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Citing climate differences, Shell walks away from U.S. refining lobby

LONDON (Reuters) - Royal Dutch Shell Plc on Tuesday became the first major oil and gas company to announce plans to leave a leading U.S. refining lobby due to disagreement on climate policies.

In its first review of its association with 19 key industry groups, the company said it had found "material misalignment" over climate policy with the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) and would quit the body in 2020.

The review is part of Shell's drive to increase transparency and show investors it is in line with the 2015 Paris climate agreement's goals to limit global warming by reducing carbon emissions to a net zero by the end of the century.

It is also the latest sign of how investor pressure on oil companies, particularly in Europe, is leading to changes in their behavior around climate. Last year, Shell caved in to investor pressure over climate change, setting out plans to introduce industry-leading carbon emissions targets linked to executive pay.

Its chief executive, Ben van Beurden, has since repeatedly urged oil and gas producers to take action over climate and pollution, staking out a more radical position than the heads of other major oil companies.

"AFPM has not stated support for the goal of the Paris Agreement. Shell supports the goal of the Paris Agreement," the Anglo-Dutch company said in its decision.

"The need for urgent action in response to climate change has become ever more obvious since the signing of the Paris Agreement in 2015. As a result, society's expectations in this area have changed, and Shell's views have also evolved," van Beurden said in the report.

The company has disagreed with AFPM on a number of issues for some time, according to two lobbying sources. Shell said it also disagreed with AFPM's opposition to a price on carbon and action on low-carbon technologies.

Shell and AFPM have also been at odds in recent months over regulation over the use of renewable fuels. While Shell and other large refiners invested in cleaner fuel technology, AFPM has fought hard against standards requiring refiners to blend or subsidize the blending of biofuels into the gasoline pool - saying it hurts independent refiners.

Shell and rivals Exxon and BP have in recent years also left the American Legislative Exchange Council, a conservative political group, over its stance on climate change.

AFPM Chief Executive Chet Thompson thanked Shell for its "long-standing collaboration."

"We will also continue working on behalf of the refining and petrochemical industries to advance policies that ensure reliable and affordable access to fuels and petrochemicals, while being responsible stewards of the environment," Thompson said in a statement.

AFPM counts around 300 U.S. and international members including Exxon Mobil Corp , Chevron Corp , BP Plc and Total SA that operate 110 refineries and 229 petrochemical plants, according to its 2018 annual report.

Shell's review was welcomed by Adam Matthews, director of ethics and engagement for the Church of England Pensions Board, which invests in Shell and led discussions with the company over its climate policy.

"This is an industry first," Matthews said.

"With this review Shell have set the benchmark for best practice on corporate climate lobbying not just within oil and gas but across all industries. The challenge now is for others to follow suit."

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Shell also found "some" misalignment with nine other trade associations, including the American Petroleum Institute, the oil and gas industry's main lobby.

Shell said that while it had some climate-related differences with API, it welcomed the lobby's advocacy on a range of state and federal issues such as trade and transport, as well as the API's efforts to reduce methane emissions.



FILE PHOTO: Ben van Beurden, chief executive of Royal Dutch Shell, speaks during a news conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, February 15, 2016. REUTERS/Sergio Moraes/File Photo



FILE PHOTO: The logo of Royal Dutch Shell is seen at a petrol station in Sint-Pieters-Leeuw

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One dead in fire at KMCO chemical plant in Crosby

One person has died and two people were critically injured in a fire Tuesday morning at KMCO chemical plant in Crosby, authorities said.

The fire at the plant at 16503 Ramsey Road has been contained and responders are working to prevent it from spreading to nearby tanks, Rachel Moreno, a spokesperson for the Harris County Fire Marshal's Office, said at a news conference Tuesday afternoon.

The two people who were injured have been taken by helicopter ambulance to the hospital in critical condition, Moreno said.

A shelter in place has been ordered for all residents within a 1-mile radius of the plant.

Several campuses, including Crosby ISD, Channelview ISD, Galena Park ISD and Sheldon ISD had ordered a shelter in place. Crosby ISD has turned off their HVAC systems.

Crosby ISD ended its shelter-in-places for all campuses but the Crosby Kindergarten Center at about 1:50 p.m. The Kindergarten Center is located within 1 mile of the plant and remains closed.

In a Facebook post, the district said students at the Kindergarten Center are not yet allowed to be picked up, and students who ride buses but live within a one-mile radius of the fire will be transported back to their campus and held there until a parent or guardian can pick them up. The district will not enter the one-mile radius zone with students on board, the post said.

Houston ISD canceled all outdoor activities Tuesday afternoon at the following campuses located in the northeast portion of the district: Robinson, Oates, Hilliard and Elmore elementary schools; Furr and North Forest high schools; and Fontwood Early Childhood Center.

The fire apparently started when a transfer line

containing isobutylene, a type of colorless gas, ignited, spreading the fire to a warehouse, authorities said Tuesday.

KMCO contractors Brian Balcerowicz and Cesar Mendoza were in the control room when the explosion happened about 10:55 a.m.. That meant they were just a couple of feet away from danger, the former observed.

All campuses in Crosby ISD and Sheldon ISD are under a shelter in place. Crosby ISD has turned off their HVAC systems and it will not release students to parents or let them onto school buses until further notice.

"They said there had been a problem and stay in the control room," Balcerowicz said. "About five minutes later we heard and felt the explosion."

The operator then told everyone to leave the premises. Balcerowicz noted that the control room was a safe place since it was explosion-proof.

KMCO OWNERS: What we now about the company, at HoustonChronicle.com

KMCO has activated its incident command center and dispatched its emergency response team to help first responders extinguish the fire, president and CEO John C. Foley said in a statement.

"We are deeply saddened to confirm at this time that there have been injuries and one fatality,"

Foley said. "Those injured have been transported for medical treatment. Our hearts and prayers go out to the individuals involved, as well as our first responders, employees, and our community."

Corey Prantil, 31, felt his house shake at about 10:55 Tuesday morning.

From his location about two and a half miles northeast of the KMCO plant, the ground shook, his windows rattled and it sounded like someone was trying to break in through the front door.



Travelers walk toward the baggage claim at William P. Hobby Airport, Monday, Jan. 29, 2018, in Houston. (Mark Mulligan / Houston Chronicle)



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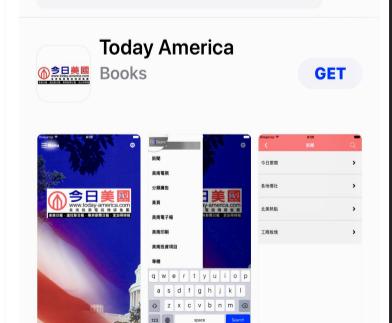
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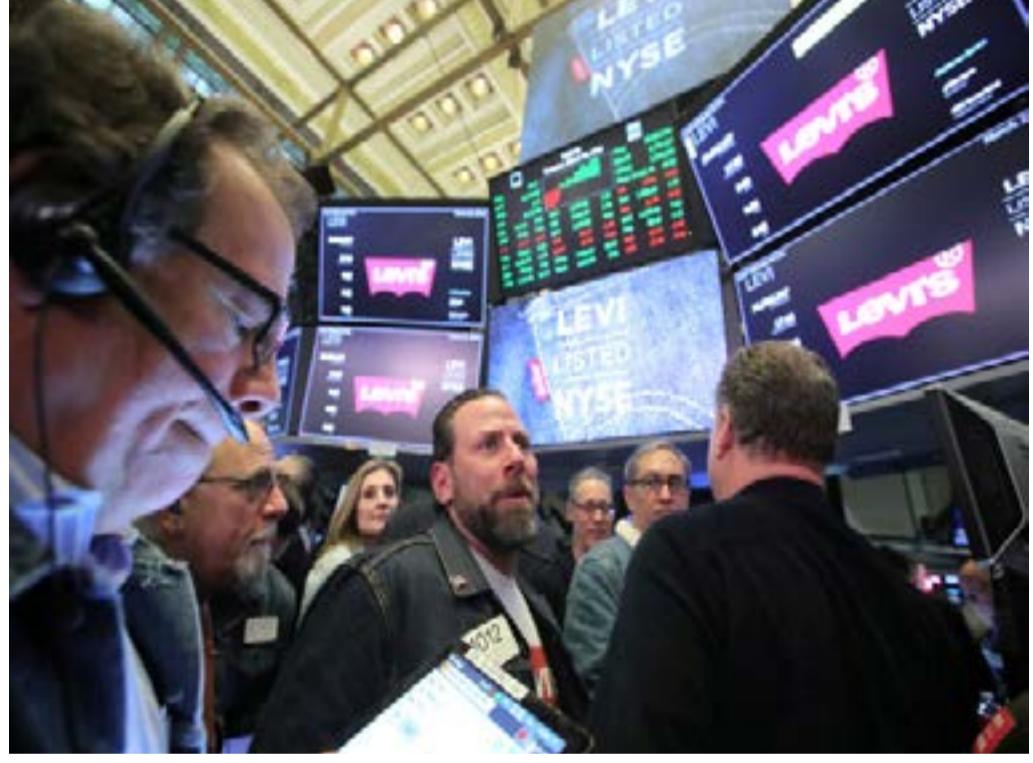
FILE PHOTO: Rachel Heck tees off on the 15th hole during the first round of the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster



A gondolier rows his gondola with tourists on Grand Canal in Venice



FILE PHOTO: Algerian President Abdelaziz Bouteflika is seen in Algiers



Traders wear Levi's clothing during the Levi Strauss & Co. IPO at the New York Stock Exchange in New York



FILE PHOTO: Bottles of prescription painkiller OxyContin made by Purdue Pharma LP on a counter at a local pharmacy in Provo



U.S. President Donald Trump meets with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at the White House in Washington



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In a stunning about-face, State Department officials said that President Donald Trump is cutting off all direct assistance to the so-called Northern Triangle countries of El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala. "At the Secretary's instruction, we are carrying out the President's direction and ending FY [fiscal year] 2017 and FY 2018 foreign assistance programs for the Northern Triangle," a State Department spokesperson told ABC News, referring to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. "We will be engaging Congress as part of this process." These three countries are the primary source of migrants to the U.S., but for years the U.S. has worked with them to stabilize their political environments and economies and end violence and corruption so that migrants wouldn't leave in the first place. Trump hinted at the cuts earlier on Friday, telling reporters, "I've ended payments to Guatemala, to Honduras, and to El Salvador. No money goes there anymore." While the president has threatened these cuts before, this time the administration is actually following through.



Border Patrol agent Vincent Pirro inspects a section of the border wall separating Tijuana, Mexico, behind, from San Diego, Feb. 5, 2019, in San Diego.

Trump said the funds totaled \$500 million, but it wasn't clear Friday if that figure was accurate. The State Department announced in December that the U.S. would mobilize \$5.8 billion in public and private American investment to these three countries. "We're not paying them anymore because they haven't done a thing for us," he added.

His senior-most advisers, however, have carried a very different tune, talking very often about the importance of this assistance to stem the flow of illegal immigration.

The Economist

Pence to immigrants: 'If you can't come legally, don't come at all'

Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen was in Mexico and Honduras this week meeting with their leadership to sign new partnership agreements. Pompeo testified before the House of Representatives on Wednesday about the administration's efforts, saying the president had instructed him and Nielsen to use U.S. funding to "develop a set of programs that reward effective outcomes, that reward good leadership, that get us to a place

where we actually achieve the outcomes." In a speech in Brazil last June, Vice President Mike Pence touted the "significant resources" the administration was putting toward this effort, though much of those resources were allocated under former President Barack Obama's administration.



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A caravan of more than 1,500 Honduran immigrants checks in to their local authorities in Esquipulas, Guatemala. (Photo/Getty Images)

The aid affects about \$500 million in 2018 funds and several millions more from the prior fiscal year, officials said. The money goes toward programs that address violence, poverty and employment.

On Friday, President Donald Trump took to Twitter, threatening to close the border, or at least stretches of it, next week if Mexican officials don't "stop illegals from entering the U.S."

A congressional delegation visiting El Salvador on Saturday said in a statement they were "extremely disappointed" about the fund cutoff and said they plan to "push back."



Trump cuts all direct assistance to Northern Triangle countries Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala - ABC News

"The president's approach is entirely counterproductive. It will only result in more children and families being forced to make the dangerous journey north to the U.S.-Mexico border," the statement said. Included in the delegation are New York Rep. Eliot L. Engel, California Rep. Zoe Lofgren and New York Rep. Jerrold Nadler.

The White House could not be reached for comment Saturday afternoon. (Courtesy https://www.miamiherald.com)



松太加曾为侯孝贤震撼 新片壹揭西藏神秘面纱

西藏导演松太加的感人新片「阿拉姜色」，即将于春假在台上映。曾经二度访台的他，今天(3/31)透过电话专访表示，他期望以「阿拉姜色」跟台湾观众「结缘」，希望大家会喜欢他的电影。刚结束在青海藏区拍摄新片「拉姆与嘎贝」工作，松太加回忆2年前赴拉萨拍摄「阿拉姜色」的艰辛过程，直庆幸该片多达100人的「大部队」，能顺利跨越中国三个省份、2000多公里路拍摄，让他深信「冥冥之中有神明保佑」。由于这条穿越川、青、藏的公路颠簸难行，每天车祸、死亡频传，让松太加拍片时成天提心吊胆，惟恐安全会出状况。这部获誉「从西藏人心中看见西藏」的动人电影「阿拉姜色」，之前还荣获上海电影节评审团大奖及最佳剧本奖，将于本周三(4/3)春假期间在台上映。

松太加曾受两岸电影节邀请访台二次，对台湾并不陌生。对于他的第三部电影「阿拉姜色」即将下周在台上映，他感到十分高兴。「我并不寄望票房，反而希望台湾观众喜欢这部电影，我想用『阿拉姜色』跟大家结缘」。北京电影学院毕业的松太加，最早以摄影师身分出道，曾与藏族名导万玛才旦三度合作，并以「藏地三部曲」打响国际名声。个性坦诚、情感细腻的他，拍片总得应付很多杂事，常自比「导演就像工头」，作品却大都关乎亲情。看过他执导的电影「阿拉姜色」，很多人都被片中亲情感动得热泪盈眶，并讶异松太加竟是如此年轻。

松太加出生在青海牧区，小时虽听不懂汉语，却很爱看露天电影。他念北京电影学院时，第一次看到侯孝贤「风柜来的人」深受冲击，真正开启他对电影的认识，看完后整整一周、觉得全世界都在晃动。松太加说那种震撼很难形容，突然觉得「那是年轻人的困惑，年轻人的生活，这个像是我的同学，那个又像我的哥儿们」。之后他也爱上杨德昌的「一一」、「牯岭街少年杀人事件」等片，「每部电影我都不知看了多少遍」。

电影「阿拉姜色」是松太加的第三部电影，全片藏语发音，松太加一开始便表明他不想拍已被标籤化的藏语电影。该片剧情讲述：一个女人隐藏自己的病情和与前夫之间的秘密，决定隻身前往拉萨还愿。这些秘密却在漫长的旅程中，像剥洋葱般一一被解开，其中涉及了男女情感的爱与道德，责任与信仰的纠结与困惑……与过去西藏影片不同的是，「阿拉姜色」不再猎奇风光，而是关注于人性，让观众真切感受主角所经历的人生、情感桎梏，甚至他们的生死观，被形容是「从西藏土地生长出来的电影」。松太加说：「我会尊重每个人的个性、选择，以及所有的一切」。「阿拉姜色」将于本周三(4/3)在台上映。



演《与恶》爆红 女星新戏再接演记者

有台版《纸牌屋》之称的戏剧《国际桥牌社》今(2)日在新北三重眷村文化园区举行开镜仪式，主要演员杨烈、周孝安、陈好等10多位艺人共襄盛举。在《我们与恶的距离》有精彩演出的陈好，这次在戏中再度担任记者，虽然与《与恶》电视台编辑背景不同，但对她而言却有不同的体会。对于因为《与恶》而备受注目，她坦言粉丝数增加许多，圈内好友也为她相当开心，能有好的戏剧演出。

筹备四年，有台版《纸牌屋》之称的「国际桥牌社」今天(4月2日)在新北市眷村文化园区(原空军三重一村)举行开镜仪式，随即开拍。现场众星云集，包括

杨烈、周孝安、李杏、吴定谦、廖苡乔、陈好、夏靖庭、蒋伟文、王道等人齐为这齣大戏加油。这也是空军三重一村从2018年底整修完成后第一次外借给剧组使用。为了让本剧更加贴近真实，特别邀请了多位资深记者进行深度访谈。

而在《我们与恶的距离》中有精彩表现的女星陈好，这次在《国际桥牌社》中再度饰演一位记者，但背景从电视台编辑改为平面媒体文字记者，她为此也上了课，「背景不一样，个性也差蛮多的。」陈好也发现那个年代背景文字记者与现在电视台记者有相当大的不同，需要养线来获取独家新闻，「有种功课重做的感觉」。因为在《我们与恶的距离》中的精采表现

，陈好坦言粉丝数增加许多，「2周多了3千多人！」也因为在这部戏之前，陈好多半以客串，或配角为主，所以很多原本的粉丝、圈内好友都相当欣慰，她终于有好的角色演出。

虽然粉丝增加了，但难免还是会遭受批评，但陈好表示自己还蛮看得开的，「我自己看的过程中也很爱批评自己」。对自己相当严格的陈好透露，虽然《与恶》现在的播出的版本虽然是最终决定，但自己看到演不好的地方，仍会想要检讨自己是不是拖累大家。即便自己曾获得金钟奖最佳新演员，她笑说：「因为自己得完之后，也没什麼知道我，反而饰演完这齣很多人知道我。」

王大陆「一吻定情」扬威南韩 和服旅馆原来在这



王大陆主演电影「一吻定情」于27日正式在南韩上映，首日票房告捷，大破3万观影人次，比3年前在南韩造成少女风潮的「我的少女时代」票房还要高，陈玉珊对此也感谢表示：「期待票房能超过『我的少女时代』，甚至超过百万人次，这样就会再回南韩，谢谢大家。」

就在上週，导演陈玉珊与男主

角王大陆才访韩宣传，并创下35场映后场场爆满，超过9000人次观影的纪录，南韩影迷抢问电影中的拍摄场地，想来台朝圣，陈玉珊导演也不藏私，解答包括王大陆所工作的公司，其实是南方庄园度假村的一个婚宴场地，片中浪漫的郊外约会场景，则跑了宜兰林美石磐步道、梅花湖、水梨果园、大溪豆麦埤

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《少年派》《影武者》 《愛妳，西蒙》參展北影節

第九屆北京國際電影節將於2019年4月13日到20日在北京舉辦，電影節將以“好萊塢往事”“新浪潮回聲”“華時代風景”三個子單元來追憶電影史上的偉大作者。二十世紀福斯也將以三部佳作回饋影迷。其中包括由李安執導的《少年派的奇幻漂流》、黑澤明執導的《影武者》（又名《影子武士》）以及新片《愛妳，西蒙》。

2012年，李安執導的3D電影《少年派的奇幻漂流》轟動了全球，這部被二十世紀福斯定位為“文藝片”的電影在內地狂砍5.7億票房，更是引起輿論壹波波的討論高潮。利用電影行業炙手可熱的3D技術拍攝完成壹部“不可能被影像化的小說”，李安再次證明了自己在電影駕馭方面的能力，同時也成為東西方電影文化交流的牽引人。

《少年派的奇幻漂流》代表著李安在電影創作方面進入了全新階段。影片風格從容淡定，節奏舒緩，而在其中又無處不在滲透著人性反思、靈性體驗。借助3D拍攝技術打造出美輪美奐的影像奇觀，各種生命形式變得更加鮮活而優美，讓電影與觀眾產生了無限融合的神秘觸感，以立體思維開創出壹片廣闊又清流的詩意空間。

以全新技術在優雅中講述了壹個有力量的故事，令《少年派的奇幻漂流》在當年頒獎季也成



救逝去的武田家榮耀，去挽留信玄的力量，終究是鏡花水月。通過影武者的傳奇故事，影片揭示了貴如君主與賤如草民的兩類人在地位上永難逾越的現實，表達了對人類平等的反思。

與前兩部電影風格截然不同，二十世紀福斯去年北美上映的電影《愛妳，西蒙》則充滿溫暖與治愈，金牌導演格裏格·伯蘭蒂以自己的情感體悟融入影片，講述了17歲少年西蒙為保護自己隱私，被迫幫死敵追求自己閨密，卻意外踏上壹場妙趣橫生的情感囧途，還原出愛情本真的另壹種模式。

影片由尼克·羅賓森主演，凱瑟琳·蘭福德、小豪爾赫·蘭登伯格、特麗莎·貝特曼、亞歷山德拉·西普、邁爾斯·赫爾澤等眾多國際鮮肉、鮮花領銜主演。《變形金剛》系列中，“帥的難以置信”的喬什·杜哈明在影片中飾

演西蒙的父親。“戲爺”特洛耶·希文為影片傾情獻唱了主題插曲。影片自北美上映以來口碑炸裂，爛番茄新鮮度始終保持在92%，MTC評分72，IMDb 8.1，成為去年度繼《黑豹》之後第二部 Cinemascore A+影片。著名演員“孔雀”Matt Bomer也表示：“這是壹部非常重要的影片，而且真的是壹部好片子，我真誠地希望大家能來觀看”。

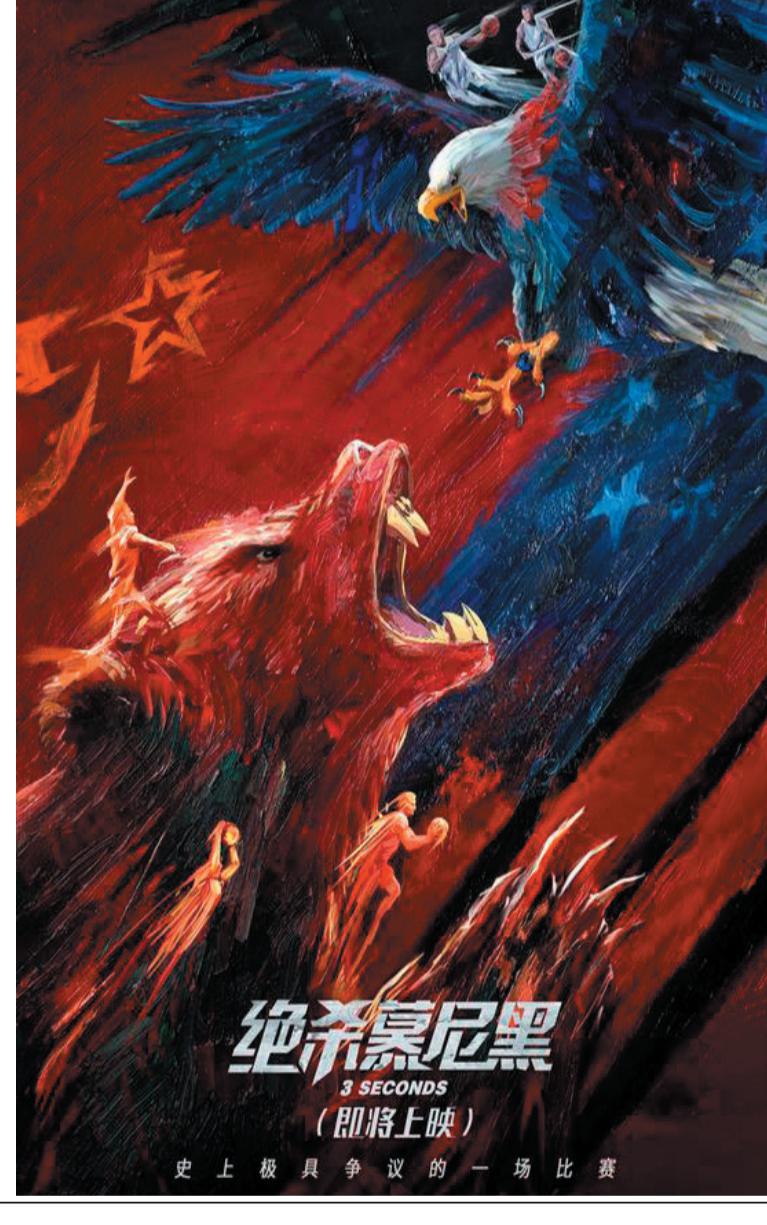
值得壹提的是，由二十世紀福斯出品，頒獎季狂攬33項大獎、IMDb全站實時熱度第2名，評分8.1的電影《波西米亞狂想曲》正在國內藝術電影放映聯盟專線熱映中，日前影片已超越《三塊廣告牌》，突破藝聯票房紀錄。

爲炙手可熱的作品。影片在奧斯卡、金球獎等重要獎項中累積獲得26項提名，其中包括第85屆奧斯卡7項提名並最終斬獲包括最佳導演、最佳視覺效果、最佳攝影、最佳原創音樂4項大獎，這也是李安繼《斷背山》後再次獲得奧斯卡最佳導演；影片在美國金球獎、英國電影和電視劇藝術學院獎、土星獎等國際A級電影頒獎典禮中表現同樣搶眼，是壹部當之無愧的經典佳作。

與李安的《少年派的奇幻漂流》相比，由二十世紀福斯聯合東寶映畫出品，黑澤明執導的電影《影武者》更多的展示了人生的痛楚、瘋狂、欲望、毀滅、歡樂、解脫、溫情、迷惘等種種景象，深刻解剖和展示了人類靈魂，這也是黑澤明

竭盡壹生在探索的終極意義。正是由於這壹點，成就了他傳奇而非凡的壹生。影片在第33屆戛納電影節上獲得金棕櫚獎，1990年，黑澤明成為了奧斯卡歷史上第壹個獲得終身成就獎的亞洲電影人。經過時間洗禮，他的作品依然散發著耀眼的光芒，影響並激勵著壹代又壹代電影人在藝術方面的不斷探索，美國導演斯皮爾伯格尊稱黑澤明為“電影界的莎士比亞”。

《影武者》通過壹個小人物的視角展開壹個大名家族的興衰史，渲染了故事的悲劇情懷，影子武士的遭遇體現出個人在歷史大潮中的微不足道。結局時，影子武士精疲力竭地斃命於水中，最終與武田軍旗擦肩而過。以壹個影子武士去挽



《絕殺慕尼黑》 亮相北影節

第九屆北京國際電影節展映正式開票。俄羅斯影史本土電影票房冠軍《絕殺慕尼黑》入選北影節“視野·環球精粹”單元，展映票在短時間內全部售罄，更有部分沒搶到票的影迷四處求票觀影。

本次北影節展映片單，既有好萊塢光影經典重現，又有國際大師影人佳作亮相。其中《絕殺慕尼黑》入選的“視野·環球精粹”單元，側重以多角度呈現世界電影的突破與發展，入選影片皆為各國飽受贊譽的品質佳作。

電影《絕殺慕尼黑》根據世界體育史上著名的真實事件改編。1972年美蘇冷戰期間，籃球教練加蘭任臨危受命，力排眾議向世界宣布要戰勝勁敵對手美國隊。在當時的冷戰背景下，這場比賽不

僅意味著勝負，更涉及到兩個國家和民族的尊嚴。壹場關乎生死、賭上國家榮譽和民族自由的戰役最終打響。本片以體育賽事爲切入點，以小見大。展現了在熱血激昂的民族對決中，隊員們於國家和個人之間的抉擇，更見對生活的細節刻畫。

此前在俄羅斯上映時，影片便展現了極強的話題熱度和票房號召力。以30億盧布奪得俄羅斯影史本土電影票房冠軍，超越了同期好萊塢大片在俄羅斯市場的表現。在俄羅斯知名電影網站上，大眾想看期待值高達90%，專業媒體好評率達86%。有觀眾稱該片是

“當代俄羅斯最精彩、最棒的電影，是壹個時代的經典瞬間”，《帝國》《莫斯科晚報》《新消息報》等主流媒體也紛紛給予超

高評價。與此同時，影片在俄羅斯本土的現象級熱潮也漸漸滲透到海外。國內不少影迷在獲悉影片受邀參加北影節展映後，就鉤足精神準備壹睹本片風采。有影迷搶到票後留言，“早就耳聞這部俄羅斯電影，期待提前在大銀幕上看到這部傳奇般的電影”。更有沒有搶到票的影迷紛紛在微博、朋友圈四處求票，足以看出國內觀眾對本片熱情高漲。可以預見，本片或將在北影節期間爲觀眾帶來驚喜。

電影《絕殺慕尼黑》根據世界體育史上爭議極大的壹場比賽改編，展現了蘇聯籃球隊團結壹致戰勝美國隊從而改變命運的熱血傳奇。影片即將在國內上映。

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第52屆休斯敦國際電影節即將開幕

【本報訊/鄧潤京】第52屆休斯敦國際電影節（WorldFest Houston, 52nd Annual International Independent Film Festival）是美國三大獨立電影節之一，在當地有深遠影響。電影節的舉辦時間為：4月5日，星期五，開幕到14日，星期四閉幕。

美南國際電視台導演王學新到國際電影節主席亨特·托德（J Hunter Todd）的繁忙辦公室，就籌備電影節的話題，探訪了他以及凱瑟琳女士和張玲執行副主席。

在談到中國電影時，亨特說，中國電影參展到世界各地，柏林，多倫多，都有中國電影。但不都是“好的”中國電影。而且有些並不是中國電影。我們電影節的中國電影是從中國經過挑選來的，都是好電影。



電影節創始人亨特主席（左）說，我們電影節的中國電影是從中國經過挑選來的，都是好電影。

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一想到過幾天就要見面了，我們都很興奮！希望有中青電影導演、編劇、演員獲獎，讓我們這有傳統的休斯頓國際電影節騰飛出去。

王導演說：我想這屆電影節一定會實現他們的電影夢！讓更多青少年得到啓迪和鼓舞，成為電影電視事業的接班人。亨特主席說：這些正是我們所要做的。本屆還有向老藝術家致敬的經典影片如劉曉慶、周潔、陳燁出演的《火燒圓明園》、《垂簾聽政》。

還有李前寬、肖桂雲夫婦導演的精彩電影等。這些經典會長久地留在美中及各國人們的心中。我知道王導演是我們電影節的副主席，也是國際電影節評委，我們住在休斯頓也是鄰居啊。這裡有很多好電影電視作品，有空大家來欣賞。王導演向亨特主席出示幾張照片和《兩宮皇太后》《復仇的世界》《毛澤東與斯諾》的影碟。

亨特主席詢問了拍攝時間和獲獎等情況，並說問候休斯敦國際區區長李蔚華先生。最後合影留念。

電影節藝術總監凱瑟琳女士也接受王學新導演的採訪。

王學新導演：這次電影節裡周潔、劉曉慶、還有陳燁都是我的老朋友，都來參加這個電影節。這樣很高興

的事情，我們祝福這次電影節成功！

凱瑟琳女士：謝謝，這意味著很多。我們非常興奮，也很高興得到像你這樣的人支持。我們希望休斯頓的華人都能夠來看電影。這裡也有很多精彩的中國電影。我們有喜劇類電影，有音樂類電影，有戲劇類電影，我們還有一些關於中國過去的歷史電影。這些都可能是非常引人入勝的故事。我們很高興和電影節的編輯，魏偉先生一起工作。他的出版物引人入勝。所以我們很高興。

王學新導演：我知道胡雪樺導演，郭霽虹導演和陸川導演等等還有很多中國導演在休斯頓電影節得過獎，我想這是非常值得我們回憶的。還有很多年輕的導演馬上要來到這裡，中國代表團將來有將近200人來。我覺得這對未來的青年導演以及青年電影人來說非常重要。

凱瑟琳女士說：是的，那是真的。我們一直在電影節中去發掘並尊重新的電影。這麼多年來已有許多剛開始起步的年輕電影人和其他著名的電影導演共同參加了這個即將到來的52年國際電影節。

凱瑟琳女士說：因此，發掘和培養也是令人興奮的一部分。我知道中國電影也是未來電影的一部分，也是



我們國家間友好合作的其中一部分。這是十分重要的。我認為電影提供了機會，在大洲之間建立橋樑，實現和諧與理解。所以我們期待與中國更長久的合作。哪個導演來並不重要，但我們永遠是中國的真正朋友。

第52屆休斯敦國際電影節官方網站：<https://worldfest.org/>
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