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Opening new doors: new academy coming to Runnels Jr. High



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The former Runnels Junior High, 1004 Johnson St, will soon house the Christian "Runnels Academy," set to open in August 2018. Runnels is currently the home of LifeChurch, and while Runnels Academy will occupy the building's second floor, it is not affiliated with the church.

By ERIN STEPHENS
 Staff Writer

Plans are currently underway to renovate and restore what was formerly known as Runnels Junior High School. The building that once housed the junior high school has been chosen by a small group of Big Spring residents as the site for a new private Christian academy. The new school will be called "Runnels Academy," and the goal is to deliver a classical Christian education to students.

"Classical Christian schools have a philosophy all their own, and that form of education is steeped in history; it's how our forefathers were educated," said future Runnels Academy principal Jenny Bryans. "We'll be teaching languages like Latin and Greek, and our schools will be split into 3 parts: the grammar, logic, and rhetoric stages."

The grammar stage is for the junior kindergarten through fifth or sixth grade, and students in this stage will be using learning methods that involve repetition, poems, and jingles, to help kids learn the language of each subject. In the logic stage, the main goal is for students to take what they learned in the grammar stage, and use it to argue their point about a topic. The last stage is the rhetoric stage and it's about teaching kids to be persuasive through their writing and speaking.

"We're different from public schools here, in that we will not be using what is referred to as a 'common core' curriculum, a set of math and English

Language Arts standards for K-12 students to reach by the end of each grade level," said Bryans. "Our goal is to meet and then surpass what public school students are taught in regards to the TEKS test, also known as the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills assessment."

Once a schoolteacher for Big Spring ISD, Bryans eventually made the decision to homeschool her then-five-year-old child. She homeschooled for one year and then enrolled him at Midland Classical Academy the next year. Bryans began teaching again at Big Spring Classical Academy and taught there for 4 years while both of her children attended.

"Due to unforeseen circumstances, BSCA went through a transition, and the school was dissolved," she said. "Me and other parents who were part of the academy got together, started a school board, and decided to start our own school."

Members of the Runnels Academy school board are Life Church pastor Kevin Knudson, Robert Kennedy, Ben Blaine, John Bryans, Kathryn Lane, and Chance Nichols.

The Runnels Junior High building currently belongs to Life Church, lo-

cated next door to the school building. "We'll be using the second floor of this building for our school, but we aren't affiliated with the Life Church Ministry, and will merely be a tenant in their building," said Bryans.

Life Church recently raised \$160,000 to put towards the new academy. Renovations will begin in January 2018, with the tentative opening set for August 2018. Life Church is still in process of raising money for renovations on their building. Anyone interested in making a donation towards the renovation fund or who just wants more information on the school in general can call Life Church at 432-263-7714, visit runnelsacademy.org, or go to www.fundraisingbrick.com/runnelsacademy.

"We're excited to be able to offer an alternative to public schools and we believe that education begins at home so we'd like to join together with parents to provide the best education possible," said Bryans.

"Today in our country, it seems we've taken education away from parents and given it to schools," she continued. "Parents sometimes seem to become disconnected as to what schools are teaching their children so we want them to work with us for their child's benefit."

While some of the details are still being worked out, tuition is currently set at \$6,000 per year and if a family has more than one child attending the academy, they'll be given a discount on tuition. Future plans for the school

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Extreme cold to test New Year's revelers; some events iced

By MARY ESCH
 Associated Press

Dress in layers, lay off the booze and bring some hand warmers. Those are some of the tips offered for the huge crowd of revelers expected in Times Square for what could be one of the coldest New Year's Eve ball drops on record.

Brutal weather has iced plans for scores of events in the Northeast from New Year's Eve through New Year's Day, but not in New York City, where people will start gathering in Times

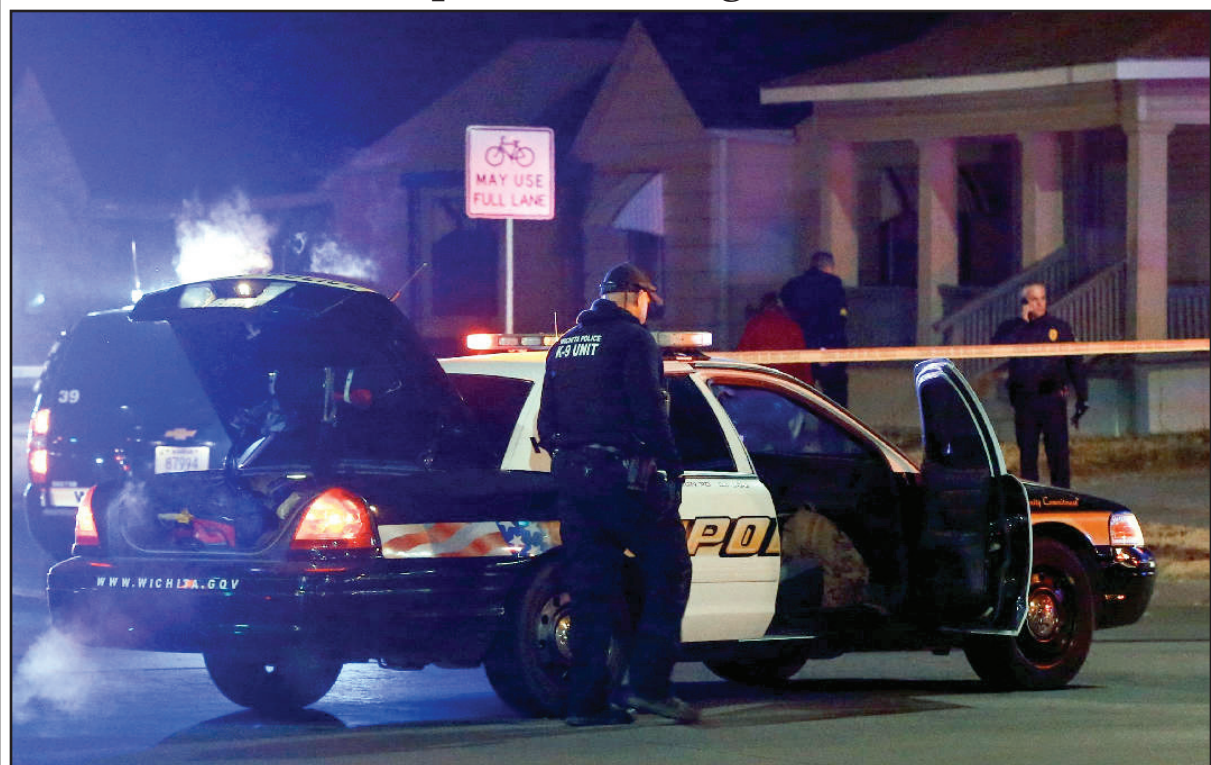
Square up to nine hours before the famous ball drop.

"Hundreds of thousands have withstood very cold weather over the years for a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we expect this year to be no different," said Tim Tompkins, president of the Times Square Alliance which puts on the event.

The coldest New Year's Eve in Times Square came in 1917, when it was 1 degree at midnight. This year, the forecast is for 11 degrees with a wind chill around zero,

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Police: Prank led to police shooting unarmed Kansas man



AP photo

Wichita police investigate a call of a possible hostage situation near the corner of McCormick and Seneca in Wichita, Kan., Thursday night 12/28. A man was fatally shot by a police officer in what is believed to be a gaming prank called "swatting."

By HEATHER HOLLINGSWORTH and JIM SALTER
 Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Police and the FBI are investigating whether an argument over an online game prompted a hoax call that led to a house where an officer shot and killed a Kansas man who apparently wasn't involved in the dispute.

Wichita Deputy Police Chief Troy Livingston on Friday blamed a "prankster" who called 911 and made up a story about a shooting and kidnapping. He did not mention reports that an argument over online gaming was at the heart of the prank, although he said investi-

gators had made good progress tracking online leads.

Police have not disclosed the name of the man who was killed Thursday evening, but relatives identified him as Andrew Finch, 28.

Livingston, speaking at a news conference, said the hoax call was a case of "swatting," in which a person makes up a false report to get a SWAT team to descend on an address.

"Due to the actions of a prankster we have an innocent victim," Livingston said. He said no one has been arrested in connection with the hoax.

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City and County announce Jan. 1 closures

By ROGER CLINE
 Staff Writer

2018 is right around the corner, and local government services will be taking New Years Day off.

Both city of Big Spring and Howard County offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 1. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2.

For Big Spring, closures will include landfill and sanitation services. Emergency services, including police, fire, and emergency medical service, will continue normal operation throughout the holiday; and emergency utility services will be on call and can be contacted at 264-2392.

County closures include administrative offices at the Sheriff's Department, but law enforcement services will operate as normal.



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Obituaries

Fermin L. Florez, Jr.



Fermin L. Florez, Jr., 67, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2017, at Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Monsignor Bernard L. Gully, officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Fermin was born Aug. 4, 1950, in Big Spring, Texas to Maria Correa Florez and Fermin L. Florez, Sr. Fermin is survived by his wife, Gloria Florez of

Pasadena, Texas; four daughters, Venessa Aleman and husband Arturo of Pasadena, Maria Basaldua and husband Michael of Tulia, Graciela Florez of Houston and Herminia Florez and husband Albert Tangarife of LaPorte; his mother, Maria Florez of Bryan; eight grandchildren; two brothers, Charlie Florez of Big Spring and Pete Florez of Bryan; three sisters, Florence Rosas of Friendswood, Elizabeth Rios of Big Spring and Debra Olague of Big Spring and numerous nieces and nephews.

Fermin was preceded in death by his father, Fermin L. Florez Sr.; and a grandson; and his maternal and paternal grandparents.

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

Mary Joe Harland



Mary Joe Harland, 91, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Sandy Sandlin officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park

The family will receive friends at 1 p.m. one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Survivors include her son, Mike Harland and wife, Katrina of Lewisville; her daughter, Khenda Davis and husband, Malcolm of Galveston; four grandchildren; and a sister.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Beulah Morrison. The family suggests memorials to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad St., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwech.com.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **TOMI JO MCPHERSON**, 20, of 3017 S Moss-lake Rd., was arrested on the charge of evading arrest detention.

- **JOSHUA NATHANAEL SPIVEY**, 21, of 710 E 14th, was arrested on the charges of evading arrest detention, and a warrant with another agency.

- **DANIEL MOTEZ VIERA JR.**, 30, of 1409 Princeton St., was arrested on the warrants of assault family vio-

lence threat or offensive touch, and failure to appear.

- **PABLO VIERA JR.**, 32, of 1907 S Main St., was arrested on warrants with five other agencies.

- **TINO OLAGUE VILLA**, 26, of 5102 Wasson Rd., was arrested on the charges driving while license suspended, and nine warrants with other agencies.

- **JESSE ROGELIO OLGUIN-GAMEZ**, 34, of 709 S Douglas, was arrested on the warrant assault family or house-

hold member and intentionally or recklessly impeding normal breathing circulation.

- **KEEGAN LAIRD CLARK**, 43, of 2308 S Monticello, was arrested on the charges of two warrants with other agencies.

- **SHANE LEVESQUE**, 39, of 5700 Cedar Rd., was arrested on the charge of public intoxication.

- **THEFT** was reported in the 500 block of E 3rd St., and in the 3000 block of W HWY 80.

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PROGRESS was reported in the 3900 block of W Hwy 80.

- **ACCIDENT MINOR** was reported on Goliad and FM 700.

- **ACCIDENT MAJOR** was reported in the 2600 block of S Gregg.

- **THEFT OF FIRE-ARM** was reported in the 600 block of E 17th St.

- **TELEPHONE HARRASSMENT** was reported in the 500 block of NW 10th St.

Take Note

- Cross stitch squares are now ready for the 2018 Howard County Fair quilt. Theme for this year's quilt is "The Love of Dogs." Anyone able to help by stitching a square may pick one up at the Heritage Museum during regular hours, Tuesday through Saturday. For questions or for more information, please contact Suzanne Markwell at 214-256-1674.

- 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.

- Cost has dropped to \$5 per person thanks to a sponsor Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road.

- 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.

- Membership to the Big Spring Native American Association is open to the public. People interested in Native American culture are encouraged to find out more about the organization by calling Richard "Indio" Lesser at 432-935-0125,

- 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 information, 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. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, we need you. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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.

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

THURSDAY

- GriefShare is a biblical support group that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Each DVD session features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories, followed by small group discussion about the topics presented (with workbook support). Weekly 10/5/17 through 01/11/18; 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Call Vivian Gordon at 432-466-3583 for more information.

- 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.

- A Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder support group meeting is at 6:30 p.m. at the VA Medical Center Veteran's Healing Center.

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involve setting up a scholarship fund, a six-man football team, ability to compete at UIL events, a golf team, sporting clays team, baseball, softball, and volleyball. The school team name will be "The Royals," and the mascot will be a lion with a crown.

"A 'classical' education is about seeing the beauty in things," said Bryans. "There's beauty in learning, God, and everyday school subjects, and we'd like to teach students to see the beauty of the things that God has made."

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which would tie for second with 1962.

The New York City Health Department is advising people to cover all exposed skin, wearing a hat, scarf and gloves. Drinking alcohol is discouraged because it causes the body to lose heat faster.

Extra New York Fire Department personnel are going to be on hand to provide medical support and a National Weather Service meteorologist will be on site with the city's emergency management officials to monitor weather conditions.

In other areas gripped by the cold, some events are being canceled or reconsidered. The annual Lobster Dip at Old Orchard Beach in Maine has been rescheduled for the first time in 30 years.

Organizers of the Penguin Plunge in Narragansett, Rhode Island, say it's still on for New Year's Day but advised the thousands of expected participants to "use their good judgment" and avoid taking the plunge if they have a medical condition or have been sick.

In Philadelphia, officials are taking a wait-and-see approach to whether they should hold the annual New Year's Day Mummers Parade, which features thousands of performers in colorful costumes adorned with sequins and feathers strutting through the streets.

The village of Orchard Park near Buffalo, New York, has canceled its New Year's Eve event because subzero temperatures have been forecast. "With frigid weather, the chance of a water line break is higher, and I'd rather have my public works crew fixing it than hoisting a ball up to drop," said Mayor Jo Ann Litwin Clinton.

At Long Lake in the heart of New York state's Adirondack Park, intrepid souls in swimsuits or funny costumes will jump into frigid water through a hole cut by the fire department for the fifth annual Polar Plunge, a fundraiser for High Peaks Hospice. With temperatures expected to top out around 13 degrees, the rescue squad will be checking participants' blood pressure and buses will provide warm shelter, said Alexandra Roalsvig, the town's director of recreation and tourism.

"People get excited about the cold here; we grew up with it," Roalsvig said. "We're counting on a good cold winter and snow because we're so reliant on snowmobiling for the winter economy."

Iran hard-liners rally as new protests challenge government



AP photo

Iranian protesters chant slogans at a rally in Tehran, Iran, Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017. Iranian hard-liners rallied Saturday to support the country's supreme leader and clerically overseen government as spontaneous protests sparked by anger over the country's ailing economy roiled major cities in the Islamic Republic.

By **AMIR VAHDAT and JON GAMBRELL**

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranian hard-liners rallied Saturday to support the country's supreme leader and clerically overseen government as spontaneous protests sparked by anger over the country's ailing economy roiled major cities in the Islamic Republic.

The demonstrations, commemorating a mass 2009 pro-government rally challenging those who rejected the re-election of hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad amid fraud allegations, had been scheduled weeks earlier.

However, they took on new importance after the economic protests began Thursday,

sparked by social media posts and a surge in prices of basic food supplies, like eggs and poultry.

Thousands have taken to the streets of several cities in Iran, beginning first in Mashhad, the country's second-largest city and a holy site for Shiite pilgrims. Demonstrators also have criticized Iran's government during the protests, with social media videos showing clashes between protesters and police.

The semi-official Fars news agency said protests on Friday also struck Qom, a city that is the world's foremost center for Shiite Islamic scholarship and home to a major Shiite shrine.

The demonstrations appear to be the largest to strike the Islamic Republic since its 2009

Green Movement arose after Ahmadinejad's re-election.

However, information about them remains scarce as both state-run and semi-official media in Iran have not widely reported on the protests. An online report Saturday by Iranian state television said national media in the country hadn't reported on the protests on orders from security officials.

State TV also aired its first reports on the protests Saturday, acknowledging some protesters chanted the name of Iran's one-time shah, who fled into exile just before its 1979 Islamic Revolution.

"Counterrevolution groups and foreign media are continuing their organized efforts to misuse the people's economic and livelihood problems and their legitimate demands to provide an opportunity for unlawful gatherings and possibly chaos," state TV said.

State TV aired live Saturday's pro-gov-

ernment "9 Dey Epic" demonstrations, named for the date on the Iranian calendar the 2009 protests took place. The footage showed people waving flags and carrying banners bearing the image of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

In Tehran, some 4,000 people gathered at the Musalla prayer ground in central Tehran. They called for criminal trials for Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi, leaders in the Green Movement who have been under house arrest since 2011.

SHOOTING

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Police played audio of the call to 911. A man said his father had been shot in the head. He said he was holding his mother and a sibling at gunpoint. The caller, speaking with relative calm, said he poured gasoline inside the home "and I might just set it on fire."

Several officers arrived and surrounded the home, braced for a hostage situation. When Finch went to the door police told him to put his hands up and move slowly.

But Livingston said the man moved a hand toward the area of his waistband — a common place where guns are concealed. An officer, fearing the man was reaching for a gun, fired a single shot. Finch died a few minutes later at a hospital. Livingston said Finch was unarmed.

The officer, a seven-year veteran of the department, is on paid leave pending the investigation.

The Finch family on Friday allowed reporters inside their

home. Lisa Finch told them her son was not a gamer.

"What gives the cops the right to open fire?" she asked. "That cop murdered my son over a false report in the first place."

Lisa Finch said the family was forced outside barefoot in freezing cold and handcuffed after the shooting. She said her granddaughter was forced to step over her dying uncle and that no guns were found in the home.

Dexerto, an online news service focused on gaming, reported that the series of events began with an online argument over a \$1 or \$2 wager in a "Call of Duty" game on UMG Gaming, which operates online tournaments including one involving "Call of Duty."

"We woke this morning to horrible news about an innocent man losing his life," UMG spokeswoman Shannon Gerritzen said in an email to The Associated Press. "Our hearts go out to his loved ones. We are doing everything we can to assist the authorities in this matter." She declined to disclose other details.

In addition to the 911 call, police also released a brief video of body

camera footage from another officer at the scene. It was difficult to see clearly what happened.

The FBI estimates that roughly 400 cases of swatting occur annually, with some using caller ID spoofing to disguise their number. An FBI supervisor in Kansas City, Missouri, which covers all of Kansas, said the agency joined in the investigation at the request of local police.

In other cases of apparent swatting, three families in Florida in January had to evacuate their homes after a detective received an anonymous email claiming bombs had been placed at the address.

A 20-year-old Maryland man was shot in the face with rubber bullets by police in 2015 after a fake hostage situation was reported at his home.

Rep. Katherine Clark, a Massachusetts Democrat, introduced an anti-swatting bill in 2015 — then was herself the victim of swatting. Armed officers in 2016 responded to an anonymous call claiming an active shooter was at Clark's home.

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Gladys Wallace, 75, died Monday. Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2017, at St. Paul C.M.E. Church, 409 Lee, Midland, Texas. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Baru Forell: Horse Woman

Baru Forell lives near Wingate southwest of Abilene. She has a unique brand for her horses. "It's my name. It's a barU-fourL connected (-U4L)." She has been competing on horseback since the age of 9. The horses she rides are the ones that she has bred, raised and trained in ranch versatility, working cow horse and stock horse competitions. She has won championships in those events and is a board member of several horse and cattle associations.

Baru is also a silversmith. Her work has been exhibited in western events from Texas to California. She has written articles for western publications and her award winning photography has been on display at the Hubbard Museum of the American West in Ruidoso, New Mexico and the Museum of the Big Bend in Alpine.

Baru was a linguist in the US Army and speaks seven languages,

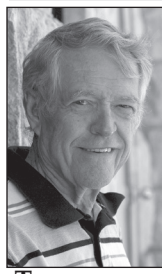
some of them unusual like Serbo-Croatian, Bulgarian and Ukrainian. She joined the Army at the age of 33 and was on active duty 5 years. "I was overseas most of that time in military intelligence."

Baru grew up on family land in Kansas. Her Irish mother named her to honor an Irish King. When Fort Worth decided to have a herd of longhorns in the stockyards, Baru helped get them there. Ranchers donated the longhorns. "I got hired before they started driving them, so we had some older longhorns and some of them hadn't been handled very much. We'd go out there and kind of get them to where we could push them around, drive them on our horses. We did that for a couple of months, then we brought them to Sundance Square downtown and put them in pens. Then we drove them from Sundance Square across the Trinity Bridge to the stockyards. That was a thrilling experience for me to be a part of that."

The stockyards have a cattle drive with the longhorns on Exchange Avenue twice a day, at 11:30 AM and 4 PM. Baru was a drover two years. "The people

who are everyday working cowboys on ranches kind of snicker at the job, saying it's not a real cowboy job. That may be true, but I was so proud to represent our way of life to the world. That's sometimes the only time those people on the street in Fort Worth are going to see somebody horseback and be able to pet the horse. That was foremost in my mind and I wanted to portray a good image to the world that represents what I love. For the people out there working on ranches, raising beef, feeding the world, I wanted to be the best representation I could be for the industry." She is mindful of first impressions and seldom goes out in public without a hat, boots and western clothes.

People from all over the world go the stockyards area. Some from Eastern Europe are surprised when they are conversing in Bulgarian and this cowgirl overhears them and starts speaking to them in their language. "I did use my language skills quite a lot at that job. I met the ambassador to the United States from China and got my picture made with him. Those are the type of people that I got to visit with and felt honored to do so."



TUMBLEWEED SMITH



Year-End Mort Musings...

Rarely is "pensive" used as a descriptive for my 105-year-old Uncle Mort. In the hours unfolding from an old year to a new one, however, he grows silent. This is the claim of his bride, Maude, who repeated wedding vows with him 80-something years ago.

And, when Maude makes a claim, it is a take-it-to-the-bank kind of truth. She became beholden to Mort in an odd sort of way. She'd never mentioned her reaction to his proposal for marriage, but in a manner of thinking-it was an offer she couldn't refuse.

She was the oldest of three daughters blessing the marriage of her folks, Luther and Imogene Pole. And, but for her unusual last name, she might have been okay with the given names chosen by her parents. "Maudie Lou," would have been acceptable under ordinary circumstances, but the last name of "Pole" greatly changed things. Like her dad whose name was shortened to "Lu," she feared a life of spinsterhood might be her fate, and that a schoolyard name that stuck would redden her face throughout life. "Lou Pole," the shy lass believed, would forever draw giggles....

Not only did Mort promise to "love, honor and obey," he also vowed that he'd squirrel away money to fork over to lawyers.

They'd jump through legal hoops leading to the names "Maudie Lou," consolidation to one syllable: just plain "Maude."

Such was on Mort's mind as 2017's beard grew long. "We never did get around to the official name change, but we did the next best thing," Mort said. "In the early going, I let the hammer down on anyone who called her anything but "Maude."

It was an admission long in the making, this account of a maiden who understandably grew tired of childhood ribbing. Particularly galling were fifth-graders who gouged her regularly. "Don't guess you'll ever become a law," playground classmates would giggle. "But you may always be a 'Lou Pole'." Though Mort shied away from spending cash to legalize her name, she's been "Maude" for a long, long time....

Typically, though, Mort's end-of-year thoughts are mere twists of news items. He milks what he can from positive news accounts. Then, he may add a question or two, trying-in his own weird way-to change the odor of news stories that too often "stink to high heaven."

Sometimes, he commits considerable time extracting the tiniest nugget of good news from the quagmire of stories that aren't. One recent example resulted upon his learning that bird watchers--applying numerous new techniques-know much more about birds than did ornithologists just a decade ago.

"There's a bunch of new information on snowy owls," Mort claims. The mere thought of owls

shifted his thinking. "I wonder if owls become wise only in old age," he questioned. "Maybe they do....I've never heard of a "wise young owl."...

Readers of the Community News in Aledo, TX, look forward to annual Christmas editions featuring pictures made at elementary schools. Favorites are photos of youngsters with wide smiles, making it obvious which students might express requests to Santa for "two front teeth."

The News' Rosealee Hoffman laughed so hard at one youngster's question she almost dropped her camera. A lad at Coder Elementary School asked if the pictures would appear in the newspaper. She assured him that he'd soon see the photos in print. Brow furrowed and deep in thought, Crue Siracek finally responded. "I don't know if I'm ready to be famous yet."

I'll end 2017 on such a note. Thanks so much for reading as we conclude 15 years of weekly writing. May an abundance of happiness abound for you and yours in this Christmas season. My prayer is that you'll enjoy good health and much happiness in 2018. We look forward to making more weekly observations in the new year....

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DAILY PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity of a fresh New Year. Please grant that it be peaceful, happy, and prosperous. Amen.

Texas woman accused in fatal shooting of 7-year-old child

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A North Texas woman is facing a capital murder charge in the fatal shooting of a 7-year-old child.

Police say Brooke Craig was arrested early Friday in a dead-end street in Frisco, a Dallas suburb, after leading police on a car chase.

Police say they were summoned to a home in Greenville Thursday afternoon on a call about a disturbance. At the same time, they were told a 7-year-old gunshot victim had been taken to Greenville's Hunt Regional Medical Center. The child died soon after.

Craig has been named in a capital murder warrant related to that shooting.

Police have not released the name or gender of the child killed, not the relationship between Craig and the child.

Greenville is 50 miles (80 kilometers) northeast of Dallas.

Police: Man nearly decapitated girlfriend with samurai sword

HOUSTON (AP) — A 45-year-old Houston man is accused of nearly decapitating his girlfriend with a samurai sword.

Police investigating a "cutting in progress" Wednesday evening found 36-year-old Aracely Jernigan dead in the living room of a Houston home.

Court records show Kenneth Wayne Lockings Jr.'s relatives convinced him Thursday to surrender to police. He has been charged with murder and is being held without bond in the Harris County jail.

He has a lengthy criminal history including multiple drug arrests and at least one conviction.

Lockings' grandmother, Marie Carrier told The Houston Chronicle that he received the sword as a gift at Thanksgiving.

She says Jernigan had been living in Mexico and only recently returned to Houston.

Court records don't list an attorney for Lockings. He's due in court Wednesday.

House Speaker Straus is Dallas Morning News Texan of 2017



Straus

DALLAS (AP) — Texas House Speaker Joe Straus has been named The Dallas Morning News' Texan of the Year for protecting the state during the legislative session from what the newspaper says was the "far-right dominance of the Republican Party."

The newspaper says Straus had "uncommon impact" in 2017 by shielding Texas from "some

of its worst political impulses." In its announcement Friday, The Morning News specifically cited Straus' role blocking House passage of the so-called bathroom bill that targeted transgender students, saying his actions prevented serious economic damage to Texas and allowed the state to dodge the taint of state-sanctioned discrimination.

Straus has said he won't be seeking re-election in 2018, giving up his speaker's post after a record-tying 10 years.

The newspaper has designated a Texan of the Year since 2003.

2 held without bond on charge of trafficking student for sex

DALLAS (AP) — Two men have been taken into federal custody on charges of trafficking a Texas middle-school student for sex.

Federal prosecutors in Dallas said in a statement Thursday that 43-year-old Shawn Dale Sanders and 34-year-old Shenandoah West Money Penny each face one federal count of conspiracy to use a minor to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purpose of producing a visual depiction of such conduct.

The 13-year-old victim told law enforcement she met Money Penny online earlier this year. Using a Craigslist ad, Money Penny arranged for the girl to have sex with men, including Sanders, who sent pictures to Money Penny as payment.

Sanders and Money Penny were arrested Dec. 18 and are being held at the Kaufman County jail without bond. It was not immediately clear whether they had attorneys.

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Trump trains crosshairs on favorite target, again - Amazon

By JOSEPH PISANI

AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump returned to a favorite target Friday, saying that Amazon.com should be charged more by the U.S. Postal Service for the packages it sends around the world. Amazon has been a consistent recipient of Trump's ire. He has accused the company of failing to pay "internet taxes," though it's never been made clear by the White House what the president means by that.

In a tweet Friday, Trump said Amazon should be charged "MUCH MORE" by the post office because it's "losing many billions of dollars a year" while it makes "Amazon richer."

Amazon lives and dies by shipping, and increasing rates that it negotiates with the post office, as well as shippers like UPS and FedEx, could certainly do some damage.

In the seconds after the tweet, shares of Amazon, which had been trading higher before the opening bell, began to fade and went into negative territory. The stock remained down almost 1 percent in late trading Friday.

Amazon was founded by Jeff Bezos, who also owns The Washington Post. The Post, as well as other major media, has been labeled as "fake news" by Trump after reporting unfavorable developments during his campaign and presidency.

He has labeled Bezos' Post the "AmazonWashingtonPost." The Seattle company did not respond to a request for comment Friday. A spokeswoman for the Postal Service said, "We're looking into it."

Between July and September, Amazon paid \$5.4 billion in worldwide shipping costs, a 39 percent increase from the same period in the previous year. That amounts to nearly 11 percent of the \$43.7 billion in total revenue it reported in that same period.

In 2014, Amazon reached a deal with the Postal Service to offer delivery on Sundays.

Trump has also attacked U.S. corporations not af-



AP photo

In a Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump turns to talk to the gathered media during a Christmas Eve video teleconference with members of the military at his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, Fla. President Donald Trump is criticizing the U.S. Postal Service, saying the agency is "losing many billions of dollars a year" and asking why it is "charging Amazon and others so little to deliver their packages." Trump tweeted Friday, Dec. 29, that the post office "should be charging MUCH MORE!"

filiated in any way with the news media.

Just over a year ago, he tweeted "Boeing is building a brand new 747 Air Force One for future presidents, but costs are out of control, more than \$4 billion. Cancel order!"

Shares of Boeing Co. gave up almost 1 percent when trading opened that day, but recovered.

Several days later, and again on Twitter, he said that Lockheed-Martin, which is building the F-35 fighter jet, was "out of control." Its shares tumbled more than 5 percent, but they too recovered.

The Postal Service has lost money for 11 straight

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Virginia GOP pushes to declare winner in disputed House race



AP photo

In this Dec. 19, 2017, file photo, Democrat Shelly Simonds reacts to the news that she won the 94th District precincts by one vote following a recount in Hampton, Va. Simonds, the Democrat in a tied race for a Virginia House seat that could affect which party controls the chamber says she'll ask a court to declare the tie invalid. Simonds' lawyers said Tuesday, Dec. 26, that they'll ask the court to reconsider its ruling after last week's recount.

By DENISE LAVOIE

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — It's time to pick the winner in a bitterly contested election that could decide the balance of power in the Virginia House of Delegates, Republican leaders said Friday, while urging a recount court to reject a bid by a Democratic challenger to reverse its decision declaring the race a tie.

Lawyers for Republican Del. David Yancey urged state elections officials to schedule a random drawing of the winner's name no later than Jan. 9, the day before the legislature reconvenes.

In court documents, Yancey's lawyers argued that a three-judge recount court has already reviewed a single disputed ballot and found it was cast for Yancey, declaring the Nov. 7 election a tie.

"The Court's ruling is final and not subject to appeal," Yancey's attorneys wrote. "Any further delay simply deprives the people of its representative in the House of Delegates."

Republican leaders also went on the attack in a conference call with reporters, accusing Democrats of deliberately trying to make it difficult for the House to get down to business when the legislature reconvenes.

"Democrats have sought to delay and obstruct at every turn," said GOP House Leader Kirk Cox.

"They've sought to litigate their way

to victory."

The intense battle over the 94th District is another dramatic twist in a November election that saw Democrats wipe out a 66-34 advantage held by Republicans in the House, as voters vented anger toward Republican President Donald Trump.

If Simonds ultimately wins the 94th District, the House will be split 50-50 between Republicans and Democrats. If Yancey wins, Republicans will have a 51-49 edge.

The state Board of Elections had been scheduled to pick the winner's name out of a glass bowl on Wednesday, but postponed the drawing after Simonds filed her legal challenge.

Board Chairman James Alcorn said Friday that the three-judge election court has given no indication of whether it will reconsider its ruling declaring the race a tie. Alcorn said the board plans to reschedule the drawing next week, "unless the court intervenes."

It initially appeared that Yancey had won the race by 10 votes. But Simonds won a recount by a single vote. The next day, the recount court declared a tie based on a disputed ballot the court determined was a vote for Yancey.

The result is one of two House races still in limbo.

A lawsuit is pending over ballots in a hotly contested race in the 28th District in the Fredericksburg area.

UT faculty quietly resigned after misconduct accusations

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Two University of Texas faculty members quietly resigned after being informed that they were accused of sexual misconduct.

The Austin American-Statesman reports Thursday that public records show Jay Boisseau, who built UT's supercomputing center into an international powerhouse, and tenured chemistry professor Bradley J. Holliday both stepped down shortly after university officials confronted them with accusations. Boisseau resigned in 2014 and Holliday in 2016.

The university paid Boisseau's accuser \$325,000 to settle her claims.

A spokesman says the university is considering changing its policy about not making sexual misconduct allegations public.

Officials say the school's investigators found twice during the 2015-16 academic year and seven times during the previous year that faculty or staff had violated school policy on sexual misconduct or inappropriate consensual relationships.

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Gunman opens fire on Cairo church; shootout kills at least 9



by a local affiliate of the extremist Islamic State group. It is centered in the turbulent northern part of Sinai but has also carried out attacks in the mainland.

The militants are targeting mainly security personnel and Egypt's Coptic Christian minority.

The latest attack, in the southern Cairo suburb of Helwan, showcases the difficulties faced by security forces in containing an insurgency that is growing in sophistication and brutality. The assault came a little more than a month after militants killed 311 worshippers inside a mosque in Sinai, the deadliest attack by militants on civilians in Egypt's modern history.

Last week, they fired a guided rocket that destroyed an army helicopter at the airport of the city of el-Arish in northern Sinai during an unannounced visit there by the defense and interior ministers. At least one senior officer was killed and two wounded in that attack, which pointed to an unusually high level of intelligence available to the militants.

Samir Gerges, a witness to Friday's church attack, said people inside the church closed the gates when the shooting began but that some bullets penetrated the building. Gerges said he was walking along a nearby street when the gunfire broke out. He saw people running and some taking cover in a nearby restaurant.

Another witness, 40-year-old Raouth Atta, was praying inside the church when the violence broke out.

"People were terrified and wanted to check on their families in other buildings of the church," she told The Associated Press by phone. "We stayed inside for 30 minutes before we were able to get out."

Once she was able to leave, Atta said, she saw blood everywhere.

"We kept praying," said the Rev. Boules, who was teaching a class in the church complex. On hearing gunfire, he went to check on his students, who were panicking and terrified.

Since December 2016, Egypt's Copts have been targeted by the militants, who waged a series of attacks that left more than 100 dead and scores wounded. The country has been under a state of emergency since April after suicide bombings struck two Coptic Christian churches on Palm Sunday.

The IS affiliate has claimed responsibility for all the bombings targeting Christians.

Christians make up about 10 percent of Egypt's population. They have long complained of discrimination in the Muslim-majority nation and claim that authorities have often failed to protect them from sectarian attacks.

Policemen surround Mar Mina church, in Helwan, Cairo, Egypt, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, where at least 9 people, including eight Coptic Christians, plus the shooter, have been killed in a shootout outside the church.

By MENNA ZAKI

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A gunman on a motorcycle opened fire Friday outside a church in a Cairo suburb and at a nearby store, sparking a shootout that killed at least nine people, including eight Coptic Christians, Egyptian authorities said. It was the latest attack targeting the country's embattled Christian minority.

The gunman was also killed, along with at least one police officer, officials said.

The attack began when the gunman tried to break through the security cordon outside the Coptic Church of Mar Mina. It was not clear how many assailants were involved. Egypt's Interior Ministry referred to only one, but the Coptic Orthodox church mentioned "gunmen."

Five people were wounded, including another police officer, Health Ministry spokesman Khaled Megahed said.

The attack came amid tightened security around churches and Christian facilities ahead of the Coptic Orthodox Christian celebrations of Christ-

mas on Jan. 7. Police have been stationed outside churches and in nearby streets across Cairo. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has personally chaired meetings with his top security chiefs in recent days to discuss security during New Year's Eve and the Orthodox Christmas.

A video circulating on social media after Friday's attack apparently showed the gunman lying on the ground with his face covered in blood. Authorities closed off the area around the church.

The Interior Ministry identified the assailant as Ibrahim Ismail Mostafa, who, the agency said, was involved in several previous militant attacks. The Interior Ministry said he was wounded and arrested but made no mention of his death, which was reported by the Health Ministry.

The assailant had earlier opened fire at the nearby store owned by a Christian, the Interior Ministry said.

No group took immediate responsibility for the attack, which bore the hallmarks of Islamic militants, who for years have battled security forces in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula in an insurgency now led

Republic of Congo releases US citizen held for over a year

By LOUIS OKAMBA

Associated Press

BRAZZAVILLE, Republic of Congo (AP) — A naturalized U.S. citizen who was detained in the Republic of Congo for more than a year has been released, the United States Embassy there said Friday.

Marcel Pika is a retired colonel who served in the Republic of Congo's military. He was arrested early last year and held for "inciting disorderly conduct" amid unrest and other detentions that followed President Denis Sassou N'Guesso's re-election.

U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Jacqueline Mourrot said Pika, 70, was freed Friday without further judgment.

"The U.S. Embassy is very grateful to the government of Congo for having decided today to release Mr. Pika. We think this is a good step forward in

the framework of good relations between our two countries," she said.

The U.S. State Department requested Pika's release in June, citing concerns over his diabetes and the conditions under which he was being held.

Pika and his family left the Republic of Congo and eventually settled in the U.S. state of Nebraska as refugees in the late 1990s. Nearly a decade later and after obtaining U.S. citizenship, Pika returned to his home country with his wife. Republic of Congo is often overshadowed by its much larger neighbor, Congo.

Pika was close to Gen. Jean-Marie Michel Mokoko, who placed third in the 2016 presidential election. Mokoko was also arrested after the vote on charges of undermining state security.

Human rights groups

have criticized Sassou N'Guesso for violations and called for the release of political prisoners.

AMAZON

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years, mostly because of pension and health care costs.

One part of the operation that is not suffering, however, is shipping and packages, which handles Amazon and other online orders from retailers. In the year that ended Sept. 30, the postal service reported higher-than-expected revenue of \$19.5 billion, "due to e-commerce growth."

The post office does not break down what is driving that growth, but online orders from retailers, particularly Amazon.com, has revolutionized the way goods are bought and delivered. Analysts at Bain & Co. expected Amazon to capture 50 percent of all online shopping growth during the holiday shopping season.

Amazon has taken some steps toward becoming more self-reliant in shipping. Earlier this year it announced that it would build a worldwide air cargo hub in Kentucky, about 13 miles southwest of Cincinnati.


Shares of Amazon.com Inc. slipped almost 1 percent Friday to \$1,174.86. The Seattle company's stock is up more than 57 percent this year and surpassed \$1,000 each for the first time in April.

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No. 22 Texas Tech tops No. 18 Baylor 77-53 in Big 12 opener



Baylor's Manu Lecomte (20) drives the ball around Texas Tech's Tommy Hamilton (0) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Baylor, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas. Tech won, 77-53.

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech is starting to look like the Red Raiders of a decade ago, when they were winning NCAA Tournament games under Bob Knight with Chris Beard as one of his top assistants.

Beard's bunch took another big step in the Big 12 opener.

Keenan Evans scored 18 points, freshman Zhaire Smith added 15 in his conference debut and the No. 22 Red Raiders rolled past 18th-ranked Baylor 77-53 on Friday night.

Texas Tech (12-1, 1-0 Big 12) beat a ranked team while in the poll themselves for the first time since 2005. Knight was the coach and Beard was on the staff when 24th-ranked Texas Tech beat No. 11 Gonzaga 71-69 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"We're pleased to win tonight because we know how hard it is to win games in this league," said Beard, in his second year leading the Red Raiders. "We're pleased to protect our record. But now we've got to validate this. No

championship is ever won the first game."

Mark Vital scored 12 points for the Bears (10-3, 0-1), who were missing Big 12 rebounding leader Jo Lual-Acuil because of a left foot sprain. Baylor was out-rebounded 39-21, including 22-8 in the first half while falling behind 40-19.

Manu Lecomte, the No. 2 scorer in the Big 12 at 18.4 points per game coming in, scored eight

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NFL Calendar

- Dec. 31 — Regular season ends.
- Jan. 6-7 — Wild-card playoffs.
- Jan. 13-14 — Divisional playoffs.
- Jan. 21 — Conference playoffs.
- Jan. 21 — Conference playoffs.
- Feb. 4 — Super Bowl at Minneapolis.
- Feb. 20 — First day for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.
- Feb. 27-March 5 — NFL combine in Indianapolis.
- March 6 — Deadline for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.
- March 14 — 2018 league calendar begins, free agency opens, trades allowed.
- March 25-28 — Annual league meeting, Orlando.
- April 2 — Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workouts.
- April 16 — Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.



NBA Calendar

- Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts can be signed.
- Jan. 10 — All contracts are guaranteed for rest of season.
- Jan. 15 — Last day to sign two-way contracts.
- Feb. 8 — Trade deadline.
- Feb. 16-18, 2018 — All-Star weekend, Los Angeles.
- April 11-14 — Portsmouth Invitational Tournament (Portsmouth, Va.).
- April 11 — Regular Season ends.
- April 14 — Playoffs begin.
- April 22 — NBA draft early entry eligibility deadline (11:59 p.m. EDT).
- May 31 — NBA Finals begin.
- June 11 — NBA draft early entry withdrawal deadline (5 p.m. EDT)
- June 17 — NBA Finals latest possible date.
- June 21 — NBA draft.



Cowboys put Tyron Smith, Scandrick on IR before finale

FRISCO, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are putting left tackle Tyron Smith and cornerback Orlando Scandrick on injured reserve before the season finale at Philadelphia.

Smith sprained his right knee in a win at Oakland two weeks ago and came out after one series in last week's loss to Seattle, which eliminated the Cowboys from playoff contention. Scandrick sustained small bone fractures in his back against Washington and missed three games.

Dallas filled the open roster spots Friday by promoting offensive tackle Kadeem Edwards and receiver Lance Lenoir from the practice squad.

It was a difficult season with injuries to Smith, who made his fifth straight Pro Bowl. He missed two games and sat out practice frequently while dealing with back, hip and groin issues.

After missing just one game in his first five years, Smith has been out all or most of seven games the past two years.

Defensive linemen David Irving (concussion) and Benson Mayowa (back and illness) were ruled out. Irving will miss his fourth straight game.

Dennis Smith Jr. has triple-double, Mavs beat Pelicans

By **LES EAST**
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Pelicans entered the game as the NBA's top 3-point shooting team. They couldn't match the Dallas Mavericks' long-range shooting Friday night.

Rookie guard Dennis Smith Jr. had his first career triple-double and the Mavericks made a franchise-record 22 3-pointers in a 128-120 victory.

"We got into a shot-making groove," Dallas coach Rick Carlisle said.

Smith had 21 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists. He was 5 of 7 from 3-point range and 8 of 12 overall.

"I almost had a quadruple-double because I had a lot of turnovers (seven)," Smith said. "My teammates picked me up and told me to keep playing. My jump shot was falling tonight and that opened things up for everyone else."

Wesley Matthews made 4 of 7 3-pointers and scored 18 points, and Devin Harris hit 5 of 7 3-pointers and added 17 points to help Dallas win three consecutive games for the first time this season. Dwight Powell scored 15 points, J.J. Barea had 14 and Harrison Barnes and Dirk Nowitzki 13 each.

"We're the epitome of a team that needs each other," Carlisle said of the balanced scoring.

Anthony Davis led the Pelicans with 33 points. DeMarcus Cousins had 32 points and 20 rebounds, Jrue Holiday added 23 points, and E'Twaun Moore had 16.

"We didn't play with any physicality," Davis said. "They got easy layups, easy threes, a lot of dare shots in. They started getting hot because we allowed them to. We have to lock in defensively every night and the rest will take care of itself."

At 20 years, 34 days, Smith became the third-youngest player in NBA history to have a triple-double, behind Lonzo Ball and LeBron James.

The Mavericks made 13 of 18 3-pointers as they built a 17-point halftime lead.

"You can't give up 22 3s and you can't have them shoot 55 percent from the field and 56 from 3 and think you're going to win," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said. "You give up 77 in the first half, you're going to put yourself in harm's way."

Holiday led a New Orleans push late in the third quarter, scoring seven of the Pelicans' last 11 points in the period. That cut the Mavericks lead to 109-101 after three quarters.

Holiday made two free throws to cut the deficit to six at the outset of the fourth quarter, but Yogi Ferrell made a 3-pointer to give the Mavericks

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Dallas Mavericks guard Dennis Smith Jr. (1) battles for a rebound against New Orleans Pelicans guard Rajon Rondo (9) in the first half of an NBA basketball game in New Orleans, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

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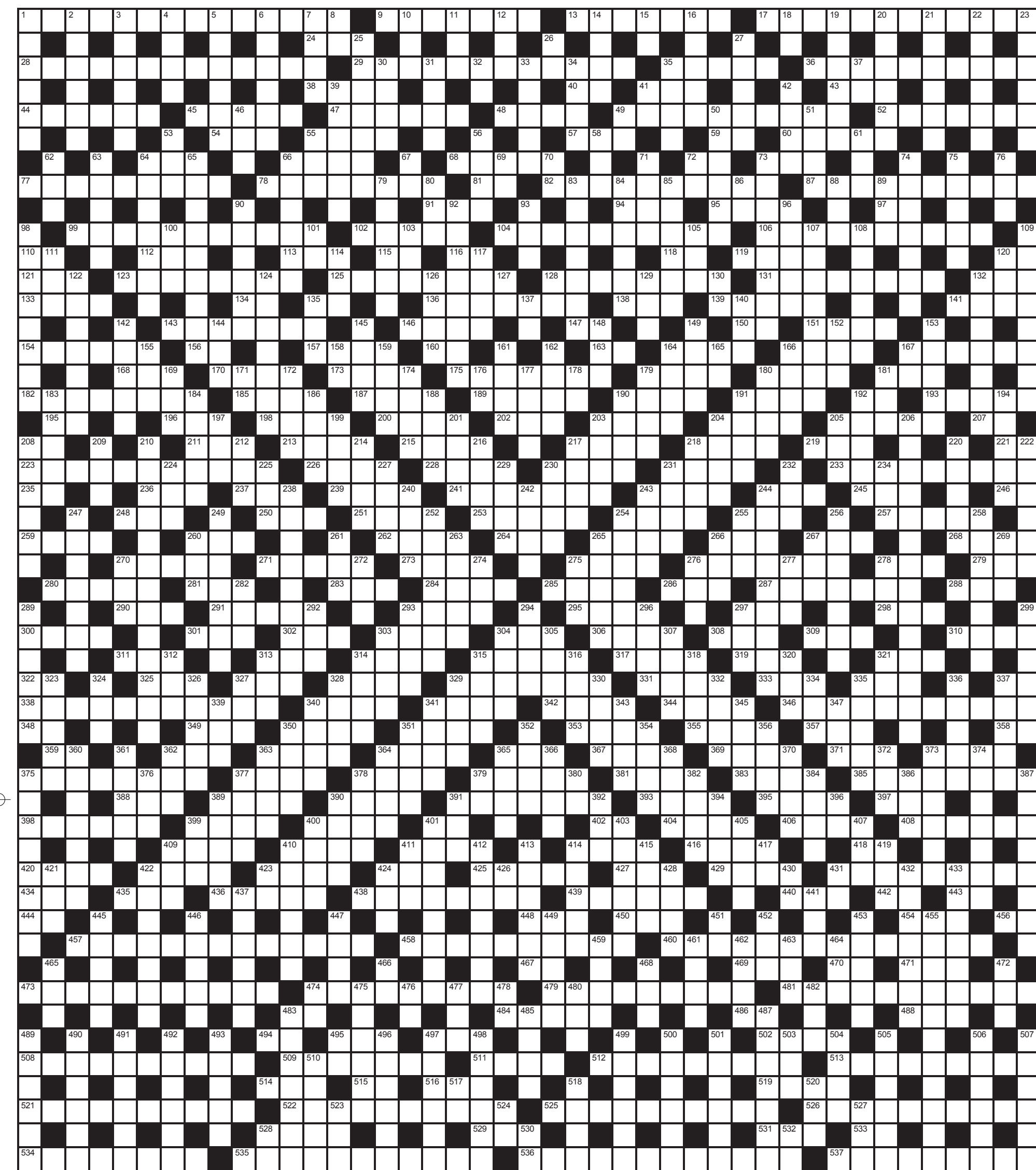
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In 2017, we said good-bye to stars such as Tom Petty, David Cassidy and Glen Campbell. We celebrated anniversaries – the zipper turned 100, the Big Mac hit 50 and the iPhone turned 10, for example. A Pretty Woman marked her 50th; a Material Girl adopted twins; and, wildfires and hurricanes dominated the news. These are just a few of the events that provide inspiration for 152 year-in-review clues found in the Annual Mammoth Crossword Puzzle by Monica Zurowski.

Watch for the answers on Monday, January 1, 2018. We hope you enjoy the puzzle!



- 1 Actress passed who 'turned world on with her smile' (4,5,5)
- 2 Parts of U.S. saw total solar ___ (7)
- 3 Girl scouts first sold these 100 yrs ago (7)
- 4 Partridge Family heartthrob who passed (5,7)
- 5 Stolen Lennon items returned to Yoko ___ (3)
- 6 He raced a shark (7,6)
- 7 Music mag that turned 50 & was put up for sale (7,5)
- 8 Pretty Woman ___ Roberts turned 50 (5)
- 9 Harvey, Irma, Jose & Maria (10)
- 10 Fizzy drink (4)
- 11 Third person singular of verb 'be' (2)
- 12 Face-hiding singer released 8th album (3)
- 13 Much ___ About Nothing (3)
- 14 Actress who received 20th Oscar nomination (6)
- 15 Utilizing (5)
- 16 Ringling Bros closed 'greatest show on earth' (6)
- 17 Energy drink Red ___ turned 30 (4)
- 18 Twister & Titanic star died at age 61 (4,6)
- 19 Material Girl who adopted twins from Malawi (7)
- 20 Fig (3)
- 21 Bad jokes (4)
- 22 Sketch show that Alec Baldwin hosted for 17th time (3)
- 23 Abbreviation for lane (2)
- 24 Affirm (5)
- 25 Computer introduced 33 yrs ago (3)
- 26 The meter in classical Indian music (4)
- 27 1st movie about this Disney fawn turned 75 (5)
- 28 A certified accounting professional (2)
- 29 Oscar winner for best picture (9)
- 30 Movie mistakenly announced as best picture (2,2,4)
- 31 City announced as host of 2028 Olympics (2)
- 32 Playboy founder died at age 91 (4,6)
- 33 Bogart film that turned 75 (10)
- 34 First 3 letters of alphabet (3)
- 35 Chicago O'Hare's airport code (3)
- 36 Business V.I.P. (4)
- 37 Paris-based fashion house founded 1854 (2)
- 38 Procedure to open blocked arteries (11)
- 39 Princess killed in crash 20 yrs ago (5)
- 40 Popular presentation program turned 10 (10)
- 41 Rock 'n roll pioneer who died at age 90 (5,5)
- 42 Plural pronoun (2)
- 43 New slang for boyfriend or girlfriend (3)
- 44 A cob of corn (3)
- 45 U.K. continued talks to leave this group (2)
- 46 Egyptian sun god (2)
- 47 To ___ or not to ___ (2)
- 48 Footballer player ___ Taylor was killed 10 yrs ago (4)
- 49 The Granite State, abbr. (2)
- 50 Fleur-de-___ (3)
- 51 Super Bowl winners (8)
- 52 Stanley Cup champions (8)
- 53 These saddle-shaped chips turned 50 (8)
- 54 128 Two-headed mammal found in North Sea (8)
- 55 ___ Guevara died 50 yrs ago (3)
- 56 Spring bloom (4)
- 57 Our continent (2)
- 58 Morning (2)
- 59 To be unfaithful to a partner (4,3)
- 60 Gosh! (3)
- 61 Turkish town near Lake Gaga (5)
- 62 Without hair (4)
- 63 Spaces at the start of paragraphs (7)
- 64 Feline's sound (4)
- 65 Symbol for helium (2)
- 66 Squeaky dog sound (3)
- 67 Out of barn's way (4)
- 68 Pant fastener 1st patented 100 yrs ago (6)
- 69 God also known as Enki (2)
- 70 Let's Make A Deal's Monty ___ died at 96 (4)
- 71 A nurse (2)
- 72 It belongs to me (2)
- 73 Boxer ___ LaMotta passed away (4)
- 74 Dangle and oolong (4)
- 75 At least 1 in 5 now has this body art (6)
- 76 Massage (3)
- 77 100th anniversary of ___ Hari's arrest (4)
- 78 Rat packer ___ Martin born 100 yrs ago (4)
- 79 Rubber objects used to eliminate pencil marks (7)
- 80 A three-dimensional 'square' (4)
- 81 Band leader Lawrence ___ died 25 yrs ago (4)
- 82 Auto (3)
- 83 Soft drink originally made with sassafras (4,4)
- 84 TV's Love ___ debuted 40 yrs ago (4)
- 85 Give off (4)
- 86 Out of kilter (5)
- 87 Fabricated (4)
- 88 Actress Arthur and others (4)
- 89 Santa laugh (2)
- 90 Priscilla married him 50 yrs ago (5)
- 91 Ammonium nitrate, abbr. (2)
- 92 Stranded motorist's need (3)
- 93 End-of-school-year dance (4)
- 94 Opposite of west (4)
- 95 Squeaky dog sound (3)
- 96 Out of barn's way (4)
- 97 Obsolete phone feature (4)
- 98 This country's emperor abdicated (5)
- 99 Hospital's emergency dept. (2)
- 100 People you call when computer crashes (2)
- 101 Co. founded as America Online (3)
- 102 Received salary (4)
- 103 Frozen rain (4)
- 104 Identical (4)
- 105 Kelly's new co-host (4)
- 106 Queen ___ & Jay-Z had twins (3)
- 107 American League, abbr. (2)
- 108 His alter ego, Spiderman, got another movie (5,6)
- 109 Lackluster (4)
- 110 A common Welsh surname (4)
- 111 Singer ___ Fitzgerald born 100 yrs ago (4)
- 112 Membership fees (4)
- 113 Worldwide smash Latin song (9)

- 114 Symbol for the chemical element hassium (2)
- 115 Real time strategy, abbr. (3)
- 116 Belonging to you and me (3)
- 117 Happy Days ___ Moran passed at age 56 (4)
- 118 Old-fashioned curl (7)
- 119 Extend credit (4)
- 120 Fast-food outlet opened in China 30 yrs ago (3)
- 121 To hush someone (3)
- 122 A unit of width in typography (2)
- 123 David Lynch drama returned to TV (4,5)
- 124 Soccer's ___ Hamm turned 45 (3)
- 125 Sweeping story (4)
- 126 'Rabbit food' (5)
- 127 Italian car maker (4)
- 128 Hagar the Horrible creator ___ Browne (3)
- 129 Raring to go (5)
- 130 A person, place or thing (4)
- 131 Spike ___ (4)
- 132 Investment book of record, abbr. (4)
- 133 Fry bacon in this (3)
- 134 Billiards relative (4)
- 135 TV's The Flying ___ debuted 50 yrs ago (3)
- 136 Super Bowl's MVP ___ Brady (3)
- 137 Lower part of a wall (4)
- 138 Proposal (5)
- 139 1st successful ___ transplant was 50 yrs ago (5)
- 140 Nose-in-the-air type (4)
- 141 Mend (4)
- 142 A form of French poetry (7)
- 143 A startled cry (3)
- 144 Actor ___ Diesel turned 50 (3)
- 145 Extremely small (5)
- 146 Sport of the UFC (3)
- 147 Actor ___ Shepard passed in July (3)
- 148 Sean Connery, for one (4)
- 149 Put on the payroll (4)
- 150 TV drama ___ Men started 10 yrs ago (3)
- 151 Noisier? (7)
- 152 QB-turned-baseballer ___ Tebow turned 30 (3)
- 153 1st openly gay doll sold 40 yrs ago (3)
- 154 All kidding ___ (5)
- 155 Markle is marrying a future ___ (4)
- 156 Its leaning tower became a UNESCO site 30 yrs ago (4)
- 157 Coal seaminer (3)
- 158 Men's accessory (3)
- 159 Type of wild goat (4)
- 160 Kendrick Lamar's hit (3)
- 161 Affirmative vote (3)
- 162 100th an. of Battle of ___ Ridge (4)
- 163 A violent conflict (3)
- 164 Big rig (4)
- 165 ___ Bon Jovi turned 55 (3)
- 166 A film's final scene (3)
- 167 Arm bone (4)
- 168 Egyptian snake (3)
- 169 Football League of Europe, abbr. (3)
- 170 50th an. of Beatles' Penny ___ (4)
- 171 Walked back and forth (5)
- 172 Per person (4)
- 173 A long time ___ (3)
- 174 A Master of Arts, abbr. (2)
- 175 Expire (3)
- 176 Compete (3)
- 177 Dandy (4)
- 178 Restaurant servers (7)
- 179 Owl call (4)
- 180 Orange County's airport code (3)
- 181 Lass (3)
- 182 Abbr. for element copernicium (2)
- 183 Comic actor released Sandy Wexler on Netflix (4,7)
- 184 Husband's counterpart (4)
- 185 Sensed (4)
- 186 Locate (4)
- 187 Ark builder (4)
- 188 Ireland's nickname (7,4)
- 189 Company, abbr. (2)
- 190 Acquire (3)
- 191 Musician ___ Mathews turned 50 (4)
- 192 Back of the neck (4)
- 193 Peel or trim (4)
- 194 New species found of this hopper (4)
- 195 Apple or lemon meringue (3)
- 196 Academic year, abbr. (2)
- 197 Internet domain for Serbia (2)
- 198 Hardened (3)
- 199 Tyson went to jail 25 yrs ago (4)
- 200 This multi-purpose strong tape turned 75 (4)
- 201 Part of a wheel or gear (3)
- 202 Super Bowl's half-time performer (4)
- 203 Wistful word (4)
- 204 Pro golf organization (3)
- 205 The shape of something (4)
- 206 Garment worn by divers (8)
- 207 Unadorned (4)
- 208 Actor ___ LeBlanc turned 50 (4)
- 209 Country issued its highest ever smog alert (5)
- 210 Cab (4)
- 211 Oscar winning actress Stone (4)
- 212 Best (8)
- 213 Fifth month (3)
- 214 The rise and fall of a voice (4)
- 215 Auction actions (4)
- 216 Smallest country to ever get to soccer's World Cup (7)
- 217 A 1921 opera by Henri Christine (4)
- 218 Currency on the continent (4)
- 219 More detailed than an X-ray (3)
- 220 Equal-sided parallelogram (6)
- 221 Comedian ___ Ferrell celebrated his 50th (4)
- 222 Throw (4)
- 223 The symbol for argon (2)
- 224 Teen drama The ___ ended 10 yrs ago (2)
- 225 Puts on (4)
- 226 Miss (4)
- 227 A country's song (6)
- 228 Hip (4)
- 229 There are seven each week (4)
- 230 Locale (4)
- 231 He produced reboot of One Day at a Time (4)
- 232 Fancy car with a driver (4)
- 233 To take more drugs than prescribed (2)
- 234 Big-ticker ___ (4)
- 235 U.S. and Russia agreed not to nuke this place 50 yrs ago (4)
- 236 Longest-running reality show (4)
- 237 Card in a mobile phone (3)
- 238 A ceiling that drips water (5)
- 239 Triglycol (3)
- 240 Former teen star Hilary ___ turned 30 (4)
- 241 80 years, archaic (9)
- 242 Ancient (3)
- 243 Blue, green or gray bird (3)
- 244 A marten valued for its fur (5)
- 245 M. Jackson album released 35 yrs ago (8)
- 246 Mud-rescue cult leader who died in Nov. (6)
- 247 Month when Bob Dylan finally got his Nobel (3)
- 248 12-step program for eating problems (2)
- 249 Additional work hours (2)
- 250 Remote control, abbr. (2)
- 251 A form of Thai poetry (3)
- 252 Italian firm, abbr. (3)
- 253 Dropped call rate, abbr. (3)
- 254 Movie about lovable alien turned 35 (2)
- 255 Hobbling (4)
- 256 Chaplin's ___ Street released 100 yrs ago (4)
- 257 Emmy winner for comedy series (4)
- 258 ___ Law appeared in a new King Arthur film (4)
- 259 Abbr. for kinetic energy (2)
- 260 Blue-green (4)
- 261 Symbol for tantalum (2)
- 262 Wager (3)
- 263 Siamesh muscle (2)
- 264 Association for retirees (4)
- 265 A Malaysian park of caves (4)
- 266 A province of Fiji (2)
- 267 Jump rope (4)
- 268 Internet domain for Rwanda (2)
- 269 Bistro (4)
- 270 Withdraw gradually (4)
- 271 Police officer (3)
- 272 Hall's partner released a memoir (5)
- 273 Sounds from lions (5)
- 274 Frog's relative (4)
- 275 Ivan the Terrible was one (4)
- 276 Baby's first word, often (4)
- 277 Partiality (4)
- 278 Sean ___ was back, as was Will & Grace (5)
- 279 Furious (5)
- 280 Stir-fry pan (3)
- 281 Muck (4)
- 282 Layer (4)
- 283 Pepper's partner (4)
- 284 Like Easter eggs (4)
- 285 One of the Beverly Hillsbillies (3)
- 286 Arranged from A to Z (14)
- 287 ___ Fey wrote a musical (4)
- 288 Singer ___ Stewart turned 72 (3)
- 289 Howard Hughes' airline (3)
- 290 The chemical symbol for silver (2)
- 291 The original Batman who passed away (4,4)
- 292 Animated family had 30th anniversary of 1st TV spot (3,8) 216
- 293 His last Tonight Show aired 25 yrs ago (6,6)
- 294 Home Alone dad who passed at 71 (4,5)
- 295 Champagne & orange juice (6)
- 296 'Viny' item continuing its comeback (6)
- 297 Rare seashores found in this British river (6)
- 298 Singer who had smash hit To Sir With Love, 50 yrs ago (4)
- 299 To discuss over and over again (6)
- 300 Elongated rectangle or oval shape (6)
- 301 Diana ___ received AMA lifetime achievement award (4)
- 302 The 14th letter (2)
- 303 Baseball's Ripken (3)
- 304 Three, in Roman numerals (3)
- 305 Droop (3)
- 306 Possesses (4)
- 307 2.2 lbs = 1 ___, in metric (2)
- 308 The same in size or quantity (5)
- 309 ___ Gore released a sequel on climate change (2)
- 310 Lizard found encroaching into Florida (6)
- 311 Shiny metal for plating (6)
- 312 Catalonia tried to do this, from Spain (6)
- 313 Baseball's unit of play, usually nine per game (6)
- 314 A type of filled pasta (7)
- 315 A number expressing a position or order (7)
- 316 Horror film based on Stephen King book (2)
- 317 Italy's 2nd largest city (5)
- 318 Paddles (4)
- 319 Easily audible (4)
- 320 Raleigh is the capital of this state, abbr. (2)
- 321 Young pioner (5)
- 322 Alternative to acrylic paints (4)
- 323 Jack went up the hill with her (4)
- 324 This small-sized mag turned 95, abbr. (2)
- 325 Relating to the eye (6)
- 326 Best red sports mag, abbr. (2)
- 327 Newark term related to shell-shocked (4)
- 328 Charged particle (3)
- 329 Bill of lading, abbr. (2)
- 330 Mercury or Venus (6)
- 331 Relating to the ear (4)
- 332 ___ you're it. (3)
- 333 Chum (3)
- 334 After-bath powder (4)
- 335 Yuletide beverage (3)
- 336 ___ the season to be jolly (3)
- 337 ___ of Sam killer captured 40 yrs ago (3)
- 338 Absurd (5)
- 339 Small hotel fridge (7)
- 340 An adult supervisor of young people (9)
- 341 Prefereces (6)
- 342 Opposite of out (2)
- 343 Pa's partner (2)
- 344 Interstate highway, abbr. (2)
- 345 'Comin' ___ the Rye' (4)
- 346 A fatal genetic disease (2)
- 347 General rules of action (8)
- 348 The head's side of a coin (7)
- 349 Egyptian city got its 1st female bus driver (5)
- 350 Be in a play (3)
- 351 Visitors from another world (6)
- 352 Huge digital project dedicated to ___ Rather (3)
- 353 Discover (7)
- 354 Wishing (6)
- 355 Fit to be eaten (6)
- 356 Former partner (2)
- 357 ___ de Triomphe (3)
- 358 Priest's robe (3)
- 359 Mohster AI ___ died 70 yrs ago (6)
- 360 Male voice between tenor and bass (8)
- 361 ___ Rickles passed at 90 (3)
- 362 Pandemonium (5)
- 363 These arts & media prizes turned 101 (8)
- 364 Teen drama The ___ ended 10 yrs ago (2)
- 365 See ___ later, slang (2)
- 366 Summer month, abbr. (3)
- 367 Born as (3)
- 368 Unwinds (8)
- 369 Hip (4)
- 370 Small hills (6)
- 371 Band released 'Light My Fire' 50 yrs ago (3,5)
- 372 Knight's title (3)
- 373 Engine speed, for short (3)
- 374 To start all over again (4)
- 375 Hockey league turned 100 (3)
- 376 Former NFL'er & actor granted parole (7)
- 377 Sleeveless shirt (4,3)
- 378 Drug addict (4)
- 379 Spelling abbr., when noting an error (2)
- 380 Symbol for platinum (2)
- 381 Hair goo (3)
- 382 City with the Golden Gate Bridge; initials (2)
- 383 Imprisoned (3)
- 384 Fire residue (3)
- 385 To aim and fire, again (7)
- 386 NBA champs (8)
- 387 High card (3)
- 388 Basil, sage and parsley (5)
- 389 Beaver's work (3)
- 390 Run away (4)
- 391 Express mail service, abbr. (3)
- 392 The 'Pig in the City' (4)
- 393 Furniture wood (3)
- 394 ___ Carpenter's albums were remastered (5)
- 395 Regret (3)
- 396 A notice promoting a product or service (2)
- 397 The Hardy ___ debuted on TV 40 yrs ago (4)
- 398 Anger (3)
- 399 Fawn's mother (3)
- 400 Children's author Blyton (4)
- 401 An area for surgery (2)
- 402 To court someone (3)
- 403 Sticky strap (4)
- 404 When people link elbows (3,2,3)
- 405 Plant that feines love (6)
- 406 Flake of snot (4)
- 407 A British restroom (3)
- 408 Coquettish (3)
- 409 100 cents (6)
- 410 Balloon filler (3)
- 411 Athlete who is best at a position (3-4)
- 412 Price is Right's Bob ___ retired 10 yrs ago (6)
- 413 Nudes in the body (5)
- 414 Take it easy (4)
- 415 A short preposition (2)
- 416 Twoome (3)
- 417 Special attention and care (3)
- 418 Small white dog (7)
- 419 Cornerback, abbr. (2)
- 420 Bashful (3)
- 421 Pet cummings (2)
- 422 Better than silver or bronze (4)
- 423 Fourth note of scale (2)
- 424 Abbr. for French or from (2)
- 425 Extreme (7)
- 426 Eye parts (7)
- 427 In poor health (6)
- 428 Sajak or Benatar (3)
- 429 A midterm or final (4)
- 430 Like thick smoke (5)
- 431 Contented cat noise (4)
- 432 Hermit also known as Kaladevala (5)
- 433 Popular form of meditation (2)
- 434 In addition (3)
- 435 Oscar's best actor ___ Affleck (5)
- 436 A type of tortricidae (7,4)
- 437 Footnote note (4)
- 438 A midterm or final (4)
- 439 Get rid of (4)
- 440 Staff accounting bulletin, abbr. (3)
- 441 Ticker symbol for Rockwell Automation (3)
- 442 Actor ___ Efron turned 30 (3)
- 443 Global organization turned 72 (2)
- 444 An operative (3)
- 445 Wild blue yonder (3)
- 446 Prefix meaning two (2)
- 447 Remove from suitcase (6)
- 448 Meditation sound (2)
- 449 New Rob Reiner film: Shock and ___ (3)
- 450 Cape Town's country (2)
- 451 Dry or mocking (3)
- 452 Set one's sights (3)
- 453 A film made for the small screen (2,5)
- 454 Singer ___ Campbell passed in Aug. (4)
- 455 Near (2)
- 456 N. American country that turned 150 (6)
- 457 Levels (6)
- 458 Empty (6)
- 459 Unsliced portions of bread (6)
- 460 Ketchup that turned 141 yrs old (5)
- 461 Augmented reality, abbr. (2)
- 462 Turns out to be (4,2)
- 463 Tried something (3,1,2)
- 464 Ebert and Daltrey (6)
- 465 An organ in the lymphatic system (6)
- 466 Weak, bloodless (6)
- 467 A new book was released on this Impressionist (6)
- 468 Blood-typing system (3)
- 469 Swedish pop group working on hologram project (4)
- 470 Santa's vehicle (6)
- 471 A verse in a poem (6)
- 472 Gilligan's ___ ended 50 yrs ago (6)
- 473 Some golf clubs (5)
- 474 A river in Wiltshire, England (2)
- 475 This ex-Spice Girl designed for Target (4)
- 476 Elvis's record label (3)
- 477 'Love Story' composer Francis (3)
- 478 Opposite of yes (2)
- 479 Official language of Laos (3)
- 480 Symbol for chemical element thorium (2)
- 481 Calvin Harris or Tiesto (2)
- 482 White noise, abbr. (2)

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Radulov scores 2 late goals, Stars beat Blues 4-2



Dallas Stars right wing Alexander Radulov (47) and St. Louis Blues right wing Vladimir Tarasenko (91) chase the puck during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Dallas, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017.

the puck more," Radulov said, "and we get in front of that goalie and be there and take his eyes away. That's what basically Jamie (Benn) did. When they passed me the puck, I just put up my head and I saw the lane I could shoot in."

Dallas led 1-0 through two periods on a goal by Mattias Janmark, but Vladimir Tarasenko and Tage Thompson scored 1:05 apart in the third period to put St. Louis up 2-1. Benn tied it at 2 with a backhand goal at 15:10.

Ben Bishop made 35 saves for the Stars, 30 in the first two periods. He has been in goal for their last six games, with a 3-1-2 record.

On the Blues' 5-on-3 power play early in the second period, Bishop stopped shots from the slot by Alex Pietrangolo and Paul Stastny.

"We're not in the game without him on the penalty kill," Hitchcock said. "Once in a while you've got to help the goalie, and today what we did in the third period was help Ben."

"He was incredible in the second period to keep it where it was."

St. Louis starting goalie Jake Allen left with 18:39 to play after he was knocked back into the crossbar. Carter Hutton replaced him for 9:34 and stopped two shots, but Allen returned to finish the game and made 25 saves.

"That was a bad decision by me," Blues coach Mike Yeo said. "I put Jake and the team in a bad position there. It's disappointing for our group not to get a win here tonight."

"The call at the end of the game was ridiculous."

He referred to a

roughing penalty on Joel Edmundson that led to the decisive power play. Edmundson and Benn scuffled next to the goal, and Benn's helmet came off.

St. Louis' offense got into the game when Bishop failed to clear the puck and get back to the net. Tarasenko sent a shot from the left faceoff circle at 3:26 of the third for an unassisted goal. The goal was his 13th in 21 career games against Dallas. Tarasenko had scored only one goal in the previous eight games.

The Blues are 2-7 in a stretch when they've totaled only 12 goals.

Thompson followed with a shot from above the right circle at 4:31 for his second goal in nine NHL games.

Janmark had scored at 3:49 of the second period, 45 seconds after the St. Louis power play ended. Jason Spezza dug out the puck along the right-wing boards and passed across to Janmark in the slot. He put a short shot into the vacant left side of the net.

NOTES: Bishop was playing in his 300th NHL game. ... The Blues had won the previous five games against Dallas. ... St. Louis' penalty-killing unit came in with 25 successes in 26 tries over the last eight games, and 41 of 43 penalties killed in December. ... The Stars converted 1 of 4 power plays and have scored on the power play in four straight games and five of six.

UP NEXT

Blues: Begin a three-game homestand Saturday against Carolina.

Stars: Play the second game of a six-game homestand, their longest this season, on Sunday vs. San Jose.



AP Photo
Texas Tech's Zhaire Smith (2) dunks the ball during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Baylor, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, in Lubbock, Texas Tech won, 77-53.

BIG 12

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points on 3-of-11 shooting. King McClure and Tristan Clark had 10 points apiece.

The Red Raiders, second nationally in points allowed and opposing shooting percentage, held Baylor to a season low in points. The Bears shot 30 percent in the first half and 37 percent for the game.

"I thought first half, we were all embarrassed by how we played," coach Scott Drew said. "Hopefully we'll get a lot better. Nobody likes the feeling that we have after today's game."

Jarrett Culver, another freshman, hit a jumper to start a 14-0 run for a 29-9 lead in the first half and finished with 13 points. Niem Stevenson had 11 points and a game-high five assists for the Red Raiders in the first meeting out of 135 with both of these longtime league rivals ranked.

"When you get into conference play, it's just a different kind of intensity, especially in the Big 12," Beard said. "It felt different today in shootaround. I think even our young guys

said, 'Hey, Coach, it kind of feels different today in practice.' I said, 'Yeah, welcome to the Big 12.'"

Evans was 4 of 7 from 3-point range in the third win against a ranked team this season for Texas Tech, which matched Oklahoma for the most victories for a Big 12 team over ranked opponents in nonconference.

BIG PICTURE

Baylor: Even though all three of Baylor's losses are against ranked teams — the first two were current top 10 teams in Xavier and Wichita State — the Bears are banged up and not playing well. They'll need Lual-Acuil back quickly, as their rebounding deficit showed, and they'll need more from top reserve Terry Maston, who missed all four shots and went scoreless in his return after missing six games with a broken shooting hand.

Texas Tech: The Red Raiders are one of just two teams to start five seniors, and they have a young budding star in Smith. It was hard to tell whether the depth Beard used against a relatively soft nonconference schedule would translate to the rugged Big 12. The first test

looked good. REMEMBER TO SHARE, KIDS

Baylor had one assist, fewest in the 15-season Drew era. The previous low was four in an 80-52 loss to Oklahoma on Feb. 11, 2006. That was Drew's first season, when the Bears weren't allowed to play a non-conference schedule because of NCAA violations. "I didn't think that was possible," Drew said. "I thought we did a bad job coaching and playing."

BOARD GAME

The Bears entered the game ranked eighth nationally in rebounding margin at plus-10.2. Without Lual-Acuil and his 10 rebounds per game, Nuni Omot was the top rebounder with five. Texas Tech had three with at least that many.

"That was the key to the game," Beard said. "Baylor's identity is rebounding. They're really good at it. They recruit to it. They coach it. They emphasize it. If you don't rebound with Baylor, you have no chance to win the game."

UP NEXT

Baylor: Home against No. 10 TCU on Tuesday. Texas Tech: At No. 11 Kansas on Tuesday.

DALLAS (AP) — The Stars gave Alexander Radulov a five-year free-agent contract in the offseason to do exactly this.

Radulov had a power-play goal and an empty-netter in the final 2:21 to lift Dallas over the St. Louis Blues 4-2 on Friday night.

"He's a big-time player," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He's not afraid of the stage, he's not afraid of the time, he's not afraid of the time on the clock. He wants to be the guy. And he was tonight."

Radulov took in the puck off a faceoff and sent a low shot for his fourth winner of the season at 2:21, then tapped in the rebound of a shot off the post with 1:39 left.

"We talk about it right before the power play that we got to shoot

Spurs' Gay to miss at least 2 weeks with right heel injury

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Spurs forward Rudy Gay will miss at least two weeks after an MRI revealed retrocalcaneal bursitis in his right heel.

Gay exited in the final minute of the third quarter during San Antonio's 119-107 victory over Brooklyn on Thursday night. An MRI Friday morning showed the inflammation of the bursa sac that lies over the heel.

Gay missed two previous games this season with a sore right heel.

The 12-year veteran, who signed with the Spurs in the offseason, will be re-evaluated in two weeks following a rest and rehabilitation pro-

gram.

The injury is unrelated to the torn left Achilles tendon he suffered Jan. 18 and underwent successful surgery on while with the Sacramento Kings.

The 6-foot-8 forward is averaging 22.8 minutes and 11.6 points for San Antonio.

Gay's injury occurred two nights after the Spurs had every player healthy and available for the first time this season. San Antonio (25-11) has played without Kawhi Leonard and/or Tony Parker for 31 games this season due to quadriceps injuries along with minor injuries to Danny Green and Kyle Anderson.



MAVS

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a 118-107 lead midway through the fourth.

Davis scored six consecutive points as New Orleans got within 118-115 with 3:38 left.

Nowitzki and Davis each made two free throws before Barea made consecutive 3-pointers to give Dallas a 126-117 lead with 1:57 left.

"We moved the ball really well," Harris said. "We didn't care who shot it. We gave up good shots to get better ones."

TIP-INS

Mavericks: Dallas had its highest-scoring first half of the season. ... The Mavericks' bench outscored the Pelicans' backups 60-10. ... Dallas' third consecutive victory gave it its longest winning

streak of the season.

Pelicans: The Pelicans' longest winning streak of the season ended at three for the third time. ... New Orleans committed just eight turnovers compared to 18 for the Mavericks. ... G Rajon Rondo came off a game in which he had a career-high 25 assists against Brooklyn and finished with eight assists.

UP NEXT

Mavericks: At Oklahoma City on Sunday night.

Pelicans: Host New York on Saturday night.

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A Look at "Life" in 2017



February

Students enjoy glasses of wine as they painted at the Desert Flower Art Bar.



January

Marchers in MLK Commemorative Walk head out down Martin Luther King Blvd.



December

Winners of the Heritage Museum's gingerbread contest, Jessica Rivera and Silvia Martinez.



March

Big Spring Orchestra members in January's Winter Wonderland concert



November

November 8 was declared "National Adoption Day" in Big Spring. Shown here is Nikki Sarmiento, she was adopted by her aunt Juliana Jo Sarmiento.



April

Cars, Stars, and Handlebars Event



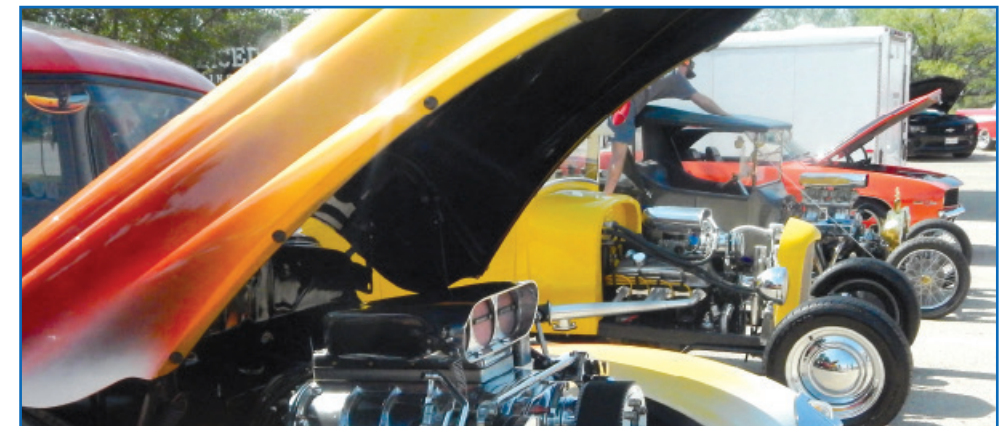
October

Chief Petty Officer Martin Flores, a local from Big Spring, at the top of Mt. Fuji after a five and a half hour hike.



May

Pastor Sam Segundo of Family Faith Center prays at the 2017 National Day of Prayer;



September

46th Annual West Texas Rod Run and Cruise, the oldest rod run in Texas, hosted by the Big Spring Cruisers Car Club.



June

Young Marines stand watch at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial during the "Run for the Wall" Memorial Day observance



July

The crowd at the Funtastic Fourth



August

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Experts try to keep Georgia O'Keeffe paintings from fading

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Chemical reactions are gradually darkening many of Georgia O'Keeffe's famously vibrant paintings, and art conservation experts are hoping new digital imaging tools can help them slow the damage.

Scientific experts in art conservation from Santa Fe, New Mexico, and the Chicago area announced plans this week to develop advanced 3-D imaging technology to detect destructive buildup in paintings by O'Keeffe and eventually other artists in museum collections around the world.

Dale Kronkright, art conservationist at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, said the project builds on efforts that began in 2011 to monitor the preservation of O'Keeffe paintings using high-grade images from multiple sources of light. That prevented taking physical samples that might damage the works.

Destructive buildup of soap can emerge as paintings age. It happens as fats in the original oil paints combine with alkaline materials contained in pigments or drying agents.

Tiny blisters emerge in the paint and turn into protrusions that resemble tiny grains of sand and can appear translucent or white. Thousands of the tiny blemishes can noticeably darken a painting.

"They're a little bit bigger than human hair, and you can see them with the naked eye," Kronkright said.

The creeping problem looms not only over O'Keeffe's iconic paintings

of enlarged flowers and the New Mexico desert but also the vast majority of 20th century oil paintings in museums, in part because professional-grade canvases from the period were primed with nondrying fats or oils, Kronkright said.

To develop imaging technology that can assess the growth of the protrusions, the National Endowment for the Humanities awarded \$350,000 to the O'Keeffe museum and a collaborative art-conservation center run by Northwestern University and the Art Institute of Chicago.

The project aims to create a web-based system that allows any art conservator to upload and analyze images of paintings in efforts to limit damage from soap formation.

Scientists still do not fully understand what triggers and speeds up the formation — though changes in temperature and humidity during transportation are prime suspects, Kronkright said.

The two-year project is likely to record paintings under light frequencies that stretch beyond the visible spectrum in search of clues about the chemical composition of paintings. In the past, gathering that information would mean removing a postage-stamp-sized chip from the works.

"It now gives us a way to analyze the entire painting without taking any destructive samples whatsoever," Kronkright said. "That's a really big deal."

O'Keeffe's work offers a special opportunity to unravel the mystery of



AP Photo

In this Feb. 3, 2015 photo provided by the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Dale Kronkright, head of conservation at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, reviews imaging data of an oil painting in Santa Fe, N.M. Chemical changes are gradually darkening many of Georgia O'Keeffe's famously vibrant paintings. Art conservation experts in Santa Fe and Chicago plan to use advanced imaging technology to detect the buildup of soap and protect paintings by Georgia O'Keeffe and other artists. (Courtesy of the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum via AP)

soap formation because so much is known and preserved about the techniques and materials she used on more than 800 paintings spanning a six-decade career, allowing for controlled experiments.

The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum first grew alarmed about soap protrusions to its collection in 2011, when a traveling exhibit returned with visible damage that couldn't be linked to vi-

brations or jostling, Kronkright said.

"Left unchecked, they will continue to grow, both grow in number and grow in size — and in damaging effect," he said.

He estimates that five paintings in the museum's collection have obvious damage linked soap formation, while 90 percent of all O'Keeffe paintings are susceptible.

Mobster acquitted in 'Goodfellas' heist gets prison in arson

NEW YORK (AP) — A legendary airport robbery recounted in the movie "Goodfellas" came back to haunt an 82-year-old mobster on Thursday, when a judge cited evidence of his role in it while sentencing him to eight years in prison for an unrelated road rage arson.

Vincent Asaro, balding and bespectacled, reacted to the sentence with disgust.

"I don't care what happens to me at this point," he grumbled.

He looked at U.S. District Judge Allyn R. Ross, saying: "What you sentenced me to is a death sentence anyway."

The sentence was more than double what federal guidelines set out as punishment for the 2012 car torching, which prosecutors said resulted when Asaro directed Bonanno crime family associates to track down and set afire the car of a motorist he believed had cut him off.

Asaro, speaking before the announcement of the sentence, said he was "terribly sorry."

"I was on my way home," he said. "It happened. It just got out of hand."

The judge said she had "no illusion" that prison will result in Asaro's reha-

bilitation or bring an end to his "life-long career as a member of the Mafia." She said she was mindful of Asaro's 2015 acquittal in the infamous 1978 heist at the Lufthansa cargo terminal at John F. Kennedy International Airport, a robbery retold in the 1990 hit film "Goodfellas," starring Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta and Joe Pesci.

The judge said she reviewed evidence from the trial she had presided over and cited proof Asaro had participated in a 1969 murder and had admitted his role and obtained jewelry from the armed robbery of more than \$6 million in cash and jewelry from the Lufthansa terminal.

"He remains dangerous to the public," she said.

The prison term resulted from a road rage encounter between Asaro and a motorist who became "embroiled in a high-speed chase at the hands of an enraged Asaro," the FBI said.

Asaro contacted an associate with access to a local law enforcement database, identified the license plate information of the car and triggered a plan to burn the car in front of the motorist's home, said the head of New York's FBI office, William F. Sweeney

Jr.

"The anger that propelled Asaro to action is reminiscent of so many scripted Hollywood dramas, but unlike the fame and fortune of the big screen, Asaro's story ends on a different note," Sweeney said in a release. "Today's sentence proves that living life in the fast lane is sure to be short lived."

Acting U.S. Attorney Bridget M. Rohde said Asaro's sentence was "for a lifetime of violent criminal activity."

Before the announcement of the sentence, defense attorney Elizabeth Macedonio blamed the government for the long prison term, saying prosecutors were "asking you to sentence him for crimes he was acquitted of that occurred 50 or 60 years ago."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicole Argentieri called Asaro a "one-man



AP Photo

In this Nov. 12, 2015, file photo, Vincent Asaro, center, leaves federal court in the Brooklyn borough of New York, after he was acquitted of charges he helped plan a legendary 1978 Lufthansa heist retold in the hit film "Goodfellas." The legendary airport robbery has come back to haunt Asaro, an 82-year-old mobster who's been sentenced to eight years in prison for an unrelated road rage arson by a New York judge who cited the heist. He reacted to his sentencing Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017, with disgust, calling it a "death sentence."

crime wave" and said he was a hero in his Queens neighborhood after he was acquitted at trial.

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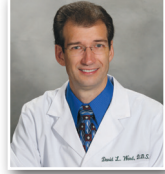
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Principal's door from Rockwell's iconic 'Shiner' preserved

CAMBRIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — When voters in Cambridge, New York, decided the town school was due for a renovation, science teacher Steve Butz knew there was one piece of the 1950 building that deserved to be preserved: the door to the principal's office.

The plain door once served as a model for one of Norman Rockwell's iconic paintings, "Girl With Black Eye," also known as "The Shiner" and "Triumph in Defeat."

"Holy cow!" Butz recalled thinking when he learned the school intended to discard the door as part of the \$11 million rehabilitation. "We should save it."

In 1953, Rockwell drove the short distance from his studio in Arlington, Vermont, to Cambridge, a village among rolling farmland 35 miles northeast of Albany.

Rockwell often used local residents and locales for settings in his work for The Saturday Evening Post. In Cambridge, he found inspiration for his depiction of a schoolgirl awaiting her turn in the principal's office after getting into a fight.

Rockwell took photographs of the principal's office and the door as well as the principal and his secretary. He even had the door taken off its hinges and brought to his studio. Later at his studio, he photographed models standing in for the principal and secretary.

His studio photo shoots also included Mary Whalen Leonard, then 11, who wound up serving as the model for the feisty, plaid skirt-wearing girl with the post-fight disheveled pigtails.

Rockwell, who later moved to the Berkshires in Massachusetts, was "like a movie director," said Stephanie Plunkett, deputy director and chief curator of the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

"He would tell his models how he wanted them to pose, what expressions he wanted," she said. "Sometimes he would even act out the scene."

The resulting artwork for "The Shiner" appeared on the cover of The Saturday Evening Post's May 23, 1953, edition. The original oil painting is part of the collection of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum in Hartford, Connecticut.

Leonard, whose father was Rockwell's lawyer, had already posed for one of the artist's Saturday Evening Post covers when he asked her to do another.

"He said, 'Wouldn't you just love to win a fight with one your brothers? That's the kind of smile you have to have,'" Leonard, now 75, said Thursday. "So he just pulled that smile out of me that day."

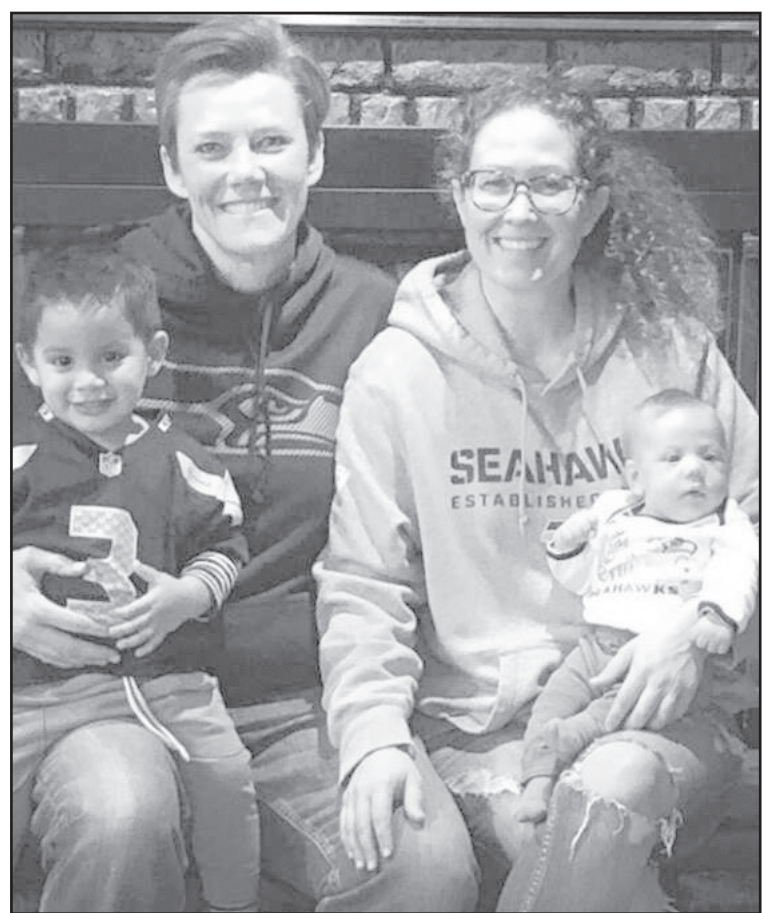
The renovation of the building that now houses the Cambridge elementary and high schools called for reconfiguring elementary principal Colleen Lester's office and replacing the famous door. Butz received approval to preserve the door as part of an exhibit on the school's key role in one of Rockwell's most famous works.

The door has been placed in a glass display case near the school's library since November, accompanied by some of Rockwell's black-and-white reference photos



AP photo

This Dec. 20, 2017, photo provided by Cambridge Central Schools shows a display case with photos, an illustration and the door that was once on the Principal's office at Cambridge Central Schools in Cambridge, N.Y. Inside the case is the original door from the principal's office that served as the setting for the Normal Rockwell Saturday Evening Post cover in 1953, known as "Girl With Black Eye," or "The Shiner." Steve Butz, a science teacher at Cambridge High School, preserved the door for display after it was replaced during a renovation project.



From left to right: Nash, Michelle, Beverly, Kate.

Who's who in Howard County: Michelle Brooks

Where do you work?: Pumper for Encana
What city do you live in?: Big Spring
Who makes up your family?: Wife, Beverly Brooks; son, Nash; and daughter, Kate.
What are your hobbies?: Reading and fishing
What is your favorite TV show?: "Stranger Things"
What is your favorite movie?: "Rent"
Where would you visit if you could go anywhere?: Everywhere and anywhere, I love to travel.

and a framed copy of the Saturday Evening Post cover.

Students think it's "cool" that a piece of local lore with national appeal has been preserved and put on display in their school, Butz said. The door is serving as a teaching tool for art students learning how artists such as Rockwell approach their work, he said.

"There was a whole process" the illustrator used, Butz said. "I never knew he took photos of everything.

Ex-Miss Americas asked to help find new leaders



ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Trashed by emails sent by pageant officials, former Miss Americas may help choose the new leaders of the Miss America Organization.

The group told The Associated Press Wednesday night that it is seeking the help of former Miss Americas and state directors to recommend the next generation of leaders for the pageant.

In emails that were published last week by the Huffington Post, pageant officials ridiculed the appearance, intellect and sex lives of former Miss Americas. The emails included one that used a vulgar term for female genitalia to refer to past Miss America winners, one that wished that a particular former Miss America had died and others that speculated about how many sex partners former Miss America Mallory Hagan has had.

The ensuing uproar led to the group's executive director, Sam Haskell; its president, Josh Randle; board chairwoman Lynn Weidner, and one other board member to resign. Dan Meyers, the group's interim board chairman, said the group wants former Miss Americas and state directors to recommend members for a search committee that would determine the organization's leadership structure, and choose individuals to fill those roles.

"The board wanted to have a pro-

cess that was unprecedented in terms of openness, transparency and inclusion," he said. "Given the turbulent nature of leadership transitions, asking all the stakeholders to be a part of this process was the best way."

Some past winners reacted negatively to the board's statement, saying the board had not reached out to them about help in selecting new leaders. Others said they wanted no involvement whatsoever by any current board members in seeking new leadership.

"At this time all remaining members must step aside so we can take our beloved program back," Miss America 1977 Dorothy Benham told the AP. "They have underestimated the strength, intelligence, and determination of the women who have worn the Miss America crown, as well as every young woman who is currently wearing, or has worn the local and state crown. We stand united."

Jennifer Vaden Barth, a former Miss North Carolina, said the former winners want a completely new board to search for leaders, not one that supported Haskell.

"The board needs to accept responsibility for the damage they have caused," she told the AP late Wednesday. "They need to step aside quickly and allow new leadership to save the Miss America program."

Under the plan, former Miss Americas and state directors collectively would name four people to the search committee, and the board would name a former state title holder to the panel. These five individuals and two board members "will begin their exhaustive search in a matter of days," a statement from the board read.

There are currently two vacancies on the 14-member board, and there will be at least two more when the resignations of Randle and Weidner become effective in a matter of weeks.

The organization hopes to have the nominations in hand by Jan. 3. The board said it was notifying groups of its decision to seek their help late Wednesday night. The emails already cost the pageant its television production partner and raised questions about the future of the nationally televised broadcast from Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall the week after Labor Day each year. Dick Clark Productions told the AP last Thursday that it cut ties with the Miss America Organization over the emails, calling them "appalling."

Meyers said the group has spoken with ABC, the television network scheduled to broadcast the September 2018 pageant, as well as with pageant sponsors. None has ended its relationship with the Miss America Organization,

he said. Independent messages sent by the AP over the past two days seeking comment from ABC and pageant sponsors have gone unanswered.

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Goldman Sachs expects \$5 billion hit from tax overhaul in 4Q



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In this Dec. 13, 2016, file photo, the logo for Goldman Sachs appears above a trading post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Goldman Sachs is expecting a \$5 billion hit to profits during the fourth quarter because of the tax overhaul recently signed into law. The New York bank said Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, that two thirds of the \$5 billion are due to changes in repatriation taxes, when funds are returned from overseas.

NEW YORK (AP) — Goldman Sachs expects to take a \$5 billion hit to profits for the fourth quarter and year because of the tax overhaul signed into law last week.

As a result, the New York bank will likely report a loss for the last quarter of 2017. But Goldman and other banks will be among the largest beneficiaries of the new tax code.

Goldman on Friday became one of the first companies to release details on how changes in the tax code will affect how money parked overseas is handled. The bank said two-thirds of the \$5 billion is related to changes in repatriation taxes, when funds are returned from overseas.

The new tax overhaul imposes a discounted one-time levy on overseas money returned to the U.S. — 15.5 percent for earnings held in cash or other liquid assets and 8 percent for earnings held in harder-to-sell assets. Previously, companies had to pay a 35 percent corporate tax when they returned

that money, so they left it parked overseas.

It has been expected that changes in the law would prompt many companies to return money to the U.S., potentially \$2.5 trillion or more. Keefe Bruyette & Woods analyst Brian Kleinhanzl estimated that the repatriation part of Goldman's charge equates to an 11 percent tax rate, based on the \$32.6 billion in undistributed foreign earnings Goldman had at the end of 2016.

Goldman had been expected to post fourth-quarter net income of \$2.07 billion, according to banking analysts polled by FactSet. The bank reports earnings in mid-January.

After taking a hit on repatriated earnings, Goldman, and other banks, will operate in a much more favorable tax environment.

The tax measure signed into law by President Donald Trump this month spreads benefits across a wide array of American industry, including banks.

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- Eric Escamilla, of 1607 Virginia Ave., res alt/add., Val: \$7,000, Fee: 45
- Methodist Church Trustees, of 623 Tulane Ave., res. gas, Val: \$2,200, Fee: \$32
- Jacoby Hopper, 812 Vista Ridge, res plumb, Val: \$9,000, Fee: \$65
- Nina M Maronn, 3605 Calvin St., res. alt/add, Val: \$2,000, Fee: \$25
- Rick Boiles, 605 Colgate Ave., res re-roof, Val: \$3,800, Fee: \$30
- Denver Le Chandler, 3235 Fenn St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,500, Fee: \$35
- Courtney Jackson, 1801 Alabama, fence, Val: \$3,000, Fee: \$25
- Farm Bureau Insurance, 1205 E 11th Pl., fence, Val: \$1,600, Fee: \$25
- Rannade Nandlal Patel, 3101 Mountain Shadow, res re-roof, Val: \$13,000, Fee: \$75
- Marsha Lynn Orsborn, 1310 Lincoln Ave., res elec. Val: \$25, Fee: \$25
- Gaylan Kristoph Harding, 3206 Fenn St., res re-roof, Val: \$4,000, Fee: \$30
- Brittany Daves, 1405 Stanford Ave., fence, Val: \$1,500, Fee: \$25
- Graci Granados, 212 N Nolan St., res re-roof, Val: \$200, Fee: \$25
- Mouton and Mouton, 412 S Main, com hvac, Val: \$1,600, Fee: \$65
- Limestone Ridge Apartments, 1401 HWY 87 N, com plumb, Val: \$4,207,195.83, Fee: \$11,504.94

paid an effective corporate tax rate of 26.1 percent next year. Now, it will be 14.3 percent. Analysts at Goldman Sachs have estimated that the tax law will boost big-bank earnings per share by 13 percent next year. The top beneficiary will be Wells Fargo, which has been dogged by scandals over cheating customers. It will enjoy an 18 percent earnings surge in 2018, Goldman estimates.

Economists believe the overall effect on the economy will be muted, however, because of those cuts to the U.S. corporate tax rate.

Historically, repatriated profits have not had a broad effect on the U.S. economy anyway.

A 2004 law temporarily cut taxes on repatriated profits to 5.25 percent, from 35 percent. That led 843 companies to bring back \$312 billion. But those companies tended to use the money to buy back shares of their own stock, not to hire or expand operations.

Goldman also said part of the reduction to

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Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:

- Jasmine Ahrnkeil, 1301 Princeton, Big Spring
- Sherri Monique Aldridge, 1507 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Anthony Anderson, 3401 Camellia Dr. #707, Temple
- Steve Antoine, 1425 E. Sixth St. #19, Big Spring
- Corina Avila, 1800 Winston St., Big Spring
- Katie Cole L. Baker, P.O. Box 3372, Big Spring
- Letitia Baucham, 1202 Stanford, Big Spring
- Linda Beck, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.
- Joshua Bell, 1962 Tuscola, Snyder
- Elda Melina Bernal, 1311 Mobile, Big Spring
- Tammy D. Bishop, 1410 Tucson Rd., Big Spring
- John Bochnicka, 538 Westover Rd. #260
- Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O, P.O. Box 391, Snyder
- Douglas "Doug" Lee Brown, 205 W. 14th St. P.O. Box 275, Monahans
- James Bullard, 202 Fourth St., Palestine
- Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
- Wayne Richard Buyce, 4042 Morning-side Way, Canyon Lake
- Jason Canales, 612 Drake Road Big Spring
- Raymond Carroll, 712 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Gloria Cerna, PO Box 55, Lamesa
- Pedro Chavarria, 1408 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Matilda Cortez, 302 N. St. Teresa, Stanton
- Hannah Deaton, 19634 Atasca Oaks Dr., Humble
- Roy E. DeBlanc, 1066 Cutrer Rd.,

- Osyka, Miss.
- Laura W. Dennis, 1511 Scurry, Big Spring
- Humberto Diaz Jr., 3417 N. Midland Dr, Midland
- Nelba DeLosRios Diaz, 10600 McMillian Dr., Austin
- Krista A. Dickson, 6917 Todd, Sachse
- Jimmy Dodson, 405 31st St., Snyder
- Ben Doherty, 5019 McKinney St. No. 105, Dallas
- Angela Doty, 1401 E. Rundberg, Austin
- Clayton W Durbin, 6508 Centerpoint, Big Spring
- Tina Marie Ellis, 4002 Austin Ave., Snyder
- Selena Bethani Enriquez-King, 100 E. Parker, Midland
- Brittany Vanessa Escanuela, 1221 E. 17th St., Big Spring
- Joanna Esparza, 501 S. Tackitt, Seymour
- W. Carol Evans, 809 E. 33rd, Plainview
- Chris M. Fagan, 3508 W. Eighth St., Amarillo
- Kristen Falcon, 2606 Fairchild Dr., Big Spring
- Lez Faulkner, 1102 South Water, Burnet
- Jose Enrique Faz, 509 N. Goliad, Big Spring
- Mumduh Felemban, 9338 Perrin Beitel Apt. 701, San Antonio
- Alexander Fernandez, 404 Cypress, Colorado City
- Juana Fierro, 406 N.W. 5th St., Big Spring
- Tracy D. Flores, 2401 Russell Ave., Abilene
- Ellen French, P.O. Box 942, Poteau, Okla.
- Sharlamarr Frink, 3723 Monclair, Odessa
- Johnnie Fuller, 3801 23rd St., Snyder
- Molly Mier Galan, 1201 Mulberry Ave., Big Spring

- Juan E. Garcia, 3355 River Road North Keizer, Ok
- Mary Jo Garner, 11802 Silver Barring Cove, San Antonio
- William Gene Garner, 704 Rosemont, Big Spring
- Rosa M. George, 509 W. Second St., Stanton, Texas
- Perry Gholar, 1510 Nolan, Big Spring
- Elizabeth Gomez, 509 Raleigh St., Plainview
- Guillermo Gomez, 2107 Morrison, Big Spring
- James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
- Jeremy Goodman, 3471 Green Meadow #24, San Angelo
- Kay Grant, 4405 N. Garfield #1005, Midland
- Whitney Marquez Gray, 2934 Old Anson Rd. \$1224, Abilene
- Isaiah Green, 4801 State St., Abilene
- James Michael Griffin, 303 Butler St. #502, Atlanta
- John Grima, 914 E. Sixth St., Big Spring
- Thomas E. Gross, 4100 S. Highway 87 #37, Big Spring
- Lynn Guerrero, 203 W. Ave #3, Clayton, N.M.
- Christina Nichole Gutierrez, 2809 25th St., Snyder
- Melissa Gutierrez, 3310 SF Austin, No. 58, Brownwood
- Sandra Ann Gutierrez, 1501 N. Fourth Place, 1312 S. Ave. L, Lamesa
- Mike Haddix, 401 Humble St. Apt. E, Midland
- Alfred Hamilton Jr., 1110 1/2 Aylesford, Big Spring
- Dylan Hammons, 4401 E. 11th Place, Big Spring
- William J. Harman, HC 76, Box 147K-1, Big Spring
- Nicholas D. Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams St. #9, Breckenridge
- Ann Hashem, 120 Airbase Rd. 15-5, Big Spring

- Christine Henderson, 420 N. El Paso
- Juanita Hernandez, 1502 Bluebird, Big Spring
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- Billy Dean Hill, 7117 Alissa, Rowlett
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- Shatiya Lasha Jenkins, 4590 N. Texas #198, Odessa
- Jim Bob Jennings, 4446 Ridgecrest Amarillo 9001 Indiana Apt D, Lubbock
- Stephanie Ford Johnson, P.O. Box 483, Coahoma
- David Kelley, P.O Bobx 724, Salado
- Joni D. Kelly, 3050 Co. Rd 139, Colorado
- Renola S. Kelly, 4503 LA Salle Circle, Colorado City
- Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd 175, Colorado City
- Cynthia Lee Kent, Moved to Newport News, Virginia
- Keith James Kochmick, 1003 Stadium, Big Spring
- Cyndi Michelle Lambert, 2600 Crestleline, Apt. C7, Big Spring
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- Daniel Jerome Langston, 3307 Cornell Ave., Big Spring
- Rafael Lemus, 1804 Mittel, Big Spring
- Jesse Paul Lopez, 101 Scurry St., Big Spring
- Clifford G. Lowe, 501 Circle, Big Spring
- Patricia D. Lyons, 7502 Interstate 27 number A, Lubbock
- Aaron Christopher Mack, 2134 Bonham Ave., Odessa
- Bruce Edward Mallard, P.O Box 3265 504 Westover, Big Spring
- Barbara A. Marshall, P.O. Box 1065, Deming, New Mexico

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Global stocks mostly rise on final trading day of 2017



AP photo

Currency traders talk near the screens showing the foreign exchange rates at the foreign exchange dealing room in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Dec. 29, 2017. Asian stock markets mostly drifted higher on Friday after Wall Street finished with modest gains.

By **YOUKYUNG LEE**

AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Global stock indexes were mostly higher on Friday, putting them on track to close out the year with strong gains.

KEEPING SCORE: Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.9 percent to a record high of 7,687.77, meaning it gained 7.6 percent during 2017 despite heightened Brexit uncertainties. The fall in Britain's pound has largely helped push up the FTSE 100, which is

dominated by multinationals that make most of their money outside the country. Germany's DAX, however, fell 0.5 percent to 12,917.64, leaving it with a gain of 12.8 percent this year. France's CAC 40 was still trading, down 0.1 percent to 5,333.

Futures augured an upbeat start on Wall Street. Dow futures added 0.3 percent while S&P futures rose 0.4 percent.

ASIA'S DAY: Most Asian markets finished with modest gains. Japan's Nikkei 225 finished 0.1 percent lower at 22,764.94. The Tokyo benchmark index rose 19 percent in 2017. China's Shanghai Composite Index added 0.3 percent to 3,307.17. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index gained 0.2 percent to 29,919.15. But Australia's S&P/ASX 200 went south. It fell 0.4 percent to 6,065.10. South Korean stock markets closed on Thursday.

ANALYST'S TAKE: Looking back at the year of 2017, "markets have been disturbingly sanguine about risks," such as North Korean nuclear threats and the U.S. government's new foreign policy to

put American interest first, said Mizuho Bank Ltd. in a daily commentary.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. crude rose 24 cents to \$60.08 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It rose 20 cents on Thursday. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, gained 13 cents to \$66.57 per barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar declined to 112.58 yen from 112.88 yen while the euro strengthened to \$1.1994 from \$1.1945.

BITCOIN: The price of bitcoin dipped 1.4 percent to \$14,184 by early afternoon in Europe, according to the tracking site CoinDesk. The virtual currency has been highly volatile in recent weeks, hitting a record high before sliding sharply last week.

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fourth-quarter earnings comes from recalculating the value of its deferred tax assets. Those are past losses that companies can use to lower future tax bills. Goldman and other banks suffered huge losses during the financial crisis. Those assets will now have less value because of the lower corporate tax rate.

The effect of the tax changes on Goldman Sachs was revealed in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission early on Friday.

The company did not say how changes in the tax law would affect its decisions on investments going forward, and did not immediately return messages left early Friday.

Shares of Goldman Sachs Group Inc. fell 1 percent to \$254 in early trading.

RECORDS

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- Martha McDonald Martin, 600 Driver Rd, Big Spring
- James Martinez, P.O. Box 269, Ft. Davis
- Ruann R. Martinez, 1005 N.W. 2nd St., Big Spring
- Victoria Josephine Martinez, 323 S. Main St., Loraine
- Karen McCalister, 5925 Raton Ln. number 154, Ft. Worth
- O'Neal McClain, 911 17th St., Snyder
- Diana McCool, 504 Donley, Big Spring
- Felicia Ornelas, 538 Westover No. 236, Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
- Ethel Laverne McVae, 4202 Parkway Rd. Big Spring
- Heriberto Palafox Mora, 1311 Mobile St., Big Spring
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- Callie Nicole Partlow, 2905 Navajo Dr., Big Spring
- Dana Kay Peach, 1806 N 13th, Lamesa
- Nicole Preston, 1605 E 11th place, Big Spring
- Jacquelin Dannon Ramey, 1404 E 6th St.,
- Gilbert P. Ramirez, 1614 Settles, Big Spring
- Byron Roberts, 2206 Alabama St Big Spring
- George Anthony Robinson Jr., 1905 Wasson Rd. #14, Big Spring
- Juan Romero, 2504 March Circle, Big Spring
- Veronica Romero, 103 Becker Road, Big Spring
- Yuri Lozano Rubio, 421 Cedar, P.O. Box 173, Colorado City
- Polly Ann Rusk, 4201 W. Highway 80, Big Spring
- Lillie Shoup, 1301 Colby Big Spring
- Shane Skaggs, 1 Courtney Place 301, Big Spring
- Derrick Dewayne Smith, 1207 Mulberry Big Spring
- Michael Ray Watson, 1503 Tucson Rd. Big Spring
- Tamara Ruth Whitt, 3706 Connley, Big Spring
- Jamie Wiggins, 1905 Wasson Rd. Apt. #28, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses

- Anthony Slate, 22, and Kaylea Paige Holbrook, 22, both of Big Spring.
- Peter W. Dawson, 45 of Colorado, and Erin Crissey Lord, 42, of Tennessee.
- Willis Floyd Gillette, 51, and Barbara Jo Sutton, 52, both of Big Spring.
- Brandon Wryan Sanders, 24, and Jennifer Alexis Castilaw, 23, both of Big Spring.
- Dakota Lee Howell, 33, of Olden, and Avry Alexis Stolzman, 26, of Johnson City.

County Court Judgments

(Note: The State of Texas is listed as prosecutor for all listed county court

judgments)

Defendant: Brandon S. Bayman
Offense: Driving while license invalid with previous conviction or suspension
Sentence: A fine of \$250 and 180 days in confinement in Howard County Jail
Date: Sept. 28, 2017

Defendant: Richard H. Arenibaz
Offense: Assault causes bodily injury.
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 court cost, 20 days in jail.
Date: Sept. 28, 2017

Defendant: Epifanio J. Guzman Jr.
Offense: Terroristic threat family
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$317 court cost, two days in jail
Date: Nov. 14, 2017

Defendant: Zachary Zamora
Offense: Resist arrest search/transport
Sentence: \$250 court cost
Date: June 8, 2017

Defendant: Yarieliz Medina
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: \$250 fine, \$352 in court cost
Date: Sept. 26, 2017

Defendant: Robert Parra
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces
Sentence: 12 months of probation
Date: Sept. 28, 2017

Defendant: Marcus Viera
Offense: Unlawful carrying a weapon
Sentence: \$250 in fines, \$292 in court cost
Date: Sept. 26, 2017

Defendant: Benjamin Aguero
Offense: Possession of marijuana less than two ounces.
Sentence: six months of probation
Date: \$352 in court cost

Defendant: Raul Aguilar
Offense: Duty on striking fix/landscape
Sentence: \$500 fine, \$219 in court cost.
Date: Oct. 13, 2017

Defendant: Brandon Baiza
Offense: Criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, \$342 in court cost, 30 days in jail.
Date: Sept. 5, 2017

Defendant: Roy McGee
Offense: Driving while intoxicated
Sentence: \$500 in fine, \$219 court cost
Date: Oct. 13, 2017

Defendant: Brandon Baiza
Offense: Criminal mischief in between \$100 to \$750
Sentence: \$100 fine, in \$342 in court cost, 30 days in jail
Date: Sept. 5, 2017

Warranty Deeds

Grantor: Kay Tate aka Glenna Kay Tate
Grantee: Donovan Barber
Property: lot four, tract four, Foster Subdivision out of section 47, blcok 31, T-1-N, T and P Ry. Co. Survey
Date: Dec. 20, 2017

Grantor: Connie Alvarado
Grantee: Jorge Prieto
Property: Lots 9 and 10, block 106, Original Town of Big Spring
Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: Tracy E. Wright, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Charles A. Dykes Aka Charles Dykes, Deceased
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Being a 1.0 acre tract of land out of the S/2 of Section 43, block 31, T-1-N, T and P Railroad Co. Survey.
Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: George Oliver and Dian Chesnutt
Grantee: Evelyn Oliver and Nestor Vargas
Property: South Fifty S/50' of Southwest one-fourth SW/4 of block 26, Amended College Heights
Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: Jimmy E. Bradley and Regina Bradley
Grantee: Clinton Bradley
Property: Being all of lot number eight, in block number nine, Washtinton Place, an addition to the city of Big Spring
Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: Javier Jamie
Grantee: Melanie Watson
Property: Lot 13, block one Stripling addition, city of Big Spring
Date: Dec. 26, 2017

Grantor: Kaye E. Smith
Grantee: Melissa Posey
Property: Being lots 15, 16, and 17, block 26, original town of Forsan, of Howard County.
Date: Dec. 26, 2017

Grantor: Jimmie Long
Grantee: Hugo Perez-Munoz
Property: Lot 17, block five, Cedar Crest Addition
Date: Dec. 26, 2017

Grantor: Kevin Amonett and Ashleigh Amonett
Grantee: K. Lemons Investment
Property: Lot 12, block three, College Heights
Date: Dec. 26, 2017

Warranty Deeds with Vendors' Liens

Grantor: Vickie Wallis and Jeri Farmer
Grantee: Brittany D Landgord

Property: Lot 12, block 2, Washington Place

Date: Dec. 20, 2017

Grantor: Tom Kuykendall and Debra Kuykendall

Grantee: Charles A. Ridgers and Abigail L. Rodgers

Property: A 9.90 acre tract of land, more or less, out of the NE/4 of section 42, block 32, t-1-S, T and P Ry. Co Survey

Date: Dec. 20, 2017

Grantor: Juan Antonio Valadez and Amber L. Valdez

Grantee: Mariano Granados and Odila Granados

Property: Being all of lot number 21, block four, Douglas Addition of the City of Big Spring

Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: The Nathan E. Hughes and Geraldine Hughes Trust

Grantee: Joshua Hogue

Property: Being a 5.00 acre tract, more or less, out of a 20.28 acre tact out of the NE/4 of section 42, block 32, T-1-S, T and P, Railroad Co. Survey.

Date: Dec. 21, 2017

Grantor: Jendy Thomas, formerly known as Jendy L. Touchstone

Grantee: Katie S. Schmitz

Property: Being all of lot number 21, in block number 25, College park estate, a subdivision of Big Spring

Date: Dec. 22, 2017

Grantor: Jody Buxton

Grantee: Michael Burns, Attorney at Law

Property: Beingtwo tracts of land containing a 2.018 acres of land out of the E/2 of section 43, blcok 31, T-1-N, T and P, Railroad Co. Survey

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By: Deputy

#9648 December 31, 2017

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mission the following P-17
Application for the Exception
to Statewide Rules (SWR) 26
and/or 27 to surface com-
mingle oil and casinghead
gas production from leases:
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#820900), Target J 3906WB
(DP #820896), Target I
3907WB (DP #820892), Tar-
get F 3901WA (DP #812592),
Target G 3901WB (DP
#812590), Target B 3905WB
(RRC Lease #47900), Target
D 3904WB (RRC Lease
#47951), Target E 3902WB
(DP #822235), Target K
3906WA (DP #827023), Tar-
get L 3908WB (DP #827016),
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(DP #829244), Target P
3903WB (DP #829245), Tar-
get Q 3903WA (DP
#829246), Target R 3904WA
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Annie's Mailbox

Still Wanting to Kick It

Dear Annie: They say that you'll never forget your first love and that forbidden love excites the most desire, and lately I've

been thinking nonstop about my first love. I'm not talking about a man. I'm talking about soccer! At 6 years old, I learned what it feels like to be completely free, present and powerful when I stepped

on the field and scored my first goal for the Super Soccer Sisters. Every fall, spring and summer was spent engrossed in the sport until I went to college, at which point I stopped because of emotional instability and an eating disorder. Last year, at 25, I joined an adult league and was seriously lit up the minute I stepped back onto the field. Unfortunately, my legs aren't what they used to be, and I ended up with a minor concussion from a tackle and a torn ankle ligament.

My mom (half-joking, half-serious) says, "You're not a teenager anymore. You're getting old." She thinks I should retire my cleats. Though I'm no spry teenager, I believe I could get back into it with proper agility training. Annie, the thought of never feeling the joy of soccer again firsthand upsets me so much. Should I keep with it and risk hurting myself more or move on and just look forward to kicking the ball around with my kids down the road? -- Craving Kicks

Dear Craving Kicks: I have a feeling you'll be kicking yourself later if you don't give soccer another go. Your brain is precious, and concussions are serious, but there are steps you can take short of quitting the sport. Invest in a soft helmet designed for soccer, and talk to your doctor about other recommended precautions. Then dust off those cleats. Living well isn't just about living as safely as possible, after all. It's about following your bliss off the sidelines.

Dear Annie: I've been working within my industry for over 25 years. I've been working at my current firm for a year. Recently, we advertised a job opening. As regional manager, I screened the applications and passed my selections on to human resources to finalize. The candidate I preferred was a woman with 24 years of experience, "Barb." Barb was making \$115,000 per year but said she was willing to take a cut. We decided to offer her the job.

When I got a copy of the offer letter from HR, I was astonished that the head of HR, "Sarah," had offered Barb \$120,000. My other seven sales reps' salaries were averaging between \$100,000 and \$105,000. Only one of them was making \$110,000, and he has 19 years of experience.

I had a talk with Sarah as to the reason for this unfairness. Her reply was that she had crunched the industry salaries on the market and decided to offer this amount. I told her, "But she's close to my actual salary!" I told Sarah that if my other sales reps were to hear Barb's salary, they'd start underperforming or quit.

To make the frustration worse, now, after three months, I've been informed that Barb was also offered six weeks of vacation time. I, as regional manager, get four weeks. My boss cannot believe what's going on, either. I'm wondering whether Sarah is just a chauvinist person. My boss

and I will have a talk with our vice president about this. What do you propose, Annie? -- Puzzled

Dear Puzzled: The system your firm has in place to decide on compensation doesn't seem to be working. This is an organizational issue, and you should raise it as such -- not as an issue of Sarah's being a "chauvinist" -- when you speak with the vice president. Drop the name-calling and finger-pointing, as they only reflect poorly on you.

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 ♠ J 9 7 2
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 7 4
 ♣ J 10 8 6
WEST
 ♠ A 10 6 3
 ♥ A J 8 4
 ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ 7 4
EAST
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ K Q 6
 ♦ Q J 10 8 5 3
 ♣ Q 2
SOUTH
 ♠ K 8 4
 ♥ 10 9 2
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ A K 9 5 3

The bidding:
 South 1 NT West Dble North Pass East Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.
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menced activities with one notrump.
West doubled, and North — who should have resorted to whatever rescue operations the partnership had agreed to play in such a situation — passed. East likewise passed, expecting a rich harvest, and South, feeling he had told his story in toto, also passed.
West led a heart, and the blitzkrieg was underway. East won with the queen and, shooting for big game, shifted to the queen of diamonds. The king lost to the ace, and back came a diamond, whereupon East cashed five diamond tricks. Then came the king and another heart from East, producing this position:

North
 ♠ J 9 7
 ♣ J
West
 ♠ A 10
 ♥ A
 ♣ 7
East
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ Q 2
South
 ♠ K 8
 ♣ A K

When West next cashed the ace of hearts, East parted with a club, and South reluctantly discarded the king of clubs. West thereupon imposed the final indignity upon the beleaguered declarer by returning a club, causing South to lose two spade tricks at the finish for down six — 1,700 points!

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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5	1	8	4	9	7	3	9	2
3	6	7	5	2	1	4	8	6
2	9	4	3	9	8	5	7	1
4	8	3	6	5	2	7	1	9
1	2	1	9	8	7	3	6	5
9	6	7	5	4	1	6	3	8
8	5	6	9	4	1	7	3	2
7	3	2	3	9	8	5	1	4
9	4	9	2	1	4	9	7	5

ANSWER:

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Moon Swells to Countdown

The moon swells like an oversize party balloon being inflated to pop at the start of the new year! The New Year's moon will be a supermoon, meaning that it will seem a lot bigger and brighter because it's on its closest trajectory to Earth. But that's tomorrow. We're not quite there yet -- just as we're not quite in the new year yet. Be safe; be happy!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anyone with money can buy goods and services, but smooth transactions take more than money; they take class. It's why you'll endeavor to learn the correct manner and etiquette so a cool experience can be had by all.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The more you are impressed by others the more they are impressed with you. Someone who needs attention will soak up all you're giving and be absolutely charmed by you in the process.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's an outcome you've been thinking about, and today is the day you'll reach the maximum number of thoughts you can have about the thing before action is an absolute necessity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Good thoughts will glow up your aura. And if you don't believe in an aura, your aura will not suffer in the least. You will still enjoy the warmth of all who brighten up in your light.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you're more concerned than usual about your image, it's only because you want to make sure your contributions to others are effective and as useful as can be. You'll do what it takes to present yourself in a way that puts others at ease.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The race is long and currently not quite appealing enough to motivate you to train. However, helping someone else get through the finish line -- now that's a purpose you can get behind (and you'll wind up crossing, too!).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you express your needs and wants, there are those who then shift the focus to their own similar story and call it empa-

By HOLIDAY MATHIS



thy. That's not empathy. Supportive people stick with your thing and investigate further.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Avoid being the bright star of the group today; you'll only attract haters. The brighter the light the more distinct the shadow. Instead, help others shine so everyone looks good together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your sense of humor is an ever developing facet of your personality. Anyone who can't appreciate this probably isn't the best match for you. You don't always get to choose, but when you do, choose people who get you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your powers of organization are remarkable. You'll put a mess back in order, and it won't even take you that much time. Today's results will be highly satisfactory on all counts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Something that's supposed to be making your life easier may be doing the opposite right now, but stay the course. Once you're over the learning curve, this will be brilliant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A whimsical mood prevails. There's a tangent you'd like to spin into. Sure it's light on logic, but there's something in this instinct that goes beyond reason and will serve you very well in the future.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 31). You've been bold, courageous and impressive. All the attention taught you the value of less flashy attributes -- kindness, loyalty and reliability. Those qualities earn you money, friends and love. In January, advertise your services; the investment will quickly pay off. Your family will multiply in 2018. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 29, 14, 17 and

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:

Have you ever been surprised to find out how much someone likes you because you never would have guessed by the way he or she typically acts toward you? Have you ever been told "that was so much fun!" by someone you never would have guessed was having a good time? People show their feelings in different ways. Just because they don't always reveal them doesn't mean they don't exist. This will be one of the first lessons of the new year. As the ball drops, the swollen Cancer supermoon pulses with effusive emotion. People will show and tell so much more than usual. You may be surprised by what you learn.

The luckiest place to spend the first day of the year will be at home. Getting the year off to a good start will involve tending to domestic life, getting organized and doing the kind of preparations that will set you up for success.

Jan. 2 marks a change for Uranus that shakes free some new motivation. Just about any old emotion can be used to fuel the success machine; it's not picky about where it gets its juice. Desire, creative hunger and righteousness are good motivators. But jealousy, anger and revenge can be just as motivating, if not more so.

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Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Matthew Sewell
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Off-kilter
 - 8 Cleary kid-lit mischief maker
 - 14 "We keep meeting"
 - 16 One working over pressure
 - 17 Bay of Naples city
 - 18 Adoptee, perhaps
 - 19 Zodiac depiction
 - 20 Central Brussels
 - 22 NFC West team
 - 23 Earth science measures
 - 24 Theban ruler in *Oedipus Rex*
 - 25 Aggregates: Abbr.
 - 26 Character-creation pastime, for short
 - 27 Mideast region, old-style
 - 28 Fall that may sting
 - 29 Boxer's "Watch it!"
 - 30 It means "on the ground"
 - 31 Prelims of a sort
 - 35 Opposite of "calm"
 - 36 Best Actress Oscar role just before Loretta
 - 37 "Beloved" name
 - 38 Gets nowhere
 - 39 Remedy for split ends
 - 42 Penetrate, with "in"
 - 43 One of a select group
 - 44 Revise for the better
 - 45 It's seen in much verbal communication
 - 46 Cable ___
 - 47 Certain cub
 - 48 Don't plan
 - 50 Ends, as objections
- DOWN**
- 1 Metaphorical object of exploitation
 - 2 Music that inspired the Beach Boys
 - 3 Some time in
 - 4 Where many take stock
 - 5 Particular periods
 - 6 Data-sharing acronym
 - 7 Authorized?
 - 8 Come to fruition
 - 9 Conquest conspirator in *Wonder Woman* (2017)
 - 10 Sharp saw
 - 11 Being seen, in a way
 - 12 Coming up soon
 - 13 Virtuosi
 - 15 Possible fatigue from a wine tasting
 - 21 Much of GO Veggie! "Swiss"
 - 24 ___ beer
 - 25 Smart Assistant speaker
 - 27 Seasoning in Vietnamese soup
 - 28 Asparagus, essentially
 - 29 Well-groomed
 - 30 Correspond
 - 31 Undeclared America-France conflict of 1798-1800
 - 32 Prepare for bargaining, perhaps
 - 33 French brandy variety
 - 34 "As much as you like"
 - 38 Designation of two US senators
 - 39 Word from the Japanese for "group leader"
 - 40 "Presents . . . absents": Charles Lamb
 - 41 Grossly inadequate
 - 43 Grains
 - 44 Bolger and Lahr, in *The Wizard of Oz*
 - 46 Department
 - 47 Ben Franklin founded it
 - 49 Radiance, in brand names
 - 51 Director appearing in *Mandela in America*

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Recent deadly attacks mean tight security for NYC New Year's



In this Dec. 31, 2015 file photo, pedestrians submit to a search as they enter Times Square in New York. New York Police Department officials say that while there are no specific or credible threats against the city, they are promising a bigger security detail than ever before at the Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017, New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square.

By COLLEEN LONG

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Police are promising a bigger security detail than ever before in Times Square for this year's New Year's Eve celebration, which will cap off a year that saw a number of deadly attacks, including a vehicle rampage at the very spot where revelers will ring in 2018.

In addition to its usual army of snipers, bag-inspecting officers and metal detectors, the department this year is relying on help from a growing corps of "vapor wake" dogs, which are trained to sniff out trace amounts of explosive particles that trail behind someone carrying a bomb.

All 125 parking garages in the vicinity of Times Square will be emptied in advance of the celebration and sealed off, so no one has a chance to sneak in a car bomb, police said.

Detectives already have been assigned to all of the dozens of high-rise hotels in the area, with the aim of preventing the type of attack that happened in Las Vegas in October, when a gunman firing from a casino hotel

killed dozens of people at an outdoor concert below. Police wouldn't discuss whether guests at area hotels would be screened in advance of the celebration, but Police Commissioner James O'Neill said officers already are working with hotel security.

"This is going to be one of the most well-policed, best-protected events at one of the safest venues in the entire world," O'Neill said.

The extra precautions follow two recent terrorist attacks in the city. A man detonated a bomb in the city's subway system on Dec. 11, injuring only himself. On Halloween, an Islamic State-inspired attacker drove down a bicycle path, killing eight people before he wrecked his truck and was shot by police.

Times Square itself was targeted in May by a man, said by police to be high on drugs, who drove through crowds of pedestrians for more than three blocks, killing an 18-year-old tourist from Michigan. The speeding vehicle was eventually stopped

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Actress Rose Marie of 'Dick Van Dyke Show' fame dies at 94



AP Photo

In this April 1, 2002, file photo, actress and comedian Rose Marie talks to the press as she arrives for a ceremony honoring comedian Milton Berle at Hillside Memorial Park and Mortuary in Los Angeles.

By LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Rose Marie chafed at being a supporting player in the shadow of Mary Tyler Moore's fetching suburban housewife on "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

But it was as feisty comedy writer Sally Rogers that Marie stretched the narrow confines of how women were portrayed on TV in the mid-20th century. Sally was an independent single woman who handled her job as adroitly as her male colleagues and who dated but refused to pine away for romance.

Rose Marie, who died Thursday at 94, was proud to have created a woman defined by her work, a rare sitcom character at the time who wasn't "a wife, mother, or housekeeper," she tweeted in 2017.

It represented one milestone in an extraordinary acting and singing career that started when she was a toddler, stretched over nearly a century and included success in theater, radio, nightclubs, movies and TV.

"There's never been a more engaging & multi-talented performer & always had audiences clamoring for more!!" Carl Reiner, creator of "The Dick Van Dyke Show," posted Thursday on Twitter.

Rose Marie had been resting in bed at her Los Angeles-area home when a caretaker found she had stopped breathing, said family spokesman Harlan Boll. The cause of death wasn't immediately disclosed.

"Heaven just got a whole lot funnier" read the tribute posted atop a photo of Rose Marie on her website.

The subject of the 2017 documentary "Wait for Your Laugh," Rose Marie often claimed she had the longest career

in entertainment history. It spanned some 90 years, with co-stars ranging from W.C. Fields (in the 1933 movie "International House") to Garfield the cat.

The highlight for many was "The Dick Van Dyke Show," the 1961-66 sitcom widely loved for its sophisticated writing, inspired casting and insightful view of the inner workings of the then-new medium of television. Van Dyke starred as Rob Petrie, head writer for a hit comedy-variety show and Moore, in her first major role, played his wife Laura.

The blonde, raspy-voiced Rose Marie teamed with her pal Mory Amsterdam as assistant writers.

"The Dick Van Dyke Show" not only was an ideal vehicle for Rose Marie's comic gifts, but was a showcase for her singing, with Sally belting out "Come Rain or Come Shine" and other old favorites during nightclub and party scenes.

The actress had conflicts with Reiner, re-

sending that Moore was given more prominence than her on the show. Reiner, speaking in "Wait for Your Laugh," bluntly pushed back. "I used real strong language," he recalled. "I said, 'You both have beautiful legs. They wanna look at her legs.'" Nominated three times for Emmys, Rose Marie had yet to turn 40 when she joined the Van Dyke cast, but had been an entertainer for more than 30 years.

She was born Rose Marie Mazetta of Italian-Polish parentage in New York City on Aug. 15, 1923. When she was 3, her mother entered her in an amateur talent contest in Atlantic City as Baby Rose Marie.

"My mother was terrified," she recalled in a 1992 interview with The Associated Press. "But I went out and sang 'What Can I Say, Dear, After I Say I'm Sorry?' and won the contest."

She began singing on radio and was a hit on "The Rudy Vallee Hour." NBC gave her a seven-

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What to buy every month of the year in 2018



AP Photo

In this Sept. 15, 2017, file photo, the camera, upper left, of an iPhone 8 Plus is displayed in New York. Apple has been known to announce its new iPhone installments at the company's annual keynote in September. Usually, the unveiling is followed by a drop in prices on the current phones in anticipation of the new models making September a good month to shop for iPhones.

By COURTNEY JESPERSEN

NerdWallet via AP

In 2018, you may resolve to save more, spend less or budget better. Whatever your money goal, the one common key to your success is shopping smart. That means knowing the best time to buy just about anything.

To help you out, we've created a purchase calendar to help you plan your shopping for the year.

JANUARY

With a fresh page on the calendar

comes a fresh start for sales. These products are discounted in January: —BEDDING AND LINENS. Department stores hold bedding and linen "white sales" in January with deep discounts on sheets and towels.

—FITNESS EQUIPMENT. Retailers know you want to get in shape. Expect fitness equipment and apparel sales to abound at sporting goods stores.

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—TVS AND ELECTRONICS. Just before the Super Bowl, retailers normally discount their selections of HDTVs and other home-theater essentials.

FEBRUARY

It's the month of love and gift-giving, but February might be a better time to buy major items for yourself than trinkets for your loved one. Options include:

—TVS. TV sales spill over from January into February. Aside from Black Friday, this is one of the prime times to buy a new TV.

—WINTER PRODUCTS. With winter winding down, stores will be looking to unload their inventories of cold-weather products. Look for sales on apparel and winter sporting accessories.

—HOME GOODS. Presidents Day is Feb. 19 this year. Expect retailers to have home and apparel sales on that Monday and the weekend preceding the holiday.

MARCH

There aren't any major shopping holidays in March, but that doesn't mean sales are lacking. Look for sales on these products:

—GOLF CLUBS. Expect to find discounts on golf clubs in preparation for summer. Whenever consumer demand is down, prices usually are, too.

—GRILLS. Buy your summer grilling necessities in March to avoid the spike in prices that will come when summer arrives.

—ST. PATRICK'S DAY ESSENTIALS. St. Patrick's Day is March 17. Around that time, online retailers and department stores usually discount their selection of green-themed clothing, party supplies and jewelry.

APRIL

April has its fair share of spring deals and discounts, including:

—VACUUMS. Buying a vacuum isn't the most exciting purchase, but it'll be less painful if you take advantage of a spring cleaning sale. Look for these at department stores as well as manufacturers like Dyson.

—JEWELRY. The general rule is to avoid buying jewelry close to major holidays. Try to get a good deal when jewelers have a slower period and may be more motivated to make sales.

—FREEBIES. Year after year, retailers and restaurants try to lighten the burden of tax day with discounts and freebies. Keep an eye out for these around mid-April. Tax day this year is April 17.

MAY

April showers bring May flowers — and sales blossom then, too. Here's a look at some products to consider buying this month:

—SPRING CLEANING NECESSITIES. Before summer arrives, act on spring cleaning discounts on vacuums and mops.

—SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES. Use May discounts as a perfect opportunity to buy small kitchen appliances, such as coffee makers and blenders. These products normally are included in Memorial Day sales.

—FURNITURE. Three of the biggest blowout shopping days are Black Friday, Labor Day and Memorial Day. This year, Memorial Day is May 28. Look for plenty of furniture and home-decor discounts from big-box stores.

JUNE

June may be one of the shorter months of the year, but its supply of shopping events isn't lacking. Smart purchases include these products:

—LINGERIE. Stock up on undergarments in June. That's when Victoria's Secret has been known to host its famed Semi-Annual Sale. The sale usually occurs in December also.

—GYM MEMBERSHIPS. Consider buying a gym membership during the summer, and don't forget to negotiate to get the best possible deal. Gyms may be more eager for sign-ups at this time.

—GIFTS FORDAD. You don't have to buy dad's gift at full price. Expect Father's Day deals this month, especially the closer you get to the holiday on June 17.

JULY

The temperature usually rises in July, but the prices of certain products drop. Consider buying these items this month:

—APPAREL. If you don't want to wait for end-of-summer sales, buy clothes in midsummer. You'll likely find a better price than you would at the start of the season.

—PATRIOTIC ITEMS. Retailers like a reason to celebrate. In the days leading up to the Fourth of July, there is usually an abundance of sales on red, white and blue products (and products that are all three colors), as well as on sporting goods, jewelry and furniture.

—PERSONAL ELECTRONICS. Black Friday is a big deal day that falls in November, but many retailers have begun hosting Black Friday in July sales, including Best Buy and Amazon. Expect discounts in nearly every product category.

AUGUST

Close out summer by buying summer products? That's right. Look for end-of-season clearance sales in August:

—BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES. The start of school marks the need to buy small items such as pencils and expensive ones like laptops. Generally, the closer to the start of the school year you buy, the better your chances of getting a good price.

—LAWN MOWERS. Ride out the end of summer with a big deal on lawn mowers and other seasonal outdoor equipment.

—SWIMSUITS. There may not be many swimming days left by the time August rolls around, but that's exactly why swimsuit clearance sales will crest. Buy your swimsuits now to stock up for next year.

SEPTEMBER

With deals on items as varied as electronics and back-to-school supplies, September is a surprising month for good buys. Pick up reasonable prices in these departments:

—MATTRESSES. Year after year, September is the time for mattress sales. Expect these from department stores and mattress centers, usually as a part of Labor Day deals.

—IPHONES. Apple has been known to announce its new iPhone installments at the company's annual keynote in September. Usually, the unveiling is followed by a drop in prices on the current phones in anticipation of the new models.

—APPLIANCES. This year, Labor Day falls on Sept. 3. Expect a series of blowout deals in the week leading up to the holiday, including promotions on appliances big and small.

OCTOBER

Don't let the cost of shopping spook you during the Halloween season. There will be plenty of deals

on these product categories in October:

—OUTDOOR FURNITURE. People generally spend less time outdoors when the temperature drops. Expect deals on patio furniture and outdoor living products when summer ends.

—JEANS. Fall inventory arrives in stores in August and September, but you'll pay top dollar unless you wait a few weeks. October is a great time to buy a new pair of jeans.

—CANDY. The closer you get to Oct. 31, the better your chance at snagging a discounted bag of candy for your trick-or-treaters.

NOVEMBER

November is the month for Black Friday sales, which means some of the most popular tech products fall to their lowest prices:

—TABLETS AND LAPTOPS. Electronics take center stage during Black Friday sales. Look for discounts on smartphones and activity trackers, too.

—GAMING SYSTEMS. Black Friday is the best time to buy a discounted gaming console or gaming system bundle like Xbox or PlayStation.

—HOME APPLIANCES. Reserve your major home appliance purchase — refrigerator, washer, dryer, dishwasher, etc. — for Black Friday deals. Often, sales on these can be found throughout the month.

DECEMBER

The end of the year is just the beginning for discounts in some product categories. Look for sale prices on these products in December:

—TOYS. Since toys are a popular Christmas gift, stores generally host big toy sales as the holiday season draws to a close.

—CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS. Beginning the day after Christmas, shop sales for deep discounts — often upward of 50 percent — on decorations, wrapping paper, ornaments, artificial trees and similar seasonal fixings.

—CARS. The end of December is an ideal time to buy a car. That's when dealerships are looking to meet end-of-year sales quotas.

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by one of the squat metal barriers that have been installed around the square's pedestrian plazas.

Those attacks were reminders that New York City's massive security apparatus can only do so much, but city officials insisted they will be able to keep people safe on New Year's Eve.

"The fact is, they will absolutely be safe," said Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat.

The police department doesn't reveal the strength of its security force for the event, but it gave some details about the operation at a news conference Thursday.

Officers will have help from roughly 1,000 security cameras installed in and around Times Square.

An area roughly 22 city blocks long and three long blocks wide will be sealed off from both vehicle and pedestrian traffic with cement blocks, sand-filled garbage trucks and other vehicles blocking the streets leading into the area.

Partygoers entering that secure zone will be screened at a dozen access points where they will encounter metal detectors, the vapor wake dogs and officers with portable radiation detectors. Large backpacks are not allowed. All small bags will be searched.

From there, people go through a second round of security screening when they enter spectator pens where they are essentially confined for the night. People who leave the pens aren't allowed to re-enter — so no bathroom breaks.

Those who make it through will get to see live performances from Andy Grammer, Nick Jonas and Mariah Carey. A cascade of confetti and fireworks will ring in the new year when the Waterford Crystal ball drops.

In addition to the officers at the scene, dozens of analysts will be combing Islamic State propaganda and deciphering data.

Police also will be out in force at Coney Island, where live music and fireworks were expected to draw large crowds, and at a midnight event for runners in Central Park.

"The takeaway from our preparations is this: People will be safe, and they should feel safe, too," O'Neill said. "Because the NYPD and our partners are well-prepared."

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year contract and her own show, 15 minutes on Sunday. Her powerful voice gave rise to rumors.

"Stories went around that I was really a 45-year-old midget," she remarked in 1992. "So they sent me on a year-round personal appearance tour of theaters across the country to prove that I was a child."

Rose Marie sang in a series of movie shorts including "Baby Rose Marie, the Child Wonder" in 1929 and appeared on most of the vaudeville circuits until vaudeville's demise. Among her friends was one of the country's most notorious gangsters.

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