

# CN Morning Rundown: Trump to Hold Jan. 4 Rally in Georgia and More

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## Trump to Hold Jan. 4 Rally Ahead of Georgia Senate Runoffs

President Donald J. Trump is starting his New Year campaigning for Republican control of the Senate—and some say the country. In a recent tweet, he said: On behalf of two GREAT Senators, @sendavidperdue & @KLoeffler, I will be going to Georgia on Monday night, January 4th., to have a big and wonderful RALLY. So important for our Country that they win! – Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) December 27, 2020

The Republican National Committee is hosting the “Victory Rally” at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, in Dalton, Georgia. The rally is hoped to garner support for Republican incumbents Sen. Kelly Loeffler and Sen. David Perdue who face runoffs against Democratic challengers.

## How World War II’s Most Devastating Battle Brought a Christmas Eve Example of Peace Through Christ

One of the most inspiring stories of peace through Christ among ardent enemies unfolded in a potentially volatile setting. Here is the World War II story of a German mother, her 12-year-old son, three American soldiers and four German soldiers—each of the three parties previously unknown to one another, and how they came together to celebrate Christmas in 1944 in the height of the Battle of the Bulge. This battle was the turning point of World War II on the Western Front.

On Dec. 16, 1944, the Germans initiated a massive campaign against the Allies in the Ardennes Forest, a mountainous

region extending throughout Belgium, France and Luxembourg on the Western Front. Over 250,000 German troops mounted a blitzkrieg, attempting to divide the Allies in a major offensive from the Ardennes to Antwerp. This set the stage for the Battle of the Bulge. Heavy snowstorms erupted unexpectedly, forever changing the course of this infamous battle and possibly World War II, along with the individual lives of millions of people, and particularly nine individuals one Christmas Eve.

The soldiers were fighting in trenches, on the plains and on the mountain sides. Supplies came to a devastating halt. In thousands of cases, no ammunition, no food, no medical help, no shelter from the elements, no field jackets, no gloves, wet socks and wet, worn-out boots, no heat and separation from their platoons! Soldiers were using newspapers and curtains from the wreckage of houses and cabins that were bombed to wrap their feet in. Additionally, there was a lack of communication, broken morale and a broken chain of command.

HBO's 'His Dark Materials' Battles Deceitful and Intolerant God in Finale

Christmas may be over, but the hatred for Christianity still lives on in television. HBO's anti-religious series *His Dark Materials* brings on what could be 2020's final salute to atheism with a stand against the "deceit, intolerance and prejudice" of God in the name of "understanding, truth and acceptance."

The Dec. 28 season 2 finale "Æsahættr" finally shows the previously missing Lord Asriel (James McAvoy), an explorer who's been at odds with the religious oligarchy known as the Magisterium.

After his escape into a parallel world in last year's finale, his true goal unfolds, to gather the "fallen" angels for an even grander scheme. In addition to proving the existence of a

substance called “Dust” in defiance of their religious government, he pleads with the angels to join him in a battle against the ultimate religious figurehead: God Himself.

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