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IN MEETING WITH TRUMP'S LAWYERS

MUELLER RAISED SUBPOENA

At a March meeting, Special Counsel Robert Mueller raised the possibility of a subpoena for President Donald Trump if he didn't agree to an interview with investigators, The Washington Post reported. Photo by Andrew Harrer/UPI/Pool | License Photo

By: Sara Shayanian

UPI

Special Counsel Robert

Mueller told attorneys for President Donald Trump at a meeting two months ago he could subpoena the

commander-in-chief to appear before a grand jury. Trump's attorneys, who have been in active negoti-

ations with Mueller's legal team over a potential interview, said the president had no obligation to talk

with investigators regarding the Russia investigation, The Washington Post

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Stephon Clark autopsy at odds with family

By: Sara Shayanian

UPI

The official autopsy of Stephon Clark, who died in March after being shot by California police officers, has revealed a different picture of the shooting than a private family examination portrayed.

The Sacramento County coroner's report, released Tuesday, concluded Clark was shot seven times -- with three of the bullets entering his back.

Clark, 22, was shot March 18 standing in his grandmother's yard by Sacramento officers responding to a vandalism call. Police said he'd refused orders to drop his cellphone, which the officers mistook for a weapon.

The Clark family, after a private autopsy, said previously he'd been shot eight

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Hard to quit Facebook

By S. Shyam Sundar, Bingjie Liu, Carlina DiRusso and Michael Krieger UPI

Here we go again: another Facebook controversy, yet again violating our sense of privacy by letting others harvest our personal information. This flare-up is a big one to be sure, leading some people to consider leaving Facebook altogether. But the company and most of its over 2 billion users will reconcile. The vast majority will return to Facebook, just like they did the last time and the many times before that. As in all abusive relationships, users have a psychological dependence that keeps them hooked despite knowing that, at some level, it’s not good for them.

Decades of research has shown that our relationship with all media, whether movies, television or radio, is symbiotic: People like them because of the gratifications they get from consuming them -- benefits like escapism, relaxation and companionship. The more people use them, the more gratifications they seek and obtain.

With online media, however, a consumer’s use provides data to media companies so they can serve up exactly what would gratify her most, as they mine her behavior patterns to tailor her online experiences and appeal to her individual psychological needs.

Aside from providing content for our consumption, Facebook, Twitter, Google -- indeed all interactive media -- provide us with new possibilities for interaction on the platform that can satisfy some of our innate human cravings.

Interactive tools in Facebook provide simplified ways to engage your curiosity, broadcast your thoughts, promote your image, maintain relationships and fulfill the yearning for external validation. Social media take advantage of common psychological traits and tendencies to keep you clicking -- and revealing more of yourself. Here’s why it’s so hard, as a social network user, to pull the plug once and for all.

Snooping through an open window

The more you click, the more you can keep an eye on others.

This kind of social searching and surveillance are among the most important gratifications obtained from Facebook. Most people take pleasure in looking up others on social media, often surreptitiously.

The psychological need to monitor your environment is deep-rooted and drives you to keep up with news of the day -- and fall victim to FOMO, the fear of missing out.

Even privacy-minded senior citizens, loath to reveal too much about themselves, are known to use Facebook to snoop on others.

What if Facebook never nudged you?

What if algorithms never gave you recommendations or suggestions? Would you still perform those actions?

According to nudge theory, you’d be far less likely to take action if you’re not encouraged to do so.

If Facebook never nudged you to attend events, add friends, view others’ posts or wish friends Happy Birthday, it’s unlikely you would do it, thereby diminishing your social life and social circles. Facebook knows this very well. Just try deleting your Facebook account and you will be made to realize what a massive repository it is of your private and public memory. When one of us tried deactivating her account, she was told how huge the loss would be -- profile disabled, all the memories evaporating, losing touch with over 500 friends. On the top of the page were profile photos of five friends, including the lead author of this article, with the line “S. Shyam will miss you.” The ConversationThis is like asking if you would like to purposely and permanently cut off ties with all your friends. Now, who would want to do that?

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Untold story of broadcast ownership

Last year, the Sinclair Broadcasting Group agreed to acquire the Tribune Media Company.

Since then the competitors of free-to-the-home broadcast television have been among the loudest voices crying “the sky is falling,” and the government -- the FCC and DOJ -- should deny approval of the merger.

This chorus has been joined by adversaries wishing to create political division, and seeking to pull the power-levers of government to have Sinclair “investigated” for “bias” and claims of “fake news.” Let’s get some context and perspective. Free-to-the-home television in America, one of the nation’s most heavily regulated industries, is in a fight for its life.

There is fierce and expanding competition everywhere in the media marketplace: from pay television (DirecTV, Dish Network, Comcast, AT&T, Verizon, Charter), the big five networks (NBC, CBS, ABC, Fox and CNN), the Studios (Disney, Sony, Paramount), and over-the-top internet services (Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Netflix and Google).

All of these competitors have far bigger budgets and deeper pockets than Sinclair and Tribune combined (under \$4 billion vs. more

than \$100 billion, and in the case of Apple almost \$1 trillion).

None of these companies, however, are subject to any rules that restrict how many TV homes they can reach, as broadcasters are.

All of them aggregate news, produce video and widely distribute content that directly competes with broadcast television in the U.S.A. Yet these competitors face little or no government imposed limitation on how many assets they can own. Not so for television broadcasters who are governed by an antiquated set of federal rules that hamper their ability to compete in a new and rapidly changing market. Broadcast groups such as Sinclair, Nexstar, Gray, Tegna, Meredith, Ion, Univision, and others, cannot own stations that broadcast to more than 39 percent of American homes.

At the same time, their competitors have no such restriction. It’s like a heavyweight bout with one fighter whose hands are tied behind his back. Against these odds, traditional television broadcasters like Sinclair have only two choices: grow or



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die.

Add to this enormous market disparity the volatile element of politics and there is real danger afoot.

In the current age of weaponizing political differences, a group of Democrat senators, with Socialist Bernie Sanders, tried to force the FCC to “investigate” Sinclair for what they characterize as the “troubling trend of irresponsible, one-sided news stories plaguing our country.”

These political critics, however, ignore Sinclair’s well-researched journalistic initiative focused on fair and objective reporting and uncovering unsubstantiated stories like “Pope Endorses Trump” which move quickly across social media and result in an ill-informed public. Some other false stories, like the “Pizzagate” story, can result in dangerous consequences. Sinclair has focused on fact-based reporting.

That’s Sinclair’s commitment to all the communities it serves. Blind to these facts, and forgetting a similar ill-fated push under the Obama administration to have the FCC establish guidelines and oversight on newsroom operations, this group of political critics seem only to want to silence voices to which they disagree. They claim the Sinclair-Tribune merger would “undermine

freedom of the press,” yet seek to use the power and instrumentality of government to control what they don’t like.

As the Supreme Court explained almost 75 years ago in its landmark Associated Press v. United States decision, a free society is promoted by “the widest possible dissemination of information from diverse and antagonistic sources.”

FCC Chairman Ajit Pai full understands this and rebuffed this call for “investigation” stating:

“I understand that you disliked or disagreed with the content of particular broadcasts, but I can hardly think of an action more chilling of free speech than the federal government investigating a broadcast station because of disagreement with its news coverage.” Here’s hoping that will be the end of this attempt to weaponize political differences and silence speakers these senators don’t like. We will see.

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We need affordable common defense

By Harlan Ullman, Arnaud de Borchgrave Distinguished Columnist UPI

The Pentagon unveiled its latest National Defense Strategy in January.

The NDS very much was the product of the experience and thinking of Secretary of Defense and former Marine Gen. Jim Mattis. Mattis has a unique understanding of both the practice and study of war, including multiple combat tours in Afghanistan and Iraq and a personal professional library of over 10,000 books.

To fund the NDS, Congress will appropriate nearly \$1.5 trillion over the next two years. That money is sorely needed to overcome the stress of nearly 17 years of high-tempo combat operations and insufficient resources to keep the current force ready and capable of conducting all its difficult and dangerous assignments. To their credit, the Joint Chiefs of Staff have been extremely candid and outspoken in warning about the declining condition of the U.S. military.

But the dangers are three-fold. First, this surge of spending will not last. Nor is it sufficient to redress all the past problems of readiness and the need to modernize the military with new weapons systems, let alone grow it.

However, the Pentagon leadership knows that asking Congress for even more money or complaining that the increases may not be enough is politically impracticable if not destructive. Second, in calling for a force that is more “lethal, agile and resilient” and able to fight and win in highly contested battlegrounds in land, sea, air, space and cyber, without long term, sustained increases in defense spending, this plan will be unaffordable. Third, the administration has cemented its plans in its National Security Strategy and the NDS. Changing in mid-stream likewise is a political bridge too far.

Under these circumstances, what can be done? The Pentagon needs to repair the damage done to the force as noted above. The bulk of the spending increases must tend to that

very daunting task. The force can be made more lethal, agile and resilient.

However, thinking must start now about what happens when budgets become more constrained and even cut as interest payments on the national debt will require across-the-board reductions in spending.

The NDS has set out a few ways to accomplish this. The other lines of action in the NDS are greater reliance on allies and friends and making major reforms in process to ensure that every defense dollar is spent with maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

The Pentagon is proposing to field forces capable of defeating these A2AD defenses. That, however, is likely to prove far more costly than future defense budgets will allow. What is needed is a strategy to contain Russian and Chinese military forces to home waters and borders.

And here geography, whether in Europe where Russia is “surrounded” by NATO allies or in the Pacific where the “first island chain” from the tip

of Alaska to the Tonkin Gulf form natural barriers to Chinese expansion is on our side. Concurrently, reform must be a high priority. The reality is that the Pentagon has undergone countless attempts at reform and conducted even more studies on making the department more efficient.

None has really ever worked. The only pragmatic solution is to focus on the nightmarish number of federal and defense acquisition regulations.

In fact, it is a wonder that the Pentagon can function at all with the burdens of excessive rules and regulations, understanding that a certain number are essential to ensure proper oversight. Streamlining and codifying these vast tomes is certainly achievable and practical. Relations with Russia are at a low point and are likely to worsen. The prospect of a trade war with China looms.

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One year mark for REAL ID

RALEIGH – In just one year, more than 445,000 North Carolinians have obtained REAL IDs from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles since the new identification debuted on May 1, 2017. REAL ID is the single form of identification that meets new federal security requirements for boarding a commercial airplane and visiting federal facilities, including military installations. The requirements are already being enforced at Camp Lejeune. The total number of REAL ID driver licenses and identification cards issued to-date is 445,401. Currently,

REAL IDs account for 18 percent of all issuances. The N.C. REAL ID is just like a traditional North Carolina license or ID, but has a star in the upper right corner. The federal REAL ID Act established the requirements and the program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. To obtain their first REAL ID, residents must bring the following verification documents to a local driver license office:

One (1) proof of identity, date or birth and/or legal presence (lawful status): certified birth certificate or unexpired U.S. Passport

One (1) proof of name change: certified marriage license or certified divorce decree One (1) proof Social Security number: Social Security card, W-2 or 1099 tax form with full name and number Two (2) proofs of current address: driver license, vehicle registration card, voter registration card, cable bill, utility bill or bank statement

DMV officials have a few tips for residents preparing to visit the DMV office for their first REAL ID: If your license or ID card expires in 2020, plan to renew your license as a REAL ID within six months of your expira-

tion date. Your renewal fee will be the same. If your license or ID card expires after 2020, make an appointment now to obtain a REAL ID for \$13. Once your card expires, you can renew it online. Bring your certified marriage license or court documents if your current name does not match your certified birth certificate or U.S. Passport. Decrease your wait time by scheduling an appointment at (919) 715-7000 for any driver license office. Residents who choose not to get a REAL ID will have a license or ID card noted with “Not for Fed

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Trump

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Post reported.

Citing two sources, ABC News reported Mueller, the leader of the Justice Department’s Russia investigation, warned he could “compel” the president to testify if Trump de-

clined to be interviewed.

“This isn’t some game,” John Dowd, Trump’s former attorney, answered Mueller’s warning. “You are screwing with the work of the president of the United States.” Dowd would later resign as the president’s personal attorney amid disagreements with Trump on elements of

the Russia investigation.

Last month, Trump added Rudolph Giuliani and two federal prosecutors -- Serene Raskin and Marty Raskin -- to his legal team. Word over a potential subpoena was reported a day after The New York Times reported Trump’s lawyers had created a list of 49 questions based off

the ongoing negotiations with Justice Department investigators -- and centered on questions Mueller plans to ask the president. The questions focus on events of the 2016 Trump campaign, transition and presidency -- and include Trump’s firing former FBI Director James Comey a year ago, the Times report

said. Giuliani told the Post he is still considering possible conditions for the president before agreeing to an interview.

“Hopefully, we’re getting near the end. We all on both sides have some important decisions to make,” Giuliani said. “I still have a totally open mind on what the right

strategy is, which we’ll develop in the next few weeks.”

Trump has repeatedly denied colluding with Russian agents before the 2016 vote, and has called the Justice Department probe a “witch hunt.” Trump tweeted Tuesday the supposed collusion was “phony” and “never existed.”

Autopsy

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times --with six entering his back.

County coroner Kimberly Gin said last week she enlisted the help of multiple pathologists to clarify “erroneous information that was released from the private autopsy.”

Dr. Gregory Reiber, one of three who reviewed the coroner’s autopsy, said its findings also differ about where the first shot hit

Clark. He said it conflicts with the private autopsy regarding the direction Clark was facing in relation to the officers.

Dr. Bennet Omalu, the pathologist hired by the Clark family, had previously concluded Clark was not facing toward the officers when they started shooting. Reiber disagreed, saying the first shot likely hit his left thigh “either as Clark was walking toward the officers’ position with his left thigh raised, or

possibly in the crouching position.”

Reiber said police video footage of the shooting supports his conclusions.

“At no time does the video show Clark to have the left side of his body facing the officers’ position as shots are fired, nor does the video show him turning around from a left-facing position, still upright, and putting his back squarely toward the officers as there are further shots fired,” Reiber wrote.

“The video evidence provides clear refutation of Omalu’s description of Clark’s positioning during the shooting.”

Stephon Clark: Video shows police waited minutes before starting CPR

Omalu stood by his determinations Tuesday, and questioned the coroner’s request for Reiber to review the case.

“I find it extremely unusual that an outside doctor is reviewing an autopsy report and is coming out to

state [I] am wrong,” Omalu said.

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EPA can expect fight over fuel, emissions standards

By Danielle Haynes UPI

The Trump administration’s Environmental Protection Agency is setting itself up for a hard legal battle over fuel economy standards, Sen. Dianne Feinstein said.

California and a coalition of 17 other states and the District of Columbia sued the EPA in an effort to prevent a rollback of the federal emissions and economy standards. California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said in a statement the lawsuit was not geared at starting a legal battle with President Donald Trump’s administration, though Feinstein, D-Calif., was more succinct.

“If the administration continues down this path to weaken the fuel economy standards set in conjunction with California, they’ll be inviting additional lawsuits,” she said in a statement.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said former President Barack Obama erred when he called for an increase in fuel economy for all domestic vehicles to an average of 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025. Pruitt said Obama’s action was politically charged and standards “are not appropriate.”

In response to the proposal, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra said the EPA launched an “attack” on improved greenhouse gas standards for automobiles. The state was ready early this year with lawsuits challenging the EPA’s policy shift and Feinstein last week said the federal government “would provoke years of litigation”

if it continued on its current path.

In her latest statement, Feinstein said the EPA ignored a 1,200-page analysis supporting the current standards. California was authorized to implement its own rules and dozens of states have adopted those standards. The average fuel economy during Obama’s tenure was around 25 miles

per gallon.



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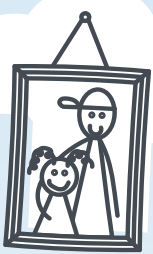


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Museum memorializing black Lynching victims opens in Alabama

By Frederick H. Lowe
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The National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum has opened to teach American history never published in textbooks.

The museum is a memorial to the documented 4,400 African-Americans murdered in terrorist lynchings, which included beatings, drownings and being burned at the stake by Whites between 1877 and 1950 in 12 Southern

States including Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Their names are engraved on duplicate sets

of columns, two for each county where a lynching was documented. Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) initially reported that 3,959 African-Americans were victims of terrorist lynchings in the 12 states but added to the number as more victims became known.

The lynchings forced Blacks to flee in terror from the South to the North. "Black people living in Oakland, California, Chicago, and New York are refugees from terror. They fled the South to escape lynching," said Bryan Stevenson, executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, which had the museum constructed to pull the wraps off an untold story of America's history.

The story will make some Blacks as well as Whites uncomfortable and even angry. Historically, however, lynchings entertained some Whites. Some made a day of it, attending with picnic baskets. The museum, which is located in Montgomery, Alabama, the state's capital and one-time seat of the Confederacy, was founded by The Equal Justice Initiative, a non-profit advocacy organization based in Montgomery. EJI published "Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror." Since the report's release, EJI has supplemented its original research by documenting racial terror lynchings in states outside the Deep South.

Lynchings, for example, occurred in Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, West Virginia and Nebraska. On June 15, 1920, a mob dragged Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson and Isaac McGhie, employees of the John Robinson Circus, from their jail cells and lynched them for allegedly raping Irene Tusken, a 19-year-old, although Dr. David Graham's examination of Tusken found no evidence of sexual assault. That information did not prevent newspapers from publishing numerous stories about the alleged rape.

The story about the lynchings is told in the 1979 book "The Lynchings in Duluth," by Michael Fedo. A photo of the three men who had been lynched was made into postcards at the time and shown throughout Duluth. Bob Dylan's song "Desolation Row" recalls the lynching. Dylan was born in Duluth but grew up in Hibbing, Minnesota. The 1919 Will Brown lynching in Omaha, Nebraska, witnessed by future Academy Award winner Henry Fonda Future Academy Award winning actor Henry Fonda witnessed the 1919 lynching of Will Brown in his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, when he was a boy. Fonda was born in 1905.

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Will Brown White terrorists burned Brown, a 40-year-old meat-packing worker, at the stake for allegedly raping a white woman.

“It was the most horrendous sight I’d ever seen... My hands were wet and there were tears in my eyes.

All I could think of was that young black man dangling at the end of a rope,” Fonda said.

EJI also released a study about Black military veterans targeted for lynching.

The report’s title is “Lynching in America: Targeting Black Veterans.” It builds on EJI’s 2015 report, “Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror.” More than 90 percent of terrorist lynching victims were black men, and some of the victims were



National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama

boys as young as 12 and 13, Stevenson told North-Star News Today.com and BlackmansStreet.Today in 2015. The study noted that at least 800 more African-Americans were murdered in lynchings than had been

previously reported. The report focuses on racial terrorist lynching, which Whites, including the police, elected officials, ordinary citizens and federal bureaucrats participated in the murders or condoned

them to enforce Jim Crow laws and racial segrega-

tion. Terror victims were murdered without being accused of any crime; they were killed for minor social transgressions, including bumping a White person, wearing their military uniforms after World War I

and not using the appropriate title to address a White person. For example, General Lee, a Black man, was lynched in 1904 by a White mob in Reevesville, Ga., for knocking on the door of a White woman’s home.



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Redskins to host joint training camp practices with Jets

By The Sports Xchange
UPI

The Washington Redskins will host three days of joint training camp practices with the New York Jets at the Bon Secours Washington Redskins Training Center in Richmond, Va., from Aug. 12-14.

The practices will be hosted in advance of the Redskins' preseason home opener against the Jets at FedExField on Aug. 16.

"I'm extremely excited to welcome the Jets to Richmond for three days of practice," Redskins head coach Jay Gruden said.

"In the past, joint prac-

tices have given our coaching staff a great opportunity to evaluate our players in competitive situations against other teams, and we look forward to having that opportunity again this year by hosting the Jets."

All joint practice sessions will be open to the public.

"It will be a nice change-of-pace for our players to face another team," Jets head coach Todd Bowles said.

"We'd like to thank the Redskins for having us. Hopefully, we can help each other prepare for the upcoming regular season."

Times and details for



Washington Redskins coach Jay Gruden paces the sideline during a timeout against the Los Angeles Chargers on December 10 at StuHub Center in Carson, Calif. Photo by Lori Shepler/UPI | License Photo

each session will be announced at a later date.

"The Washington Redskins' training camp in Richmond is an outstanding opportunity for Virginians to see their favorite players up close and spend a day with family and friends in one of the most exciting cities in the country," Gov. Ralph Northam said.

"On behalf of my fellow Virginians, I am thrilled to welcome the New York Jets to the Commonwealth as they and the Redskins prepare for the upcoming NFL season."

AJ Styles promises victory

By Wade Sheridan
UPI

WWE Champion AJ Styles guaranteed he would defeat rival Shinsuke Nakamura Tuesday on Smackdown, days before the competitors clash Sunday at Backlash.

Styles displayed his confidence during an in-ring interview with Renee Young and confirmed his title bout against Nakamura would be a no-disqualification match, meaning anything goes.

The Phenomenal One was then interrupted by one of Smackdown's newest

members, Samoa Joe, who warned Styles that whoever remains WWE Champion after Sunday, he is coming to take the championship away from them by force.

Nakamura's theme music then played, causing Joe to prepare himself for a fight. The Artist came

from behind the ring, however, and once again struck Styles below the belt before delivering Kinshasa to the head. Styles and Nakamura last battled at the Greatest Royal Rumble event in Saudi Arabia, where their match ended in a double count-out.

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Mel Gibson to direct WWII drama ‘Destroyer’

By
Wade Sheridan
UPI

Mel Gibson is attached to direct a World War II drama titled Destroyer that centers on the Battle of Okinawa and the USS Laffey.

Destroyer, from Hollywood Gang Productions, is based on author John Wukovits nonfiction book Hell From the Heavens: The Epic Story of the USS Laffey and World War II’s Greatest Kamikaze Attack.

The USS Laffey withstood multiple kamikaze attacks, giving it the nickname “The Ship That Would Not Die,” Variety reported.

Rosalind Ross, Gibson’s longtime girlfriend who worked on television series Matador, wrote the script.

Destroyer will be Gibson’s second World War II offering.

He directed 2016’s Hacksaw Ridge, starring Andrew Garfield, that also took place during the Battle of Okinawa.

Gibson is also being eyed to appear in Warner Bros. adaptation of The Six Billion Dollar Man starring Mark Wahlberg in the lead role, The Hollywood Reporter noted. The pair last starred opposite each other in comedy sequel Daddy’s Home 2.

Gibson is also developing a sequel to The Passion of the Christ, tentatively titled The Resurrection. Gibson, who directed The Passion of the Christ, is expected to produce, direct or do both.

Jim Caviezel, who previously portrayed Jesus Christ, is in negotiations to return.



Mel Gibson (R) and his girlfriend Rosalind Ross. Gibson will be directing a World War II film titled “Destroyer.” File Photo by Jim Ruymen/UPI | License Photo

Union, Wade land new HGTV special

By
Annie Martin
UPI

Celebrity couple Gabrielle Union and Dwyane Wade have landed a new HGTV special. The 45-year-old actress and 36-year-old NBA player will complete a major home renovation on the TV special All-Star Flip. HGTV announced in a news release Thursday.

The half-hour special will follow the couple as they buy, overhaul and flip a fixer-upper in an up-and-coming Miami neighborhood. The proceeds of the home’s sale will go to charity.

“Ever since we renovated our house a few years

ago, I’ve been a little real-estate obsessed,” Union said in a statement. “It took a while, but I finally convinced Dwyane that we should try flipping a house.” “And we’re doing it to raise money for charity,” Wade added. “So how could I say no?”

All-Star Flip will air April 12 at 9:30 p.m. ET. Union and Wade confirmed news of the special in Instagram posts Thursday.

“Taking my recent real estate obsession to the next level and getting our hands dirty,” Union captioned a photo of herself with the Miami Heat player. “See you April 12th at 9:30pm on @hgtv when @dwyanewade and I renovate a fixer upper for charity!”



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Seven states file lawsuit to end DACA program

By Daniel Uriu
UPI

A coalition of seven states filed a lawsuit against the federal government Tuesday to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and attorneys general from Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia filed the suit saying the Obama-era program, which protects hundreds of thousands of children of undocumented immigrants from deportation, is unconstitutional.

“Our lawsuit is about the rule of law, not the wisdom of any particular immigration policy,” Paxton said.

“Left intact, DACA sets a dangerous precedent by giving the executive branch sweeping authority to ignore the laws enacted by Congress and change our nation’s immigration laws to suit a president’s own policy preferences.”

The lawsuit urges the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas to declare DACA unlawful and stop the federal government from issuing or renewing any DACA permits in the future.

It doesn’t request the federal government remove any DACA recipients or rescind previously issued DACA permits.

Last week Judge John D. Bates of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia ordered the Department of Homeland Security to resume accepting DACA applications if the agency was unable to provide a legal reason to end the program within 90 days.

Two other federal judges, in New York and California, previously blocked President Donald Trump’s efforts to end DACA on the principle his administration hadn’t offered legally adequate reasons to rescind the program.

The Mexican American Legislative Caucus condemned the lawsuit as a misuse of taxpayer money.

“Instead of wasting taxpayer funds to pick on these Americans without



Attorneys general from Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, South Carolina and West Virginia filed a lawsuit against the federal government to end the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Photo by Ken Cedeno/UPI | License Photo

status, the attorney general should join the bipartisan chorus calling on Congress to fix a broken immigration system that denies these kids their rightful place at the American table,” the caucus wrote on Twitter.

Texas state Sen. José Menéndez, a Democrat, also issued a statement defending DACA recipients.

“It has been widely accepted that children who are covered under DACA who are brought to this country as children through no fault of their own have done well in our educational settings, have done well in the workforce, have served our nation’s armed forces with distinction,” he said.

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Texas poised to elect first Latina congresswomen

By Susan McFarland
UPI

Texas appears poised to send its first Latina representatives to Congress this fall following Tuesday night’s primary elections.

Texas Sen. Sylvia Garcia of Houston and former El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar were officially nominated as the Democratic candidates for two open House seats that are considered locks for the party in November.

Garcia, 67, won her bid for the Democratic nomination in District 29 to replace U.S. Rep. Gene Green, also a Democrat.

A runoff will determine the Republican nominee.

At her post-election party, she said the victory is not just hers.

“This is all of our victory,” she said. “I wanted Latino girls and boys to know this is a state of opportunity and it’s a welcoming state. You have to work hard and believe in yourself and you can do it.”

A tweet posted by Garcia after her win Tuesday thanked her team for a “progressive movement proved that people speak louder than money.”

Escobar, 48, is vying in District 16 to replace U.S. Rep. Beto O’Rourke, who won a bid Tuesday to try and unseat Republican Sen. Ted Cruz in November. After claiming her nomination, Escobar said the results are humbling, especially after facing so many obstacles such as fundraising, which is a huge component and challenging for those with limited networks.

“I think many of us have gotten to the point where we say forget the obstacles, we just got to get this done,” Escobar said.

“There’s just too much at stake.” Escobar also sent a thank you tweet to supporters, thanking the city of El Paso for their votes.

Another first could take a Texas seat if a runoff election in San Antonio is won. Filipina-American Lawyer Gina Ortiz Jones, a former Air Force intelligence officer, would be the first openly lesbian veteran in Congress.

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