

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 1 of 42

- 1- Hanlon Brothers Ad
- 1- Recycling Trailer
- 2- Legion Turkey Party ad
- 3- Gov. Daugaard's Weekly Column
- 4- Free Assistance During Medicare Open Enrollment Still Available
- 5- Today in Weather History
- 6- Today's Forecast
- 7- Yesterday's Weather
- 7- National Weather map
- 7- Today's Weather Almanac
- 8- Daily Devotional
- 9- 2018 Groton Community Events
- 10- News from the Associated Press

## **OPEN:** Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.



**Hanlon Brothers  
Gravel Hauling**

New & Cleaning of  
Stockdams with our  
60' reach trackhoe

**605/395-6531**

## Groton Area Schedule of Events

**Thursday, November 8, 2018**

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

**Groton Post No. 39 American Legion**



# *Annual*



# *Turkey Party*

**Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018**

**Starting at 6:30 p.m.**

Groton Legion Post Home, 10 N. Main.

Turkey, Ham and Bacon  
to be given away

**FREE ADMISSION**

**DOOR  
PRIZE!**

Lunch served  
by Auxiliary





## Stopping the Flu Starts with You

As my term comes to a close, Linda and I have been planning for our future outside the Governor's office. One of the things we are most looking forward to is spending more time with friends, family and loved ones. In addition to planning for our financial future, we've also been taking steps to ensure we're taking care of our health, including getting our annual flu vaccination.

Last year, South Dakota experienced one of its most severe flu seasons in recent history. Although the flu is considered a common illness, its complications can be deadly, especially for those at highest risk for complications. An annual flu vaccination is the single most important thing we can do to prevent the flu—and it's not too late to get your flu shot for this year.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that nearly 80,000 Americans died from influenza last season. In South Dakota, 73 deaths were reported and 92 percent of them occurred among adults aged 65 years and older. South Dakotans have a history of taking care of themselves when it comes to vaccination. We live by the old adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Unfortunately, influenza vaccination among South Dakotans 65 years and older dropped by 12.5 percent last year, putting us behind the national average since routine reporting began in 2010.

Due to the weakening of the immune system that happens with age, it is vitally important that people over the age of 65 get their annual flu vaccination. Flu vaccination has been shown to reduce flu illness and serious complications. Recent studies have shown that flu vaccination reduced deaths, intensive care unit admissions (and length of stay), and overall duration of hospitalization among hospitalized flu patients 65 years and older.

Don't make the mistake of thinking the flu isn't a serious illness. The headache, fever, chills, coughing and body aches can be very severe and for some people, can lead to complications like pneumonia that may require hospitalization.

The medical community recommends yearly flu vaccination for everyone over the age of six months. Vaccination is especially important for those who are at higher risk for flu complications – pregnant women, people over age 50, people with chronic medical conditions like heart disease and health care workers.

Infants are too young to be vaccinated, so we can best protect infants by getting vaccinated ourselves, especially if we have infants in our households. For your own health and the health of those you love, contact your local clinic or pharmacy today about getting vaccinated for the flu.

Learn more about what you can do to stop the flu at [FluBug.org](http://FluBug.org).

## Free Assistance During Medicare Open Enrollment Still Available

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Senior Health Information and Insurance Education (SHIINE) program would like to remind all Medicare beneficiaries there is still time to receive free assistance during the Medicare open enrollment period.

Individuals taking advantage of the free one-on-one counseling should bring their Medicare card and a current list of medications.

To schedule a meeting with a volunteer in your community visit [www.shiine.net](http://www.shiine.net) or contact one of the following regional offices:

Eastern Region: 1-800-536-8197  
Central Region: 1-877-331-4834  
Western Region: 1-877-286-9072

The Medicare open enrollment period ends on Dec. 7.

SHIINE is a federal program designed to help individuals with questions about Medicare and protecting their benefits.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 5 of 42

## Today in Weather History

November 8, 1985: Heavy snow fell over much of southern South Dakota beginning on the morning of the 8th and continued off and on through the evening of the 10th. Snowfall ranged from 5-10 inches over the area, with amounts up to a foot or more in the Black Hills. The most significant amount was 18 inches in the higher elevations of the Black Hills. Winds gusting to near 40 mph at times, combined with the snowfall, produced near-blizzard conditions during the afternoon of the 9th through the early morning hours on the 10th, in the southwest. Highway 79 from Maverick Junction to Rapid City was closed for thirteen hours. Many accidents were reported over the entire southern portion of the state. Some storm total snowfall amounts include; 16.0 inches near Presho; 11.5 inches in Kennebec; 9.0 inches in Murdo; and 4.0 inches in Timber Lake and near Onida.

1870: The U.S. Signal Corps Weather Service issued the first storm warning on this day. Professor Increase A. Lapham believed that warnings of deadly storms on the Great Lakes could be derived from telegraphed weather observations. A bill was introduced and signed into law to establish a national telegraphic weather service. The Signal Corps began taking observations of November 1, 1870. On this date, Lapham would issue the first storm warning, a cautionary forecast for the Great Lakes.

1994: The twelfth and final tropical cyclone of the Atlantic hurricane season formed on this day in the southwestern Caribbean. While Hurricane Gordon was only a Category 1, it still killed 1,149 individuals, including 1,122 in Haiti.

1870 - The first storm warning was issued by the U.S. Signal Corps Weather Service. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1943 - An early season snowstorm raged across eastern South Dakota and Minnesota into northern Wisconsin. The storm produced 22 inches of snow at Fairbault and Marshall MN, 20 inches at Redwood Falls MN, and 10.1 inches at Minneapolis. Drifts fifteen feet high were reported in Cottonwood County MN. The storm produced up to two feet of snow in South Dakota smothering a million Thanksgiving day turkeys. (6th-8th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1953 - Residents of New York City suffered through ten days of smog resulting in 200 deaths. (The Weather Channel)

1966 - The temperature in downtown San Francisco reached a November record of 86 degrees. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms over Texas produced locally heavy rains in the Hill Country, with 3.50 inches reported at Lakeway, and 3.72 inches reported at Anderson Mill. Thunderstorms over Louisiana produced hail an inch in diameter at Clay and at Provencal. Blustery northwest winds, ushering cold air into western Kansas and into northwest Texas, gusted to 46 mph at Hill City KS. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Fair weather prevailed across much of the nation for Election Day. Midland TX equalled their record for November with an afternoon high of 89 degrees, and the record high of 87 degrees at Roswell NM was their fifth in eight days. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing along and ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from northern Louisiana into central Georgia. Thunderstorms spawned three tornadoes, and there were sixty-four reports of large hail or damaging winds. A late afternoon thunderstorm in central Georgia spawned a tornado which killed one person and injured eight others at Pineview. Late afternoon thunderstorms in central Mississippi produced baseball size hail around Jackson, and wind gusts to 70 mph Walnut Grove. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 6 of 42

Today

Tonight

Friday

Friday  
Night

Saturday



Scattered  
Snow Showers

Slight Chance  
Snow

Mostly Sunny

Increasing  
Clouds

Mostly Cloudy  
then Slight  
Chance Snow

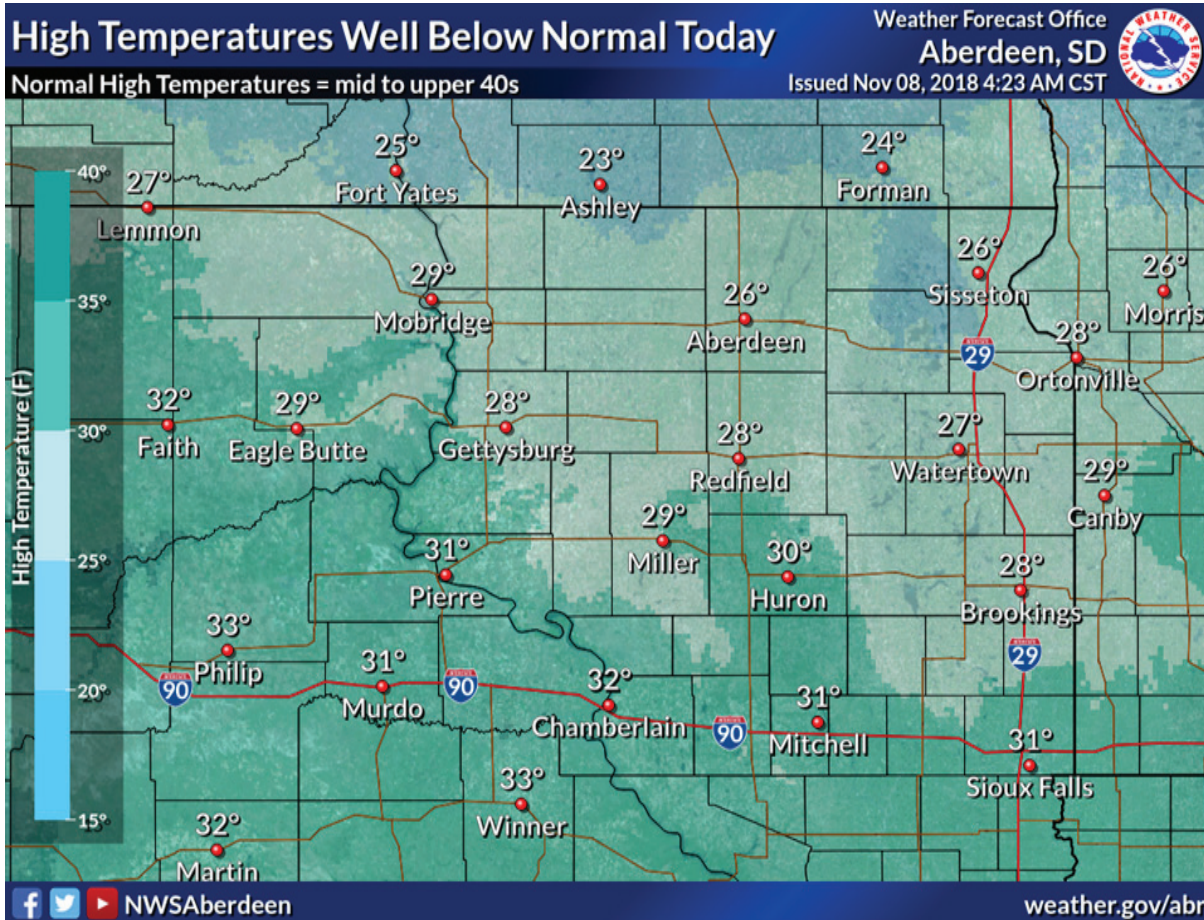
High: 26 °F

Low: 12 °F

High: 21 °F

Low: 8 °F

High: 28 °F



Published on: 11/08/2018 at 4:54AM

Winter-type cold air is firmly entrenched throughout the region. Temperatures are running a good 10 to 20 degrees below the climatological normals for this time of year. The weather pattern over the next few days supports the passage of a handful of low pressure systems and the brief snow potential that each system brings.

# Groton Daily Independent

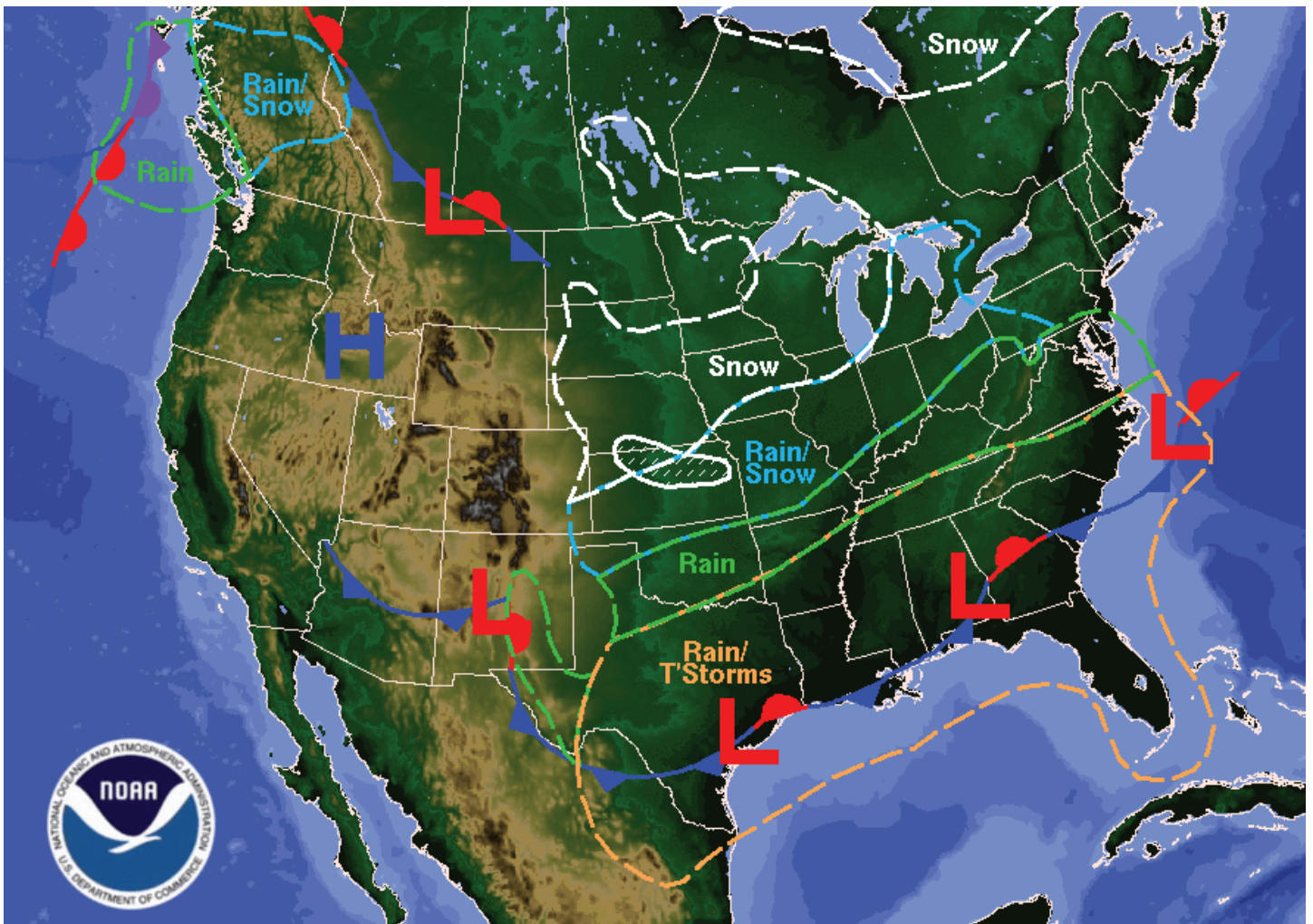
Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 7 of 42

## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 25 °F at 4:21 PM**  
**Low Outside Temp: 19 °F at 6:04 PM**  
**High Gust: 20 mph at 1:35 AM**  
**Precip: 0.00 Dusting of snow on the ground**

## Today's Info

**Record High: 77° in 1999**  
**Record Low: -3 in 1936**  
**Average High: 44°F**  
**Average Low: 23°F**  
**Average Precip in Nov.: 0.21**  
**Precip to date in Nov.: 0.76**  
**Average Precip to date: 20.68**  
**Precip Year to Date: 15.81**  
**Sunset Tonight: 5:11 p.m.**  
**Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:24 a.m.**



### Day 1 National Forecast Chart

Valid Thu, Nov 08, 2018, issued 4:38 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds with WPC/SPC/NHC forecasts

Rain  
Rain and T'Storms  
Rain and Snow  
Snow

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



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 8 of 42



## OUR WONDER WORKING GOD!

All of us know individuals whose lives have gone from pinnacles of prosperity to places of poverty. We know that temptations overtake some individuals, and they soon become enslaved and imprisoned by harmful habits. Once they were blest, but now they are in bondage. There seems to be a pattern of self-destruction that overcomes many who are not satisfied with the gifts of God. They apparently will not allow His grace and goodness to satisfy them. They always want more!

This is what happened to the people of Israel. It seems that the more God gave them, the less satisfied they were. Finally, their greed led them to slavery. But, thank God, their story does not end there. His love and mercy eventually brought redemption and restoration to them. When? When they repented and returned to the Covenant, He made with them. God always keeps His Word.

Not only did He rescue them from their captors, but they were laden with silver and gold. When we allow God to redeem us by His grace, His Word promises us that It is He who will supply all of our needs from His riches in glory because of what Jesus Christ has done for us. God will honor His Word with us, as He did with Israel.

He also empowers those whom He redeems: From among their tribes no one faltered. When God redeems us, we are called to serve Him faithfully. He has a plan for each of our lives, and that plan contains many opportunities for us to serve Him. And, for each of those opportunities He gives us, we know that He will empower us, and we will not falter or fail if we are faithful to Him.

Prayer: Father, if we have strayed from the plan You have for us forgive and restore us to the joy of serving You. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 105:37 The Lord brought his people out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; and not one among the tribes of Israel even stumbled.



## 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

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 10 of 42

## News from the Associated Press

### SD Lottery

By The Associated Press

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

Dakota Cash  
08-23-26-28-33  
(eight, twenty-three, twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty-three)  
Estimated jackpot: \$62,000

Lotto America  
19-26-30-36-42, Star Ball: 9, ASB: 2  
(nineteen, twenty-six, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two; Star Ball: nine; ASB: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$10.88 million

Mega Millions  
Estimated jackpot: \$90 million

Powerball  
26-28-34-42-50, Powerball: 25, Power Play: 2  
(twenty-six, twenty-eight, thirty-four, forty-two, fifty; Powerball: twenty-five; Power Play: two)  
Estimated jackpot: \$71 million

### Simpson, Burch-Manning lead S. Dakota to 83-58 win in opener

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Triston Simpson scored a career-high 23 points and buried a pair of 3-pointers as South Dakota broke the game open after halftime, defeating York 83-58 in a season opener Wednesday night.

The win started off Todd Lee's tenure as coach with a win. With South Dakota leading 45-32 at the break, Simpson opened the second half with a 3, sparking a 16-5 run that he closed with another 3 four minutes later to put the NAIA Panthers away. The 3-pointers were the only two Simpson made.

Trey Burch-Manning added 22 points for the Coyotes, knocking down four 3-pointers and grabbing eight rebounds with four steals. Tyler Peterson scored 15.

South Dakota scored 17 points off 19 York turnovers, blocked four shots and had 10 steals.

Andrew Stafford and Nevell Lenard led the Panthers with 12 points each. Eric Lenear added 10.

### Out-of-state initiative money ban likely to face challenge

By JAMES NORD, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's first-in-the-nation law that bans out-of-state money from ballot question campaigns faces an uncertain future, with critics saying it's likely to be challenged in court.

The ballot question easily passed Tuesday in an election that also saw South Dakota voters approve an initiative to require constitutional amendments to stick to a single subject. House Speaker Mark Mickelson, who spearheaded both, has won changes to the state's ballot question system since out-of-state donors put more than \$10 million into campaigns for or against South Dakota questions during the 2016 election cycle.

"I think these guys are going to take their chips and go play in Idaho or North Dakota and leave us alone," Mickelson said. As for a lawsuit against the out-of-state ban, he said: "Bring it on. We'll win. And it's a fight worth having."

But Don Haggar, state director of Americans for Prosperity-South Dakota, said he expects it to be overturned.

"I think it's clearly unconstitutional on several levels and we are examining our options as far as potential litigation is concerned," Haggar said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has interpreted the Constitution's free-speech protections as prohibiting any limitations on money in ballot measure elections, Paul S. Ryan, vice president of policy and litigation at the nonprofit Common Cause, told The Associated Press earlier this year.

The high court has said that contributions to candidates can be limited to prevent the corruption of public officials. At least two states, Alaska and Hawaii, restrict out-of-state contributions to candidates, but Alaska's limits face a court challenge.

Josh Altic, ballot measures project director at online political encyclopedia Ballotpedia, said in an email he's confident the South Dakota measure would be the first statewide prohibition on out-of-state contributions to ballot question campaigns. It's set to take effect in July.

It bars contributions to ballot question committees from nonresidents, out-of-state political committees and entities that haven't filed with the secretary of state's office for the preceding four years.

Doug Kronaizl, who worked on an unsuccessful government ethics amendment this year, said he thinks it will make the ballot question system less transparent, contending the law has loopholes that groups will seek to exploit. Kronaizl said the single-subject rule will turn the initiative process more litigious.

"I definitely see that having a much more tangible effect, because ... they don't tell you what single subject means, so that just means it's up to a judge to decide at the end of the day," Kronaizl said.

South Dakota was the first state to adopt citizen initiatives, in 1898. Mickelson said the single-subject measure strengthens the state's initiative system, providing clarity to residents about what they're voting on.

"If people want to amend the constitution, it's one idea at a time, and that's a good thing," Mickelson said. "It's not blocking any particular idea or kind of idea, it just says you don't package a bunch of them together and hide the bad ones."

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Pathology program shapes USD's medical school 60 years later

By SHELLY CONLON, Argus Leader

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota's first medical residency program started in 1958 with four open spots.

Without those four spots, Sioux Falls — and the state as a whole — likely wouldn't have the strong medical workforce it boasts today.

In a word, it's "poetic" celebrating the 60th anniversary of the pathology residency, said Nedd Brown, USD's associate dean of graduate medical education.

It's the program that kick-started decades of growth and made South Dakota a destination for medical students who come to learn and stick around to practice. And it started before USD offered a four-year medical school program.

Today, the USD Sanford School of Medicine is one of the top 10 schools in the nation for its local retention rates, and it all started with pathology, the Argus Leader reported.

"The unique thing about pathology? They see every patient in the hospital," Brown said. "If you're a child, you have blood drawn. If you're an elderly person, you have blood drawn and if you're a pregnant lady, you have blood drawn. Pathology is involved all along the way, so it's poetic that pathology was the first one and the rest have grown out of that."

The pathology residency program only had four spots a year available from 1958 to 2008, Department Chair Michael Koch said. He has been head of the department for the last 15 years, and the program since more than doubled in positions.

"I don't want to sound corny, but I feel kind of like a proud father," Koch said about his department's

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 12 of 42

growth. "It's very unique and satisfying to see that development."

Today, the graduate school receives thousands of residency applications each year for eight different medical fields or about 150 spots scattered between Avera, Sanford and the Veterans Administration medical center, Brown said.

If a medical student completes a residency in South Dakota, they have an almost 80 percent chance of staying to practice, Brown said. That makes USD's medical school the sixth in the nation when it comes to local retention, he said.

And as of April, the medical school graduates a greater percentage of physicians practicing in rural areas than any of the other 145 medical schools across the nation.

"I know when I or my family have been in to see physicians in this community, invariably we'll bump into a resident," Brown said. "Whether it's at a clinic or at the hospitals, they're around, and they're providing care."

Pediatrics alone, one of the school's newest residency programs, brought in more than 400 applications for six spots this year, Brown said. The school interviews 10 potential students for every open spot it has, making the only medical school in the state highly competitive, Brown said.

But what sets the graduate school apart from other medical schools across the nation is how collaborative the school is with its medical partners, Brown said.

It helps that the school is located in the state's largest city and often makes for a great economic and educational environment for students' families to also work in the area, he said.

If USD was only a medical school without residency spots, the retention rate would drop to 40 percent, Brown said.

"It's a powerful factor, just based on the raw numbers, of keeping South Dakotans here in South Dakota to care," Brown said.

Neither Mark Huntington, the family medicine program director, or third-year resident Joseph Swedzinski are from South Dakota.

But both came because of the secret to the medical school's success — a collaborative, adaptive atmosphere not found elsewhere and a variety of opportunities.

Prior to Huntington joining USD's residency program in 2006, he practiced in a rural community on the border of Minnesota, he said. He's been the program's director for the last five years, and said it was difficult leaving what he loved doing.

But Huntington couldn't turn down the opportunity to help eager students become mature physicians, he said.

"Sometimes, we have residents who come in and struggle a little bit," Huntington said. "To help them achieve something they might not have otherwise, and getting to see their process of discovery and see it through their eyes. ... We learn as much from them as they do from us."

What tipped the balance for Huntington was the faculty's diversity, and how closely the school worked with local health care systems to give students the chance to explore beyond the basics, he said.

"The value placed on education here is second to none," Huntington said. "It's not a Sanford Health system or an Avera Health system. Both work together to offer education, while many other hospitals and institutions view education as a liability."

That educational investment is what drew residents like Swedzinski to the graduate school and what made him want to stay in the area, he said. He did his first years of medical school in Duluth, Minnesota before serving in the family medicine program, he said.

"No. 1 for me was the mission," he said. "This residency is all about training people for practicing in rural environments, and preparing them for that. It trains family docs to have a broad skill set and be able to do full-spectrum family medicine, whereas some programs will train people with a limited skill set."

But with his eyes on having a rural practice from the get-go, USD was exactly what he was looking for, he said. When he finishes his residency, he plans to practice in Pierre and eventually do obstetrics, something he said family medicine residency programs don't often provide a heavy focus in.



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 13 of 42

Adaptability will be the key for USD's graduate program to continue shaping South Dakota's medical workforce another 60 years, said Jennifer Hsu, the internal medicine residency associate program director.

"Nobody knows where exactly that medicine is going in another 60 years," Hsu said. "It could be completely different, and the approach to medical training could be totally different. Our main challenge is remaining adaptable as new data comes out about how better to train residents, and that we are appropriately adjusting to meet those needs."

And if Brown were to look back six decades at where it all began, all he can think about is how far USD's graduate program has come and how much potential it still has yet to embrace, he said.

"My vision would be to continue that philosophy of having physicians who love, love, love to teach, because that's how they got their skills, and they want to give those skills back to the next generation," Brown said. "In the state of South Dakota, we have that in spades."

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

## The Latest: South Dakota voter turnout exceeds 2014 midterm

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Latest on South Dakota's elections (all times local):

1:12 p.m.

South Dakota's voter turnout was higher than the last midterm election as the state decided a competitive race for governor.

The secretary of state's office website shows turnout this year was nearly 63 percent, compared to about 54 percent in 2014. Voters also slightly exceeded their more than 62 percent turnout in the 2010 midterm.

Republican Kristi Noem beat Democrat Billie Sutton on Tuesday in the unusually close governor's race. Republican Dusty Johnson will replace Noem in the U.S. House.

Voters also settled five ballot questions, approving measures to require constitutional amendments to stick to a single subject and block out-of-state money from ballot question campaigns.

They rejected a pair of other measures to reshape the state's ballot question system and dispatched a tobacco tax hike for the state's technical schools.

3:07 a.m.

South Dakotans want simpler proposals to change the state constitution and an end to the out-of-state money sloshing around ballot measure campaigns.

That's the message voters sent in Tuesday's election. They approved one ballot question to require constitutional amendments to stick to a single subject and another to bar individuals and interests outside South Dakota from contributing to citizens' initiatives.

They also rejected a pair of other measures to dramatically reshape the state's ballot question system and denied a tobacco tax hike for the state's technical schools. That measure brought in millions from the tobacco industry to oppose it.

Voters sent Republican Dusty Johnson to Congress and maintained the GOP's hold on every statewide office. Republican Kristi Noem beat Democrat Billie Sutton to become the first woman elected South Dakota governor.

## Defense asks for priest's release on abuse charges

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A defense attorney for a Rapid City priest accused of sexual abuse has asked a judge to release the defendant to the supervision of Catholic diocese at Casa Maria.

But, prosecutors Tuesday objected to the release and asked the judge to continue John Praveen's \$100,000 bond. Defense attorney John Murphy says Praveen would be monitored at the diocese property near Piedmont for retired priests.

The 38-year-old priest is accused of sexually abusing a 13-year-old child. KOTA-TV reports Deputy State's Attorney Kelsey Weber says Praveen presents a flight risk because he has few ties to the community.

Seventh Circuit Judge Robert Mandel did not immediately rule on the defense request. Praveen most recently worked at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City.

Information from: KOTA-TV, <http://www.kotatv.com>

## 13 dead including gunman in shooting at California bar

By **KRYSTA FAURIA, Associated Press**

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — A hooded gunman dressed entirely in black opened fire on a crowd at a country dance bar holding a weekly “college night” in Southern California, killing 12 people and sending hundreds fleeing including some who used barstools to break windows and escape, authorities said Thursday. The gunman was later found dead at the scene.

The dead from the shooting Wednesday night also included 11 people inside the bar and a sheriff’s sergeant who was the first officer inside the door, Ventura County Sheriff Geoff Dean said.

“It’s a horrific scene in there,” Dean told a news conference in the parking lot of the Borderline Bar & Grill. “There’s blood everywhere.”

The massacre was the deadliest mass shooting in the United States since 17 classmates and teachers were gunned down at a Parkland, Florida school nine months ago. It also came less than two weeks after a gunman killed 11 people at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. That, it turn, closely followed the series of pipe bombs mailed to prominent Democrats, CNN and former officials critical of President Donald Trump.

Trump said Thursday on Twitter that he has been “fully briefed on the terrible shooting.” He praised law enforcement, saying “Great bravery shown by police” and said “God bless all of the victims and families of the victims.”

The gunman at the dance bar was tall and wearing all black with a hood over his head and his face partly covered, witnesses told TV stations at the scene. He first fired on a person working the door, then appeared to open fire at random at the people inside, they said.

Many more people had more minor injuries, including some that came from their attempt to flee, Dean said.

Sheriff’s Sgt. Ron Helus and a passing highway patrolman were responding to several 911 calls when they arrived at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks at about 11:20 p.m., the sheriff said. They heard gunfire and went inside.

Helus was immediately hit with multiple gunshots, Dean said. The highway patrolman cleared the perimeter and pulled Helus out, and then waited as a SWAT team and scores more officers arrived. Helus died early Thursday at a hospital.

By the time they entered the bar again the gunfire had stopped. They found 12 people dead inside, including the gunman.

It’s not yet clear how the gunman died, and authorities do not yet know his name or have any idea of a motive, Dean said.

It was college night and country two-step lessons were being offered Wednesday at the Borderline, according to its website.

The bar, which includes a large dance hall with a stage and a pool room along with several smaller areas for eating and drinking, is a popular hangout for students from nearby California Lutheran University who enjoy country music. It’s also close to several other universities including California State University Channel Islands in Camarillo, Pepperdine University in Malibu and Moorpark College in Moorpark.

When the gunman entered, people screamed and fled to all corners of the bar, while a few people threw barstools through the windows and helped dozens to escape, witnesses said.

Cole Knapp, a freshman at Moorpark College, said he was inside the bar when the shooting began but thought at first that it was “just someone with an M-80, just kind of playing a prank.”

Then he said he saw the shooter, wearing a black beanie and black hoodie and holding a small caliber handgun.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 15 of 42

"I tried to get as many people to cover as I could," Knapp said. "There was an exit right next to me, so I went through that. That exit leads to a patio where people smoke. People out there didn't really know what was going on. There's a fence right there so I said, 'Everyone get over the fence as quickly as you can, and I followed them over.'"

He said a highway patrol officer was nearby who just happened to be pulling someone over.

"I screamed to him, 'There's a shooter in there!' He was kind of in disbelief, then saw that I was serious." Knapp said he goes to the Borderline every week.

"It's kind of a good time, we dance and we just socialize," he said. "It's the only place open to people who are under 21."

Taylor Whitler, 19, said she was on the dance floor with her friends nearby when she saw the gunman shooting and heard screams to "get down."

"It was really, really, really shocking," Whitler told KABC-TV as she stood with her father in the Borderline parking lot. "It looked like he knew what he was doing."

Sarah Rose DeSon told ABC's "Good Morning America" that she saw the shooter draw his gun.

"I dropped to the floor," she said. "A friend yelled 'Everybody down!' We were hiding behind tables trying to keep ourselves covered."

Shootings of any kind are very rare in Thousand Oaks, a city of about 130,000 people about 40 miles (64 kilometers) west of Los Angeles, just across the county line.

Helus was a 29-year veteran of the force with a wife and son and planned to retire in the coming year, said the sheriff, who choked back tears several times as he talked about the sergeant who was also his longtime friend.

"Ron was a hardworking, dedicated sheriff's sergeant who was totally committed," Dean said, "and to-night, as I told his wife, he died a hero because he went in to save lives."

AP journalists Andrew Dalton and Michelle A. Monroe contributed to this report.

## Cybersecurity officials start focusing on the 2020 elections

By COLLEEN LONG and MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unprecedented federal and state collaboration to defend election systems against Russian interference ended with no obvious voting system compromises, although it's not entirely clear why.

Federal officials are wondering whether foreign agents are saving their ammunition for the 2020 presidential showdown or planning a late-stage misinformation campaign to claim Tuesday's election had been tainted. It doesn't change how vulnerable most states are to possible interference.

"They've shown will, they've shown the capability," Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said. "I certainly can't speak to why they're doing or not doing something. But I would just offer to put it in a broader perspective — they have a full-court press through many means ... to try to affect our democracy."

In a news conference Wednesday after Democrats won control of the House, President Donald Trump said his administration worked hard to shore up elections and he'd issue a report soon on the effort.

U.S. intelligence officials have asserted that Russia, China, Iran and other countries are engaged in ongoing efforts to influence U.S. policy and voters in elections. Chris Krebs, head of cybersecurity at the Department of Homeland Security, said this year's election was the warm-up.

"The midterm is not the big game," he said. "The big game we think for the adversaries is probably 2020."

Interference by Russia during the 2016 presidential race caught federal and state officials flat-footed. Since then, Homeland Security, the department tasked with helping states securing election systems, and state election officials have worked to create better communication to confront and deter election tampering.

That effort was largely successful Tuesday: Federal experts and officials in 45 states came together to report on any potential cyber threats in real time.

The difference was stark compared to 2016, when federal officials were accused first of being too tight-

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 16 of 42

lipped on their intelligence about possible hacking into state systems and later for trying to exert control over election infrastructure, which is operated by state and local governments.

Intelligence officials say all 50 states had some type of intrusion attempt two years ago, although only a few were compromised. That included Illinois, where records on 90,000 voters had been downloaded. There is no evidence any votes were altered.

Krebs said there was an increase this year in reporting of potential cyber incidents, but he attributed it to better communication, not an increase in overall threats.

"We are getting an increase in reporting from our partners in general, but that's based on the relationships we've developed over the last couple of years. Two years ago, in 2016, we didn't have an information-sharing mechanism. Now we do, so we have a better awareness."

The push will continue as state election officials work to certify winners. After that, federal officials will look at what worked and what didn't to see how communication and security can improve.

One challenge is the antiquated election equipment in many states. Outdated software, for example, is highly vulnerable to cyberattacks.

Cybersecurity experts say it's imperative that U.S. election officials take steps over the next two years to ensure that voting systems are updated and include a paper trail so election results are subject to a rigorous auditing process that can detect outside manipulation.

Federal officials cautioned that the apparent absence of hacking this election does not mean foreign agents are keeping quiet. They have warned repeatedly that in addition to probing election equipment, Russia and others are using social media messaging to sow divisions throughout the country.

Just hours before the polls opened, Facebook officials removed 30 Facebook accounts and 85 Instagram accounts after a tip from federal law enforcement that the accounts were linked to foreign entities. While social media companies are making an effort to identify fake accounts and bogus news stories, there is a concern it may not be enough to combat the foreign interference.

The Justice Department unsealed criminal charges in October detailing how a Russian troll farm created thousands of false social media profiles and email accounts that appeared to be from people inside the United States. The criminal complaint provided a clear picture that there is still a hidden but powerful Russian social media effort aimed at spreading distrust for American political candidates and causing divisions on social issues such as immigration, race and gun control.

"We are seeing that, and we are seeing that from multiple nation states," Nielsen said.

A Kremlin spokesman on Thursday called the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election a "headache" for U.S. authorities and said it "has nothing to do with us."

Associated Press writer Christina A. Cassidy in Atlanta contributed to this report.

## Newly empowered Dems take aim at Trump business conflicts

By TAMI ABDOLLAH and STEPHEN BRAUN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beyond trying to get their hands on the Holy Grail of President Donald Trump's business dealings — his tax returns — House Democrats are prepared to use their new majority and subpoena power to go after financial records that could back up their claims that he's using his presidency to enrich himself and his family.

After two years of being blocked by the White House and the Trump Organization, Democrats hope the new year brings a new day on such issues as foreign government spending at Trump properties, Trump's foreign licensing deals, Trump administration ties to lobbyists and special interests, and spending by Trump's charitable foundation.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, the Maryland Democrat poised to take charge of the House Oversight Committee, said in a statement to The Associated Press that he intends to use the panel as "a check on the executive branch — not merely for potential criminal violations, but for much broader concerns, such as conflicts of interest, emoluments violations and waste, fraud and abuse."



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 17 of 42

While Democrats taking over key House committees have not specifically telegraphed their targets, Cummings' committee would likely seek Trump's business tax returns and other company-related financial records, according to two Democratic congressional staffers who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss post-election plans.

Trump's personal income taxes, which he withheld during the 2016 campaign and in his two years in office, are expected to be the purview of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Internal Revenue Service law allows House and Senate tax-writing committees to request federal returns, and the ranking Ways and Means Democrat, Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, has signaled publicly he would ask for them — a move the White House might fight.

Trump said in a wide-ranging news conference Wednesday that he doesn't want to release his taxes because they are under a "continuous audit." He also said: "They're extremely complex. People wouldn't understand them."

For the past two years, White House lawyers and the Trump Organization have repeatedly rebuffed Democratic efforts to get even the most basic financial information on Trump's businesses.

When Cummings and other Democrats asked last year for records detailing Trump's separation from his businesses, they received an eight-page glossy pamphlet and a single email. When they asked how the Trump Organization arrived at the \$151,470 in profits it paid back to the Treasury for foreign stays at his hotels, they got silence.

Now with Democrats in control of the House, if Trump's companies or other interests ignore their subpoenas or try legal maneuvers to delay or spurn them, they could face a contempt citation to the House floor. Such citations could be taken to federal court for possible legal action.

Any records Democrats manage to shake out could potentially have an impact on federal lawsuits Democrats are already pursuing against the president.

For example, Cummings and other Democratic lawmakers last year filed a federal lawsuit demanding disclosures of records to determine how Trump was approved by the General Services Administration to maintain the lease of the Trump International Hotel in Washington after he became president.

The hotel is housed in the historic Old Post Office, which is owned by the federal government, and its lease has a clause barring any "elected official of the government of the United States" from deriving "any benefit." Trump and his daughter Ivanka, a senior White House adviser, both retained their stakes in the property.

And then there's a lawsuit against Trump by nearly 200 Democratic senators and representatives who accuse Trump of constantly violating the Constitution's emoluments provision banning the acceptance of gifts from foreign and domestic interests. Trump has not relinquished his ownership of his business empire.

Though a separate case involving similar allegations filed by the attorneys general of Maryland and the District of Columbia is further along, the D.C. case is the only one that has congressional Democrats as the plaintiffs.

They argue that such favors to Trump include Chinese government trademarks for his companies, payments for hotel room stays and event-space rentals by representatives of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, and proceeds from Chinese or Emirati-linked government purchases of office space in Trump Tower.

Their lawsuit also has a potential wrinkle that involves another figure of the tense midterm election season — newly confirmed Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh. Since some of the plaintiffs in the suit were among the senators on the Judiciary Committee against whom Kavanaugh lashed out during his confirmation hearing regarding sexual assault allegations, some legal experts believe there could be a case made for his recusal if their case ends up before him.

It would be up to Kavanaugh, however, to determine whether he felt he should recuse himself. In an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal before his recent confirmation vote, Kavanaugh said he had misspoken because he was upset and assured the public that he would act as a fair and impartial judge.

Kavanaugh is seen as a conservative swing vote with a record and public comments that suggest deference to the power of the chief executive but legal experts caution it is hard to predict what might happen if legal challenges on emoluments or Trump's business records make it to the high court.

Any such predication, according to Seth Barrett Tillman, a law lecturer at Maynooth University in Ireland, is "not going to vastly outperform astrology or tarot cards."

Follow Tami Abdollah on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/latams>

## With new Justice official, fate of Russia probe in question

By ERIC TUCKER and MICHAEL BALSAMO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Jeff Sessions was pushed out after enduring more than a year of blistering and personal attacks from President Donald Trump, who inserted in his place a Republican Party loyalist with authority to oversee the remainder of the special counsel's Russia investigation.

The move Wednesday has potentially ominous implications for special counsel Robert Mueller's probe given that the new acting attorney general, Matthew Whitaker, until now Sessions' chief of staff, has questioned the inquiry's scope and spoke publicly before joining the Justice Department about ways an attorney general could theoretically stymie the investigation.

Congressional Democrats, concerned about protecting Mueller, called on Whitaker to recuse himself from overseeing the investigation in its final but potentially explosive stages.

That duty has belonged to Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller and closely monitors his work.

The resignation, in a one-page letter to Trump, came one day after Republicans lost control of the House and was the first of several expected post-midterms Cabinet and White House departures. Though Sessions was an early and prominent campaign backer of Trump, his departure letter lacked effusive praise for the president and made clear the resignation came "at your request."

"Since the day I was honored to be sworn in as attorney general of the United States, I came to work at the Department of Justice every day determined to do my duty and serve my country," Sessions wrote.

The departure was the culmination of a toxic relationship that frayed just weeks into Sessions' tenure, when he stepped aside from the Russia investigation because of his campaign advocacy and following the revelation that he had met twice in 2016 with the Russian ambassador to the U.S.

Trump blamed the recusal for the appointment of Mueller, who took over the Russia investigation two months later and began examining whether Trump's hectoring of Sessions was part of a broader effort to obstruct the probe.

The investigation has produced 32 criminal charges and guilty pleas from four former Trump aides. But the work is not done, and critical decisions await that could shape the remainder of Trump's presidency.

A Kremlin spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, on Thursday called Mueller's investigation a "headache" for U.S. authorities but said it "has nothing to do with us," and he declined to comment on Sessions' departure.

Mueller's grand jury has heard testimony for months about Trump confidant Roger Stone and what advance knowledge he may have had about Russian hacking of Democratic emails. Mueller's team also has been pressing for an interview with Trump. And the department is expected to receive a confidential report of Mueller's findings, though it's unclear how much will be public.

Separately, Justice Department prosecutors in New York secured a guilty plea from Trump's former personal lawyer, Michael Cohen, who said the president directed him to arrange hush money payments before the 2016 election to two women who said they had sex with Trump.

Trump had repeatedly been talked out of firing Sessions until after the midterms, but he told confidants in recent weeks that he wanted Sessions out as soon as possible after the elections, according to a Republican close to the White House who was not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

The president deflected questions about Sessions' expected departure at a White House news conference Wednesday. He did not mention that White House chief of staff John Kelly had called Sessions beforehand to ask for his resignation. The undated letter was then sent to the White House.

The Justice Department did not directly answer whether Whitaker would assume control of Mueller's

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 19 of 42

investigation, with spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores saying he would be "in charge of all matters under the purview of the Department of Justice."

Rosenstein remains at the department and could still be involved in oversight. He has previously said that he saw no basis for firing Mueller. Trump said Wednesday that he did not plan to stop the investigation.

Without Sessions' campaign or Russia entanglements, there's no legal reason Whitaker couldn't immediately oversee the probe. And since Sessions technically resigned instead of forcing the White House to fire him, he opened the door under federal law to allowing the president to choose his successor instead of simply elevating Rosenstein, said University of Texas law professor Stephen Vladeck.

"Sessions did not do the thing he could have done to better protect Rosenstein, and through Rosenstein, the Mueller investigation," Vladeck said.

That left Whitaker in charge, at least for now, though Democrats, including Rep. Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Chuck Schumer, said he should recuse himself because of his comments on the probe. Rep. Jerry Nadler, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said he wants "answers immediately" and "we will hold people accountable."

Whitaker, a former U.S. attorney from Iowa who twice ran unsuccessfully for statewide office and founded a law firm with other Republican Party activists, once opined about a scenario in which Trump could fire Sessions and then appoint an acting attorney general who could stifle the funding of Mueller's probe.

In that scenario, Mueller's budget could be reduced "so low that his investigation grinds to almost a halt," Whitaker said during an interview with CNN in July 2017 before he joined the Justice Department.

In a CNN op-ed last year, Whitaker wrote, "Mueller has come up to a red line in the Russia 2016 election-meddling investigation that he is dangerously close to crossing."

Trump's relentless attacks on Sessions came even though the Alabama Republican was the first U.S. senator to endorse Trump and despite the fact his crime-fighting agenda and priorities, particularly his hawkish immigration enforcement policies, largely mirrored the president's.

He found satisfaction in being able to reverse Obama-era policies that conservatives say flouted the will of Congress, encouraging prosecutors to pursue the most serious charges they could and promoting more aggressive enforcement of federal marijuana law.

He also announced media leak crackdowns and tougher policies against opioids, and his Justice Department defended a since-abandoned administration policy that resulted in migrant parents being separated from their children at the border.

But the relationship was irreparably damaged in March 2017 when Sessions, acknowledging previously undisclosed meetings with the Russian ambassador and citing his work as a campaign aide, recused himself from the Russia investigation.

Trump repeatedly lamented that he would have never selected Sessions if he had known the attorney general would recuse himself. The recusal left the investigation in the hands of Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller two months later after Trump fired then-FBI Director James Comey.

In piercing attacks, Trump called Sessions weak and beleaguered, complained that he wasn't more aggressively pursuing allegations of corruption against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and called it "disgraceful" that Sessions wasn't more serious in scrutinizing the origins of the Russia investigation for possible law enforcement bias — even though the attorney general did ask the Justice Department's inspector general to examine those claims.

The broadsides escalated in recent months, with Trump telling an interviewer that Sessions "never had control" of the Justice Department.

Sessions endured most of the name-calling in silence, though he did issue two public statements defending the department, including one in which he said he would serve "with integrity and honor" for as long as he was in the job.

Sessions, who likely suspected his ouster was imminent, was spotted by reporters giving some of his grandchildren a tour of the White House over the weekend. He did not respond when asked why he was there.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 20 of 42

Associated Press writers Jonathan Lemire and Mary Clare Jalonick in Washington and Ryan Foley in Iowa City, Iowa, contributed to this report.

## 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. 13 DEAD AT CALIFORNIA COUNTRY DANCE BAR

The dead include a sheriff's sergeant and the gunman after a shooting inside the crowded Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks on "college night."

### 2. FATE OF RUSSIA PROBE IN QUESTION

Attorney General Jeff Sessions is pushed out by Trump, who inserted in his place Matthew Whitaker, a GOP loyalist with authority to oversee the remainder of Robert Mueller's Russia investigation.

### 3. WHERE DEMOCRATS ARE TURNING THEIR ATTENTION TO

They are prepared to use their newfound majority and subpoena power in the House to go after all manner of Trump's financial records.

### 4. WHAT HAS STOOD THE TEST OF TIME

"Obamacare" emerges as a winner in midterms eight years after opposition to it helped Republicans take over the House.

### 5. 'THAT'S ENOUGH!'

The White House revokes the press pass of CNN correspondent Jim Acosta after he and Trump had a heated confrontation during a news conference.

### 6. CHRISTIAN WOMAN ACQUITTED OF BLASPHEMY FREED IN PAKISTAN

Aasia Bibi was with her family in Islamabad and under heavy security in the wake of demands by radical Islamists that she be publicly executed.

### 7. TESLA APPOINTS NEW CHAIR

The electric carmaker says Robyn Denholm of Australia's Telstra will replace the embattled visionary Elon Musk.

### 8. WHAT THE FED IS EXPECTED TO DO

The central bank is set to keep rates on hold before hiking for a fourth time this year in December.

### 9. LIVE-STREAMING A MARSHLAND FOR FUN - AND SCIENCE

A protected marshland in Massachusetts has been wired with sensors, cameras and microphones to create a virtual reality world inspired by nature's rhythms.

### 10. CHANDLER EXCELS IN HOMECOMING

New Lakers center Tyson Chandler represented his Los Angeles hometown for the first time in his 18 NBA seasons, helping LA beat Minnesota 114-110.

## Trump, Pelosi talk about getting along - until they don't

By CATHERINE LUCEY and MATTHEW DALY, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suddenly facing life under divided government, President Donald Trump and congressional leaders talked bipartisanship but then bluntly previewed the fault lines to come. Trump threatened to go after House Democrats who try to investigate him, while Rep. Nancy Pelosi said her party would be "a check and balance" against the White House.

The day after midterm elections reset Washington, Trump took a victory lap at a raucous news conference, celebrating Republican Senate wins but distancing himself from the GOP's loss of the House. He said Wednesday he was interested in working with House Democrats but was ready to respond if he felt he was being ill-treated.

As long as Republicans have controlled both houses of Congress, Democrats have been hampered in pursuing any significant probes of Trump and his administration, and he made it clear he expects the



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 21 of 42

Senate to follow that course.

"They can play that game," he said of possible House Democratic investigations, "but we can play it better, because we have a thing called the United States Senate."

On Capitol Hill, Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell said Democrats must decide how much "harassment" they want to pursue against Trump, while suggesting there could be limited opportunities to work across the aisle. And Pelosi, who is expected to run for a second stint as speaker when Democrats take the House majority in January, said the party has "a responsibility to seek common ground where we can." But she added, "Where we cannot, we must stand our ground."

After midterm elections that served as a referendum on Trump's divisive presidency, Congress and the White House reckoned Wednesday with expected Republican gains in the Senate and a Democratic flip of the House. The early positioning provided the first glimpse of how all parties will balance calls for bipartisanship with an appetite for anger going into the next two years.

By turns combative and conciliatory, Trump said Democrats and Republicans should set aside partisanship to work together. On legislative prospects, Trump said he could potentially work with Democrats on issues such as taxes, infrastructure and health care, saying it "really could be a beautiful, bipartisan type of situation."

And Pelosi, during a news conference that was delayed because of Trump's lengthy remarks, said she had worked productively with President George W. Bush when she was speaker a decade ago on taxes and other issues, and she welcomed the chance to do so again with Trump.

"We'd like to work together so our legislation will be bipartisan," she said.

Still, Pelosi said Democrats weren't elected to be "a rubber stamp" for Trump.

Some House Democrats have threatened to use the subpoena power they will gain in January to investigate Trump and administration actions. But, he warned, he will respond in kind and government will suffer.

Plus, he said, Democrats have "nothing, zero," on him. Of the special counsel's Russia investigation that has shadowed his administration for more than 18 months, Trump said, "I could end it right now" but "I let it go on."

Shortly thereafter, however, it was announced that Attorney General Jeff Sessions had been forced out. His departure followed 18 months of criticism and insults from Trump, who had appointed him but objected to Sessions' stepping aside from the Russia probe rather than guiding it.

On the potential for House investigations, Pelosi said Democrats will have a "responsibility for oversight" when they take charge in January and she will leave final decisions to committees. She wouldn't answer a question about whether Democrats will seek Trump's tax filings, but said committee requests for documents and hearings won't be "scattershot."

Democrats are expected to investigate Trump's business dealings, his Cabinet's conduct and his campaign's possible ties to Russia, among other issues.

"We'll know what we are doing and we'll do it right," she said.

Pelosi spoke with Trump and McConnell after the Democrats' victory. McConnell said Wednesday that the two had discussed how they might "find a way forward" in a divided Congress.

He and Pelosi, the Kentucky senator said, are "not unfamiliar" with one another as longtime leaders and colleagues.

As for congressional action the rest of this year, he said he could not imagine taking up immigration and acknowledged that the Democratic House and Republican Senate were likely to go their separate ways when it comes to the legislative agenda

"Areas for legislative agreement will be more limited," he said.

"The one issue that Leader Pelosi and I discussed this morning where there could be a possible bipartisan agreement would be something on infrastructure, but there could be a lot of other things," he said.

McConnell also echoed Trump's warnings on investigations, saying: "The Democrats in the House will have to decide just how much presidential harassment they think is good strategy."

---

Associated Press writer Eric Tucker contributed to this report.

## White House bans CNN reporter after confrontation with Trump

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Media Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The White House has suspended the press pass of CNN correspondent Jim Acosta after he and President Donald Trump had a heated confrontation during a news conference.

They began sparring Wednesday after Acosta asked Trump about the caravan of migrants heading from Latin America to the southern U.S. border. When Acosta tried to follow up with another question, Trump said, "That's enough!" and a female White House aide unsuccessfully tried to grab the microphone from Acosta.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders released a statement accusing Acosta of "placing his hands on a young woman just trying to do her job as a White House intern," calling it "absolutely unacceptable."

The interaction between Acosta and the intern was brief, and Acosta appeared to brush her arm as she reached for the microphone and he tried to hold onto it. "Pardon me, ma'am," he told her.

Acosta tweeted that Sanders' statement that he put his hands on the aide was "a lie."

CNN said in a statement that the White House revoked Acosta's press pass out of "retaliation for his challenging questions" Wednesday, and the network accused Sanders of lying about Acosta's actions.

"(Sanders) provided fraudulent accusations and cited an incident that never happened. This unprecedented decision is a threat to our democracy and the country deserves better," CNN said. "Jim Acosta has our full support."

Journalists assigned to cover the White House apply for passes that allow them daily access to press areas in the West Wing. White House staffers decide whether journalists are eligible, though the Secret Service determines whether their applications are approved.

The post-midterm election news conference marked a new low in the president's relationship with journalists.

"It's such a hostile media," Trump said after ordering reporter April Ryan of the American Urban Radio Networks to sit down when she tried to ask him a question.

The president complained that the media did not cover the humming economy and was responsible for much of the country's divided politics. He said, "I can do something fantastic, and they make it look not good."

His exchanges with CNN's Acosta and NBC News' Peter Alexander turned bitterly personal, unusual even for a forum where the nature of their jobs often put presidents and the press at odds.

"I came in here as a nice person wanting to answer questions, and I had people jumping out of their seats screaming questions at me," said Trump, who talked for nearly 90 minutes despite the run-ins with reporters.

Acosta asked Trump why the caravan of migrants was emphasized as an issue in the just-concluded midterm races, and he questioned Trump's reference to the caravan as an invasion.

"You should let me run the country," Trump said. "You run CNN and if you did it well, your ratings would be much better."

After Acosta asked about the investigation of Russia's involvement in the 2016 election, Trump tried to turn to Alexander, but Acosta continued to ask questions.

"CNN should be ashamed of itself having you work for them," the president said to Acosta. "You are a rude, terrible person. You shouldn't be working for CNN. The way you treat Sarah Sanders is horrible. The way you treat other people is horrible. You shouldn't treat people that way."

Alexander came to his colleague's defense. "I've traveled with him and watched him," Alexander said. "He's a diligent reporter who busts his butt like the rest of us."

"I'm not a big fan of yours, either," Trump replied.

"I understand," Alexander said, attempting to ask a question. Acosta stood back up and noted the explosive devices that were recently sent to CNN and some of the president's political opponents.

"Just sit down," Trump said. "When you report fake news, which CNN does a lot, you are the enemy of

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 23 of 42

the people.”

CNN said Trump’s attacks on the press have gone too far.

“They are not only dangerous, they are disturbingly un-American,” CNN tweeted after the exchange. “While President Trump has made it clear he does not respect a free press, he has a sworn obligation to protect it. A free press is vital to democracy, and we stand behind Jim Acosta and his fellow journalists everywhere.”

In announcing Acosta’s suspension, Sanders said, “The fact that CNN is proud of the way their employee behaved is not only disgusting, it is an example of their outrageous disregard for everyone, including young women, who work in this administration.”

The White House Correspondents’ Association released a statement Wednesday saying it “strongly objects to the Trump Administration’s decision to use U.S. Secret Service security credentials as a tool to punish a reporter with whom it has a difficult relationship. Revoking access to the White House complex is a reaction out of line to the purported offense and is unacceptable.”

The WHCA called on the White House to “immediately reverse this weak and misguided action.”

During the news conference, Trump also turned on reporter Yamiche Alcindor of PBS’ “NewsHour.” She said that “on the campaign trail, you called yourself a nationalist. Some people saw that as emboldening white nationalists.” Trump interrupted her, calling it a racist question.

Alcindor pressed on: “There are some people who say the Republican Party is seen as supporting white nationalists because of your rhetoric. What do you say to that?”

“What you said is so insulting to me,” he said. “It’s a very terrible thing you said to me.”

Alcindor moved on to a different topic. Later, via Twitter, she said that she has interviewed white nationalists who say they are more excited by Trump than they have been about other presidents. “Even if President Trump doesn’t intend it, some see him as directly appealing to the racists,” she wrote.

Trump told Ryan, of American Urban Radio Networks, repeatedly to sit down when she attempted to ask Trump about accusations of voter suppression. He said she was rude for interrupting another reporter, though he did briefly answer one of Ryan’s questions.

—  
This story has been corrected to show the NBC News correspondent is named Peter Alexander, not Peter Garrett.

## Live-streaming a marshland for fun - and science

By MATT O’BRIEN, AP Technology Writer

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — If a tree falls in the Tidmarsh Wildlife Sanctuary, it doesn’t matter if there’s no one around. You can hear it anyway.

That’s because researchers have hidden dozens of wireless sensor nodes, microphones and cameras among the cattails and cedars of this Plymouth, Massachusetts nature preserve. Sounds picked up from the marsh and nearby woodland feed into an artificial intelligence system that can identify frogs or crickets, ducks or a passing airplane.

One goal is to help scientists better understand changing climates and improve wildlife restoration techniques. Beyond that, though, researchers want to use the collected data to help power an online virtual reality world — a kind of alternate universe modeled on live conditions in the marsh, but populated with fanciful creatures invented in a computer science lab.

Could this be the future of the nature walk?

As wireless sensors get cheaper, longer-lasting and more sophisticated, they’re increasingly turning up everywhere. We’re already seeing them in “smart” homes and cities, pulling in data that can be analyzed in real time to smooth traffic flows, save energy, monitor pollution or respond to crime. But what happens when you apply such an internet-connected network to nature?

A research team at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been trying it out at Tidmarsh, a former cranberry bog converting back to natural wetlands just a few miles from where the Pilgrims landed in 1620.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 24 of 42

Remotely spying on nature isn't new, but the project goes far beyond simple webcams fixed on a hawk's nest or sea lions' favorite pier — or even the more sophisticated acoustic sensors designed to detect animal poachers.

The team's goals for what they call the Living Observatory include supporting wildlife restoration efforts. The sensors measure temperature, moisture and other environmental conditions.

But a broader mission is to offer people — including children — a deeper understanding of nature using their laptops, phones or headsets. They can do so remotely or in person while walking a nature trail, said the project's visionary, Glorianna Davenport, a retired professor and co-founder of the MIT Media Lab.

"It's gorgeous to walk in the woods and not be fiddling with a cell phone," Davenport said. On the other hand, she added, what if you can learn more about the microbial environment, or the return of an endangered species, from a well-crafted smartphone app or a virtual reality game?

If it works here, Davenport said, researchers are already envisioning more ambitious projects deep in the Amazon rainforest — or on the moon.

The idea has skeptics who are worried about the intrusion of technology and constant surveillance into the world's last places without it. The Massachusetts Audubon Society manages the 480-acre sanctuary and took some time before it agreed to outfit it with live-streaming cameras and microphones. It was assured that human voices would be scrambled.

Educators have also asked Davenport why she would want to encourage kids to carry around their smartphones instead of just appreciating nature without them.

"And I went, 'Why not?' That's how they learn. That is their mechanism of interacting," she said.

The sanctuary is beginning to flourish as it changes from a heavily-fertilized industrial cranberry farm into a wetland full of insects, birds and native plants. The base camp for MIT scholars is also Davenport's home, which she built in 1999 after first visiting the property in the early 1980s. As landowners, she and her husband partnered with Audubon to transform the land into what it might have looked like before it was carved into manmade bogs in the 19th century.

The research projects reflect the diverse interests of multimedia scholars. Davenport is a documentary filmmaker. Others are computer scientists or musicians.

One project creates soundtracks driven by sensor readings — such as higher pitches that indicate warmer temperatures.

Another resembles a more ethereal version of the Pokemon Go augmented reality game, but with elk-like phantoms galloping around a virtual world modeled on the marsh. If the sensors pick up a rainstorm at the real-life Tidmarsh, the animated creatures appear to get wet. If there's a loud, sudden sound, they become startled.

Yet another experiment involves strapping on a special headset while walking through the sanctuary. On a hot afternoon in late summer, MIT researcher Gershon Dublon and his colleagues tromped around the preserve in chest-high waders to show how the sensors can amplify a human's observation of nature.

"The forest is a lot more active than you would think, because wildlife is quieter when you're nearby," Dublon said.

The headset endows its users with a kind of supersensory power. Tap one ear and you can zoom your hearing toward a nearby pond where ducks are swimming. Gaze in another direction, tap again and listen in on a secluded spot beneath a canopy of trees.

It's a chance to hear elusive animals that scurry away long before humans get anywhere near them.

You can also travel in time, as MIT Media Lab professor Joseph Paradiso did last week — transporting himself out of the sleepy November landscape by tapping into sounds picked up from the same place six months earlier.

"We played the spring, and to me, that was a revelation," he said. "Hearing a dead landscape come alive as if you're there."



## Nevada women score big election wins amid activism

By MICHELLE L. PRICE, Associated Press

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A female political movement driven by backlash to President Donald Trump kicked off the year with a women's march in Nevada. Eleven months later, that activism helped women win key races across the state, including ousting an incumbent U.S. senator, electing a female-majority federal delegation and leaving the state poised for a potential female-majority Assembly.

Nevada Democratic women running in statewide and federal races emphasized diversity and the need to protect health care, abortion rights and a social safety net. They were also helped in the battleground state by a network of female-driven political activism.

"Plenty of people had their doubts that this victory would be ours tonight, but this is the story of this election cycle: Women stepping up to lead, to take back our country and take back the agenda in Washington," Democrat Jacky Rosen declared in her victory speech Tuesday after winning the U.S. Senate race in Nevada.

Rosen, a first-term congresswoman who ousted incumbent Republican Sen. Dean Heller, becomes the state's second-ever female U.S. senator and will serve alongside Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, who was elected the nation's first Latina senator in 2016.

Rosen, a former computer programmer and synagogue president from the Las Vegas area, included female-focused messages on the campaign trail and highlighted Heller's alliance with the president and his eventual support for GOP plans to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

She also condemned Heller's support for Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh and his characterization of the sexual misconduct allegations against Kavanaugh as "smears" and a "hiccup" in the confirmation process.

Heller held a modest lead among Nevada's male voters, but Rosen was preferred decisively among women — 57 percent to 38 percent, according to AP VoteCast, a survey of the American electorate.

California Sen. Kamala Harris and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, high-profile Democratic women and potential 2020 presidential candidates, campaigned on Rosen's behalf, as did abortion-rights groups like NARAL Pro-Choice America, Planned Parenthood and Emily's List.

Across the country, a record number of women were elected to the U.S. House, including its first two female Muslim members. A record number of 237 women ran for the House as major-party candidates, and 16 women ran for governor.

The surge in female candidates this cycle comes almost two years after an outpouring of women marched in the nation's capital and around the country in opposition to Trump's inauguration.

Activists behind the Women's March decided to move their January 2018 march to Las Vegas, saying Nevada's role as a strategic swing state that Democrat Hillary Clinton won in 2016 made it prime proving ground for turning the activism into political change.

They pledged to register 1 million voters and elect more progressive candidates across the country. In Nevada, activists and groups involved in the march worked to build momentum for Rosen and other female candidates.

Voters in Nevada picked another female Democrat, education philanthropist Susie Lee, to replace Rosen, and incumbent Democratic Rep. Dina Titus cruised to an easy re-election, putting women in four of the state's six seats in the U.S. House and Senate.

"Women were motivated to get the polls," Lee told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "Whether it was seeing that this Congress is so dysfunctional and broken, but more importantly, stripping away protections for people with pre-existing conditions."

She also said protecting Medicare and Social Security, finding a path for young "Dreamer" migrants to stay in the U.S. permanently and finding solutions to gun violence "are all incredibly important to women, especially mothers."

Jerry Lamb, an independent voter in Henderson, said he voted for Lee over Republican Danny Tarkanian in Nevada's 3rd Congressional District partly because he thinks it's good to have more women in elected

office.

"I think we just need more women in politics, to balance it," the 72-year-old manager said. "They're more reasonable, and I think they can work across party lines a little bit better. I think their egos aren't as bad as ours."

Nevada voters on Tuesday picked Democrat Kate Marshall for state lieutenant governor.

Women were on the path to potentially make history in the Nevada Legislature by outnumbering their male counterparts.

Two female Assembly candidates and another woman seeking a state Senate seat were competing in races that were so tight, the AP has not been able to declare a winner. Should all three win and a woman be appointed to at least one of several House and Senate seats being vacated by men, Nevada would become the first state with a female-majority legislature.

Women picked up two seats on the Nevada Supreme Court on Tuesday, marking the first time in state history that women made up a majority of the state's high court, Nevada Supreme Court spokesman Michael Sommermeyer confirmed.

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Obama's health insurance overhaul a winner in midterms

By GEOFF MULVIHILL and RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The personality looming over the 2018 midterms was President Donald Trump. The issue was health care, the top concern for voters as they decided how to cast their ballots.

This week's election showed a nation increasingly — if belatedly — in step with former President Barack Obama's approach to it.

Health care was the top issue for about one-fourth of voters, ahead of immigration and jobs and the economy, according to VoteCast, a nationwide survey of more than 115,000 voters and about 22,000 nonvoters conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

Those most concerned with health care supported Democratic candidates overwhelmingly, helping the party claim the House.

While Republicans' hold on the Senate grew, putting Democrats in control of the lower chamber makes it even less likely that Trump will be able to undo Obama's overhaul, which created subsidized coverage for some lower-income people, allowed states to expand Medicaid coverage for others with the federal government picking up most of the cost, and barred insurers from discriminating against people with pre-existing medical conditions.

The law was one of Obama's key legislative accomplishments, but it proved unpopular after Democrats passed it without a single Republican vote. A backlash propelled the GOP to take control of the House in 2010 and the Senate in 2014, significantly narrowing what Obama could accomplish.

But by last year, "Obamacare" was popular enough that a GOP-controlled Senate blocked an effort to scrap the overhaul.

That vote was a factor in the only Senate race where a Republican incumbent lost a re-election bid.

In Nevada, where the majority of voters said they disapproved of Trump's handling of health care, Democratic challenger Jacky Rosen attacked incumbent Republican Sen. Dean Heller for supporting Trump's effort to repeal the health care law.

"In time, changes will be made," Mike Leavitt, health secretary under President George W. Bush, told the AP. "But repealing the statute is now not possible, even in the mind of the most ardent opponent."

The health care impact of the election goes beyond Congress.

Voters in the Republican-dominated states of Idaho, Nebraska and Utah all passed ballot measures to expand Medicaid, which could bring coverage for an additional 363,000 low-income adults, adding to the 12 million already covered by the expansion elsewhere. Under the Affordable Care Act, federal taxpayers pick up most of the bill for the expansion. Starting in 2020, states will have to contribute 10 percent of the cost.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 27 of 42

"For all the people who have been slipping through the cracks in our health care system in Utah, there is finally good news," RyLee Curtis, campaign manager for Utah Decides Healthcare, said Wednesday on a conference call with reporters. "Help is on the way."

Advocates, however, were disappointed by the outcome in Montana, where voters rejected a measure that would have made that state's Medicaid expansion permanent with financing from a tobacco tax. The debate isn't over, but it will move to the state legislature instead.

Jonathan Schleifer, executive director of The Fairness Project, which campaigned for the expansion measures, said states including Missouri, Florida and Oklahoma could be pursued for future ballot measures.

Democrats picked up governorships Tuesday in two states that may now expand Medicaid — Kansas and Wisconsin.

In Kansas, health care tied with immigration as voters' top issue. In Wisconsin, which did not join the federal Medicaid expansion but does allow more adults into the program already, it was the biggest concern identified by about one-third of voters.

In both states, about 7 in 10 of voters who said health care was their main concern voted for the Democrat for governor.

That helped put Tony Evers over the top in his race against incumbent Republican Scott Walker in Wisconsin and pushed Laura Kelly to victory in a close race against Republican Kris Kobach in Kansas.

Kelly got big cheers in her victory speech when she called for a Medicaid expansion, which she said was important "so that more Kansans have access to affordable health care, our rural hospitals will stay open and the tax dollars we've been sending to Washington will come back home."

Medicaid was also a key issue in Maine, where voters last year approved a ballot measure to expand but where the current governor, Republican Paul LePage, refused to implement it. Democrat Janet Mills campaigned on implementing it and defeated Republican Shawn Moody, who campaigned against expansion.

Tuesday's election results were far less clear on where Americans stand on a move to universal health coverage, an idea that a growing number of Democratic candidates, including several considering presidential bids, have been backing.

In his campaign for governor in Florida, Democrat Andrew Gillum called health care for all a "north star" that the state should aspire to while offering up the intermediate step of expanding Medicaid as a must-do in the nation's third most populous state. The majority of Florida voters in the AP survey disapproved of Trump's handling of health care, and 3 in 5 also said it should be the government's responsibility to provide coverage.

There, health care was tied with immigration as voters' top concern and Republican Ron DeSantis, a former member of Congress closely aligned with Trump, won.

Meanwhile in Colorado, Jared Polis, a Democrat, was elected governor while promoting a single-payer health system for the state. Voters there rejected a ballot measure to create such a system two years ago.

Charles Idelson, a spokesman for National Nurses United, a group pushing for single-payer health coverage, said the number of supporters of the concept is increasing at all levels of government after the election despite what he called "vilification of that issue and the demagoguery of that issue" by Republicans in campaign ads.

Kathleen Sebelius, health secretary under Obama, told the AP she expects House Democrats to start designing a framework for covering all Americans and for that to be a major issue in 2020 elections.

"One of the things this election clearly demonstrates is that health care for all is a unifying principle for the Democrats," she said. "We have been working toward that goal since 1965, when Medicare and Medicaid were passed."

---

Mulvihill reported from Philadelphia. Follow him at <http://www.twitter.com/geoffmulvihill>

---

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Democratic gains over GOP after midterms come with cautions

By **JUANA SUMMERS** and **THOMAS BEAUMONT**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — This week's midterm elections offered revealing lessons for both parties as battle lines begin to emerge for the 2020 presidential election.

For Democrats, a string of statewide victories in Rust Belt states opened a potential path back to the White House. But President Donald Trump's Republican Party found strength in critical states that often hold the keys to the presidency.

Perhaps no state offered Democrats more hope than Wisconsin, which shocked the party in 2016 by narrowly falling into Trump's column. Republican Gov. Scott Walker's narrow loss in his bid for a third term left Democrats optimistic they could reclaim Wisconsin along with other traditionally blue states that Trump carried, such as Michigan and Pennsylvania.

"To have Walker lose is a significant turning point that the right candidate in 2020 could win all of these states" across the industrial north, Democratic pollster Paul Maslin, who advised Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin's campaign. "If they do, Trump's map starts to get more difficult."

Still, there are plenty of reasons for caution for Democrats. Gains in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania were offset by mixed results in Ohio and GOP dominance in electoral powerhouse Florida.

In Ohio, Republicans came out on top in the governor's race and a handful of other statewide offices. The GOP kept their 12-4 majority in the U.S. House delegation.

Ohio Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who won another term representing a district that Hillary Clinton won in 2016, called it a "really bad election night" for his party. But he said Democrats were able to win when they focused on "bread-and-butter economic issues," the way he and Sen. Sherrod Brown, who also won re-election Tuesday, did.

"If you're not connecting with the workers, then you're not going to be able to do well," Ryan said in an interview. "Trump connected to the workers. If we don't do that, if we're continuing to be seen as elite and that people are 'deplorables' if they don't vote for us, we're going to have a big problem."

In his victory speech, Brown said his state had provided a "blueprint for America in 2020."

Republicans, though, pointed to Trump's 8-point victory in Ohio in 2016, and the four campaign visits he made to the state, including a southwest Ohio jaunt three weeks before the election. Trump remains very popular in the region, spanning from the politically swing-voting Hamilton County eastward along a string of Ohio River counties that the president carried by more than 30 percentage points.

The area's white and vastly rural profile outside Cincinnati is part of what is expected to keep Ohio from springing back easily for Democrats, Hamilton County Republican Chairman Alex Triantafilou said.

"I think southwest Ohio is becoming more reliably red under President Trump," Triantafilou said. "There's definitely a turnout benefit to talking to conservatives the way Trump has."

There were also warning signs for Democrats in Florida, a perennial swing state that is increasingly delivering victories — however narrow — to the GOP. Republican Ron DeSantis defeated Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, handing Democrats their third consecutive loss for the Florida governor's mansion. Adding to their trouble was incumbent Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson trailing Republican Rick Scott.

One bright note for Democrats in Florida was the passage of Amendment 4, which will restore voting rights to most felons when they complete their sentences and probation, adding 1.4 million possible voters to the rolls. It's unclear how this group of people will affect the 2020 election.

Democrats also see bright signs in places like Nevada, once a conservative state that is now more consistently trending blue. Beto O'Rourke's Democratic campaign for Senate in Texas fell short by less than 3 percentage points in Texas, a GOP-heavy state that hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994. And Democrat Stacey Abrams ran a competitive campaign for governor in Georgia, which hasn't elected a Democrat to the governor's mansion since 1998.

"There are some assumptions about states Democratic presidential candidates will visit that are being truly reconsidered," Democratic strategist Anita Dunn said. "I'm talking about changing the map."

Tensions were already flaring over what type of candidate could capitalize on the emerging 2020 map.

"We're going to see a huge field, but the big question will be whether they learn lessons from the mid-



terms because I think the electorate was trying to tell us something loudly and clearly," Matt Bennett of Third Way, a centrist think tank, said in an interview. "The message they were trying to send us is you've got to beat Trump in the battleground states, and you've got to run on very mainstream, nonextreme Democratic ideals and values."

"The people that ran that way won in those tough places," Bennett added, "and the people who didn't run that way lost almost everywhere."

But Adam Green, a co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, said he saw a shifting center of gravity within the Democratic Party.

"Thanks to Stacey Abrams, Andrew Gillum and Beto O'Rourke, places where Democrats have had trouble winning for years became unpredictable toss-ups in large part because of an electorate inspired by never-before-heard bold visions for economic and racial justice," Green said.

## Acting attorney general has questioned Mueller investigation

By RYAN J. FOLEY, Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The man who will serve at least temporarily as the nation's top law enforcement official is a relatively inexperienced Republican Party loyalist from Iowa who has called for limiting special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation.

Matthew G. Whitaker, 49, will become the nation's acting attorney general following the forced resignation of Jeff Sessions. President Donald Trump announced the appointment Wednesday, saying on Twitter that Whitaker "will serve our Country well" and that a permanent attorney general will be nominated later.

The former federal prosecutor served as Sessions' chief of staff for one year.

The bulk of Whitaker's relevant experience came when he served as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Iowa from 2004 until 2009, a position for which he was recommended by Iowa Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley, now chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. In that role, the telegenic former college football player managed attorneys who prosecuted federal crimes and represented the government in civil matters in half of Iowa.

Recent acting and permanent attorneys general have been longtime government lawyers or high-ranking politicians with more experience navigating Washington than Whitaker.

Critics worry that Whitaker may be unlikely or unwilling to defend the Department of Justice's independence against political interference by the White House, given his history of partisanship and loyalty to Trump. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said Wednesday that Whitaker should recuse himself from overseeing the Mueller investigation given his previous public comments that appeared to exhibit hostility toward the inquiry.

During a brief stint last year as a conservative legal commentator on CNN, Whitaker often appeared as a Trump defender, saying he saw no evidence the president colluded with Russians during the 2016 campaign or obstructed justice. He wrote last year on CNN.com that Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein should limit the scope of Mueller's investigation to stop him from delving into Trump's finances.

"If he doesn't, then Mueller's investigation will eventually start to look like a political fishing expedition. This would not only be out of character for a respected figure like Mueller, but also could be damaging to the President of the United States and his family — and by extension, to the country," he wrote.

He also said on CNN last year that he could see a scenario in which Sessions' replacement doesn't fire Mueller but "just reduces his budget to so low that his investigation grinds to almost a halt."

Asked whether Whitaker would assume control over Mueller's investigation, Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Flores said Whitaker would be "in charge of all matters under the purview of the Department of Justice." The agency did not announce a departure for Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller and has closely overseen his work.

Des Moines attorney Guy Cook, a Democrat who has known Whitaker for years, called him a clear thinker and a "no-nonsense guy who is not to be underestimated."

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 30 of 42

"But I think most importantly, from the president's perspective, he's loyal," Cook said. He said that reasonable people can agree with Whitaker's perspective on the Mueller investigation, but "I'm sure that's something that got the president's attention."

Grassley said Whitaker "will work hard and make us proud," saying that the department would be in good hands during the transition.

Most of Whitaker's career has been spent in private practice, including at a Des Moines law firm he founded with other Republican Party activists in 2009. He has twice failed in bids for statewide elected office, most recently losing the 2014 GOP primary for the U.S. Senate to now-Sen. Joni Ernst.

After that campaign, Whitaker helped start and served for three years as executive director for the Foundation for Accountability and Civic Trust, a self-described "ethics watchdog" that often targets Democratic officials and groups with misconduct investigations and complaints. He has said that Hillary Clinton should have been prosecuted for her email scandal as secretary of state and that Trump made the right call in firing FBI Director James Comey. He earned \$402,000 in 2016, the group's tax filing shows.

Whitaker has also cultivated close relationships with Republican leaders and activists during the Iowa caucuses, the first-in-the-nation presidential nominating contests that occur every four years. He served as state chairman during the 2012 election cycle for former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty's campaign. After Pawlenty's bid fizzled, he served in the 2012 and 2016 presidential campaigns of Rick Perry, the former Texas governor who is now energy secretary.

Whitaker grew up in the Des Moines suburb of Ankeny. He attended the University of Iowa on a football scholarship, playing tight end under the legendary coach Hayden Fry and catching a pass for the Hawkeyes in the 1991 Rose Bowl. He majored in communications studies as an undergraduate and was interested in broadcasting and film production. He later earned an MBA and a law degree from the school.

After starting his career in private practice, Whitaker first ran for office in 2002, losing a race for state treasurer to longtime Democratic incumbent Michael Fitzgerald. President George W. Bush appointed him as the U.S. attorney based in Des Moines in 2004.

During his tenure, his office was accused of having political motivations in bringing an extortion charge against then-Democratic state Sen. Matt McCoy, which stemmed from a dispute McCoy had with a business partner. Whitaker denied that accusation, and McCoy was acquitted at a 2007 trial.

## Midterms offer clues for Trump, Dems in '20 presidential bid

By **JUANA SUMMERS** and **THOMAS BEAUMONT**, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — This week's midterm elections offered revealing lessons for both parties as battle lines begin to emerge for the 2020 presidential election.

For Democrats, a string of statewide victories in Rust Belt states opened a potential path back to the White House. But President Donald Trump's Republican Party found strength in critical states that often hold the keys to the presidency.

Perhaps no state offered Democrats more hope than Wisconsin, which shocked the party in 2016 by narrowly falling into Trump's column. Republican Gov. Scott Walker's narrow loss in his bid for a third term left Democrats optimistic they could reclaim Wisconsin along with other traditionally blue states that Trump carried, such as Michigan and Pennsylvania.

"To have Walker lose is a significant turning point that the right candidate in 2020 could win all of these states" across the industrial north, Democratic pollster Paul Maslin, who advised Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin's campaign. "If they do, Trump's map starts to get more difficult."

Still, there are plenty of reasons for caution for Democrats. Gains in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania were offset by mixed results in Ohio and GOP dominance in electoral powerhouse Florida.

In Ohio, Republicans came out on top in the governor's race and a handful of other statewide offices. The GOP kept their 12-4 majority in the U.S. House delegation.

Ohio Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who won another term representing a district that Hillary Clinton won in 2016, called it a "really bad election night" for his party. But he said Democrats were able to win when

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 31 of 42

they focused on “bread-and-butter economic issues,” the way he and Sen. Sherrod Brown, who also won re-election Tuesday, did.

“If you’re not connecting with the workers, then you’re not going to be able to do well,” Ryan said in an interview. “Trump connected to the workers. If we don’t do that, if we’re continuing to be seen as elite and that people are ‘deplorables’ if they don’t vote for us, we’re going to have a big problem.”

In his victory speech, Brown said his state had provided a “blueprint for America in 2020.”

Republicans, though, pointed to Trump’s 8-point victory in Ohio in 2016, and the four campaign visits he made to the state, including a southwest Ohio jaunt three weeks before the election. Trump remains very popular in the region, spanning from the politically swing-voting Hamilton County eastward along a string of Ohio River counties that the president carried by more than 30 percentage points.

The area’s white and vastly rural profile outside Cincinnati is part of what is expected to keep Ohio from springing back easily for Democrats, Hamilton County Republican Chairman Alex Triantafilou said.

“I think southwest Ohio is becoming more reliably red under President Trump,” Triantafilou said. “There’s definitely a turnout benefit to talking to conservatives the way Trump has.”

There were also warning signs for Democrats in Florida, a perennial swing state that is increasingly delivering victories — however narrow — to the GOP. Republican Ron DeSantis defeated Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, handing Democrats their third consecutive loss for the Florida governor’s mansion. Adding to their trouble was incumbent Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson trailing Republican Rick Scott.

One bright note for Democrats in Florida was the passage of Amendment 4, which will restore voting rights to most felons when they complete their sentences and probation, adding 1.4 million possible voters to the rolls. It’s unclear how this group of people will affect the 2020 election.

Democrats also see bright signs in places like Nevada, once a conservative state that is now more consistently trending blue. Beto O’Rourke’s Democratic campaign for Senate in Texas fell short by less than 3 percentage points in Texas, a GOP-heavy state that hasn’t elected a Democrat to statewide office since 1994. And Democrat Stacey Abrams ran a competitive campaign for governor in Georgia, which hasn’t elected a Democrat to the governor’s mansion since 1998.

“There are some assumptions about states Democratic presidential candidates will visit that are being truly reconsidered,” Democratic strategist Anita Dunn said. “I’m talking about changing the map.”

Tensions were already flaring over what type of candidate could capitalize on the emerging 2020 map.

“We’re going to see a huge field, but the big question will be whether they learn lessons from the mid-terms because I think the electorate was trying to tell us something loudly and clearly,” Matt Bennett of Third Way, a centrist think tank, said in an interview. “The message they were trying to send us is you’ve got to beat Trump in the battleground states, and you’ve got to run on very mainstream, nonextreme Democratic ideals and values.”

“The people that ran that way won in those tough places,” Bennett added, “and the people who didn’t run that way lost almost everywhere.”

But Adam Green, a co-founder of the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, said he saw a shifting center of gravity within the Democratic Party.

“Thanks to Stacey Abrams, Andrew Gillum and Beto O’Rourke, places where Democrats have had trouble winning for years became unpredictable toss-ups in large part because of an electorate inspired by never-before-heard bold visions for economic and racial justice,” Green said.

## 41 Latinos in Congress, 2 races still undecided

By LUIS ALONSO LUGO, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Latinos serving in Congress will rise to at least 41 in the new year, and that figure most likely will increase when two undecided races are called.

Thirty-three out of 44 Latino Democratic candidates won election in Tuesday’s contests, while six out of 15 Latino Republican candidates claimed victory.

Francisco Pedraza, a political scientist at University of California, Riverside, thinks a small increase in the

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 32 of 42

number of Latinos in Congress is very important because it happened despite redistricting that followed Republican victories in the 2010 election.

"In 2014 and in 2016 elections it was not that obvious," Pedraza told The Associated Press. "Today we see the importance of all the changes brought after the 2010 election."

The 57 million Latinos who live in the United States are the nation's largest ethnic or racial minority and constitute 18 percent of the total population. However, their political impact is substantially diluted due to their low electoral turnout.

NALEO Educational Fund, a prominent nonpartisan Latino organization, said that only 6.8 million Latinos voted in the 2014 mid-term election.

Latino winners in both parties include new faces who represent a number of firsts.

On the Democratic side, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a 29-year-old Puerto Rican New Yorker and former Bernie Sanders organizer, became the youngest woman elected to Congress after her primary victory over one of the most powerful House Democrats in New York.

Veronica Escobar and Sylvia Garcia will be the first Latinas to represent Texas in the House.

And Debbie Mucarsel-Powell will be the first Ecuadorean to have a seat in the House of Representatives after defeating two-term Republican Rep. Carlos Curbelo in a Florida district where 70 percent of residents are Hispanic and nearly half are foreign-born.

Mucarsel-Powell was among eight Latino candidates enrolled in Red to Blue, a highly competitive program of the Democratic Party designed to train and support candidates to flip Republican-held districts.

Other winners from that program were environmental lawyer Mike Levin in California, Xochitl Torres Small in New Mexico and Antonio Delgado in New York.

A vote count that stretched into Wednesday evening gave the victory to Torres Small—a water-rights attorney who graduated summa cum laude from Georgetown University—over state Rep. Yvette Herrell, who embraced President Donald Trump's policies on immigration. Torres Small will be the first Latina to represent New Mexico's 2nd Congressional District.

Delgado is a lawyer from Harvard University and Rhodes Scholar who beat Republican Rep. John Faso from New York's Hudson Valley. Republicans seized on his brief hip-hop career to portray Delgado, who is black, as unfit for office. Delgado's supporters called it race-baiting.

One House contest in the Red to Blue program remained undecided Wednesday: Gil Cisneros, a former naval officer and 2010 Mega Millions lottery winner, running in California.

All 25 Latino Democratic incumbents were re-elected, including New Jersey Sen. Bob Menendez, who won a third Senate term despite a federal bribery indictment that prosecutors dropped this year after a mistrial. Reps. Luis Gutierrez of Illinois and Ruben Kihuen of Nevada did not seek re-election.

Among Republicans, the number of Latino lawmakers fell to six from the current eight, while the re-election of Rep. Jaime Herrera-Beutler remained undecided in Washington state.

Except Curbelo, the other five incumbents were re-elected, including Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who staved off a tough challenge from Democrat Rep. Beto O'Rourke.

The Latino Republican delegation in the House will lose Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida and Raul Labrador, a fourth-term Puerto Rican congressman who lost Idaho's gubernatorial primary to Lt. Gov. Brad Little.

Ros-Lehtinen, the first Latina and the first Cuban-American elected to Congress and the first Republican woman elected from Florida, is retiring after 30 years.

Former Ohio State University football star and businessman Anthony Gonzalez was the only winner among the three Latino candidates for the House that the GOP supported through its Young Guns program, which develops and supports viable candidates for competitive races.

Gonzalez, a grandson of Cuban exiles, will be the first Latino to represent Ohio in Congress.

They join Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida and Democratic Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto of Nevada, who are currently serving their terms.

At the state level, Rep. Michelle Lujan Grisham—a vocal critic of President Donald Trump and his im-



migration policies as chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus— was elected New Mexico governor, defeating Republican Rep. Steve Pearce.

Lujan Grisham will succeed two-term Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and will become the nation's second Latina governor, after Martinez, and the nation's first Latina Democratic governor.

Other Democratic Latino gubernatorial candidates failed in their quests: Education professor David Garcia lost to Republican Gov. Doug Ducey, who was re-elected in Arizona, and former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez was unable to stop Texas Gov. Greg Abbott from winning a second term.

California state Sen. Kevin de Leon lost his bid to replace veteran Sen. Dianne Feinstein in California.

Follow Luis Alonso Lugo on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/luisalonsolugo>

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Broken voting machines, long lines under scrutiny in Georgia

By JEFF MARTIN and KATE BRUMBACK, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Malfunctioning voting machines, missing power cords and hourslong lines at the polls are being scrutinized by candidates and election officials in Georgia, where the governor's race is undecided while votes are still being tallied.

Democrat Stacey Abrams, vying to become the nation's first female black governor, trails Georgia's Republican Secretary of State Brian Kemp, the state's chief elections official. Ballots are still being counted, and Abrams' campaign thinks she may have enough for a runoff. Kemp's campaign declared victory Wednesday night. The Associated Press has not called the contest.

Multiple lawsuits have been filed in the contentious race, with voting rights groups contending that Kemp has used his office to interfere in the election for his own benefit. He has fiercely denied any impropriety.

At a news conference Wednesday, President Donald Trump said he heard the voting process was "very efficient" in Georgia. But polling places across the state had long lines, and some areas of metro Atlanta that typically lean Democratic experienced problems and delays.

Ontaria Woods arrived at a polling place in Snellville, just northeast of Atlanta, about 7 a.m. Tuesday to vote. More than three hours later, she was still waiting, with roughly 75 to 100 people in line.

"That's the majority of people in this line, African-Americans," she said. "We're begging them, 'Please, stay.'"

With votes approaching 3.8 million, Kemp has just more than 50 percent of the vote, which would give him the majority threshold required for victory. But Abrams and her campaign say they believe there are enough ballots still uncounted to force a runoff. To do that, Abrams needs to pick up about 15,000 votes among an unknown number of ballots across the state, her campaign officials said Wednesday.

Some of the longest lines on Election Day formed at polling places near historically black colleges in Atlanta.

"We have a lot of college students over there, and they like to vote out of precinct," said Richard Barron, director of registration and elections in Fulton County, which includes most of Atlanta.

"When you vote out of your precinct, you have to vote a provisional ballot," he said. "And provisional ballots create lines because they take longer to process."

A court ordered extended voting hours in two polling sites near the colleges. The last voter from those sites cast a ballot about 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Barron said.

The state elections chief wasn't immune to the difficulties: When Kemp went to cast his ballot, he had an issue with his voter card, but it was fixed quickly.

The same or similar problem affected voters in four large precincts in Gwinnett County— a populous swing county — and at least one in the Inman Park neighborhood of Atlanta, election security expert Harri Hursti said Wednesday. Voters in those places were not able to vote for hours because the electronic poll books used to check in voters were not writing to the smart cards needed to cast ballots, Hursti said.

"When those machines are down, it eliminates the possibility of voting with the touch screens," said Joe

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 34 of 42

Sorenson, a Gwinnett County spokesman.

In Snellville, some machines poll workers use to check in voters didn't have power cords and ran out of batteries. Paper ballots were handed out for about 15 minutes before the issue was resolved.

"It was a human error issue," Sorenson said. "A person who packed that machine didn't pack it properly, and the person who set it up should have noticed it."

Fulton County's Barron said that although Kemp is secretary of state, "he doesn't have any say in county operations."

"A lot of people see things on social media or they are really quick to assign nefarious intentions to people, especially like my staff who are just dedicated public servants," he said. "They assign these intentions or motivations to them that couldn't be farther from the truth. I think it's unfortunate that the distrust in government has reached a point that it has."

Georgia is one of only five states that exclusively uses electronic voting machines that computer scientists have long criticized as untrustworthy because they are easily hacked and don't leave a paper trail. A federal judge in September scolded elections officials for not heeding experts' warnings and continuing to use the aging machines.

Five Georgia voters sued Kemp on Election Day, asking a judge to prevent Kemp from exercising his duties as the state's top elections official for anything having to do with Tuesday's election, including certifying results or administering any possible runoff or recount. The lawsuit says that Kemp presiding over an election in which he is a candidate "violates a basic notion of fairness."

Secretary of state's office spokeswoman Candice Broce called the lawsuit a "twelfth-hour stunt."

A federal judge set a hearing for Thursday.

Separately, Common Cause Georgia filed a lawsuit Monday seeking special treatment of some provisional ballots. It accuses Kemp of acting recklessly after a vulnerability in Georgia's voter registration database was exposed shortly before the election.

Kemp "has not only failed to remedy the problem, but he has advertised the vulnerability of the system to those who may want to interfere" with voting, the lawsuit said.

Kemp's actions increased the risk that eligible voters could be illegally removed from the voter registration database or have registration information illegally altered, which could prevent them from voting, the lawsuit says.

---

Associated Press writers Frank Bajak in Boston and Ron Harris in Atlanta contributed.

---

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Kemp's campaign declares victory in Georgia's governor race

By **BILL BARROW** and **BEN NADLER**, Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Republican Brian Kemp's campaign declared victory Wednesday in the Georgia governor's race, though Democrat Stacey Abrams insists that enough ballots remain to leave open the possibility of a runoff in a race that Kemp oversees as secretary of state.

The Associated Press has not called the contest.

Ryan Mahoney, a top Kemp campaign adviser, told reporters in a conference call that the numbers show Abrams can't win and a runoff won't happen — but stopped short of declaring victory until pressed by an Associated Press reporter. Only then did Mahoney say Kemp is certain of victory and preparing to take office in January.

"We are declaring victory," Mahoney said. Another campaign official, Austin Chambers, added: "The message here is pretty simple: This election is over, and the results are clear."

Kemp was not on the call but is expected to speak publicly on Thursday, the same day that a federal judge in Atlanta holds the first hearing on an Election Day lawsuit that seeks to have Kemp barred from having any further role in managing the election.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 35 of 42

The Abrams campaign responded late Wednesday that Kemp's state office had not shared with the public or with the Abrams' campaign the detailed data behind his claims, instead asking Georgians to take him at his word.

"The sitting secretary of state has declared himself" the winner, said Abrams' campaign manager Lauren Groh-Wargo. "We don't accept or reject what he said. He needs to show proof."

The stand-off leaves open the possibility of litigation as Abrams' campaign has spent the day pushing for the continued counting of absentee, mail-in and provisional ballots and renewing its concerns that Kemp remains the chief elections officer supervising his own election, a race already marked by disputes over the voting process.

With reported votes exceeding 3.9 million — almost 95 percent of Georgia's 2016 presidential turnout — Kemp has just more than 50 percent.

Before the Kemp campaign declared victory Wednesday, Groh-Wargo estimated that about 15,000 votes separate Kemp from a runoff. She says at least that many outstanding absentee and mail-in ballots remained to be counted.

Kemp's spokeswoman in the secretary of state's office, Candice Broce, said that by Wednesday afternoon the number of uncounted absentee and mail-in ballots was less than 2,000 — with her boss still above the 50 percent threshold.

Broce said about 22,000 provisional ballots have yet to be processed, according to a canvass of county officials across the state. Mahoney asserted that those numbers make it impossible for Abrams to pick up enough votes to deny Kemp an outright victory.

In 2016, with a slightly larger electorate, there were 16,739 provisional ballots. Of those, 7,592 were counted. State and campaign officials said they expected a much higher proportion to be counted this year.

Kemp's office has not released a county-by-county breakdown of provisional ballots, but Abrams' campaign said they believe they are concentrated in metro Atlanta counties where Abrams won a large share of the vote. Broce said Kemp's office is working on releasing more detailed information.

If a runoff is necessary, the second round would take place Dec. 4, extending one of the marquee races of the November midterms as Abrams tries to become the first black woman elected governor in American history while Kemp looks to maintain the GOP's domination in a state evolving into a genuine two-party battleground.

Either way, Georgians are sure to see a new round of bitter recriminations over ballot access and voting rights that could leave some voters questioning the outcome of a contest both nominees have described as a "battle for the soul of our state."

"This is why we had a steady drumbeat for him to resign," Groh-Wargo said Wednesday, noting Abrams' and others' warnings about the potential for chaos in a tight election. "Here we are," she said.

Kemp, 55, told his supporters early Wednesday that "there are votes left to count, but we have a very strong lead. ... The math is on our side to win this election."

His cushion for an outright majority later shrank after more ballots had been counted. So far, turnout exceeds the 2014 governor's race by about 1.3 million votes.

Kemp's office, meanwhile, deflected the criticisms.

Broce noted local elections authorities manage the voting process and ballot tabulation. "Counties have not completed certification and we are still waiting for counties to provide their tabulations leading up to that certification," she said.

A nonprofit group, Protect Democracy, filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking to keep Kemp from being involved in counting votes, certifying results or any runoff or recount. Broce called it a "twelfth-hour stunt."

State law gives counties until next Tuesday to complete vote counts and certify results to state elections officials. The statewide certification must follow by Nov. 20.

The indefinite extension in Georgia focuses a white-hot spotlight on a race that already has drawn massive investments of time, money and star power — from President Donald Trump and former President Barack Obama to media icon Oprah Winfrey.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 36 of 42

The tight returns and potential runoff come after weeks of wrangling over Georgia's election system and Kemp's performance as its chief executive. Kemp has steadfastly defended his job performance and refused calls to step aside.

Abrams, 44, has called Kemp "an architect of suppression," and voting rights activists expressed concerns throughout Tuesday amid reports of technical malfunctions and long lines at polling stations across the state.

The elections chief wasn't immune to the difficulties: When Kemp went to cast his own ballot, he had an issue with his voter card, but it was fixed quickly.

In the closing days, Kemp basked in Trump's glow, pulling out of a debate to attend a Sunday rally that drew thousands of boisterous Republicans to central Georgia to see Trump deplane from Air Force One.

Abrams answered with Obama and Winfrey.

Even if Abrams ultimately falls short, she has outperformed her fellow Democratic nominees from recent election cycles.

That validates her strategy of reaching out to nonwhite and younger voters who don't usually cast midterm ballots instead of Democrats' previous focus on trying to convert older white voters who'd long drifted toward Republicans.

Her success came at a cost, however, as unofficial returns showed Kemp expanding the GOP's advantage across rural and small-town Georgia.

---

Follow Barrow and Nadler on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/BillBarrowAP> and <https://twitter.com/benjaminradler>.

---

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics>

## Hitler in war, Merkel in peace: A train car for history

By THOMAS ADAMSON, Associated Press

COMPIEGNE, France (AP) — Adolf Hitler went in wartime for revenge. Angela Merkel plans a pilgrimage in the name of peace. Two German chancellors, with opposite aims and the same destination: a train car in a French forest.

Hitler tried literally to rewrite history in 1940 when the Nazi leader commandeered the dining coach to serve France the same humiliation Germany suffered there on the last day of World War I.

This time, Merkel will have the French president by her side as she visits what remains of the Wagon of Compiègne, the carriage-turned-office where the Allies and Germany signed the armistice on Nov. 11, 1918.

An unusual journey took Wagons-Lits Co. carriage 2419D from serving sauteed veal and boeuf bourguignon to passengers in the seaside town of Deauville to serving as a crucible for world peace while stopped in the middle of a forest in Compiègne.

Puzzled tourists often ask Bernard Letemps, the curator of the Armistice Museum, why the Allies signed the cease-fire agreement that ended the atrocities of the Western Front in that humble setting instead of a grand military building or a glittering palace.

At the time, the official headquarters in Senlis of the Allied commander, French Marshal Ferdinand Foch, would have been the expected place to sign a cease-fire.

But the town had endured a brutal German assault. Its inhabitants were taken hostage and its mayor shot in September 1914, before the first Battle of the Marne. How the bruised townspeople would react to the presence of a German delegation, even one coming with the goal of peace, was a serious concern.

"It was out of the question to receive the plenipotentiary Germans in (such a) town," Letemps said.

A moveable train carriage in the nearby Compiègne forest was deemed ideal: The isolated location would deter intruders and the calm and secrecy offered a measure of respect to the defeated Germans.

As it happened, Foch had fitted out a mobile office just the month before — a dining car chosen at random from the French passenger train fleet. And so 2419D became known as the "Wagon of Compiègne."

The Armistice was signed just after 5 a.m., but officials held out six hours to put it into effect out of a



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 37 of 42

sense of poetry — the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. That delay, rather unpoetically, cost lives on both sides at the end of a war that had already left 17 million dead.

"The train car represents the end of fighting. The end, when people found peace," Letemps said.

He added, smiling: "It fulfilled its role of dining car before becoming famous."

The Armistice Museum lays on the train tracks on the site of the signing in the middle of forest.

Foch was immortalized in statues ubiquitous across France and gave his name to one of the broad, leafy avenues radiating out from the Arc de Triomphe.

The same reception was not reserved for the losing side: One of the Germans to sign the document, Matthias Erzberger, was vilified for his role in the surrender. He was assassinated in 1921.

The story of dining car 2419D and Compiegne didn't end with the war.

For throngs of French mourners in the post-war years, the dining car became a shrine to peace and catharsis.

The car was taken to Paris for display in the courtyard of the Invalides, the final resting place of Napoleon, before it went back to Compiegne in 1927 to sit in a specially-made memorial constructed on the site of today's museum.

Letemps said the wagon received over 190,000 visitors in one year alone in the 1930s as it became a focus for mourning France's 1.4 million fallen soldiers.

For Hitler in those same years, it became a rallying cry during his ascent to power as he exploited the German public's contempt for the punitive terms of surrender.

The Nazi leader visited the site in 1940 when his armies conquered France.

The Fuhrer ordered the dining car brought out of the memorial and returned to the tracks in the spot in the forest it occupied in 1918.

What ensued was Hitler's surreal theatrical restaging of the 1918 armistice, one of history's most famous events, with literally the tables' turned.

The 1940 Armistice was dictated in that train — with Germany the victor and France the loser.

"General (Wilhelm) Keitel read the conditions for the Armistice in the car, with Chancellor Hitler sitting in the place of Marshal Foch," Letemps said.

Hitler then ordered the car to be hauled to Germany and displayed, like a notorious prisoner of war, at the Berlin Cathedral.

The dining car was destroyed at the end of World War II, though how that happened has been lost to time. Some accounts blame members of the Nazi SS, others a random airstrike.

In 1950, French manufacturer Wagons-Lits, the company that ran the Orient Express, donated a car from the same series to the museum — 2439D is identical to its ravaged twin from its polished wooden finishes to its studded, leather-bound chairs. It is parked beside the display of the original car remains: a few fragments of bronze decoration and two access ramps.

On Saturday, Merkel becomes the first German chancellor in 78 years to visit the forest clearing where the end of the globe's first conflict was written.

She will be joined by French President Emmanuel Macron in a scene reminiscent of 1984 when Chancellor Helmut Kohl poignantly held President Francois Mitterrand's hand at an ossuary near Verdun.

On the centenary of the conflict's end, this visit will make for soul-searing images of its own.

---

Thomas Adamson can be followed at [Twitter.com/ThomasAdamson\\_K](https://twitter.com/ThomasAdamson_K)

---

Full coverage of WWI commemoration events at: <https://www.apnews.com/WorldWarI>

---

"World War I: An AP Centennial Commemorative Edition" is available now exclusively on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2JGrx5U>

## Red bull drawn in Indonesian cave dated to 40,000 years ago

By CHRISTINA LARSON, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have found the oldest known example of an animal drawing: a red silhouette of a bull-like beast on the wall of an Indonesian cave.

The sketch is at least 40,000 years old, slightly older than similar animal paintings found in famous caves in France and Spain. Until a few years ago, experts believed Europe was where our ancestors started drawing animals and other figures.

But the age of the drawing reported Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, along with previous discoveries in Southeast Asia, suggest that figurative drawing appeared in both continents about the same time.

The new findings fuel discussions about whether historical or evolutionary events prompted this near-simultaneous “burst of human creativity,” said lead author Maxime Aubert, an archaeologist and geochemist at Griffith University in Australia.

The remote limestone caves on Borneo have been known to contain prehistoric drawings since the 1990s. To reach them, Aubert and his team used machetes to hack through thick jungle in a verdant corner of the island.

Strapping on miners’ helmets to illuminate the darkness, they walked and crawled through miles of caves decorated with hundreds of ancient designs, looking for artwork that could be dated. They needed to find specific mineral deposits on the drawings to determine their age with technology that measures decay of the element uranium.

“Most of the paintings we actually can’t sample,” said Aubert.

Aubert and his fellow researchers reported in 2014 on cave art from the neighboring Indonesian island of Sulawesi. They dated hand stencils, created by blowing red dye through a tube to capture the outline of a hand pressed against rock, to almost 40,000 years ago.

Now, with the Borneo cave art, the scientists are able to construct a rough timeline of how art developed in the area. In addition to the bull, which is about 5 feet (1.5 meters) wide, they dated red- and purple-colored hand stencils and cave paintings of human scenes.

After large animal drawings and stencils, “It seems the focus shifted to showing the human world,” Aubert said.

Around 14,000 years ago, the cave-dwellers began to regularly sketch human figures doing things like dancing and hunting, often wearing large headdresses. A similar transition in rock art subjects happened in the caves of Europe.

“That’s very cool, from a human point of view,” said Peter Veth, an archaeologist at the University of Western Australia, who was not involved in the study. “People adopted similar strategies in different environments as they became more modern.”



**This composite image from the book “Borneo, Memory of the Caves” shows the world’s oldest figurative artwork dated to a minimum of 40,000 years, in a limestone cave in the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo. Scientists say the red silhouette of a bull-like beast, upper left, is the oldest known example of animal art.** (Luc-Henri Fage/kalimanthrope.com via AP)

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 39 of 42

The island of Borneo was still connected to mainland Southeast Asia when the first figurative drawings were made about 40,000 years ago — which is also about the time that the first modern humans arrived in Europe. The earliest drawings of animals in the French cave of Chauvet have been dated to about 33,500 to 37,000 years ago.

Whether new waves of people migrating from Africa brought the skills of figurative cave painting with them, or whether these arts emerged later, remains unclear. Scientists have only a partial record of global rock art. The earliest cave etchings have been found in Africa and include abstract designs, like cross-hatches, dating to around 73,000 years ago.

The next stage of research in Indonesia will include excavations to learn more about the people who made these paintings. A few sites have already been identified, containing human bones, prehistoric jewelry and remains of small animals.

As for the red bull, its meaning remains a mystery.

“We think it wasn’t just food for them — it meant something special,” said Aubert.

---

The Associated Press Health & Science Department receives support from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute’s Department of Science Education. The AP is solely responsible for all content.

## Wisconsin Democrats rejoice: Scott Walker is finally gone

By SCOTT BAUER, Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, beloved by Republicans for pushing through a conservative revolution but so reviled by liberals that they tried to recall him from office, warned for months that he was at risk of being overwhelmed by Democratic anger.

He was right.

The tide that swept him out Tuesday stalled a political career that radically transformed the purple state and helped bring about President Donald Trump’s narrow victory there in 2016. For nearly eight years, Walker delighted conservatives and frustrated liberal opponents who could never figure out the right recipe to knock him off. At one point, he was seen as a potential presidential front-runner.

Trump’s entrance into the 2016 race forced Walker out. And distaste over Trump’s first two years as president contributed to depressed Republican turnout, and massive Democratic votes, in key parts of Wisconsin, leading to Walker’s narrow 31,000-vote loss to state education chief Tony Evers.

Republicans who worked with Walker for years as he rose from the state Assembly to Milwaukee County executive and then governor in 2010 were in shock, still trying to process the loss. It was Walker’s first defeat since 1990, at the age of 22. He won his first race for state Assembly in 2003 and never lost another election until Tuesday.

Walker conceded the race Wednesday. Evers’ margin of victory stood just above the 1 percentage point threshold that would allow Walker to seek a recount.

As governor, Walker transformed the state Republican Party into a powerful get-out-the vote machine that consolidated GOP power. He raked in donations from across the country while building his own personal brand.

He was part of the “Cheesehead Revolution” that included Rep. Paul Ryan’s rise to House speaker and Reince Priebus’ leadership of the Republican National Committee before briefly working as Trump’s chief of staff.

“As much as the left hates Scott Walker and showed it with passion on election night, Republicans across the state love Scott Walker,” said Brandon Scholz, a Walker ally and former state GOP director. “He’s been a leader. He’s been a friend. He’s been a champion. He has crisscrossed the state for every event he could possibly be at.”

Walker’s longtime opponents, including a core group who sang protest songs daily in the rotunda of the state Capitol, could barely contain their glee. They danced, hugged, cried and beat on drums for an hour Wednesday, holding signs that said things like “There is a god.”

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 40 of 42

Keith Steffen joined with dozens others to sing "This Land is Your Land" and other songs with lyrics altered to target Walker.

"I just was hoping it would have come a lot sooner," he said.

Walker blew into office as part of a red wave in the 2010 election, with Republicans capturing control of the state Legislature at the same time. Together they enacted a host of conservative reforms, chiefly taking away nearly all collective bargaining power from teachers and other public workers as part of a fight in 2011 that put Wisconsin at the forefront of a new war over union rights.

That battle that drew protests as large as 100,000 people spurred the 2012 recall, which Walker won. It raised his national profile and laid the groundwork for his presidential bid. Along the way, Walker signed laws making Wisconsin a right-to-work state, enacting a 20-week abortion ban, passing a concealed-carry law and scaling back a host of environmental regulations that businesses opposed.

Evers seemed like an unlikely hero for liberal Walker opponents. Casting himself as a moderate, the 67-year-old cancer survivor faced criticism that he was too old and too boring to take down the left's biggest target. But Evers embraced his milquetoast personality straight out of a 1950s family sitcom, routinely peppering his comments with words like "jeepers" and "holy mackerel." He argued that more civility and less hostility was exactly what voters wanted in the age of Trump.

The former teacher didn't promise a complete repeal of everything Walker enacted. Instead, he focused on protecting insurance guarantees for people with pre-existing health conditions, increasing spending on education and improving the state's roads.

But doing anything with a Republican-controlled Legislature that enacted Walker's agenda will be difficult, if not impossible.

Evers' supporters know he faces a tough road ahead. But to people such as 81-year-old Dave Knutzen, who is among those who have sung every day in the Capitol for more than seven years, all that matters is that Walker is gone.

"It took a long time," Knutzen said. "I kind of gave up after a while."

Knutzen attributed Walker's defeat to voter anger with Trump.

"I think he energized a whole bunch of people, including women and young people," Knutzen said of the president. "We got the turnout we needed."

Walker, the son of a Baptist preacher who died in October, returned to his faith in the closing days of the race. On Election Day, he tweeted a Bible verse, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances." And the day after his loss, he tweeted a psalm, "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

One of Walker's most outspoken liberal opponents, Jeff Simpson, tweeted in response: "AMEN ... we are rejoicing."

---

Follow Scott Bauer on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/sbauerAP>

---

For AP's complete coverage of the U.S. midterm elections: <http://apne.ws/APPolitics> .

## Asian shares rally on US midterms, soothing fears of shifts

By ANNABELLE LIANG, Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Asian markets rose on Thursday after the U.S. midterm elections went as expected, soothing fears of a sudden shift on trade and economic policies.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 rallied 1.9 percent to 22,509.10, even as machinery orders slid a record 18.3 percent in September from the previous month because of natural disasters. South Korea's Kospi rose 1.4 percent to 2,107.90. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.7 percent to 26,331.35 and the Shanghai Composite was up 0.6 percent at 2,658.29. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 edged 0.5 percent higher to 5,924.60. Shares were higher in Taiwan, Singapore and Indonesia but fell in the Philippines.

WALL STREET: Asian investors took the lead from a rebound on Wall Street. Large technology and con-



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 41 of 42

sumer companies rallied and three-quarters of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange traded higher as results from the U.S. midterm elections streamed in. The S&P 500 index jumped 2.1 percent to 2,813.89, its highest level in four weeks. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was 2.1 percent higher at 26,180.30 and the Nasdaq composite advanced 2.6 percent to 7,570.75. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks added 1.7 percent to 1,582.16.

**U.S. MIDTERMS:** In line with most polls, the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives while the Republicans held on to a majority in the Senate. Traders were hopeful that a larger Democrat presence could act as a check on President Donald Trump, but it is unlikely to change his position on China, which which he is locked in an escalating trade dispute. Because the possibilities for compromise and big agenda items seem limited, politics is that much less likely to crowd out the performance of the strong U.S. economy.

**ANALYST'S TAKE:** "The overwhelming boon to Wall Street overnight sets the stage for Asia markets to power ahead in the latest rebound," Jingyi Pan of IG said in a market commentary. "Perhaps having grown wary of the results and reactions from the likes of Brexit and the 2016 U.S. Presidential elections, markets were seen for once playing according to script as the elimination of the midterms risks brought about newfound confidence in the equity space," she added.

**ENERGY:** Benchmark U.S. crude oil gained 1 cent to \$61.68 in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It fell 54 cents to \$61.67 a barrel in New York. Brent crude fell 10 cents to \$71.97. The contract dropped 6 cents to \$72.07 in the previous session.

**CURRENCIES:** The dollar rose to 113.66 yen from 113.57 yen late Wednesday. The euro strengthened to \$1.1430 from \$1.1426.

AP Markets Writer Marley Jay contributed to this report.

## Today in History By The Associated Press

### Today in History

Today is Thursday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2018. There are 53 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 2016, Republican Donald Trump was elected America's 45th president, defeating Democrat Hillary Clinton in an astonishing victory for a celebrity businessman and political novice. Republicans kept their majorities in the Senate and House.

### On this date:

In 1892, former President Grover Cleveland defeated incumbent Benjamin Harrison, becoming the first (and, to date, only) chief executive to win non-consecutive terms to the White House.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power in Germany with a failed coup in Munich that came to be known as the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Democratic Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Republican Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1950, during the Korean War, the first jet-plane battle took place as U.S. Air Force Lt. Russell J. Brown shot down a North Korean MiG-15.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.) became the first black candidate to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

In 1972, the premium cable TV network HBO (Home Box Office) made its debut with a showing of the movie "Sometimes a Great Notion."

In 1974, a federal judge in Cleveland dismissed charges against eight Ohio National Guardsmen accused of violating the civil rights of students who were killed or wounded in the 1970 Kent State shootings.

In 1987, 11 people were killed when an Irish Republican Army bomb exploded as crowds gathered in

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, Nov. 08, 2018 ~ Vol. 26 - No. 122 ~ 42 of 42

Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, for a ceremony honoring Britain's war dead.

In 1994, midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years.

In 2000, a statewide recount began in Florida, which emerged as critical in deciding the winner of the 2000 presidential election. Earlier that day, Vice President Al Gore had telephoned Texas Gov. George W. Bush to concede, but called back about an hour later to retract his concession. Waco special counsel John C. Danforth released his final report absolving the government of wrongdoing in the 1993 siege at the Branch Davidian compound in Texas.

In 2002, the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved Resolution 1441, aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences." President George W. Bush said the new resolution presented the Iraqi regime "with a final test."

Ten years ago: Indonesia executed three Islamic militants for helping to plan and carry out the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people, many of them foreign tourists. An accident on a Russian nuclear submarine undergoing a test in the Sea of Japan asphyxiated 20 people on board. Florence Wald, a former Yale nursing dean whose interest in compassionate care led her to launch the first U.S. hospice program, died in Branford, Conn. at age 91.

Five years ago: Typhoon Haiyan (HY'-ahn), one of the strongest storms on record, slammed into the central Philippines, it left more than 7,300 people dead or missing, flattened villages and displaced more than 5 million.

One year ago: In a speech to South Korean lawmakers in Seoul, President Donald Trump warned North Korea, "Do not underestimate us." Director Ridley Scott decided to cut Kevin Spacey out of the already-completed movie "All the Money in the World" because of the sexual misconduct allegations against Spacey and reshoot his many scenes using Christopher Plummer, just six weeks ahead of the film's release date. Garth Brooks continued his winning streak as entertainer of the year at the Country Music Association Awards; Carrie Underwood broke down while singing during the "in Memoriam" section after photos of the 58 people who died in a shooting at a country music festival in Las Vegas were shown.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Norman Lloyd is 104. Actor Alain Delon is 83. Singer-actress Bonnie Bramlett is 74. Singer Bonnie Raitt is 69. TV personality Mary Hart is 68. Former Playboy Enterprises chairman and chief executive Christie Hefner is 66. Actress Alfre Woodard is 66. Singer-songwriter Rickie Lee Jones is 64. Nobel Prize-winning author Kazuo Ishiguro is 64. Rock musician Pearl Thompson (The Cure) is 61. Singer-actor Leif Garrett is 57. Chef and TV personality Gordon Ramsay is 52. Actress Courtney Thorne-Smith is 51. Actress Parker Posey is 50. Rock musician Jimmy Chaney is 49. Actress Roxana Zal is 49. Singer Diana King is 48. Actor Gonzalo Menendez is 47. Rock musician Scott Devendorf (The National) is 46. Actress Gretchen Mol is 45. ABC News anchor David Muir is 45. Actor Matthew Rhys is 44. Actress Tara Reid is 43. Country singer Bucky Covington is 41. Actress Dania Ramirez is 39. Actress Azura Skye is 37. Actor Chris Rankin is 35. TV personality Jack Osbourne is 33. Actress Jessica Lowndes is 30. R&B singer SZA is 29. Singer-actor Riker Lynch is 27. Country singer Lauren Alaina is 24. Actor Van Crosby (TV: "Splitting Up Together") is 16.

Thought for Today: "Man is born to live, not to prepare for life." — Boris Pasternak, Russian author (1890-1960).