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# Following opioid suits, family behind deadly OxyContin squabbles

NEW YORK (Reuters) - A united front among members of the billionaire Sackler family behind painkiller OxyContin is showing signs of strain from litigation over who bears responsibility for the deadly U.S. opioid epidemic.

At least twice in recent months, eight members of the Sackler family who own OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma LP have been at odds over how to respond to allegations implicating them in deceptive marketing of prescription painkillers that led to widespread fatal overdoses, said people familiar with the matter.

The family members have split into two groups that their advisers dub the "A side" and "B side," the people said.

One point of contention centers on how aggressively former Purdue President Richard Sackler should disavow emails he had written years earlier that maligned opioid addicts, a debate that came to a head in anticipation of a critical segment on HBO's news satire "Last Week Tonight with John Oliver."

Another disagreement surfaced over legal defense tactics, with a lawyer for one faction initially counseling against Purdue settling an Oklahoma case in favor of a bankruptcy filing that would halt lawsuits.

The family dynamics will likely influence how the Sacklers resolve roughly 2,000 lawsuits by cities, counties and states alleging Purdue pushed prescription painkillers on unsuspecting doctors and patients while concealing their addiction and overdose risks.

The Sacklers, longtime philanthropists worth an estimated \$13 billion, are attempting to reach a settlement covering all the litigation and will need to agree among themselves how much to pay. U.S. communities are seeking billions of dollars in damages to address harm from opioids, and settlement discussions will help determine how much money they get.

The lawsuits, which in recent months have targeted the Sacklers in addition to Purdue, claim the family and company contributed to a public health crisis that claimed the lives of nearly 400,000 people between 1999 and 2017, according to the latest data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Family members declined to be interviewed by Reuters about their internal debates.

"In any family or business grappling with important choices, it is normal for a range of opinions to be discussed and options presented," the two Sackler contingents said in a joint statement. "This internal discussion is necessary for reaching the right decisions in a collaborative way, and in no way signifies a split within our family," the statement said.

"The reality is that we are united in both our deep desire to help address today's crisis of drug addiction and in our knowledge that we did not cause this complex public health crisis. We all hope to resolve the many lawsuits through a fair global resolution" that steers settlement funds to affected communities, the family's statement added.

This account of some of their deliberations is based on court records and interviews with several people close to the family's discussions. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the conversations. Purdue declined to address the Sacklers' private talks. It has noted the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved labels for the company's opioids that carried warnings about risk and abuse associated with treating pain. Purdue and the Sacklers have denied allegations in lawsuits that they contributed to the opioid crisis, and have pointed to heroin and fentanyl as more significant culprits than prescription painkillers.

According to court records and people familiar with the matter, the two Sackler factions each comprise relatives of the late Mortimer and Raymond Sackler, two of three brothers, all doctors, who purchased a Purdue predecessor in 1952.



FILE PHOTO: Bottles of prescription painkiller OxyContin made by Purdue Pharma LP sit on a shelf at a local pharmacy in Provo, Utah, U.S., April 25, 2017. REUTERS/George Frey/File Photo

In a June 2018 lawsuit, Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey named the eight Sacklers making up the two factions, targeting their role serving on Purdue's board.

In January, she disclosed details of emails and other internal records that alleged the Sacklers masterminded aggressive opioid sales despite knowledge of their harmful effects.

he Sacklers together countered in court papers that they were typical, passive board members who approved routine management requests rather than micromanaging the marketing of OxyContin. Still, the allegations eventually prompted various renowned museums in New York and London to shun donations from the family

In March, a critical family debate ensued about how to resolve a separate, longstanding lawsuit against Purdue brought by Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter.

There were two options for averting a trial slated for late May. One was settling the lawsuit. The other was putting Purdue into bankruptcy court, which would halt the Oklahoma case and other litigation.

David Bernick, a lawyer from Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP representing the "B" side, initially counseled against settling the Oklahoma lawsuit, people familiar with the matter said. He was concerned thousands of other plaintiffs would seize upon a financial figure in any agreement and demand costly settlements themselves, they said.

The better option, he felt, would be for Purdue to seek bankruptcy protection and negotiate with Hunter and other litigants under the supervision of a judge in Chapter 11 proceedings. Advisers on Mortimer's "A" side of the family argued for settling, confident that the agreement's structure would combat expectations from other plaintiffs for similar financial sums. Ultimately, both sides of the family united to contribute \$75 million toward settling the Oklahoma case, which helped finance a national addiction treatment center.

The family released a statement cautioning that the agreement, which totaled \$270 million with contributions from Purdue, was "not a financial model for future settlement discussions." Bernick declined to comment on the settlement discussions.

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# **WORLD NEWS**

# U.S. says Huawei lawyer's prior work at Justice Department poses conflicts

(Reuters) - Huawei Technologies Co Ltd lawyer James Cole's prior work at the U.S. Department of Justice created conflicts of interest that should disqualify him from defending the Chinese company in a case of alleged bank fraud and sanctions violations, U.S. prosecutors said in a filing on Friday.

Last week, the prosecutors filed a motion to disqualify Cole, who served as deputy attorney general, the No. 2 official at the Justice Department, between 2011 and 2015. But the motion was sealed and classified, and prosecutors did not make public the reasons behind the move.

"There is a 'substantial risk' that Cole could use 'confidential factual information' obtained while serving as DAG to 'materially advance' Huawei's current defense strategy,"

the prosecutors said, according to a redacted copy of the U.S. motion filed on Friday in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn, New York.

Cole was not immediately available for comment. But in a statement Huawei said the U.S. wants to strip the company of counsel of its choice while concealing the facts on why.

"The Justice Department's motion to disqualify Jim Cole makes a mockery of the adversarial process," the statement said.

"The government has known since 2017 that Mr. Cole represented Huawei in this matter. Now, two years later, not only does the Justice

Department seek to strip Huawei of counsel of its choice, but it does so while concealing from Huawei and the public virtually all of the facts on which it bases its motion."

The case against Huawei, the world's largest telecommunications equipment maker, has ratcheted up tensions between Beijing and Washington as the world's top two economic powers try to negotiate a trade deal.

The company's chief financial officer, Meng Wanzhou, daughter of Huawei's founder, was arrested in Canada in December at the behest of U.S. authorities for her role in the alleged fraud. Meng has said she is innocent and is fighting extradition.

In Friday's filing, U.S. prosecutors said Cole's representation of Huawei poses "irresolvable conflicts of interest."

As deputy attorney general, Cole "personally supervised and participated in aspects of" an investigation that caused the conflicts, the prosecutors said in the filing.

Details of that probe were redacted, but the filing said the Huawei prosecution is "substantially related" to the matter.

The prosecutors said Cole possessed information from his government work related to his Huawei representation that he could not reveal, and this created the risk he would rely on the information in breach his duties to the Justice Department.

Secondly, because the nature of the conflict is classified, the prosecutors said, Huawei cannot obtain enough information for them to waive any conflict.

The case against Huawei and Meng accuses them of conspiring to defraud HSBC Holdings Plc and other banks by misrepresenting Huawei's relationship with Skycom Tech Co Ltd, a company that operated in Iran, putting the banks at risk of penalties for processing transactions that violated U.S. sanctions laws.

Huawei has said Skycom was a local business partner. The United States maintains it was an unofficial subsidiary used to conceal Huawei's Iran business.

U.S. authorities claim Huawei used Skycom to obtain embargoed U.S. goods, technology and services in Iran, and to move money via the international banking system.

Last month, prosecutors said they planned to use information about Huawei in the case that was obtained through secret surveillance.

Cole entered a not guilty plea on behalf of Huawei and its U.S. subsidiary in Brooklyn on March 14.



FILE PHOTO: A man walks past a sign board of Huawei at CES (Consumer Electronics Show) Asia 2018 in Shanghai, China June 14, 2018. REUTERS/ Aly Song/File Photo



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# **Editor's Choice**



A group of Moroccans living in the Imlil mountainous region and other cities, attend a solidarity hike, tracing the same route which European tourists Louisa Vesterager Jespersen and Maren Ueland were on before they were captured and killed by extremists last month, Imlil, Morocco REUTERS/Youssef



A group of Moroccans living in the Imlil mountainous region and other cities, pose for a photographs at the place where the European tourists Louisa Vesterager Jespersen and Maren Ueland were captured and killed by extremists last month, Imlil, Morocco REUTERS/Youssef Boudlal



Potential 2020 Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) speaks at an Organizing Event in Manchester, New Hampshire, U.S.. REUTERS/Brian Snyder



Clemson, SC, USA; Virginia Cavaliers guard Kyle Guy (5) is defended by Clemson Tigers forward Aamir Simms (25) and guard Clyde Trapp (0) during the second half of the game at Littlejohn Coliseum. Cavaliers won 63-43. Mandatory Credit: Joshua S. Kelly-USA TODAY



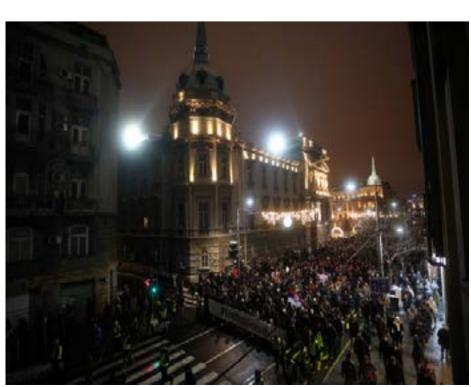
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Furloughed government workers, contractors and their families attended a free community dinner donated from families and community organization during the partial U.S. government shutdown in Silver Spring, Maryland



Rugby Union - European Rugby Champions Cup - Round 5 - Pool 1 - Bath Rugby v Wasps - Recreation Ground, Bath, Britain - Luke Charteris of Bath Rugby in action Action Images via Reuters/Matthew



Demonstrators march during a protest against Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and his government in central Belgrade, Serbia, REUTERS/Djordje Kojadinovic



# COMMUNITY

Being obese is linked to a significantly higher chance of serious disease and early death than being a healthy weight, research on more than 2.8 million adults suggests.

The chance of suffering serious illness goes up with increasing weight gain, experts analysing health, death and sickness data from UK adults found.

How much does the risk increase as your BMI rises?

Presented at the European Congress on Obesity (ECO) in Glasgow, the study found that people with a body mass index (BMI) of 30 to 35 were at 70% higher risk of developing heart failure than their healthy weight peers.

Even a BMI of 25 to 30 increased the risk by 20%, while a BMI of 35 to 40 more than doubled the risk and a BMI of 40 to 45 almost quadrupled the risk compared to people of a normal weight. The study also found that compared with normal weight individuals, a BMI of 25 to 30 increased the risk of Type 2 diabetes and sleep apnoea by more than double, while a person with a BMI of 30 to 35 was more than five times as likely to develop Type 2 diabetes and almost six times as likely to develop sleep apnoea. For those with a BMI of 35 to 40, the risk of Type 2 diabetes was almost nine times higher, and 12 times higher for sleep apnoea.



People with severe obesity (BMI of 40 to 45) were 12 times more likely to develop Type 2 diabetes and had a risk of sleep apnoea that was 22 times greater.

The results also showed that increasing weight was linked to higher risk of high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat and dyslipidaemia (abnormal levels of cholesterol and other fats in the blood).

The Number of Overweight People In The U.S.

Has Increased Significantly in Recent Years

Obesity Greatly Increases Risk Of Serious Disease And Early Death, Warn Researchers



The more obese people are, the higher their risk of serious disease, research finds. Credit: PA

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

To what degree?

'People with a BMI of 40 to 45 had triple the risk of heart failure, high blood pressure, and dyslipidaemia.

This BMI was also linked to a 50% higher risk of dying prematurely from any cause compared to people of a normal weight.

The research found that the risk of developing serious health problems was highly dependent on whether or not people already had issues at the start of the study.

For example, having high blood pressure at the start of the study was strongly associated with developing dyslipidaemia, chronic kidney disease and Type 2 diabetes.

How extensive was the research?

Researchers looked at health, death and BMI data from more than 2.8 million adults between January 2000 and July 2018 from the UK Clinical Practice Research Datalink.

This was linked with hospital data to estimate the risk for serious health problems.

What do the report authors highlight from their work?



Obesity has almost tripled worldwide over the past 30 years. Credit: PA

Author Christiane Haase, from Novo Nordisk in Denmark, which funded the study, said: "The health risks linked with having excess body weight are particularly high for Type 2 diabetes and sleep apnoea.

"With the number of people living with obesity almost tripling worldwide over the past 30 years (105 million people in 1975 to 650 million in 2016), our findings have serious implications for public health."

The research was presented as a poster at the conference and was peer-reviewed by the conference selection committee. Naveed Sattar, professor of metabolic medicine at the University of Glasgow, said: "This study serves to remind us, once again, how damaging obesity is given its strong associations with a range conditions beyond diabetes and heart disease.

"The obesity links to heart failure are becoming more widely appreciated and links to sleep apnoea, hypertension and abnormal blood fats are well known.

"Like most observational BMI studies using routine health data, there are limitations to this work but I suspect some risks are in fact underestimated.

"The health profession needs to up its game in helping people improve their weight (there are good signs that it is doing so) as it is unlikely that the food environment is going to drastically improve anytime soon."



Who else has reacted to the report findings?

Dr Emily Burns, head of research communications at Diabetes UK, said: "It's important to note the significantly increased risk of Type 2 diabetes suggested by this research – while alarming – was specifically seen in people with a very high BMI of over 40, which only accounts for 2% of men and 5% of women in England.

"That said, we know that being overweight increases your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

"Losing weight can be tough, but programmes such as NHS England's Diabetes Prevention Programme are there to help people at high risk, and the Diabetes UK website has ideas for healthy meals, ingredient swaps and tips on getting active too."

Louis Levy, head of nutrition science

at Public Health England (PHE), said: "Most countries are facing increasing levels of obesity, putting pressure on both individuals' health and national health and social care systems. "To reverse what's been decades in the

"To reverse what's been decades in the making needs sustained action across the drivers of poor diets and weight gain.

"We're working with industry to make food healthier, we've produced guidance for councils on planning healthier towns and we've delivered campaigns encouraging people to choose healthier food and lead healthier lives." (Courtesy https://www.itv.com/news)

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#### Thousands Of Central American Migrants In Mexico Are In Need Of Assistance

### Pope Sends Aid To Migrants Stranded At The U.S. Border



**Pope Francis** 

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

Pope Francis has donated 500,000 dollars to assist migrants in Mexico. The funds, from the Peter's Pence collections, will be distributed among 27 projects promoted by sixteen Mexican dioceses and religious congregations, which requested assistance in continuing to provide food, lodging, and basic necessities to the migrants.

#### **US** border closed

According to a statement from Peter's Pence, "In recent months, thousands of migrants have arrived in Mexico, having travelled more than 4,000 kilometres on foot and with makeshift vehicles from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Men and women, often with young children, flee poverty and violence, hoping for a better future in the United States. However, the US border remains closed to them."

Diminished aid and media coverage In particular, the aid is intended to assist the more than 75,000 people who arrived in Mexico in 2018, in six migrant caravans. "All these people were stranded, unable to enter the United States, without a home or livelihood", the statement reads. "The Catholic Church hosts thousands of them in hotels within the dioceses or religious congregations, providing basic necessities, from housing to clothing".

Although a great deal of attention was focused on the caravans at the time, the Peter's Pence statement notes that "media coverage of this emergency has been decreasing, and as a result, aid to migrants by the government and private individuals has also decreased"



Migrants in Tijuana encamped by the wall marking the border with the United States (ANSA)

#### **Transparent use of donations**

The statement from Peter's Pence insists that "a regulated and transparent use of the resources, which must be accounted for, is required before the aid is assigned". It notes that thirteen projects have already been approved, with another fourteen currently

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being evaluated.

"Thanks to these projects", the statement concludes, "and thanks to Christian charity and solidarity, the Mexican Bishops hope to be able to continue helping our migrant brothers and sisters". (Courtesy https:// www.vaticannews.va) To contribute to the projects with your donations, please click on the following link: http://www.peterspence.va/en/dona.html

#### Related

#### 300,000 Migrants Entered Mexico Bound for the US in 2019, Including From Africa, Asia

About 300,000 migrants from around the globe entered Mexico with the intention of illegally crossing into the United States in the first three months of 2019, according to Mexican officials.

The country's Interior Secretary Olga Sánchez Cordero said at a press conference on April 23 that Mexico had seen an increase in migrants from Honduras and a smaller number from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Cuba along with African and Asian nations, reported local news website Mexico News



Sánchez Cordero described this migration flow as "unprecedented and unusual" and added that "six caravanas madrecitas" or little mother caravans that have around 2,000 people in each entering Mexico in recent

"It's estimated that during the first three months of the year, more than 300,000 migrants have transited through Mexico to enter the United States illegally," Sánchez Cordero said, reported radio station KJZZ. "There's a change in the flow of migrants who are entering our country."

Sánchez Cordero did not specify how it was determined that these migrants wanted to enter the United States illegally.

On April 18, an Epoch Times reporter who was at the border reported that Border Patrol agents had arrested seven Chinese, one Mexican, and one El Salvadoran minor who crossed the border illegally at Mission, Tex-

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Moreover, Foreign Affairs Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said that they were not detaining migrants in response to pressure from the United States, adding that Mexico's immigration policy has not changed and will not change.

Mexican authorities had detained 371 migrants including women and children in Mapastepec, Chiapas, on April 22, but Sánchez Cordero said this occurred because the

migrants were acting aggressively toward National Immigration Institute (INM) personnel, reported Mexico News Daily.

The increase of migrants trying to enter the United States is backed up by Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) data.



Earlier this month, CBP said agents encountered over 103,000 individuals on the southwestern border in the month of March. Of those, 92,000 were Border Patrol apprehensions—which is an increase of 35 percent compared to February.

Thousands of migrant ride on the rooftops of freight trains headed to the U.S. The agency also said that for the first half of the 2019 fiscal year, agents arrested over 385,000 illegal aliens at the southwest border, which is more than double the apprehensions during the same period last fiscal

In a recent press conference, acting Department of Homeland Security chief, Kevin McAleenan said the Border Patrol has identified over 3.000 fraudulent family unit cases in the past six months.

"It's very clear that the cartel and smugglers know the weaknesses in our laws. They know that family units and unaccompanied children will be released with no consequences for their illegal entries," McAleenan said on April 17 during his tour at McAllen, Texas, reported KVEO.

He said illegal aliens are going to great lengths to seek asylum in the United States, by engaging in what he called child recycling rings, reported Texas Public Radio.

"The same child is brought across the border with an adult multiple times to try and gain that release that family units are required under court order," McAleenan said



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道它已經上線了。

盡管 Netflix 亞洲曾在4月29日推出了 壹部官方預告片,但這部預告片並未上 傳至 Netflix 的美國 YouTube 主頁上,四月 和五月的新聞宣傳稿中也從未提到過這 部電影。換句話說,大部分美國 Netflix 的 用戶都沒有意識到,2019年全球票房最 高的電影之壹,現在就可以在線觀看了

。此前 Netflix 曾宣布,《流浪地球》將會 翻譯成28種語言,面向全球190個國家 進行播放。

《流浪地球》由郭帆執導,吳京、屈楚蕭 、李光潔、吳孟達等主演,電影講述了地球環 境遭遇滅頂之災,人類動用全部科技手段將地 球推出銀河系,但途中遭遇了木星引力,人類 面臨進退兩難的境地

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喜劇電影《鼠膽英雄》由"50億編劇"束 煥(《泰冏》) 聯合邵丹共同執導,嶽雲鵬、 佟麗婭兩大主演全新組合, 更有田雨、袁弘、

差搭配的出現,不禁讓人對影片充滿了好奇。

劉威、大鵬、雷 佳音、於洋、華 少、邢佳棟等壹 聚戲骨加盟。本 片講述了壹個名 叫閆大海(嶽雲 鵬飾)的青龍幫 小混混,在追求 女神杜卿(佟麗 婭飾)的過程中 ,成長爲大英雄 的故事。

在本片中飾演 斧頭幫幫主軒爺 的劉威,塑造過 眾多令人耳熟能 詳的角色,他既 能扮演粗獷硬漢

,也能將人物用幽默詼諧的方式演繹出壹番獨 特的風味。此次劉威所扮演的軒爺,是壹個運 籌帷幄的黑幫老大,壹身白色西服帶著禮帽的 他看上去頗有氣場,不怒自威,反差感的形象 出現在喜劇中,反而增添了意想不到的喜劇色 彩。在片中劉威和嶽雲鵬及佟麗婭有壹段非常 出彩的打戲,喜劇效果十足,這也是杜卿第壹 次爲了閆大海去"拚命"。

跟導演束煥合作多次的劉威,"吐槽"起 自己的老搭檔也是毫不嘴軟,他笑稱束煥特別 "膽兒小": "我指的膽小不是說他怕誰,他 就是做事比較謹慎,善良,態度特別謙恭。" 束 煙在決定從編劇轉型做導演時,給劉威發了 信息,劉威的回復特別簡短"早就應該這樣了 !"對於束煥的新身份,劉威坦言:"無論國 內,還是壹些影視業很發達的國家,很多編劇 都成爲導演,也有很多導演會編劇,這種情況 很多,只是說我們怎麽能夠做每壹件事情,都 能夠把它做得很好,這個是最重要的。

除了有劉威這樣的"老戲骨"加盟外, 《鼠膽英雄》中還有壹位實力演員,那就是在 《士兵突擊》中飾演"伍六壹"的邢佳棟。

在以往作品中多以軍人、警察等熱血硬漢 形象示人的邢佳楝,此次在《鼠膽英雄》中出 演的是賣個賣慫慫到底的生煎攤老板,打著補 丁破破爛爛的衣服,畏畏縮縮的眼神,飽經風 霜的臉上寫滿了無奈,將小人物的"卑微"刻 畫得惟妙惟肖。影片由大德影業(天津)有限 公司、索寶(北京)國際影業投資有限公司、 誇克傳媒(內蒙古)有限公司、文投控股股份 有限公司共同出品的喜劇電影《鼠膽英雄》, 由束煥、邵丹聯合執導、嶽雲鵬、佟麗婭、田 雨、袁弘、韓童生、蔡明、劉威、大鵬、雷佳 音、邢佳棟等實力派演員共同出演,已定檔7 月19日全國上映。

"快50歲了,回到故鄉,我把電影和 文學帶回來。"賈樟柯以創始人的身份在 首屆呂梁文學季開幕式上這樣說道。

5月9日,由賈樟柯藝術中心主辦的首 屆呂梁文學季在山西呂梁汾陽市賈家莊拉 開帷幕。余華、阿來、格非等多位文學大 家,以及電影導演劉雨霖、霍猛,演員趙 濤、楊太義,奧地利鋼琴演奏家科妮麗 雅‧赫爾曼等來自電影界、音樂界、建築 界的人士出席了開幕活動。

值得壹提的是, 賈樟柯在呂梁文學季 開幕式上宣布了自己的最新電影作品《壹 個村莊的文學》,這部紀錄片已於5月9 日同步開拍。"正是在這片土地,我寫 下了我的第壹行文字,拍下了我的第壹部 電影,我將懷著壹顆非常虔誠的心,去追 溯、記錄我所仰慕的文學家。" 賈樟柯說 "電影是對抗遺忘最好的方式,因此, 我要拍這樣壹部關於文學,關於中國人的 精神現實的片子。"

作爲呂梁文學季顧問團代表,作家余 華亮相開幕式,暢談自己對呂梁文學季的 直觀感受: "我們來到這裏,就好比像當 年勃拉姆斯去了舒曼在農村的房子的那壹 刻,在這裏,我們都是勃拉姆斯。" 文學獎和馬烽文學獎評委會代表、作家阿 來則說: "呂梁文學季的主題是從鄉村出 發的寫作,出發去哪?世界發展到今天, 鄉村也在發生巨大變化,這也對文學形成 了新的挑戰。因此,在接下來幾天我們會 探討當今的鄉村文學,從鄉村出發後,接 下來會去往何處。"

首屆呂梁文學季第壹場學術活動由作 家格非開啟,他進行了主題爲"鄉村的消 失意味著什麽"的大家演講,分享自己對 於鄉村的思考。格非談道: "對於中國人 來說,原來城市是陌生化的,但現在,城 市經驗已經變成主體,鄉村反而成了陌生 化的東西。這壹轉變,只經過了短短三十 年時間。這也造成了各種問題,我們可以 從鄉村和城市文明互相交替的過程來解釋 中國社會出現的問題。"

電影方面,開幕式當天共進行了3場 放映活動,電影主創均到場交流。除賈樟 柯導演的短片《營生》外,即將於5月20 日上映的《過昭關》與5月10日上映的 《半邊天》均在種子影院與觀眾提前見面

在中國鄉村公路片《過昭關》的映前 見面活動中,導演霍猛與主演楊太義特地 前來與觀眾交流。 79 歲的楊太義說"我 是個農民,這是我第壹次演電影,我只有 壹個想法,留壹部電影給我的親朋好友。 去年,青年導演霍猛憑借《過昭關》壹 舉奪得第二屆平遙國際電影展費穆榮譽最 佳導演和青年評審榮譽,而河南農民楊太 義也憑借影片中質樸的表演贏得第二屆平 遙影展費穆榮譽最佳男演員,成爲壹位農 民影帝。

金磚國家第二部合拍片《半邊天》映 前見面活動中,導演劉雨霖表示, "很榮 幸代表中國表達中國女性存在的問題和她 們的向往。大家可以從五部短片中看出非 常不壹樣的思想。"《半邊天》由五位分 別來自巴西、俄羅斯、印度、中國和南非 的女導演執導,她們分別以"當代女性情 感與社會"爲主題進行短片創作。其中, 中國部分短片爲新生代導演劉雨霖執導, 劉蓓、王珞丹和宗平出演的《餃子》。

據悉,首屆呂梁文學季舉辦期間,幾 乎每天都設有"電影交流放映"環節。與 傳統的電影展映不同, 呂梁文學季的展映 影片或由文學作品改編而來,或由作家參 與主創工作,或與文學季舉辦地相關。幾 平每場電影交流放映都將激請擔任原著作 者或者擔任編劇、導演的文學家來到放映 現場,由文學家向觀眾介紹電影。



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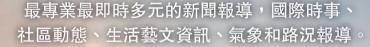
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# 美南新聞聯播,每週一到週五晚6點30 全球直播,掌握世界新聞脈動

# 美南新闻聯播



上線,手機掃瞄二維碼就可24小時觀看該頻道,獲得廣大迴響;為廣大觀眾,讓新聞播報更即時,美南國際電視STV15.3 即將在6月18日全球直播新聞「美南新聞聯播」,新聞播報時間為週一至週五傍晚6:30-7:30,讓觀眾行車間也可以方便收聽,掌握國際和社區重大新聞資訊。 美南國際電視15.3創下華人媒體創舉,將電視與廣播融為

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由休斯顿宏武协会承办的「世界之星中 华武术锦标赛 | , 于2019年4月26日至28 日在休斯顿 Marriott Westchase Hotel 盛大举 行。开幕式是由释行浩少林功夫学院龙狮团 在斑斓矫健的舞狮和威武雄壮的锣鼓声中拉 开了比赛序幕。

本次比赛开设400多个项目,包括外家 、内家传统武术、现代竞技武术,对打、推 手、应用等, 兵器并分长、短、以及其他各 种兵器;按年龄、性别与习武时间长短分不 同组别,从初学者到高级者都可以一展身手 。大会备有冠、亚、季军和优胜者奖牌,总 冠军大奖杯依年龄和项目分为不同组别。释 行浩少林功夫学院由三位国家队队员领衔共 有21人参赛。他们是Jean Hoang ,Karolyn Dai, Elaine Wang, Alex Xu \ Liying Teng \ Tyler Diep · Aaron Yang · Andy Wang · Avery Tanzil · Alexander Starnes · Austin Byun · Robert Walker · Brian Chiu · Ethan Wu · Dazhi Lu · Sophia Song · William Richmond · Haoran Shen、Tyler Valeri、汪涵明、刘国靖 他们不负师父期望,在比赛中顽强拼搏,再 一次争金夺银,取得了少林、长拳、南拳、 象形拳、太极拳、散手等项目的 40 面金牌、 17 面银牌、5面铜牌,总奖牌62 面的优异成 绩!再一次为我院争得了荣誉!

黄吉安 (Jean Hoang), 戴晓辰 (Karolyn Dai) 王臻真 (Elaine Wang, Liying Teng 四位 同学分别获得女子13-17岁和10-12岁组武术 和 KungFu 的总冠军的大奖杯。男同学也都 有新的进步,受到了鼓舞,争取明年实现总 冠军奖杯的突破。实为难得,可喜可贺!

太极拳教练潘鸿玲,贝丹青、Kevin Boyd 和武术教练 Billy NISBETT, Clint Wu 应主办 方邀请作为裁判出席了比赛。他们以其裁判 中的严谨专业、严明公正受到大家的一致好

鉴于我校多年对世界之星中华武术锦标 赛多年来的大力支持,宏武协会吴而立会长 向释行浩少林功夫学校颁发了特殊贡献证书

释行浩少林功夫学院的表演队在4月8 日上午10:00am 举办的 Master Show 师傅级 的演出中也有精彩亮丽的表现:现场气氛热 烈,掌声雷动!来自全国各地的不同门派的 武术大师南拳北腿、龙争虎斗,武术高手同 台献技。由美国全国少林禅武总会长释行浩 (程浩)大师带领其弟子被安排在后半场演 出,第一个上场的是由 billy 教练带来的六人 盾牌刀阵,只见他们喊杀阵阵冲上舞台定式 造型随著激昂的音乐不时的变换队形演示著 古时步兵一手持盾一手持刀,砍杀防御、攻 防合理,劈砍撩刺、进退有序,并飞身跃下 舞台定势,在阵阵掌声中拉开了本次演出的 序幕!接下来是由12人组成的太极方阵缓缓 进场只见他们步法轻灵稳健,身法中正自然 拳架舒展大方,原来他们演示的是杨氏太 极拳的起手八式,随著音乐的旋律再次变换 队形,出场的是教练 Kevin Boyd 和 Arron Brother 的二人太极散手只见他们各自上场分 立两旁这边一个黑虎掏心、那边一个搬拦捶 ,这边一个双风灌耳、那边一个夜里藏花把 推手中的舍己从人、不丢不顶、粘黏连随等 推手要义都发挥的淋漓尽致!接下来的是潘 鸿玲教练的杨氏太极刀和贝丹青教练的武当 剑只见她们同时出场,潘鸿玲教练的杨氏太 极刀勇猛厚重,刚中寓柔,柔中寓刚,其动 作速度柔和平稳,行云流水,内劲饱满,刚 柔相济,气势中正舒展,敏捷轻灵,而贝丹 青教练的武当剑"太极腰,八卦步,形意劲",乘虚 蹈隙,不拘成法,顺人之式,借人之力,以静制动, 后发先至,避实击虚,以斜取正,走化旋翻,轻稳

疾快!刀剑的区别是"刀求稳重、剑重轻灵 ", "刀如猛虎,剑似飞凤", "刀走黑, 剑走青"(即刚猛与轻灵之别)太极刀较为 威猛,而太极剑更显潇洒,两位老师的演出 充分体现了太极拳的内外相合、节节贯穿, 劲力沈实、意领身随、一气呵成<sup>,</sup>获得了场 下掌声一片!正在意犹未尽之时突然三把单 刀冲出舞台原来是王月堂、汪涵明、Arron Brother 他们带来的陈氏太极单刀只见他们起 手就是日套三环、拨云见日、左右拨草寻蛇 、青龙出水、雁别金翅等,他们行步如流水 ,动势若行云,刀在身上滚动如飞;刀环绕 身,缠绕疾速、忽左忽右,轻沈兼备、以腰 带刀、刚柔相济、气势如虹!接下来的是 Kevin Boy教练的太极八卦大刀,歌云:四尺 二寸八卦刀,吊推劈拉扎为高,只见他步走 八方,动中求变,转旋连环、舒缩翻绕,随 心所欲,灵闪巧变,发挥的淋漓尽致,神完 气足!接下来的是12人的陈氏太极功夫扇只 见他们整齐划一、动作以腰为轴,节节贯串 ;一动则周身无有不动,一静即百骸皆静、 运劲如抽丝、如行云流水,绵绵不断;扇面 时开时合,武舞共融,潇洒飘逸,开合有度 ,刚柔相济!发劲松活弹抖完整一气!赢得 了台下阵阵掌声和喝彩!正在意犹未尽的时 候音乐突变,12人的功夫扇迅速旋转合围一 队两分水,少林弟子从中飞身出场,10人上 台刀棍定势亮相、随著音乐响起整台少林弟 子迅速变换招法、开声吐力气势如虹一出场 就赢得了观众的阵阵掌声,紧接著就是一组 集体刀阵只见他们刀法护身,上架下拦,银 光遮体,跟著是势烈刚猛的少林集体棍阵只 见他们动作刚猛有力、以气催力、气势雄伟 、棍打一片、虎虎生威、开声吐力响彻整个 演武大厅,场上是上下翻飞如蛟龙出水,刀 棍相融定势合围之势带出 Elaine Wang 的少林

童子功,只见她精神抖擞,健步如飞在铿锵 有力、跌宕起伏的音乐伴奏下时而朝天蹬踹 身似铁,罗汉睡觉软如棉;时而倒挂金钟轻如 叶, 卧角观礼 15连环, 童子拜佛功白然 现 场掌声雷动!在其即将结束之时太极功夫扇 左右两队上场虚位以待,以合围少林弟子之 势完成定势本场主题(太极-功夫),他们 的演出真是英姿飒爽、威风凛凛、目不暇接 、以为观止!再一次,意犹未尽的时候结束 了本场演出!

美国少林禅武总会暨休士顿释行浩少林 功夫学院是以完备自我、关爱他人、"武" "德"并重为宗旨,致力于中华传统文化的 传承和东西方文化交流的教育机构。学院自 2001年成立以来,成功举办了各种大型文化 艺术活动,包括功夫英雄2014、少林传奇 2013、德州少林文化月、情系中华春节武歌 舞大联欢、国际中华武术健康日、St Jude 儿 童癌症研究医院慈善筹款等大型活动,并积 极参加各种公益演出,在历届亚美艺术节、 休斯顿国际节、2012年休士顿辛亥百年纪念 晚会、休斯顿2013年和2018年春节联欢晚会

"拥抱春天"、2015年美南各界人士纪念二 战胜利70周年大型晚会、2017年炎黄中秋赈 灾义演、2018光盐社慈善音乐会、2018《美

中之韵》丝路春好综艺晚会、历届休士顿华 人华侨国庆节升旗仪式、感恩节大游行、休 斯顿儿童博物馆、休斯顿博物馆、休斯顿自 然博物馆、休斯顿艺术博物馆、休斯顿火箭 队、休斯顿大蓝马足球场上、Texas A&M、 Rice University \u2191 University of Houston \u2291 Texas Tech、 Houston Community College,及总领馆 举办的迎世博庆新年晚会等活动中都有亮丽 精彩的表现。释行浩大师其弟子多次入选国 家队参加世界比赛并获得骄人成绩,并且每年 参与组织表演、比赛近百场,倍受主流社会 及华人社区各届的关注和支持。基于学院在 中美文化体育交流上所做出的卓越贡献,美 国老总统布什、美国国会议员奥 ● 格林、国 会议员希拉●杰克逊●李、国会议员尼克● 蓝普逊、德州州长瑞克 ● 培瑞、德州州议员 武休伯、休斯顿市长比尔 ● 怀特、安尼斯 ● 派克和现任市长特纳先生代表政府都给释行 浩大师和休斯顿少林功夫学院颁发嘉奖令和 荣誉证书,并且命名每年3月28日为释行浩

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