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Trump voices 'rogue killers' theory for Khashoggi incident

ANKARA/WASHINGTON (Reuters) - U.S. President Donald Trump speculated on Monday that "rogue killers" may have been behind the disappearance of prominent Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi and dispatched Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to meet King Salman over the case.

Khashoggi, a U.S. resident, Washington Post columnist and leading critic of the powerful Saudi crown prince, Mohammed bin Salman, vanished after entering the Saudi consulate in Istanbul two weeks ago to get marriage documents. Turkish officials say they believe he was murdered there and his body removed.

Saudi Arabia is preparing a report that would say Khashoggi was killed as the result of an interrogation that went wrong, CNN reported on Monday, citing two unidentified sources. The Saudi government could not immediately be reached for comment on the CNN report. The New York Times, citing a person familiar with the Saudi plans, reported that Prince Mohammed bin Salman had approved an interrogation or rendition of Khashoggi back to Saudi Arabia. The Saudi government, it said, would shield the prince by blaming an intelligence official for the botched operation.

The case has provoked an international outcry against Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, with more media and business executives pulling out of a planned investment conference there this month.

While organizers said Monday the conference will go on, the Saudis canceled an annual diplomatic reception in Washington set for later this week.

Many members of the U.S. Congress, which has long had a testy relationship with Saudi Arabia, have issued strong criticism of the kingdom over the case.

Turkish authorities have an audio recording indicating

that Khashoggi was killed in the consulate, a Turkish official and a security source told Reuters, and have shared evidence with countries including Saudi Arabia and the United States. They provided no further details.

Saudi Arabia has strongly denied killing Khashoggi and has denounced such assertions as "lies", saying he left the building shortly after entering. "The king firmly denied any knowledge of it," Trump told reporters after speaking with King Salman. "He didn't really know, maybe - I don't want to get into his mind but it sounded to me - maybe these could have been rogue killers. Who knows?"

The U.S. president gave no evidence to support the theory.



Human rights activists hold pictures of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi during a protest outside the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul

Trump called his top diplomat on Sunday night and asked him to have face-to-face meetings with the Saudi leaders, according to State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert. "Determining what happened to Jamal Khashoggi is something of great importance to the president," she said.

Pompeo will go to Turkey from Saudi Arabia, the White House National Security Council said.

Turkish police investigators entered the Istanbul consulate late on Monday. A Turkish diplomatic source had earlier said a joint Turkish-Saudi team would search the building - the last place Khashoggi was seen before he vanished on Oct. 2. "It has been 13 days since the event, so surely proving some of the evidence might be difficult, but we believe we will obtain evidence," the Turkish official said.

Many U.S. mall owners say good riddance to Sears

NEW YORK (Reuters) - The real estate investment trusts that own the malls and shopping centers where many Sears stores are anchor tenants have waited years for the retailer's demise to renovate the sites and boost rent, although redevelopment costs may strain some plans.

Sears store is pictured with a sign indicating the store remains open during the ongoing redevelopment of the neighboring Granite Run Mall in Media, Pennsylvania, U.S., October 10, 2018.

REUTERS/Tom Hals

Most large U.S. malls are controlled by REITs. In recent years, the REITs have cut their exposure to Sears Holdings Corp, which filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Monday. Sears said it plans to close 142 stores.

Sears now accounts for less than 1.0 percent of many REITs' base rental income. Gaining control of vacated sites will be costly, while rebuilding the stores can run about \$10 million to \$12 million, or about \$100 per square foot, for each site.

But most REIT shares gained on Monday as investors focused on the potential benefits of a Sears bankruptcy.

The REITs have looked forward to a bankruptcy to remove the eyesore of many Sears stores. They also will be able to raise the rent in contracts sometimes

signed more than 20 years ago with extension options that kept leases very low. Shares of mall REITs have fallen in recent years as investors feared online shopping would eliminate the need for many brick-and-mortar stores and as rising interest rates add to funding costs. Besides Sears, retail bankruptcies such as Toys R Us and Bon-Ton Stores Inc created vacancies. But rents have risen in the best locations and a bankruptcy like Sears poses an opportunity for landlords to refresh their properties with new or better tenants, provided they win control of the sites during Chapter 11, which can be complicated.

"What they've always said to me, we certainly are happy to get back the boxes," said Haendel St. Juste, a REIT analyst at Mizuho Americas in New York.

Simon Property Group, the largest U.S. mall operator, has 59 Sears Holdings stores in its malls, the most of any REIT, but its exposure to the bankruptcy is "de minimis," he said.

Leases with new tenants could easily double or triple the rent Sears or Kmart now pay, the REITs say. Kmart merged with Sears in a 2005 deal. A Kmart that was demolished in Staten Island, New York, will result in rents 727 percent higher



FILE PHOTO: A store closing sale sign is posted next to a Sears logo in New Hyde Park, New York

when the new site opens with new tenants in 2020, Kimco Realty Corp said in a statement Monday, a sign of the upside the bankruptcy offers.

"It's not been a surprise but it's been frustrating that it's taken so long," David Bujnicki, in charge of investor relations and strategy at Kimco, said in an interview of the long-expected bankruptcy.



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By Mike Morris

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By Mike Morris Updated 3:08 pm CDT, Monday, October 15, 2018

Mayor Sylvester Turner's former press secretary has been charged with abusing her official capacity by misusing her government computer, cell phone and email account for private purposes, according to a charging document filed by the Harris County District Attorney's office.

Darian Ward, who also was charged last July with refusing to turn over public records, "intentionally and knowingly" misused government property to "obtain a benefit" between March 22, 2014 and Nov. 15, 2017, states the charging document, which was filed Friday. The value of the alleged misuse was estimated to be at least \$750 and less than \$2,500.

The new charge is listed as a felony on the charging document, but the District Attorney's office said that is a typographical error and the charge is a Class A misdemeanor.

Ward, who resigned her city post in January, faces a fine of up to \$1,000, six months in jail or both under the misdemeanor records charge filed in July. She is

accused of failing to turn over roughly 5,000 pages of emails about personal business activities sent or received on her city of Houston email account in response to an open records request by a reporter. Ward's attorney, Chris Tritico, has said the emails were not public information and that his client did nothing wrong. Tritico could not immediately be reached for comment on the latest charge.



Darian Ward, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner's former press secretary, during a July 24, 2018, appearance in a Harris County courtroom.



Snow, freezing temperatures, 60-mph wind gusts reported around Texas

Autumn quickly descended upon Texas Sunday and Monday, bringing drastic temperature drops, record lows, heavy rain and even snow to the Lone Star State.

The cold front's path through the state was rapid, but it didn't hit the whole state at once. Cities in the panhandle and North Texas were showing 30-degree temperatures Sunday while San Antonio, Houston, and other southern cities maintained their summery 70-90 degree temperatures, the National Weather Service said.

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weather

By Monday morning, even most of the South Texas cities reported 40-degree-plus temperature dips, according to the service. Corpus Christi experienced a 14-degree drop in just two minutes.

In the north part of the state, temperatures continued to drop. Multiple cities hit their first fall freezes, some warned of possible ice on highways, and Amarillo received snow, the weather service said.



There were drastic differences in temperatures across Texas cities as the cold front hit some parts of the state before others, according to the National Weather Service.



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FILE PHOTO: A store closing sale sign is posted next to a Sears logo in New Hyde Park, New York



A woman stands next to an inflatable tank with U.S. President Donald Trump outside an art exhibition 'MonuMental' by the pseudonymous artist, Saint Hoax in downtown Beirut



A security official holds barriers during the arrival of Saudi officials at Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul



North Korea's Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country, crosses the concrete border to attend a meeting with South Korean Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon during at the truce village of Panmunjom



Alice Weidel of the anti-immigration party Alternative for Deutschland (AfD) reacts after the announcement of the first exit polls in the Bavarian state election in Mamming near Dingolfing, Germany, October 14, 2018. REUTERS/Wolfgang Rattay TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Tennis - Shanghai Masters - Men's Singles - Qi Zhong Tennis Center, Shanghai, China - October 14, 2018. Novak Djokovic of Serbia celebrates with the trophy after winning the final against Borna Coric of Croatia. REUTERS/Aly Song



North Korea's Ri Son Gwon, chairman of the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of the Country, shakes hands with South Korean Unification Minister Cho Myoung-gyon during their meeting at the truce village of Panmunjom

President Trump signs an executive order promoting job training at a Pledge to America's Workers event at the White House Thursday.

The executive order establishes a national council for U.S. workers and aims to equip students and workers with skills they need to thrive in the modern economy.

The council will help ensure Americans have access to affordable and relevant job training.

A number of company representatives at the event, including General Motors and Lockheed Martin, signed a pledge to help advance workforce development.

The president says the pledge will help provide nearly four million new job opportunities to American students workers over the next five years.

In the run-up to Thursday's announcement, R. Alexander Acosta, the labor secretary, announced \$150 million in funding pegged to a June 2017 executive order that was intended to strengthen apprenticeship programs targeting new industries, veterans and their spouses, women, people of color, and ex-offenders.

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Mr. Trump will also convene an advisory panel of industry, union and corporate leaders to ensure that federal programs are more closely aligned to the labor demands of industry. In June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated that there were 6.7 million job openings, with only 6.4 million workers available to fill them.

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President Donald Trump signs an executive order on Thursday in the Roosevelt Room of the White House.

"I never actually put that together until just now," he said, calling to his daughter Ivanka, who is working on the jobs initiative.

President Trump Signs Executive Order On Job Training

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



President Donald Trump holds up an Executive Order he signed that establishes a National Council for the American Worker, during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Thursday, July 19, 2018. (Photo/AP)

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Ivanka Trump has been working on President Trump's jobs initiative. (Photo/The New York Times)

The order creates a Council for the American Worker, led by the secretaries of commerce and labor, that will focus on consolidating existing federal programs and funding new job training initiatives, with a special concentration on expanding apprenticeship programs and retraining older workers without college degrees.

As part of the effort, companies and trade unions have committed to funding nearly four million slots for apprenticeships, retraining and continuing education programs over the next five years.

Job training has emerged as one of the few coordinated policy initiatives generated in the West Wing with broad appeal across income and party lines. In part, that is because many labor and corporate leaders are struggling to expand their work force, and several top White House officials, including

Kevin Hassett, the chairman of Mr. Trump's Council of Economic Advisers, have made the issue a top priority.

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White House staff members had initially asked participants to base their numerical pledges on the number of apprenticeship slots their organization planned to set aside. That number totaled about 500,000, according to two trade association representatives.

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The President's Executive Order on job training.

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articles with a variety and high degree of these linguistic features, it can be easily inferred that they are more likely to publish unreliable "news".

"Automatic fact-checking lags behind in terms of accuracy, and it is generally not trusted by human users. In fact, even when done by reputable fact-checking organizations, debunking does little to convince those who already believe in false information," the researchers write.

Among the features: specific patterns of so-called "function words" that give a more spoken feel to a news article, as opposed to the far more common "content words."

Imagine you are scrolling through Facebook, you see an article that seems a little unusual, and you flag it. If Facebook's algorithm has decided you're trustworthy, the report then might go to the social network's third-party fact checkers.

That's one reason why a group of journalists and media executives are launching a tool called NewsGuard, a browser plug-in for Chrome and Microsoft Edge that transcends platforms, giving trustworthiness ratings to most of the internet's top-trafficked sites.

The researchers found that their algorithm, called the Support Vector Machine, could correctly deduce a high, low, or me-

dium level of "factuality" about 65 percent of the time. It could predict right- or left-leaning bias about 70 percent of the time. While not perfect, it's a big improvement over a raw guess (50 percent).

The next step, they write, is "characterizing the factuality of reporting for media in other languages. Finally, we want to go beyond left vs. right bias that is typical of the Western world and to model other kinds of biases that are more relevant for other regions, e.g., Islamist vs. secular is one such example for the Muslim World."

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dozens of reporters who comprise NewsGuard's staff. They hail from a range of news organizations, including New York Daily News and GQ. Together, they've spent the last several months scoring thousands of news sites.

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To vet the sites, they use a checklist of nine criteria that typically denote trustworthiness. Sites that don't clearly label advertising lose points, for example.

The tool is designed to maximize transparency, says Steve Brill, NewsGuard's cofounder, best known for founding the cable company Court TV. "We're trying to be the opposite of an algorithm," he says.

Along with the launch of the plug-in, NewsGuard is announcing partnerships with Microsoft as part of its Defending Democracy Program. The startup has also forged a deal with libraries in at least five states, which plan to install the extension on their own computers and educate members about how to use it at home.

cey Aldrich, the state librarian of Hawaii, said in a statement. "We're trying to be the opposite of an algorithm."



Brill and Crovitz launched NewsGuard in response to two dueling crises facing journalism: the declining trust in mainstream media, and the proliferation of fake news that masquerades as legitimate.

But Republican members of Congress have since seized on the shrinking reach of sites like The Gateway Pundit as evidence that Facebook censors conservatives.



NewsGuard's staff of nearly 40 reporters and dozens of freelancers are still working their way through 4,500 websites that they say account for 98 percent of the content shared online.

"Algorithms don't call for comment," Brill says, adding that dozens of sites that have already improved their scores by integrating NewsGuard's criteria.



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香港文匯報訊

(記者姚進)第12屆中國金鷹電視藝術節、第29屆中國電視金鷹獎頒獎晚會於14日晚在長沙舉行。頒獎晚會現場揭曉了多個重要獎項，其中張譯、李易峰、迪麗熱巴、丁柳元四位演員分獲中國電視金鷹獎觀眾喜愛的男、女演員獎，而備受關注的金鷹節最具人氣男、女演員獎則由李易峰和迪麗熱巴所得。

《海棠依舊》獲得最佳電視劇獎，陳力獲最佳導演獎，申捷獲最佳編劇獎，王紹林獲最佳美術獎，智磊獲最佳攝影獎。值得一提的是，“中國文聯終身成就電視藝術家”榮譽稱號首次在金鷹節頒發，著名文藝評論家李准和劇作家王朝柱獲此殊榮。

不少實力派演員獲提名

在“觀眾喜愛演員獎”的提名名單中有不少實力派演員。女演員中，有年輕演員迪麗熱巴、楊紫、關清子，也有金鷹獎常客孫儂、丁柳元、劉濤、袁泉、殷桃。提名的男演員有于和偉、孫維民、李易峰、何冰、張譯、張嘉譯、柳雲

演員台上分享打動全場

今年是新中國電視事業誕生60周年。當晚到現場的六代演員代表游本昌、王剛、唐國強、張凱麗、閔妮、佟麗婭代表各自年代的電視文藝工作者分享，讓觀眾體會到中國電視人的澎湃激情，感受到新時代中國電視文藝的前行動力。以扮演濟公而成名、今年已85歲高齡的游本昌，在台上分享的一段話打動了全場：“剛剛參加工作的時候，前輩告訴

我，幹文藝的三個標準：可以有營養的牛奶，再不行就是解渴的白開水，但決不能提供有害的東西。到今天，電視60年的發展，傳播力越來越大，我們電視工作者自己更要有責任感、使命感，要堅持把有營養的東西，傳播給親愛的觀眾。”短短幾句樸實無華而又擲地有聲的話語，道出了老一輩表演藝術家“以人民為中心”的責任和堅守。

80後演員佟麗婭的感想同樣給人所啟發：“我們新疆越是冷的、越早的地方，長出來的水果才越好吃。面對困難你只有拼盡全力去奮鬥，收穫的勝利水果才最甜。”這一席話，讓人們看到了中國電視文藝新生代的蓬勃希望。



張譯憑藉在電視劇《雞毛飛上天》獲得“觀眾喜愛的男演員獎”。
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否認延後婚期搶視后 李佳芯：得到也不“馨香”

香港文匯報訊(記者李思穎)李佳芯(Ali)近年備受無綫力捧，最近有傳她延後婚期換取“視后”獎項，令事業更上一層樓，Ali否認其事，覺得換回來的獎項並不“馨香”，必須得到觀眾認同才實至名歸，否則遭觀眾大罵亦沒趣。

Ali 15日以形象大使身份出席“莎莎婦女銀袋日”記者會，戴上華麗帽飾的她表示：“平日甚少戴這類誇張款式，會偏向簡單款，要是見到鍾情的樣式都會捨得買下來，試過到歐洲旅行時用三千元買下一頂手工做的帽子，但至今未有用過，因戴帽子需要配合場合和服飾，當然我不會動用幾萬元買帽，就算是買衫都不捨得。”

笑男友不懂理財

Ali笑言：“自己比較現實喜歡儲錢買樓，但香港樓價太貴很難成事，(近日樓價有下跌趨勢是時機入市?)身邊有朋友都慫恿我趁機買樓(是否男女柄銜哥?)哈哈，陳生?唔係佢。(叫男友先置業?)我從小到大受到母親灌輸理財概念，所以這方面我比

男友實際，他對錢銀沒有太大概念，並非說他是大花筒，只是不懂理財投資。(大可由你全權理財?)現階段不需這樣做，大家都努力工作，應該經濟獨立，不過希望將來老公交給我理財，阿媽話十元畀九元我，我要求十元給我八元已心滿意足，(男友會否做到?)要去到哪個階段才知道。”

以平常心面對獎項

說到有傳她延後婚期換取“視后”獎項，Ali一頭霧水說：“有咁咁嘅事?首先我唔知自己有婚期，公司將獎項給誰亦都有人知，自己覺得獎項不是換回來，如果可以換便失去價值不“馨香”，自己得獎希望實至名歸，獲得觀眾認同，不會界人鬧。”

陳煒在《宮心計2深宮計》演出同樣贏盡口碑，不過煒哥覺得Ali做得不錯，奪“視后”呼聲高，Ali開言大讚煒哥份人太好，自己很喜歡她，她又是我前輩，(視對方為勁敵?)這些很主觀，她的《宮心計2深宮計》和我的《BB來了》完全是不同劇集，難以比較，公司給我獎項當然開心，自己則以平常心面對，不想太多。



■導演劉傑攜主演楊冪、郭京飛、李鴻其等人亮相紅毯。
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楊冪平遙影展 與影迷交流新片



■廖凡(左)、趙濤(右)頒獎座給杜琪峯(中)。

香港文匯報訊 第二屆平遙國際電影展日前在山西平遙古城開幕，來自全球25個國家和地區的50餘部影片將陸續亮相平遙電影宮，其中近半數影片為全球首映。多部國際電影節獲獎作品亮相本屆電影展，包括洛迦諾電影節最佳影片金豹獎得主《幻土》亞洲首映、康城國際電影節最佳女演員獎得主《小傢夥》導演剪輯版全球首映、威尼斯電影節地平線單元獎最佳影片《蝠鱝》中國首映、多倫多國際電影節“站台”單元大獎影

片《幸福城市》中國首映。香港導演杜琪峯在開幕式上榮獲“2018臥虎藏龍東方交流貢獻榮譽。”杜琪峯從廖凡及趙濤手中接過獎座。他說：“我沒有經過專業學習，一直從拍攝中學習，在學習中拍攝。”杜琪峯在談到年輕導演創作時反覆強調視野和熱情，“沒有這兩樣東西就沒有火花，也不可能堅持下去。”另外，影片《寶貝兒》14日晚在平遙電影宮舉行了首映，導演劉傑攜主



■楊冪在台上作分享。
中新社

演楊冪、郭京飛、李鴻其亮相紅毯及《寶貝兒》映前映後見面會，與影迷現場交流互動。本屆電影展將持續至10月20日，展映作品中的部分主創將會在平遙電影宮與觀眾互動交流，分享創作心得。

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《雞皮疙瘩2：魔書歷險》 “充滿陳腔濫調，卻也熱鬧應景”

看完90分钟长的电影《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》，电影里饰演故事原创作家R.L.斯坦的杰克·布莱克一句台词点出了观片感想：“我以前的文笔还真是陈腔滥调。”索尼影业出品的冒险系列电影《鸡皮疙瘩》推出的续集《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》热闹有余内容新鲜度不足，虽然角色设计稍嫌粗浅以及剧情无新意，但电影非常有趣的运用特效效果，实现看过原著的读者的想像，十分热闹应景。

《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》由导演阿里·桑戴尔执导，罗伯·列博担任编剧，《小丑回魂》杰里米·雷·泰勒、《趴体生活》克里斯·帕内尔、《勇敢者游戏：决战丛林》麦迪逊·伊斯曼、《伴娘》温迪·麦伦伦敦、《摘金奇缘》肯·郑主演。

电影故事讲述在万圣节来临之际，两个小男孩意外唤醒腹语假人Slappy，他一心想要成为家庭的一员未果，因为不择手段，释放各种怪物来到现实生活中，木偶人、无头骑士、巨大的气球蜘蛛、凶狠的小熊软糖等。小主角们必须在Slappy得逞之前把怪物们封印回到魔法书中。

故事剧情听起来非常熟悉吗？那是因为和第一集的剧情大同小异。第一集在2015年上映，5800万成本在全球共拿下1.56亿美元票房，在北美影评人的好评率高达71%，首映周更是获得北美票房冠军，是索尼2015年最成功的作品之一。第一集的故事显然很成功，复制到第二集有

何不可。比起第一集，《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》的视觉特效更花俏，导演阿里·桑戴尔设计的第三幕热闹呈现各种怪物肆虐小城市，电影里的怪物特效设计超乎想像也娱乐性十足。

众演员的表演也可圈可点。拯救人类的童星演员们是电影亮点，尤其是小明星杰里米·雷·泰勒，十分生动演出热爱科学、在学校被霸凌欺负的Sonny。大人演员们更是最佳绿叶，温迪·麦伦伦敦考发挥喜剧天份饰演Sonny的单亲妈妈，肯·郑爆笑演出热爱万圣节的邻居朱先生。

杰克·布莱克饰演故事原创作家R.L.斯坦，同时也替腹语玩偶Slappy配音（虽然主演名单中没有他的名字）。他的配音演出诡异生动，替酷似鬼娃恰奇风格的腹语玩偶注入令人毛骨悚然的生命力。但杰克·布莱克现“身”银幕的时间很短，前后大概不超过五分钟，而且他露脸的目的明显是为了铺陈第三集。

虽然《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》的剧本新鲜度不够，是让电影里原著作者R.L.斯坦都有自我挖苦地说这故事“陈腔滥调”。不过对于喜欢原著小说的年轻观众，电影呈现的画面效果会实现读者的想像。小主演员的表演加上大人演员的喜剧底子，也让《鸡皮疙瘩2：魔书历险》的热闹活力应景即将到来的万圣节。



除了“自殺小隊2” 毀滅者還想演什麼？新片“夢幻島”：西部世界與林中小屋的混搭



繼昨日爆出“演導”詹姆斯·古恩由漫威轉戰DC，將為《自殺小隊2》做編劇，還有可能做導演的消息傳出後，壹直支持他的“毀滅者”戴夫·巴蒂斯塔在推特上表示自己想加盟出演。

今日，又有關於他的選角消息爆出——他有可能加盟上世紀70年代經典美劇《夢幻島》的電影改編版，這部由索尼和Blumhouse共同出品的新片目前正在商談中。《鐵人》系列中的

嘴炮王“路易斯”邁克爾·佩納會飾演原版美劇中的標誌性角色Roarke先生，歐陽萬成（《摘金奇緣》）則會飾演壹位美夢連天的酒店客人Brax。

電影版《夢幻島》被描述為“《西部世界》和《林中小屋》的混搭”，圍繞壹幫獲了獎的人展開，他們來到小島上的酒店來實現夢想，結果發現自己被困在了噩夢般的境地中。而巴蒂斯塔飾演的角色，可能是壹位曾經的酒店客人，他依然被扣留在

這個島上，想要曝光酒店主人Roarke的惡行，與這個島上的魔法秘密。

影片將由傑夫·瓦德洛執導，他此前的作品，包括也是由恐怖片大家Blumhouse出品的《真心話大冒險》，與《海扁王2》。聽上去，這個版本的《夢幻島》十有八九也是恐怖片了。瓦德洛與克萊斯托弗·羅奇（《空中營救》）、吉莉安·雅各布斯（《真心話大冒險》）將共同為本片編劇。

“僵屍世界大戰2”再定開機時間



壹再拖延的《僵屍世界大戰2》還活著。近日制片人確認，影片仍由此前公布的大衛·芬奇執導，布拉德·皮特回歸主演。影片預計於2019年6月開拍。

《僵屍世界大戰》第壹部上映幾個月後，導演胡安·安東尼奧·巴亞納就簽約成為續集導演，第二部定檔2017年6月9日。然而隨著巴亞納離開去執導《侏羅紀世界2》，並受皮特離婚風波的影響，影片撤銷了這個檔期。

去年夏天，大衛·芬奇確認加盟執導，並稱影片有望今年初開拍。芬奇據說是由布拉德·皮特親自出面邀請的。二人此前曾在《七宗罪》《本傑明·巴頓奇事》《搏擊俱樂部》中

有過合作。

今年3月，影片宣布再度推遲開拍時間。原因是主演布拉德·皮特忙得實在抽不開身。那時候布拉德·皮特，與小李子壹起，剛剛簽約昆汀·塔倫蒂諾第9部長片《好萊塢往事》。

如今2019年6月的開機時間跟芬奇的行程很吻合。他今年12月要拍《心靈獵人》第二季，拍完之後再花幾個月處理後期制作。弄完後就差不多是這個時間，可以拍《僵屍世界大戰2》了。

這麼看來《僵屍世界大戰2》似乎不太受到重視，主創們把他的必要等級放得較低，壹再地先去處理其他更重要等級的工作，使得影片壹再拖延。

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等均出席祝賀。達福地區國慶籌備會總召集人孟敏寬、酒會負責人黃甫泉分別感謝僑界對酒會的大力支持，陳家彥應邀致詞說明中華民國台灣民主成就，感謝美國友誼，莊雅淑則代表僑委會吳新興委員長感謝僑胞支持國家之熱情，曹明宗僑務委員亦代

表海外僑界上台表達對國家祝賀，Addison市長周建源、Carrollton市長Kevin Falconer、Garland市長Lori Barnett Dodson、Richardson市長Paul Voelker等市長亦分別致詞道賀中華民國國慶，場面熱絡歡欣！

會中陳家彥與莊雅淑頒發達福地區本年辦理雙十國慶慶祝活動負責人感謝狀，以及國慶盃壘

球比賽優勝隊伍，主辦單位同時也安排有精彩的藝文表演以及摸彩等，邀請到台灣知名歌手劉明珠演唱多首歌曲，酒會結束前在全體僑胞揮舞國旗高唱梅花的歌聲中，達福地區慶祝中華民國107年國慶活動圓滿成功。



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