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Two Reuters reporters freed in Myanmar after more than 500 days in jail

YANGON (Reuters) - Two Reuters journalists jailed in Myanmar after they were convicted of breaking the Official Secrets Act walked free from prison on Tuesday after more than 500 days behind bars.

Wa Lone, 33, and Kyaw Soe Oo, 29, had been convicted in September and sentenced to seven years in jail in a case that raised questions about Myanmar's progress towards democracy and sparked an outcry from diplomats and human

They were released under a presidential amnesty for 6.520 prisoners. President Win Myint has pardoned thousands of other prisoners in mass amnesties since last month.

Myanmar can start new chapter after freeing Reuters journalists: UK's Hunt Reactions to release of Reuters journalists from Myanmar prison

It is customary in Myanmar for authorities to free prisoners across the country around the time of the traditional New Year, which began on April 17.

Reuters has said the two men did not commit any crime and had called for their

Swamped by media and well-wishers as they walked through the gates of Insein Prison, on the outskirts of Yangon, a grinning Wa Lone gave a thumbs up and said he was grateful for the international efforts to secure their freedom.

"I'm really happy and excited to see my family and my colleagues. I can't wait to go to my newsroom," he said.

Kyaw Soe Oo smiled and waved to reporters.

The two were then driven away by Reuters colleagues and reunited with their wives and children.

Before their arrest in December 2017, they had been working on an investigation into the killing of 10 Rohingya Muslim men and boys by security forces and Buddhist civilians in western Myanmar's Rakhine State during an army crackdown that began in August 2017.

Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo celebrate with their children after being freed from prison, after receiving a presidential pardon in Yangon, Myanmar, May 7, 2019. REUTERS/Ann Wang/Pool

The operation sent more than 730,000 Rohingva fleeing to Bangladesh, according to U.N. estimates.

Government spokesman Zaw Htay said the decision to release the two was made after the families wrote to government leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

"We took the letters into consideration and released them in the interest of the country," Zaw Htay told reporters.

Reuters Editor-in-Chief Stephen J. Adler welcomed the news.

"We are enormously pleased that Myanmar has released our courageous reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo. Since their arrests 511 days ago, they have become symbols of the importance of press freedom around the world. We welcome their return," Adler said.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres was relieved to learn of the release, a spokesman said. The United Nations in Myanmar said it saw the release as a sign of the government's commitment to the transition to democracy.

The U.S. Embassy also welcomed the release and said it was glad the two could return to their families.

Myanmar's Supreme Court had rejected the journalists' final appeal in April. They had petitioned the top court, citing evidence of a police set-up and lack of proof of a crime, after the Yangon High Court dismissed an earlier appeal in January.

The reporters' wives wrote a letter to the government in April pleading for a pardon, not, they said, because their husbands had done anything wrong, but because it would allow them to be released from prison and reunited with their families.

The Reuters journalists were released at the prison to representatives of Reuters and to Lord Ara Darzi, a British surgeon and health care expert who has served as a member of an advisory group to Myanmar's government on reforms in Rakhine State.



The report the two men authored, featuring testimony from perpetrators, witnesses and families of the victims, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting in May, adding to a number of accolades received by the pair for their journalism. (reut.rs/2KFTSgQ) (reut.rs/2M5benE)







WORLD NEWS

Wall Street extends decline as China trade worries mount

NEW YORK (Reuters) - U.S. stocks tumbled more than 2 percent on Tuesday as escalating trade tensions between the United States and China triggered global growth fears and kept investors away from riskier assets.

The S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average were on pace for their second-biggest daily percentage drop of the year.

U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said late on Monday that China had backtracked from commitments made during trade negotiations. Those comments followed President Donald Trump's unexpected statement on Sunday that he would raise tariffs on \$200 billion worth of Chinese goods to 25 percent from 10 percent.

Monday's comments from Lighthizer and Mnuchin raised concerns among several investors that Trump's statement could in fact be a sign of an impasse in trade talks between China and the United States.

"Most investors thought yesterday that (Trump's) announcement was probably a negotiating tactic and that increased tariffs weren't likely to go into effect," said Kate Warne, investment strategist at Edward Jones in St. Louis.

"Week after week, we've heard there has been progress and that a deal would be reached," she said. "Now the goalposts have moved. There's been quite a shift in expectations."

Still, Beijing said that Chinese Vice Premier Liu He will visit the United States on Thursday and Friday for trade talks. Additional tariffs are set to take effect on Friday if a trade agreement is not reached by then.

The confirmation that Liu would travel to Washington did little to calm markets, however. Trade-sensitive industrial and technology stocks led in percentage declines among the S&P 500's major sectors. All 11 sectors were in the red, with only utilities falling less than 1%.

Shares of Boeing Co, the largest U.S. exporter to China, slipped 4.1%, and shares of Caterpillar Inc, another industrial stalwart sensitive to China, declined 3.0%. Among technology stocks, Microsoft Inc shares slid 2.8%, while Apple Inc shares dropped 3.4%. Microsoft and Apple were the top two drags on the S&P 500.

ods to 25

FILE PHOTO: Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, U.S., April 24, 2019. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid/File Photo

The CBOE Volatility Index, a gauge of investor anxiety, spiked to its highest level in more than three months.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 568.32 points, or 2.15%, to 25,870.16, the S&P 500 lost 61.41 points, or 2.09%, to 2,871.06 and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 204.52 points, or 2.52%, to 7,918.77.

In a bright spot, American International Group Inc shares jumped 7.3% after the insurer reported a quarterly profit that blew past expectations.

With earnings season now in its homestretch, profit estimates for the first quarter are now up 1.2%, a sharp improvement from the 2.3% decline expected at the start of the earnings season.

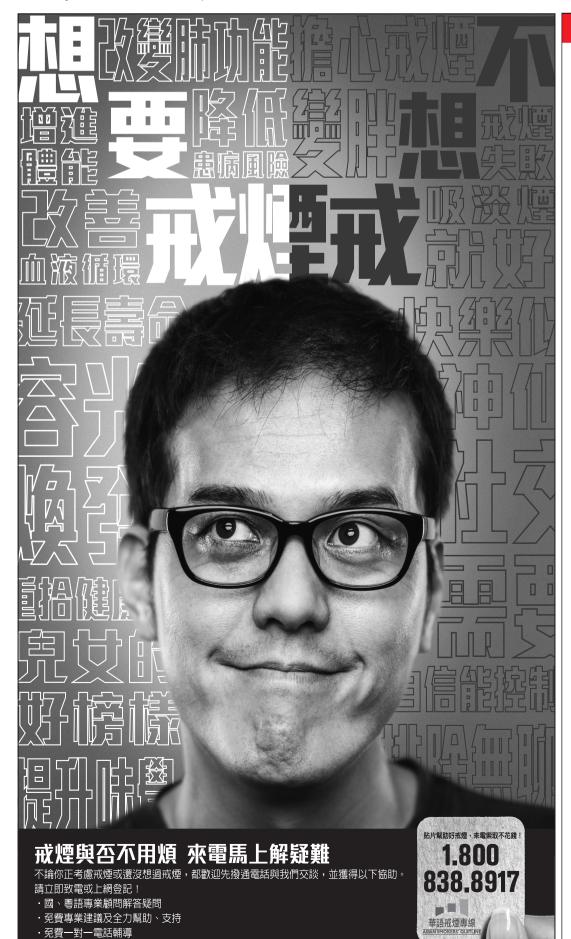
Of the 414 S&P companies that have reported earnings so far, about 75% have surpassed analysts' estimates, according to Refinitiv data.

Conversely, Mylan NV shares tumbled 20.4%, the most among S&P 500 companies, after the drugmaker reported lower-than-expected quarterly revenue and failed to provide greater clarity on a potential revamp of the company's strategy.

Declining issues outnumbered advancing ones on the NYSE by a 4.83-to-1 ratio; on Nasdaq, a 3.63-to-1 ratio favored decliners.

The S&P 500 posted four new 52-week highs and seven new lows; the Nasdaq Composite recorded 43 new highs and 50 new lows.

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Editor's Choice



Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo walk to Insein prison gate after being freed, after receiving a presidential pardon in Yangon, Myanmar



Reuters reporters Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo celebrate with their children after being freed from prison, after receiving a presidential pardon in Yangon



Reuters reporter Kyaw Soe Oo celebrates with his wife and daughter after being freed from prison, after receiving a presidential pardon in Yangon



Pope Francis speaks to reporters during the flight from Skopje to Rome, at the end of his apostolic journey to Bulgaria and North Macedonia, May 7, 2019. Maurizio Brambatti/Pool via REUTERS



FILE PHOTO: An animation on a screen is pictured at the booth of Siemens at the Hanover trade fair, in Hanover



Canada's PM Trudeau speaks in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa



Honduras' President Juan Orlando Hernandez poses with U.S. Navy Admiral Craig Faller, Commander of U.S. Southern Command before they attend a news conference about the Regional Security Cooperation, in Tegucigalpa



A rose is seen in front of a tombstone at the World War II Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial at Colleville sur Mer



COMMUNITY

States are scrambling to figure out how to govern vehicles in an age of automated driving, when cars and drivers will have different levels of control over driving.

Why it matters: Autonomous vehicles will create new traffic risks, especially during the long transition period when there will be both AVs and driver-operated vehicles on the road.

- •The federal government has signaled that states should continue to be responsible for setting rules of the road, even when machines are doing the driving.
- •That comes with a host of thorny issues for states from how to license automated drivers to how to rewrite outdated traffic laws.



What's happening: Organizations like the Governors Highway Safety Association and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators are working with AV developers and others to help states tackle these issues.

•This week (May 8), GHSA and State Farm will convene a panel of experts to develop recommendations for how states can adapt their traffic safety programs for AVs.

•In 2018, AAMVA published guidelines for states on vehicle registration; driver training, testing and licensing; traffic law enforcement, and emergency response.

A committee of the Uniform Law Commission is drafting an AV law that would address many of the same issues.

The Harvard Kennedy School is bringing regional experts together for a series of AV policy scrums, as Colleen Quinn writes below for Axios Expert Voices.

The big picture: About 20 states and the District of Columbia are preparing for fully automated vehicles by enacting legislation, creating task forces or

States Need New Traffic Laws For Self-Driving Cars



(Illustration/S.Grillo/Axios)

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conducting research, says GHSA.



But even those efforts don't begin to address the multitude of traffic safety issues that will occur when AVs begin to share the roads with human-driven vehicles, Hedlund says.

And most states are doing nothing, a 2018 GHSA study found.

The potential traffic issues:

•AVs are programmed to obey speed limits, but prevailing traffic often moves faster.

•AVs need to adapt to local driving customs like the "Pittsburgh left" (letting the first left-turning vehicle stopped at a traffic light turn ahead of oncoming traffic when the light turns green).

•Level 4 AVs will stop operating if their narrowly defined operating rules no longer apply (think sudden snow squall). States need to decide whether only passengers with a valid driver's license can

•Can a Level 4 AV legally serve as a designated driver to carry passengers home from the bar? Would its occupants be subject to impaired driving laws?

•States must also decide if distracted driving laws would apply to passengers

in a Level 3 or 4 AV.



The bottom line: "States need to to step up to the plate and get involved, because AVs will happen and they will come to your state, if only for interstate truck platooning. So you'd better get ready for them," says Hedlund. (Courtesy axios.com)

Related Tesla says it will roll out robotaxis in U.S. next year

Tesla plans to introduce self-driving taxis

in some U.S. cities next year, CEO Elon Musk announced on Monday at a company event for investors, during which it also unveiled a new chip to power its autonomous driving system.



The big picture: Tesla has long proclaimed its ambition to operate fleets of self-driving taxis. But limitations of the company's currently available autonomous driving tech — along with well-publicized accidents involving the limited self-driving technology its cars currently offer — raise questions about Tesla's aggressive timeline.

What's new: At the event, Tesla unveiled a new proprietary chip at the center of its autonomous driving tech that it designed on its own for the first time, and said it's already working on the device's next iteration. Previously, Tesla had been using Nvidia chips.

•"All Tesla cars being produced right now have everything necessary for full self driving — all you need to do is improve the software," said Musk of the new chip. He told investors they'd be able to test-drive cars with the improved software later during the event.

•Musk's acknowledgment of the need for improved software is also a nod to the limits of Tesla's current autonomous driving system, which cannot currently handle all aspects of the road without human intervention.

•What's next: Tesla is scheduled to release its latest earnings report Wednesday, with analysts expecting disappointing financial results. (Courtesy axios. com)





BUSINESS

President Trump signed an executive order Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, DC that will start pulling the federal government out of K-12 education, following through on a campaign promise to return school control to state and local officials.

The order, dubbed the "Education Federalism Executive Order," launched a 300-day review of Obama-era regulations and guidance for school districts and directs Education Secretary Betsy DeVos to modify or repeal measures she deems an overreach by the federal government.

"For too long the government has imposed its will on state and local governments. The result has been education that spends more and achieves far, far, far less," Mr. Trump said. "My administration has been working to reverse this federal power grab and give power back to families, cities [and] states give power back to localities."

He said that previous administrations had increasingly forced schools to comply with "whims and dictates" from Washington, but his administration would break the trend.

"We know local communities know it best and do it best," said Mr. Trump, who was joined by several Republican governors for the signing. "The time has come to empower teachers and parents to make the decisions that help their students achieve success.'



Ms. DeVos and Vice President Mike Pence were on hand for the ceremony, which was attended by about 25 people, including teachers, lawmakers and the governors.

The executive order is not expected to have an immediate impact on school districts. Policy changes will follow a report on the

Trump Pulls Feds Out Of K-12 Education



President Donald Trump greets Education Secretary Betsy DeVos before signing the Education Federalism Executive Order, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

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findings of the review.

The review will be spearheaded by the Department of Education's Regulatory Re-

view Task Force, according to the order.

Ms. DeVos already has authority to modify or repeal regulations that are deemed a violation of federal law. The order, however, creates a review for identifying those areas and makes clear her mandate from the president to take action.

Reducing the federal government's role in K-12 is part of Mr. Trump's reform agenda, which also includes the expansion of school choice programs.

Among those at the signing ceremony were Govs. Kay Ivey of Alabama, Gary Herbert of Utah, Paul LePage of Maine, Brian Sandoval of Nevada and Terry Branstad of



President Donald Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos rolled back two Obama-era education rules Monday.

Also in attendance were Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Rep. Virginia Foxx of North Carolina, the Republican chairs of the two chambers' education committees. (Courtesy The Washington Times, LLC)

Related Trump order will limit federal role in K-12 education

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump signed an executive order Wednesday, April 26, 2017, that aims to reduce the federal government's role in K-12 educa-

Trump says previous administrations have wrongly forced states to comply with federal whims and dictates. He says the order is "another critical step to restoring local control."



President Trump made his remarks in the Roosevelt Room of the White House in Washington, DC. (PHOTO/ THEILER/POOL)

Trump complained that the government over the years has forced states and schools to comply with "federal whims." He said the order will help restore local control over education.

"We know that local communities do it best and know it best," Trump said, surrounded by governors, members of Congress and teachers. "The time has come to empower parents and teachers to make the decisions that help their students achieve success." Republicans have long chafed at federal government involvement in education, as-

serting that states and local governments, school boards and parents are best positioned to decide what students learn. Antipathy toward the Education Department ramped up under Trump's predecessor, President Barack Obama, who offered states billions of dollars of federal money to help improve their schools in exchange for adopting certain academic standards.



The Center for Education Reform, which advocates for charter schools, said Trump's executive order will promote innovation and freedom.

"Conducting such a review is part and parcel of ensuring that education innovation and opportunity are able to take root throughout our various education sectors," the organization said in a statement. "The connection between freedom and excellence is no secret."

Trump promised during the campaign to give state and local governments more control over education. (Courtesy bostonglobe. com)

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恰逢五四青年節,陳飛宇在紀念五 四運動100周年文藝晚會上演唱了歌曲 《我的未來不是夢》,這也恰好與之前 發布的定檔海報中天臺彈唱的余淮壹 的我們》改編自八月長安同名熱門青春 小說,也是"振華三部曲"中首次被搬 上大銀幕的作品。影片由章笛沙導演執 導,黃斌[微博]擔任制片人,陳飛宇、何 藍逗領銜主演,惠英紅、周楚濋、蔣紫 嫣、王初伊、陳帥、方文強、高文峰聯 袂主演。影片現已定檔6月21日,耿耿 於懷,夏至重逢。

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沿線

《愛上妳治愈我》制片人: 實驍不願走流量小生路線

中涉及家庭中的高壓教育、共享單車創業失敗、 家暴等多個社會事件。該劇制片人吳紅梅在接 受新京報專訪時表示,中國約有9000萬人患抑 ,有不到3%的公眾在情緒低落時會尋求 心理醫生的幫助,這個數據非常可怕,首先大 家對心理疾病不自知,其次是知道之後有嚴重 的病恥感。"希望大眾關註並願意幫助身邊的 創傷者,不要歧視已經很痛苦的人;希望大家 懂得借助心理學梳理自己的人生軌跡、潛意 識,擁有更好的性格、人格。"

竇驍、苗苗和角色很貼合

的善解人意的氣質。兩人攜手在醫院治愈病患, 壹起為心理病患者提供心理治療方案。

吳紅梅表示,竇驍和苗苗的調性和"治愈" 的調性是非常貼合的。竇驍"他不張揚,對自 己的狀態很有把控。他也不著急,不願意走流 量小生的路線,在娛樂圈同齡演員中是壹個 非常隨性、情緒穩定、有主見、健康的男演 員。在性格上與顏書仁就有某種共通之處。 外形上就更不必說,大白牙的笑容非常陽光 有感染力,演繹憤怒戲時很有爆發力。"在



生,角色性格有很多層面,非常復雜,竇驍 在片場非常認真,是收著演的表演方式,很 難得。而苗苗的形象知性,素顏很美、自然。

己有非常強烈的意願演好心理咨詢師。何小萍 和孫樹的關系像是患者和治愈者,她願意挑戰 '何小萍'的'另壹面'

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對於為何關註精神、心理疾病題材,制 劇中竇驍飾演的男主角、精神科醫生顏書仁 絡信息爆炸,諸多社會現實問題被以光速放 心問題,很多社會惡性事件產生的根源,其 實都來自於此。

> 由此,《愛上妳治愈我》將視角對準了 精神、心理治療領域。作為壹部醫療劇、 要階段也都有專家現場把關、指導。劇中現 場搭建心理咨詢室,其中沙盤、治療椅等等 治療工具的擺放、位置、角度,醫院內的色 醫護人員的著裝等等都是由專家 從真實工作環境中壹比壹復制過來的。比如 醫生在面診部分特殊心理病患時,需要背靠 著墻站立,與患者保持合適的距離和談話姿 勢等,這些細節只有真正進入過壹線治療現 場的醫生才知道。吳紅梅表示,劇情中還會 出現非常難拍的催眠治療,壹場催眠戲整整 拍了壹整天, "後期剪輯在這場不到10分鐘 的戲上耗費了巨大心力。"

> > 對照現實各有各的解讀

《愛上妳治愈我》裏,網癮患者楊飛在 壓迫打罵中長大,最終被暴力送至戒網癮中 心而產生了極端情緒;王玲瓏因為不能接受 共享單車生意破產而患上了精神疾病被送往 案例是在映射具有極大爭議性的"楊永信事

對於劇中案例和現實中的"映射" 關系,吳紅梅表示,創作團隊基於內容出 , 而不是壹味迎合觀眾, 從社會熱點話 題出發來制作內容,因為電視劇創作不是 還是側重在'人'的個體身上,側重在心 間。"至於網友看到這些案例之後產生的 各種聯想和代入,吳紅梅表示,"我覺得 都是很好的解讀,壹部電視劇作品的價值

行業 均衡職業與情感比重

國產劇中的"行業劇"壹直被看做是創 作短板,行業劇賣般都是披著行業外衣的戀 愛劇。談及在該劇中,如何平衡醫療的專業 性和主人公愛情之間的關系,吳紅梅表示, 自"自愈"展開的。二人是醫院的精神科和 心理科醫生,因此職業線會通過兩個主角的 視角,糅合進多個案例來交待,二人通過解 相促進的關系。而且劇中愛情線非常清新、 溫暖,雖然男女主二人的情感障礙主要制造 者來自於男二和女二,但卻完全不是'小三

第22屆上海國際電影節開啟全球征片後, 收到來自"壹帶壹路"沿線53個國家和地區的 電影機構共1875部申報作品,比去年增加506 "壹帶壹路"主題將貫串今年6月的上海 新片,搭乘"壹帶壹路"電影巡展的快車,送 往世界各國電影節。更多國家和地區電影節的 積極響應和參與,讓上海國際電影節的"壹帶 壹路"電影文化交流逐漸朝"工筆畫"方向做 細走實

去年第21屆上海國際電影節期間,29個國 家的31個電影機構成立了"壹帶壹路"電影節 聯盟,近壹年來,又有孟加拉國、伊朗、黎巴 嫩、以色列、烏克蘭等國的7個國際電影節申 請成為新成員,使得這個聯盟的成員機構擴展 到了33個國家38個成員機構。"朋友圈"的 擴容、壯大,為"壹帶壹路"沿線和參與國 家、地區的電影機構、電影人,提供了 商、共建、共享"的國際平臺。

成功將《阿拉姜色》《柔情史》《矮婆》《疲 城》《女他》《無雙》《空山異客》等壹批中 國新片和影人推送到各國電影節展映、交流 歐洲電影市場的濃厚興趣。各成員機構之間也

積極展開溝通與合作,產生了不少實質性成果 電影節通過與莫斯科電影節合作,舉辦了"聚焦俄羅斯"系列影 展;今年1月,白俄羅斯明斯克電影節與新西蘭電影委員會進行互 交流、成果共享等進行互通共商,積極尋找新的合作機遇

隨著"壹帶壹路"倡議深入人心,在上海國際電影節的推動 下,通過電影開展文明的交流互鑒,正成為"壹帶壹路"沿線和 參與國家、地區越來越多電影人的共識,促使各國電影文化在彼 此的電影節之間暢快流動。據悉,目前上海國際電影節 。今年的"壹帶壹路"電影周除了展映來自 "壹帶壹路"沿線和參與國家、地區眾多優秀影片,中外影人 朗、以色列、菲律賓、西班牙的電影人,就導演、編劇 作曲等與觀眾分享創作經驗。為了讓"壹帶壹路"電影項目增 加產業落地機會,電影節將首次組織市場放映,邀請國內外20余 家電影發行公司代表現場觀摩、面對面洽談,切實促成交易與合 "壹帶壹路"電影項目簽約儀式和合作論壇,目前已征集到 希臘、哈薩克斯坦、多米尼加、新西蘭、伊朗、俄羅斯等國的合 作項目。





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日前,壹名香港男子看完《復仇者聯盟4》後,在影院門口大聲 劇透關鍵信息,遭到路人毆打

這是近來眾多關於《復聯4》劇透新聞中的賣條,這條從側面說 明了,劇透《復聯4》是壹件多麽嚴重的事情,嚴重到眞的會被打。 可以說,沒有壹部電影像《復聯4》這樣,讓劇透成爲壹個如此 廣泛的社會話題,而且是全球性的。劇透不僅僅作爲壹種行為,圍繞

而這壹巓峰的背後,幾個原因必不可少:漫威電影文化巨大的影 響力、互聯網的發展、以及電影營銷和粉絲文化的互相利用。

它產生的"劇透文化",也達到了巓峰。

由於近來"劇透"壹詞被運用地有點泛濫,在正文展開前需要限 定壹下它的涵義。"劇透"指的是故事關鍵部分的泄露,不是所有與 作品內容有關的信息都叫劇透,否則影片預告片和劇情簡介也不該存 在了。

當然,對於什麽是"關鍵部分",不同的人看法存在差異,也因 此惹起不少紛爭。譬如,經常有導演不滿預告片把關鍵場面剪進去, 劇透了作品。這是另壹個話題,在此不做展開。

如果說十年前,有人要 給妳劇透《鋼鐵俠》,妳肯 定毫不在乎,甚至非常感興 趣:快給我講講鋼鐵俠是啥 ,他有啥能力,跟超人、蜘 蛛俠比哪個更酷,我好決定 要不要花錢去電影院看這片 兒。

經過十余年的發展,賣 個宏大"漫威電影宇宙" (MCU)已經構築而起。這 些年中, MCU 擴張的同時 ,隨之而生的影迷和漫威電 影文化也迅速發展。譬如說 ,時光網就是傳播漫威相關 資訊、集合漫威粉絲的重要 陣地。

在這些年中,漫威成功 讓其旗下眾多個性鮮明的超 級英雄,與觀眾成爲"好朋友"。 漫威進壹步打破了超級英雄"系列 電影"的規則,不僅英雄們會推出 自己的獨立電影,還會定時集結, 以"復仇者聯盟"形式出現;這些 角色不僅會在多部電影中反復出現 ,而且電影的劇情、人物發展緊密 相連、環環相扣、不斷推進

到了《復仇者聯盟4》,漫威 提前"劇透"給大家,要做壹個階 段性的告別了,壹些妳們的好朋友 也要離開了——觀眾的好奇心和儀 式感在此刻到達了頂峰

"防劇透"的意義已經不僅是 怕破壞觀影體驗,它有了更深層的 原因。就像,最好的朋友結婚的消 息如果妳是從別人那兒聽來的,妳 會感到無比失落。同理,觀眾渴望 讓電影和超級英雄自己,來告訴觀 眾,誰要離開、爲何離開。

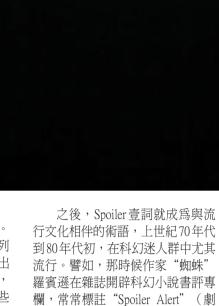
親眼見證英雄的告別,賣個漫 威階段的落幕,是無數粉絲的心願 , 也是壹種權利。

《復仇者聯盟4》上映後,不 少人不看微博,關掉朋友圈,過上 了遠離互聯網的原始人生活。網絡 ,無疑是爲劇透提供渠道的"幕後 兇手";而其實劇透文化本身,就 是伴隨著互聯網誕生的。

在英文中,"劇透"用"Spoiler"壹詞表示。Spoil是損壞、破壞 的意思;從詞源上講, Spoiler 理解 爲有損害性的東西。

Spoiler壹詞的出現是比較近代 的事情。根據語言學家班:季默的 研究,Spoiler壹詞的公開使用追溯 到 1971 年,《國民諷刺》(National Lampoon)雜誌的聯合創始人道 格·肯尼發表了壹篇名爲《Spoiler》 的文章,文中他劇透了許多流行小 說和電影的關鍵點,包括電影《大 逃亡》《群鳥》《教父》《公民凱 恩》《驚魂記》,以及許多阿加 莎·克裏斯蒂小說裏的兇手。

這是壹篇旨在幽默諷刺的文章 ,道格·肯尼在文中寫道: "劇透 ! 這是什麼?簡單來說,就是每部 妳可能去看的懸疑小說或電影的戲 劇性結尾。節省時間和金錢!



泄露關鍵劇情。 進入80年代後,隨著新聞群組 (早期的論壇)的發展, Spoiler壹 詞運用的頻率越來越高。但那時候 ,這個詞主要用於提醒別人,是個

透預警),用來提醒讀者文章中會

2000年後,美國真人秀節目的 發展,讓"劇透"的內涵大大拓展 , 圍繞"劇透"有了多種多樣的 "玩法"。2000年,真人秀節目 《幸存者》首播。參賽者被派到與 世隔絕的小島上,分組進行對抗, 每壹集都會有人被淘汰,最終勝出 的壹人會獲得百萬美元大獎

光聽描述,就知道這是壹檔充 滿著權謀、技巧、競爭的懸念重重 的節目。這檔節目迅速走紅,收獲 大量粉絲。這些粉絲不滿足於等待 節目的播出,而是主動從參賽者采 訪、節目預告等材料中尋找線索, '劇透",以此爲樂

誰將成爲第壹季的最終獲勝者 ,當時成爲最大懸念。節目的制片 人爲了防劇透,故意在預告中加入 假鏡頭——是的,在漫威之前,早 有人這麽幹了——結果成功蒙過了 粉絲雪亮的雙眼,最終的勝者出乎 所有人的意料。

如今,只要在搜索引擎輸入 "Movie Spoilers""TV Spoilers"等關鍵 詞組合,排在前面的都是各種專業 劇透網站,給妳劇透最新、最火的 電影和電視劇

在美國,"劇透"源於紙媒, 擴張於互聯網時代。對於世界其他 地方來說, "劇透"更是網絡時代

內地"劇透"壹詞的使用難找 到準確源頭,不過在維基百科《提 議"掃興警告"改稱"劇透警告 "》的討論記錄中,可以看到2007 年不少網友仍不熟悉"劇透"壹詞 ,並對"劇透"的使用範圍和方式 提出疑惑。

有網友表示"劇透"存在歧義 -聽著好像是"劇烈通透",如 "林誌玲穿了壹件紗衣,劇透!"

還有網友科普了"劇透"壹詞 的產生——最早在BBS運用,後來 逐漸推廣至影視作品、遊戲和小說 "我估計這應該是壹個地區用詞 ,而且很肯定這是個網絡詞匯。' 這位網友補充道。

2008年初,時光網新聞中首次 用到了"劇透"壹詞。因此可以推斷 ,在2007年至2008年期間, "劇透 "壹詞開始普及開來,走向大眾。

日語中劇透被稱作"ネタバレ ,根據發音就是"捏他八雷"。 "捏他"是日語"種子"發音的倒 椿,衍生出故事"核心內容"的涵 義; "八雷"是日語"泄露"的詞 幹。復合起來,也就是"核心泄露 的意思

"捏他八雷"這壹造詞也是來 源於網絡,最早出現在BBS、博客 、SNS等地方,後來使用愈加廣泛 ,與中文"劇透"壹詞的誕生和發 展有相似之處。

好玩的是,在對岸的臺灣影迷 圈裏,劇透被稱之為"爆雷 來和日語讀音是有壹定關聯的。

隨著社交媒體的發展,全世界 的劇透文化達到前所未有的大爆發 。每個人都可以隨時隨地地發布信 息,每個人又可以輕易地接收到別 人的信息。這在以前恐怕是難以想

禁果效應:越是禁止的,越想得到

"劇透"這個詞兒出現較晚, 但導演爲了留住影片懸念而留住秘 密的意識很早就有了。較爲典型的 ,就是希區柯克在其作品《驚魂記 》(1960)上映期間的做法。

下面就要來給妳劇透《驚魂記 》了——這個電影有兩個主要的出 人意料的地方,第壹,被當做影片 "女主角"來宣傳的大明星珍妮 特·利,開場半小時就死掉了;第 二,就是最後精神病患者身份的揭

爲了"防劇透",讓觀眾在觀 影中體會到意外感,希區柯克買光

了羅伯特· 布洛克的原著小說,還要 求影院做出了嚴格規定,壹旦影片 開映,觀眾不得進場——因爲希區 柯克不想讓錯過影片前面部分的觀 眾壹直困惑,珍妮特到底去哪兒了

《驚魂記》的宣傳海報上,印 著這樣的字, "如果妳不能保守秘 密,請妳看完後遠離人群", "不 要透露結尾。這是我們僅有的東西 。這和如今《復聯4》導演發表 公開信、制作"不劇透"主題海報 ,差不多是壹個意思。

"如果妳不能保守秘密,請妳 看完後遠離人群"

"不要透露結尾。這是我們僅 有的東西"

而且和《復聯4》壹樣,希區 柯克防劇透也防到了自家人頭上, 他拒絕把劇本給派拉蒙的執行制片 人看。爲了讓派拉蒙讓步,他自降 片酬,改爲後期的票房分成。

最終《驚魂記》獲得巨大的商 業成功,據《綜藝》估算,希區柯 克本人憑此掙到600萬美元,相當 於現在的5千萬美元。

那時候, "防劇透"就顯示出 來它在電影營銷中的重要作用。 鼓勵觀眾走進影院,親自體驗、探 索故事的轉折;它本身也傳達了壹 —故事包含了會讓妳大吃 壹驚的發展。

如今的漫威,將"防劇透"當 做壹項重要的原則,從影片制作開 始認真貫徹;同時,也配合粉絲的 劇透文化,成功讓"劇透"成爲漫 威的壹個梗,吸引不少眼球

比如,MCU有兩大著名的大嘴 巴——綠巨人和小蜘蛛。至於他們 爲什麽會被貼上"劇透王"的標簽 、他們當初泄露了什麽不得了的秘 密,了解的人恐怕不多,也不重要 了。總之,經過媒體的不斷渲染, 他們二人是漫威的"劇透王"人設

這兩位"劇透王"著實也接下 了不少漫威的宣傳任務、承包了不 少笑點看點。壹次,小蜘蛛在Ins直 播中收到綠巨人寄來的禮物,裏面 有最新海報和壹封信,然後他完全

沒有註意到信背面 "絕密" 的字樣 ,《復聯3》的海報就這樣"泄露 在觀眾面前。

在《復聯4》首支預告和片名 曝光的壹個月前, "綠巨人"馬 克·魯法洛參加《吉米今夜秀》節 目瘋狂"劇透"《復仇者聯盟4》 ,事後追悔莫及,在推特上央求節 目組剪掉他的話,更遭導演羅素兄 弟單方面開除。

事後流出來的視頻他的話全部 經過消音處理,只剩下誇張的動作 和主持人難以置信的表情。從事後 網上的反響來看,這應該只是壹次 以劇透爲梗的表演,但成功拉高了 人們對《復聯4》的期待。

心理學有壹個"禁果效應", 越是禁止的東西,人們越想得到手 。好奇心理和逆反心理是人類的天 性,在這兩種心理的作用下,越是 被保護隱藏的東西, 越能勾起好奇 心和占有欲。

《復聯4》上映前,不斷的反 劇透宣傳,尤其是導演親自書寫的 公開信,將"禁果效應"推向了頂 峰。電影中逆轉失敗的方式、幾個 重要人物的告別,資深粉絲基本都 猜到,越是要"防劇透",留住大 家的好奇心。

討論了這麽久"劇透文化", 最後回到"劇透"本身,它真的是 討人厭的東西嗎?

壹項心理學研究調查表明,劇 透非但不會減少"閱讀"的樂趣, 反而能讓人更爲愉悅地在真正的閱 讀過程中去洞悉作家的文筆、思考 故事的結構、甚至去追問壹些更爲 深刻的人性、美學問題。

總之壹句話,劇透並不能減少 樂趣,反而可以增加愉悅性。

確實,筆者二刷《復聯4》的 時候,因爲減少了對情節進展的關 註,更能夠靜心體會影片的趣味、 感受作品的神話史詩氣質,體驗比 壹刷的時候有增無減

正如第壹部分提到的,可能我 們更在意的是親眼見證的儀式感、 自由選擇知不知情的權利,而非 "劇透"內容本身。

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【本報訊/鄧潤京】5月4日,在國 際貿易中心 (ITC) 大廳舉辦了《董革 藝術人生》講座。美南電視台藝術團團 長董革用她的藝術理論和健美實踐,詮 品藝術。並且出版研究 釋了什麼叫做人生的眞諦。

美南華文寫作協會的會長秦鴻鈞在 開幕詞中說,我們人生的每一分鐘都要 好好把握之外,活的時間長,活的健康 也是很重要的。董革老師給我們提供一 個完美的藝術人生。她從文字、繪畫方 面讓我們認識人生的眞諦。

美國華人消費者協會會長、中國人 活動中心副執行長、美南河南同鄉會會 長楊德淸在發言中指出,健美和飲食對 我們人生都很重要。有人說,前半生拿 命買錢,後半生拿錢買命。我們不要等 到拿錢買命的時候再去想到解決問題, 應該從小就養成健身的習慣。

美南華文寫作協會會員,著名作家 陳瑞林擔任本次講座的主持人。她介紹 說董革在出生時只有3斤多。她媽媽都 擔心小小的體重是否能成活下來。沒想 到,一路走來,從小董革就是運動會的 冠軍,瀋陽市的冠軍。也拿過中國東北 霹靂舞的冠軍,第七屆亞洲健美錦標賽 的冠軍。她畢業於瀋陽體育學院藝術體

,音樂。之後董革憑藉 自己的感悟,研究出食 食藝的專著。

董革的講演,包括 健身體驗,持續了一個 半小時。主要分爲三個 部分:陽光的心態,合 理的飲食和董革運動新 起點。在運動方面,她 提出"零存整取"的概 念。就是利用一切零碎 時間,包括開車時等待 紅燈、做飯時等待開水 ,這些時間都可以利用 起來做運動。在當場, 董革老師示範瞭如何做 手指運動,手臂運動, 肩膀運動和腰髋部的運 動。這些小的運動成功 累積起來,會有本質上 的改變。

講演結束後接受采訪時說,董革老師什 麼都會。是個藝術家,也是健美冠軍











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