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Trial starts for second suspect in '13 homicide

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The first-degree murder trial began Wednesday in Garland County Circuit Court for the second of two suspects arrested last year in connection with the death of a local man who was gunned down in the driveway

of his home.

Dustin Wayne Brown, 26, of Hot Springs, faces up to life in prison if convicted in connection with the Jan. 30, 2013, death of David Lee Halpin, 25, outside his home at 103 Barite St.

Brown was allegedly an accomplice in the victim's death

with Steven Ty Curtiss, 27, of Prattville, who was convicted of the reduced charge of manslaughter in the case April 16 after a two-day trial and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Halpin was reportedly killed in front of his fiancée, Amber Brinsfield, 30, during an alter-

ation with Curtiss and Brown over a debt Brinsfield allegedly had with Brown. Prosecutors alleged Curtiss was the shooter, firing six shots, and Halpin was struck by three bullets, including two fatal wounds.

In her opening remarks to the jury, Garland County Dep-

uty Prosecutor Michelle Lawrence said, "Let me abundantly clear, we are not alleging that (Brown) fired the shots that killed David Halpin that day."

But she noted Brown was "criminally responsible" for what happened under Arkansas law because "he and his friend

came to Hot Springs to party and left someone dying in their driveway."

She said there would be testimony from Brinsfield that she saw Brown hand the gun to Curtiss right before he shot the
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BLOCK E: A group of local officials and community leaders tour Cell Block E at the new Garland County Detention Center on Wednesday.

Locals take tour of new jail facility

CALEB TAYLOR
The Sentinel-Record

About 25 local elected officials and citizens received a tour of the new Garland County Detention Center under construction off Highway 270 west Wednesday afternoon.

Multiple justices of the peace, Garland County Treasurer Tim Stockdale, Garland County Tax Collector Rebecca Dodd-Talbert, representatives of The Greater Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce, and Dwayne Pratt, executive director of the West Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, and others were in attendance for the first public tour of the jail Wednesday afternoon.

According to construction officials, the roof on the facility is scheduled to be completed early next week, which would allow work to continue on days when the weather is poor.

"That will help a great deal," said Jerry Pogue, jail construction project administrative assistant to County Judge Rick Davis.

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Signals may be out for months at intersection

FROM STAFF REPORTS

An accident early Wednesday morning destroyed the traffic signal pole at the busy downtown intersection of Central Avenue and Fountain Street, and it could be three to six months before it can be replaced, said Denny McPhate, the city's public works director.

Fountain Street provides access to several local businesses, including the Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa, access to Hot Springs National Park, and is the only access road off Central leading up to the road that goes up to Hot Springs Mountain Tower.

Until the signals are replaced, westbound traffic on Fountain Street will only be able to
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TURN BLOCKED: A barricade was put up Wednesday to prevent motorists headed west on Fountain Street from turning left to go south on Central Avenue after the traffic signals at the intersection were placed out of service following an accident earlier in the day. Westbound traffic on Fountain Street can only turn right to go north on Central until the signals are replaced.

Rally planned at Jessieville schools

JAY BELL
The Sentinel-Record

JESSIEVILLE — Members of the Jessieville community have planned a demonstration for Friday at the school campus from 7:20 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to show support for school personnel.

Friday is the last day of school for students in the Jessieville School District for the 2013-14 school year.

A statement announcing the demonstration said it is being held in support of teachers, staff and volunteers at the schools.

"The work environment at the school is deplorable and we demand
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Maya Angelou dies at 86 in North Carolina

HILLEL ITALIE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maya Angelou was gratified, but not surprised by her extraordinary fortune.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no modesty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility comes from the inside out."

Her story awed millions. The young single mother who worked at strip clubs to earn a living later danced and sang on stages around the world. A black woman born poor wrote and recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history. A childhood victim of rape, shamed into silence, eventually told her story through one of the most widely read memoirs of the past few decades.

Angelou, a Renaissance woman and cultural
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MAYORAL CANDIDATE: District 4 Director Pat McCabe, with his wife, Ellen, at his side, announced Wednesday that he is a candidate for the position of mayor of Hot Springs.

McCabe announces candidacy for mayor

DON THOMASON
The Sentinel-Record

District 4 Director Pat McCabe announced Wednesday that he will seek the office of mayor of Hot Springs in the Nov. 4 general election.

"Today, with the support of my wife and my friends, I announce my candidacy for mayor of Hot Springs, the finest city in Arkansas," McCabe told a crowd of supporters and well-wishers in the lobby of
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SUNRISE: 6:02 A.M.
SUNSET: 8:16 P.M.

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Weather



FRIDAY:
HIGH 81° LOW 67°
SATURDAY:
HIGH 85° LOW 68°

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