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# Waiting for answers

Family of hit-and-run victim eager for break in investigation

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Unanswered questions continue to agonize the family of a Big Spring man killed in an apparent hit and run vehicle/ pedestrian in June.

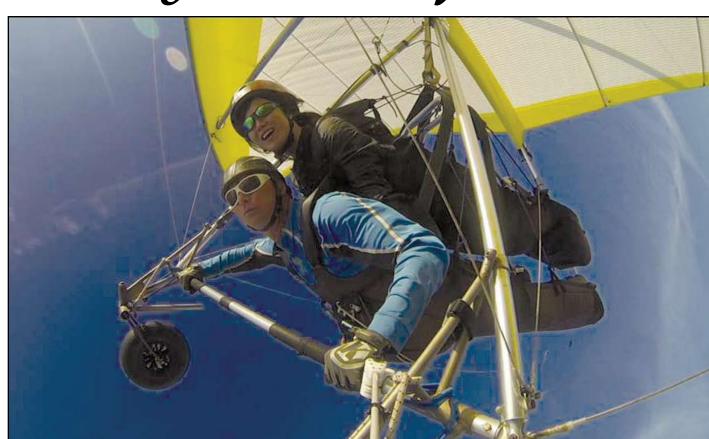
According to Big Spring Sgt. Tony Everett, no new information about the June 7 vehicle-pedestrian accident, which resulted in the death of 47-year-old Tiodoro Diaz has come to light. Everett added only one person has come forward to provide information in the investigation, now in its sixth week.

"I want to know who killed my brother," said Adolpho Diaz, brother of the victim. "I want justice to prevail for him. I understand if it was an accident - OK, that is understandable — but you hit my brother and you left, you left him there for dead. That is just not right. I think justice should be taken care of in the proper manner in the court system."

Tiodoro Diaz died of injuries sustained by the accident, which occurred in the 1300 block of West Fourth Street, according to a media release issued by the Big Spring Police Department shortly after the

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# Fly with a friend



Tandem hang gliding rides will be offered again this year at the 2015 National Hang Gliding competition.

# Tandem gliding to be offered at August event

By JULIE BASS

Staff Writer

It is almost time to soar like an

With the 2015 Hang Gliding National Competition set for Aug. 2-8, the community will once again get a chance to soar above Big Spring using tandem hang gliding.

The tandem hang gliding rides are offered in the morning and evenings during the competition, leased, the ride is smooth and quiet weather permitting. The rider will as the tandem glides around, aficiobelinda@ davisstraub.com

be paired with an experienced and certified tandem instructor and use a heavy duty hang glider designed for tandem use so that it can compensate for the weight.

The gliders are certified by the Hang Glider Manufacturers Association. They have wheels so that there is no running involved for take off or landing.

An airplane pulls the glider into

nados say.

Rides will be \$100 and videos of the flight will be \$40.

Spots are limited, so contact Lori Brown at 352-874-5742 to make res-

ervations. Big Spring McMahon-Winkle Airpark has been the host site of hang gliding competitions since 2001.

For more information about the competition and daily schedules,

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# **EDC** board voices support for I-27 expansion

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Economic Development Corporation of Big Spring board members inked their names to a resolution Tuesday night backing the commission of feasibility study to consider the expansion of Interstate 27 down through the city via Highway 87.

With passing the resolution, EDC board members joined several other major local entities including the Big Spring City Council, Big Spring ISD, Howard College and Howard County Commissioners in the show of support to make the study happen.

"I think this is a great thing for our community and a great step forward," said Terry Wegman, EDC executive director. "The value for Big Spring, if it actually gets the designation, is as good as to have the highway. That way we can say Big Spring is at the Cross Roads of two intersecting interstates."

Currently, Interstate 27 connects Amarillo to Lubbock but



**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody** 

Economic Development Corp. Executive Director Terry Wegman, right, makes a point during the EDC's board of directors meeting Tuesday.

many communities including Big Spring, San Angelo and Lubbock hope to eventually bring the interstate designation down via Highway 87. Much of the push for the change is just another step caused by the growing trade between Mexico and Canada.

Highway 87 has been designated as part of the Port-to-Plains corridor, a land trade route to foster the transportation of goods from Mexico to Canada and vise versa.

"The reason for wanting this (Interstate 27) to go south

is one for Big Spring it could

be an industrial boon for the town if we have the Cross Roads," said Gloria McDonald, former Big Spring city council person and a member of the Ports-to-Plains Alliance board. "There are only

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## **Obituaries**

Jody Wayne Swinney



He was born in Ranger, Texas on June 5, 1963 to Johnny Swinney

and Jayme Barker. Jody graduated from Sam Houston High School in 1981, where he excelled in soccer and tennis. He married Teri Marie Orr on March 20, 1993.

Jody loved football, horses, working with kids and mostly his family. He was a member of the Chickasaw Nation and was proud of his Indian heritage. A favorite activity was attending his daughter's high school football games and cheer-

ing enthusiastically from the stands. His daughters say he loved Reese's candy and teasing them. A devoted father and husband, most of the family photos he's behind the camera capturing thousands of memorable moments. Jody was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Jody and Teri moved to Big Spring in 1999 after living and working in Fort Worth, Texas and Taos, N.M. They were the owners/operators of the Big Spring Sears Dealer Store for more than 11 years. He was most recently a Claim Service Analyst for Allstate Insurance Company.

He was survived by his wife Teri; daughters Alysha, 19, Miranda, 17, and Bailey, 16; mother, Jayme Barker of Grandbury, Texas; father and step-mother, Johnny and Betty Swinney of Ranger, Texas; sisters, Janet Swinney of Big Spring, Texas and Jayne Swinney of Granbury, Texas; and many nieces and nephews, as well as his "little brother' James Parsons of Fort Worth, Texas.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary

Eugene Gilmore



Eugene "Gene" Gilmore, 90, former resident, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2015, at Carlsbad Medical Center in Carlsbad,

There will be no public visita-

A graveside service is scheduled for 3 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2015, in Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, Texas.

Denton-Wood Funeral Home, 575-885-6363, is in charge of the arrangements.

Eugene "Gene" Gilmore was born Jan. 26, 1925, in Granville, N.D. to Ernest Valentine and Golda Frances (Orndorf) Gilmore. After graduating from high school in North Dakota, he served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Gene went to work for the Marine Corp as civil service in Barstow, Calif. He married Claire Mavbelle Walton on Aug. 7, 1947. Gene then went to work for Lockheed in Redlands, Calif. as an electrician. He had the ability to always improve the efficiency in production. Gene also developed an electrical solenoid which earned him employee of the month. Later, he transferred to Lockheed in Ontario, Calif. where he retired in 1986.

Several years after Claire's passing, Gene mar-

ried Lottie Arn and she passed away in February 1999 in Big Spring, where they were residing. He married Naomi Creason December 1999 and he moved to Carlsbad in 2001.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife. Claire Gilmore; wife, Lottie Arn; two brothers; two sisters; and two son-in-laws and a grandson.

Survivors are his wife, Naomi Creason of Carlsbad, N.M.; sons, Robert Gilmore and wife, Susan of Big Spring, Texas, and Thomas Gilmore of El Cahone, Calif.; daughters, Cynthia Church of Hemmitt, Calif., and Peggy Roeder of Tacoma, Wash.; step-daughters, Diana Levine of Shoteau of Montana, Donna Haggard of Vancover, Wash., Janie Dunlap and husband, Charlie of Carlsbad. N.M., and Judy Swearengen and husband, Jerry of Milan, Md.; five stepsons; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jerry Swearengen, Charlie Dunlap, Robert Gilmore, Tommy Gilmore, Robert Church and Albert Urban.

Memorial contributions may be made to Diabetes Association, 1701 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria, VA 22311 or Wounded Warriors, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

Condolences may be expressed at dentonwood. com.

Paid obituary

Jerry Carroll Heatley



Jerry Carroll Heatley, 69, died Sunday, July 19, 2015 in a Big Spring hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Trent First Baptist Church with Pastor Ronnie Freeman officiating. Burial with military honors will be 2 p.m. at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene, directed by Starbuck Funeral Home of Merkel.

Jerry was born along with twin sister, Sherry Carolyn to Aubry Coleman and Johnnie Odie (Chappell) Heatly in Merkel, Texas.

He married Hui Ling "Nancy" Liang April 13, 1991 in Big Spring. Jerry graduated from Trent High School in 1965 and shortly after joined the U.S. Marines Corps. He served three tours in Vietnam and received three purple hearts. He was a truck driver for many years. He was also a pharmacy technician at the VA Hospital in Big Spring where he retired with a medical disability.

Jerry was a member of the Trent First Baptist Church, Purple Heart Association in San Angelo, DAV Association, and VFW in Big Spring. He loved people and watching sports especially wrestling and the Dallas Cowboys.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Heatley of Big Spring; sons, Richard Lee Heatly and wife Christi Jo and Michael Wavne Heatly and wife Misty Dawn, all of Kansas: brother, Ken Heatly and wife Janie of Abilene; sisters, Joy Dean McElmurray of Trent, Grace Bright and husband James of Abilene. Emma Shugart of Merkel, Nelda Hobbs and husband Jim and twin sister, Sherry Fellers all of Trent; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Nicholas, Rebecca, Wyatt, Ashlen, Michael, and Miles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Byron Ray, Bill, Johnny, and J.M.; sisters, Margaret, Elsie, and Poopie.

You may view and sign the online guestbook at www.starbuckfuneralhome.com

# Police, Sheriff, Fire/EMS reports

Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

 AMANDA RENEA GALAVIZ, 38, of 705 E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. was arrested on three warrants for other agen-

• SAUNDRA JO GARRARD, 41, of 2912 Cherokee St. was arrested

on charges of fail to identify fugitive give false information, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of a controlled substance possession of drug paraphernalia and a warrant for another agency.

• MELISSA ANN PUGA, 47, of 1217 Lindberg St. was arrested on

a warrant from another agency. • DISTURBANCE was reported

in the 500 block of Young St. • STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 1400 block of Sycamore St. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy 80.

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James R. "Buddy" Martin
James R. "Buddy" Martin, 78, of



Midland passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015. The family will be accepting guests from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial

Buddy was born on Jan. 26, 1937 in Big Spring to William Frank Martin and Verna Earlene Kinard Martin. He married Nancy Freeman on Nov. 1, 1963

at Terminal Baptist Church in Terminal, Texas. He enjoyed fishing and motorcycles but enjoyed watching his grandchildren play baseball and softball most of all. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Martin; children, Barbara Armijo of Hobbs, N.M., Garland

"Butch" Martin of Midland, Melinda Hankins of Denton, Texas, and Heather Davis of Midland; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, James R "Jimmy" Martin Jr.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jason Sharp, Sean Sharp, Jimmy Martin, and Chris Martin.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6051, Albert Lea, MN Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at www. npwelch.com

Paid obituary

#### Oscar Franco Sr.



Oscar T. Franco Sr., 77, of Big Spring died Monday, July 20, 2015, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial

He was born Dec. 11, 1937, in Marfa to Santos and Filomeno Franco. He married Cleofas

Catano in 1958 in Big Spring. He was a contractor, doing painting and remodeling. For the last 20 years, he had worked at First United Methodist Church. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a Eucharist Minister and was in the choir. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Cleofas Franco of Big Spring; two daughters, Rosa Jones and Frances Franco, both of Big Spring; three sons, Oscar Franco Jr. and his wife Amy of Midland, Julian Franco and his wife Rosie and Demetrio Franco and Candi, all of Big Spring; two sisters, Tomasa French and Catalina Flores and her husband Charlie, all of Big Spring; two brothers, Armando Franco and his wife Paula and Albert Franco Sr. all of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grand-

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Gilbert, Hector and Filomeno.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

#### Michael Frank

Michael Frank, 57, of Midland, died Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory in Big Spring.

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## Police investigate injured child incident EDC

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Police and emergency personnel responded to an injury to a minor in Comanche Trail Park Wednesday

According to a media release by the Big Spring Police Department, officers and emergency personnel responded to a call of an injured child at Comanche Trail park around noon.

Once on the scene, officers determined a minor child had used a knife that resulted in an injury to the throat area, the release said.

The minor "was alone and was observed bleeding from the neck by passersby who notified authorities," said Sgt. Tony Everett, police spokesperson. "It was determined that the (minor) was attempting," suicide. The child was

taken for treatment to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and later flown to Lubbock.

The condition of the child was unknown at the time of the release and the parents of the minor were notified and were with the child at the hospital, the release

"Due to the age of the victim no further details can be released," Everett said.

# Take note

• COLORADO CITY — Mitchell County Senior Citizens Center, 157 W. Second St., will have a dance from 7-10 p.m. Thursday. Live music from Mike Porter and Kevin Rainwater will be featured. Admission is \$5 per

 Heroes Action Show will be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. Performances will be at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Heroes Action Show is a live action show put on by Bridges & Touchstone Entertainment LLC featuring many of your favorite heroes portrayed by champion martial artists. In addition to our live shows, we promote our bullying and suicide awareness and prevention program. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 the day of the performance. For more ticket information, go online at www.heroesactionshow.ticketleap.com

 A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K began last November and this volunteer program now serves more than 300 children weekly. Volunteers are needed. For more information call, Muffet Bomar at 432-935-3998.

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five other cities in the state of Texas that have two interstates crossing. One of them just got a huge plant, not because of who they are or where they are but because they have crossing interstates."

McDonald did clarify that if the Interstate does come through Big Spring, it will follow the truck reliever route and not pass through the town. Once the reliever

route is built that will become Highway 87 and Gregg St. will become Business 87. We are not talking about an interstate coming down the center of our town," she said. interstates in Two

close proximity to the McMahon-Wrikle Airport and Industrial Park will place the industrial park in a very profitable position.

For the past several years, EDC has heavily invested in the park upgrading and expanding its rail system.

"Potential developers coming in recognize they have a four-lane divided highway, airport and rail in one area and that is a great trifecta," Wegman said. "They only thing we don't have is port. If you are looking at transportation logistics those are the essential things you need."

As trade between the two countries continue to ramp up, both Wegman and McDonald stated Howard County is in a prime location to greatly benefit economically. "It's probably not well

known Larado is the third largest port in the United States and it is not on the cost," Wegman. "There is more goods and services that come a cross there compared to LA (Los Angeles) and some of the port cities. There is a huge amount of commerce. Most of it is going up I-35. We hope to divert some of that traffic down

Interstate 27."

'We do want it (Interstate 27) to do down to the southern tip of Mexico because they are going to have a deep water port that is going to take some of the traffic off the California ports of industry and some of that will be coming right up through Larado, Del Rio. We are a straight shot to canada," McDonald said.

Although the feasibility study would take about three years, when and if TxDOT undertakes the project, the actually expansion of Interstate 27 could be multi-years or even decades in the future, Wegman added.

Funding and the approval of the expansion will come through the U.S. Government.

"Of course look at the 87 By Pass and how many years it took to fund the southern portion," Wegman said. "We thought it would be years for the northern portion and then suddenly the funding was secured."

#### **POLICE**

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 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 19000 block of Martin Luther King

 THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of S. Gregg St., the 800 block of Rosemont St. and the block Monticello St.

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having inmates at the time of this report.

 AMANDA RENEA GALAVIZ, 38, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for no safety seat for child passenger, driving while invalid and violate promise to

**SAUNDRA** JO was GARRARD, 41, booked by the BSPD on warrants for ride not secured by safety belt and charges of fail to identify fugitive with intent to give false information, possession of a dangerous drug, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

MORGAN BINDY HORTON, 26, booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.

**MELISSA** PUGA, 47, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for parent contributing to non-attendance.

The Big Spring Fire/ EMS reported the following activity:

Friday

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Caylor. One person was transported Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

Saturday

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3000 block of Fordham. One person was transported to SMMC. TRAFFICACCIDENT

was reported in the 3000 block of Highway 80. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford. One person was transported to SMMC. PUBLIC SERVICE

was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan. SUNDAY

PUBLIC SERVICE

was reported in the 1000 block of 11<sup>th</sup> St.

SMMC.

MONDAY MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Sgt. Paradez. One person was transported to

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of Highway 87.

# **FAMILY**

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"The preliminary investigation indicates (Tiodoro) Diaz arrived at The Bar and had parked his truck in a parking lot on the south side of Fourth Street," the release stated. "Diaz was then walking across Fourth Street to The Bar when he was struck by the vehicle."

Police said the investigation revealed the vehicle involved in the incident, believed to be a silver passenger car, departed the area prior to the officers' arrival.

It's the lack of information — not knowing who the driver of the

vehicle was that night – that is causing his family the most pain, Adolpho said.

Tiodoro was a life-long resident of Big Spring and a Big Spring High School graduate. He was a cook at TA Travel Center and the father of one daughter, Adolpho said. The brother's 63-yearold mother moved back to Big Spring from Colorado after a death in the family and was living with Tiodoro at the time of the accident, Adolpho said.

With no new information about the case, Adolpho is worried how the stress is affecting his mother, who has some health problems.

"I just hope nothing happens to her — to have to bury my mom when I just got done burying my brother," he said. "I want her to find out. I know she is still hurting, I know all my sisters are, we all are, but we can't get no one to contact us. That hurts us because we want to know what happened."

The only sources of information about the death of their brother at

this time, Adolpho said, is from social media which the family doubts is factual.

"Everything we are hearing is on Facebook and I don't believe anything that happens on Facebook because it's a lot of gossip," he said.

Police request one with information to contact the department through several means

including calling detectives directly or call CrimStoppers at tips (8477) or utilize the mobile app TipSoft. You can also go online at www.bigspringpd.net and follow the link to the TipSoft web form.

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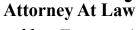
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Oscar T. Franco, Sr., 77, died Monday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# **Jeb Bush wants to share**

he most recent time I had seen Jeb Bush speak in San Francisco was in January, when he addressed the Na-

Dealers Association. It is hard to imagine a group more invested in the old-school economy. It was a friendly crowd. The former Florida governor seemed comfortable — and boring. I left feeling as if I'd spent an

tional Automobile



hour listening to a human BarcaLounger.

The Jeb Bush I saw Thursday morning was a different candidate. He had shed some 30 pounds on the Paleo Diet. His campaign had pulled the dynasty name from the campaign logo and added an exclamation point. Now he's "Jeb!" In this trip to San Fran, Bush ventured away from the stolid GOP base to address the young workforce of Thumbtack, a 6-year-old digital service that links consumers to painters, DJs, dog walkers and other contractors. Bush arrived in a Toyota Camry ordered via Uber — the ride-hailing company that runs roughshod over the single-occupant vehicle model dear to car dealers.

It's hard to think of a clearer contrast to Hillary Clinton. In 2014, she told NADA, "The last time I actually drove a car myself was 1996." The former first lady, who has Secret Service protection for life, has no reason to use Uber.

In a recent speech, the former secretary of state took Uber to task — without, and this is so Clinton-like, naming Uber. She said: "Many Americans are making extra money renting out a spare room, designing websites, selling products they design themselves at home or even driving their own car. This on-demand, or so-called gig, economy is creating exciting

opportunities and unleashing innovation. But it's also raising hard questions about workplace protections and what a good job will look like in the future."

According to The New York Times, Team Hillary "diplomatically contacted top officials at Uber to let them know about the passage in her speech that would draw attention to the service, according to people told of the conversations." That passage probably was: "I'll crack down on bosses who exploit employees by misclassifying them as contractors or even steal their wages."

Clinton clearly is on the side of politicians who want to cripple ride-hailing startups that allow individuals to drive their cars at their own discretion. These outfits truly reflect market demand.

If consumers don't like a service, they won't use it. If drivers don't like the terms, they will stop offering rides. Competition improves the outcome — but Clinton wants to impose more regulation.

In contrast, the son and brother of former presidents embraced the benefits of "disrupting the old order." Bush started the day extolling businesses such as Thumbtack on a LinkedIn post. "I love learning about these kinds of companies precisely because before they existed, their market didn't exist either," he wrote. Startups, he added, "cause mental dissonance for people who think they can plan the future of the economy from Washington D.C. - people like Hillary Clinton."

"He's got a good grasp of the way tech is changing the workforce," Thumbtack economist Jon Lieber told me after the talk.

2012 GOP nominee Mitt Romney extolled "creative destruction" as an essential element of free enterprise. He was right, but those words mean nothing to kids used to summoning wheels with their phones. They just know what they want. Perhaps 2016 will be the year capitalism finally clicks for millennial vot-

If so, Bush is ready. When a reporter asked him about Uber, Bush talked about a college student he met who graduated with out crippling debt — because he drove for Uber. A Thumbtacker asked Bush about Obamacare. He turned "repealing Obamacare" into an act of disruption that would free consumers to "opt out of these old models."

When a Thumbtack worker asked Bush what he thinks of new FCC net neutrality regulation dear to the South of Market crowd, Bush did not pander. He answered, "The unintended consequence of these top-down proven rules is always negative." Unlike the man I saw in Janu-

ary, I think, I maybe could vote for this Jeb Bush. CEO Marco Zappacosta, 30, seemed to be enjoying Thumbtack's first presidential hopeful meet-and-greet, so I asked him: Would you vote for Bush? Zappacosta answered "I don't know."

It's not clear at all that feeling the love for the sharing economy can win Bush young voters. During the Thumbtack town hall, no one asked Bush about Uber or Clinton or niggling regulations. Other than the net neutrality query, Thumbtackers asked about equal pay for women, about gun control, whether Bush supports state laws to protect gays from discrimination in housing and the workplace — social issues where, as with net neutrality, young voters like government regulation. And really, they're not all that impressed when a Republican uses Uber.

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## **What will happen when The Big One hits?** This tectonic time bomb is

ow many times have you heard someone say that someday Califor-

nia is going to just "fall off into the ocean"? What about a huge section of the Northwest segment of the **Unites States** disappearing in a scene more astound-

ing than any-

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to imagine, isn't it?

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People in the United States

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alarmingly similar to Tohoku, capable of generating a megathrust earthquake at or above magnitude 9, and about as close to Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver as the Tohoku fault is to Japan's coast.

The Cascadia subduction zone is a crack in the Earth's crust, roughly 60 miles offshore and running 800 miles from northern Vancouver Island to Northern California. This fault is part of the infamous Pacific Ring of Fire, the impact zone where several massive tectonic plates collide. Here, a slab of the Pacific Ocean floor called the Juan de Fuca plate slides eastward and downward, "subducting" underneath the

continental plate. When any two plates grind against each and get stuck, enormous stress builds up until the rocks fracture and the fault rips apart in a giant earthquake.

Two other segments of the Ring of Fire ruptured this way—Chile in 1960 at magnitude 9.5, the largest quake ever recorded on Earth, and Alaska's horrible Good Friday earthquake of 1964, at 9.2 the strongest jolt ever to hit the continent of North America.

Cascadia, however, is classified as the quietest subduction zone in the world. In the early 1980s, two Caltech geophysicists, Tom Heaton and Hiroo Kanamori, compared Cascadia to active quake-prone subduction zones along the coasts of Chile and Alaska and to the Nankai Trough off the coast of Japan.

They found more similarities than differences. In fact, they found that the biggest megathrust events in these

other zones were directly related to young, buoyant plates' being strongly coupled to the overlying landmass at shallow angles which fit the description of Cascadia perfectly.

The enormous fault off the coast of the Pacific Northwest has been silent for three centuries. But after years of detective work, geologists have discovered that it can unleash mayhem on an epic scale.

I was fascinated when I read the following piece written by Jerry Thompson in Extreme Earth describing how it will be when it happens.

"On a foggy spring morning just before sunrise, 27 miles northwest of Cape Mendocino, California, a pimple of rock roughly a dozen miles below the ocean floor finally reaches its breaking point. Two slabs of the Earth's crust begin to slip and shudder and snap apart.

The first jolt of stress coming out of the rocks sends a shock wave hurtling into Northern California and southern Oregon like a thunderbolt.

For a few stunned drivers on the back roads in the predawn gloom, the pulse of energy that tears through the ground looks dimly like a 20mile wrinkle moving through a carpet of pastures and into thick stands of redwoods.

Telephone poles whip back and forth as if caught in a hurricane.

Power lines rip loose in a shower of blue and yellow sparks, falling to the ground where they writhe like snakes, snapping and biting. Lights go out and the telephone system goes down.

Cornices fall, brick walls crack, glass shatters. Pavement buckles, cars and trucks veer into ditches and into each other. A bridge across the Eel River is jerked off its founda tions, taking a busload of farm workers with it. With computers crashing and cell towers dropping offline, all of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties in California are instantly cut off from the outside world, so nobody beyond the immediate area knows how bad it is here.

At the U.S. Geological Survey lab in Menlo Park, seismometers peg the quake at magnitude 8.1, and the tsunami detection centers in Alaska and Hawaii begin waking up the alarm system with standby alerts all around the Pacific Rim. Early morning commuters emerging from a BART station in San Francisco feel the ground sway beneath their feet and immediately hit the sidewalk in a variety of awkward crouches, a familiar fear chilling their

Then another little rough spot on the bottom of the continent snaps off.

The fault unzips some more. The outer edge of California snaps free like a steel spring in a juddering lurch—nine feet to the west. The continental shelf heaves upward, lifting a mountain of seawater.

The fault continues to rip all the way to Newport, Oregon, halfway up the state. The magnitude suddenly jumps to 8.6. A power surge blows a breaker somewhere east of town and feeds back through the system, throwing other breakers in a cascade that quickly crashes the entire grid in Oregon, Washington, and parts of California, Idaho, and Nevada. A brownout begins in six more western states. The wire line phone systems crash in lockstep.

Then another fragment of rock deep underneath Newport shears away. The fault unzips the rest of the way to Vancouver Island. The quake now pins seismic needles at magnitude 9.2. High-rise towers in Portland, Seattle, Vancouver, and Victoria begin to undulate. The shock wave hammers through sandy soil, soft rock, and landfill like the deepest notes on a big string bass. The mushy ground sings harmony and tall buildings hum like so many tuning

On I-5, the main north-south interstate highway, 37 bridges between Sacramento and Bellingham, Washington, collapse or are knocked off their pins. Five more go down between the Canada–United States border and downtown Vancouver. Nineteen railway bridges along the north-south coastal mainline of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railway are wrecked as well. The runways of every major coastal airport from Northern California to Vancouver are buckled, cracked, and no longer flyable.

After 50 cycles of harmonic vibrations, skyscrapers swaying rhythmically from side to side in giddy wobblesdozens of tall buildings have shed most of their glass. In some downtown intersections the cascade of broken shards has piled up three feet deep."

The scientists say it isn't a matter of if — but when. I'm not moving to Seattle, folks.

You may not agree with anything I've said, but I column as I see 'em.

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# Check this out: What's at the library

t is amazing what a simple writing instrument can mean to someone who has nothing. How many of us attend con-

are given come back and throw them into a drawer and forget about them?



Hollis **McCright** Braun has a simple pencil into a world-wide idea that has transformed the world and his book "The Promise of a Pencil: How an Ordinary Person Can Create Extraordinary Change" (370.917 BRA A) is his

Adam Braun began working summers at hedge funds when he was just 16 years old, sprinting down the path to a successful Wall Street career. But while traveling he met a young boy begging on the streets of India, who after being asked what he wanted most in the world, simply answered, "A pencil."

This small request led to a staggering series of events that took Braun backpacking through dozens of countries before eventually leaving one of the world's most prestigious jobs to found Pencils of Promise, the organization he started with just \$25 that has since built more than 200 schools around the world.

In his first work of nonfiction, Bernard Cornwell combines his storytelling skills

with a meticulously researched history to give a riveting chronicle of every dramatic moment, from Napoleon's daring escape from Elba to the smoke and gore of the three battlefields and their aftermath.

Through quotes from the letters and diaries of Emperor Napoleon, the Duke of Wellington and the ordinary officers and soldiers, he brings to life how it actually felt to fight those famous battles as well as the moments of amazing bravery on both sides that left the actual outcome hanging in the balance until the bitter end. "Waterloo: The History of Four Days, Three Armies and Three Battles" (940.274 COR B) will keep you riveted as you read the definitive, illustrated history of one of the greatest battles ever fought.

For you political people, here is "Clinton Cash: The Untold Story of How and Why Foreign Governments and Businesses Helped Make Bill and Hillary Rich," (364.132 SCH P) by Peter Schweizer. In 2000, Bill and Hillary Clinton owed millions of dollars in legal debt. Since then, they've earned more than \$130 million.

Where did the money come from? Most people assume that the Clintons amassed their wealth through lucrative book deals and high-six figure fees for speaking gigs. Now, Peter Schweizer shows who is really behind those enormous payments.

David Baldacci is a favorite writer of mine and in his newest, "Memory Man" (F BAL D), it shows why he is a perennial best seller.

Amos Decker's life changed forever twice. The first time was on the gridiron. A big, towering athlete, he was the only person from his hometown of Burlington ever to go pro. But his career ended before it had a chance to begin. On his very first play, a violent helmet-to-helmet collision knocked him off the field for good, and left him with an improbable side effect — he can never forget anything.

The second time was at home nearly two decades later. Now a police detective, Decker returned from a stakeout one evening and entered a nightmare his wife, young daughter, and brother-in-law had been murdered. His family destroyed, their killer's identity as mysterious as the motive behind the crime, and unable to forget a single detail from that horrible night, Decker finds his world collapsing around him.

He leaves the police force, loses his home, and winds up on the street, taking piecemeal jobs as a private investigator when he can. But more than a year later, a man turns himself in to the police and confesses to the murders. At the same time a horrific event nearly brings Burlington to its knees, and Decker is called back in to help with this investigation. Decker also seizes his chance to learn what really happened to his family that night. To uncover the stunning

must use his remarkable gifts and confront the burdens that go along with them. He must endure the memories he would much rather forget. And he may have to make the ultimate sacrifice.

Here is another Clive Cussler and Boyd Morrison adventure from the Oregon Files: "Piranha" (F CUS C), starring Juan Cabrillo and his merry crew. In 1902, the volcano Mt. Pelée erupts on the island of Martinique, wiping out an entire city of 30,000

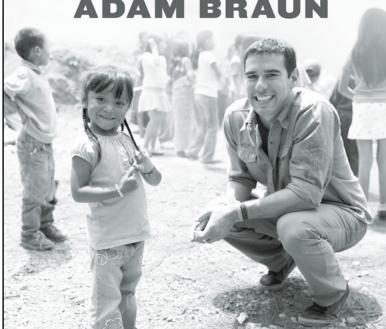
— and sinking a ship carrying a German scientist on the verge of an astonishing breakthrough.

More than a century later, Juan Cabrillo will have to deal with that scientist's legacy. During a covert operation, Cabrillo and the crew meticulously fake the sinking of the Oregon — but when an unknown adversary tracks them down despite their planning and attempts to assassinate them, Cabrillo and his team struggle to fight back against

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an enemy who seems to be able to anticipate their every move. They discover that a traitorous American weapons designer has completed the German scientist's work, and now wields extraordinary power, sending the Oregon on a race against time to stop an attack that could lead to one man ruling over the largest empire the world has ever known.

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#### Tested by growing dissent, Greek parliament to vote on more bailout conditions

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek lawmakers began another emergency debate Wednesday on further economic reforms demanded by international creditors in return for a new bailout — a vote that could that could threaten the survival of the coalition government and trigger fresh fears over the country's future in the euro.

The vote later on changes to the judicial and banking sectors is one of the requirements that Greece's European creditors insisted upon for negotiations on a third bailout worth around 85 billion euros (\$93 billion) to begin.

After losing the support of a large chunk of his own party's lawmakers during a vote last week on a creditordemanded austerity measures, Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras is having to rely on support from pro-European opposition parties to gain parliamentary approval.

Negotiations with creditors are expected to start soon after the vote later. The Greek government's hope is that they conclude before Aug. 20, when Greece must repay loans worth more than 3 billion euros (\$3.3 billion) to the European Central Bank.

The measures demanded by creditors for a bailout have caused much consternation within Tsipras' radical left Syriza party. Many, including former finance minister Yanis Varoufakis, voted against last week's austerity measures, which included big increases to sales taxes that came into effect at the start of this week. If more than a handful more dissent later, then Tsipras' government could be in peril.

#### Video shows confrontation between trooper and Sandra Bland, who died in Texas jail

HEMPSTEAD, Texas (AP) — Police dashcam video shows a Texas state trooper tried to pull Sandra Bland out of her car, then drew his stun gun and threatened her after the woman who authorities say later killed herself in a jail cell refused to follow his orders.

The roadside encounter swiftly escalated into a shouting confrontation, the video released Tuesday shows, as the officer attempted to drag 28-yearold Sandra Bland from her vehicle, with the officer at one point saying, "I will light you up," as he held the stun gun.

Days later, Bland was found dead in the jail cell in a case that has caused her family and supporters to dispute that she hanged herself with a plastic garbage bag, as authorities have

The video posted online by the Texas Department of Public Safety shows the trooper stopping Bland for failure to signal a lane change. After he hands her a written warning, the trooper remarks that Bland seems irritated. The Illinois woman replies that she is irritated because she had changed lanes to make way for the trooper's car.

The conversation quickly turns hostile when the officer asks Bland to put out her cigarette and she asks why she can't smoke in her own car. The trooper then orders Bland to get out of the vehicle. She refuses, and he tells her she is under arrest.

#### Clinton raising money in finance sector as she targets high-speed trading, short-term profits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's economic agenda targets companies that focus on shortterm profits and high-speed trading instead of investing in workers. The Democratic presidential candidate's finance operation is going after their executives for another purpose — donations.

A day after proposing higher capital gains taxes on short-term investors, Clinton raised at least \$450,000 Tuesday night at the Chicago home of Raj Fernando, a longtime donor. His firm, Chopper Trading, specializes in high-frequency transactions and was recently purchased by Chicago-based competitor DRW.

Clinton's summertime fundraising circuit highlights a central tension of her campaign: how to encourage financial executives to open their wallets for her presidential effort even as she comes out with plans aimed at reining multimillion-dollar paychecks. Since her first presidential campaign in 2008, income inequality has become a bigger force in Democratic politics, with liberal voters clamoring for candidates who will take a sharply populist turn and enforce tough new regulations on Wall

The early outlines of Clinton's economic plans have included steps to raise taxes on hedge fund and private equity bonuses, penalize short-term investors with higher tax rates and strengthen penalties for rogue execu

tives who are involved in fraudulent deals on Wall Street. She wants further strengthening of financial regulations put in place after the 2008 financial crisis.

In announcing her economic platform in New York, Clinton called some of the financial institutions led by her top contributors "too complex and too risky." She said "serious risks are emerging from institutions in the so-called shadow banking system, including hedge funds, highfrequency traders, non-bank finance companies."

#### Jordan official: Detained uncle who hosted Chattanooga shooter last year under investigation

AMMAN, Jordan. (AP) — A Jordanian official says the uncle of the man who killed five U.S. servicemen in Tennessee last week is under investigation in custody in Jordan.

The official said Wednesday authorities are "trying to get as much information as possible" from Asaad Ibrahim Asaad Haj Ali, the maternal uncle of the attacker, Muhammed Youssef Abdulazeez. Abdulazeez spent time at his uncle's

home in Jordan last year. Haj Ali's detention was first reported Tuesday. He was arrested Friday, a day after the shooting attacks. The official says Haj Ali is "being

investigated regarding his relative

and the period he (the relative) stayed in Jordan." He says the investigation is being conducted in close coordination with U.S. counterparts. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not

#### After escape, Mexico's strongest cartel boss faces radically altered drug-trafficking business

authorized to talk to reporters.

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's most powerful drug lord, Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman, has a lot to catch up on as he returns to a drug-trafficking landscape that has shifted considerably during his 17 months behind bars.

Rival cartels have been vanquished,

and infighting among factions in Guzman's own Sinaloa gang has killed dozens in the resort area of La Paz and Los Cabos on the Baja peninsula. A new and rapidly strengthening international cartel is waging a fierce battle against soldiers and police in western Mexico, even using a rocket-propelled grenade to force down a helicopter — a style at odds with Guzman's more corporate-like Sinaloa.

Other Mexican or Colombian cartels working with street gangs in Central America may have stolen some of Guzman's transit routes.

In the quiet since Guzman broke out of Mexico's top -maximum security prison a little more than a week ago, dropping into a hole in his shower floor and fleeing on a motorbike through a mile-long tunnel, friends and foes alike waiting to see what he'll do next.

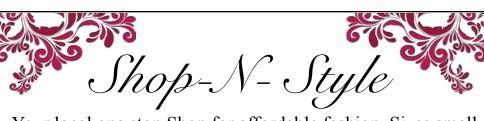
#### With ultra-religious parties back in Israeli government, rift with liberal Jews resurfaces

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's narrow coalition government, propped up by two ultra-religious parties, is butting heads with liberal streams of Judaism that dominate Jewish life in the United States — widening a rift that risks further alienating American Jews at a time of growing U.S.-Israel estrangement.

The dispute is forcing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into a delicate balancing act in which he must at once please American Jews and placate the Orthodox members of his government. American Jews comprise the world's second largest Jewish community and have provided a source of unconditional moral support, lobbying and fundraising for decades.

While most observant American Jews identify with the Reform and Conservative movements, Israeli religious affairs are dominated by stricter Orthodox law.

Israel's Orthodox rabbinical establishment wields a monopoly over key aspects of daily life, such as marriage, divorce, burials and circumcisions. Reform and Conservative rabbis are not recognized, and their movements are largely marginalized.



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# Budget officials: Abbott vetoes may be invalid

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Lineitems vetoes made by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott are being questioned by state budget officials, who said Tuesday that the new Republican governor appeared to cut spending in ways that are beyond his constitutional power.

The statements drew immediate rebuke from Abbott, who took fiery bureaucratbashing criticism that he normally reserves for the Obama administration and hurled it toward a nonpartisan agency in his own Capitol.

The disputed vetoes involve some of \$233 million that Abbott carved from the state budget in June after the spending had been approved by the GOP-controlled Legislature. He cited fiscal conser-

vatism in stripping dollars for water conservation grants, a mental health program and membership fees to an education group that Abbott said supports Common Core, the national set of academic standards that many conservatives detest.

The governor in Texas, like

in many states, has line-item veto power to remove appropriations from a budget.

But Legislative Budget

Board Director Ursula Parks said that Abbott went beyond that authority by eliminating legislative directives in budget riders — orders from lawmakers that have a price tag but are not new appropriations.

Makingherargument,Parks sometimes turned Abbott's

own words against him: She cited an opinion about state spending that Abbott made in 2010 while he was still the state's attorney general. She also pointed to Abbott calling for expanded line-item veto authority shortly after taking office, something the Legislature did not grant.

"The Proclamation seeks to go beyond what is authorized in the Texas Constitution, is in many respects unprecedented, and is contrary to both practice and expectation since adoption of the Texas Constitution in 1876," Parks wrote.

It was not immediately

or who will make that determination. Chris Bryan, a spokesman

clear if the vetoes will stand,

Chris Bryan, a spokesman

for the state comptroller, said they are still reviewing the matter and may request an opinion from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Abbott spokesman John Wittman said the vetoes are valid.
"It is unfortunate that un-

elected bureaucrats at the LBB are more concerned with protecting their own turf than complying with the lineitem veto authority conferred on the Governor by the Texas Constitution," Wittman said. "In their zeal to expand their power, the LBB's bureaucrats are actively working to interfere with the Governor's constitutional authority to limit government and cut unnecessary spending."

That sort of language is not

unusual from Abbott when directed at the federal government, which he sued 30 times as attorney general. But this time, Abbott is feuding with a small state agency tasked with the tedium of putting together the voluminous state budget and answering to elected lawmakers, who routinely thank Parks and her staff for their expertise and long hours when the legislature is in session.

Wittman said the board is "legally wrong" and that all the items vetoed by Abbott are constitutional.

The new Texas budget is \$210 billion, about half of which is state revenue spending that Abbott and lawmakers have the most power to control.

## News in brief

# 'Archie' cartoonist Moore dies in his native El Paso EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Tom Moore,

the "Archie" cartoonist who brought to life the escapades of a freckled-face, red-haired character, has died in Texas. He was 86.

Moore, who began drawing car-

toons while in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, died early Monday morning while in hospice care in his hometown of El Paso, his son Lito Bujanda-Moore told The Associated Press on Tuesday. He said his father was diagnosed with throat cancer within the past week and chose not to undergo treatment.

Moore drew Archie Andrews and his friends on and off from 1953 until he retired in the late 1980s. Annual sales of the comic regularly surpassed half a million during the 1960s, according to the El Paso Times.

"I did one comic book a month,"

Moore told the newspaper in 1996. "I did everything. We always worked six months ahead. I'd be doing Christmas issues in June and beach stories with a foot of snow outside my window."

After the war, Moore used funding available through the GI Bill to attend a school in New York for cartoonists. He studied under "Tarzan" comic strip illustrator Burne Hogarth.

Soon after, Moore signed up with Archie Comics in New York. Bob Montana created "Archie" in 1941, and Moore took over in 1953.

# New LULAC president eyes 'unity' to end recent infighting

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The newly elected president of the nation's largest and oldest Latino civil rights group says he hopes the desire for "unity" will end recent infighting.

Roger Rocha, of Laredo, Texas, told The Associated Press he's reaching out to various members of the League of United Latin American Citizens following his election as the group's president. Rocha became LULAC president

last week in Salt Lake City. He takes over an organization that had been plagued by internal squabbling in recent years over a canceled election and a disputed real estate deal.

The 44-year-old health care provider

says the group's focus should be on pushing federal immigration reform and better health care for the nation's growing Hispanic population.

A New Mexico Democratic law-

A New Mexico Democratic lawmaker also was elected to the LULAC board despite concerns over bylaw violations.

# Austin police officer fired for 2nd time since 2013 AUSTIN. Texas (AP) — An Austin

police officer has been fired for the second time since 2013.

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ports Blayne Williams was fired Monday for violating honesty policies and for neglect of duty in January.

A memo from the Austin Police Department said Williams interviewed a woman who complained of injuries from an altercation with her daughter. Authorities say Williams never told his supervisors anyone was injured and said he would not be making any arrests.

Officials said that when the woman asked to speak with Williams' supervisors, he told them she had changed her story. The memo said an audio recording of their conversation from his dashboard camera showed she never changed her story.

Williams was fired in 2013 for failing to report evidence, but an arbitrator reduced his termination and he was reinstated in 2014.

# South Texas officer accused of stealing drugs from a home

Mcallen, Texas (AP) — A criminal complaint unsealed this week accuses a South Texas police officer of stealing cocaine from a home in 2012

and then trying to cover up the theft by claiming he found the drugs in a car that he seized.

Hector "Jo Jo" Mendez faces a charge of possession with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine, The Monitor newspaper in McAllen reported. Mendez is a 17-year veteran of the Mission Police Department who was assigned to a drug enforcement task force.

Garcia, told The Associated Press on Tuesday that he has reviewed the criminal complaint and that his client denies the allegations. Mendez is accused of stealing the

Mendez's defense attorney, Carlos

Mendez is accused of stealing the drugs in July 2012 — several months after he lost a primary for Hidalgo County Precinct 2 constable.

He was questioned several times, including earlier this month, after investigators said he made several inconsistent statements. The complaint unsealed Monday states that Mendez has denied knowing of any drug theft.

Two former Mission police officers, Alexis Espinoza and Jonathan Trevino, were sentenced last year to lengthy terms for their roles in a drug-trafficking conspiracy.

## Breaking Bad' actor runs for Albuquerque seat

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Citing the growth of urban sprawl and a need for more Mexican-American elected officials, "Breaking Bad" actor Steven Michael Quezada said he is jumping in a heated race for county commissioner in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Quezada, who played DEA agent Steven Gomez in the hit AMC-TV series, told The Associated Press on Monday that he will make a formal announcement on Tuesday that he's seeking a commission seat in Bernalillo County.

The 52-year-old actor and comedian said he's joining in the race because he feels someone like him can make a difference in the district that includes the historic Hispanic South Valley and an area in

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Albuquerque's west side where developers are

seeking to build homes.

"I think I bring a new face to the Democratic Party," said Quezada, a Democrat who is a member of the Albuquerque school board. "We need to reach out to our young people — the young Chicanos, the young Latinos — and get them involved in this process and let them know this is important."

At least three others are running for the open seat in 2016.

The Bernalillo County
Commission recently voted to approve a
planned community
despite activists' fears
the development would



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Do you have an interesting sports item or

# **Northside Community Center raises fund through Golf tournament**

By Taylor Ellis

Sports Editor

This past Saturday, several foursomes competed at Comanche Trail Park in the first annual 10.000.00 hole-in-one challenge to benefit the Northside Community

The event began at 10 in the morning, featur-

ing prizes for the top three lowest scores, closest to the pin and \$10,000.00 for anyone lucky enough to sink a hole-in-one.

The Northside Community Center, which assist citizens in need through a variety of programs, partnered with the Chicano Golf Association to put together

"After I went to the center and saw all the great work they were doing, I went back and told my board we've got to help them out," said Carlos Garcia, president of the CGA.

The NCC offers a wide array of services including introduction to computer skills, sum-

mer and after school programs for kids and provide financial assistance to those less fortunate here in Howard

Sylvia Miramontes, the president of the NCC, said there are plenty of opportunities to help fellow Big Spring and Howard county citi-

"We desperately need volunteers to help keep our area clean, to help with the children and to help with the computers," Miramontes said. Several holes were

sponsored by businesses in the community to help raise additional funds. With a score of 59

Ryan Rodriguez, Blake

The NCC is located at 110 NE 8<sup>th</sup> st., where people can sign up for aid and to volunteer.

Nichols, Jason Brock

and Jayci Brock won

the tournament by one

stroke. The CGA also

raffled off a brand new

sand wedge that Ger-

ald Harris was lucky

enough to win.

# Rockies routed 9-0 as Choo hits for cycle

DENVER (AP) — Troy Tulowitzki and the Colorado Rockies could not keep their streaks going against the Texas Rangers.

Shin-Soo Choo hit for the cycle and Matt Harrison earned his first win in 14 months as Texas routed the Rockies 9-0 Tuesday night.

The loss ended Colorado's modest home winning streak at five games. Tulowitzki had his streak of reaching base safely snapped at 41 games. It was the secondlongest in team history.

"The streak gave me something to shoot for," said Tulowitzki, who began his run on May 26. "I think this will make me a better player because I think I was better. Hopefully I can be into every single pitch and pretend like something is on the line." Delino DeShields had a

career-high four hits and Prince Fielder homered for the Rangers, who won for only the third time in 13 games.

The Rangers built a comfortable lead against struggling Rockies starter Kyle Kendrick (3-11). Choo had an RBI double in a three-run second inning and led off the fourth with his 12th homer to make it 4-0.

Choo drove in another run in the fifth, and an error by reliever Yohan Flande allowed Elvis Andrus to score

nings," manager Walt Weiss home for said of Kendrick. "Had some the first real efficient innings, but the innings that he struggled, they put up some crooked numbers, got some good swings off him."

Choo completed the cycle with a triple to center leading off the ninth.

It was the eighth cycle in franchise history and first since Alex Rios did it Sept. 23, 2013, against Houston. Boston Red Sox All-Star

Brock Holt was the only other major leaguer to hit for the cycle this season, on lowitzki June 16 against Atlanta.

Fielder's 15th home run in the sixth gave Texas a 7-0 cushion.

Harrison (1-1) had not won since beating the Rockies on May 8, 2014. Injuries limited him to six starts from 2013-14 and he didn't make his 2015 debut until July 8.

He scattered seven hits over six innings and worked out of several jams.

Harrison allowed a leadoff double to Nolan Arenado in the fourth but stranded him at third with a double-play grounder to end the inning. The Rockies had runners on first and third with two outs in the fifth, but Choo made a sliding catch on Tulowitzki's sinking liner in right to end the threat.

It was Tulowitzki's best

time this season.

"You have the streak. you to those third and fourth atbats, the focus still there even in a blowout," Tusaid.

HIT MA-CHINE Fielder's

single in the eighth gave him 40 multihit games this season, tops in the majors. He is hitting .341, second in the AL behind Detroit slugger Miguel Cabrera.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rockies OF Corey Dickerson (left plantar fasciitis) was scheduled to play seven chance to extend his streak innings for Triple-A Albuand prevent the Rockies querque. ... RHP David Hale his second start since hav- against the Rangers. "Had a couple tough in- from getting shut out at (left groin strain) threw a ing Tommy John surgery

Denver.

25-pitch bullpen session. It was his second since going on the 15-day disabled list July 10.

**UP NEXT** 

ez (0-1, 5.40 ERA) will make

last season. Perez pitched five innings in his season debut against Houston on

Rockies: LHP Jorge De La Rangers: LHP Martin Per- Rosa (6-4, 4.30) is 2-0 with a 3.00 ERA in two career starts



## **Scoreboard**

#### BASEBALL **AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division**

W L Pct GB New York 51 41 .554 .505 41/2 Toronto 48 47 Tampa Bay 46 46 .500 46 46 .500 5 Baltimore 42 52 .447 10 **Central Division** 

W L Pct GB Kansas City 56 36 .609 50 43 .538 61/2 Minnesota 46 47 .495 101/2 Detroit Cleveland 44 48 .478 12 42 49 .462131/2 **West Division** 

Chicago L Pct GB Los Angeles 53 40 .570 Houston 52 43 .547 44 49 .473 Texas 43 51 .457 101/2 Seattle 43 52 .453 11 Oakland Monday's Games

L.A. Angels 11, Boston 1, 1st game Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 3 Detroit 5, Seattle 4 Pittsburgh 10, Kansas City 7 Colorado 8, Texas 7 L.A. Angels 7, Boston 3, 2nd game

Tuesday's Games N.Y. Yankees 3, Baltimore 2 Tampa Bay 1, Philadelphia 0 Seattle 11, Detroit 9 Houston 8, Boston 3 Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 1 Kansas City 3, Pittsburgh 1 St. Louis 8, Chicago White Sox

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Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2), 1:05 p.m. Cleveland (Co.Anderson 2-1) at Milwaukee (Lohse 5-10), 2:10

p.m. Texas (M.Perez 0-1) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 6-4), 3:10 p.m. Baltimore (Gausman 1-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Nova 1-3), 7:05 p.m. Seattle (Montgomery 4-3) at

Detroit (An.Sanchez 9-7), 7:08 p.m. Boston (Miley 8-8) at Houston (McHugh 10-5), 8:10 p.m. Pittsburgh (Morton 6-3) at

Kansas City (Volquez 8-5), 8:10 p.m. St. Louis (Lynn 7-5) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 5-8), 8:10

Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-6) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 7-7), 10:05

Toronto (Doubront 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 10-4), 10:05 p.m. Thursday's Games Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 6-3), 1:05 p.m.

Seattle (Iwakuma 2-1) at Detroit (Price 9-3), 1:08 p.m. Minnesota (E.Santana 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Richards 10-6), 3:35 p.m.

Toronto (Hutchison 9-2) at Oakland (Kazmir 5-5), 3:35 p.m. Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 6-5) at Cleveland (Bauer 8-6), 7:10 p.m.

Kansas City (C. Young 8-5) at St. Louis (Lackey 8-5), 7:15 p.m. Boston (Porcello 5-10) at Houston (McCullers 4-3), 8:10

#### p.m. NATIONAL LEAGUE

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St. Louis 39 Pittsburgh 54 .581 Chicago 50 42 .543 81/2 Cincinnati 41 50 .451 17 42 52 .447 171/2 Milwaukee West Division W Pct GB Los Angeles 53 42 .558

San Francisco 50 44 .532 21/2 San Diego 44 50 .468 81/2 43 49 .467 81/2 Arizona 40 52 .435 111/2 Colorado Monday's Games

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Arizona 3, Miami 1 San Diego 4, San Francisco 2 Tuesday's Games N.Y. Mets 7, Washington 2 Tampa Bay 1, Philadelphia 0 Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 4,

13 innings Atlanta 4, L.A. Dodgers 3 Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 1 Kansas City 3, Pittsburgh 1 St. Louis 8, Chicago White Sox

Texas 9, Colorado 0 Miami 3, Arizona 0 San Francisco 9, San Diego 3 Wednesday's Games L.A. Dodgers (Bolsinger 4-3) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-4), 12:10

p.m. Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-4) at Cincinnati (Leake 7-5), 12:35 p.m., 1st game

N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 4-5) at Washington (Zimmermann 8-5), 12:35 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 5-6) at Philadelphia (Morgan 1-2), 1:05 p.m. Cleveland (Co.Anderson 2-1) at

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Kansas City (Volquez 8-5), 8:10 p.m. St. Louis (Lynn 7-5) at Chicago

White Sox (Danks 5-8), 8:10 p.m. Miami (Fernandez 2-0) at Arizona (Ray 3-4), 9:40 p.m.

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Diego (T.Ross 6-7), 10:10 p.m. **TRANSACTIONS** BASEBALL

American League BOSTON RED SOX — Activated OF-1B Daniel Nava from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Deven Marrero to Pawtucket (IL). Signed CF Andrew Benintendi, Tate Matheny, Jagger Rusconi and Nick Hamilton; RHPs Travis Lakins, Ben Taylor, Kevin Kelleher, Marc Brakeman, Daniel Zandona, Max

Watt, Nick Duron, Trevor Kel-

ley and Adam Lau; LHPs Logan

Boyd, Logan Allen, Matt Kent,

Bobby Poyner and Brad Stone; OFs Jerry Downs, Kyri Washington and Tyler Spoon; Cs Austin Rei and Andrew Noviello; 1B Tucker Tubbs: 2B Chad De La Guerra; 3B Mitchell Gunsolus and SS Yomar Valentin to minor

league contracts. KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated LHP Jason Vargas from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Yordano Ventura to Omaha (PCL).

**National League** 

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Optioned OF Danny Dorn to Reno (PCL). Recalled RHP Dominic Leone from Mobile (SL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Activated OF Carl Crawford from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Brandon Beachy to Oklahoma City (PCL). Designated RHP Preston Guilmet for assignment.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS -Reinstated RHP Matt Garza from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Tyler Cravy to Colorado Springs (PCL). Signed SS Luis Avila, RF Bryan Connell, SS Aaron Familia, CF Jesus Lujano, SS Luis Manon, C Moises Perez and C Jose Sibrian to minor league contracts.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES -Placed RHP Chad Billingsley on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 19. Optioned RHP David Buchanan to Lehigh Valley (IL). ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Purchased the contract of OF-1B Stephen Piscotty from Memphis (PCL). Optioned OF Tommy Pham to Memphis. Designated INF Ty Kelly for assignment. WASHINGTON NATIONALS -

Recalled RHP Joe Ross from Syracuse (IL). Optioned INF Wilmer Difo to Harrisburg (EL). **American Association** AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS

Signed OF Dexter Kjerstad. JOPLIN BLASTERS - Released RHP Jesus Colome. KANSAS CITY T-BONES Signed OF Kyle Richards. LAREDO LEMURS — Signed

C Ryan Ortiz. Can-Am League QUEBEC CAPITALES - Released INF Cedric Vallieres. OTTAWA CHAMPIONS

Signed LHP Dan Meyer. Released

Texas Rangers third base coach Tony Beasley, left, congratulates Shin-Soo

Choo after he hit a triple to complete the cycle, during the ninth inning of a

baseball game against the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, in

RHP Jose Figuereo. **Frontier League** JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Dan Tobik.

NORMAL CORNBELTERS -Signed RHP Rob Blanc. Released RHP Casey Cannon. SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS -

Released RHP Edwin Carl. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MIN-ERS — Signed OF Joe Jensen.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Released C Shane Rowland.

WINDY CITY THUNDER-BOLTS — Signed RHP Jacob

#### **BASKETBALL**

National Baskethall Association HOUSTON ROCKETS — Resigned F K.J. McDaniels to a multiyear contract. TORONTO RAPTORS

Signed F Ronald Roberts to a multiyear contract. **FOOTBALL** 

National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS — Released OT Wayne Hunter. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS -Waived DB Justin Cox.

TENNESSEE TITANS Agreed to terms with QB Marcus Mariota. HOCKEY

#### **National Hockey League** ARIZONA COYOTES

Named Mike Bavis and Doug Janik as assistant coaches for Springfield (AHL). BUFFALO SABRES - Re-

signed F Johan Larsson to a onevear contract. COLORADO AVALANCHE -

Renewed their affiliation with Fort Wayne (ECHL) with a two-year agreement. DETROIT RED WINGS -

Agreed to terms with RW Teemu Pulkkinen on a one-year contract. American Hockey League

BAKERSFIELD CONDORS - Named Gerry Fleming coach and Jean-François Houle and Tony Borgford assistant coaches. Announced Edmonton (NHL) assistant general manager Bill Scott will serve as general manager.

**ECHL** STEELHEADS — **IDAHO** 

Agreed to terms with F Rob Lins-READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Justin Crandall

and D Curtis Leonard. SOUTH CAROLINA STING-RAYS - Agreed to terms with D Brendan Ellis.

#### **OLYMPIC SPORTS** U.S. Olympic Committee

USOC - Announced the addition of Robert Wood to the U.S. Olympic Committee's board of di-

#### **COLLEGE**

NCAA - Announced Mark Hollis was named vice chair of the Division I men's basketball committee for the 2015-16 season and chair of the committee for the 2016-17 season.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON - Named Jimmy Holton volunteer assistant baseball coach. LOYOLA (MD.) - Named Trev-

or Quinn men's assistant basketball coach. NEBRASKA — Announced

women's sophomore basketball G Chandler Smith will transfer. PURDUE — Announced men's

basketball F Jacquil Taylor was granted a medical hardship waiver by the Big Ten, restoring his freshman season of eligibility.

SC AIKEN — Named Mark Vanderslice men's basketball coach. SAINT AUGUSTINE'S - An-

nounced the resignation of women's basketball coach Rachel Bul-SAN JOSE STATE - Promoted

Liz Jarnigan to senior associate athletics director/senior woman administrator. SUSQUEHANNA—Announced

the resignation of softball coach and athletics administrator Kathy Kroupa to accept a position as associate athletic director for internal operations and senior women's administrator at The Citadel. TEXAS RIO GRANDE VAL-

LEY - Announced men's sophomore basketball G Dinero Mercurius has transferred South Florida. Announced the resignation of women's tennis coach Stephanie Vallejos to accept the same position at Louisiana-Lafayette.

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An Application Form can be obtained from the County Indigent Health Care Office located at:

#### **Howard County** Courthouse 300 Main Street, Room 310 Big Spring, TX 79720 (432) 264-2219

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There are times when genuine outrage is warranted, but those times are few and far between. Mostly, there's no good reason to get riled up. Keep your cool, and everyone around you will, too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For those planning a trip, ignore the rule about houseguests and fish at your own peril. No matter how charming and loved you are, anything still lingering after three days starts to smell.

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June 21). Some people believe other people's lifestyles are somehow an affront to their own. It makes no sense to you -- you're a live-andlet-live sort. Let them argue it out while you're busy making money

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Usually when you reach the point of being irritated with absolutely everyone in the world, the one you're really mad at is you. Your issue with yourself? You haven't given yourself the much-needed break you deserve.

today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Too many ingredients spoil the soup -- or the project, relationship, schedule, etc. Stick to the recipe. Great patience and restraint will be required for exemplary results. VIRGO (Aug. 23-

Sept. 22). Certain friends bring out your quick humor, and others make you feel like you're always dodging conversational quicksand. Why put yourself in uncomfortable situations? Choose your company carefully.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As for that group of hotheads you have to operate in, sometimes you wonder how you landed in an environment so rich in narcissism and delusion. Your main goal will be not to become like them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Before you invent a new way to get to the goal, give the old one a try. If it works, it will save you unnecessary effort. Your brain is best put to work on a problem that hasn't been solved by anyone yet.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Manipulation is when you trick someone into wanting what you'd like them to want. It leads to nothing good. You want to influence others to be their best, but they have to want that, too. CAPRICORN (Dec.

22-Jan. 19). This is a day when your body knows more than you do about what it needs. Listen to the muscles and appetites that live in you. Trust your physical instinct.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll have some explaining to

do, not because your actions are so outside the norm, but because you'll be dealing with people who simply don't get what's going

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today, the most effective solution will be so obvious that it's easy to miss. That's why the opinions of inexperienced people will be so valuable to you. The very young and the very old will be especially lucky to have on your side.

**TODAY'S BIRTH-**DAY (July 22). You'll start your new year finishing old business. As you revisit and revive projects, you'll find that you have the experience, skills and judgment that were missing before. Big money months are August, November and February. A personal dream becomes real as you carry your intention all the way through the finish line. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 29, 22, 19 and 17.

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"There's a girl I know. She's a Scorpio, and

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is a remarkable gift she has given you just by being herself, as her energy has opened up new possibilities inside you. This awakening of hidden talents is beautiful, and your willingness to act on the feelings and turn them into unique expressions of you is a wonderful happening. Savor it and keep the spark alive inside you.

She's your muse! It

Whether to show her your works is a separate issue. Go carefully, because Scorpios are very private people, and if that privacy is invaded or threatened, they shut out the perpetrator with an emotional barrier that's nearly impossible to break through. Get to know her first. Establish rapport, friendship and

trust before introducing her to your many

**CELEBRITY PRO-**FILES: She's been a show-biz pro since her childhood days of singing with Barney. With her recent single "Good for You" working the charts, Selena Gomez lives up to the Mars/ Taurus placement she was born under. This pop star came to Earth when the sun was on the cusp of Cancer and Leo, and the moon was in headstrong Aries to further amp that passionate fire-sign energy.

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#### Annie's Mailbox ®

**Dear Annie:** I recently learned I am a divorced that, for the entire male in my midtime I have known 50s. A couple of her, my lady friend years ago, I met a had been having a divorced woman sexual affair with through a mutual another guy who friend. We share already has a livein girlfriend. When a common hobby, which led to us I confronted her, she neither admitspending hours of time together, ted it nor denied it. often just the two Instead, she said her sex life was I asked my lady none of my busi-

if she was inter-I think I've been used for two ested in dating. She told me she years. I enjoyed had recently been our time together, through a bad but I never would breakup with her have spent so live-in boyfriend. much of it with She thought it this woman if I'd would be nice to known she had have someone a sexual partner. We are no longer with whom to go out for dinner, but seeing each other, she wasn't interand although that ested in a sexual is probably for the relationship with best, it is awkward anyone. I acceptsince we have ed that. As time mutual friends. went on, however, What do you

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think? -- Feeling Used Dear Feeling:

We think this woman definitely took advantage of you, but we also believe you went into this with different expectations. The woman needed someone to squire her around for dinner and such, and could

not do so with

her already-at-

tached boyfriend. You were a convenience, and she misled you. You, however, assumed there would be an eventual sexual relationship with a woman who told you upfront that she wasn't interested (the reason is irrelevant). If you had instead considered her to be simply a friend, with no other agenda, you could have enjoyed dinners out and hobby time without feeling used. It's time to let

it go. You made a mistake getting involved with her, but it shouldn't shame you into avoiding your mutual friends. Hold your head up, be civil around her, and look for romantic companionship elsewhere. **Dear Annie:** 

I thought I was being respectful by addressing ladies using the title "Ma'am." Recently, I said that to a woman and she responded, "My name is Mrs. X. I am not a 'Ma'am!" What do you think? -- Lafay-

ette, La.

**Dear Lafay**ette: We think some people are too easily offended. We all have a preferred term of address, but we cannot expect others, especially strangers, to know what that is. One doesn't chastise a person for being polite. For those of you who have been unintentionally insulted and feel the need to respond, simply correct the person in a gentle manner so they will know for next time.

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By Steve Becker

#### A Silent Exercise

East dealer. East-West vulnerable. NORTH ♦ A K J 5 3 EAST ♥AKQ107 **♦** 10 9 7 4 **♣**K 10 7 2 **♣**A Q SOUTH ↑ AJ 10 8 5 2 ♥63 ♦ Q 6 **♦** J 8 4 The bidding:

West 3 ♥ Opening lead — five of hearts. Bidding is a vocal exercise in which partners exchange messages verbally about their respective holdings in an effort to arrive at the best contract. Defensive play, by contrast, is a silent exercise wherein the defenders try to portray their holdings to each other through the play of their cards in order to score all the tricks to which they are entitled. Consider this deal, which features

South

East

good defense. South reached four spades as shown, and West led the Tomorrow: It pays to be extravagant.

five of hearts. When dummy came down, East realized that the contract would almost certainly be made unless West held the doubleton ace of clubs. In that case, the correct defense after winning the first heart would be to lead a low club to West's ace, win the club return with the king and play a third club for West to ruff.

But East also realized that West could have the A-Q or A-J of clubs and might win the club return at trick two with the queen or jack, unwittingly blocking the suit and handing declarer the contract.

So, in an effort to forestall this possibility, East won the opening heart with the ace instead of the queen, which would have been more normal. He was trying to sell West the idea that declarer had the king of hearts, and in that way influence West to think that East had to have the king of clubs to justify his open-

The scheme worked out exactly as planned. When East returned the deuce of clubs at trick two, West contributed his share by winning the trick with the ace and returning the with the king and returned the seven for West to ruff, and the contract went down one.

North

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History: On July 22, 1975, the U.S.

House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. (President Gerald R. Ford signed the measure on August 5.) On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina. In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was

founded by General Moses Cleaveland (correct). In 1893, Wellesley College

professor Katharine Lee Bates visited the summit of Pikes Peak, where she was inspired to write the original version of her poem "America the Beautiful." In 1916, a bomb went off dur-

ing a Preparedness Day parade in San Francisco, killing 10 people.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1946, Jewish extremists

blew up a wing of the King

David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 90 people. In 1950, former Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon

Mackenzie King died in Kingsmere, Quebec, at age 75. In 1957, Walter "Fred" Morrison applied for a patent for a "flying toy" which became

known as the Frisbee. In 1963, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of their rematch in Las Vegas to retain the world heavyweight title.

In 1983, Samantha Smith and her parents returned home to Manchester, Maine, after completing a whirlwind tour of the Soviet Union. In 1995, Susan Smith was

convicted by a jury in Union, South Carolina, of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons. (She was later sentenced to life in prison, and will not be eligible for parole until 2024.) In 2011, Anders Breivik

(AHN'-durs BRAY'-vihk) massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II.

Ten years ago: Jean Charles

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lehs deh meh-NEH'-zehs), a Brazilian electrician, was shot to death by London police who'd mistaken him for a terrorist. A labor agreement ended an NHL lockout that canceled the previous hockey season.

One year ago: A Hamas rocket exploded near Israel's main airport, prompting a ban on flights from the U.S. and many from Europe and Canada. Johann Breyer, an 89-year-old Nazi war crimes suspect, died at a Philadelphia hospital hours before a U.S. ruling that he should be extradited to Germany to face trial.

Thought for Today: "Life is the art of drawing without an eraser.' John W. Gardner, American government offi-

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## **Correa helps Astros to 8-3 win over Red Sox**

HOUSTON (AP) Brian Johnson's major league debut was foiled by a costly error.

Chris Carter hit a tworun homer and rookie Carlos Correa drove in two runs as the Houston Astros used a big fifth inning to roll to an 8-3 victory over Boston on Tuesday night, extending the Red Sox's losing streak to six games.

Johnson (0-1) allowed three hits and four runs with four walks in 4 1-3 innings. He was 8-6 with a 2.73 ERA in 16 starts at Triple-A Pawtucket.

Johnson had retired eight straight before Carter and L.J. Hoes hit consecutive singles with no outs in the fifth. Jake Marisnick grounded into a forceout and then stole second base. The throw from catcher Ryan Hanigan bounced off his arm and into the outfield for an error to allow Carter and Marisnick to score and tie it at 3-3.

"It was kind of a tough play momentum-wise for that game because we had control of the game until that happened," Hanigan said. "That's not on Brian. That's on me. He pitched a pretty solid game."

Despite the error, Johnson raved about Hanigan's work on Tuesday night.

"He called a great game. He really helped me out," Johnson said. "I don't think I would've had such a good game plan going into it without him."

Jose Altuve drew a walk to chase Johnson. He was replaced by Justin Masterson, who plunked Marwin Gonzalez in the leg. Correa's ground-rule double, which bounced into the stands down the right field line, scored Altuve to put Houston on

An infield single by Gattis allowed Gonzalez to score and push the lead to 5-3.

Rookie Vince Velasquez (1-1) allowed seven hits and three runs for his first career win in his seventh major league start. He was recalled from Double-A Corpus Christi on Tuesday.

The Astros trailed by two before a four-run fifth where they scored two runs on an error before Correa's ground-rule RBI double made it 4-3. An RBI single by Evan Gattis wrapped up the scoring in the fifth before Carter's shot to the bullpen in right-center field extended the lead to 7-3 in the sixth.

Carter returned to the lineup after missing two games with a sprained right ankle. The designated hitter was in an 0-for-20 slump before a single in the fifth inning that was his first hit since July 3. He finished with two hits for the first multi-hit game since June 27 for the struggling slugger, who is hitting .190.

Correa, who has a career-long six-game hitting streak, put Houston up 1-0 with a sacrifice fly in the first.

Velasquez struck out the side in the second before running into trouble in the third. Alejandro De Aza singled and Hanigan doubled with no outs. Mookie Betts doubled to right field to score them both and give Boston a

A one-out single RBI by Xander Bogaerts pushed the lead to 3-1.

"We've got to lead from the mound," Boston manager John Farrell said. "We've got to give our offense a chance to get on track ... this is frustrating for everyone involved."

Gonzalez was hit by a pitch by Masterson again in the sixth inning and was replaced at first base by Jon Singleton to start the seventh inning.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Astros: INF Jed Lowrie, who hasn't played since April 27 because of a torn ligament in his thumb, will begin a rehabilitation assignment at Double-A Corpus Christi on Wednesday. Since he's been out for so long he will need several games in the minors before returning to the team and will see work at both third base and shortstop in

# NBA players gathered for awards show, union meeting Sunday

LAS VEGAS (AP) — NBA commissioner Adam Silver insists a "significant number" of teams are losing money. But several players waking the red carpet Sunday night at the National Basketball Players Association's Players Awards insist they need to see proof before they believe Silver's claim.

"I've got to see that for myself," said Chris Paul, the president of the players' union. "This is probably one of the first years I didn't really pay too much attention. I think this summer was more about trying to relax and enjoy my family a little bit. But we have a number of things we want to talk about, obviously some a little more important than others."

Paul said the agenda is clear what the union will discuss, but declined to elaborate, or prioritize, the issues the players will tackle during union business on Monday. Nevertheless, Silver's comments last week during a board of governors meeting was a prime topic among the union members who were on the red

"I can't agree with that," Nazr Mohammed said about Silver's claim. "I think the league is as healthy as it's ever been. Teams are worth more than they've ever been. The Clippers just went for \$2 billion. I think it's hard to say that especially when you networks willing to give us the type of money they are to watch our games."

Said the union's executive director, Michelle Roberts: "This is an important time for the game, and it is critical that we have marquee players involved in the discussion. While I'm going to enjoy tonight (at the awards show), I'm really going

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to enjoy tomorrow (during the union meeting)."

Both Paul and Roberts said having LeBron James directly involved in discussions will help strengthen talks and provide confidence with the younger players who may be encountering their first collective bargaining agreement discus-

"Obviously me and 'Bron talk about it every day," Paul said.

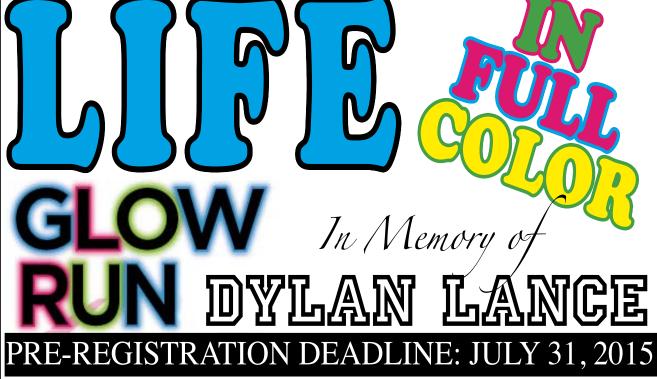
"He's the face of our league. His opinion matters. Our players listen when he talks. It'll be great to have him in there. One thing about Bron too is, when he commits to something he's always passionate about it, so I know his voice will be heard."

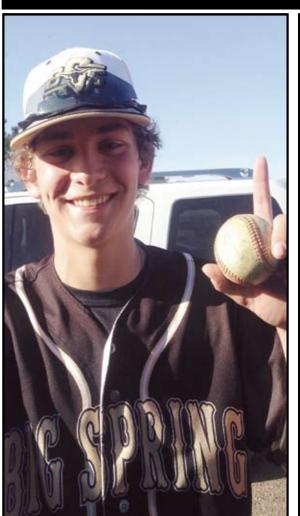
It's too early to tell if either side will opt out of the current collective bargaining agreement in 2017, which would open the door for another round of negotiations. And while that's still two years away, the question of a lockout was presented to other players who were making their way down the red car-

"I've been around long enough and I know there's a lot of posturing that goes on during this process," Mohammed said. "There's going to be things said that can be supported by numbers, but sometimes the numbers don't always give out the real facts. Hopefully they're going to let us see their books and we'll see exactly what they mean by that."

Everyone attending the firstever players' awards remained upbeat and were in good spirits heading into the Penn & Teller Theater at the Rio Hotel. The NBPA launched its inaugural awards ceremony after union members expressed a desire to vote for categories similar to

the ones voted upon by media. The awards show will air Tuesday on BET.





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