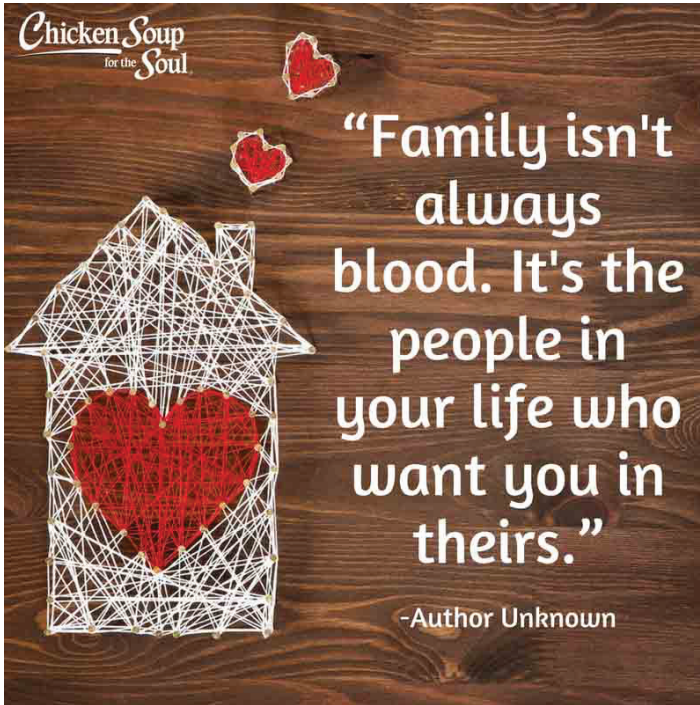


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Groton Angel Tree presents are to be turned in tomorrow (Monday, Dec. 11th), at 21 N Main, downtown Groton.

- 1- Recycling trailers
- 1- Chicken Soup for the Soul
- 1- Frost Construction Ad
- 2- Groton Care & Rehab Help Wanted Ad
- 3- Farmers Union PSA
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**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

**The cardboard/paper**  
recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

## NEW SIGN-ON BONUSES!

★ ★ ★ **\$1,500 for CNAs** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **\$3,000 for LPNs** ★ ★ ★

★ ★ ★ **\$4,500 for RNs** ★ ★ ★

## Alzheimer's Care Unit Director Medication Aid

Contact Brynn Pickrel or Nellie Hatfield at 605-397-2365  
or apply in person.



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**\*Farmers Union's  
PSA: Courtesy Merle  
Anderson (Merle is 94  
year old founder of Ace  
and legendary ethanol  
supporter... "because it is  
the right thing to do")**

## No. 16 Men Battle for Fourth Straight NSIC Win

Aberdeen, S.D. – For the second night in a row, the No. 16 Northern State men's basketball team had fans on the edge of their seats notching a second half comeback win over Minnesota Crookston. The Wolves defeated the Golden Eagles 76-64 from Wachs Arena, recording 47 points in the second half. Northern improves to 10-1 overall and 4-0 in the NSIC.

It was an all-out battle in the first half, with the largest lead of eight points going in favor of the Golden Eagles with just 11:20 remaining. Through the final seven minutes of the half, the two teams traded the lead on five occasions, with Crookston coming with the 33-29 halftime lead. Northern shot just 37.8 percent from the floor in the first and gave up seven of their ten turnovers in the game. The Wolves grabbed the lead for good at 14:24 in the second and did not look back, shooting 53.3 percent from the floor.

For the game, NSU shot 44.8 percent from the floor and 78.9 percent from the foul line. They tallied 40 points in the paint, 24 points off the turnovers, 26 second chance points, and 18 points off the bench. Northern out-rebounded Crookston 47-22 in the win, and combined for six assists, six steals, and three blocks.

Ian Smith and Carter Evans led the team with 18 points each. Smith shot 52.9 percent from the floor and grabbed a team leading three steals, while adding five rebounds. Evans contributed each and every bench point for the team, while pulling down a team leading seven rebounds. The senior knocked down 9-of-13 from the floor to lead the team.

Darin Peterka and DJ Pollard were second on the team with 13 points apiece. Peterka shot 50.0 percent from the floor with five rebounds and one assist, while Pollard shot 40.0 percent from the floor with six rebounds and two assists. The pair each tallied one block and one steal.

Logan Doyle was the final Wolf in double figures notching ten points and a team second best six rebounds. The senior took eight trips to the charity stripe, knocking down six total. He also added one block and one steal. Gabe King accounted for the final four team points, while leading the Wolves with seven rebounds. Bo Fries and Justin Decker grabbed a rebound each, while Fries notched two assists.

The Wolves will remain at home next Friday for an 8 p.m. match-up against MSU Moorhead.

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## Boys Varsity Stat Sheet vs. Leola/Frederick

Leola/Frederick		TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS								
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
1	Sumption, Isaax	*	1	3	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	8:00
14	Feickert, Lance	*	2	4	0	0	2	4	1	4	5	2	6	1	2	0	1	32:00
15	Podoll, Haydn	*	2	5	0	2	0	0	0	5	5	0	4	0	7	0	2	32:00
23	Sumption, Alex	*	5	17	0	4	4	8	3	4	7	4	14	0	4	0	1	16:00
24	Sumption, Trevor	*	3	9	0	2	2	5	2	5	7	3	8	1	3	0	2	24:00
4	Mueller, Zach		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0:00
10	Morlock, Isaac		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
20	Hoffman, Josh		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	1	16:00
22	Hoffman, Spencer		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
34	Geffre, Tanner		2	4	0	0	2	6	3	2	5	2	6	1	2	0	0	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	1	2				2			
Team Totals			15	43	1	12	10	23	10	25	35	12	41	3	27	0	8	160

Total FG% - 1st: 5/18 0.278 2nd: 10/25 0.400 Game: 0.349 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 0/5 0.000 2nd: 1/7 0.143 Game: 0.083 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 8/14 0.571 2nd: 2/9 0.222 Game: 0.435 (5,0)

Groton Area		TOT-FG		3-PT		FT		FTA		REBOUNDS								
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
20	KEITH, BRANDON	F	1	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	2	3	0	0	2	24:00
42	DEHOET, BRODYN	C	6	9	3	3	0	2	5	4	9	4	15	3	2	0	1	8:00
3	SIPPEL, ANTHONY	G	2	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	5	2	0	0	3	16:00
4	DOEDEN, JONNY	G	3	12	0	3	3	4	4	3	7	4	9	0	4	0	1	32:00
5	SHABAZZ, SERIC	G	11	20	4	8	2	4	1	6	7	4	28	1	5	0	3	8:00
10	LANE, MARSHALL		2	3	1	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	8	2	1	0	2	8:00
22	GUTHMILLER, CADE		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
34	JONES, AUSTIN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
40	JOHNSON, PEYTON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	16:00
50	TRAPHAGEN, TRISTAN		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16:00
55	DIEGEL, TREYTON		0	5	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									0	5	5				1			
Team Totals			25	60	9	20	8	14	13	26	39	18	67	13	16	0	13	160

Total FG% - 1st: 12/29 0.414 2nd: 13/31 0.419 Game: 0.417 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 5/10 0.500 2nd: 4/10 0.400 Game: 0.450 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/5 0.600 2nd: 5/9 0.556 Game: 0.571 (3,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Leola/Frederick	7	11	21	2	41
Groton	14	18	16	19	67

Last FG: Leola/Frederick 4th-08:00, Groton 4th-08:00  
 Largest lead: Leola/Frederick by 4 1st-08:00, Groton by 26 4th-08:00  
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 1 times

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## Boys JV Stat Sheet vs. Leola/Frederick

LEOLA/FREDERICK		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS												
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
4	Mueller, Zach	*	1	6	1	5	0	0	2	1	3	3	3	1	2	0	1	32:00
10	Morlock, Isaac	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	1	3	0	0	8:00
11	Waltman, Mason	*	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	8:00
20	Hoffman, Josh	*	0	5	0	0	2	2	5	5	10	2	2	0	3	0	1	24:00
41	Kenser, Jake	*	5	9	1	1	1	2	2	6	8	2	12	0	3	0	1	32:00
1	Sumption, Isaac		3	10	0	5	0	0	0	2	2	0	6	2	2	0	3	24:00
22	Hoffman, Spencer		2	5	0	0	1	4	1	1	2	2	5	1	4	0	0	32:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									1	1	2				2			
Team Totals			11	37	2	12	4	8	13	17	30	14	28	5	20	0	7	160

Total FG% - 1st: 6/16 0.375 2nd: 5/21 0.238 Game: 0.297 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/3 0.333 2nd: 1/9 0.111 Game: 0.167 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 0/0 0.000 2nd: 4/8 0.500 Game: 0.500 (2,0)

GROTON AREA		TOT-FG		3-PT		REBOUNDS												
NO	PLAYER	P	FG	FGA	FG	FGA	FT	FTA	OFF	DEF	TOT	PF	TP	A	TO	BK	S	MIN
50	TRAPHAGEN, TRISTAN	F	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0:00
30	LARSON, COLE	C	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	8:00
40	JOHNSON, PEYTON	C	6	8	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	2	13	0	0	0	2	24:00
14	KURTZ, KADEN	G	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	2	3	2	0	1	32:00
22	GUTHMILLER, CADE	G	3	8	3	6	2	2	1	0	1	1	11	1	5	0	0	16:00
4	DEHOET, CYRUS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8:00
5	COGLEY, JACKSON		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	16:00
10	THURSTON, RILEY		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8:00
12	SHABAZZ, DARIEN		4	8	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	8	1	2	0	2	24:00
20	SIMON, LUCAS		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0:00
34	JONES, AUSTIN		3	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	6	2	6	3	1	0	2	24:00
TEAM REBOUNDS									2	4	6				0			
Team Totals			17	38	3	11	4	9	8	15	23	10	41	10	13	0	7	160

Total FG% - 1st: 6/17 0.353 2nd: 11/21 0.524 Game: 0.447 Deadball  
 3-PT FG% - 1st: 1/6 0.167 2nd: 2/5 0.400 Game: 0.273 Rebounds  
 Total FT% - 1st: 3/4 0.750 2nd: 1/5 0.200 Game: 0.444 (1,0)

SCORE BY PERIODS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOTAL
Add New Team	4	9	10	5	28
Add New Team	11	5	8	17	41

Last FG: Add New Team 4th-08:00, Add New Team 4th-08:00  
 Largest lead: Add New Team by 3 3rd-08:00, Add New Team by 13 4th-08:00  
 Score tied: 0 times, Lead changed: 4 times

## **The No. 14 Wolves Notch Their Seventh Double Figure Victory of the Season**

Aberdeen, S.D. – The No. 14 Northern State University women's basketball team rolled to their fourth straight NSIC win, defeating Minnesota Crookston 75-50 from Wachs Arena. The Wolves improve to 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the Northern Sun North.

The Wolves started out hot in the first quarter, taking the 27-13 lead. The Golden Eagles brought it within ten late in the second quarter, however that was as close as things would get in the first half. They battled in the third coming within eight of the Wolves mid-way through the quarter however Northern broke things open in the fourth and ran away with the game.

NSU shot 47.8 percent from the floor, 50.0 percent from the arc, and 52.9 percent from the foul line in the win. They out-rebounded Crookston 51-33, with 11 offensive boards resulting in 12 points. The Wolves added a game leading 50 points in the paint and 16 points off turnovers, while notching 21 points off the bench. The women combined for 15 assists, three blocks, and seven steals with 18 players seeing court time.

Miranda Ristau led the team matching her career high of 29 points. The senior added five rebounds, one assist, and one block, while inching herself that much closer to the 1,000 point threshold. She is now just 12 points away from becoming the 32nd member in Northern State history.

Jill Conrad was second on the team with ten points, shooting 55.6 percent from the floor. Conrad is also on the heels of the 1,000 point club sitting just nine points away herself. She added a team second best six rebounds, as well as a team leading five assists.

Alexis Tappe and Jessi Marti rounded out the NSU starters with nine and six points respectively. Tappe notched five rebounds, two assists, and three steals, while Marti added six rebounds. Alayna Johnson led the team off the bench with six points, followed by Gabby Laimer with five.

Anika Fredrick and Sara Tvedt notched four and three respectively, while Haley Froelich and Tori Mekash tallied two and one each. Froelich showed her worth on the boards, notching a team second best six in the win.

The Wolves will remain at Wachs Arena next Friday against MSU Moorhead with tip-off scheduled for 6 p.m. between the two teams.

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## Today in Weather History

December 10, 2000: Heavy snow of 6 to 8 inches fell across parts of Lyman and Jones Counties on the 10th and 11th. Some amounts included 6 inches at Kennebec and Okaton and 8 inches at Murdo.

December 10, 1699: A severe ice storm hit Boston, Massachusetts causing much damage to orchards.

1946 - The temperature at New York City soared to 70 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1949 - The barometric pressure at Las Vegas, NV, reached a record low reading of 29.17 inches (987.8 millibars). (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A cold front brought high winds to the eastern slopes of the Northern and Central Rockies. Winds gusted to 97 mph at Mines Peak CO. In Wyoming, up to a foot of snow blanketed the Teton Village Ski Resort, northwest of Jackson. Strong chinook winds in the Central High Plains Region, gusting to 61 mph at Scottsbluff NE, warmed temperatures to near 70 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Squalls produced heavy snow in the Lower Great Lakes Region. Totals in northeastern Ohio ranged up to 14 inches at Harpersfield, and totals in western New York State ranged up to 14 inches at Sodus. In the snowbelt of Upper Michigan, the Ontonogon area reported two feet of snow in two days. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Heavy snow fell across the northern and central mountains of Colorado, with 24 inches reported at Steamboat Springs. Six to twelve inches of snow fell in the Denver and Boulder area delaying plane flights and snarling traffic. Heavy snow also spread across the Central Plains into the Mississippi Valley. Winner SD received 11 inches of snow, and more than ten inches of snow was reported north of Sioux City IA. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992 - A slow-moving Nor'easter storm batters the northeast U.S. coast killing 19 people.

December 10, 2002: A shower of tiny fish rained down on Korona, a village in the mountains of northern Greece. A Greek television reported a waterspout caused the incident on Lake Doirani.

## Annual Christmas Gift to be Presented in Groton

The Groton Christian & Missionary Alliance Church will once again, as part of its 20th anniversary celebration, be presenting their annual Christmas gift to the Groton area, "We're Glad You Came", a Christmas cantata, along with a children's musical Christmas sharing preceding a Turkey & dressing/Ham banquet on Sunday evening December 17, beginning at 5:00 pm. to which the public is invited.








The Groton congregation, located at 706 N. Main Street first began sharing an annual Christmas musical with the banquet to introduce themselves to the Groton community within months of its opening in October, 1997. The congregation so appreciated the response of the community to the Christmas celebration that they began doing this annually. The whole congregation participates in one way or another, by roasting the turkeys or baking the hams, providing the mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetables, salads and desserts, volunteering in the setting up, serving, tearing down, singing, acting, or building of sets, whatever is necessary to provide an experience that will bless and encourage the celebration of our Savior's birth. Being such a joy to share, it is the hope of the congregation that we all will also realize that this Savior's coming is REALLY the Reason for the Season. We are celebrating the Birth of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

Members of the choir that will be presenting the musical program "We're Glad You Came" are Linda Bahr, Rick Buhler, Nancy Cutler, Bill Duncan, Mike & Joanne Ehresmann, Adam Franken, Sophie Hughes, Deb Jacobs, Sarah Jacobs, Kara Jetto, Larry & Glenna Remington, Lars & Darinda Tunby, Krista Tunby, and Sierra Tunby. The children's Kids' Club musical portion of the evening will include Sierra, Christian, and Bentley Ehresmann, Grayson and Quenton Flores, Danielle Franken, Rylie, Brad, and Bentley Harms, Suri, David, Kierea, and Raziah Jetto, Brady Johnson, Logan, Zoe, and Presley Olson, and Nathan Unzen. The Christmas program is under the direction of Carrie Olson.

Come join our church family for an evening of rejoicing on Sunday, December 17th, beginning at 5 pm at 706 N. Main Street in Groton, just across the street from the city park.

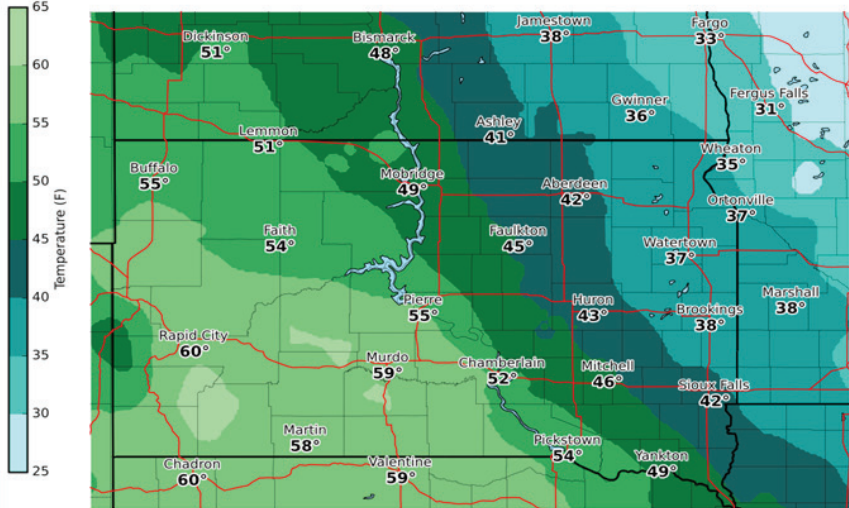
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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy then Partly Cloudy and Blustery	Breezy. Chance Rain/Snow then Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny
High: 42 °F	Low: 29 °F↑	High: 36 °F↓	Low: 16 °F	High: 35 °F	Low: 22 °F	High: 37 °F

### Today's High Temperatures


Valid: December 10, 2017






National Weather Service  
Aberdeen, SD  
[www.weather.gov/abr](http://www.weather.gov/abr)


### Tonight:


25° to 35°


Chc Snow Confined to NE SD & WC MN



### Monday:


30s to Near 40°

Chc light Snow mainly east of the Missouri Valley



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It will be mild today with a partly sunny sky. A front will slide through the region tonight and Monday, with a return to windy conditions, and maybe some light snow.



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 31.4

Low Outside Temp: 19.3

High Gust: 20

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 58° in 1979

Record Low: -29° in 1972

Average High: 27°F

Average Low: 7°F

Average Precip in Dec: 0.18

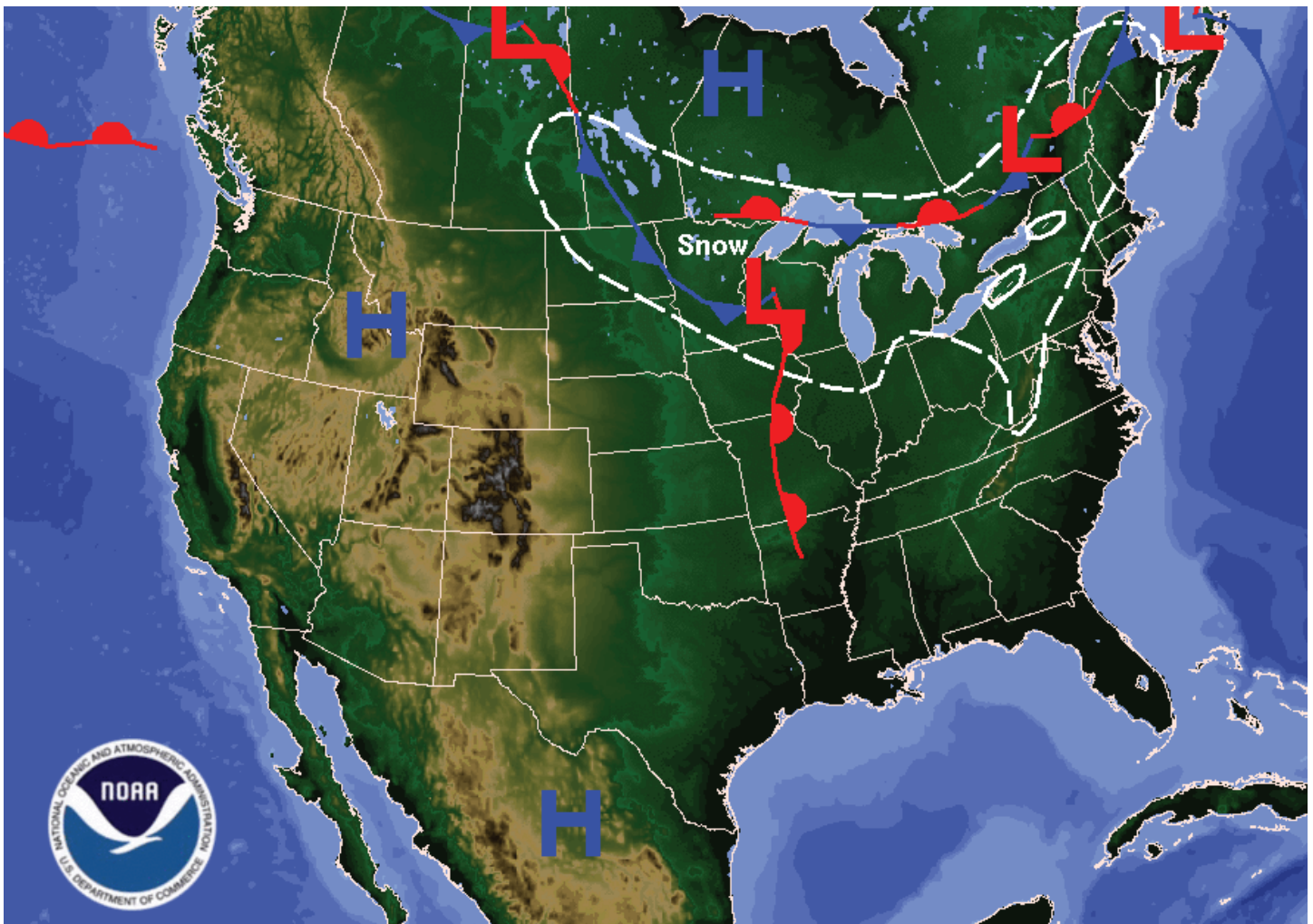
Precip to date in Dec: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 21.38

Precip Year to Date: 13.47

Sunset Tonight: 4:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 8:03 a.m.



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Sun, Dec 10, 2017, issued 4:42 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hamrick with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain

Rain and T'Storms

Rain and Snow

Snow

Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)

Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)

Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)

Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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## WHOSE PARTY?

Competent! Outstanding! Careful! Friendly! Supportive! Bright! Cheerful! Caring! Gracious! And the list of words to describe Beth, the secretary to the president of the company, could go on and on. She was loved by everyone in the company.

When it came time for her birthday one year, her co-workers decided to honor her with a lavish party. They rented a beautiful ballroom, hired the best caterer, designed a special cake, had special napkins with her name on them and collected money to buy a gift.

All went well. The tables were beautifully set, the caterer was on time, the guests arrived and there was excitement in the room. Everyone kept looking at the entrance awaiting the arrival of Beth. After waiting for fifteen minutes the co-worker who organized the event said to Beth's best friend, "Where is she?"

"I'm not sure," she replied. "I'll phone her."

She did – and discovered that she was at her favorite sandwich shop enjoying her lunch alone. No one thought to invite Beth to her celebration!

There will be many parties this Christmas. And as usual, the Guest, Whose birthday we celebrate, will not be invited. Tables will be set, lights will blink, guests will arrive, laughter will ring out, gifts will be exchanged, everyone will have fun – but Jesus will not be present. No one will think to invite Him – the One who should be the main attraction.

Prayer: Lord of the season, may we place Your Son, our Savior, at the center of everything we do this Christmas. May we never forget, "It's all about Him." In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Matthew 2:11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Scripture for Today: Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

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## 2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- 11/18/2017-3/31/2018 Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/28/2018 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 3/24/2018 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/5/2018 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/28/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- 6/14/2018 Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- 6/15/2018 SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/16/2018 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2018 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/22/2018 Summer Fest (4th Sunday in July)
- 9/8/2018 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/6/2018 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/12/2018 Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
  
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

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## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash  
06-15-16-19-28  
(six, fifteen, sixteen, nineteen, twenty-eight)

Lotto America  
02-05-07-22-25, Star Ball: 2, ASB: 2  
(two, five, seven, twenty-two, twenty-five; Star Ball: two; ASB: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$16.26 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$191 million

Powerball  
25-36-37-55-60, Powerball: 6, Power Play: 5  
(twenty-five, thirty-six, thirty-seven, fifty-five, sixty; Powerball: six; Power Play: five)  
Estimated jackpot: \$212 million

### Christion, Wieneke carry S Dakota St past N Hampshire 56-14

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — Taryn Christion threw two scoring passes to Jake Wieneke and both ran for another touchdown, Cade Johnson returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown and fifth-seeded South Dakota State whipped New Hampshire 56-14 on Saturday in the FCS quarterfinals.

The Jackrabbits (11-2) play at defending champion and top-seeded James Madison, winner of 25 straight, next weekend.

Christion, Wieneke and Isaac Wallace each ran for a score in the first quarter as South Dakota State bolted to a 21-0 lead. Wieneke scored untouched from 48 yards on a reverse around the right side.

Christion found Wieneke for a 32-yard touchdown to make it 28-0 at the half.

Wallace added a 48-yard TD run late in the third quarter before the Wildcats (9-5) got on the board with a 75-yard scoring play, Trevor Knight hooking up with Kieran Presley. However, Johnson quickly wiped that out with his return.

South Dakota State finished with 451 yards of offense with Wieneke having the big day with nine catches for 140 yards for his first 100-yard game of the season and 24th of his career.

Knight passed for 236 yards but was intercepted twice. Presley had seven catches for 133 yards.

### South Dakota prosecutors to include dashcam video in trial

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Prosecutors intend to present a dashcam video as evidence during the upcoming trial of a Washington state man accused of trying to kill a Highway Patrol trooper in South Dakota two years ago.

Donald Willingham, 35, will go to trial later this month on charges including attempted murder, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute, the Rapid City Journal reported.

Deputy State's Attorney Josh Hendrickson said Willingham was in a vehicle with three others when trooper

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Zachary Bader pulled the car over in October 2015 for speeding on Interstate 90 in Pennington County. Hendrickson said the video will show Bader requesting to search the vehicle after smelling marijuana.

Police said Willingham beat Bader and caused serious injuries, including facial fractures. Bader also lost consciousness during the alleged assault.

Dennis Doherty, Willingham's lead defense attorney, didn't object to the video being shown to the jury. But Doherty did object to the inclusion of portions of audio that depict someone off-camera groaning in pain.

"These specific utterances are prejudicial due to their gruesome countenance," Doherty told the court in writing. "Coupled with their hearsay aspects, the prejudicial aspect of these audio assertions outweighs the probative value thereof."

Hendrickson said the prosecution will continue to work to include the audio.

The other three occupants of the vehicle pleaded guilty last year to marijuana possession with the intent to distribute and being an accessory to a crime.

Willingham is being held at the Pennington County Jail.

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

## Indianapolis Colts kicker reunited with high school jersey

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Indianapolis Colts kicker Adam Vinatieri was recently reunited with his jersey from his high school playing days in South Dakota, thanks to a high school coach in Texas and a bit of luck.

High school football coach Steve Svendson first came across Vinatieri's Rapid City Central jersey many years ago, the Rapid City Journal reported. Svendson coached the Cobblers, Rapid City Central's football team, from 1999 to 2007. He now coaches at Caney Creek High School in Conroe, Texas, about 40 miles north of Houston.

Svendson recalled "throwback nights" from his time in Rapid City, in which Central students would wear old jerseys for big games. One year, Svendson's daughters asked to borrow old jerseys from the pile collected after students graduate. Another coach pointed out that one of Svendson's daughters was wearing Vinatieri's old jersey.

"I held on to it for a few years and thought I could maybe sell it, but I thought, 'Well, that's probably not the right thing to do,'" said Svendson. "So I decided one day I was going to give it back to him."

Svendson decided to seize the opportunity to return the jersey to the Rapid City native when the Colts played the Houston Texans on Nov. 5,

"When I first gave it to him, he was laughing right away and he goes, 'Are you sure you want to give that back to me?'" said Svendson.

Vinatieri said the gesture meant a lot to him.

"It brought me back my roots, where I came from. I mean, we're talking 25 or 30 years ago that I had a Central Cobbler jersey on, so that was a special moment, and it was really cool that he did that and thought of me like that," said Vinatieri. "That was a special time for me."

Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

## South Dakota crashes killed 1 bison, injured 3 others

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Wind Cave National Park officials say car crashes killed one bison and injured three others last month.

The Rapid City Journal reports that no motorists were injured during the crashes last month.

Park Superintendent Vidal Davila says the animals are sometimes difficult to spot despite their size because of winding roads and poor visibility during adverse weather.

Park officials did not know how severely the three bison were injured.

Bison are attracted to roads by salt used to melt snow that vehicles bring into the park. Park officials say the collisions with the animals happened where the salt is more prevalent on U.S. Highway 385.

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Information from: Rapid City Journal, <http://www.rapidcityjournal.com>

## Nebraska students to be offered in-state tuition at USD

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The University of South Dakota has announced it will offer in-state tuition to first-year students and transfer students from Nebraska.

The Omaha World-Herald reports that the school in Vermillion, South Dakota, made the announcement Thursday, describing the change as a pilot program that has been formally approved by the South Dakota Board of Regents.

The university enrolls about 10,000 students.

USD competes in the Summit League, as does the University of Nebraska at Omaha. For football, the Coyotes play in the Missouri Valley Football Conference. USD says a similar program last year in Iowa substantially increased its enrollment of Iowa residents.

In-state tuition and fees at USD total \$8,772 this year for 30 credit hours.

Information from: Omaha World-Herald, <http://www.omaha.com>

## Israeli defense chief calls for Arab boycott after protests

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister called Sunday for a boycott of Arab businesses in an area where residents took part in violent protests against President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, as a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard in the volatile city in the first attack since the dramatic announcement.

Avigdor Lieberman, who heads the nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, said the Arabs of Wadi Ara in northern Israel were "not part of us" and that Jewish Israelis should no longer visit their villages and buy their products. Hundreds of Israeli Arabs protested Saturday along a major highway in northern Israel, where dozens of masked rioters hurled stones at buses and police vehicles. Three Israelis were wounded and several vehicles were damaged.

"These people do not belong to the state of Israel. They have no connection to this country," Lieberman told Israel's Army Radio. "Moreover, I would call on all citizens of Israel — stop going to their stores, stop buying, stop getting services, simply a boycott on Wadi Ara. They need to feel that they are not welcome here."

Lieberman has long called for Wadi Ara to be included in his proposed swap of lands and populations as part of a future peace agreement with the Palestinians. The residents, like many of Israel's Arab minority, sympathize with the Palestinians of the West Bank and often openly identify with them. But they are also Israeli citizens who largely reject the notion of becoming part of a future Palestinian state.

The comments sparked criticism of racism and collective punishment toward a community of which only a small minority were violent. It also raised questions about how Israel could so aggressively oppose international boycott campaigns against it while one of its most senior ministers called for one against its own citizens.

Ayman Odeh, the head of the Arab Joint list in parliament, said Lieberman's call for a boycott of Arabs was reminiscent of the worst regimes in history. Gilad Erdan, the minister of public security from the ruling Likud Party, said that Lieberman's diplomatic plan was not applicable and he rejected the notion of giving up the country's sovereignty just because it had Arab citizens.

The violent protests inside Israel were part of the larger Palestinian "day of rage" following Trump's announcement that he recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and planned to move the U.S. Embassy there.

Protests and demonstrations took place in dozens of locations across the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, lands captured by Israel during the 1967 war that the Palestinians want to be part of their future state.

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They resumed briefly Sunday, with Palestinian youths in the West Bank city of Bethlehem hurling stones toward Israeli soldiers, who fired back with rubber bullets and tear gas.

In Jerusalem, police said a 24-year-old Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard at the entrance to the city's central bus station. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the guard sustained a serious wound to his upper body and the attacker was apprehended.

Israel's Channel 10 TV news aired security camera footage from the scene showing the attacker removing his jacket near the security gate and then thrusting what looked like a knife into the guard's chest before fleeing.

In more than two years of intermittent attacks, Palestinians have killed more than 50 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British tourist in stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks. Israeli forces have killed more than 260 Palestinians in that time, mostly attackers.

Trump's announcement raised fears that a new wave of violence would erupt in its wake. But three days of mass protests were relatively contained. Four Palestinians were killed in Gaza in Israeli airstrikes following rocket fire from there and in clashes along the border. In the West Bank there were dozens of injuries, but no deaths.

The status of Jerusalem lies at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Trump's move was widely perceived as siding with Israel. Even small crises over Jerusalem and the status of the holy sites in its Old City have sparked deadly bloodshed in the past. Trump's announcement triggered denunciations from around the world, even from close allies, that suggested he had needlessly stirred more conflict in an already volatile region.

In Israel, the move was embraced as a long overdue acknowledgement of Israel's seat of parliament and government and the historic capital of the Jewish people dating back 3,000 years. Upon departing for a diplomatic visit to Paris and Brussels, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was prepared to respond to critics.

"While I respect Europe, I am not prepared to accept a double standard from it. I hear voices from there condemning President Trump's historic statement but I have not heard condemnations of the rockets fired at Israel or the terrible incitement against it," he said. "I am not prepared to accept this hypocrisy, and as usual at this important forum I will present Israel's truth without fear and with head held high."

## Most Alabama GOP leaders say they are voting for Roy Moore

By KIM CHANDLER, Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Most Republican leaders in Alabama say they plan to vote for Roy Moore on Tuesday, despite sexual misconduct allegations against the former judge that have prompted others around the country to say he should never be allowed to join the U.S. Senate.

"I have stated both publicly and privately over the last month that unless these allegations were proven to be true I would continue to plan to vote for the Republican nominee, Judge Roy Moore," Alabama Secretary of State John Merrill wrote in a text message to The Associated Press. "I have already cast my absentee ballot and I voted for Judge Moore."

The accusations against Moore have left many GOP voters and leaders in a quandary. Voters face the decision of whether to vote for Moore, accused of sexual misconduct with teenagers decades ago when he was a county prosecutor, or sending Democrat Doug Jones to Washington, which would narrow the GOP's already precarious majority in the Senate.

They also could write in a name on their ballots or simply stay home. Meanwhile, most GOP politicians in the state must run for re-election next year — where they will face Moore's enthusiastic voting base at the polls.

The AP tried to find out how Republican leaders from Alabama plan to vote. Most officeholders or their staffs responded, while others have publicly stated their plans during public appearances or to other media outlets.

However, several officeholders did not respond to calls, emails or texts from the AP. They include U.S.

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Reps. Martha Roby, Mike Rogers and Gary Palmer, as well as state Treasurer Young Boozer and state House Speaker Mac McCutcheon.

State officeholders who said they intended to vote for Moore often cited the need to keep the seat in Republican hands.

In addition to Merrill, others who plan to vote for Moore include Gov. Kay Ivey; Attorney General Steve Marshall; state Auditor Jim Zeigler; Agriculture Commissioner John McMillan; state Senate President Pro Tempore Del Marsh; and Public Service Commissioner Twinkle Andress Cavanaugh, who previously led the state GOP. Also voting for Moore are current state party head Terry Lathan and U.S. Reps. Mo Brooks of Huntsville and Robert Aderholt of Haleyville.

The state's most influential politician, Republican U.S. Sen. Richard Shelby, has said he wrote in a prominent Republican on his absentee ballot.

"I wrote in a distinguished Republican. I did not vote for Judge Moore, but I voted Republican," Shelby said. His decision has played prominently in Jones ads pointing out Republicans who are not voting for their party's nominee.

CNN reported last month that U.S. Rep. Bradley Byrne said he will vote Republican and that he does not cast write-in votes. In a statement to the AP, Byrne said it is up to voters to decide.

"Some serious allegations have been made and Judge Moore has vehemently denied them. Frankly, I don't think the people of Alabama want me, any national politician, or the national news media telling them what to think or how to vote," Byrne said in the statement. "The decision is ultimately up to the people of Alabama to evaluate the information they have before them and make an informed decision. We must respect the voters' decision."

Sen. Luther Strange, who lost to Moore in the Republican primary, did not respond to a request for comment from AP, but told The Washington Post recently that the election is up to voters.

"I'm staying out of it now. I think everybody knows how I feel about Judge Moore. We made our case and the voters made a different decision," Strange told the newspaper in a video on its website.

U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who resigned from the Senate to join the Trump administration, declined to say how he would vote. Moore and Jones are competing for his old job.

"There have been some ads that may have suggested I endorsed a candidate, that is not so," Sessions said. "I believe that the people of Alabama will make their own decision."

State party loyalty rules could prohibit a GOP politician, or someone who aspires to be one, from publicly backing Moore's opponent. The rule says anyone who openly supports another party's nominee over a Republican could be barred from running as a Republican in the future.

Ivey became governor earlier this year after Robert Bentley resigned amid a sex scandal involving a much younger female political aide. When reached by the AP, Bentley declined to say who he is voting for Tuesday.

Ivey said last month that she has no reason to disbelieve the women who have accused Moore and is bothered by their allegations. But Ivey, who plans to run for governor in 2018, said she will vote for Moore anyway for the sake of GOP power in Congress. Her office did not respond to a request for an updated comment.

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## Early praise for 'The Last Jedi' after elaborate premiere

By RYAN PEARSON and NICOLE EVATT, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — There were cheers, gasps, droid photo opportunities, casino games and more than a few standing ovations at the jam-packed world premiere of "Star Wars: The Last Jedi" Saturday night in Los Angeles, which many are already praising online.

Rian Johnson, the writer and director of the eighth installment of the franchise, dedicated the night to



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the late Carrie Fisher, who died after filming had completed.

"She's up there flipping the bird and saying, 'Don't bring this night down with solemn tributes,'" Johnson said on stage at the Shrine Auditorium.

It was in that spirit that Johnson excitedly introduced his cast, including Mark Hamill, Adam Driver, Daisy Ridley and Oscar Isaac. Hamill and composer John Williams, who Johnson called one of the "greatest living film composers" were among the few who got standing ovations.

"Let's watch a Star Wars movie!" Johnson exclaimed as the cast took their seats, the lights dimmed and the yellow Star Wars logo and iconic scrawl appeared on screen to signal the start of the film. The enthusiastic audience laughed and cheered throughout much of the two-and-a-half-hour film. One audience member even shrieked "What?!" at a key scene deep in the film.

The elaborate premiere featured a massive assault vehicle and a procession of Stormtroopers and droids that preceded the first showing of the film in advance of its Dec. 15 release. The mood was joyous and pregnant with anticipation for the highly anticipated and guarded film, which sees the return of Hamill's Luke Skywalker as well as Fisher's final performance.

Formal reviews won't be out for a few days, but journalists and others at the screening who shared their initial reactions online said "The Last Jedi" packed the adventure expected in a Star Wars film, but took it into new territory.

J.J. Abrams, who directed 2015's "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" and will return to direct Episode IX told The Associated Press that the film was "great" and that "Rian killed it."

"Logan" director James Mangold also praised the film's director, calling the movie "a great chapter of a blockbuster franchise," that also had Johnson's "voice shining through."

Producer Adam F. Goldberg wrote that the film made him feel like a kid again.

Entertainment Weekly's Anthony Breznican said the film "will shatter you and then make you feel whole again."

Many who posted online about the premiere said they were still processing the film.

Attendees at Saturday's premiere were the first people outside the cast, filmmakers and top executives at Walt Disney Co. and Lucasfilm who had seen "The Last Jedi." Director Edgar Wright, Patton Oswalt, Greta Gerwig, "Stranger Things" actor Gaten Matarazzo, and Constance Zimmer were among the attendees Saturday.

Wright, who makes a cameo appearance in the film as a rebel, added on Twitter that the film was, "Really great."

At the after-party, which was modeled after Canto Bight, a casino-based city in the Star Wars galaxy seen in "The Last Jedi," attendees could play blackjack, roulette and craps to win commemorative Star Wars pins.

Fans at the premiere were also treated to up-close looks at new characters, including an elite squad of guards clad in red armor as well as a collection of droids, including the droids C-3PO, R2-D2, and BB-8, who walked and rolled down the red carpet before the film's stars arrived.

"It's a Star Wars movie, and the energy tonight is pretty amazing," said a beaming Andy Serkis, who plays the villain Supreme Leader Snoke.

Ridley, who plays Rey, arrived wearing a shimmering dress adorned with stars. Ridley was in good spirits, saying about her dress, "I mean, it's just fun. It's fun. And I feel fun. And it's got stars on it."

Newcomer Kelly Marie Tran wore a bright red dress with a lengthy train behind it. John Boyega, who earlier in the day tweeted that he might miss the premiere because a snowstorm had snarled travel out of Atlanta, arrived sporting a dark blue tuxedo and turtleneck.

Secrecy about the film remained in place on the red carpet. Anthony Daniels, who plays C-3PO, told a reporter looking for details on the film, "I'm going to let you work out everything for yourself."

"The Last Jedi," which arrives in theaters on Dec. 15, is one of the year's biggest releases. Early box office projections are for the film to debut in the \$200 million range for its first weekend.

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## Snow exits South, marches toward Northeast

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr., Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A pre-winter storm that roared through the Deep South and coated half of North Carolina and portions of Virginia in snow pushed northward on Saturday, leaving motorists to brave potentially icy roads and utility crews trying to restore heat and light to thousands.

Forecasters were warning that the slush created during daylight would turn to ice from temperatures dropping below freezing, creating black ice on roads, bridges and other elevated surfaces.

"That catches people more off guard than when you see snow," said National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Money Penny of the Raleigh, North Carolina, office.

Before Friday, the forecast for North Carolina called for little more than an inch of snow for the central counties with more expected for the higher elevations. The frigid temperatures behind a cold front combined with moisture off the Gulf of Mexico to bring the unusual wintry weather to parts of the South.

By Saturday, Burnsville had reported 14½ inches (35 centimeters) of snow. The Hendersonville area had 12 inches (30 centimeters) and Asheville recorded 8 inches (20 centimeters) of snow. Across the South, preliminary reports to the National Weather Service showed up to 10 inches (25 centimeters) of snowfall in northwest Georgia, with 7 inches (18 centimeters) of accumulation in parts of metro Atlanta. Another 10 inches (25 centimeters) of snow was reported in Anniston, Alabama, while up to 7 inches (18 centimeters) were reported in Mississippi. Rare flurries were even reported in New Orleans.

"It's very, very abnormal and rare that we would get totals like that this time of year," said Sid King, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in the Atlanta area. "It's really not even winter yet. I would not be surprised if we broke a lot of records."

By late Saturday Duke Energy was reporting 2,000 customers without power in North Carolina, down from more than 39,000 earlier in the day.

Richmond had 3½ inches (8 centimeters) of snow, as did Prince Edward. Virginia State police reported hundreds of crashes blamed on icy weather.

Temperatures forecast for Sunday weren't favorable for melting the snow, according to forecasters. Highs across much of North Carolina were not expected to get out of the 30s on Sunday, and after a brief warm up on Monday, a second round of cold air was likely to stall the melting.

At the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, which sees more passengers annually than any other airport in the world, spokesman Reese McCranie said more than 400 flights were cancelled Saturday. That's after nearly 1,200 cancellations Friday.

Not everyone was anxious to flee. Members of a central Florida family found their way to Atlanta specifically to witness the white drifts.

"It's beautiful," said Tim Moss, while his two sons and wife threw snowballs at each other near a McDonald's parking lot early Saturday. He said the family — including his mother — made a spontaneous decision late Friday to leave 80-degree weather in Florida and drive seven hours to see snow for the first time.

"A lot of people who live here are staying in," said Moss. "They don't want to get out in it. But we want to get out and run around in it."

More than 334,000 homes and businesses were still without electricity Saturday afternoon in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. About 235,000 of those still in the dark were in Georgia.

Southern Pine Electric Co-operative had more than 10,500 customers without power Saturday in south Mississippi. The co-op had more than twice that many outages at the storm's peak, utility spokesman Brock Williamson said. He said getting everyone's electricity restored could take days.

In Atlanta, a fallen power line was blamed for electrocuting a man late Friday. Bystanders tried to warn the man before he walked into the dangling live wire, Atlanta police Sgt. John Chafee said Saturday. He said it was unclear if the wire was downed because of the icy weather.

A freeze warning was in effect Saturday for parts of northern Florida, southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia. The weather service said freezing temperatures can harm vulnerable plants and animals.

Parts of the Northeast and New England are also expecting a share of the snowfall this weekend.

Associated Press writers Russ Bynum in Savannah, Georgia, Jeff Martin in Atlanta and Jay Reeves in Birmingham, Alabama, contributed to this report.

## **Aided by scandal, Dems fighting math and history in Alabama**

**By STEVE PEOPLES and KIM CHANDLER, Associated Press**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Renegade Republican Roy Moore may be plagued by scandal, but scandal alone will not convince the voters of 44th Place North to show up for Democrat Doug Jones.

In a state where Democrats are used to losing, malaise hangs over this quiet African-American neighborhood in suburban Birmingham, even three days before Alabama's high-profile Senate contest. It is supposed to be a Democratic stronghold, yet the Jones campaign signs are hard to find.

"A lot of people don't vote because they think their vote don't count," Ebonique Jiles, 27, said after promising a Jones volunteer she would support the Democrat in Tuesday's election. "I'll vote regardless of whether he wins or loses."

With history and math working against them in deep-red Alabama, Democrats fought Saturday to energize a winning coalition of African-Americans and moderate Republicans — a delicate balancing act on full display as Jones and his network of volunteers canvassed the state. Moore, by contrast, held no public events, a familiar strategy as he bets big that the state's strong Republican leanings will carry him to the Senate, despite his shortcomings.

During an appearance near the staging ground for Selma's landmark "Bloody Sunday" civil rights march, Jones declared that Alabama has an opportunity to go "forward and not backward."

"This campaign has the wind at its back because we are bringing people together from all across this state," Jones said after a meeting at Brown Chapel A.M.E. Church. "The other side is trying to divide us more than they bring people together."

He was later joined by New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker, one of only two African-American Democrats in the Senate, who offered a warning to voters gathered at Alabama State University: "Bad people get elected when good people don't vote."

Saturday evening, Moore's camp organized two get-out-the-vote concerts expected to draw overwhelmingly white voters — including some open-minded Republicans — in a state that hasn't elected a Democrat to the Senate in more than a quarter century.

Moore got a big boost the night before in nearby Pensacola, Florida, where President Donald Trump encouraged voters to "get out and vote for Roy Moore." Trump has also recorded a phone message on Moore's behalf set to be distributed to Alabama voters on Monday, said White House spokesman Raj Shah.

The White House support comes even as the 70-year-old Moore faces multiple accusations of sexual misconduct, including allegations that he molested two teenage girls and pursued romantic relationships with several others while in his 30s. He has largely denied the allegations.

The explosive charges, which many Washington Republicans describe as credible, are giving Democrats a rare opportunity to pick up a Senate seat in the Deep South, where Republicans significantly outnumber Democrats. Even if Jones wins on Tuesday, many Democrats expect the GOP to re-claim the seat when the term expires at the end of 2020.

Beneath Jones' biracial and bipartisan balancing act is a complex numbers game that has vexed Alabama Democrats for decades.

The party's core of black voters and white liberals — plus a smidgen of old-guard, more conservative "Southern Democrats" who've held on amid the region's partisan shift — is worth no more than 40 percent in statewide elections. That's been true in high-turnout elections, with former President Barack Obama twice landing between 38 and 39 percent, and the most recent governor's race in 2014, when the Democratic nominee pulled just 36 percent.

African-Americans make up about 25 percent of eligible voters, though Democratic pollster Zac McCrary said Jones needs black voters to comprise 27 percent or more of those who show up at the polls on Tues-

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day. Jones then needs to win one in three white voters in the state, which would require capturing about 15 percent of Republicans, McCrary said.

Such dynamics are difficult to overcome, said Democratic strategist Keenan Pontoni, who managed the campaign of Georgia congressional hopeful Jon Ossoff earlier this year. Ossoff aimed for an upset in the 6th Congressional District of Georgia, but ultimately came up short in Atlanta's Republican-leaning northern suburbs.

"The only way you win in these kinds of districts and states is a coalition that is obviously very hard to put together," Pontoni said. "You're going after voters who think and vote very differently."

Much like Jones, Ossoff used an extensive, data-driven ground game to maximize Democratic support, while using television advertising to strike a moderate, non-partisan tone. Ossoff didn't have a controversial opponent like Moore, but he ran against Washington dysfunction as a way to reach moderates.

On the ground in Alabama on Saturday, Jones dispatched hundreds of volunteers across the state to knock on doors to identify likely supporters in neighborhoods that featured high concentrations of African-Americans and Republicans who supported Moore's GOP primary opponent, current Sen. Luther Strange.

Jones volunteer Dana Ellis, a 64-year-old nurse, navigated icy sidewalks in Birmingham's Kingston neighborhood, which is overwhelmingly African-American, to ensure likely Jones supporters vote on Tuesday. Unlike many states, Alabama doesn't offer early voting.

"Roy Moore will not win if people turn out to vote," Ellis said.

Many voters on the list provided by the campaign didn't answer their doors Saturday morning. Those who did suggested they would support Jones, even if they didn't know him well.

Oweda Clark, who lives just around the corner from 44th Place North, admits it's hard being a Democrat in Alabama. But she told Ellis that she plans to vote for Jones anyway.

"I don't like Roy Moore. I don't like what he stands for," she said.

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Chandler reported from Selma. Associated Press writer Bill Barrow in Pensacola, Florida, contributed to this report.

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This story has been corrected to say that there are two African-American Democrats in the Senate.

## Arab ministers demand reversal of Trump Jerusalem decision

By HAMZA HENDAWI, Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Arab foreign ministers on Sunday demanded that the United States rescind President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital, calling it a "grave" development that puts Washington on the same side as "occupation" and the violation of international law.

In a resolution long on rhetoric but short on concrete actions, the ministers also called for the U.N. Security Council to adopt a resolution condemning Trump's decision, but acknowledged that Washington would most likely veto it.

If the U.S. vetoes the resolution, the Arabs would seek a similar resolution in the U.N. General Assembly, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riyad Al-Maliki told a pre-dawn news conference in Cairo.

A two-page resolution adopted by the emergency meeting, which began Saturday night, did not include any punitive actions against the United States, like a call for a boycott of American products or suspending or downgrading ties with Washington.

It also appeared to fall short of matching the anger felt by Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and West Bank, which have seen three days of violent protests against Trump's decision.

"We have taken a political decision not meant to reflect (what is going on in) the streets. Political work is responsible work," said Arab League chief Ahmed Aboul-Gheit. "Jerusalem has been occupied for 50 years. This is an extended battle, a battle that will be escalated," he told the news conference.

The resolution said the ministers would meet again within a month and held out the possibility that an

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emergency Arab summit would be held in Jordan to discuss Jerusalem.

Trump's Dec. 6 announcement on Jerusalem, and his intention to move the U.S. Embassy there, triggered denunciations from around the world, with even close allies suggesting he had needlessly stirred more conflict in an already volatile region. Jerusalem's status lies at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Trump's move was widely perceived as siding with Israel. Even small crises over Jerusalem's status and that of the holy sites in its ancient Old City have sparked deadly bloodshed in the past.

Arab diplomats said some Arab League members had wanted a more hard-line resolution, including punitive measures against countries that follow the U.S. example and recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

That was considered too radical by moderate Arab nations and eventually dropped, according to the diplomats who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

But Al-Maliki, the Palestinian Foreign Minister, sought to play down differences, saying the meeting produced "complete" unity among Arab nations.

"There were differences in assessment when we moved to specifying measures," he said. "But in the end we agreed on gradually escalating measures."

Both Aboul-Gheit and Al-Maliki said Arab nations remained committed to a 2002 Arab peace plan that provides for recognition of Israel in exchange for lands occupied by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war.

"That plan is a key reference in the Middle East peace process," Al-Maliki told the news conference.

Trump's decision, according to the Arab resolution, was "illegal" and a "dangerous violation" of international law. "It's a dangerous development that places the United States at a position of bias in favor of the occupation and the violation of international law and resolutions."

Israel occupied and later annexed the eastern part of Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East war, declaring the holy city its eternal capital. Palestinians want that part to be the capital of their future state.

Trump's decision, said the resolution, also stripped the U.S. of its role as a "sponsor and broker" in the Mideast peace process, and "undermines efforts to bring about peace, deepens tension and will spark anger that will threaten to push the region to the edge of the abyss of violence, chaos and bloodshed."

The resolution adopted by the ministers reiterated that only the creation of an independent Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital would end the Arab-Israeli conflict. It also mandated the Arab League to launch an "international media campaign" explaining the "gravity" of the American decision.

During a 2 1/2 hour session carried live on regional and local TV networks, the ministers gave speech after speech on the issue of Jerusalem, with comments ranging from blasting Trump's decision to the need for concrete action to musings on whether fiery speeches would change anything.

"If we do nothing about this one (Trump's decision), there will be many, many more tragedies," warned Iraq's foreign minister, Ibrahim al-Jaafari. "No normalization (with Israel) and no compromises."

Al-Jaafari later told reporters he thought the resolution did not match the seriousness of the situation over Jerusalem and that Baghdad would at a later date lodge its "reservations" with the Arab league.

Addressing the meeting, Lebanon's foreign minister, Gibran Bassil, suggested that there might be a silver lining in the latest crisis to hit an Arab world locked in conflict with Israel for nearly 70 years.

"Could this calamity bring us together and wake us from our slumber?" he told the meeting.

## 'Firefighting at Christmas' may become normal in California

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and BRIAN MELLEY, Associated Press

FALLBROOK, Calif. (AP) — A week of destructive fires in Southern California is ending but danger still looms.

Well into what's considered the wet season, there's been nary a drop of rain. That's good for sun-seeking tourists, but could spell more disaster for a region that emerged this spring from a yearslong drought and now has firefighters on edge because of parched conditions and no end in sight to the typical fire season.

"This is the new normal," Gov. Jerry Brown warned Saturday after surveying damage from the deadly Ventura County fire that has caused the most destruction and continued burning out of control. "We're about ready to have firefighting at Christmas. This is very odd and unusual."

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Even as firefighters made progress containing six major wildfires from Santa Barbara to San Diego County and most evacuees were allowed to return home, predicted gusts of up to 50 mph (80 kph) through Sunday posed a threat of flaring up existing blazes or spreading new ones. High fire risk is expected to last into January and the governor and experts said climate change is making it a year-round threat.

Overall, the fires have destroyed nearly 800 homes and other buildings, killed dozens of horses and forced more than 200,000 people to flee flames that have burned over 270 square miles (700 square kilometers) since Monday. One death, so far, a 70-year-old woman who crashed her car on an evacuation route, is attributed to the fire in Santa Paula, a small city next to Ventura where the fire began.

The Ventura blaze continued to burn into rugged mountains in the Los Padres National Forest near the little town of Ojai and toward a preserve established for endangered California condors. While many evacuation orders were lifted, new ones were established as the fire grew.

Brown said he had witnessed the "vagaries of the wind" that had destroyed some houses and left others standing and expressed concern for those who lost everything.

"What can you say?" he asked. "When you lose your house and your belongings and people lose their animals, it is a horror and it's a horror we want to minimize."

Firefighters were on high alert for dangerous fire potential even before the first blazes broke out. On Dec. 1, they began planning for extreme winds forecast in the week ahead.

Ken Pimlott, chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said authorities were prepared for destruction on the level of 2003 and 2007 firestorms in Southern California and possibly those in Northern California that killed 44 people and destroyed nearly 9,000 homes and other buildings in October.

By Monday, officials had brought in fire crews from the northern part of the state as reinforcements and marshaled engines, bulldozers and aircraft.

On Tuesday they brought in more helicopters from the National Guard and "every last plane we could find in the nation," said Thom Porter, southern chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The military provided C-130 planes for firefighting, said Mark Ghilarducci, director of the California Office of Emergency Services. More than 290 fire engines came from Montana, Utah, New Mexico, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon and Nevada.

But when flames met ferocious winds, crews were largely powerless to stop them. Even fire-attacking aircraft were helpless while being grounded at times because of night, high winds or smoke.

As fires burned in Ventura and Los Angeles counties, firefighters from other states were already in place north of San Diego on Thursday when a major fire erupted and rapidly spread in the Fallbrook area, known for its avocado groves and horse stables in the rolling hills.

"We had many resources in the area very quickly on this incident, but unfortunately within several minutes the fire had gotten out of control and well-established, and necessitated massive evacuations," said Steve Abbott, chief of the North County Fire Protection District.

The fire swept through the San Luis Rey Training Facility, where it killed more than 40 elite thoroughbreds and destroyed more than 100 homes — most of them in the Rancho Monserate Country Club retirement community. Three people were burned trying to escape the fire that continued to smolder Saturday.

Most of this week's fires were in places that burned in the past, including one in the ritzy Los Angeles neighborhood of Bel-Air that burned six homes and another in the city's rugged foothills above the community of Sylmar and in Santa Paula.

The fire in Fallbrook was no exception. Ten years ago, during a deadly spate of Santa Ana wind-driven infernos, flames wiped out most of the more than 200 homes in the Valley Oaks Mobile Home Park.

Memories of that blaze were fresh as flames approached Thursday and sheriff's deputies told residents to leave immediately.

By the time he got the order to go, Mateo Gonzalez had already helped his brother move out of his nearby place and packed all of his important belongings.

In the 2007 firestorm, Gonzalez had almost no warning before his house was destroyed, only four months

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after moving in.

"We weren't prepared the first time around. This time we were," he said Saturday, the day after he returned to his undamaged home.

Melley reported from Los Angeles. Associated Press writer Robert Jablon in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

For complete coverage of the California wildfires, click here: <https://apnews.com/tag/Wildfires>.

## Field goal try wide on final play, Army holds off Navy 14-13

By MIKE CRANSTON, Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Just when you thought Army-Navy couldn't get any more intense, it snowed. Then 60 minutes of bruising football came down to squinting through that snow to see where a long field goal attempt would land.

Wide left. Cue the celebration for Army. The Black Knights are back.

Bennett Moehring narrowly missed a 48-yard field goal on the final play and Army held off Navy 14-13 on Saturday to win the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 1996.

Army (9-3) earned its second straight win over Navy (6-6) following 14 straight losses in the series.

"We've got seniors in there that went 4-8 as freshmen and 2-10 as sophomores," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "Now they've won 17 games in the last two years. Really an incredible change."

After trailing most of the game, Ahmad Bradshaw pushed over the goal line on a quarterback sneak with 5:10 remaining and Blake Wilson kicked the extra point to put Army ahead.

But Navy's spectacular Malcolm Perry wasn't finished.

The quarterback, who ran for 250 yards on 30 carries and a 68-yard score in the second quarter, led Navy to the Army 31 with 3 seconds left.

Navy elected to try a field goal, and after about 10 players used their feet to clear the steady snow during a timeout, Moehring's kick was long enough but drifted barely left.

"Came up a couple of feet short," Navy coach Ken Niumatalolo said. "This is a great rivalry. It was another classic game."

Army cut its deficit in the series to 60-51-7 in a matchup of bowl-bound teams. The Black Knights claimed the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy thanks to an earlier victory over Air Force.

"That trophy hadn't been in our possession for 21 years," said Monken, in his fourth season. "To be able to accomplish that with this team is a great source of pride."

In a game that included only three passes — Army completed its lone toss — the Black Knights produced a 13-play, 65-yard drive to take a late lead. John Trainor tiptoed the sideline for 8 yards one play before Bradshaw's 12th touchdown of the season.

Bradshaw also scored the go-ahead touchdown in last year's victory over Navy.

"I actually don't think I would've gotten in if not for my fullback and my offensive line," said Bradshaw, who rushed for 94 yards on 21 carries. "I kind of stopped, but I felt like (fullback) Andy (Davidson) picked me up and kind of walked me into the end zone."

Navy took advantage of the ensuing kickoff going out of bounds and moved down the field. Perry dropped a shotgun snap on fourth down at the Army 37, but picked up the ball and ran for a first down. But Navy committed two false start penalties, making the final field goal attempt more difficult.

Snow started falling in the late morning on the 29-degree day. Workers used blowers to uncover the lines and hashmarks during timeouts as a light snow fell throughout.

The teams, both of whom run the triple-option, combined to complete only 59 passes all season. The snow made both coaches want to throw it even less as Navy went ahead 7-0 on Darnell Woolfolk's 3-yard run on the opening possession.

The first pass came with under 9 minutes left in the second quarter. Army completed its only pass, a

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20-yard wobbler from Bradshaw to Calen Holt, midway through the third quarter.

The weather made one of sports' biggest rivalries an even more physical contest. Army's all-white uniforms — a nod to the 10th Mountain Division of World War II — served as almost camouflage in the snow.

Perry was the star through three quarters. Getting the start at quarterback ahead of Zach Abey, his long touchdown run in the second quarter was his third rushing TD of more than 65 yards this season.

Perry looked like he might have another long touchdown run, but he stumbled and fell at the Navy 11 early in the third quarter. Army senior John Voit chased him down.

"I'm not sure if I hit his foot or not," Voit said. "But I think I got enough where he slipped slipped in the snow and thank God he went down down."

Army then held Navy to a Moehring's second field goal, from 24 yards, to make it 13-7 and allow for their fourth quarter comeback.

"There was never a moment our guys doubted we were going to win the game," Monken said. "When you love a group of people like I love them, I can tell when their emotions change. We never lost momentum."

## THE TAKEAWAY

Army: Monken has Army on a major upswing. This victory will do wonders for a program that had suffered through the longest losing streak by either team in this rivalry.

Navy: Perry was the fastest and most dangerous player on the field, and Niumatalolo indicated the quarterback job will be his next season. Navy outgunned Army 296-241, but were again hurt by costly penalties.

## JASPER COACHES

Navy offensive coordinator Ivin Jasper coached after missing Wednesday's practice to be with his 14-year-old son. Jarren Jasper has had medical issues as he awaits a heart transplant.

## MILESTONE

Simone Askew made history when she led the Corps of Cadets in the pregame march-on. Askew is the first black woman to be first captain, the highest student position at West Point.

TRUMP & TILLERSON: A year after attending the game as president-elect, Donald Trump tweeted that he would be watching on TV. "On behalf of an entire Nation, THANK YOU for your sacrifice and service!" the president wrote.

After the game, Trump tweeted: "Great Army - Navy Game. Army wins 14 to 13 and brings home the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TROPHY! Congratulations!"

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson handled the opening coin toss.

## UP NEXT

Army: Armed Forces Bowl vs. San Diego State on Dec. 23 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Navy: Military Bowl vs. Virginia on Dec. 28 in Annapolis, Maryland.

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## AP sources: Yankees set to reel in MVP Stanton from Marlins

By RONALD BLUM and STEVEN WINE, AP Sports Writers

MIAMI (AP) — After helping the New York Yankees to five World Series titles, Derek Jeter might help them win another.

The Yankees and Jeter's Miami Marlins have agreed to a trade that would send NL MVP Giancarlo Stanton to New York, pending a physical, a person familiar with the negotiations said Saturday. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the teams hadn't announced the agreement.

Second baseman Starlin Castro would go to Miami as part of the trade, a second person familiar with the negotiations said. A third person said the Marlins would also receive prospects Jorge Guzman, a right-hander, and Jose Devers, an infielder who is a cousin of Boston prospect Rafael Devers.

The third person said the deal calls for the Marlins to send \$30 million to the Yankees if Stanton doesn't exercise his right to opt out of his contract and become a free agent after the 2020 season.

Stanton has a no-trade clause in his record \$325 million, 13-year contract and has indicated he will ap-



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prove the trade, one of the people said. St. Louis and San Francisco said Friday that Stanton had vetoed deals to them.

As for the physical, injuries curtailed Stanton's season in four of the past six years, but he played a career-high 159 games in 2017 and led the majors with 59 homers and 132 RBIs.

If the Yankees complete the trade with Jeter, their former captain and the new Marlins CEO, the Bronx Bombers would pair Stanton with Aaron Judge, who led the AL with 52 in his rookie season. That would give them a one-two punch to rival Ruth-Gehrig or Mantle-Maris, making for must-see batting practice.

Judge sent a tweet to Stanton showing a clip from the movie "Step Brothers" with Will Ferrell saying, "Did we just become best friends?"

Obtaining the 28-year-old Stanton would be reminiscent of the Yankees' acquisition of AL MVP Alex Rodriguez from Texas after the 2003 season for second baseman Alfonso Soriano. Rodriguez signed a \$275 million, 10-year contract after the 2007 season that ran through age 42; Stanton's deal runs through age 38.

An eight-year veteran with 267 home runs, Stanton has never played on a winning team and might now go to a club that hasn't had a losing record since 1992. The Yankees reached Game 7 of the AL Championship Series this season in the first full year of a youth movement.

New Yankees manager Aaron Boone, along with the front office, would have to sort where Stanton will play. He has played his whole big league career in right field, as has Judge. The Yankees also have the option of using one of them as a designated hitter.

Stanton is owed \$295 million over the final decade of his record \$325 million, 13-year contract. The All-Star right fielder led the majors in homers and RBIs, but his salary will rise to \$25 million in 2018.

Jeter is expected to reduce payroll by at least 20 percent to \$90 million or less. The Marlins shed \$38 million of salary through 2020 by trading two-time All-Star second baseman Dee Gordon to the Seattle Mariners on Thursday for three prospects.

Castro, who hit .300 with 16 home runs this year, could replace Gordon at second base — or might also be dealt by Miami because of his contract. He's due \$10 million in 2018 and \$11 million in 2019 plus a \$16 million club option for 2020 with a \$1 million buyout.

Gary Denbo, the Marlins new vice president of scouting and player development, spent the past eight years with New York and oversaw a farm system that ranks among the best in baseball. Guzman went 5-3 this year with a 2.30 ERA for Class A Staten Island. Devers, who just turned 18, batted .245 with 16 steals in 53 games for two teams in the low minors.

More Marlins deals are possible at the winter meetings beginning Sunday in Lake Buena Vista; Castro and outfielders Christian Yelich and Marcell Ozuna possibly are on the trading block.

The Yankees' payroll for purposes of baseball's luxury tax was about \$209 million this year, and owner Hal Steinbrenner has vowed to reduce it below next year's \$197 million threshold, which would reset the team's base tax rate from 50 percent to 20 percent in 2019. That would put the Yankees in better position for next offseason's free agent class, which includes Bryce Harper, Manny Machado and possibly Clayton Kershaw.

Stanton counts as \$25 million for the luxury tax, but trading Castro cuts New York's tax payroll by \$8,801,786. Rodriguez (\$27.5 million) comes off the payroll after this year, and five high-priced Yankees have become free agents: CC Sabathia (\$20 million), Matt Holliday (\$13 million), Michael Pineda (\$7.4 million), Todd Frazier (\$4,918,033) and Jaime Garcia (\$4,961,721).

New York could trade third baseman Chase Headley (\$13 million), expendable because of prospects Gleyber Torres and Miguel Andujar. Outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, who counts as \$21,857,143, appears to be superfluous in an outfield that includes Stanton, Judge, Aaron Hicks and Brett Gardner. Ellsbury is owed \$21,142,857 in each of the next three years as part of a deal that includes a \$21 million team option for 2021 with a \$1 million buyout.

After missing out on Japanese right-hander Shohei Ohtani, the Yankees are expected to seek starting pitching to bolster a rotation currently projected to include Luis Severino, Masahiro Tanaka, Sonny Gray, Jordan Montgomery and Luis Cessa.

Stanton would take a cut in take-home pay for his games in the Bronx. While Florida has no state income

tax, New York State has an 8.82 percent top rate on income and New York City a 3.876 percent top rate. But he might make up the difference in new endorsements.

Blum reported from New York.

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## Trump hails civil rights heroes; protesters pan his record

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — President Donald Trump paid tribute Saturday to the leaders and foot soldiers of the civil rights movement whose sacrifices help make the United States a fairer and more just country, though protests surrounding his visit to Mississippi laid bare the stark divisions among Americans about his commitment to that legacy.

As Trump gazed at an exhibit on Freedom Riders at the new Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, demonstrators near the site held up signs that said "Make America Civil Again" and "Lock Him Up." Some shouted "No Trump, no hate, no KKK in the USA."

Trump spent about 30 minutes at the museums, gave a 10-minute speech to select guests inside and then flew back to his Florida estate, skipping the public schedule of the dedication ceremony held outside on a chilly day. He spent more time getting to Jackson than he did on the ground.

Trump's remarks steered clear of addressing the anger that his participation had sparked leading up to the dedication. In a deliberate voice and rarely diverting from his prepared words, the president sought to honor the famous and the anonymous for their efforts on behalf of freedom for all.

"The civil rights museum records the oppression, cruelty and injustice inflicted on the African-American community, the fight to bring down Jim Crow and end segregation, to gain the right to vote and to achieve the sacred birthright of equality. And it's big stuff. That's big stuff," he said.

"Those are very big phrases, very big words. Here we memorialize the brave men and women who struggled to sacrifice and sacrifice so much so that others might live in freedom," he said.

The national president of the NAACP and the mayor of Mississippi's capital city said they kept their distance from Trump because of his "pompous disregard" for the values embodied by the civil rights movement.

Derrick Johnson, head of the nation's oldest civil rights organization, and Mayor Chokwe Lumumba said at a news conference that they looked forward to a "grand opening" of the museum that they can attend.

Johnson, a Mississippian, charged that Trump opposes labor rights, education, health care and voting rights for all Americans.

"We will never cede the stage to an individual who will fight against us," Johnson said. "We will not allow the history of those who sacrificed to be tarnished for political expediency."

Johnson and Lumumba spoke to about 100 supporters, including some who participated in the civil rights demonstrations of the 1960s, at Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center. Once the first public school built for African-Americans in Jackson, it's now a museum to black history and culture.

Lumumba called Trump to task for "his pompous disregard for all of those factors that will not enable us to stand with him today."

The state's attorney general, Jim Hood, criticized Republican Gov. Phil Bryant for inviting Trump. "It threw cold water in the face of people who fought the battles for civil rights," Hood said.

Bryant, who introduced Trump, spoke of "the emotion that comes over you in waves as you see the past, the struggle, the conflict. I'm so very proud today that the president of the United States was here to see and witness it."

Trump reflected on the past and hoped for a bright future, drawing on the achievements of civil rights veterans:

"Today we strive to be worthy of their sacrifice. We pray for inspiration from their example. We want our country to be a place where every child from every background can grow up free from fear, innocent of

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hatred and surrounded by love, opportunity and hope. Today we pay solemn tribute to our heroes of the past and dedicate ourselves to building a future of freedom, equality, justice and peace."

He called the museums "labors of love — love for Mississippi, love for your nation, love for God-given dignity written into every human soul. These buildings embody the hope that has lived in the hearts of every American for generations, the hope in a future that is more just and more free."

Singled out by the president was Medgar Evers, the Mississippi NAACP leader who was shot to death outside his home in 1963. His widow, Myrlie, was in the audience for Trump's speech and drew a standing ovation when he acknowledged her.

Trump said Medgar Evers "knew it was long past time for his nation to fulfill its founding promise to treat every citizen as an equal child of God." Evers, Trump said, now rests in Arlington National Cemetery "beside men and women of all races, backgrounds and walks of life who've served and sacrificed for our country. Their headstones do not mark the color of their skin but immortalize the courage of their deeds."

Myrlie Evers did not mention Trump in her remarks a short time later at the public ceremony outside the museum. "Regardless of race, creed or color, we are all Americans. ... If Mississippi can rise to the occasion, then the rest of the country should be able to do the same thing," she said.

Among the high-profile figures to stay away was U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., a leader of the civil rights movement. Lewis, among the scores of Democratic lawmakers who skipped Trump's inauguration in January to protest his record on race, said Trump's presence at the museum opening was an insult.

The White House accused Lewis and others of injecting politics into a moment it said could be used to bring people together.

Trump has been accused of harboring racial animosity, and critics cite his blaming of "both sides" for deadly violence at a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the summer. Trump has also relentlessly criticized NFL players for kneeling during the national anthem to protest racism and police brutality largely directed at African-American males.

During the presidential campaign, Trump called for a "complete and total shutdown" of Muslims entering the U.S.

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## **PM announces on state TV Iraq's war against IS has ended**

**By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA and SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press**

BAGHDAD (AP) — After more than three years of combat operations, Iraq announced Saturday that the fight against the Islamic State group is over after the country's security forces drove the extremists from all of the territory they once held. Iraqi and American officials warned, however, that key challenges remain despite the military victory.

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi formally announced the victory in an address to the nation aired on Iraqi state television Saturday evening.

"Honorable Iraqis, your land has been completely liberated," he said. "The liberation dream has become a reality. We achieved victory in difficult circumstances and with God's help, the steadfastness of our people and the bravery of our heroic forces we prevailed."

"The flag of Iraq is flying high today over all Iraqi territory and at the farthest point on the border," he added, standing before the most senior members of Iraq's security forces.

Following al-Abadi's remarks, his office declared a public holiday Sunday in celebration of the victory, according to an official statement from the prime minister's office.

Iraqi forces mopped up the last pockets of IS fighters from Iraq's western deserts Saturday, securing the country's border with Syria, a step that marked the end of combat operations against the extremists.

"All Iraqi lands are liberated from terrorist Daesh gangs and our forces completely control the interna-

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tional Iraqi-Syrian border," said Lt. Gen. Abdul-Amir Rasheed Yar Allah, a senior Iraqi military commander, in a statement Saturday afternoon.

The U.S. applauded the prime minister's announcement.

The U.S. offers "sincere congratulations to the Iraqi people and to the brave Iraqi Security Forces, many of whom lost their lives heroically fighting ISIS," State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said in a written statement, using an alternative acronym for IS.

"Our coalition will continue to stand with Iraq to support its security forces, economy and stabilization to help ensure that ISIS can never against threaten Iraq's people or use its territory as a haven," said Brett McGurk, U.S. special presidential envoy to the anti-IS coalition, in a statement posted to his official Twitter account.

"We mark today's historic victory mindful of the work that remains," he added.

Iraq's government remains faced with significant security threats, an economic crisis and the enormous task of rebuilding swaths of territory decimated by the IS fight.

IS fighters overran nearly a third of Iraqi territory, including Mosul, the country's second largest city and Tikrit, the capital of Iraq's central Salahuddin province in the summer of 2014. The following year, IS fighters also overran Anbar's provincial capital of Ramadi.

Over the past 3 ½ half years, Iraqi ground forces closely backed by the U.S.-led coalition and mostly Shiite paramilitary forces backed by Iran have slowly retaken all of that territory.

The pace of the anti-IS operation accelerated last year as coalition-backed Iraqi ground forces prepared for the assault on Mosul that was formally launched in October 2016.

After more than nine months of mostly grueling urban combat, Al-Abadi declared victory over IS in Mosul in July.

In the months that followed Iraqi forces retook a handful of other IS held towns including Tal Afar in August, Hawija in September and Qaim in October. In November, Iraqi forces retook the last Iraqi town held by IS — Rawah, near the border with Syria.

However, IS fighters remain capable of carrying out insurgent attacks in Iraq, and the group has recovered from past setbacks.

IS insurgent networks continue to pose a threat to Baghdad and other Iraqi cities, a senior Iraqi security official said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations. The official said intelligence gathering would become increasingly important in the post-military phase of the fight against IS.

"The triumph of military operations alone is not enough without stability," government spokesman Saad al-Hadithi said, explaining that rebuilding in the wake of military victories against IS remained a "big challenge" for the Iraqi government.

Additionally, some 3 million Iraqis remain displaced by the fight against IS, according to the United Nations.

Al-Abadi also remains faced with a political and military stand-off with the country's Kurdish region over a referendum held on independence.

Federal government troops remain deployed throughout a string of disputed territories claimed by both Baghdad and Iraq's Kurds — who were also backed by U.S.-led coalition forces in the fight against IS. While Baghdad and Irbil have both stated a willingness to talk, negotiations to end the dispute have not yet begun.

As he closed his national address, al-Abadi acknowledged the challenges that remain for Iraq.

"I urge everyone to refrain from returning to the inflammatory and sectarian discourse that empowered gangs to occupy our cities and villages," he said.

"Our people have paid a dear price," he added. "We must turn this page forever."

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Associated Press writer Sinan Salaheddin contributed from Baghdad.

## Israeli strikes kill 2 Hamas men after Gaza rocket attack

By **FARES AKRAM** and **ARON HELLER**, Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli airstrikes killed two Hamas members early Saturday following a rocket attack on Israel, in the latest fallout from President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital — a development that has roiled the region and the larger Muslim world.

The Israeli military said it targeted four Hamas facilities in response to rockets fired the previous night, including one that landed in the town of Sderot without causing casualties or major damage. The military said it struck warehouses and weapons manufacturing sites, after which Hamas said it had recovered the bodies of two of its men.

Israel considers Hamas responsible for all rocket fire emanating from Gaza, which is home to other armed groups. Some residents of Sderot and other border towns spent the night in shelters, fearful of a resumption of rocket attacks from Gaza that have led to three Israel-Hamas wars over the past decade.

Protests and demonstrations continued across the West Bank and Gaza on Saturday on the third and final so-called Palestinian "day of rage" following Trump's announcement. The military said there were clashes in some 20 locations. In Bethlehem, Palestinians hurled stones at Israeli troops, who responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades. The Israeli military said some 600 Palestinians were throwing firebombs and rolling burning tires toward Israeli forces. It said it dispersed the crowds and arrested six rioters.

Along the border with the Gaza Strip, some 450 Palestinians clashed with Israeli troops at eight main locations. About 20 were lightly wounded. Some 4,000 demonstrators gathered in Gaza City and demonstrations resumed in Pakistan, Turkey and elsewhere across the Muslim world as well.

In Jerusalem, police forces — some on horseback — scuffled with protesters near the Old City and arrested 13 people who were involved in what they called an illegal protest. Four policemen were slightly injured.

"President Trump cannot take what he doesn't have," said Zuheir Dana, one of the protesters from east Jerusalem.

In a first, violence spilled into Israel itself, with Arab protesters blocking a major highway in the northern part of the country and hurling rocks at a bus and motorcycle rider, injuring two slightly. Israel has mobilized troops in case further violence breaks out. However, the clashes in the West Bank and east Jerusalem have yet to claim lives or spiral into the level of violence some had feared following Trump's move.

Saturday saw a drop in the scope of the protests after clashes erupted Friday between Palestinian protesters and Israeli troops in dozens of West Bank hotspots and along the Gaza border. Two Palestinians were shot dead in Gaza and dozens were wounded in the West Bank. In Jerusalem, Friday prayers at Islam's third-holiest site dispersed largely without incident. Large crowds of worshippers across the Muslim world staged anti-U.S. marches Friday, some stomping on posters of Trump or burning American flags.

Trump's announcement on Jerusalem, and his intention to move the U.S. Embassy there, triggered denunciations from around the world, with even close allies suggesting he had needlessly stirred more conflict in an already volatile region. The status of the city lies at the core of the Israeli-Palestinians conflict, and Trump's move was widely perceived as siding with Israel. Even small crises over Jerusalem's status and that of the holy sites in its ancient Old City have sparked deadly bloodshed in the past.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement and other groups have called for mass protests while its rival, the Gaza-based Islamic militant group Hamas, is calling for a third violent uprising against Israel, though such appeals have largely fizzled as Palestinians have become disillusioned with their leaders.

Arab foreign ministers, meanwhile, gathered in the Egyptian capital, Cairo, for an emergency meeting to formulate a unified response to Trump's decision. It was not immediately clear what concrete measures might be taken to counter Trump's decision, but Arab diplomats have spoken of submitting a draft resolution condemning the move to the U.N. Security Council and unspecified measures regarding bilateral ties between Arab League member states and Washington.

Hamas, which seeks Israel's destruction, killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings and other attacks during the second Palestinian uprising in the early 2000s.

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Most countries have not recognized Israel's 1967 annexation of east Jerusalem and maintain their embassies in Tel Aviv. Under a longstanding international consensus, the fate of the city is to be determined in final status peace negotiations. Israel says it hopes others will follow Trump's lead, but the United States found itself alone in the U.N. Security Council on Friday, fielding criticism from the other 14 members over the proposed move.

Palestinian official Hanan Ashrawi said the council took a strong stance against "American violations of international law."

"They have no mandate to give away Jerusalem to an occupying power or to violate international law in such a blatant and egregious manner," she said.

While Trump's announcement was warmly welcomed in Israel as an acknowledgement of its longtime seat of government and the ancient capital of the Jewish people, it was greeted with outrage from Palestinians who considered it a slap in the face and an abandonment of the longtime American role as mediator in the conflict.

After two decades of halting peace negotiations that have failed to bring Palestinians closer to statehood, some in Abbas' inner circle have begun to speak openly about abandoning the two-state formula in favor of a single binational state. In a sign of Palestinian frustration with the Americans, Abbas' political adviser Majdi Khaldi said the Palestinian president will not meet with Vice President Mike Pence when he visits the region later this month.

"The U.S. crossed the red line in its decision about Jerusalem," he told The Associated Press.

Associated Press writer Hamza Hendawi reported from Cairo. Heller reported from Tel Aviv, Israel.

## Archaeologists discover 2 ancient tombs in Egypt's Luxor

By AHMED HATEM, Associated Press

LUXOR, Egypt (AP) — Egypt on Saturday announced the discovery of two small ancient tombs in the southern city Luxor dating back some 3,500 years and hoped it will help the country's efforts to revive its ailing tourism sector.

The tombs, located on the west bank of the river Nile in a cemetery for noblemen and top officials, are the latest discovery in the city famed for its temples and tombs spanning different dynasties of ancient Egyptian history.

"It's truly an exceptional day," Antiquities Minister Khaled al-Anani said. "The 18th dynasty private tombs were already known. But it's the first time to enter inside the two tombs."

Al-Anani said the discoveries are part of the ministry's efforts to promote Egypt's vital tourism industry, partially driven by antiquities sightseeing, that was hit hard by extremist attacks and political turmoil following the 2011 uprising.

The ministry said one tomb has a courtyard lined with mud-brick and stone walls and contains a six-meter (yard) burial shaft leading to four side chambers. The artifacts found inside were mostly fragments of wooden coffins. Wall inscriptions and paintings suggest it belongs to era between the reigns of King Amenhotep II and King Thutmose IV, both pharaohs of the 18th dynasty.

The other tomb has five entrances leading to a rectangular hall and contains two burial shafts located in the northern and southern sides of the tomb.

Among the artifacts found inside are funerary cones, painted wooden funerary masks, clay vessels, a collection of some 450 statues and a mummy wrapped in linen who was likely a top official. A cartouche carved on the ceiling bears the name of King Thutmose I of the early 18th dynasty, the ministry said.

Afterward, al-Anani headed to a nearby site where the famous Mortuary Temple of Hatshepsut is located to open for the first time the temple's main sanctuary known as the "Holy of Holies."

Since the beginning of 2017, the Antiquities Ministry has made a string of discoveries in several provinces across Egypt — including the tomb of a royal goldsmith, in the same area and belonging to the same dynasty, whose work was dedicated to the ancient Egyptian god Amun.

## Tears, pomp, extravagance as France mourns rocker Hallyday

By THOMAS ADAMSON and ANGELA CHARLTON, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France bid farewell to its biggest rock star Saturday, honoring Johnny Hallyday with an extravagant funeral procession down Paris' Champs-Elysees Avenue, a presidential speech and a televised church ceremony filled with the country's most famous faces.

Few figures in French history have earned a send-off with as much pomp as the man dubbed the "French Elvis," who notched more than 110 million in record sales since rising to fame in the 1960s.

Hallyday died Wednesday at 74 after fighting lung cancer.

In an honor usually reserved for heads of state or literary giants like 19th-century novelist Victor Hugo, Hallyday's funeral cortege rode past Napoleon's Arc de Triomphe monument and down the Champs-Elysees to the Place de la Concorde plaza on the Seine River.

Adding a rock touch to the event, hundreds of motorcyclists accompanied the procession. It was a nod to the lifelong passion that Hallyday, born Jean-Philippe Smet, had for motorcycles. His biker image included signature leather jackets and myriad tattoos.

French President Emmanuel Macron — a Hallyday fan himself, like three generations of others across the French-speaking world — delivered an eulogy on the steps of Paris' Madeleine Church for the star known to the public affectionately by only one name.

"Johnny belonged to you. Johnny belonged to his public. Johnny belonged to his country," said Macron, whose voice was broadcast via speakers to the many thousands of often tearful mourners in central Paris.

"He should have fallen a hundred times, but what held him up and lifted him was your fervor, the love," said Macron of the star's health troubles and famously excessive lifestyle.

Hallyday's death unleashed a wave of emotion across France, where he had been a symbol of national identity and stability for more than half a century — even though his private life had been far from stable.

Aside from the drinking, smoking and partying chronicled in juicy detail by the French press, Hallyday had been linked to a string of glamorous women and had married five times.

Chants of "Johnny! Johnny!" and thunderous applause rose up Saturday as fans broke out singing Hallyday classics including "Que je t'aime" ("How I love you").

About 1,500 police officers secured the area in Paris, a police helicopter flew overhead and emergency vehicles filled nearby streets as tens of thousands of fans lined the procession route. Many dressed to emulate Hallyday's flashy, rebellious style. Some climbed on fences or stoplights or even the roof of a luxury hotel to get a better view.

Catherine Frichot-Janin, 61, and her husband traveled from Switzerland to pay their respects — saying that the only thing older than their 39-year marriage was their mutual love for Hallyday.

"He's the companion who's always there when you have a worry. There will always be his music playing in a bistro," she said.

Dubbed by some "the biggest rock star you've never heard of" — Hallyday's position as one of the greatest-selling musical artists of all time is unusual as he remained largely unknown outside the Franco-phone world. But in France, he influenced styles, music and even children's names.

Laura Dublot, a 30-year-old Parisian, and her brother David are among many who were named after Hallyday's older children, Laura and David.

"He's a national icon. This scale of funeral is not surprising — he's united three generations of French," Dublot said.

Laurenne Coral, 25, from Lyon, explained that "for the French, he's like what Queen Elizabeth is for the English."

A lineup of speakers paid homage inside the neo-classical Madeleine Church, including actors Marion Cotillard and Jean Reno and singer Patrick Bruel.

Bruel, an old friend, said when Hallyday died "it's like they took away the Eiffel Tower in the middle of

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the night.”

Fittingly, the words “Thank you Johnny” are being displayed on the famed Paris monument over the weekend.

Hallyday likely would have approved of this send-off, having told French media he dreaded the idea of an isolated funeral like the one he attended for his father in 1989.

“That day, I was the only one there. Not a woman, not a friend. Absolute solitude in death. I wouldn’t like to end like that,” he said.

Other funeral guests included actor Jean Dujardin as well as former Presidents Francois Hollande and Nicolas Sarkozy, who officiated at Hallyday’s last marriage.

The scale of the French adoration for him impressed even those who were not fans.

“I don’t know Johnny. But today is a rare opportunity to walk down the Champs-Elysees with no cars,” said Qiao Pin, a 27-year-old student from Beijing. “Now, I see he’s a very famous star. There’s no one that popular in China.”

Hallyday is expected to be buried in the French Caribbean island of St. Barts where he owned a house. He is survived by his wife Laeticia, two of his former wives, four children and three grandchildren.

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## Trump trying to help push Moore across Alabama finish line

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE and BILL BARROW, Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Florida (AP) — President Donald Trump is trying to push embattled GOP Senate candidate Roy Moore across the finish line in Tuesday’s election in Alabama by contending the Democratic nominee would oppose “what we must do” for the nation.

Trump, in a tweet early Saturday, hours after boosting Moore’s campaign during a Florida rally, framed the race as a referendum on his efforts to reshape the country and said Democrat Doug Jones would work in lockstep with his party’s leaders on Capitol Hill to oppose the Trump agenda.

With Moore denying allegations of sexual misconduct that have arisen late in the campaign, Trump basked in what he called “a big contingent of very enthusiastic Roy Moore fans” at the Friday night event in Pensacola, the Florida Panhandle city near the state line with Alabama.

In a rally cry to Alabama voters, the president tweeted that “we can’t have” a liberal in the mold of Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., holding the seat in a Senate where the GOP holds a slim 52-48 edge.

“Need your vote to Make America Great Again! Jones will always vote against what we must do for our Country,” Trump wrote.

At the campaign-style event in Pensacola, Trump claimed Jones was the Democratic leaders’ “total puppet and everybody knows it.”

Trump’s wide-ranging speech also touched on the immigration system and the nation’s economic performance since he took office. As Trump spoke about Moore, the Republican candidate tweeted Trump’s comments to his own followers.

Trump also taunted Beverly Nelson, one of Moore’s accusers, who had presented a yearbook inscription by Moore as a key piece of evidence that the candidate knew his accuser. Nelson said Friday she had added a notation marking the date and place where it was signed.

“Did you see what happened today? You know, the yearbook? Did you see that? There was a little mistake made,” Trump said, shifting to singsong. “She started writing things in the yearbook.”

Nelson’s attorney, Gloria Allred, said a handwriting expert has found Moore’s signature in the 1977 yearbook to be authentic.

Moore, who is 70, is facing multiple allegations of sexual misconduct, including accusations that he molested two teenage girls and pursued romantic relationships with several others while in his 30s. Moore has denied the allegations.



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During the rally, Trump also crowed about stock market gains and other upbeat economic indicators. He said he was confident he'd win re-election in 2020, despite his dismal approval rating.

The White House said the rally was a campaign event for Trump. But the location — so close to Alabama and feeding its television markets — stoked speculation that it was a backdoor way for the president to boost Moore's campaign without actually setting foot in the state.

White House spokesman Raj Shah said the president and White House have made clear that the Moore allegations are "troubling and concerning" and "should be taken seriously." He also noted that Moore has maintained his innocence, and said that should be considered as well.

"Ultimately his endorsement is about the issues," Shah said.

Trump, who overcame allegations of sexual misconduct to win last year's presidential election, looked past the charges against Moore and formally endorsed the former Alabama judge this past week for the seat once held by Jeff Sessions, now U.S. attorney general.

Friday's campaign rally was Trump's first since September, when he went to Alabama to campaign for Sen. Luther Strange, who lost the GOP runoff election to Moore.

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## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2017. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state of the Union.

On this date:

In 1520, Martin Luther publicly burned the papal edict demanding that he recant parts of his 95 Theses, or face excommunication.

In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.

In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

In 1931, Jane Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; the co-recipient was Nicholas Murray Butler.

In 1946, newspaperman Damon Runyon, known for his short stories featuring colorful Broadway denizens, died at a New York hospital at age 66.

In 1950, Ralph J. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, the first black American to receive the award.

In 1964, Martin Luther King Jr. received his Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, saying he accepted it "with an abiding faith in America and an audacious faith in the future of mankind."

In 1967, singer Otis Redding, 26, and six others were killed when their plane crashed into Wisconsin's Lake Monona; one passenger, Ben Cauley, survived.

In 1972, baseball's American League adopted the designated hitter rule on an experimental basis for three years.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev concluded three days of summit talks in Washington. Violinist Jascha Heifetz died in Los Angeles at age 86.

In 1994, Yasser Arafat, Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin received the Nobel Peace Prize, pledging to pursue their mission of healing the anguished Middle East.

In 1996, South African President Nelson Mandela signed the country's new constitution into law during a ceremony in Sharpeville.

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Ten years ago: Suspended NFL star Michael Vick was sentenced by a federal judge in Richmond, Virginia, to 23 months in prison for bankrolling a dogfighting operation and killing dogs that underperformed (Vick served 19 months at Leavenworth). Madison Square Garden and New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas reached an \$11.5 million settlement of a sexual harassment case brought by former team executive Anucha Browne Sanders. Cristina Fernandez was sworn in as Argentina's first elected female president. Former Vice President Al Gore accepted the Nobel Peace Prize with a call for humanity to rise up against a looming climate crisis and stop waging war on the environment.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama told auto workers in Michigan that he would not compromise on his demand that tax rates go up for the top 2 percent of American earners to help reduce the deficit. A judge announced that former International Monetary Fund leader Dominique Strauss-Kahn and a New York City hotel maid had signed a settlement of her sexual-assault lawsuit stemming from a May 2011 encounter. Marijuana for recreational use became legal in Colorado.

One year ago: Donald Trump's presidential transition team challenged the veracity of U.S. intelligence assessments that Russia had tried to tip the November election to the Republican; Democratic Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said he would press for a congressional investigation in the new year. Louisiana voters chose to send Republican state Treasurer John Kennedy to the nation's capital, filling the nation's last U.S. Senate seat and giving the GOP a 52-48 edge in the chamber when the new term began in January. In college football, Army ended a 14-year run of frustration against Navy with a 21-17 victory. Sophomore quarterback Lamar Jackson became the first Louisville player to win the Heisman Trophy.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tommy Kirk is 76. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 76. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 76. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 76. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 71. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 71. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 66. Actress Susan Dey is 65. Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich is 61. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 60. Actor John York (TV: "General Hospital") is 59. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh (BRAH'-nah) is 57. Actress Nia Peeples is 56. TV chef Bobby Flay is 53. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 52. Rock musician Scot (cq) Alexander (Dishwalla) is 46. Actress-comedian Arden Myrin is 44. Rock musician Meg White (The White Stripes) is 43. Actress Emmanuelle Chriqui is 42. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 42. Actor Gavin Houston is 40. Actor Alano Miller is 38. Violinist Sarah Chang is 37. Rock musician Noah Harmon (Airborne Toxic Event) is 36. Actor Patrick John Flueger is 34. Country singer Meghan Linsey is 32. Actress Raven-Symone is 32.

Thought for Today: "Originality and a feeling of one's own dignity are achieved only through work and struggle." — Feodor Dostoyevsky, Russian author (1821-1881).

## Israeli defense chief calls for Arab boycott after protests

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's defense minister called Sunday for a boycott of Arab businesses in an area where residents took part in violent protests against President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital, as a Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard in the volatile city in the first attack since the dramatic announcement.

Avigdor Lieberman, who heads the nationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, said the Arabs of Wadi Ara in northern Israel were "not part of us" and that Jewish Israelis should no longer visit their villages and buy their products. Hundreds of Israeli Arabs protested Saturday along a major highway in northern Israel, where dozens of masked rioters hurled stones at buses and police vehicles. Three Israelis were wounded and several vehicles were damaged.

"These people do not belong to the state of Israel. They have no connection to this country," Lieberman told Israel's Army Radio. "Moreover, I would call on all citizens of Israel — stop going to their stores, stop buying, stop getting services, simply a boycott on Wadi Ara. They need to feel that they are not welcome here."

Lieberman has long called for Wadi Ara to be included in his proposed swap of lands and populations as part of a future peace agreement with the Palestinians. The residents, like many of Israel's Arab minority, sympathize with the Palestinians of the West Bank and often openly identify with them. But they are also

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Israeli citizens who largely reject the notion of becoming part of a future Palestinian state.

The comments sparked criticism of racism and collective punishment toward a community of which only a small minority were violent. It also raised questions about how Israel could so aggressively oppose international boycott campaigns against it while one of its most senior ministers called for one against its own citizens.

Ayman Odeh, the head of the Arab Joint list in parliament, said Lieberman's call for a boycott of Arabs was reminiscent of the worst regimes in history. Gilad Erdan, the minister of public security from the ruling Likud Party, said that Lieberman's diplomatic plan was not applicable and he rejected the notion of giving up the country's sovereignty just because it had Arab citizens.

The violent protests inside Israel were part of the larger Palestinian "day of rage" following Trump's announcement that he recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and planned to move the U.S. Embassy there.

Protests and demonstrations took place in dozens of locations across the West Bank, east Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, lands captured by Israel during the 1967 war that the Palestinians want to be part of their future state.

They resumed briefly Sunday, with Palestinian youths in the West Bank city of Bethlehem hurling stones toward Israeli soldiers, who fired back with rubber bullets and tear gas.

In Jerusalem, police said a 24-year-old Palestinian stabbed an Israeli security guard at the entrance to the city's central bus station. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the guard sustained a serious wound to his upper body and the attacker was apprehended.

Israel's Channel 10 TV news aired security camera footage from the scene showing the attacker removing his jacket near the security gate and then thrusting what looked like a knife into the guard's chest before fleeing.

In more than two years of intermittent attacks, Palestinians have killed more than 50 Israelis, two visiting Americans and a British tourist in stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks. Israeli forces have killed more than 260 Palestinians in that time, mostly attackers.

Trump's announcement raised fears that a new wave of violence would erupt in its wake. But three days of mass protests were relatively contained. Four Palestinians were killed in Gaza in Israeli airstrikes following rocket fire from there and in clashes along the border. In the West Bank there were dozens of injuries, but no deaths.

The status of Jerusalem lies at the core of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and Trump's move was widely perceived as siding with Israel. Even small crises over Jerusalem and the status of the holy sites in its Old City have sparked deadly bloodshed in the past. Trump's announcement triggered denunciations from around the world, even from close allies, that suggested he had needlessly stirred more conflict in an already volatile region.

In Israel, the move was embraced as a long overdue acknowledgement of Israel's seat of parliament and government and the historic capital of the Jewish people dating back 3,000 years. Upon departing for a diplomatic visit to Paris and Brussels, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said he was prepared to respond to critics.

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"While I respect Europe, I am not prepared to accept a double standard from it. I hear voices from there condemning President Trump's historic statement but I have not heard condemnations of the rockets fired at Israel or the terrible incitement against it," he said. "I am not prepared to accept this hypocrisy, and as usual at this important forum I will present Israel's truth without fear and with head held high."

## Saturday's Scores By The Associated Press

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Sioux Falls O'Gorman 76, Spearfish 39  
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