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## Wednesday, Nov. 9

School Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Pepperoni pizza, green beans, romaine salad, fruit.  
Senior Menu: Roast pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, tomato spoon salad, carrot bar, whole wheat bread.  
FBLA Blood Drive at the GHS Gym  
3:45 p.m.: St. John's Lutheran Confirmation  
6:30 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran League  
7 p.m.: Emmanuel Lutheran confirmation

## Thursday, Nov. 10

School Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk.  
School Lunch: Chicken nuggets, smiley potatoes, carrots and dip, Fruit, muffin.  
Senior Menu: Baked chicken breast, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, tapiocia pudding, whole wheat bread.  
7:45 am: Free Veteran's Breakfast  
10 a.m.: Veteran's Day Program in the Arena  
7 p.m.: Groton Area vs. West Central at Madison for the Sweet 16 Round

## Friday, Nov. 11

VETERAN'S DAY

NO SCHOOL

1 p.m.: Groton Area vs. Winner in Class 11B Final football game

Senior Menu: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate cake, whole wheat bread.

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**These are 6th grade band students that performed at the recent Kiwanis Meeting last Wednesday.**

**From left to right: Caleb Hanten, Andrew Marzahn, Mrs. Desiree Yeigh, Ethan Clark, Kamryn Flihs, Carter Barse.**

**Lori's Pharmacy  
Holiday Open House**

**November 10-11-12**

**Goodies, door prizes**

**and draw for your discount on gift items.**

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## SD Gasoline Price is Lowest in 3 Months Now Almost Half of the All-Time High

Monday, Nov. 7, 2016 – South Dakota’s gasoline price has fallen 10 cents since September 1 and is at its lowest level in more than three months, AAA reports.

“Today’s state average – \$2.22 per gallon – is almost half of the state’s all-time high of \$4.091 set on July 18, 2008,” said Marilyn Buskohl, spokeswoman for AAA South Dakota.

The national average price for gasoline remains relatively flat compared to one week ago, although pump prices have been pressured higher in some regions due to disruptions on the Colonial Pipeline. Today’s average price for regular unleaded gasoline is \$2.22 per gallon, which is one cent more than one week ago, four cents less compared to one month ago and the same price year over year.

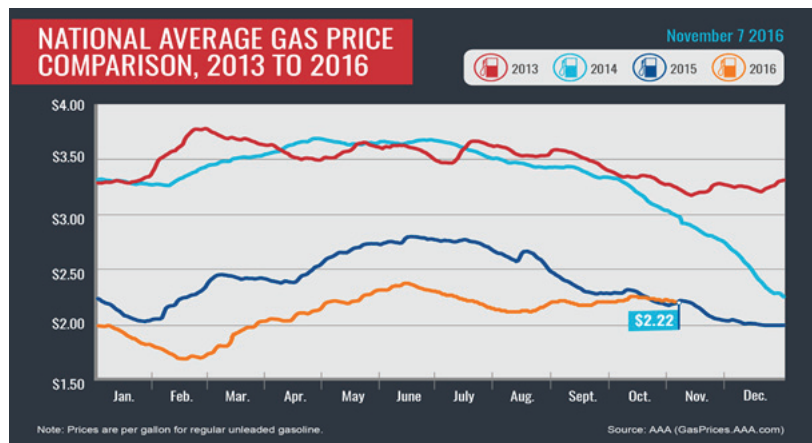
	Today	Last Week	Change	Oct. 3	Change	Last year
Aberdeen	\$2.229	\$2.278	-\$0.049	\$2.26	-\$0.030	\$2.374
Brookings	\$2.282	\$2.199	\$0.083	\$2.21	\$0.068	\$2.366
Huron	\$2.395	\$2.405	-\$0.010	\$2.42	-\$0.020	\$2.286
Mitchell	\$2.262	\$2.321	-\$0.059	\$2.24	\$0.026	\$2.340
Pierre	\$2.335	\$2.343	-\$0.008	\$2.34	-\$0.006	\$2.652
Rapid City	\$2.252	\$2.293	-\$0.041	\$2.28	-\$0.028	\$2.358
Sioux Falls	\$2.014	\$2.079	-\$0.065	\$2.06	-\$0.043	\$2.120
Vermillion	\$2.282	\$2.086	\$0.196	\$2.31	-\$0.031	\$2.197
Watertown	\$2.242	\$2.319	-\$0.077	\$2.32	-\$0.074	\$2.346
Yankton	\$2.227	\$2.273	-\$0.046	\$2.30	-\$0.076	\$2.410
South Dakota	\$2.220	\$2.256	-\$0.036	\$2.25	-\$0.034	\$2.337

While drivers in a number of states (30) are paying less at the pump week-over-week, some volatility remains in Southeastern portions of the United States where gasoline prices saw upward momentum as a result of the Colonial Pipeline disruption. Line 1 operations were restored on Sunday afternoon after more than a week of downtime following a deadly explosion on Line 1 last week. While delivery of fuel has resumed, it may take a week before affected states see any relief at the pumps.

### Quick stats

• Average gas prices are below \$2 per gallon in four states today including Missouri (\$1.93), Oklahoma (\$1.94), Arkansas (\$1.98) and Kansas (\$1.99).

• The nation’s top ten most expensive markets are: Hawaii (\$2.92), California (\$2.80), Washington (\$2.72), Alaska (\$2.63), Oregon (\$2.53), Nevada (\$2.53), Idaho (\$2.46), District of Columbia (\$2.44), Pennsylvania (\$2.41), New York (\$2.40).



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## Great Lakes and Central States

Pump prices in the Great Lakes region continue to be the most volatile in the nation with three states landing on the list of largest weekly increases: Michigan (+5 cents), Ohio (+5 cents) and Indiana (+3 cents). A 5.0 magnitude earthquake in Cushing, Oklahoma last night may have future impact on prices in the Midwest. The Associated Press reports that the earthquake struck around 7:45 p.m. CST and resulted in minor injuries and power outages. Cushing is home to 13 pipelines that transport millions of barrels of oil a day as well as refined products to states in the Rockies and Midwest. Refined products are delivered from the Gulf Coast via the Explorer Pipeline to Chicago and Magellan Pipeline to Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri markets as well as other Midwest destinations.

Prices for drivers in the Central United States remain some of the cheapest in the country with three states posting prices under \$2: Missouri (\$1.93), Oklahoma (\$1.94) and Kansas (\$1.99).

## Oil Market Dynamics

Last week, following the explosion and shutdown of Colonial Pipeline Line 1 crude oil was trading higher, but the company quickly announced that Line 1 was scheduled to restart on Sunday November 7th. The restart announcement had a chilling effect on the market and crude oil prices dropped below \$45 dollars a barrel. Colonial Pipeline could face congressional scrutiny after the deadly pipeline incident. Several Members of Congress sent a letter to U.S. DOT Secretary Anthony Fox requesting a comprehensive examination of Colonial Pipeline and the company's management as it relates to the maintenance and integrity operations of the system. Also weighing on the market are the continued negotiations amongst OPEC and non-OPEC members. The Secretary-General of OPEC announced today that the group was still committed to developing an output deal to cut oil production, but no formal agreement has been reached. Traders will keep a close eye on the Colonial Line 1 restart and upcoming OPEC meetings. At the close of Friday's formal trading session on the NYMEX, WTI was down 59 cents to settle at \$44.07 per barrel.

Motorists can find current gas prices along their route with the free AAA Mobile app for iPhone, iPad and Android. The app can also be used to map a route, find discounts, book a hotel and access AAA roadside assistance. Learn more at [AAA.com/mobile](http://AAA.com/mobile).



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## Good Luck Netters at Sweet 16!



Pictured in back, left to right, are Assistant Coach Joel Guthmiller, Payton Maine, Taydn Glover, Gia Gengerke, Taylor Holm, Jennie Doeden and Head Coach Chelsea Hanson; in front, left to right, are Kaylin Kucker, Miranda Hanson, Jessica Bjerke, Nicole Fey, Katie Koehler, Audrey Wanner and Paityn Bonn. Not pictured is Nicole Marzahn.

**These sponsors wish the Tiger Volleyball Team Good Luck at the Sweet 16 and are sponsoring the GDILIVE.COM Broadcast!**

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**Groton Area vs. West Central in Madison  
Thursday at 7 p.m.**

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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

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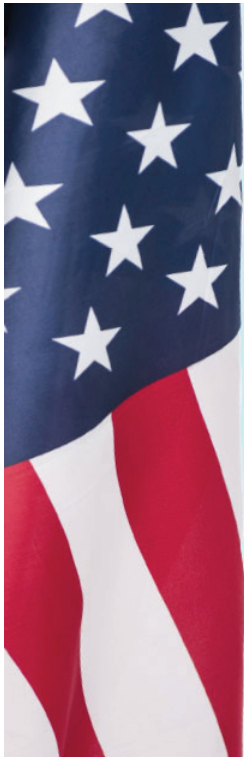
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## **GDILIVE.COM news features**

**We interviewed the seniors of the volleyball team and Coach Chelsea Hanson.  
Also, we have an interview on Tammy Hanson with her 15th Pink Cadillac**

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## Today in Weather History

November 9, 1977: An intense early winter storm moved northeast from Colorado to Iowa during the morning of November 9th, and then to Lake Superior by the morning of November 10th. In most areas, the precipitation began late on the 8th as rain with temperatures in the 50s, changing to snow early on Wednesday the 9th, with the storm continuing through Thursday the 10th. In west central Minnesota, some freezing rain also occurred before it changed to all snow. As the storm intensified, the winds in the eastern half of South Dakota increased with some gusts as high as 60-70 miles per hour with widespread visibilities reduced to zero in blowing snow. In west central Minnesota, north to northwest winds of 60 to 80 mph reduced visibility to zero and piled snow into eight-foot drifts. The temperature dropped rapidly into the 20s. Many roads throughout the eastern part of South Dakota and west central Minnesota were blocked, and the heavy wet snow immobilized snow plows. Many cars and trucks were snowbound on the roads and highways. Approximately 100 cars and trucks were stalled on Interstate 90, east of Murdo. Near Fergus Falls in western Minnesota, two trucks loaded with turkeys became stuck, and half the birds were frozen. Many schools were closed on the 9th and 10th. Snowfall amounts in the eastern half of the state were greater than four inches. A band of heavy snow, ten inches or more, extended from Bridgewater to Howard to Clear Lake into parts of west central Minnesota. The high winds also destroyed a 1400-foot TV tower at Garden City. There was some loss of the corn crop. Sunflowers comprised the greatest loss because they had not been completely harvested. Reports of livestock losses were minimal. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 15 inches in Watertown; 14 inches in Sisseton; 12 inches in Clear Lake and Wheaton; 10.5 inches in Castlewood; and 9 inches near Raymond and Bryant.








1864: On Election Night, a violent tornado strikes a ferry on Mississippi River near Chester blowing away all but the hull. The boiler and engines are found up the bluff. Half of Chester was destroyed, and twenty die during the storm.

1913: The Great Lakes Storm of 1913 was a blizzard with hurricane-force winds that devastated the Great Lakes Region, sinking as many as 19 ships and stranded 19 others. This storm would be the deadliest and most destructive natural disaster ever to hit the Great Lakes.

1926: An estimated F3 to F4 tornado tore through La Plata, Maryland, killing 14 individuals at a small school. This storm caused 17 deaths and injured 65 others.

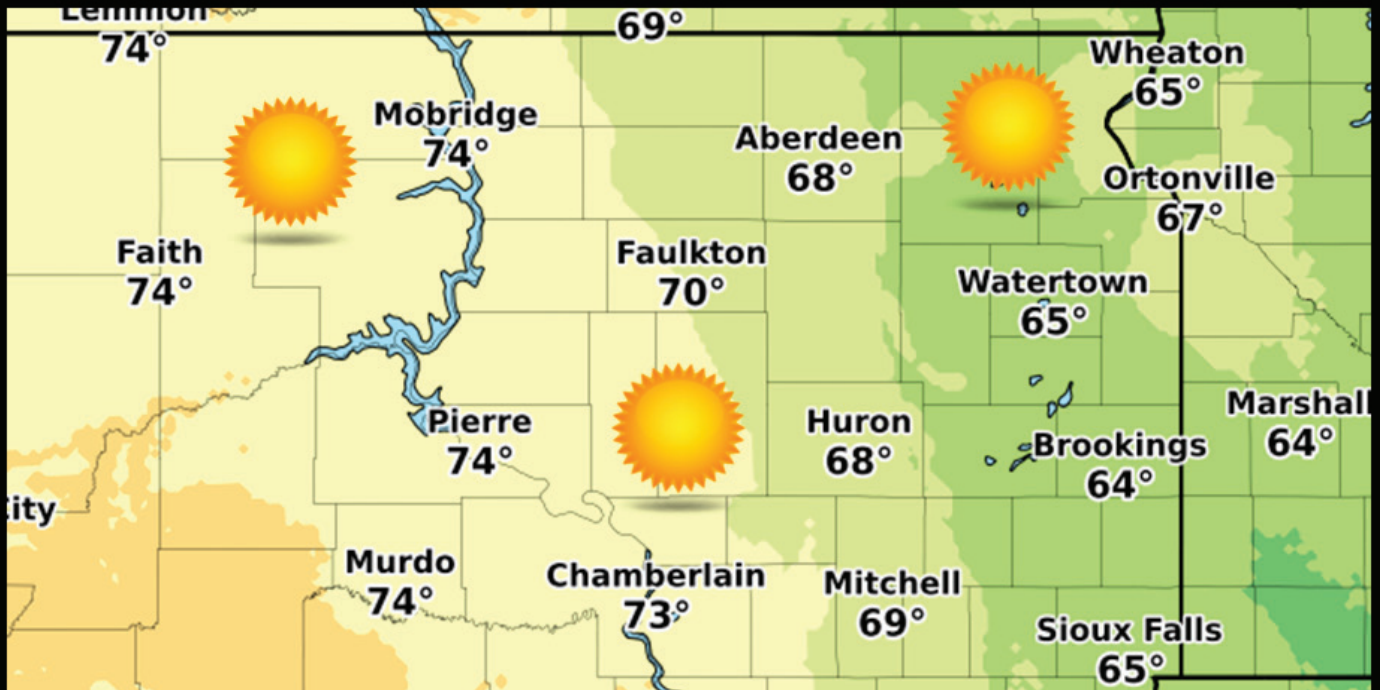
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Today	Tonight	Thursday	Thursday Night	Veterans Day	Friday Night	Saturday
						
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Clear	Sunny
High: 68 °F	Low: 35 °F	High: 62 °F	Low: 27 °F	High: 51 °F	Low: 33 °F	High: 58 °F

## Much Above Normal Temperatures Today!

## Record or Near Record Highs For Some



## Normal Highs Are in the 40s!



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National Weather Service Aberdeen



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Updated: 11/9/2016 5:38 AM Central

Published on: 11/09/2016 at 5:41AM

A large dome of mild air over the western and central parts of the United States will affect our weather today. Much above normal temperatures will be felt across the forecast area, with highs in the 60s and 70s. Some record highs are in jeopardy as well! Skies will be sunny with a light south to southwest breeze. Normal highs for this time of year are in the 40s!



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## Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 57.5

Low Outside Temp: 25.5

High Gust: 7

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

Record High: 68° in 1930

Record Low: 0° in 1966

Average High: 44°F

Average Low: 22°F

Average Precip in Nov.: 0.27

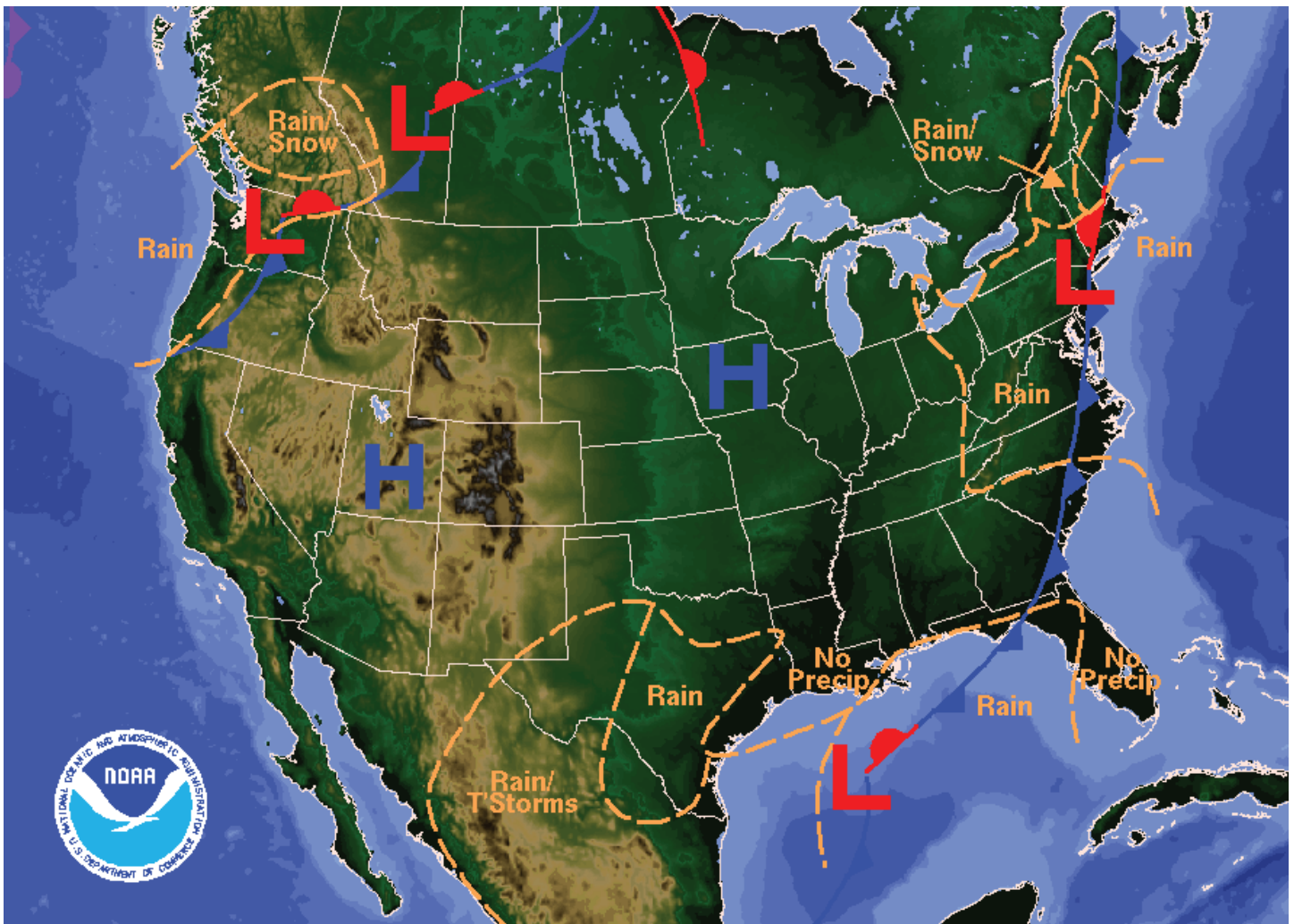
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 20.74

Precip Year to Date: 15.00

Sunset Tonight: 5:09 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:26 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Nov 09, 2016, issued 3:44 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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## "MAKE YOUR PLANS LARGE!"

One of my most prized possessions is my mother's Bible. Shortly after she went to be with the Lord, I was leafing through the well-worn and tear stained pages. In the margin next to Ephesians 3:20 she had written, "If God is your partner, make your plans large."

In that passage of Scripture, Paul wrote, "Now unto Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." What power, Paul?

Here Paul is speaking about the mighty power that raised Christ from the dead: the same power that is available to Christians that comes from the living God. This power from God enables us to accomplish more than is possible for us to do on our own. It enables us to accomplish exceedingly abundantly more than we might even be able to ask or think – if we choose to avail ourselves of it!

God wants to work in and through the lives of His children – you and me. He wants to make His mighty power that raised His Son, Jesus Christ, from the grave available to each of us. So we must expand the way we think.

Exceedingly suggests excessiveness and abundantly means overflowing, or an overabundance of something. But he does not end with those words. He continues by adding more than we can ask or think!

If we sincerely take God at His Word, the only limitations on Christians are the ones we place on God.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, it is beyond our abilities to truly understand the "mighty power" that is available to us. Increase our faith so we, in turn, can do more for You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

The logo for Golden Living, featuring the words "golden" in orange and "living" in blue, with a stylized orange and blue wave graphic below.

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## News from the Associated Press

### **Pierre residents soundly reject \$14.5 million event center**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Residents of Pierre have soundly rejected a proposed \$14.5 million recreation and event center.

Unofficial returns from Tuesday's election showed nearly 58 percent of the 6,500 voters opposed the idea. "We, as a City Commission, decided we wanted this to be a community decision, so we completely respect that," said Mayor Laurie Gill, who had promoted the project as a way to boost economic development in the capital city.

Opponents believed the center was not the best use of city money, and that the city should focus instead on keeping utility rates low and streets in good condition.

"I don't think that we have the draw to bring in events that would make (the facility) profitable," resident Hannah Carda told the Capital Journal (<http://bit.ly/2eTVjnJ>).

The 57,000-square-foot center would have seated 4,000 people and would have been similar to the 40,000-square-foot Swiftel Center in Brookings. It was to open in early 2019, replacing the old City Auditorium that was closed in 2010 due to structural issues and demolished in 2014.

The auditorium hosted a variety of events including sports and governor inaugurations. The new facility was designed for a number of activities, including basketball games and concerts.

City officials worked on the event center idea for three years, investing about \$50,000 in the effort, according to Gill. Local developers Mark and Glennis Zarecky donated 16 acres of land for an event center a year ago. Other options for the land will be explored, the mayor said.

### **Most initiatives fail, but public campaign finance passes**

By JAMES NORD and REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota voters rejected most of the 10 measures on the ballot Tuesday, but they did come out in favor of publicly funding political candidates, capping short-term loan interest rates and incorporating victims' rights provisions into the state constitution.

Voters defeated at least six initiatives, while another faced an uncertain fate.

GOP candidates easily swept statewide races and kept control of the state Legislature in heavily Republican South Dakota.

#### **TAXING CAMPAIGNS**

A ballot measure approved Tuesday will allow voters to tap a state fund to send two \$50 credits to participating political candidates. It also will tighten campaign finance and lobbying laws and create an ethics commission. Don Frankenfeld, a former GOP state senator who co-chairs the main group backing the plan, said in a statement that the measure will help take control of government back from special interests. Opponents said they would work to overturn the measure and protect taxpayers from the new law.

Two other proposals that would also have reshaped South Dakota politics failed at the polls. One rejected measure would have dropped party labels from ballots, setting up nonpartisan primaries that would have sent the top vote-getters to the general election. The other would have taken control of legislative redistricting from lawmakers and given it to an independent commission.

#### **LENDERS THWARTED**

South Dakotans voted to cap interest rates charged by businesses such as payday, auto title and installment lenders licensed in South Dakota to 36 percent annually. They also shot down a measure funded by a Georgia-based lender that would have amended the state constitution to let lenders charge any interest rate that a borrower agreed to in writing.

Steve Hildebrand, a sponsor of the interest rate cap, said it will give low-income people a better chance



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of getting out of poverty.

## VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Voters approved a measure to establish rights in the state constitution for victims including privacy, protection from harassment or abuse, and timely notice of trial, sentencing and post-judgment proceedings.

The law is named after Marsalee "Marsy" Nicholas, who was killed by her ex-boyfriend in 1983. Marsy's Law for South Dakota Chairman Jason Glodt said "the scales of justice were weighted in favor of the accused" before the measure was approved.

## OTHER BALLOT QUESTIONS

Voters defeated a labor-backed initiative that would have let unions charge fees to non-members, something opponents said was designed to get around the state's right-to-work law.

They also rejected two other measures. One would have established a youth minimum wage of \$7.50 an hour for workers under 18. The other was a bundle of election law changes that included different filing deadlines and signature gathering requirements.

A constitutional amendment that would make it clear that South Dakota's four technical institutes are independent from the Board of Regents had an uncertain fate.

## GOP WINS TOP-TIER RACES

Donald Trump followed Republican presidential candidates' winning record in South Dakota, which hasn't supported a Democrat for president since 1964. He won without holding any rallies in South Dakota during the campaign.

Voters sent Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem back to Washington. The Republican lawmakers benefited from the South Dakota GOP's enormous voter registration advantage over Democrats in triumphing over Senate candidate Jay Williams and House hopeful Paula Hawks.

GOP Public Utilities Commissioner Chris Nelson beat Oglala Sioux green energy entrepreneur Henry Red Cloud to rejoin the panel.

## REPUBLICANS KEEP STATEHOUSE

The GOP held on to control of the state House and Senate, which means Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard will work with lawmakers from his party on budgeting and policymaking for the final two years of his second term.

## VOTER VOICES

Sioux Falls resident Judy Harig on Tuesday said she voted in favor of the measure to cap payday loan rates because she believes borrowers can be "manipulated" in a time of need.

"If you are desperate to buy groceries, they can really take advantage of somebody," Harig, a 69-year-old retiree, said after voting at a Sioux Falls elementary school.

Lynetta McEachern voted for Donald Trump Tuesday at an elementary school in Sioux Falls. McEachern, 48, said she supported Trump from the beginning of his campaign because she believed he was "the most qualified" candidate.

"Our country needs to go in a different direction; we need to try something new," said McEachern, who couldn't attend any of Trump's rallies but said she teared up when watching them on TV. "I think he can work with people. He knows how to negotiate. I know he can work with other countries."

## Voters cap payday loans; 2 government reform measures fail

By JAMES NORD and REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota voters saw through the trick: They approved a ballot measure Tuesday to cap short-term loan interest rates while also defeating a competing measure funded by a car

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title lender.

But voters shot down a couple of measures to reshape government and a plan backed by organized labor, while GOP candidates swept statewide races in heavily Republican South Dakota. Here's a look at some of the main results:

## RATES CAPPED

South Dakotans voted to cap interest rates charged by businesses such as payday, auto title and installment lenders licensed in South Dakota to 36 percent annually. Meanwhile, they shot down a plan funded by a Georgia-based lender that would have amended the state constitution to let lenders charge any interest rate that a borrower agreed to in writing.

## GOVERNMENT OVERHAUL

Two of a trio of proposals to rewrite South Dakota's political playbook failed at the polls, while a third's fate was uncertain.

One rejected measure would have dropped party labels from ballots, setting up nonpartisan primaries that would have sent the top vote-getters to the general election. The other would have taken control of legislative redistricting from lawmakers and given it to an independent commission.

A third measure with an unclear outcome would create an ethics commission, tighten campaign finance laws and establish a public campaign finance system.

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## VOTERS PICK TRUMP

Donald Trump maintained Republican presidential candidates' winning record in South Dakota, which hasn't supported a Democrat since Lyndon B. Johnson in 1964. Trump kept a red state in the red column, capturing three electoral votes without holding any rallies in South Dakota during the campaign.

Democrat Hillary Clinton didn't come, either, but former first daughter Chelsea Clinton did.

## GOP WINS STATEWIDE RACES

Voters sent Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem back to Washington. The Republican lawmakers benefited from the South Dakota GOP's enormous voter registration advantage coming off a campaign where the candidates dramatically outpaced their Democratic opponents, Senate candidate Jay Williams and House hopeful Paula Hawks.

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## STATEHOUSE CONTROL

Republican Gov. Dennis Daugaard, who isn't on the ballot this year, can expect to work with Republican majorities in the House and Senate for another two years. Republicans now hold 58 of 70 House seats and 27 of 35 Senate seats, two supermajorities they're unlikely to lose.

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## VOTER VOICES

Sioux Falls resident Judy Harig voted Tuesday at an elementary school in Sioux Falls.

Harig, 69, said she voted for Donald Trump because she wants "more orderly and humane" immigration laws, and she believes that unlike Hillary Clinton, Trump will appoint U.S. Supreme Court justices who "would abide by the constitution."

"I'm so concerned about the direction of the country," the retiree said.

Meanwhile, Sioux Falls resident Alex Ntaki voted for Hillary Clinton because he favors her views on immigration as someone who came to the U.S. from Tanzania. Ntaki said after absentee voting Monday that he's not a fan of Donald Trump and his statements about immigrants.

"I don't like that wall," the 34-year-old mechanic said.

Follow James Nord on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Jvnord>

## Tuesday's Scores By The Associated Press

Volleyball

Region 1B

Championship

Northwestern def. Wilmot, 25-14, 25-12, 25-16

Region 2B

Championship

Sully Buttes def. Potter County, 25-18, 25-9, 25-22

Region 3B

Championship

Sanborn Central/Woonsocket def. Arlington, 3-1

Region 4B

Championship

Chester def. Hanson, 25-19, 25-21, 20-25, 25-18

Region 5B

Championship

Parker def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-8, 25-19, 25-10

Region 6B

Championship

Platte-Geddes def. Burke/South Central, 25-10, 25-21, 25-22

Region 7B

Championship

Lyman def. Philip, 25-23, 25-21, 25-23

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## North Dakota regulators eye fine against pipeline company

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota regulators are proposing a fine of at least \$15,000 against the company building the four-state Dakota Access pipeline.

The Public Service Commission said Monday in a complaint that a subsidiary of Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners didn't get regulators' approval to proceed with construction after artifacts, including stone cairns, were found last month.

The company diverted construction so the artifacts weren't disturbed, a plan the State Historic Preserva-



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tion Office concurred with. But the PSC says the company should have gotten clearance from regulators. Energy Transfer Partners can agree to a fine or request a hearing. Spokeswoman Vicki Granado says the company doesn't think it did anything wrong but is working with the PSC.

The \$3.8 billion pipeline will carry North Dakota oil through South Dakota and Iowa to Illinois.

## Lender sends last-minute \$100K to fight rate cap measure

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Georgia-based car title lender is spending another \$100,000 against a ballot measure that would cap short-term loan interest rates in South Dakota.

The contribution came a day before Tuesday's election. Alpharetta-based Select Management Resources LLC has put \$500,000 into the race since last Monday.

The company has pumped nearly \$3.2 million total into two South Dakota ballot measure campaigns since 2015.

That includes nearly \$1.3 million total to a group opposing the ballot measure that would cap interest rates at 36 percent annually. The group has recently put out TV and mail advertising attacking the measure.

The company has also given almost \$1.9 million to an organization backing a constitutional amendment that would allow lenders to charge any interest rate that a borrower agrees to in writing.

## South Dakotans to decide wide-ranging ballot questions

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota voters are expected to give the state's three electoral votes to GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump and re-elect U.S. Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem.

The main suspense of election day on Tuesday is likely to be the fate of no fewer than 10 ballot questions on topics ranging from public funding for campaigns to payday loan interest rates.

The last time a Democratic presidential candidate carried South Dakota was Lyndon Johnson in 1964, which doesn't bode well for Hillary Clinton.

At the state level, Republican lawmakers can be confident they'll head to Pierre next year still firmly in control of the state House and Senate.

## It's Trump! Stunning outsider victory for 45th president

By JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump claimed his place Wednesday as America's 45th president, an astonishing victory for the celebrity businessman and political novice who capitalized on voters' economic anxieties, took advantage of racial tensions and overcame a string of sexual assault allegations on his way to the White House.

Trump's triumph over Hillary Clinton, not declared until well after midnight, will end eight years of Democratic dominance of the White House. He'll govern with Congress fully under Republican control and lead a country deeply divided by his rancorous campaign against Clinton. He faces fractures within his own party, too, given the numerous Republicans who either tepidly supported his nomination or never backed him at all.

As he claimed victory, Trump urged Americans to "come together as one united people."

Clinton, who hoped to become the nation's first female president, called her Republican rival to concede but did not plan to speak publicly until Wednesday morning.

President Barack Obama invited Trump to meet with him at the White House on Thursday to discuss transition, and the White House said the president planned to address the election results in a statement Wednesday. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Obama called Trump to congratulate him and also called Clinton to convey his admiration for the "strong campaign she waged throughout the country."

The White House said Obama's televised statement Wednesday would focus on "what steps we can take as a country to come together after this hard-fought election season."

Trump, who spent much of the campaign urging his supporters on as they chanted "lock her up," said the nation owed Clinton "a major debt of gratitude" for her years of public service. Trump campaign manager

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Kellyanne Conway said Obama and Trump had "a very nice talk" when the president called to congratulate him in the early hours Wednesday.

The Republican blasted through Democrats' longstanding firewall, carrying Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that hadn't voted for a GOP presidential candidate since the 1980s. He needed to win nearly all of the competitive battleground states, and he did just that, including Florida, Ohio, North Carolina and others.

Global stock markets and U.S. stock futures plunged, but later recovered somewhat, reflecting investor concern over what a Trump presidency might mean.

A New York real estate developer who lives in a sparkling Manhattan high-rise, Trump forged a striking connection with white, working class Americans who feel left behind in a changing economy and diversifying country. He cast immigration, both from Latin America and the Middle East, as the root of the problems plaguing many Americans and tapped into fears of terrorism emanating at home and abroad.

GOP Senate candidates fended off Democratic challengers in key states, including North Carolina, Indiana and Wisconsin. Republicans also maintained their grip on the House.

Senate control means Trump will have great leeway in appointing Supreme Court justices, which could mean a shift to the right that would last for decades.

Trump has pledged to usher in sweeping changes to U.S. foreign policy, including building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and suspending immigration from countries with terrorism ties. He's also praised Russian President Vladimir Putin and spoken of building a better relationship with Moscow, worrying some in his own party who fear he'll go easy on Putin's provocations.

Putin sent him a telegram of congratulations early Wednesday.

Trump upended years of political convention on his way to the White House, leveling harshly personal insults against his rivals, deeming Mexican immigrants rapists and murderers, and vowing to temporarily suspend Muslim immigration to the U.S. He never released his tax returns, breaking with decades of campaign tradition, and eschewed the kind of robust data and field efforts that helped Obama win two terms in the White House, relying instead on his large, free-wheeling rallies to energize supporters. His campaign was frequently in chaos, and he cycled through three campaign managers.

Conway, his final campaign manager, touted the team's accomplishments as the final results rolled in, writing on Twitter that "rally crowds matter" and "we expanded the map."

Clinton spent months warning voters that Trump was unfit and unqualified to be president. But the former senator and secretary of state struggled to articulate a clear rationale for her own candidacy.

She faced persistent questions about her honesty and trustworthiness. Those troubles flared anew late in the race, when FBI Director James Comey announced a review of new emails from her tenure at the State Department. On Sunday, just two days before Election Day, Comey said there was nothing in the material to warrant criminal charges against Clinton.

Trump will inherit an anxious nation, deeply divided by economic and educational opportunities, race and culture.

Exit polls underscored the fractures: Women nationwide supported Clinton by a double-digit margin, while men were significantly more likely to back Trump. More than half of white voters backed the Republican, while nearly 9 in 10 blacks and two-thirds of Hispanics voted for the Democrat.

Doug Ratliff, a 67-year-old businessman from Richlands, Virginia, said Trump's election was one of the happiest days of his life.

"This county has had no hope," said Ratliff, who owns strip malls in an area badly beaten by the collapse of the coal industry. "Things will change. I know he's not going to be perfect. But he's got a heart. And he gives people hope."

The Republican Party's tortured relationship with its nominee was evident right to the end. Former President George W. Bush and wife Laura Bush declined to back Trump, instead selecting "none of the above" when they voted for president, according to spokesman Freddy Ford.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, a reluctant Trump supporter, called the businessman earlier in the evening to congratulate him, according to a Ryan spokeswoman. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the American people "have chosen a new direction for our nation."

Associated Press writers Catherine Lucey, Jonathan Lemire, Lisa Lerer and Jill Colvin and AP Polling Director Emily Swanson contributed to this report.

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## The Latest: Climate scientists react with alarm to Trump win

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The latest on world reaction to the U.S. presidential election (all times local):  
12:50 p.m.

Environmentalists and climate scientists are alarmed over the election of a U.S. president who has called global warming a "hoax."

Donald Trump's win has raised questions about whether America, once again, would pull out of an international climate deal. Many said it's now up to the rest of the world to lead efforts to rein in greenhouse gas emissions, while others held out hope that Trump would change his stance on climate change and honor U.S. commitments under last year's landmark Paris Agreement.

Marshall Islands President Hilda Heine says Wednesday that as "the realities of leadership settle in, I expect he will realize that climate change is a threat to his people and to whole countries which share seas with the U.S."

12:45 p.m.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull says his country will work "as closely as ever" with the United States under Donald Trump's new administration.

He says "politicians and governments, congressmen, senators, prime ministers, presidents come and go according to the will of the people of Australia and the United States, but the bond between our two nations, our shared common interests, our shared national interests are so strong, are so committed that we will continue to work with our friends in the United States."

12:40 p.m.

French President Francois Hollande says the election of Donald Trump "opens a period of uncertainty. It must be faced with lucidity and clarity."

In brief remarks after the weekly Cabinet meeting, Hollande congratulated Trump "as is natural between two heads of state," but showed little enthusiasm. Hollande had openly endorsed Hillary Clinton and said Wednesday he was thinking of her.

Hollande said "certain positions taken by Donald Trump during the American campaign must be confronted with the values and interests we share with the United States."

He says "what is at stake is peace, the fight against terrorism, the situation in the Middle East. It is economic relations and the preservation of the planet."

12:30 p.m.

The Taliban have called on Donald Trump to withdraw all U.S. forces from Afghanistan once he takes office as president.

In a statement sent to The Associated Press, Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said Wednesday that a Trump administration "should allow Afghans to become a free nation and have relationships with other countries based on non-interference in each other's affairs."

The Afghan conflict is in its 16th year. The Taliban have spread their footprint across Afghanistan in the two years since most international combat troops withdrew.

President Barack Obama expanded U.S. troops' mandate to enable them to work more closely on the battlefield with their Afghan counterparts, and to conduct counter-terrorism operations against Al-Qaeda, the Islamic State group and the Taliban.

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12:25 p.m.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has conveyed his congratulations to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, saying he looked forward to working with Trump on promoting ties in a "constructive" way that avoids conflict and confrontation.

During his campaign, Trump accused China of illegally subsidizing exports, manipulating its currency and stealing intellectual property.

State broadcaster CCTV reported Wednesday that Xi said the two biggest economies in the world shared common interests and shouldered a "special and important responsibility in upholding world peace."

Xi says: "I highly value China-U.S. relations and am looking forward to working with you to expand co-operation in all fields, including in bilateral, regional and global aspects." He says he expects they would "manage differences in a constructive way, in the spirit of non-conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect, cooperation and win-win."

12:15 p.m.

Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta has sent a message of congratulations to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, saying "the American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly."

Kenyatta says Wednesday that "the ties that bind Kenya and the United States of America are close and strong. They are old, and based in the values that we hold dear: in democracy, in the rule of law, and in the equality of peoples."

12:05 p.m.

The president of Slovenia — small Alpine nation that is the home country of future U.S. First Lady Melania Trump — says he hopes relations with the U.S. will further improve during Donald Trump's presidency.

President Boris Pahor says Wednesday "we are allied as part of NATO and I will strive for the friendship and the alliance to deepen further."

Pahor also says "American people have the right to decide on their leader." Prime Minister Miro Cerar has also congratulated the Trumps in a Twitter message.

Melania Trump was born as Melanija Knavs in the industrial Slovenian town of Sevnica before working internationally as a model.

12:01 p.m.

The Vatican's first reaction to the election of Donald Trump has focused on its wish for global peace.

Pope Francis pope did not mention the U.S. elections during his Wednesday audience, but secretary of state, Cardinal Pietro Parolin, offered Trump congratulations in a statement to Vatican Radio that "his government can be truly fruitful."

He added the Vatican offered its prayers "that the Lord illuminates and sustains him in service of his country, naturally, but also in service of the well-being and peace of the world."

Parolin concluded by noting that "there is need for everyone to work to change the global situation, which is in a situation of severe lacerations and great conflict."

11:55 a.m.

Russian President Vladimir Putin says Moscow is ready to try to restore good relations with the United States in the wake of the election of Donald Trump.

Putin said Wednesday at a ceremony accepting the credentials of new ambassadors that "we aware that it is a difficult path, in view of the unfortunate degradation of relations between the Russian Federation and the United States."

Putin says "it is not our fault that Russian-American relations are in such a state."

Earlier, the Kremlin said Putin sent Trump a telegram of congratulation, expressing "his hope to work together for removing Russian-American relations from their crisis state."

Putin also says ties between Moscow and Washington must be "based on principles of equality, mutual respect and a real accounting each other's positions."



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11:45 a.m.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has congratulated Donald Trump, calling him a "true friend of the State of Israel."

Netanyahu said Wednesday he believes the two leaders "will continue to strengthen the unique alliance between our two countries and bring it to ever greater heights."

Earlier, a key ally in Netanyahu's center-right coalition, Education Minister Naftali Bennett, said Trump's victory means that "the era of a Palestinian state is over." The Palestinians want a state in lands Israel captured in 1967.

Netanyahu has said he is willing to negotiate a border deal, but has retracted offers made by his predecessors while pressing ahead with Jewish settlement expansion on war-won land.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Wednesday that he hopes "peace will be achieved during his term."

11:40 a.m.

Without commenting directly on Donald Trump's election, China's government says Beijing hopes to work with the new U.S. administration to build sustainable ties and expressed confidence the two countries can handle trade disputes maturely.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang told reporters in Beijing on Wednesday that China is "looking forward to making concerted efforts with the new U.S. government to ensure the sustainable, steady and sound development of bilateral relations" to benefit both countries' people and the world.

Asked about U.S. voters' anger about economic losses blamed on Chinese exports, Lu said only that the two countries had established ways to deal with trade disputes. He says "as mature, large countries, China and the U.S. are able to handle such issues."

11:35 a.m.

Iran's semi-official news agency Tasnim has quoted the country's foreign minister as saying that the United States needs to implement its part of multilateral international commitments under last year's historic nuclear deal.

The comments Wednesday by Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif came after businessman Donald Trump's election as U.S. president.

During the campaign, Trump has criticized the deal and suggested he would try to renegotiate it. Zarif was quoted as saying that any U.S. president "should have a correct understanding of realities of the world and our region and face them realistically."

Zarif says that America has accepted multilateral international commitments and has to "implement the nuclear deal."

11:30 a.m.

The Iraqi government says relations with the United States have a "solid base" and this is not expected to change after Donald Trump's election as president.

Government spokesman Saad al-Hadithi, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Iraq is keen to develop its relations with the U.S. and "boost cooperation in the fight against terrorism."

He noted the leading U.S. role in the current battle to push back Islamic State extremists in Iraq's north. Last month, a U.S.-led military coalition launched an operation to retake Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, from Islamic State extremists.

11:20 a.m.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has offered President-elect Donald Trump "close cooperation" on the basis of shared trans-Atlantic values that she says include respect for human dignity regardless of people's

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origin, gender or religion.

Merkel told reporters in Berlin on Wednesday that the campaign which ended in Trump's victory featured "confrontations that were difficult to bear."

Merkel stressed Germany's close historical connection with the United States. She said: "Germany and America are connected by values: democracy, freedom, respect for the law and for the dignity of human beings, independently of origin, skin color, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political views."

She added: "On the basis of these values, I am offering the future president of the United States of America, Donald Trump, close cooperation."

She said the partnership with the U.S. "is a foundation stone of German foreign policy."

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11:15 a.m.

A top official in South Sudan has welcomed the election victory of Donald Trump.

South Sudan's Minister of Information and government spokesman Michael Makuei says Trump "will be better after all" for his nation.

Makeui says "I really doubt President Obama had any clear policy to South Sudan other than to destroy it. So we will definitely expect better relations with Trump ... and the U.S.A. after the election."

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11:10 a.m.

Cambodia's long-serving authoritarian prime minister Hun Sen has congratulated Donald Trump on his U.S. presidential election victory.

On his official Facebook page, Hun Sen called Trump "your excellency" and pointed out that he'd announced his support for the Republican candidate several days earlier.

He says "American voters have shown their choice to elect your excellency ... My support for your candidacy is not wrong either."

Hun Sen has kept a tight grip on Cambodian politics for three decades by silencing critics with lawsuits, intimidation and other tactics.

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11:05 a.m.

European Union leaders have invited U.S. President-elect Donald Trump to come visit the 28-nation bloc as possible to assess trans-Atlantic ties.

With "sincere congratulations," EU Council President Donald Tusk and his Commission counterpart Jean-Claude Juncker said that, despite Trump's campaign talk of protectionism and isolationism, both sides "should consolidate the bridges we have been building across the Atlantic."

Tusk famously quoted his wife during the U.S. election campaign, saying that "One Donald is more than enough!"

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10:50 a.m.

Indonesia's president Joko "Jokowi" Widodo says the world's most populous Muslim nation will work with Donald Trump's new U.S. administration.

He says "we will keep good relations, especially in trade and investment as we know the U.S. is one of Indonesia's major investors. I think there will be no change."

But, Komaruddin Hidayat, a noted Indonesian Islamic scholar, says Trump's election as U.S. president is "shocking" for many people in Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation.

Hidayat, who is also rector of Indonesia's state-run Islamic University, says Trump has signaled backing for ultra-nationalist, isolationist and protectionist policies that could be harmful.

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4:45 a.m.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has sent his "heartfelt congratulations" to Donald Trump for his election as the next U.S. president.

Abe says that "as a very successful businessman with extraordinary talents, not only you made a great contribution to the growth of the U.S. economy, but now as a strong leader, you have demonstrated your

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determination to lead the United States.”

Abe, in the statement, reminded Trump of the importance of the Asia-Pacific region, saying its peace and stability is “a driving force of the global economy” that also brings peace and prosperity to the U.S., reminding him of the importance of the region.

4:35 a.m.

Donald Trump’s surprise triumph dealt a blow to online betting sites, some of which had paid out winnings prematurely to gamblers backing Hillary Clinton.

Irish bookmaker Paddy Power says it lost about 5 million euros (\$5.5 million) in what the Dublin-based business called its “biggest political payout ever.”

Company spokesman Feilim Mac An Iomaire said Wednesday: “We’re in the business of making predictions and decided to put our neck on the line by paying out early on Hillary Clinton, but boy did we get it wrong. We’ve been well and truly thumped by Trump.”

4:30 a.m.

British Prime Minister Theresa May has congratulated U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, saying the two countries will remain “strong and close partners on trade, security and defense.”

In a statement, May said Trump had won after “a hard-fought campaign.”

May, who took office after British voters delivered a shock to the establishment by deciding to leave the European Union, declined to comment on rival candidates Trump and Hillary Clinton while the U.S. race was on.

On Wednesday, she stressed the enduring trans-Atlantic “special relationship, based on the values of freedom, democracy and enterprise.”

4:25 a.m.

Egypt’s president has congratulated Donald Trump on winning the U.S. presidential election, saying Cairo wants to see more “cooperation and coordination” between the two nations to bolster stability and peace in the Middle East.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi telephoned Trump to offer his congratulations. He also invited the next U.S. president to visit Egypt.

Cairo receives more than \$1 billion dollar annually in U.S. military and economic aid under an assistance program that began in the 1970s to reward Egypt for signing a peace treaty with Israel.

4:20 a.m.

Germany’s foreign minister says the outcome of the U.S. presidential election is “different than most people in Germany would have wanted, but of course we have to respect it.”

Frank-Walter Steinmeier says that Donald Trump’s victory means “nothing is going to get easier. A lot will get harder.”

But he told reporters in Berlin on Wednesday that it was important to maintain good trans-Atlantic relations which he likened to “the foundations of the West.”

4:15 a.m.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg says he’s looking forward to working with U.S. president-elect Donald Trump and that U.S. leadership is vital to the world’s biggest military alliance.

Stoltenberg said Wednesday that “it is important that the Trans-Atlantic bond remains strong” and that “U.S. leadership is as important as ever.”

Trump has criticized many allies for not paying their fair share of the NATO budget.

Stoltenberg said he looks forward to welcoming Trump at next Spring’s NATO summit, to be held in the alliance’s sprawling new premises in Brussels.

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4:05 a.m.

Malaysia's prime minister has congratulated Donald Trump on his "extraordinary victory," saying his success showed that politicians should never take voters for granted.

Najib Razak is a possible beneficiary of what could be an inward-looking U.S. under a Trump presidency. He is embroiled in a scandal over the alleged theft by his associates of several billion dollars from a state investment fund. A U.S. Justice Department probe has linked Najib to the embezzlement.

Najib said opinion polls and established political figures all underestimated the strength of Trump's support.

4 a.m.

Donald Trump's victory in the U.S. election is being viewed with shock and revulsion in Ireland.

The country is close to the Clintons and fearful of Trump's campaign pledge to confront U.S. companies using Ireland as a tax shelter.

The Irish Times branded the New York businessman a "misogynistic racist liar" who would fan instability overseas and intolerance at home.

Irish Times columnist Fintan O'Toole wrote Wednesday: "The republic of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt is now the United Hates of America."

"President Trump is the creation of the same demographic that gave Europe its far-right authoritarian movements with such disastrous consequences for the world," he wrote.

3:50 a.m.

Turkey's prime minister has called on Donald Trump to extradite a U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen — blamed by Ankara for the failed coup in July — as soon as he is sworn in.

Binali Yildirim also said Wednesday that he hoped that the new leadership in the United States would take into consideration Turkey's "sensitivities concerning the fight against terrorism," give priority to policies that would bring peace and stability to the region and advance traditional friendship between the two countries.

Ties between the two allies have been strained over perceptions in Turkey that the United States is reluctant to arrest and extradite Gulen.

3:40 a.m.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Donald Trump in a message posted on Twitter. Modi tweeted that "we appreciate the friendship you have articulated toward India during your campaign.

Trump had reached out to Indian-American voters at a rally in New Jersey in mid-October, praising Modi and vowing to defeat terrorism.

In the Indian capital Wednesday, some from right-wing Hindu nationalist group Hindu Sena celebrated Trump's victory at a central protest ground.

3:30 a.m.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who has lashed out at Barack Obama for criticizing his deadly anti-drug crackdown, has congratulated U.S. President-elect Donald Trump.

Duterte says he looks forward to working with the new American leader to further enhance the treaty allies' relations.

Duterte, who took office in June, has had an uneasy relation with the U.S. The 71-year-old leader has announced his desire to scale back joint combat drills with the U.S. military and end the presence of foreign troops, including Americans, in the country in two years.

3:20 a.m.

Hungary's prime minister says Donald Trump's victory is "great news" and shows "democracy is still alive."



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Prime Minister Viktor Orban has been often criticized by the United States, including by Hillary Clinton when she was secretary of state, for weakening the democratic system of checks and balances. Orban offered his congratulations to Trump on his Facebook page.

Orban, who returned to power in 2010 and last year built fences on Hungary's southern borders to stop the flow of migrants heading toward Western Europe, said in July that Trump's immigration policies made him the best candidate for Hungary and Europe.

3:15 a.m.

The European Union's foreign policy chief says that the trans-Atlantic ties with the United States go beyond the election of Donald Trump.

Federica Mogherini said Wednesday in a Twitter message that "EU-US ties are deeper than any change in politics. We'll continue to work together, rediscovering the strength of Europe."

EU Parliament President Martin Schulz said the result "must be respected" as he said that Trump "managed to become the standard-bearer of the angst and fears of millions of Americans."

3 a.m.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says in a statement that he "congratulates the elected American president, Donald Trump, and hopes that peace will be achieved during his term."

An Abbas aide, Saeb Erekat, said Wednesday he doesn't expect U.S. positions on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to change under Trump.

Erekat said the Republican and Democratic parties are both committed to a two-state solution of the conflict and "I think this will not change with the coming administration."

The Palestinians want to establish a state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, lands Israel captured in 1967. Gaps between Abbas and Israel's hawkish leader on any border deal remain wide.

2:35 a.m.

Russia's lower house of parliament is applauding the election of Donald Trump as the next U.S. president.

State news agency RIA-Novosti says Vyacheslav Novikov, a member of the foreign affairs committee from the governing United Russia party, addressed the State Duma on Wednesday morning.

Novikov said that "three minutes ago, Hillary Clinton acknowledged her defeat in the U.S. presidential elections and just a second ago, Trump began his speech as president-elect. I congratulate all of you on this."

The chamber then broke into applause.

2:25 a.m.

Turkey's justice minister says a change of presidents in the United States won't make a big difference to the "deep-rooted" relations between the two countries.

Bekiz Bozdog told the state-run Anadolu Agency on Wednesday: "in essence our relations are relations between two states and we hope that under the new presidential term the Turkish-U.S. relations will be much better. That is our expectation."

2:15 a.m.

Dutch anti-Islam populist lawmaker Geert Wilders has tweeted his congratulations to Donald Trump.

Wilders, whose Freedom Party is riding high in opinion polls ahead of Dutch elections due in March, calls Trump's win in the presidential election "A historic victory! A revolution." Looking ahead to the Dutch vote, Wilders finished his tweet: "We also will give our country back to the people of the Netherlands."

Wilders is known for his strident anti-Islam rhetoric and opposition to the Netherlands' European Union membership.

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1:30 a.m.

Canada and the prospect of Americans moving there appears to have drawn so much online interest that it has knocked out the country's immigration website.

Searches for "move to Canada" and "immigrate to Canada" spiked Tuesday night as election returns favored Republican nominee Donald Trump. "Canada" was a leading U.S. trend on Twitter, with more than 1 million tweets.

While much of the chatter was clearly tongue-in-cheek, the website for Citizenship and Immigration Canada was down at the same time. Agency officials could not be immediately reached for comment.

1:10 a.m.

The first French presidential candidate to comment on the U.S. election was populist, anti-immigrant politician Marine Le Pen, congratulating Trump even before the final results are known.

Le Pen, hoping to ride anti-establishment sentiment to victory in April-May French presidential elections, tweeted her support to the "American people, free!"

French Foreign Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault said France would continue to work with the new president whoever wins the final tally, though expressed concern about Trump's lead and said it could hold a cautionary message for Europe.

"We don't want a world where egoism triumphs," Ayrault said on France-2 television Wednesday. France's Socialist government had openly endorsed Clinton.

12:45 a.m.

News of Trump's widening lead hit hard in Cuba, which has spent the last two years negotiating normalization with the United States after more than 50 years of Cold War hostility.

Normalization has set off a tourism boom in Cuba and visits by hundreds of executives from the U.S. and dozens of other nations newly interested in doing business on the island. Trump has promised to reverse Obama's opening with Cuba unless President Raul Castro agrees to more political freedom on the island, a concession considered a virtual impossibility.

Speaking of Cuba's leaders, Communist Party member and noted economist and political scientist Esteban Morales told the Telesur network that "they must be worried because I think this represents a new chapter."

Carlos Alzugaray, a political scientist and retired Cuban diplomat, said a Trump victory could, however, please some hard-liners in the Cuban leadership who worried that Cuba was moving too close to the United States too quickly.

## Obama invites Trump to meet, congratulates him on victory

By JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Conceding his party's staggering electoral defeat, President Barack Obama on Wednesday invited President-elect Donald Trump to meet with him to discuss the handover of power from his administration to Trump's.

The White House said Obama called the Republican in the early hours of the morning to congratulate him on his victory in the presidential campaign, which marked a forceful rebuke by voters to Obama's eight years in office. The two leaders planned to meet Thursday at the White House, where Obama was to update Trump about ongoing planning for the transition.

Obama was to offer his first reaction to the election later Wednesday in a televised statement that the White House said would focus on "what steps we can take as a country to come together after this hard-fought election season."

"Ensuring a smooth transition of power is one of the top priorities the president identified at the beginning of the year and a meeting with the president-elect is the next step," White House press secretary Josh Earnest said in a statement.

For Obama, the act of holding the meeting is a humbling blow to Obama's legacy and hopes for leaving a lasting imprint on the nation's policies. Trump has vowed to rip up much of what Obama accomplished,

including his signature health care law, the Iran nuclear deal and a painstakingly negotiated trade deal with Asia.

Obama also called Hillary Clinton after it became clear she'd lost the race. The White House said Obama had "expressed admiration for the strong campaign she waged throughout the country."

It was unclear how substantive Obama's call was with Trump, or how long it lasted, although the White House noted that Obama placed the call from his residence in the White House, rather than from the West Wing. Trump's campaign manager, Kellyanne Conway, described it as a "very nice talk." She said Trump had missed the president's original call as Trump as speaking to supporters in New York, then called him back after leaving the stage.

Like Clinton and other Democrats, Obama didn't appear to see Trump's victory coming. As he campaigned vigorously for Clinton in the race's final days, Obama said he was confident that if Americans showed up to vote, they'd choose against electing the billionaire reality TV show with no formal government experience.

He had also warned supporters in apocalyptic terms that "the fate of the republic" rested on Clinton defeating Trump on Election Day.

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Associated Press writer Jill Colvin contributed to this report.

## **Trump movement aids his vindication, White House win**

**By JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump awakened a movement of angry working-class voters fed up with political insiders and desperate for change. On Tuesday, that movement propelled him to the White House.

Trump's stunning, come-from-behind victory over Hillary Clinton — a far more organized and experienced rival — served as a raised middle finger to the political establishment from his fervent backers.

"I have been so ready for this," said Oklahoma resident Holly Berry, who flew all the way from Tahlequah to celebrate at Trump's victory party in Manhattan.

Berry, who works in sales, said that she can no longer afford her health insurance, which has spiked 86 percent.

"People are sick and tired," she said. "This country's fed up with everything. We're ready for a change. We're ready for lower taxes, ready for our economy to grow, we're ready for jobs."

But to millions of others, the billionaire businessman's elevation to the presidency is a shocking and terrifying reality that will take time to comprehend. Many see the president-elect as a bigot and a misogynist unfit for the office.

"He scares the daylight out of me," said Wendy Bennett, a Democrat and government worker from Reno, Nevada, who cast her ballot for Clinton. "I think his personality is going to start World War III. He reminds me of Hitler."

Lisa Moore, a registered Republican from Glen Rock, New Jersey, crossed party lines to vote for Clinton, who would have been the nation's first female president.

"As a woman, in good conscience, and as the mother of a daughter, I can't vote for somebody who's so morally reprehensible," said Moore, an exercise instructor.

The 2016 election was vindication for Trump, a former reality TV star who was underestimated from the start.

While pundits assumed his poll numbers would sink as soon as voters started taking the race seriously, Trump was drawing thousands each night to rallies packed with angry, largely white supporters who felt ignored and lied to by Washington.

While statistics showed the U.S. economy improving overall, it didn't feel that way in places like upstate New York, Pennsylvania's coal country and former manufacturing towns across the Midwest devastated by outsourcing and globalization. Chaos abroad only added to the feeling that the country was sliding backward.

Together, those factors drove a yearning to return to a simpler time when America was the world's un-

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disputed superpower and middle-class wages were on the rise.

"We have our fingers in too many baskets," said Joe Hudson, 49, an engineer and registered Republican from Virginia Beach, Virginia, who said he would be voting for Trump because "we're not taking care of our own people."

"We're trying to be too involved in world politics. And our country is imploding from within," he said. "We need a new direction, a new attitude, and people to stop arguing and letting the media affect how we feel."

Trump's vow was simple: He'd "Make America Great Again." His outsider status, coupled with his personal business success, lent credibility to a populist message that emphasized recapturing manufacturing jobs, restoring American strength abroad and curtailing legal and illegal immigration.

Trump promised to immediately create new jobs, end conflicts abroad and — in Trump's words, "win again"

Trump, early on, painted his supporters as a "movement" larger than himself.

"This isn't about me; it's about all of you and our magnificent movement to make America great again all over this country. And they're talking about it all over the world," he said at a rally in Miami last week during the race's furious final stretch.

"There has never been a movement like this in the history of our country — it's never happened. Even the pundits, even the ones that truly dislike Donald Trump, have said it's the single greatest phenomena they have ever seen."

But as he worked his base into a frenzy and locked down one primary win after the next, Trump was also repelling large swaths of the populace — including women, college-educated whites and minorities — with his deeply divisive rhetoric.

Trump launched his campaign with a speech that accused Mexico of sending rapists and other criminals across the border. He later questioned 2008 Republican nominee and former POW John McCain's status as a war hero, saying he preferred people who hadn't been captured. He mocked a disabled reporter. And he called for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States until our country's representatives can figure out what is going on" — a blanket religion test denounced by many as un-American.

After securing his party's nomination, Trump questioned a federal judge's ability to treat him fairly because of the judge's Hispanic origin, repeatedly insulted a Muslim-American family whose son had been killed in Iraq, and got into an extended spat with a former beauty queen, at one point instructing his millions of Twitter followers to "check out" her non-existent sex tape.

Again and again, Trump appeared poised to close the gap with Clinton, only to go off on a tangent that would send his poll numbers tumbling.

Then came the release of shocking old video footage from an "Access Hollywood" bus in which Trump bragged about being able to grope women because he was famous. The video's release was followed by a string of allegations from women who said Trump sexually harassed or assaulted them.

Trump denied the accusations, at one point threatening to sue the women.

But one October surprise was overshadowed by another. Trump's numbers had already been rising with news of health care premium increases when the FBI director informed Congress that the bureau had found a new trove of emails potentially relevant to its investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server a secretary of state.

While the FBI eventually announced that there was nothing in the emails to merit criminal prosecution, the damage appeared to have been done.

On Tuesday, Trump won a commanding victory, buoyed by a new Trump coalition.

"It's time to get together," he said.

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## Trump's conciliatory speech helps soothe market concerns

By PAN PYLAS and KELVIN CHAN, Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Conciliatory comments from U.S. President-elect Donald Trump in the aftermath of



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his stunning victory over Hillary Clinton helped global stock markets erase a large chunk of their earlier losses Wednesday.

Though uncertainty remains over Trump's trade, immigration and geopolitical policies, investors appeared somewhat soothed by his victory speech, in which he praised Clinton and urged Americans to "come together as one united people" after a deeply divisive campaign.

In Europe, Germany's DAX was down 0.7 percent at 10,408 while the FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 0.1 percent lower at 6,838. U.S. stocks are expected to open lower, too, though by far less than earlier predicted. Dow futures are 1.7 percent lower at 17,974 while the broader S&P 500 futures were down 1.8 percent at 2,097.

"That the reaction seen thus far appears to have been much more tempered is probably due to the emollient and conciliatory nature of Trump's acceptance speech, and the fact that there was always that nagging doubt that the pollsters may well be wrong," said Michael Hewson, chief markets analyst at CMC Markets.

As Trump gained the lead in the electoral vote count, investors became increasingly uneasy and share prices tumbled in Asia, which were open during the election results. Dow futures were down 4 percent at one point. However, by the time Trump was confirmed the winner and made his speech, financial markets had steadied.

"There's scope to applaud the fact that the opening bell will come with the certainty of who the next president will be, but given the lack of detail on an economic policy agenda, investors will unsurprisingly still be feeling wary," said Remo Fritschi, Institutional Sales Manager at ADS Securities London.

The dollar also recouped some ground, while assets that many investors search out at times of uncertainty, such as gold and the Swiss franc, came off earlier highs. An ounce of gold was up 2.4 percent at \$1,305 while the dollar was only 0.4 percent lower at 0.9734 Swiss franc.

One currency that remains heavily sold is the Mexican peso. It was down 8.5 percent as the prospect of a wall along the United States' southern border — a key campaigning point for Trump — has come one step closer to reality. Trump has insisted that Mexico will pay for the wall. Also potentially impacting the peso is Trump's threat to rip up trade deals like the North American Free Trade Agreement, a key plank in Mexico's economic strategy and growth.

"If Trump is able to follow through with these suggestions, Mexican activity will suffer greatly," said Jane Foley, senior foreign exchange strategist at Rabobank International.

Under the U.S. constitution, Trump doesn't formally take the reins of power until January but he will begin the transition to his presidency almost immediately. In the coming weeks, investors will be looking to see if he further tempers some of the rhetoric that polarized American opinion and often spooked investors in financial markets.

Trump's victory could make the U.S. Federal Reserve less likely to raise its key interest rate at its next meeting in mid-December — especially if financial markets remain under pressure. Some analysts are ruling it out entirely.

"Less chance of a Fed rate hike also helps keep investors smiling at the prospect of cheap money and accommodative global monetary policy stance for a while longer," said Mike van Dulken, an analyst at Accendo Markets.

Another point of interest will center on the U.S.'s trade relations with China and its impact across Asia. Trump's victory has raised concerns that the U.S. and China might embark on a trade war of sorts and that protectionism around the world will grow. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index closed 5.4 percent lower, recouping some losses, at 16,251.54. Hong Kong's Hang Seng closed 2.2 percent lower to 22,415.19 while the main index in Shanghai fell 0.6 percent to 3,128.77.

"Investors will right now be in the process of attempting to differentiate between Trump's actual policy positions and some of the more outlandish statements made on the campaign trail," said Michael Levy, an emerging markets investment director at Barings.

South Korea's trade ministry held an emergency meeting to review prospects of U.S. trade policies after the presidential elections. Top officials from Japan's central bank and finance ministry met Wednesday to

discuss how to cope with the gyrations in financial markets. Japan's Deputy Finance Minister Masatsugu Asakawa said speculative movements were at work in the currency markets. "We will take necessary steps if speculative actions continue," Asakawa said.

Chan contributed from Hong Kong.

## **Marijuana, gun control, minimum wage hikes win at the polls**

**By DAVID CRARY, AP National Writer**

Filling a void created by congressional inaction, voters in a scattering of states tightened gun control laws and approved increases in the minimum wage. The campaign to legalize marijuana achieved a major breakthrough, with victories in at least six states.

In all, more than 150 measures appeared on statewide ballots in Tuesday's election.

California, Nevada and Massachusetts approved measures legalizing the recreational use of marijuana, while Florida, Arkansas and North Dakota voted to allow pot for medical purposes. A recreational pot proposal lost in Arizona. The outcome of another in Maine was too close to call.

Gun control was on the ballot in four states, including California, which already has some of the nation's toughest gun-related laws. Voters there approved a measure that will outlaw possession of large-capacity ammunition magazines, require permits to buy ammunition and extend California's unique program that allows authorities to seize firearms from owners who bought guns legally but are no longer allowed to own them.

Washington state approved a ballot measure that will allow judges to issue orders temporarily seizing guns from individuals who are deemed a threat.

In Maine and Nevada, a group founded by former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg spent millions promoting ballot measures that would require background checks on nearly all gun sales and transfers. The measure was approved in Nevada but was too close to call in Maine early Wednesday.

With Congress unable to agree on an increase in the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, numerous states and cities have taken action on their own. In this election, Arizona, Colorado and Maine voters approved measures phasing in a \$12 minimum hourly wages by 2020. In Washington state, where the minimum wage is \$9.47 an hour, voters approved a measure raising that to \$13.50 an hour by 2020.

In Nebraska, voters reinstated the death penalty, reversing the Legislature's decision last year to repeal capital punishment. Nebraska has not executed an inmate since 1997. Ten men currently sit on death row.

Overall, the results of the marijuana referendums were hailed as historic by legalization activists, given that California is the most populous state. Massachusetts became the first state east of the Rockies to join the movement.

Florida, where the medical pot measure was backed by 71 percent of the voters, and Arkansas became the first states in the South with full-scale medical marijuana programs, which exist in 25 other states.

Collectively, it was the closest the U.S. has ever come to a national referendum on marijuana, which remains prohibited under federal law.

"These votes send a clear message to federal officials that it's time to stop arresting and incarcerating marijuana users," said Rob Kampia, executive director of the pro-legalization Marijuana Policy Project.

The outcome will more than triple the number of Americans living in states where recreational pot is legal. The jurisdictions where that's already the case — Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington state and the District of Columbia — have less than 6 percent of the population.

Nebraska was one of three states voting on capital punishment. California had two competing measures on its ballot, one repealing its rarely used death penalty and the other speeding up appeals so convicted murderers are actually executed. The repeal measure was trailing in partial returns.

Oklahoma residents approved a measure to make it harder to abolish capital punishment. It seeks to ensure the state has a way to execute prisoners even if a given method is blocked.

Colorado voters approved a measure that will allow physicians to assist a terminally ill person in dying.

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That's already a practice in five other states. Coloradans defeated a proposal that would have set up the nation's first universal health care system.

Among the other topics addressed by ballot measures:

— BILINGUAL EDUCATION: California voters repealed a nearly two-decade-old law that limited bilingual education in public schools.

— TAX HIKES: Oregon voters defeated a measure that would have imposed a 2.5 percent tax on corporate sales that exceed \$25 million. Washington voters rejected a plan to promote cleaner energy by imposing a tax of \$25 per metric ton on carbon emissions from fossil fuels such as gasoline, coal and natural gas.

— TOBACCO TAXES: Voters in Colorado, Missouri and North Dakota rejected proposals to raise taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products. Californians approved a measure that raises cigarette prices by \$2 a pack and places new taxes on electronic cigarettes.

## 10 Things to Know for Today

By The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

### 1. TRUMP WINS WHITE HOUSE

It's an astonishing victory for the celebrity businessman and political novice, fueled by voters eager to shake up the American political establishment.

### 2. AP ANALYSIS: TRUMP'S WIN A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM

In electing Trump to the White House, Americans hand the reins to a man who promised to channel their anger, as much as carry their hopes.

### 3. DEEP-SEATED FEARS, LOUD CHEERS AROUND WORLD

While Trump's election was welcomed in some countries, others worry about having to deal with a man who has cozied up to Putin, castigated Muslims and vowed to build a border wall along Mexico.

### 4. STOCKS CLIP LOSSES AFTER TRUMP SPEAKS

European stock markets and Wall Street futures trim a chunk of their early losses after a relatively soft victory speech from Trump.

### 5. GOP REMAINS ASCENDANT ON CAPITOL HILL

Republicans retain their Senate majority and clinch continued House control for the new Congress.

### 6. WHERE POT SMOKERS ARE READY TO ROLL

California, Massachusetts and Nevada vote to legalize the recreational use of marijuana, giving a huge boost to the campaign to allow pot nationwide.

### 7. INDIA SCRAPS HIGHEST-DOMINATION CURRENCY NOTES

The move targets black-market money launderers — but plunges hundreds of millions of common citizens holding cash savings into fear and uncertainty.

### 8. HOLIDAY SHOPPERS, TAKE NOTE

Experts believe that Thanksgiving Day again will offer better deals than Black Friday.

### 9. PAKISTAN DEPORTS ICONIC 'AFGHAN GIRL'

Before running afoul of authorities for allegedly carrying fake ID papers, Sharbat Gulla gained fame as an Afghan refugee when a photograph of her was published on the cover of National Geographic.

### 10. WHAT WAS REPRIEVE FROM ELECTION SERIOUSNESS

Comics and other offbeat political observers gave viewers a respite from presidential election coverage from TV newscasters.

## Shock, joy and fear as voters elect Donald Trump president

By SHARON COHEN, AP National Writer

From Virginia coal country, as election results trickled in, Jimmy McDonald texted his boss to warn he might need a day off Wednesday. Celebrations, it seemed, were in order.

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"Historic day," his boss wrote back. "There's still some good in America," McDonald responded.

Just before midnight, he said he could barely believe it.

"The people have spoken," he cheered. "The people said, 'Enough is enough.'"

In a presidential contest that bitterly divided the nation, the election of Donald Trump to the White House left America's voters just as polarized. For those watching as the results came in, there was exuberance, despair — and surprise on both sides of the political aisle.

McDonald was overjoyed. He's vice president of collections at a bank in Tazewell, Virginia, where he spends his days working with neighbors who are losing cars, homes and businesses amid a collapsing coal economy. Trump is viewed a savior there, the man McDonald believes will deliver new prosperity to working class communities.

"He's going to bring back jobs. He's going to bring back faith in America," he said.

On the other side of the nation, Democrat Terry Zee Lee felt something far different.

"I fear for our country," said the 68-year-old Lee, who earlier Tuesday had no doubt in her mind that Hillary Clinton would be elected president. "I cannot imagine that as well as our country is doing right now, with all the improvements and all the gains we've had for equal opportunity and social justice — it just makes me sick to my stomach that my fellow Americans have that much hate and misogyny."

Election night turned into a nail-biter for millions of Americans as the nation waited for the final tally of votes from a small number of states, mostly in the upper Midwest. But Trump victories in Ohio, Florida, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, along with traditional Republican strongholds, gave the real estate mogul the path he needed to win.

The final determination of who would become the nation's 45th president extended an already long, acrimonious race.

In Hagerstown, Maryland, Sebiina Odin, an African-American who supported Clinton, wondered about the prospects of the nation coming back together after such a rancorous campaign. She joked that her son asked her, "You want to go to Canada for four years?"

But Odin said that on Wednesday, "I'm going to get up and go to work. And I'm just going to be like, he's in the White House. And hopefully, four years from now, we'll win it back."

Even as Democrats sought to make sense of the outcome, Republicans pointed to Trump's outsider status as part of his unorthodox appeal.

Josetta Smith, a 38-year-old Tazewell, Virginia, resident who'd never even registered to vote before this year, was so wowed by Trump that when she renewed her license plate, she got a personalized tag — "GO-TRMP" — as a show of support.

"He's not a politician. But that's awesome because he always speaks whatever he thinks," said Smith, who's unemployed. "He's completely determined to have his way, which is good and bad. Whatever he says he wants to make happen, he's going to make happen."

John Fusaro, a 50-year-old Dallas resident who works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, believes Trump's success reflects the public's deep frustration with the so-called "establishment."

"I think people are just tired of these people in Washington thinking we work for them, when they work for us," he said.

Fusaro stayed up late watching the results come in — feeling, like much of America, stunned.

"When this first started, I didn't think Trump would get this far, and I'm kind of a little bit in shock. But I'm very relieved. He's had no support from the Republican establishment, or very little support. He had a lot of negative media. And despite all that, he's done very well. That's just a testament to the man's will and ability."

Fusaro had no illusions, however, about what it might take to begin healing the fractured electorate.

Trump, he said, must appeal for unity.

"I think he just needs to get out there and let them know that he's not the monster that he's been made out to be, and he will work for every American," Fusaro said. "And hopefully they'll begin to trust him once he gets in office. That's what I'm hoping for anyway."



Claire Galofaro in Tazewell, Virginia, Matt Sedensky in Atlanta, Peter Banda in Denver and Pauline Arrilaga in Phoenix contributed to this report.

## Voter support of marijuana reaches new high

By PAUL ELIAS, Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Voter support for marijuana legalization reached a new high as California, Massachusetts and Nevada approved recreational pot, joining four other states and Washington, D.C., with similar laws.

Voters in Florida, North Dakota and Arkansas passed medical marijuana measures, pushing the number of states with such laws past two dozen.

The California vote makes the use and sale of recreational cannabis legal along the entire West Coast and gives legalization advocates powerful momentum. Massachusetts is the first state east of the Mississippi to allow recreational use.

The victories could spark similar efforts in other states and put pressure on federal authorities to ease longstanding rules that classify marijuana as a dangerously addictive drug with no medical benefits.

"I'm thrilled," said Northern California marijuana grower Nikki Lastreto. "I'm so excited that California can now move forward."

California was the first state to approve medical marijuana two decades ago. It was among five states weighing whether to permit pot for adults for recreational purposes. The other states were Arizona, which defeated the idea, and Maine, where the question remained undecided early Wednesday.

Montana voted to ease restrictions on an existing medical marijuana law.

In general, the proposals for recreational pot would treat cannabis similar to alcohol. Consumption would be limited to people 21 or older and forbidden in most public spaces. Pot would be highly regulated and heavily taxed, and some states would let people grow their own.

State-by-state polls showed most of the measures with a good chance of prevailing. But staunch opponents that included law enforcement groups and anti-drug crusaders urged the public to reject any changes. They complained that legalization would endanger children and open the door to creation of another huge industry that, like big tobacco, would be devoted to selling Americans an unhealthy drug.

"We are, of course, disappointed," said Ken Corney, president of the California Police Chiefs Association. Corney said his organization plans to work with lawmakers to develop a driving-under-the-influence policy.

The California proposal sowed deep division among marijuana advocates and farmers. In Northern California's famous Emerald Triangle, a region known for cultivating pot for decades, many small growers have longed for legitimacy but also fear being forced out of business by large corporate farms.

"I'm not necessarily stoked nor surprised," said Humboldt County grower Graham Shaw, reflecting the ambivalence of the region to the measure. "I am very happy that the war on cannabis in California is finally over."

If "yes" votes prevail across the country, about 75 million people accounting for more than 23 percent of the U.S. population would live in states where recreational pot is legal. The jurisdictions where that's already the case — Alaska, Colorado, Oregon, Washington state and the District of Columbia — have about 18 million residents, or 5.6 percent of the population. Twenty-five states allow medical marijuana.

According to national polls, a solid majority of Americans support legalization.

Proposition 64 would allow people 21 and older to legally possess up to an ounce of weed and grow six marijuana plants at home. Varying tax rates would be levied on sales, with the money deposited into the state's marijuana tax fund.

The exit poll of 2,282 California voters was conducted for AP and the television networks by Edison Research. This includes preliminary results from interviews conducted as voters left a random sample of 30 precincts statewide Tuesday, as well as 744 who voted early or absentee and were interviewed by landline or cellular telephone from Oct. 29 through Nov. 4. Results for the full sample were subject to sampling

error of plus or minus 4 percentage points; it is higher for subgroups

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## Clinton calls Trump to congratulate him on victory

By LISA LERER and KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Hillary Clinton conceded the presidency to Donald Trump in a phone call early Wednesday morning, a stunning end to a campaign that appeared poised to make her the nation's first female president right up until Election Day.

Clinton called Trump after it became clear that the celebrity businessman had won enough states to capture the White House. But she made no public appearance before supporters who had gathered under the glass ceiling of New York's Jacob K. Javits Convention Center planning to celebrate what was expected to be her historic victory.

"We're still counting votes and every vote should count," campaign chairman John Podesta said in brief remarks before the shrinking audience. "Several states are still close to call and we're not going to have anything more to say tonight." Clinton planned to make a statement later Wednesday morning.

But inside the venue, the mood had already grown increasingly grim as Trump captured battleground states like Florida, North Carolina and Ohio and shattered a longstanding "blue wall" of states in the Upper Midwest that had backed every Democratic presidential candidate since her husband, Bill Clinton, won the presidency in 1992.

"My disappointment makes me not trust the rest of the world," said Katie Fahey, who had flown to New York from Grand Rapids, Michigan, wearing a red pantsuit, expecting a victory party. "I don't even want to go out. I want to wear sweatpants and curl myself up in a corner."

The results were startling to Clinton and her aides, who had ended their campaign with a whirlwind tour of battleground states and had projected optimism that she would maintain the diverse coalition assembled by President Barack Obama in the past two elections. Clinton, her family and close aides hunkered down to watch returns at a Manhattan hotel suite.

Clinton's stunning loss was certain to open painful soul-searching within the party, which had endured a lengthy primary between Clinton and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, who drew strong support among liberals amid an electorate calling for change. Clinton repeatedly called Trump unfit and unqualified for the presidency and in the closing days, Obama told supporters in North Carolina that "the fate of the Republic rests on your shoulders."

"The mistake that we made is that we ignored the powerful part of Trump's message because we hated so much of the rest of his message. The mistake we made is that people would ignore that part and just focus on the negative," said Democratic strategist Chris Kofinis, who was not affiliated with the campaign.

The tumultuous presidential cycle bequeathed a series of political gifts for Clinton's GOP rival: An FBI investigation into Clinton's use of a private email server, questions of pay-for-play involving her family's charitable foundation, Sanders' primary challenge, Clinton's health scare at a Sept. 11 memorial ceremony and FBI Director James Comey's late October announcement that investigators had uncovered emails potentially relevant to her email case.

Yet her team spent the bulk of their time focused on attacking Trump, while failing to adequately address Clinton's deep liabilities — or the wave of frustration roiling the nation.

Every time the race focused on Clinton, her numbers dropped, eventually making her one of the least liked presidential nominees in history. And she offered an anxious electorate a message of breaking barriers and the strength of diversity — hardly a rallying cry — leaving her advisers debating the central point of her candidacy late into the primary race.

Nearly a year into her campaign, she still was searching for a message that would address that anger and present a forward-looking vision for the country.

"Do we have any sense from her what she believes or wants her core message to be?" asked chief strategist Joel Benenson, in a February 2016 email, about a memo laying out her message.

His message was part of an October WikiLeaks hack that exposed many of the campaign's battles in the crucial final weeks of the campaign.

Clinton's campaign was infuriated by a late October announcement by Comey that investigators had uncovered emails that may have been pertinent to the dormant investigation into Clinton's use of private emails while secretary of state. On the Sunday before the election, Comey told lawmakers that the bureau had found no evidence in its hurried review of newly discovered emails to warrant criminal charges against Clinton.

But the announcement may have damaged Clinton while her campaign tried to generate support in early voting in battleground states like Florida and North Carolina. In the nine days between Comey's initial statement until his "all clear" announcement, nearly 24 million people cast early ballots. That was about 18 percent of the expected total votes for president.

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## **GOP keeps Senate control as Democrats fall short**

**By ERICA WERNER, AP Congressional Correspondent**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans held onto their slim Senate majority Wednesday, a stinging blow to Democrats in a night full of them. Democrats had been nearly certain of retaking control but saw their hopes fizzle as endangered GOP incumbents won in Missouri, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and even Democrat-friendly Wisconsin.

GOP-held New Hampshire remained too close to call in the early morning hours Wednesday, but even if Democrats eked out a win there it would not make a difference.

Republicans started the night with a 54-46 majority in the Senate and were on track to end up with at least 52 seats, presuming they win a December runoff in Louisiana, as expected.

The outcome added to a debacle of a night for Democrats, who lost the presidency and faced being consigned to minority status on Capitol Hill for years to come.

Republicans celebrated their wins, already looking ahead to midterms in 2018 when Democrats could see their numbers reduced even further with a group of red-state Senate Democrats on the ballot.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who will serve in that role next year under a President Trump, issued a statement congratulating the president-elect.

"After eight years of the Obama administration, the American people have chosen a new direction for our nation. President-elect Trump has a significant opportunity to bring our nation together," McConnell said. "It is my hope and intent that we succeed in the years ahead by working together with our colleagues across the aisle to strengthen our national and economic security."

As the night wore on, Democratic operatives struggled to explain why their optimistic assessments of retaking Senate control were so mistaken. Some blamed unexpected turnout by certain segments of white voters, or FBI Director James Comey's bombshell announcement that he was reviewing a new batch of emails connected with Democrat Hillary Clinton.

In Pennsylvania, GOP Sen. Pat Toomey won a narrow victory for his second term over Democratic challenger Katie McGinty. It was a race Democrats expected to win going into the night — and one that many Republicans felt nearly as sure they'd lose.

The story was the same in Wisconsin, where GOP Sen. Ron Johnson, written off for months by his own party, won re-election against former Democratic Sen. Russ Feingold in a rematch.

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In Missouri and North Carolina, where entrenched GOP incumbents Roy Blunt and Richard Burr faced unexpectedly strong challenges from Democrats, both prevailed in the end.

Democrats did grab a Republican-held seat in Illinois, where GOP Sen. Mark Kirk lost to Democratic Rep. Tammy Duckworth, a double-amputee Iraq war vet. That stood as the one Democratic pickup as the early morning hours ticked toward Wednesday.

The other bright spot for Democrats was in Nevada, where Minority Leader Harry Reid's retirement after five terms created a vacancy and the one Democratic-held seat that was closely contested. Reid maneuvered to fill it with his hand-picked successor, Catherine Cortez Masto, Nevada's former attorney general who spoke often of her family's immigrant roots in a state with heavy Latino turnout.

Cortez Masto will become the first Latina U.S. senator. She beat Republican Rep. Joe Heck, who struggled with sharing the ticket with Donald Trump, first endorsing and then un-endorsing Trump to the disgust of some GOP voters.

Indeed the Senate races were shadowed every step of the way by the polarizing presidential race between Clinton and Trump. Yet in the end, Trump was apparently not the drag on GOP candidates widely anticipated. Republicans like Johnson who endorsed him and stuck with it won re-election, as did others like Pennsylvania's Toomey who never backed Trump until the very end. And so did a few like GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona who un-endorsed Trump after audio emerged of him boasting of groping women.

McCain, at age 80, won his sixth term in quite possibly his final campaign. The 2008 GOP presidential nominee was re-elected without much difficulty despite early predictions of a competitive race, and struck a reflective note ahead of the outcome.

"While as Yogi Berra said, 'I hate to make predictions, especially about the future,' I'm not sure how many more I have in me," McCain said.

In Indiana, GOP Rep. Todd Young beat former Democratic senator and governor Evan Bayh, who mounted a much-ballyhooed comeback bid, but wilted under scrutiny. And in Florida, GOP Sen. Marco Rubio beat Democratic Rep. Patrick Murphy, giving Rubio a platform from which he could mount another bid for president in 2020.

In New York, Sen. Chuck Schumer, the Democrats' leader-in-waiting for a new Congress, easily won re-election. But the results elsewhere meant he would be leading a Senate minority when he replaces Reid in the leader's role.

Even though the GOP's renewed control of the Senate will be narrow, the advantages of being in the majority are significant. The controlling party holds the committee chairmanships, sets the legislative agenda and runs investigations. First up is likely to be a nominee to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court.

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Associated Press writer Mary Clare Jalonick contributed to this report.

## AP News Guide: Trump's stunner

By CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The years-long, shock-a-minute quest for the presidency ended in a shockwave for the ages.

Donald Trump scored a stunning upset over Hillary Clinton, clinching an electoral vote majority in the wee hours Wednesday. Meanwhile, the Republicans kept control of the House and were on track to do so in the Senate, meaning a unified government was likely after a head-spinning turn of events that devastated the hopes of Democrats — and fed their worst fears.

This, in a nation of gaping division and a powerful sense of pessimism, laid bare in exit polls that found voters casting their ballots without much enthusiasm for their choices.

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### A NOVEMBER SURPRISE

Underestimated from start to finish, Trump the provocateur, political neophyte and flinger of insults scored major victories in Florida, Ohio and North Carolina on Tuesday, building steam against all expectations in a contest that raged across battlegrounds and turned on hair's breadth margins.



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Clinton pocketed Virginia — a squeaker like Florida — and both candidates rolled up victories in their predictable strongholds. But nothing else was predictable as the man who faced a daunting climb to the presidency inched closer to it.

Trump flipped Iowa, a state that twice voted for Democrat Barack Obama. He won Utah, a slam-dunk for most Republicans but a state where many die-hard Republicans were said to find him intolerable. And he carried Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, states that hadn't voted for a GOP presidential candidate since the 1980s.

Both candidates left multitudes of Americans dissatisfied with their choices.

The struggle over whom to support was voiced by two voters in Independence, Missouri, after casting their ballots.

"I had such a hard time, harder than I've ever had," said Joyce Dayhill, 59, a school bus driver who "reluctantly" voted for Trump. "I just prayed on it as hard as I could and felt this was the right decision."

Said Clinton voter Richard Clevenger, 58: "I think Trump's not stable. But I can't say there was really anything Hillary's shown me that made me feel like voting for her. But Trump just doesn't know what the hell he's doing, and he's surrounded by the Mickey Mouse Club."

## VOTERS SAY...

The nation's fractures were reflected in surveys of voters as they left polling stations. Women nationwide supported Clinton by a double-digit margin, while men were significantly more likely to back Trump. More than half of white voters backed the Republican, while nearly 9 in 10 blacks and two-thirds of Hispanics voted for the Democrat.

And people were markedly unhappy with the choice in front of them, the exit polls found. More than half of voters for each candidate cast their ballots with reservations about the one they voted for or because they disliked the alternative. Only 4 in 10 voters strongly favored their candidate.

In contrast, about two-thirds of voters in 2012 strongly favored the candidate they chose.

## CLINTON vs. TRUMP

The two New Yorkers pounded each other relentlessly in the campaign's final stage, each preaching that the other is wholly unqualified, as the race tightened in the final days after a persistent if elastic lead for Clinton in preference polling. The Obamas piled on. Many Republicans agreed with Democrats that Trump would be thumped. Some in Washington ran away from him.

## SENATE SUSPENSE

The night's second big mystery was which party will control the Senate, now Republican-dominated. Democrats needed to gain five seats to take an outright majority. If they gained only four — and if Clinton were elected — her vice president would be able to break 50-50 Senate ties.

Democrats blew two of their chances, as Republican Rep. Todd Young thwarted a comeback by Evan Bayh, a former Democratic senator and governor, in Indiana; and as Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida held his Florida seat against a challenge from Democratic Rep. Patrick Murphy.

But Democrat Tammy Duckworth toppled Sen. Mark Kirk in Illinois, and with undecided races elsewhere, Senate control remained in play for hours.

Republicans, though, held on to other key seats — Wisconsin and North Carolina — leaving Democrats with little chance for a turnover.

## HOUSE HUNTING

To no one's surprise, Republicans kept control of the House, if with thinned ranks. They came into the election populating that chamber in numbers not seen since the 1930s.

The breakdown going into Tuesday: 247-188 for the GOP, with three vacancies. They won at least 218 House seats Tuesday night.

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## SHE-NANIGANS/HE-NANIGANS?

Trump pronounced in advance that the election is rigged, in what sounded like a hedge should he lose. He warned without evidence that Clinton partisans would commit fraud and prodded his supporters to watch for misdeeds at polling stations. The prospect of vigilante election monitoring and the anger seething behind that impulse raised concerns about confrontations Tuesday, especially if the result was close.

But there were no early reports of large-scale fraud, intimidation or hacking — just long lines, an assortment of voting-machine glitches and some frayed nerves.

## BALLOT BONANZA

California, the first state to approve medical marijuana two decades ago, gave a big boost to the campaign to end the drug's national prohibition when voters passed a ballot measure to legalize the recreational use of pot. Voters in Massachusetts did the same. Arizona, Maine and Nevada also weighed whether to take that step.

Florida, one of three states deciding whether to permit marijuana for medical purposes, approved the idea. Montana voted on whether to ease restrictions on an existing medical marijuana law.

Arizona, Colorado and Maine were deciding whether to raise the minimum wage to \$12 by 2020; Washington state is considering \$13.50. The federal minimum is \$7.25. Voters in several states may tighten controls on guns and ammunition.

## SOME POLITICS IS LOCAL

Of a dozen races for governor, at least seven appeared competitive and most of those had Democrats on the hook. Republicans went into the campaign with 31 governorships, just one short of their historic high. And Republicans control more than two-thirds of statehouse chambers. In a key legislative battle, Republicans won control of the Kentucky House — the lone remaining Democratic-held chamber in the South.

## **GOP wins 2 more years of House control, Dem gains minimal**

**By ALAN FRAM, Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans retained their lock on the House for two more years early Wednesday as GOP candidates triumphed in a checkerboard of districts in Florida, Virginia and Colorado that Democrats had hoped Donald Trump's divisive comments about women and Hispanics would make their own.

Democrats who'd envisioned potentially big gains in suburban and ethnically diverse districts instead were on track for disappointingly modest pickups. Republican contenders were buoyed by Trump's surprising victory in his White House bid against Democrat Hillary Clinton and his appeal to white working-class voters.

Expectations had been low that Democrats would win the 30 seats they'd needed to capture House control. But both sides had anticipated they'd cut the historic GOP majority by perhaps a dozen seats, which now seemed unlikely. Republicans currently hold a 247-188 majority, including three vacant seats, the most the GOP has commanded since their 270 in 1931.

By Wednesday morning, Republicans had at least 233 seats — guaranteeing control — and just five of their incumbents had lost. The GOP retained seats in Minnesota, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Wisconsin that Democrats coveted, and Republicans prepared to build on their six-year run of House control.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who won a 10th term, called Trump to congratulate him on his win, and pledged to work together.

"We are eager to work hand-in-hand with the new administration to advance an agenda to improve the lives of the American people," Ryan said in a statement. He said Trump's victory "marks a repudiation of the status quo of failed liberal progressive policies."

It was initially unclear what impact the marginally smaller size of the GOP majority would have on Ryan, who'd angered some Republican lawmakers by refusing to campaign for Trump.

While one member of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus was defeated, several newly elected Re-

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publicans could bolster it. That would increase conservatives' leverage to demand their way on issues like curbing spending and government regulations.

In Florida, freshman GOP Rep. Carlos Curbelo won a race that underscored how Trump's damage to Republicans would be limited. With around 7 in 10 of the Miami-area district's voters Hispanic, Democrats targeted it and the race became one of the country's most expensive with an \$18 million price tag. But Curbelo distanced himself from his own party's nominee and prevailed.

Virginia freshman Rep. Barbara Comstock kept her seat in the Washington, D.C., suburbs despite Democrats' attempts to lash her to Trump. The two sides spent more than \$20 million in a district of highly educated, affluent voters that both sides had viewed as vulnerable to a Democratic takeover.

GOP Rep. Mike Coffman was re-elected outside Denver in another costly race.

Democrats defeated two Florida GOP incumbents, but that seemed due to local circumstances.

Rep. John Mica, 73, a 12-term veteran from the Orlando area, was criticized by GOP strategists for a lackluster campaign and lost to Democrat Stephanie Murphy, a political neophyte. Democrat Charlie Crist, once the state's Republican governor, defeated Rep. David Jolly in a St Petersburg district redrawn to favor Democrats.

Democrats spent \$4 million and beat GOP Rep. Scott Garrett, a Freedom Caucus member from New Jersey's New York City suburbs. Also defeated was Rep. Bob Dold, a GOP moderate from outside Chicago, and Nevada Republican Rep. Cresent Hardy.

No Democratic incumbent had lost by early Wednesday.

Both parties' candidates and outside groups spent nearly \$1.1 billion combined on House campaigns, shy of the \$1.2 billion record in 2012, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan research group. Republicans had only a slight financial edge.

Even with the Ryan-led House GOP's current formidable advantage, work has stalled this year on spending bills after hitting objections from conservatives.

Moving into 2017, Congress faces a fresh round of budget legislation plus the need to renew the government's borrowing authority or face an economy-jarring federal default. Those are never easy to pass.

Ryan, 46, has said he wants to be speaker in the new Congress and has expressed confidence in doing so. But he is not immune to ire from the Freedom Caucus, which chased former Speaker John Boehner from Congress last year, and other Republicans upset over his frigid treatment of Trump.

Just a handful of disgruntled conservatives could possibly block Ryan from the 218 votes he'd need to retain his post. That would be an embarrassing setback for the GOP's 2012 vice presidential candidate, who may harbor White House aspirations.

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Associated Press writer Andrew Taylor contributed to this report.

## Trump rides chutzpah to victory in presidential race

By NANCY BENAC, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — He felt it in the breeze.

Nearing the end of his long, improbable journey to victory in the presidential race, Donald Trump, the candidate of so much tumult and bluster, waxed nostalgic about how he got there.

"I had great parents, great parents," Trump told the crowd at a rally in steamy Orlando, Florida. "I just felt that nice breeze, so they're helping us out."

The candidate who for more than a year had unapologetically demonstrated he would say anything sensed it was time to rein it in.

"Stay on point, Donald, stay on point," he publicly admonished himself just days before the election. "No sidetracks, Donald. Nice and easy."

It was a rare glimpse of internal dialogue in the man whose whole life has been one long battle to prove himself bigger, louder, richer, smarter, brassier than the next guy.

Trump's unbounded confidence — and obsession with winning — have been a lifelong constant, evident

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in ways large and small.

Growing up as one of five children in a well-to-do Queens real estate family, Donald was the brash one, a fighter from the start.

"We gotta calm him down," his father would say, as Trump recalls it. "Son, take the lumps out."

For good or ill, it's advice Trump rarely embraced.

Military school helped channel his energy, but Trump's rebellious streak remained.

Trump followed his father into real estate but chafed within the confines of Fred Trump's realm in New York's outer boroughs.

He crossed the East River to Manhattan and never looked back.

"He's gone way beyond me, absolutely," an admiring Fred marveled. His son had hit it big well before he hit 40.

So successful at such a young age, Trump never did have to smooth out those lumps his father had warned about.

"He was at the top of his own pyramid," says Stanley Renshon, a political psychologist at the City University of New York who is writing a book about Trump. "Nobody was going to say, 'Donald, tone it down.'"

Trump admitted as much in a 2005 "Access Hollywood" hot-mic video when he talked about making predatory moves on women and declared, "When you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything."

Trump stresses his Ivy League education, yet revels in juvenile jabs, labeling his adversaries "stupid," "dumb," "bad" and "sad."

"I have the best words," he declared at a December campaign rally. "But there's no better word than 'stupid,' right?"

With no one to shush or second-guess him, Trump made brashness his way, along with his trademark glitz and flash. (Flash, in Trump's lexicon, registers a level below glitz.)

Through years of boom, bust and more than a decade of reality-TV celebrity on "The Apprentice," the deals kept coming and the price tags (and, often, the debt) kept growing — as did the hype. Always the hype.

Trump, visiting Scotland in 2012 to fight the government's proposed wind farm off the shore of his new golf resort there, was asked during a parliamentary inquiry to provide evidence for his claim that the "monstrous turbines" would hurt tourism.

"I am the evidence," Trump answered in all seriousness, drawing laughter from the galleries. "I am a world-class expert in tourism."

He's not all chutzpah, though.

Ivanka Trump tells of her "incredibly empathetic" father reaching out to help strangers he sees mentioned in the news whose stories of adversity touch him.

A Mississippi man remembers Trump picking up the phone to call when the man's father wrote to ask for a loan to build a hotel back in 1988. Trump didn't offer a loan to the Indian-American small businessman but did give him a pep talk and some advice.

"Trump inspired my father to the fullest when he told him that Dad's immigrant story was wonderful," Suresh Chawla wrote in a 2015 letter to The Clarksdale (Mississippi) Press Register.

For all the protesters who roil his rallies, Trump himself has been the heckler of our time. No one is immune. Not senator and war hero John McCain, not the disabled, not Mexicans, not Muslims, not even those people who make up a majority of the country (and the electorate): women.

Vanquished rivals learned to their peril that to criticize Trump was to set off the nuclear option in response.

Trump calls it having a little fun.

Aubrey Immelman, a political psychologist at Saint John's University in Minnesota who has developed a personality index to assess presidential candidates, puts Trump's level of narcissism in the "exploitative" range, surpassing any presidential nominee's score in the past two decades.

"His personality is his best friend, but it's also his worst enemy," says Immelman.

Still, the loudmouth from Queens has a vulnerable side. He revealed it in a movie review, of all things, with filmmaker Errol Morris in 2002.



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Talking about "Citizen Kane," his favorite movie, Trump spoke with unusual introspection about the accumulation of wealth.

"You learn in Kane that maybe wealth isn't everything, because he had the wealth but he didn't have the happiness," said Trump, who once wanted to become a filmmaker himself.

"In real life, I believe that wealth does in fact isolate you from other people," he said. "It's a protective mechanism — you have your guard up much more so than you would if you didn't have wealth."

There's a wariness to the say-anything Trump that was long in the making.

Trump, in a 1990 Playboy interview, said the loss of his older brother Fred Jr., an alcoholic who died at 42, "affected everything."

"He was the first Trump boy out there, and I subconsciously watched his moves," Trump said. "I saw people really taking advantage of Fred, and the lesson I learned was always to keep up my guard 100 percent." He said he's a "very untrusting guy."

The man who has married three times lives large and offers the opulence of his real estate developments as a metaphor for what he can do for America. But in fact he has relatively simple tastes, if you are to believe him and his family.

He's never had a drink, smoked or done drugs, he says. He's a self-proclaimed "germ freak" who'd really rather not shake your hand.

Give him spaghetti and meatballs over pate any day, his sister says.

Or even meatloaf, a Trump favorite when he's at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida.

In the end, Trump stood before voters and offered himself as the unadorned solution to what ails a nation he paints in dark, troubled hues, mocking the gimmicks and celebrity endorsements of his opponent.

"I am here all by myself," he told a crowd in Pennsylvania. "Just me. No guitar, no piano, no nothing."

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## Major voting problems scant despite ominous warnings

By **CHRISTINA A. CASSIDY** and **ERIC TUCKER**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Election Day came and went with no obvious signs of the catastrophic problems some had feared, including large-scale fraud, intimidation or hacking.

Voters across the country instead encountered the types of glitches that arise in every election — long lines, occasional broken machines, discrepancies in voting rolls and some hot tempers.

The scattered problems included malfunctioning voting systems at polling stations in Texas, computer trouble in North Carolina that forced officials to rely on a paper check-in process and triggered long lines, and arguments and skirmishes between supporters of Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump, including one reported to have involved pepper spray.

There were reports in some states of voters waiting in line for hours to cast a ballot.

Among them was Heather Merrick, who waited for hours to vote at a firehouse in Jersey City, New Jersey. She lamented that she didn't bring snacks.

"I think that the energy and general vibe was really upbeat," said Merrick, 33, who was voting in New Jersey for the first time after moving from New York. "I started to sense a little frustration once we got close enough to see the machines stuck in the line and it was moving so slowly."

Yet there were no immediate indications of any snags large enough to alter the vote count in any meaningful way.

"The biggest surprise is how uneventful things have been with this large a turnout," said Illinois State Board of Elections spokesman Jim Tenuto. "Everyone was expecting more problems than this — and nothing."

The voting unfolded amid repeated but unsubstantiated claims from Trump that the election would somehow be rigged. His exhortations to followers to watch for fraud at the polls gave rise to fears of

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vigilantism and harassment.

He continued to raise the specter of election fraud on Tuesday, telling Fox News, "It's largely a rigged system." He would not say whether he would accept the outcome of the election.

"We're going to see how things play out today and hopefully they will play out well and hopefully we won't have to worry about it," he said.

In Philadelphia, one of the places Trump had suggested were ripe for fraud, District Attorney Seth Williams said that as of the afternoon, there were no substantiated reports of voter fraud or intimidation, and "no walking apocalypse of zombies voting around town."

State officials, meanwhile, had been working for weeks against any attempt by hackers to breach their computer systems. It was a particular concern given the U.S. intelligence community's assertion last month that the Russians had attempted through hacking to interfere with the electoral process.

But there were no major reported problems. The federal government offered help to states looking to patch their networks to prevent intrusions.

Cybersecurity experts said because of the nation's decentralized voting system, with people casting ballots in 9,000 jurisdictions and more than 185,000 precincts, it would be difficult for a hacker to have any sizable effect on the vote.

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## **Dow futures, Asian shares tumble as Trump leads vote count**

**By KELVIN CHAN, AP Business Writer**

HONG KONG (AP) — Financial markets went on a wild ride Wednesday, as Wall Street index futures and Asian stock benchmarks tumbled on the rising possibility of a Trump presidency.

Shares had been higher early in Asia's Wednesday trading session but then turned sharply as investors unloaded shares when Donald Trump first gained the lead in the electoral vote count.

A Trump presidency is seen likely to bring added uncertainty on various issues, including trade policies.

Pricing in a possible Trump victory, Dow futures were down 3.8 percent or 687 points at 17,593.00 and S&P futures had dropped 4.6 percent to 2,037.80.

Oil and the dollar tumbled, the Mexican peso sank and gold surged as investors sought a safe haven.

As of 11:30 EST (0430 GMT), Trump had taken 216 electoral votes to Hillary Clinton's 197.

In Asian trading, Japan's Nikkei 225 index plunged 4.2 percent to 16,458.75 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng slumped 2.8 percent to 22,262.74. South Korea's KOSPI shed 2.7 percent to 1,949.07, the Shanghai Composite index fell 1.3 percent to 3,106.23 and Australia's S&P ASX/200 in sank 1.7 percent to 5,167.00.

Benchmarks in Taiwan, Singapore, the Philippines and Indonesia also lost ground.

"A Trump victory would be certain to surprise markets and generate a global uncertainty shock," Societe Generale economists Klaus Baader and Michala Marcussen said in a research report.

Trump was locked in tight races across a handful of key battleground states with polls beginning to close across the nation. In early results, Trump the Republican and Clinton the Democrat scored in their expected strongholds. By about 9:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (0230 GMT) the count showed Donald Trump with 137 electoral votes to Clinton's 104.

"Rightly or wrongly, markets are going to be concerned about a Trump victory, particularly given the potential consequences for world trade and its impact on many large companies in the U.S. stock market," said Ric Spooner, chief analyst at CMC Markets in Sydney. "Like Brexit, the rally over the last two days increases the downside potential if Donald Trump does win the election," he added, referring to Britain's unexpected vote to leave the European Union that shook world markets.

The price of gold, seen as a safe place for investors' money in times of uncertainty, soared 3.1 percent to \$1,313.50 an ounce.

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The election uncertainty also jolted currency markets, sending investors fleeing from the dollar. The greenback plunged 3.0 percent to 101.79 yen from 105.46 earlier in the day. The euro rose to \$1.1228 from \$1.1020.

The exception was the Mexican peso, which swooned 10.7 percent to 20.31 pesos to the dollar.

Trump has threatened to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement and vows to build a wall along the United States' southern border and force Mexico to pay for it.

Financial analyst Gabriela Siller of Banco BASE issued a forecast earlier Tuesday that a victory by Donald Trump could cause the rate to fall to 24 to the dollar next year and lead to a 3 percent economic contraction in Mexico.

Energy markets were also roiled. Benchmark U.S. crude futures lost \$1.35, or 3 percent, to \$43.63 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract rose 9 cents to close at \$44.98 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, used to price international oils, slid \$1.11, or 2.3 percent, to \$44.93 a barrel in London.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 9, the 314th day of 2016. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

On this date:

In 1620, the passengers and crew of the Mayflower sighted Cape Cod.

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate; he then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders formed the Committee for Industrial Organization (later renamed the Congress of Industrial Organizations).

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in a pogrom that became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, Welsh author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

In 1965, the great Northeast blackout began as a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

In 1970, former French President Charles de Gaulle died at age 79.

In 1986, Israel revealed it was holding Mordechai Vanunu (MOR'-dih-khy vah-NOO'-noo), a former nuclear technician who'd vanished after providing information to a British newspaper about Israel's nuclear weapons program. (Vanunu was convicted of treason and served 18 years in prison.)

In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

In 1991, singer-actor Yves Montand died near Paris at age 70.

Ten years ago: Republican Sen. George Allen conceded defeat in the Virginia Senate race to Democrat Jim Webb, sealing the Democrats' control of Congress. World champion figure skater Michelle Kwan was appointed America's first public diplomacy envoy by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. CBS newsman Ed Bradley died in New York at age 65.

Five years ago: After 46 seasons as Penn State's head football coach and a record 409 victories, Joe Paterno was fired along with the university president, Graham Spanier, over their handling of child sex abuse allegations against former assistant coach Jerry Sandusky. Taylor Swift won her second entertainer

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of the year award at The Country Music Association Awards.

One year ago: Minimizing sharp differences, President Barack Obama and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reaffirmed their commitment to seeking elusive Middle East peace during a White House meeting. The president of the University of Missouri system and the head of its flagship campus resigned with the football team and others on campus in open revolt over what they saw as indifference to racial tensions at the school. President Obama launched his own personal Facebook page. Andy White, 85, a top session drummer in England during the 1960s who stepped in for newcomer Ringo Starr as the Beatles recorded their debut single "Love Me Do," died in Caldwell, New Jersey. Stripper Carol Doda, 78, died in San Francisco.

Today's Birthdays: Baseball Hall of Famer Whitey Herzog is 85. Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson is 81. Actor Charlie Robinson is 71. Movie director Bille August is 68. Actor Robert David Hall is 68. Actor Lou Ferrigno is 65. Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, is 64. Gospel singer Donnie McClurkin is 57. Rock musician Dee Plakas (L7) is 56. Actress Ion Overman is 47. Rapper Pepa (Salt-N-Pepa) is 47. Rapper Scarface (Geto Boys) is 46. Blues singer Susan Tedeschi (teh-DEHS'-kee) is 46. Actor Jason Antoon is 45. Actor Eric Dane is 44. Singer Nick Lachey (98 Degrees) is 43. Country musician Barry Knox (Parmalee) is 39. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sisqo (Dru Hill) is 38. Country singer Corey Smith is 37. Actress Nikki Blonsky is 28. Actress-model Analeigh (AH'-nuh-lee) Tipton is 28.

Thought for Today: "When one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes." — Dylan Thomas (1914-1953).