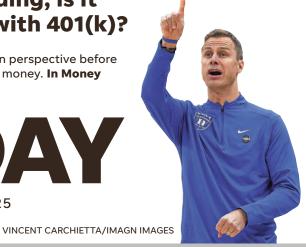
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### Who's on the ballot and what's at stake?

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Big votes this week in Wisconsin, Florida

Savannah Kuchar
USA TODAY

More than 150 million Americans cast a ballot in last year's marquee election that put President Donald Trump back in the White House and saw Democrats in Congress suffer serious setbacks.

While 2025 may be more subdued in comparison, the year is not lacking for key races with national significance.

A series of special elections in a handful of states has seen down-on-their-luck Democrats faring well, including flipping state Senate seats in Iowa and Pennsylvania.

"That ought to energize Democrats that there's still some life left in the party, despite them being kind of at sea in Washington," said Barry Burden, a political science professor and director of the Elections Research Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The outcome has Democrats feeling good, but experts say the real tests are yet to come, starting with a heated Wisconsin state Supreme Court race Tuesday and a pair of special elections for U.S. House seats in northern Florida to fill vacancies created during the Trump transition.

In November, voters in Virginia and New Jersey will also be tasked with picking new governors, as the

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#### WOMEN OF THE YEAR



Scout Bassett advocates for para athletes to have the right gear and enough funds. EMMANUEL ACUA FOR USA TODAY

# Paralympian paves path as a role model

Track star Scout Bassett tackles disparities, works to change perceptions of athletes with disabilities

KiMi Robinson USA TODAY

or Paralympian Scout Bassett, it's not the roaring crowds or what place she finished that remains a lasting memory from the 2016 Rio Games. Rather, it's the moments before the 100-meter race in a Brazilian stadium as she approached the starting line. • Feeling overwhelmed by how far she'd come from maneuvering around a Chinese orphanage as a little girl with a makeshift leg, tears streamed down Bassett's face.

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"If I had seen
(someone like me)
as a young girl going
through what I went
through, I would've
felt far less alone in
my journey."

**Scout Bassett**Paralympian and advocate

## Travelers fear scrutiny at border rising as US citizens are getting pulled aside

Kathleen Wong

USA TODAY

When returning to the United States from her spring break trip to Curaçao, Keylin Rivera's worst-case scenario came true.

Rivera, a U.S. and Colombian dual citizen, had flown into Charlotte, North Carolina, for a layover before heading back to Boston. She was passing through the border control Global Entry line at the Charlotte airport. But when she put her passport in the kiosk, it flagged her to see an officer. This has happened before, but officers usually just glance at her document and let her through, so she didn't think much of it.

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Passengers at Newark Airport walk toward Customs and Border Protection. Some U.S. citizens have reported scrutiny they are unaccustomed to while entering the United States. NICOLAS ECONOMOU/NURPHOTO VIA GETTY IMAGES

