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Sunday, April 30

St. John's Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Worship at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10 a.m.

United Methodist: Jed Morehouse baptism/ blessings shower, Conde Worship at 9 a.m., Coffee Fellowship at 10 a.m., Groton Worship at 11 a.m., Sunday School begins after children's sermon.

Catholic Parish: Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church at 9 a.m., then at St. Joseph in Turton at 11 a.m.

Heaven Bound Ministries in Pierpont: Cancelled.

3 p.m.: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at the nursing home.

Monday, May 1

School Lunch: Meatballs, mashed potatoes, corn, fruit, tea bun.

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Lemon chicken breast, creamy noodles, spinach salad, baked apple slices, whole wheat bread.

Emmanuel Lutheran: Bible Study at 6:30 a.m.

Groton School: Girls varsity golf at Lee Park in Aberdeen at 10 a.m., 7th/8th grade track at Redfield at 2 p.m., Kiwanis Athletic Banquet at 6:30 p.m.

City Council: 7 p.m. at Groton Community Center

United Methodist: Evening Bible Study at 7 pm.

Tuesday, May 2

School Lunch: Pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.

School Breakfast: French toast, links, fruit,

Closed: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

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Groton Garden Club plants two trees

The members of the Groton Garden Club planted two trees on Saturday as part of the Arbor Day tradition. One flowering tree was planted by the nursing home in memory of Gladys Dirks and an Amur Maple was planted at the baseball park in member of Hazel McKittrick. After the tree planting, Mayor Scott Hanlon read a proclamation and the members read a couple of poems. You can watch the ceremony held at the baseball park on GDILIVE.COM. It is a neat ceremony so make sure you watch it. Pictured are Elda Stange, Linda Anderson, Pat Larson, Arlys Kluess, Deb McKiver, Eunice McCloister, Pam Rix, President Deb Sombke and Mayor Scott Hanlon.

The Groton Garden Club was established in 1951. It plants and takes care of the flower garden in the middle of the city park, sponsors the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl contest and also the Yard of the Week from June 1 through September 30.

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Boys Medley Team wins at Ipswich

The boys medley relay team of Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Darien Shabazz and Sean Schuring were first place winners at the Ipswich Track meet held Saturday. The team placed sixth in a field of 13 teams.

Team Scores: James Valley Christian 115, Herreid-Selby 98.5, Warner 85, Aberdeen Roncalli 85, Ipswich 79, Groton Area 74, Eureka-Bowdle 56, Faulkton 48.5, Sully Buttes 44, Potter County 33, Edmunds Central 10, Highmore-Harrold 6.

110m Hurdles: 1, Jonathan Doeden, 16.21; 8, Garrett Schroeder, 24.0.

300m Hurdles: Garrett Schroeder, 50.71.

100m Dash: 4, Lucas Hinman, 11.61; 8, Jackson Oliver, 11.88; Darien Shabazz, 12.4.

200m Dash: Jonathan Doeden, 25.67; Jackson Oliver, 25.69.

400m Dash: Austin Jones, 59.75.

800m Run: 3, Treyton Diegel, 2:13.40; Hunter Schaller, 2:38.

400m Relay: 4, Groton, (Trevor Pray, Bennett Shabazz, Jackson Oliver, Lucas Hinman), 46.10.

800m Relay: 5, Groton, (Trevor Pray, Jonathan Doeden, Darien Schabazz, Thomas Cranford), 1:36.67.

1600m Relay: 3, Groton, (Sean Schuring, Austin Jones, Thomas Cranford, Treyton Diegel), 3:52.95.

Medley Relay: 1, Groton (Trevor Pray, Lucas Hinman, Darien Shabazz, Sean Schuring), 3:50.65.

High Jump: 3, Bennett Shabazz, 5-5; 6, Austin Jones, 5-3; 8, Jonathan Doeden, 5-1.

Long Jump: 8, Bennett Shabazz, 18-1.

Discus: 4, McClain Lone, 124-0; 7, Luke Thorson, 119-11; Grady O'Neill, 81-6.

Shot Put: 3, McClain Lone, 45-0.5; Luke Thorson, 38-4.5.

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Today in Weather History

April 30, 1942: Three farms were hit by a tornado near the northeastern edge of Castlewood. One barn was blown apart, and debris was blown into the house, killing one person. Damage from the estimated F2 tornado was \$20,000.

April 30, 2011: An unyielding low-pressure system moving across North Dakota brought high winds to much of central into parts of northeast South Dakota. Northwest winds of 35 to 50 mph with gusts to over 60 mph occurred from the morning to the late evening of the 30th. The high winds did cause some property damage across the region. A semi was tipped over on Highway 50 in Buffalo County; a large sign was brought down in Highmore, with some damage to security lights and twisted traffic signals in Pierre. Some of the highest wind gusts included 59 mph at Eagle Butte, 61 mph at Oacoma, 66 mph in Corson County, and 69 mph at Hayes in Stanley County.

1852 - A tornado, following the same track as the famous "Tri-state Tornado" of 1925, struck the town of New Harmony IND. Just sixteen persons were killed by the twister, due to the sparse settlement. The "Tri-state Tornado" killed 695 persons. (David Ludlum)

1888: 246 people died in the world's deadliest hailstorm in India. Hailstones were reportedly the size of baseballs. 1600 domesticated animals at Moradabad perished.

1924: A major tornado outbreak occurred from Alabama to Virginia on the 29 through the 30th. 26 tornadoes were of F2 intensity or greater. A total of 111 people were killed, and over 1,100 injured. An estimated F4 tornado tore through Steedman and Horrell Hill, SC. 55 people were killed from this tornado.

1953: An F4 tornado 300 yards in width leveled homes on the north side of Warner-Robins Georgia, and barracks on the south side of the Warner-Robins Air Force Base. 19 people were killed and were 300 injured. The total damage was estimated at \$15 million dollars.

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather in Idaho, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 100 mph in Lincoln, Mineral and Sanders counties. Twenty-three cities in the central and southeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date. Memphis TN was the hot spot in the nation with a record high of 94 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - A cold front produced high winds in the southwestern U.S. Winds gusting to 90 mph in southwestern Utah downed power lines, and damaged trees and outbuildings. The high winds also downed power lines in Nevada, completely knocking out power in the town of Henderson. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather in central and eastern Texas. Hail three inches in diameter was reported at Cool, and thunderstorm winds gusted to 80 mph at Hillsboro. For the first time of record Oklahoma City went through the entire month of April without a single thunderstorm. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data) (The Weather Channel)

1990 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in southern Virginia and the Carolinas, with tennis ball size hail reported southeast of Chesnee SC. Thunderstorms moving over the Chesapeake Bay flooded U.S. Highway 50 on Kent Island MD with several inches of water resulting in a seventeen-mile long traffic jam. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



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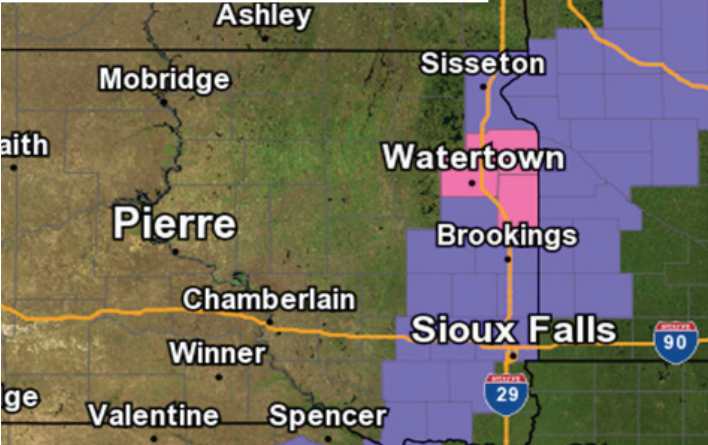
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Partly Sunny then Partly Sunny and Breezy	Slight Chance Rain	Slight Chance Rain/Snow then Slight Chance Rain	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny then Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Mostly Sunny then Slight Chance Showers
High: 60 °F	Low: 36 °F	High: 59 °F	Low: 34 °F	High: 63 °F	Low: 38 °F	High: 63 °F

Rain and Snow Still Coming! Storm will affect eastern portions of the area

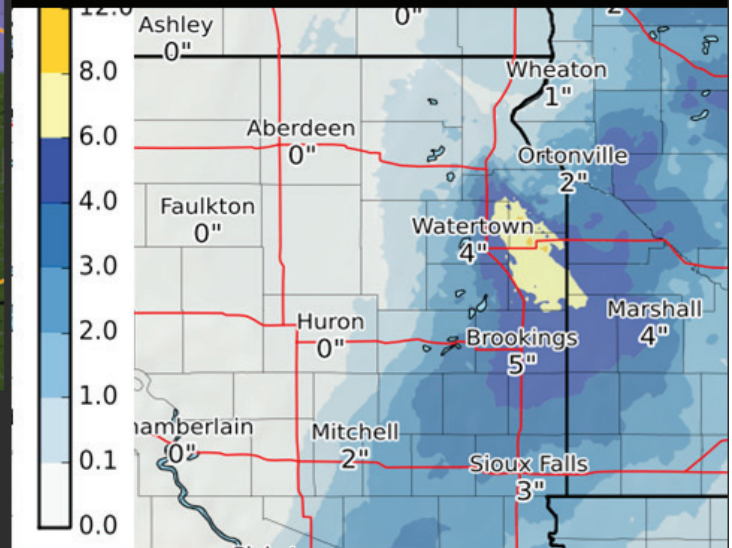
Current Headlines

-  Winter Storm Warning
-  Winter Weather Advisory



Rain begins Sun afternoon, changes to snow overnight/Mon AM

Most likely snowfall forecast



Monday morning commute may be slick and slushy!



National Weather Service Aberdeen, SD



Updated: 4/30/2017 5:39 AM Central

Published on: 04/30/2017 at 5:49AM

Eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota is still on track to see rain changing to snow tonight, with moderate to heavy accumulations possible. The Winter Storm Watch has been upgraded to Advisories and Warnings. Snowfall amounts will vary widely across northeast South Dakota and west central Minnesota, and will largely be dependent on surface temperatures and elevation. The heaviest accumulations are expected across the higher elevations of the Prairie Coteau, where 6 to 8 inches are possible. Elsewhere, a general 1 to as much as 5 inches are possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 58.1 F at 6:07 PM

Low Outside Temp: 26.3 F at 4:18 AM

High Gust: 16.0 Mph at 4:40 PM

Snow: Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 98° in 1992

Record Low: 5° in 1966

Average High: 64°F

Average Low: 38°F

Average Precip in April.: 1.85

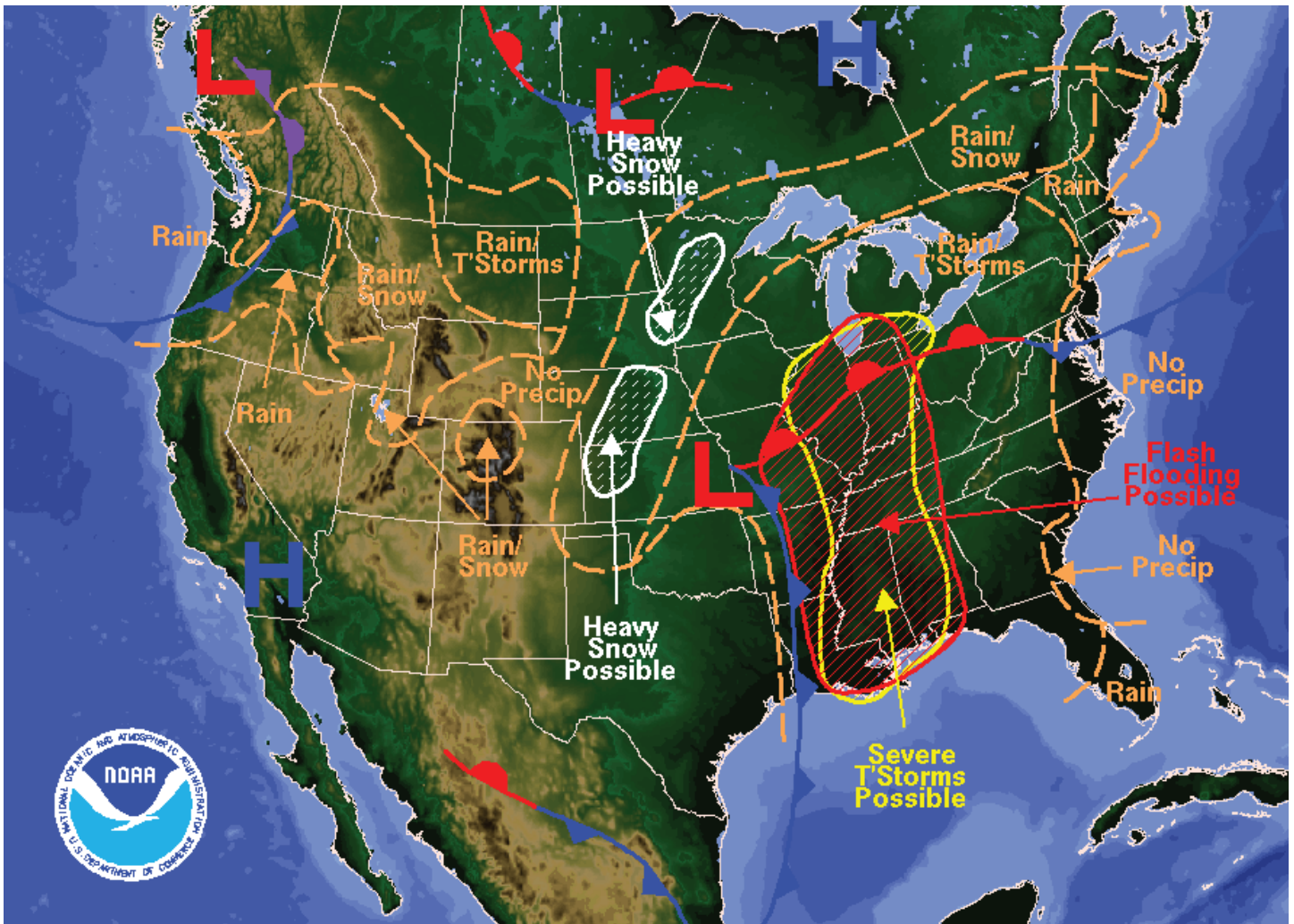
Precip to date in April.: 1.09

Average Precip to date: 4.03

Precip Year to Date: 1.68

Sunset Tonight: 8:39 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:21 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Apr 30, 2017, issued 4:51 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE R'S AND THE A'S

We all know of the significance of the "Three R's" – Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic. They are the foundation for lifelong learning.

But there is also the importance of the "Three A's" for lifelong success in life. They are "Ability, Attitude and Ambition." Without recognizing their importance and value, people can "stay stuck" and live mediocre and unproductive lives.

"Ability" comes from the gifts that God has given to each of us. It includes the physical, mental and spiritual potential that He implants in the hearts of those who surrender their lives to Him. It can be seen in the skills and talents He gives to each of us. But they are not gifts to lie dormant. We are obligated to develop them and use them in service to Him.

"Ambition" is the desire to apply the "abilities" that God gives us. It can be seen in the lives of those who are eager to serve and honor Him in their daily activities. Those who truly love Him will always be actively involved in looking for new and different ways to use their "abilities" for Him.

"Attitude" is our disposition toward life. It has to do with how we see God's world, what is going on around us and what we can do about it. Some look around and say, "I can and will do something about 'this or that' with the 'abilities' He has given me. I am going to serve Him daily!" Others say, "It's beyond me. Why try?"

Prayer: Help each of us, Father, to accept the opportunities, and with them, the responsibilities to be faithful to You with all the gifts You have given us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Luke 12:48 For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.

News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

06-18-20-27-32

(six, eighteen, twenty, twenty-seven, thirty-two)

Estimated jackpot: \$115,000

Hot Lotto

02-03-04-33-36, Hot Ball: 17

(two, three, four, thirty-three, thirty-six; Hot Ball: seventeen)

Estimated jackpot: \$5.99 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$15 million

Powerball

22-23-24-45-62, Powerball: 5, Power Play: 2

(twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, forty-five, sixty-two; Powerball: five; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$113 million

Councilwoman wants investor list for parking project

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A city councilwoman wants to know who stands to profit from a city-backed, mixed-use parking project in downtown Sioux Falls.

The Lafayette Journal and Courier (<http://argusne.ws/2pYHHAm>) reported Councilor Theresa Stehly in February requested a list of investors in Legacy Developments, the city's private partner. She wants to guarantee that public officials and their family members don't have financial ties to the developer. The community development office's director responded with an email saying no public officials or employees would benefit from the project.

"At this time we are negotiating a development agreement and have assurances that city employees will not be part of the investor group, and they have agreed to contractually be obligated to that condition," Community Development Director Daren Ketcham wrote in a March 3 email to the city council.

The city has yet to approve funding for the project and Stehly said she won't consider supporting it until she can see a full list of investors.

"Taxpayers have a right to know who the city is getting into bed with," she said.

City ordinance prohibits public officials, employees and their families from having financial interests in city contracts.

"We have to ask these questions and demand that we see what's going on behind the scenes," Stehly said. "It's called accountability to the public."

The city will contribute as much as \$18 million toward the multi-story parking ramp that will include retail, office and residential elements.

Deadwood looks to restore old signs on historic buildings

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — The Old West gambling town of Deadwood is undertaking a program to help restore “ghost signs” — old, hand-painted advertisements on the exterior of historic structures.

The Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/2pd8Wqc>) reported the Deadwood Historic Preservation Commission got approval for the program Monday.

“The city of Deadwood’s Historic Preservation Commission is dedicated to preserving the unique history of Deadwood.” said Historic Preservation Officer Kevin Kuchenbecker.

Program guidelines require property owners to submit a proposed budget for the restoration, said Kuchenbecker. The program would cover 80 percent of the cost while the owner could pay for the remaining 20 percent.

“A covenant will be required and recorded to protect the mural, as well as the view of the mural,” Kuchenbecker added.

The program will begin by restoring a Champion Spark Plug advertisement, which is at 15 percent of its original quality. The sign is on the side of the Celebrity Hotel. The artwork will be repainted to about 50 to 60 percent of its original condition. The project is estimated to cost almost \$5,200. Work will begin on the sign as weather allows.

According to research conducted by the Historic Preservation office, at least 10 other ghost murals are in the city.

Information from: Black Hills Pioneer, <http://www.bhpioneer.com>

Brood stock collection to aid recovery of pallid sturgeon

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb. (AP) — The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has collected endangered pallid sturgeon from the Missouri River to breed the fish in a hatchery and restock the river next year.

State workers and 166 volunteers collected 105 pallid sturgeon from Plattsmouth to the south of Nebraska City in early April. Crews used 200-foot-long trotlines with 40 hooks per line baited with night crawlers. Nineteen sturgeon were shipped to Gavins Point National Fish Hatchery near Yankton, South Dakota, as potential brood fish.

The fish will be spawned in the hatchery, and the offspring nurtured for up to a year before being stocked back into the Missouri River.

The pallid sturgeon is native to the Missouri and Mississippi river systems. It was federally listed as endangered in 1990 because of population declines.

Changes come to 1 of world’s largest indigenous gatherings

By RUSSELL CONTRERAS, Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Thousands of dancers in traditional, vibrant regalia on Friday officially opened the Gathering of Nations — one of North America’s most prominent American Indian powwows.

Dancers from across the United States, Canada and Mexico launched the event with a grand entry for a powwow that is expected to attract as many as 100,000 attendees to New Mexico’s largest city this week. The powwow will feature a number of competitions for dancers, drummers and performers.

One of the world’s largest gatherings of indigenous people, which runs through Saturday, comes after the Dakota Access Pipeline protests in North Dakota became a historic display of Native American solidarity.

The event in Albuquerque has grown over the years but will have a new, smaller space for dancers

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and other performers from across the U.S. Still, organizers say the new venue expands opportunities for the Indian Market and live entertainment outside the powwow.

Here are some things to know:

NEW VENUE

Expo New Mexico, site of the annual state fair, holds 11,500 people, a drop from the 15,000 that the previous facility could accommodate.

However, the floor for performances is bigger. Larry Yazzie, the event's official announcer, said attendees will notice better acoustics during the powwow and a more intimate experience.

When it was held at the University of New Mexico's basketball arena, attendees often complained about parking and leaving their cars in unattended areas. Expo New Mexico has a larger parking lot and security on hand, said Dan Mourning, facility general manager.

ENTERTAINMENT STAGE

The new venue allows more space and flexibility for live entertainment outside the powwow. Stage 49 will feature contemporary Native American music and entertainment, including the all-female melodic death thrash band, Suspended.

In addition to Aztec dancers and traditional music, the stage will feature non-Native performers such as Bronx-born DJ Logic and guitarist Vernon Reid of the band Living Colour.

INDIAN MARKET

Organizers say there will be more space for shopping and an exhibition of Native artifacts from throughout the Americas. This year's Indian Market features more than 800 artists, crafters and traders from around the world.

In the past, vendors were packed into a small space and their numbers were limited. Now, organizers say they have more flexibility for the indoor market that will allow shoppers to browse easier.

PIPELINE PROTESTS

The powwow comes as Native Americans keep discussing protests of the Dakota Access Pipeline in North Dakota, said Tara Gatewood, host and producer of syndicated public radio show Native America Calling.

Some activists who won't be at the Gathering of Nations likely will be at follow-up protests in Washington, D.C., New York and in other parts of the country, Gatewood said.

Yazzie says the event is nonpolitical and won't seek to focus on the pipeline protests. But many of the attendees journeyed to North Dakota for the protests and the event will acknowledge the "water protectors."

The Standing Rock Sioux and other tribes said the pipeline threatens their sovereignty, religious rights and water supply. The Crow tribe — a traditional foe of the Sioux — joined the demonstrations.

In February, authorities dispersed the last remaining holdouts ahead of the spring flooding season.

Follow Russell Contreras on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/russcontreras> .

Federal prosecutors to hold office hours in Pine Ridge

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Attorney's Office in South Dakota is going to hold weekly office hours on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

The federal prosecutors say they'll be on the reservation each Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The goal is to give citizens better access and ease communication. Residents will be able to talk about crime on the reservation, ask about existing cases or seek information.

The office is inside the Bureau of Indian Affairs office.

Anyone who wants to meet with a representative from the U.S. Attorney's Office is encouraged to schedule an appointment, or simply stop by.

Tornadoes leave trail of destruction in East Texas

CANTON, Texas (AP) — Severe storms including tornadoes have swept through several small towns in East Texas, leaving a trail of overturned vehicles, mangled trees and damaged homes.

Authorities believe as many as five people were killed and dozens injured, though they were still assessing the damage from the storms that swept through an area about 50 miles (80 kilometers) east of Dallas on Saturday evening.

"We're talking about I think maybe five casualties," Canton Fire Department Capt. Brian Horton said. "That number may go up ... once we can get into these areas."

Video from local television stations showed uprooted trees and overturned cars along rural, wet roadways, along with at least two flattened homes. The tornado flipped pickup trucks at a Dodge dealership in Canton and tore through the business.

Fifty-six people were treated at three hospitals and six remained hospitalized Sunday morning, two of them in critical condition, ETMC Regional Health Care Systems spokeswoman Rebecca Berkley said.

The National Weather Service confirmed at least three tornadoes swept through parts of three counties Saturday evening.

Horton asked that people who didn't need to be in the area to stay out, "so that our teams can do what they need to do to take care of these people who are in need." He noted that a triage center was set up at the local high school.

One resident, Ernestine Cook, told Dallas television station WFAA she rushed to a storm center just in time.

"It hit so hard, so fast. It just kept moving," she said. "I've never seen anything like it after 22 years of living here."

Famed Swiss climber killed near Mount Everest in Nepal

By **BINAJ GURUBACHARYA** and **FRANK JORDANS**, Associated Press

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A Swiss climber acclaimed for his rapid ascents — including scaling dozens of peaks in the Alps in a little more than two months — was killed Sunday in a mountaineering accident near Mount Everest in Nepal, expedition organizers said.

Ueli Steck was killed at Camp 1 of Mount Nuptse, Mingma Sherpa of Seven Summit Treks said. Steck's body has been recovered from the site and been taken to Lukla, where the only airport in the Mount Everest area is located.

Steck's family said the exact circumstances of his death were still unclear.

"The family is infinitely sad and asks that the media refrain from speculating about his death out of respect and consideration for Ueli," it said in a statement on Steck's website. "As soon as reliable infor-

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mation about Ueli Steck's death becomes available, the media will be informed."

Steck was planning to climb 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) Mount Everest and nearby Mount Lhotse next month.

He was the first casualty in the spring mountaineering season in Nepal that began in March and will end in May. Hundreds of foreign climbers are on the mountains to attempt scale Himalayan peaks in May when there are a few windows of favorable weather.

The 40-year-old Steck was one of the most-renowned mountaineers of his generation. He was best known for his speed-climbing, including setting several records for ascending the north face of the Eiger, a classic mountaineering peak in the Bernese Alps that he climbed in two hours and 47 minutes without using a rope.

In 2013, he achieved the first solo climb of the Annapurna south face in Nepal after almost losing his life in a fall there in 2007. For that he received the "Piolet d'Or" — considered the Oscar of mountaineering — the following year.

In 2015, Steck decided to climb all 82 peaks in the Alps higher than 4,000 meters (13,100 feet) traveling between mountains by foot, bike and paraglider only. He completed the feat in 62 days, helping cement his reputation as the "Swiss Machine."

Steck once said he considered himself an "outsider" in the mountaineering scene because athletic achievement was more important to him than adventure.

In a recent post on his website, Steck mused about the transience of success in mountaineering and the inevitable decline that comes with age.

"A record is broken again and again, and the world keeps on turning," he wrote. "You are getting older and there comes a time when you have to adjust your projects to your age."

Steck suffered a setback during his last trip to Everest, in 2013, when he became involved in a violent altercation with a group of local guides. On his return this year, he aimed to perform a quick climb of Everest and Lhotse, including an overnight stop at more than 8,000 meters, an altitude that's known as the "death zone" because the human body's performance is reduced to 20 percent of its normal rate.

Asked about the upcoming expedition, Steck told Swiss daily Tages-Anzeiger in an interview last month: "When I'm on Everest I can stop at any point. The risk is therefore quite small. For me it's primarily a physical project. Either I get through, or I don't have the strength for the whole traversal."

"Of course I want to climb Everest and Lhotse," Steck told the paper when asked about his measure of success. "But that's a very high goal. Failure for me would be to die and not come home."

Frank Jordans reported from Berlin.

Trump says China pressuring North Korea on missile, nukes

By FOSTER KLUG and KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump said in a television interview to be aired Sunday that he believes China's president has been putting pressure on North Korea as it pursues its missile and nuclear weapons programs.

In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation," Trump said he won't be happy if North Korea conducts a nuclear test and that he believes Chinese President Xi Jinping won't be happy, either.

Asked if that means military action, Trump responded: "I don't know. I mean, we'll see."

On Saturday, a North Korean mid-range ballistic missile apparently failed shortly after launch, the third test-fire flop this month but a clear message of defiance. North Korean ballistic missile tests are banned by the United Nations because they're seen as part of the North's push for a nuclear-tipped missile that

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can hit the U.S. mainland.

The launch comes at a point of particularly high tension in the region. Trump has sent a nuclear-powered submarine and the USS Carl Vinson aircraft supercarrier to Korean waters and North Korea last week conducted large-scale, live-fire exercises on its eastern coast. The U.S. and South Korea also started installing a missile defense system that is supposed to be partially operational within days and their two navies are staging joint military drills.

Residents in the village of Seongj, where the missile defense system is being installed, scuffled with police on Sunday. About 300 protesters faced off against 800 police and succeeded in blocking two U.S. Army oil trucks from entering the site, local media reported. A few residents were injured or fainted from the scuffle and were transported to a hospital.

The Terminal High-Altitude Area Defense system, or THAAD, remains a controversial topic in South Korea and presidential front-runner Moon Jae-in even has vowed to reconsider the deployment if he wins the May 9 election. He has said that the security benefits of THAAD would be offset by worsened relations with China, which is the country's biggest trading partner and is opposed to its deployment.

Trump raised eyebrows in South Korea last week when he said would make Seoul pay \$1 billion for the missile defense system. Seoul's presidential Blue House said Sunday that White House National Security Adviser H. R. McMaster confirmed that the U.S. will not be seeking money for the system.

North Korea didn't immediately comment on its latest missile launch, though its state media on Saturday reiterated the country's goal of being able to strike the continental U.S.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry denounced the launch as an "obvious" violation of United Nations resolutions and the latest display of North Korea's "belligerence and recklessness."

"We sternly warn that the North Korean government will continue to face a variety of strong punitive measures issued by the U.N. Security Council and others if it continues to reject denuclearization and play with fire in front of the world," the ministry said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile flew for several minutes and reached a maximum height of 71 kilometers (44 miles) before it apparently failed.

It didn't immediately provide an estimate on how far the missile flew, but a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters, said it was likely a medium-range KN-17 ballistic missile. It broke up a few minutes after the launch.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, speaking after a meeting of Japan's National Security Council, said the missile is believed to have traveled about 50 kilometers (30 miles) and fallen on an inland part of North Korea.

Analysts say the KN-17 is a new Scud-type missile developed by North Korea. The North fired the same type of missile April 16, just a day after a massive military parade where it showed off its expanding missile arsenal, but U.S. officials called that launch a failure.

Some analysts say a missile the North test fired April 5, which U.S. officials identified as a Scud variant, also might have been a KN-17. U.S. officials said that missile spun out of control and crashed into the sea.

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At 100 days in, Trump seems both outsider and insider

By LAURIE KELLMAN, Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — President Donald Trump is turning from his dramatic debut as an outsider president to focus on advancing his plans to cut taxes and get tough on trade deals.

"We are not going to let other countries take advantage of us anymore," he said Saturday in Harrisburg at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center. "From now on it's going to be America first."

But even as he returned to friendly political turf in Pennsylvania, Trump seems caught between his role as an outsider candidate and that of a now-elected negotiator.

He's still figuring out how to deal with the very insiders he vowed to drain from Washington's "swamp." He's spent 100 days being educated on the slow grind of government even in a Republican-dominated capital, and watching some of his promises — from repealing former President Barack Obama's health care law to temporarily banning people from some Muslim nations — fizzle.

Even with his return to Pennsylvania, Trump seemed torn between who he was courting. He opened the rally with an extended attack on the media, pointing out that he was choosing to stay away from the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner.

"I could not possibly be more thrilled than to be more than 100 miles way from Washington's swamp," he said, "spending my evening with all of you and with a much, much larger crowd and much better people, right?"

He then suggested that he might attend the dinner next year — but added that he'd also consider returning to Pennsylvania.

The state was critical to Trump's victory over Democrat Hillary Clinton in November. Trump won Pennsylvania with 48 percent of the vote, the first time the state had voted for a Republican presidential candidate since George H.W. Bush in 1988.

Trump visited the AMES Companies in Pennsylvania's Cumberland County, a shovel manufacturer since 1774. With that backdrop he signed an executive order directing the Commerce Department and the U.S. trade representative to conduct a study of U.S. trade agreements. The goal is to determine whether America is being treated fairly by its trading partners and the 164-nation World Trade Organization.

Trump's rally Saturday night in Harrisburg offered a familiar recapitulation of what he and aides have

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argued for days are administration successes, including the successful confirmation of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, his Cabinet choices and the approval of construction of the Keystone XL pipeline.

Meanwhile, North Korea's missile launch Saturday signaled its continued defiance against the U.S., China and other nations, on which Trump tweeted: "Bad!" Asked during an interview for CBS' "Face the Nation" if military action would follow a nuclear test by the North, Trump responded: "I don't know. I mean, we'll see."

At the 100-day mark, polls suggest that Trump's supporters during the campaign remain largely in his corner. Though the White House created a website touting its accomplishments of the first 100 days, Trump has tried to downplay the importance of the marker, perhaps out of recognition that many of his campaign promises have gone unfulfilled.

"It's a false standard, 100 days," Trump said while signing an executive order on Friday, "but I have to tell you, I don't think anybody has done what we've been able to do in 100 days, so we're very happy."

Trump is turning to what he's billed as the nation's biggest tax cut. It apparently falls short of Reagan's in 1981, and tax experts are skeptical that the plan would pay for itself, as Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin has claimed.

The economy, so far, has been Trump's ally. Polls show that Americans feel slightly better about his job performance on that subject than his job performance overall.

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1 dead amid flooding, strong thunderstorms in Midwest

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — Flooding from heavy rains sweeping across the Midwest has killed at least one person in Missouri, prompted numerous rescues and blocked roadways.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol says a 72-year-old woman drowned despite her husband's efforts to save her as their vehicle was swept away by rushing waters Saturday near Clever in southwest Missouri. The patrol says her body was found after waters receded.

The state reported nearly 100 evacuations and nearly three dozen rescues by late afternoon.

Thunderstorms also topped trees and power lines in eastern Oklahoma, while more than 4 inches of snow fell elsewhere in the state.

The governors of Missouri and Oklahoma have declared states of emergency.

Flooding and heavy rains also hit parts of Arkansas, while blizzard warnings were in effect in western Nebraska.

Absent glitter and Trump, journalists honor press freedom

By JACK GILLUM, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prominent Washington journalists, if not Hollywood stars, celebrated the First Amendment during the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner, an event that lacked the glitter of past years because of the absence of the president of the United States.

With President Donald Trump sending his regrets, the attention was no longer focused on an in-person roasting of the commander in chief and his humorous remarks about politics and the press. The red carpet that once featured Oscar winners, TV stars and a few major-league athletes barely turned heads.

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Instead, speakers at the dinner promoted press freedom and responsibility and challenged Trump's accusations of dishonest reporting.

The stars of the night were Watergate reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, who recounted what they learned about journalism from their reporting for The Washington Post that helped lead to President Richard Nixon's resignation more than 40 years ago.

"Like politicians and presidents sometimes, perhaps too frequently, we make mistakes and go too far," Woodward said. "When that happens we should own up to it. But the effort today to get this best obtainable version of the truth is largely made in good faith. Mr. President, the media is not 'fake news.'"

The evening was not without humor aimed at the press and Trump.

"We've got to address the elephant that's not in the room," cracked the entertainment headliner, Hasan Minhaj of "The Daily Show" on TV's Comedy Central. "The leader of our country is not here. And that's because he lives in Moscow. It's a very long flight. As for the other guy, I think he's in Pennsylvania because he can't take a joke."

Trump was indeed in Pennsylvania, having scheduled a rally in Harrisburg to mark his 100th day in office. He began his remarks with a lengthy if familiar attack on the news media while dismissing the dinner and its participants.

"A large group of Hollywood actors and Washington media are consoling each other in a hotel ballroom in our nation's capital right now," Trump said. He added: "And I could not possibly be more thrilled than to be more than 100 miles away from Washington's swamp, spending my evening with all of you and with a much, much larger crowd and much better people, right?"

Trump became the first president since Ronald Reagan in 1981 to skip the event — and Reagan was recovering from an assassination attempt.

The official WHCA dinner began in 1921. In recent decades, the event offered Washington's press corps an opportunity to wear black tie and stunning gowns while mixing with celebrity guests. Most people trace that development to 1987, when Baltimore Sun reporter Michael Kelly brought Fawn Hall, the secretary at the center of the Iran-Contra affair.

Jeff Mason, the WHCA president, said before the event that this year's dinner would have been different even if Trump had attended, "based on the tension that has existed in the relationship and some of the things he has said about the press. We were preparing for a different dinner, either way."

The correspondents' dinner was briefly upstaged Saturday afternoon when late-night TV star Samantha Bee of "Full Frontal" pulled in celebrities for the first "Not the White House Correspondents' Dinner," among them Alysia Reiner of "Orange Is the New Black," Retta of "Parks and Recreation" and Matt Walsh of "Veep."

Bee's taped show, a tongue-in-cheek tribute to American news organizations, featured actor Will Ferrell and other guests roasting Trump and his allies. It singled out the Committee to Protect Journalists, the nonprofit group that will receive proceeds from the broadcast.

The WHCA awards and this year's recipients:

—Aldo Beckman Memorial Award winner: Greg Jaffe of The Washington Post for stories on President Barack Obama's speeches and policies that contrasted the realities of 2016 with the hopes of 2008.

—Merriman Smith Award winner for outstanding White House coverage under deadline: Edward-Isaac Dovere of Politico for his coverage of the historic meeting between Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro.

—Edgar A. Poe Award winner: David Fahrenthold of The Washington Post for stories on Donald Trump's philanthropic claims.

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Trump says China pressuring North Korea on missile, nukes

By FOSTER KLUG and KIM TONG-HYUNG, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Donald Trump said in a television interview to be aired Sunday that he believes China's president has been putting pressure on North Korea as it pursues its missile and nuclear weapons programs.

In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation," Trump said he won't be happy if North Korea conducts a nuclear test and that he believes Chinese President Xi Jinping won't be happy, either.

Asked if that means military action, Trump responded: "I don't know. I mean, we'll see."

On Saturday, a North Korean mid-range ballistic missile apparently failed shortly after launch, South Korea and the United States said, the third test-fire flop just this month but a clear message of defiance as a U.S. supercarrier conducts drills in nearby waters.

North Korean ballistic missile tests are banned by the United Nations because they're seen as part of the North's push for a nuclear-tipped missile that can hit the U.S. mainland. The latest test came as U.S. officials pivoted from a hard line to diplomacy at the U.N. in an effort to address what may be Washington's most pressing foreign policy challenge.

North Korea didn't immediately comment on the launch, though its state media on Saturday reiterated the country's goal of being able to strike the continental U.S.

The timing of the North's test was striking: Only hours earlier the U.N. Security Council held a ministerial meeting on Pyongyang's escalating weapons program. North Korean officials boycotted the meeting, which was chaired by U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the missile flew for several minutes and reached a maximum height of 71 kilometers (44 miles) before it apparently failed.

It didn't immediately provide an estimate on how far the missile flew, but a U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive matters, said it was likely a medium-range KN-17 ballistic missile. It broke up a few minutes after the launch.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, speaking after a meeting of Japan's National Security Council, said the missile is believed to have traveled about 50 kilometers (30 miles) and fallen on an inland part of North Korea.

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South Korea's Foreign Ministry denounced the launch as an "obvious" violation of United Nations resolutions and the latest display of North Korea's "belligerence and recklessness."

"We sternly warn that the North Korean government will continue to face a variety of strong punitive measures issued by the U.N. Security Council and others if it continues to reject denuclearization and play with fire in front of the world," the ministry said.

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The North routinely test-fires a variety of ballistic missiles, despite U.N. prohibitions, as part of its weapons development. While shorter-range missiles are somewhat routine, there is strong outside worry about each longer-range North Korean ballistic test.

Saturday's launch comes at a point of particularly high tension. Trump has sent a nuclear-powered submarine and the USS Carl Vinson aircraft supercarrier to Korean waters, and North Korea this week conducted large-scale, live-fire exercises on its eastern coast. The U.S. and South Korea also started installing a missile defense system that is supposed to be partially operational within days, while their two navies began joint military drills later Saturday.

The South Korean navy said the drills are aimed at "detering North Korea's provocations and displaying the firm alliance between the United States and South Korea."

On Friday, the United States and China offered starkly different strategies for addressing North Korea's escalating nuclear threat as Tillerson demanded full enforcement of economic sanctions on Pyongyang and urged new penalties. Stepping back from suggestions of U.S. military action, he even offered aid to North Korea if it ends its nuclear weapons program.

The range of Tillerson's suggestions, which over a span of 24 hours also included restarting negotiations, reflected America's failure to halt North Korea's nuclear advances despite decades of U.S.-led sanctions, military threats and stop-and-go rounds of diplomatic engagement. As the North approaches the capability to hit the U.S. mainland with a nuclear-tipped missile, the Trump administration feels it is running out of time.

Chairing a ministerial meeting of the U.N. Security Council on Friday, Tillerson declared that "failing to act now on the most pressing security issue in the world may bring catastrophic consequences."

His ideas included a ban on North Korean coal imports and preventing its overseas guest laborers, a critical source of government revenue, from sending money home. And he warned of unilateral U.S. moves against international firms conducting banned business with Pyongyang's nuclear and missile programs, which could ensnare banks in China, the North's primary trade partner.

Yet illustrating the international gulf over how best to tackle North Korea, several foreign ministers on the 15-member council expressed fears of a conflict on the Korean Peninsula, which was divided between the American-backed South and communist North even before the 1950-53 Korean War. The conflict ended with no formal peace treaty. And while danger always has lurked, tensions have escalated dramatically as the North's young leader, Kim Jong Un, has expanded a nuclear arsenal his gov-

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ernment says is needed to avert a U.S. invasion.

No voice at Friday's session was more important than that of China, a conduit for 90 percent of North Korea's commerce and a country Trump is pinning hopes on for a peaceful resolution to the nuclear crisis. Trump, who recently hosted President Xi Jinping for a Florida summit, has sometimes praised the Chinese leader for a newfound cooperation to crack down on North Korea and sometimes threatened a go-it-alone U.S. approach if Xi fails to deliver.

Foreign Minister Wang Yi said China would adhere to past U.N. resolutions and wants a denuclearized peninsula. But he spelled out no further punitive steps his government might consider, despite Tillerson's assertions in an interview hours ahead of the council meeting that Beijing would impose sanctions of its own if North Korea conducts another nuclear test.

Wang put forward a familiar Chinese idea to ease tensions: North Korea suspending its nuclear and missile activities if the U.S. and South Korea stop military exercises in the region. Washington and Seoul reject the idea.

Tillerson said the U.S. does not seek regime change in North Korea, and he signaled American openness to holding direct negotiations with Pyongyang. The U.S. also could resume aid to North Korea once it "begins to dismantle its nuclear weapons and missile technology programs," he said. Since 1995, he added, Washington has provided more than \$1.3 billion to the impoverished country.

But the prospects for any more U.S. money going there appeared bleak. Even negotiations don't seem likely.

Tillerson said the North must take "concrete steps" to reduce its weapons threat before talks could occur. Six-nation nuclear negotiations with North Korea stalled in 2009. The Obama administration sought to resurrect them in 2012, but a deal to provide food aid in exchange for a nuclear freeze soon collapsed.

"In a nutshell, (North Korea) has already declared not to attend any type of talks which would discuss its nuclear abandonment, nuclear disbandment," Kim In Ryong, North Korea's deputy U.N. ambassador, told The Associated Press. His government declined to attend Friday's council meeting.

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Last pick of draft far from irrelevant: Kelly goes to Denver

By BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The final day of the NFL draft began with an impromptu rendition of "Fly Eagles Fly" by former Philadelphia star safety Brian Dawkins and ended with a player who was far from irrelevant in college being picked last.

Mississippi quarterback Chad Kelly, a talented player with a history of off-the-field issues and injuries, was the 253rd and final selection Saturday by the Denver Broncos.

The final pick gets honored as Mr. Irrelevant, but Kelly was a player who could have been selected in the first three rounds if not for all his problems.

Kelly started his college career as a highly rated recruit at Clemson. He was dismissed from the team after being a disciplinary problem and went to junior college before landing at Ole Miss. In two seasons with the Rebels, he passed for 6,800 yards and 50 touchdowns. He also threw 21 interceptions,

Last season was cut short by a torn knee ligament and then in the offseason draft process he suffered a wrist injury.

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Kelly's pick was a surprising end to draft day that started with some fun.

Former Eagles Troy Vincent, now in charge of the NFL's football operations, Brian Westbrook and Dawkins defended their turf. Dawkins sang, then Westbrook dared anyone representing the Cowboys to stand in front of the big crowd.

"If anybody from Dallas steps to this podium in my city, we are going to give them a true Philadelphia welcome," Westbrook promised in response to former Cowboys receiver Drew Pearson taunting the fans when announcing a Dallas pick on Friday night.

Oh yeah, there were some selections in between Dawkins and other former Eagles stars opening the last day of a draft in Philadelphia that drew more than 100,000 fans over three days.

Actually, dozens of them, starting with a Cheesehead going to the Packers at the top of the fourth round. Green Bay stayed in-state, taking Wisconsin linebacker Vince Biegel, who comes off a season shortened by a broken foot, but was a standout for the Badgers before getting hurt.

Most notable was a concentration on running backs, including Oklahoma's highly productive Samaje Perine to Washington, Utah's Joe Williams to San Francisco, NCAA record setter Donnel Pumphrey of San Diego State to Philadelphia, Wayne Gallman of national champion Clemson to the Giants and South Florida's Marlon Mack to Indianapolis.

Perine set the FBS rushing mark with 427 yards in a game against Kansas — yes, even against the awful Jayhawks it counts.

Williams quit football before the 2016 season before last season. When Utah was ravaged by injuries to its runners, the coaching staff persuaded him to come back. He made the All-Pac-12 team.

Pumphrey seems like a terrific fit for the Eagles because he has similar skills to versatile Darren Sproles, soon to turn 34. The 5-foot-9 Pumphrey led FBS in rushing with 2,133 yards and also scored 17 TDs, and he can catch, too. He left college as the FBS career leader in rushing yards.

"I look forward to building a relationship and looking up to him and getting different pointers on how I can get better each day," Pumphrey said of Sproles. "So, I'm excited."

Oklahoma's All-America wide receiver Dede Westbrook, who finished fourth in Heisman Trophy balloting, went to Jacksonville. Westbrook was twice accused of domestic violence before he came to Oklahoma as a junior college transfer.

"Obviously he's had some issues earlier in his career we feel that's behind him, and it has to be behind him," GM Dave Caldwell said. "... With coach (Doug) Marrone and ... (Tom) Coughlin here there's no margin for error for him off the field."

The Steelers, perhaps hoping to replicate the Cowboys' success with the 135th overall slot last year — Dallas took Dak Prescott, and the Mississippi State quarterback became the Offensive Rookie of the Year — grabbed another Southeastern Conference quarterback, Tennessee's Joshua Dobbs, at that spot. Ben Roethlisberger has hinted about retiring in the near future, though certainly not this year, and Pittsburgh must put a succession plan in place.

Through five rounds, the only other quarterback selected was Pitt's Nate Peterman by Buffalo.

Denver began Round 5 by taking Michigan tight end Jake Butt, a potential first-rounder until he tore up his knee in the Orange Bowl. Butt could miss much of 2017.

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British heavyweight boxing star Joshua knocks out Klitschko

By TIM DAHLBERG, AP Boxing Writer

LONDON (AP) — Anthony Joshua wasn't wrong when he raised his hands in victory after knocking Wladimir Klitschko down in the fifth round of what looked like a one-sided heavyweight title fight. He was just celebrating too early.

The rookie mistake allowed Klitschko to rally, nearly taking the lead as the two 6-foot-6 men went to the 11th round — four rounds longer than any Joshua fight had ever gone. That's when Joshua unleashed a brutal uppercut that spun Klitschko around, leading to a win that set off British celebrations in Wembley Stadium and beyond Saturday night and cemented the 27-year-old as boxing's new superstar.

Rounds 5 and 6 featured some of the best heavyweight action since Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield and Lennox Lewis — the latter two sitting ringside — ruled the division.

Klitschko who had barely thrown any power punches before the knockdown, came back to make the end of the fifth round interesting and knocked Joshua down in the next round.

With an entire country screaming for him, Joshua — who had knocked all his previous opponents out by the end of the seventh round — looked tired. But he saved his best for the late rounds, particularly the uppercut that will be a YouTube moment for decades.

Klitschko didn't fall down after the uppercut, but Joshua was all over the stunned former champ and dropped him with a left hook. Klitschko got up only to take even more punishment. Joshua knocked Klitschko down again and was landing punches to his head on the ropes when referee David Fields moved in to stop the bout late in the 11th round.

"When you go to the trenches, that's when you find out who you really are," Joshua said. "In this small little ring here, there's nowhere to hide."

The biggest heavyweight title fight in more than a decade had a little something for everyone, and Joshua finished off in style.

"As I said from the get-go, it will be a boxing classic and the best man will win," Joshua said.

Klitschko's rally was inspiring, starting soon after he was knocked down in the fifth. By the end of the round, it was Klitschko pummeling a tired Joshua.

Joshua was still feeling the effect of those punches when he was dropped by a right hand in the sixth round. Klitschko began piling up rounds and it seemed like the savvy Ukrainian would quiet the hometown fans, until Joshua turned things around with that vicious right uppercut.

"If you don't take part, you're going to fail," Joshua said. "Just give it a go and you never know the outcome."

Joshua was up 96-93 and 95-93 on two scorecards, while Klitschko was ahead 95-93 on the third going into the final round. The Associated Press had it 94-94.

Klitschko, who reigned over the heavyweight division for a decade, was fighting both Joshua and Father Time at the age of 41. He looked to be overmatched in the early rounds, but fought his best after he was knocked down.

It was anyone's fight when Joshua landed the uppercut that proved decisive, much to the delight of his countrymen who packed England's national stadium for the highly anticipated bout.

"As I said I'm not perfect but I'm trying," said Joshua, the 2012 Olympic gold medalist who was fighting for only the 19th time as a pro.

Joshua had never been beyond seven rounds, and it looked like he might be running out of gas as he tried to find his legs following the knockdown in the sixth. Klitschko, in his 29th world title fight, seemed to be taking the advantage in the later rounds, until the uppercut sent him spinning across the ring.

"It was really sad I didn't make it tonight," Klitschko said. "I was planning to do it. It didn't work. But

all respect to Anthony.”

Joshua defended his heavyweight titles and his undefeated record in a bout that lived up to its billing as the best matchup after a long drought in the heavyweight division. Already a hero in his native England, he may become one worldwide.

Joshua said before the bout that it was just two men in the ring, and nothing more than that. But it was clear by the crowd’s reaction as he came back to win that it was a lot more to many fans.

It was a battle of massive heavyweights, with both standing 6-foot-6. Joshua weighed 250.1 pounds to 240.5 for Klitschko.

Klitschko fell to 64-5 in a long career that began in 1996 after he won the Olympic gold in Atlanta. In what may have been his last fight, he was beaten by the Olympic champion from the 2012 Olympics in London.

Thousands brave weather to protest Trump climate policies

By GENE JOHNSON, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Thousands of people across the U.S. marched in rain, snow and sweltering heat Saturday to demand action on climate change — mass protests that coincided with President Donald Trump’s 100th day in office and took aim at his agenda for rolling back environmental protections.

At the marquee event, the Peoples Climate March in Washington, D.C., tens of thousands of demonstrators made their way down Pennsylvania Avenue on their way to encircle the White House as temperatures soared into the 90s.

Organizers said about 300 sister marches or rallies were being held around the country, including in Seattle, Boston and San Francisco. A wet spring snow fell in Denver, where several hundred activists posed in the shape of a giant thermometer for a photograph and a dozen people rode stationary bikes to power the loudspeakers. In Chicago, a rain-soaked crowd of thousands headed from the city’s federal plaza to Trump Tower.

“We are here because there is no Planet B,” the Rev. Mariama White-Hammond of Bethel AME Church told a rally in Boston.

The demonstrations came one week after supporters of science gathered in 600 cities around the globe, alarmed by political and public rejection of established research on topics including climate change and the safety of vaccines.

Participants Saturday said they object to Trump’s rollback of restrictions on mining, oil drilling and greenhouse gas emissions at coal-fired power plants, among other things. Trump has called climate change a hoax, disputing the overwhelming consensus of scientists that the world is warming and that man-made carbon emissions are primarily to blame.

Among those attending the Chicago rally were members of the union representing Environmental Protection Agency employees. Trump has proposed cutting the EPA’s budget by almost one-third, eliminating more than 3,000 jobs.

John O’Grady, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Council 238, called the march “a chance to speak out in unity against this administration” and its “ridiculous gutting of the EPA budget and staffing.”

More than 2,000 people gathered at the Maine State House in Augusta. Speakers included a lobsterman, a solar company owner and members of the Penobscot Nation tribe.

“I’ve seen firsthand the impacts of climate change to not only the Gulf of Maine, but also to our evolving fisheries, and to the coastal communities that depend upon them,” said lobsterman Richard Nelson

of Friendship, Maine.

People in the crowd spoke about the importance of addressing climate change to industries such as renewable energy, forestry, farming and seafood. Saharlah Farah, a 16-year old immigrant from Somalia who lives in Portland, talked about how climate change could have a bigger toll on marginalized groups that have less financial resources.

"But I see untapped power here today," she said.

A demonstration stretched for several blocks in downtown Tampa, Florida, where marchers said they were concerned about the threat rising seas pose to the city.

People gathered on the Boston Common carried signs with slogans such as "Dump Trump." Handmade signs at Seattle's march included the general — "Love Life" — and the specific — "Don't Kill Otters."

Some of the marches drew big-name attendees, including former Vice President Al Gore and actor Leonardo DiCaprio in the nation's capital. In Montpelier, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders called the marches part of a fight for the future of the planet.

"Honored to join Indigenous leaders and native peoples as they fight for climate justice," DiCaprio tweeted.

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Pope's timely Egypt visit comforts grief-stricken Christians

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CAIRO (AP) — Pope Francis wrapped up a brief but deeply symbolic visit to Egypt on Saturday with an open-air Mass for the country's tiny Catholic community, defying security concerns to show his support for the Christians of this Muslim majority Arab nation who have increasingly become targeted by Islamic militants.

Military helicopters flew overhead and police fanned out in force as Francis zoomed around the soccer stadium in suburban Cairo where Mass was held, using an open-topped golf cart and waving to members of the congregation, evidence of his hallmark desire to be close to his flock at all costs.

The crowd cheered him wildly, waving Egyptian and Holy See flags and swaying to hymns sung by church choirs. The military-run stadium has a capacity of 25,000, but only about 15,000 people attended — a reflection that Catholics represent less than 1 percent of Egypt's 92 million people. But the relatively modest number and the draconian security did not dampen their jubilant mood. Francis engaged the crowd with waves and smiles, and gave his blessings to the children hoisted up by their parents.

In his homily, Francis urged them to be good and merciful to their fellow Egyptians, saying "the only fanaticism believers can have is that of charity!"

"Any other fanaticism does not come from God and is not pleasing to him!" he said.

It was a very pastoral message after Francis on his first day demanded that Muslim leaders renounce religious fanaticism that leads to violence. Francis made the appeal during a landmark visit to Cairo's Al-Azhar, the revered 1,000-year-old seat of Sunni Islam learning that trains clerics and scholars from around the world.

Security was exceptionally tight around the stadium and in the upscale neighborhood where Francis spent the night, with uniformed and plain-clothed police stationed every meter (yard) or so along his motorcade route. Police used metal detectors to check vehicles for explosives and armed guards stood watch, some on rooftops, their faces covered.

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But Francis decided to forego the bullet-proof "popemobile" his predecessors used on foreign trips and drove through Cairo in a simple Fiat, his window rolled down.

"He is a messenger of peace, he is really a messenger of peace," said attendee Amgad Eskandar before the Mass began at the stadium. "All his words talk about peace, call for peace, push for peace, which is great."

The pope's gestures — the simple Fiat and the open-topped Golf cart — sent a defiant message to the extremist Islamic State group, whose local affiliate in Egypt has vowed to target Egypt's Christians to punish them for their support of President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

As defense minister in 2013, El-Sissi led the military's ouster of the Islamist Mohammed Morsi, Egypt's first freely-elected president whose one-year rule proved divisive. El-Sissi was elected president a year later and is widely expected to run for a second, four-year term in office in June 2018.

Already, attacks against Christians in northern Sinai, the epicenter of the insurgency, have forced scores of families to flee the region, seeking refuge elsewhere in Egypt. Recent attacks on churches — one in Cairo in December and twin Palm Sunday attacks in cities north of the Egyptian capital — have claimed at least 75 lives and injured scores.

IS claimed responsibility for the three attacks, carried out by suicide bombers, as well as one earlier this month that targeted a police checkpoint near the famed Saint Catherine's monastery in central Sinai that killed a policeman.

The attacks led to heightened security at churches nationwide and the declaration by el-Sissi of a state of emergency.

Francis strongly backed the government's crackdown on the extremists Friday, saying Egypt was uniquely placed to bring peace to the region and "vanquish all violence and terrorism." El-Sissi has since 2013 overseen a major crackdown against Islamists, jailing thousands along with hundreds of the activists behind the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

El-Sissi's security forces, meanwhile, have been fighting in the Sinai Peninsula to put down an insurgency by militants led by the local IS affiliate. The militants have occasionally struck in mainland Egypt, targeting military and police personnel as well as government officials. El-Sissi has vowed to crush the militants while urging Muslim clerics to modernize Islam's religious discourse to stifle the culture of hatred for non-Muslims and the West embraced by jihadist militants.

Francis also paid tribute to the victims of the December bombing at central Cairo's St. Peter's church, which is located in close proximity to the St. Mark's cathedral, the seat of the Coptic Orthodox Church. Blood on one of the church walls remains unwashed and is adorned by pictures of the 30, mostly women, victims of that attack.

His visit drew praise from Egyptian Catholics, who haven't seen a pope in their land since St. John Paul II visited in 2000.

"I think he is a man of peace and I think he will be like John Paul II, he will be a saint," said Mariam Fayek from the stadium grounds.

While Francis came to comfort the Christian community after the recent spate of attacks, he also had some tough love for his local preachers. In a meeting with priests and seminarians, Francis urged them to stop complaining about all the troubles they face and lead their flocks with hope and dedication.

"Although there are many reasons to be discouraged, amid many prophets of destruction and condemnation, and so many negative and despairing voices, may you be a positive force."

Addressing global issues, Francis warned that "a good part of humanity" will be destroyed if tensions with North Korea escalate, and called for diplomatic resolution to the crisis.

Francis was asked as he traveled back to Rome from Egypt about North Korean ballistic missile tests

and U.S. warnings of "catastrophic" consequences if the world fails to stop them.

"Today, a wider war will destroy not a small part of humanity, but a good part of humanity and culture," he told reporters. "It would be terrible. I don't think humanity today could bear it."

Associated Press writer Maria Grazia Murru in Cairo contributed to this report.

LA peace parades mark 25th anniversary of Rodney King riots

By **ROBERT JABLON, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Twenty-five years ago, a jury acquitted four white police officers in the beating of black motorist Rodney King, sparking looting and violence that would turn into one of the deadliest race riots in American history.

On Saturday, hundreds of people marked the anniversary with marches advocating peace and hope.

A "Future Fest" began at Florence and Normandie avenues — the South Los Angeles intersection where rioting erupted — and was followed by a community festival.

Organizer Eric Ares, 34, is a lifelong resident of the area. He remembers the electricity going out in his house at the start of the rioting, leaving his family essentially cut off from the outside world without lights or a TV.

"For the next couple of nights, there was this fear going on," he said. "We were huddled up in the living room."

When he did venture outside, Ares saw plumes of smoke coming from places where buildings had been torched. But a small restaurant on the corner, a liquor store and other local businesses were untouched, he said.

People had a "real feeling of anger and frustration," but it was mainly directed at police, politicians and businesses they believed oppressed, neglected or exploited them, Ares said.

Graffiti on walls warned: "No justice, no peace," he said.

"I remember being at the park on the third day, people screaming: 'We're not gonna let them do it to us anymore,'" Ares said.

But while the march and festival marks the events of a quarter-century ago, the commemoration also looked to a future where community organizations are working to deal with problems still confronting South L.A., Ares said.

"There's still extreme poverty. There's still issues of law enforcement ... education and health care and access to good jobs," he said. "But the difference is, we have a plan."

About five miles north of the intersection, a peace parade was held in the Koreatown neighborhood, where tensions between black residents and Korean-American immigrant storekeepers led to markets, shops and gas stations being looted or burned. Some merchants stood guard with guns to protect their stores.

In the wake of the riots, community groups reached out and tried to mend fences.

On Saturday, several hundred people marched in an enthusiastic show of unity that included Korean drummers in traditional costume, a South Los Angeles drumline, taekwondo students and schoolchildren from Watts.

K. Choi, 73, of Arcadia, was among the marchers. He helped organize the original peace march days after the rioting and said he believed racial relations had vastly improved.

"At that time it was different," he said. "The politics and the social problems, whatever, all commingled together and then things exploded."

"But now is a very different situation," he said. "All those relationships are getting better between (the) Korean and black community, including (the) Spanish community ... we're getting along very good, and I hope we're getting a better future."

Fyre Fest fiasco: Bahamas party lives, dies on social media

By TAMARA LUSH, Associated Press

In this day and age, the young and beautiful live and die on social media.

And it's been a sudden and ugly death for the ill-fated Fyre Festival, a multiday music, art and culture party that promised "an invitation to let loose and unplug with the likeminded" on the Bahamian island of Exuma.

The festival's rise and fall has played out in real time on YouTube and filtered through Facebook, where would-be party goers are putting their anger on display. Instead of photos of boozy good times, people have posted pictures of rows of white tents that look like "Stormtrooper helmets," blue port-a-potties near half-constructed plywood structures and limp, lifeless cheese sandwiches.

Organizers canceled the event at the last minute after poor planning, disorganization and lack of accommodations. Most of the A-list acts had pulled out days before, saying they hadn't been paid.

It was supposed to be a sun-soaked experience filled with yachts, gourmet food and models. Ticket prices ranged from \$500 to \$12,000.

But by Saturday morning, the partygoers had decamped, many of them to hotels in Miami in hopes of salvaging a weekend. People decried the festival accommodations as being like a "disaster tent city" and a "refugee camp."

The Bahamas Ministry of Tourism says it's deeply disappointed.

"Hundreds of visitors to Exuma were met with total disorganization and chaos," the tourism office wrote in a statement to the media.

Fyre Festival co-organizer Billy McFarland promised full refunds on the festival's website Saturday.

"We will be working on refunds over the next few days and will be in touch directly with guests with more details. Also, all guests from this year will have free VIP passes to next year's festival," he wrote.

The hype began months ago, marketed with slick videos on social media.

"I saw it on Instagram and booked it before the lineup was announced," said Mitch Purgason, a 25-year-old bespoke menswear designer in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Instagram ads looked especially "ridiculous" — parlance for amazing — what with models like Gigi Hadid and rapper Ja Rule. Blink-182 was supposed to perform. Photos of the impossibly blue water and the sugary sandy beach looked incredible. What's more: Wild, docile pigs lived on the beach and swam in the warm water, perfect props for a killer Instagram selfie.

Although the festival on the island chain east of Florida appeared to cater to the Millennial trust fund crowd, it was people like Purgason and 29-year-old Jake Strang of Pittsburgh who purchased early tickets — young professionals who wanted to spend a fun weekend in the tropics.

Both men paid \$500 for a flight from Miami to the island along with lodging and food. Strang and seven of his friends planned the trip to coincide with a birthday. They reserved a "lodge" for eight, with four king beds and a seating area in the middle.

"Everything made it look amazing," said Strang.

The festival website promised a treasure hunt of "exceptional proportions," with more than \$1 million in riches to be found on a private island.

Purgason said he was skeptical, but planned the vacation anyway.

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"Worst case scenario, I figured, we're still in the Bahamas in a villa."

His first inkling something was amiss came on Thursday morning, after the first flight from Miami to Exuma. Organizers said the villas weren't ready, so they whisked the planeload of partygoers to a restaurant at a nearby resort.

It wasn't a private island at all, but food and drink were free and plenty. Cute pigs and bikini-clad girls roamed the beach. There was a DJ.

"They actually treated us pretty well," he said. "The first three hours was dope."

Jenna Conlin, 30, an advertising professional from Venice, California, said, "They were putting down bottles of tequila on every table in an attempt to make everybody happy."

Strang flew in later Thursday and wasn't so lucky.

"When we arrived, it essentially looked like a construction site. It looked like they were trying to sell lots for homes," he said.

A promoter told festival goers to find tents and waved his arm in a direction. But the tents had holes that had obviously allowed rain to come in, because the beds were wet. They were given a Styrofoam container of food: "two slices of ham, lettuce and one slice of cheese on soggy bread," Strang said.

A few lucky patrons had been relocated to resorts. Most had to find beds in the tents. Available rooms aren't easy to grab on Exuma, a small island with a population of about 7,000 that lacks the well-developed tourist infrastructure of Nassau or Freeport.

The island's hotels were already booked months in advance for a well-known regatta, wrote Robert Carron, owner of the Bahamas Tribune newspaper.

By daybreak, people were already lining up to complain, and buses began returning them to the airport. Soon, it was official: The festival was cancelled.

Word got out via social media that organizers said "circumstances out of our control" prevented them from preparing the "physical infrastructure" necessary for the event on the largely undeveloped island.

"I'm heartbroken at this moment," Ja Rule, whose real name is Jeffrey Atkins, said on Twitter. "I wanted this to be an amazing event. It was not a scam as everyone is reporting. I truly apologize as this is NOT MY FAULT."

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Turkish court formally blocks access to Wikipedia

By ZEYNEP BILGINSOY, Associated Press

ISTANBUL (AP) — In a move that social media users called censorship, a Turkish court on Saturday blocked access to Wikipedia, the free online encyclopedia, enforcing an earlier restriction by Turkey's telecommunications watchdog.

The Information and Communication Technologies Authority (BTK) said an Ankara court ordered Saturday that a "protection measure" related to suspected internet crimes be applied to Wikipedia. Such measures are used to block access to pages or entire websites to protect "national security and public order."

In response, Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales tweeted his support for those who labeled the decision censorship: "Access to information is a fundamental human right. Turkish people I will always stand with you to fight for this right."

Turkey Blocks, an internet censorship monitor, said users in Turkey have been unable to access all language editions of Wikipedia since 8 a.m. Saturday.

"The loss of availability is consistent with internet filters used to censor content in the country," the monitor said.

The site had initially been blocked by BTK under a provisional administration measure.

The exact reason for the ban remains unclear. But Turkey's official news agency, quoting the Ministry of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications, said Saturday the site was blocked for "becoming an information source acting with groups conducting a smear campaign against Turkey in the international arena."

The state-run Anadolu Agency said officials had warned Wikipedia to remove content likening Turkey to terror groups but the site "persistently" did not.

Turkey had demanded that Wikipedia open an office in the country, act in line with international law and abide by court decisions and not be part of "blackout operation against Turkey," according to the agency.

Anadolu said if these demands are met and the content removed, the site would be reopened.

Opposition lawmakers also criticized the court order. Republican People's Party parliamentarians Eren Erdem tweeted the ban puts "Turkey in line with North Korea" while Baris Yarkadas called it "censorship and a violation of the right to access information."

Turkey's status is listed as "not free" on the 2016 Freedom on the Net index by independent rights watchdog Freedom House. It says over 111,000 websites were blocked as of May last year.

Wikipedia, a collaborative online reference work, says it is ranked among the 10 most popular websites.

EU leaders unite ahead of Brexit divorce talks with UK

By RAF CASERT and LORNE COOK, Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — European Union leaders vowed Saturday to stand shoulder-to-shoulder behind their negotiating team during the divorce proceedings with Britain and warned that demands from British Prime Minister Theresa May will be dealt with "firmly."

The 27 EU leaders in Brussels finalized the cornerstones of their negotiating stance within four minutes of starting a short smooth summit, a month after the British leader triggered two years of exit talks on March 29. The negotiations themselves are to open shortly after Britain holds an early election on June 8.

"We now have unanimous support from all the 27 member states and the EU institutions, giving us a strong political mandate for these negotiations" under chief negotiator Michel Barnier, EU Council President Donald Tusk said.

Tusk said there can't be any discussions on the future relationship between the EU and Britain until there has been major headway on key issues.

"We must first achieve sufficient progress on citizens' rights, finances and the border issue in Ireland. It is too early to speculate on when this might happen," Tusk said Saturday.

He said the 27 leaders would unanimously have to say there was "sufficient progress" to allow the talks to go to the next phase. That would give any EU country with a dispute with Britain, like Spain over Gibraltar, major influence over the timetable of the talks.

The negotiating guidelines also halted British hopes of having future trade relations being discussed concurrently through the talks.

"Before discussing the future, we have to sort out our past. We will handle it with genuine care — but firmly," Tusk said.

Some at the summit were already considering how to deal with possible British negotiating tactics.

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"Maybe the British government will do its utmost to split the 27 nations. It is a trap we need to avoid," said Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel.

Ever since the June 23 referendum last year in which Britons narrowly voted to leave the bloc, the unity of the remaining 27 EU nations "has been really exemplary," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

In contrast, citizens in Britain have been divided because of the momentous changes looming.

The EU is also intent on making Britain pay a divorce bill, which some EU officials have put as high as 60 billion euros (\$65 billion). The money aims to pay for everything from pensions to financial commitments already made in the EU's 7-year-budget, which runs until 2020.

French President Francois Hollande said the leaders agreed on "a simple principle," applicable to Britain or any other country that might want to quit the bloc in the future, "that they must not be in a more favorable situation on the outside than they were on the inside."

"There is always a price, a cost, a consequence from quitting the Union," Hollande said at his farewell European summit.

To kick off the negotiations with Britain, Tusk wants to center on the millions of people living in each other's nations who would be immediately affected.

All sides "need solid guarantees for all citizens and their families who will be affected by Brexit on both sides. This must be the No. 1 priority," Tusk said.

Some 3 million citizens from the 27 nations live in Britain while up to 2 million Britons live on the continent, all facing massive uncertainty on such issues as health benefits, pensions, taxes, employment and education.

Tusk said the sustained unity of the 27 will help May since she will have political certainty throughout the talks.

"Our unity is also in the U.K.'s interest," he said.

Over the past years, the bloc has often been bitterly divided over issues like the financial crisis, the euro debt crisis, bailouts to financially-strapped members like Greece and how to deal with the hundreds of thousands of migrants who have been entering the bloc.

The 27 EU leaders also acknowledged that Northern Ireland could join the bloc in the future if its people vote to unite with EU member Ireland. The two share the same island, and the difficulties of re-establishing a land border once Britain leaves the EU are immense and politically fraught.

Irish Prime Minister Edna Kenny said if a Northern Irish referendum to break away from the United Kingdom is approved "at some time in the future, EU membership is assured, and is unanimously accepted by the European Council."

Kenny stressed that such a referendum was not in sight at this stage.

Future relations between Ireland and Britain, including how the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland would work with the U.K. outside the bloc, have emerged as a key problem.

Kenny conceded that EU unity will be tested once negotiations start, given the challenge of accommodating the sometimes-competing interests of the countries involved.

"It won't all be as calm and as measured as today," he said.

EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker already complained Saturday that "Britain currently blocks the decision-making" on a review of the EU's long-term budget.

"It would be good and it would make the start of the talks easier if Britain could lift its objection," Juncker said.

British officials say the government prefers to postpone the decision on such an important matter as the EU budget until after the election is over.

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Security tight as pope celebrates open-air Mass in Cairo

By NICOLE WINFIELD and HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Military helicopters flew overhead and police fanned out in force Saturday as Pope Francis celebrated an open-air Mass for Egypt's tiny Catholic community on the final day of a visit aimed at comforting Christians following a series of attacks by Islamic militants.

Despite the security concerns, Francis zoomed around the Cairo sports stadium in an open-topped golf cart before the start of Mass, evidence of his desire to be close to his flock at all costs.

The crowd cheered him wildly, waving Egyptian and Holy See flags and swaying to hymns sung by church choirs. The defense ministry's stadium has a capacity of 25,000, but only about 15,000 people attended — a reflection that Catholics represent less than 1 percent of Egypt's 92 million people.

In his homily, Francis urged them to be good and merciful to their fellow Egyptians, saying "the only fanaticism believers can have is that of charity!"

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What is at stake in Egypt, home to one of the world's oldest Christian communities, is to prevent a repeat of what happened in Iraq in the years that followed the 2003 ouster of dictator Saddam Hussein, when militants of al-Qaida — the IS forerunner in Iraq — systematically targeted the country's ancient Christian minority and forced many to flee.

Pope Tawadros II, the spiritual leader of Egypt's Coptic Orthodox Christians, is a close el-Sissi ally who has tirelessly advocated Muslim-Christian harmony. "Egyptians are united in pain and in joy," he told Francis on Friday.

After Mass on Saturday, Francis meets with Catholic priests and seminarians before returning to Rome.

Associated Press writer Maria Grazia Murru contributed to this report.

Experts: Long road ahead for Trump offshore drilling order

By JASON DEAREN and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

President Donald Trump's executive order seeking to find new ocean expanses in the Atlantic and the Arctic for offshore drilling isn't likely to reach its goals anytime soon, but instead will kick off a yearslong review and legal battle.

Trump signed the order Friday aimed at dismantling a key part of former President Barack Obama's environmental legacy.

"This executive order starts the process of opening offshore areas to job-creating energy exploration," he said. "It reverses the previous administration's Arctic leasing ban and directs Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to allow responsible development of off-shore areas that will bring revenue to our treasury and jobs to our workers."

Despite Trump's assertion that the nation needs to wean itself of foreign oil, U.S. oil imports have declined in recent years as domestic production boomed amid improved drilling techniques opening up once unreachable areas.

And environmental law and policy experts questioned Trump's authority to reverse Obama's withdrawal of certain areas in the Arctic or Atlantic to drilling, a question likely to be decided in the courts.

"It's not quite as simple as the president signs something and it undoes the past," said Sean Hecht, a University of California, Los Angeles environmental law professor.

For instance, Obama used his authority under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to protect Arctic areas from oil drilling late last year, a move Trump's order seeks to undo. At the time, Obama administration lawyers said they were confident that move would be upheld in court.

Legal experts say the law has never been used by a president to remove protections, just to create them.

Trump's order also directed Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to conduct a review of marine monuments and sanctuaries designated this past decade. Obama issued monument proclamations under the Antiquities Act, including the Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument in the Atlantic, which protected that swath of sea from drilling.

Legal scholars said Trump would enter uncharted waters if he seeks to undo a national monument

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proclamation in an effort to remove environmental protections.

Under Trump's order, Interior Secretary Zinke will start to review the government's plan that dictates which federal locations are open to offshore drilling, known as the 5-year plan.

The administration can redo the 5-year-plan, but it's a long process. Zinke said the leases scheduled under the existing plan would remain in effect during the review, which he estimated would take years before any new leases are possible.

Still, Pam Giblin, an Austin, Texas-based environmental attorney who represents energy companies said Trump's order is welcome to her clients despite the limitations they see.

"Every one of these orders is primarily aspirational. But it is starting to change the lens through which government is talking about fossil fuels," she said.

The new 5-year plan could indeed open new areas of oil and gas exploration in waters off Virginia, Georgia and North and South Carolina, where drilling has been blocked for decades. Many lawmakers in those states support offshore drilling, and Alaska's governor and its Washington delegation all supported the order.

But the plan faces opposition from the fishing industry, tourism groups and even the U.S. military, which has said Atlantic offshore drilling could hurt military maneuvers and interfere with missile tests needed to help protect the East Coast.

More than 120 coastal communities from New Jersey to Florida have passed resolutions opposing any Atlantic drilling.

"Allowing offshore drilling is a forever decision that will forever change our way of life for the worse," said Frank Knapp, president of Columbia, South Carolina-based Business Alliance for Protecting the Atlantic Coast.

Environmental groups are preparing for the fight to come, saying that opening up vast areas to drilling harms whales, walrus and other wildlife and exacerbates global warming.

"We will go to court to enforce the law and ensure President Obama's protections remain in place," Trip Van Noppen, president of the environmental legal organization Earthjustice, said in a statement.

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Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, April 30, the 120th day of 2017. There are 245 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 30, 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a resolution officially confirming the name of Hoover Dam, which had also come to be known as "Boulder Dam."

On this date:

In 1517, Londoners began attacking foreign residents in rioting that carried over into the next day; no deaths were reported from what came to be known as "Evil May Day," but about a dozen rioters, maybe more, ended up being executed.

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United

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States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1939, the New York World's Fair officially opened with a ceremony that included an address by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler committed suicide along with his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1968, New York City police forcibly removed student demonstrators occupying five buildings at Columbia University.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon announced the resignations of top aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst (KLYN'-deenst) and White House counsel John Dean, who was actually fired.

In 1975, the Vietnam War ended as the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon fell to Communist forces.

In 1988, Gen. Manuel Noriega, waving a machete, vowed at a rally to keep fighting U.S. efforts to oust him as Panama's military ruler.

In 1997, the U.S. Senate approved, 85-13, the nomination of Alexis Herman to be labor secretary. ABC-TV aired the "coming out" episode of the situation comedy "Ellen" in which the title character played by Ellen DeGeneres acknowledged her homosexuality, weeks after DeGeneres revealed in Time magazine that she, too, was a lesbian.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush said he wanted to work with Democrats on compromise legislation to pay for the Iraq war but told a Rose Garden news conference he would carry through on his threat to veto any spending bill that set a timetable for U.S. troop withdrawal. A British judge sentenced five al-Qaida-linked men, all British citizens, to life in prison for plotting to attack London targets, including a nightclub, power plants and shopping mall with bombs. An Israeli government probe faulted Prime Minister Ehud Olmert for what it called "very severe failures" in Israel's war with Hezbollah militants in Lebanon. Actor Tom Poston died in Los Angeles at age 85.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda (yoh-shih-HEE'-koh NOH'-duh), meeting at the White House, decried aggressive acts from North Korea, including a recent failed rocket launch, and vowed to maintain a unified front against such provocations. A ferry carrying more than 300 people capsized in a river in northeast India, killing some 100 people and leaving about as many missing.

One year ago: Anti-government protesters tore down walls and poured into the Iraqi capital's heavily fortified Green Zone, where they stormed parliament in a major escalation of a political crisis that had simmered for months. President Barack Obama performed his brand of sharp-tongued comedy at the White House Correspondents' Dinner for the last time — wrapping up with "Obama out" and dropping the mic as the crowd cheered. The Rev. Daniel Berrigan, 94, a Roman Catholic priest and peace activist who was imprisoned for burning draft files in a protest against the Vietnam War, died in New York.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Cloris Leachman is 91. Singer Willie Nelson is 84. Actor Burt Young is 77. King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden is 71. Movie director Allan Arkush is 69. Actor Perry King is 69. Singer-musician Wayne Kramer is 69. Singer Merrill Osmond is 64. Movie director Jane Campion is 63. Movie director Lars von Trier is 61. Former Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper is 58. Actor Paul Gross is 58. Basketball Hall of Famer Isiah Thomas is 56. Country musician Robert Reynolds is 55. Actor Adrian

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Pasdar is 52. Rock singer J.R. Richards (Dishwalla) is 50. Rapper Turbo B (Snap) is 50. Rock musician Clark Vogeler is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chris "Choc" Dalrymple (Soul For Real) is 46. Rock musician Chris Henderson (3 Doors Down) is 46. Country singer Carolyn Dawn Johnson is 46. Actress Lisa Dean Ryan is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Akon is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jeff Timmons (98 Degrees) is 44. Actor Johnny Galecki is 42. Singer-musician Cole Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 41. Actor Sam Heughan is 37. Actor Kunal Nayyar is 36. Rapper Lloyd Banks is 35. Actress Kirsten Dunst is 35. Country singer Tyler Wilkinson (The Wilkinsons) is 33. Actress Dianna Agron is 31.

Thought for Today: "Upper classes are a nation's past; the middle class is its future." — Ayn Rand, Russian-born author (1905-1982).