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OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

Groton Area Schedule of Events

Monday, November 5, 2018

Debate at Watertown High School

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Volleyball: Girls Varsity Round of 16

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

NCRC Testing Seniors at Groton Area High School

6:00pm: FCCLA Food Drive at GHS Gymnasium

Thursday, November 8, 2018

5:30pm: Financial Aid Information Night at Groton Area High School

✓ **Vote Michael Nehls**

NOW is

the Time!

**Eastern Brown County
has not had
representation on the
commission for 33 years.**



- **30 year law enforcement veteran working with city and county governments.**
- **Progressive thinker.**
- **Conservative Spender**
- **Common Sense Approach to Solving Issues.**
- **Putting taxpayers first.**

My pledge is that I will always listen to the concerns of all county residents and to represent Brown County taxpayers as an experienced and trust worthy public servant.

Vote Lana Greenfield for District 2 House A WISE CHOICE; A STRONG VOICE



**LANA
GREENFIELD**
DISTRICT 2
FOR **HOUSE**
LANAGREENFIELD.COM

Background:

- ★ Raised on a farm near Bryant
- ★ Received a Bachelor of Science in education from BHSU
- ★ Married for 48 years, mother of three, grandmother

Experience:

- ★ Owner of Greeny's, a restaurant-lodging facility in Doland
- ★ Land owner
- ★ Retired 37 year veteran teacher

Lana Supports:

- ◆ Life
- ◆ Gun Rights
- ◆ Stable education curriculum
- ◆ Small business and entrepreneurship
- ◆ Veterans
- ◆ Elderly and homes for the disabled
- ◆ No new taxes
- ◆ Common sense government
- ◆ A strict interpretation of the Constitution

***Re-elect Lana Greenfield on
November 6th, a
fiscally conservative Republican,
endorsed by the NRA.***

Paid for by Lana Greenfield for House,
Box 143, Doland, SD 57436

 **VOTE** ★for★
**LYNN
HEUPEL**



FOR BROWN COUNTY AUDITOR

I am running for Brown County Auditor because I want to continue my dedication by working for you the people of Brown County. I have worked in the Auditor's office for 7 years and have been the Chief Deputy Auditor for 6 years. As the Chief Deputy Auditor, I have knowledge of the overall duties of the Auditor's Office; my main responsibilities are Accounts Payable, Monthly & Annual Financial Reports, Assist Legislative Audits during the Counties Annual Audits, Apportion the Taxes collected, Liquor Licenses and assisting with Elections, County Liens and Inventory. This along with my years of experience in accounting, management and customer service, I am prepared to step into this role upon Maxine Fischer's retirement. I ask for your support by voting for me in the General Election. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6th but Absentee voting started Friday, Sept. 21st at the Auditor's Office between 8am to 5pm, Monday- Friday.

Committed to Community
Experienced * Proven Performance

[Facebook.com/lynn.m.heupelforbrcoauditor](https://www.facebook.com/lynn.m.heupelforbrcoauditor)

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Cassandra Townsend, daughter of Kellie and Dean Townsend, was chosen as the 2019 Groton Snow Queen. Stella Meier, daughter of Nicholas Meier and Anna and Brett Schwan was chosen as the 2019 Groton Junior Snow Queen. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Nicole Marzahn
First Place
Senior Division
Talent Contest**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Kyrie Yeigh
Second Place
Junior Division
Talent Contest**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Alexis Hanten
First Place
Junior Division
Talent Contest**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)



**Anna Bisbee
Junior Division
Talent Contest**

(Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Kinton Tracy, son of Ryan and Carla Tracy was chosen as the Snow Prince. The Snow Princesses was Amara Freeland, daughter of Sara Freeland. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



The pages were Micah Poor and Korbin Blackmun. They are standing beside a stuffed Frosty. There was no Frosty contest this year. The clues were Grew up on a farm, two children, enjoyed music and singing, hunting enthusiast, proud grandparent, sports athlete, Groton Tiger supporter, 4-Hers, dedicated Groton Baseball Supporter and Devoted Duke Blue Devil Fan. The frosty represented the late Steve Giedt. Giedt, for many years, was the Frosty guard and the Groton Kiwanis Club saw fit to have a memorial in Steve's honor this year as Frosty. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Jordan Kjellsen was the master of ceremony. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Tom Mahan gave the welcome for the Groton Kiwanis Club. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



Craig Muilenberg was trying to fix some lights as Jeslyn Kosel was holding the light for him. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Miss Congeniality was Portia Kettering, daughter of Kara and Kevin Pharis and Scott Kettering. Alexis Simon was first runner-up, daughter of Jamie and Nick Simon. Sr. Snow Queen was Cassandra Townsend, daughter of Kellie and Dean Townsend. (Kellie Townsend

Facebook Page photo)

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The junior Snow Queen is featured above. In back, left to right, are Allyssa Locke, daughter of Tammy and Matt Locke, first runner-up; Trista Keith, daughter of Tricia and Bary Keith; Madison Bjerke, daughter of Kathy and Jerry Bjerke; Riley Leiht, daughter of Sadie and Nick Leight; and Trinity Smith, daughter of Missi and Jeremy Smith, second runner-up; in front is Junior Snow Queen Stella Meier, daughter of Anna and Brett Schwan and Nicholas Meier. (Missi Smith Face-

book Page photo)



Doug **Fjeldheim** County Commission

**A devoted FAMILY MAN,
a FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE leader,
and a Commissioner who will make
decisions based on COMMON SENSE.**

My fellow taxpayers of Brown County:

I am seeking re-election to the Brown County Commission because I believe I can and have contributed to the greater good by spending our tax dollars wisely.

As a farmer I know how important it is to have good roads and to have a county government that works with the people of the area to protect their interests.

I would be honored to serve another 4 years as a commissioner and treat your tax dollars as my own because just like you, some of them are!

On November 6th, please cast your ballot for Doug Fjeldheim for Brown County Commission.

Doug Fjeldheim

Paid for by Fjeldheim for County Commission

Doug **Fjeldheim** County Commission

Doug Fjeldheim is seeking to be re-elected to the Brown County Commission. Having over 32 years of management experience in business, 30 years of farming experience, and as the Westport Township Clerk since 2003, Doug is familiar with the challenges each township faces.

As your County Commissioner, Doug Fjeldheim pledges to continue being prudent with how the tax dollars of Brown County are spent.

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Weekly Vikings Roundup By Jordan Wright

The Minnesota Vikings' defense was dominant in the 24-9 win over the Detroit Lions on Sunday. With the win, the Vikings are now 5-3-1 this season and are half a game behind the Chicago Bears (5-3) in the NFC North.

The Vikings' offense didn't have the best day on Sunday. Kirk Cousins was efficient, completing 18 of 22 passes (82%), but he only had 164 passing yards to go along with his one touchdown and one interception. Cousins was also dinged for a lost fumble, but it was really the fault of running back Dalvin Cook, who took his eyes off the ball on a toss from Cousins. Speaking of Cook, he returned to the lineup for the first time since week 4 and ran for 89 yards on 10 carries, including a 70-yard scamper. The Vikings were without wide receiver Stefon Diggs, who didn't play because of a rib injury, and Adam Thielen only caught four passes for 22 yards, ending his streak of 100-yard games.

The offense might have been sputtering, but the Vikings' defense was more than capable of picking up the slack. The Lions were limited to only 209 total yards on offense, which was due to the Vikings' defensive line causing havoc on nearly every play. The Vikings' defense recorded 10 sacks, which is a franchise record. The Vikings also recorded 10 tackles for a loss and 17 quarterback hits. The defensive line imposed their will against the Lions' offensive line all game long and were without a doubt the biggest reason for the Vikings' win.

The offensive player of the game was Dalvin Cook. Besides his 10 carries for 89 yards, Cook also had four catches (tied for the team lead) for 20 yards. Latavius Murray is a good running back, but the team is a lot more explosive when Dalvin Cook is in the lineup.

The defensive player of the game was Danielle Hunter. The entire defensive line was impressive on Sunday, but Hunter stood head and shoulders above the rest of his position group. He led the team in tackles (9), sacks (3.5), tackles for a loss (3), and quarterback hits (4). Hunter also picked up a fumble and returned it 32-yards for a touchdown. Every year we have seen growth from Hunter, and he has quickly become one of the best defensive linemen in the NFL. The best part? He just turned 24 on October 29, so he will be terrorizing opposing quarterbacks for many years to come.

Looking ahead, the Minnesota Vikings will have their bye-week. The Vikings have a long list of injured players – including stars like Stefon Diggs, Dalvin Cook, Anthony Barr, Linval Joseph, Xavier Rhodes, Andrew Sendejo, Riley Rieff – so the hope is that the players will be able to come back after the bye-week well rested and ready to make a playoff push. Skol!

If you have any questions or comments, reach out to me on Twitter (@JordanWrightNFL).

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What's going on in State Government This Week Gov. Dennis Daugaard's Public Commitments; Public Meetings:

Thursday, November 8, 2 p.m. CDT, Pierre – Gov. Dennis Daugaard will be a guest on 1240 AM KCCR with Zach Nelson.

Monday, November 5, 10 – 11 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Cosmetology Commission will hold a public hearing at the Cosmetology Commission Office, 211 W. Capitol Ave., Suite 101, and via conference call to consider the adoption and amendment of a proposed rule. See <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=21> for hearing materials and more information.

Monday, November 5, 1 p.m. CDT – The REDI (Revolving Economic Development and Initiative) Credit Committee meeting will be on Monday, November 5 at 1 p.m. CDT at 711 E Wells Ave. Please contact Cassie Stoeser, GOED Finance Director, at 605-773-GOED (4633) for more information. <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=31>.

Tuesday, November 6, 10 a.m. CDT Pierre – The Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission will hold a meeting in the Governor's Large Room of the Capitol building located at 500 E. Capitol Ave. The public is invited to attend. To view the meeting agenda, posted 72 hours in advance, visit <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=15>. For more information contact Leah Svendsen 605-773-3688.

Tuesday, November 6, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Pierre – The South Dakota Workforce Development Council will hold its quarterly meeting in the Sharpe Conference Room at the Missouri River Plaza, 123 W. Missouri Ave. Meeting agenda and materials can be found at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=111>. Questions may be directed to Mackenzie Decker at 605-773-3087.

Thursday, November 8, 8:30 – 11 a.m. CDT, Pierre – The Real Estate Commission will meet in the Sharpe Conference Room at the Missouri River Plaza, 123 W. Missouri Ave. Meeting agenda and materials can be found at <https://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?BoardID=84>.

Thursday, November 8, 1 p.m. CDT, Digital Dakota Network – DENR's Board of Water and Natural Resources will meet through Digital Dakota Network sites in Aberdeen, Brookings, Mitchell, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls and Watertown. Agenda items are available at <http://boardsandcommissions.sd.gov/Meetings.aspx?Boardid=108>. For more information, contact Jon Peschong at (605) 773-4216.

You Might Also Be Interested To Know:

Monday, November 5, to Friday, November 9 – Bring Your 'A' Game to Work encompasses seven different skills including Appreciation, Attitude, Attendance, Appearance, Ambition, Accountability and Acceptance. These soft skills and a willingness to take direction are generally more desired by employers than the specific skills a particular job requires. Bring Your 'A' Game is being offered at no cost to businesses and individuals. For more information or to register online, visit https://dlr.sd.gov/workforce_services/individuals/training_opportunities/soft_skills_training.aspx. The workshop will be offered at the following location(s):

Monday, November 5 – Thursday, November 8, 6 – 8 p.m. CDT, Pierre – At The Right Turn, 115 E. Sioux Ave. This is a four-day workshop. Any classes without three people registered by the previous Wednesday will be canceled. Contact the Right Turn for more information or to sign up at 605-773-4755. You may also register online at the link above.

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Wednesday, November 7, 1 – 5 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – At Cornerstones Career Learning Center, 420 S. Roosevelt St. This is the first day of a two-day workshop. For more information or to register, please call Jeremy at 605-626-2298. You may also register online at the link above.

Wednesday, November 7, and Thursday, November 8, 12 – 4 p.m. CDT, Yankton – At Cornerstones Career Learning Center, 75 Mickelson Dr. This is a two-day workshop. For more information or to register, please call 605-698-2920. You may also register online at the link above.

Thursday, November 8, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. CDT, Aberdeen – At Cornerstones Career Learning Center, 420 S. Roosevelt St. This is the second day of a two-day workshop. For more information or to register, please call Jeremy at 605-626-2298. You may also register online at the link above.

Monday, November 5 to Thursday, November 8: The South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs Field Service Officers will be at the following County and Tribal Veterans Service Offices to assist with veteran related claims, issues, and questions.

Monday, November 5:

- 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Canton – 104 N. Main St. 605-360-7819
- 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Gettysburg – 2015 W. Commercial #103 605-280-4308
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Burke – 221 E. 8th Street 773-4306
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – 521 N. Main Ave. 605-360-7819

Tuesday, November 6:

- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Eureka – 717 7th St. 605-280-4308
- 1 p.m. – 4 pm. CDT, Ft. Thompson – Housing Authority Bldg. 605-280-4306
- 10:30 a.m. – 12 pm CDT, Milbank – 210 E. 5th Ave. 605-360-7819
- 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Miller – 415 W. 1st Ave. 605-280-4306
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Sisseton – 411 2nd Ave. E. 605-360-7819

Wednesday, November 7:

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, Buffalo – 410 Ramsland St. 605-280-7307
- 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Ft. Thompson – Housing Authority Bldg. 605-280-4306
- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. MDT, Martin – 105 E. Hwy. 8 605-280-4308
- 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Tyndall – 300 W. 18th Ave. 605-360-7819
- 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Wessington Springs – 205 Wallace Ave. S. 605-280-4306
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Yankton – 321 W. 3rd St. 605-360-7819

Thursday, November 8:

- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. CDT, Mission – 315 N. Lincoln St. 605-280-4308
- 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. MDT, Rapid City – StandDown (Rushmore Plaza Civic Center) 605-280-4307
- 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT, Redfield – 210 E. 7th Ave. 605-280-4306

Monday, November 5, to Thursday, November 8 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will host Job Search Assistance Programs (JSAP). JSAP is a workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered include resume and cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. JSAP will be offered at the following locations:

Monday, November 5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Vermillion – At 904 E. Cherry St. A presentation on financial health will be offered by the Wells Fargo at Work Program as part of JSAP. For more information or to register for this workshop, please call 605-677-6900. For more information, please visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, November 7, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – At 811 E. 10th St. Registration required. For more information or to register, call 605-367-5300.

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Thursday, November 8, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT, Huron – At 333 9th St. SW, in the Huron Campus Center, Hohm Conference Room. The Financial Literacy class is in the morning and the Job Search Assistance class is in the afternoon. For more information or to register to attend, call 605-353-7155 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Monday, November 5 – Wednesday, November 7, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. CDT, Sioux Falls – Smithfield will conduct walk-in interviews at Sioux Falls Job Service, 811 E. 10th St. Positions include productions workers. For more information, call 605-367-5300 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Monday, November 5, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (MDT), Phillip – Benefits Specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available in Phillip. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Tuesday, November 6, to Wednesday, November 7 – The South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation will hold itinerant office hours. Both job seekers and employers interested in receiving employment and career services at no cost may visit or call during these office hours. More information on programs and services is available at www.sdjobs.org. Itinerant office hours will be held at the following locations:

Tuesday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. CDT, Wagner – At the Bureau of Indian Affairs, 29775 Main Ave. For more information, call 605-487-7607 ext. 207 or 212 or visit www.sdjobs.org.

Wednesday, November 7, 12 – 3 p.m. CDT, Mobridge – At the Mobridge Economic Development office 205 2nd St. E., Suite 1, or call 605-380-8930 during these hours and 605-626-2340 at any other time. Additional information at www.sdjobs.org.

Tuesday, November 6 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT
Webster, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Timber Lake, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. MDT
Desmet, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Miller, 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT
Wagner, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Wednesday, November 7 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Wanblee, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT
Salem, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Dupree, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. MDT
Faulkton, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Fort Thompson, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CDT
Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT

Thursday, November 8, and Friday, November 9, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. CDT, Watertown – At Lake Area Technical Institute, Student Center Room 433. This is a two-day workshop. For more information or to register, call 605-882-5284. You may also register online at the link above.

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Thursday, November 8, 12 – 7 p.m. CDT, Yankton – The Human Services Center will be conducting walk-in interviews for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and certified nursing assistants at its location, 3515 Broadway Ave. Opportunities may include a sign-on bonus. Tours available. DLR Yankton Job Service can help you prepare. Call 605-668-2900 for more information.

Thursday, November 8 – Benefits specialists from the Department of Social Services' Division of Economic Assistance will be available at the following itinerant office locations. For more information, contact Tia Kafka, 605-773-3165.

Canton, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

Kyle, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. MDT

Flandreau, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. CDT

Lemmon, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. MDT

Armour, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CDT

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THREATS OR VIOLENCE.**

PROJECT
STANDUP

Balanced offensive attack leads Wolves over No. 7 Queens

St. Joseph, Mo. – The Northern State men's basketball team recorded their first win of the 2018-19 season, defeating No. 7 Queens (NC) 87-74 from the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame Classic. The Wolves improve to 1-1 on the year with the win, out-scoring the Royals in each half.

Northern shot a game high 50.0 percent from the floor, 42.3 percent from the 3-point line, and 78.6 percent from the foul line in the win. They out-rebounded Queens 41-33 in the game, recording 35 defensive boards. The Wolves combined for a game high 15 assists, five blocks, and five steals, while tallying 25 points off the bench, 24 points in the paint, and 16 points off turnovers.

Ian Smith led six Wolves in double figures with 14 points, shooting 62.5 percent from the floor. The senior added a team high eight assists, as well as six rebounds and two steals. Gabe King and Justin Decker followed with 13 points apiece. Decker shot a team high 75.0 percent from the floor, and grabbed six rebounds, while King was second on the team with seven boards and three assists.

Cole Dahl led the team off the bench with 12 points, knocking down 4-of-7 from the 3-point line, while Parker Fox and Andrew Kallman each tallied 11 points. Kallman was perfect from beyond the arc with three made 3-pointers, while leading the team with two steals. Fox headed to the free-throw line 11 times in the win, shooting 81.8 percent and grabbed four rebounds, as well as a team high two blocks.

Bo Fries rounded out the starting five with seven points and led the team at the rim with nine rebounds. Mason Stark and Roko Dominovic notched the final six points for the team.

The Wolves will take a short break, before returning to action November 16-17 at the East-West Classic. Northern will face Black Hills State and South Dakota Mines from the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls. Game times are set for 5:30 and 3:30 p.m. each day.

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It's SoDak 16 Volleyball Action on GDILIVE.COM



**Roncalli
Cavaliers**



VS

Groton Area Tigers

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018

7:00 p.m. at Aberdeen Central High School

Good Luck Lady Tigers from these GDILIVE.COM Sponsors

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Sanford Health
Tyson DeHoet Trucking
Weber Landscaping**

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Today in Weather History

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

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

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

1894 - The famous Election Day snowstorm occurred in Connecticut. As much as a foot of wet snow fell, and the snow and high winds caused great damage to wires and trees. Winds gusted to 60 mph at Block Island RI. (David Ludlum)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Today

Tonight

Tuesday

Tuesday
Night

Wednesday



Rain/Snow
Likely and
Patchy Fog
then Rain
Likely

Mostly Cloudy

Breezy.
Mostly Cloudy
then Chance
Snow

Slight Chance
Snow and
Blustery then
Mostly Cloudy

Mostly Sunny

High: 42 °F

Low: 27 °F

High: 34 °F

Low: 22 °F

High: 29 °F

Today's The Last Warm Day For A While

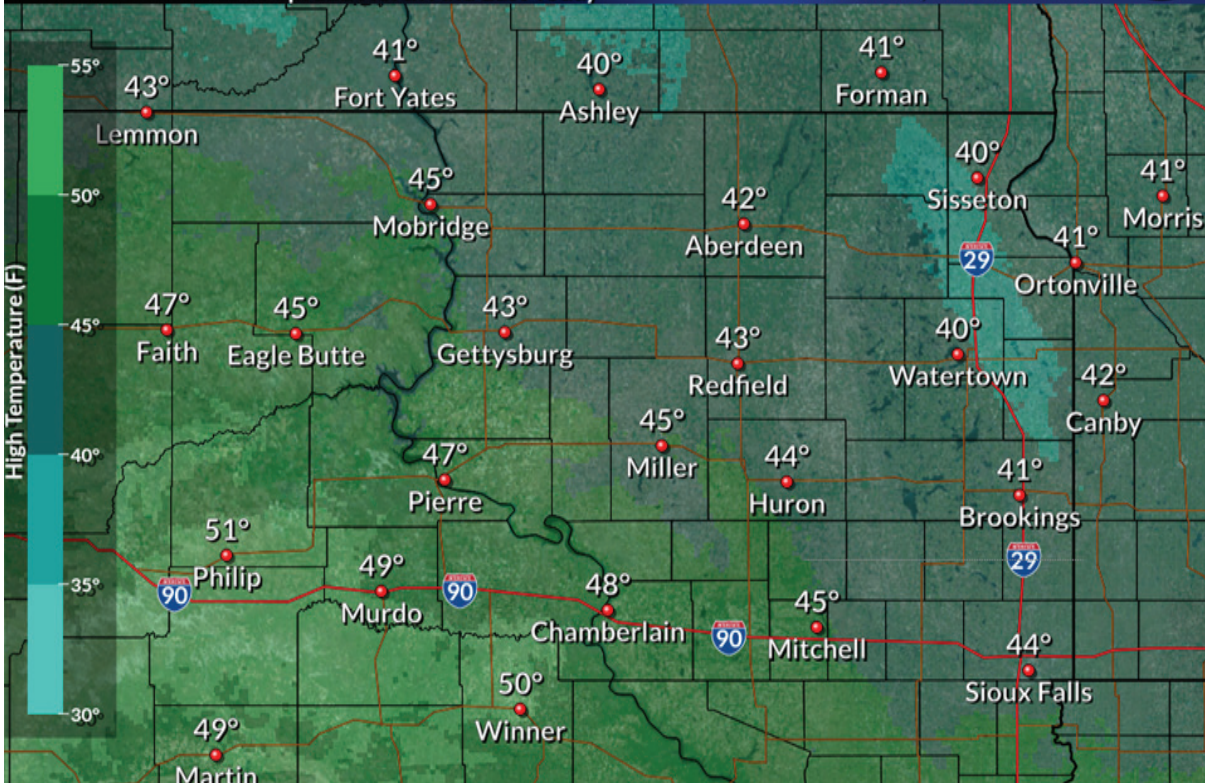
Weather Forecast Office

Aberdeen, SD



Also: Rain Continues To Spread North And East Today

Issued Nov 05, 2018 5:15 AM CST



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weather.gov/abr

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Today is the last relatively warm day the region will feel for several days. Rain will also work from west to east across the region today into this evening. Breezy northwest winds will also develop this afternoon, especially across the Missouri River valley region.

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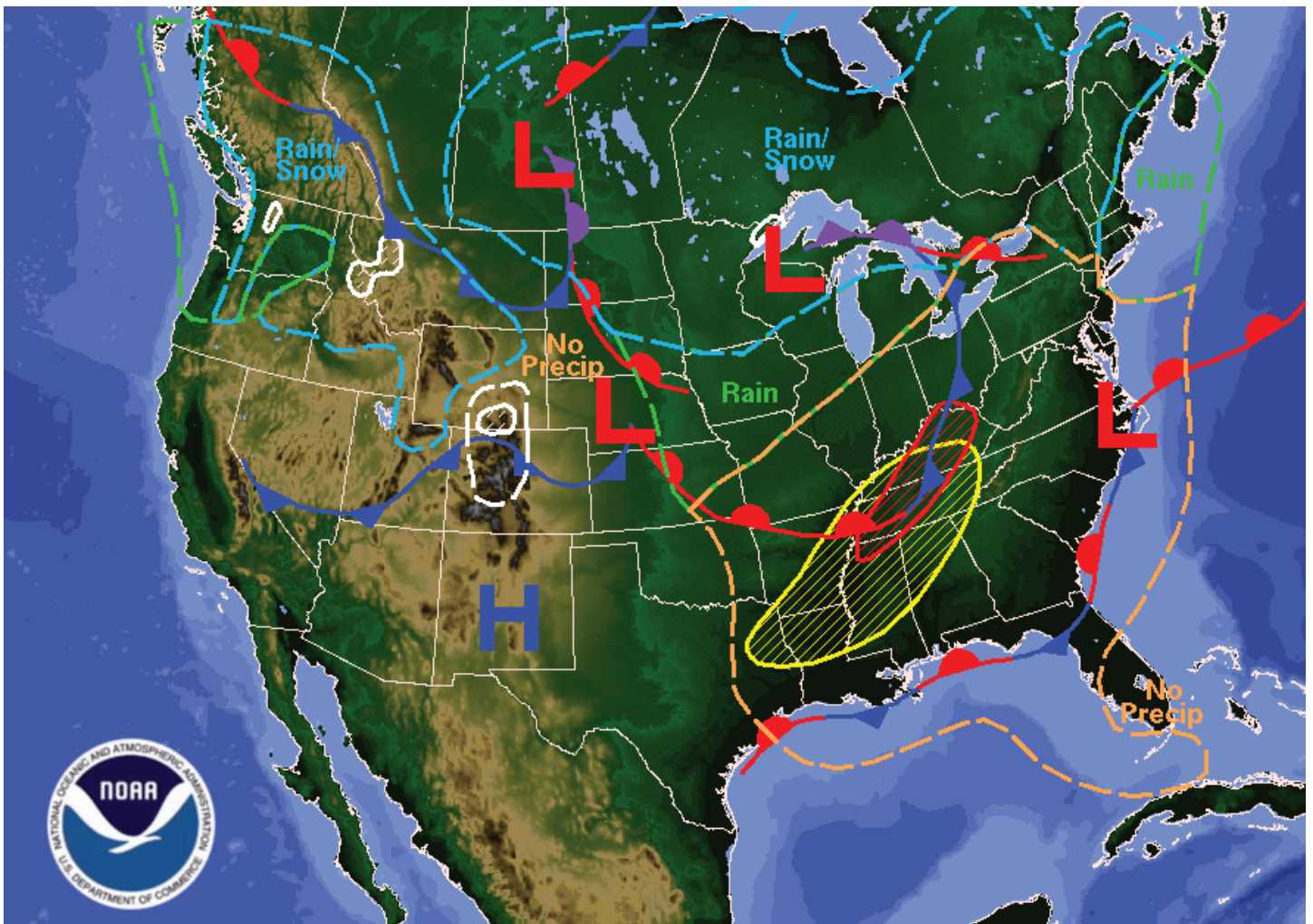
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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 41 °F at 1:38 PM
Low Outside Temp: 36 °F at 1:28 AM
High Gust: 9 mph at 1:17 AM
Precip: 0.01

Today's Info

Record High: 76° in 2016
Record Low: -6 in 2003
Average High: 46°F
Average Low: 24°F
Average Precip in Nov.: 0.12
Precip to date in Nov.: 0.34
Average Precip to date: 20.59
Precip Year to Date: 15.39
Sunset Tonight: 5:15 p.m.
Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:20 a.m.



Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Mon, Nov 05, 2018, issued 4:33 AM EST
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain	Flash Flooding Possible (hatched)
Rain and T'Storms	Severe T'Storms Possible (hatched)
Rain and Snow	Freezing Rain Possible (hatched)
Snow	Heavy Snow Possible (hatched)

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GUARDED BY GOD

There was a large stag - a red-coated deer - that roamed through the hills of Rome. No one ever came near it or tried to capture or kill it. Caesar protected it, and all were forbidden to disturb it. On its sides were the words, Touch me not! I belong to Caesar. It was a sign of ownership, and no one dared to harm or hurt that animal.

There is a far more important statement about ownership in Psalm 105. It is a statement about those who belong to God: Do not touch My anointed ones.

Sometimes the words of God are overlooked by the children of God. This verse is a good example of an overlooked rule by the Lord. Few of us will admit to having never spoken evil of a fellow Christian. But...

We often listen carefully while one saint criticizes or condemns another saint. We carefully listen to every detail when a fellow church member ridicules or runs down the person who sits next to us during the worship service. We do not see for whom Christ died on the forehead of someone whose marriage is falling apart - so we anxiously listen to the sordid details of an unfaithful spouse. We blame others for bad parenting skills when their children become addicts rather than grieve with them over their loss. We carelessly pass on rumors about the honesty of someone who has more than we do. The tongue can easily become a weapon of wickedness and ultimately destroy the Lords anointed ones.

We must use our tongues to help and heal, not hurt or harm!

Prayer: Father, may we turn deaf ears to words that harm others and speak kind words about Your anointed ones. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm105:15a Do not touch My anointed ones.

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2018 Groton SD Community Events

- Groton Lion's Club Bingo- Wednesday Nights 6:30pm at the Groton Legion (Year Round)
- Nov./Dec./Jan./Feb./Mar. Groton Lion's Club Wheel of Meat- Saturday Nights 7pm at the Groton Legion (Fall/Winter Months)
- 1/27/2019 Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm
- 4/13/2019 Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday a week before Easter Weekend)
- 5/4/2019 Spring City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday in May)
- 5/27/2019 Groton American Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Program at the Cemetery, Lunch to follow at the American Legion (Memorial Day)
- Transit Fundraiser (Middle Thursday in June)
- SDSU Golf at Olive Grove
- 6/15/2019 Triathlon (Saturday before Father's Day)
- 7/4/2019 Firecracker Golf Tourney (4th of July)
- 7/14/2019 Summer Fest
- 9/7/2019 Fall City-Wide Rummage Sales (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
- 10/12/2019 Pumpkin Fest (Saturday before Columbus Day)
- 10/11/2019 Lake Region Marching Band Festival (2nd Friday in October)
- 10/31/2018 Trunk or Treat (Halloween)
- 11/10/2018 Groton American Legion Post #39 Turkey Shoot (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
- 12/01/2018 Olive Grove Golf Course 2018 Holiday Party
- Best Ball Golf Tourney
- SDSU Golf Tourney
- Sunflower Golf Tourney
- Santa Claus Day
- Fireman's Stag
- Tour of Homes
- Crazy Dayz/Open Houses
- School Events

News from the Associated Press

Harrisburg soccer team honors special needs students

By **BRIAN HAENCHEN, Argus Leader**

HARRISBURG, S.D. (AP) — Brayden Mager wasn't feeling well when Sami Farrell, Emma Malcom, Lily Petersen and Jace Poelstra came to visit him at Sanford Children's Hospital in early September.

But you wouldn't have known it that afternoon.

The infectiously cheerful 12-year-old, who was awaiting a heart transplant at the time, was all smiles when the four captains of the Harrisburg soccer team entered the room. He proudly sported maroon pants in honor of his favorite team.

"We all went in thinking he might not be super willing to see us," said Poelstra, a senior defender for the Tigers. "But when we got there, he was extremely happy. He was just like, 'Oh my gosh. They're here!'"

Knowing his love for superheroes, the girls brought Brayden new toys and a hat — which he wore for the entire visit. He felt special that the "big girls" were taking time for him, Brayden's mother, Lyndsey Mager, said.

A week after the girls' visit, Brayden passed away.

His final days were brightened by the support of Harrisburg's players and coach, who rallied around him and brought him closer to the game he loved.

"We got to see someone who we honored at one of our games who wasn't able to be there with us," Farrell said. "He has really inspired us this whole season."

Harrisburg coach Desiree Parmenter connected her team with Brayden as part of a season-long outreach that hits close to home, and the message is catching on.

"Dez is really focused on things outside of soccer, because we're not going to be playing soccer for all of our lives," Petersen said. "We're going to carry on the lessons that we've learned throughout our high school careers for the rest of our lives."

Inspired by her son Jaiden who has cerebral palsy, Parmenter introduced a "Players of the Game" program at the beginning of the season, the Argus Leader reported.

Understanding how significant it is for her son to be recognized, the coach organized the pregame ceremony as a way to give special needs students who are passionate about soccer an opportunity to experience the moment of walking onto the field before a game.

"My goal (in the classroom) is to know that they know that I believe in them," said Parmenter, a special education teacher at Horizon Elementary. "I apply it to coaching as well. If they have that one person who believes in them, then we can be successful at anything."

After networking with other special ed teachers, Parmenter decided they needed to spoil their Players of the Game. So in addition to joining the team on the field for pregame introductions and team huddle, the honorees also receive a jersey, a signed shirt and a soccer ball.

"I think we needed a visual representation of what was actually going to happen," Parmenter said. "It all came together when you saw the experience and got to see that kid's smile. That's when you went, 'Oh, this is going to be awesome.'"

Parmenter wants her players to have an impact beyond the field.

Each season, the team tries to work in at least 3-4 volunteer experiences. This year, their volunteer work took them to the Harrisburg Food Pantry and the Ronald McDonald House. Both experiences brought the players closer together, but Parmenter recalled a particularly valuable life lesson from their time at the Ronald McDonald House.

The girls were trying to make Scotcheroots for the families after their visit, but realized they were short on an ingredient. It was by no means a dire situation, but Parmenter reminded the girls that giving up wasn't an option. They had to get creative and figure something else out.

The solution? Chocolate peanut butter Rice Krispies balls.

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"I'm here for these kids. I believe in them," Parmenter said. "I want to be that person who can inspire kids to do more... At the end of the day, the stats matter, but the impact of the kids and the culture is more important to me."

Though the wins-and-losses are secondary, the players' growth as individuals did translate to on-the-field success in 2018.

The stats are slowly coming along for the Tigers, but what's most important and what they all take the most pride in is the impact they've had away from the pitch.

"It's not just the soccer portion we're working on," Malcom said. "We're trying to build the community as a whole."

It was through the Players of the Game program that the Tigers were introduced to Brayden.

Born with a chromosome abnormality that affected his heart, hearing, and learning abilities, he had become close friends with Jaiden. Though both boys were nonverbal, they'd formed a special relationship.

"They lit up when they were around each other," said Lyndsey Mager of her son and Jaiden. "You could often find Brayden pushing Jaiden around and both boys would always have huge smiles on their faces. Jaiden was Brayden's ears and Brayden was Jaiden's legs."

Parmenter, who also got to know Brayden through Dakota Alliance Soccer Stars, was inspired by that connection.

"I knew we had to do something for him," said the coach, whose team decided to dedicate their entire season to Brayden.

Though unable to be there in person, he was honored at the team's Tiger Bowl game against O'Gorman. The Harrisburg players, all of whom had his name written on the inside of their wrists with a Superman logo, attached a cape to a jersey with his name on it.

Two days later, Farrell, Malcom, Petersen and Poelstra went to the Sanford Castle to meet their superhero.

"They had tears of joy in their eyes," Parmenter recalled. "Just hearing them speak, you can tell it really made a significant impact on them and at the end of the day, I want to make a slight impact on every kid. If I can say, 'Oh they remember that moment,' then I did my job for them."

For his memorial service, Brayden's family requested everyone wear either Disney or superhero attire as a way to honor his memory.

The soccer players happily obliged.

"Seeing them wear superhero capes to his service was amazing," Lyndsey Mager said. "I am sure he was smiling from above to see everyone dressed up."

Information from: Argus Leader, <http://www.argusleader.com>

South Dakota groups emphasize recruiting diverse hunters

By LUKE HAGEN, The Daily Republic

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Standing at the front of a Sioux Falls hotel conference room at a nationwide gathering, Pheasants Forever's top official told a collection of hunters to look around the room.

"If those people look like you, you're not doing your job," said Howard Vincent, Pheasants Forever's president and CEO, during February's National Pheasant Fest and Quail Classic.

Vincent then passionately described the need and importance to diversify the collection of people who go hunting.

Women. A variety of ethnicities. Millennials, who haven't picked up hunting as much as past generations. Those are all examples of populations Vincent believes can help.

"The 60-year-old white males who were sitting in that room, 12 years from now are not going to be the people out pulling the trigger," Vincent said in a recent interview with The Daily Republic. "They're not the ones who will be funding conservation. That room will need to look different."

This year, South Dakota is celebrating its 100th pheasant hunting season, which runs through Jan. 6. What has become tradition each fall, people from all over the nation will trek to our state to enjoy what

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Vincent calls "the pheasant capital of the universe."

And while wearing blaze orange while chasing pheasants has grown to become a part of the state's culture, there's a noticeable emphasis on recruiting a wider variety of people to go hunting, now more than ever.

That's because data shows hunter numbers are declining both nationally and in South Dakota. As the baby boomers age, they're slowly leaving hunting behind, and younger generations are not joining in at the same rate. Knowing that, groups on the local, state and national level have made it their mission to get new people involved to save the hunting heritage as they know it.

"I'm very concerned," said John E. Frampton, president and CEO of the Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports.

His organization, based in Washington, D.C., has a mission to promote the growth of hunting and shooting sports and to educate the public on the wildlife conservation contributions made by hunters and shooters.

"There is a lot of activity going on right now by state fish and wildlife agencies and non-governmental organizations like Pheasants Forever, and I think we have an opportunity to make a difference," he said. "But I don't think we have 10 or 15 years. I think we have to do it and do it pretty soon."

Vincent laughed when asked his age.

"Sixty-one," he said. "So I'm one of those guys, too."

In Pheasants Forever's most recent magazine, Vincent outlines the issue in a column titled "Habitat Mission, Hunter Mission," in which he shows that U.S. hunter numbers peaked at 17 million in 1982. He shows the decline to 14.1 million in 1991 and 11.5 million in 2016.

Small-game licenses have also dropped, going from 7.6 million sold nationally in 1991 to 3.5 million in 2016. Those trends ring true in South Dakota, with resident pheasant hunters — who buy small-game licenses — peaking at about 135,000 annually in the early 1960s and decreasing to an average of approximately 60,000 annually each of the past five years.

The worry with fewer hunters is there will be less money to go toward conservation of wildlife. License fees and excise taxes on hunting goods are the main drivers to fund conservation and aid state agencies like South Dakota Game, Fish & Parks in creating outdoor recreation opportunities.

Vincent explained that many agencies such as GF&P and Pheasants Forever have, for a long time, focused their hunting recruitment on youth. But those efforts haven't solved the problem. Some state regulations have "put barriers up," Vincent said, by dictating that children cannot hunt until the age of 12 or older.

"We're in a society that we want our kids involved, but it's orchestrated control," Vincent said. "Whether that's football, baseball, dance, soccer, band, all those clubs you want your kids involved with, by the time they're 12, just shy of being a teenager, they kind of have their participation controlled and in place. Then, when it's time to go hunting with your family, they're busy."

In South Dakota, for instance, a child needs to be 12 years old by the end of the calendar year to enroll in the HuntSafe course, which after completion allows them to purchase a hunting license. But earlier this year, the state updated laws to permit "mentored hunting."

That allows a mentor to oversee a child of any age during open hunting seasons. The key difference is the mentor cannot carry a gun until the child has obtained HuntSafe certification.

"It's human nature to say, 'Let's get more kids into the outdoors,' and that's all we've done for the past 30 years, and we've done it very well," Vincent said. "... But there is an entire community out there that, if asked, if given the opportunity, would come, and you would have an opportunity to share your passion and your understandings of the benefits of being a part of the outdoors."

That's why Pheasants Forever, GF&P and several other agencies are dedicated to the "R3," a priority initiative of the Council to Advance Hunting and the Shooting Sports.

R3 stands for "recruitment," "retention" and "reactivation" and is aimed at recruiting new participants or increasing participation rates of current or lapsed outdoor recreationists, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

South Dakota is fortunate to have a large population of pheasants, Frampton said recently by telephone. He explained the bird is a great recruitment tool to get hunters in the field. And this year, a preseason

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report says there is a 47 percent increase in bird numbers compared to 2017.

"You've got a species out there that's actively hunted," Frampton said. "It's a lot easier to go pheasant hunting than white-tailed deer hunting or elk hunting or moose hunting. It still requires skill. But you have a very visible species there that engagement is quite high."

He also acknowledged the work of GF&P Secretary Kelly Hepler and the department's staff in staying committed to R3.

At least some of those compliments are due to a functional change in how the state is working to introduce a wider variety of people to the outdoors. In the past year, GF&P conducted a self-evaluation in how it educates the public in all aspects of outdoor recreation, according to Taniya Bethke, GF&P's division staff specialist of education.

What officials learned sounds familiar: There was a lot of emphasis on youth education and not enough work teaching everyone else. The question became, "How can we target populations who aren't involved in outdoor recreation?"

That's when GF&P started developing programs to reach out to those people while also meeting the needs of educating youth outdoor enthusiasts.

"We also started reaching out to whole families, having parents attend programming with their youth to make sure that the family is also engaging outdoor recreation as a whole unit," Bethke said.

Now, GF&P has an array of hands-on courses to recruit adults, including "Harvest SD," "Hunting 101" and "Hunting with Derek," a Sioux Falls-based course that teaches turkey and deer hunting from start to finish.

The first-year course introduces adults and youth to the outdoors with Derek Klawitter, group program coordinator with GF&P. He recently brought three kids out, and all three harvested a deer. They then went through the skinning, de-boning and packaging processes. He's mentored 8-year-old kids all the way up to a 53-year-old man.

"I would do it for nothing," he said, somewhat jokingly. "I love to see kids and adults get their first deer."

Other recruitment initiatives include "Becoming an Outdoor Woman," "Adult Date Night — Catch It, Clean It, Cook It," and an adult mentorship program that pairs adults in the community with other adults to go hunting or fishing. An unofficial count shows the wildlife education staff has reached more than 16,000 people (25 percent of whom are adults) on the topics of hunting- and fishing-related skills so far in 2018.

"Now, when you start looking, 'How can we make these programs bigger? How can we expand the impact that we're having?' That's the questions we're asking ourselves right now," Bethke said, "because you can teach the classes and have an impact on a small scale. But how do you change a statewide trend?"

Bethke said GF&P has not set a goal for its total reach, but said ultimately the department hopes to maintain a statewide figure that shows 20 percent of its eligible residents are involved in hunting through the crash of the baby boomer generation.

While GF&P and Pheasants Forever are pushing hard to recruit more adults, an organization called South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures is expanding and focusing on younger generations.

Established in 2008 in Rapid City, South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures now has a new James River Chapter that came to fruition within the past year. In western South Dakota, the nonprofit partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, but in Mitchell, it's Big Friend Little Friend. That partnership is to ensure high-quality mentors are found through extensive background checks.

Hunting mentors are sought out to be positive role models and "they truly care about helping children develop a love for nature and hunting," according to the organization's website. "They are supportive and encouraging, patient, open-minded and good listeners."

Brian Barnes has been with South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures since its inception and helped organize the new chapter in Mitchell.

He said there have been 13 mentor-mentee matches already established for the James River Chapter, which makes a total of 100 kids involved with South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures statewide this year. In total, 200 kids have completed the program, he said. Of those kids, 40 percent have grown up and purchased hunting licenses in South Dakota on a regular basis.

"A lot of people have tried to do what we've done, and most have failed," Barnes said. "The reason is

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you can't take these kids out on a single hunt and expect them to do it the rest of their life."

It's the efforts of groups like South Dakota Youth Hunting Adventures, local Pheasants Forever chapters and proactive state agencies that have Vincent encouraged and hopeful for the future.

"I think this is one of the most critical issues that the hunting and shooting community is dealing with right now," he said, later adding, "These people don't have to come to the sport the way the other 60-year-olds came into the sport, the way it was family-based, the way we grew up. ... I think the 60-year-old population can appreciate that other hunters don't have to look like them. Whatever the reason, we need to engage them and show them a welcoming place in this world."

Information from: The Daily Republic, <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com>

South Dakota officials review Dakota Southern track defects

MITCHELL, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials have expressed concern about defects on the railroad operated by Dakota Southern Railway Company.

A South Dakota legislative committee recently discussed an August inspection report conducted by the Federal Railroad Administration, which found that 37 defects remain on the track. The administration conducted the inspection to check whether Dakota Southern had fixed 233 defects identified in May, The Daily Republic reported .

Darin Bergquist, secretary of the state's Transportation Department, said he's still concerned about the number of defects, despite the railway company significantly reducing the number of issues. Bergquist said he's unsure if the 37 current defects are new or part of an unfixed remainder from the 233 identified earlier this year.

"Personally, I struggle a little bit with this, and I somewhat equate it to highway fatalities. We don't want any highway fatalities, but unfortunately, they occur," Bergquist said. "And we would prefer not to have any defects on any of our lines that would be identified by FRA, but I think that might be a hope and not a reality."

Dakota Southern President Mike Williams said the railway is being unfairly targeted. He said all of the issues raised are expected in the railroad business.

"It doesn't matter what we say or do in South Dakota. We always end up with the blunt end of the stick, and it's really sickening to be a business like us and to do what we've done, to spend millions on the railroad, and we just get blasted for everything that's just normal course of business," Williams said.

The Government and Operations Audit Committee's recent review of the inspection report was informational.

The track is owned by the state and leased to MRC Regional Railroad Authority, which has subleased the railroad to Dakota Southern since 2012. Dakota Southern is responsible for operating and maintaining the rail.

Bergquist and the committee don't have any immediate plans to take action against the railroad.

Bergquist said the South Dakota Rail Board, the authority that oversees the sublease, will review the August inspection report on Nov. 14. The Rail Board will then discuss if any action should be taken.

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More protection: UN says Earth's ozone layer is healing

By **SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Earth's protective ozone layer is finally healing from damage caused by aerosol sprays and coolants, a new United Nations report said.

The ozone layer had been thinning since the late 1970s. Scientist raised the alarm and ozone-depleting chemicals were phased out worldwide.

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As a result, the upper ozone layer above the Northern Hemisphere should be completely repaired in the 2030s and the gaping Antarctic ozone hole should disappear in the 2060s, according to a scientific assessment released Monday at a conference in Quito, Ecuador. The Southern Hemisphere lags a bit and its ozone layer should be healed by mid-century.

"It's really good news," said report co-chairman Paul Newman, chief Earth scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center. "If ozone-depleting substances had continued to increase, we would have seen huge effects. We stopped that."

High in the atmosphere, ozone shields Earth from ultraviolet rays that cause skin cancer, crop damage and other problems. Use of man-made chemicals called chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which release chlorine and bromine, began eating away at the ozone. In 1987, countries around the world agreed in the Montreal Protocol to phase out CFCs and businesses came up with replacements for spray cans and other uses.

At its worst in the late 1990s, about 10 percent of the upper ozone layer was depleted, said Newman. Since 2000, it has increased by about 1 to 3 percent per decade, the report said.

This year, the ozone hole over the South Pole peaked at nearly 9.6 million square miles (24.8 million square kilometers). That's about 16 percent smaller than the biggest hole recorded — 11.4 million square miles (29.6 million square kilometers) in 2006.

The hole reaches its peak in September and October and disappears by late December until the next Southern Hemisphere spring, Newman said.

The ozone layer starts at about 6 miles (10 kilometers) above Earth and stretches for nearly 25 miles (40 kilometers); ozone is a colorless combination of three oxygen atoms.

If nothing had been done to stop the thinning, the world would have destroyed two-thirds of its ozone layer by 2065, Newman said.

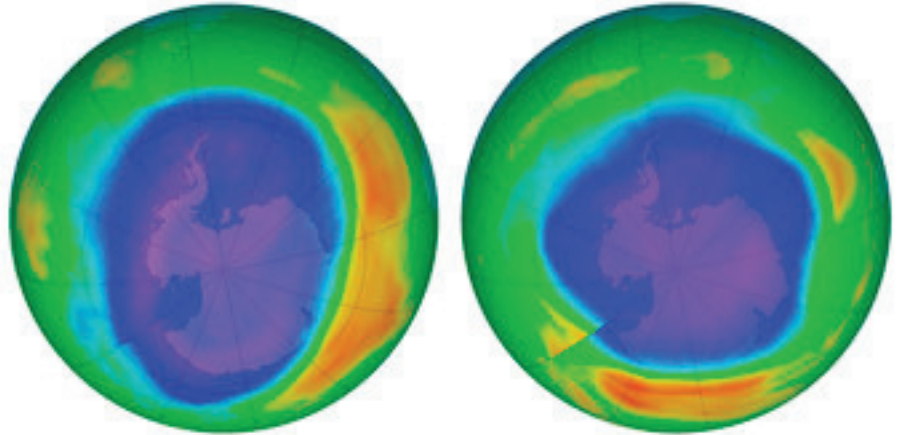
But it's not a complete success yet, said University of Colorado's Brian Toon, who wasn't part of the report.

"We are only at a point where recovery may have started," Toon said, pointing to some ozone measurements that haven't increased yet.

Another problem is that new technology has found an increase in emissions of a banned CFC out of East Asia, the report noted.

And the replacements now being used to cool cars and refrigerators need to be replaced themselves with chemicals that don't worsen global warming, Newman said. An amendment to the Montreal Protocol that goes into effect next year would cut use of some of those gases.

"I don't think we can do a victory lap until 2060," Newman said. "That will be for our grandchildren to do."



This combination of images made available by NASA shows areas of low ozone above Antarctica on September 2000, left, and September 2018. The purple and blue colors are where there is the least ozone, and the yellows and reds are where there is more ozone. A United Nations report released on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 says Earth's protective ozone layer is finally healing after aerosol sprays and coolants ate away at it. (NASA via AP)

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Lion Air jet's airspeed indicator malfunctioned on 4 flights

By NINIEK KARMINI, Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The "black box" data recorder from a crashed Lion Air jet shows its airspeed indicator malfunctioned on its last four flights, investigators said Monday, just hours after distraught relatives of victims confronted the airline's co-founder at a meeting organized by officials.

National Transportation Safety Committee chairman Soerjanto Tjahjono said the problem was similar on each of the four flights, including the fatal flight on Oct. 29 in which the plane plunged into the Java Sea minutes after taking off from Jakarta, killing all 189 people on board.

Erratic speed and altitude on the plane's previous flight, from Denpasar on Bali to Jakarta, were widely reported and "when we opened the black box, yes indeed the technical problem was the airspeed or the speed of the plane," Tjahjono told a news conference.

"Data from the black box showed that two flights before Denpasar-Jakarta also experienced the same problem," he said. "In the black box there were four flights that experienced problems with the airspeed indicator."

Indonesian investigators, the plane's manufacturer, Boeing, and the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board are formulating a more specific inspection for Boeing 737 MAX 8 planes related to the airspeed problem, Tjahjono said.

"If there are urgent findings to be delivered, we will convey them to the operators and to the manufacturer," he said.

Lion Air has said a technical problem with the jet was fixed after problems with the Bali to Jakarta flight.

Investigator Nurcahyo Utomo said investigators need to review maintenance records, including what problems were reported, what repairs were done including whether components were replaced, and how the repairs were tested before the 2-month-old plane was declared airworthy.

"Currently we are looking for the cause of problem," he said "Whether the trouble came from its indicator, its measuring device or sensor, or a problem with its computer. This is what we do not know yet and we will find it out," he said.

At the meeting with family members, Tjahjono had said that information downloaded from the jet's flight data recorder was consistent with reports that the plane's speed and altitude were erratic after takeoff on its final flight. Searchers are still trying to locate the cockpit voice recorder.

Rusdi Kirana, Lion Air's co-founder, was not invited to speak by Transport Minister Budi Karya Sumadi, who moderated the meeting between relatives and the officials who are overseeing the search effort and accident investigation.

But he stood and bowed his head after angry and distraught family members demanded that Kirana, who with his brother Kusnan Kirana founded Lion Air in 1999, identify himself.

"Lion Air has failed," said a man who identified himself as the father of passenger Shandy Johan Ramadhan, a prosecutor in a district on the island where the flight was headed.

"I want Mr. Rusdi Kirana and his team to pay attention," he said. "Since the time of the crisis, I was never contacted by Lion Air. We lost our child, but there was no empathy that Lion Air showed to us."

After the meeting, Kirana left in a hurry, avoiding questions from reporters.

Many families face an agonizing wait for missing relatives to be identified. Police medical experts have received nearly 140 body bags of human remains and have identified 14 victims.

Relatives questioned why the plane had been cleared to fly after suffering problems on its Bali to Jakarta flight on Oct. 28 that included a rapid descent after takeoff that terrified passengers.

"Lion Air said the problem was fixed, is it true the problem was cleared?" asked Bambang Sukandar, whose son was on the flight. "If not, technicians in charge must be responsible," he said. "The law is absolute, because they have stated that the plane was cleared to take off again. These bad technicians

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must be processed by law to prevent plane accidents from continuing in Indonesia.”

Tjahjono said the large amount of small debris and the relatively small area the debris was found in showed the plane hit the water at a very high speed.

“The plane was intact when it plunged to the sea, it did not explode in the air, and the aircraft engine was running when it touched the water at high RPM — it’s marked by the loss of all blades of the turbine,” he said.

The Lion Air crash is the worst airline disaster in Indonesia since 1997, when 234 people died on a Garuda flight near Medan. In December 2014, an AirAsia flight from Surabaya to Singapore plunged into the sea, killing all 162 on board.

Lion Air is one of Indonesia’s youngest airlines but has grown rapidly, flying to dozens of domestic and international destinations. It has been expanding aggressively in Southeast Asia, a fast-growing region of more than 600 million people.

This story has been corrected to show that Rusdi Kirana is no longer CEO of the airline.

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. ‘EVERYTHING’S AT STAKE’

There are indications Democrats may seize control of at least one chamber of Congress, but nothing is certain on the eve of the first nationwide elections of the Trump presidency.

2. ONLINE VOTING SYSTEM PROBLEMS ALLEGED IN GEORGIA

Republican nominee Brian Kemp makes a hacking allegation against Democrats just as reporting emerged of a gaping vulnerability in a system that Kemp controls as secretary of state; no evidence or details were presented.

3. MIGRANT CARAVAN PLANS PUSH TO MEXICO’S CAPITAL

Some 1,000 Central Americans vow to walk and hitch rides to get from Cordoba to Mexico City, a journey fraught with peril.

4. US RE-IMPOSES SANCTIONS ON TEHRAN

Then end of economic benefits from America hurts Iran’s vital oil industry, a crucial source of hard currency for its anemic economy.

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Analysis: Democrats seek blueprint for bucking Trump in 2020

By JULIE PACE, AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Democrats, the midterm elections have been a beacon in the dark, a chance to re-emerge from the political wilderness and repudiate a president they view as a dangerous force.

But on the cusp of Tuesday's vote, many Democrats are as anxious as they are hopeful.

Their memories from 2016, when they watched in disbelief as Donald Trump defied polls, expectations and political norms, are still fresh. And as Trump travels the country armed with a divisive and racially charged closing campaign message, the test for Democrats now feels at once similar and more urgent than it did two years ago: They failed to stop Trump then, what if they fall short again?

"Part of what's at stake here is our ability to send a message that this is not who we are," said Karen Finney, a Democratic consultant who worked on Hillary Clinton's losing 2016 campaign.

This year, history is on Democrats' side. The sitting president's party often losing ground in the first midterm after winning office, and for much of 2018, voter enthusiasm and polling has favored Democrats as well.

Primary contests filled the Democratic roster with a new generation of candidates, including several minority candidates who could make history in their races. While the fight to regain control of the Senate, largely playing out in conservative states, may prove out of reach for Democrats, the party has been buoyed by its ability to run competitively in Republican-leaning states such as Texas and Tennessee.

Democrats' focus is largely on snatching back the House and picking up governors' seats in Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio and elsewhere. The party is also seeking redemption in the Midwest where Trump won over white, working-class voters who had backed Democrats for years. In Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, Democrats appear poised to regain ground.

Such victories would build momentum behind the party's shift toward a new generation of candidates who are younger, more diverse, with greater numbers of women and more liberal than Democratic leadership. They would also signal that Trump's hard-line positions on immigration and his penchant for personal attacks turn off more voters than they energize.

A good night for Democrats on Tuesday would provide a blueprint for how the party can successfully run against Trump in the 2020 presidential race. At least two dozen Democrats are waiting in the wings, eager to take Trump.

But the president has proved once again to be a powerful political force late in a campaign.

Even with his daily airing of grievances on Twitter and an approval rate below the average for his recent predecessors at this point, he has almost single-handedly put Republicans in a stronger position this fall. He's aggressively appealed to his loyal, core supporters with a sharply anti-immigrant, nationalist message and by casting Democrats as outside the mainstream.

"A vote for any Democrat this November is a vote to really put extreme far left politicians in charge of Congress and to destroy your jobs, slash your incomes, undermine your safety and put illegal aliens before American citizens," Trump said during a rally Saturday in Pensacola, Florida.

If Republicans hang on to control of Congress, Trump will almost certainly be emboldened. Democrats would be left with difficult questions about a path forward.

For example, how can Democrats assemble a winning coalition in 2020 if they fail to appeal to the moderate suburban voters who hold sway in the congressional districts that decide which party holds a House majority? And how will Democrats, if they fall short, sustain the energy from young people and women who have marched in protest of Trump, registered to vote and volunteered for the first time this election season.

"I'm concerned that if the election is not what we hoped for that people will say, 'it's too hard' and become disengaged," said Jennifer Palmieri, who served as Clinton's communications director during the 2016 campaign.

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As Americans participated in early voting this weekend, that same anxiety was palpable among some voters.

In Southern California, lifelong Democrat Theresa Hunter said she didn't take Trump seriously in 2016. But she sees a chance for Democrats to render their judgment on the president by pushing his party out of power in a different branch of government.

"To see his party jump on board and march in lockstep is what's terrifying," said Hunter, a 65-year-old retired salesperson from Lake Forest, California.

A few hours north, California voter Lawrence Reh was casting his ballot. Afterward, his voice quivered and he wiped back tears as he voiced frustrations about Trump and his worries about the direction of the country.

"If we don't make any progress in this election, I don't know where we'll go from here," Reh said.

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In Georgia, online voting system problems alleged

By **BILL BARROW** and **FRANK BAJAK**, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia's online voter database morphed into a last-minute curveball in one of the nation's hottest governor's races, with Republican nominee Brian Kemp making a hacking allegation against Democrats just as reports emerged of a gaping vulnerability in a system that Kemp controls as secretary of state.

Kemp's office did not detail any Democratic acts, offering no evidence for Sunday's unusual action that effectively means the state's chief elections officer began a probe of his partisan opposition days before an election.

Polls suggest Kemp and Democrat Stacey Abrams are locked in a tight race that even before Sunday had evolved into a bitter back-and-forth over voting rights and ballot security.

The state Democratic Party called Kemp's accusation "a reckless and unethical ploy" and said he was using the FBI to support "false accusations."

According to interviews conducted by The Associated Press and records released by the Georgia Democratic Party, the dispute built steam quickly in the days before Kemp's statement.

An attorney who represents election-security advocates already suing Kemp over his job performance said a private citizen alerted him Friday to a suspected major flaw in the voter database that is used to check in voters in Tuesday's midterm.

The lawyer, David Cross, notified both the FBI and Kemp's counsel Saturday morning. But the citizen had separately informed the Georgia Democratic Party, whose voter protection chief then sent an email to two computer security officials.

"If this report is accurate, it is a massive vulnerability," wrote the official, Sara Tindall Ghazal. Party officials provided the AP with the email, its recipients' names redacted.

Neither Cross nor the state party went public.

But reporters for the online news outlet WhoWhatWhy obtained a copy of the Ghazal email and the email that Democratic Party officials received from the private citizen who discovered the flaw, Richard Wright.

They published a story Sunday just as Kemp's office released the statement accusing the Democrats of attempted hacking. "While we cannot comment on the specifics of an ongoing investigation, I can confirm that the Democratic Party of Georgia is under investigation for possible cybercrimes," said Candice Broce,

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who works for Kemp.

Rebecca DeHart, executive director at the state Democratic Party, said no one from Kemp's office notified the Democratic Party or asked any question about the correspondence before issuing its public announcement of an investigation. DeHart called it a "political stunt" to cover up the weaknesses in a system Kemp runs.

WhoWhatWhy's story said five security experts had reviewed the Wright complaint and independently confirmed that the database is vulnerable to hacking.

One of those experts, University of Michigan computer scientist Matthew Bernhard, told the AP that anyone with access to an individual voter's personal information could alter that voter's record in the system.

Another computer security professional who reviewed the vulnerability — without attempting to probe it for fear of prosecution — is Kris Constable of PrivaSecTech in Vancouver, Canada. "Anyone with security chops would have detected this problem," he said, "so (the system) clearly has never been audited by any computer security professional."

The FBI declined to comment on the matter. A representative for the Department of Homeland Security confirmed the agency had been notified, but it deferred to Georgia officials for details.

Cross, the attorney who said he alerted the FBI, said Wright doesn't wish to speak publicly. Cross described Wright as a businessman with "some background in software."

The Coalition for Good Governance, a plaintiff in the voting integrity lawsuit against Kemp, issued a statement decrying his outsourcing of the the voter registration database and electronic poll book voter check-in system to a third party, PCC Technologies.

"There are still immediate steps that Secretary Kemp and the State Election Board can take to mitigate some, but not all, of the risk for Tuesday's vote," the group said.

Efforts to reach PCC for comment have not been successful.

The drama played out on a day Kemp campaigned alongside President Donald Trump in Macon. Trump made no mention of the issue at the rally and earlier, as he left the White House for Georgia, said he didn't know anything about it.

The finger-pointing is the latest turn in a campaign whose final weeks have been dominated by charges of voter suppression and countercharges of attempted voter fraud.

Abrams, who would be the nation's first black female governor, has called Kemp "an architect of voter suppression" and says he's used his current post to make it harder for certain voters to cast ballots. Kemp counters that he's following state and federal law and that it's Abrams and her affiliated voting advocacy groups trying to help people, including noncitizens, cast ballots illegally.

The atmosphere has left partisans and good-government advocates alike worrying about the possibility that the losing side will not accept Tuesday's results as legitimate.

The accusation is not the first from Kemp accusing outsiders of trying to penetrate his office. Immediately after the 2016 general election, Kemp declared that DHS tried to hack his office's network, an accusation dismissed in mid-2017 by the DHS inspector general as unfounded.

Even before he was running for governor, Kemp faced criticism over Georgia's election system.

Georgia's centrally managed elections system lacks a verifiable paper trail that can be audited in case of problems. The state is one of just five nationwide that continues to rely exclusively on aged electronic voting machines that computer scientists have long criticized as untrustworthy because they are easily hacked and don't leave a paper trail.

In 2015, Kemp's office inadvertently released the Social Security numbers and other identifying information of millions of Georgia voters. His office blamed a clerical error.

His office made headlines again last year after security experts disclosed a gaping security hole that wasn't fixed until six months after it was first reported to election authorities. Personal data was again exposed for Georgia voters — 6.7 million at the time — as were passwords used by county officials to access files.

Kemp's office laid the blame for that breach on Kennesaw State University, which managed the system on Kemp's behalf.

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In the voting integrity case, a federal judge last month endorsed the plaintiff's arguments that Kemp has been derelict in his management of the state election system and that it violates voters' constitutional rights with its lack of verifiability and reliability.

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'Everything's at stake' on eve of first Trump-era elections

By STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The day of reckoning for American politics has nearly arrived.

Voters on Tuesday will decide the \$5 billion debate between President Donald Trump's take-no-prisoner politics and the Democratic Party's super-charged campaign to end the GOP's monopoly in Washington and statehouses across the nation.

There are indications that an oft-discussed "blue wave" may help Democrats seize control of at least one chamber of Congress. But two years after an election that proved polls and prognosticators wrong, nothing is certain on the eve of the first nationwide elections of the Trump presidency.

"I don't think there's a Democrat in this country that doesn't have a little angst left over from 2016 deep down," said Stephanie Schriock, president of EMILY's List, which spent more than ever before — nearly \$60 million in all — to support Democratic women this campaign season.

"Everything matters and everything's at stake," Schriock said.

All 435 seats in the U.S. House are up for re-election. And 35 Senate seats are in play, as are almost 40 governorships and the balance of power in virtually every state legislature.

While he is not on the ballot, Trump himself has acknowledged that the 2018 midterms, above all, represent a referendum on his presidency.

Should Democrats win control of the House, as strategists in both parties suggest is likely, they could derail Trump's legislative agenda for the next two years. Perhaps more importantly, they would also win subpoena power to investigate the president's many personal and professional missteps.

Tuesday's elections will also test the strength of a Trump-era political realignment defined by evolving divisions among voters by race, gender and especially education.

Trump's Republican coalition is increasingly becoming older, whiter, more male and less likely to have a college degree. Democrats are relying more upon women, people of color, young people and college graduates.

The political realignment, if there is one, could re-shape U.S. politics for a generation.

Just five years ago, the Republican National Committee reported that the GOP's very survival depended upon attracting more minorities and women. Those voters have increasingly fled Trump's Republican Party, turned off by his chaotic leadership style and xenophobic rhetoric. Blue-collar men, however, have embraced the unconventional president.

One of the RNC report's authors, Ari Fleischer, acknowledged that Republican leaders never envisioned expanding their ranks with white, working-class men.

"What it means to be Republican is being rewritten as we speak," Fleischer said. "Donald Trump has the pen, and his handwriting isn't always very good."

A nationwide poll released Sunday by NBC News and The Wall Street Journal details the depth of the demographic shifts.

Democrats led with likely African-American voters (84 percent to 8 percent), Latinos (57 percent to 29 percent), voters between the ages of 18-34 (57 percent to 34 percent), women (55 percent to 37 percent) and independents (35 percent to 23 percent).

Among white college-educated women, Democrats enjoy a 28-point advantage: 61 percent to 33 percent.

On the other side, Republicans led with voters between the ages of 50 and 64 (52 percent to 43 percent), men (50 percent to 43 percent) and whites (50 percent to 44 percent). And among white men without

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college degrees, Republicans led 65 percent to 30 percent.

Democrats hope to elect a record number of women to Congress. They are also poised to make history with the number of LGBT candidates and Muslims up and down the ballot.

Former President Barack Obama seized on the differences between the parties in a final-days scramble to motivate voters across the nation.

"One election won't eliminate racism, sexism or homophobia," Obama said during an appearance in Florida. "It's not going to happen in one election. But it'll be a start."

Trump has delivered a very different closing argument, railing against Latin American immigrants seeking asylum at the U.S. border.

With the walking caravan weeks away, Trump dispatched more than 5,000 troops to the region. The president also said soldiers would use lethal force against migrants who throw rocks, before later reversing himself.

Still, his xenophobic rhetoric has been unprecedented for an American president in the modern era: "Barbed wire used properly can be a beautiful sight," Trump told voters in Montana.

The hyper-charged environment is expected to drive record turnout in some places, but on the eve of the election, it's far from certain which side will show up in the greatest numbers.

The outcome is clouded by the dramatically different landscape between the House and Senate.

Democrats are most optimistic about the House, a sprawling battlefield extending from Alaska to Florida. Most top races, however, are set in America's suburbs where more educated and affluent voters in both parties have soured on Trump's turbulent presidency, despite the strength of the national economy.

Democrats need to pick up two dozen seats to claim the House majority.

Billionaire former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who personally invested \$110 million to help Democrats this year, largely in the House, has seized on voter education levels in picking target races, according to senior aide Howard Wolfson.

"In this cycle, it seemed as if there was a disproportionately negative reaction among highly educated voters to Trump," he said.

As a result, Bloomberg's team poured money into otherwise overlooked suburban districts in states like Georgia, Washington state and Oklahoma because data revealed voters there were better-educated.

Democrats face a far more difficult challenge in the Senate, where they are almost exclusively on defense in rural states where Trump remains popular. Democratic Senate incumbents are up for re-election, for example, in North Dakota, West Virginia, and Montana — states Trump carried by 30 percentage points on average two years ago.

Democrats need to win two seats to claim the Senate majority, although most political operatives in both parties expect Republicans to add to their majority.

While Trump is prepared to claim victory if his party retains Senate control, at least one prominent ally fears that losing even one chamber of Congress could be disastrous.

"If they take back the House, he essentially will become a lame-duck president, and he won't win re-election," said Amy Kremer, a tea party activist who leads the group Women for Trump.

"They'll do anything and everything they can to impeach him," she said.

Indeed, powerful Democratic forces are already pushing for Trump's impeachment, even if Democratic leaders aren't ready to go that far.

Liberal activist Tom Steyer spent roughly \$120 million this midterm season. Much of that has gone to boost turnout among younger voters, although he has produced a nationwide advertising campaign calling for Trump's impeachment.

Steyer insisted that most Democrats agree.

"We're not some fringe element of the Democratic Party. We are the Democratic Party," he said.

By Election Day, both sides are expected to have spent more than \$5 billion, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. The flood of campaign cash, a midterm record, has been overwhelmingly fueled by energy on the left.

Money aside, Steyer said he and concerned voters everywhere have invested their hearts and souls into the fight to punish Trump's party.

"That's what's at stake: my heart and soul, along with everybody else's," he said.

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Iran president warns of 'war situation' as sanctions resume

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TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran greeted the re-imposition of U.S. sanctions on Monday with air defense drills and a statement from President Hassan Rouhani that the nation faces a "war situation," raising Mideast tensions as America's maximalist approach to the Islamic Republic takes hold.

The sanctions end all economic benefits America had granted Tehran for its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, though Iran for now continues to abide by the accord that saw it limit its enrichment of uranium. While at the moment not threatening to resume higher enrichment, Iranian officials in recent months have made a point to warn the controversial process could resume at any time, faster than before.

The new American sanctions particularly hurt Iran's vital oil industry, a crucial source of hard currency for its anemic economy. Its national currency has plummeted over the last year, sending prices for everything from mobile phones to medicine skyrocketing.

"Today, Iran is able to sell its oil and it will sell," Rouhani vowed Monday as the sanctions kicked in.

However, the noose of American sanctions appeared to be tightening. Iranian officials, meanwhile, reported a cyberattack targeting the country's communication infrastructure, blaming the purported attack on Israel.

Iranian state television aired footage of air defense systems and anti-aircraft batteries in two-day military maneuvers underway across a vast stretch of the country's north. It included surface-to-air missiles shooting down a drone.

The drill was to continue through Tuesday. Iranian army Gen. Habibillah Sayyari said both the national army and the country's paramilitary Revolutionary Guard were taking part in the exercise.

Rouhani, meanwhile, pledged to government officials in comments aired on state TV that Iran would overcome the sanctions.

"We are in the war situation," Rouhani said. "We are in the economic war situation. We are confronting a bullying enemy. We have to stand to win."

He further stepped up the rhetoric, comparing Iran's situation in the 1980s war against Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein with the current one and President Donald Trump's move to reinstate U.S. sanctions.

"Yesterday, Saddam was in front us, today Trump is front of us. There is no difference. We must resist and win," he said.

Iran is already in the grip of an economic crisis. Its national currency, the rial, now trades at 150,000 to one U.S. dollar, down from when it traded around 40,500 to \$1 a year ago. The economic chaos sparked mass anti-government protests at the end of last year which resulted in nearly 5,000 reported arrests and at least 25 people being killed. Sporadic demonstrations still continue.

Rouhani separately said leaders from "four powers" met with Iran on the sidelines of the September meeting of the United Nations General Assembly to try to save the deal, including brokering a possible meeting with Trump. He did not name those countries, but was likely referring to China, France, Russia and Britain, which along with Germany made up the world powers involved in the 2015 nuclear deal.

"This issue does not require a mediator," Rouhani said, blaming America for unilaterally pulling out of the accord.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman Bahram Ghasemi also predicted the sanctions will actually work against America's interests.

"Many countries from Europe to Russia and China have opposed the sanctions," Ghasemi told journalists, adding that Iranians "have experienced more extensive sanctions" and that they are "not a new issue."

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The United States says the sanctions are not aimed at toppling the government, but at persuading it to radically change its policies, including its support for regional militant groups and its development of long-range ballistic missiles.

However, Trump's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani and John Bolton, the president's national security adviser, both have made public statements supporting overthrowing Iran's theocratic government.

Also Monday, Iran's Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Javad Azeri Jahromi and his deputy, Hamid Fatahi, both tweeted about a cyberattack targeting the country's communications infrastructure, without elaborating. They blamed Israel for the attack and both referenced Stuxnet, which destroyed thousands of centrifuges involved in Iran's contested nuclear program in 2011. Stuxnet is widely believed to be an American and Israeli creation, though neither country has acknowledged being behind the attack.

Israel's Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the Iranian claim. Last week, Gen. Gholam Reza Jalali, the head of country's military unit in charge of combatting sabotage, said Rouhani's cell phone was tapped recently.

Israel's Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman welcomed the newly restored U.S. sanctions in a tweet, saying they will deal a "critical blow" to Iran's military presence around the Middle East.

The Trump administration's decision to restore sanctions "is the sea change the Middle East has been waiting for," he said.

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Migrant caravan plans to push on toward Mexico's capital

By SONIA PEREZ D. and MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press

CORDOBA, Mexico (AP) — A big group of Central Americans has agreed to push toward Mexico City from a coastal state Monday, planning to exit a part of the country that has long been treacherous for migrants seeking to get to the United States.

In a thundering voice vote Sunday night at a gymnasium in Cordoba, about 1,000 members of a migrant caravan that has been moving northward through Mexico voted to try to get to the capital Monday by walking and hitching rides. Cordoba is 178 miles (286 kilometers) from the capital by the shortest route, which would be the group's longest single-day journey yet since they began more than three weeks ago.

The vote came after weary caravan participants made it to Cordoba after a 124-mile (200-kilometer) trek through Veracruz, a state where hundreds of migrants have disappeared in recent years, falling prey to kidnappers looking for ransom payments. The estimated 4,000 migrants in Veracruz are still hundreds of miles from the nearest U.S. border point.

They hope to regroup in the Mexican capital, seeking medical care and rest while they await stragglers. The caravan has found strength in numbers as it meanders north, with townspeople coming out to offer food, water, fresh clothes and replacement footwear.

While the bulk of the caravan streamed into Cordoba, a colonial era city in Veracruz's sugar belt, to be greeted with Caribbean music and dance, some bleary eyed migrants forged ahead to Mexico City.

A few arrived at a large outdoor stadium in the capital, where they lounged on bleachers and watched locals play soccer. City employees piled hot food onto Styrofoam plates for the migrants, some of whom had hopped freight trucks to speed their arrival to the capital.

Farther back, other migrants who had moved out ahead of the main body rested at a church in Puebla, a city roughly midway between Cordoba and Mexico City.

It is unclear what part of the U.S. border the caravan will aim for eventually, or how many may splinter off on their own.

Most of the migrants said they remain convinced that traveling as a large mass is their best hope for reaching the U.S. The migrants generally say they are fleeing rampant poverty, gang violence and political instability primarily in the Central American countries of Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua.

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Manuel Calderon, 43, a migrant from El Salvador, lifted his shirt to show scars from two bullets he said pierced his torso in his home country. He dreams of making it back to the U.S., from which he was deported a little more than two years ago.

On the road to Cordoba, Calderon was among those who got a helping hand from Mexicans. Catalina Munoz said she bought tortillas on credit to assemble tacos of beans, cheese and rice when she heard the migrant caravan would pass through her tiny town of 3,000 inhabitants. She gathered 15 others to help make the tacos, fill water bottles and carry fruit to exhausted migrants passing down the road.

Mexico faces the unprecedented situation of having three migrant caravans stretched over 300 miles (500 kilometers) of highway in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca and Veracruz. The largest group was the first to enter Mexico, and it has been followed by a group of about 1,000 that crossed over from Guatemala last week and a second of about the same size that waded over the Suchiate River on Friday.

Mexico's Interior Ministry estimated over the weekend that there are more than 5,000 migrants in total currently moving through southern Mexico via the caravans or in smaller groups. The ministry said 2,793 migrants have applied for refugee status in Mexico in recent weeks and around 500 have asked for assistance to return to their home countries.

President Donald Trump has ordered U.S. troops to the Mexican border in response to the caravans, with more than 7,000 active duty troops earmarked to deploy to Texas, Arizona and California. Trump plans to sign an order that could lead to the large-scale detention of migrants crossing the southern border and bar anyone caught crossing illegally from claiming asylum.

Associated Press writer Amy Guthrie in Mexico City contributed to this report.

Migrant caravan sets sight on getting to Mexico City

By **SONIA PEREZ D. and MARK STEVENSON, Associated Press**

CORDOBA, Mexico (AP) — Thousands of bone-tired Central Americans set their sights on Mexico City on Sunday after making a grueling journey through a part of Mexico that has been particularly treacherous for migrants seeking to get to the United States.

An estimated 4,000 migrants are in the Gulf state of Veracruz, where hundreds of migrants have disappeared in recent years, falling prey to kidnappers looking for ransom payments. The day's 124-mile (200-kilometer) trek was one of the longest yet, as the exhausted migrants tried to make progress walking and hitching rides toward the U.S. border still hundreds of miles away.

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Earlier Sunday, the bulk of the caravan streamed into the colonial city of Cordoba, in Veracruz's sugar belt, where they were greeted with Caribbean music and dance. Meanwhile, bleary eyed migrants who had charged ahead to Mexico City expressed gratitude for the support of their fellow travelers, saying they would not have had the strength or courage to get so far on their own.

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Mynor Chavez, a 19-year-old from Copan, Honduras, was also determined to continue.

"I have no prospects (in Honduras). I graduated as a computer technician and not even with a degree have I been able to find work," he said of his home country.

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On Friday, a caravan from El Salvador waded over the Suchiate River into Mexico, bringing around 1,000 people who want to reach the U.S. border. That caravan initially tried to cross the bridge between Guatemala and Mexico, but Mexican authorities told them they would have to show passports and visas and enter in groups of 50 for processing.

Another caravan, also of about 1,000 people, entered Mexico early last week. That group includes Hondurans, Salvadorans and some Guatemalans.

The first, and largest, group of mainly Honduran migrants entered Mexico on Oct. 19.

Mexican officials have appeared conflicted over whether to help or hinder their journey.

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Obama, Trump offer dueling final pitches to midterm voters

By KEN THOMAS, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — No longer reluctant to speak out, former President Barack Obama delivered a closing argument for Democrats that seeks a firm check on President Donald Trump's policies in Tuesday's midterm elections.

Obama and Trump offered competing visions for the country in a split screen of campaigning on Sunday, seeking to galvanize voter turnout in the fight to control Congress and governors' mansions.

Obama rallied Democrats in Gary, Indiana, on behalf of Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., who faces a stiff challenge from Republican businessman Mike Braun. Later in the day, the former president campaigned in his

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hometown of Chicago for businessman J.B. Pritzker, Democrats' nominee for Illinois governor.

Obama has taken on a more public role this fall after refraining from offering a full-blown counterpoint to Trump's policies, which have sought to dismantle Obama's legacy. Without invoking his name, Obama has accused Trump of lying and "fear-mongering" and warned Democrats not to be distracted.

Trump has punched back, accusing Obama of leaving behind a trail of broken promises on trade, the economic recovery and a promise during his presidency that patients could keep their doctors under his health care law.

Trump headlined Sunday rallies in Macon, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee, supporting Republican Brian Kemp, who is running for Georgia governor, and Rep. Marsha Blackburn, who is seeking an open Senate seat in Tennessee.

A look at campaign activities on Sunday:

OBAMA

Obama praised Donnelly during a rally in northwest Indiana as someone who's honest and direct, telling voters, "You don't want a 'yes' man."

Obama's appearance in Gary was sandwiched between Trump's trips to Indiana on Friday and Monday to help Braun.

Donnelly has often sounded far more like Trump than Obama on issues. He angered some Democrats by embracing some of Trump's priorities, including a border wall with Mexico. But he has supported the Affordable Care Act, the health care overhaul signed into law by Obama.

The former president told thousands of cheering supporters that he and Donnelly don't always agree. But he said it was more important to elect a senator who will put what's best for his state over his party.

TRUMP

Rallying his faithful in Macon, Georgia, Trump praised Kemp as a "strong man" and "strong personality" and said Kemp would become a great governor for Georgia.

The president assailed Kemp's Democratic opponent, Stacey Abrams, as "one of the most extreme far-left politicians in the entire country."

The Georgia race has garnered attention from a list of high-profile backers, including Oprah Winfrey, who campaigned for Abrams last week. Abrams is attempting to become the nation's first black female governor.

Trump said Winfrey was a friend of his until he ran for president but he is now urging Georgia voters to listen to his endorsement instead of hers.

BLOOMBERG

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg is pumping another \$5 million in national advertising into the final two days before the midterm elections, urging voters to support Democrats because of his concern about "the direction of our nation."

Bloomberg, the billionaire independent who is considering a 2020 presidential campaign as a Democrat, appears in the 2-minute ad airing Sunday during CBS's "60 Minutes." It will also air Monday on cable and broadcast networks.

Bloomberg says in the ad that the nation needs to support Democrats to "send a signal to Republicans in Washington that they have failed to lead, failed to find solutions, and failed to bring us together."

BIDEN

In Pennsylvania, a hoarse former Vice President Joe Biden accused the Trump administration of shredding the nation's "moral fabric" and a GOP-controlled Congress of waging a broad war on middle-class protections, from health care to Social Security.

Democrats, he said, must take back the country to reset the nation's moral compass.

"This is the United States of America," Biden said. "We can take it back."

Biden, campaigning in a tight congressional race in conservative central Pennsylvania, urged people to

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vote — “Don’t boo, vote!” he told the crowd, quoting Obama — and said, “We are in a battle for America’s soul.”

Biden spoke to a crowd of more than 500 people at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg to boost George Scott, a Democratic candidate for Congress challenging three-term Republican Rep. Scott Perry.

Biden traced a line from the mass killing in a Pittsburgh synagogue and the slaying of two black shoppers at a Kentucky grocery store last month to Trump’s remarks after clashes between white supremacists and counterprotesters in Charlottesville when he blamed both sides for the violence.

“When hatred is given space to fester, it gives license to others to come out from the darkness,” Biden said, accusing Trump of putting “fuel on the fire of intolerance.”

IMMIGRATION

The White House pushed back against claims that Trump’s recent steps to secure the U.S. southern border were motivated by the upcoming election.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in an interview with CBS’ “Face the Nation” that the president’s moves had nothing to do with electoral politics.

“I’ve been involved in scores of conversations about stopping illegal immigration from Mexico and never once has there been a discussion of the political impact in U.S. domestic politics,” Pompeo said. “It has always been about securing the safety of the American people and securing our southern border.”

Trump is sending up to 15,000 U.S. troops to the border to stave off a caravan of migrants slowly making its way through southern Mexico, hundreds of miles from the border. Trump has also announced plans to try to end the constitutionally protected right of birthright citizenship for all children born in the U.S.

SENATE STAKES

Republicans predicted that they would pad their two-seat Senate majority even though the party of a first-term president typically struggles in midterm elections. Democrats are defending 10 Senate seats in states Trump carried in 2016.

Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., said Republicans would not only “hold the majority — I believe we’re going to add to it.” Republican National Committee Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel pointed to the recent October jobs report as evidence Republicans are delivering.

“We have a record of results and the Democrats have a record of resistance and obstruction,” she said, arguing that voters would return Republicans to the majority.

Sen. Mark Warner, D-Va., said that even if voters are motivated by a strong economy, “many people realize we need a check on this president.” And Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., said the party still has a “very narrow path” to a Senate majority despite facing the toughest Senate political map in 60 years.

McDaniel and Warner appeared on CBS’ “Face the Nation,” Tillis appeared on “Fox News Sunday,” and Van Hollen appeared on “Fox News Sunday” and ABC’s “This Week.”

ELECTION SECURITY

Warner, the ranking Democrat on the Senate intelligence committee, said that people should “go out and vote with confidence” but that the White House has “frankly held back” on ensuring the election will be secure.

The Virginia Democrat faulted the White House for opposing an election security bill that would have ensured that every polling station had a paper ballot to audit after the election. And he questioned Trump’s decision to eliminate the role of cybersecurity coordinator on the National Security Council.

Trump received a briefing on election security last week. U.S. intelligence agencies jointly asserted last month that Russia, China, Iran and other countries are engaged in continuous efforts to influence American policy and voters in the upcoming elections and beyond.

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Migrants camped at border worry caravans will shut them out

By NOMAAN MERCHANT, Associated Press

MATAMOROS, Mexico (AP) — Waiting on the southern end of a bridge that leads to the United States, Humberto Alvarez Gonzalez warily follows the progress of the caravan winding through Mexico with the goal of reaching the border.

Alvarez and about two dozen other people are waiting in Matamoros, across the Rio Grande from Brownsville, Texas, because U.S. customs officers say there's no space to process them. They sleep on cots near the bridge and rely on donors who bring them food and clothing. Some have waited for two weeks.

Now, Alvarez, a 32-year-old from Cuba, is worried that large waves of migrants in a caravan still more than 800 miles away from the border might provoke the U.S. government to reject them altogether.

"Our idea is to enter before the caravan," he said. "We are afraid that the group of migrants will reach us and that they will judge us together with them."

Asylum seekers already camping at border crossings worry that how the Trump administration responds to the caravan of some 4,000 Central American migrants and three much smaller ones hundreds of miles behind it could leave them shut out. President Donald Trump last week threatened to detain asylum seekers in large tents and send as many as 15,000 active-duty soldiers to the border. He's also spoken of closing the border.

U.S. government officials say the bridges remain open to asylum seekers. But in South Texas, the busiest corridor for unauthorized border crossings, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers stand at the center of bridges to check documents and stop most asylum seekers.

And in San Diego, people at the San Ysidro crossing wait more than a month, and volunteers operate an informal take-a-number system to spare migrants from having to wait in line or sleep out in the open. Inspectors there typically process about 100 claims a day.

"It's not turning people away, it's asking them to wait," CBP Commissioner Kevin McAleenan said recently. "We are taking people in as we have capacity to do so."

At the bridge where Alvarez and dozens of others wait, security guards on the Mexican side hold back asylum seekers until U.S. border inspectors tell them how many people they will accept. Some days, five or 10 people are allowed. On other days, the asylum seekers said, no one is.

At another bridge separating Brownsville and Matamoros, four women and their children slept under a blue tarp on the bridge. The tarp had been left behind by previous asylum seekers. One of the women said she had waited there for two days.

Seeking asylum at a port of entry is legal under U.S. law, as government officials have reaffirmed this year. Trump has proposed banning people crossing illegally between ports of entry from claiming asylum — something many immigration experts say he can't do under the law.

The U.S. fielded nearly 332,000 asylum claims in 2017, nearly double that of two years earlier and the highest of any country in the world, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. And many asylum seekers wait for years to have their claims adjudicated, a delay criticized by administration officials and immigration lawyers alike.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions ruled in June that fleeing gang or domestic violence would generally not be considered grounds for asylum, a decision that would affect many people's claims.

Jodi Goodwin, an immigration attorney in Harlingen, Texas, said she believes the government was trying to frustrate asylum seekers into giving up.

"I think they're using a lot of ruse and double-speak to try to circumvent the law," she said.

Two women and three children were waiting Saturday at the center of the bridge between McAllen,

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Texas, and Reynosa, Mexico, a day after soldiers had installed concertina wire on the bridge and the riverbank below.

After some time, an official from Mexico's migration bureau came up to the group of five and directed them off the bridge, away from U.S. customs.

Associated Press journalists followed as the official and then a private security guard led the group back into Mexico and into a migration bureau office. An employee inside the building would not let the AP interview the group, and U.S. border inspectors on the bridge declined to comment.

At the bridge in Matamoros, Mexico, Alvarez continued to wait with others from all over the world: Honduras, Peru, Venezuela and Cameroon.

They insisted they will only enter peacefully and lawfully, waiting their turn at the bridge.

Javier Mederos Mendez, a 44-year-old from Havana, said he was fleeing political repression because he disagreed with the ruling Castro family. He said he had flown from Cuba to South America, then crossed through jungles and violence-torn areas of Central America and Mexico to reach the bridge.

He and others had seen people drown or starve along the way.

Asked what he thought of Trump's announcements about asylum, Mederos said, "It would be unfair of me to decide what is good or bad for a country."

But, he said, "I will wait as long as necessary until they receive me."

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Trump says he's focused on Senate with 2 days until midterms

By **ZEKE MILLER** and **JILL COLVIN**, Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — President Donald Trump appeared to distance himself from the fate of House Republican candidates Sunday as he devotes his final two days before Tuesday's midterm elections to helping Senate and gubernatorial candidates.

Speaking to reporters as he left the White House en route to get-out-the-vote rallies in Georgia and Tennessee on Sunday, Trump said Republican enthusiasm is higher than he's ever seen — but he seemed to dampen expectations for his party in the House.

"I think we're going to do well in the House," he said of Tuesday's races. "But, as you know, my primary focus has been on the Senate, and I think we're doing really well in the Senate."

The comments mark the starkest indication that Trump has grown less optimistic about the GOP's chances of retaining control of the House, where Republicans face greater headwinds than in the Senate. And they came as Trump's travels in the closing stretch before midterms that could profoundly change his presidency are largely taking him to traditionally Republican states to campaign on behalf of statewide candidates.

The president's closing argument to voters was on stark display Sunday as he seeks to motivate complacent Republican voters to the polls by stoking fears about the prospects of Democratic control.

"You want to see Georgia prosperity end?" Trump told the rally crowd in Macon, Georgia. "Vote for the Democrat." Trump's remarks included ominous references to the "Antifa" far-left-leaning militant groups and a migrant caravan marching toward the U.S.-Mexico border that he has called an "invasion."

Appearing before thousands in an overflowing aircraft hangar in Macon for Republican gubernatorial candidate Brian Kemp, Trump declared, "There's electricity in the air like I haven't seen since '16."

"This is a very important election," he added. "I wouldn't say it's as important as '16, but it's right up there."

In Chattanooga, Tennessee, to bolster the prospects of Republican Senate candidate Marsha Blackburn, Trump once again warned that caravans of immigrants are on their way to flood across the southern border.

"That's an invasion. I don't care what they say," Trump said to cheers. He received similar applause when promoting the economy, unemployment numbers and judicial appointments.

When Blackburn took the stage briefly, she told supporters, "If you want to vote no to Hillary Clinton and her cronies one more time, stand with me." The crowd responded with the chant, "Lock her up!"

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Trump told reporters before boarding Air Force One that “tremendous crowds” were already awaiting him in both states. He said that enthusiasm was off the charts, though polls have shown Democrats to have an enthusiasm edge.

“The level of fervor, the level of fever is very strong in the Republican side,” said Trump, adding: “I have never seen such excitement. Maybe back in ‘16 during the presidential, right around the vote. But I have never seen such an enthusiastic Republican Party.”

Trump also pushed back on the idea that the election was a referendum on his presidency and that Democrats reclaiming the House would be a rebuke of him and his policies.

“No, I don’t view this as for myself,” Trump said, before making the case that his campaigning has “made a big difference” in a handful of Senate races across the country.

“I think I’ve made a difference of five or six or seven. That’s a big difference,” he said, crediting his rallies for the influence.

In an interview with The Associated Press last month, Trump said he would not accept blame for a GOP defeat at the polls.

“These rallies are the best thing we’ve done. I think that the rallies have really been the thing that’s caused this whole big fervor to start and to continue,” he said.

Trump has had a busy campaign schedule in the final stretch of the race, with 11 rallies over six days — including two planned Sunday and three Monday in Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

In the final stretch Trump has brought out special guests to join him on the campaign trail. In Georgia he introduced former University of Georgia football Coach Vince Dooley to address the crowd of supporters.

Country singer Lee Greenwood performed Trump favorite “God Bless the USA” in Chattanooga and was expected to appear Monday with the president in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Fox News personality Sean Hannity and conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh will also be appearing at the Missouri rally, Trump’s re-election campaign announced Sunday.

Trump plans to spend Election Day conducting get-out-the-vote interviews with local media at the White House, where he is set to watch returns come in.

Greenwood’s hit “God Bless the USA” has been a standard at Trump’s events ever since he announced his campaign for president. Trump expressed surprise after Greenwood sang as the president took the stage in Chattanooga, yet Greenwood’s participation had been in the news for hours before the evening rally. In fact, a Trump campaign statement earlier in the day noted that the president “will be pleased” to have Greenwood perform in person.

Trump told supporters: “I didn’t know Lee Greenwood would be here. That was a surprise.”

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Utah mayor, guard member killed by trainee in Afghanistan

NORTH OGDEN, Utah (AP) — A Utah mayor who was also a Utah Army National Guard major training commandos in Afghanistan was fatally shot by one of his Afghan trainees, officials said Sunday.

Brent Taylor, 39, had taken a yearlong leave of absence as mayor of North Ogden north of Salt Lake City for his deployment to Afghanistan.

He was a military intelligence officer with Joint Force Headquarters and was expected to return to his mayoral job in January. Another U.S. military member whose name was not immediately made public was wounded in Saturday’s attack that killed Taylor, who died from wounds from small arms fire, military officials said.

Maj. Gen. Jefferson S. Burton, the adjutant general of the Utah National Guard, told reporters that Taylor’s mission was to help train and build the capacity of the Afghan national army.

“He was with folks he was helping and training. That’s what’s so painful about this. It’s bitter,” Burton said. “I do believe that Major Taylor felt he was among friends, with people he was working with.”

Utah media outlets cited a statement from NATO saying that Taylor was shot by one of the commandos

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being trained and that the attacker was killed by Afghan forces.

Taylor leaves behind a wife and seven children. His remains are scheduled to arrive at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Monday evening.

Utah Gov. Gary Herbert said Taylor "was there to help. He was a leader. He loved the people of Afghanistan... This is a sad day for Utah, for America."

"Brent was a hero, a patriot, a wonderful father, and a dear friend," U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah said on Twitter. "News of his death in Afghanistan is devastating. My prayers and love are with Jennie and his seven young children. His service will always be remembered."

Taylor served two tours in Iraq and was on his second tour in Afghanistan.

Taylor in January when he was being deployed told local media that he was assigned to serve on an advisory team training the staff of an Afghan commando battalion.

Hundreds of residents of North Ogden lined the street to see him off as police escorted him and his family around North Ogden, a community of about 17,000.

Taylor became the city's mayor in 2013.

Air Force mascot falcon improving after injury at West Point

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — An Air Force falcon injured at West Point during a prank Saturday before the annual rivalry football game between the service academies is back home and showing signs of improvement.

The 22-year-old bird named Aurora "was able to fly around in her pen" on Sunday, said Air Force Academy spokesperson Lt. Col. Tracy A. Bunko.

The development is "an extremely good sign," Bunko said, adding that the academy is "grateful for the outpouring of support and optimistic for Aurora's recovery."

The falcon will continue to be evaluated and will get antibiotics to prevent infection, Bunko said.

Army officials at West Point apologized Sunday for the injuries to the falcon and promised a full investigation.

"We are taking this situation very seriously, and this occurrence does not reflect the Army or USMA core values of dignity and respect," the academy said in a statement.

Sam Dollar, Air Force's falconry team adviser, told The New York Times on Sunday that two West Point cadets took the birds, threw sweaters over them and stuffed them into dog crates. Dollar said the cadets turned over the birds Saturday morning, with Aurora's wings bloodied — likely from thrashing inside the crate.

"I think they had them for a couple hours and then they realized it was a bad mistake," Dollar told the newspaper. "When Aurora started thrashing around in the crate, they decided that wasn't a good thing."

Aurora is the Air Force Academy's official and oldest mascot. On the school's falconry page, the bird is described as a white phase gyrfalcon, which is a "falcon species that is extremely rare in the wild and whose beauty will take your breath away."

"Unless you are federally licensed, you can't even touch them," Dollar said, adding the Air Force cadets who work with the birds spend two months in training and are tested before they can handle them.

Three percent of all falcons are gyrfalcons, and 1 percent of those are white, according to the website. The school acquired Aurora 22 years ago as a gift from the association of graduates.

More AP college football: <https://apnews.com/Collegefootball> and https://twitter.com/AP_Top25

Analysis: Dems whiffed in 2016, so what if they fail again?

By JULIE PACE, AP Washington Bureau Chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — For Democrats, the midterm elections have been a beacon in the dark, a chance to re-emerge from the political wilderness and repudiate a president they view as a dangerous force.

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But on the cusp of Tuesday's vote, many Democrats are as anxious as they are hopeful.

Their memories from 2016, when they watched in disbelief as Donald Trump defied polls, expectations and political norms, are still fresh. And as Trump travels the country armed with a divisive and racially charged closing campaign message, the test for Democrats now feels at once similar and more urgent than it did two years ago: They failed to stop Trump then, what if they fall short again?

"Part of what's at stake here is our ability to send a message that this is not who we are," said Karen Finney, a Democratic consultant who worked on Hillary Clinton's losing 2016 campaign.

This year, history is on Democrats' side. The sitting president's party often losing ground in the first midterm after winning office, and for much of 2018, voter enthusiasm and polling has favored Democrats as well.

Primary contests filled the Democratic roster with a new generation of candidates, including several minority candidates who could make history in their races. While the fight to regain control of the Senate, largely playing out in conservative states, may prove out of reach for Democrats, the party has been buoyed by its ability to run competitively in Republican-leaning states such as Texas and Tennessee.

Democrats' focus is largely on snatching back the House and picking up governors' seats in Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio and elsewhere. The party is also seeking redemption in the Midwest where Trump won over white, working-class voters who had backed Democrats for years. In Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania, Democrats appear poised to regain ground.

Such victories would build momentum behind the party's shift toward a new generation of candidates who are younger, more diverse, with greater numbers of women and more liberal than Democratic leadership. They would also signal that Trump's hard-line positions on immigration and his penchant for personal attacks turn off more voters than they energize.

A good night for Democrats on Tuesday would provide a blueprint for how the party can successfully run against Trump in the 2020 presidential race. At least two dozen Democrats are waiting in the wings, eager to take on Trump.

But the president has proved once again to be a powerful political force late in a campaign.

Even with his daily airing of grievances on Twitter and an approval rate below the average for his recent predecessors at this point, he has almost single-handedly put Republicans in a stronger position this fall. He's aggressively appealed to his loyal, core supporters with a sharply anti-immigrant, nationalist message and by casting Democrats as outside the mainstream.

"A vote for any Democrat this November is a vote to really put extreme far left politicians in charge of Congress and to destroy your jobs, slash your incomes, undermine your safety and put illegal aliens before American citizens," Trump said during a rally Saturday in Pensacola, Florida.

If Republicans hang on to control of Congress, Trump will almost certainly be emboldened. Democrats would be left with difficult questions about a path forward.

For example, how can Democrats assemble a winning coalition in 2020 if they fail to appeal to the moderate suburban voters who hold sway in the congressional districts that decide which party holds a House majority? And how will Democrats, if they fall short, sustain the energy from young people and women who have marched in protest of Trump, registered to vote and volunteered for the first time this election season.

"I'm concerned that if the election is not what we hoped for that people will say, 'it's too hard' and become disengaged," said Jennifer Palmieri, who served as Clinton's communications director during the 2016 campaign.

As Americans participated in early voting this weekend, that same anxiety was palpable among some voters.

In Southern California, lifelong Democrat Theresa Hunter said she didn't take Trump seriously in 2016. But she sees a chance for Democrats to render their judgment on the president by pushing his party out of power in a different branch of government.

"To see his party jump on board and march in lockstep is what's terrifying," said Hunter, a 65-year-old retired salesperson from Lake Forest, California.

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A few hours north, California voter Lawrence Reh was casting his ballot. Afterward, his voice quivered and he wiped back tears as he voiced frustrations about Trump and his worries about the direction of the country.

"If we don't make any progress in this election, I don't know where we'll go from here," Reh said.

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This story has been corrected to reflect that the name of the California voter is Lawrence Reh, not Lawrence Roh, in the final two paragraphs.

Today in History By The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Monday, Nov. 5, the 309th day of 2018. There are 56 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 5, 1968, Republican Richard M. Nixon won the presidency, defeating Democratic Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and American Independent candidate George C. Wallace.

On this date:

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

In 1911, aviator Calbraith P. Rodgers arrived in Pasadena, Calif., completing the first transcontinental airplane trip in 49 days.

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

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

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

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

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

In 1987, Supreme Court nominee Douglas H. Ginsburg admitted using marijuana several times in the 1960s and 70s, calling it a mistake. (Ginsburg ended up withdrawing his nomination.)

In 1990, Rabbi Meir Kahane (meh-EER' kah-HAH'-nuh), the Brooklyn-born Israeli extremist, was shot to death at a New York hotel. (Egyptian native El Sayyed Nosair (el sah-EED' no-sah-EER') was convicted of the slaying in federal court.)

In 1992, Malice Green, a black motorist, died after he was struck in the head 14 times with a flashlight by a Detroit police officer, Larry Nevers, outside a suspected crack house. (Nevers and his partner, Walter Budzyn, were found guilty of second-degree murder, but the convictions were overturned; they were later convicted of involuntary manslaughter.)

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

In 2009, a shooting rampage at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas left 13 people dead; Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, was later convicted of murder and sentenced to death.

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Ten years ago: One day after being elected president, Barack Obama began filling out his new administration, selecting Illinois Rep. Rahm Emanuel to be White House chief of staff. A case of postelection nerves on Wall Street sent the Dow industrials plunging nearly 500 points.

Five years ago: Republican Gov. Chris Christie won a resounding re-election victory in Democratic-leaning New Jersey, while Democrat Terry McAuliffe prevailed in Virginia's gubernatorial contest. Toronto Mayor Rob Ford acknowledged for the first time that he had smoked crack "probably a year ago" when he was in a "drunken stupor," but he refused to resign despite immense pressure to step aside as leader of Canada's largest city. India launched its first spacecraft bound for Mars; the Martian Orbiter Mission, or MOM, reached the red planet in Sept. 2014.

One year ago: A gunman armed with an assault rifle opened fire in a small South Texas church, killing more than two dozen people; the shooter, Devin Patrick Kelley, was later found dead in a vehicle after he was shot and chased by two men who heard the gunfire. (An autopsy revealed that he died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.) President Donald Trump arrived in Japan for the start of a 12-day, five-country Asian trip. Shalane Flanagan became the first American woman to win the New York City Marathon since 1977; Geoffrey Kamworor of Kenya was the men's winner.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Chris Robinson is 80. Actress Elke Sommer is 78. Singer Art Garfunkel is 77. Singer Peter Noone is 71. TV personality Kris Jenner is 63. Actor Nestor Serrano is 63. Actress-comedian Mo'Nique is 60. Actor Robert Patrick is 60. Singer Bryan Adams is 59. Actress Tilda Swinton is 58. Actor Michael Gaston is 56. Actress Tatum O'Neal is 55. Actress Andrea McArdle is 55. Rock singer Angelo Moore (Fishbone) is 53. Actress Judy Reyes is 51. Actor Seth Gilliam is 50. Rock musician Mark Hunter (James) is 50. Actor Sam Rockwell is 50. Country singers Heather and Jennifer Kinley (The Kinleys) are 48. Actor Corin Nemec is 47. Rock musician Jonny (cq) Greenwood (Radiohead) is 47. Country singer-musician Ryan Adams is 44. Actor Sebastian Arcelus is 42. Actor Sam Page is 42. Actor Luke Hemsworth is 38. Actor Jeremy Lelliott is 36. Actress Annet Mahendru (MAH'-hehn-droo) is 33. Rock musician Kevin Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 31. Actor Landon Gimenez is 15.

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