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Automakers say Trump's threatened Mexico tariffs would cost billions

DETROIT (Reuters) - Toyota Motor Corp said on Tuesday that U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to slap tariffs on Mexican-made goods could cost its major suppliers \$1 billion, highlighting growing concern in the U.S. auto sector about the potential damage of a new front in the Trump administration's trade wars.

Trump has said he will apply tariffs of 5% on Mexican goods on June 10 if Mexico does not halt the flow of illegal immigration, largely from Central America, across the U.S.-Mexican border. Those tariffs would gradually rise to 25% by Oct. 1 if Mexico does not satisfy Trump's demands.

Faced with this threat, major automakers are also planning to delay some vehicle shipments from Mexico, people briefed on the plans told Reuters on Tuesday.

The shipment delays would affect vehicles with high inventory levels on U.S. dealer lots if the tariffs take effect as threatened. Automakers are trying to speed some critical parts shipments this week ahead of the Monday deadline

Consultancy LMC Automotive said on Tuesday the industry could absorb a 5% percent tariff for a month, but that a sustained period at the 25% tariff level would have a potentially devastating impact on the auto industry and cut U.S. new vehicle sales by up to 1.5 million units annually.

"A prolonged period of tariffs on Mexican imports would likely push Mexico into recession and could also threaten a recession in the United States,"

In 2018, automakers sold 17.3 million new vehicles in the United States. LMC said prices on models imported from Mexico could increase by an average of \$8,500, while the average price of a vehicle sold in the U.S. market could rise by as much as \$2,500-3,000 when parts for assembly in the United States are factored in.



FILE PHOTO: A carrier trailer transports Toyota cars for delivery while queuing at the border customs control to cross into the U.S., at the Otay border crossing in Tijuana, Mexico May 31, 2019. REUTERS/Jorge Duenes

Uber's IPO underwriters recommend buying, estimate deep losses

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) - Underwriters of Uber Technologies' initial pub- About \$5 billion of Uber's stock market lic offering on Tuesday overwhelmingly recommended the company's shares, even as they estimated deeper losses than previously expected for the ride-hailing service this year.

With the end of a quiet period related to Uber's disastrous IPO last month, at least 16 banks involved in the public listing initiated analyst coverage of the company, all of them positive except for Citi's "neutral" rating.

"Uber is a transformational company that should benefit from secular shifts to the sharing economy (Rides), time saving services (Eats), and more efficient marketplace evolution (Freight)," Bank of America analyst Justin Post wrote in his report, setting a \$53 price target.

Uber's stock was up 2.4% at \$42.22 in afternoon trading, but the shares have dropped 6% from the price set in the May 9 IPO amid investor worries over whether the company is able to make money.

value has evaporated since the hotly anticipated IPO, making that event a major disappointment for the company. its shareholders and underwriters.

"We see Uber as the most attractive Internet IPO since Facebook and believe that concerns related to Uber's profitability outlook pose less risk than Facebook's transition to mobile at that time," wrote Deutsche analyst Lloyd Walmsley, rating it a "buy."

Even as they recommended buyinUber's stock, the analysts initiating coverage on Tuesday estimated deeper losses for the company than the analysts who previously started coverage.

Analysts, on average, now expect Uber to lose more than \$6 billion in 2019, according to Refinitiv data. On Monday, the average estimate - provided by analysts not involved in the IPO - was a loss of \$4.4 billion in 2019.



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China expected to divert outstanding U.S. soybean cargoes into reserves

BEIJING/SINGAPORE (Reuters) - China will stockpile up to 7 million tonnes of soybeans bought from the United States during an earlier truce in the trade war between the nations, two traders familiar with the matter said, rather than crush them for immediate sale as a feed ingredient.

The unusual move to store such large volumes of the U.S. oilseed comes as China faces the specter of a drawn out trade conflict with its second-largest supplier of the commodity after tensions between the two escalated abruptly last month. China typically buys about two thirds of globally traded soybeans to help feed its huge livestock herd, although it has been taking steps to reduce that such as turning to alternative meals and crimping protein levels in feed.

China bought about 14 million tonnes of U.S. soybeans from December as part of the truce in the trade spat between the world's top two economies.

More than 6 million tonnes have already been shipped to China, with most of that processed into oil and feed ingredient soymeal, said a trade source at a state-owned company and another trader at an international trading house.

However, remaining beans booked by state-owned COFCO and Sinograin but not yet shipped will be diverted to state reserves, said a trader familiar with the matter.

A Singapore-based trader at an international trading company who was briefed on the matter confirmed the change in strategy, which took place in May following renewed tensions between Beijing and Washington.

"Whatever volumes of beans that now come from the U.S. go into storage, as they are preparing for a long-drawn trade war," the trader said

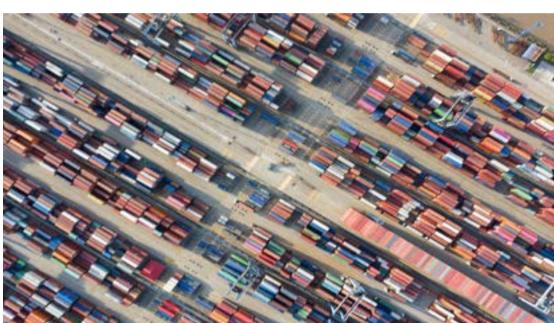
All the traders declined to be identified as they were not authorized to speak to media.

Sinograin, which manages state soy reserves, did not respond to a fax seeking comment on the issue. COFCO did not reply to an email to its media department.

The shift in purchasing strategy followed the sudden escalation in the Sino-U.S. trade war last month, when U.S. President Donald Trump hiked tariffs on imports of Chinese



FILE PHOTO: A trailer is filled with soybeans at a farm in Buda, Illinois, U.S., July 6, 2018. REU-TERS/Daniel Acker/File Photo



Containers are seen at a port in Ningbo, Zhejiang province, China May 28, 2019. Picture taken May 28, 2019. REU-TERS/Stringer ATTENTION **EDITORS** -THIS IMAGE WAS PRO-VIDED BY A THIRD PARTY.



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Editor's Choice



Demonstrators take part in a protest against U.S. President Donald Trump, in Trafalgar Square, London, Britain, June 4, 2019. REUTERS/Clodagh Kilcoyne TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



WWII D-Day veterans, including Richard Llewellyn and Mervyn Kersh from Britain and Norman Duncan from the U.S., attend a ceremony at Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial situated above Omaha Beach, as France prepares to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day, in Colleville-sur-Mer, France, June 4, 2019.



A man dressed as U.S. President Donald Trump takes part in an anti-Trump protest in London, Britain, June 4, 2019. REUTERS/Clodagh Kilcoyne TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Jaroslaw Walesa, former Polish President Lech Walesa and European Council President Donald Tusk attend the celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the first free democratic parliamentary election in Poland that marked the end of the communist rule,



A girl is seen as Albanian Muslims attend the morning prayers of Eid al-Fitr, marking the end of Ramadan in Tirana



Tennis - French Open - Roland Garros, Paris, France - June 3, 2019. Amanda Anisimova of the U.S. greets the crowd after winning her fourth round match against Spain's Aliona Bolsova. REUTERS/Vincent Kessler TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaks during the closing ceremony of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls in Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, June 3, 2019. REUTERS/Chris Wattie TPX IMAGES OF THE DAY



Enthusiasts enjoy a ride on a vintage army vehicle during a re-enactment of D-Day landings in Arromanches, on the Normandy coast, France June 3, 2019. REUTERS/Christian Hartmann



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CNN) A multistate outbreak of E. coli has raised alarms and questions: As of Thursday, 72 people in five states have become ill, yet the cause of their infection remains unknown, the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Friday.

Symptoms of this bacterial infection, which usually begin about three or four days after consuming the bacteria, can include watery or bloody diarrhea, fever, abdominal cramps, nausea and vomiting.

Eight people involved in the mysterious outbreak have been hospitalized. No deaths have been reported. People started becoming ill March 2, and the patients range in age from 1 to 74 years old. Additional illnesses tied this outbreak may still be reported, the CDC said.

States reporting sick patients are Georgia (8 patients), Kentucky (36), Ohio (5), Tennessee (21) and Virginia (2).

Government scientists have not identified a food item, grocery store or restaurant chain as the source of these infections. The CDC, state health departments, the US Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service and the US Food and Drug Administration are investigating the outbreak.

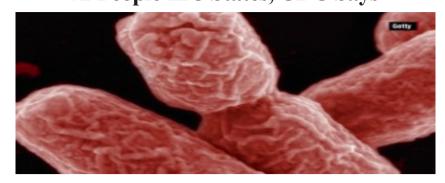


You do not need to avoid any particular food, the CDC said, and grocery stores, retailers and restaurants do not need to avoid serving or selling any particular food.

Anyone concerned that they might have an E. coli infection should talk to their health care provider. It is important to write down everything you ate in the week before developing symptoms. A medical professional can diagnose you as well as offer advice, including washing your hands, to avoid spreading it to other people.

E. coli are a diverse family of bacteria that can be found in the environment, in foods and in the intestines of people and animals. Most strains are harmless. To avoid becom-

Mystery E. Coli Outbreak Sickens 72 People In 5 States, CDC Says



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

ing infected with a harmful strain, the CDC recommends using proper hygiene; cooking meat at proper temperatures; avoiding raw milk, unpasteurized dairy products and juices; and not swallowing water when swimming.

Most people infected by the bacteria get better within five to seven days. Antibiotics are not recommended for patients with suspected E. coli infections until testing has been performed. (Courtesy cnn.com)

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E. Coli Outbreaks: Fast Facts



E. coli outbreaks in the United States General Information: (from the CDC)

There are many strains of the bacteria Escherichia coli (E. coli). Most strains are harmless and live in the intestines of healthy humans and animals.

Some kinds of E. coli cause disease by producing Shiga toxin. The bacteria that make these toxins are called "Shiga toxin-producing" E. coli (STEC). The most commonly found STEC in the United States is E. coli O157:H7

The symptoms of STEC infections can include stomach cramps, diarrhea and vom-

iting. Some infections are mild, but others can be life-threatening.

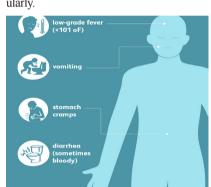
The CDC estimates that 265,000 STEC infections occur each year in the United States. E. coli O157:H7 causes more than 36% of these infections.

People of all ages can be infected, but young children and the elderly are more likely to develop severe symptoms.

The types of E. coli that can cause illness can be transmitted through contaminated water or food, or through contact with people or animals.

Prevention:

To avoid E. coli infections, experts advise to thoroughly cook meat, avoid unpasteurized dairy products and juices, avoid swallowing water while swimming and wash hands regularly.



1998 - The Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points program (HACCP) begins requiring meat processors to establish critical checkpoints in the plants to prevent pathogens from contaminating meat.

Inspectors from the food-safety agency randomly test all facilities that grind meat

products to make sure that the plants are complying with the HACCP program.

1999 - The USDA approves the irradiation process for meat. Irradiation is a process that uses beams of high-speed electrons to kill E. coli and other bacteria.

May 2000 - Huisken Meats of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, becomes the first meat processor to begin selling irradiated ground beef to retailers.

June 2009 - Epitopix LLC, a Minnesota-based veterinary pharmaceutical company, begins licensing a new vaccine for cows that reduces the transmission of E. coli between cows and humans.

Timeline of selected E. coli outbreaks in the United States: Jack in the Box (E. coli O157:H7)

1992-1993 - The Jack in the Box outbreak kills three children and makes about 500 people sick in the Northwest United States. The Jack in the Box incident leads the Bill Clinton administration to begin random testing for E. coli in ground beef.

The meatpacking industry sues the USDA to block the tests. The USDA wins the law-suit.



ConAgra Beef Co. (E. coli O157:H7)
July 19, 2002 - Nineteen million pounds
of meat produced at the ConAgra Beef
Co.'s Greeley, Colorado, plant is recalled.
At least 35 people become ill due to this
meat contamination and one person dies.
The contaminated meat is shipped to at least
21 states

Prepackaged Spinach (E. coli O157:H7) September 14, 2006 - The FDA issues a warning to consumers about an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak in multiple states. The warning states, "preliminary epidemiological evidence suggests that bagged fresh spinach may be a possible cause of this outbreak"

Romaine Lettuce (E. coli 0157:H7)

April 10, 2018 - The CDC says it's in-

infections

April 13, 2018 - The CDC reports that its investigation is focused on chopped romaine lettuce from the Yuma, Arizona, region. According to the CDC, 35 people from 11 states have fallen ill.

April 18, 2018 - In an update, the CDC reports that 53 people from 16 states have been infected. A total of 95% of those sickened said they ate romaine lettuce before the illness started.



April 20, 2018 - The CDC expands its warning to include all forms of romaine lettuce from the Yuma area, including whole heads and hearts, not just chopped.

May 2, 2018 - The CDC reports an individual in California has died from the outbreak. There are 23 additional cases of E. coli, bringing the total to 121 cases in 25 states.

June 1, 2018 - The CDC reports an increase in the number of infected people to 197 in 35 states. A total of five deaths have been reported.

June 28, 2018 - The CDC announces that the outbreak has ended. Five deaths were reported, and a total of 210 people in 36 states were infected. It's the worst outbreak of E. coli O157:H7 since a 2006 outbreak linked to spinach.

November 20, 2018 - The CDC, along with the FDA, announces it is investigating a multistate outbreak of E. coli infections most likely linked to romaine lettuce.

Romaine Lettuce (E. coli 0157:H7)

November 26, 2018 - In an update, the FDA reports that 43 people from 12 states have been infected.

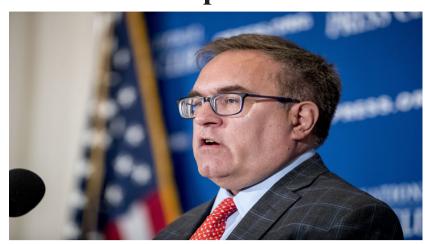
January 9, 2019 - The CDC announces the outbreak appears to have ended. In total, 62 people in 16 states were infected between October 7, 2018, and December 4, 2018. (Courtesy cnn.com)





A Government Toxicology Report Found Links Between High Levels Of Nonstick Compounds In People's Blood That Caused Health Problems

FDA: Sampling Finds Toxic Nonstick Compounds In Food



Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler speaks at the National Press Club in Washington, Monday, June 3, 2019. The Food and Drug Administration's first broad testing of food for a worrisome class of nonstick, stain-resistant industrial compounds found high levels in some grocery store meats and seafood and in offthe-shelf chocolate cake. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration found substantial levels of a worrisome class of nonstick. stain-resistant industrial compounds in some grocery store meats and seafood and in off-the-shelf chocolate cake, according to FDA researchers.

The FDA's food-test results are likely to heighten complaints by states and public health groups that President Donald Trump's administration is not acting fast enough or firmly enough to start regulating the manmade compounds.

A federal toxicology report last year cited links between high levels of the compounds in people's blood and health problems, but said it was not certain the nonstick compounds were the cause.

The levels in nearly half of the meat and fish tested were two or more times over the only currently existing federal advisory level for any kind of the widely used manmade compounds, which are called per- and polyfluoroalykyl substances, or PFAS.



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The level in the chocolate cake was higher: more than 250 times the only federal guidelines, which are for some PFAS in drinking

Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman Tara Rabin said Monday that the agency thought the contamination was "not likely to be a human health concern," even though the tests exceeded the sole existing federal PFAS recommendations for drinking water. As a handful of PFAS contaminations of food emerge around the country, authorities have deemed some a health concern but not others. The agency considers each discovery of the compound in food case by case, including the kind of food, levels of contamination, frequency of consumption and latest scientific information, Rabin said. There are nearly 5,000 varieties of PFAS, which DuPont created in 1938 and first put into use for nonstick cookware. Industries use them in countless consumer items food packaging, carpets and couches, dental floss and outdoor gear — to repeal grease, water and stains.

The chemicals also are found in firefighting foam, which the Defense department calls irreplaceable in suppressing jet-fuel fires. Especially around military bases and PFAS facilities, decades of use have built up levels in water, soil and some treated sewage sludge used to fertilize non-organic food crops and feed for livestock.

They've been a topic of congressional hearings, state legislation and intense federal and state scrutiny over the past two years.



Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler responds to a question from the audience at the National Press Club in Washington, Monday, June 3, 2019. The Food and Drug Administration's first broad testing of food for a worrisome class of nonstick, stain-resistant industrial compounds found high levels in some grocery store meats and seafood and in off-the-shelf chocolate cake. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

Last year's federal toxicology review concluded the compounds are more dangerous than previously thought, saying consistent studies of exposed people "suggest associations" with some kinds of cancers, liver problems, low birth weight and other issues. The compounds have been dubbed "forever chemicals" because they take thousands of years to degrade, and because some accumulate in people's bodies.

The Environmental Protection Agency earlier established a nonbinding health threshold of 70 parts per trillion for two-phased out forms of the contaminant in drinking

The EPA has said it would consider setting mandatory limits instead after the toxicology report and after federally mandated PFAS testing of water systems found contamination. The administration has called dealing with PFAS a "potential public relations nightmare" and a "national priority."

"I know there are people who would like us to move faster" on PFAS, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said Monday at the National Press Club. "We are addressing this much faster than the agency has ever done for a chemical like this."

Impatient for federal action, several states have moved to regulate the chemicals on their own, including setting standards for groundwater or drinking water.

The FDA study sampled market-basket items bought in three, undisclosed mid-Atlantic cities in 2017, testing for PFAS.

PFOS — already phased out of production in the U.S. as a health concern — turned up at levels ranging from 134 parts per trillion to 865 parts per trillion in tilapia, chicken, turkey, beef, cod, salmon, shrimp, lamb, catfish and hot dogs. Chocolate cake tested at 17,640 parts per trillion of a kind of PFAS called PFPeA.



FILE - This Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, file photo shows the U.S. Food and Drug Administration building behind FDA logos at a bus stop on the agency's campus in Silver Spring, Md. The Food and Drug Administration's first broad testing of food for a worrisome class of nonstick, stain-resistant industrial compounds found high levels in some grocery store meats and seafood and in off-the-shelf chocolate cake, according to unreleased findings FDA researchers presented at a scientific conference in Europe. (AP Photo/Jacquelyn Martin, File)

The FDA presentation also disclosed PFAS findings — one spiking over 1,000 parts per trillion — in leafy green vegetables grown within 10 miles (16 kilometers) of an unspecified eastern U.S. PFAS plant and sold at a farmer's market.

And it previewed test levels for a previously reported instance of PFAS contamination of the food supply in the feed and milk at a dairy near an Air Force base in New Mexico. The FDA called the milk contamination a health concern

FDA researchers discussed the results at a conference by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry last week in Finland. The Environmental Defense Fund and the Environmental Working Group obtained the FDA presentation and provided it to The Associated Press.

"What this calls for is additional research to determine how widespread this contamination is and how high the levels are," said Linda Birnbaum, director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, in an interview. "We have to look at total human exposure — not just what's in the water or what's in the food ... or not just dust. We need to look at the sum totals of what the exposures are."

"Drinking one glass of contaminated water is unlikely to be associated with health risks, as is eating one slice of contaminated chocolate cake," said Jamie DeWitt, a toxicologist at East Carolina University who studies PFAS. "Individually, each item is unlikely to be a huge problem, but collectively and over a lifetime, that may be a different story." (Courtesy apnews.com)

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先導預告片中青面獠牙的蛟 龍蚩尤危害百姓, 其殘暴程度讓 人想起美劇《權力的遊戲》裏噴 火屠城的巨龍。而身跨赤兔馬 手持青龍偃月刀的關公威風凛凛 從天而降,與惡龍推行激烈交戰, 上天入地殺得難分難解,經典的

為流傳。本月通過動畫影片的形 誌忠陸續創作了《烏龍院》 戰惡龍蚩尤等諸多神話傳說得以 六分之壹的解州鹽池發生災變, 龍虎山張天師"推舉"關羽討伐 蚩尤,"如此五日,方雲收霧散, 羽在被廣為信仰的"軍神" "戰神"之外,又多了壹個"國 家經濟財富保護神"的身份。再加 神話傳說會出現在影片《武聖關

大師畫三國 蔡誌忠作品很神奇

公》裏, 也不禁令人期待

《武聖關公》是由國漫大師 蔡誌忠擔綱總導演歷時5年制作 而成。曾獲金馬獎最佳動畫片導

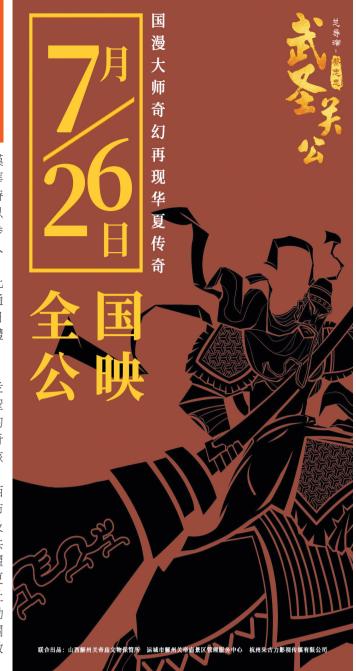
《六祖壇經》、《莊子說》 《五子說》、《蔡誌忠中國經典 日,暑假期間上映。而這賣天正 首次展現在大銀幕上。而關羽之 動畫系列》、《天眼傳奇》等諸 所以被尊崇為"財神",也與此 多傳統文化題材的動畫佳作。他 《白蛇傳》、《聊齋誌異》 識典故、深入淺出的智慧風趣, 《武聖關公》則是蔡誌忠首次將 三國歷史題材搬上大銀幕的動畫

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傳奇故事,在大銀幕上精彩奇

動畫電影《武聖關公》正式 會各界人士參與進來,共同推動 影片的上映。動畫電影《武聖閣



《鳳弈》導演揭高甜幕後 女追男撒糖後有虐心反轉

由何泓姗、徐正溪、曹曦文、黎耀 祥主演的古裝勵誌劇《鳳弈》正在播 出,該劇由衛翰韜執導,張華標編劇, 講述了壹位戲班小主葉凝芝(何泓姍 飾)遇見謀士魏廣(徐正溪飾),兩人壹 見鐘情,而後被迫分開、歷經磨難卻又 彼此扶持、相互成長的故事,該劇播 出後觀眾反饋男女主角感情線節奏很 快,CP 感很強。日前導演衛翰韜接受新 京報記者專訪,暢談《鳳弈》打造甜蜜 CP的秘籍。



人物

男女主角有 CP 感 "戲就成功了壹半"

《鳳弈》播出後,很多觀眾都表示喜歡 男女主角同框的戲份,無論二人初次相識的 賣見傾心還是危難之中攜手闖關,都能讓觀 眾咸知到二人的情感濃度在不斷累積,甜蜜 大膽地跟魏廣說: "妳什麼時候去我家上門 提親呢?"令很多觀眾對飛速發展的男女主 感情線點贊。

對此衛翰韜表示,在古裝劇中設計女 追男的戲份,的確非常大膽,主創團隊也 曾猶豫過,但是最後達成共識,大家還是 希望把葉凝芝塑造為壹個與眾不同的、具 有現代女性價值觀的、勇敢表達自己的女 性形象,並透露,"前期女追男的戲份很 甜蜜,會有很多撒糖的劇情,但後期會有 較大的反轉,也有虐心的戲份。"尤其是 是很多古裝劇的取景地,衛翰韜想把《鳳 葉凝芝表白被魏廣拒絕,轉過身就壹頭撞 弈》拍得 在了樹上,令人捧腹,這場戲讓觀眾看到 了葉凝芝古靈精怪的可愛,魏廣忍俊不禁 又有壹點心疼的反應,為二人日後感情的 進展做了鋪墊。

角的演技都非常好,並且與角色契合,在拍 攝時主演們之間會相互影響,給對方很多靈 感和啟發, "何泓姍飾演的葉凝芝,從壹個 普通的民間小女孩成為皇妃,她和魏廣的很 多場戲都很有戀愛的氛圍,很有CP感;徐 正溪飾演的魏廣是武將的後代,他的父親因 也相對簡單。"衛翰韜說。

為某種原因被陷害,他被貶為普通小官,最 後他憑自己的努力為國帶兵出征; 曹曦文飾 演的皇後,外表堅強內心柔弱,她跟朗坤有 壹段超越男女愛情之上的感情; 黎耀祥飾演 ,編劇張華標故意制造了很多懸念讓觀眾去 猜測這個人物,故事進程到賣半的時候,觀

困難的時候,魏廣總是會挺身而出,舍命相 救,彰顯出滿滿的"男友力"。很多情侶之 著她的臉當枕頭,也被觀眾評為讓少女心復

發力服化道 "不像在橫店"

《鳳弈》全劇在橫店取景,鑒於橫店 選擇用不同顏色表達劇中主要角色的性格,

"服裝、頭飾、場景,調色都是根據人物 的性格特質來設計,劇中葉凝芝是比較清 衛翰韜壹直秉承的理念就是,"選角對 新的小女孩,因此她的主色調就是淡粉色, 了,戲就成功了壹半。"他認為劇中4位主 服裝設計偏簡潔;魏廣謀士出身,服裝顏 色偏深色,但是也不做復雜的設計;皇後 生活在後宮復雜壓抑的環境中,因此用了 黑色和紅色相互搭配的服飾; 朗坤是賣個 壹個普通的小人物不能太惹人註目,服裝

《麥香》的故事橫跨了上世紀80年代初到2008 年,反映了改革開放近30年中,中國南方農村發生 的深刻變遷。全劇以江南農村落雁灘這樣賣個南方 小鄉村為舞臺,以改革開放的大時代為背景,以男 女主人公長達幾十年的人生起落和情感悲歡為敘事 主線,展開曲折的劇情。其人物命運令人感慨唏嘘 , 其時代風雲變幻讓人思緒萬千。

男主人公雲寬退伍回鄉,和戀人麥香憧憬著婚 後的美好生活。但上壹輩的恩怨使得兩人灑淚分手 , 化愛為怨, 各自組建家庭。此後漫長的人生中, 他們壹起經歷了落雁灘從貧窮走向富裕的歷程,從 農村土地承包責任制的推行、鄉鎮企業的蓬勃發展 到新的經濟體制的建立,從新家庭的組成到遭遇變 故,他們經歷了人生的大起大落,感受到了鄉村和 個人命運的改變。當年華老去,男女主人公再次攜

這是雲寬和麥香的故事,也是幾十年來中國南 方的鄉村往事。《麥香》嘗試去努力完成壹個時代 的雙重敘事,形成其最為打動人心的命運主題

假如經歷過那個時代的農村生活,我們可以明 白,軍人身份對於當時的農村青年來說,不僅僅體 現為壹種榮譽感,更是獲得了壹種新身份。這種新 身份的確認是推動劇情的重要動力,它最終讓男女 露出來:它並沒有止於人物的身份標簽,而是遵從 生活的本來面貌,將關註點牢牢瞄準時代風雲變幻 和人的命運本身之間的關系。這是這部電視劇的重 要收獲。

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光,表現壹個遺世獨立的世外桃源,更應該展現的是鄉村的世情民俗 和人的精神世界。因而,它不回避殘酷生活本身,劇中人經歷了生離 死別、愛恨情仇,雖然故事的場景僅僅是落雁灘這個偏僻小山村,卻 仿佛上演了世間所有的悲歡離合。其戲劇沖突之強烈,人物命運之大 起大落,在同類題材中是不多見的。惟其如此,落雁灘這個小山村才

上世紀80年代初是從封閉向開放轉折的年代,男女主人公的遭遇 ,其實是壹個極具象征意義的敘事寓言:它以這樣壹個個人情感訴求 被無理壓制的故事,來為接下來的改革開放語境進行熱場。而改革開 放的意義,首先在於人的主體性的喚醒和張揚。因此,《麥香》與其 說是壹部鄉村的改革開放史,不如說是壹部鄉村青年的精神成長史。 這是《麥香》的獨特價值





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華人文化追求中庸的哲

奧卡菲娜主演的獨立電影《別告訴 她》改編自導演王子逸親身經歷的"真 實謊言",溫馨可愛的講述了中西文 化對生死的不同看法,但就如華人文化 的中庸之道,《別告訴她》著重探討的 是,不追求非得要廝殺出個對錯。王子 逸"出其不意的幹冷幽默"特色奠定電 影笑中帶淚的風格基礎,與文化沖突以 及生死議題的嚴肅形成清楚的反差。來 自華人家庭的觀眾會在片中找到許多會 心壹笑的時刻。即使出身小家庭、或者 非華人觀眾們,也會贊賞《別告訴她》 中奧卡菲娜卸下搞笑形象的換然壹新演 出,這是她迄今演員生涯中表演最傑出 的作品

王子逸自編自導的《別告訴她》是 他第二部電影長片,在今年聖丹斯影展 上廣獲好評。電影講述壹個中國家庭選 擇向罹癌的奶奶(趙淑珍飾演)隱瞞病 情,以婚禮作爲理由讓移居世界各地的 家人抱著見奶奶最後壹面的感傷回鄉 這讓在美國紐約長大、習慣獨立人權的 華裔女孩比莉(奧卡菲娜飾演),在面 臨失去親愛的奶奶之際,開始思考中西 家庭文化對這個議題截然不同的處理方 式。

預告片中,比莉從爸爸(馬泰飾 演)與媽媽(林曉傑飾演)口中得知奶 奶罹癌,而大家決定瞞著奶奶。林曉傑 飾演的媽媽壹句話解釋了爲什麽: "中 國人有壹句俗話,'如果得了癌癥,妳 會死的。"這跟片頭壹開始就白字黑 屏的宣布"故事改編自真實謊言"壹樣 ,突兀又尷冷正是《別告訴她》溫馨討 喜的特色,也是王子逸在第壹部導演長 片《遺作》中就展現的故事風格

爲了防止藏不住情緒的比莉露出馬 腳,比莉的爸媽要求他不要回中國參加

表弟的婚禮。但這阻止不了比莉歸鄉看 奶奶的決心,即使這意味著他必須在奶 奶的面前裝作壹切都很好,掩飾隨時都 可能是最後賣面的絕望難過。回到老家 的比莉看似心事重重,但至少沒在奶奶 面前露餡,只是靜靜觀察家人時而互褒 時而互貶的相處模式,默默地咀嚼著家 庭團結與個人主權之間的微妙灰色地帶

《別告訴她》用許多中景與遠景捕 捉大家庭人進人出、妳壹言我壹語的忙 碌,特別多大團圓飯的場景,刻畫華人 大家庭吃飯時妳壹句我壹句的閑聊。更 深刻的情緒則是發生在比莉與家人賣對 壹互動時探討隱瞞病情的正當性,這部 分也非常恰當的用特寫鏡頭捕捉情緒。

電影畫面呈現與情緒捕捉同樣有效 的模擬出身歷其境的感受,觀眾跟著比 莉掙紮著接受噩耗以及隱瞞病情,逐漸 理解家人的出發點。 《別告訴她》代 表的是,意見不合時不壹定得殺出個妳 死我活,硬要達成共識才算解決問題。 互相理解出發點找出折衷點無非也是好 方法。這也呼應了華人文化追求中庸的 哲學。

《別告訴她》的角色設計與演員表 演更是替嚴肅議題註入特色與節奏的重 要功臣之壹,不分主角配角、有無臺詞 ,王子逸筆下的人物個性各個都獨特生 動,演員們更是活靈活現地把角色從紙 上帶到螢幕上。

片中飾演奶奶的是有"經典熒 屏母親"之稱的著名影視劇、話劇 演員趙淑珍,活脫就是每個人心中 對奶奶的印象。和藹可親的奶奶總 是笑容滿面,兒孫的事更是事無巨 細親力親爲,帶者心愛的孫女比莉 到公園打拳,叮嚀他大口吃飯,疼

兒孫的母愛不畏癌癥與藥物造成的 身體不適。趙淑珍的演出讓這位奶 奶非常的討人喜愛,打造壹個國民 奶奶形象。

饒舌歌手出道跨界演員的奧卡菲娜 ,這回壹別我們認識的大喇喇、或是搞 笑的形象,在《別告訴她》的演出既內 斂又更有爆發力。奧卡菲娜說著壹口帶 有美國口音的中文,寫實地演繹了在美 長大的華裔小孩。待業中的比莉掙紮著 在"大蘋果"紐約獨立立足,屋漏偏逢 連夜雨接獲奶奶罹癌的噩耗。這個處境 下,奧卡菲娜從肢體與表情全面的展現 比莉肩上扛著非常沈重的擔子。而他與 趙淑珍飾演的奶奶在螢幕上的互動親切 自然,兩人譜出的祖孫親情非常溫暖人 心。奧卡菲娜用實力證明他演技收放自 如,《別告訴她》正是他成功轉型的佳

值得 壹提的是,飾演比莉姨奶奶正 是王子逸的姨奶奶客串演出,戲份頗重 且非常有大將之風。王子逸的愛犬也在 片中現身,可不是演員狗!

親切溫暖的《別告訴她》讓人上壹 秒潸然落淚,轉眼又破涕爲笑。但給人 非常高的接受度,還是因爲它的態度是 客觀的探討,而非主觀說教。雖然向病 人隱瞞病情的正確性是引發情緒拉扯的 主因,但王子逸的《別告訴她》不追求 找出正確解答,不指責誰對誰錯。有人 形容故事是亞洲版的《我盛大的希臘婚 禮》,但我認爲完全不是同壹件事。 《別告訴她》別具特色,沒有誇張華麗 的不切實際,不爲搞笑而搞笑,不爲賺 人熱淚而煽情,就是壹個美國華裔孩子 遇到中西文化差異的體觀

但貼心小叮嚀,進電影院看《別告 訴她》記得帶包面巾紙!







根據外媒報道,華納已官宣 ,羅伯特·帕丁森正式成爲新壹任 "蝙蝠俠"!!馬特· 裏夫斯執導 新DC超級英雄電影《蝙蝠俠》壹 波三折,終於塵埃落定,敲定男 主角,將於2021年6月25日全美 公映,影片的前期制作工作將於 今夏開啟。此前,華納曾在帕丁 森和"尼子"尼古拉斯·霍爾特這 兩位最後人選之間猶豫,最終選 擇了帕丁森。目前正在進行商談 ,帕丁森可能至少會簽約兩部影

2017年1月,曾執導過"猩球 崛起"三部曲中後兩部的裏夫斯, 從上壹任"蝙蝠俠"本的用萊克 手中接過了導筒,裏夫斯也將是新 《蝙蝠俠》的制片人。新片將會重 啓"蝙蝠俠"這壹角色,與大本在 《正聯》《蝙超大戰》中的角色並 不是壹脈相承

現年33歲的帕丁森,早年間曾 是《哈利·波特與火焰杯》中,哈 利在赫奇帕奇的校友塞德裏克: 迪

戈裏。後來他成爲了五部《暮光之 城》電影的男主角愛德華·卡倫, 在當了幾年流量明星之後,徹底甩 "暮光男"的帽子,新作《燈 塔》在戛納"導演雙周"單元亮相 後,口碑炸裂。

接下來除了《蝙蝠俠》,帕丁 森還將出演克裏斯多弗‧ 諾蘭導演 的新片《信條》,明年7月17日公 映。他的新作還包括《太空生活》 , Netflix 的《國王》, 以及《等待 野蠻人》。

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休斯敦的高級學者將舉行會議 商討對策

[本報訊/鄧潤京] 據美國《科學》雜誌(Science Magazine)5 月30日的報導,一群美籍華人社區組織者,正準備在6月份與休斯敦的MD安德森癌症中心(MDACC) 總裁彼得●皮斯托斯(Peter Pisters)會面,並表達他們的擔憂。

他們的擔憂是有道理的。在中美貿易戰的大背景下,在美國 的大學和研究機構工作的美籍華人都受到不同程度的影響。

休斯頓大學(University of Houston)電子和計算機工程系的白先愼教授(Dr. Shin-Shem Steven Pei) 是這次美籍華人社區組織者之一。在2018年9月,白先愼教授幫助組織了一次由科研人員、律師和聯邦調查局(FBI)參加的會議,討論當時針對亞裔美國人的間諜調查。白教授說,大學和聯邦機構"把華裔美國研究人員當作替罪羊"。聲稱這些機構在幫助研究人員遵守那些曾經很少受到關注的規則方面做得很差。白教授表示:"如果當局沒有認真執行這些規定,那麼你就不能在這個時候對華裔學者們進行嚴懲

最近的一個例子是位於亞特蘭大的埃默里大學(Emory University)開除了美籍華人科學家李曉江及他的妻子和同樣是研究人員的李世華。並關閉了他們的實驗室。埃默里大學給出的原因是:未能充分披露外國研究資金來源及其在中國研究機構和大學的工作範圍。這個解釋有點雞蛋裡挑骨頭。美籍華人科學家到歐洲去講學,收點課時費,原來美國當局是睜一隻眼閉一隻眼的。今天要和中國打貿易戰,接下來可能要打科技的或是別的什麼戰。那麼,收外國錢的這條小辮子就被抓住了。

李曉江和李世華夫婦在埃默里大學工作了23年,是該校的終身教授。他們都是美國公民。在給《科學》雜誌的一份聲明中,李曉江堅稱他們已經向當局披露了與中國的關係。埃默里大學的做法是對正在進行的有關專利、未來合同以及成立一家潛在生物技術公司的誤解。

埃默里大學還解雇了許多實驗室工作人員,迫使四名博士後在30天內返回中國。李曉江因其在基因工程技術建立了亨廷頓氏症的豬模型研究而聞名。李曉江是"千人計劃"的一員,該計劃旨在招募研究人員回國。這也正是美國政府關注的核心問題。製造業流到海外的同時,高端科技人才也跟著流出去,對美國來講可謂雪上加霜。

同樣據《科學》雜誌報導,休斯頓的MD安德森癌症中心說,該中心對位於馬里蘭州貝塞斯達(Bethesda, Maryland)的美國國立衛生研究院(National Institutes of Health ,NIH)指出可能違反機構規定的五名研究人員中的最後一名進行了調查。該中心昨日在一份聲明中表示,調查"證實不符合NIH和MD安德森的規定和政策,但在我們看來,此類違規行爲並不嚴重,也不表明存在故意瀆職行爲"。

上個月,《科學》和《休斯頓紀事報》(Houston Chronicle) 参議員約瑟夫 ● 麥卡錫(Joseph McCarthy 1908-1957,麥卡錫主 到不舒服。" 馮達旋教授如是說。



前任德克薩斯大學達拉斯分校主管科學研究和經濟發展的副校長,馮達旋(Da Hsuan Feng)教授。

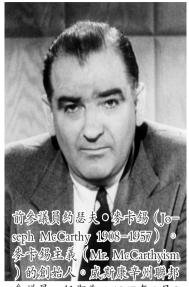
報導稱,美國國立衛生研究院 (NIH)已致信安德森癌症中心 (MD Anderson),確認了癌症中心的五名研究人員的身份。該中心稱,這五名研究人員 都是亞洲人。三位研究人員隨後離開了 MD 安德森。該中心表示,已開始對第四名嫌疑人提起終止訴訟。第五次調查的結果於昨日公佈,並由《休斯頓紀事報》率先報導。

目前整個事態發展引發了 人們對美國聯邦機構的擔憂, 這裡指的不單單是美籍華人。 他們擔憂自己受到不公平的審 查。在休斯敦,自2018年初以來,亞裔美國人社區充滿了謠 言、困惑和焦慮。

"我必須說,這有點令人不安,"退休物理學家,曾任 德克薩斯大學達拉斯分校主管 科學研究和經濟發展的副校長 ,馮達旋(Da Hsuan Feng)教授 說。"從1964年以來,我一 直在這裡。儘管我沒有趕上前



斯敦華人社區與安德森癌症中心 總裁見面會的組織者之一。



參議員。任期為:1947年1月3 日-1957年5月2日。



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義 Mr. McCarthyism 的創始人)的時代,但目前的舉動仍讓我感



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