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Minnesota student sues JD.com's CEO Liu, company over rape allegation

(Reuters) - A University of Minnesota student who said she was raped last August by Richard Liu, the chief executive officer of China's e-commerce retailer JD.com Inc, filed a civil lawsuit against him in a Minneapolis court on Tuesday, nearly four months after prosecutors declined to press criminal charges.

Liu, through his lawyers, maintained his innocence throughout the investigation of the woman's allegation.

The lawsuit in Hennepin County court seeks more than \$50,000 in damages and names Richard Liu and JD.com as defendants. It identifies the student as Liu Jingyao.

Richard Liu's attorney, Jill Brisbois, could not be immediately reached for comment on the lawsuit. A spokesman for JD.com also could not be immediately reached for comment

"This action arises out of a sexual assault and battery that caused damages of more than \$50,000," the court document said.

The student accused Richard Liu of rape in August when he was visiting the University of Minnesota to attend a doctor of business administration program directed at Chinese executives.

The 46-year-old Liu, who started JD.com as a humble electronics stall and expanded it into an e-commerce company with 2018 net revenues of \$67 billion, was arrested on Aug. 31 but released without charge about 17 hours later. He soon returned to China and continued his executive role, as prosecutors in Minnesota investigated the rape allegation to determine if criminal charges were warranted. In December, Hennepin County Attorney Michael Freeman announced he was not charging Richard Liu as there were "profound evidentiary problems which would have made it highly unlikely that any criminal charge could be proven beyond a reasonable doubt."



FILE PHOTO: Richard Liu, founder and chief executive officer of e-commerce company JD.com, leaves the Great Hall of the People after the opening session of the National People's Congress (NPC) in Beijing, China March 5, 2018. REUTERS/Stringer/File Photo

In major shift, Trump to allow lawsuits against foreign firms in Cuba

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The Trump administration will allow lawsuits in U.S. courts for the first time against foreign companies that use properties Communist-ruled Cuba confiscated since Fidel Castro's revolution six decades ago, a senior U.S. official said on Tuesday. The major policy shift, which will be

announced on Wednesday, could expose U.S., European and Canadian companies to legal action and deal a blow to Cuba's efforts to attract more foreign investment. It is also another sign of Washington's efforts to punish Havana over its support for Venezuela's socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

President Donald Trump's national security adviser John Bolton on Wednesday will explain the administration's decision in a speech in Miami and will also announce new sanctions on Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, countries he has branded a "troika of tyranny," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

It is unclear, however, whether such property claims will be acceptable in U.S. courts. The European Union has already warned it could lodge a challenge with the World Trade Organization. Trump threatened in January to allow a controversial law that has been suspended since its creation in 1996, permitting Cuban Americans and other U.S. citizens to sue foreign companies doing business in Cuba over property seized in decades past by the Cuban government.



FILE PHOTO: U.S. President Donald Trump talks to reporters as he departs for travel to Texas from the White House in Washington, U.S., April 10, 2019. REUTERS/Kevin Lamarque





WORLD NEWS

French President Macron hopes to rebuild Notre-Dame in five years

PARIS (Reuters) - President Emmanuel Macron pledged on Tuesday that France would rebuild the fire-devastated Notre-Dame de Paris cathedral, saying he hoped the work would be done in five years and the French people would pull together to repair their national symbol.

Macron devoted a brief prime-time televised address to Monday's catastrophic blaze in the heart of the capital, again postponing planned remarks on his response to months of anti-government protests.

"We will rebuild Notre-Dame even more beautifully and I want it to be completed in five years, we can do it," Macron said.

"It is up to us to convert this disaster into an opportunity to come together, having deeply reflected on what we have been and what we have to be and become better than we are. It is up to us to find the thread of our national project." In the heart of Paris, a wounded Notre-Dame stirs emotions

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"This is not a time for politics," added Macron, who had cancelled a speech planned on Monday evening on the response to the "yellow vest" protests.

He visited the site of the fire late on Monday and promised then to rebuild the cathedral, parts of which date to the 12th century.

The cathedral spire was destroyed and its roof gutted but the bell towers were still standing and many valuable art works were saved after more than 400 firemen worked to contain the blaze, finally quelling it 14 hours after it began.

As the city and the country grieved for a potent

national symbol, billionaires, companies and

local authorities were quick to offer donations.

Some 24 hours after the fire started, more than 750 million euros (\$845 million) had been pledged, including 500 million from the three billionaire families that own France's giant luxury goods empires: Kering, LVMH and L'Oreal.

Paris public prosecutor Remy Heitz said there was no obvious indication the fire was arson. Fifty people were working on what would be a long and complex investigation, officials said.

A view of the debris inside Notre-Dame de Paris in the aftermath of a fire that devastated the cathedral, during the visit of French Interior Minister Christophe Castaner (not pictured) in Paris, France, April 16, 2019. Christophe Petit Tesson/Pool via REUTERS

The fire swiftly ripped through the cathedral's oak roof supports, where workmen had been carrying out extensive renovations to the spire's timber-framed supports. Police began questioning the workers involved, the prosecutor's office said.

One firefighter was injured but no one else was hurt, with the fire starting at around 6:30 p.m. after the building was closed to the public for the evening.

Firefighters examined the facade, with its spectacular 10-metre filigreed stained-glass rose window still intact. They could be seen walking atop the belfries as police kept the area in lockdown.

Investigators will not be able to enter the cathedral's blackened nave until experts are satisfied its walls withstood the heat and the building is structurally sound.



French Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, Minister of Culture Franck Riester and French President Emmanuel Macron gather near the Notre Dame Cathedral as its burns in Paris





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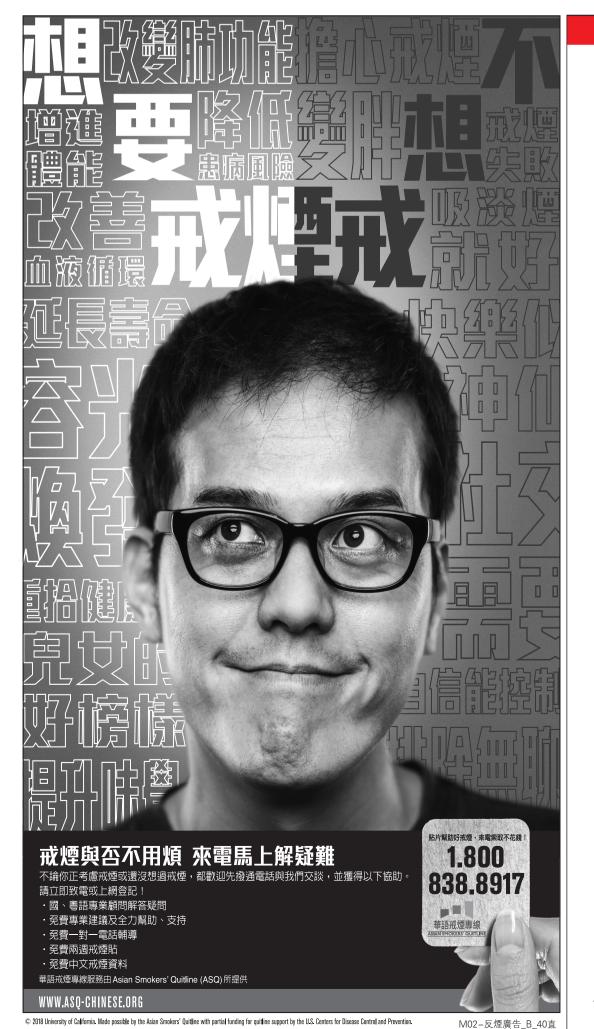
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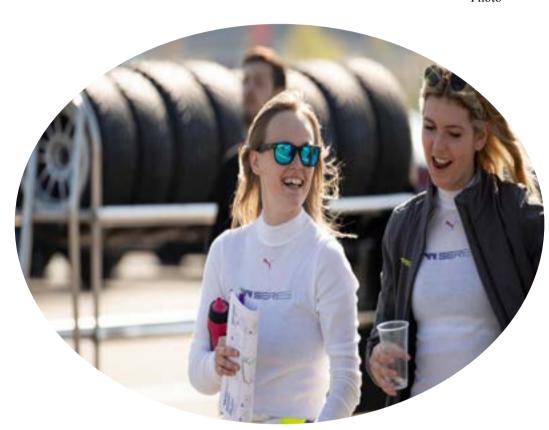
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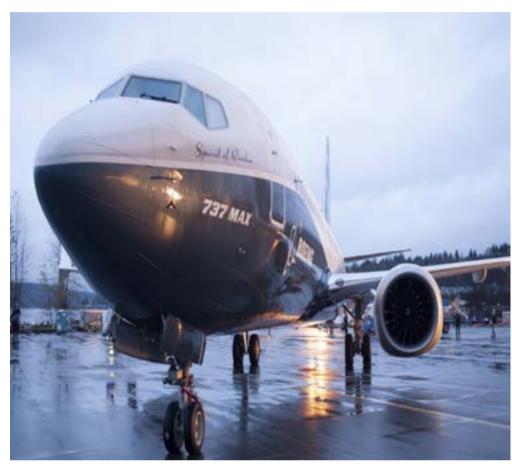
A man leaves a polling station as voters head to the polls in a provincial election in Calgary



FILE PHOTO: Tiger Woods celebrates on the 18th hole to win the 2019 Masters. REUTERS/Lucy Nicholson/File Photo



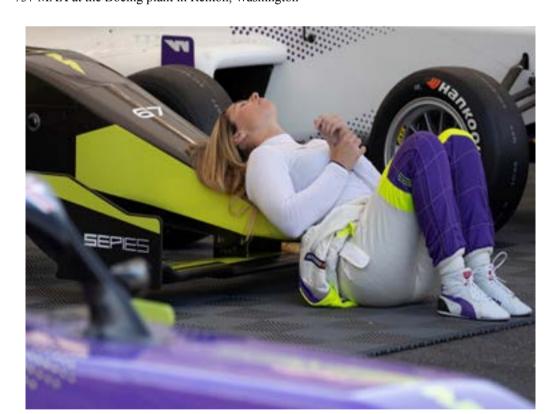
Sarah Moore and Esmee Hawkey attend a media day ahead of the inaugural season of the women-only racing series 'W Series' at the Lausitzring in Schipkau



FILE PHOTO: A Boeing 737 MAX 8 sits outside the hangar during a media tour of the Boeing 737 MAX at the Boeing plant in Renton, Washington



Chilean Navy teams along with officials from the National Fisheries Service, are seen working on the rescue of a live whale, which arrived at a beach in the Tongoy beach resort, Coquimbo about 430 kilometers north of Santiago



Shea Holbrook attends a media day ahead of the inaugural season of the women-only racing series 'W Series' at the Lausitzring in Schipkau



FILE PHOTO: A view of the U.S. and Cuban flags prior to the signing of agreements between the Port of Cleveland and the Cuban Maritime authorities in Havana



A group of boys take advantage of spring conditions to play with a frisbee on the National Mall in front of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington



COMMUNITY



In late December 2018 President Donald Trump signed the 2018 Farm Bill changing the hemp and CBD (cannabidiol) industry overnight. The 2018 Hemp Farming Act, part of the U.S. Farm Bill was led by Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell. The impact of this bill and its socioeconomic impact on the U.S. opens the door to more jobs and new products from hemp.

THE BANNING + REVIVAL OF A NON-PSYCHOACTIVE PLANT

Hemp cultivation has not always been banned. Hemp was once an agricultural staple - its durable fibers used for numerous products including canvas, cloth and rope. Hemp restrictions began in the 1930s to curtail marijuana use. The misplaced fears that hemp was the same as marijuana discouraged cultivation by imposing fees and restrictions that made hemp farming undesirable.

In the 1970s, The Controlled Substance Act classified cannabis as a schedule 1 drug. Since hemp is cannabis, industrial hemp farming was banned. Product manufacturers that relied on hemp seed oil and hemp fiber were forced to rely on imported hemp.

THE 2018 FARM BILL WILL FREE HEMP FROM FEDERAL REGULA-TION

With the signing of the 2018 Farm Bill, hemp farming will no longer be limited to the terms of the pilot program detailed in the 2014 Farm Bill. When restrictions are lifted, hemp will be treated the same as any other commodity crop. There are several benefits to removing federal restrictions, including:

ENDING THE LEGALITY DEBATE Since hemp cultivation is federally restricted. there is a bit of a grey area about the legality of hemp-derived CBD and other hemp products. When all hemp crops are legalized on the federal level, there will be no more need to interpret the intent of the law or debate le-



OPENING THE DOOR TO SPON-SORED RE-SEARCH

While hemp CBD is not a medication

The Hemp Industry Is Expected To Evolve Into A \$22 Billion Market By 2022. Hemp Could Free The U.S. From Oil, Prevent Deforestation, Cure Cancer And It's Environmentally Friendly

The Significance Of The 2018 Farm Bill For The U.S. Hemp Industry

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

or cure for any medical condition, research shows that the cannabidiol (CBD) in hemp oil has the potential to provide significant health benefits. Removing hemp from the list of federally restricted commodities opens government-sponsored research programs to researchers investigating the potential medical benefits of hemp oil supplements.

THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE 2018 FARM BILL ON THE AMERICAN **ECONOMY**

Until the passing of the 2014 Farm Bill, the U.S. relied solely on imported hemp. With the approval of the 2018 Farm Bill, we anticipate a large influx of capital into the hemp market, with an increase in the number of hemp farmers, quality hemp products, product consumers and business investors.

The signing of the 2018 Farm Bill will provide economic stimulation, bring countless iobs and income potential back to the American soil. By removing the restrictions on hemp farming, the 2018 Farm Bill places hemp from American farmers into the hands of American manufacturers and consumers. The hemp industry is expected to evolve into a \$22 billion market by 2022.



Back in 1941, Henry Ford built a car that was not only entirely built from 'hemp plastic', but also ran on hemp fuel. Hemp oil, pressed from the seeds is also extremely versatile. It can be polymerized to create a solid

plastic-like material, which is extremely durable, vet nevertheless is completely natural and biodegradable, which could replace plastics in numerous industrial processes.

What does the 2018 farm bill do for hemp? The 2018 Farm Bill is more expansive. It allows hemp cultivation broadly, not simply pilot programs for studying market interest in hemp-derived products. However, the new Farm Bill does not create a com-

pletely free system in which individuals or businesses can grow hemp whenever and wherever they want. For additional details, go here: https://www.brookings.edu/blog/ fixgov/2018/12/14/the-farm-bill-hemp-andcbd-explainer/ (Courtesy http://www.cobizmag.com/)

Related **Historical Use Of Hemp**

Hemp is the most universally useful plant we have at our disposal. The history of mankind's use of hemp can be traced way back in time to between about 5000 - 7000 BC. Remains of seed husks have been found at Neolithic burial sites in central Europe, which indicate that they were used in funeral rites and shamanic ceremonies. It is probable that at that time the distinctions between various strains were not as pronounced as they are



There were many uses for hemp in ancient Egypt.

Up until and even during WWII, hemp was a widely grown crop, which provided the world with an excellent and most durable source of fibre. Since it is an annual with a growing cycle of only 120 days it can be harvested several times a year, depending on local weather conditions. Its biomass is considerable, which means that it absorbs large quantities of the greenhouse gas CO2. It is resistant to bugs and requires little agrochemical treatment. It is extremely undemanding and can be grown in very poor conditions and depleted soils and will actually improve the soil structure over a period of years. For many centuries hemp was one of the most important industrial crops which provided the fibres for rope and tough, durable canvass without which the age of exploration could

never have set sail. **Misinformation About THC**

Hemp is a variety of cannabis sativa that has a long history of use in the United States. However, since the 1950s it has been lumped into the same category of marijuana, and thus the extremely versatile crop was doomed in the United States. Hemp is technically from the same species of plant that psychoactive marijuana comes from. However, it is from a different variety, or subspecies that contains many important differences.

Industrial hemp has very low Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) levels, which is the principal psychoactive constituent. Compared to marijuana which is specifically cultivated for personal psychoactive use, it is nearly impossible to "get high" on hemp. Marijuana that can be smoked usually contains between 5-10%t THC, industrial hemp contains about onetenth of that. In order to get a psychoactive effect, one would need to smoke more than a dozen hemp cigarettes over a very short period of time to achieve any kind of psychoactive effect. The reason for the low THC content in hemp is that most THC is formed in resin glands on the buds and flowers of the female cannabis plant. Industrial hemp is not cultivated to produce buds, and therefore lacks the primary component that forms the marijuana high.

Furthermore, industrial hemp has higher concentrations of a chemical called Cannabidiol (CBD) that has a negative effect on THC and lessens its psychoactive effects when smoked in conjunction.



The two also differ in the areas that they can be effectively grown. THC-producing Marijuana must be grown in generally warm and humid environments in order to produce the desired quantity and quality of THC-contain-

ing buds. However, since industrial hemp does not contain these buds, and the hardy parts of the plant are the more desired, it can be grown in a wider range of areas. Generally, industrial hemp grows best on fields that provide high yields for corn crops, which includes most of the Southwest, Southeast, and Northeast United States. Furthermore, since industrial hemp can use male plants as well as female plants (since the object is not THC production), higher crop yields can result.

Abundant Resources

Hemp provides the fibre to make a durable paper - a far more sensible solution than the wasteful method of clear cutting old growth forests, or even the cultivation pine plantations that are ecologically speaking dead zones that take 20 years to mature before they can be harvested. Cannabis produces 4 times more fibre per acre and can be harvested several times per year. The first dollar bills were printed on hemp paper, your old family bible is probably printed on hemp paper and even the constitution itself was drafted on hemp



Hemp has the strongest natural fibres, which can be used not just to produce rough cloth, such as sails or canvass, but also durable work clothes, like the original jeans. When the plants are grown closer together the fibre becomes shorter and finer, which allows for finer textiles. Today, there are some fashion designers that are experimenting with a wide range of textiles made from hemp for their stylish, trendy hemp lines, shirts, suits, bags, jeans and more

Hemp fibres are also finding application as a modern building material, an application that has been spearheaded and exploited successfully in France. Hemp fibres can be blended with water and limestone to create an extremely tough, light-weight, natural cement that has not only excellent insulating properties, but also shows more flexibility than conventional concrete, which makes it particularly useful as a building material in earthquake prone areas.

(Courtesy http://healthcureusa.com/) Additional reading: Andrew Weil's article on hemp oil at https://www.ratical.org/renewables/TherapHoil.html. Additional sources: phoenixtears.ca,sacredearth.com.yahoo.com, cannabisculture.com.





BUSINESS

A judge has sided with Texas landowners who pushed back against the prospect of being forced to sell their land for a proposed high-speed rail line connecting Houston and Dallas. Leon County Judge Deborah Evans ruled this month that Texas Central Railway doesn't have the authority to force landowners to sell or provide access to their properties for its planned 200-mph (320-kph) bullet train, the Houston Chronicle report-

The ruling centers on whether the company is a railroad, which backers say entitles them to access property through eminent domain. The privately funded project would use Japanese bullet trains to transport riders between the two cities in 90 minutes, and the estimated cost is \$12 billion to \$15 billion.



"Texas has long allowed survey access by railroads like Texas Central, pipelines, electrical lines and other industries that provide for a public good and a strong economy," the company said.

Texas Central Railway is a privately-funded high-speed rail line that wants to build a rail line to connect Houston and Dallas, turning a four and one-half hour drive into a ninety minute ride. But a judge's ruling could have major implications for the proposed high-speed rail line. The ruling could prevent the rail line's developers from using eminent domain to acquire land for the project. For the past few years, Texas Central Railway has been laying the groundwork for this massive Judge Sides With Texas Landowners Over High-Speed Rail Issue

Court Ruling May Derail Plans For Texas High Speed Railroad



Texas Central Railway says the trip from Houston to Dallas would take only 90 minutes. Compiled And Edited By John T. Robbins, Southern Daily Editor

project. While it's received support from officials in the two cities, that's not the case in the rural areas along the train's proposed route. Many landowners say they don't want a rail line slicing through their prop-



(Courtesty Texas Central Railway) Texas Central Railway has argued that, as a railroad, they'd be able to use eminent domain when landowners didn't want to sell their land voluntarily. But a couple weeks ago a Leon County Judge ruled Texas Central isn't a railroad. That ruling came in the case of a Leon County couple who sued after the company wanted to survey on their property. Blake Beckham is the couple's attorney.

"This project cannot be finished

without eminent domain and the project is completely off-track," explained Beckham. "The project is stymied and I don't believe it will ever be built."



Rep. Ben Leman, (R) Texas District 13. (Photo/Texas Tribune

Former Grimes County Judge Ben Leman applauds the ruling. Leman is now a state representative, and says he's pushing for legislation to clarify who can use eminent domain.

"In no way, shape, or form should a private entity be able to falsely claim to have the power of eminent domain," stated Leman. "And then under that false pretense be able to terrorize and threaten hundreds if not thousands of landowners."



This photo taken in 2018 shows a utility corridor which runs through Freestone County, Texas, near Fairfield, in a small community of Cotton Gin. Texas Central Partners is planning to build its 240-mile high-speed rail line between Houston and Dallas along the corridor. (Courtesy HOUS-TON CHRONICLE)

Texas Central issued a statement saying they plan to appeal the ruling, and also believes Texas law does give them the authority to access and survey private property... and to acquire it by eminent domain. There's been no construction on the high-speed rail line as of yet and it is still under environmental review. (Courtesy https://www.redriverradio.org and https://www.star-telegram.com)



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,是个刚满十岁生日的影展。当 初2010年在金马影展执行委员 会主席侯孝贤和执行长闻天祥携 手之下开始创立,在每年的人间 四月天举办。第一届奇幻影展的 开幕片《台北星期天》导演何蔚 庭还在年底夺得了首届金马奖最 佳新导演奖,冥冥中地也很奇幻

说是奇幻,其实也很真切。 因为加设了奇幻影展,能让整个 金马影展执委会体质开始迈向健 全,工作变多以致于能够招募更 多正职员工而非每年底到了金马 影展才把人员召回做约聘工作, 大大提升了金马团队的向心力、 归属感甚至是荣誉感,连我都好 羡慕能在裡面工作的金马人(擦 口水)。今年金马与台南名店合 成帆布行异业合作、推出「我是 金马奇幻人」包包,邀请更多金 马粉丝一起来当金马奇幻人,也

重新翻开历届金马奇幻影展 手册,才发现其历年来都有创举 第二届就已经做过台湾电视剧 《他们在毕业的前一天爆炸》 的 120 分钟精华版映演, 2013 年第四届更做过丹麦名导拉斯冯 提尔电影电视剧《医院风云》I 与II的马拉松式失眠场映演! 2018 年第九届也有将台湾科幻 电视剧《你的孩子不是你的孩子 》的《必须过动》做抢先放映, 这种将选映优质电视剧视为常态 之作为,早已提早反应了全世界 影展逐渐重视「电视剧」的製作 水准与创新主题之趋势。

想若现正热映的《我们与恶 的距离》晚个三週开播,那麽这 齣将台湾无差别杀人案以及诸多 社会事件揉为一剧的「社会写实 剧」也是很有可能被选为奇幻影 展的开幕片的。因为奇幻的最高 境界就是魔幻写实。看看今年两 部金马奇幻选片的台湾电影就知

开幕片《大体临门》以诙谐 喜剧手法调侃台湾人在房价过高 的社会环境裡,连一般人都做起

特别放映的《缉魔》则是透过一 场凶杀案的查缉,大大揭露当今 医美行业所对照出人心丑恶面向 的恐怖,一如照妖镜。

开幕片《大体临门》是《青 田街一号》导演李中新作,故事 描述柯宇纶所饰演的得利一家三 口把存款梭哈买豪宅,却依然过 著无壳蜗牛一般的露营生活,只 因要确保房子能用「全新」的房 价售出。想不到豪宅楼上有人坠 楼而死、不巧尸体掉在他家公设 阳台!

《大体临门》编剧表示故事 来自于真实社会新闻,加上她也 很想过过看「有钱人的生活」所 以就透过请教有钱亲戚与撰写剧 本来体验富居人生。那具尸体设 定为一个「穷得只剩下钱」的老 父, 男主角则是「穷得只剩下家 」的年轻爸爸,两人心有灵犀、 互相能够交流对话,一场钱与家 庭彷彿不能兼得的辩证在喜剧的 节奏中昭然发酵。

除了在角色设计上有工整对

有钱人多为金玉其外败絮其中的 难堪事实,将一般人的仇富与自 我安慰心态做了举重若轻的喜感 抒发,其中刘冠廷继在《疯狂电 视台疯电影》成为全片亮点之后 ,再度在本片担任谐仿网红波特 王的调情干话而跃然制霸。

《缉魔》由新锐导演卢丰渊 带领庄凯勋、邵雨薇、傅孟柏、 吴翔震与施名帅等一票受瞩目的 实力派演员共同演出,从一具无 头女尸牵扯出了医美行业裡可能 暗藏的灰色恐怖地带,用极其纯 熟的摄影风格和调度叙事不断钓 勾著观众的好奇心,证明了台湾 是不乏能拍商业类型片与独特故 事的新导演的。

邵雨薇在《缉魔》唯美出演 法医一角,高冷融合脆弱形象佔 幅不少却依然让观众感到意犹未 尽,这个女演员应该常上大银幕 否则太可惜了。至于庄凯勋、傅 孟柏和吴翔震也都端出让人耳目 一新的演出,这是融带了《自画 像》和《楼下的房客》类型与议 题的《缉魔》在影片意涵之外带 给观众最大的收穫

今届金马奇幻影展的两部台 湾电影,都用尸体来大做文章, 看来超现实,主题讲的却都是与 我们日常生活息息相关的东西, 体会起来很有共感。这就是魔幻 写实的力量。

不只是两部台片,普遍上今 年的选片在题材选择上都令人惊 艳:各单元作品大开无限脑洞之 馀并带有厚重的自省哲思空间, 质量兼具。这份片单对于整年镇 日受到多数无脑好莱坞片洗礼的 资深台湾影迷而言,彷彿是呼吸 到了新鲜空气一般,有重新活著 的感觉;至于对于意欲探索宽广 电影世界的新鲜影迷则是具有挑 战性的进阶学习。

金马奇幻十岁了,这孩子总 能让人以出世眼界体会入世的奇 幻滋味,一股魔幻写实电影节的 能量已然成熟成形。希望与潜力 无穷的感觉,正是孩子给大人们 最大的能量之所在,让人愿意继 续陪著、看著它长大。

了好莱坞等级的科幻剧本 镜文学编剧赖东泽获首奖

「107年度徵选优良电影剧 本」得奖名单昨(15)日揭晓, 首奖为镜文学编剧赖东泽所著、 结合科幻与心理惊悚类型的《红 星孤旅》,独得新台币60万元 奖金,这也是赖东泽继102年度 以《潜脑侦查科》获优等奖后再 获肯定。另由镜文学编剧统筹张 耀升所著的剧本《腿》获得特优 奖,获35万元奖金。

此届共有335件作品报名, 总奖金高达400万元,专业评审 团涵盖编剧、作家、製片、导演 、策展人、学者等12位,历经3 个多月评选,终选出38件入围 作品。本届评审团召集人冯贤贤 表示,今年参选剧本在题材与类 型上非常多元,令人欣喜,包含 科幻、侦探、历史、武侠、社会 写实、奇幻等类型。她鼓励创作 者一定要写自己在乎的故事,并 勇于面对批评。

文化部政务次长丁晓菁也强 调,剧本是「建构电影的蓝图」 ,拍电影如同盖房子,以严谨的 蓝图打下基底,才能站在高处看 到新的视野。她说,孕育电影产

业一定要从剧本著手,并举例近 期热门的职人作品,期待更多产 业的连结来丰富台湾的影视产业 ,也肯定本届入围者所展现创作

获得首奖的赖东泽是编剧新 秀,31岁的他已经拿过2次优良 电影剧本奖。上回获优等奖的 《潜脑侦查科》是充满侦探推理 情节、引人入胜的科幻作品,这 次他更胜一筹,以结合科幻与心 理惊悚类型的《红星孤旅》夺下 首奖。该剧本以火星为背景,描 述人类与人工智慧的情感与权力 斗争,全片仅有1名人类角色, 剧情走向大胆颠覆,获评审盛讚 为「好莱坞等级的科幻剧本」!

赖东泽发表感言时笑称,一 路颁奖到接近尾声,本来以为颁 奖已经结束,应该没有得奖了, 所以打算去把后面的小点心吃光 。「因为以前当自由编剧的时候 很穷,有这种场合能吃就尽量吃 ,结果现在还有这种习惯,我的 背包裡甚至还带了塑胶袋。」

因为生活拮据,过往甚至一 天吃不到2餐, 「我很感谢镜

文学愿意收留我, 让我可以生活 稳定继续创作。」他说,不少编 剧在发表感言时都提到「孤独」

,好像孤独有多痛苦,「但老实 说,我们都蛮喜欢这种孤独的, 对吧?正因为我们可以忍受这种 孤独的痛苦, 所以我们才会继续

他形容写作时,总想像小房 间是一座太空公寓,「我远离人 群,不用吃得多好,有得吃、还 活著就行,不用穿得多好,还有 得穿就行,因为我得去写故事, 去发现……应该说去创造新的宇 宙,然后传回地球去娱乐别人, 给他们希望。」他希望目前只是 文字的剧本,有朝一日能拍成电 影,娱乐到更多观众

此外,镜文学编剧统筹张耀 升所著的剧本《腿》获得本届特 优奖,该剧本已在年初获得107年 第2梯次国产电影长片辅导金

这部由镜文学编剧统筹张耀 升首部自编自导的黑色喜剧电影 《腿》,申请到电影新人组辅导 金1,500万元。剧本改编自张耀 升的亲身经历,也是他首次将作 品搬上大银幕,由锺孟宏监製, 预计今年中开拍。

今年有2位演而优则编的演 员,第一位是获第53届金马奖 最佳女主角提名的吴可熙,与导 演赵德胤合著的《灼人秘密》这 次抱回优等奖。她透露创作灵感 来自10年前刚入行当临演时听 到的惊人秘辛,希望传达自己一 路走来的体悟、写出所有自己想 演的角色。而曾获第50届金钟 奖戏剧节目男配角奖的苏达,今 年亦以《山下无名》获得优等奖 ,他哽咽说这是在失业时以自身 生命故事出发、田调一辈子的作

本届「特优」奖包含《孤味 (黄怡玫、许承杰著)、《腿 》(张耀升著)、《夏之橘》 (靳家骅著)、《心音》(廖弘 欣著)、《第六天》(赖孟杰著) 、《讨债女王》(绘武著)等6部 剧本,各获得35万元奖金;「优等 」奖则由《灼人秘密》(吴可熙、 赵德胤著)、《神将》(李若薇著)、《谁是影后》(徐彦平著)、 《妖怪搬家》(田依静著)、《第

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「徵选优良电影剧本」从民 国65年初办,至今共计514件作 品获奖,其中已摄製完成或正在 筹备中的共约有 150 件,近年 优良电影剧本奖努力的目标,是 让入围作品与产业接轨。由文化 部影视及流行音乐产业局主办、 财团法人国家电影中心承办的 「107年度徵选优良电影剧本」

,今年度亦持续办理「系列讲座 」、「媒合工作坊」,并于昨颁 奖典礼同日下午举办「剧本媒合 会」,现场有29间影视製作公 司与会,希望透过整合资源将资 金导入市场,活络台湾的电影产





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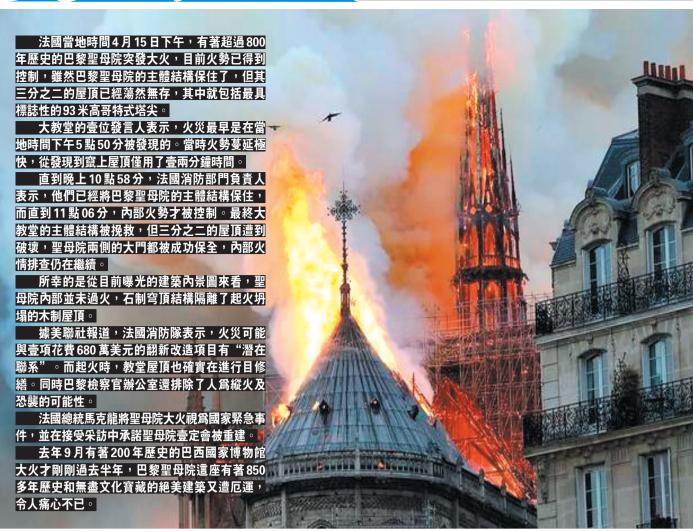
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座神聖建築的美都在電影

巴黎聖母院大教堂位於法國 巴黎市中心的西堤島上,是天主教巴 黎總教區的主教座堂。聖母院建造於 1163年到1250年間,屬哥特式建築形 式,是法蘭西島地區的哥特式教堂群 裏面,非常具有關鍵代表意義的壹座 ,同時也是與埃菲爾鐵塔齊名的法國 標誌性建築。

1831年,法國文豪維克多雨果以 這座建築爲背景創作了長篇小說《巴 黎聖母院》,更是爲之增添了壹抹神 秘色彩。雨果以離奇和對比手法寫了 壹個發生在15世紀法國的故事:巴黎 聖母院副主教克羅德道貌岸然、蛇蠍 心腸,先愛後恨,迫害吉卜賽女郎埃 斯梅拉達。面目醜陋、心地善良的敲 鐘人卡西莫多爲救女郎舍身。

這個故事曾被多次改編爲影視作 品,其中最著名的是1982年由安東尼 霍普金斯主演的美國影片《巴黎聖母 院》和1956年由讓·德拉努瓦執導,吉 娜· 勞洛勃麗吉達主演的法國電影《巴 黎聖母院》。此外,好萊塢早在1939 年就拍攝過壹版《巴黎聖母院》,由

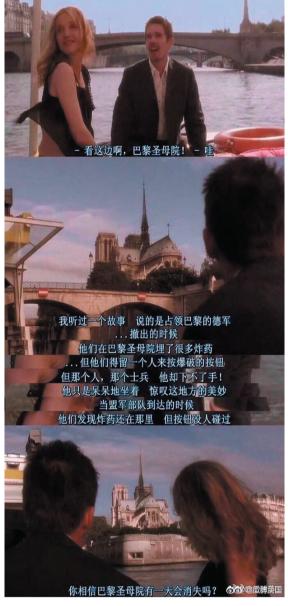
《巴黎聖母院》裏面目醜陋心地 善良的鐘樓怪人也在1997年成爲了迪 士尼動畫電影《鐘樓怪人》的的主人 公。該片還提名了當年奧斯卡金像獎 的最佳原創配樂獎

1923年環球影業拍攝了恐怖片 《鐘樓怪人》,卡西莫多也正式成爲 了環球開發的壹系列基於民俗傳說和 維多利亞文學作品的怪物B級片中的 主人公之壹。而如今環球醞釀已久的 "黑暗宇宙",更是少不了鐘樓怪人。

作爲恐怖電影的主人公,卡西莫多還 出現在了1956年法國導演讓·德拉努瓦也拍 攝的恐怖片《巴黎聖母院》裏

而除了對《巴黎聖母院》的文學改編 ,巴黎聖母院也是許多電影作品中的"常

巴黎聖母院在二戰中差壹點被毀掉的 歷史事件就在許多電影作品中被展現。在 沃爾克·施隆多夫執導的法國電影《外交秘 聞》中,就講述了在盟軍登陸諾曼底後,



德國納粹步步敗退,在撤出巴黎前,希特 勒下令燒掉巴黎城。德國軍官肖爾鐵茨已 經按照命令在盧浮宮、埃菲爾鐵塔,以及 巴黎聖母院上布置好了炸藥,但他遲遲沒 有下令執行。瑞典外交官偌靈緊急與肖爾 鐵茨會面,在他的斡旋和勸說下,最終肖 爾鐵茨拒絕執行該命令,保住了巴黎城。

然而令人唏嘘的是,躲過了希特勒鐵 蹄的巴黎聖母院,在和平年代卻沒能躲過 壹場很可能是因爲人類的疏忽大意引發的

如果說巴黎是鑲嵌在歐洲版圖上的 精美首飾,那巴黎聖母院就是首飾上 最耀眼的那顆鉆石。在巴黎取景的電 影中,從來不乏巴黎聖母院的鏡頭

比如在法國經典浪漫愛情電影 《天使愛美麗》中,影片開頭就有媽 媽帶著小愛美麗在聖母院中祈福的鏡

作爲巴黎的壹張名片,只要壹部 電影在巴黎取景,就不可能避開巴黎 聖母院的絕美身影。像奧黛麗: 赫本 主演的《巴黎假期》(1964)、讓-皮 埃爾· 熱內的《天使愛美麗》, 伍迪· 艾倫的《午夜巴黎》(2011)等等。

最近壹部《碟中課6》也在巴黎 取景,"白寡婦"在塞納河邊約見阿 湯哥的壹場戲中,巴黎聖母院就十足

而在理查德·林克萊特執導、伊 桑· 霍克和朱麗· 德爾比主演的愛情經 典《愛在日落黃昏時》中男女主人公 在塞納河上的壹番令人回味的對話, 也在今天壹語成懴。 "妳相信巴黎 聖母院有壹天會消失嗎?"

甚至在復古恐怖電影《範海辛》 中,導演也選擇讓休.傑克曼在巴黎 聖母院的頂部獵殺魔物,可見巴黎聖 母院穿越時光的魅力

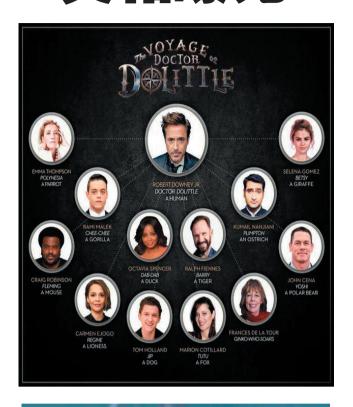
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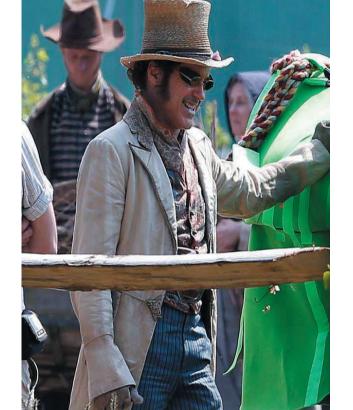
巴黎聖母院被燒毀,無疑是人類 文明歷史上最灰暗的壹天。雖然法國 總統承諾壹定會重建,就在剛剛,墨 西哥女演員薩爾瑪海耶克的老公、法 國 Kering 集團老總也拿出了1億歐元 幫助修復和重建。但我們註定將在很 長壹段時間內,無法再見到它

而外媒 SFFATE 也提出建議,表示育碧 公司的經典動作遊戲《刺客信條:大革命 》中巴黎聖母院的3D建模資料,或許可以 協助完成聖母院的修復工作。該遊戲的設 計師曾花費兩年時間對巴黎聖母院進行從 內到外的研究和造訪,在遊戲中建造了壹 座如假包換的巴黎聖母院

但可以肯定的是,巴黎聖母院永遠不 會消失,卡西莫多的鐘樓都還安好,而我 們也還有那些承載了這座神聖建築所有美 好的電影

唐尼"怪醫杜立德" 延檔9個月





據外媒報道,環球正在大刀闊斧地"整改"小羅伯特·唐尼 主演的真人+CG電影《怪醫杜立德》,並請來克裏斯·麥凱(《樂 高大電影》系列)和喬納森·理貝斯曼(《忍者神龜:變種時代 》)兩位導演幫忙,

據內部人士透露,歷時21天的補拍由喬納森:理貝斯曼主控 ,原導演斯蒂芬· 加漢在片場配合他。加漢仍將保留導演署名

而克裏斯:麥凱則重新評估了加漢的初剪版本,提出了壹些 建議,並領導了新素材的撰寫

《怪醫杜立德》是環球的壹部大型制作,成本高達1.75億美 元,動物的配音演員們星光熠熠。去年秋天幾位制片人看過早期 剪輯版後,覺得影片需要進行大型修整

斯蒂芬· 加漢是編劇出身, 曾憑借《毒品網絡》獲得 2001 年 奧斯卡最佳改編劇本獎。他執導過《辛瑞那》《金礦》等劇情片 ,但之前未有執導視效大片的經歷

《怪醫杜立德》這部電影中,小唐尼飾演的杜立德能和動物 講話,他將與許多CG制作的動物們講話。消息人士稱,加漢的 剪輯版本沒有處理好這些混合的元素

克裏斯· 麥凱對於處理動畫、喜劇風格很有壹手,而喬納森· 理貝斯曼有處理動物素材的經歷。他們是參與影片"修整"的合

該片改編自英國作家休·洛夫廷上世紀20年代系列童書, 1967年被搬上過大銀幕,由雷克斯·哈裏森飾演杜立德醫生;1998 年《怪醫杜立德》、2001《怪醫杜立德2》再次亮相大銀幕,由艾 迪·墨菲飾演杜立德。

影片原定檔2019年4月12日,現在挪到了2020年1月17日, 爲重拍、補拍和後期制作流出足夠時間

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(本報訊)第52屆休斯頓國 際電影節閉幕式暨頒獎晚會在 Westin Memorial Hotel 隆重舉行, 在衆多獲獎影片中,由華幸國際 投資管理公司製作的懸疑驚悚長 片電影《聚會》繼4月8日首映儀 式受到觀衆熱烈反響後,不負衆 望, 赢得納米大獎

電影《聚會》由著名影視話 劇演員、導演辛建老師執導,華 幸公司總裁查忠華女士擔任製片 , 仇家奇擔任編劇

該片由第51屆休斯頓國際電 影節最佳女主角李智雪領銜主演 ,在擔任其他主演均爲休斯頓當

和各大導演的關注。在劇中主演 的Kobe Xin (辛星宇),是17歲的 高中生, 東方藝術教育中心戲劇 班學員,今年秋天將就讀大學, 小小年紀已在各大公益演出中展 露頭角,《東方印象》中的三劍 客,出演電影《夏日魔影》。 2018年初, Kobe 在莫言話劇《霸 王別姬》中扮演侍衛

擔任電影《聚會》導演的辛建 , 畢業於上海戲劇學院, 曾任天 津人民藝術劇院演員, 現任休斯敦 華星藝術團戲劇總監,東方藝術 教育中心戲劇課老師。辛建老師

和戲劇表演的推廣,將他豐富的 專業舞台影視表演和編導經驗融 入教學。 OAEC戲劇課開辦以來 ,深得家長的支持和同學們的喜

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當晚另一個不容忽視的亮點 是頒獎晚會的文藝演出部分, 是 東方藝術教育中心主打的十分鐘 的中國舞表演,在全美舞蹈大賽 KAR 中,Rachel Gai 和 Grace Liu 獲綜合排名第二名的雙人舞" The Fairy Serpent "靚麗登場,柔 美的舞姿,別具一格的編舞,美 輪美奐的服裝,演繹出一個美麗 古老的傳說, 以濃郁的中國古典 舞韻味折服了觀衆; 緊接著,

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Diana Feng的獨舞《東方印象》 , 借助功夫扇的瀟灑動作和目不 暇接的技巧,與電影"功夫熊貓 "的音樂完美配合贏得喝彩。壓 軸的三人舞,是剛剛在全美舞蹈大 賽KAR德州賽區綜合排名冠軍的 《Suspicion》,由年僅九歲的 Katherine Guo, Irene Chen and Angela Ding表演,她們訓練有素 , 技巧精準, 動作到位, 贏得喝 彩不斷和熱烈的掌聲。她們的精 彩表演極有說服力的印證了東方 藝術教育中心教學嚴謹,所向披 靡,凡賽必勝的教學成效。

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在KAR全美舞蹈大賽中獲綜合總分排名 第一的三人舞《Suspicion》,三位小舞者 登台電影節頒獎晚會

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