firm will “actively engage our regulators to explain its design and solicit their feedback and any necessary approvals.” Jamie Dimon, the bank’s CEO, said in late 2017 that bitcoin, the largest cryptocurrency, was a “fraud.” Months later he said that he regretted the comments, but said he still wasn’t interested in bitcoin itself. The bank included its official stance on cryptocurrencies in its Thursday release: “We have always believed in the potential of blockchain technology and we are supportive of cryptocurrencies as long as they are properly controlled and regulated.” (Courtesy https://www.businessinsider.com)



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《瘋狂的外星人》破17億 沈騰雷佳音爭顏值擔當

2月13日，電影《瘋狂的外星人》上映九日票房突破17億，在情人節到來之際，電影官方發布“我養妳呀”正片片段及“神器”版海報。視頻中的耿浩（黃渤 飾）被好友大飛（沈騰 飾）壹句突如其來的“我養妳呀”表白而陷入沈思，在致敬銀幕經典的同時，也將兩人的情感關係推向了新高點，好笑又煽情，非常適合在情人節到來之際與伴侶或好友壹起再度重溫影片。此外，影片的新壹輪路演也行進至昆明與重慶兩地，導演寧浩與主演沈騰、雷佳音兵分兩路與影迷零距離互動，現場觀眾笑聲、掌聲不斷，氣氛爆棚。電影《瘋狂的外星人》由寧浩執導，黃渤、沈騰領銜主演，徐崢特別出演，於和偉、雷佳音、劉樺、鄧飛主演，影片正在全國各大院線火爆上映中，同時登陸全國約600家IMAX影院。

2月13日大年初九，由寧浩執導，黃渤、沈騰領銜主演，徐崢特別出演，於和偉、雷佳音、劉樺、鄧飛主演的電影《瘋狂的外星人》上映第九天票房破17億，並持續攀升，影片的排片比與上座率也依舊堅挺，影迷觀影熱情不減、積極二刷三刷影片，不斷發來新的好評。有二刷觀眾表示：“影片很純粹，黃渤、沈騰演技滿分，情節設計合理，有哲學思考也有文化支撐，寧浩作品向來引人思考，越看越有味。”還有影迷表示：“科幻片也能拍得如此接地氣估計只有中國了，黃渤、沈騰渾身都是笑點，外星人表情到位，徐崢功不可沒，老人孩子看的哈哈樂，熱熱鬧鬧的全家樂的電影。”

而影片新壹輪的路演也行進至昆明

與重慶兩地，導演寧浩來到昆明與當地影迷熱切互動，分享拍攝感悟。觀眾觀影過程中笑聲不斷，影片結束更報以熱烈的掌聲向導演表示敬意與感謝，壹位熱情的小觀眾現場對寧浩說：“希望妳繼續拍，因為妳拍的好。”對於影片中的人物塑造，寧浩導演現場表示更看重人物精神：“我希望創造鮮活的、符合民族性的人物，也只有擁有民族精神的小人物才能活下去，雖然他們處在底層的位置，但只要夠自信，都值得被尊重。”

而同為東北老鄉的沈騰與雷佳音則合體重慶路演現場，兩人同臺互動言語風趣詼諧，引發觀眾爆笑連連，堪比相聲專場。沈騰現場透露他在《黃金大劫案》的時候就去試過戲，雖不敵雷佳音與角色擦肩而過，但卻調侃稱：“副導演說是我年齡偏大了點，不是顏值的原因。”而雷佳音則自曝此次是主動請纓出演，笑稱：“我知道電影要拍的時候導演說男壹男二已經定了，這次警察的角色是我向導演硬爭取來的，因為我覺得壹部電影還是得需要壹個真正的顏值擔當吧。”此外，沈騰、雷佳音現場還收到小影迷親手繪畫的壹幅畫有影片中人物的畫作，並祝福電影票房大賣。

電影《瘋狂的外星人》自開畫以來，不僅收獲到許多影迷和觀眾們的如潮好評，也得到眾多業內電影人與影評人的認可，紛紛為導演寧浩堅持本土創作、敢於創新與打破常規的創作態度表示支持與力挺。導演文牧野發文評論稱：“寧導很懂中國，《瘋狂的外星人》撇開西方科幻的傳統套路，走出了壹條外殼和內核都很本土的新路子，很有意思。”

在情人節到來之際，電影《瘋狂的外星人》也曝光了壹段“我養妳呀”正片片段，視頻中的耿浩（黃渤?飾）被好友大飛（沈騰?飾）壹句突如其來的“我養妳呀”表白而陷入沈思，令人忍俊不禁。在致敬銀幕經典的同時，也將兩人多年積累的情感關係推向了壹個轉折點，是選擇與“鐵盜”大飛壹起逃出生天，還是冒險營救視如己出的猴子“歡歡”，讓耿浩身陷兩難。雖然耿浩決定“拋棄”大飛的選擇，讓兩人友情短暫決裂，但當耿浩在與外星人決戰處於危難之時，大飛不忘舊情挺身相救，也讓兩人關係和好如初。如此煽情又好笑的片段，也非常適合在情人節到來之際與好友或伴侶壹起再度重溫影片。

而在發布的“神器”版海報中，壹只握手槍姿勢舉起香蕉的手出現在海報正中，下面外星人探出半個腦袋，眼睛直勾勾的盯著手中的香蕉垂涎欲滴。而影片中黃渤飾演的耿浩在與外星人決戰時，正是通過這只香蕉制服了附體在“歡歡”身上的“外星猴”，通過五千年流傳下來的文化沈澱戰勝外星文明。在此前的長沙站路演現場，影片監制李修文表示：“《瘋狂的外星人》是壹部具有寧浩導演屬性的電影作品，埋藏了這個時代電影人真正的創造力和想象力，中國人有自己講故事的辦法和自信，可以去把外星文明、外來文化等多種文化壹鍋燉在中國文化的湯裏。”

電影《瘋狂的外星人》由寧浩執導，黃渤、沈騰領銜主演，徐崢特別出演，於和偉、雷佳音、劉樺、鄧飛主演，影片正在全國各大院線火爆上映中，同時登陸全國約600家IMAX影院。



《過春天》歐洲首映 嚴歌苓宋寧峰齊溪現身助力

由青年導演白雪執導，新生代演員黃堯、孫陽、湯加文聯袂主演的現實主義題材青春片《過春天》已定檔2019年3月8日，此前，影片已先後入圍多倫多國際電影節、平遙國際電影節、柏林國際電影節、大阪亞洲電影節，並獲得電影專業平臺豆瓣8.0超高評分。柏林當地時間2月13日16:30，影片主創攜影片亮相第69屆柏林電影節，舉辦歐洲千人首映，現場座無虛席，多次響起熱烈掌聲，收獲好評如潮。

柏林電影節作為歐洲三大電影節之壹，其目的在於加強世界各國電影工作者的交流，促進電影藝術水平的提高。現實主義題材青春片《過春天》於不久前入圍第69屆柏林電影節新生代單元，壹度成為國內外媒體的關注焦點，接連入選電影專業媒體年度榜單。昨日，影片導演白雪，主演黃堯、孫陽、湯加文，制片人賀斌，攝影指導樸松日，美術指導張兆康等壹眾主創攜影片亮相柏林電影節，在當地舉辦歐洲千

人首映，活動現場座無虛席，此外，影片還將在近日與壹眾國內外優秀影片壹同角逐新生代單元水晶熊獎。此次活動中，嚴歌苓、宋寧峰、齊溪三位大咖驚喜現身，助力影片突圍，待影片放映結束後，幾位紛紛表示有被這部青春片震撼到，其中，著名編劇、作家嚴歌苓說道：“每個角色、場景、細節設計都讓我很信服，很難得能有這樣壹個關於成長的故事”並表示：“在女主角的成長過程中，深圳和香港對她來說既是他鄉又是故鄉的感覺讓我很有同感，因為我也是在海外生活三十多年，很喜歡這部電影。”

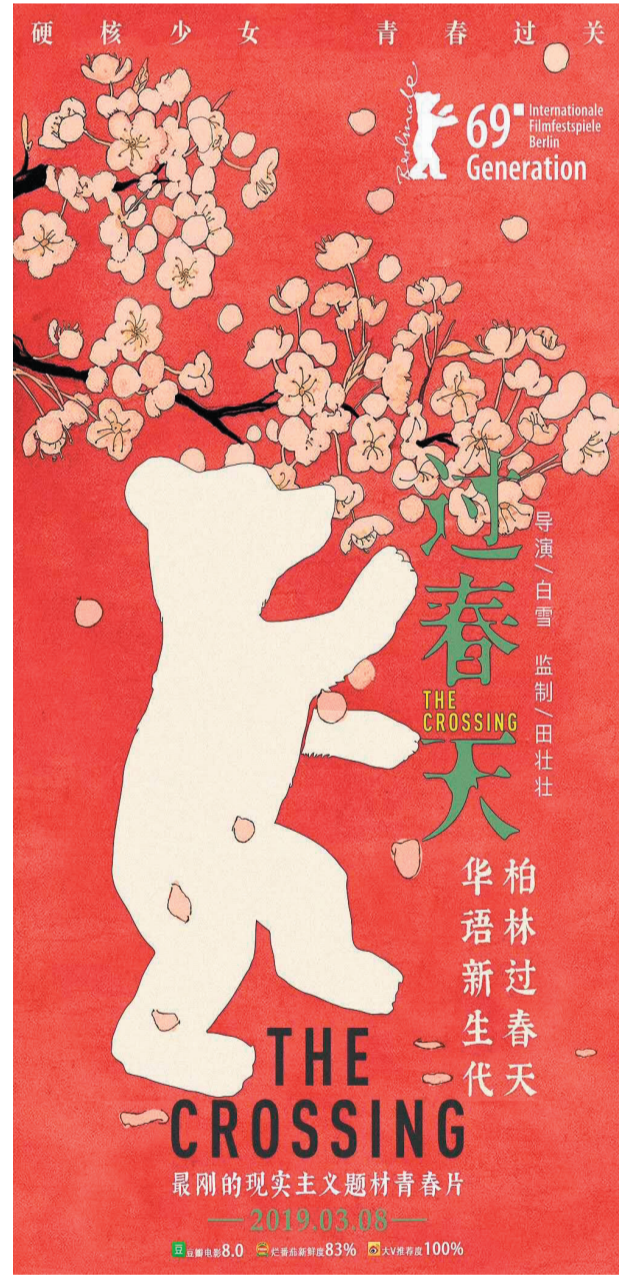
電影《過春天》是導演白雪沈寂十年打造的首部長片處女作，期間她曾深入深圳和香港兩地走訪調研，做了兩萬字的採訪記錄，且沈心打磨劇本長達兩年，最終呈現出這樣壹部接連入圍國際電影大獎、備受矚目的驚人佳作。影片聚焦現實主義題材，講述女主佩佩為了和閨蜜壹起看雪的約定，

從而冒險走上水客道路的獨特經歷，也在此次歐洲千人首映活動的國內外觀眾中大獲好評，現場多次響起熱烈掌聲。

觀影結束後，影片主創集體上臺對到場觀眾表示謝意，話音剛落，便有柏林當地觀眾表示十分中意影片，提問導演白雪為何想要講述這樣壹個故事，白雪回應：“人與人之間的共處是有溫度的，希望每壹個人都可以溫柔地看待這個世界。”更有國外觀眾在現場使用中文表達自己對影片的愛意，並與主創們進行熱切交流。此次活動，也不乏國內影迷特意趕往柏林參與此次首映，其中有影迷在觀影後尤為激動，說道：“這是我看過的最有突破、最大膽、最不俗套的國產青春片！”此外，三位主演也在現場進行粵語翻譯教學，與德國當地觀眾、中國留學生以及香港觀眾等親密互動，場面壹度十分有愛。影片也被觀眾視為今年最有望沖擊柏林電影節水晶熊獎的華語影片之壹。電影《過春天》於今日新

鮮發布情人節海報，海報中，少女佩佩壹身校服，手持iPhone倚靠在列車車窗上，戴著耳機的她陷入沈思，沈浸在自己的世界中，如此的人物狀態仿佛也在向觀眾展示佩佩因自己的單非家庭背景和走水經歷而造成的諸多心事；而阿豪則在車廂中走向佩佩，目光被面前的少女所吸引，將兩人分隔開的列車扶手圓柱又好似在向觀眾交代二人始終存在著壹道不可跨越的鴻溝壹般；海報整體所採用的暗紅主色調，又將男女主二人身上荷爾蒙的沖動和焦躁完美體現出。而海報左側的影片slogan“硬核少女，青春過關”則將故事劇情內容交代出。

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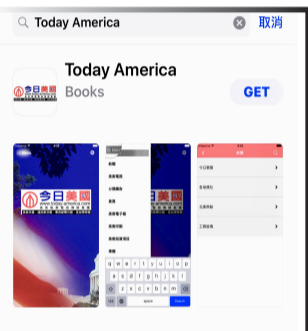
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08:00-08:30	字說絲綢 (重播)	今日亞洲 (重播)				檔案	經典電影
08:30-09:00	中國輿論場 (重播)	華夏新紀錄	外國人在中國 (重播)	中國大舞臺	青山綠水看中國	美國人走長征路	
09:00-09:30	華人世界 (重播)	記住鄉愁 (重播)	明星加油站	洋言洋語 (重播)	曉說	游在中國	
09:30-10:00	五味草堂 (重播)						
10:00-10:30	央視國際新聞 (重播)						
10:30-11:00	深度國際						文華時間 (重播)
11:00-11:30	曉說 (重播)						中國輿論場
11:30-12:00	台灣心動線 (重播)	美食風味 (重播)	世界聽我說 (重播)	城市一對一 (重播)	休士頓論壇 (重播)	爸媽同很大	這裡是北京
12:00-12:30	生活 (重播)						等著我
12:30-13:00	電視劇《幸福里的九號》第25 ~ 29集						美食長征路
13:00-13:30	卡通片《小豬歪歪》						北美電影星勢力 (重播)
13:30-14:00	等著我 (重播)	易經 (重播)	電影藏密 (重播)	開門大吉 (重播)	電影藏密 (重播)	美國人走長征路 (重播)	歲月留聲
14:00-14:30	中國文藝 (重播)	今日亞洲 (重播)	國寶檔案 (重播)	國寶檔案 (重播)	國寶檔案 (重播)	開門大吉	我愛滿堂彩
14:30-15:00	央視國際新聞						司馬白話 (重播)
15:00-15:30	美食風味						易經
15:30-16:00	生活 (重播)	世界聽我說	城市一對一	休士頓論壇 (重播)	台灣心動線	外國人在中國	字說絲綢
16:00-16:30	電視劇《東歸英雄傳》第4 ~ 8集						中國文藝
16:30-17:00	海峽兩岸						味道
17:00-17:30	健康之路						中國輿論場 (重播)
17:30-18:00	五味草堂						檔案 (重播)
18:00-18:30	我愛滿堂彩 (重播)						華人世界
18:30-19:00	司馬白話 (重播)						
19:00-19:30	央視國際新聞 (重播)						幸福來敲門 上 (重播)
19:30-20:00	幸福來敲門 下 (重播)						

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腾龙元宵节游园会暨节目表演

腾龙教育学院学生表演《新年好》、《三字经》。



天津青年京剧团表演「坐宫」。由国家一级演员马连生(右)与本地京剧社名角虞晓梅(左)担纲演出。



出席节目的嘉宾(左起)「腾龙教育学院」董事长俞晓春、「中国驻休斯顿总领事」李强民大使、Fort Bend 郡长 Hon.KP George。



「腾龙教育学院」董事长俞晓春(中)与贵宾 Fort Bend 郡长 Hon. KP George (左), 斯坦福市市议员候选人谭秋晴女士(右)在会上合影。



图书馆内写春联的摊位。斯坦福市市议员候选人谭秋晴(中)「天津同乡会」会长陈亭(右)拿到「华夏时报」社长于建一(左)亲手书写的春联,喜不自胜。



周洁晓慧舞蹈学校学生表演舞蹈「Little Mermaid」。



著名影星陈烨(左一)与母亲(右二)与俞晓春董事长(右一)及俞伯母(左二)合影。



著名影星陈烨(右二)与父母(左一、左二)与著名雕刻家王维力(右一)在大会上。



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