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Three CHS band students named to All-Region

Special to the Herald

Three Coahoma High School students were named to All-Region Band after tryouts held at Greenwood ISD recently. Senior Tyler McFall placed first chair in the trumpet section. Senior Nathan Ramirez placed third chair in the euphonium section and flautist Andrea King, a junior, placed 12th. All three qualified for area competition set for January.

"I am really proud of Tyler, Nathan, and Andrea and really everyone who tried out," said CHS Band Director John Landin. "They put in hours of hard work, much of it outside the school day, to prepare for the competition. It shows how much dedication they have to improving as musicians."

The three students

competed against musicians from similar size band programs across the region for a spot on the All-Region band. Event judges evaluate each musician on their performance of a pre-selected piece which the students had to time to practice before competition day.

Waiting for the auditions was a little nerve-wracking, King said.

"Mr. Landin likes us to go in with the mentality that we are not trying to beat people that we are trying to have the best audition that we possibly can have," McFall said.

The all region band concert will be held on Jan. 20 at the Wagner Noel PAC in Midland.

Before then, the three Coahoma students will set their

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BSHS choir rings in Christmas



HERALD photo/Erin Stephens

The Big Spring High School choir performed their annual Christmas program titled "A Festival of Songs and Desserts" over the weekend. This year's program featured performances by Meistersingers, Rhapsody, and Advanced Chorale & the Varsity Freshman Choir. The BSHS choir was led by Director of Music and Choral Activities, Gershom Garcia.

Year-end health savings scenarios

Special to the Herald

It's easy to get caught up in the busyness and excitement of the holiday season, but year end is a great time to take stock of your 2017 healthcare spending or savings before the New Year arrives.

To make the most of your healthcare dollars, it's helpful to see if you've met your deductible and check the balances of any health savings accounts.

Health Insurance Deductibles

Most deductibles, the amounts you pay before health insurance starts paying its share, reset on January 1. Therefore, if you've met your deductible before the year is over, it's time to consider

completing tests, visiting the doctor, having elective surgery or anything else you might need that is covered by insurance. Some examples to consider include a colonoscopy, lab work, mammogram, skin cancer evaluation, physical therapy, allergy testing or annual physical.

If you are not close to meeting your deductible, you might want to consider waiting until the first of the New Year for any non-emergency procedures. That way you can meet your deductible early, and your insurance should cover subsequent medical expenses for the rest of the year.

Flexible Spending Accounts

If you have a Flexible Spend-

ing Account (FSA) through your employer, you're subject to the "use-it-or-lose-it" principle. Any money you've been setting aside from your paycheck tax-free for medical expenses not covered by insurance must be used by the end of your plan year or you forfeit the funds. Check with your insurance provider to see exactly what is allowed under your particular plan, but some ways to spend remaining FSA funds could include buying an extra pair of glasses, some over-the-counter medications, hearing aid batteries, dental work or alternative treatments like acupuncture.

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McCain back in Arizona for Christmas, will miss tax vote

By JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican Sen. John McCain, who is battling brain cancer, is back home in Arizona after being treated for a viral infection and will miss the vote on the GOP tax bill.

The 81-year-old senator was admitted last week to Walter Reed Medical Center, where he was dealing with the side effects of his treatment for cancer. He returned to Arizona this past weekend where he will undergo physical therapy and rehabilitation at the Mayo Clinic.

His wife, Cindy, tweeted on Monday: "Nothing beats the feeling of being home in Arizona for the Holidays!" with a photo of a Christmas tree.

McCain's daughter, Meghan, tweeted on Sunday: "My father is doing well and we are all looking forward to spending Christmas together in Arizona."

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Angels in Howard County



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

A Salvation Army worker double checks bags of gifts for a family at the Angel Tree Distribution held Saturday at the organization's Big Spring headquarters. This year, the Angel Tree program provided gifts and holiday food for 146 families.



Big Spring Herald's Christmas Countdown



Kenna says "Only 7 Days 'til Christmas!"
 (Kenna Green, Daughter of Lindsey Green)

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Obituaries

Gloria (Hembree) Chapman



Gloria (Hembree) Chapman, 87, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, in Midland. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2017, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Gloria was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Houston, Texas to Alida Jansen Cordrey and Fred Cordrey. She

married James Hembree in 1947 and he preceded her in death in 1976. She married Frank Chapman on June 28, 1980, in Illinois.

She is survived by her husband Frank Chapman of Big Spring; three daughters, Pamela Hembree of Big Spring, Janice Hembree of Illinois and Melanie Karavatos, also of Big Spring; two sons, James Hembree of Las Vegas and Daniel Hembree of Big Spring; 11 grandchildren and a number of great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and first husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, Richard Hembree and Thomas Hembree and two grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respect online at www.myersand-smith.com.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **ROBERT LOPEZ**, 27, of 234 Candy St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **DAVID HERNANDEZ**, 35, of 1201 Llyod, was arrested on a warrant of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

- **PALDADIO GARZA JR.**, 35, of 1000 Pennsylvania Ave., was

arrested on charges of theft less than \$100, and criminal trespass.

- **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 42, of 610 E 12th St., was arrested on a warrant on parole violation.

- **EGDAR AREVALO RAMIREZ**, 47, of 1685 Salinas Rd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JOE FLORES**, 47, of 6002 W FM 846, was arrested warrants

of failure to maintain financial responsibility, and a warrant of another agency.

- **THEFT** was reported on the 800 W 8th St., 1000 N Lamesa, 1/20 Mc Gregor Rd., 1800 E FM 700 Suite, and 200 block of W FM 700.

- **BURGLARY OF BUILDING** was reported on the 2100 block of W I 20.

Fire/EMS

Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reported the following activity:

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 700 block of Saunders. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 2900 block of Navajo Dr. One person was transported to

Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

- **MEDICAL CALL** was reported in the 1800 block of N HWY 87. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Take Note

The Emergency Services Chaplains Corps is seeking volunteer chaplains. The corps provides spiritual services to Howard County residents and visitors in crisis situations. Prospective chaplains don't require any specific experience or education to qualify for the position, just a calling from God and a willingness to devote time to the program, which requires a 24- to 30-week training program and dedication of one day per week for emergency call-outs. Those interested should contact Senior Chaplain Joel Miller at 432-213-1221.

Big Spring's Centennial Lions Club is holding a drive to collect books for the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. Books for kids in kindergarten through about 10th grade will be accepted, with special preference for books for younger children in kindergarten through third grade.

Cash donations to allow the Lions to purchase additional books are also appreciated.

Books or donations can be taken to the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., or to the home of Lions member Ken Lawhon at 1707 E. 15th St. For more information, contact Lawhon at 214-998-9716 or Lions member David Stives at 432-270-2251.

Food 2 Kids Big Spring needs you! It is time to start sacking food for Big Spring elementary students who do not receive adequate food over the weekends. Members of the community can be a part by volunteering to sack the food. It just takes a couple hours of your time and the work is very rewarding. To volunteer, just show up at the time and dates listed. For more information, call, 432-935-3998.

If you want additional information about getting your child on this program please contact your child's school.

- Each week Kindred offers free health checks from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Corner House Coffee Shop, 1701 Scurry St.

- Seniors and mature adults are invited to a dance on the first, third and fifth Friday of each month at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Dances are from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. with live bands. No alcohol or smoking permitted. There will be a pot luck as well so bring a dish if you want to eat.

- Howard County Republicans meet the second Monday of each month. Club members meet in the Cactus Room at Howard College at 11:30 a.m. for Dutch treat lunch and meeting at 12 p.m.

- The Big Spring Art Association meets the third Tuesday of each month a 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

- Big Spring Centennial Lion's Club meets twice a month at the Big Spring TA Truck Stop. They meet on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

- The Christensen-Tucker Post-2013 Veterans of Foreign Wars meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7 pm at 500 Driver Road. For more information, contact David Leonard, Post Commander, at 432-816-6004. All combat veterans of foreign wars are invited to come.

- The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every first Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

- Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact 432-271-2138.

- Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St. All Masons are welcome.

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center Auxiliary Group is looking to expand. Positions are available for the Auxiliary group and the Teen Volunteer program. Must be 15 years of age to take part in the teen volunteer program. If you would like to volunteer please contact Heath White at 268-4850.

- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council is in need of volunteers to fill a variety of needs to assist the hospital's patients. Applications to become a volunteer can be picked up at The Chalet, 115 E. Second St., Tuesday through Saturday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. or at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Department, 1901 N. Hwy 87, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteers can assist with a variety of functions, including The Chalet Resale Shop, various fund-raisers and patient events. For more information, contact Dee Lindsey, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations, (432) 268-7535 or danielle.lindsey@dshs.state.tx.us

- Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to visit patients.

Volunteers set their own hours. For more in-

formation, contact Beverly Grant at 264-7599 or 432-967-0901.

- Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers.

If you would like to donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Maria at 816-6474.

- Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

- Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours of day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed.

For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 432-263-9669.

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

G. P. Harrell

G. P. Harrell, Jr., 65, of Kingsland, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, in Big Spring. His services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Ellen Frances (Hale) Fulghum

Ellen Frances (Hale) Fulghum, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Sheriff

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

Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- **REGINALD GERMAINE CALICUTT**, 42, was arrested by DPS on warrants on two counts of aggravated assault.

- **DAVID CANALAS JR.**, 32, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

- **JESSIE JAMES**, 30, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of service less than or equal to \$100 to \$750.

- **TERRY JOR CONWAY**, 56, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant of theft of property less than or equal to \$750 to \$2,500/.

- **KEVIN DAKATO SHANE ELLIS**, 25, was arrested by BSPD on charges of public intoxication, and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

- **JOE SOSA FLORES**, 47, was arrested by BSPD on warrant on failure to maintain financial responsibility, and contempt of court disobedience.

- **PALADIO GARZA JR.**, 35, was arrested by BSPD on charges of theft less than \$100, and criminal trespass.

- **TYLER JADE GARZA**, 22, was arrested by DPS on a charge on racing on highway.

- **AMBER MICHELLE GUTIERREZ**, 42, was arrested by BSPD on a warrant on parole violation.

- **TRACEY LYN HAISAN**, 31, was arrested by HCSO on charges of driving with license invalid with previous conviction, and possession of dangerous drug.

- **DAVID HERNANDEZ**, 35, was arrested by BDSP on a warrant of cruelty to non-livestock animals.

- **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on a charge of false drug test falsification.

- **KRISTY MICHELLE LIVINGSTON**, 33, was arrested by BSPD on warrants on theft of property less than \$2,500, parole violation evading arrest, expired registration, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the church.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, As Bill Sees it, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month.

This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; newcomers meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- A six-week course in Wellness and Quality of Life with Chronic Pain will be held at Spring Creek Fellowship located in the Spring Town Plaza, 1801 E. FM 700. There is no charge for the course, and a workbook will be provided. Contact Steve Purdy at 432-517-4840 for more information.

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.

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MCCAIN

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In a brief statement on Sunday, McCain's office provided an assessment from Dr. Mark Gilbert, chief of neuro-oncology at the National Institutes of Health's National Cancer Institute.

"Senator McCain has responded well to treatment he received at Walter Reed Medical Center for a viral infection and continues to improve," Gilbert said. "An evaluation of his underlying cancer shows he is responding positively to ongoing treatment."

McCain expressed appreciation for his care and the outpouring of support and, according to his office, "looks forward to returning to Washington in January."

Now in his sixth Senate term, McCain underwent surgery in mid-July

to remove a 2-inch (51-millimeter) blood clot in his brain and was diagnosed with glioblastoma.

President Donald Trump told reporters Sunday he had spoken to Cindy McCain.

"They've headed back, but I understand he'll come if we ever needed his vote, which hopefully we won't," Trump said after returning to the White House from Camp David. "But the word is that John will come back if we need his vote. And it's too bad. He's going through a very tough time, there's no question about it. But he will come back if we need his vote."

This week, the GOP will try to pass a sweeping \$1.5 trillion tax package in the Senate with a razor-thin majority and all Democrats opposed to the legislation.

Republicans hold a slim 52-48 advantage in the Senate, and McCain

and Sen. Thad Cochran, R-Miss., missed votes last week. The 80-year-old Cochran had a non-melanoma lesion removed from his nose earlier this week. He is expected to vote on the tax bill.

Republicans secured the support of Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker last Friday for the tax measure, and they are poised to pass the bill by a narrow margin in the face of unified Democratic opposition. As a backstop, Vice President Mike Pence would be available to break a tie.

A vote is expected in the House on Tuesday and the Senate on Wednesday. If approved, the measure would head to Trump for his signature on what will be his first major legislative accomplishment since taking office 11 months ago.

After his summer surgery, McCain

rebounded quickly, returning to Washington and entering the Senate on July 25 to a standing ovation from his colleagues.

In a dramatic turn, he cast a deciding vote against the Republican health care bill — a move that drew the wrath of Trump and conservatives. McCain's vote scuttled the seven-year effort by the GOP to dismantle much of President Barack Obama's health care law.

But McCain's condition has appeared to worsen in recent weeks. He suffered a minor tear in his right Achilles tendon, forcing him to wear a walking brace. McCain eventually began using a wheelchair, with members of his staff pushing him where he needed to go.

HEALTH

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Health Savings Accounts

Unlike a FSA, funds in a Health Savings Account, or HSA, will roll over to the next year, and you don't have to worry about zeroing out the balance before year's end. You can let this tax deferred money grow until you need it — whether that's in a month or a few years down the road. HSAs are especially helpful if you have insurance with a high deductible, and they stay with you even if you change employers or move. You can also consider investing more money in your HSA at the end of the year to save on taxes. Check with your ac-

countant to see what is best for you.

Finish the year on a healthy note by taking the time to understand how your insurance plan works and how you can make the most of your savings or coverage. It should make for a much happier and healthier New Year.

Leslie Berry, FNP is part of the Scenic Mountain Medical Group and is located at 2301 S. Gregg Street. Beginning January 1, 2018 the phone number to schedule an appointment will be changing to, 432-267-5531. To find out more about Berry and the other providers at Scenic Mountain Medical Group or to schedule an appointment, visit www.SMMGCares.com.

Trump to unveil 'America First' national security strategy

By JONATHAN BY LEMIRE and HOPE YEN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is outlining a new national security strategy that refocuses the United States' relationship with the rest of the world, essentially implementing his "America First" mantra on a global scale.

It envisions nations in constant competition, reverses Obama-era warnings on climate change, and affirms that the United States will unilaterally defend its sovereignty, even if that means risking existing agreements with other countries that have dominated the United States' foreign policy since the Cold War.

The Republican president, who ran on a platform of "America First," will detail his plan Monday, one that if fully implemented could sharply alter U.S. international relationships. The plan, according to senior administration officials who offered a preview Sunday, is

to focus on four main themes: protecting the homeland; promoting American prosperity; demonstrating peace through strength; and advancing American influence in an ever-competitive world.

Trump's doctrine holds that nation states are in perpetual competition and that the U.S. must fight on all fronts to protect and defend its sovereignty from friend and foe alike. While the administration often says that "America First" does not mean "America Alone," the national security strategy to be presented by Trump will make clear that the United States will stand up for itself even if that means acting unilaterally or alienating others on issues like trade, climate change and immigration, according to people familiar with the strategy.

The last such strategy document, prepared by then-President Barack Obama in 2015, declared climate change an "urgent and growing threat to our national security." A senior official said

the Trump plan removes that determination — following the administration's threat to pull out of the Paris climate accord — but will mention the importance of environmental stewardship.

Despite the risk of potential isolation presented by Trump's strategy, its fundamentals are not a surprise. The Associated Press last week reviewed excerpts of a late draft of the roughly 70-page document and spoke to two people familiar with it. The draft emphasizes that U.S. economic security is national security and that economic security must be ensured with military might. And they said it would stress the U.S. is interested only in relationships with other countries, including alliances like NATO, that are fair and reciprocal.

Trump, according to the senior officials, is also expected to discuss threats he'll deem as "rogue regimes," like North Korea. Others,

like Russia and China, are deemed "revisionist powers," who aim to change the status quo — Moscow and its actions with Ukraine and Georgia, and Beijing in the South China Sea. Trump is also planning to renew his call for the member states in the United Nations and NATO to spend more on defense, saying that the United States will insist on its alliances being fair and reciprocal.

The senior officials said the document refers to China as a "strategic competitor," rather than the stronger accusation of "economic aggression" previewed last week by National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster. Despite international challenges, the document cites emerging opportunities to advance American interests in the Middle East. "Some of our partners are working together to reject radical ideologies and key leaders are calling for a rejection of Islamist extremism and

violence," it says. "Encouraging political stability and sustainable prosperity would contribute to dampening the conditions that fuel sectarian grievances."

The strategy document asserts that "for generations the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians has been understood as the prime irritant preventing peace and prosperity in the region. Today, the threats from radical jihadist terrorist organizations and the threat from Iran are creating the realization that Israel is not the cause of the region's problems. States have increasingly

found common interests with Israel in confronting common threats."

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Courtesy photo

CHS

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sights on All Area band tryouts in hopes for a bid at the All-State ATSSB (Association of Texas Small School Bands). Last competition year, McFall earned fifth chair out of 15 students across the state to

be selected for All-State band.

As they turned to the next stage, Ramirez said he will head into the tryouts focused on giving his best performance.

"The best mentality going in there with is we are all equal because those judges don't know what your face looks like, don't know who

you are, what chair you are in your band. We all equal," Ramirez said. "It's like an athletic game. Everything is zero to zero. We are all on an even playing field, and you just have to do our best and that's all you have to worry about."

Area auditions are set for Jan. 13 in Levelland, Texas.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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The future for Republicans

Senate Republicans breathed a big sigh of relief Tuesday night when Roy Moore went down to defeat in the Alabama special election — even though it halved their already razor-thin majority. Alabama voters rejected a man who was totally unfit to serve as U.S. senator, not just because of numerous allegations that he preyed on young girls when he was a local district attorney in his 30s but because his reverence for the Constitution was as phony as his 10-gallon hat.

But the race might have turned out differently had it not been for the courage of my home state’s junior senator, Colorado’s Cory Gardner, who announced that the National Republican Senate Committee, which he leads, was pulling its financial support after The Washington Post printed stories detailing Moore’s alleged abuse. The Senate Leadership Fund, run by former members of Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s staff, followed suit, drying up funds for the Moore campaign and signaling to donors that contributing to Moore was toxic. The Republican National Committee briefly froze its joint fundraising efforts on Moore’s behalf but jumped back aboard the Moore train after President Donald Trump, eight days before the election, tweeted, “We need Republican Roy Moore to win.”



LINDA CHAVEZ

Once Moore lost the race, however, Trump pretended he was never in Moore’s camp, reminding everyone he had supported Moore’s runoff opponent in the GOP primary, Luther Strange, because Moore wouldn’t “be able to win the General Election.”

Money can’t always win an election with a bad candidate, but had the NRSC and other Republican political action committees poured the \$5 million they could have into the race during the last weeks of the election, Moore might have squeaked through. Despite the serious and credible allegations against him, Moore still only lost the vote by 1.5 percentage points. White women overwhelmingly voted for Moore — 63 percent, according to exit polls — including a slim majority of college-educated white women. But as surprising — shocking, given the allegations against Moore — as those numbers might be, they reflect lower support than Republican candidates usually garner in Alabama. Had Moore done as well among all white voters as Republicans in previous elections, he’d be riding his horse up to the Capitol, which is why the decision by Sen. Gardner and other Republicans who put country before party mattered.

Gardner wasn’t alone among courageous Republicans. The senior senator from Alabama, Richard Shelby, announced just two days before the election that he had cast his absentee ballot for a write-in candidate because he couldn’t vote for Moore. Sens. John Boozman of Arkansas, Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, Susan Collins of Maine, Bob Corker of

Tennessee, Steve Daines of Montana, Jeff Flake of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, Dean Heller of Nevada, Mike Lee of Utah, John McCain of Arizona, Ben Sasse of Nebraska and Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania joined Gardner and Shelby in unequivocally coming out against Moore. Other Republicans said the allegations — if true — were disqualifying but fell short of saying that voters should reject Moore outright.

This was an important test in the era of Trump. The president is the leader of his party, but Gardner and others showed that they can make their own decisions based on the evidence and their convictions. For years, the GOP has presented itself as the values party. But with Trump’s election, many in the party have been put in a bind. Trump’s history — including allegations of his groping and demeaning women, not to mention his own words on tape that he could “grab them by the (genitals)” — has cast doubt on whether the Republican Party represents family values anymore. Maybe the courage of Republican senators who rejected Moore’s candidacy will usher in a new commitment to character in the party.

Gardner represents the future of the Republican Party, not its past. If Republicans are to have any hope of winning young voters, women (outside of whites in the Deep South) and larger shares of Hispanics and blacks, it needs to turn its back on the Roy Moores of the party and follow the leadership of the Cory Gardners.



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DAILY PRAYER

Today, Lord, may we praise Your name and reveal Your gospel to others. Amen.

Scared cops are scary

The jurors who acquitted Philip Brailsford of second-degree murder last week were told to judge him based on “how a reasonable officer would act, versus a regular person with no police training,” as The Arizona Republic put it. That distinction was crucial, because a “regular person” would never get away with shooting an unarmed man who was crawling on the floor, sobbing and begging for his life.



JACOB SULLUM

Like other recent cases in which jurors failed to hold police officers accountable for the unnecessary use of deadly force, Brailsford’s acquittal shows that cops benefit from a double standard. Unlike ordinary citizens, they can kill with impunity as long as they say they were afraid, whether or not their fear was justified.

Daniel Shaver got drunk and did something stupid. But he did not deserve or need to die for it.

On January 18, 2016, Shaver, who was 26 and lived in Granbury, Texas, was staying at a La Quinta Inn in Mesa, a Phoenix suburb, while working on a job for his father-in-law’s pest control company. After inviting two other hotel guests to his room for a drink, he showed them an air rifle he used for work, at one

point sticking it out a window to demonstrate the scope’s range.

Alarmed by the rifle’s silhouette, a couple who had been using the hotel’s hot tub informed the staff. That’s how Brailsford and five other Mesa officers ended up confronting Shaver in a fifth-floor hallway.

The bodycam video of the encounter, which was not publicly released until after the verdict, shows that Shaver, who according to the autopsy had a blood alcohol concentration more than three times the legal threshold for driving under the influence, was confused by the strange and contradictory orders that Sgt. Charles Langley barked at him. Instead of simply handcuffing Shaver as he lay face down with his hands behind his head, under the guns of three officers, Langley inexplicably told the terrified and intoxicated man to crawl toward him.

While crawling, eyes on the floor, Shaver paused and reached toward his waistband, apparently to pull his athletic shorts that had slipped down as he moved. That is when Brailsford fired five rounds from his AR-15 rifle.

“He could have easily and quickly drawn a weapon down on us and fired without aiming,” Brailsford said later. Yet neither of the other two officers who had guns drawn on Shaver perceived the threat that Brailsford did.

One of those officers testified that he would not fire based purely on the “draw stroke” Brailsford thought he saw. He would

also consider the context, such as whether a suspect is belligerent and threatening or, like Shaver, compliant, apologetic and tearful.

Brailsford said he was trained to ignore context. “We’re not trained necessarily to pay attention to what a suspect is saying,” he testified. “We’re supposed to watch their actions and what they do with their hands.”

The jury apparently accepted the counterintuitive argument that police, because of their special training, are apt to be less careful with guns than the average citizen would be. A similar dispensation seemed to be at work last June, when Minnesota jurors acquitted former St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez of manslaughter after he panicked during a traffic stop and shot a driver who was reaching for his license.

Even more astonishing was the failure of South Carolina jurors to reach a verdict in the trial of former North Charleston police officer Michael Slager, who shot an unarmed motorist in the back as he ran away. Last May, five months after that mistrial, Slager signed a federal plea agreement in which he admitted the shooting was not justified.

All three of these officers said they were afraid, but that is not enough to justify the use of deadly force. When juries fail to ask whether police have good reason to fear the people they kill, regular people have good reason to fear police.

MSNBC paid woman who said Chris Matthews harassed her

A spokesman for MSNBC on Sunday confirmed a report that a staffer at the news channel nearly two decades ago had been paid and left her job after she complained she was sexually harassed by "Hardball" host Chris Matthews.

The spokesman said the woman approached CNBC executives in 1999 to report Matthews made inappropriate comments about her in front of others. MSNBC is a sister company of MSNBC.

The company declined to identify the comments, other than to say they were sophomoric, inappropriate, made in poor taste and never meant as propositions.

"In 1999, this matter was thoroughly reviewed and dealt with," the spokesman wrote to The Associated Press. "At that time, Matthews received a formal reprimand."

The person representing MSNBC spoke to The Associated Press on condition that his name will not be used due to the sensitive nature of the matter.

MSNBC said the payment was "separation-related compensation," which means the payment was tied to the woman leaving her job. The company would not release the payment amount, citing confidentiality. The company also declined to elaborate on the reprimand.

Attempts to reach Matthews on Sunday were unsuccessful.

The Daily Caller first reported the allegations on Saturday.

Jazz and pop singer Keely Smith dies of heart failure at 89

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Keely Smith, a pop and jazz singer known for her solo recordings of jazz standards as well as her musical partnership with Louis Prima, has died of apparent heart failure in Palm Springs. She was 89.

According to a news release from her publicist Bob Merlis, Smith was under a physician's care when she died Saturday.

Smith was born Dorothy Jacqueline Keely in Norfolk, Virginia on March 9, 1928, and got her first paying job singing with the Earl Bennett band when she was just 15. She later auditioned to sing with Louis Prima's band, and began touring with them in 1948. She and Prima married in 1953, and together they won a Grammy for their hit, "That Old Black Magic" in 1959.

In 2001 — 42 years later — Smith was nominated for a Grammy for her album "Keely Sings Sinatra."

In a news release her publicist said Smith was focused on being in control of her own career, setting up her own record label "Keely Records" in conjunction with friend Frank Sinatra's Reprise Records. She divorced Prima in 1961 and married Jimmy Bowen in 1965. Her third marriage was to Bobby Milano in the 1970s.

During her seven-decade career Smith was lauded by critics for her bold voice and ability to make the music swing, and she received several awards including a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. For the 50th Grammy Awards in 2008, she performed "That Old Black Magic" as a duet with Kid Rock.

Smith has lived in Palm Springs for about 40 years. She is survived by her two children, Toni Prima and Luanne Prima.

SpaceX capsule back at space station with pre-Christmas haul

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A recycled SpaceX capsule is back at the International Space Station, just in time for Christmas.

NASA astronauts used the space station's big robot arm to grab the Dragon capsule out of orbit Sunday. It's the second visit for this particular supply ship, which made a delivery for NASA back in 2015 as well, and only the second time a Dragon has had a repeat performance 250 miles up.

"It's a great day to see Dragon back at ISS again," Mission Control radioed.

Replied spaceman Joe Acaba: "It's a beautiful spacecraft, and we're looking forward to digging into it and getting some science on board."

Acaba assisted Mark Vande Hei in capturing the Dragon as the two spacecraft raced over the Pacific, midway between Australia and New Guinea. Flight controllers in Houston then took over, securing the Dragon to its berthing spot just over two hours later.

SpaceX launched the Dragon from Cape Canaveral on Friday, using a previously flown Falcon rocket. It was the first time SpaceX had flown a recycled rocket with a recycled capsule on top, at the heart of the company's effort to drive down launch costs.

The Dragon holds nearly 5,000 pounds of station goods, including lab mice and barley seeds, the latter a Budweiser experiment. The beer maker — eager to serve the first brews on Mars — wants to see how well the 20 barley seeds sprout in weightlessness.

Sudden power outage creates 'nightmare' at Atlanta airport



AP photo

Long lines form at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport after a power outage, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017, in Atlanta. A sudden power outage at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on Sunday grounded scores of flights and passengers during one of the busiest travel times of the year.

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A sudden power outage brought the world's busiest airport to a standstill Sunday, grounding more than 1,000 flights in Atlanta just days before the start of the Christmas travel rush. Hours after the blackout began, authorities announced that electricity would be restored at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport by midnight.

Passengers at the airport were left in the dark when the lights went out at around 1 p.m. The outage halted all outgoing flights, and arriving planes were held on the ground at their point of departure. International flights were being diverted, officials said.

Mayor Kasim Reed tweeted Sunday night that all passengers had been safely deplaned.

The City of Atlanta said on its Twitter page that it would provide shuttle service to the Georgia Convention Center for travelers in need of a place to stay and Chick-fil-A would be provided.

Delta passenger Emilia Duca, 32, was on her way to Wisconsin from Bogota, Colombia, when she got stuck in Atlanta. She said police made passengers who were in the baggage-claim area move to a higher floor. She said restaurants and shops were closed. Vending machines weren't working.

"A lot of people are arriving, and no one is going out. No one is saying anything official. We are stuck here," she said. "It's a nightmare."

Delta, with its biggest hub operation in Atlanta, will be hardest hit. By evening, Delta had already cancelled almost 800 Sunday flights and another 250 on Monday, nearly all of them in Atlanta, according to tracking service FlightAware.com.

Robert Mann, an aviation consultant and former American Airlines executive, said it likely will be Tuesday before Delta's operations in Atlanta return to normal, and for passengers "it could be most of the week" because there aren't many open seats on other flights in the last week before Christmas.

"Tomorrow is going to be a long and difficult day for everybody," Mann said.

One bit of good news,

according to Mann: Delta has more spare planes and available crews in Atlanta than anywhere else, which will help it to recover.

Still, when flights at Atlanta were grounded for most of one day last spring, it took Delta five days — and about 4,000 cancelled flights — before it fully recovered.

Like Sunday's outage, that April storm hit Delta's largest hub at a busy travel time when there weren't many empty seats to accommodate customers from cancelled flights. At the time, CEO Ed Bastian vowed that Delta would make "significant improvements" to its system for scheduling and tracking aircraft crews to recover more quickly from disruptions.

While Delta was hit hardest by the outage, other airlines also canceled flights for the rest of Sunday. American Airlines canceled 24 departures and an equal number of arrivals, said spokesman Ross Feinstein. The airline also diverted three planes that were headed to Atlanta when the outage struck, sending them instead to Dallas, Nashville and back to Philadelphia.

The FAA said it would staff the airport control tower throughout the night so that it can handle flights once they resume. The FAA said the tower could operate normally but flights were affected because airport equipment in the terminals was not working.

According to a Georgia Power statement, a fire in an underground electrical facility may have been responsible for the outage. The cause of the fire was not known.

"No personnel or passengers were in danger at any time," the statement said.

No areas outside of the airport were affected by the power loss. The utility said that there are "many redundant systems in place" to ensure the power supply to the airport and that such outages at the airport "are very rare."

That wasn't enough to comfort Jeff Smith, 46, of Pittsburgh, who

ended up stuck in a plane on the tarmac for three hours after it landed.

"This is the worst experience I've ever had at an airport," he said.

Sara Melillo, who was traveling to Pittsburgh from Kenya, where she lives with her husband, Greg Presto, to spend Christmas with his family were stuck on the tarmac for six hours. The couple had made stops in Nairobi and Amsterdam and landed shortly after the lights went out in Atlanta.

She said the pilot didn't have a lot of information for the travelers but the plane had air conditioning and attendants offered water and juice a few times. She described the Delta terminal as "big chaos" with not enough customer service for the hundreds of people trying to find a flight to their next destination and a place to sleep for the night.

With her new boarding pass handwritten and her bags still stuck on a plane, Melillo was hopeful that she and her husband would be able to get a flight in the morning to Pittsburgh, she said as she waited for an Uber to take them to a hotel.

By evening, power had been restored to at least one concourse. On its Twitter page Sunday night the airport tweeted, "Power on Concourse F is back ON! We are working with great urgency w/ @GeorgiaPower to restore power throughout rest of airport." Airport workers were distributing bottled water, and Dunkin' Donuts was giving out doughnuts.

Officer Lisa Bender of the Atlanta Police Department said officers were at the airport to help with crowd control and managing traffic around the airport.

Delta Air Lines, which has its hub at the airport, said about 900 mainline and connection flights were cancelled, and 48 flights were diverted. Delta temporarily embargoed unaccompanied minors from traveling Monday.

At Southwest Airlines, about 70 Atlanta departures out of 120 scheduled for Sunday were cancelled, an airline spokesman said in an email. United Airlines and JetBlue Airways were among carriers reporting delays or cancellations.

Mozell Smith, 58, of Atlanta arrived at the airport hours after the electricity went off. He was headed to Las Vegas with a sister and a friend.

"This is terrible. I wish someone would've given us a heads-up before we got to the airport," he said. "I wish there would have been better communication."

American Airlines reported only a handful of diversions and cancellations because the carrier does not use Atlanta as a hub, airline spokeswoman Alexis Aran Coello.



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Cowboys edge Raiders 20-17 by slimmest of margins

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Dallas kept its playoff hopes alive by the slimmest of margins.

Dak Prescott converted a fourth-down sneak by the width of an index card to set up Dan Bailey's go-ahead 19-yard field goal, and Derek Carr fumbled the ball inches from the goal line with 31 seconds left to give the Cowboys a 20-17 victory over the Oakland Raiders on Sunday night.

"We know where we're at, our season is on the line as far as going to the playoffs,"

tight end Jason Witten said. "It's good to just see us find a way to get the result that we did. ... Good to get lucky and see the football gods help you out a bit. I've certainly been on the course of my years."

The first key play came when Cowboys coach Jason Garrett decided to go for it on fourth-and-1 from his own 39 with about five minutes left in a tie game. Prescott ran into a pile that took officials time to untangle.

Referee Gene Steratore then called for the chains to come out, but even that wasn't clear. He then tried to

slide what appeared to be an index card between the tip of the ball and the end of the chain. When the card didn't slide through, Steratore signaled a first down for Dallas (8-6). He said he had decided it was a first down before the odd measurement.

"The final decision was made visually. The card was used nothing more than a reaffirmation of what was visually done," he told a pool reporter. "My decision was visually done based on the look from the pole."

That explanation didn't satisfy Raiders coach Jack Del Rio.

"I had a different viewpoint. I saw air," Del Rio said. "It was pretty obvious. Again, they do the best they can with a tough job."

Prescott then hit Dez Bryant with a 40-yard pass that set up Bailey's short kick with 1:44 to play that gave the Cowboys the lead.

But the game was far from over. The Raiders (6-8) got a gift when Jourdan Lewis committed a 55-yard pass interference penalty on a fourth-and-10 from their own 30. Carr then scrambled on third-and-3 from the 8 and reached out for the end zone. But the ball came loose before

crossing the goal line and went out of the end zone for a touchback that all but ended Oakland's playoff hopes. The Raiders are tied for ninth in the AFC.

"I tried to hold onto it," Carr said. "It wasn't like I didn't try. But there's obviously a lot of different things . throw it away, kick a field goal, run out of bounds. OK, cool. But in that moment I was just trying to win for my teammates."

Dallas is in a three-way tie for seventh place in the NFC, a half-game behind Atlanta for the final playoff spot.

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Jaguars rout Texans 45-7, clinch 1st playoff berth since '07

By MARK LONG

AP Sports Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — With another victory in hand and the playoffs in sight, the sellout crowd at EverBank Field started the wave.

Yes, the wave. Forgive those in Jacksonville for going a little old school. After all, they haven't seen anything like this in a decade.

Blake Bortles threw three touchdowns passes, including two to seldom-used backup Jaydon Mickens, and the Jaguars clinched a playoff spot with a 45-7 drubbing of AFC South rival Houston on Sunday. Jacksonville's seventh victory in its last eight games locked up the franchise's first postseason berth since 2007.

After the wave petered out in the fourth quarter, the fans turned to another standby: They chanted "playoffs, playoffs, playoffs."

If things go as planned, the Jaguars (10-4) will earn a postseason game at home. Jacksonville can clinch the AFC South and a home date with a victory next week at San Francisco. The Jaguars also would clinch the division if Tennessee loses to the Los Angeles Rams.

"I think it is awesome," Bortles said. "To be a part of the team that is changing the culture, it is tough to put into words. It's special. Unbelievably proud to be a part of this group and play for this organization."

Finishing with double-digit losses the last six seasons, the Jaguars now have double-digit wins for the first time since their last postseason appearance.

The injury-riddled Texans (4-10) have dropped four in a row and seven of eight.

"It's embarrassing, and you never want to get beat like that," said Houston linebacker/defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, who also called Bortles "trash" in the locker room. "It's embarrassing for the whole orga-

nization."

Bortles finished with a season-high 326 yards and the best QB rating (143.8) of his career. He did it without receivers Allen Robinson, Allen Hurns and Marqise Lee.

With Robinson (knee) on injured reserve, Hurns (ankle) inactive for the fifth consecutive week and Lee in the locker room, Mickens and rookie Keelan Cole stepped up. Mickens caught four passes for 61 yards and two scores. Cole had seven receptions for a career-high 186 yards and a TD.

"It's kind of cool that we solidified our (playoff) spot," Jaguars defensive tackle Malik Jackson said. "Now we can get over the giddiness of it. ... It's cool to be where we are, but we're not done yet."

Jacksonville was an NFL-worst 22-74 over the previous six years and was widely considered more of a laughingstock than a postseason contender.

"It's a story of perseverance," owner Shad Khan said.

Here are some other stories we saw about the Texans and Jaguars:

MILD CELEBRATION: The Jaguars barely acknowledged their milestone. Players walked to midfield after the game, shook hands with the Texans and headed to the locker room. No celebrations. No dancing. No parade lap. "We have bigger goals in mind," Jackson said. "And (Houston) has earned the respect for us to not go out there and act like clowns."

BETTER BORTLES: Bortles has been better than expected, especially lately, with seven touchdown passes, no turnovers and just one sack the last three games. "Blake's killing it," Jackson said. "I'm just glad he's been able to turn it around. I'm glad he's doing what we knew he could do, and I'm glad he's proving to himself that he can do it. He chose one hell of a year to pick it

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Spurs rally past Mavericks

By RAUL DOMINGUEZ

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — LaMarcus Aldridge had 22 points and 14 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs scored the final 13 points of the game, rallying for a 98-96 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday night.

Maxi Kleber had 21 points and Dirk Nowitzki added 19 for Dallas in the final regular season matchup between the Southwest Division rivals.

Kleber's 3-pointer gave Dallas a 96-85 lead with 4:11 remaining, but the Spurs held them scoreless the remainder of the game.

Aldridge's fall-away, 11-foot jumper tied the game at 96 with 23.4 seconds remaining and Manu Ginobili's driving layup with 3.1 seconds was the game-winning shot.

Aldridge had his 12th double-double of the season to help offset the absences of starters Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and Danny Green.

Coming off a 15-point blowout in Houston on Friday night, San Antonio was able to avoid its third straight loss.

The Spurs missed their first five shots, all short jumpers from Aldridge and Pau Gasol, on their way to shooting 30 percent in the opening quarter.

The Mavericks took advantage, charging to a 31-18 lead. San Antonio's reserves re-



AP photo
Dallas Mavericks guard Yogi Ferrell, right, drives against San Antonio Spurs forward Rudy Gay during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, in San Antonio.

versed the team's fortunes in the third quarter.

Davis Bertans finished with 13 points and Ginobili added 12 off the bench.

The Spurs closed within 72-68 after trailing by as many as 16 points to help set up the late-game heroics.

Dallas was without five players, including rookie point guard

Dennis Smith Jr.

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Smith missed a fifth straight game with a strained left hip. Also sitting out were Seth Curry (stress reaction, left tibia), Doron Robinson (left quadriceps tendinitis), Josh McRoberts (low extremity

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No. 24 Texas Tech rolls past Rice 73-53 on old home court



AP photo
Texas Tech's Keenan Evans (12) falls down taking a charge from Rice's Malik Osborne (13) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday, Dec. 16, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Keenan Evans and No. 24 Texas Tech didn't play very well on throwback night with alumni and former coaches watching. It was good enough,

though. Evans scored 13 points, Zhaire Smith added 12 and the Red Raiders beat Rice 73-53 on Saturday night in their first game since 1999 at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum,

their old home court.

Texas Tech held an alumni game before facing an old Southwest Conference opponent, then fell behind by eight points before holding the Owls (3-8) without a

field goal for the final 11 minutes of the first half while taking the lead for good.

"I'd be lying if I didn't tell you guys this was special," coach Chris Beard said. "This was cool. I've been telling myself and the team in the last two days to live in the moment. When Tony Battie walks in, it's kind of hard to live in the moment."

The Red Raiders (9-1) won their second straight as a ranked team, their first such victories in almost eight years. Texas Tech was ranked for a week before dropping out after a loss to Seton Hall and getting back in with over then-No. 22 Nevada.

Connor Cashaw had game highs of 21 points and 12 rebounds and was 5 of 8 from 3-point range for Rice.

Texas Tech's last game

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DISTRICT 08 Rule 37 Case No. 0308063
DATE OF ISSUANCE: Dec 11, 2017 Status/Permit No. 831831
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Jan 16, 2018
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit P. O. Box 12967 Austin, Texas 78711-2967 Fax: (512) 463-6780 Email: SWR37@RRC.TEXAS.GOV

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SM ENERGY COMPANY, [RRC Operator No. 788997] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the lease line distance requirement because the Ap-

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licant is less than the required Rule 37 lease line distance to an unleased or non-pooled interest within the subject unit for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 17, Bk. 31 T2N, T&P RR CO Survey, A-185, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, HOWARD County, being 13.6 miles NE direction from BIG SPRING, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512)463-6848**. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission's Drilling Permit Unit at rule 37 **(512)463-6751**.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name : MIR-ACLE MAX A
Lease/Unit Well No. : 1744WA
Lease/Unit Acres : 638.5
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 100.0

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♥ Q 4 3
♦ A K 5 2
♣ 10 6 5

WEST
♠ J 10 9 7 4 3
♥ J 5 2
♦ 6
♣ 9 8 4

EAST
♠ 5
♥ K 9 7 6
♦ Q 9 8 7 4 3
♣ J 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 8
♥ A 10 8
♦ J 10
♣ A K Q 7 3

The bidding:
West North East South
Pass 1♦ Pass 2♣
Pass 2 NT Pass 4♣
Pass 4♣ Pass 5♥
Pass 6♣

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

It is said that luck is eliminated when you play duplicate bridge, but, alas, there is more poetry than truth in that assertion.

Consider this deal from the match between the United States and France at the 1960 World Bridge Olympiad. The bidding went as shown when Victor Mitchell and Morton Rubinow were North-South for the U.S.

West led a diamond, and Rubinow, looking at 12 highly probable tricks

— three spades, a heart, three diamonds and five clubs — played low from dummy. East won with the queen and returned a diamond, and the slam very quickly went down the drain.

It is hard to point the finger of blame at Rubinow. Just about anyone worth his salt would have made the same play and gone minus 100.

When Pierre Jais and Roger Trezel were North-South for France, the bidding followed an entirely different route:

West	North	East	South
3♠	Pass	Pass	3 NT
Pass	4 NT	Pass	6♣
Pass			

Ira Rubin, West, opened three spades, but the renowned French pair found their way to six notrump anyway. The four-notrump bid by Jais was merely a raise in notrump and had nothing to do with Blackwood.

Rubin led the jack of spades, and Trezel did not have any difficulty making six notrump. He won the spade with the king, cashed the A-K of clubs, led the jack of diamonds and finessed.

The finesse lost to the queen, but Trezel had 12 ice-cold tricks. France thus gained 1,540 points on the deal, due largely to the 6-1 diamond division that had played such a critical role against six clubs at the first table.

Tomorrow: The law of probabilities.
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SUDOKU

	9			7		5		
5			2			7		
			4		9	1		
3						8		
9		5			8			3
		8		1				5
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	8						6	
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
6	9	9	7	2	7	6	5	9
1	8	7	4	8	7	3	6	5
5	7	6	2	1	3	8	4	9
9	1	5	7	4	8	2	3	6
3	7	2	6	9	5	8	1	4
8	3	7	4	5	9	1	6	2
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ANSWER:

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



Saturn Change
Pre-show

The study asked individuals to vividly imagine a fictional event. When asked about the event much later, many individuals mistakenly believed that the event had actually occurred. This phenomenon of memory is called "imagination inflation," and it's something to stay aware of as we get our ducks in a row before tomorrow's big Saturn change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've sought inspiration before, but this time the inspiration is seeking you. Do you believe in the muse? If so, she'll whisper in your ear. If not, she'll talk more loudly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're good with the strong personalities in your midst, and you've a way of neutralizing potential problems before they occur. You set a tone with your grace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's hard to be a gracious winner when the win is very hard-earned and extremely well-deserved. It's coming, though, so get ready to drum up some gracious humility.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The only way to know your talents is to try things out. Don't worry about the end game. No matter how much or little money you make in the name of creativity, you won't be sorry you expressed yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sun shines on all. Will you bask in it or seek shelter from it? Metaphorically, there's some extreme brightness in your world now. To enjoy it and not get hurt, you'll need symbolic sunscreen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). All things you own come with responsibility, even if it's only the responsibility of keeping them in your space. Before you acquire, you'll take a long pause to consider the total cost, which is not just the dollar

amount of the thing. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Today you'll be particularly adept at the jobs that tap into your people skills. You'll exercise your verbal, social and athletic muscles and make some money, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The experience of creating beauty (or even just intending to create it, as such outcomes are never guaranteed) really calms you down these days. This isn't about art so much as it is about moments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who absolutely must have the best are invariably unsatisfied. If only the best will do, the best usually won't do, as there's always something better coming through the revolving door to take its place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's frustration is something to explain instead of express. As you unpack the issues, you'll examine them, pinpoint the problem and start to assemble a plan of action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The bees needn't compete with the butterflies, and the sun has no need for competition with the moon. Nature's features are quite naturally in balance today, and you'll feel this in your own realm, as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Acting in a manner that's brief and to the point will be an act of love on this day, when there is so much to accomplish. There's great satisfaction in working efficiently with your peers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 18). It goes like this: You say you'll do it, and then you do. Your follow-through

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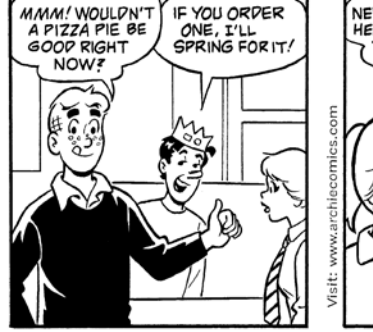
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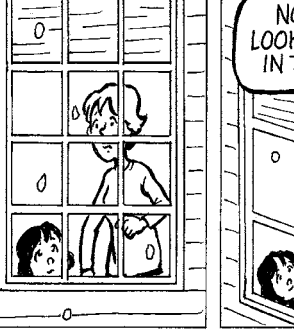
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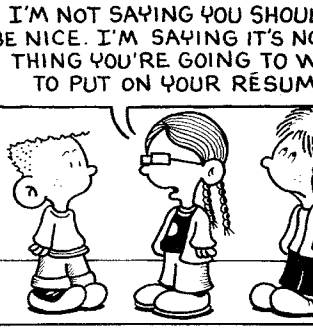
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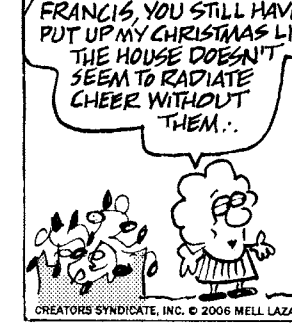
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This Date In History

Today is Monday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 2017. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1892, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia; although now considered a classic, it received a generally negative reception from critics.

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1863, in a speech to the Prussian Parliament, Prime Minister Otto von Bismarck declared, "Politics is not an exact science."

In 1865, the 13th Amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect by Secretary of State William H. Seward.

In 1912, fossil collector Charles Dawson reported to the Geological Society of London his discovery of supposed early human remains at a gravel pit in Piltdown. (More than four decades later, Piltdown Man was exposed as a hoax.)

In 1916, during World War I, the 10-month Battle of Verdun ended with French troops succeeding in repulsing a major German offensive.

In 1917, Congress passed the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting "the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors" and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1944, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the government's wartime evacuation of people of Japanese descent from the West Coast while at the same time ruling that "concededly loyal" Americans of Japanese ancestry could not continue to be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations. The panel game show "To Tell the Truth" debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1969, Britain's House of Lords joined the House of Commons in making permanent a 1965 ban on the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began heavy bombing of North Vietnamese targets during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 11 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin

died at age 76.

In 1992, Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

Ten years ago: The White House said President George W. Bush had approved "a significant reduction" in the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile, cutting it to less than one-quarter its size at the end of the Cold War. The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously to extend the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq for one year. Jacob Zuma was elected leader of the African National Congress, South Africa's ruling party, defeating incumbent Thabo Mbeki (TAH'-boh um-BEH'-kee).

Five years ago: Classes resumed in Newtown, Connecticut, except at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the scene of a massacre four days earlier. Two bank robbers pulled off a daring escape from downtown Chicago's high-rise jail by scaling down 17 stories using a makeshift rope. (Kenneth Conley and Jose Banks were later recaptured.) Texas A&M quarterback Johnny Manziel became the first freshman to be voted The Associated Press Player of the Year in college football.

One year ago: A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a military camp in the southern Yemeni city of Aden, killing at least 52 soldiers; the Islamic State group's Yemen-based affiliate claimed responsibility. Actress Zsa Zsa Gabor died at her Los Angeles home at age 99.

Today's Birthdays: Former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark is 90. Actor Roger Mosley is 79. Rock singer-musician Keith Richards is 74. Writer-director Alan Rudolph is 74. Movie producer-director Steven Spielberg is 71. Blues artist Ron Piazza is 70. Movie director Gillian Armstrong is 67. Movie reviewer Leonard Maltin is 67. Rock musician Elliot Easton is 62. Actor Ray Liotta is 62. Comedian Ron White is 61. R&B singer

Angie Stone is 56. Actor Brad Pitt is 54. Professional wrestler-turned-actor "Stone Cold" Steve Austin is 53. Actor Shawn Christian is 52. Actress Rachel Griffiths is 49. Singer Alejandro Sanz is 49. Actor Casper Van Dien is 49. Country/rap singer

Cowboy Troy is 47. Rapper DMX is 47. International Tennis Hall of Famer Arantxa Sanchez Vicario is 46. DJ Lethal (Limp Bizkit) is 45. Pop singer Sia is 42. Country singer Randy Houser is 41. Actor Josh Dallas is 39. Actress Katie

Holmes is 39. Actor Ravi Patel is 39. Singer Christina Aguilera is 37. Christian rock musician Dave Luetkenhoelter (Kutless) is 35. Actress Ashley Benson is 28. Actress-singer Bridgit Mendler is 25. Actress Isabella Cramp is 13.

Thought for Today:

"Being jealous of a beautiful woman is not going to make you more beautiful."

Zsa Zsa Gabor (1917-2016).

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Newsday Crossword

JUST RELAX by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

ACROSS

- 1 Capital of France
- 6 People in general
- 10 Rough guess
- 14 Watchful
- 15 One of the Great Lakes
- 16 Coke or Pepsi
- 17 Polite military denial
- 18 Stag or fawn
- 19 "What's ___ for me?"
- 20 Relax at the beach
- 22 Salmon or sardine
- 23 Lrk
- 24 Formal decrees
- 26 Person using a straw
- 30 Competent
- 32 Opera solo
- 33 Not doing anything
- 35 Specialized vocabulary
- 40 Relax with your favorite program
- 43 Rattler or cobra
- 44 Formal "Me neither"
- 45 And others: Abbr.
- 46 Actor ___ Damon
- 48 Like an angry stare
- 50 States it as fact
- 54 Had dinner
- 55 Mouse-catching device
- 56 Relax with the new bestseller
- 63 Lrk
- 64 "Tall" story
- 65 ___ by (obey)
- 66 China's continent
- 67 Right away, in memos

DOWN

- 11 Gin and ___ (cocktail)
- 12 Elite group of guests
- 13 Rooms with sinks and showers
- 21 Be worthy of
- 25 Local sandwich shop
- 26 Wood-cutting tools
- 27 Teheran's nation
- 28 Greek pocket bread
- 29 Fill a suitcase
- 30 Dole out
- 31 Brewery product
- 34 Minor fender damage
- 36 "That makes sense"
- 37 Evening, in ads
- 38 What scores a point in soccer
- 39 Merely
- 41 Skirt borders
- 42 Scenic view
- 47 Major blood vessels
- 49 Apartment renter
- 50 Purse handle
- 51 Stand up
- 52 New Haven collegian
- 53 Say something
- 54 Highly skilled
- 57 Make less difficult
- 58 Actor Alda
- 59 Woodwind instrument
- 60 Workshop clamping device
- 61 Adam and Eve's home
- 62 Not as expensive

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RODEOS ESSAYS



AP photo

Oakland Raiders running back Marshawn Lynch (24) is tackled by Dallas Cowboys defenders during the second half of an NFL football game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017.

COWBOYS

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The Falcons beat the Cowboys head-to-head.

The Cowboys got their third straight win without suspended star running back Ezekiel Elliott, who returns from a six-game suspension next week. But Dallas' three straight losses at the start of the suspension created a hole the team is still trying to escape.

"We continue to scratch, we continue to claw," coach Jason Garrett said. "It wasn't our most perfect performance in any phase of our football team, but the fight was there."

FAKE IT OUT

The Cowboys took a risk in the third quarter on a fourth-and-11 from their own 24. Punter Chris Jones kept the ball and ran 24 yards for a first down. Dallas then drove down the field and took a 17-10 lead when Prescott ran in from 5 yards out and then was given a shower of drinks thrown by fans in the Black Hole.

MILESTONE THROW

Carr set up Oakland's first TD with a 32-yard scramble that was his longest run since his rookie year. That led to a 2-yard TD to Michael Crabtree

that gave Carr 100 career touchdown passes. He joined Dan Marino, Peyton Manning, Russell Wilson and Andrew Luck as the only players with at least 100 TD passes in their first four years in the NFL. Carr added a second TD pass to Crabtree in the fourth quarter that tied the game at 17.

TAKE IT AWAY

Sean Smith intercepted two passes for the Raiders, doubling the team's total from the first 13 games. Smith got his first on the opening drive of the game and then added another just moments after Oakland got on the board for the first time. Bruce Irvin hit Prescott on the throw and Smith came up with the floater. He was initially given a TD return on the play but was ruled down by contact on replay and Oakland settled for a game-tying field goal from Giorgio Tavecchio.

INJURIES

The Raiders lost LT Donald Penn (foot) and DT Treyvon Hester (ankle) to injuries in the first half. ... Dallas LT Tyron Smith left in the second half with a knee injury.

UP NEXT

Cowboys: Host Seattle on Sunday. Raiders: Visit Philadelphia on Dec. 25.

SPURS

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injury), and Nerlens Noel (left thumb). ... Dallas is 2-12 on the road after going 12-29 away from home last season. ... The Mavericks are 5-1 when scoring at least 30 points in the first quarter. ... Dallas has made 10-plus 3-pointers in 22 of their first 30 games this season. ... Dallas has 12 turnovers or less in seven straight games and nine of its last 10.

Spurs: Leonard and Parker sat out the second game of a back-to-back as part of their recovery from quadriceps injuries that kept both out for much of the season. ... Green was scratched from the lineup an hour before the

game due to tightness in his left groin. ... San Antonio is 6-7 in back-to-back games this season, losing both games once this season. ... Ginobili has played in 522 games in the AT&T Center, surpassing Tim Duncan for second overall to Parker's 550 games at home. ... Bryn Forbes made his third career start, joining Avery Johnson as only the second undrafted player under 6-foot-4 in Spurs history to start 3-plus games.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: Host Phoenix on Monday night before playing five games against teams from the Eastern Conference.

Spurs: Host Los Angeles Clippers on Monday night before embarking on a three-game trip.

TECH

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at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum was a 78-68 loss to Colorado on Feb. 24, 1999. The old arena was across a parking lot from the football stadium when the Red Raiders used it. United Spirit Arena is on the other side of the Lubbock campus.

Niem Stevenson and Zach Smith scored 10 points apiece, and Jarrett Culver and Davide Moretti each had eight. Zach Smith and Culver were among four Red Raiders with a team-high five rebounds.

Texas Tech shot 63 percent in the second

half to overcome 25 percent shooting from 3-point range for the game (4 of 16) and 33 percent on free throws (7 of 21).

"I kind of sense it in here. Even you guys don't think we played great, but that's expectations," Beard said. "There was a time not too long ago where if Texas Tech won a game by 20-something points, it's probably a great night. We're starting to raise the expectations of our team, and I love it."

BIG PICTURE

Rice: Cashaw didn't have much help. He was the only player in double figures and the rest of the Owls were just 11 of 33 from the

field. With blowout losses to the likes of Georgia State, Texas-Arlington and Stephen F. Austin in non-conference, it could be a tough go in Conference USA.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders accomplished their goal of getting back in the Top 25, knowing they'd have a shot to stay there until the start of the rugged Big 12. There are two more non-conference games before conference opens with two teams currently ranked (Baylor and Kansas).

T H R O W B A C K NIGHT

Beard was particularly pleased to see former coach James

Dickey, among the visitors. "It's like the first time I ever went and saw Bob Seger live," Beard said. "I told myself, 'Man, I can't get all caught up. I want to kind of just be able to remember what happened.' But I didn't. I got all fired up and after the concert I couldn't even remember what he played. Tonight, as much as I told myself and the players, 'Hey, let's just calm down and try to win a basketball game,' there was some emotional stuff."

UP NEXT

Rice: At New Mexico on Tuesday.

Texas Tech: Home against Florida Atlantic on Tuesday.

TEXANS

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up." The Jaguars, who played without leading rusher Leonard Fournette (quadriceps), lost leading receiver Lee in the first quarter.

Lee is expected to get tests Monday to determine the extent of his ankle injury.

Jacksonville's defense, which has been the glue all season, held Houston to 186 yards.

The Jaguars led 31-0 at the break, their largest halftime lead in team history.

"It was very satisfying," defensive tackle Calais Campbell said.

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