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‘I’ve never been so happy’: Nobel winner Malala in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai says she has pined for her home in Pakistan’s picturesque Swat Valley, even as she recalled two years living in fear under the Taliban’s harsh interpretation of Islamic law.

Visiting her homeland for the first time since a Taliban gunman shot her in the head over her blog advocating girls’ education, 20-year-old Yousafzai also contradicted Pakistani critics who accuse her of promoting an ideology at odds with the country’s Islamic values.

“I am proud of my religion, and I am proud of my country,” she told Reuters in an interview at her hotel on Friday.

Wearing a rose-printed head scarf and flowing tunic and trousers - one of many outfits family and friends brought her from Pakistan to Britain, where she is studying at Oxford University - Yousafzai said she was elated at being home.

“I had never been so excited for anything. I’ve never been so happy before,” she said.

Nobel winner Malala visits hometown in Pakistan for first time since shooting Nobel winner Malala visits hometown in Pakistan for first time since shooting On Saturday, Yousafzai flew by helicopter to visit her childhood home in Swat Valley amid heavy security.

“I miss everything about Pakistan ... right from the rivers, the mountains, to even the dirty streets and the garbage around our house, and my friends and how we used to have gossip and talk about our school life, to how we used to fight with our neighbors.”

She said she has wanted to return before but, aside from security concerns, there was the hectic pace of school and her entry exams to Oxford, where she began studying last year for a degree in politics, philosophy and economics.

NOBEL PRIZE

Yousafzai’s journey to becoming the youngest ever Nobel winner began with the local branch of the hardline Taliban movement taking over her hometown in Swat, about 250 km (160 miles) from the capital, Islamabad, in 2007, when she was 9 years old.

The Tehreek e Taliban Pakistan (TTP) banned television, music and girls’ education, and burned about 200 schools, following the example of the 1990s Taliban government in neighboring Afghanistan, which forcibly excluded women from nearly every aspect of public life.

“I still remember each and every moment, right from the fear while sleeping at night that you might not be alive the next day,” Yousafzai said. “The fear that if you are going to school, someone might stop you and throw acid in your face.”

Her father was a teacher in a school that educated girls and managed to stay open until early 2009.

After the Pakistani army drove out the Taliban in mid-2009 she became a symbol for girls’ education through a blog she wrote for the BBC’s Urdu service, which started while the Taliban were still in power, and a documentary “Class Dismissed”, that



Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai adjusts her scarf as she speaks during an interview with Reuters at a local hotel in Islamabad

best-selling book “I Am Malala” and starting a foundation advocating girls’ education worldwide.

In 2014 she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, along with an Indian activist.

Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai pauses during an interview with Reuters at a local hotel in Islamabad, Pakistan, March 30, 2018. REUTERS/Saiyna Bashir

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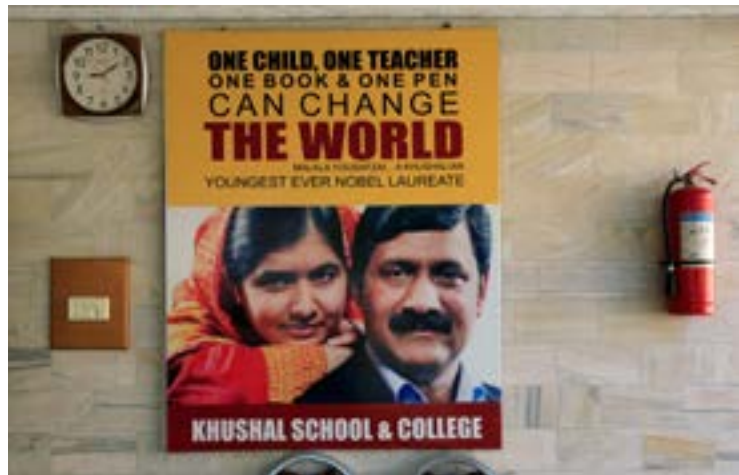
Though she is perhaps the world’s best-known Pakistani, Yousafzai - known almost universally as just “Malala” - is polarizing figure at home, beloved by many but reviled by others.

A group of private schools in Pakistan declared Friday to be “I Am Not Malala Day”, for what its spokesman described as her “anti-Islam and anti-Pakistan ideology”.

That description puzzles Malala.

“I just don’t know anything I’ve said that makes me anti-Pakistan or anti-Islam,” she said. “Islam has taught me the importance of peace. Islam has taught me the importance of education. The first word of Islam, or the first word of the Koran, is ‘Iqra’ which means ‘read’.”

Government commitment to education was one of the subjects of her meeting on Thursday with Prime



A poster with the pictures of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai and her father Ziauddin Yousufzai hangs at the wall of Khushal School, in her home district in Swat Valley

Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, whose government, along with the army, helped arrange her trip, including providing security.

“We did talk about education and I appreciated what he has done, but I think there is a lot more that needs to be done. The government promised 4 percent of GDP for education but only so far has increased it to 2.7,” she said.

Meetings with the prime minister - as well as other world leaders - might seem a far cry from a schoolgirl’s life in the Swat Valley, but Malala said some aspects of her life, like attending Oxford, were longtime dreams.

“My initial plan was that I would continue my education, I would continue speaking out for the girls who cannot go to school ... and one day once I finish my secondary education, I will apply to Oxford,” she said.

“So it was in my plan ... I did not know that this attack would happen and I would move to the UK, but I wanted to focus on Pakistan and continue to do as much as I could for girls education.”



Girls attend a class at Khushal School, in the home region of Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai in Swat Valley

profiled her.

It made her a target. In 2012, a masked gunman boarded her school bus, singled her out and shot her. The Taliban later said it had carried out the attack for her promotion of liberalism.

She was flown to Britain for surgery and has remained abroad since, co-writing a

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Pipeline shortage means West Texas gas has no place to go

A pipeline shortage that's leaving gas trapped in West Texas' Permian Basin means prices for the fuel there are the lowest of any major U.S. hub, wresting that distinction from Appalachia's Marcellus Shale. Prices for Permian gas, produced alongside oil in the play, have tumbled 30 percent from a year ago, while output rose to a record. And the pipeline crunch is also pummeling the region's oil market.

All that gas production is creating a dilemma for drillers, who may be forced to curtail oil output if they can't get their gas to market. Producers can burn off some of the gas -- a process known as flaring -- but state regulators typically won't allow that to happen indefinitely. And as mild spring weather limits demand for the heating fuel, explorers may be giving their gas away, according to broker Ion Energy Group LLC.

The low-cost crude oil reserves buried in the Permian's layers of shale have drawn explorers in droves, but roughly one-third of the output from those wells is gas, according to RS Energy Group. As gas production from the play surges, however, pipeline capacity has failed to keep pace.

Another factor working against Permian producers: the calendar. Gas for delivery at the Waha hub in West

Texas has already slid 13 percent so far this month to trade at \$1.84 per million British thermal units Tuesday, a 29 percent discount to supplies of the fuel at Louisiana's Henry Hub, the benchmark for U.S. futures. And the Permian rout will only deepen in the coming weeks as mild spring weather curtails heating demand and wind generation picks up, displacing gas-fired power plants, said Kyle Cooper, consultant for Ion Energy in Houston.

The current discount at Waha is "clearly already reflecting the concern that people can't easily get all the Permian natural gas out to other markets," he said.

Pipeline developers including Kinder Morgan Inc. are proposing new conduits to ease Permian bottlenecks and transport the fuel to demand centers. But relief won't come immediately: Kinder's Gulf Coast Express, a \$1.75 billion line connecting the basin to eastern Texas, is slated to begin operations in October 2019.

Tellurian Inc., which is developing a gas export terminal in Louisiana, announced an open season on March 20 for a 625-mile pipeline from West Texas to Louisiana. That project may begin service in 2022.

Drillers like Apache Corp. have moved to insulate themselves from the Permian gas collapse by hedging output and locking in long-term supply contracts. The company, along with Pioneer Natural Resources Co. and Exxon Mobil Corp., has signed up for capacity on Gulf Coast Express.



CenterPoint seeks another increase for gas customers

By Ryan Maye Handy

Houston's CenterPoint Energy asked state regulators on Thursday to grant a gas utility rate increase for customers in Houston, the company's third request in three years to raise rates for more than 1 million natural gas customers.

CenterPoint has proposed increasing the base rate that all customers pay, regardless of usage to 16.45 a month, up 70 cents from \$15.75. The rate would go into effect on May 28, if approved by regulators and if it

faces no objections from lawyers that represent the city of Houston in rate cases.

The increase will generate \$9.4 million in additional revenues for Centerpoint. Since 2011, CenterPoint has sought and received approval for five gas rate increases.

Natural gas rates in Houston went up a year ago, increasing the monthly bill of an average customer by about \$1.23. In Conroe, bills rose by \$4.68.

At the time, CenterPoint said the rate increase would help the company recoup \$16.5 million spent to covering the costs of operating and maintaining its distribution system. As a regulat-

ed utility, CenterPoint is guaranteed a reasonable rate of return determined by the Public Utility Commission, which oversees electric utilities, and the Railroad Commission, which regulates gas utilities.

In 2016, CenterPoint initially asked for a rate hike of \$31.4 million, but a review of that request by a coalition of local governments found that nearly all that money would go to cover the costs of employee benefits, pensions and bonuses for executives. That review ultimately led CenterPoint to cut its rate request almost in half.



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Outgoing White House Communications Director Hope Hicks (L) and White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders (2nd L) chat as they depart the West Wing at the White House in Washington



An injured Palestinian medic is evacuated during clashes between Palestinians and Israeli troops at a protest against Trump’s decision on Jerusalem, near Ramallah, in the occupied West Bank



U.S. President Donald Trump departs Los Angeles, California



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Mar 31, 2018; Key Biscayne, FL, USA; Sloane Stephens of the United States (L) and Jelena Ostapenko of Latvia (R) pose prior to their match in the women’s singles final of the Miami Open at Tennis Center at Crandon Park. Mandatory Credit: Geoff Burke-USA TODAY Sports



Members of security forces are deployed in Lumley, in Freetown



Protestors clash with police during a protest on the Durres-Kukes highway in Kalimash near Kukes



Protesters set toll booths on fire on the Durres-Kukes highway in Kalimash near Kukes



FILE PHOTO: combination of file photos show media personality Ingraham in Washington and student Hogg, at a rally in Washington

A Texas teenager is getting some serious recognition for rescuing 17 people from Harvey’s floodwaters.

Virgil Smith of Dickinson is **among the five** citizens chosen this year to receive the Citizen Honors Award by the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Last year, a 13-year-old Smith used his air mattress to rescue 17 neighbors trapped due to high water.

In an interview with ABC 13, the young hero said he received a call from one of his neighbors asking for help because his family couldn’t swim.

Smith didn’t hesitate. During his first rescue mission, he saved his entire friend’s family by putting them on the air mattress and pushing them to safety with the help of two other neighbors, all while swimming in Harvey’s floodwaters.

But Smith didn’t stop there and went on to rescue several others, including a woman in a wheelchair.

“I thank God that no snakes or no alligators bit us,” Smith told ABC 13.



At first glance, Virgil Smith looks and acts like a typical 13-year old — a soft-spoken, sports-obsessed Texans and Rockets fan who loves playing “NBA2K” online with friends.

But the raging floodwaters of Hurricane Harvey turned this shy teenager into a “citizen hero.”

When Virgil’s hometown of Dickinson, about 30 miles southeast of downtown Houston, was drenched in the wee hours of Sunday, Aug. 27, he was locked in an online video game matchup with his friend Keshawn. The rain and thunder outside provided a noisy soundtrack to their competition, but Virgil paid the weather little mind.

“I checked out my window first and I was like, ‘Nah, it ain’t nothing.’” Virgil recalled in a recent interview. “It was raining but didn’t look like nothing that would flood. Then, in about an hour, the

Quiet Teen Who Rescued 17 In Harvey Flooding Wins National Citizen Hero Award

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Virgil Smith, 13, of Dickinson, is one of five recipients who received the Citizen Honors Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society shown Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Hitchcock. During Hurricane Harvey, he used an air mattress to rescue 17 trapped neighbors. (Melissa Phillip / Houston Chronicle)

whole apartment just got flooded super quick.”

Water poured in after Virgil’s mother, Lisa Wallace, opened the front door of the family’s first-floor apartment. In a panic, Wallace, Virgil and his older sister, Diamond, grabbed as many things as they could and got out, the water rising to nearly above their heads. Two men helped Lisa up nearby stairs to a neighbor’s apartment on the second floor, while Virgil swam with his sister to the stairs.



When Virgil reached the top step, though, he received a cellphone call from Keshawn, pleading for help. Keshawn and his family were stranded by floodwaters in their apartment, about 50 yards away and across the courtyard. Virgil raced down the stairs back to his apartment

and sprang into action. Wading through water that was up to his head, Virgil went to a closet and grabbed a full-sized air mattress that his family used for guests and swam with it in the darkness toward the back door of Keshawn’s apartment.

“The water started getting higher, so we went outside to see if we could see something and we saw (Virgil) swimming around,” Keshawn later told the online TV program “SoulPancake.”

Virgil dragged the air mattress to the back window of Keshawn’s building and began lifting members of his friend’s family onto the air mattress one by one — Keshawn and his two sisters, his brother and baby brother, as well as his mom and stepdad.



The two men who had helped Virgil’s mother now assisted him in steering the

air mattress full of neighbors back to the stairs on the other side of the courtyard, where they went up to the second-floor apartment.

By the time the floodwaters had filled with debris, making it unsafe for swimming, Virgil had helped 17 people to safety, swimming with the air mattress in tow to get them to higher ground.

News of his actions ultimately reached the Medal of Honor Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, which awarded Virgil one of its five annual Citizen Hero awards.

The field of 20 finalists included two other Texans: Jim “Mattress Mack” McIngvale of Houston, a mattress business owner who sheltered Harvey victims, and Stephen Willeford of Sutherland Springs, who helped take down the gunman responsible for 26 killings at First Baptist Church in November.

To Virgil, though, his actions were no big deal.

“It was my friends and family,” Virgil said nonchalantly, almost shrugging. “I wasn’t afraid of drowning or nothing.”



Virgil’s heroic acts stunned his mother, who watched from the top of the stairs as her asthmatic son dragged the air mattress back and forth .

“It amazed me, but I know he can swim,” Wallace said. “He’s been swimming since he was 7, so I knew that wasn’t a problem. I had a little fear, but once we got to those stairs, that was it. I gave it to God and left it there.”

After ferrying several groups to safety, Virgil was nearly spent. Fire ants were crawling all over him, and his stamina

was beginning to wane.

Suddenly, a beam of light flashed from across the street, roughly 70 yards away, and Virgil heard a scream. With little time to think, he plunged back into the floodwaters with the mattress, swimming furiously toward the light.

An elderly woman in a wheelchair and her grandson had waved a flashlight from their submerged apartment.



Virgil Smith, 13, of Dickinson, who has been recognized with several awards, is one of five recipients who will receive the Citizen Honors Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society shown Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Hitchcock. During Hurricane Harvey, he used an air mattress to rescue 17 trapped neighbors. (Melissa Phillip / Houston Chronicle)

Virgil swam to the apartment, the mattress beginning to wilt from the weight of its previous passengers. Virgil broke the apartment window to get to the woman, the water nearly clearing her head as she sat frozen in panic. Her grandson was having a seizure, so Virgil helped calm him before piling both of them and their small dog, locked in a crate, onto the air mattress. He got them all back to the second-floor apartment, his final rescue mission complete.

“About 10 minutes after that,” Virgil recalled, “my air mattress burst.”

While his actions during Harvey demonstrate courage beyond his years, Virgil is not impervious to fear. To receive his Citizen Hero award, Virgil and his mother will have to fly to Washington, D.C., for the ceremony Friday. The teen has never set foot on an airplane.

“Yeah,” he said with a sheepish grin, “I’m kind of scared of that.” (https://www.expressnews.com/news/local)

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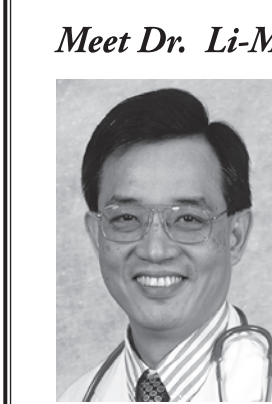
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President Donald Trump (L) speaks with conservative activist Charlie Kirk at a forum dubbed the Generation Next Summit at the White House, March 22, 2018.

President Donald Trump on Thursday repeated his call for a greater emphasis on trade schools while dismissing the value of community colleges.

Trump, speaking at the White House-sponsored “Generation Next” forum, shared an anecdote about a former classmate who, while not a particularly successful student, was mechanically quite adept.

“He had a great ability at that — far greater than me or far greater than other people,” the president recalled. “But he’ll never be a student, nor did he want that kind of learning, that kind of whatever you want to call it.”

The Association for Career & Technical Education responded to a similar anecdote Trump shared earlier at a Republican retreat.



“CTE (career and technical education) programs, like today’s high-demand career fields, require strong academic skills. Students of all abilities and from all backgrounds benefit from high-quality CTE,” the organization said in a statement. “In fact, CTE students have lower dropout and higher on-time graduation rates, and many transition to postsecondary education.”

Trump laid the foundation of his premise in February, when he told Republican lawmakers that the less academically inclined should learn bricklaying or carpentry or other trades.

President Plans For More Vocational Schools, Job Training

Trump Wants Big Push For Vocational Schools

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

Trump also called for more investment in workforce development and job training during his State of the Union address in January, which brought about both enthusiasm and concern from educational organizations.

“We call upon Congress to reauthorize the Higher Education Act in this session to recognize the impact that this law has on the developing and expanding workforce, which increasingly requires trained workers to fill the job demand of the 21st century,” Career Education Colleges and Universities President and CEO Steve Gunderson said in a statement released after the State of the Union address expressing the organization’s excitement toward the President’s remarks.

However, others raised eyebrows over Trump’s continued disregard for community colleges and invited the President for an opportunity to speak with the organizations to clarify what the institution provides.



President Trump Speaking at the Generation Next Summit at the White House, March 22, 2018.

“So we need vocational schools,” Trump said Thursday. “Now, they call them, a lot of times, community colleges. I don’t think it’s an accurate definition.”

Eloy Ortiz Oakley, the chancellor of California Community Colleges, the largest system of higher education in the nation with 2.1 million students attending 114 colleges, said in an with ABC News that that there is an important distinction between the terms “community colleges” and “vocational colleges.”

“I would welcome an opportunity to speak with the president about the wealth and breadth of programs and services our 1,200 community colleges provide annually to millions of individuals,” J. Noah Brown, the president and CEO of the Association

of Community College Trustees, said in a statement.

Trump also touted his recent tax cut as a “tremendous advantage” to millennials.

“You have far more incentive,” the president said. “You’re going to have a lot more money left in your paycheck to spend. And that’s part of the beauty.”

Trump told panel host Charlie Kirk, the founder and executive director of Turning Point USA, a conservative nonprofit organization with presence in college campuses across the country, that the perception of opposition to his administration is “highly overblown.”

“I think we have a lot of support,” Trump said. “You go to the real campuses and you go all over the country or you go out to the Middle-West, you go out even to the coast in many cases, we have a tremendous support. I would say we have majority support.”

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In a speech to Ohioans about infrastructure spending on Thursday, President Donald Trump appeared unaware of what community colleges are, comparing them to vocational schools as though they were the same thing. “A word that you don’t hear much, but when I was growing up, we had what was called vocational schools. They weren’t called community colleges, because I don’t know what that means, a community college!”

The remark spurred a lot of controversy and scrutiny on social media, as many people were seemingly taken aback that the president of the United States appeared unsure or unaware of the difference between community colleges and vocational schools.



Vocational schools, also often referred to

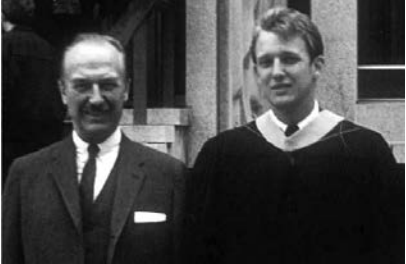
as trade schools, are dedicated to providing technical and hands-on education to prepare students for a given job or career — like, say, becoming an electrician, or a mechanic, or an engineer.

Community colleges, on the other hand, are institutions that offer the same kinds of courses a four-year college might, albeit at a lower-cost. Almost all community colleges in the U.S. are also open-access institutions, meaning anyone who applies can take a course or work towards a degree, unlike the hyper-competitive acceptance process of the nation’s premier four-year universities.

Trump: “When I was growing up we had what was called VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. They weren’t called community colleges. Because I don’t know what that means, a community college...I don’t know what it means...I tell people, call it ‘vocational’ from now on.”

Those are different things.

The remark came amid a wide-ranging speech — as The Washington Post noted, he also talked about North Korea, old roads and bridges in need of repair, and even the debut of ABC’s rebooted Roseanne sitcom. But the community college moment really caught a lot of people’s ears.



Donald Trump (right) with his father at his graduation from the Wharton Business School.

Trump, who attended and graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, repeatedly claimed that neither he nor “people” knew what the words “community college” mean.

“To me it means a two-year college, I don’t know what it means,” Trump told the assembled crowd. “But I know what vocation —

and I tell people, call it vocational from now on, it’s a great word, it’s a great word. Call it vocational and technical perhaps, but use vocational, because that’s what it’s all about. People know what that means, we don’t know what a community college means.”

This is far from the first time Trump has conflated community colleges and vocational schools. Last month, while speaking at a retreat for Republican members of congress in West Virginia, Trump suggested that community colleges and trade schools were essentially the same thing, just under different names.

“When I was growing up, we had vocational schools,” Trump said, as CNN detailed. “You learn mechanical, you learn brick-laying and carpentry. We don’t have those things anymore.”

“I think vocation is a much better word in a lot of cases than community college. A lot of people don’t know what community college means or represents.”



President Trump believes vocational school training should be a choice for all students.

The problem with Trump’s take, of course, is that it’s not simply a matter of which word is better, but what the words mean. Vocational schools and community colleges are both valuable types of institutions for countless people, depending on their individual needs and ambitions. But they’re not in any sense identical or interchangeable, contrary to what the president seemed to suggest.

It remains to be seen whether Trump’s efforts to tout a new infrastructure plan will pay off. Throughout the Obama administration, the White House spent a lot of time advocating for increased spending to fix America’s outdated and decaying roads and bridges, but was routinely stymied by the congressional GOP, on the argument that it was too costly to do so. As the deficit-spiking tax bill it passed last year demonstrated, however, the Republican Party has historically not been as concerned about “fiscal responsibility” when it’s actually in power. (Courtesy <https://www.bustle.com/>)

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董子健力薦是枝裕和《第三度嫌疑人》 導演首度"跨界"試水懸疑片 登陸藝聯院線

心理懸疑片《第三度嫌疑人》將在全國藝聯200個城市1208家影院全面上映，這是日本大師級導演是枝裕和（代表作《如父如子》《海街日記》）的作品首次登陸中國內地銀幕，用影迷的話來形容：“這是壹件值得紀念的事。”對於這部獲獎無數的新片，在上映第壹天收獲了來自實力青年演員董子健的誠意VCR推薦。

董子健表示：“3月30日，《第三度嫌疑人》就在藝聯專線上映了，這也是是枝裕和導演的電影第壹次在內地公映。是枝裕和的電影總是關注人文與家庭，這壹次他帶來了壹個帶有懸疑色彩的故事，同樣離不開社會、法律、心理與家庭的元素。壹個看似已經定案的嫌犯，壹次次翻供，帶來壹個又壹個驚心的真相，每壹次真相的揭露都是對人性的壹次拷問。好電影推薦大家到影院去看，真相不只壹個，看妳相信哪壹個！”

《第三度嫌疑人》講述壹位律師為兇殺

案嫌犯辯護，卻從對方前後不壹的供述中發現線索，發掘出看似確鑿的案情背後的驚人真相。本片是是枝裕和擔任導演、編劇和剪輯的心血力作，以冷峻細膩的鏡頭語言講述撲朔迷離的懸疑故事，實則發起對人性、倫理和司法的深層次拷問。

是枝裕和被譽為“日本電影當代大師”，全世界擁躉無數，代表作《無人知曉》、《花之舞者》、《如父如子》、《海街日記》等深受觀眾喜愛，並屢獲大獎。本次導演首度“跨界”試水懸疑片，反射出的人性謎題依舊深不可測，震撼人心。

《第三度嫌疑人》面世後收獲不少專業肯定，不僅入圍第74屆威尼斯電影節最佳影片，還在有“日本奧斯卡”之稱的日本電影學院獎上斬獲最佳影片、最佳導演、最佳男女配角、最佳編劇、最佳剪輯等六項大獎。

3月30日起，《第三度嫌疑人》在全國藝聯院線正式上映。



《樹大招風》三大賊王 再度合作新片 林家棟任賢齊陳小春 開拍電影《殊途同歸》



去年金像獎最大贏家《樹大招風》三男星——林家棟、任賢齊及陳小春再度合作，新片定名《殊途同歸》，講述三個被困在隧道中的人，在絕境求生下，流露出不同的人性真面目。“三大賊王”此番再度續戲，讓人期待。

據林家棟透露，因為有《樹大招風》的合作，這次是他主動找任賢齊和陳小春合作的。林家棟更深半夜打電話給任賢齊聊劇本

，小齊二話不說就說“我過來談”。

15分鐘後，有人敲門，林家棟看見壹個拿著頭盔的人，原來小齊是騎電單車過來的。聊完劇本後，小齊直言“聽到好作品，好興奮”。而另壹好搭檔陳小春則在壹支采訪視頻中直言：“不用做賊就好啦。”

女演員方面，會啓用陳漢娜（《食娘》裏飾演古天樂的女兒）。林家棟稱：“就是因為她有清純外表，但會展現最黑暗的壹面。”

劉偉強監制新片 《打黑風雲》籌拍 在"追龍"拍攝地選景 重現九龍城寨風起雲湧



時值第42屆香港國際電影節之際，眾多電影項目相繼公布，電影《打黑風雲》也宣布正式在國藝影視城籌拍。該片是以1950-1985年間九龍城寨風起雲湧、混亂不堪的時代為背景產生的壹個關於以正治邪、以惡治惡的故事。

早前，著名導演劉偉強、洗國林與著名制片人馮凱帥等人現身國藝影視城勘景，據悉這也是電影《追龍》的拍攝地

。經過壹段時間的籌備，各方討論並制定出了明確的拍攝時間表。

電影《打黑風雲》將由劉偉強總監制，馮凱帥總制片，洗國林及邱禮濤聯合導演，金像金馬獎制作班底護航，更有眾多壹線實力演員加盟。

《打黑風雲》自籌備以來，就得到了社會各界的關注。對於很多影迷朋友來說，香港電影創造了許多經典，

有不少警匪片、武打片膾炙人口，它們都極具地域特色，有著那個時代不可磨滅的烙印，也收獲了眾多國內外影迷，使得他們都擁有著壹種九龍城寨情結。

據片方透露，《打黑風雲》將呈現出壹個原汁原味的九龍城寨故事，這個故事是具有江湖氣的，也是由香港獨特的地域文化塑造而成的。目前電影也在同步開發漫畫。

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《暴裂無聲》 新海報曝光 另有深意

由忻鈺坤導演，宋洋、姜武、袁文康、譚卓領銜主演的犯罪劇情片《暴裂無聲》將於4月4日清明檔全國上映。日前影片開啓全國路演，片中多次出現的奧特曼面具更莫名“圈粉”。片方發布病毒海報，極具黑色幽默意味的是，海報上主演宋洋竟然帶上奧特曼面具，與姜武並排而坐，似乎要立即開啓“打怪”之戰，展現出影片獨具特色的荒誕感。

《暴裂無聲》此番發布的病毒海報，其靈感來自全國路演各站觀眾的反饋。主角宋洋奧特曼面具上身，與姜武並排而坐，黑色幽默氣息撲面，實則寓意代表正義直擊真相，“超人”即將與反派“怪獸”姜武開啓暴裂壹戰，極具超現實意味。

三個父親，因為兩個孩子，以及壹樁非法採礦案走到壹

起，上演壹場暴裂的人性之戰。表面上，這是《暴裂無聲》所要講述的故事，然而編劇導演忻鈺坤在影片中夾帶“私貨”，以迷影精神力圖探索華語犯罪電影的臨界點，甚至有超現實的荒誕元素呈現，片中的“奧特曼面具”就是其中之壹。

影片中，奧特曼面具、奧特曼書包、奧特曼動畫片都頻頻出現，以“缺失”的孩童視角審視事件真相。談及片中的“奧特曼”元素，導演忻鈺坤表示：“是壹種象征符號，無論哪個年代，到了壹定年齡的小男孩，都會喜歡奧特曼，他們心裏都有壹個打怪獸的夢，可當他們真的遇到現實中的怪獸，又該怎麼辦？代表正義的奧特曼超人會出現嗎？”

同時在觀影過程中，“惡霸”姜武捐贈學校，姜武小弟

踢場子，奧特曼時不時亂入，宋洋與姜武小弟的追逐等橋段，都讓許多觀眾會心壹笑，體味到《暴裂無聲》獨有的黑色幽默氣質。有觀眾慨嘆：“暴裂扯斷的社會階級，低端人口的無聲吶喊。加入知名演員、打鬥追逐戲和不少笑料。沒有尋找‘更安全’的表達方式，故事的結構和完成度依然不錯。”

網友“天馬星”甚至半調侃稱：“這是壹部致敬《迪迦奧特曼》的怪獸片，張保民（宋洋）和徐文傑（袁文康）是迪迦的光與暗的兩面，而那個深不見底的礦洞則是吞噬人性的怪獸。從技術上講，特寫近景所營造的壓抑感與人物偏安壹隅的構圖所表達的渺小感貫穿全片，從文本上講，類型化的敘事是今年所有片子裏最具可看性的。”

黃渤:生來都是電影大師也 挺沒意思的 李樯梁靜李晨現身助陣FIRST短片季首映



自去年11月份新壹期FIRST短片季開啓，近壹個月的征集評選，10天拍攝，最終經後期制作。昨日，7部青年導演短片作品終亮相。在FIRST“短片季首映禮”上，評委黃渤直言：局限也是無法忽視的存在，生來都是電影大師也挺沒意思的。

2014年開始，FIRST短片季就成為影展創作培育系統中不可或缺的壹部分。本次FIRST短片季圍繞“平等”概念，介入社會現實，在相對公益題材範圍內，去追溯影像表達的創造力，如何破除過度情

感的渲染，以及宏大命題的構建，又為青年電影人增添了新壹層磨煉。

值得壹提的是，這次，已憑借《北方壹片蒼茫》（原名《小寡婦成仙記》）斬獲FIRST影展和鹿特丹電影節最大獎的蔡成傑導演，回到FIRST短片季，進行全新的影像嘗試，也成為在場媒體和嘉賓好奇的焦點。

在蔡成傑導演看來，短片的經驗永遠是必要的，“有FIRST短片季這樣的機會要多參與，要多拍，只有在創作過程中才能真正發現和解決問題

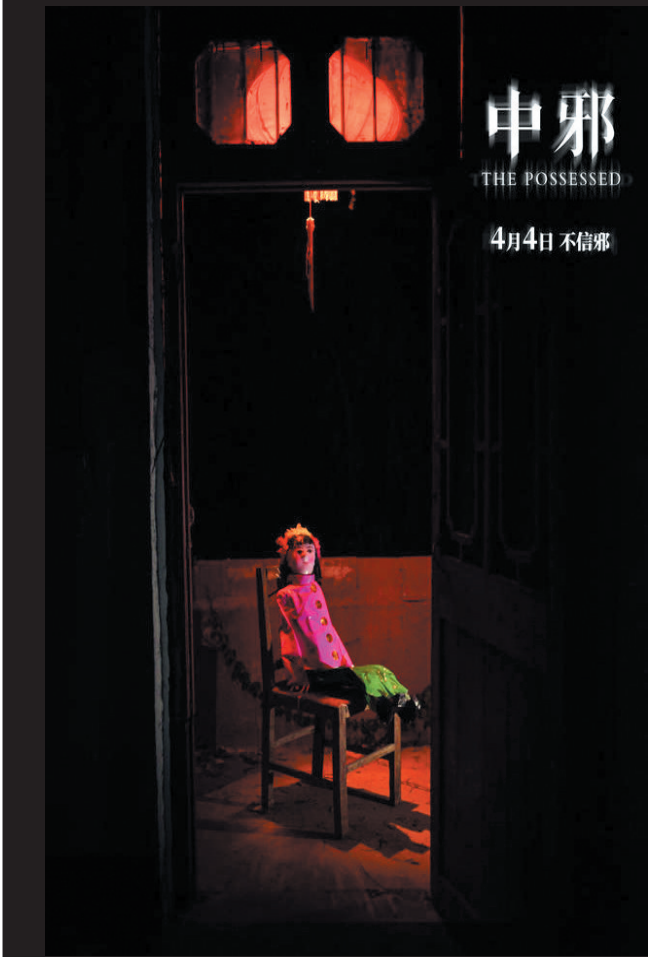
。這次過程中的困境和經驗，都讓我有新的反思。”

而談到這次影片的表達，“我其實是從壹個特別普遍的社會話題切入，現代農夫與蛇的故事，我們生活的公共空間裏，人與人之間，享受著公共利益的溫暖，也能消解冷漠。如果受到了傷害，是否還能以善意對之。人性是複雜的，每個人細小的正確的選擇，都能給世界平等的機會”。

作為評委，李樯、黃渤，還有嘉賓梁靜、李晨也都贊賞了青年電影人對世界的洞察，以及表達的態度。黃渤說：“比較短的時長內，有壹定主題的約束，或許最終呈現的結果有壹定局限性，但這是作為壹名導演，是壹種必須面對、也無法忽視的存在。創作的時候面對鏡頭，面對影像的方方面面，有時候還要面對自己的無能，但這也是引導我們能夠壹步步走下去的動力，如果生來都是電影大師的話也是很沒意思的。”



傳國產恐怖片 《中邪》將全面停映 制片人回應:我也不太清楚，只是接到了通知



即將於4月4日清明公映的國產恐怖片《中邪》因題材原因，將全面停止放映，3月31日的點映活動也將取消。時光網記者第壹時間向片方恒業影業和《中邪》的制片人孫德強求證，恒業方面表示：“還在等通知中，目前無法回應。”孫德強則說：“我也不太清楚……只是接到通知……而且也還沒確定……應該明天會確定。”

《中邪》曾入圍第十屆FIRST青年電影展最佳影片獎，由青年導演馬凱執導，采用偽紀錄片形式呈現，成本僅5萬元。之前在香港放映時還曾嚇暈壹名女觀眾。日前電影在北京舉辦了首映禮，映後被壹些觀眾稱為“國產恐怖驚艷之作”。

電影講述了大學生丁鑫和劉夢為拍攝農村民俗紀錄片進入壹個村落，在目睹了充滿詭異氣息“還人”儀式後，兩人跟隨“高人”王婆夫婦來到壹處偏遠的山莊拍攝驅邪過程。然而事情卻向更加詭異的方向發展。

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休士頓林西河堂在慶祝成立五十一週年慶晚宴中，由經文處林映佐副處長(圖後右)、共同會長林羅秀娟(圖後左)和葉林素芬(圖後中)共同頒發獎學金予優秀子弟(圖前右起)林漢龍、林呈龍、林祥龍和Ava Lin。



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