

The circus is coming to town

Carson and Barns Big Top Circus presents "Circus Saurus" Friday

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Prehistoric beasts that roamed the Earth millions of years ago are coming to Big Spring...with the circus.

The Carson and Barnes Big Top Circus will be in town to present their new show "Circus Saurus" Friday at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Carson and Barnes will present two shows on that day at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Courtesy photo

Pictured is Carson and Barns Big Top Circus ringmaster Erik Bautistia. The circus is coming to the Howard County Fairgrounds this Friday and will present two show at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the Big Spring According to Carson and Area Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. Third St. or online through www. carsonbarnescircus.com.

Bath time for the elephants: Public invited to watch Friday **By ROBERT BARLOW** Staff Writer

The elephants of the Carson and Barns Big Top Circus are getting a spa day courtesy of the Big Spring Fire Department before their big show on Friday.

The Big Spring Fire Department has partnered up with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to help give the elephants of the Carson and Barnes Circus their daily baths and grooming.

"This is something we do with a lot of local fire departments," said Chad Ridge, of Carson and Barnes Circus. "It's a fun See **BATH**, Page 3

Big Spring's sales tax allocations up By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

uted \$630,684.38, in sales tax to the city of Big Spring. This was a 2.54 percent increase over March 2016 figures. In Howard County, Coahoma saw a slight increase of sales tax allocation again this month -4.18 percent — compared to April 2016 but not as large as March's numbers which came in at 36.99 percent. Forsan saw a double digit drop of -34.18 percent compared to April 2016. In March, the city of Forsan had a increase of 35.24 percent compared to March 2016.

World War II era bombers fly over Doolittle Raiders memorial service

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) – World War II era B-25 bombers have flown over an Ohio memorial service marking the 75th anniversary of the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders' attack on Japan, credited with helping turn the tide the war.

The last Raider living is 101-year-old retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole. He attended Tuesday's service at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton. Lead plane co-pilot Cole came from his Comfort, Texas, died in captivity after the daring attack.

home.

Among the speakers was the son of Staff Sgt. David Thatcher, who died last year in Missoula, Montana. Cole planned a traditional toast to the 79th Raider to die, in a private ceremony with Thatcher relatives and others.

Three Raiders died trying to reach safety in China. Japanese soldiers executed three. One

For the second month in a row. Big Spring showed a net gain in sales tax allocations from the state, according to information released by the Texas Comptroller's office.

The city of Big Spring received \$706,701.96 in sales tax allocations from the state, a 9.5 percent increase over this time last year. This is the second month in a row the city saw a net gain in sales tax allocations, a possible sign the economy may be profiting from the increased activity in the oil and gas industry.

In March, the state distrib-

Tickets are available to the

general public for the How-

ard College musical produc-

Show dates for the musi-

cal will be held at 7:30 p.m.,

April 27-29. Tickets are \$10

for standard seats and \$5 for

side seats. Tickets can be re-

served by e-mailing ewills@

howardcollege.edu or calling

tion of "Chess".

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412-432-5103.

"Chess" is set in the Cold

War era. The plot revolves

around a chess tourna-

ment between an American

grandmaster and a Soviet

grandmaster. The two men

also fight for the affection of

the same woman. The music

for "Chess" was composed

by Benny Andersson and

Björn Ulvaeus of the popu-

lar 1970s rock group ABBA.

Lyrics are by Tim Rice. Pro-

ceeds from the three-day

production will go toward funding future Howard Col-

lege fine arts events.

HC fine arts program to

present "Chess" April 27-29

Washington Elementary students go fishing

Courtesy photo

Washington Elementary School Principal Kari Eggleston challenged the students to get a "blackout bingo" to be eligible to go fishing with the local game wardens. The first through fourth graders had to read 24 books about various topics such as Texas history, Native Americans, poetry, mysteries, and graphic novels to name a few. Kindergartners were tasked with learning 100 sight words.

Forty-eight students attend fishing the trip which was held Thursday, April 13, 2017. Pictured are Game Warden Matt Woodall and third grader Brianna Landin who caught the most fish. Landin caught a whopping five fish during the fishing trip.



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Obituaries

Horace Earl "Gorilla" Puckett



Horace Earl "Gorilla" Puckett, 69, of Orange, Texas, passed away on March 22, 2017, at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, Texas. Born in Big Spring, Texas, on April 2, 1947, he was the son of Hollis and Mildred Puckett. Horace served in the United States Air Force, was a Mason, and was also a member of the Shriners. He spent many years donating his time and energy raising money for

the Shrine Burn Center through an organization he helped found, called "Fireball Association". The Fireball Association has contributed more than \$70,000 to the Shrine Children's Burn Center, and

James Anthony "Tony" Stewart



Services for James Anthony "Tony" Stewart will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 15, 2017, at The Church of The Lost and Found Assembly of God Church in Dublin, Texas, with Cremation to follow. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until service time at the church.

James was born on Sept. 27, 1952 in McKinney, Texas. He lost the battle with congestive heart fail-

ure and diabetes and went to be with his LORD on April 12, 2017, at the age of 64 years, 6 months and 15 days. He was the son of Oscar Lee Stewart and Mildred Dee (Alexander) Stewart, and stepson of L. D. Hayworth. He was united

was something that Horace had a great passion for and was always proud to be a part of for many years. Horace also enjoyed spending time with his son and grandsons, whom he was deeply proud of and loved very much.

Cremation arrangements were intrusted to Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor. A gathering for family and friends will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Memorial Funeral Home of Vidor.

Horace is survived by his son, Robert Puckett; and his wife Kerilee of Orange, Texas; a sister, Ocoee Moore of Big Spring, Texas; three grandchildren, Hunter, Cale, and Heston; a niece, Danene Moore; and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Shriner Burn Center in Galveston, Texas.

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in marriage to Robbie Ann Gray on Sept. 13, 1975 in Big Spring, Texas.

Tony is survived by his wife, Robbie Stewart of Dublin, Texas; his daughter and son-in-law, Tara and David Horning; his son, Zack Stewart; his grandchildren, Katelyn and Blaze Cozart; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Diann and Bobby Mayo, Beth and Mike Perry, Melanie Craven, and Lydia and Alan Eubank; his brother and sister-in-law, Farley and Tonda Hayworth; his mother-in-law, Evelyn Gray; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Donnie Baker, and Tammy and Gregory Gullion; and a host of other relatives and many friends who will miss him dearly.

Tony was a graduate of Texas A&M, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and retired from the landscaping business.

Paid obituary

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

• KIMBERLY NICOLE RIOS, 30, of 1409 Princeton St. was arrested on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to yield right of way, no safety seat system for a child, and noise. • LATASHA WHITFIELD, 38,

of 609 W. Holbert St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

MICHELLE **EVELYN** QUERNHEIM, 37, of 6200 N. County Road 41 was arrested on

a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

• ANDREW ISAIH SHOBER, 20, of 3601 B 2600 CR in Stanton was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana (less than 2 0Z.)

 LEEROY CLAY KITCHELL, 53, of 15501 N. County Road 39 was arrested on a warrant for indecency with a child/sexual conduct

• SHANNON D. HUDGINS, 39, of 406 Vicky was arrested on a warrant for cruelty to a livestock animal/neglect or overwork. • JOSEPH RAY BRIM JR., 47,

Take Note

will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22, at Big Spring at Howard College's GC Broughton Agriculture State Park. Master the Mountain will consist of Complex. 2411 Echols Drive. The class, which is both a 10K run and a 5K fun run/walk.

• The 19th annual "Master the Mountain" event in Big Spring on April 27 at 10 a.m. and at 3 p.m. being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, is required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food. The class is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure such safe food practices as: good personal hygiene, prevention of cross contamination, and good time and temperature practices. The cost of the program is \$20. To register, call 432-264-2236.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 76 inmates at the time of this report.

• MCKENZIE LEIGH BIRMELIN, 22, was booked by BSPD on warrants for bail jumping/failure to appear, driving with an invalid license, and failure to appear.

 TREYCEE LYNN FAIRMAN, 37, was booked by BSPD on warrants for failure to appear and theft (less than \$100).

• JOSEPH MICHAEL GARZA, 35, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for theft of property (\$50 to \$500)

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Driver Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of Mesquite. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 2500 block of North Birdwell Lane.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of State Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 13000 block of Gail Highway. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 900 block of Hearn. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 800 block of West 14th Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

•MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1300 block of Stanford.

 MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of West Third Street. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Support Groups

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy) a chronic pain disease, a support and informative group, meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Newcomers' meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

of 700 E. 15th St. was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

 HARASSMENT was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80.

 BURGLARY OF A BUILD-ING was reported in the 1900 block of Simler Drive and the 600 block of East Fourth Street.

• THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Apron Drive.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Bethel and Warehouse Road.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1400 block of East Fourth Street.

Master the Mountain will help support the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center (The Life Center of Big Spring) and Big Spring State Park.

Those interested in participating in the event can register online at www.permianbasinevents.com, by email at info@permianbasinevents.com or usatcraig@suddenlink.net; or in person at 8 a.m. on race dav.

• The Permian Basin Underground Water District for will host its 2017 Rainwater Harvesting Workshop, at 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, Texas and is free to the public.

This year's guest speaker will be Extension Agent in Horticulture Jeff Floyd with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

• The Texas Department of State Health Services accredited food handlers program is being offered



• Registration is now begin taken for cancer survivors/caregivers who will be attending the 2017 Howard/Glasscock County Relay for Life. To register by phone or online call 1-800-227-2345 or www. relayforlife.org/bigspiringtx. For assistance, you may contact Howard Stewart at 432-935-0582 or Beverly Grant at 432-967-0901.

• The Howard County A&M Club is accepting applications from current A&M students. Students must be Howard County residents and will enroll for at least 12 hours. For more information and to find the application, visit https://westexags.com/.

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FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

 Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/ speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.



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Overall, Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced earlier this month the state sent \$620.2 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of April to cities, counties, transit systems, and special purpose taxing districts. That was 4.9 percent more than in April 2016.

The following figures are the April's payout sent to area cities from the state. The sales tax was collected in February. Also listed is the percentage of net gain or loss compared to payment prior year.

Abilene: \$3 million, -2.39 percent Ackerly: \$8,905.17, 264.17 percent Amarillo: \$5.4 million, -1.06 percent Big Spring: \$706,701.96, 9.50 percent Coahoma: \$11,219.70, 4.18 percent

BATH

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way for the community to be involved."

On Friday, people will have the unique opportunity to see just what goes into keeping the elephants healthy and looking good for each one of these shows. The elephants have to be washed everyday as part of their daily routine. But it is not as simple as one might think.

"Caretakers give the departments directions on how much pressure to use and other specifics," said Ridge. "And we use Zoofari soap which is really good for the elephants' skin."

It takes around 500 gallons of water and two gallons of soap to give just one of these massive animals their daily bath.

Ridge went on to explain an important part of the care for these animals is paying special attention to their feet.

"Another big thing we do for them is foot care, which is very essential to elephants' survival," Ridge stated. "Foot care is one of the leading causes of death outside of poaching."

In addition to watching an integral part of the daily care of some of these famous circus animals, people will also have the opportunity to learn about what it takes to keep a circus like this going.

The Carson and Barnes Circus will also have some of the endangered Asian elephants which have decreased in numbers due to habitat loss and illegal hunting.

Part of what the circus is doing is what Ridge called "conservation through education" in which they help provide educational opportuniColorado City: \$43,729.11, -4.05 percent

Forsan: \$9,834.00, -34.18 percent Lamesa: \$110,017.09, 3.11 percent Lubbock: \$4.8 million, 0.52 percent Midland: \$4.1 million, 11.59 percent Odessa: \$3.8 million, 25.94 percent San Angelo: \$1.8 million, 2.36 percent

Snyder: \$195,025.41, 1.96 percent Stanton: \$50,216.30, 4.54 percent Sterling City: \$12,288.54, -23.86 percent

Sweetwater: \$255,255.04, -56.04` percent

Information is provided by the Texas Comptroller's office.

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ties to the public in order to increase awareness about these animals.

"We average about 200 educational shows a year, which are free to children who come to the show," said Ridge.

Some of these shows even allow children and adults to get up close and personal with the elephants, as opposed to having to view from a distance like at a zoo.

"For children who get that opportunity, its unlike any experience they have had. That's something you can't get anywhere else," Ridge said.

Ridge went on to stress the importance of getting kids out and away from their video games and television sets to get to see live entertainment and for the chance to get to interact with these animals.

The circus this year will contain everything from traditional circus acts to some new features like the dinosaur and woolly mammoth show.

For those interested in watching the elephants receive their daily baths, the event will take place on Friday, April 21 at 3:30 p.m. at the Howard County Fairgrounds prior to the circus performances.

It is free of charge and open to the public.

Following the elephants' baths, the circus will open up their petting zoo and concession stands for the public and tickets for the show will be available on site. However, the public can also purchase tickets for a discount in advance at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce or online through the Carson and Barnes Circus website.

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Georgia House race down to 2 candidates, plus

Trump, Pelosi

DUNWOODY, Ga. (AP) — A Georgia congressional election in a historically conservative district is headed to a runoff that raises the stakes in an early measure for President Donald Trump and both major parties ahead of the 2018 midterm elections.

Democrat Jon Ossoff, a 30-year-old former congressional staffer, fell a few percentage points shy of an outright victory amid an 18-candidate scramble in Georgia's 6th Congressional District. Republican Karen Handel, a former Georgia secretary of state, finished a distant second, qualifying for the June 20 runoff.

The winner will succeed Republican Tom Price, who resigned the seat to join Trump's administration as health secretary. But the matchup in greater Atlanta's northern suburbs is just as much about Ossoff and Handel acting as proxies for the nation's roiled political atmosphere.

Leaders in both major parties agree the race offers a prime test run for 2018 elections, because the affluent, well-educated Georgia district is replete with the kind of voters Democrats must attract to reclaim a House majority and win more gubernatorial and Senate races.

For Democrats, Ossoff's near win in such a district — a Republican has held the seat since 1979, and Price won 62 percent of the vote in November — encourages the opposition movement that has flourished since Trump's election. Yet falling short also highlights the party's lingering power deficit in Washington and around the country.

Police: Fresno gunman targeting whites chose 3 men at random

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Three men were having a seemingly ordinary day in downtown Fresno, California, before they were singled out at random and killed by a black gunman targeting white victims, police said.

The men happened to be on the same block, but had no known connection to each other or to the shooter, Kori Ali Muhammad, who told police he wanted to kill as many white people as he could before he was captured.

One victim, a 34-year-old father of two preschoolers, was on the job when he was shot Tuesday in the passenger seat of a Pacific Gas & Electric utility truck. The driver wasn't hit and sped toward the police department, but his partner couldn't be saved.

Another victim, a 37-year-old man, had just picked up a bag of groceries Tuesday at a Catholic Charities building when he was gunned down.

Stephen Hughes, 66, said he and his wife rushed home Tuesday after receiving a frantic call from a neighbor to find a body draped in a blanket on the sidewalk leading to his front door.

How a community changed by refugees came to embrace Trump

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Richard Rodrigue stood in the back of a banquet hall, watching his blond-haired, blue-eyed daughter mingle among her high school classmates. These teenagers speak dozens of languages, and hail from a dozen African nations.

They fled brutal civil war, famine, oppressive regimes to find themselves here, at an ordinary high school preprom fete in this once-dying New England mill town, revived by an influx of some 7,500 immigrants over the last 16 years. Rodrigue smiled and waved at his daughter, proud she is a part of it: "It will help her in life," he said. "The world is not all white."

Rodrigue believes the refugees resuscitated his town — plugging the population drain that had threatened to cripple it, opening shops and restaurants in boarded-up storefronts. But he also agrees with Donald Trump that there should be no more of them, at least not now. America is struggling, he says, and needs to take care of its own before it takes care of anyone else.

His working-class community, built along the banks of the Androscoggin River in the whitest state in America, is a place that some point to as proof that refugee integration can work. And yet for the first time in 30 years, voters in Androscoggin County chose a Republican for president, endorsing Trump's nativist zeal against the very sort of immigrants who share their streets and their schools.

Rodrigue knows he was born on the winning end of the American dream. His grandfather fled poverty in Quebec and moved to Maine to toil his whole life in the textile mills. He never learned English, faced hate and discrimination. Two generations later, Rodrigue owns a successful security company, lives in a tidy house in a quiet neighborhood and makes plans to send his daughter to college.



Barnes' website at www.carsonbarnscircus.com: "With the dawn of a new day comes a new era under the Big Top and those that were once extinct will re-emerge once again right before your eyes. Experience first hand the giants of today's world and the creatures enormous from the past. As we take you back millions of years, the Big Top will come alive with powerful dinosaurs and the legendary woolly mammoth. For the first time anywhere tyrannosauruses, deinoychus, woolly mammoth, and Asian elephants will come together to enchant and captivate hearts of all ages."

The write-up on the

site goes on to say: "Dinosaurs will come alive right before your eyes and will once again shake the ground we walk on. Our trio of deinoychus: Rumble, Rascal, and Rebel will transport you back in time and show you just why dinosaurs ruled the land. Witness the miraculous dawn of a baby tyrannosaurus as it emerges from its gigantic egg. Mother Marley, with her maternal instinct will prove that no one messes with the powerful baby t-rex -Speckles. Dinosaurs are not the only extinct creatures you will see, but our journey will also allow you to meet Miller the woolly mammoth. This historic legend will captivate you and leave you in awe.

"The extinct giants of the past and the endangered Asian elephants

of today clash under the Big Top in this high thrilling adventure. Do not miss this opportunity! All of these enormous creatures in one location... and once it is gone it too will be extinct..."

The site also promises more traditional circus fare in addition to the dramatized dinosaurs: "Not only will you be amazed by daredevils on the Wheel of Destiny, you will laugh at our merry maker of mirth and sit in awe as the Coronel sisters maneuver their Rolling Globes up a 45 degree incline. Aerial Artists will soar to new heights at the apex of the Big Top!"

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office, 215 W. Third St., general admission only, \$12 (adult) and \$6 (child); online through

the www.carsonbarnewebsite, scircus.com general admission \$16 (adult) and \$8 (child) or box seats \$22 (adult) and \$14 (child); or at the circus the day of the event for general admission \$18 (adult) and \$12 (child) or box seats \$26 adult and \$20 (child). Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Director Debbye ValVerde said the chamber will

the circus for Chamber projects. "We're going to get a percentage of the ticket sales," ValVerde said. "We're hoping that everyone will sponsor us,"

receive money from

she said. "Some of the proceeds go back to the Chamber, which we at the Chamber use for our future projects through the year, whether it be leadership, business development, governmental, anything we have coming up, we put that money back into it."

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Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 432-263-7331 ext. 232.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288 Theron Dwayne Mc-Vae, Jr., 19, died Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Life Church with burial at Trinity Me-

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OPINION

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Coal's colossal comeback uried in an otherwise-Department of Labor that mining jobs in America were up by

11,000 in March. Since the low point in October 2016, and following years of painful layoffs in the mining industry, the mining sector has added 35,000 jobs.

What a turnaround. Liberals have been saying

MOORE

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that Donald Trump was lying to the American people when he said that he could bring coal jobs back. Well, so far, he has delivered on his promise.

There's more good news for the coal industry. Earlier this month, Peabody Energy America's largest coal producer moved out of bankruptcy, and its stock is actively trading again. Its market cap had sunk by almost 90 percent during Barack Obama's years in office. Arch Coal is also out of bankruptcy.

It turns out that, after all, elections do have consequences. The Obama administration and its allies, such as the Sierra Club, tried to kill coal because of their obsession with global warming. Regime change in Washington has brought King Coal back to life.

Donald Trump pledged to coal miners in small towns across America that he would be a friend to American coal and fossil fuels. As promised, Trump has lifted the so-called

Clean Power Plan regulations and several other EPA rules that were intentionally designed to shutter coal plants, which it accomplished with ruthless precision. Hillary Clinton had promised her green allies that she would finish off every last coal-mining job in America.

The coal miners weren't too happy about this, and her arrogant disregard for a leading American industry that hires tens of thousands of union workers contributed to her losing almost all the coal states - many of which were once reliably Democratic.

America was built on cheap and abundant coal. Fossil fuels powered the U.S. into the industrial age and replaced windmills and wood burning, which were inefficient, as the primary sources of electricity. America currently has access to 500 years' worth of coal - farmore than any other nation. Despite the last decade's war on coal, the U.S. still derives about one-third of our power from coal, making it second only to natural gas.

Liberals have argued that coal could never make a comeback, because of cheap natural gas. Clearly, the shale gas revolution with prices falling from \$10 to 3 per million cubic feet — has hurt coal producers.

But economic necessity is the mother of invention, and coal companies, including Peabody, have figured out how to become far more efficient in production. What's more, clean coal is here. Emissions of lead, sulfur, carbon monoxide and other air

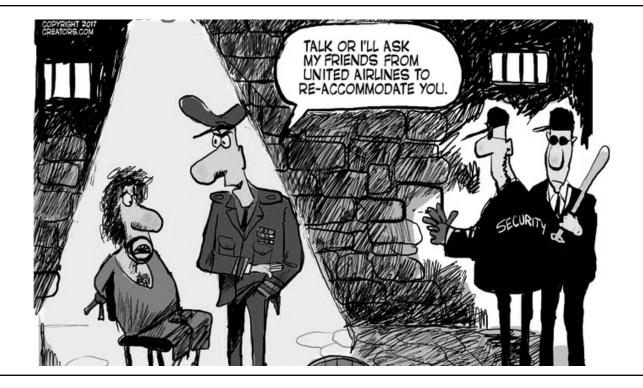
pollutants from coal plants have fallen by more than half, and in some cases 90 percent, in recent decades.

The climate-change industrial complex pontificates that the U.S. has to stop using coal to save the planet. But even if the U.S. cut our own coal production to zero, China and India are building hundreds of coal plants. By suspending American coal production we are merely transferring jobs out of the U.S.

Renewable energy is decades away from being a major energy source for the world. Until that happens, coal and natural gas will compete as low-priced, super-abundant, domestically produced energy sources for 21stcentury America. Nuclear power will, I hope, continue to play an important role, too. Meanwhile, for all the talk of the growth in wind and solar industries, they still account for less than 10 percent of our energy. Almost 70 percent comes from natural gas and coal.

Coal isn't dead in America. It is unleashed. As a Washington Times editorial put it very well recently, "The left gave up on the 100,000 coal workers in America more than a decade ago. Donald Trump has not." Remember this the next time Elizabeth Warren or Nancy Pelosi lectures us about how much they care about the working class in America.

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DAILY PRAYER

Thank You, Lord, for loving us and blessing us even when we don't deserve it. Amen

eron Burke pulled over Jenna Rodgers, a student at Warwick High School in Lititz, Pennsylvania, and told her she had exceeded the speed limit by 15 miles an hour, she was confused

turned out the trafarranged by her boyfriend, Collin Kauffman, who approached her car holding a sign that said, "You're under arrest if you don't say yes. Prom?"



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Whether Kauffman's promposal strikes you as charming or alarming will depend on your attitude toward police and the restrictions imposed on them by the Constitution. Although everyone infun, Burke violated the Fourth Amendment by stopping Rodgers for no legal reason, and there are similar problems with other feelgood stunts involving cops and motorists.

In a video posted last year by Halifax, Virginia, Police Chief Kevin Lands, a white cop walks up to a car he has just stopped and asks the driver, a black woman, "Are you aware of why I pulled you over today?" The puzzled driver replies, "No, sir."

The cop asks her if she is "familiar with Vehicle Code 1739." She is not, so he explains that "it's actually against the law to drive on a hot day without an ice cream cone." The driver laughs, out of

hen Officer Cam- either relief or amusement. "Oh, my God!" she says repeatedly.

Officer Feelgood, meet the Constitution

Since viral videos of cops interacting with motorists usually involve abuses of power such as random searches, money grabs, bogus arrests or the unjustified, occasionally fatal use of force, this episode may seem like a refreshing change. But it also involves an abuse of power, albeit one disguised by benign intentions.

WSET, the ABC station in Lynchburg, reported that Halifax police stopped about 20 drivers in one day "to hand out ice cream instead of tickets." It made no mention of any traffic violations that might have justified the stops. Neither did the local CBS station.

On Lands' Facebook page, where the video of the laughing motorist has been watched nearly 8 million times, he describes the drivers who got ice cream as "speeders," which suggests cops ended up ignoring traffic offenses that supposedly were serious enough to pull people over. In the video, there is no mention of any actual legal violation.

Cops have wide latitude to stop vehicles, but that latitude is not unlimited. Such stops are "seizures" under the Fourth Amendment, and they must be "reasonable," which usually means there is reasonable suspicion of a traffic offense.

A couple of years ago, the County, Macomb Michigan, sheriff's office pulled teenagers over and gave them gift cards as a reward for good driving. Those stops were clearly

unconstitutional, since the teenagers were targeted for driving well — the opposite of a legal justification.

In a 2014 video, a police officer Massachusetts, Lowell, in who gives a driver Christmas presents for her kids says he pulled her over for illegally tinted windows. In another video from the same year, a Covington, Louisiana, police officer gives a woman a \$100 bill stamped "Secret Santa" after pulling her over, supposedly because she failed to stop completely at an intersection.

The latter two examples would be deemed constitutional under the standard set by the Supreme Court, which says reasonable suspicion of a traffic violation makes a seizure legal even when it is not the real motivation for the stop. But these supposedly heartwarming interactions are still abuses of power.

If police would not have stopped drivers for these minor violations unless they had gifts to hand out, they are deliberately inconveniencing people and causing them needless anxiety for the sake of a publicity stunt. The distribution of gifts is beneficent on the face of it, but it is a demeaning kind of beneficence given the inherently unequal relationship between a citizen and an armed agent of the state with the power to forcibly detain him.

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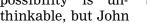
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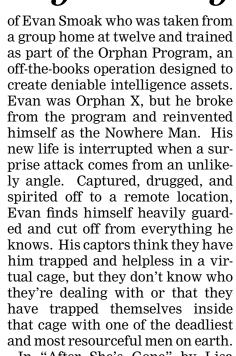
his week I have fiction books to tell you about. In "The Pris-

oner" by Alex Berenson (F BER A), an Islamic state prisoner in a secret Bulgarian prison has been overheard hinting that a senior CIA officer may be passing information to the Islamic State. The agency's top officials say the possibility is un-



Wells and Ellis Shafer have reason to believe it. To prove their fears, Wells will have to resume his former identity as a hardened jihadi, then get captured and sent to the same prison as the source. Wells is the only CIA operative ever to reach the top ranks of al-Qaeda. He knows the men he is about to meet will test him to his limits. What he does not know is that the traitor and the Islamic State are planning a shocking terrorist attack that will have worldwide implications if it succeeds. Wells will have to risk everything he has to stop the mole, and even then he may be too late.

In "The Ex" by Alafair Burke (F BURA), Jack Harris has resisted the dating scene ever since the shooting of his wife by a fifteen-year-old boy three years ago. When he spots a woman in last night's party dress, barefoot, enjoying a champagne picnic alone, reading his favorite novel, she reminds him of what he used to have with his wife. After he mentions the encounter to his best friend, his friend posts a message on a popular website. Days later, that same beautiful stranger responds and invites Jack to meet her in person. That's when Jack's world falls apart. When Olivia Randall, one of the best criminal defense lawyer and Jack's former fiance, hears that Jack has been arrested for a triple homicide, there is no doubt in her mind as to his innocence. She has to figure out who would go to such great lengths to frame him. Representing Jack is a way to make up for past regrets and absolve herself of guilt from a tragic decision, a secret she has held for twenty years. As the evidence against him mounts, she is forced to confront her doubts. "Nest" by Terry Goodkind (FGOO T) finds Kate Bishop in the middle of a police investigation into a brutal murder. Kate makes the shocking discovery that she has the ability to identify killers just by looking into their eyes. Trying to grasp the implications of this revelation, Kate is drawn deep into a world of terror. She is tracked down by Jack Raines who tells her that her unique vision also makes her a target, and he is the only one that can help her. Hot on Jack and Kate's heels are a force of super-predators, vicious and blood-thirsty killers who will stop at nothing until Kate is dead. As she fights for her life, Kate still isn't sure if Jack is really her salvation, or another killer coming to slaughter her.



In "After She's Gone" by Lisa Jackson (F JAC L), Cassie and Allie Kramer learned the hazards of fame when they survived the horror of a crazed fan who nearly killed their mother. As a team, they take the town by storm. Where Cassie got bit parts, Allie rose to stardom. Now her body double has been shot on the set of her latest movie, and Allie is missing. Police discover that the last call to Allie's phone came from Cassie, though she has no recollection of making it. Cassie is starting to look like a suspect. As the tabloids go into a frenzy, Cassie ends up on a psych ward. Convinced she's the only one who can find Allie, Cassie checks herself out of the hospital. A sudden slew of macabre murders makes Cassie fear for her safety and her sanity. The only way to end the nightmare is to find out what really happened to Allie. With each discovery, Cassie realizes that no one can be trusted to keep her safe least of all herself.

"The Last Good Man" by A. J. Kazinski (FKAZA) tells of humanitarian deaths being reported around the world with the same death mark. An enterprising Italian policeman links the deaths, tracing the evidence. Veteran detective Niels Bentzon has the task of finding the "good people" and warn them. Just as Bentzon is ready to give up, he meets a brilliant astrophysicist mourning the death of her son and the implosion of her marriage. With her help, Bentzon begins to piece together the puzzle of these far-flung deaths. A pattern emerges, and they realize a perfectly executed plan of murder. According to the pattern, they can predict the time and place of the final two murders. The deaths will occur in Venice and Copenhagen, and the time is now. That will be all for this week so I leave you with a quote from Jennifer Weiner: "The difference between people who believe they have books inside of them and those who actually write books is sheer cussed persistence--the ability to make yourself work at your craft, every day--the belief, even in the face of obstacles, that you've got something worth saying.' We are open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 6 pm; the internet/video room closes at 5:30. You may reach us at (432) 264-2260 and our fax number is (432) 264-2263.

Check this out at the Roger's Retro Reviews: The Day the Earth Stood Still

ast night, I watched the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" for this retro re-

view (the 1951 black-and-white one with Michael Rennie, not the 2008 remake with Keanu Reeves), and it made me rethink a couple of things.

I remember "The Day the Earth Stood Still" as a thought-provoking indictment of humanity's pettiness and shortsightedness. And sure, the theme is there, but

it didn't really strike me hard when I rewatched the film last night.

As "The Day the Earth Stood Still" begins, a strange UFO is seen orbiting the Earth, traveling "4,000 miles per hour." The government tracks it on radar, and the news gets out (really quickly, apparently) and causes a minor panic. Finally the thing - now seen as a pretty typical flying saucer-type spaceship – lands on a baseball field in

Washington, and the Army rolls out to meet it. They surround it with soldiers, tanks, and artillery, and wait. After a couple of hours, a door opens on the side of the saucer and a ramp extends, and guy in a spacesuit (Rennie) comes out. He pulls out a device and advances toward the soldiers, and one of them shoots him. An 8-foot-tall humanoid robot (Lock Martin - we later learn the robot's name is "Gort") then emerges from the saucer and destroys the tanks, artillery, and soldiers' guns with lasers from its eyes. Turns out the alien had just suffered a flesh wound and he survives. The device wasn't a weapon but a present for the President that would have allowed him to observe life on other planets, had it not been broken in the incident. The alien is taken to Walter Reed Hospital, where he introduces himself as "Klaatu," and says he has an important message for humanity, but won't speak to just one nation's leaders or even to the United Nations, because not all nations are part of it. The president's secretary Mr. Harley (Frank Conroy) presents the demand to the President, who tries to arrange a meeting of world leaders, but the leaders can't agree on where to meet. Klaatu uses a salve to heal his wound and escapes from the hospital. Taking the name "Mr. Carpenter," from a laundry tag on the suit he stole, he finds a boarding house run by Mrs. Barley (Frances Bavier - good old Aunt Bee) and takes a room. Also at the boarding house are a young woman named Helen (Patricia Neal) and her son Bobby, who lost his father in the war. As the Army goes nuts searching for Klaatu, he babysits Bobby while Helen and her

rial. Klaatu is horrified by the visual representation of humanity slain in war, but he is impressed by Lincoln's words from the Gettysburg Address carved on the memorial, and says he wants to talk to someone like Lincoln. He asks Bobby who the greatest living human is, and Bobby says the smartest man is Professor Barnhardt (Sam Jaffe), a scientist who lives nearby. The two go to Barnhardt's house, but no one is home. Klaatu and Bobby enter the professor's study, where Klaatu examines a lengthy math problem on a chalkboard before criticizing it and adding an equation to it. The housekeeper comes home and Klaatu gives her a note for the professor with his address. When Klaatu and Bobby return to the boarding house, a government agent arrives who takes Klaatu to Barnhardt. Klaatu tells the scientist that inhabitants of other worlds are growing concerned that humanity's violent tendencies will soon spread beyond Earth, and that humans must either change or be destroyed. Barnhardt offers to set up a meeting of Earth's scien-



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tists, who could then relay his message to their governments' leaders. Klaatu says he will arrange a demonstration of his power before the meeting, suggesting he might level New York City or sink the Rock of Gibraltar. Barnhardt agrees that a demonstration would help galvanize the scientists, but begs Klaatu to instead devise a non-violent demonstration. Klaatu seems to appreciate the challenge of finding an impressive but non-violent demonstration.

That's enough spoilers, except I will say that the title of the movie comes from Klaatu's demonstration.

"The Day the Earth Stood Still" is a bit of an odd duck when it comes to science fiction movies. It definitely doesn't take its appeal from its edge-of-the-seat action sequences. Rather, it draws interest from exploring such questions as, "What would Earth and human life look like to an alien?" and "What will the consequences of our violent nature be?'

At the beginning of this review, I said I wasn't struck as hard as I remembered by the film's indictment of humanity. Yes, the random violence done to Klaatu in the movie is bad, but the film certainly doesn't hesitate to point out mankind's good points, too. Klaatu is impressed by the words of Lincoln. He likes Bobby's bright, inquisitive nature; and although Earth science, represented by Professor Barnhardt, is miles behind that of Klaatu's people, the alien seems heartened by Barnhardt's striving for knowledge and his insistence upon non-violence.

"The Nowhere Man" by Gregg Hurwitz (F HUR G) tells the story

boyfriend Tom (Hugh Marlowe) go on a picnic date. While Helen and Tom are gone, Mr. Carpenter (Klaatu) and Bobby (Billy Gray who later played Bud on "Father Knows Best") take a tour of Washington. Among the stops are Arlington National Cemetery where Bobby's dad is buried; and the Lincoln MemoSee RETRO, Page 6





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Manhunt underway for man suspected of killing 2, wounding 1

HOUSTON (AP) - A manhunt is underway in the Houston area for a 53-year-old man who authorities say fatally shot his estranged wife and a second person before later shooting and wounding another person. Harris County sheriff's officials said in a statement that Russell Cormier is "extremely dangerous" and considered a threat to the public.

Authorities say Cormier killed 61-year-old Fannie McWhite on Monday, took her pickup, drove to the trailer where he lived and set it on fire.

He later drove to a business and fatally shot a 60-year-man as he arrived for work.

Officials say early Tuesday he then went to a home, confronted a man inside and shot him once. That person is hospitalized in stable condition.

El Paso officer indicted in 2015 shooting death of man

EL PASO, Texas (AP) – An El Paso police officer has been indicted in the 2015 death of a man who was shot in the back while at his mother's home.

The El Paso Times reports the indictment of officer Mando Kenneth Gomez appears to be the first in El Paso involving an on-duty shooting.

The 37-year-old Gomez was indicted on a charge of manslaughter in the shooting death of Erik Emmanuel Salas-Sanchez.

Officers were responding to a burglary call in April 2015 when they found Salas-Sanchez inside the home. Police said at the time that he was holding a metal object when he charged at officers.

Construction begins on \$400M New Mexico, Texas power line

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - Xcel Energy has started construction on a 345-kilovolt transmission line between Texas and New Mexico to extend its electrical distribution system.

Formal groundbreaking ceremonies were scheduled Tuesday near Hobbs, New Mexico, on the \$400 million project to eventually connect to a substation north of Abernathy, Texas.

An Xcel statement says the first segment will involve a substation southeast of Carlsbad, New Mexico. The new transmission line should run about 240 miles (386 kilometers) and be in service by 2018. A similar Xcel project was completed in 2014 connecting the Texas substation to a unit near Woodward, Oklahoma. When all the segments are completed by 2020, the power line is expected to stretch more than 400 miles (644 kilometers) from western Oklahoma to southeastern New Mexico.

FBI: Texas man with extremist views planned mass shooting

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The FBI says in a court filing that an Austin man who agents recently arrested exhibited "sovereign citizen extremism" and was planning a mass shooting.

A criminal complaint filed in federal court says 50-year-old Steven Boehle is facing charges that include unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited person. Records show he was found in possession of firearms and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

Former Texas death row inmate takes 4 life sentences in plea

By MICHAEL GRACZYK **Associated Press**

HOUSTON (AP) – A North Carolina man who spent nearly two decades on Texas' death row for the fatal shooting of a Houston-area gun store owner has accepted four consecutive life sentences without parole in a plea agreement with prosecutors after the U.S. Supreme Court decided he should receive a new sentencing trial.

Randolph Mansoor Greer was 19 in 1992 when he was convicted of capital murder and condemned for the shooting death of Walter Chmiel, 47.

The 1991 slaying was part of a months-long crime binge by Greer in Texas and North Carolina. He also was charged in Greensboro, North Carolina, in connection with another capital murder, two rapes and four robberies.

"Greer, now 43, has been incapacitated and will never again pose a threat to public safety," First Assistant Harris County District Attorney Tom Berg said Tuesday.

Greer was removed from death row in 2011 after the Supreme Court decided the instructions to the jury that sent him there were insufficient.

At the time of his trial, courts were wrestling with evolving jury instructions about mitigating evidence, like mental impairment or dysfunctional childhood, and how that evidence should be applied to punishment in capital murder convictions.

The high court visited the issue several times, refining trial procedures through its rulings, and Greer's case was among several of that time period in Texas that were returned to trial courts for new punishment hearings. A psychiatrist testified at his trial

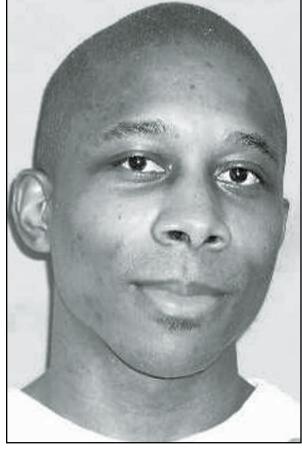
that Greer suffered from a manic conduct disorder.

Berg said before the new sentencing Monday, prosecutors had conferred with survivors of Greer's crimes and families of his victims.

The plea also covered Houston cases where he was accused of the January 1991 abduction, rape and robbery of a woman at an ATM and the abduction and rape of another woman from an apartment complex on June 26, 1991, a day before Chmiel was killed at his Alamo Gun Shop in the Houston enclave of Bellaire.

A gun shop customer testified at Greer's trial that he entered the store to find Chmiel dead on the floor and how he was forced at gunpoint to help Greer load a bag with 26 new pistols as he begged for his life. Evidence showed the store owner was shot in the head as he filled out a receipt. The customer called police with a descrip-

tion of Greer's car and a license plate number. The car had been stolen from a rape victim. Other testimony at his trial came from North Carolina women who recounted how they were abducted and raped by Greer. Another



AP photo

This undated photo provided by the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice** shows inmate Randolph Greer. Greer who spent nearly two decades on Texas death row has accepted four consecutive life sentences without parole in a plea agreement after the U.S. Supreme Court ordered he receive a new sentencing trial. Greer was 19 in 1992 when he was convicted of capital murder and condemned for the fatal shooting of a Houston-area gun shop owner during a robbery.

> woman testified she survived being shot multiple times June 1, 1991, during a \$100,000 robbery at a Greensboro, North Carolina jewelry store where she worked A co-worker, Robert Parker Jr., was shot and killed and a customer was shot in the spine.

East Texas children use recycled items to help make shoes

BV STEPHANIE STEVENS

The Lufkin News

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) Sixty-six pairs of shoes made of recycled materials will be donated to children in Africa thanks to Jamie Ma-

to be sent to Sole Hope, a nonprofit that turns the materials into shoes to protect children in Uganda from contractjiggers through ing their feet.

Jiggers are parasitic insects that enter un-

recycling.

"We went on a learning journey where we went to the county landfill, the recycling plant and wastewater treatment plant so kids can see why we don't want things going into the landfill," Mahan said. "We are running out of room." Second-grader Wesley Bennett said he was surprised to learn how much garbage goes to the county landfill. "Almost 1 million pounds of trash goes into our landfill every

day," Wesley said. "How will that affect my kids kids' kids' babies?'

Mahan's class wanted to use recycled goods to help others, she said "So on Valentine's Day instead of it being about ourselves, we wanted to share love with someone else, and we decided to share love all the way to Africa for kids who really need these shoes.' Students and friends brought recycled jeans and food cartons and cut out the shapes needed to make shoes.

Boehle on several occasions had attempted to purchase more but was denied because of a 1993 domestic-violence conviction in Connecticut. Authorities say he also made false statements in an effort to buy weapons. An arrest warrant filed Monday revealed he was taken into custody April 12

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The residents of Mrs. Barley's boarding house, along with boyfriend Tom and Professor Barnhardt, form a microcosm of humanity that Klaatu observes to form his opinions of Earth. I think the spaceman becomes enamored with our sheer diversity of personalities and opinions. He certainly seems loathe to allow the destruction of the Earth, even after its continual harsh welcome of him.

han's class at Lufkin's Dunbar Primary School. The Lufkin News reports students traced out pieces from jeans and recycled materials

"The Day the Earth Stood Still" is a fun, nostalgic movie with likeable characters and interesting exploration of social problems that are still relevant today. Eight stars out of 10.

The Day the Earth Stood Still Director: Robert Wise Writer: Screenplay by Edmund H. North, based on a story by Harry Bates Production company: 20th Century Fox

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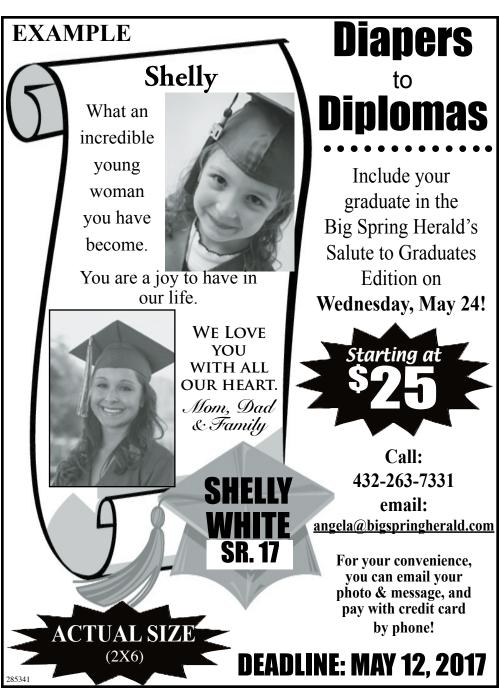
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der a person's toes and in the webbing of feet, where they lay eggs. The eggs continue to multiply until the child can no longer walk. Shoes help protect children from the bugs.

Mahan said her class has been learning about reducing, reusing and



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Steers come out on top of Rangers 6-4

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Big Spring varsity baseball team took on the Greenwood Rangers in Midland on Tuesday where they battled through eight innings and came out with a 6-4 victory.

After a double play to shut down the Steers in their first series of at bats, Greenwood grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first with a score by Josh Urias on Stace Bell's fly out to left field.

Big Spring answered right back with an RBI single by Eli Munoz, a score by Kobe Gutierrez on an error and an RBI single by Henson in the second, and a score by Brantz Burchett on a walk with the bases loaded in the third to snatch the lead from the Rangers and put them up 4-1.

Greenwood managed to tie the contest at 4-4 thanks to an RBI double by Kesmond Andrews in the third, an RBI single by Urias in the fourth, and a score by Tyler James on a passed ball in the seventh, all while holding the Steers scoreless for four innings.

This brought the game to an eighth inning with both teams tied at four and the Steers up to bat. Thanks to clutch RBI singles by Riley Henson and Matthew Tarrats, Big Spring stole the lead back from Greenwood and put them up by two runs.

The Rangers had one last chance to make something happen in an attempt to stay alive, but couldn't quite handle what Tarrats was dishing from the mound. After a quick three outs to end the game, the Steers came out with a hard-fought 6-4 win over Greenwood.

Henson started the game for Big Spring on the mound. He threw for four innings, allowed three runs on six hits, walked one, and sat one. Tristan Myrick entered the game in the fifth inning, threw for one inning, surrendered two hits, walked two, and sat one. Tarrats closed the game for the Steers as he threw for three innings, allowed one run on two hits, walked none, and struck out two.

Forsan pulls off 11-10 win in tight game vs. Borden County

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Courtesy photo by Shaun McVicars

Junior Bryce Hergert of Forsan slides safely into third base during Tuesday night's game against Borden County where they came out with a 11-10 victory.

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Forsan varsity baseball team hosted the Borden County Coyotes on Tuesday where both teams battled until the end, but it was the Buffaloes who prevailed in an 11-10 hard-fought victory.

Forsan kicked things off with a huge seven-run first inning from an RBI single by Ricky Prater, a score by Prater when Bryce Hergert was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, a score by Ehren Hillger on an error, a 2RBI single by Austin Darden, and a score by Brycson Pineda on a sacrifice fly from Blaze Yeater.

After a scoreless second inning, both teams brought one run across in the third from a score on an error for the Coyotes, and a score by Darden on an error for the Buffaloes.

Down 8-1, Borden County fought back with three runs of their own in the top of the fourth, which came from an RBI home run and an RBI double, putting the score at an 8-4 Forsan lead.

The Buffs added another run to the board when Hillger managed to score on a passed ball.

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Mathews signs with ASU



By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A Big Spring High School track star will be taking her lightening quick talents 87 miles south to San Angelo come this fall.

Kaitlyn Mathews, 17, signed her letter of intent to run track for Angelo State University in San Angelo Tuesday in front of a large crowd at Big Spring High School.

"ASU is a good school

has already racked up a number of first place finishes in the 400 and 200 relays as well as the triple jump.

"All our meets have been 5A, 6A track meets," Strickland said. "We've not competed against many schools that are at our same level. For her to be able to compete with those caliber level athletes just shows how good an athlete she is."

Strickland said she expects Mathews to excel at the San Angelo university.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Big Spring High School senior Kaitlyn Mathews, center, signed her intent Tuesday to run track at Angelo State University. Also pictured are BSHS track coach Sonni Strickland, left, and Mathew's mom, Marta Maclin. The stand out track star was recruited by ASU to suit up for the Rams in the fall.

and it's close to home. They have a great track program," Mathews said.

Mathews was recruited to join the ASU Ram track program.

"Kaitlyn has been a phenomenal athlete ever since junior high. We knew she was destined for great things," said BSHS track coach Sonni Strickland. "Her work ethic is just amazing. Whenever she sees a challenge, she attacks it. If there is somebody that is faster than her, she is going to work hard to where she can improve at every meet and get faster than them."

This season, Mathews

"With her work ethic and her determination...she is going to be unstoppable," she said. "She will be an asset to any team."

And Mathews is not the only athlete in her family. Her mother, Marta Maclin, a 1991 BSHS graduate went to Abilene Christian University on a track scholarship.

"I am very proud of her," Maclin said, who was in attendance at the signing which was held in front of a large crowd of students in the high school foyer.

Mathews plans to major in nursing.

Lady Buffs blow out Daniels throws huge 25-0 shutout vs. Stanton Lady Bulldogs 16-1

By MARISSA LOFTIN

Sports Editor

The Forsan varsity softball team traveled to Snyder on Tuesday for their district match up with the Ira Bulldogs where they put on a dominating performance and came out with a 16-0 blow out victory in just five innings.

The Lady Buffs grabbed an early six-run lead with an RBI double by Destiny Mata, an RBI single by Ashtyn Pearson, and a steal of home by Macey Evans in the first inning and an RBI double by Kendall Phillips and a 2RBI double by Hunter Seymore in the second.

Ira answered with their only run of the game, which came from a steal of home by Rosie Cowan in the bottom of the second.

After a scoreless third inning from both sides, Forsan went on a ten run score streak to put the game out of reach for the Lady Bulldogs with five brought across in the fourth and the other five brought across in the fifth.

The big innings were thanks to two more steals of home by Evans, a score by Brown on an error,

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Courtesy photo by Roylyn Welch

Pictured above are the Coahoma Lady Bulldogs, along with head coach Alex Orosco, lined up along the first base line during the national anthem right before Tuesday's game against the Stanton Lady Buffaloes.

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The Coahoma varsity softball team simply could not be stopped in Tuesday's game against the Lady Buffaloes as they came out on top in a majorly one-sided game with a final score of 25-0.

The Bulldogettes started the game out with a bang as they

plated seven runs in just the first inning. Annie Chandler, who recorded three out-of-the-park home runs for the night, kicked things off with her first one in the top of the first inning, driving Lexie Montelongo in for a score. This was followed with an RBI double by Cassie Grant, a score by Madison Daniels on a wild

pitch, and a 3RBI triple by Montelongo.

In the top of the second, C. Grant hit a hard ground ball and reached first base due to an error by Stanton pitcher, Jessica Holguin. This brought Madison Daniels in for a Bulldogette score,

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Bottom line: You will not advance to your full potential while taking on every task yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've an important moment coming up. Practice to the point where the desired result is automatic. If this doesn't seem to calm your nerves, don't worry too much. The best training for getting over nerves is being nervous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is untouched by her community and environment. Even if you decide not to converse, volunteer or join your efforts in any way with those around you, you'll feel the good thoughts and intentions of those present.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's said that living well is the best revenge, but why wait until you're retaliating to start living well? Begin now for no reason at all except that you deserve excellent self-care and it benefits everyone.

SAGITTARIUS

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(Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your friends will say nice things to you. And your good friends will also say harsh things to you if such things will benefit you in the long run -- or, at the very least, they'll tell you when you have

spinach in your teeth. CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Is there some higher morality than the one that feeds social stability, justice and peace? It's a subject of debate today, and yet it's pretty obvious what people need. "The people's good is the highest law." -- Cicero

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some will keep score, but it's a waste of time. And don't be overly concerned about who gets the last laugh, either. As long as everyone laughs at some point, the comedy of life is playing out as it should.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are many privileges to be enjoyed. Luxuries are nothing to be embarrassed about, as long as they are paid for. Some say

that even being in the world is a luxury. What responsibility do you assume for the trade?

TODAY'S BIRTH-DAY (April 19). The worries go away. All that was blocking your signal will move out. In May, the love you feel for someone will make you bold. Follow through with spontaneous ideas: Go big. What you do to make another person remember you will be how you remember yourself. A fine mess turns into an opportunity of a lifetime in July. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 20, 16. 21 and 33.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I'm a Pisces (born March 9). One of my best friends is a girl, and in all our 15 years of knowing each other, I never had a glimmer of feeling anything more than friendship. But lately, I can't seem to stop wondering if there could be more. Is it the comfort level or something else drawing me toward her? Sadly, I've never seen the movie 'When

Harry Met Sally,' but I've heard that it's about how two people of the opposite sex cannot just be friends. If so, I've proved that theory wrong for at least 15 years, so I'm wondering: What now? I really do not want to jeopardize a great -- perfect -- bestfriend relationship. I hope you understand my dilemma and can offer some insight. The girl is a Scorpio."

See "When Harry Met Sally" with your Scorpio girl. Pisces and Scorpio are fantastically compatible -two soulful water signs with terrific timing. So, whatever the reason you never got together before, it was perfect. And you definitely should seize the current mode of attraction and see where that goes, too. If it's not right, you'll both know. I think the strength of your connection will carry through either way.

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When HR Is the Problem

Dear Annie: We

work in a small office with just over 20 employees. It has recently become common knowledge that the human resources manager, "Melissa," is sleeping with the principal in our firm, "Larry." Throughout her eight years with this private firm, the closed-door huddles were always viewed as suspect, but they were both married, and those of us naive enough to assume

the best hoped that it was professional. The timeline is fuzzy, but Melissa's divorce seemed to follow the beginning of the nowthree-year affair by about a year. Larry's divorce is not yet final.

Regardless, Melissa has never been seen as an effective HR representative. There are several It's a department of one, so where should we employees turn with an issue that clearly could not be handled by her with an unbiased, disentangled perspective? Their dirty laundry is having an unnerving effect on everyone. --Unrepresented

Dear Unrepresented: Shame on

equal to Larry's ranking, anonymously report your concerns. If Larry doesn't recognize the error of his ways yet, he'll soon see the consequences unfold throughout the company. Such unsavory behavior is toxic to morale.

Dear Annie: I just read the letter from "Lonesome," the

52-year-old man who

thinks it's too late for

him. Just over a year

kind of situation. My

caregiving role was

gone. I felt lonely and

emotionally drained. I

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kind that someone would fall in love with me and rescue me from my dreadful, boring, dull existence, I would focus on rescuing myself. And I did.

Mr. Old Man at 52, stop waiting for someone else to make your life good. Get up and do something you enjoy, whatever you wanted to try in the past but didn't. Smile. Laugh when something strikes you as funny. Become someone you like. You can meet a lot of people in your lifetime. Some will like you; some will not. From a woman's point of view, I can tell you with absolute assurance that the most attractive men are those who are interested in their own lives, because those men have lives worth living, with or without a mate. Such a man does not burden a woman with the task of making him happy. Romantic love is only one kind of love. What about the love of friends, family and strangers you've helped or encouraged by your example in caring for two people

who needed you desperately?

I understand that after doing all that caring, you might feel hurt that no one is now caring for you in the same way. Give the care to yourself that you would give to a close friend if the friend needed you the way you need someone. You deserve it. Encourage yourself. You're too old? Balderdash. I'm 15 years older than you. Wake up, kid. You can build yourself a life you enjoy! I'm not saying it's easy. I'm saying you can do it. -- Been There Dear Been: | appreciate your self-empowered perspective. All your suggestions are great advice for anyone at any point in life.



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Braggadocio Mercury

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reasons for that, but it's mainly because of her obvious familiarity with Larry. With the revelation of their affair, she's lost all remaining credibility in her role. Is there a standard of ethics for an HR department?



By Steve Becker **The world of the card-pusher**

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Here is an example of a cardpusher at work. West leads the K-A and another heart against South's four-spade contract. Declarer ruffs the third heart, enters dummy with a trump and finesses the queen of clubs, losing to the king.

West returns the ten of clubs to declarer's ace. South draws trumps ending in dummy, discards a diamond on the jack of clubs, but eventually loses a diamond and goes down one.

The evidence convicts South of being a card-pusher. There is no good reason to go down on this hand; West's opening bid tells declarer who has the king of clubs and that a club finesse, if attempted, is certain to fail.

If declarer's only concern were to avoid losing a club trick, he would have to finesse. But South's primary goal is to make the contract, and he cannot achieve it by taking a finesse that is virtually certain to lose. Instead, South should lead a low club toward dummy at trick four!

If West takes the king, South later cashes the ace of clubs, draws trumps ending in dummy and discards the 8-6 of diamonds on the Q-J of clubs. If West does not take the king of clubs, South wins in dummy, plays the A-K-x of diamonds and later ruffs his remaining diamond in dummy to produce his 10th trick.

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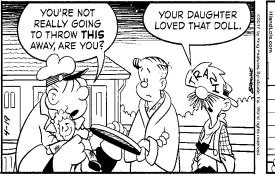
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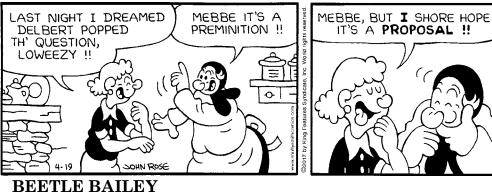
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Sports

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Up 9-5 heading into the sixth, Hergert knocked out a ground ball and reached first on an error by Borden County second baseman which allowed Prater and Christian in for scores, extending the Buffs lead to 11-5.

The Coyotes managed to answer with a five-run comeback attempt in the top of the seventh, thanks to a balk by Buff's pitcher, Hergert, allowing a Borden County score, backto-back RBI singles, and a 2RBI triple. Unfortunately for them, it was not enough to stay alive and Forsan came out with the 11-10 victory.

Yeater earned the win on the mound for the Buffaloes. He threw for four innings, allowed four runs on six hits, walked five, and sat five. Hergert was tagged with the save, as he pitched for three innings, allowed six runs on six hits, walked four, and struck out three.

Forsan collected a team total of seven hits for the game. Darden led the Buffs at the plate as he went 2-3 on the day with two runs batted in.

"Blaze had another good outing for us on the mound, and Bryce did a good job finishing off the game. I think we had seven hits, but also reached seven times on errors. We put the ball in play and were able to take advantage of their mistakes," said head baseball coach Stephen East. "It wasn't pretty, but it was a win, and a big win at that. Borden County has a good team, and Coach Edwards always has them ready to play."

The Buffs remain in first place and undefeated in district play, and East said he is pleased with the way things are going as they have just three games remaining. Coming up, the Buffaloes will make their way to Rotan to take on the Yellowhammers for their district game which is scheduled to take place on Saturday, April 22 at 12:00 p.m.

COAHOMA

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and put them at an 8-0 lead.

Coahoma followed with another big ten-run inning to put the game way out of Stanton's reach, which came from RBI doubles by Chandler, Makayla Overton, Daniels, Chloe Starr, Breanna Grant, and Montelongo, RBI singles by Caitlyn Corely and C. Grant, and another out-of-the-park RBI homer by Chandler.

While continuing to hold the Lady Buffaloes scoreless, the Bulldogettes pushed seven more runs across in the fourth inning, extending their 18-0 lead to a 25-0 shut out win. The runs were driven in with a score by Daniels on an error, RBI singles by C. Grant, B. Grant, and Corley, and a huge grand slam by Chandler.

The game came to a close after a scoreless fifth inning, and Coahoma brought home the W in this brutal shut out.

"For this game, I wanted the girls to really work on creating good habits, go back to fundamentals, and really work on things that we preach to them," said head softball coach Alex Orosco. "The girls were really able to work on those things, get it done, and really hit the ball well. Hitting-wise we played great."

Daniels got it done for the Bulldogettes on the mound, as she was tagged with the win after she threw for five innings, gave up zero runs on three hits, walked zero, and struck out five.

"Defensively, I have to give most of the credit to Maddie (Daniels)," said Orosco. "She really did a great job for us."

Coahoma knocked around a whopping 24 hits for the game. Montelongo, Overton, Starr, Corley, and both Grants all collected multiple hits for the team, but it was Daniels and Chandler who led the way with four hits a piece. Chandler had a huge day at the plate as she went 4-5 on the day, knocked out three homers for the game, and batted in over a third of the team's runs with nine.

"Every time I went up to bat, I just focused on all of the things we talked about working on with coach, my swing, my mechanics, and focused on getting a base hit." said Chandler. "Our sticks were on fire tonight, and I am very proud of everyone and how we performed."

Coming up, the Bulldogettes will host the Lady Bulldogs of Clyde, TX on Friday, April 21 at 5:00 p.m.



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Junior Brycson Pineda of Forsan catches the ball at first base for an out in their game against the Borden County Coyotes on Tuesday, April 18, where they came out on top with a 11-10 victory.

LADY BUFFS

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a steal of home by Seymore, back-toback RBI doubles by Keelee White and Phillips, a steal of home by Jaidyn Brown, a score by Seymore on a ground out, an RBI single by Phillips, and a steal of home by Ashlea Hardin.

Ira couldn't come back from their 15 point deficit, and fell to the Lady Buffs in a rough 16-1 defeat.

Evans started the game on the mound for the Lady Buffs, as she pitched for two innings, allowed one run on five hits, walked three, and struck out three. Pearson closed things up for Forsan, as she threw for three innings, surrendered zero runs, zero hits, walked zero, and sat four. "This was one of the best games

overall that we've played," said head softball coach Shanna Taylor. "Our batting lineup was strong all the way through, Our defense didn't have any errors and both pitchers were strong on the mound. We are exactly where I want this team to be ending out the season."

The Lady Buffs currently sit in first place in their district and will make their way to Sundown to take on the Roughnecks this Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

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Big Spring collected a total of 12 hits for the game.

Tarrats led at the plate with three hits, while Henson led offensively as he drove in two of the Steer's six runs.

"Too many times, teams get caught up in winning and losing. Yes that matters, but you cannot become consumed with just outcomes. Enjoy the process and put yourself in the best position to win," said head baseball coach Daniel Carrillo. "This past month we have been able to do just that, and now we are getting the things we have been missing, the big hit, the big defensive play, or the big pitch. It is all about confidence, and going into Friday's game vs. Snyder I couldn't ask for much more from my team."

Up next, Big Spring will host the Snyder Tigers for their second district match up this season.

"I expect us to play with confidence and to embrace each little pressure the game gives us, because this is what the games are going to be about from here on out until the season ends," said Carrillo. "The toughest team will prevail this time of year, so we've got to bring the boat!"

The game will be held at Steer Park on Friday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m.



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NATION

Nation by nation, how Trump has shaken up Koreas, neighbors

By KIM TONG-HYUNG

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Associated Press SEOUL, South Korea (AP) – Unpredictable. Unhinged.

Dangerous. Many South Koreans are using those words to describe the president of their most important ally, rather than the leader of their archrival to the North. They worry that President Donald Trump's tough, unorthodox talk about North Korea's nuclear program is boosting alreadyhigh animosity between the rival Koreas.

No matter whether Trump succeeds at getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons and missile programs, his actions, comments and tweets are changing how the region views the long-running conflict. Senior North Korean officials see their relations with Washington as even more volatile than before. China is appealing for calm, and possibly reexamining its role. Japan is weighing a retaliatory strike capability against the North.

CHINA

After decades of failure to stop North Korea's march toward a nuclear arsenal, some see Trump's bluster as a shrewd attempt to press China, the North's most important ally and trading partner, into pressuring North Korea more aggressively over its nuclear program.

Trump has said he's willing to make trade and economic concessions to China in return for its help with North Korea. "A trade deal with the U.S. will be far better for them if they solve the North Korean problem!" Trump said on Twitter, recounting what he told Xi while hosting him this month at his Palm Beach, Florida, resort.

Pulling back from a campaign promise, Trump has also said he would not declare China a currency manipulator, as he looked for help from Beijing.

The rhetoric seems to be blurring the lines between North Korea and economic ties with China, issues that previous U.S. administrations had kept separate.

If such persuasion falls short, Trump has suggested he might use more coercive methods. So-called secondary sanctions on Chinese banks that do business with North Korea could also be in the offing, officials have said.

"Trump is posing a hard choice to Beijing – do something, something about North Korea and hope it generates some effects, or face American economic retaliation," said Dean Cheng, senior research fellow at the Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. "Whether that works or not, it's a very different strategy from the last three presidents."

Koh Yu-hwan, a North Korea expert at Seoul's Dongguk University, said that the way U.S. officials describe "maximum pressure and engagement" suggests that the Trump administration wants to ease Chinese fears about a collapse in North Korea, something that prevented Beijing from aggressively pressuring the North in the past.

"If the United States and China can set the tone, there will also be more opportunities for dialogue. It seems Trump could be more willing to cut a deal with North Korea than Obama was," Koh said.

SOUTH KO-REA

South Koreans may be uneasy about North Korea's expanding arsenal of weapons, but many doubt that the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, wants to start a war that would likely end in the destruction of his government and the ruling elite.



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In this April 7, 2017, file photo, U.S. President Donald Trump gestures as he and Chinese President Xi Jinping walk together after their meetings at Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach, Fla.

Donald Trump is another story, judging by widespread concern posted on Twitter.

Some see him as a hot-tempered, unpredictable leader who might attack North Korea before it masters the technology to build a nucleartipped missile that could hit the U.S. mainland. North Korea is moving steadily toward that goal, and some experts believe it could achieve it during Trump's presidency.

U.S. strikes earlier this month against Syria, coupled with Trump's dispatching of what he called an "armada" of U.S. warships to the Korean region, touched off fears that the United States was preparing for military action, though it was revealed this week that the flotilla was taking a roundabout path to Korean waters and has yet to arrive.

Lim Eul Chul, a North Korea expert at South Korea's Kyungnam University, doesn't think Trump wants to attack North Korea but said

he appears eager to send a message that war is possible.

That has driven North Korea to issue its own threats and begin preparations for "even a 1 percent chance that the U.S. will launch pre-emptive strikes," Lim said. "That's just how the authoritarian Kim government survives."

The Kyunghyang Shinmun newspaper said recently that Trump is playing a "dangerous card" with his verbal threats, risking a miscalculation by Pyongyang and a war on the peninsula.

"Trump seems capable of doing anything, and he might choose to strike the North before it's technologically able to strike back," said Ray Kim, a 39-year-old Seoul resident. "Even if a war breaks out, it's not like that war will take place on U.S. soil. Trump has much less to lose."

NORTH KOREA

Trump is clearly on the mind of the North Korean leadership.

A senior Foreign Ministry

official told The Associated Press last week that Pyongyang has been watching Trump's actions — including his recent order for the strike on a Syrian air base and his many tweets about North Korea - and determined thathis administration is "more vicious and more aggressive" than that of his predecessor, Barack Obama.

In response, Pyongyang is promising it will continue to build up its "nuclear deterrent" and respond in kind to any hostile moves, perceived or real. North Korean fury at Washington was rising well before Trump took office, in particular over reports that annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises now include training for precision strikes on the North's leadership or nuclear and military facilities. Pyongyang's regime has called that "a red line," and has since begun its own training for pre-emptive strikes and speeded up its testing of nuclear weapons and long-range missiles.



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