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U.S. lawmakers push back on Trump talk of helping China's ZTE

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. lawmakers on Tuesday rejected any plan by President Donald Trump to ease restrictions on China's ZTE Corp (000063.SZ), calling the telecommunications firm a security threat and vowing not to abandon legislation clamping down on the company.

A sign of ZTE Corp is pictured at its service centre in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, China May 14, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer

Trump on Monday had defended his decision to revisit penalties on ZTE for flouting U.S. sanctions on trade with Iran, in part by saying it was reflective of the larger trade deal the United States is negotiating with China.

"I hope the administration does not move forward on this supposed deal I keep reading about," Republican Senator Marco Rubio said. Bilateral talks between the world's two biggest economies resume in Washington this week.

The Wall Street Journal has reported Beijing would back away from threats to slap tariffs on U.S. farm goods in exchange for easing the ban on selling components to ZTE.

"They are basically conducting an all-out assault to steal what we've already developed and use it as the baseline for their development so they can supplant us as the leader in the most important technologies of the 21st century," Rubio said at a Foreign Relations Committee hearing on Asia policy. Trump had taken to Twitter on Sunday with a pledge to help the company, which has suspended its main operations, because the penalties had cost too many jobs in China. It was a departure for a president who often touts "America First" policies.

The Commerce Department in April found ZTE had violated a 2017 settlement created after the company violated sanctions on Iran and North Korea, and banned U.S. companies from providing exports to ZTE for seven years.

U.S. companies are estimated to provide 25 percent to 30 percent of components used in ZTE's equipment, which includes smartphones and gear to build telecommunications networks. The suggestion outraged members of Congress who have been pressing for more restrictions on ZTE. Some U.S. lawmakers have alleged equipment made by ZTE and other Chinese companies could pose a cyber security threat.

"Who makes unilateral concessions on the eve of talks after you've spent all this time trying to say, correctly in my view, that the Chinese have ripped off our technology?" Senator Ron Wyden, the senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, which oversees trade policy, told Reuters. Wyden, who is also on the Intelligence Committee, was one of 32 Senate Democrats who signed a letter on Tuesday accusing Trump of putting China's interests ahead of U.S. jobs and national security.

Republican Representative Mac Thornberry, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said at a Bloomberg event on Tuesday he did not expect lawmakers would seek to remove a ban on ZTE technology from a must-pass annual defense policy bill making its way through Congress.

"I confess I don't fully understand the administration's take on this at this point," Thornberry said. "It is not a question to me of economics, it is a question of security."

Another Republican, Senator John Kennedy, defended Trump, saying the president's approach is part of a larger set of negotiations with China. "He didn't get up one day and go, 'I think I'll change my mind on ZTE.' I think it's part of a larger issue, and part of a larger set of negotiations," Kennedy told reporters.



A sign of ZTE Corp is pictured at its service centre in Hangzhou, Zhejiang province, China May 14, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer

North Korea casts doubt on Trump summit, suspends talks with South

SEOUL (Reuters) - North Korea on Wednesday threw into question an unprecedented summit between its leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump scheduled for next month, denouncing military exercises between South Korea and the United States as a provocation and calling off high-level talks with Seoul.

A report on North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency angrily attacked the "Max Thunder" air combat drills, which it said involved U.S. stealth fighters and B-52 bombers, and appeared to mark a break in months of warming ties between North and South Korea and between Pyongyang and Washington.

Any cancellation of the June 12 summit in Singapore, the first meeting between a serving U.S. president and a North Korean leader, would deal a major blow to Trump's efforts to score the biggest diplomatic achievement of his presidency.

Trump has raised expectations for a

successful meeting even as many analysts have been skeptical of the chances of bridging the gap due to questions about North Korea's willingness to give up a nuclear arsenal that now threatens the United States.

The KCNA report called the air drills a "provocation" that goes against the trend of warming ties.

"This exercise, targeting us, which is being carried out across South Korea, is a flagrant challenge to the Panmunjom Declaration and an intentional military provocation running counter to the positive political development on the Korean Peninsula," the South Korean news agency Yonhap quoted KCNA as saying.

"The United States will also have to undertake careful deliberations about the fate of the planned North Korea-U.S. summit in light of this provocative military ruckus jointly conducted with the South Korean authorities." A Trump-Kim summit until recently had looked impossible given the insults

and threats the two leaders exchanged last year over North Korea's development of nuclear missiles capable of hitting the United States. Heather Nauert, spokeswoman for the U.S. State Department said it had no information from North Korea about threat to cancel the summit and that it continued to plan for that meeting.

"Kim Jong Un had said previously that he understands the need and the utility of the United States and the Republic of Korea continuing in its joint exercises," Nauert told a briefing.

"We have not heard anything from that government or the government of South Korea to indicate that we would not continue conducting these exercises or that we would not continue planning for our meeting between President Trump and Kim Jong Un next month," she said. There was no immediate comment from the White House.

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Houston Zoo's summer party series for adults kicks off with a silent disco

By Craig Hlavaty

The Houston Zoo's short series of monthly summer parties to encourage adults to come out to the zoo after dark (without the little ones) kicks off this week.

The After Dark party series begins Thursday, May 17, with upcoming dates on the third Thursday in June and July. This week's event is a silent disco party. For those unfamiliar with silent disco parties, patrons are given special headphones where they can tune into a handful of channels playing specific genres of music, like electronic dance, Top 40, and '70s and '80s jam. It's rather funny watching people nodding along and dancing to the music silently. Everyone can listen to what they want and be happy.

It's also a little less intrusive for the zoo's sleeping residents, a plus for the animal welfare staff who work events like this. A whole team is on site to make sure the animals are safe and secure while thousands roam around the park.

In April the Houston Zoo released its ambitious plans for the future which will transform the Houston treasure in many ways.

Speaking of those residents, a handful will be part of special encounters and informative meet-and-greets with guests. A prehensile tailed porcupine, a Harris's hawk, and a black-throated monitor will be on display, according to the Houston Zoo. The keepers of the elephants, sea lions, and



reptiles and amphibians will also be holding special Q&A sessions with party goers.

Maybe the zoo's pregnant elephant Tess will be up and about. We hear pregnant elephant cravings are ridiculous.

Tickets are \$35 per night or \$90 for a season package. Guests must



be 21 years or older. Alcohol will be sold at the events. These parties, along with the annual Zoo Lights, Feast with the Beasts, and the brand-new Brew at the Zoo beer festival that debuted in April are a way to reach out to Houstonians who want to experience the scenery after hours without children.

Woodlands mansion with famous closet now listed at \$7 million

The listing price keeps dropping on the Woodlands mansion where the three-story master bedroom closet and its owner made 2014 headlines after a burglary. Theresa and Lamar Roemer's nine-bedroom Chateau Woods estate, originally listed for \$12.9 million, is now listed for \$7 million.

The key to selling this home may be downplaying the closet, said Claudia Fathivand of Nan and Company Properties/Christie's International Real Estate.

"I'm going to try to rebrand it," Fathivand said. She said potential wealthy buyers may come from outside the Houston area and might be attracted to the home's other features, such as the luxurious pool or the fact that it is a rare three-story mansion.

"Not everybody has the amount of clothes that (Ro-

emer) has," Fathivand said. "Not everybody needs a three-story closet. So the closet, to me, is a distraction."

Other features of the home include a catering kitchen, lap pool, wine room with sitting area, butler's pantry, a 24/7 security system and an elevator.

"This house was never meant to be a house that we would live in together. It was always meant to be a house to flip," Roemer told the Houston Chronicle in 2014. "I want to build another one and build a bigger closet."

Roemer had announced in 2016 that the mansion would go up for auction, but the auction was later postponed.

In December 2016, rapper Gucci Mane shot a music video inside the 3000-square-foot closet. At that time, the mansion was listed for \$7.9 million.

The home at 47 Grand Regency Circle was built in 2005 and remodeled in 2013.



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Russian opposition leader Navalny leaves after a court hearing in Moscow



Palestinian demonstrator fights with Israeli security forces during a protest against U.S. embassy move to Jerusalem and ahead of the 70th anniversary of Nakba, near Damascus Gate in Jerusalem's Old City



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A worker cleans a Lionel Messi figure at a small factory in the outskirts of Shanghai



Boys, who are experiencing the lives of Buddhist monks by staying in a temple for two weeks as novice monks, enjoy a ride at the Everland amusement park in Yongin



Palestinians collect tires to be burnt during a protest marking the 70th anniversary of Nakba, at the Israel-Gaza border in the southern Gaza Strip



A couple wear Prince Harry and Meghan Markle face masks outside Windsor Castle, in Windsor

The winds of change are blowing through employee benefit plans across Canada, and they smell like weed.

Benefits industry insider Mike Sullivan caught a whiff at a recent meeting with some of his clients, who represent private companies with benefit plans that cover about three million Canadian workers across a range of industries.

"This group that was in attendance, the No. 1 topic of discussion was medical cannabis," said Sullivan, who is president of Cubic Health, which provides analytics to employers who sponsor health benefit plans.

"That's what everybody wanted to talk about — but not in a negative way: there's a lot of support for looking at this and examining it in a thoughtful, responsible way," Sullivan told an audience at a cannabis business conference held in Toronto by the Canadian Institute May 25.

The insurance industry itself has been hesitant to cover medical marijuana, according to Sullivan.

"Insurance company actuaries cannot get their head around how to price the risk of medical cannabis," he said, citing the range of products available, the personalized nature of dosing, and the wide range of potential indications as complicating factors.

But that doesn't matter to medium- and large-sized Canadian employers, Sullivan said. They generally use insurance companies to administer their employee health benefit plans while paying the costs of coverage themselves, an arrangement known as a self-insured, self-funded or "administrative services only" plan.

Self-insured companies get to choose what their benefit plans cover — and apparently, some of their workers want them to cover medical marijuana.

"Employers are hearing it from their employees," said Joan Weir, director of health and disability policy with the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association. "Will it ever be a benefit?"

'Mutual Benefit' To Employers, Employees

Those employers, said benefits expert Mike Sullivan, are seeking the answer to a question: "Can they do a better job of getting people back to work sooner, and staying at work," by covering medical marijuana?

Major Canadian Employers Are Already Considering Covering The Drug, Says Industry Insider

Could Medical Marijuana Be Your Next Employee Health Benefit?

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



Large Canadian companies with self-funded employee benefit plans are seriously considering covering medical cannabis for their workers, according to a benefits industry insider. (Photo/Bloomberg)

Of course, paying for employees' medical marijuana raises a host of complex questions, especially in safety-sensitive industries like resource extraction or construction. But workers in those industries are already using employer-covered drugs, said Sullivan, especially opiates and benzodiazepines.

"I think it's a very naive argument for employers to say, 'Well, we don't want to open up the door here,'" he said. "The door is already open."

As self-insured health benefit plans start covering medical marijuana, employees shouldn't expect blanket approvals for the drug. Coverage will have to be approved on a case-by-case basis, said Sullivan.



Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadian For Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, convinced the University of Waterloo student union to cover his medical cannabis under its health benefit plan in December 2014.

tor of Canadian For Fair Access to Medical Marijuana, convinced the University of Waterloo student union to cover his medical cannabis under its health benefit plan in December 2014. Covering medical marijuana brings "mutual benefit" for patients and their employers, according to Jonathan Zaid, executive director of Canadians for Fair Access to Medical Marijuana. (Photo/CBC)

"We hear wide-ranging anecdotal reports that are extremely positive from patients, saying that they're going back to work, they're having better family and social lives, they're happier, their symptoms are more manageable, and they're often going off of other pharmaceutical drugs which are all insured," Zaid said.

Some Plans Already Cover Marijuana

Zaid himself has been covered for medical cannabis by the University of Waterloo student union's health benefit plan since December 2014. He said it took eight

months of discussions to reach an agreement with his plan sponsor.

A small number of other self-insured Canadian health benefit plans already cover medical marijuana in certain circumstances.

Windsor, Ont., union LIUNA Local 625 recently started covering medical marijuana as a way to reduce opioid use among members. Earlier this year, a Nova Scotia human rights board said the Canadian Elevator Industry Welfare Trust Plan had to cover medical marijuana expenses for employee Gordon "Wayne" Skinner, although that plan's board of trustees is appealing the decision.

Veterans Affairs Canada also reimburses a growing number of military veterans for medical cannabis.

From the perspective of benefit plan sponsors, there's strong medical evidence that medical marijuana is effective for three specific conditions, according to Cubic Health's Mike Sullivan: spasticity in multiple sclerosis patients, nausea reduction for chemotherapy patients, and relief of chronic pain.



Loblaw Companies is covering medical marijuana for employees through their health benefit plans, but only in a limited number of cases. (Photo/Reuters/Canadian

Press)

Grocery and pharmacy giant Loblaw Companies started covering medical marijuana for employees in late March — but Sullivan noted that Loblaw is only covering MS and chemotherapy patients, leaving out the potentially large population of chronic pain patients who could benefit from coverage.

"It's curious to me that they cherry-picked the two groups that are going to be very, very, very small in number, and that they just said [the annual coverage limit] is going to be \$1,500," Sullivan told CBC News. "Where did that number come from?"

Licensed Marijuana Producers Lay Groundwork

Marijuana has not been assigned a Drug Identification Number from Health Canada, which makes it difficult for insurers to process claims. But some licensed marijuana producers are laying the groundwork for employers to cover their products by assigning them Product Identification Numbers instead.

"We want to make it as easy as possible" for insurance administrators to cover costs, said Philippe Lucas, vice president of patient research and access at licensed producer Tilray.

Lucas said some Tilray customers are already getting their costs covered by major insurance plan administrators like Great West Life, Sun Life and Wawanesa by way of employees' individual healthcare spending accounts, which allow discretionary spending of an annual amount of money on approved medical expenses.

Tilray is also actively lobbying employee benefit plan sponsors to include cannabis in their coverage, he said. Meanwhile, Lucas sees changing attitudes towards medical marijuana among insurance industry players.

"I think that there's a hesitance by some industry members of being the first out of the gate to offer medical cannabis, but there's a greater fear of being the last out of the gate to offer this coverage," he said. (Courtesy http://www.cbc.ca/news)



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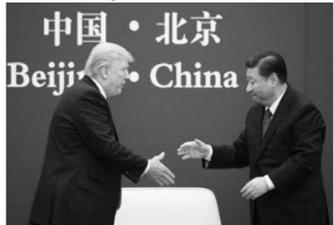
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In a surprising departure from his "America First" agenda, President Trump says he will help a China-based cellphone manufacturer save jobs after the Commerce Department said it sold U.S. technology to Iran and North Korea and then failed to live up to the terms of a settlement.

ZTE, the world's fourth-largest maker of cellphones, was found in violation of U.S. rules against selling U.S.-originated technology to certain blacklisted countries. After reaching a more than \$1 billion settlement with Commerce as reparation for its Iran and North Korea dealings, ZTE then violated the terms of the agreement by failing to fire some employees and reprimand others who were involved in the illicit technology transfers.

Among other things, Commerce imposed a seven-year ban on the company that prevented it from buying parts from U.S. manufacturers.

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross last month called ZTE's behavior "egregious" and said it "cannot be ignored."



Presidents Trump and Xi are working together "to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast," Trump tweeted on Sunday.

The president's tweet on Sunday appears to have undone all that. "President Xi of China, and I, are working together to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast," Trump tweeted on Sunday. "Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!"

A few hours later, he followed up with another tweet: "China and the United States are working well together on trade, but past negotiations have been so one sided in favor of China, for so many years, that it is hard for them to make a deal that benefits both countries. But be cool, it will all work out!"

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump President Xi of China, and I, are working together to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast. Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed

President Trump Puts 'America First' 'On Hold' To Save Chinese Jobs

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



Picture from May 3, 2018 shows the ZTE logo on an office building in Shanghai. (Photo/AFP)

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China and the United States are working well together on trade, but past negotiations have been so one sided in favor of China, for so many years, that it is hard for them to make a deal that benefits both countries. But be cool, it will all work out!

2:22 PM - May 13, 2018 Although the origins of the case against ZTE dates back years, as CNET reports, "ZTE disclosed earlier this year that while it had gotten rid of several employees, the company hadn't properly reduced the bonuses of some workers, or issued letters of reprimand. The inaction wasn't consistent with a progress report ZTE issued in July. It's because of those false statements that the Commerce Department decided to act."

Amid Trump's tough talk on trade — with China a particular target of his anger and frustration — Commerce last month imposed a seven-year ban on ZTE from purchasing anything from U.S. companies — a move that cut it off from its suppliers that has been described as a "death sentence" for the company, which employs some 70,000 workers in China.

Following his about-face announced on

Twitter, White House press secretary Lindsay Walters issued the following statement: "The President's tweet underscores the importance of a free, fair, balanced, and mutually beneficial economic, trade and investment relationship between the United States and China. The administration is in contact with China on this issue, among others in the bilateral relationship. President Trump expects Secretary Ross to exercise his independent judgment, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, to resolve the regulatory action involving ZTE based on its facts." California Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff tweeted a response directed at the president: "Our intelligence agencies have warned that ZTE technology and phones pose a major cyber security threat. You should care more about our national security than Chinese jobs."

Adam Schiff @RepAdamSchiff

Our intelligence agencies have warned that ZTE technology and phones pose a major cyber security threat. You should care more about our national security than Chinese jobs.

"A reversal of the ZTE decision could temporarily tamp down trade tensions by allowing the Chinese to make concessions to the U.S. without losing face," Eswar Prasad, a

professor of trade policy at Cornell University, tells The Associated Press. "Trump may have recognized that backing off on ZTE clears the path for him to claim at least a partial victory in the US-China trade dispute based on the concessions the Chinese seem prepared to offer."

Speaking to NPR's All Things Considered Sunday, CNET Executive Editor Roger Cheng called the president's move "absolutely a shocker."

"ZTE makes smartphones that really utilize a lot of American technology, companies like Qualcomm, which makes processors or Intel, which makes chips - Corning, which makes display glasses. A lot of these U.S. companies supply major components and software technology to ZTE products," Cheng tells NPR.

"So the argument that ZTE has been making quietly is that they actually invest a lot in the U.S. economy," Cheng says. Last year, they spent more than \$2 billion purchasing technology from U.S. businesses. So, that's probably an argument that helped sway President Trump." (Courtesy https://www.npr.org)

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China has welcomed a pledge from Donald Trump to help save ZTE, one of China's biggest telecoms companies

Trump Seeks To Save Chinese Jobs At ZTE Ahead Of Trade Talks



(Photo/Getty Images)

ZTE has suspended operations after the US last month banned American companies from selling it components. The firm had admitted to making illegal shipments to Iran and North Korea.

But Mr. Trump has now tweeted he will work with President Xi to help ZTE get "back into business fast", saying too many jobs in China were at risk.

China has called the comments "positive".

Donald J. Trump @realDonaldTrump

President Xi of China, and I, are working together to give massive Chinese phone company, ZTE, a way to get back into business, fast. Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!

"We greatly appreciate the positive position of the US on the ZTE issue and are in close communication with the US on the details of the issue," foreign ministry spokesman Lu Kang said.

US commentators say the tone of the tweet is a dramatic shift for Mr Trump, who has consistently accused China of stealing US jobs. The concession to Beijing comes ahead of high-level trade talks later this week in Washington aimed at resolving an escalating trade dispute between the world's two largest economies.

Beijing has made resolving the situation with ZTE, which employs about 80,000 people, one of its demands for striking a broader trade agreement with with US.

What Did ZTE Do Wrong?

In March 2017, ZTE admitted to violating US sanctions by illegally shipping American technology to Iran and North Korea and was fined \$1.1bn (£800m).

The current export ban - which lasts seven years - was imposed last month after the company allegedly failed to comply with its agreement.

It was accused of lying about the punishment of employees involved in skirting the sanctions.



US companies provide at least a quarter of the components used in ZTE's equipment, which includes smartphones and telecommunications network equipment.

ZTE spent more than \$2.3bn on imports from about 200 US companies last year. Douglas Jacobson, a lawyer in Washington DC who represents some of ZTE's suppliers, said: "This is a fascinating development in a highly unusual case that has gone from a sanctions and export control case to a geopolitical one."

"There's no legal mechanism for this. How this will play out remains to be seen. They are not simply going to be able to resume business as usual." (Courtesy bbc.com)

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海報上，壹個貌似黑色電影的懸疑故事在畢贛導演構造的“魔幻時空”中張力十足。羅紘武（黃覺飾）被纏繞在夢魘中，“神秘女人”萬綺雯（湯唯飾）則長發掩面坐在床邊。她似乎面向羅紘武，但背後的手槍暗示了曾經發生且將要發生的陰謀與情感相交的故事。對羅紘武來說，萬綺雯這個名字就像投入水中的壹顆石子，激起他心中漣漪般的往事回憶。

《路邊野餐》男主角陳永忠在本片段極為搶鏡。在本片中，他飾演的左宏元是羅紘武最危險的敵手。《堅強的理由》正好張揚著他的霸氣。“神秘女人”萬綺雯自始至終保持著沈默。她的美麗和疏離令人覺得無論是羅紘武，還是左宏元，都無法觸動她的內心。左宏元由愛生恨揪住萬綺雯的頭髮想要占有她，但面對她的執意不從，只好無奈地唱出“將壹切都抹去”；羅紘武則絮語呢喃，試圖摺去時間的斑駁，留住最美的記憶。這個寫意段落將三個人間的複雜關係表現得淋漓盡致。

作為導演畢贛的第二部長片，《地球最後的夜晚》有著比《路邊野餐》更為新穎、大膽的突破。影片不僅延續了《路邊野餐》表現時空的手法，而且進壹步將記憶敘事與魔幻敘事加以對比，表現出多樣化藝術電影的不同質感。業內早有傳言說本片中有個3D段落。但導演畢贛卻表示：“這不是壹部3D電影”。影片將在戛納電影節全球首映，馬上揭開神秘面紗。

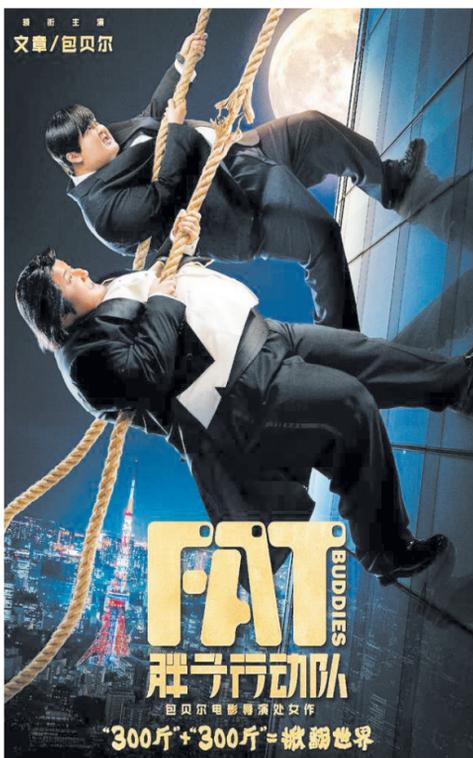
《地球最後的夜晚》將於2018年內在國內公映。



包貝爾當導演 攜手文章組《胖子行動隊》

XXXL版海報亮相戛納場刊

300斤胖子造型曝光



由包貝爾首執導筒、攜手文章領銜主演的動作喜劇電影《胖子行動隊》於今日正式曝光了XXXL版海報。兩位主演首次以體重超過300斤的胖子造型登陸大銀幕，更於當地時間5月14日把這款XXXL版海報送上第71屆戛納電影節場刊《Screen》的封面，榮翻中外影迷。

此次《胖子行動隊》曝光的XXXL版海報堪稱史上最“重量級”的海報了，文章、包貝爾兩個300多斤的胖子沿著繩索順著摩天大樓垂直攀登、奮力向上，動作感十足。同時，兩人臃腫的體態與運動的身姿形成極大反差，加上把吃奶的勁兒都用上努力攀爬的神情，更讓人忍俊不禁。由於體重原因，兩人攀登的繩子幾乎被拉斷，配

《西小河的夏天》獲贊五月最有共鳴電影 張頌文譚卓演繹嚴父慈母

電影《西小河的夏天》將於5月25日全國上映，片中，實力派演員張頌文和譚卓時隔十年再度搭檔“升級”夫妻，走心再現大多數家庭中的嚴父慈母形象，演出屬於中年人的困境與成長。兩位實力派演員互飆演技，譚卓為角色苦練越劇與方言，張頌文為精準還原90年代教導主任模樣增重20斤。他們對電影的熱情，讓導演周全深受打動，“兩位前輩的用心，讓我們非常感動。”許多影展中看過片的觀眾表示，自己對影片中的諸多細節與細膩情感很有共鳴，“這就是我父母的相處模式”，“影片給了我們面對成長的勇氣”，“《西小河的夏天》可以說是五月最有共鳴的佳作了！”

電影《西小河的夏天》是實力派演員張頌文與譚卓的二度合作，兩人十年前曾在婁燁導演的《春風沈醉的夜晚》中飾演壹對情侶，此次升級為夫妻可謂是“有情人終成眷屬”。兩人在電影《西小河的夏天》中走心詮釋中國大多數家庭中的嚴父慈母形象。其中，張頌文飾演的曉陽爸爸像大多數沈默型父親壹樣，深愛孩子卻不苟言笑，事業上也面臨著困境。張頌文表示，“我自己的父親也是這樣，我知道他是愛我的，可我還免不了對他有誤解。我想通過塑造這樣的父親來彌補兒時對父親的小埋怨。”

談及對片中曉陽媽媽壹角的理解，譚卓稱她代表了當今社會的大部分女性，“她壹手工作壹手家庭，又要做媽媽又要做太太，還要面對自己的事業。角色設定層次非常豐富，讓我有興趣去進壹步挖掘。”片中，張頌文和譚卓飾演的曉陽父母在事業與家庭如何抉擇的現實焦慮，也引起很多觀眾的共鳴。不少在電影節展映中看過片的觀眾表示，“我的爸爸媽媽也是這樣的嚴父慈母模式”，“導演眼光獨到，演員演技不凡。影片通過對成長主題的深度思考，寫實重現了中年夫妻的生活肌理”。

張頌文48小時變身“中年油膩”譚卓演出職場母親辛酸

張頌文與譚卓均是活躍於大銀幕的實力演員，兩人對角色的精心準備和走心演繹讓導演周全十分感動。此次，張頌文特意為戲增重二十斤，還在第壹次和導演周全見面時給對方制造了壹個“小驚喜”。導演周全回憶稱：“張老師在兩天內借來90年代的襯衫、西褲、眼鏡、皮鞋，特意打扮成教務主任的樣子，還即興表演劇本裏的幾場戲給我，讓我非常感動。”

在《西小河的夏天》中，演員譚卓主動挑戰可塑性、戲劇張力很強的曉陽媽媽壹角。提到譚卓的表演，導演周全稱：“她的表演給這個角色添加瞭許多層次感，演活了愛家庭又有自我追求的母親。”此外，譚卓還特意從零開始學起越劇與江浙方言，全方位還原曉陽媽媽的人物氣質。不少觀眾表示被影片打動，“被演員的演技感動，原來1998年的生活是那麼質樸與純粹”，“讓我瞬間回到自己的1998年，想到自己跌跌撞撞成長的時光”，“成長是永恆的命題，這部電影給了我面對成長的勇氣”。影片《西小河的夏天》由85後導演周全執導，張頌文、譚卓、顧寶明、董晴、榮梓杉等人主演，由企鵝影視、壹山文化、彼此影業出品。將於5月25日全國公映。

張頌文譚卓走心詮釋嚴父慈母觀眾：演技到位！我也有這樣的爸媽



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《華氏451》：壹篇極富詩意的警示文 文化成爲宣戰對象 老子《道德經》也被燒毀

想像壹個向毒品全面宣戰的世界——但這次不是毒品，宣戰對象是書籍和任何文化產物。

有權威的官方到校園向孩童宣傳遠離任何文化產物，新壹代年輕人認識的歷史被竄改，能看的書籍充滿表情包，人與人之間的交流僅以爭取社交媒體曝光率爲最終目標。這些是否給人壹些恐怖的熟悉感？

美籍伊朗導演拉敏·巴哈尼透過新作《華氏451度》，輕輕在觀眾耳邊細語：“若是不小心繼續放任科技取代人性，這就將發生在不久的將來。”

改編自科幻小說大師雷·布萊伯利的同名作品的電影《華氏451度》，在戛納國際電影節舉辦首映禮。電影由“邁克雙帥”：邁克爾·B·喬丹與邁克爾·珊農領銜主演，是1966年版本的更新版，是壹篇極富詩意的警示文。

電影片頭是壹連串世界文學作品被燒毀的片段組成，其中包含老子的《道德經》。因爲官方運用社群媒體大肆宣揚焚燒文化產物，刻意把“邁克雙帥”飾演的消防員們塑造英雄，燒書燒到聲名大噪。



消防員由邁克爾·珊農飾演的貝提隊長領軍、邁克爾·B·喬丹飾演的蓋·蒙塔戈爲最受歡迎接班人，主要任務就是找出世界上還存在另壹群極力保存文化產物的人們，逮捕他們並銷毀所有文化產物的實體和數位檔案。

蒙塔戈壹直都有模糊的孩時記憶，逐漸開始尋找焚書的目的。貝提隊長透過克裏絲（索菲亞·寶特拉飾）提供訊息，進行大規模突擊搜索。這次行動中，已經很迷蒙的蒙塔戈偷留了壹本書，並偷偷去找他意向愛慕的克裏絲，想尋找解答。

克裏絲因愛讀書被捕，爲了縮短刑期才時不時給貝提隊長過期的線索。蒙塔戈從克裏絲學到更多有滋養的文化內容，兩人的感情透過文化交流迅速發展。蒙塔戈也加入拯救人類文化產物的行列，因此成爲昔日消防隊友緝捕的對象。

看過1966年版本的觀眾，可能覺得創新程度不高。但沒看過1966年版本、或是原著小說的觀眾，應當會很欣賞這個在制片技術上成功結合虛

擬和寫實的作品。

導演巴哈尼在《華氏451度》成功塑造壹個寫實的近期未來世界，高樓大廈玻璃外牆成爲巨大屏幕，語音助理隨處在身邊，實體文化產物也存在硬體中，各個角落都是攝像頭，而社群媒體和表情包成爲所有人類交流的共通語言。這些都是可想在幾10年後的可能真實狀況，因此沖擊力更強。

片頭壹場邁克雙帥的拳擊賽更體現出，人類最膚淺的外表與肢體已經徹底取代內涵。畢竟在壹個消防員工作是焚書而不是救火的社會，註意力除了放在外表與體態之外，還能往哪擺呢？

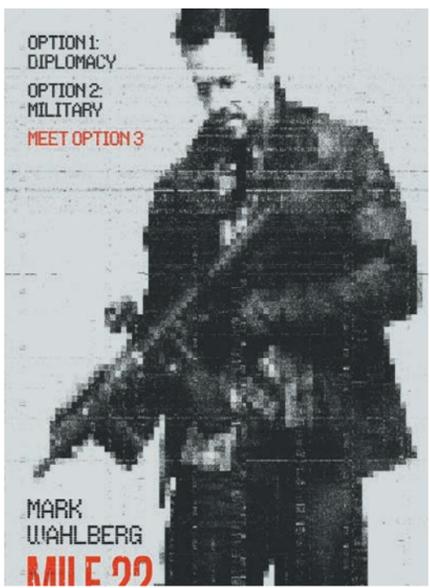
主演們更是給出最精髓的演技。飾演蓋·蒙塔戈的邁克爾·B·喬丹，在《黑豹》生動演出令人同情的反派之後，《華氏451度》中演技持續令人驚艷，從受全世界歡迎的消防隊長接班人首選、到困惑尋求目標、以及堅定加入拯救人類文化產物，演技生動且心境轉換遊刃有餘。

飾演貝提大隊長的邁克爾·珊農，壹用在《水形物語》中的陰險狡詐反派角色，成功詮釋這位個性十分沈著穩重，也藏有自己秘密的大隊長。尤其在沒有臺詞的鏡頭中的表演最精彩，表情和肢體動作向強力吸鐵壹樣，勾出觀眾內心最深處對反派的同情心。

女主角索菲亞·寶特拉更是不遑多讓。大家請忘掉《新木乃伊》中那個讓人摸不著頭緒的公主阿瑪內特！《華氏451度》中，寶特拉飾演的熱愛文學產物的克裏絲，充份詮釋憂鬱清新美之余，渾身充滿壹種女性堅毅，表面上墻頭草遊走在正反兩方的邊界，其實死守自己認爲對的事物。

《華氏451度》透過真實度高的近期未來設計，不是壹個超距離感的科幻片，用人性情感激發文學產物對人類的重要性。比起1966年版本有壹定程度的更新，因此對沒看過1966年版本的觀眾，非常貼近時事和情感，不乏是認識這個長青題材壹個很好的切入點。

馬克沃爾伯格版 "諜影重重"預告搶先看 搭檔"行屍走肉"女星合演動作片《22英裏》



導演彼得·博格和馬克·沃爾伯格第四度合作的動作片《22英裏》今日發布預告片，影片被媒體形容爲頗有《諜影重重》風格，巧合的是沃爾伯格和馬特·達蒙不僅都來自美國波士頓，外貌還有點類似。

據悉《22英裏》正式預告今夜明早發布，影片將於今年8月3日北美上映，《行屍走肉》女星勞倫·科漢、印尼動作男星伊科·烏艾斯（《突襲》）和知名打女隆達·魯西（《速度与激情7》）和約翰·馬爾科維奇都有加盟。

和之前的《孤獨的幸存者》《深海浩劫》《恐襲波士頓》不同，《22英裏》不再是改編自真實事件。影片講述馬克·沃爾伯格扮演的CIA特工詹姆斯·席爾瓦，在壹個絕密戰術團隊的協助下執行棘手任務：試圖將壹名攜帶有敏感信息的神秘警官從某國偷運出來，顯然某國各路人馬不會放過他們。

早前沃爾伯格曾表示，他和博格打算把這個電影打造成三部曲。影片將於今年8月3日北美上映，到時候看票房和口碑能否幫助兩人完成夢想。

《咖啡風暴》導演改編嚴歌苓小說《密語者》



日前，在戛納國際電影節上，中國作家嚴歌苓與意大利導演克裏斯提諾·波頓宣布將達成合作，改編嚴歌苓2003年的中篇小說《密語者》。

《密語者》故事設定在2003年美國入侵伊拉克期間，壹個中國女人嫁給了壹名美國大學教授，她認爲自己找到了自由和內心的平靜，直到她

突然開始不斷收到壹個神秘跟蹤者的電子郵件，女人過去的秘密被逐漸揭露出來。

據悉，該片計劃2019年開拍，女主角將選壹位中國女演員飾演，男主角則將選壹位美國男演員飾演。

作爲作家、編劇，嚴歌苓已經有多部小說被改編成電影，如《金陵十三釵》、《芳華》、《陸犯焉識》等。嚴歌苓表示，多年以來，她壹直在尋常合適的方式

將小說主人公的隱秘情感呈現在電影中，克裏斯提諾·波頓的敏感令她感動，相信他是適合講述這個故事的導演。

意大利導演克裏斯提諾·波頓的代表作品包括《咖啡風暴》等，該片曾提名第七屆北京國際電影節天壇獎。

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而聞名，是中國城中心的重要教育項目。

為了培養未來的國家優秀學者，也為了培養公民領袖，

Duc Dinh中心暑期項目是彌補常規學校的弱點，

並為即將到來的課程提前進行提前教學。在過去十年的

每個夏天，來自休斯頓各地的父母都帶著他們的孩子們

來參加Duc Dinh中心這些享有聲望的夏季課程。

Duc Dinh中心聘請了通過嚴格測試和培訓的最優秀、

最聰明的教育工作者。從大學教授到國家優秀學者，

每一個想與我們的學生一起工作的人都必須在他們

進入課堂之前，展示他們對教學材料的掌握。

Duc Dinh中心的暑期課程在1至8年級階段教授學生數學、閱讀、寫作和科學。Duc Dinh中心還開展幼兒教育，為進入幼兒園的兒童提供基於研究的教學方法。

Duc Dinh中心的高中課程包括教學課程，如代數1、代數2、幾何、微積分、生物、化學和物理。此外，Duc Dinh中心提供了一個獨特的SAT/ACT項目，有200個小時的演講，課後還有200多個小時的輔導，這些都是免費的。嚴謹的學術項目有了明顯的教學效果，從2016年到2018年，多個Duc Dinh中心學生參加國家大學入學考試，一個學生獲得了ACT滿分36分和多個學生在SAT考試中得分高於1500分。那些年，眾多學生在每個年級水平STAAR考試得到滿分。在我們的大多數幼兒園二年級學生有1-1.5年的知識水平領先於同年齡的小朋友。

Duc Dinh中心主要通過口碑和個人推薦的方式，發展成為休斯頓最大的私人教育學習中心。

Duc Dinh中心想與各位家長聯系，讓他們瞭解我們的兒童學術發展計劃。一旦小孩子們可以不用尿布了，他們就開始準備學習我們的早期兒童項目。我們在小學6年級的時候就為國家優秀獎學金的學生做準備。我們的課程是按照我們中心的創始人在萊斯大學和貝勒醫學院為他的B.S./醫學博士所做的SMDEP，暑假醫療項目。我們是一個教育發展中心，許多日托中心都試圖模仿我們的計劃，但是沒有一個成功。

Duc Dinh中心的學生已經成功地完成了常春藤盟校、前20所大學、新罕布希爾州菲利普斯埃克塞特學院、倫敦哈羅德學院和澳大利亞格朗語法學院的申請。既然我們瞭解瞭如何申請頂級學校，我們有責任為學生提供一個計劃，讓他們為最高水平的競爭做好準備。

沒有理由說Duc Dinh中心的學生應該輸給任何其他地方的學生。

在Duc Dinh中心，我們不認為自己是導師或教育家。我們是在這裡培養公民領袖的開發人員。他們既有學術上的才華，也有動力去改善他們自己的社區和整個世界。帶著成千上萬學生的成功案例，我們很自豪地邀請家長來參加我們的暑期學校

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到Duc Dinh中心來瞭解更多關於競爭教育，我們能做的公平競爭，並最終獲得接受進入常春藤盟校和世界各地的頂尖大學。

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