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Bodies retrieved from Kobe Bryant helicopter crash site; air traffic recordings released



Mourners gather near an image of Kobe Bryant shown on a large screen outside the Staples Center after the retired Los Angeles Lakers basketball star was killed in a helicopter crash, in Los Angeles, California, U.S. January 26, 2020. REUTERS/Monica Almeida

CALABASAS, Calif. (Reuters) - The pilot of Kobe Bryant's ill-fated helicopter was flying too low to be monitored in fog, air traffic controller recordings showed on Monday, as coroner's investigators said they had recovered three bodies from the crash site and were searching for more remains.

The Sikorsky S-76 chopper slammed into a steep hillside outside the town of Calabasas, California, about 40 miles (65 km) northwest of downtown Los Angeles, on Sunday, killing all nine people on board, igniting a brush fire and spreading debris over a quarter-acre (1,000 square meters) of grassy terrain.

The dense fog, and its role in the crash, came under scrutiny on Monday as fans, friends and family of the NBA superstar confronted the reality that the charismatic 41-year-old and his 13-year-old daughter, Gianna, were among those on board who died.

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The Los Angeles County Coroner's Office said in a statement posted to its website that three bodies had been recovered from the debris field and taken to a forensic

science center for identification.

"Today, the search continues in the Calabasas mountainside for the other occupants in the fatal helicopter crash," the coroner's office said.

Bryant, who won five NBA championships in his 20 years with the Los Angeles Lakers, was known since his playing days to travel frequently by helicopter to avoid the Los Angeles area's glacial traffic.

LAKERS GAME CANCELED

The NBA canceled a game scheduled for Staples Center on Tuesday between the Lakers and their cross-town rivals the Clippers.

"The decision was made out of respect for the Lakers organization, which is deeply grieving the tragic loss of Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven other people in a helicopter crash on Sunday," the NBA said.

In addition to the Bryants, the crash devastated three other families linked to the Mamba Sports Academy on their way to a girls' basketball tournament: a husband and wife with their 13-year-old daughter; a mother and her 13-year-old daughter; and a basketball coach who was also a mom.

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The ninth victim was the pilot, Ara Zobayan, an experienced former flight instructor who was instrument-rated, or qualified to fly in fog, according to multiple U.S. media accounts.

Witnesses recounted thick fog over the foothills where the helicopter went down.

The fog was so bad that both the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department grounded their helicopter fleets, the Los Angeles Times reported, citing officials.

Air traffic controllers gave the pilot "Special Visual Flight Rules," or clearance to fly in less than optimal weather around the Burbank airport.

A Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) official noted a pilot "does not get a general, or blanket, clearance from the FAA to fly in these conditions. A pilot is responsible for determining whether it is safe to fly in current and expected conditions."

Moreover, the pilot apparently requested "flight following," or constant tracking from controllers, but was informed he was flying too low to be picked up by air traffic control radar. It is unclear if the pilot heard the comment as it comes near the end of the doomed flight.

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Confusion and lost time: how testing woes slowed China’s coronavirus response

BEIJING (Reuters) - Yang Zhongyi was still waiting on Monday for a coronavirus test in the Chinese city of Wuhan two weeks after she started to show signs of a fever, even though doctors privately told her family that she almost certainly has been infected, her son Zhang Changchun told Reuters.

Zhang Changchun shows a CT scan image of the lungs of her mother, 53-year old patient Yang Zhongyi, who is a highly suspected case of the new coronavirus yet is unable to get tests to confirm due to local hospitals’ lack of testing equipment or beds, according to her son Zhang Changchun, in Wuhan, Hubei province, China January 25, 2020. REUTERS/Zhang Changchun/Handout via Reuters.

Yang, 53, is just one of many Wuhan inhabitants finding it difficult to get tested or receive treatment for the new form of coronavirus, which authorities say has infected 2,800 people and killed at least 80 in China, a situation that may be contributing to the spread of the disease.

Yang has been unable to gain full-time admission to a hospital, her son said. She has been put on drips in unquarantined areas at four separate hospitals in the city to treat her deteriorating lungs, he said, while he is doing what he can to get her tested or admitted full-time.

“My brother and I have been queuing at the hospital every day. We go at 6 and 7 in the morning, and queue for the whole day, but we don’t get any new answers,” Zhang told Reuters. “Every time the responses are the same: ‘There’s no bed, wait for the government to give a notice, and follow the news to see what’s going on.’ The doctors are all very frustrated too.”

Officially known as 2019-nCoV, the new form of coronavirus was first identified as the cause of death of a 61-year-old man in Wuhan on Jan. 10, when China shared gene information on the virus with other countries. Some, such as Japan and Thailand, started testing travelers from China for the virus within three days.

However, testing kits for the disease were not distributed to some of Wuhan’s hospitals until about Jan. 20, an official at the Hubei Provincial Center for Disease Control and Prevention



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump and China’s President Xi Jinping shake hands after making joint statements at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, November 9, 2017. REUTERS/Damir Sagolj

(Hubei CDC) told Reuters. Before then, samples had to be sent to a laboratory in Beijing for testing, a process that took three to five days to get results, according to Wuhan health authorities.

During that gap, hospitals in the city reduced the number of people under medical observation from 739 to just 82, according to data compiled by Reuters from Wuhan health authorities, and no new cases were reported inside China.

Despite the lack of reliable data and testing capacity in Wuhan, Chinese authorities assured citizens in the days after the virus had been identified that it was not widely transmissible. In previous weeks, it had censored negative online commentary about the situation, and arrested eight people it accused of being “rumor spreaders.”

“The doctor didn’t wear a mask, we didn’t know how to protect ourselves... no one told us anything,” a 45-year-old woman surnamed Chen told

Reuters. Her aunt was confirmed to have the virus on Jan. 20, five days after she was hospitalized. “I posted my aunt’s photos on (Chinese social media site) Weibo and the police called the hospital authorities. They told me to take it down.”

National, regional and city health officials did not respond to requests for comment from Reuters on how the virus outbreak has been handled. National officials did say at a media briefing last week that there were some “loopholes” in initial treatment methods.



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A New York City subway sign that has been changed to read “Kobe Bryant Park” in reference to the deceased NBA player is pictured in Manhattan, New York, January 27. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri



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JAPAN TO DUMP ONE MILLION TONS OF RADIOACTIVE WATER INTO PACIFIC



Shown Above: A dead sea lion on Californina's coast shows high radiation readings.

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“The operator of the ruined Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant will dump huge quantities of contaminated water from the plant site directly into the Pacific Ocean, Japan’s environment minister has said – a move that would enrage local fishermen.

Tepco (Tokyo Electric Power Company) admitted last year that the water in its tanks still contained contaminants beside tritium, even though they had already treated the waste materials.

“The only option will be to drain it into the sea and dilute it,” the environment minister, Yoshiaki Harada, told a news briefing in Tokyo on September 10, 2019.

One recent study by Hiroshi Miyano, who heads a committee studying the decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi at the Atomic Energy Society of Japan, said it could take 17 years to discharge the treated water after it has been diluted to reduce radioactive substances to levels that meet the plant’s safety standards. Any decision to dispose of the waste water into the sea would anger local fishermen, who have spent the past eight years

rebuilding their industry.

Nearby South Korea has also voiced concern over the impact it would have on the reputation of its own seafood.

Last month, Seoul summoned a senior Japanese embassy official to explain how Fukushima Daiichi’s waste water would be dealt with.

The government spent 34.5bn yen (£260m) to build a frozen underground wall to prevent groundwater reaching the three damaged reactor buildings. The wall, however, has succeeded only in reducing the flow of groundwater from about 500 tonnes a day to about 100 tonnes a day.



Japan has come under renewed pressure to address the contaminated water problem before Tokyo hosts the Olympics and Paralympics next summer.

Six years ago during the city’s bid for the games, the prime minister, Shinzo Abe, assured the international community that the situation was ‘under control’.

Many experts, government officials of other nations, Japanese residents and activists strongly disagree.

“The government must commit to the only environmentally acceptable option for managing this water crisis which is long term storage and processing to remove radioactivity, including tritium,” Shaun Burnie, senior nuclear specialist with Greenpeace Germany, said in an email.

As far back as 2014, the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) recommended a controlled release of all this water into the ocean as ‘the safest course of action’, and Japan’s Nuclear Regulation Agency (NRA) has made similar recommendations.

A ‘Tritiated Water Task Force’ convened by Japan’s Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) in 2013 (PDF) examined five options in detail, including evaporating it and releasing it into the atmosphere, releasing it into the atmosphere as hydrogen gas, injecting it into deep geologic strata, storing it underground, and diluting it and discharging it into the ocean.

For reasons of cost, available technology, time required, and ‘safety’, in its final report issued in June, 2016, the task force concluded that ocean discharge was the least objectionable approach.

Bottom line...dumping the nuclear waste is cheap and the currents will carry it away from Japan.



Japan seems to expect the world to accept the unproven myth that the ocean can “clean up” their mess by dissolving all the deadly radiation.

As the Associated Press plainly noted: “The floating debris will likely be carried by currents off of Japan toward Washington, Oregon and California before turning toward Hawaii and back again toward Asia, circulating in what is known as the North Pacific gyre, said Curt Ebbsmeyer, a Seattle oceanographer who has spent decades tracking flotsam. “All this debris will find a way to reach the West coast or stop in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch,” a swirling mass of concentrated marine litter in the Pacific Ocean, said Luca Centurioni, a researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego.”

And this process will be repeated over and over again as long as Japan continues to release radiation into the ocean.

Japan does not dare release the waste into the atmosphere because history has shown that radiation will continue to fall on the earth for hundreds, or even thousands of years.



Japan is an island nation without adequate land mass to safely store these contaminants away from human populations. They cannot respond quickly to the problem like Russia did to their “toxic accident,” and so they are looking at between 40 to 100 years of “making room”

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The Future Of Food

The fake-meat boom is real, propelling startups to incredible heights while creating shortages of its own.

Why it matters: The stock market in particular is treating Beyond Meat like a superstar, with its stock price up 4x from last month’s IPO. But the companies must prove they can handle the demand. •“Last summer, locations of A&W Food Services of Canada Inc. were sold out of Beyond Meat’s burger for weeks,” the WSJ notes.

•“This spring, restaurants including American WildBurger locations around Chicago have run short of Impossible’s burgers. ... Craft & Crew Hospitality in Minneapolis hasn’t received scheduled shipments of Impossible burgers for weeks from a local distributor.”

•Both Impossible Foods and Beyond Meat have ramped up production to meet demand. Impossible CFO David Lee told the Journal that “it will take us some time to get back into that synchronization of supply and demand.”

Between the lines: The companies above are struggling to scale up plant-based meat imitators, let alone lab-grown meat, which even optimists estimate would cost \$10 a patty as a best case scenario.

What’s next: The cattle industry isn’t taking kindly to fake meat, pouring cash into lobbying for regulation on what can be called meat at the federal and state levels, the Washington Post reports.

Demand for Plant-Based Dishes Grows

Vegan orders increased in popularity by 19 percent in 2017

Meat-substitutes are ordered five percent more on Mondays than the rest of the week

Jackfruit, a trendy plant protein, rose 33 percent in popularity for orders placed on Mondays

*Based on GrubHub's order data from January 2015 to July 2017

•“On Jan. 1, Missouri became the first to regulate the names of aspiring meat alternatives, restricting the word ‘meat’ to only products harvested from livestock.”

•“Nebraska lawmakers are considering



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making it a crime to advertise or sell any product as meat ‘that is not derived from poultry or livestock.’”

The bottom line: “Fifteen percent of U.S. restaurants offered meatless burgers in March, according to a Technomic Inc. study of menus from 6,000 operators, with the number serving them up 3% from a year earlier.” (Courtesy axios.com)

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Impossible Foods’ Mission To Mass-Produce The Fake Burger Of The Future
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Burger King announced a nationwide rollout of the Impossible Whopper in its nearly 7,300 locations by the end of 2019.

Demand has increased so quickly for plant-based burgers that Impossible Foods is adding a third shift and building a second production line, and they recently recruited more than 100 volunteers from its R&D ranks to work 12-hour shifts in production.

Impossible Foods’ mission is completely replacing animals from the food system by 2035, and it may move on to tackle

pork, chicken and fish.



The Impossible Burger made by Impossible Foods

“The only consumer we care about is the hardcore meat lover.”

A statement from the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association? No!

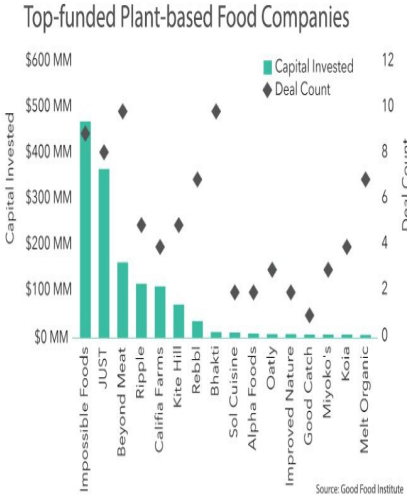
Those words have become a sort of mantra from Pat Brown, founder and CEO of Impossible Foods, the Redwood City, California-based company behind Brown’s brainchild, the plant-based Impossible Burger, and No. 27 on the 2019 CNBC Disruptor 50 list (the company first landed a spot on the Disruptor 50

list in 2015).

“I love vegetarians and vegans as much as the next guy,” said the Stanford biochemist turned entrepreneur and himself a longtime vegan, “but that is not the customer we care about.”

In 2009, Brown blended soy protein, potato protein, coconut oil, sunflower oil and bloodlike “heme” to create the Impossible Burger, which looks, feels, smells, cooks and — according to many hardcore meat lovers — tastes like a cow-based patty. Two years later he launched his company, steadfastly courting carnivores from the get-go. And he’s winning them over.

Last month, after a brief but spectacular test in 59 St. Louis stores, Burger King announced a nationwide rollout of the Impossible Whopper in its nearly 7,300 locations by the end of 2019. That headline news overshadowed Impossible’s two-year strategic marketing campaign to introduce America to its better-for-you burger by way of more than 7,000 establishments across the country — from high-end restaurants to college cafeterias — as well White Castle, Red Robin and other chains.



Impossible Foods touts data revealing that the majority of those who try its product believe it’s from an animal. More than 1,500 consumers have taken sensory tests in which they can’t tell the difference between a traditional meat burger and the Impossible Burger, and Impossible Foods’ flavor scientists conduct at least 100 internal taste tests per week.

White Castle recently marked the first anniversary of its Impossible Slider. “It’s a great way for us to offer variety to our customers,” said company vice president Jamie Richardson, especially to younger vegetarians and vegans who now have an option on the meat-centric menu.

There is speculation that privately owned Impossible, which doesn’t report revenue, also will go public, especially after Beyond’s remarkable debut. But for now Brown said, “we have the money we need to grow our business.”

Impossible Foods announced a \$300 million round of funding on Monday, which brings its venture total to \$750 million. The latest round valued the company at \$2 billion, according to published reports. Since an initial raise of \$9 million in 2011, the company has secured multiple rounds of capital from venture firms and celebrities, including Bill Gates, Peter Thiel’s Founders Fund and Khosla Ventures, Jay-Z, Katy Perry, Serena Williams, Google Ventures, Horizons Ventures, UBS and Viking Global Investors. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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李治廷白客 上演損友情

由黃雷執導、黃建新監制，李治廷、張榕容、白客、周韋彤、魯伯特·格雷夫斯主演的都市愛情喜劇《合法伴侶》發布首支“白金兄弟”預告片和海報，宣布正式定檔3月13日，強勢占據2020年白色情人節，成為該檔期內唯壹喜劇片。

影片打破傳統的硬核兄弟關係，首次聚焦當代年輕人“互損互助”的新兄弟關係。電影講述了古大白（李治廷 飾）遭遇簽證危機，發小金天（白客 飾）挺身相助施計“假結婚”並試圖逃過簽證官華生（魯伯特·格雷夫斯 飾）追查的故事。“閨蜜”赫敏（張榕容 飾）化身“熊貓女孩”驚艷亮相，甜美系女生懵懂不失可愛，為這場窘迫歡樂的鬧劇又添壹道風景線。

李治廷白客首組“白金兄弟” 損友情深可嫁歡樂開“演”

此次兩位主演李治廷、白客打破自身標籤限制，首度合作“兄弟喜劇”，兩人第壹次合作卻意外默契十足，喜劇表現力升級。預告中李治廷飾演的古大白和白客飾演的金天組成“白金兄弟”歡鬧倫敦，古大白在街頭被打，在警察局被扣押，更意外收到“驅逐出境”的通知，囧相百出；而金天為了給兄弟解決危機，施計“假結婚”並設法取得簽證官的信任，損友互坑互助高能不斷。

所謂“白金兄弟”感情自不壹般，平時可以做妳的“酒肉朋友”，危機時刻也可以配合妳演男（女）朋友。預告中古大白和金天決定“假結婚”後，遭遇魯伯特·格雷夫斯飾演的簽證官華生的追查。兄弟二人隨即展現出白金級別的“頑強的抵抗力”，花式培養感情，穿

情侶裝、跳交際舞、練習眼神對視，甚至練習接吻...搞笑又驚喜的畫面目不暇接。

值得壹提的是，赫敏的飾演者張榕容也在預告中驚喜亮相。她壹改往日“楊貴妃”的雍容華貴，化身“熊貓女孩”甜美登場，角色身份成謎。在預告片最後，張榕容搖頭扶額的表情可愛生動，讓人對劇情更加心生期待。

“當代新兄弟情”獨特題材載譽而歸 白色情人節唯壹喜劇定檔圈粉

電影《合法伴侶》在第22屆上海電影節獲得亞洲新人獎最佳導演、最佳編劇雙提名，此次物料發布後新穎的故事視角更是引發年輕觀眾熱議。在以往的電影作品中，講述“兄弟情深”的影片不在少數，而本片打破傳統的硬核兄弟情，以簽證之亂引出壹場“互損互助”的新兄弟情，充分展現了當代年輕人的多元價值觀，大膽挑戰這壹類型的題材創新，正如導演黃雷所說：“這是壹部用年輕人新的視角講年輕人新的關係的喜劇。”

與預告壹同曝光的海報便將此類“新兄弟情”展現得淋漓盡致，搶眼的正紅色主視覺洋溢著喜慶的氛圍，“白金兄弟”坐在壹輛英式大巴車頂，李治廷手搭白客肩膀，搞怪地看向對方眼神帶戲，白客則瞥向萌寵柯基嘴裏的壹封信若有所思，各帶看點的表情讓兩兄弟命運走向成謎，令觀眾不自覺也想加入這場“兩人壹狗度余生”的荒誕計劃中。此外，電影《合法伴侶》由中英合拍，影片在倫敦實地取景拍攝，白金漢宮、泰晤士河、倫敦眼、阿爾伯特音樂廳、威斯敏斯特大橋等英國地標性場景壹壹呈現，更添質感。

電影《合法伴侶》將於3月13日正式上映。

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《大贏家》曝春節檔院線預告 "來電狂響"班底歸來



1月21日報道 由於渺執導，李瀟監制，李瀟、於渺、王思共同擔當編劇，大鵬、柳巖、代樂樂、張子賢、田雨、孟鶴堂領銜主演的喜劇電影《大贏家》即將在2020年2月21日全

國上映。隨著春節的臨近，電影《大贏家》也曝光了壹支春節檔院線預告，觀眾們將在《奪冠》（原名《中國女排》）《囡媽》《熊出沒：狂野大陸》等春節檔熱門影片映前看到該預

告片，為2020年開年解壓喜劇預熱。

在電影《大贏家》的春節檔院線預告中，嚴謹（大鵬飾）忐忑地來到了健身房，被詢問到鍛煉訴求時，嚴謹卻語出驚人：“我想搶銀行。”影

片《大贏家》講述了壹次偶然的機會，銀行接到與公安局聯合舉辦搶劫演習的任務，員工們都想糊弄過去早點回家，然而平日認真恪守原則的銀行職員嚴謹卻認真地當起了“劫匪”.....讓壹個性格十分較真的人去搶劫，精心計劃必然是少不了的。為了演習成功，嚴謹又將會做出什麼樣驚人的舉動？而由柳巖、代樂樂、孟鶴堂等飾演的銀行職員們，也是笑料百出。想盡早回家的他們，費盡了心思，最後的結局也讓大家啼笑皆非。面對電影《大贏家》這樣反差類型喜劇，幾位演員可以說是得心應手，在電影中奉獻了精彩的演技，為影片加分不少。

除了豐富的演員陣容以外，這次的金牌班底也是不容小覷。影片《大贏家》是由曾經狂攬6億票房的《來電狂響》的於渺導演再次操刀，與金牌編劇李瀟兩人再度合作，為影片添

磚加瓦。在做導演之前，編劇於渺便與搭檔李瀟壹起創作出了《大丈夫》《好先生》等不少深受觀眾喜愛的榮幕作品。從電影《情聖》開始，他們二人轉戰大銀幕，將經典作品進行本土化改編，展現了自己獨特的視角以及細膩的情感。而這次電影《大贏家》改編自日本作家都井邦彥、腳本家齊藤ひろし創作的《遊戲永無結束時》，他們在原著銀行搶劫演習的故事基礎之上，將電影的人物設定進行本土化的改編，用更接地氣的笑點、更符合時代背景的故事情節，來展現這部2020年的誠心之作，真是讓人期待不已。

電影《大贏家》由於渺執導，李瀟監制，李瀟、於渺、王思共同擔當編劇，磨鐵娛樂、白鯨影業、聯瑞影業、橫店影業、貓眼影業、之升（上海）影業出品，將於2020年2月21日全國上映。

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隨著美國即將開始其每10年清點一次全國每個人的艱巨任務，眾議院監督委員會於1月9日星期四舉行聽證會，看看人口普查局正在做些什麼來避免忽視所謂的「難以計數」社區。

全國拉丁裔民選官員協會的阿圖羅·巴爾加斯反對「難以計數」的稱呼：「讓人難以計數的是選舉策略。」

例如，他說，所有對拉丁裔居民的外聯工作都是西班牙文的。他說，儘管最高法院禁止提議增加有關每個人的公民身份的問題，但人口普查局卻浪費了其「可信賴的品牌」地位，禁止員工討論一個引起非常令人震驚的問題，尤其是在民族社區。

巴爾加斯參加了委員會聽證會，由城市聯盟的馬克·莫里亞爾、領導會議的瓦尼塔·古普塔、亞裔美國人促進正

義的約翰·楊、美國印第安人全國大會的凱文·艾裡斯和該中心的達雷爾·摩爾參加聽證會。南喬治亞州區域影響。

古普塔在最初的講話中引用了人口普查局為這項艱巨任務而緩慢的招聘速度：「人口普查局已經承認，它落後了。它需要所有50個州的更多申請人。」

今年，人口普查局樂觀地認為，首次將主要反應機制電腦化，將有助於儘量減少將列印的問卷和支付收單人敲門費的費用降至最低。

但它也在網上招聘，這降低了人們的興趣，而且與2010年人口普查前相比，它不得不在相對強勁的就業市場上展開競爭。招聘滯後的其他原因包括，作為第一次優先進行線上回復的人口普查，統計人員必須熟悉技術工具。招聘和入職程式，包括背景調查，已經如此地

被拉大，以至於求職者為了尋求其他機會而偏離了範圍。

Vargas和其他人一樣，回顧為《支付得起的醫療法案》而建立healthcare.gov網站的麻煩，並建議人口普查局準備好大量的紙質問卷，以防線上回復率低於期望。

Morial指出，即使在最樂觀的預測中，人口普查局仍然只預計通過線上問卷的初始回復率約為60%。他補充說，對於非裔美國男性來說，40%可能更現實。

楊批評人口普查招聘工作緩慢，在多樣性方面「不一致」。他列舉了失敗的公民身份問題提案的令人寒心的影響，這使得統計員和夥伴關係專家在文化上具有稱職能力變得更加重要。

他還指出，書面調查表僅以西班牙

文或英語提供，不包括亞裔美國人，亞裔美國人是該國增長最快的少數群體。然而，楊確實對最近印度文和烏爾都語媒體活動的宣佈表示讚揚。

美國人口普查局認為，2010年，美國原住民人口至少被低估了4.9%，他們受到不信任、隱私問題、對回應效用的徒勞感以及上網填寫人口普查的感覺的困擾。形式，甚至並不總是可能的，是一個重大的風險，Allis說。

他說，阿拉斯加州即將開始人口普查，但還沒有本地合作專家參加。與招聘一樣，人口普查與社區組織建立夥伴關係以說明獲得完整的統計的工作進度落後。

新墨西哥州民主黨眾議員Deb Haaland是僅有的兩位當選眾議院的土著婦女之一，她注意到沒有納瓦霍語人口普查材料。

「人口普查局是否瞭解我們的需要？」Allis問道。「很難說。他說，事情進展到如此嚴重，「令人深感憂慮」，缺乏「對人口普查目的、能做什么、不能做什么的恰當關注」。人口普查局已確定這是一個問題，但我們尚未看到這個問題會得到妥善解決。

「人口普查是件大事，」莫里亞爾說，他呼應了Allis關於增加廣告和媒體宣傳的呼籲，並希望準確的人口普查資料將改善決策以及資源配置和政治代表性。他強調，這種外聯活動應貫穿定於8月份舉行的不回應後續進程。

莫里亞爾還懊惱地指出，在奧巴馬政府逐漸衰落的日子裡，人口普查已經瀕臨扭轉其計算囚犯人數的政策，即囚犯的關押地點，而不是他們所在的社區。

摩爾因有關在佐治亞州農村組織工作的報告而備受關注。當來自兩黨的委員會成員向他施壓，要求他就如何覆蓋農村人口採取一刀切的想法時，他重申，答案在於當地召集人和活動家。

「你必須在你的社區中擁有值得信賴的聲音，」他建議亞利桑那州共和黨眾議員羅傑·戈薩爾。「社區最瞭解自己的需求，而一個社區中哪些工作在另一個社

區行不通。

針對西佛吉尼亞州共和黨眾議員卡羅爾·米勒（Carol Miller）對所代表的山區社區的擔憂，認為60%難以計數，摩爾主張開展更具創造性的外聯活動，或許在體育賽事和教堂，除了食品店和食品店外，還提倡開展更富有創造性的外聯活動。移動乳房X光檢查服務，她建議。

Vargas將教育工作者、衛生保健提供者、地方官員和包括報紙和電臺在內的少數群體領導的組織列為人口普查宣傳的可信來源。許多在聽證會上主張使用圖書館員，特別是作為解決技術問題的一種方式，圖書館本身有助於最大限度地參與。

楊指出，電腦化工作的一個好處是，易於排序的資料將揭示在讓人們統計資料方面還有更多工作要做，以及人口普查的開展地點。

「人口普查局最好加強遊戲，回應我們今天提出的憂慮，否則風險是嚴重的。是時候敲響警鐘了，」莫里亞爾警告說。



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第24屆美南春節園遊會精彩回顧

(記者韋寬攝影報導) 第24屆美南春節園遊會於1月25日在美南新聞廣場盛大舉行，老天給了個好天氣，休斯頓眾多政商僑領齊聚一堂，包括美國國會議員Al Green、休斯頓市透納市長、哈里斯郡郡長、檢查官、多國駐休斯頓總領館總領事、駐休斯頓台北經濟文化辦事處處長陳家彥、德州議員吳元之、斯坦福市議員譚秋晴、新當選的民主黨亞裔議員們、及休斯頓諸多名流等應邀出席，向休斯頓所有的華僑拜年。

除了祝福新年如意、恭喜發財之外，因為武漢肺炎在短時間之內竄起肆虐，今年更多關注的焦點話題是健康與平安，也希望團結海外的力量，給需要的民衆更多支援與幫助。

休斯頓許多華裔民衆都待在家裡安住，而許多不同族裔的民衆卻被吸引而來觀看中國人的新年聚會，園遊會呈現多元民族的氣氛，有的是同學結伴，有的是闔家同遊，推著小嬰兒車，也有男女朋友手牽手，一起欣賞表演、逛攤位、吃美食。無論如何，現場展現的歡樂氣氛還是頗有年味！

本報李蔚華董事長特別在園遊會中發放紅包，祝福民衆大吉大利、好事連連，讓收到紅包的男女老幼都開心不已。

