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Robotics at Eureka
Semifinals of Football Playoffs
6:00 pm: Groton Area hosts Aberdeen Roncalli



Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674

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Holiday open house

November 10-12

Thursday 9am-5pm

Friday 9am - 5pm

Saturday 10am-4pm

Discounts through
out the store

Daily door prize
drawings

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**6 p.m., Saturday
Football**

**Groton Area hosts Aberdeen Roncalli
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Volleyball Sweet 16

The brackets for the Sweet 16 Volleyball Tournament have been updated. The Region 7 semifinals will be played Saturday. So until those matches are done, the final brackets cannot be completed. The points for Region 7 are low so they will be seeded towards the bottom.

The location of the matches has not been determined yet. Groton is seeded 11th and will play Sixth Seeded West Central.

The brackets, as of now, are on the next page.

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Class A Volleyball Sweet 16

[Print Sweet 16](#)

The eight (8) winners of the Sweet 16 contests will be re-seeded for the State Tournament.

#1 Dakota Valley

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#16

STATE QUALIFIER

STATE QUALIFIER

#5 Mobridge-Pollock

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#12

#2 Custer

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#15

STATE QUALIFIER

STATE QUALIFIER

#6 West Central

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#11 Groton Area

Seed	School	Seed Pts.
1	Dakota Valley	45.50
2	Custer	45.31
3	SF Christian	45.14
4	Bon Homme	44.03
5	Mobridge-Pollock	43.73
6	West Central	43.65
7	St. Thomas More	43.55
8	Miller	43.43

Seed	School	Seed Pts.
9	Milbank Area	43.22
10	Madison	42.63
11	Groton Area	42.27

#3 SF Christian

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#14

STATE QUALIFIER

STATE QUALIFIER

#7 St. Thomas More

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#10 Madison

#4 Bon Homme

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#13

STATE QUALIFIER

STATE QUALIFIER

#8 Miller

Scores:

Date: 11/10/2016

Time:

Site:

Scores:

#9 Milbank Area

Lady Tigers advance to the Sweet 16

Groton Area avenged an earlier loss to Webster Area in the regional semifinal volleyball match held in Sisseton Thursday night. The Tigers defeated the Bearcats, 3-1.

Groton Area jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first game and led by as many as eight points, 20-12. The Bearcats rallied and closed to within two, 23-21, but Groton Area went on to win as Audrey Wanner hit an ace serve to clinch a 25-21 victory.

Webster Area got the early lead in the second game, 3-0, and held a 22-14 lead before the momentum switched to Groton's side. Groton Area scored five straight points to cut the lead to three, 22-19 and then it was a two-point game, 23-21, before Webster put the game away by scoring the last two points, 25-21.

The momentum continued on Groton's side into the third game, jumping out to a 5-1 lead and an 8-2 lead. Webster was unable to make any threats in the third game as Groton easily won, 25-10.

The match was carried live on GDILIVE.COM with over 600 viewers.

Webster Area, now trailing, 2-1, put up a huge fight in the fourth game. The Tigers fought back throughout the fourth game. Webster had the 3-0 lead and Groton came back to tie the game at five and took the lead, 7-5. Webster tied the game at nine, 12 and 13 before taking the lead, 14-13. Groton tied the game at 14 and 15 before taking the 16-15 lead. Webster tied the game at 16 and took a 17-16 lead. The Bearcats opened up a three-point lead, 22-19. A Taylor Holm kill tied the game at 22. A kill by the Bearcats put Webster back on top, 23-22. A block by Taylor Holm tied the game at 23. A huge play followed as Webster hit the ball into Groton's side, the Tigers could not return it, but a net violation was called by the Bearcats and Groton got the point, to take the lead, 24-23. On the last volley of the game, the Bearcats hit the ball into the net giving Groton Area the 25-23 win.

Groton Area was 81 of 87 in serving with eight ace serves. Audrey Wanner was 18 of 18 with three ace serves and Payton Maine was 15 of 17 with two ace serves.

In hits, Groton Area was 164 of 186 with 46 kills. Taylor Holm was 24 of 26 with 12 kills, Audrey Wanner was 51 of 61 with 11 kills and Gia Gengerke was 26 of 32 with 11 kills.

In blocks, Groton Area had 12 with Gia Gengerke having two solo and five assists and Taylor Holm hav-



Audrey Wanner gets the hit with Taylor Holm pictured on the left. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Gia Gengerke battles with Webster's Hailey Rithmiller at the net. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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ing one solo and four assists.

The Tigers had 87 digs with Paityn Bonn having 19 and Katie Koehler 18. The Tigers were 153 of 154 in sets with 39 assists. Katie Koehler was 121 of 122 with 33 assists and Paityn Bonn was 15 of 15 with five assists.

Groton Area, now 17-7, will be playing West Central in the Sweet 16 round on Thursday. The location has not been finalized yet.

What is the Sweet 16? There are no more regional championship games in Class A. The semifinal winners, which there will be 16, will be reseeded. The matches will be played at neutral sites across the state. The winners of the Sweet 16 will advance to the state tournament Nov. 17-19 in Watertown.



Jessica Bjerke gets ready to return the ball for the Tigers. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Katie Koehler sets the ball up for the Tiger offensive. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)



Paityn Bonn eyes the ball and returns to the Webster side. (Photo by Julianna Kosel)

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These candidates support protecting family values, the right to life,
and earned the endorsement of the National Rifle Association



**Brock
Greenfield**
State Senate



**Burt
TULSON**
State House
Thank You



**LANA
GREENFIELD**
DISTRICT 2
FOR HOUSE

You can early vote now at your county courthouse
Election day is November 8th at your regular polling place

SAMPLE GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

A	November 8, 2016	B	SOUTH DAKOTA
<p>For State Representative District 02 you may vote for up to two or leave it blank</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lana Greenfield</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Burton "Burt" Tulson</p>		<p>Instructions to the Voter: To vote for a person FILL IN the oval next to the name. To vote on a ballot question FILL IN the oval next to "yes" or "no". Use only a pencil or pen. If you make a mistake, give the ballot back and get a new one. DO NOT cast more votes than are allowed in each race.</p> <p>For State Senator District 02 you may vote for one or leave it blank</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brock L. Greenfield</p>	

Paid for by Greenfield Campaign Committee and Tulson for House

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Groton Post No. 39 American Legion



Annual



Turkey Party

Saturday, Nov. 12, 2016

Starting at 6:30 p.m.

Groton Legion Post Home, 10 N. Main.

Turkey, Ham and Bacon
to be given away

FREE ADMISSION

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Lunch served
by Auxiliary



Groton United Methodist Church Fall Dinner

Sunday, November 6, 2016

11 am to 1:30 pm

Roast Beef Dinner

Adults \$10 Children 6 - 10 \$5

Children age 5 and under Free



GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA November 7, 2016 - 7pm Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Bills
- 4) Department Reports – Herron, Zerr, Lambertz
- 5) Underground Electric Service for MJ's
- 6) Load management Report
- 7) New Rates for 2017 from WAPA & Heartland
- 8) SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems – meeting on age of infrastructure & workers
- 9) Police vehicle
- 10) Contingency Transfers
- 11) Liquor Report and License Renewals
- 12) Heartland Winter Conference- Dec 8 – Flandreau
- 13) Health Insurance Rates
- 14) Exe Session – Legal and Personnel 1-25-2 (1) or (3)

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Today in Weather History

November 5, 1959: A strong cold front brought near blizzard conditions and bitterly cold temperatures. High temperatures in many locations only reached the upper teens. Some daytime highs include; 19 degrees in Pierre and Waubay; 18 degrees in Aberdeen, Faulkton, Kennebec, Pollock and Roscoe; 17 degrees in Eureka, Gettysburg, Mobridge and Watertown; and 15 degrees in Timber Lake and near McIntosh. Some record or near record lows also occurred near midnight on the 5th. Some lows include; 2 degrees in Aberdeen; 1 degree near McIntosh; 0 degrees in Timber Lake and Pollock; and 2 degrees below zero in Kennebec.

1894: A significant snowstorm impacted New England on November 5 through the 6. It formed off the New Jersey coast on the 5th and passed east of Connecticut with rapidly increasing heavy rain and snow, along with high winds. The heavy snow and high winds caused significant damage to trees and brought down telegraph poles by the hundreds. The telegraph and telephone service in all southern New England was crippled, and fallen poles and trees delayed railroad trains.

1961 - Strong Santa Ana winds fanned the flames of the Bel Air and Brentwood fires in southern California destroying many homes. At 10 PM the Los Angeles Civic Center reported a temperature of 74 degrees along with a dew point of 5 degrees. On the 6th, Burbank reported a relative humidity of three percent. (The Weather Channel)

1977 - A slow moving storm produced five to nine inch rains across northern Georgia causing the Toccoa Dam to burst. As the earthen dam collapsed the waters rushed through the Toccoa Falls Bible College killing three persons in the dorms. Thirty-eight persons perished at a trailer park along the stream. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Low pressure off the California coast produced stormy weather in the southwestern U.S. Flash flooding stranded 8000 persons in the Death Valley National Park of southern California. Thunderstorms over southern Nevada produced dime size hail and wind gusts to 68 mph around Las Vegas. Unseasonably mild weather in the northeastern U.S. was replaced with snow and gale force winds. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A powerful low pressure system produced high winds from the Great Plains to New England, and produced heavy snow in northern Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Winds gusted to 64 mph at Knoxville TN, and reached 80 mph at Pleasant Valley VT. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Temperatures warmed into the 80s across much of Texas. Highs of 86 degrees at Abilene, Fort Worth and San Angelo were records for the date. (The National Weather Summary)

1991: Nearly 3,000 individuals were killed in the Philippines when Tropical Storm Thelma produced massive flooding on this day. This storm was the second major disaster of the year as Mount Pinatubo violently erupted on June 12th.

2002 - Severe thunderstorms moved across southeastern Alabama and the Florida panhandle, producing wind damage and several tornadoes. A tornado struck the Alabama town of Abbeville killing 2 people and injuring 25 (Associated Press).

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Today



Sunny

High: 75 °F

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Low: 44 °F

Sunday



Mostly Sunny
then Slight
Chance
Showers

High: 68 °F

Sunday
Night



Slight Chance
Showers

Low: 50 °F

Monday



Mostly Sunny

High: 63 °F

Monday
Night



Mostly Clear

Low: 37 °F

Tuesday



Sunny

High: 57 °F

Records Could Fall Today

<u>Location</u>	<u>Forecast Temp</u>	<u>Record Temp</u>	<u>Year Set</u>
Aberdeen	75° F	75° F	1975
Watertown	76° F	73° F	2001
Pierre	78° F	80° F	1975
Mobridge	73° F	73° F	1916
Sisseton	76° F	78° F	1975
Kennebec	81° F	84° F	2001
Timber Lake	73° F	74° F	2001
Wheaton	74° F	78° F	2001



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 11/5/2016 4:00 AM Central

Published on: 11/05/2016 at 4:14AM

Warm air across the region will result in another day with temperatures well above average - by some 30 degrees! The result is that a couple of records could fall by days end. Looks for some increase in clouds Sunday with a stray shower or sprinkle late Sunday and into early Monday. Above normal temperatures will continue into next week - though not quite so hot.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 71.2 F at 4:42 PM

Low Outside Temp: 35.9 F at 6:06 AM

High Gust: 13.0 Mph at 9:21 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 79° in 2004

Record Low: -6° in 2003

Average High: 46°F

Average Low: 24°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.15

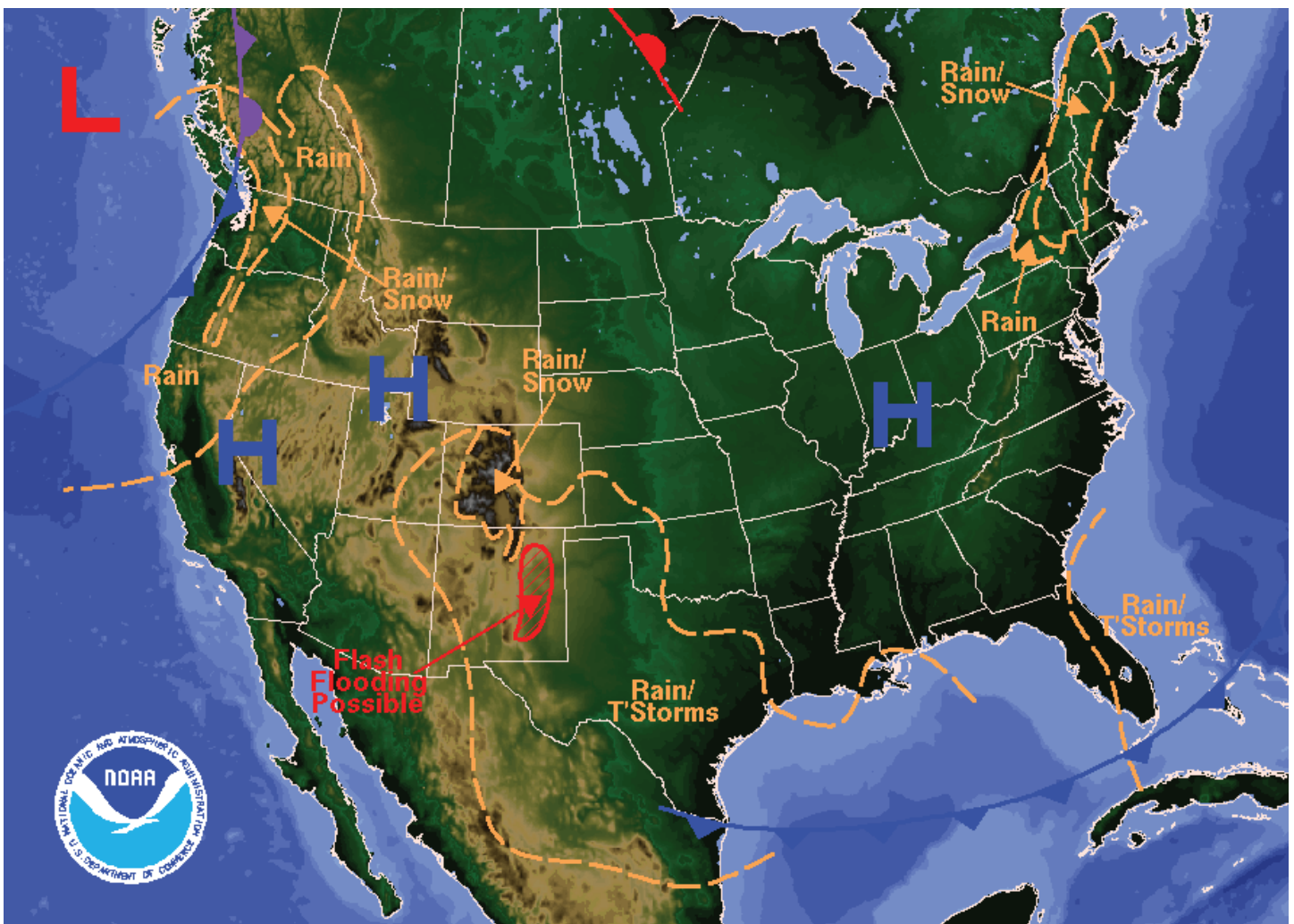
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.62

Precip Year to Date: 15.00

Sunset Tonight: 6:14 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Nov 05, 2016, issued 4:39 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Santorelli based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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HE'S NEVER THERE

The family was enjoying a meal together after the morning worship service. Grandmother, always interested in her granddaughter Sara, turned to her and asked, "What did you learn in church today?"

"Well," she said after thinking a moment, "I learned that the church is God's house. But you know, Grandma, I never see Him when I go."

That makes me wonder what Sara might have been looking for. Surely there were songs and the reading of Scripture. No doubt the people greeted one another and exchanged smiles and handshakes. There certainly was a sermon about the church being "God's house." But Sara was not able to "see" God at home in His home. Perhaps no one explained to her how one might recognize God.

Paul, in describing how Christians ought to "fellowship" said, "Try to understand what the Lord wants you to do." The problem is not that we do not understand what we are to do, but in doing what we understand that God wants us to do.

The early church was known for the caring way Christians honored and respected each other. This came from their reverence and respect for Christ and their desire to live lives that pleased Him. Could it be that people looking for God in our churches cannot see Him "in His home" because we lack His compassion and care for one another?

Prayer: Help us, Lord, to reflect Your presence in our lives by the care and concern we have for one another. May everyone see Your love in all that we do. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 5:15-21 Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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News from the Associated Press

Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

Volleyball

District 2B

Championship

Northwestern def. Warner, 18-25, 17-25, 25-22, 25-21, 15-6

District 3B

Championship

Potter County def. Herreid/Selby Area, 17-25, 16-25, 25-16, 25-15, 15-12

District 4B

Championship

Sully Buttes def. Highmore-Harrold, 25-9, 25-9, 25-9

District 6B

Championship

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. James Valley Christian, 25-15, 25-11, 22-25, 25-27, 15-4

District 8B

Championship

Hanson def. Ethan, 25-20, 25-17, 25-27, 25-23

District 9B

Championship

Parker def. Freeman Academy/Marion, 25-10, 25-18, 25-17

District 11B

Championship

Platte-Geddes def. Kimball/White Lake, 25-10, 25-18, 25-21

District 12B

Championship

Burke/South Central def. Avon, 25-21, 25-22, 25-12

District 14B

Championship

Philip def. Rapid City Christian, 25-18, 23-25, 22-25, 27-25, 15-7

District 15B

Championship

Timber Lake def. Dupree, 25-23, 20-25, 25-15, 25-18

District 16B

Championship

Harding County def. Bison, 25-21, 25-17, 19-25, 26-24

Friday's Scores

By The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Class 11AAA

Semifinal

Brandon Valley 49, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 46

Class 11AA

Semifinal

Harrisburg 61, Spearfish 7

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Mitchell 52, Pierre 14

Class 11A

Semifinal

Madison 35, St. Thomas More 19

Tea Area 32, Dell Rapids 21

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AP Photo VARIT101, VARIT102, VARIT103, VARIT104

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Is the phone ringing? It might be a ballot measure campaign

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Organizers of a ballot measure to publicly fund political candidates are working the phones, aiming to win over 2,500 undecided voters a day even as opponents also make calls. Events in Sioux Falls and around the state offer candidates their final chance to pitch voters.

It's the homestretch to Election Day, when South Dakota will decide on 10 ballot measures, not to mention candidates for president, U.S. House and Senate, the Public Utilities Commission and state legislative seats.

"We'll call through middle of the afternoon Tuesday for sure," said Ben Lee, chairman of a group fighting against the public campaign finance measure, which would allow voters to tap a state fund to send two \$50 credits to participating political candidates, tighten campaign finance and lobbying laws and create an ethics commission.

The opposition campaign is building on 140,000 voter contacts foes have already made. Measure supporters have door-knocking planned on top of the phone calls aimed at undecided voters, campaign manager Richard Carlbom said.

This election cycle, South Dakota's ballot measure campaigns have been the races to watch since the Democratic challengers to Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem have struggled to make headway against the Republican incumbents. GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump is heavily favored to carry the state.

Late-breaking contributions in some races could help shift opinion. The South Dakota Republican Party on Thursday announced a donation of \$70,000 to a group opposing a ballot measure that would remove candidates' party affiliations from primary and general election ballots.

Since late May, a group supporting the amendment has taken in over \$1.2 million in cash and in-kind contributions, including about \$820,000 in cash from the New York nonprofit Open Primaries. In recent days, the campaign has reported more donations, including \$20,000 from Republican supporter Joe Kirby.

There have been teams of canvassers in 10 communities over the past week, according to the campaign.

A Georgia-based car title lender made a contribution reported Tuesday of \$400,000 toward opposing a ballot measure that would cap short-term loan interest rates. Federal Communications Commission records show the group is airing more than 120 ad spots across KELO-TV, KSFY-TV and KDLT-TV.

The organization has also sponsored mail advertising attacking the rate cap, while a different payday

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lending chain put over \$75,000 into the race this week.

Supporters of the measure that would limit interest charged by businesses such as payday, auto title and installment lenders licensed in South Dakota to 36 percent annually have been immensely outfunded. They've made a modest radio ad buy and have a prayer walk planned for Sunday in Sioux Falls, overall relying on volunteers and church denominations across the state.

"I expect it will be very important to our finish line for pastors to go out and encourage people to vote their conscience and their values on Tuesday," said pastor Steve Hickey, a former Republican lawmaker supporting the measure, according to the Argus Leader.

The South Dakota Democratic Party is holding a get-out-the-vote rally Sunday in Sioux Falls with U.S. Senate Candidate Jay Williams and U.S. House Candidate Paula Hawks. Hawks also has events scheduled in Hartford and Oacoma.

"Every single vote matters. I won my last election by seven votes," Hawks, a state representative, told a Democratic forum Thursday evening in Sioux Falls.

Incumbent Noem recently returned from a stint west river and said she may go hunting on Election Day before heading to Sioux Falls. Thune said he's been running a "pick-up truck tour" visiting smaller communities and rural areas and is scheduled to hit Rapid City on Monday.

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Cause of devastating prairie fire might never be known

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The cause of a prairie fire that burned 64 square miles of grassland and killed nearly 300 cattle in western South Dakota last month might remain a mystery.

The Cottonwood Fire east of Rapid City scorched private land, state land and part of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland. It destroyed numerous rural buildings. No one was hurt.

Authorities said the fire was caused by a human, but that the precise cause might never be known. U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Kurt Tindel told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2fITyr4>) that officials don't think the fire was intentionally set.

No primary residences were lost, but ranchers lost cabins and other outbuildings to the flames, which charred more than 41,000 acres of both privately owned rangeland and publicly owned areas of the Buffalo Gap National Grasslands.

"This was absolutely not the fault of the producers at all. They were doing everything they could to save their cattle. Conditions were not in our favor," said Adele Harty, South Dakota State University Extension cow-calf field specialist.

Harty said many of the dead cattle burned to death, while others survived but later had to be euthanized because of injuries.

"Not all of these (cows) died, but they would not be productive females come next year," Harty said.

According to Harty although she doesn't anticipate the number of cattle lost to rise, the losses for producers is exceptionally high. This comes at a time when sale prices for livestock are low. Harty said producers needed the lost cattle to produce more for next year.

Tindel said the U.S. Forest Service recently held a pair of meetings to inform families affected by the fire of the help available to them.

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

Man sentenced to 34 years for starting fires in Madison

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of starting two fires in Madison has been ordered to serve 34 years in prison.

Authorities say 25-year-old Travis Smith Jr. started fires in the apartment building where he lived and in a convenience store in August. No injuries were reported in the fires.

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Smith initially faced seven charges including six felonies. He reached a deal with prosecutors and pleaded guilty last month to two counts of reckless burning and one count of aggravated assault.

He was sentenced Wednesday to 20 years in prison on the assault charge and 10 years on each of the reckless burning charges. The judge suspended three years of each 10-year sentence and ordered all of the sentences to run consecutively.

No one hurt in semitrailer, freight train crash near Roscoe

ROSCOE, S.D. (AP) — No one was hurt when a freight train and a semitrailer collided in northeastern South Dakota's Edmunds County.

The American News reports (<http://bit.ly/2fj0ONO>) that the semitrailer hauling corn was split in half in the midday Thursday crash 2 miles west of Roscoe.

State Public Safety spokesman Tony Mangan says the semi driver didn't see the train at the crossing. He says charges are pending against the driver.

Information from: Aberdeen American News, <http://www.aberdeennews.com>

Rapid City drug bust turns up record amount of heroin

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A drug bust operation in Rapid City resulted in what authorities say is a record amount of heroin recovered in western South Dakota.

Police say the Wednesday operation that involved arrests of two people in separate motel rooms turned up methamphetamine, cash, a gun and more than 16 ounces of heroin.

Authorities say the heroin was enough for 4,600 individual doses, with a total street value of more than \$185,000.

Sgt. Dale McCabe says that's a record for the region. He says it shows the amount of demand for the drug.

Tens of thousands call on South Korea's president to quit

By TONG-HYUNG KIM, Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Tens of thousands of South Koreans poured into the streets of downtown Seoul on Saturday, using words including "treason" and "criminal" to demand that President Park Geun-hye step down amid an explosive political scandal.

The protest, the largest anti-government demonstration in the capital in nearly a year, came a day after Park apologized on live television amid rising suspicion that she allowed a mysterious confidante to manipulate power from the shadows.

Holding banners, candles and colorful signs that read "Park Geun-hye out" and "Treason by a secret government," a sea of demonstrators filled a large square in front of an old palace gate and the nearby streets, singing and thunderously applauding speeches calling for the ouster of the increasingly unpopular president.

They then shifted into a slow march in streets around City Hall, shouting "Arrest Park Geun-hye," "Step down, criminal" and "We can't take this any longer," before moving back to the square and cheering on more speeches that continued into the night.

"Park should squarely face the prosecution's investigation and step down herself. If she doesn't, politicians should move to impeach her," said Kim Seo-yeon, one of the many college students who participated in the protest.

"She absolutely lost all authority as president over the past few weeks," he said.

Earlier in the week, prosecutors arrested Choi Soon-sil, the daughter of a late cult leader and a long-time friend of Park, and detained two former presidential aides over allegations that they pressured

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businesses into giving \$70 million to two foundations Choi controlled.

There are also allegations that Choi, despite having no government job, regularly received classified information and meddled in various state affairs, including the appointment of ministers and policy decisions.

"I came out today because this is not the country I want to pass on to my children," said another demonstrator, Choi Kyung-ha, a mother of three. "My kids have asked me who Choi Soon-sil was and whether she's the real president, and I couldn't provide an answer."

Choi Tae-poong, a 57-year-old retiree, said he came out to protest because he thought the situation had reached a point where "no more patience is allowed."

"I cannot bear this anymore," he said.

Police estimated the crowd at 45,000, although protest organizers said about 200,000 people turned out.

Police used dozens of buses and trucks to create tight perimeters in streets around the square in front of the palace gate to close off paths to the presidential office and residence. Thousands of officers dressed in fluorescent yellow jackets and full riot gear stood in front of and between the vehicles as they closely monitored the protesters.

Smaller protests have taken place in the past few weeks in Seoul and other cities amid growing calls for Park to step down. While several politicians have individually called for Park's ouster, opposition parties have yet to attempt a serious push for her resignation or impeachment in fear of negatively impacting next year's presidential election.

"How many more astonishing things must happen before this country changes for the better?" said Park Won-soon, the opposition mayor of Seoul and a potential presidential candidate, vowing to push for the president's resignation.

President Park has tried to stabilize the situation by firing eight aides and nominating three new top Cabinet officials, including the prime minister, but opposition parties have described her personnel reshuffles as a diversionary tactic.

One national poll released Friday had Park's approval rating at 5 percent, the lowest for any president in South Korea since the country achieved democracy in the late 1980s following decades of military dictatorship.

In Friday's televised apology, Park commented on the corruption allegations surrounding Choi and her former aides and vowed to accept a direct investigation into her actions, but avoided the more damning allegation that Choi perhaps had interfered with important government decisions on policy and personnel.

Opposition parties, sensing weakness, immediately threatened to push for her ouster if she doesn't distance herself from domestic affairs and transfer the duties to a prime minister chosen by parliament. The parties have also called for a separate investigation into the scandal led by a special prosecutor.

Park has 15 months left in her term. If she resigns before the end of it, South Korean laws require the country to hold an election to pick a new president within 60 days.

Iraqi units clear Mosul buildings after advances, IS attacks

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA, Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi special forces cleared buildings on Saturday in neighborhoods they entered in eastern Mosul a day earlier, after pushing out Islamic State militants in their drive to take back the city.

Fighting continued in the morning, with both sides firing mortars and automatic weapons on each

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other's positions, while the Iraqi troops also responded with artillery. Clashes were most intense in the al-Bakr neighborhood. Sniper duels played out from rooftops in the mostly residential areas, where the majority of buildings are two stories high.

"Daesh is in the city center and we must be very careful as our forces advance," said Maj. Gen. Sami al-Aridi of the Iraqi special forces, using the Arabic acronym for the IS group. With more densely packed neighborhoods ahead, his forces will be challenged to avoid both higher military and civilian casualties.

As he spoke, dozens of civilians in the Tahrir and Zahara districts emerged from their homes, some of them carrying white flags, and headed toward the troops to be evacuated from the battlefield.

The special forces launched a two-pronged assault deeper into Mosul's urban center on Friday, unleashing the most intense street battles against IS militants since the offensive to retake the city began nearly three weeks ago. At least seven special forces troops have been killed in the fighting.

More than 3,000 Iraqi troops took part in the assault under heavy U.S.-led coalition air support, but the pace of the fight also slowed as Iraqi forces moved from fighting in more rural areas with few civilians to the tight, narrow streets of Mosul proper. At least seven suicide attackers in explosives-laden vehicles attacked troops on Friday, five of whom were killed before nearing their targets.

The operation to retake Mosul is expected to take weeks if not months. Moving from neighborhood to neighborhood in house-to-house battles through warrens of booby-trapped buildings is time consuming and Iraq's military has repeatedly opted for slower operations in an effort to minimize casualties.

Some 1 million civilians still remain in the city, complicating the advance. IS militants have driven thousands of residents deeper into the city's built-up areas to be used as human shields, while hundreds of others have fled toward government-controlled territory and thousands have headed west into Syria.

On Saturday, recent satellite images emerged showing that the extremists have set up formidable defenses designed to bog down advancing forces, including rows of concrete barricades, earthen berms and rubble blocking key routes leading to the core of the city.

The images taken Monday and made public by Stratfor, a private intelligence firm based in Austin, Texas, also showed that IS fighters have cleared terrain and leveled buildings around Mosul airport and a nearby former military base on the west bank of the Tigris. The defenses "will pose a substantial tactical challenge" to advancing Iraqi troops as they make their way toward central Mosul, the firm said.

Mosul is the last major IS stronghold in Iraq, and expelling the militant group from the city would be a major blow to the survival of its self-styled "caliphate" that stretches into Syria.

Iraqi forces have made uneven progress in closing in on the city since the operation began on Oct. 17. Advances have been slower from the south, with government troops still some 20 miles (35 kilometers) away. Kurdish fighters and Iraqi army units are deployed to the north, while government-sanctioned Shiite militias are sweeping in from the west to try to cut off any IS escape route.

Some advances are being made in the south, however. On Saturday, Iraqi forces assaulted IS positions in the town of Hamam al-Alil, which lies along the Tigris river about 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the southernmost parts of Mosul.

Kurdish television channel Rudaw broadcast live footage of Iraqi troops and armored vehicles amassing outside the city as an attack helicopter fired rockets into the city.

Truckloads full of as many as 1,600 civilians may have been forcibly moved from Hamam al-Alil to Tal Afar earlier this week and could be transferred onward into Syria for likely use as human shields, the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights warned Friday. Another 150 families from the town were moved to Mosul itself, the U.N. said.

Also in the south, Iraqi troops approached the outskirts of Hamam al-Alil, but were facing resistance from IS fighters, said Lt. Col. Hussein Ali of the Iraqi Army's 15th division. He predicted that Iraqi forces

could take the town in a day or two.

Associated Press writers Adam Schreck in Irbil, Iraq and Balint Szlanko at Qayara air base contributed to this report.

2 New York police sergeants shot, 1 killed; suspect dead

By JAKE PEARSON and JENNIFER PELTZ, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A police sergeant was shot and killed and a second one was wounded Friday in a gunfight on a street with an armed man who had broken into his estranged wife's home, officials said.

The gunman also was killed in the exchange of shots that took the life of Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo, a 19-year veteran of the New York Police Department and the father of two young children.

"The city is in mourning, and the family of the NYPD is in mourning," Mayor Bill de Blasio said at a news conference held at a Bronx hospital.

The mayor, a Democrat, called Tuozzolo "a very good man, a devoted man, a man who committed his life to protecting all of us."

The other wounded sergeant, Emmanuel Kwo, was undergoing treatment for a gunshot wound to the leg, officials said.

The violent encounter began to unfold at 2:45 p.m., when a woman called police and said a Long Island man, Manuel Rosales, had forced his way into an apartment where his estranged wife and their 3-year-old son were staying. Rosales stayed for hours before fleeing, police said.

Patrol officers spotted his car just a few minutes later about a half-mile away. Several officers converged on the vehicle. As they approached, Rosales opened fire with a .45-caliber semi-automatic pistol, police said.

Tuozzolo was shot at close quarters, police Commissioner James O'Neill said.

"There's nothing worse than a day like today," O'Neill said.

News helicopter footage of the scene showed the red SUV that Rosales had been driving mounted on a sidewalk, pinned between a flatbed truck and a police vehicle.

Area resident Gary Mayo, a city worker, was home on a day off when he heard five or six booms.

"That doesn't sound like firecrackers," he said he thought.

From the terrace of his fourth-floor apartment he saw a swarm of police cars converging on a nearby street and could tell whatever happened was "something really big," he said.

Rosales, 35, had a history of 17 arrests, some related to domestic disputes, and had served time in state prison for possession of stolen property.

A court issued an order in January 2015 telling him to stay away from his wife. In July, he was arrested in Bay Shore and was accused of violating that order by grabbing her hair and yanking her head back and forth.

He was scheduled to appear in court on Long Island on Nov. 16 on a charge of violating a protective order.

A lawyer who previously represented Rosales said he wasn't violent but declined to comment further.

Tuozzolo is the fifth New York Police Department officer to be fatally shot in the line of duty in the last two years.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said in a statement that Tuozzolo had "made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty."

Nassau County Police Benevolent Association president James Carver issued a statement Friday night saying "It is a sad day for law enforcement."

He said Tuozzolo was a Long Island resident and that the PBA would do whatever it could to support his family and that of Kwo.

Melania Trump modeled in US prior to getting work visa

By ALICIA A. CALDWELL, CHAD DAY and JAKE PEARSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Melania Trump was paid for 10 modeling jobs in the United States worth \$20,056 that occurred in the seven weeks before she had legal permission to work in the country, according to detailed accounting ledgers, contracts and related documents from 20 years ago provided to The Associated Press.

The details of Mrs. Trump's early paid modeling work in the U.S. emerged in the final days of a bitter presidential campaign in which her husband, Donald Trump, has taken a hard line on immigration laws and those who violate them. Trump has proposed broader use of the government's E-verify system allowing employers to check whether job applicants are authorized to work. He has noted that federal law prohibits illegally paying immigrants.

Mrs. Trump, who received a green card in March 2001 and became a U.S. citizen in 2006, has always maintained that she arrived in the country legally and never violated the terms of her immigration status. During the presidential campaign, she has cited her story to defend her husband's hard line on immigration.

The wife of the GOP presidential nominee, who sometimes worked as a model under just her first name, has said through an attorney that she first came to the U.S. from Slovenia on Aug. 27, 1996, on a B1/B2 visitor visa and then obtained an H-1B work visa on Oct. 18, 1996.

The documents obtained by the AP show she was paid for 10 modeling assignments between Sept. 10 and Oct. 15, during a time when her visa allowed her generally to be in the U.S. and look for work but not perform paid work in the country. The documents examined by the AP indicate that the modeling assignments would have been outside the bounds of her visa.

It is highly unlikely that the discovery will affect the citizenship status of Mrs. Trump. The government can seek to revoke the U.S. citizenship of immigrants after the fact in cases when it determines a person willfully misrepresented or concealed facts relevant to his naturalization. But the government effectively does this in only the most egregious cases, such as instances involving terrorism or war crimes.

The disclosures about the payments come as Mrs. Trump takes on a more substantial role advocating for her husband's candidacy. She made her first speech in months Thursday, in which she spoke of her time working as a model in Europe and her decision to come to the U.S.

"As a young entrepreneur, I wanted to follow my dream to a place where freedom and opportunity were in abundance. So of course, I came here," she said. "Living and working in America was a true blessing, but I wanted something more. I wanted to be an American."

The documents obtained by the AP included ledgers, other accounting documents and a management agreement signed by Mrs. Trump from Metropolitan International Management that covered parts of 1996 and 1997. The AP obtained the files this week after seeking copies since August from employees of the now-defunct modeling firm, after Mrs. Trump made comments earlier this summer that appeared inconsistent with U.S. immigration rules.

A New York immigration lawyer whom Mrs. Trump asked to review her immigration documents, Michael J. Wildes, also reviewed some of the ledgers at AP's request. Wildes said in a brief statement that "these documents, which have not been verified, do not reflect our records including corresponding passport stamps." He did not elaborate or answer additional questions asking for clarification. Wilde

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appeared to be referring to Mrs. Trump's arrival in the United States on Aug. 27, 1996, one day after the ledgers list a charge for car service to pick up Mrs. Trump from the airport. Trump campaign spokeswoman Hope Hicks also did not answer additional written questions from the AP.

Since questions arose earlier this year, Mrs. Trump has declined to publicly release her immigration records. Wildes, the immigration lawyer, released a letter in September that laid out the details of what he said Mrs. Trump's immigration records show, including a seven-week window in which Mrs. Trump was in the U.S. before her work visa was issued.

During that seven-week period, the ledgers list modeling work for clients that included Fitness magazine and Bergdorf Goodman department store. The management agreement, which said it was not an employment agreement, included a handwritten date of Aug. 27, 1996. The top of the document said it was "made and entered into as of this 4th day of September 1996."

Many of the documents were part of a legal dispute related to the dissolution of the firm in the late 1990s and found recently in storage. The accounting ledgers for the firm's models were listed on hundreds of pages of continuously fed paper that appeared yellowed with age. They were authenticated by a former employee who worked at the firm at the time. The employee spoke on condition of anonymity because this person feared retaliation and threats from Trump's presidential campaign.

Exhibit markings with the records were also consistent with documents filed in New York state court, including a deposition of one former partner that referred to the same exhibit number. The sworn testimony describing the exhibit's content matches the documents obtained by the AP.

A former partner, Paolo Zampolli, who previously told the AP that he recruited Mrs. Trump to come to the U.S. as a model, confirmed that the contract language was used by his firm and his signature appeared on the document. Mrs. Trump's signature on the contract resembled her signature on her marriage license recorded in 2005. Asked about the two dates on the document, Zampolli said he usually vacationed in Europe each August and likely arranged for the contract to be formally executed when he returned to New York after Labor Day, even though Mrs. Trump had signed it eight days earlier.

Zampolli previously told the AP that Mrs. Trump obtained a work visa before she modeled professionally in the United States. He said the ledgers for Mrs. Trump were consistent with printouts used by his firm at the time, but he would not personally vouch for them because he said money matters were handled by the company's chief financial officer, who has since died.

Zampolli said he did not recall Mrs. Trump working without legal permission. "Honestly, I don't know. It's like 20 years ago," he said. "The contract looks (like) a real one and the standard one."

Foreigners are not allowed to use a visitor visa to work for pay in the U.S. for American companies. Doing so would violate the terms of that visa and could prohibit a foreigner from later changing his or her immigration status in the U.S. or bar the foreigner from the United States again without special permission to come back. The E-verify system started in 1997— after Mrs. Trump came to the country— and was dramatically expanded after 2007.

Some ledgers obtained by the AP identify Mrs. Trump by her professional name and detail her involvement with the modeling agency from July 18, 1996, through Sept. 26, 1997. Other documents from the same accounting ledgers identify Mrs. Trump as Melanija Knaus and list \$20,526 in gross earnings for the period before she was granted her work visa on Oct. 18, 1996. The documents also show the modeling company paid for her rent, lent her money and paid for her pager.

Some ledgers were first made available to True.Ink, an online lifestyle publication, and then independently obtained and verified by the AP.

Metropolitan International Management managed the careers of about 65 women in 1996 and 1997, according to court records. It paid the women as independent contractors, collecting a 20 percent commission and deducting expenses. The ledger shows that the firm also deducted federal taxes from the

models' gross earnings, including Mrs. Trump's.

Pearson reported from New York.

Democrats across nation sue GOP alleging voter intimidation

By JOSH CORNFIELD and DAVID PORTER, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Lawyers for Democrats around the country are filing lawsuits claiming Republicans and the campaign of GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump are pushing supporters to intimidate and confront voters on Election Day.

Trump has called on his supporters to act as "election observers" in certain areas of the country to help prevent fraud.

In Ohio, a federal judge on Friday issued a temporary restraining order against Trump's campaign and his friend and informal adviser, Roger Stone, barring them from harassing or intimidating Ohio voters during Tuesday's election. Friday evening, a federal judge in Arizona denied a similar injunction request.

Attorneys representing the Democratic Party argued Friday in New Jersey court that the GOP was coordinating with Trump to intimidate voters, accusations that the Republican Party says are not true in that state or in five other states where Democrats are waging similar battles.

Here's a look at the cases being heard around the country:

NEW JERSEY

The case is different than the ones filed in the states as it relates to a consent decree in place since 1982 regulating what the Republican National Committee can do when it comes to issues of ballot security.

The consent decree was created after Democrats alleged that the RNC helped intimidate black voters during New Jersey's 1981 gubernatorial election. The RNC and New Jersey's Republican Party allegedly had off-duty law enforcement officers stand at polling places in urban areas wearing "National Ballot Security Task Force" armbands. Some had guns visible.

The RNC admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to the decree to settle the case. The decree only regulates work done by the RNC and is scheduled to end next year. The Democratic National Committee wants it extended another eight years, but needs to convince a judge that the RNC has violated the 34-year-old rules.

Joshua Kaul, an attorney representing the Democratic National Committee, told the judge in Newark, New Jersey, on Friday that Trump has "repeatedly encouraged his supporters to engage in vigilante efforts" in the guise of ferreting out potential voter fraud. Kaul said the RNC is participating.

Bobby Burchfield, an attorney for Republicans, told the judge that party volunteers are engaging in normal poll-watching and that Democrats haven't found one instance in which someone was intimidated or prevented from voting.

Judge John Michael Vazquez did not immediately rule.

OHIO

A federal judge said Friday in issuing a temporary restraining order against Trump's campaign and his friend Roger Stone that anyone who engaged in intimidation or harassment inside or near Ohio polling places would face contempt of court charges.

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U.S. District Judge James Gwin in Cleveland said charges would be filed regardless of political alliance. The judge's written order blocks activities from both campaigns that include unauthorized poll watching, the admonishing or questioning of voters, and taking photos or recording voters inside or near polling places.

The Ohio Democratic Party had claimed in its lawsuit that the Ohio GOP, the Trump campaign, Stone and Stone's political action committee Stop the Steal were conspiring to suppress minorities in urban areas from casting ballots on Tuesday. The lawsuit cited comments made by Trump and his surrogates about voter fraud and efforts by Democrats to steal the election.

Gwin dismissed the Ohio Republican Party as a defendant in the case.

David Pepper, chairman of the Ohio Democratic Party, said the judge's decision was "a big win for Ohio voters."

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Democratic Party on Friday filed a lawsuit Friday asking a judge to order the state Republican Party not to intimidate voters on Election Day.

Democrats sued in Detroit federal court, seeking an injunction against Republicans, Donald Trump's presidential campaign and GOP allies. The court filing listed no specific allegations in Michigan.

Republican spokeswoman Sarah Anderson said the lawsuit is "insulting and shameful." She called it a "desperate act" by supporters of Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton.

NEVADA

A federal judge in Las Vegas said Friday he'll hold a hearing Monday before deciding whether to restrict Election Day exit polling in Nevada by Republican political operative Roger Stone's group, "Stop the Steal."

Attorney Paul Jensen, representing Stone, said he needed time to prepare because he only recently got legal notice about a lawsuit alleging that Stone is encouraging what Nevada Democrats call "vigilante voter intimidation" by exit-pollers.

U.S. District Judge Richard Boulware said he's also keeping time open for a Tuesday hearing, in case allegations of voter intimidation come up during morning voting.

The judge made official his findings following hearings Wednesday and Thursday that the Nevada Republican Party and the Donald Trump campaign aren't working together and the campaign isn't training people to intimidate voters in Nevada.

The decision not to issue a restraining order regarding poll-watchers came after Nevada's top Trump election day official testified Thursday that he went back and notified everyone he's trained as poll observers about state laws they have to follow if they challenge a voter's eligibility.

ARIZONA

A federal judge in Phoenix on Friday refused to issue an injunction sought by Democrats that would have ordered Republicans not to engage in illegal voter intimidation tactics at the polls next week.

U.S. District Judge John Tuchi's ruling said the state Democratic Party hadn't shown evidence that the Republicans were conspiring to conduct illegal voter intimidation. He said he's willing to revisit the issue if evidence of voter intimidation appears.

The suit named the Arizona Republican Party, Trump's presidential campaign, a Republican political operative and his group. The Democrats alleged that Trump supporter Roger Stone and his group "Stop

the Steal” planned to harass Arizona voters, mainly in minority communities. They said Trump has encouraged the activity and the state GOP has gone along.

All denied the accusations. Arizona Republican Party Chairman Robert Graham testified at a hearing Thursday that the party specifically trains its poll watchers not to harass or intimidate voters. Stone’s attorney said he’s engaging in protected free speech.

PENNSYLVANIA

A judge has scheduled arguments in Pennsylvania on Monday.

Cornfield reported from Trenton, New Jersey. Associated Press writers Mark Gillespie in Cleveland, Bob Christie in Phoenix and Ken Ritter in Las Vegas contributed to this story.

Clinton’s campaign taps star power as Trump goes it alone

By LISA LERER and JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Hillary Clinton dispatched musical and political celebrities across battleground states Friday to try to energize Democrats in what’s become an increasingly competitive race. Donald Trump, meanwhile, defended his go-it-alone approach.

The Democratic presidential nominee wrapped up a day of campaign stops at a packed, star-studded concert in Cleveland. Standing alongside singer Beyonce and her husband, rapper Jay Z, on a brightly lit stage at the Wolstein Center, Clinton lavished praise on the celebrity couple and asked thousands of cheering fans their votes.

“Please take this energy out with you,” she said, rattling off the address of an early voting location. “Help us win Ohio.”

Trump bragged that he didn’t need stars to draw thousands to his events.

“I didn’t have to bring J-Lo or Jay Z,” he told a crowded rally Friday night in Hershey, Pennsylvania. “I am here all by myself. Just me. No guitar, no piano, no nothing.”

Trump, whose controversial campaign has divided the Republican Party, has appeared with a ragtag group of supporters including former Indiana University basketball coach Bobby Knight. An event with New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie scheduled for Saturday was canceled after two of his top aides were found guilty Friday on all counts for their roles in the George Washington Bridge lane closure scandal.

Trump and Clinton will be campaigning in Florida on Saturday, last-ditch efforts to win support in a state where early voting has already exceeded 2012 levels. Clinton’s team was encouraged by strong Latino turnout, particularly around Miami. But the Democrats have seen their chances decline in Ohio, a key battleground state that’s been leaning toward Trump, and New Hampshire, where Clinton’s numbers are weakening.

Clinton’s campaign has hosted a series of free concerts designed to drum up enthusiasm for her bid, particularly among millennials and minority voters. Rocker Bon Jovi and R&B singer Ne-Yo rallied voters in North Carolina, while singer/actress Jennifer Lopez took the stage in Miami and singer Steve Wonder was performing in Philadelphia.

On Saturday night, Clinton will host a concert with pop star Katy Perry in Philadelphia, then return to the city on Monday for a joint rally with President Barack Obama, first lady Michelle Obama and Clinton’s husband, former President Bill Clinton. Pennsylvania is a state where Clinton has long had a solid lead; it has not voted for a Republican in six presidential elections.

The celebrity firepower only adds to what’s an already deep bench of political surrogates eager to

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campaign for Clinton. On Friday, Vice President Joe Biden campaigned in Wisconsin, Sen. Bernie Sanders in Iowa, and President Obama in North Carolina.

Describing Election Day as a "make or break moment," Clinton predicted war and discord in a Trump administration, repurposing a riff often used in the primaries, where she encouraged voters to "imagine a tomorrow" filled with campaign promises like debt-free college, universal early childhood education and paid family leave.

Clinton invited voters to "imagine its Donald Trump standing in front of the Capitol."

"Imagine how easily it could be that Donald Trump would feel insulted and start a real war — not just a Twitter war," she said, adding, "Everywhere he goes he leaves people behind."

Trump told voters in a new ad that they were "the only force strong enough to save our country" from a "corrupt political machine."

He spent Friday on a tour of rural areas, hoping to boost turnout among the voters drawn to his promise to bring back a lost America. He started his day in Atkinson, New Hampshire, population 6,800 and almost 98 percent white, according to the Census Bureau. From there, he was bound for Wilmington, Ohio, another overwhelmingly white town where just 13 percent of its 12,500 residents have a college degree.

Speaking more than 2,000 miles from the Mexican border, Trump drew loud cheers in Atkinson when he vowed to build a massive wall between the U.S. and Mexico. The crowd booed when he contended that Clinton supports open borders.

"Her plans would mean generations of terrorism, extremism and radicalism spreading into your schools and through your communities," Trump declared.

In spite of a close race in national polling, Trump's path to victory remains narrow. His campaign is increasingly looking to make up for losses among suburban voters, particularly college-educated women, by attracting new voters in out-of-the-way places.

But with polls tightening across battleground states, Democrats are taking little for granted. Hillary Clinton made a Friday afternoon stop in Detroit, Bill Clinton worked to drive up turnout in Colorado, and Vice President Joe Biden was going to Wisconsin -- all states Clinton was thought to have locked up weeks ago.

Obama halted an afternoon speech in Fayetteville, North Carolina, to defend a pro-Trump protester who was chanting the Republican nominee's name.

The Democratic president told the crowd to "sit down and be quiet." He defended the man's right to free speech. The protester was eventually escorted out of the venue.

"If we lose focus, we could have problems," Obama said.

Associated Press writers Steve Peoples and Kathleen Hennessey in Washington and Josh Lederman in Fayetteville, North Carolina, contributed to this report.

Tens of thousands to demand Park quit amid scandal

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Tens of thousands of South Koreans are expected to march in Seoul to demand President Park Geun-hye's resignation on Saturday, a day after she took blame for a "heart-breaking" scandal and rising suspicion that she allowed a mysterious confidante to manipulate power from the shadows.

Police expect around 40,000 people in what could be the largest anti-government rally in nearly a year while organizers say as many as 100,000 will turn out.

Dozens of police buses were parked in streets around City Hall and also a square in front of an old

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palace gate, which the police plan to close off to prevent protesters from marching toward the Blue House, the presidential office and residence.

Smaller protests have taken place daily in past weeks amid growing calls for Park to step down, although opposition parties have yet to make a serious push for her resignation or impeachment for fears of negatively impacting next year's presidential elections.

In Friday's televised apology, Park vowed to accept a direct investigation into her actions, but the opposition, sensing weakness, immediately threatened to push for her ouster if she doesn't distance herself from domestic affairs and focus on diplomacy, and accept a prime minister chosen by the parliament.

"I feel a huge responsibility (for the scandal) deep in my heart," Park said, her voice shaking. "It is all my fault and mistake."

Park's comments were rife with astonishing moments, and included a frank assessment of her relationship with the woman at the heart of the scandal, Choi Soon-sil, the daughter of a late cult leader and a longtime friend of Park's.

"I put too much faith in a personal relationship and didn't look carefully at what was happening," Park said. "Sad thoughts trouble my sleep at night. I realize that whatever I do, it will be difficult to mend the hearts of the people, and then I feel a sense of shame and ask myself, 'Is this the reason I became president?'"

In another exceptional moment, Park denied media speculation that she had "fallen into worshipping cult religions or that shamanistic rituals were held at the presidential Blue House."

Her comments come at what may well prove to be the crucial moment of her presidency. Park is attempting to show the contrition and sense of responsibility that South Koreans demand while also trying to re-establish her tarnished credibility. She is in the fourth year of a single five-year term and faced criticism even before this scandal, particularly for the government's response to a 2014 ferry sinking that killed more than 300 people.

One national poll released earlier Friday had her approval rating at 5 percent, the lowest for any president in South Korea since the country achieved a democracy in the late 1980s following decadeslong dictatorships.

"Anyone found by the current investigation to have done something wrong must be held responsible for what they have done, and I am also ready to face any responsibility," Park said. "If necessary, I'm determined to let prosecutors investigate me and accept an investigation by an independent counsel too."

Last week Park surprised many when she acknowledged that she had relied on Choi for help editing presidential speeches and other undefined "public relations" issues.

Anger has exploded in the days since, with media reports claiming that the influence Choi went much deeper. There are reports that Choi reviewed and made recommendations on government policy papers and pushed businesses to donate millions of dollars to two foundations that she controlled. Other reports speculate Choi also helped choose presidential aides and even picked out Park's wardrobe.

Park has fired eight presidential secretaries and nominated three new Cabinet members, including the prime minister, but opposition parties described Park's personnel reshuffles as a diversionary tactic.

Soon after Park's speech, the main opposition Democratic Party said her apology lacks sincerity and issued a set of demands that it says Park must immediately accept if she doesn't want see rallies calling for the end of her government. The demands include Park withdrawing her prime minister nomination in favor of a new person recommended by the National Assembly for the country's No. 2 job; and accepting separate investigations by lawmakers and an independent counsel.

"The president now comes right into a dead end," party chief Choo Mi-ae said. Park "must comply with what the people want."

Park may survive what has become the worst patch of an already rocky term. But if she is forced to name a prime minister chosen by the opposition, it will hamstring her authority and may end her ability to govern.

Only Choi has been formally arrested in connection with the scandal. Prosecutors on Friday requested an arrest warrant for ex-Park aide, Ahn Jong-beom, for his alleged involvement in extracting \$70 million in donations. On Wednesday night, prosecutors detained another ex-presidential aide, Jeong Ho-seong, for allegedly leaking confidential documents to Choi, and are reviewing whether to seek an arrest warrant for him, too.

Park said she couldn't talk about many specifics because of the investigation, but she was frank in her comments about Choi, who has been the subject of widespread rage.

Choi was "a person who stood with me during the hardest moment in my life," Park said in her speech, apparently referring to the assassinations of Park's mother and later her father, the dictator Park Chung-hee. "It's true that I lowered my guard and my sense of wariness" of Choi.

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Body found on land where woman was chained up 'like a dog'

By SEANNA ADCOX, ALLEN G. BREED and JONATHAN DREW, Associated Press

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — A woman who was "chained up like a dog" for weeks in a dark storage container was lured to her captor's South Carolina property for a cleaning job, a family friend said Friday as search teams digging up the area found one body and looked for more.

Authorities were "trying to make sure that we don't have a serial killer on our hands," the sheriff said. Investigators were told the property could hold as many as three other corpses.

Prosecutor Barry Barnette said the woman saw her captor shoot and kill her boyfriend, who went with her to the job. The body discovered Friday was not immediately identified.

The couple disappeared around Aug. 31 when they went to do the work on the suspect's nearly 100-acre property in a rural area near the community of Woodruff, said Daniel Herren, a friend who sat with her in her hospital room after she was rescued Thursday.

"They were going to do some work, help cleaning up the property. And he pulled out a gun and took them hostage," Herren said, adding that the abduction happened quickly.

Todd Christopher Kohlhepp, a 45-year-old registered sex offender with a previous kidnapping conviction as a teenager in Arizona, appeared at a bond hearing Friday in Spartanburg on a kidnapping charge. More charges will be filed later, the prosecutor told the court.

The judge did not set bond and instead referred the matter to circuit court. The suspect did not appear to have an attorney, and the judge urged him to get one.

The search of his property was unfolding as more details of the suspect's violent past emerged, including an Arizona judge noting in 1987 that he had displayed aggressive behavior and sexual preoccupation since he was a child — behavior the judge expected to continue.

The Associated Press is not naming the woman because the suspect is a sex offender, though authorities have not said whether she was sexually assaulted. Her boyfriend was identified as 32-year-old Charles Carver.

Herren, who visited her in the hospital and had dinner with her Thursday, said he did not ask the woman if she was sexually assaulted.

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But she did describe to him the details of her captivity, telling him she was in the container nearly the entire time except for when she was taken out for occasional walks.

"He never took the chain off of her, but he was taking her around, let her get, not so much exercise, but let her walk around some," Herren said. "It didn't sound like it was every day. It was kind of sporadic."

She was fed once a day about 6 p.m. She "didn't tell us exactly what she was eating. But from what I gathered, it could have been fast food. ... It wasn't like he was keeping her alive on bread and water. He was in a weird, sick kind of way being, I guess, kind of humane, as far as feeding her," Herren said.

She left the hospital late Thursday and is staying with family, Herren said.

The property includes grassy areas, some covered in waist-high weeds, as well as stands of trees. Most or all of it is surrounded by a chain-link fence 6 to 7 feet tall.

In the middle was the cargo container, which measured about 30 feet by 15 feet. It was next to a two-car garage that had a living space on top, Barnette said.

During Friday's search efforts, officers using all-terrain vehicles and a backhoe came and went while a law enforcement helicopter circled overhead.

Investigators began excavating after cadaver dogs signaled the possible presence of remains.

Acting on a tip, deputies found the woman after hearing her banging inside the container, Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright said.

Anderson Police Chief Jim Stewart said computer and cellphone records led authorities to the property near Woodruff, 80 miles northwest of the state capital of Columbia, because it was the last place that a cellphone pinged.

Guns and a large amount of ammunition were seized from Kohlhepp, the prosecutor said.

"It's unbelievable how much he had," he said.

Records indicate Kohlhepp is a licensed real estate agent and licensed pilot. As a teenager, he was convicted and sentenced to prison in Arizona for kidnapping and crimes against children, according to South Carolina's sex offender registry.

Online prison records from Arizona show that Kohlhepp served about 14 years for the 1986 felony. He was released in 2001.

In court Friday, Barnette said the Arizona case occurred when Kohlhepp kidnapped a 14-year-old girl, bound her and raped her.

Court records from the Arizona case obtained by WHNS-TV in South Carolina show that a judge decided in January of 1987 to transfer the case to adult court partly because of concerns about Kohlhepp's aggressive nature.

"At less than the age of 9 this juvenile was impulsive, explosive and preoccupied with sexual content. He has not changed. He has been unabatedly aggressive to others and destructive of property since nursery school," the judge wrote, adding that his aggressive behavior was likely to continue into the future.

A real estate agent who worked at a firm run by Kohlhepp said she had known him for 10 years after they met at a university in the Spartanburg area and were study partners in a statistics class. She said she was in disbelief.

"He's not the kind of person to do something like this," Cherry Laurens said by phone. "Working with him, he was an excellent boss. He stood up for us whenever we needed him."

She said it was widely known that he was registered as a sex offender, but he told people that it was based on trumped-up charges after he "had gone joyriding with a girl" and upset her father, who was a prominent local official.

Kohlhepp also had a house in Moore, on the outskirts of Spartanburg, about 15 minutes from the rural property where the woman was chained.

His neighbor there, 76-year-old Ron Owen, said Kohlhepp was private but pleasant.

"Todd was in my opinion a likable guy," Owen said.

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Questions on Christie role swirl after ex-allies' conviction

By DAVID PORTER, Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Two former aides to Republican Gov. Chris Christie were convicted on Friday of causing epic traffic jams for political revenge near the nation's busiest bridge, a verdict that further damages his legacy and raises anew questions about why he and his inner circle escaped prosecution.

Bridget Kelly, Christie's former deputy chief of staff, and Bill Baroni, Christie's appointee to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, were found guilty of all counts against them. Kelly cried as the verdict was read; Baroni showed no emotion. They announced plans to appeal.

The verdict also had ramifications on the presidential campaign trail, where Christie became an adviser to Republican Donald Trump after his own campaign collapsed, in part because of the bridge case. Before the verdict was issued, Trump's campaign had announced Christie would stump for him in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania on Saturday, but later said he would not be on the trail Saturday.

Testimony during the seven-week trial contradicted Christie's statements about when he knew about the four days of gridlock at the base of the George Washington Bridge in Fort Lee in September 2013. The traffic jams were aimed at retaliating against Democratic Fort Lee Mayor Mark Sokolich for not endorsing Christie's re-election, prosecutors alleged.

Other testimony described some of Christie's top advisers and confidants knowing about the plan ahead of time or soon afterward and being aware of the political motivation well before Christie told reporters in December 2013 that none of his staff was involved.

Baroni's attorney, Michael Baldassare, called the case "a disgrace" and said the U.S. attorney's office should be "ashamed" of where it drew the line on who to charge.

"They should have had belief in their own case to charge powerful people, and they did not," Baldassare said.

Baroni and Kelly were indicted last year. Also charged was former Port Authority official David Wildstein, who pleaded guilty and testified against them.

U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman declined to say whether any of the testimony could lead to charges against Christie or others. He said prosecutors only charged people where they had "evidence beyond a reasonable doubt" to convict.

Christie said the verdict affirmed his decision to terminate Baroni and Kelly and the jury held them responsible "for their own conduct." He repeated his assertions he had no knowledge of the plot and said he would "set the record straight" soon about "the lies told by the media and in the courtroom."

"I had no knowledge prior to or during these lane realignments and had no role in authorizing them," Christie said. "No believable evidence was presented to contradict that fact. Anything said to the contrary over the past six weeks in court is simply untrue."

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At the time the scandal unfolded, Christie was considered a top presidential contender and was on the verge of a runaway re-election victory to demonstrate his crossover appeal.

Christie ultimately dropped out of the presidential race after a poor showing in the New Hampshire primary and said recently the scandal probably influenced Trump's decision not to pick him as a running mate. Christie is chairman of Trump's transition team, in charge of hiring thousands of employees if he wins the presidency.

John Podesta, chairman of Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign, called on Trump to ask Christie to resign from the transition team.

Wildstein, a former political blogger and high school classmate of Christie's, testified Christie was told about the traffic jam at a Sept. 11 memorial event in New York while the gridlock in Fort Lee was in progress. He said Christie laughed and made a sarcastic joke when he learned of Sokolich's distress over not getting his calls returned.

It was unclear from Wildstein's testimony whether Christie knew then that the mess was manufactured for political reasons; however, Kelly testified she told Christie about Sokolich's concerns about political retaliation during the week of the traffic jams at the bridge, which connects New York and Fort Lee.

The federal jury took five days to reach a verdict, convicting Baroni and Kelly of conspiracy, misapplying the property of the Port Authority, wire fraud and deprivation of civil rights. The most serious charges carry up to 20 years in prison, but Fishman said the defendants likely would receive far less time. Sentencing was scheduled for Feb. 21.

Wildstein faces a maximum of 15 years in prison, but under his plea agreement and sentencing guidelines he could receive a sentence of 20 to 27 months. His sentencing hasn't been scheduled.

Democratic state Sen. Loretta Weinberg, who helped lead a legislative effort to investigate the lane closings, said it was a terrible day for New Jersey and "a terrible day to have a spotlight on the kind of administration that was run."

The defense portrayed Wildstein as a liar and a dirty trickster — "the Bernie Madoff of New Jersey politics" — and argued Christie and his inner circle had thrown Kelly under the bus. Kelly and Baroni, both 44, testified that they believed Wildstein that the lane closings were part of a legitimate traffic study.

"They want that mother of four to take the fall for them. Cowards. Cowards," Kelly attorney Michael Critchley said in a thundering closing argument.

One of the most damning pieces of evidence was an email in which Kelly wrote: "Time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee." Then, as the gridlock unfolded and Sokolich complained about children unable to get to school, she texted: "Is it wrong that I am smiling?"

On the witness stand, Kelly explained she was referring to what she thought was a traffic study and expressing satisfaction it was going well.

Trial testimony reinforced Christie's reputation among his critics as a bully, with accounts of profane tirades, threats of bodily harm and tough-guy posturing that seemed straight out of "The Sopranos."

Montclair State University political science professor Brigid Callahan Harrison said Christie was damaged by "the narcissistic way" he was portrayed at the trial.

"These convictions will be an essential defining feature of Christie's legacy in office," she said, "and will forever taint how his administration is perceived and will be remembered."

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Clinton sent daughter material that was later classified

By BRADLEY KLAPPER, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department on Friday released a 2009 email chain that shows then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton forwarding to her daughter material that the department classified last year.

At issue is a December 2009 email that President Barack Obama's trade adviser, Michael Froman, sent to senior White House and State Department staff members. After it made its way up to Clinton, she sent it to "Diane Reynolds," an email pseudonym for Chelsea Clinton.

"See below," Clinton told her daughter. The entire email chain has been blacked out on confidential grounds, the lowest level of classification.

The chain was among the State Department's last release of documents from Clinton's private server before Tuesday's presidential election.

The department classified portions of two other emails released Friday.

They concerned phone calls Clinton had planned in November 2010 with the United Arab Emirates' crown prince and Afghan President Hamid Karzai. At the time, WikiLeaks' release of hundreds of thousands of diplomatic cables was roiling U.S. relations with governments around the world.

The emails were written by Clinton's deputy chief of staff, Huma Abedin. The department designated portions of each "confidential." State Department spokesman Mark Toner said neither document was marked classified when it was sent.

Friday's release, four days before Election Day, included 74 emails totaling 285 pages. The FBI provided the emails to the State Department after uncovering them as part of its investigation of Clinton's email practices.

Many emails are near duplicates of documents the department released after receiving 55,000 pages from Clinton in 2014.

Some reflect minor additions, such as Clinton asking an aide to print out the exchange on paper.

Heavy fighting as Iraqi troops drive deeper into Mosul

By QASSIM ABDUL-ZAHRA and SUSANNAH GEORGE, Associated Press

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi special forces launched a two-pronged assault deeper into Mosul's urban center on Friday, unleashing the most intense street battles against Islamic State militants since the offensive began nearly three weeks ago.

Smoke rose across eastern neighborhoods of Iraq's second-largest city as heavy fighting continued after sundown, with explosions and machine gun fire echoing in the streets as mosques called for evening prayer.

More than 3,000 Iraqi troops took part in the assault under heavy U.S.-led coalition air support, but the pace of the fight also slowed as Iraqi forces moved from fighting in more rural areas with few civilians to the tight, narrow streets of Mosul proper. Sniper fire repeatedly stalled the advance, as commanders called in airstrikes or artillery support after coming under fire.

As the operation got underway, columns of armored vehicles wound through the desert, pushing through dirt berms and drawing heavy fire as they closed in on the middle-class Tahrir and Zahara districts. The area was once named after former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Seven suicide attackers in explosives-laden vehicles barreled toward the troops, with two getting through and detonating their charges, Lt. Col. Muhanad al-Timimi told The Associated Press. The others were destroyed, including a bulldozer that was hit by an airstrike from the U.S.-led coalition sup-

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porting the offensive.

At least seven special forces troops were killed and an officer and three soldiers were wounded, said an Iraqi military officer who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not permitted to brief reporters.

"The operation is going well, but it's slow. These kinds of advances are always slow," said Iraqi special forces Capt. Malik Hameed, as IS fighters could be seen running in the distance to reposition themselves. "If we tried to go any faster we would take even more injuries."

An Iraqi television journalist traveling in a Humvee was wounded in one of the suicide car bomb attacks.

Earlier, at the eastern approach to the city's urban center, militants holed up in a building fired a rocket at an Iraqi Abrams tank, disabling it and sending its crew fleeing from the smoking vehicle. The advance in that area then stalled.

The push began as dawn broke with artillery and mortar strikes on the Aden, Tahrir, and Quds districts, just west of the special forces' footholds in the Gogjali and Karama neighborhoods, al-Timimi said.

On the heels of the special forces advances, the Iraqi army's ninth division moved into the eastern Intisar neighborhood, said an officer from the unit who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

On Tuesday, Iraqi troops entered the city limits for the first time in more than two years, after a demoralized Iraqi army fled in the face of the Islamic State group's 2014 blitz across large swaths of territory in Iraq and neighboring Syria.

The operation to retake Mosul is expected to take weeks if not months. Moving from neighborhood to neighborhood in house-to-house battles through dense warrens of booby-trapped buildings is time consuming and Iraq's military has repeatedly opted for slower operations in an effort to minimize casualties.

Some 1 million civilians still remain in the city, complicating the advance. IS militants have driven thousands of residents deeper into the city's built-up areas to be used as human shields, while hundreds of others have fled toward government-controlled territory and thousands have fled west into Syria.

Just a few miles (kilometers) from Friday's operation, dozens of cars queued up on the road to camps for displaced Mosul residents.

"We suffered and there was bombing and heavy shelling. We didn't feel safe," said Mahmoud Mahdi, who was fleeing the now government-held Gogjali neighborhood. "Everybody is displaced and walking around in this heat. It is exhausting."

Mosul is the last major IS stronghold in Iraq, and expelling the militant group from the city would be a major blow to the survival of its self-declared "caliphate" that stretches into Syria.

Iraqi forces have made uneven progress in closing in on the city since the operation began on Oct. 17. Advances have been slower from the south, with government troops still some 20 miles (35 kilometers) away. Kurdish fighters and Iraqi army units are deployed to the north, while government-sanctioned Shiite militias are sweeping in from the west to try to cut off any IS escape route.

As the sun began to set Friday, special forces troops fanned out across the city blocks retaken in the fighting. Guided by intelligence from U.S.-led coalition surveillance of the area, they knocked on the doors of homes where they believed civilians were living.

Moving from street to street, Capt. Hameed and his men found four families and an elderly couple in the sector they were assigned to clear. After sweeping the rooms for weapons, they questioned the

male heads of household.

"Who were the IS fighters responsible for this neighborhood?" special forces Maj. Ahmed al-Mamouri asked an elderly man.

"They were Arabs, but not Iraqi. Foreign," the man said pointing to the houses where the fighters lived and worked.

As his children served the Iraqi soldiers tea, the man described where and when he saw the IS militants flee and the weapons they had. Al-Mamouri pulled out satellite images of central Mosul and asked the man to identify checkpoints and buildings where he believed the fighters were making explosives.

"This is all to help with our operation moving forward," al-Mamouri said. "This is almost more important than the clashes."

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US, EU question Turkey's detention of pro-Kurdish lawmakers

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ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish authorities on Friday detained 12 pro-Kurdish members of Parliament for questioning in terror-related probes, drawing sharp concern from the United States and the European Union, who feared the move hurts Turkey's democracy.

A car bombing later hit Turkey's largest Kurdish city, killing nine people. Authorities blamed the attack on Kurdish militants but the Islamic State group later claimed responsibility.

The co-chairs of the pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party, or HDP, were among those rounded up in the middle of the night. Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag were ordered held in custody pending trial on terror-related charges along with seven other legislators. The courts released three others on condition they report regularly to authorities.

The private Dogan News Agency said the two were taken to a maximum security prison in the north-western city of Kocaeli.

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Federica Mogherini, expressed concern about the arrests on Twitter, saying she had called a meeting of EU ambassadors in Ankara. Governments in Norway, Sweden and Denmark summoned their Turkish ambassadors to explain the arrests.

In Washington, both the White House and the U.S. State Department expressed concern over the detentions. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the government was "deeply disturbed" by the arrests, warning that suppressing fundamental freedoms was not an antidote to terrorism.

State Department John Kirby condemned the car bomb in Diyarbakir but also expressed "deep concern" over the detentions, reminding that "when democracies pursue legal action against elected representatives, they must do so in a manner that reinforces the public's confidence in the rule of law."

Hours after the overnight detentions, there was a large explosion in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir, near the riot police building. Two police officers and seven civilians were killed, the state-run Anadolu Agency reported. Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said up to 100 people were wounded, though most were released after treatment.

Yildirim also said one of the assailants was "caught dead," but did not elaborate.

It was not immediately known if the attack was in direct response to the legislators' detentions. The U.S.-based SITE Intelligence Group reported late Friday that the Islamic State group claimed responsi-

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bility for the attack through its Amaq news agency.

The Diyarbakir governor's office said the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, claimed the attack, which Anadolu said was carried out with a minibus laden with a ton of explosives.

The blast caused a large crater near the police building and damaged buildings and businesses nearby. Television footage showed people walking among glass and other debris near buildings with windows blown out. Authorities imposed a temporary news blackout after the explosion, barring reports that could lead to public "fear, panic or chaos" and images showing the explosion.

Turkey has been plagued by a series of deadly bomb attacks in the past 18 months, carried out by Kurdish militants or Islamic State group extremists.

The PKK has waged a three-decade-long insurgency against the Turkish state and is considered a terror organization by Turkey and its allies. A fragile cease-fire collapsed in 2015 and at least 700 state security personnel and thousands of Kurdish militants have been killed since then, according to Anadolu.

Officials said the pro-Kurdish lawmakers were detained for not appearing in court to testify in terrorism-related investigations. The government accuses the HDP — the third largest party in Turkey's parliament with over five million votes in the last election — of being the political arm of the PKK, an accusation the party rejects.

An Interior Ministry statement said 15 detention warrants were issued by public prosecutors in five mainly Kurdish provinces. Two of the legislators were abroad, and authorities were still searching for one other.

"The kind of detentions of democratically elected members of parliament we are seeing in Turkey today is an assault on the right to political representation and participation for millions of voters and defies fundamental principles of any country that claims to be democratic and based on rule of law and human rights," said Human Rights Watch's Turkey director, Emma Sinclair-Webb.

HDP lawmaker Adem Geveri described the detentions as a "political genocide operation," telling The Associated Press that they "officially put an end to the functioning of Parliament in an anti-democratic and unlawful way."

"Now with the HDP removed from the political equation, they will go to an early election and establish an authoritarian Turkey without the HDP, without any democratic opposition," Geveri added.

Main opposition Republican People's Party Chair Kemal Kilicdaroglu denounced the detentions, "If you defend democracy, then you defend that those who came with elections should go with elections. Otherwise you'll butcher democracy in Turkey."

Yildirim responded: "If they are elected but go hand in hand with terrorism, they of course need to be made to account."

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other senior government officials have repeatedly called for the prosecution of pro-Kurdish lawmakers on terrorism-related charges, which was made possible after legal immunities protecting legislators from prosecution were lifted in May.

Hundreds of charges were filed against HDP lawmakers following the lifting of immunity. Demirtas reacted to the lifting of immunity by saying none of his fellow party members would voluntarily appear in court to testify.

HDP lawmaker Garo Paylan told the AP if there was a free judiciary in Turkey, the parliamentarians would have easily gone to court.

"There is no free judiciary, that is why we don't want to go," he said. "They say if you don't obey Tayyip Erdogan, if you don't obey the ideology that is going on, a fascist ideology, you are a terrorist."

Also on Friday, Internet users nationwide complained about restricted access to social media and messaging apps, including Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp and Skype.

The TurkeyBlocks monitoring network confirmed the restricted access, saying its probes have identified "throttling at the ISP level as the source of the slowdowns."

Rights activists say restricting access to the internet is aimed at preventing calls for demonstrations in Turkey.

Kiper reported from Istanbul.

The Undecideds: They're out there, and so very conflicted

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — After all the sound, fury, fact, fallacy, bluster and blarney of the 2016 presidential campaign, there still are undecided voters out there.

Really.

And they're not just people who've buried their heads in the sand.

Some thoughtful people just do not know what to do with the choices they've been given, yet are determined to exercise their right to vote.

"I'm just really trying to completely think this through," says Peter Schroeder, a fulltime student and tech startup worker in Erie, Pennsylvania.

"I have a mail-in ballot and I change my mind every day about what I should do," says Lori Perez, a stay-at-home mom in Lehi, Utah.

"Let me have a moment of silence to think about this, OK?" asks Moshe Sherizen, a digital marketer from Southfield, Michigan.

Polls suggest the undecideds make up a small slice of the electorate — perhaps just 2 percent at this late date.

The campaigns have largely them written off, placing their emphasis instead on boosting turnout among the much larger bloc of voters they've already identified as supporters.

But in a close race, the undecideds still could be decisive, especially since pollsters say they're more likely to cast ballots if they live in competitive states than in noncompetitive ones.

Spend some time talking to undecided voters and a clear theme of dissatisfaction quickly emerges.

"It's not a choice between two goods," says Democratic pollster Peter Hart, who conducts focus groups. "It's a choice between two deplorables, from their point of view."

Texan Danielle Inman, who works for a cellular provider, shows the conflicting emotions that are roiling undecided voters, who can talk themselves in and out of multiple candidates in a single conversation.

In a 10-minute chat, the 47-year-old single mother from Plano says Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton would "screw things up equally — just in different ways." She says there's "no way in hell" she'd vote for Trump. She says the third-party candidates don't have a chance of winning, so she'll definitely pick a major-party candidate. That leaves Clinton. But she's not sure she can vote for her. And maybe she can vote third-party after all.

So she'll be "praying very heavily on my drive to my polling place" for the right answer.

Pennsylvania millennial Schroeder says he's been to a Trump rally but has gotten most of his information about the campaign from friends and family who depict the Republican as a "dirty, nasty scathing type of person" and Clinton as "a hero who is straight as an arrow." But he's also heard people criticize Clinton's secret email server and call her a "felon."

"I'm just stuck in the middle," says Schroeder, 23. "I don't know what I'm looking for."

Beth Keehn, a 39-year-old medical center marketing official from Columbus Grove, Ohio, says she's voted Republican since age 18 but Trump appalls her and Clinton is too liberal.

"While I'd love to see a woman in the White House, I don't agree with the policies," she says of Clinton. Keehn feels a tug to vote for a third-party candidate but "the fear is that if you don't vote for Clinton, you're just giving a vote to Trump. But I do feel like if we do that forever, we'll never have the opportunity to have a third-party voice."

The undecideds make up such a small portion of the electorate that it's hard to get a fix on where they're coming from politically.

But Republican pollster Micah Roberts analyzed data on a sizeable chunk of undecided voters in early October and found them to be leaning heavily Republican. Some of them may be gravitating to the GOP nominee in the campaign's final days, he says.

"You're seeing that juice getting injected into the Trump side," says Roberts.

Sherizen, 32, might — or might not — fall into that category. He considers himself a Democrat but also a risk-taker and likes Trump's pledge of tough immigration policies to keep out potential terrorists.

"So I'm sort of inclined to vote for Trump," he says.

"But then I picture myself driving to vote and I'm like, 'Really? No, I'll vote for Hillary.'"

New York comedian Dan Nainan, too, likes Trump's tough talk about limiting the influx of refugees to combat terrorism. But Nainan, a 35-year-old independent, sees Trump as unpredictable, doesn't like Clinton's tax policies, and thinks a vote for a third-party candidate "is like not voting."

"I wish Michael Bloomberg had run," he laments.

Perez, the mom from Utah, says she typically votes Republican but thought about just not voting this year. She likes many of Trump's policies, but doesn't think he's trustworthy or presidential. Clinton, she says, is too liberal and connected to too many scandals. Then there's independent candidate Evan McMullin, who she says offers the idea of a new conservative movement but can't win outright.

"We are stuck between a rock and hard place," Perez wrote on Facebook. "This election sucks!!!"

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This version corrects the hometown of Moshe Sherizen to Southfield, Michigan.

Millions celebrate winning Chicago Cubs with parade, rally

By CARLA K. JOHNSON and CARYN ROUSSEAU, Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — November blazed like dazzling springtime in Chicago during a massive parade and rally Friday to honor the Cubs' first World Series title in 108 years and fulfill more than a century of pent-up dreams.

A new generation of Cubs fans — riding in strollers or on their parents' shoulders — joined their elders to cheer the baseball champions. For the youngest, the day would be their first bright memory of following a club once known as "lovable losers."

Their parents marveled at how their children will know the confident, young team as winners.

"It's a whole new Cubs world," said Dean Anderson, 51, of Chicago, who brought his 10-year-old son, Chase, to see the players' motorcade as it rolled out from Wrigley Field at the start of the parade route. The "lovable loser thing" — and all the accompanying lore embroidered by long-suffering fan loyalty — may be lost to the newest fans, Anderson said, but "we've had enough of that."

A crowd, estimated by city officials at 5 million, lined Michigan Avenue and Lake Shore Drive to cheer the motorcade of open-roofed buses carrying the players along a 7-mile parade route from the north side ballpark to sprawling Grant Park. The city's tally included everyone who lined the route and the rally throngs. Friday was already a scheduled day off for Chicago Public Schools.

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Revelers crawled up trees and streetlight poles to get a better view along the route. Others sat atop shoulders to watch the team buses shimmering under a spray of red and blue confetti.

Steve Angelo of Chicago carried his 4-year-old son, Nicholas, who held a "World Champs" sign.

"For him, the more and more they win now, at his earlier age, the more and more excitement there is," Angelo said. "There's parades, and people talk about it more on the radio and TV. It's going to be a lot more exciting now."

During the jubilant festivities at the park, 39-year-old retiring Cubs catcher David Ross posed for a selfie in front of a multitude of roaring fans.

Ross and the other players put their arms around each other and sang "Go Cubs Go" from the stage along with the blissed-out crowd.

"It happened, baby. It happened!" proclaimed 27-year-old first baseman Anthony Rizzo to adoring cheers.

Team manager Joe Maddon — wearing a stocking cap, sunglasses and a jersey over a "We did not suck" T-shirt — looked out over a sea of blue.

"Welcome to Cubstock 2016!" Maddon said. "This is an incredible moment for all of us. Never have I experienced anything like Wrigley Field on a nightly basis. ... I want to congratulate you fans also. Thank you for being so patient."

A victory party is new territory for stoical fans of the Cubs, whose last World Series title — before their Game 7, extra-inning thriller Wednesday night in Cleveland — came in 1908. The last time the Cubs even reached the Fall Classic was in 1945.

Superstitions die hard. Miriam Santiago, 51, said she carried holy water, her rosary and a bright green lucky baseball with her during the playoffs. On Friday, the Chicago woman brought a goat mask with dynamite in its mouth and let other fans pose for photos wearing it outside the ballpark. Her lucky charms helped reverse the Curse of the Billy Goat, she said, referring to the story of a Chicago tavern owner who supposedly put a hex on the team after his pet goat was turned away from Wrigley during the 1945 World Series.

For days, Cubs mania has spread throughout the city and state. The cast of the Chicago production of "Hamilton" led a sold-out audience in singing "Go Cubs Go" during the Thursday night curtain call. Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner declared Friday as "World Champion Chicago Cubs Day" statewide. The city dyed the Chicago River a bright shade of blue to match the Cubs' colors, repurposing a decades-long tradition of dyeing the river green on St. Patrick's Day.

Far from being sad about bidding their team farewell for the year, fans looked forward to the future.

Outfielder Kyle Schwarber, 23, took the microphone Friday and put it into words for the fans: "I love you guys. We're world champs. Let's do it again next year."

Associated Press writer Sophia Tareen contributed to this report.

FBI, NYPD assess possible al-Qaida threat on US election eve

By JAKE PEARSON, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The FBI and New York Police Department say they are assessing the credibility of information they received of a possible al-Qaida terror attack against the U.S. on the eve of Election Day.

Officials say Friday that counterterrorism investigators are reviewing the information that mentioned New York, Texas and Virginia as potential targets.

It wasn't immediately clear how the intelligence came to investigators' attention. An NYPD spokesman

says in a statement the information "lacks specificity."

In a statement, the FBI said it was working closely with law enforcement agencies and sharing intelligence reports.

Officials say they regularly assess all possible security threats ahead of major events.

Election Day is Tuesday, and both Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton and Republican nominee Donald Trump are holding their Election Day parties in New York City.

CBS News first reported of the potential threat.

For Obama, Clinton rallies a chance to reflect on his legacy

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama likes to say that historians, not he, will evaluate his legacy with the perspective only hindsight can provide. Yet as he campaigns across the country for Hillary Clinton, Obama is offering his own first draft of the way he hopes his eight years in office will be remembered.

For Obama, the final stretch of the campaign has been a nagging reminder that his presidency is about to close, and an opportunity for self-reflection that the president has seized. After all, Obama's chief argument for Clinton is that only by electing her over Donald Trump can his supporters protect his accomplishments.

"It's been hard work, and there have been times where we've had setbacks," Obama told roughly 4,500 people packed in a gymnasium Friday in North Carolina. "But I'll tell you why I didn't get discouraged. I didn't get discouraged because of you."

Lest the country forget his accomplishments, he used his speech to revisit what he considers his greatest hits: 20 million Americans who have gained health coverage, unprecedented steps on climate change, the death of Osama bin Laden. He touted higher graduation rates and the legalization of gay marriage as signs of major progress.

The president seemed particularly pleased to have spotted a road sign advertising \$1.99-a-gallon gas, despite his naysayers' predictions in 2008 that it would climb to many times that if he were elected.

Obama, who has put most of his to-do list on hold until after Election Day, planned to echo those themes as he campaigns for Clinton in the race's closing days in battlegrounds North Carolina, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Until recently, Obama's aides were reticent to even use the word legacy, and took to calling it "the L-word" instead. White House aides said that grew out of a sense of communal superstition, reinforced by frequent reminders from Obama and White House chief of staff Denis McDonough that there was plenty of unfinished business and no distractions would be welcome.

But as Inauguration Day grows closer, the White House has started working to frame Obama's legacy for the public, through events designed to take stock of progress and a series of essays Obama has published about health care, economics and globalization. Obama was expected to pen more in-his-own-words pieces elaborating on legacy issues during his final weeks in office.

To be sure, this year's election has had no shortage of reminders of how deeply divided the U.S. remains, despite Obama's hopes to "break the fever" by uniting Americans of all political and ethnic backgrounds. Even many Republicans who detest Trump have argued that it's frustration with Obama's failures that have enabled Trump's staggering success.

At Obama's rallies for Clinton, attended largely by die-hard Obama supporters whose enthusiasm for Clinton is in question, there's a sense of nostalgia that has only recently started creeping in at the

White House. As he did in 2008 and in 2012, Obama once again is facing tens of thousands cheering his name. Many are holding signs saved from his 2008 and 2012 campaigns.

Jen Psaki, the White House communications director, said returning to the campaign trail has given Obama an opportunity to see how Americans are digesting what the last eight years have meant for their lives. She said the reality of the campaign drawing to a close has been a poignant reminder that Obama's successor will be inaugurated in less than 80 days.

"It gets realer the closer you get," Psaki said.

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If Trump loses: We'll be at the White House _ 'in arms'

By JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press

SELMA, N.C. (AP) — Donald Trump's legions of followers say they're growing confident of victory — and many say they won't accept defeat.

"We're going to win. And if we don't win and Hillary wins, I think we're going to take over the government," said Nancy Fraize, 51, who works as a cleaning lady in Manchester, New Hampshire. "I think personally we'll all be at the White House sitting on the front lawn. In arms."

Her view of the possible outcome and aftermath are hardly rare. Poll numbers show an uncertain race and renewed scrutiny of Hillary Clinton's emails just before Election Day, and a survey last month showed only one-third of Republicans saying they have confidence the votes will be counted fairly.

The blend of confidence in Trump and distrust of those in power was reflected again and again in more than two dozen interviews with his supporters across battleground states where the presidential race is being fought.

Trump backers are nearly uniformly confident about their candidate's prospects, despite the controversies that have surrounded his campaign all year and opinion polls that show him trailing Clinton in potentially decisive states. Many of those interviewed agree with the Republican nominee's incendiary assertion that the election could be "rigged," an unprecedented challenge to the nation's democratic tradition.

The New York businessman speaks of his supporters as "a movement," one drawn by his celebrity, his fiery populist rhetoric and his denunciations of Democrat Clinton as the embodiment of an establishment Washington that many Americans feel has forgotten about them.

"It's about time we had someone with the balls to get things done," said Lugene Martin, 51, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. "I'm so tired of this country being led by same-old, same-old politicians. We need one who won't follow the rules."

"If he lost?" she asked herself. "I don't even know what I'd do."

From early in his candidacy, Trump has drawn super-fans, those who have attended several rallies and watched the internet live streams of many more.

Paula Pierce, 63, who attended a Trump rally in New Hampshire last week, said the election "feels very different this time," as if the country has reached a historic turning point. Trump, she said, "has ignited a movement, a fire."

Most Trump supporters interviewed said they are convinced he has the momentum, especially after FBI Director James Comey's announcement of a review of more emails that may be connected to Clinton's private server. And many Trump backers are deeply skeptical of public opinion polling.

Cindy Spritzer, 51, said at a rally Wednesday in Miami that mainstream polling is missing Trump voters who make up a "silent majority."

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"These are people who don't do polls. They don't answer the phone. They don't put Trump bumper stickers on their car or buttons on their shirt," Spritzer said. "But they are smart. And they will vote. And they will vote for Trump."

For these Trump supporters, Clinton's advantage in polls seems incompatible with what they see and hear. Many say they've never even met a Clinton supporter. And they see thousands of people at Trump's raucous rallies.

The candidate himself tells them repeatedly the only way he can lose is if the election is rigged. In Michigan recently, he urged supporters to vote and then go to a different polling place with friends and make sure "it's on the up and up." He said voter fraud is "a big, big problem in this country."

There is no evidence that voter fraud is a widespread problem in the United States. A study by a Loyola Law School professor found that out of 1 billion votes cast in all American elections between 2000 and 2014, there were only 31 known cases of impersonation fraud.

Yet only about one-third of Republicans say they have a great deal or quite a bit of confidence that votes on Election Day will be counted fairly, according to a poll from the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research released last month.

Still, not all Trump supporters say they doubt the system or want a prolonged legal challenge that could plunge a nervous nation into uncertainty.

"If he lost fair and square, we'd have to accept it. We all would," said Andrew Armitage, 18, a first-time voter from River Falls, Wisconsin. "It's what I learned in school. That's the American tradition and that's the way it should be."

Jill Colvin contributed reporting from Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Mosul Today: heaviest fighting yet in campaign to expel IS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Heavy fighting erupted in the eastern neighborhoods of Mosul on Friday as Iraqi special forces launched an assault deeper into the urban areas of the city and swung round to attack Islamic State militants from a second entry point, to the northeast.

Here is a look at the main developments on the 19th day of the Mosul Offensive:

NEW ASSAULT IN NORTHEAST

Columns of armored vehicles wound through open desert to open the new front, pushing through dirt berms, drawing heavy fire and calling in airstrikes to enter the middle-class neighborhoods of Tahrir and Zahara. The area was once named after former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Several explosives-laden vehicles tried to attack the troops but were destroyed, including a bulldozer that was hit by an airstrike from the U.S.-led coalition supporting the offensive. Two vehicles, however, managed to detonate close to the advancing forces. Five special forces soldiers were killed over the course of the day, while one officer and three soldiers were wounded, as well as an Iraqi journalist who had been embedded with the advancing troops, an Iraqi military officer said.

HEAVY FIGHTING IN EAST

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Earlier, at the direct eastern approach to the city's urban center, militants holed up in a building fired a rocket at an Abrams tank, disabling it and sending its crew fleeing from the smoking vehicle, seemingly unharmed. The advance in that area then stalled, although later the regular army's ninth division moved forward into nearby neighborhoods.

The push had begun early in the morning with artillery and mortar strikes on the Aden, Tahrir, and Quds districts, just west of the special forces' footholds in the Gogjali and Karama neighborhoods. Both sides opened up with small arms and mortar fire after an artillery barrage by the special forces, ahead of their advance.

CIVILIANS FLEE

As Iraqi forces move westward into Mosul, thousands of people have been displaced and are moving further east for shelter. At a road junction in the town of Bartella, convoys of cars queued up to go through checkpoints that led to displaced persons camps.

More than 1 million civilians are stuck in the city, complicating the military's efforts to advance without harming innocents. IS militants have driven thousands of them deeper into the city's more built-up areas, presumably for use as human shields, while hundreds of others have fled in the past days toward government-controlled territory despite the uncertainty of resettlement in displacement camps.

U.N. CITES REPORTS OF IS KILLING FOR ALLEGED 'DESERTION'

Meanwhile in Geneva, recent accounts of IS abuses were revealed by the United Nations, which said it has new reports that the Islamic State group has been carrying out mass killings in Mosul. Spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani said the reports to the group's rights office alleged that IS killed 50 of its own militants on Monday at the Ghazlani military base for alleged "desertion."

Shamdasani told reporters that her office also has reports indicating that four women were killed and 17 other civilians wounded in airstrikes on Wednesday in Mosul's Quds neighborhood. She says it was not the first time that her office had received reports of civilian deaths. She also cited reports that IS has been holding nearly 400 women captive in the town of Tal Afar, near Mosul.

The Latest: US condemns Turkey's detention of lawmakers

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Latest on an explosion and detentions in Kurdish areas of Turkey (all times local):

10:25 p.m.

The U.S. government says it's "deeply disturbed" by Turkey's detention of opposition members of parliament.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest says the detentions follow Turkey's recent detention of the editor-in-chief of one of its most respected newspapers.

Earnest says Friday that senior U.S. officials have expressed these concerns to their Turkish counterparts. He acknowledges that Turkey has been rocked by deadly attacks but says Turkey has a "special obligation" as a democracy to reinforce public confidence in the rule of law.

Earnest says democracies become stronger by allowing diverse expressions of views, particularly during difficult times. He says suppressing fundamental freedoms is not an antidote to terrorism.

9:20 p.m.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has condemned the car bomb attack in southeast Turkey and expressed concern over the detentions of pro-Kurdish legislators.

Stephane Dujarric, the spokesman for the secretary-general, said in an emailed statement that Ban

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was also concerned by media restrictions in the country.

Authorities on Friday detained 12 legislators of the People's Democratic Party, or HDP, for questioning over terror-related probes. Eight of them, including HDP's co-chairs, were formally arrested pending trial.

Earlier this week, authorities also detained the chief editor and senior staff members of a leading opposition newspaper for allegedly supporting terror organizations.

Dujarric said the secretary-general calls "on the Turkish authorities to make every effort to uphold fundamental rights and universal principles, including the freedom of expression, representation, independence of the judiciary, right to fair trial and strict adherence to due process, in line with Turkey's international obligations."

7:10 p.m.

Turkey's foreign minister has rejected criticism from the European Union over his country's detention of pro-Kurdish lawmakers, and he renewed accusations that some European nations were providing support to the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK.

Mevlut Cavusoglu said Friday that the pro-Kurdish legislators were not above the law, adding that the EU had no right to give Turkey "lessons concerning the superiority of the law and democracy."

Cavusoglu said: "I have never heard (an EU nation) tell the PKK to lay down its arms nor that it cannot go anywhere through terrorism. I have never encountered a country or an EU official who told the (pro-Kurdish party) to put a distance between it and the PKK."

Cavusoglu went on to accuse some EU nations of allowing the PKK to extort money or carry out fundraising on their territories, and of refusing to extradite PKK militants wanted by Turkey.

6:25 p.m.

All three Scandinavian foreign ministers have summoned the Turkish ambassadors in Norway, Sweden and Denmark to explain the arrests of pro-Kurdish politicians.

Borge Brende, foreign minister of Norway, which is outside the European Union, says that although Turkey has the right to fight terrorism, it "does not justify gagging or even jailing opposition politicians."

His Swedish counterpart, Margot Wallstrom, says "the arrests could risk fueling the already existing tensions in the country."

In Denmark, Foreign Minister Kristian Jensen said Friday's arrests and earlier crackdown on activists and media outlets "has brought Turkey further away from Europe" and "obviously makes it more difficult to imagine Turkey as an EU member."

5:15 p.m.

Turkey's state-run Anadolu Agency has increased the death toll in Friday's car bomb attack in the mainly Kurdish southeast to nine.

Earlier, Prime Minister Binali Yildirim had said eight people—including two police officers—had been killed.

The attack in the largest mainly Kurdish city, Diyarbakir, came just hours after authorities detained at least 12 pro-Kurdish lawmakers for questioning in terror related probes.

The Diyarbakir governor's office said the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, claimed the attack, which Anadolu said was carried out with a minibus laden with a ton of explosives.

The blast caused a large crater near the police building and damaged several buildings and businesses nearby. Television footage showed people walking among glass and other debris near buildings with

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windows blown out.

Yildirim also said one of the assailants was "caught dead," but did not elaborate.

5 p.m.

Turkey's state-run news agency says authorities have formally arrested five pro-Kurdish lawmakers, including the party's two co-chairs, who were among 12 detained on terrorism-related charges.

Anadolu Agency says People's Democratic Party, or HDP, co-chairs Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag were put under arrest by court order on Friday and will be held in custody pending trial. Three other lawmakers— Nursel Aydogan, Leyla Birlik and Idris Baluken— were formally arrested earlier.

Meanwhile three of the 12 detainees, Sirri Sureyya Onder, Imam Tascier and Ziya Pir, were released by the court on condition they regularly report to authorities.

A total of 15 detention warrants were issued by public prosecutors. Two of the legislators were determined to be abroad, and authorities are still searching for one.

The others are in court waiting for their rulings.

4 p.m.

Turkish police have clashed with demonstrators who took to the streets in four cities in protest of the detentions of pro-Kurdish lawmakers.

Riot police on Friday used tear gas and water cannons to disperse hundreds of people demonstrating in Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir and Antalya.

The state-run Anadolu agency and other news reports said 10 people were detained in Ankara, five in Antalya and seven others were rounded up in Istanbul's Esenyurt and Kadikoy districts.

2:50 p.m.

The European Union said Friday that the detention of 12 pro-Kurdish politicians combined with the lifting of parliamentary immunity of over 130 legislators in May "compromise parliamentary democracy in Turkey."

EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini also said in a statement that the moves "exacerbate the already very tense situation" in southeastern Turkey.

In a joint statement with Enlargement Commissioner Johannes Hahn, they said that EU "is gravely concerned" about the detentions.

Over the past months, the relations between the EU and Turkey, still a candidate for membership, have steadily worsened as events in the southeastern neighbor have opened it to increasing criticism that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has overstepped the boundaries of democracy.

2:50 p.m.

Turkey's state-run news agency says a court has ordered a pro-Kurdish legislator formally arrested pending a trial.

The Anadolu Agency says a court in the southeastern city of Bingol ruled in the case of Idris Baluken, a senior lawmaker from the pro-Kurdish People's Democracy Party or HDP.

Baluken was among 12 HDP lawmakers detained for questioning early on Friday as part of ongoing terror-related investigations. One of them was released from custody on condition that he regularly report to authorities.

Authorities said the lawmakers were detained for ignoring orders to appear in court to testify in the probes.

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The government accuses the HDP of being the political arm of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has fought an armed insurgency against the state for over three decades. The HDP rejects the accusation.

1:55 p.m.

The German Foreign Ministry says a Turkish government representative in Berlin has been summoned for talks following the arrest of a dozen pro-Kurdish politicians.

Ministry spokeswoman Sawsan Chebli said Friday that Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier sees the arrests as a "drastic intensification of the situation" in Turkey.

She says nobody disputes Turkey's right to counter the threat of terrorism and deal with the aftermath of a bloody coup attempt, but it "should not serve as a justification for silencing the political opposition."

Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman Steffen Seibert says the German government is "talking with our Turkish partners at all levels" about the issue.

1:50 p.m.

A pro-Kurdish People's Democratic Party, or HDP, legislator has condemned the detentions of 12 of his party colleagues, including both co-chairs, saying the operation is aimed at sidelining the HDP and creating an authoritarian Turkey.

Adem Geveri described the detentions as a "political genocide operation," telling The Associated Press that they "officially put an end to the functioning of Parliament in an anti-democratic and unlawful way."

Twelve HDP parliamentarians were detained on Friday for not testifying in court on terrorism-related charges, including co-chairs Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag.

"Now with the HDP removed from the political equation, they will go to an early election and establish an authoritarian Turkey without the HDP, without any democratic opposition," Geveri added.

1:30 p.m.

Several parties in the European Union legislature have strongly condemned the detention of 12 pro-Kurdish politicians by Turkish authorities over their refusal to testify in ongoing terror-related investigations.

Adding to the groundswell of protest over the actions, the S&D socialists, the second-biggest group in the EU parliament called it "very bad news from (hashtag)Turkey. Again," in a Twitter message.

Helga Truepel of the Greens group said Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan is turning the nation "into despotism" and called on the EU to react strongly.

Earlier Friday, EU foreign affairs chief Federica Mogherini already called on EU ambassadors to meet in Ankara and assess the way ahead.

1:20 p.m.

The TurkeyBlocks monitoring network is reporting that access to various social media and messaging apps have been restricted as of 1:20 a.m. Friday, coinciding with the detentions of 12 pro-Kurdish politicians.

Users nationwide have been complaining about restricted access to various social media and messaging, including Facebook, Twitter, Whatsapp and Skype.

TurkeyBlocks confirmed the restricted access, saying its monitoring probes have identified "throttling at the ISP level as the source of the slowdowns, with the majority of internet users affected at the time of measurement."

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Rights activists say restricting access to the internet is aimed at preventing calls for demonstrations. Last week, internet access was periodically blocked in the southeast following the arrest of the co-mayors of the largest predominantly Kurdish city, Diyarbakir.

12:50 p.m.

The European Union's foreign policy chief has expressed concern over the detention of 12 pro-Kurdish politicians by Turkish authorities over their refusal to testify in ongoing terror-related investigations.

Friday's overnight detentions included People's Democratic Party co-chairs Selahattin Demirtas and Figen Yuksekdag.

EU commissioner for foreign affairs Federica Mogherini wrote on Twitter: "Extremely worried for arrest of Demirtas & other HDP MPs. In contact w/ authorities Called EU ambassadors meeting in Ankara."

Mogherini had also criticized last month the detention of the co-mayors of Turkey's largest predominantly Kurdish city, Diyarbakir, issuing a statement calling on Turkey to resume Kurdish peace efforts saying "a political solution is the only viable option."

12:35 p.m.

Turkish Prime Minister Binali Yildirim says a car bomb attack in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir has killed eight people.

Yildirim said up to 100 people were hurt in Friday's blast but only seven of them remain in hospital.

The prime minister said those killed were two police officers, a technician and five civilians.

The prime minister also said one of the assailants was "caught dead" but did not provide details.

11:55 a.m.

A large explosion, caused by a car bomb, hit the largest city in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast region on Friday, hours after authorities detained at least 12 pro-Kurdish legislators for questioning in terror-related probes.

Justice Minister Bekir Bozdog said both police and civilians were killed in the attack but did not say how many. The state-run Anadolu Agency said one person was killed and some 30 others were wounded.

The blast occurred in Diyarbakir's Baglar district, near a building used by the riot police. The Diyarbakir governor's office said the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, had claimed the attack.

Anadolu said the attack was carried out with a minibus laden with a ton of explosives.

Arctic farming: Town defies icy conditions with hydroponics

By RACHEL D'ORO, Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The landscape is virtually treeless around a coastal hub town above Alaska's Arctic Circle, where even summer temperatures are too cold for boreal roots to take hold.

Amid these unforgiving conditions, a creative kind of farming is sprouting up in the largely Inupiat community of Kotzebue.

A subsidiary of a local Native corporation is using hydroponics technology to grow produce inside an insulated, 40-foot shipping container equipped with glowing magenta LED lights. Arctic Greens is harvesting kale, various lettuces, basil and other greens weekly from the soil-free system and selling them at the supermarket in the community of nearly 3,300.

"We're learning," Will Anderson, president of the Native Kikiktagruk Inupiat Corp., said of the business launched last spring. "We're not a farming culture."

The venture is the first of its kind north of the Arctic Circle, according to the manufacturer of Kotze-

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bee's pesticide-free system. The goal is to set up similar systems in partnerships with other rural communities far from Alaska's minimal road system — where steeply priced vegetables can be more than a week in transit and past their prime by the time they arrive at local stores.

There are other tools for extending the short growing season in a state with cold soil. One increasingly popular method involves high tunnels, tall hoop-shaped structures that cover crops.

But the season can last year-round with indoor hydroponics, which uses water and nutrients to grow vertically stacked plants rooted in a binding material such as rock wool.

Anchorage-based Vertical Harvest Hydroponics, which builds enclosed systems out of transformed shipping containers, partnered with Kikiktagruk. The 2-year-old company also sold the system to a farmer in the rural town of Dillingham.

"Our vision is that this can be a long-term solution to the food shortage problems in the north," said Ron Perpich, a company founder. "We're hoping that we can put systems anywhere that there's people."

But the operations have challenges, including steep price tags. Startup costs in Kotzebue were around \$200,000, including the customized freight container and the price to fly it in a C-130 transport plane from Anchorage, 550 miles to the southeast.

The town also relies heavily on expensive diesel power, so operations could eat into profits.

In addition, moving tender produce from its moist, warm growing enclosure to a frigid environment can be challenging. And farming can be a largely foreign concept to Native communities with deeply imbedded traditions of hunting and gathering.

Still, the potential benefits outweigh the downsides, according to Johanna Herron, state market access and food safety manager.

Grown with the correct nutrient balance, hydroponics produce is considered just as safe as crops grown using other methods.

"It's not the only solution," Herron said. "Hydroponics is just a piece of it, but certainly an excellent thing for communities to look into."

Alaska Commercial Co., which has stores in nearly three dozen remote communities, is carrying Arctic Greens in the Kotzebue store. This week, the Dillingham AC store is beginning to sell produce grown in the local farm's hydroponics system. The chain will bring the Arctic Greens brand to more locations if expansion plans prove cost-effective, AC general manager Walter Pickett told The Associated Press.

"The produce is fantastic, at least what we've been seeing out of Kotzebue," he said. "The customers love it."

Lisa Adan is among the Kotzebue residents who regularly buy the produce. She said there are plans to start providing it at the local hospital's cafeteria, where she is an assistant manager.

Adan said the locally grown greens are superior to the produce that's transported north.

"It's so much better," she said. "It tastes like it just came out of your garden."

For now, the new business is operating as a prototype, especially as it enters the long, harsh winter season in Kotzebue, 26 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

The town, the regional hub for northwest Alaska villages, is built on a 3-mile-long spit, and many there live a subsistence lifestyle. The community has a chronically high unemployment rate, with the school district, state and local hospital among its major employers.

For now, the biggest selling point of the hydroponics produce is freshness. Prices are parallel with greens brought up from the Lower 48.

But operators are trying to work out kinks and find ways to lower energy costs, possibly through such alternatives as wind power, according to Anderson.

"We want to be a benefit to the community," he said. "Not only do we want fresher produce, but af-

fordable produce.”

Nearly 400 miles to the northeast, the village corporation in the Inupiat community of Nuiqsut is considering acquiring one of the systems. Joe Nukapigak, president of the Kuukpik Corp., said he plans to travel to Kotzebue after Thanksgiving to see hydroponics in action.

Unlike diesel-powered Kotzebue, Nuiqsut is just miles from the Prudhoe Bay oil field and taps into far less costly natural gas.

Nukapigak envisions the oil industry as a possible customer if hydroponics takes hold in his village. He also likes the thought of same-day freshness as opposed to produce that’s sometimes ruined by the time it arrives.

“If we have a local operation like that, it would not get spoiled as much,” he said. “It would be made locally, and that would help.”

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Paris climate change deal becomes international law

By MICHAEL ASTOR, Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Paris Agreement to combat climate change became international law on Friday — a landmark deal about tackling global warming amid growing fears that the world is becoming hotter even faster than scientists expected.

So far, 96 countries, accounting for just over two-thirds of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions, have formally joined the accord, which seeks to limit global warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit). More countries are expected to come aboard in the coming weeks and months.

Secretary General Ban-Ki moon commemorated the event, talking with civil society groups at U.N. headquarters in New York to hear their concerns and visions for the future.

“Today we make history in humankind’s efforts to combat climate change,” Ban said before opening the meeting.

He praised the civil groups for mobilizing hundreds of millions of people to back fighting climate change, but warned the outcome remained uncertain.

“We are still in a race against time. We need to transition to a low-emissions and climate-resilient future,” Ban said. “Now is the time to strengthen global resolve, do what science demands and seize the opportunity to build a safer more sustainable world for all.”

Scientists praised the speed at which the agreement, signed by over 190 parties last December in Paris, has come into force, saying it underscores a new commitment by the international community to address the problem which is melting polar ice caps, sending sea levels rising and transforming vast swaths of arable land into desert.

But environmentalists say the agreement is just the first step of a much longer and complicated process of transitioning away from fossil fuels, which currently supply the bulk of the planet’s energy needs and also are the primary drivers of global warming.

Naomi Ages, climate liability project lead at Greenpeace, said that it was up to civil society groups to hold governments and corporations responsible.

“We know that existing fossil fuel projects will push us past 2 degrees, so we’re mobilizing around the world to keep it in the ground and stop development of new fossil fuel projects,” Ages said.

While the Paris agreement is legally binding, the emissions reductions that each country has committed to are not. Instead, the agreement seeks to create a transparent system that will allow the public to monitor how well each country is doing in meeting its goals in hopes that this will motivate them to

transition more quickly to clean, renewable energy like wind, solar and hydropower.

The agreement also requires governments to develop climate action plans that will be periodically revised and replaced with new, even more ambitious, plans. Many of these details will begin to be addressed at the COP22 climate change meeting that begins next week in Marrakech, Morocco.

Random citizens can contest your voting right in many states

By CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY, Associated Press

Calls by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump for his supporters to watch for fraud at the polls have raised concerns about a longstanding but little used Election Day tactic — citizen voter challenges.

At least four battleground states — Florida, Iowa, Nevada and Pennsylvania — not only allow private citizens to challenge the eligibility of other voters inside polling locations but place the burden of proof on the person who is challenged. In Florida and Pennsylvania, a challenged voter in certain circumstances must cast a provisional ballot that may or may not be counted.

Voting experts said they do not expect such challenges to be widespread. They also said anything is possible on Tuesday following Trump's unprecedented and unsubstantiated warnings of a "rigged" election.

In states where the burden rests heavily on a voter who is challenged, untrained private citizens could create chaos.

"Some voters might decide it's not worth the hassle to deal with this and may end up disenfranchised," said Rick Hasen, an election law expert and professor at the University of California, Irvine. "To the extent, if this is happening on a large scale, it could lead to long lines and deter people from waiting."

The ability of citizens to challenge the eligibility of fellow voters is different from the use of trained poll watchers, who are selected in advance by campaigns or political parties and must register in advance with local election officials. The Democrats' overall ground game advantage in swing states includes having many more of these registered election monitors than the Republicans.

Of the 39 states that allow private citizens to challenge voters at the polls, just 15 require challengers to provide proof of their claims, according to a 2012 report by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU's School of Law. Some of those do require challengers to sign an affidavit and include penalties for making a false or frivolous claim.

In recent years, Alabama, Ohio and Texas have banned citizen challenges at the polls.

There are generally two types of voter challenges: those that occur before an election and those allowed on Election Day.

The NAACP in North Carolina recently filed a lawsuit alleging thousands of people, many of them black, were removed improperly from voter rolls after being challenged by private citizens. In most of those cases, mail sent to the person's address was returned as undeliverable. County boards can accept this as evidence that the voter no longer lives there.

Among those challenged in Beaufort County, North Carolina, was a 100-year-old black woman, Grace Bell Hardison, who uses a post office box for mail.

Experts say voter challenges that occur ahead of Election Day can allow local officials to look into the claims and voters to fight for their right to vote. More troublesome, experts say, are those that happen on Election Day, which can leave voters scrambling to ensure their ballot is counted and allows for the possibility of intimidation or discrimination at the polls.

"There is a high risk of confrontations and abuse of the process, especially in presidential elections," said Wendy Weiser, head of the democracy program at the Brennan Center. "You don't have enough

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time to properly resolve those kinds of challenges without disruption to the voting process, and it's a lot to place on election officials who are already operating on shoestring budgets trying to manage a high-stakes election."

In Pennsylvania, voters who have been challenged must sign an affidavit and produce a witness who also is a registered voter in the same precinct to vouch for them. If the voter is unable to do so, the voter must cast a provisional ballot.

"It's a burden because most people when they go to vote on Election Day, they are working or going to school. They have child care issues, and most people vote by themselves," said Allegra Chapman, head of the voting and elections program at Common Cause. "I just imagine a lot of people wouldn't come back."

Pennsylvania is one of four battleground states in which Democrats filed lawsuits this week challenging Trump's call for his supporters to act as election observers. In Ohio, the Democratic Party accused Trump of conspiring to prevent minorities from casting ballots.

Election officials in Pennsylvania say challenges must be limited to questions of identity and residency and can be made only by a registered voter from the same precinct. Philadelphia elections commissioner Al Schmidt said such challenges are rare and those who knowingly file false claims could find themselves investigated by local authorities.

"You can't just challenge people for the hell of it," Schmidt said. "The challenge has to be done in good faith."

In addition, federal law prohibits any conduct that would target voters based on race or would intentionally block eligible citizens from voting, but experts say these challenges often happen before they can be stopped.

During a 2004 municipal election in Bayou La Batre, Louisiana, about 50 Asian-American voters were challenged by opponents of Phuong Tan Huynh, who was seeking a spot on the City Council. The voters faced challenges that they were not citizens, had felony convictions or didn't live in the city. The challenged voters were required to fill out paper ballots, which were counted if another registered voter vouched for them.

The concerns surrounding the election prompted the Justice Department to send observers to monitor a subsequent runoff election, which Huynh won.

There also was a report in 2002 of students at Dartmouth University being challenged at the polls over questions of residency. The students were able to cast their ballots after signing an affidavit, but the challenges contributed to long lines at polling place and concerns that some voters might have left due to the wait.

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UK's May seeks to keep Brexit plan going despite setback

By GREGORY KATZ, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May sought Friday to reassure European Union leaders that her timetable for Britain to leave the EU remains intact despite a court ruling requiring British lawmakers to have more of a say in the process.

She telephoned Jean-Claude Juncker, the EU's top official, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel to say her plan is still to start the process to remove Britain from the EU by the end of March. Officials say she will also call French President Francois Hollande and European Council President Donald Tusk.

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In Berlin, British Foreign Minister Boris Johnson said the court ruling should not interfere with the government's Brexit timetable. He described Britain's planned EU exit as a "huge opportunity" and said "with the right spirit, I believe we can turn these negotiations into a win-win discussion."

But May's hopes of a "business as usual" approach suffered an unexpected blow with the abrupt resignation of a pro-Brexit Conservative Party legislator who had complained about the government's plan to implement Brexit without involving Parliament. A by-election will be held, and the resignation reduces May's already slender Conservative majority in the House of Commons.

Her round of calls to senior European figures came a day after a High Court ruling that the British government needs Parliament's approval before invoking Article 50 of the EU treaty, which formally begins a two-year countdown to Britain's exit from the 28-nation bloc. The decision by the three-judge court has the potential to delay that process.

The government is appealing the ruling at the Supreme Court, with a hearing expected next month. If the country's highest court rules against the government, Parliament will become directly involved in discussions over how the Brexit process begins.

A number of lawmakers from opposition parties want assurances from the government that it won't be seeking a so-called "hard Brexit" that will see Britain leave the European single market of more than 500 million people.

The court decision Thursday has stoked speculation that May will look to call an early general election next spring, where Conservative Party is predicted to win an overwhelming majority, according to opinion polls.

Party unity suffered a blow with the resignation of lawmaker Stephen Phillips, who said he was leaving office because of differences with May's approach. In the past, he complained that it was "tyranny" for the government to move forward on Brexit without giving Parliament a say.

"It has become clear to me over the last few months that my growing and very significant policy differences with the current Government mean that I am unable properly to represent the people who elected me," said Phillips, who represents Sleaford and North Hykeham, 120 miles (190 kilometers) north of London.

Another Conservative legislator, Zac Goldsmith, resigned last week in disagreement with the government's support for a third runway at Heathrow Airport.

In the German capital, Johnson sought to calm fears about the U.K. court ruling while his German counterpart called for Brexit negotiations to start "as soon as possible."

"This is one stage in a legal process, that the government is going to appeal that ruling, and I think that it's very important to recognize that the British people voted to leave the European Union," Johnson said after meeting German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier.

"And that is what we are going to get on and do, and ... no, I don't think it will interfere with the timetable for that process."

Steinmeier said "we should create the conditions as soon as possible for the negotiations to begin."

"A stalemate won't do either side any good," he added.

Several pro-Brexit newspapers reacted with anger to the court decision.

The Daily Mail tabloid's front page characterized the three High Court judges as "Enemies of the People." Its editorial complained they were willing to frustrate the wishes of the more than 17 million people who voted in favor of leaving the EU.

The Daily Telegraph headlined its front page: "The judges versus the people," and carried a front-page column by U.K. Independence Party interim leader Nigel Farage saying the court ruling means that "a great betrayal is underway."

Michael Buble announces 3-year-old son diagnosed with cancer

By The Associated Press

Michael Buble says he and his wife are "devastated" after learning their 3-year-old son has been diagnosed with cancer.

The 41-year-old Canadian singer and his wife, Argentine TV actress Luisana Lopilato, said in a statement Friday that their son, Noah, is undergoing treatment in the U.S.

"Luisana and I have put our careers on hold in order to devote all our time and attention to helping Noah get well," the statement said. "We have a long journey in front of us and hope that with the support of family, friends and fans around the world, we will win this battle, God willing."

Buble didn't say what type of cancer his son has or when he was diagnosed.

The couple's younger son, Elias, was born in January.

Buble has been promoting his latest album, "Nobody But Me," which was released two weeks ago.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Nov. 5, the 310th day of 2016. There are 56 days left in the year. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday at 2 a.m. locally; clocks go back an hour.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1916, the "Everett Massacre" took place in Washington state when a dockside confrontation between members of the Industrial Workers of the World and citizen-deputies erupted into gunfire that left at least five "Wobblies" and two deputies dead.

On this date:

In 1605, the "Gunpowder Plot" failed as Guy Fawkes was seized before he could blow up the English Parliament.

In 1872, suffragist Susan B. Anthony defied the law by attempting to cast a vote for President Ulysses S. Grant. (Anthony was convicted by a judge and fined \$100, but she never paid the penalty.)

In 1912, Democrat Woodrow Wilson was elected president, defeating Progressive Party candidate Theodore Roosevelt, incumbent Republican William Howard Taft and Socialist Eugene V. Debs.

In 1935, Parker Brothers began marketing the board game "Monopoly."

In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt won an unprecedented third term in office as he defeated Republican challenger Wendell L. Willkie.

In 1946, Republicans captured control of both the Senate and the House in midterm elections.

In 1956, Britain and France started landing forces in Egypt during fighting between Egyptian and Israeli forces around the Suez Canal. (A cease-fire was declared two days later.)

In 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

In 1974, Democrat Ella T. Grasso was elected governor of Connecticut, becoming the first woman to win a gubernatorial office without succeeding her husband.

In 1985, Spencer W. Kimball, president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, died at age 90; he was succeeded by Ezra Taft Benson.

In 1994, former President Ronald Reagan disclosed he had Alzheimer's disease.

In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal

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Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

Ten years ago: Saddam Hussein was convicted and sentenced by the Iraqi High Tribunal to hang for crimes against humanity. Saying that he was a "deceiver and liar" who had given in to his dark side, the Rev. Ted Haggard confessed to sexual immorality in a letter read from the pulpit of the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Rockwall County, Texas, prosecutor Louis "Bill" Conradt Jr. killed himself as police tried to serve him with an arrest warrant alleging he'd solicited sex with a minor online. Marilson Gomes dos Santos of Brazil became the first South American to win the New York City Marathon, finishing in 2:09:58; defending champion Jelena Prokopcuka of Latvia won the women's race in 2:25:05. Former Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit (EH'-chee-vit) died in Ankara at age 81.

Five years ago: Former Penn State defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky, accused of molesting eight boys, was arrested and released on \$100,000 bail after being arraigned on 40 criminal counts. (Sandusky was later convicted and sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison for the sexual abuse of 10 boys over a 15-year period.)

One year ago: A woman who kept mentally disabled adults captive in the basement of a Philadelphia home and in other states for their disability checks was sentenced by a federal judge to life in prison; Linda Weston, 55, apologized during the hearing, saying: "I believe in God and God knows what happened." Lisa Mearkle, a small-town police officer who fatally shot an unarmed motorist in the back as he was lying facedown on the ground, was acquitted at her murder trial in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 78. Actress Elke Sommer is 76. Singer Art Garfunkel is 75. Actor-playwright Sam Shepard is 73. Singer Peter Noone is 69. TV personality Kris Jenner is 61. Actor Nestor Serrano is 61. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 58. Actor Robert Patrick is 58. Singer Bryan Adams is 57. Actress Tilda Swinton is 56. Actor Michael Gaston is 54. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 53. Actress Andrea McArdle is 53. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 51. Actress Judy Reyes is 49. Actor Seth Gilliam is 48. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 48. Actor Sam Rockwell is 48. Country singers Jennifer and Heather Kinley (The Kinleys) are 46. Actor Corin Nemec is 45. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 45. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 42. Actor Sam Page is 40. Actor Luke Hemsworth (TV: "Westworld") is 36. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 34. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-droo) is 31. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 29. Actor Landon Gimenez is 13.

Thought for Today: "Examine what is said, not him who speaks." — Arab proverb.