

Wall Street, Other Stocks Soar With Deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks roared higher on Wall Street and around the world after Congress passed a last-minute budget deal to avert sweeping tax hikes and government spending cuts.

The Dow Jones industrial jumped 308 points to close at 13,412 Wednesday, the first trading day of the year. That's the biggest gain the Dow has had since December 2011.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 36 points to 1,462. The Nasdaq composite rose almost 93 points to 3,112.

The gains were broad. Ten stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

Technology and bank stocks had the biggest gains

Old School Renamed For Sandy Hook Survivors

MONROE, Conn. (AP) — The children who escaped last month's shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown will be returning to classes in a neighboring town in a refurbished school now named after their old one, school officials said Wednesday.

Newtown Superintendent of Schools Janet Robinson announced that the students' new school, the former Chalk Hill Middle School in Monroe, has been renamed Sandy Hook Elementary School. She said the Sandy Hook staff made that decision.

"That's who they are. They're the Sandy Hook family," Robinson said after a news conference at a park in Monroe a few miles from the school, which will open for classes Thursday morning. An open house was held for parents and students on Wednesday.

Robinson added that renaming the Chalk Hill school will allow staff and students to keep "their identity and a comfort level."

The school where the shootings occurred remains closed and guarded by police. Newtown officials haven't decided yet on the building's future.

Colorado Relatives Disgusted By Invitation

DENVER (AP) — Relatives of the majority of people killed in a Colorado movie theater rejected an invitation on Wednesday to attend its reopening this month, calling it a "disgusting offer" that came at a terrible time — right after the first Christmas without their loved ones.

The parents, grandparents, cousins and widow of nine of the 12 people killed said they were asked to attend an "evening of remembrance" followed by a movie when the Aurora theater reopens on Jan. 17. They released a letter sent to the theater's owner, Cinemark, in which they criticized the Plano, Texas-based company for not previously reaching out to them to offer condolences and refusing to meet with them without lawyers.

"Our family members will never be on this earth with us again and a movie ticket and some token words from people who didn't care enough to reach out to us, nor respond when we reached out to them to talk, is appalling," the letter said.

Cinemark had no immediate comment.

The company announced last month that it would reopen the theater on Jan. 17 and invite people affected by the attack and other guests, a move that Aurora officials said has strong support in the community. Gov. John Hickenlooper plans to attend.

Patti Page Dies At Age Of 85

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Unforgettable songs like "Tennessee Waltz" and "(How Much Is That) Doggie in the Window" made Patti Page the best-selling female singer of the 1950s and a star who would spend much of the rest of her life traveling the world.

When unspecified health problems finally stopped her decades of touring, though, Page wrote a sad-but-resolute letter to her fans late last year about the change.

"Although I feel I still have the voice God gave me, physical impairments are preventing me from using that voice as I had for so many years," Page wrote. "It is only He who knows what the future holds."

Page died on New Year's Day in Encinitas, Calif., according to publicist Schatzi Hageman, ending one of pop music's most diverse careers. She was 85 and just five weeks away from being honored at the Grammy Awards with a Lifetime Achievement Award from The Recording Academy.

Boehner Agrees To Sandy Aid Vote On Friday

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WASHINGTON — Under intense pressure from angry Republicans, House Speaker John Boehner agreed Wednesday to a vote this week on aid for Superstorm Sandy recovery.

The speaker will schedule a vote Friday for \$9 billion for the national flood insurance program and another on Jan. 15 for a remaining \$51 billion in the package, Republican Rep. Peter King of New York said after emerging from a meeting with Boehner and GOP lawmakers from New York and New Jersey. The votes will be taken by the new Congress that will be sworn in Thursday.

King left the session with Boehner without the anger that led him to rip into the speaker Tuesday night.

"It was a very positive meeting," King said, adding that Boehner, R-Ohio, assured the lawmakers present that the money from the two House votes would roughly equal the \$60 billion package of aid that passed the Senate.

Since the votes will be taken in the new Congress, the Senate also will have to approve the legislation.

Sandy was the most costly natural disaster since Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and one of the worst storms ever in the Northeast.

"Getting critical aid to the victims of Hurricane Sandy should be the first priority in the new Congress, and that was reaffirmed today with members of the New York and New Jersey delegations," Boehner said in a joint statement with House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

Boehner's decision Tuesday night to cancel an expected vote on Sandy aid before Congress ends its current session provoked a firestorm of criticism from New York, New Jersey and adjacent states, including many lawmakers in his own party.

According to King, Boehner explained that after the contentious vote to avoid major tax increases and spending cuts called the "fiscal cliff," Boehner didn't think it was the right time to schedule the vote before the current Congress went out of business.

"What's done is done. The end result will be New York, New Jersey and Connecticut will receive the funding they deserve. We made our position clear last night. That's in the past," King said.

Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., added, "We do believe we have an iron clad commitment."

The Senate approved a \$60.4 billion measure Friday to help with recovery from the October storm that devastated parts of New York, New Jersey and nearby states. The House Appropriations Committee has drafted a smaller, \$27 billion measure for immediate recovery needs and a second amendment for \$33 billion to meet longer-term needs.

The \$9 billion in flood insurance money to be voted on Friday was originally in the \$27 billion measure. The votes on Jan. 15 will be

for \$18 billion in immediate assistance and \$33 billion for longer-term projects, including projects to protect against future storms, King said.

Much of the money in the proposals is for immediate help for victims and other recovery and rebuilding efforts. The aid is intended to help states rebuild public infrastructure such as roads and tunnels and help thousands of people displaced from their homes.

Some \$5.4 million is for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund, \$5.4 billion is to help transit agencies in New York and New Jersey rebuild and another \$3.9 billion is for the Housing and Urban Development Department's development fund to repair hospitals, utilities and small businesses.

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HOUSE SPEAKER JOHN BOEHNER

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a Republican, was among those sharply criticizing Boehner before the speaker changed course.

Christie said he was frustrated after Boehner withdrew the bill Tuesday night and tried to call him four times that night, but none of the calls were returned. Christie complained about the "toxic internal politics" of the House majority. Christie said he had worked hard to persuade House members to support Sandy aid, and was given assurances by GOP leaders that the bill would be voted on before Thursday.

"There is no reason for me at the moment to believe anything they tell me," Christie said before Boehner announced there would be votes this month.

King had branded Boehner's initial decision to pull the bill a "cruel knife in the back" to New York and New Jersey.

King was among an angry chorus of New York and New Jersey lawmakers from both parties who blasted Boehner, with some saying his move was a "betrayal."

In considering the Sandy aid package, the speaker was caught between conservative lawmakers who want to offset any increase in spending and Northeast and mid-Atlantic lawmakers determined to help their states recover more than two months after the storm hit.

The criticism of Boehner on the House floor was personal at times, and reflected in part the frustration among the rank-and-file over the decision to press ahead with a vote on the fiscal cliff deal engineered by the White

House and Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell. Boehner had been struggling with conservatives who complained that the economic package didn't include enough spending cuts.

Reps. Michael Grimm, a Republican, and Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat, said in angry House floor remarks that while they did not agree on much, Boehner's decision amounted to a "betrayal" and a crushing blow to states battered by the storm.

President Barack Obama also called for an immediate House vote. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., raised the political temperature even more. She said Boehner should come to Staten Island and the Rockaways to explain his decision to families whose homes and businesses were destroyed. "But I doubt he has the dignity nor the guts to do it," Gillibrand said.

Obama, meanwhile, called for House Republicans to vote on the Sandy aid "without delay for our fellow Americans." The president said in a written statement that many people in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut are trying to recover from the storm and need "immediate support with the bulk of winter still in front of us."

The White House said Obama spoke Wednesday with Christie about the importance of the disaster aid bill, and that the president's staff was in touch with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's team too as Obama lobbied for House action.

Christie and Cuomo, a Democrat, issued a joint statement, saying, "The fact that days continue to go by while people suffer, families are out of their homes, and men and women remain jobless and struggling during these harsh winter months is a dereliction of duty."

Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., D-N.J., blamed tea party lawmakers and conservatives who were reluctant to approve new spending soon after the debate over the "fiscal cliff" budget issues for the sudden move by GOP leaders. He said the move was "deplorable."

More than \$2 billion in federal funds has been spent so far on relief efforts for 11 states and the District of Columbia struck by the storm, one of the worst ever to hit the Northeast. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's disaster relief fund still has about \$4.3 billion, enough to pay for recovery efforts into early spring, according to officials. The unspent FEMA money can only be used for emergency services, said Pallone.

New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, New Hampshire, Delaware, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts are receiving federal FEMA aid.

Sandy was blamed for at least 120 deaths and battered coastline areas from North Carolina to Maine. New York, New Jersey and Connecticut were the hardest hit states and suffered high winds, flooding and storm surges. The storm damaged or destroyed more than 72,000 homes and businesses in New Jersey. In New York, 305,000 housing units were damaged or destroyed and more than 265,000 businesses were affected.

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January is Hobby Month!

Collect Hobbies

Lots of people collect things for hobbies. Some of the things people collect are stamps, coins, feathers, bottle caps, toys, hats, and more.

Jonathan asked everyone in his class about their hobbies and graphed his findings. Look at the graph and answer the questions below. The letters that go in the circled spaces answer the Mystery Question.

MYSTERY QUESTION: What does a numismatist collect?

1 2 3 4 5

1. What is collected by one less person than the number of people that collect stamps?

2

2. What is collected by three students in Jonathan's class?

3

3. What is collected by only one person?

4

4. What is the second-most popular item collected by Jonathan's class?

5

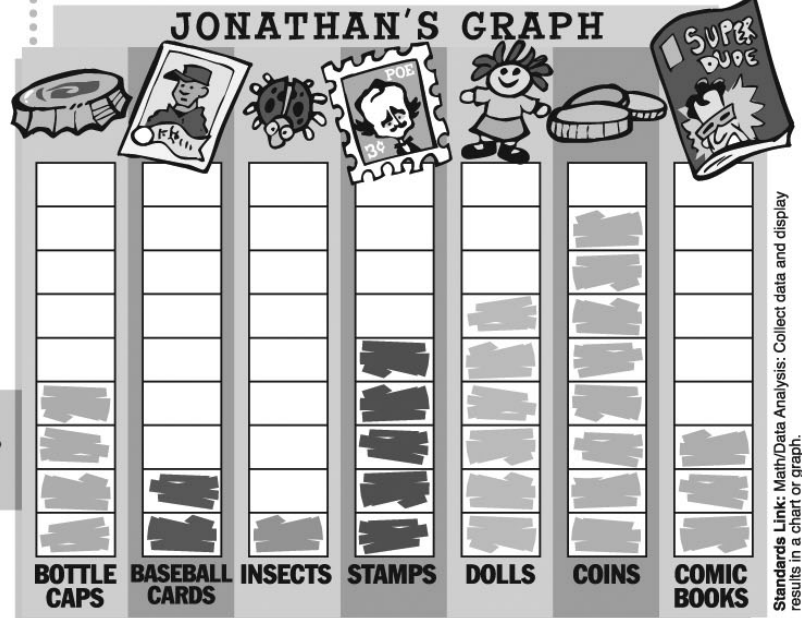
Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Interpret information displayed in graphs and charts.

Collector Investors

Some people collect things just for fun. Some people collect things for investments. They hope that one day, what they have will be worth more than what they paid for it. Use the code to discover some items that have really grown in value.

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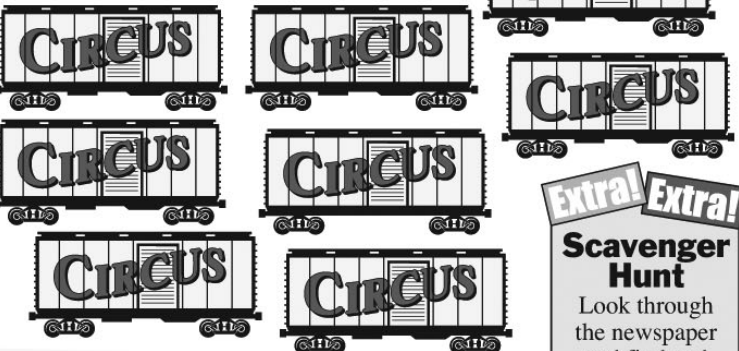
◆ = 2	● = 6
◇ = 3	▲ = 7
★ = 0	※ = 4
✱ = 1	◆ = 8
	★ = 9



Baffling Boxcars

Help Uncle Fred complete his model train collection. The boxcar that is different from the rest is the one he needs. Look very carefully!

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.



Extra! Extra! Scavenger Hunt

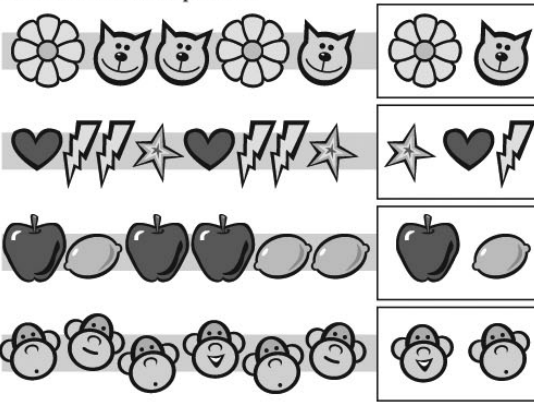
Look through the newspaper and find and circle:

- 3 words that start with H
- a kind of transportation
- two words that mean the opposite
- 5 five-digit numbers

Standards Link: Language Arts: Identify words with same beginning sound; use antonyms; Math: Identify numbers to 10,000; Investigation: Sort objects by common attributes.

Sticker Patterns

Kala collects colorful stickers. Circle the sticker that comes next in each row of patterns.



Standards Link: Math: Extend simple patterns.

Double Word Search

JANUARY

HOBBY

STICKERS

STORY

PENNY

COLLECTION

CREATE

TRAIN

COMIC

STAMPS

DOLLS

TOYS

CAPS

CARD

VALUE

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

N	O	I	T	C	E	L	L	O	C
N	U	Y	M	R	P	T	O	Y	S
E	I	S	R	E	K	C	I	T	S
U	S	M	N	A	A	T	R	I	T
L	S	N	S	T	U	A	T	H	A
A	Y	P	L	E	I	N	O	S	M
V	A	T	L	N	A	B	A	M	P
C	I	M	O	C	B	P	S	J	S
C	A	R	D	Y	R	O	T	S	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Chopped Talk

Find an interesting story in the newspaper and read it through to understand the sequence and details of the story. Now rewrite the story using SUBJECT-VERB sentences only.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Sequence events in a narrative; write sentences with subjects and predicates.

Write On!

Fastest Ever

Write a paragraph about a fast animal or machine. Include at least three facts and one opinion.

Send your story to:

Press & Dakotan
 C/o Noelle Schlechter
 319 Walnut Street
 Yankton, SD 57078
 605-665-7811, ext 112

Deadline: January 27 **Published:** Week of Feb. 24
 Please include your school and grade.

Weekly Writing Corner

Winter Poem

Write a poem about winter.

It is Christmas Eve night
 Everyone's spirit is filled with delight
 All the children are at full excite
 The children are all tucked in bed
 Knowing tomorrow they will grab their sled.

Olivia Vornhagen
Sacred Heart School,
5th Grade

Snowmen and snoballs are great
 But I prefer to ice skate.
 I also like to sled and ski.
 And lastly I like to watch hockey.

Josephine
Sacred Heart School,
5th Grade

Dashing through the snow?
 Oh I hope it's true!
 And all you kids know!
 That Santa's coming through!
 Oh I hope we a a great Xmas year!

Ava Manning
Sacred Heart School,
5th Grade

Have a sled all red and yellow.
 Go down the hill with shiny boots
 And come up the hill all filled with snow.

Jacob, 2nd grade

I lie in my warm bed Right next to the crackling fire
 Blankets and fuzzy socks to cover me. I listen. Dad reads "The Night Before Christmas." I drift off to sleep Right into winter.

Lizzie, 5th grade

Snowflakes falling all around, Snowflakes falling in the town. Snowflakes falling everywhere, It's a snowflake time of year!

Regan, 2nd grade

The wind is singing,
 And the bells are ringing.
 For this is the time for holidays.
 Happy holidays!

Zachary, 3rd grade