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Bus Driver Needed

The Groton Area School District has an opening for a morning bus route driver for the 2016-17 school year. Interested persons should contact Superintendent Joe Schwan at 397-2351.

Manager Wanted

Part Time Apartment Manager wanted. Responsible for showing apartments, handing out applications, overseeing maintenance and other duties as needed. Up to \$25 per hour. Previous sale experience a plus. Send email of interest to Grotnmnger@gmail.com

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recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Senior Menu: Baked chicken, rice pilaf, cauliflower/pea salad, pudding, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Joel Guthmiller

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

6:00pm: Olive Grove Men's League

8:00pm: Amateurs host Miller in 1 9-inning game

Thursday, July 21

Senior Menu: Ham loaf, sweet potatoes, peas, Acini DePepi fruit salad, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: Carson Bunn

8:00am: Pro Am at Olive Grove

1:00pm: Pro Am at Olive Grove

6:00pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue vs. Groton Red in Groton

6:00pm: NESD U12 Groton Red hosts Aberdeen

6:00pm: T-Ball Scrimmage in Groton

6:30pm: U12 Softball at Clark (DH)

7:15pm: NESD U10 Groton Blue vs. Groton Red in Groton

7:30pm: NESD U12 Groton Red hosts Aberdeen

Friday, July 22

Ferney Open at Olive Grove

Senior Menu: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, banana cake with icing, whole wheat bread.

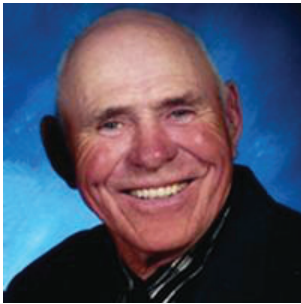
Birthday: Bill Podoll • Jean Lowary • Allison Weber • Charles Knudsen • Sara Menzia

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The Life of Kenneth Lee Seurer



Kenneth Lee Seurer, Sisseton, SD, died on Friday, July 15, 2016 at the age of 76. Services will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. Celebrant will be Fr. Jerry Renek, Organist will be Colette Hall, Song leader will be Cindy Marohl and Soloist Pat Schubert. Pallbearers will be Jesse Holman, Kole Holman, Brooke Yochim, Sean Meyers, Kelcie Thoennes and Ashley Yochim. Honorary Pallbearers will be Cody Meyers, Alec Meyers, Kenny's great grandchildren and his golf course family in South Dakota and Texas. Burial will be held at a later date at Bethel One Road Cemetery, Sisseton, SD.

Kenny was born on September 2, 1939 in Sisseton SD to Philip and LaVera (Arbach) Seurer. They lived on a farm outside Sisseton, SD. He attended country school, Catholic school, and Sisseton High School. He spent the majority of his early adult life in the Sisseton area where he met the love of his life, Carol Huff. They were married in Groton, SD on September 13, 1958.

Kenny farmed with his father, Phil and also drove truck for a number of years. The companies he worked for during this time included: Sunshine Dairy as a milkman, Donnie Brewster Trucking and a number of livestock trucking companies. He made numerous trips to many states in the United States, as well as Canada and would bring the kids souvenirs (Canadian bacon). He retired from farming in the late 80's and worked for a number of local businesses until he started at Valley View Country Club as a bar manager, groundskeeper and for the last 15 year as the grounds superintendent.

Kenny was a life-long member of St. Peter's Catholic Church. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Peter's. He was an early member of the Knights of Columbus. Kenny's hobbies included hunting, fishing, bowling and golfing. He liked sharing his catch with his family, friends and the parish priests, who he was able to take fishing on occasion. He loved giving the new golfers tips to better their game.

The most important hobby came later when the grandchildren and great-grandchildren came along. Kenny loved to attend as many of their activities as he was able. From football to dance he enjoyed them all. He wanted to know how they were and what they were up to. Family reunions would find him sitting off to the side with a satisfied smile on his face remarking, "Look what your mom and I created".

Survivors include his wife, Carol Seurer of Sisseton, SD and three daughters and a son. Deb (Scott) Yochim of West Fargo, ND; Teresa (Chris) Meyers of Marshfield, MN; Kathy (Jim) Holman of Sisseton, SD; and David Seurer of Sioux Falls, SD. Grandchildren include: Kelcie (Tim) Thoennes, Moorhead, MN; Ashley Yochim (Riley Nelson), West Fargo, ND; Brooke Yochim West Fargo, ND; Jesse (Kari) Holman, Webster, SD; Kole (Kayla) Holman, Sisseton SD; Cody Meyers, Holmen, WI; Sean (Sandra) Meyers, Madison, WI; Alec Meyers, Fort Sill, OK. Great-grandchildren include: Maya and McKenna Thoennes; Gabriella and Harper Nelson; Kolby and Kalli Holman; and Payton and Hunter Holman. Kenny is also survived by his brother, Dick (Wava) Seurer of Groton, SD and his sister, Mary Fliehs also of Groton, SD along with nieces and nephews: Michael Seurer, Marti Seurer, Rich Fliehs and Becky Larson. He is also survived by Fran Quinn, an adopted daughter.

Kenny was preceded in death by his father & stepmother Phil & Fern Seurer; mother & stepfather, LaVera & Orley Skogen; father and mother-in-law David (Duffy) & Clara Huff; and brother-in-law, Darrel Fliehs. Memorials can be designated to Sisseton Library and One Road Bethel Cemetery.

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Part of Sixth Street on each side of Fifth Avenue are being redone this year. The concrete road has been breaking up in this area. Kampa Construction of Groton has been doing the work. (Photos by Paul Kosel)



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During the heat of August, walleye head for deeper water and cooler temperatures. Walleye like underwater structures, which also help lower the water temperature and are a great place for them to find bait fish.

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By Larry Whiteley, Host of the award-winning Outdoor World Radio

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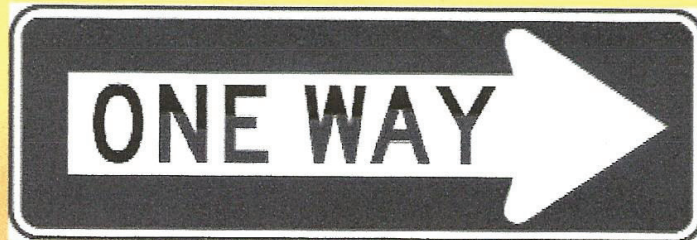
Governor Dennis Daugaard is scheduled to attend the ribbon cutting!
Tours and lunch will begin at Noon.



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Today in Weather History

July 20, 1951: From the southeast residential section of Watertown, an estimated F2 tornado moved east, passing near Kranzburg and Goodwin. One small home and several barns were destroyed. Damage was estimated at \$30,000.

July 20, 2002: An extremely strong severe thunderstorm moved over Rapid City and across the adjacent plains east of town. Downburst winds and the associated gust front caused damage along a nearly 30-mile long path. Extensive tree damage occurred throughout the eastern half of the city with countless trees and branches more than 24-inch diameter fell. Two roofs were torn off by the winds. Flying debris damaged numerous cars and buildings. The NWS office in downtown Rapid City measured an 80 mph wind gust, with meteorologists noting winds were sustained at 60 to 70 mph for 5 minutes. Ellsworth AFB wind equipment measured a 106 mph wind gust from the thunderstorm as it passed. Costs associated only with tree damage and cleaning up debris were conservatively estimated at \$500,000.

1915: A record high temperature of 115 degrees was set in Yosemite Valley at the National Park Headquarters, California (around 4,000 feet elevation). This reading was the warmest day in a streak of 7 consecutive days of 110 degrees or higher at Yosemite Valley from the 19th through the 25th.

1930 - The temperature at Washington D.C. soared to an all-time record of 106 degrees. The next day Millsboro reached 110 degrees to set a record for the state of Delaware. July 1930 was one of the hottest and driest summers in the U.S., particularly in the Missouri Valley where severe drought conditions developed. Toward the end of the month state records were set for Kentucky with 114 degrees, and Mississippi with 115 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1934 - The temperature at Keokuk, IA, soared to 118 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1953 - Twenty-two inches of hail reportedly fell northeast of Dickinson, ND. (The Weather Channel)

1977: A flash flood hits Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on this day in 1977, killing 84 people and causing millions of dollars in damages. This flood came 88 years after the infamous Great Flood of 1889 that killed more than 2,000 people in Johnstown.

1986 - The temperature at Charleston, SC, hit 104 degrees for the second day in a row to tie their all-time record high. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather across Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 87 mph at Mosinee, WI, and strong thunderstorm winds capsized twenty-six boats on Grand Traverse Bay drowning two women. Thunderstorms produced nine inches of rain at Shakopee, MN, with 7.83 inches reported in six hours at Chaska, MN. Thunderstorms in north central Nebraska produced hail as large as golf balls in southwestern Cherry County, which accumulated to a depth of 12 inches. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

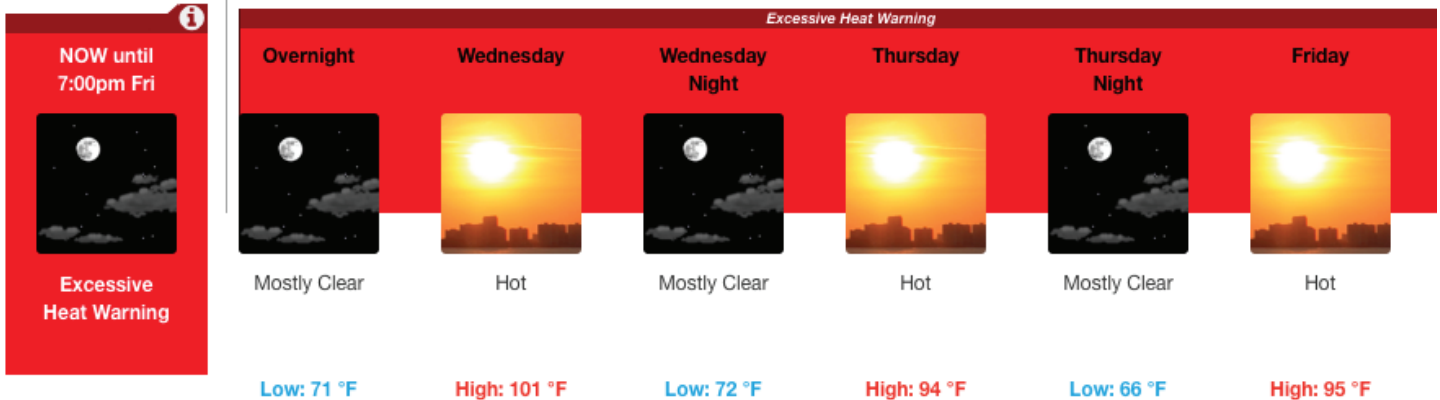
1988 - The temperature at Redding, CA, soared to an all-time record high of 118 degrees. Showers and thunderstorms produced much needed rains from New England to southern Texas. Salem, IN, was deluged with 7.2 inches of rain resulting in flash flooding. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Showers and thunderstorms in the Middle Atlantic Coast Region soaked Wilmington, DE, with 2.28 inches of rain, pushing their total for the period May through July past the previous record of 22.43 inches. Heavy rain over that three month period virtually wiped out a 16.82 inch deficit which had been building since drought conditions began in 1985. Thunderstorms in central Indiana deluged Lebanon with 6.50 inches of rain in twelve hours, and thunderstorms over Florida produced wind gusts to 84 mph at Flagler Beach. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)



2005: Hurricane Emily made landfall in northern Mexico. When the central pressure fell to 29.43 inches of mercury, and its sustained winds reached 160 mph on the 16th, Emily became the strongest hurricane ever to form before August, breaking a record set by Hurricane Dennis just six days before. It was also the earliest Category 5 hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin (beating Hurricane Allen's old record by nearly three weeks) and the only Category 5 hurricane ever recorded in August.

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Hot and Humid This Week

- **Wednesday:**
97 to 106
- **Thursday:**
95 to 104
- **Friday:**
90 to 102 – hottest near Pierre

HEAT EXHAUSTION	OR	HEAT STROKE
Faint or dizzy		Throbbing headache
Excessive sweating		No sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin		Body temperature above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting		Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse		Rapid, strong pulse
Muscle cramps		May lose consciousness
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get to a cooler, air conditioned place • Drink water if fully conscious • Take a cool shower or use cold compresses 	CALL 9-1-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives

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Temperatures will feel like they are in the 100s this week! Be attentive to the warning signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 91.4

Heat Index: 102

Low Outside Temp: 69.5

High Gust: 22

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1934

Record Low: 43 in 1970

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 2.06

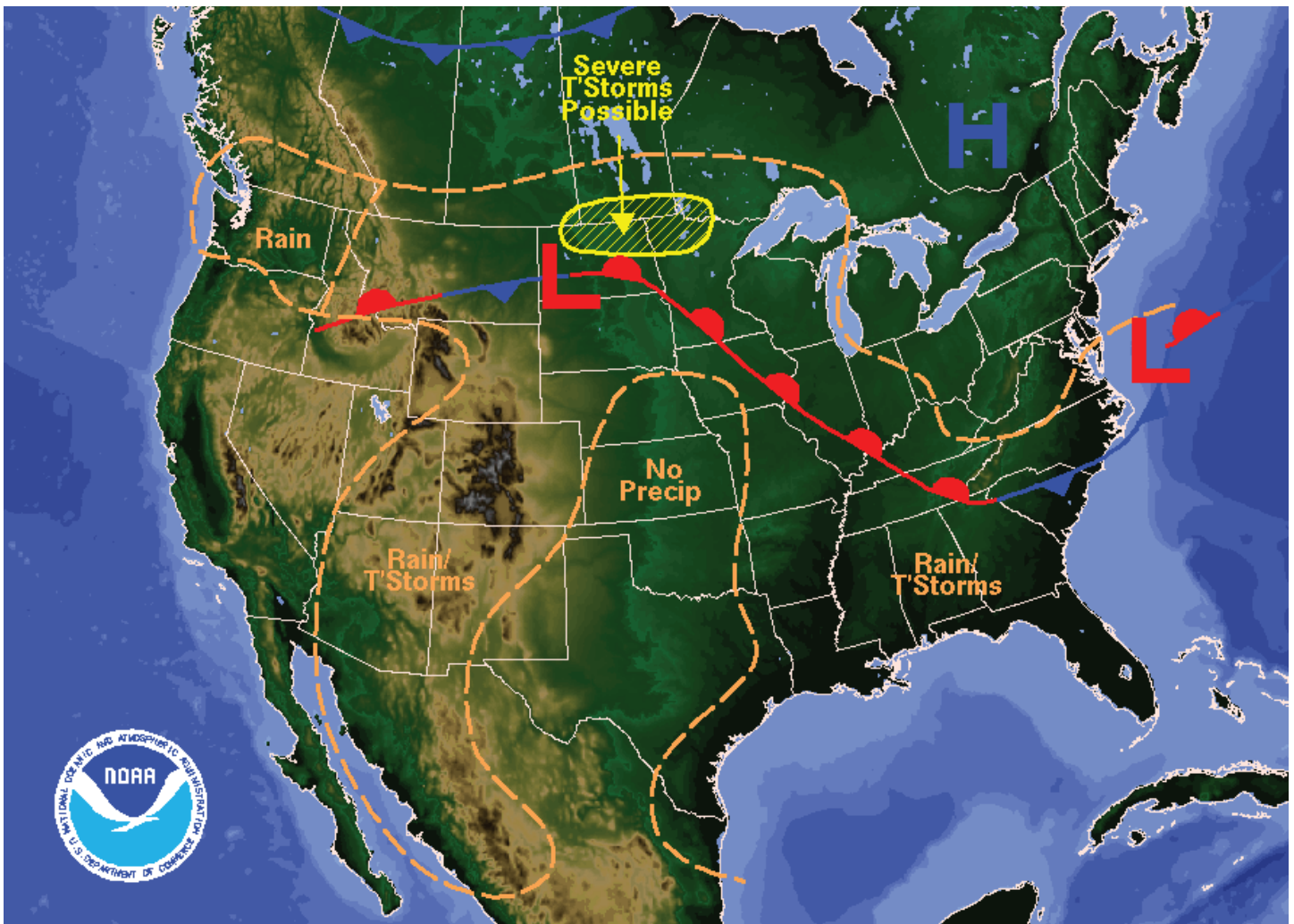
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 12.90

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:14 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:06 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Jul 20, 2016, issued 4:33 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SAFE ON YOUR KNEES

George's lifelong dream was to climb the Alps. It took him years to realize his goal but he was finally making his first climb. As he made his way to the top, he was accompanied by two strong guides - one in front of him and one behind him.

As they reached the top, the guide in front of him stepped aside so he would be the first one to see the majestic view. Just as the young climber stood up a strong gale threatened to dash him to destruction. The guide on his left pulled him down and shouted, "On your knees, now, sir. You are not safe here unless you are on your knees."

Wherever we are and whatever we are doing we are never safe unless we are on our knees acknowledging our need for God's protection. Even when we think that we are about to see the beauty and wonders of God's handiwork in our lives, we can be overwhelmed with the storms of life. When such moments arise we must be quick to get "on our knees now!" God is the only one who can stop the winds of destruction and the forces of life that would sweep us away in a downward spiral. He can take every problem and turn it into a prize of His grace. He can take the worst tragedy that life has to offer us and turn it into the very best blessing we could ever imagine.

We must always remember that we are not safe anywhere unless we are on our knees, now and always.

Prayer: Father, we recognize that You are the Lord over all of life and we are only safe when we are on our knees trusting in You to sustain and save us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. Isaiah 43:2

Small plane makes emergency landing in South Dakota field

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A woman from Hawaii suffered a minor injury when the small plane she was in made an emergency landing in a field in eastern South Dakota.

Beadle County Sheriff Doug Solem tells The Daily Republic newspaper that the plane piloted by Bruce Mayes, also of Hawaii, was forced to land about 7 p.m. Tuesday after having engine problems shortly after takeoff from Huron.

Solem says Mayes was not hurt but his wife suffered a cut to the head. Authorities did not release her name.

The couple was flying from Hawaii to Wisconsin and had stopped in Huron to refuel.

The Daily News and KOKK radio report that the Federal Aviation Administration is investigating.

Jewel Cave hosting Junior Ranger Day focusing on bats

CUSTER, S.D. (AP) — Jewel Cave National Monument in western South Dakota is hosting a Junior Ranger Day this weekend as part of the National Park Service's centennial celebration.

Saturday's Junior Ranger Day will focus on nocturnal animals, including nine species of bats. Children will get to learn about the bats' echolocation, white nose syndrome and hibernation. Participants will be able to make crafts to take home with them.

The monument's Junior Ranger program is geared toward children ages 5 through 12. It is meant to help children understand the importance of protecting nocturnal species and all wildlife.

The monument is home to the third longest cave in the world. It is open daily during the summer season and has four different cave tour options.

Transportation Hall of Honor banquet tickets available

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Tickets to a banquet for South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor inductee Dean Hyde of Pierre are available for purchase.

The tickets have to be purchased by Thursday. The banquet will be held Monday in Pierre.

Hyde was involved in one way or another with the more than 1,000 bridges built on the state system during his 40-year transportation career, which he culminated as chief planning engineer.

The South Dakota Transportation Hall of Honor dates back to 1972. Its goal is to recognize people who made a lasting impact to South Dakota's air, highway or rail system.

Officials approve egg farm that will use cage-free barns

PARKER, S.D. (AP) — Officials in Turner County have approved an egg farm that will house up to 2.5 million chickens in cage-free barns.

The county's Board of Adjustment on Tuesday unanimously approved the project that will be located near Parker.

The approval for the project proposed by Sioux Falls-based Sonstegard Foods comes with several requirements, including a disposal plan for potential bird-flu losses without composting carcasses and a promise to maintain odor and fly control measures.

The company had initially proposed a 6 million-bird operation. It sparked controversy and a lawsuit against the county and the company.

Some area residents still oppose the pared-down chicken farm, fearing harm to human health, the environment and property values.

The company still has to secure a permit from the state Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Pedestrian hit by 2 vans, killed in northeast Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A pedestrian has died after being struck by two vehicles in northeastern Sioux Falls.

The Highway Patrol says the incident happened about 4:45 a.m. Tuesday at an Interstate 229 exit. Authorities say the 24-year-old man was walking in the traffic lane on the off-ramp when he was struck by two vans. He died at the scene.

The victim's name was not immediately released.

No charges are pending against either driver. Neither was hurt.

Indian Canyon Fire spares Edgemont but harms ranchers

EDGEMONT, S.D. (AP) — Firefighters managed to save the Black Hills community of Edgemont from a wildfire, but some area ranchers who lost hay and pasture now have to figure out how to feed their cattle through the rest of summer and the coming winter.

The Indian Canyon Fire that was sparked by lightning over the weekend scorched 13,500 acres, or about 21 square miles, according to the Great Plains Fire Information service.

About 20 homes on the outskirts of Edgemont were evacuated for a time on Sunday, and the 750 residents of the community were put on notice that they might also have to leave. That didn't materialize, and no injuries were reported or structures lost.

However, some ranches lost large swaths of pasture forage, hay bales and fence poles, and some are looking for missing livestock.

Ken Cassens estimated that about half of his grazing land was burned. He plans to sell some cattle and buy feed for his remaining animals to subsist on until next spring.

It could have been worse — at one point during the height of the fire, Cassens' home and buildings were nearly surrounded by flames.

"When the fire's all the way around three sides, why, yeah, you get a little worried," he told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/2ad6bz0>).

Car-pickup head-on crash in Campbell County kills woman

MOUND CITY, S.D. (AP) — A two-vehicle crash in Campbell County killed a 25-year-old woman.

The Highway Patrol did not immediately identify the victim of the Monday morning crash south of Mound City.

The woman was in a car that collided head-on with a pickup truck on U.S. Highway 83 about 8:15 a.m. The patrol says the woman was traveling north, and the crash happened in the northbound lane.

The woman was pronounced dead at the scene. The 34-year-old man driving the pickup suffered injuries described as serious but not life-threatening.

Authorities ID Ethan woman killed in Davison County rollover

ETHAN, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified an Ethan woman who died after losing control of her vehicle on a Davison County road.

The Highway Patrol says the car driven by 25-year-old Cassandra Wherley rolled in the ditch Sunday evening. She was thrown from the vehicle and died at the scene about 2 miles east of Ethan. She was alone in the car.

South Dakota oat, winter wheat harvests ahead of average

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The oat and winter wheat harvests are ahead of the average pace in South Dakota, where dry conditions are becoming a concern for pastures and soil moisture.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that more than one-third of the oats and more than half of the winter wheat is in the bin.

About two-thirds of both crops are rated in good-to-excellent condition, but dry conditions are a concern for ranchers.

Pasture and range conditions statewide are rated 47 percent good to excellent. Stock water supplies are 74 percent adequate to surplus. Both percentages have declined in recent weeks.

Soil moisture also is being affected. Topsoil moisture statewide is rated 43 percent short or very short, and 42 percent of subsoil moisture is in those two categories.

Defense, foreign ministers to plan next steps against IS

LOLITA C. BALDOR, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense and foreign ministers from more than 30 nations are gathering in Washington to plan the next steps in the fight against the Islamic State and to determine what more they can do as the fights for key cities in Iraq and Syria move forward.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter will meet with his counterparts on Wednesday to discuss how they can accelerate the campaign and build on some of the momentum, particularly in Iraq. The meeting comes as Iraqi security forces, aided by the coalition, are preparing to encircle and eventually attempt to retake the key northern city of Mosul.

The meeting of defense ministers at Joint Base Andrews just outside Washington, D.C., will be the fourth time that Carter has convened an anti-Islamic State coalition meeting. Pentagon press secretary Peter Cook said Carter will talk about the military campaign, and how it can be accelerated.

On Thursday, for the first time, Secretary of State John Kerry will host a joint meeting of defense and foreign ministers in the counter-IS coalition. They are expected to talk about the coordination of political and military efforts, including counter-terrorist financing, combating the flow of foreign fighters, and the stabilization of cities and towns that have been freed from Islamic State control.

"We are succeeding on the ground in Iraq and Syria but we have a lot of work to do," said Brett McGurk, the president's special representative to the counter-ISIL coalition. "This is an enormous challenge that will be with us for years to come."

He told reporters that the situation in Libya and a rise in the number of foreign fighters there will be one major focus of the meeting on Thursday.

"Libya is incredibly complicated to say the least," he said, noting that until six months ago the country was without a functioning central government. "We have some momentum, the discussion will be how to build on this momentum."

The gathering comes on the heels of the NATO summit in Warsaw earlier this month, when allies agreed to boost support for the anti-Islamic State mission. NATO agreed to start a training and capacity-building mission for Iraqi armed forces in Iraq, and the allies agreed in principle that alliance

surveillance aircraft would be able to provide direct support to the U.S.-led coalition fighting IS in Syria and Iraq.

The alliance will also begin flights by AWACS surveillance planes this fall and will set up an intelligence center in Tunisia, a major recruiting ground for IS.

The U.S. has announced that it will send 560 additional troops to Iraq, to transform a newly retaken air base into a staging hub for the long-awaited battle to recapture Mosul from Islamic State militants. The new American forces should arrive in the coming days and weeks.

Most of the engineers, logistics personnel, security and communications forces will concentrate on building up the Qayara air base, about 40 kilometers south of Mosul.

The extremist group captured Mosul in the summer of 2014. It is the second largest city in Iraq, and has been used as the group's main headquarters since.

The coalition is also looking to reinforce the fight in Syria, where U.S.-backed forces are in a tough fight for the town of Manbij.

Manbij lies on a key supply line from Turkey to the Islamic State's de facto capital of Raqqa. Ousting the militants from Raqqa is a key goal for the coalition.

In bumpy coronation, Trump takes the crown

KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press

CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — The art of the coronation has taken something of a beating at the Republican National Convention. Nevertheless, Donald Trump now has the crown — and a final chance to summon unity from the party's restive ranks in the ritual's closing days.

The roll call of the states Tuesday night delivered Trump the nomination, which he welcomed from afar in a videotaped message saying "This is a movement, but we have to go all the way." House Speaker Paul Ryan announced that Trump had amassed 1,725 delegates, more than triple the number of his nearest competitor, the fruits of a political phenomenon without parallel in modern times.

Day 3 of the convention will bring two conservative stalwarts to the stage: Trump's running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a favorite of evangelicals; and the nominee's most tenacious challenger in the primaries, Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the man Trump used to call "Lyn' Ted."

Pence is heartily on board the Trump bandwagon; Cruz isn't yet, nor are many of his supporters in Cleveland. The senator's scheduled prime-time address will be keenly watched as a barometer of the party's fighting spirit as the GOP turns to the fall campaign against Democrat Hillary Clinton, who accepts her nomination next week.

Trump, the in-your-face outsider, won at the cost of alienating many traditional Republicans both on the right and in the center, and the divide has spilled over into the convention, though without overwhelming it. The roll call unfolded largely according to plan after a day dominated by unwelcome attention over passages from an eight-year-old Michelle Obama speech that made their way into Melania Trump's address to the convention, almost word for word, the night before.

This, after unwelcome attention over a loud if short-lived protest on opening day over convention rules aimed at tamping down any remaining threat to Trump's triumph.

Tuesday night, speaker after speaker stepped forward to denounce Clinton, none to greater effect with the crowd than New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie.

The governor, a dropout in the GOP presidential race who ended up on the short list for Trump's running mate, energized the hall as he ticked through numerous accusations of wrongdoing against Clinton and implored delegates to shout "guilty." They not only did that, but interrupted him with shouts of

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“Lock her up.”

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told the crowd scandal follows Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton “like flies.”

Two of Trump’s children testified to his character. “For my father, impossible is just the starting point,” said Donald Trump Jr., eldest of the nominee’s five children. Tiffany Trump, 22, said her dad is a “natural-born encourager” and she recalled the notes he wrote on her report cards.

Questions about plagiarism surfaced for a second day in a row, this time in the eldest son’s speech. But F.H. Buckley, the writer behind the original work in question this time — an article in The American Conservative — said he was a principal speechwriter for the younger Trump and said the campaign did nothing wrong.

On the convention floor, Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina was feeling the fighting spirit, telling reporters, “It’s all starting to gel.” Not so for Colorado delegate Kendal Unruh, a leader of the outmaneuvered anti-Trump contingent, who said it’s time to “cancel the convention, stop the sham,” and who warned Trump might run into a “show of displeasure” in his acceptance speech ending the convention Thursday night. Colorado cast most of its votes for Cruz.

Cruz was not expected to offer a full-throated endorsement in his speech, nor to rock the boat too much, given that his remarks were being vetted by Trump’s people. In this at times undisciplined enterprise, though, who knew?

The convention offers Trump one of his best chances to convince voters he’s better suited for the presidency than Clinton. But the rocky start raised questions about his oversight of his campaign, which gives voters a window into how a candidate might handle the pressures of the presidency.

The plagiarism accusations centered on Monday night’s well-received speech by Trump’s wife, Melania. Two passages were nearly identical to a 2008 Democratic convention address by Mrs. Obama.

Trump’s campaign chief, Paul Manafort, managed only to keep the controversy alive by insisting there was no evidence of plagiarism, an untenable assertion given the similarities. In contrast, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus said he “probably” would have fired his own speechwriters under similar circumstances.

Donald Trump Jr. told reporters he was proud of Mrs. Trump’s speech but people in the campaign “should have cleaned it up better.”

As large and challenging as political conventions are, they pale in comparison with the scope of a president’s responsibilities, and sloppiness in Cleveland could hint at what a Trump presidency could look like.

Whether that matters to voters, though, is another question. The billionaire has survived, even prospered through, a series of contentious episodes that might have consumed a conventional politician — or a conventional convention.

10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

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

1. IN BUMPY CORONATION, TRUMP TAKES THE CROWN

The roll call of states delivers Donald Trump the Republican presidential nomination, which he welcomed by saying: “This is a movement, but we have to go all the way.”

2. HOW TOM VILSACK’S POLITICAL STOCK SOARED

The agriculture secretary’s journey has taken him from an orphanage to a Cabinet position — and now he’s being considered as running mate to Hillary Clinton.

3. TOP OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ISLAMIC STATE STRATEGY

Defense and foreign ministers from more than 30 nations are gathering in Washington to plan the next steps in the fight against the extremist group.

4. WHAT HAS MILITARY VETERANS CONCERNED

Service members fear the records of the gunmen in Dallas and Baton Rouge will feed the perception that combat veterans are volatile and violent.

5. NO EXIT: WHY IRAQ BOMBING BECAME INFERNO

Baghdad's worst suicide bombing early this month was made deadlier because the buildings had no fire exits or safety measures.

6. ARBORISTS CLONE SOME OF WORLD'S TALLEST, OLDEST TREES

Experts believe that sequoias have some of the heartiest genetics and that propagating them will help reverse climate change, at least in a small way.

7. WHO IS VULNERABLE IN CHICAGO SHOOTINGS

Statistics show more bullets this year have hit children, many of whom were doing normal kid things like playing with sparklers, drawing on the sidewalk or holding their mother's hand.

8. EMPTY-NESTERS MISSING CHANCE TO SAVE

Parents whose children have moved out should have more money to invest — but many are missing the opportunity to start saving for retirement, a study finds.

9. GARRY MARSHALL DIES AT 81

The writer-director's deft touch with comedy and romance led to a string of TV hits that included "Happy Days" and "Laverne & Shirley" and the box-office successes "Pretty Woman" and "Runaway Bride."

10. MACY'S TESTS A.I. TO IMPROVE SERVICE

The mobile tool would let shoppers get answers customized to the store they're in — like where a particular brand is located or what's in stock.

Stocks in Europe up, Asia mixed as investors reassess growth

YOUKYUNG LEE, AP Business Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — European stock markets opened higher on Wednesday following Asian stock markets' mixed finish as investors reassessed the global economy following the International Monetary Bank's global growth cut. They were also awaiting corporate earnings reports and the European Central Bank's policy meeting later in the week.

KEEPING SCORE: Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.4 percent to 6,724.36 and France's CAC 40 gained 1.2 percent to 4,380.60. Germany's DAX advanced 1.2 percent to 10,100.43. Futures augured moderate gains on Wall Street. Dow futures added 0.4 percent and S&P futures also advanced 0.4 percent.

ASIA'S DAY: Asian stock markets finished mixed. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.3 percent to 16,681.89, while South Korea's Kospi dipped 0.1 percent to 2,015.46. But Hong Kong's Hang Seng index rose 1 percent to 21,882.48 and Australia's S&P/ASX 200 gained 0.7 percent to 5,488.70. Stocks in mainland China and Taiwan were lower, but indexes were higher in Indonesia and Singapore.

ANALYST'S TAKE: "Speculation on monetary easing has run out of steam and market focus is now turned to company earnings, which are the better proxy of the underlying economic performance," Margaret Yang, a markets strategist at CMC in Singapore, said in a daily commentary.

GLOBAL OUTLOOK: The IMF said Tuesday that Britain's decision to leave the European Union will reduce global economic growth this year and next. It lowered its estimate for worldwide growth to 3.1 percent this year, 0.1 percentage point lower than its previous forecast. The downward growth revision

added to a gloomy outlook amid questions about whether recent stock market rallies were sustainable. Major global stock market indexes have hit all-time highs since Britain's Brexit referendum.

OIL: Benchmark U.S. oil futures added 14 cents to \$45.59 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 49 cents to close at \$45.45 a barrel on Tuesday. Brent crude, the standard for oil sold internationally, gained 27 cents to \$46.93 a barrel in London.

CURRENCIES: The dollar strengthened to 106.47 yen from 106.26, while the euro fell to \$1.1009 from \$1.1017.

Indian lawmakers in uproar over attacks on lower castes

NIRMALA GEORGE, Associated Press

NEW DELHI (AP) — India's parliament was in uproar Wednesday after four men belonging to the low-caste Dalit community were beaten while trying to skin a dead cow in western India.

Lawmakers from the opposition parties shouted slogans while accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government of failing to protect the Dalits, who belong to the lowest rung of Hinduism's caste hierarchy.

Videos of the four being stripped and beaten with sticks by men claiming to be cow protectors in Gujarat state last week have gone viral and have sparked protests by Dalit groups across the state.

Hindus consider cows to be sacred and the slaughter of cows is banned in many parts of India. Slaughtering a cow carries a punishment of up to seven years in jail.

Attacks against Muslims and Dalits accused of eating or smuggling beef have risen since Modi's Hindu-nationalist party came to power two years ago.

Vigilante groups comprising mostly members of Hindu nationalist organizations have become active in small towns and cities across India over the past year. Last year, a Muslim man was lynched by a mob in northern Uttar Pradesh state over charges that his family had eaten beef for dinner.

Dalits usually carry out undesirable tasks such as skinning dead animals, and many work in tanneries and in the leather industry.

The four men who were attacked by vigilantes in Una town in Gujarat last week worked in a tannery. In the video, they were seen pleading that they were tannery workers who were only skinning the dead animal.

Gujarat's top elected official, Chief Minister Anandiben Patel, on Tuesday promised that her government would take strict action against those involved in the attack.

Eight men have been arrested, she said. Four police who failed to take action have been suspended for dereliction of duty, she said.

Several towns in Gujarat have been rocked by protests since last week's beating incident, and at least seven Dalit men have attempted suicide, lawmakers told Parliament on Wednesday.

"Dalits are being oppressed in Gujarat and we have to raise our voices to get the government to act," said Derek O'Brien, a lawmaker from West Bengal state. "This is an organized crime that is happening in Gujarat."

Top US admiral says China exchanges conditional on safety

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — The top U.S. admiral said Wednesday that friendly exchanges with China's navy are conditional on safe interactions at sea, an indication of Washington's concern over recent fractious encounters with Chinese forces in and over the disputed South China Sea.

On a visit to the northern Chinese port of Qingdao, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson

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said he backs more exchanges, but added: "In this area we must judge each other by our deeds and actions, not just by our words."

"I am supportive of a continued and deepening navy-to-navy relationship, but I will be continuously reassessing my support conditioned on continued safe and professional interactions at sea," Richardson said, according to a Navy news release.

Richardson is on what they Navy called a five-day visit to improve mutual understanding and encourage professional interaction between the two navies. In Qingdao, he visited the headquarters of China's North Sea Fleet and met with its commander, Vice Adm. Yuan Yubai.

Richardson "underscored the importance of lawful and safe operations in the South China Sea and elsewhere where professional navies operate," the Navy said.

He said the U.S. Navy will continue to conduct "routine and lawful operations" around the world, including in the South China Sea, in order to protect "the rights, freedoms and lawful uses of sea and airspace guaranteed to all. This will not change," Richardson said.

He was also scheduled to visit China's first aircraft carrier, the Liaoning, along with a submarine training base.

On Monday, he met in Beijing with his Chinese counterpart, Wu Shengli, who took a hard line on China's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea, where China has been building airstrips, harbors and military facilities on man-made islands created by piling sand on top of coral reefs.

The U.S. refuses to recognize the new features as possessing the legal status of islands and has emphasized the point by sending Navy ships to sail close to them on so-called freedom of navigation missions. That has incensed China, which has responded by dispatching its own vessels to threaten and harass the U.S. ships.

Chinese planes have also engaged recently in what the U.S. described as unsafe maneuvering close to American surveillance aircraft.

Despite suspicions on both sides, U.S.-China military-to-military exchanges have steadily gained pace in recent years. China's navy is currently taking part for the second time in the Rim of the Pacific, or RIMPAC, the world's largest naval drills hosted by the U.S. off Hawaii and including military forces from 26 nations.

U.S. law limits the scope of U.S. military drills with China to areas such as search and rescue and humanitarian and disaster relief.

It's unclear what specific issues Richardson has discussed, but Wu told him China had no intention of abandoning its plans to fully equip its newly created islands and would resolutely defend its interests and sovereignty claims in the region. China has firmly rejected last week's ruling by an international arbitration panel in The Hague that essentially voided China's South China Sea maritime claims.

Protesters raise Pakistani flags in Indian Kashmir

AIJAZ HUSSAIN, Associated Press

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Government forces in the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir on Wednesday removed dozens of black and Pakistani flags hoisted by residents observing a "black day" to protest the killing of a top rebel leader.

Indian forces feared fresh trouble after Pakistan called for observing a "black day" in the country to express solidarity with "Kashmiris who are facing atrocities at the hands of Indian forces."

Life remained paralyzed and streets deserted in Indian-controlled Kashmir as police and paramilitary soldiers in riot gear enforced a strict curfew for the 12th straight day Wednesday in the disputed region.

Pakistan says it provides political, moral and diplomatic support to Kashmiris and anti-India rebels who

demand Kashmir's independence from India or merger with Pakistan.

Responding to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's appeal, Pakistanis held rallies in various parts of the country, including its portion of Kashmir to condemn "human rights violation in India's part of Kashmir."

In a statement, Sharif said "Kashmir cannot be accepted as an internal matter of India" as the United Nations has already declared it a disputed area. Sharif said that India had promised to the world to arrange a plebiscite in Indian-controlled Kashmir, but such a commitment was yet to be honored.

The largest street protests in recent years erupted after Indian troops killed Burhan Wani, a popular 22-year-old rebel leader on July 8, leading to clashes that left 46 people, mostly teens and young men, and a policeman dead. Nearly 2,000 civilians and about 1,600 government troops have been injured.

Virtually no information was coming out from most parts of Indian-controlled Kashmir, especially the south where most of the killings occurred, as newspapers, cellular and internet services remained suspended. Landline phone access was limited, except in Kashmir's main city of Srinagar. The information void was fueling a cycle of rumors in the restive region.

Kashmir, a predominantly Muslim region, is divided between India and Pakistan, but both claim it in its entirety. Most people in Indian-held part resent the presence of hundreds of thousands of Indian troops.

Since 1989, more than 68,000 people have been killed in the uprising against Indian rule and the subsequent Indian military crackdown. India and Pakistan have fought two wars over control of Kashmir since British colonialists left the Indian subcontinent in 1947.

India's External Affairs Ministry responded to Pakistan's call for a "black day" in solidarity with Kashmiris by saying Islamabad should stop "interfering in India's internal affairs and destabilizing the situation."

Despite round-the-clock curfew and information blackout, the protests, marked by clashes between rock-throwing Kashmiris and troops firing live ammunition, pellet guns and tear gas, have persisted. With shops closed, people were struggling to cope with shortages of food, medicines and other necessities.

China criticizes street protests over arbitration ruling

BEIJING (AP) — In an apparent attempt to head off large-scale street demonstrations, Chinese state newspapers have criticized scattered protests against KFC restaurants and other U.S. targets sparked by an international tribunal's ruling that denied Beijing's claim to virtually the entire South China Sea.

The commentaries on Tuesday and Wednesday reflect the ruling Communist Party's strict demands for social order. Previous protest movements against longtime rival Japan and others have sometimes spun out of control, leading to violence against foreign businesses and attacks on their Chinese customers.

Meanwhile, in Taiwan — one of six sides with territorial claims in the South China Sea — eight legislators from the ruling and main opposition parties flew aboard an air force transport plane Wednesday to Taiping Island, Taiwan's sole holding in the disputed Spratly Island chain. A flotilla of five fishing boats festooned with Taiwanese flags also sailed to the island.

Taiwan has protested the arbitration panel's ruling last week that deemed Taiping isn't a true island capable of sustaining life, a move that would deny it a 200-nautical-mile (370-kilometer) exclusive economic zone and rights to the resources within.

In China, protesters have gathered in recent days outside KFC restaurants in several cities, unfurling banners and calling for a boycott of the U.S. chain. Reports on social media say customers have been accused of being unpatriotic and "losing face for their ancestors."

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Such actions interfered with legitimate business and humiliated customers, the official China Daily said Wednesday, echoing an editorial the previous day in the People's Daily, the Communist Party's flagship newspaper.

"Instead of being patriotic, it is their jingoism that does a disservice to the spirit of devotion to the nation," the China Daily said. "Those who organize such activities without going through the necessary procedures and unlawfully harass others in the name of patriotism should be held accountable according to the law."

China's authoritarian government generally forbids most forms of protest, but is also wary of being accused of stifling patriotism.

Along with the KFC protests, images have circulated online of young Chinese wearing scarves emblazoned with patriotic slogans smashing their iPhones in protest over the ruling. Such actions are generally ascribed to the internet-savvy "angry youth" born in the 1980s or after and raised on a steady diet of aggressive nationalism.

Yet, the KFC protests have also sparked a backlash online, with some KFC customers posting photos of themselves sitting in front of a bucket of chicken with axes or other weapons and signs reading "Patriotic hooligans, try harassing me and I'll take you out."

Spokeswomen from Apple and KFC could not immediately be reached for comment.

While the arbitration case was brought by the Philippines, China has accused the U.S. of encouraging its ally to challenge what it sees as China's ancient rights to control over the South China Sea, which holds rich fishing stocks and a potential wealth of natural resources. China says the constant presence of the U.S. Navy has raised tensions in the strategic waterway, through which about \$5 trillion in global trade passes each year.

China refused to participate in the arbitration and has refused to acknowledge the ruling. Since it was handed down, the government and state media have kept up a steady drumbeat of criticism of the Philippines, the U.S. and others and repeatedly attacked the integrity of the Hague-based tribunal.

The powerful military has said it won't be deterred from actions to assert China's sovereignty, including the development of man-made islands built atop reefs in the South China Sea, and says it will carry out stepped-up aerial patrols.

China says it wants direct talks with the Philippines over the dispute, but Manila says it won't agree as long as Beijing continues to disregard the arbitration tribunal's ruling.

Russian balloon more than halfway to circumnavigating globe

ROD McGUIRK, Associated Press

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — A 65-year-old Russian adventurer was battling sleep deprivation, freezing temperatures and ice in his oxygen mask but was ahead of schedule for his record attempt to fly solo in a balloon around the world nonstop, his son said on Wednesday.

Fedor Konyukhov has drifted more than halfway around the world since he lifted off from Northam in Western Australia state on July 12 in a carbon box 2 meters (6 feet 7 inches) high, 2 meters (6 feet 7 inches) long and 1.8 meters (5 feet 11 inches) wide suspended from a 56-meter (184-foot) -tall helium and hot-air balloon.

Oscar Konyukhov, who heads the support team based at Northam, said his father was on track to return to Earth somewhere in Australia on Sunday — 12 days after he started. The previous record of 13 days and eight hours was set by American adventurer Steve Fossett in 2002.

"Mentally, he's very strong," said Oscar, who usually communicates with his father by text message.

"It's a boost to morale to be more than half way and he's looking forward to seeing the Australian coast."

For all their meticulous planning ahead of the flight, mistakes have become apparent. The heating system is inadequate with temperatures in the gondola ranging from 5 degrees Celsius (41 Fahrenheit) during the day to below freezing at night.

Flying at altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 meters (20,000 and 30,000 feet), Fedor continually needs to use bottled oxygen. Because he only took two masks — one with a short hose for use inside the gondola and the other with a long hose for use outside — Fedor regularly needs to clear the mask of ice and condensation.

"We should've given him at least two or three sets so if one is full of ice, then throw it away and get a brand new one," the son said. "It's a minor thing, but it's also a big thing because there's nothing small in this project."

Fedor aimed to get four hours sleep a day in naps of 30 or 40 minutes between hours of checking and maintaining equipment and instruments.

His direction and altitude were constantly monitored by his ground crew, who look for signs that he might have overslept and are ready to make contact by satellite phone or radio.

"Sometimes when we see that he's descending and we don't know why, we call him and ask: What's going on?" Oscar said.

Oscar estimated the 1.6-metric ton (1.8-ton) balloon had flown 20,000 kilometers (12,500 miles) at speeds up to 250 kilometers (155 miles) per hour by Wednesday and had 13,000 kilometers (8,000 miles) to go.

The balloon was expected to reach South Africa on Thursday before the final leg east across the Indian Ocean.

The pilot would attempt to navigate around a low pressure system over the Indian Ocean, which made the duration of the crossing difficult to predict, Oscar said.

"The last leg across the Indian Ocean will be very difficult," Oscar said, because of the weather system and challenges in steering a balloon at the mercy of winds toward Australia.

'Pretty Woman' filmmaker Garry Marshall dies at age 81

LYNN ELBER, AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Garry Marshall knew how to tug at moviegoers' heartstrings, whether with unlikely love in "Pretty Woman" or sentimental loss in "Beaches."

But it was goofy, crowd-pleasing comedy that endeared the writer and director to generations of TV viewers in hit sitcoms including "Happy Days," "Laverne & Shirley" and "Mork & Mindy." Marshall, who died Tuesday at 81, said in a 1980s interview that humor was his necessary path in life.

"In the neighborhood where we grew up in, the Bronx, you only had a few choices. You were either an athlete or a gangster, or you were funny," the New York native said.

Marshall also had a memorable on-screen presence, using his hometown accent and gruff delivery in colorful supporting roles that included a practical-minded casino boss untouched by Albert Brooks' disastrous luck in "Lost in America" and a crass network executive in "Soapdish."

He died at a hospital in Burbank, California, of complications from pneumonia following a stroke, his publicist Michelle Bega said in a statement. An outpouring of respect and affection quickly followed.

"A great, great guy and the best casino boss in the history of film," actor-filmmaker Brooks posted on Twitter.

Richard Gere, who starred opposite Julia Roberts in "Pretty Woman," said in a statement that "every-

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one loved Garry. He was a mentor and a cheerleader and one of the funniest men who ever lived. He had a heart of the purest gold and a soul full of mischief. He was Garry."

Henry Winkler, who starred as Fonzie on "Happy Days," saluted Marshall in a tweet as "larger than life, funnier than most, wise and the definition of friend."

He rejected retirement, serving as a consultant on CBS' 2015 reboot of "The Odd Couple," starring Matthew Perry and Thomas Lennon, and appearing in an episode this year as Oscar's father, Walter. Among his final credits was "Mother's Day," a film released last April starring Jennifer Aniston, Kate Hudson and Roberts.

Marshall, the brother of actress-director Penny Marshall, earned a degree in journalism from Northwestern University and worked at the New York Daily News. But he found he was better at writing punchlines.

He began his entertainment career in the 1960s selling jokes to comedians, then moved to writing sketches for "The Tonight Show" with Jack Paar in New York. He caught the eye of comic Joey Bishop, who brought him to Los Angeles to write for "The Joey Bishop Show."

Sitcoms quickly proved to be Marshall's forte. He and then-writing partner Jerry Belson turned out scripts for the most popular comedies of the '60s, including "The Lucy Show," "The Danny Thomas Show" and "The Dick Van Dyke Show."

Marshall and Belson detoured into screenwriting in 1967 with "How Sweet It Is," starring Debbie Reynolds, and followed it up with "The Grasshopper" (1970) with Jacqueline Bisset. But the two men kept their hand in TV.

In 1970, they turned Neil Simon's Broadway hit, "The Odd Couple," into a sitcom starring Jack Klugman and Tony Randall and produced by Marshall. It ran for five seasons and proved the beginning of a TV sitcom empire that lives on in unending 21st-century reruns.

In January 1979, Marshall had three of the top five comedies on the air with "Happy Days," which ran from 1974-84; "Laverne & Shirley" (1976-83), which starred Penny Marshall and Cindy Williams, and "Mork & Mindy" (1978-82) with newcomer Robin Williams.

"The New Odd Couple," a reboot with African-American actors Ron Glass and Demond Wilson in the lead roles, aired from 1982-83 but was less successful.

Marshall defended his body of TV work, which won more viewers than honors, in his 1995 autobiography, "Wake Me When It's Funny," written with his daughter, Lori Marshall.

"Critics have knocked me for targeting society's lowest common denominator," he wrote. "I believe that television was, and still is, the only medium that can truly reach society's lowest common denominator and entertain those people who maybe can't afford a movie or a play. So why not reach them and do it well?" he said.

Penny Marshall told The New York Times in 2001 that her brother "has a life. He's not into the show business glitterati. If he has a hot movie, that's great. But if he has something that doesn't do great, he's not around those people who won't speak to you or will make you feel terrible."

After cranking out what Marshall once estimated to be 1,000 sitcom episodes, he switched his focus to the big screen with 1984's "The Flamingo Kid," a coming-of-age story starring Matt Dillon, which Marshall wrote and directed.

He concentrated on directing with his later films, including 1986's "Nothing in Common," with Tom Hanks and Jackie Gleason; "Overboard" (1987) starring Goldie Hawn and Kurt Russell; "Beaches" (1988) with Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey; "Pretty Woman" (1990) and "Dear God" (1996) with Greg Kinnear and Laurie Metcalf.

The Gere-Roberts pairing that helped make "Pretty Woman" a smash hit did the same for "Runaway Bride," which reunited them in 1999. "The Princess Diaries" in 2001 was another winner, although Marshall suffered a flop with "Georgia Rule" (2007), starring Jane Fonda and Lindsay Lohan.

Marshall is survived by his wife, Barbara, and the couple's three children, Lori, Kathleen and Scott. Funeral services will be private but a memorial is being planned for his birthday on Nov. 13, his publicist's statement said.

Tom Vilsack: A rise from orphanage to Cabinet secretary

CATHERINE LUCEY, Associated Press

MT. PLEASANT, Iowa (AP) — Tom Vilsack's political story already reads like a modern Horatio Alger tale: a humble beginning at an orphanage in Pittsburgh, a rise to governor of Iowa and then to the nation's secretary of agriculture.

Back in Iowa last weekend, Vilsack declined to acknowledge whether he's being considered for another celebrated chapter — as running mate to presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton. But when it came to Republican nominee Donald Trump, he didn't hold back.

"I get really irritated when I hear Donald Trump say, 'Let's make America great again,'" Vilsack said in an Associated Press interview. "I look at it and I think, wait a second, I started out life in an orphanage. I didn't have a last name. ... America gave me this opportunity to go from that beginning to sitting in the White House in the Cabinet Room with the president of the United States."

With his Midwestern ties, experience in elected office, policy record in Washington and strong links to rural America, Vilsack could bring some key advantages to the Democratic ticket. His family ties to the Clintons date back to 1972 when his late brother-in-law worked with Hillary Clinton.

"I'm confident that Hillary Clinton is going to have a very, very accomplished, serious, solid running mate who is going to help her lead this country," Vilsack said. "Who it is, no one knows, but I'm confident of her capacity to pick the right person."

Vilsack returned Saturday to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the small town where his political career was launched in the 1980s by accident. A disgruntled citizen stormed a City Council meeting and shot and killed the mayor, prompting Vilsack to fill the void.

Born in Pittsburgh, Vilsack was orphaned at birth and raised by adoptive parents. He met his wife, Christie Bell, in college in New York and moved to her hometown of Mt. Pleasant after he finished law school.

Vilsack's two terms as Iowa's governor were a time of hard-fought compromise with at least one, and sometimes both, legislative houses controlled by Republicans. He often touts as successes achieving universal preschool in Iowa, expanded state spending on renewable fuel research and restoring voting rights to felons post-sentence.

"Picking Vilsack would be the antithesis of Trump," said political consultant Jeff Link, who worked on Vilsack's brief 2008 presidential bid. "He is solid. He is steady. He is experienced."

Vilsack bonded with the Clintons when Hillary Clinton campaigned for his long-shot bid for governor in 1998. The two later worked together, sharing ideas during the development of the State Children's Health Insurance Program. And in 2005, they teamed up on a domestic policy agenda as leaders with the centrist Democratic Leadership Council.

Vilsack waited in the wings in 2004, when Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry vetted him as a potential running mate, only to get passed over for then-Sen. John Edwards. He announced his own bid for president in 2006, but dropped out after a few months and threw his support behind Clinton.

Since 2009 he has served as President Barack Obama's agriculture secretary, pushing to revitalize

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rural America. He has fought to protect food stamps and make school lunches healthier, has sought to expand resources for renewable energy and to resolve civil rights claims against the department.

Vilsack drew criticism in 2010 when he asked a black federal agriculture official for her resignation after a video clip emerged of her saying she didn't do everything she could to help a white farmer. After it became clear the remarks had been taken out of context, Vilsack apologized and asked her to return to the department — an offer she declined. Vilsack's office said that since then the two have worked together on an economic development program.

Some of Vilsack's positions could draw criticism from liberal Democrats. He has supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which is backed by Obama, but party progressives oppose and Clinton has come out against. As governor, he signed legislation in 2002 making English Iowa's official language, drawing criticism from many Hispanics and liberals. Vilsack has expressed regret for signing that measure, passed by a GOP-controlled legislature, in the face of a competitive re-election campaign.

"I do not think that Tom Vilsack would excite the populist, progressive base of the Democratic Party in the way a Elizabeth Warren might, or a Sherrod Brown might or even a Tom Perez," said Neil Sroka, spokesman for the progressive group Democracy for America.

But those close to Vilsack, including childhood friend Doug Campbell, a Pittsburgh attorney, expressed confidence in his record.

"He's going to stay late and do the homework with the three-ring binders," Campbell said. "When I was president of student council, he was an excellent vice president."

AP EXPLAINS: Why do Republicans say sky is falling? Is it?

BILL BARROW, Associated Press

The United States depicted at the Republican National Convention is a scary place. It is wrenched by economic uncertainty, social upheaval, political dysfunction, runaway immigration, violent streets and existential threats from abroad. Republicans want voters to see the need for drastic change. The nation's only choice, they say, is Donald Trump.

Why Republicans would paint such a bleak portrait and whether things really are as they say:

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

GOP Chairman Reince Priebus opened the convention acknowledging "troubling times." Others used less measured terms. Americans live in fear, they said. The country is disrespected by the world, its military is gutted, its police are shamed. Borders are porous. Terrorism is a constant threat.

Alabama Sen. Jeff Sessions said the U.S. suffers from "an economic disaster ... and the American people know it." Iowa Sen. Joni Ernst said "our allies see us shrinking from our place as a leader in the world."

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani pointed to "the terrorists who are killing us and our allies." He concluded: "There is no next election. ... There's no more time for us left to revive our great country."

WHAT'S THE REALITY?

The United States has seen some tough times, but it is in better shape than most of the world.

Americans are still much less likely to become victims of domestic or international terrorism than most Europeans and citizens of Middle East nations. Violent crime in the United States has dropped steadily since 1992, according to FBI statistics.

In May, unemployment dipped to its lowest rate since November 2007, a year before President Barack Obama's election. The economy has grown for much of Obama's tenure. But the middle class has taken a hit. Average household incomes are rising, but that's largely due to higher pay for the richest 10 per-

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cent of American households.

Still, the United States is outperforming most of the world's advanced economies. Last year, the U.S. economy grew 2.4 percent, compared to 0.5 percent in Japan, 2.2 percent in Britain and 1.7 percent in the 19 countries that share the euro currency. China, which Trump often says has out-maneuvered the U.S. on economic matters, is growing faster than the United States. But the U.S. is far richer: Economic output per person last year was \$56,000 in the U.S. and \$7,900 in China.

HOW DO AMERICANS SEE IT?

It's a mixed answer. Though Obama's job approval ratings have been positive for much of 2016, Americans are anxious. A recent Associated Press GfK-Poll found almost 4 out of 5 American voters believe the country is headed in the wrong direction. And there's a seemingly never-ending cycle of bad news: a mass shooting at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida; assassinations of police in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Dallas; and high-profile killings of black men by police.

THE POLITICS

Tapping into Americans' anxiety — and deepening it — may be a logical strategy for Trump to win over moderate Democratic and independent voters. He entered the convention trailing presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton in most polls. His favorability ratings are extremely low, even worse than Clinton's dismal numbers.

Conventions normally offer candidates an opportunity to introduce themselves to Americans who don't follow politics too closely. Trump is already extremely well-known and will have a hard time changing voters' opinions about him. However, no one can deny that Trump is the candidate of change. Clinton has been running as the candidate who will build on Obama's legacy. If voters agree that things are truly awful and the country needs a dramatic change, the only candidate who fits the bill is the brash, tough-talking billionaire developer and reality star.

THERE'S A HISTORY

A party out of the White House for two terms tends to frame the current leadership as a failure. Accepting his nomination in 2008, Obama declared: "We are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look just like the last eight." Ronald Reagan ousted Democrat Jimmy Carter in 1980 amid economic and international turmoil. Yet Reagan and Obama wove an intrinsic optimism into their arguments. Obama's slogan was "Hope and Change." Reagan summoned biblical imagery to describe the United States as a "shining city on a hill."

Trump's pitch is perhaps most comparable to Richard Nixon's law-and-order campaign in 1968, another turbulent year at home and abroad. Nixon told Republicans in his acceptance speech that "America is in trouble today," mired in war "with no end in sight" and unable "to manage its own economy." Trump insists his motto — "Make America Great Again" — is optimistic. But the subtext is his indictment of a nation that "never wins anymore." He suggests stability and greatness will re-emerge because of his touch, rather than something inherent in the American people.

No exit: Safety failures turned Baghdad bombing into inferno

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BAGHDAD (AP) — Dozens of men were watching a soccer match at the "Smile" cafe when the blast hit in the street below. Within minutes, a fire ripped through the Baghdad shopping mall where they

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were gathered, trapping them in a crowd on the second floor.

There were no fire exits, no firefighters. An iron gate to the roof was padlocked.

One of those watching the match, Majid Toamah, kicked a hole in an aluminum wall in the cafe and leaped 20 meters (yards) to the alley below. The 40-year-old broke both his legs. As he lay in agony, he looked up to see terrified faces staring out of the hole.

"They were too scared to jump. The face of one of them caught fire," Toamah remembered. "In the end, they all died."

At least 292 people died from the July 3 car bombing in Baghdad's central Karradah district. Most of the deaths resulted not from the blast itself, but from the ensuing inferno, fed by a tinderbox of shops in two malls filled with clothing and oil-based perfumes for sale and lined with flammable panels. It was all worsened by a slow response by firefighters, building code violations — and a lack of water.

As a result, two three-story shopping malls separated by a broad avenue and several other buildings were rendered charred skeletons. It was the deadliest attack by a single bomber since Iraq's war began in 2003, and the toll is likely to rise further as authorities struggle to identify more human remains.

"We are still sifting through the debris," Civil Defense member Mustafa Khudair Hamad said days after the fire "and remains are still coming out."

Hassan Abdul-Zahra, who worked at a women's clothing store near the blast site, recalled listening to desperate screams for help from people trapped in the malls. "I could even hear the angel of death reaping lives," he said.

Public grief has been stoked by anger over deeply rooted corruption and inefficiency that may have cost lives. State Civil Defense Forces, under heavy criticism, blamed the absence of safety standards.

"The culture of safety measures is almost zero in Iraq," Brig. Gen. Kadhim Bashir Saleh of the Civil Defense force told The Associated Press. "Some investors do not care about applying safety standards in their projects to keep the costs low and even store owners do not consider buying fire extinguishers."

He said the two malls, the Hadi and Laith centers, lacked emergency exits and stairs, sprinklers and fire hoses and had "unprofessional wiring." He said authorities had previously issued a warning to the owners of the two malls and, after getting no response, had filed a court case against them.

It took 30 minutes for the first two fire engines to reach the blaze, and they soon ran out of water, according to accounts by several witnesses, including AP photographer Hadi Mizban. It took the next wave of fire engines and army water tanks an hour to make their way to the fire through burnt cars and concrete security barriers on side roads normally closed to traffic.

During that time, the fire spread from the Hadi Center, where the bomber struck, to the Laith Center and nearby buildings. Mizban said he saw two people fleeing the Laith Center in flames before they collapsed on the sidewalk and died. Those trapped frantically called relatives, telling them their location inside the two malls and pleading for rescue.

Jalal al-Aaraji was one of several Karradah residents who risked their lives to rush into the burning malls in hopes of helping survivors. He was unable to save anyone.

As the fire raged, he climbed up air conditioner units on the side of the Laith Center and broke open a second-floor wall with a sledgehammer. Inside, he could hear the cries from small storage rooms where people had locked themselves in for refuge. But as he tried to find a way around the flames to reach them, the cries stopped, he said.

He spent the next hours retrieving bodies, with families of the missing calling out directions to him from below.

"Often I found their relatives where they said they were. Dead," he said.

The majority of victims appear to have been in the Hadi Center, where people had been shopping for

the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr. The flames quickly swept through packed stores, a pizza restaurant and a billiard hall packed with people, and up to the Smile cafe, where soccer fans were watching the Euro 2016 quarterfinal match between Germany and Italy and another group was having a birthday party.

If the buildings had proper safety standards, the death toll would have been exponentially lower, said a Baghdad-based engineer, Mohammed Hadi Hussein.

"In today's Iraq nothing can stop violations, thanks to corruption," said Hussein, who owns the Land of Engineering and Planning company. "The law is there and clear, but corruption is also there."

He could not speak of the two malls. But he said often construction companies submit maps to authorities that have been drawn to standards, but then change them in the actual building to cut costs.

In a sign of how deeply felt the horror is over the Karradah blast, the site has been turned into a makeshift shrine, a rare memorial in a city of 7 million that has seen countless bombings over the years. Death notices cover the burned-out structures, many bearing photos of the victims.

Women, quietly sobbing or crying uncontrollably, place candles or flowers where they believe their loved ones fell. Some silently read from copies of the Quran. Men pound their chests with their hands in a customary Shiite gesture of mourning.

Police shootings touch nerve among military veterans

JULIE WATSON, Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Back-to-back attacks on police in Texas and Louisiana by former military men have touched a nerve among veterans who traditionally share a close bond with law enforcement.

Veterans and active-duty troops started posting messages on social media almost immediately after the news broke last weekend that a masked ex-Marine had ambushed law enforcement along a busy highway, killing three officers — including a fellow former Marine.

Seeing one Marine kill another Marine after both had returned home safely from the battlefield in Iraq has been especially painful for the military's smallest branch, which considers service life-long membership among a force that goes by the motto: "The Few. The Proud."

"In the Marine community, we don't believe in 'ex-Marines'. However that is not the case when one decides to break the moral and ethical values we hold dear. The ex-Marine that opened fire on officers is everything we swear to protect our Nation from," Marine Cpl. Eric Trichel wrote on a Facebook page with about 25,000 mostly Marine members.

In an email to The Associated Press, he emphasized he was not speaking on behalf of the Marine Corps.

Many veterans fear the service records of the gunmen will feed a false perception that combat veterans are volatile and violent, turning back years of efforts to change such stereotypes.

The Baton Rouge shooting came less than two weeks after five Dallas police officers were killed in an ambush by an Army Reserve veteran who had served in Afghanistan.

Gavin Long was based in San Diego with the Marine Corps from 2005 to 2010, according to military records.

He was deployed in 2008 for about eight months to Iraq as a data network specialist. People in those jobs are technicians dealing with computers and generally do not see combat.

One of his victims, 41-year-old Matthew Gerald, was a former Marine who enlisted in the Army after the Sept. 11 attacks and also served in Iraq in 2009.

And the Dallas victims included a Navy veteran who did three tours in Iraq.

It is not uncommon for military veterans to join police forces and vice versa. Both jobs offer a strong

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sense of teamwork and reliance on others in life-or-death situations — in platoons and out on patrol. Marines in particular carry an almost religious zeal for their branch of the military that they compare to an exclusive brotherhood.

“Seeing the gunman in Baton Rouge brought a certain stinging embarrassment to something I hold very dear, being a United States Marine,” said former Marine Staff Sgt. Chad M. Robichaux, who also worked as a law enforcement deputy for the St. Charles Parish Sheriff’s Office, about an hour’s drive from Baton Rouge.

Robichaux said he was proud of the police victims who served in combat zones, so the shooting “tears you both ways.” One of the slain Dallas officers was a military contractor who worked in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Robichaux was a Force Recon Marine — the Marine equivalent of a Navy SEAL — and said both gunmen seemed to effectively use the element of surprise in their attacks but that he has seen no evidence they were highly trained killers.

There also is no evidence that has been made public suggesting either gunmen suffered from post-traumatic stress, said Robichaux, who runs the Mighty Oaks Warrior Programs that helps veterans deal with the syndrome known as PTSD. But he said he wished he had met Long while both were posted in Southern California.

“There’s no excuse for what he did and I’m not sympathizing with him, but he was obviously hurting in some capacity and needed help,” he said. “Somebody may have been able to show him a different way.”

The military prides itself on its race relations and its history of opening jobs to blacks long before other institutions. Troops often say their only color is “green.”

Marine veteran Elvin Carey, who is black, said he had no doubts both of the gunmen endured racism in and out of the military.

Carey, 31, said he also confronted racism in the service, with tension easing in combat but racist comments resuming after he returned to the U.S. The decorated Marine sergeant said he was asked at his first job out of the military if he was a high school dropout and had been in a street gang.

“I understand his frustration but I’m disgusted by what he did,” the Iraq veteran said of Long. “Anywhere you go, for the rest of your life, every Marine is your brother so that’s why I feel more ashamed of it.”

North Korea confirms it test-fired ballistic rockets

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Wednesday it test-fired ballistic rockets as part of a simulated pre-emptive attack on ports and airfields in South Korea, in a likely reference to the three missile launches that Seoul says the North carried out a day earlier.

Leader Kim Jong Un guided the launches and expressed his satisfaction with them, the North’s official Korean Central News Agency reported, without saying when the tests happened.

The KCNA said the launches “once again examined the operational features of the detonating devices of nuclear warheads mounted on the ballistic rockets the designated altitude over the target area.”

Lee Chun-geun, a scientist at South Korea’s Science and Technology Policy Institute, said that the North Korean missiles were believed to be carrying warheads, which contain trigger devices but not plutonium or uranium, to see whether those warheads could detonate properly.

The launches were the latest in a series of weapons tests North Korea has carried out since Kim in March ordered tests of a nuclear warhead explosion and ballistic missiles capable of carrying such warheads.

Pyongyang said it conducted a similar test of a warhead-detonating device when it fired a submarine-

launched missile in April.

North Korea is pushing to manufacture a warhead small enough to be placed on a long-range missile that can reach the continental U.S., but South Korean defense officials say the North doesn't yet have such a miniaturized warhead. Some civilian experts, however, believe the North has the technology to put warheads on shorter-range missiles that can strike South Korea and Japan.

The three reported launches came as North Korea loudly criticized the planned deployment of an advanced U.S. missile defense system in South Korea. Seoul officials said all three missiles landed in the waters off the North's east coast.

Trump triumphs as GOP nominee, completing stunning climb

JULIE PACE, AP White House Correspondent

CLEVELAND (AP) — Cementing an extraordinary political takeover, Republicans nominated Donald Trump Tuesday night as their presidential standard-bearer, hitching their hopes of keeping Democrat Hillary Clinton out of the White House on an unorthodox candidate who has sown divisions within the party and across the nation.

While it was Trump's night, Clinton was frequently the focus.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie energized the crowd with a full-throated takedown of Clinton, imploring delegates to shout "Guilty!" as he ticked through numerous accusations of wrongdoing.

Trump addressed the convention briefly in videotaped remarks, thanking them for formally nominating him as the party's White House candidate. "

"This is a movement, but we have to go all the way," he said.

For Trump, the celebrations were a much-needed opportunity to regroup after a chaotic convention kickoff that included a plagiarism charge involving wife Melania Trump's address on opening night. There were no big missteps Tuesday, but the event was void of the glitzy, Hollywood touch Trump promised, with a series of Republican officials parading on stage to level sharp, but repetitive, criticisms of Clinton.

The evening's program ended on an unusual note, with an actress-turned-avocado farmer delivering the closing speech — a spot normally reserved for prominent speakers.

Trump's family again took center stage, underscoring the campaign's urgent task to reshape the image of a candidate seen by large swaths of voters as harsh and divisive. Two of Trump's children testified to his character, casting him as a man undeterred by challenges.

"For my father, impossible is just the starting point," said Donald Trump Jr., the oldest of the Republican nominee's five children. Questions about plagiarism surfaced for a second day in a row, this time in the eldest son's speech. But F.H. Buckley, the writer behind the original work in question this time — an article in *The American Conservative* — said he was a principal speechwriter for the younger Trump and said the campaign did nothing wrong.

For some Republicans, the night also offered a glimpse of what could have been. House Speaker Paul Ryan, who resisted calls to jump into the presidential race, made a vigorous call for party unity — though his message focused more on the risks of letting Democrats keep the White House and make gains in Congress than a rationale for Trump.

"Let's compete in every part of America, and turn out at the polls like every last vote matters, because it will," Ryan said.

Many Republican leaders stayed away from the convention, still wary of being associated with the divisive candidate and unsure how his nomination impacts their own political futures.

The crowd gathered in the cavernous convention hall reflected the growing dissatisfaction among some Republicans with party elites. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, who has been a lukewarm supporter of Trump, was greeted with a smattering of boos as he took the stage.

It was one of the occasional flurries of dissent on the convention floor, including jeers as states that Trump did not win recorded their votes during the nominating roll call vote. Still, Trump far outdistanced his primary rivals, and his vice presidential pick, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, was also formally nominated.

Trump was put over the top by his home state of New York. Four of his children joined the state's delegation on the convention floor for the historic moment and appeared overwhelmed with emotion.

Tiffany Trump, the candidate's 22-year-old daughter with ex-wife Marla Maples, sprinkled her remarks with rarely heard anecdotes about her father, including the handwritten notes he left on her childhood report cards.

"My dad is a natural born encourager, the last person to ever tell you to lower your sights," she said.

Melania Trump was praised for making progress in highlighting her husband's personal qualities during her Monday night address. She spoke of his "simple goodness" and his loyalty and love of family — while noting the "drama" that comes with Trump in politics.

But her speech was quickly overtaken by charges that it included two passages— each 30 words or longer — that matched a 2008 Democratic convention address by Michelle Obama nearly word-for-word.

Trump's campaign offered no apologies, with top adviser Paul Manafort telling The Associated Press the matter had been "totally blown out of proportion."

Still, the plagiarism controversy and other unforced errors by the campaign cast a shadow over the convention and raised fresh questions about Trump's oversight of his campaign, which gives voters a window into how a candidate might handle the pressures of the presidency.

Clinton pounced on the tumult, saying the Republican gathering had so far been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film "Wizard of Oz."

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said during a speech in Las Vegas.

Trump's campaign did succeed in tamping down late efforts by dissident delegates to derail the convention, including during Tuesday's roll call vote. Campaign officials invested significant time arguing to delegates about the importance of presenting a unite front during the televised convention.

"United we stand, divided we fall," said Johnny McMahan, a Trump delegate from Arkansas.

But Colorado's Kendal Unruh, a leader of the anti-Trump forces, called the convention a "sham" and warned party leaders that their efforts to silence opposition would keep some Republicans on the sidelines in the fall campaign against Clinton.

Most lanes of bridge reopen after crane collapse outside NYC

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NEW YORK (AP) — Most of the lanes of the Tappan Zee Bridge north of New York City have reopened after a crane collapsed across the entire width of the bridge, but transportation officials are still advising motorists to plan for extra delays during the Wednesday morning commute.

A crane boom from an adjacent bridge project crashed down across the key Hudson River crossing Tuesday, forcing cars to swerve out of the way and halting traffic for hours.

Transportation officials announced Tuesday night that six of the seven lanes on the bridge had reopened ahead of schedule and that the one remaining southbound lane would remain closed until

further notice.

No cars were hit when the crane collapsed and no one was significantly hurt.

"Miraculously, there were no serious injuries," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. "If you said to me that a boom could fall across the Tappan Zee Bridge at noon, not hit a car ... I would not believe it."

Cuomo said the crane was performing routine work on the new Tappan Zee Bridge, driving pilings into the river bottom, and it was unclear what caused its boom to fall across the entire 90-foot, seven-lane width of the old bridge. Officials said five people suffered minor injuries.

Nicholas D'Emealio, of Irvington, was in a vehicle about three football fields away from the crane, toward the center of the 3.1-mile-long bridge between Westchester and Rockland counties, when he heard a bang and his driver slammed on the brakes.

"It shook the whole bridge," he said. "At first I thought the bridge was collapsing because this is not a good bridge."

Everybody was OK but stranded. D'Emealio and his friends got out of their vehicle and threw around a football to pass the time.

Over the next several hours, the boom was removed from the span and the bridge inspected for damage. Most of the lanes were reopened by Tuesday night, avoiding a traffic nightmare.

The base and treads of the movable crane sat on the unfinished new bridge. Authorities did not immediately say how tall the crane was.

After the crash, several boats carrying emergency workers maneuvered in the river around the collapsed crane arm, while other workers appeared to be scanning the water around the wreck.

Rockland County had a helicopter and marine unit at the scene, county Executive Ed Day said. He tweeted that the crane operator was shaken but not hurt.

The new Tappan Zee Bridge has been under construction for three years and is expected to be completed by 2018 at a cost of \$3.9 billion. It is being built alongside the original Tappan Zee, which dates to 1955.

In March, a 90-foot-long tugboat hit a construction barge near the bridge site and sank, killing three crew members.

In 2013, a powerboat plowed into a construction barge at the bridge, killing a bride-to-be and her fiancé's best man. The boat's driver, who had nearly twice the legal limit of alcohol in his system, pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter and was sentenced to two years behind bars. The victims' families, however, attributed the crash mainly to bad lighting on the barge.

Macy's tests artificial intelligence tool to improve service

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NEW YORK (AP) — Macy's is testing a mobile tool using artificial intelligence that lets shoppers get answers customized to the store they're in — like where a particular brand is located or what's in stock — that they would normally ask a sales associate face-to-face.

The tool, which the nation's largest department store chain calls a "mobile companion," can be accessed for now through a browser and will accept questions in 10 U.S. locations about products, services and facilities. It uses natural language and offers feedback in seconds.

It's developed by IBM Watson — the Jeopardy-winning "cognitive computing" service and is designed to keep learning more about the store's customers. That's a key element as Macy's seeks to spur sluggish sales, make being at the store more enjoyable and distinguish itself from online portals and spe-

cialty retailers.

"We want to improve the shopping experience. We want the customers to shop at Macy's and come back," Serena Potter, Macy's group vice president of digital media strategy told The Associated Press. The goal: Boost sales while freeing up employees to focus on more complicated customer requests.

Potter said Macy's worked with sales associates to compile the most common inquires per store. Macy's then fed the system questions and information so it can recognize what's being asked and what the answer is. Since the pilot was quietly launched last month, the number of queries ballooned to the low thousands per store.

Five Macy's locations — in Bethesda, Maryland; Woodbridge, New Jersey; Portland, Oregon; Arcadia, California; and Miami, Florida — are focusing on the self-serve initiative. Five others — Short Hills, New Jersey; Buford, Georgia; Atlanta, Georgia; North Miami, Florida; and Garden City, New York — will have a feature that lets customers summon a sales associate. The two Miami locations will have it available in Spanish as well. Customers can click on macys.com/storehelp on their mobile device, but Potter said the company is working on an app. She declined to say when the tool might be rolled out nationwide.

The mobile tool has significant potential to help Macy's develop deeper relationships with customers by eventually offering shoppers help in styling outfits and other services. IBM Watson's vice president Stephen Gold says the technology, once trained, can pick up if customers are frustrated based on their answers and can alert a sales associate. The technology is similar to artificial intelligence the company is working on with brands such as 1-800 Flowers and North Face, but in those cases, it answers questions on their websites.

Macy's is accelerating its efforts to reinvent its business as online leader Amazon.com is expected to surpass the department store in clothing sales next year. The company's sales dropped 4 percent to \$27.08 billion for the year ended Jan. 30, and it has slashed its full-year profit and revenue outlook for the year.

Reversing that will be the major challenge for incoming CEO Jeff Gennette, who succeeds longtime chief Terry Lundgren early next year.

GOP nominates Trump, heaps criticism on Hillary Clinton

MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press

Donald Trump officially won the Republican Party's presidential nomination Tuesday, making the businessman the GOP standard-bearer after a rollicking primary season that saw him vanquish 16 rivals.

The roll call vote of states gave Trump enough delegates at the Republican National Convention to win the nomination after months of speculation and dissent among the GOP ranks. There was little opposition on the floor as delegates cast votes for Trump state by state.

The vote came on the second day of the Cleveland convention, where the theme was billed as "Make America Work Again." Though the focus was supposed to be jobs, speakers spent more time denouncing presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. She was talked about more than Trump himself.

House Speaker Paul Ryan said Clinton represents a third term of Barack Obama's presidency instead of the "clean break from a failed system." Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Clinton has "a tortured relationship to the truth."

Trump himself briefly appeared in a videotaped statement: "This is a movement, but we have to go all the way," he said.

What to know about the second day of the convention:

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THE NOMINATION

The boisterous roll call featured officials bragging about their states, per tradition, and enthusiastically declaring Trump the winner of their delegates. New York put him over the top in the delegate count, with Trump's son Donald Jr. delivering that state's results.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's name wasn't formally placed in nomination even though he was closest to Trump in the primaries. Earlier Tuesday, some Republicans were saying Cruz's supporters wanted to gather enough signatures to allow the Texan to be nominated.

Being officially nominated means a candidate is entitled to have supporters deliver a nominating and seconding speech. But Trump's campaign and GOP officials eager for a show of unity behind Trump worked to head that off.

THE SPEECHES

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, a former federal prosecutor, laid out an aggressive case against Clinton, asking the crowd to weigh in on her leadership on the Islamic State group, China, and an al-Qaida-linked group in Nigeria. Riled up, the crowd yelled "Lock her up! Lock her up!"

Failed Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson went so far as to associate Clinton with Lucifer.

While politicians at the podium heaped criticism on Clinton, Trump's children made direct appeals in favor of Trump. Tiffany Trump, the candidate's 22-year-old daughter from his marriage to Marla Maples, said her father is a "natural-born encourager" who has motivated her to work her hardest.

Donald Trump Jr., his eldest son and an executive vice president at The Trump Organization, cited his father's business acumen and said his father approaches business projects the same way he has approached his campaign and life in general.

Speakers also included some unknown names, such as Andy Wist, founder and CEO of a waterproofing company in the Bronx, as well as Dana White, president of the popular Ultimate Fighting Championship, which promotes mixed martial arts.

CLINTON WEIGHS IN

Clinton said the first day of the Republican gathering had been "surreal," comparing it to the classic fantasy film "Wizard of Oz."

"When you pull back the curtain, it was just Donald Trump with nothing to offer to the American people," Clinton said during a speech in Las Vegas.

After the roll call, Clinton tweeted a fundraising appeal: "Donald Trump just became the Republican nominee. Chip in now to make sure he never steps foot in the Oval Office."

MONDAY NIGHT HANGOVER

Trump's wife, Melania, received criticism because her speech Monday included two passages with similarities to a speech first lady Michelle Obama delivered at the 2008 Democratic convention. Mrs. Trump's speech was well received in the convention hall.

Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort called the criticism "just absurd" and said the issue had been "totally blown out of proportion."

OUTSIDE THE HALL

Police broke up scuffles between groups of demonstrators a few blocks from the Republican National Convention as crowds in the hundreds gathered Tuesday afternoon.

There were no arrests, police said, despite several tense moments that saw officers step in between

protesters pushing and shouting at each other during some of the biggest, most raucous gatherings in downtown Cleveland since the four-day convention began on Monday.

One skirmish broke out when right-wing conspiracy theorist and radio show host Alex Jones started speaking in downtown's Public Square through a bullhorn. Police on bicycles pushed back a surging crowd, and Jones was whisked away.

THE REST OF THE WEEK

Vice presidential pick Mike Pence, the Indiana governor, is set to speak Wednesday. Cruz, who has not yet endorsed Trump, is set to speak too. Trump will close the convention with an acceptance speech Thursday night.

Leslie Jones, under hateful barrage on Twitter, fights back

JAKE COYLE, AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Under a barrage of hateful posts on Twitter, "Ghostbusters" star Leslie Jones said she was "in a personal hell" and urged the social networking service to do more to eradicate abuse.

In a series of posts Monday night, Jones said she had been pummeled with racist tweets. She retweeted numerous tweets directed at her with disturbing language and pictures of apes.

Jones said the messages were deeply hurtful and brought her to tears. The "Saturday Night Live" cast member called on Twitter to strengthen guidelines and for users to "stop letting the ignorant people be the loud ones."

"I feel like I'm in a personal hell," wrote Jones. "I didn't do anything to deserve this. It's just too much. It shouldn't be like this. So hurt right now."

The exchanges came at a career high point for the "Saturday Night Live" cast member. "Ghostbusters," which opened last week, is her first major film role. "It's like when you think, 'OK I've proven I'm worthy' and then you get hit with a shovel of (hatred)," she said.

She concluded a string of messages early Tuesday morning. "I leave Twitter tonight with tears and a very sad heart," wrote Jones. "All this cause I did a movie."

The tweets caught the attention of Twitter chief executive Jack Dorsey, who sent Jones a message asking her to get in touch with him. Twitter later responded in a statement.

"This type of abusive behavior is not permitted on Twitter, and we've taken action on many of the accounts reported to us by both Leslie and others," said a spokesperson for Twitter. "We rely on people to report this type of behavior to us but we are continuing to invest heavily in improving our tools and enforcement systems to prevent this kind of abuse. We realize we still have a lot of work in front of us before Twitter is where it should be on how we handle these issues."

Then late Tuesday night, BuzzFeed News reported that Twitter had permanently suspended the account of conservative provocateur and Breitbart.com tech editor Milo Yiannopoulos, who it said led the harassment campaign against Jones. Yiannopoulos had more than 338,000 followers on Twitter prior to his suspension. He could not be immediately reached for comment.

"Ghostbusters," which also stars Melissa McCarthy, Kirsten Wiig and Kate McKinnon, has spawned an unusual amount of vitriol online, with many anonymous commenters targeting its female stars. The film debuted with \$46 million over the weekend.

Many, however, have come to Jones' defense, tweeting support for the actress under the hashtag "LoveForLeslieJ."

Trump son says nothing's impossible for his dad

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Latest on the Republican National Convention (all times EDT):
10:15 p.m.

Donald Trump's son Donald Jr. is citing his father's business acumen and says that for his father, "impossible is just the starting point."

The younger Trump tells the delegates at the Republican National Convention that his father approaches business projects the same way he has approached his campaign and life in general.

Donald Jr. says that's why his father was able to defeat 16 other Republicans in the primary campaign, despite never having run for office.

He says the question in this election is who has the judgment to lead. He says Democrat Hilary Clinton is a risk the country can't afford to take.

10 p.m.

Tiffany Trump says her father, Donald Trump, is a "natural-born encourager" who's motivated her to work her hardest.

The 22-year-old is telling the Republican National Convention about her father's character, and recalling how he'd notes on her report cards. She says she still has them.

Tiffany Trump says the Trump way is to hold nothing back and never let fear get in the way. She says he's the last person who'd ever tell someone to lower their sights or give up on their dream.

9:50 p.m.

Republicans are breaking out into chants of "lock her up" as New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie tries to impugn Hillary Clinton's character in his speech to the Republican National Convention.

Christie says as a former federal prosecutor, he wants to hold Clinton accountable for her actions. He says he's laying out what he says are facts about her to "a jury of her peers."

Guilty or not guilty — that's what Christie is asking his audience for a verdict about Clinton on her leadership on the Islamic State group, China, and an al-Qaida-linked group in Nigeria.

Each time, delegates are responding with boisterous chants of "guilty."

Republican activists repeatedly interrupted Christie with shouts of — "Lock her up."

9:42 p.m.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie says Hillary Clinton lied to the nation about "her selfish, awful judgment." Christie — who fell short in his GOP presidential bid — says voters shouldn't elect Clinton as president and reward what he calls her incompetence.

Christie is firmly behind Republican nominee Donald Trump — and says he's been friends with Trump for 14 years.

Christie tells the Republican National Convention that Clinton's performance as secretary of state was dismal. He says voters should hold her accountable for failures in Libya, Syria and elsewhere.

Christie says Clinton also is responsible for a bad nuclear deal with Iran.

9:42 p.m.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says scandal follows Hillary Clinton and former President Bill Clinton "like flies."

McConnell is using his speech to the Republican National Convention to rip into the presumptive

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Democratic presidential nominee.

The Kentucky senator says he's spent more time around the Clintons than anyone should ever have to spend.

McConnell says he's disagreed with President Barack Obama, but that at least Obama was upfront about his intentions "to move America to the left."

9:40 p.m.

Former Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson says Hillary Clinton is promoting a "new world order" that would allow the government in Washington to trample Americans' freedoms.

The retired neurosurgeon is set to tell delegates at the Republican National Committee that Clinton will push what he's calling "cancerous policies" that perpetuate poverty.

Carson says Clinton would appoint liberal Supreme Court justices who would cement those policies.

Carson — in excerpts of his prepared remarks — says Donald Trump would preserve the "ideals upon which this country was founded."

9:25 p.m.

House Speaker Paul Ryan says he'll be sharing the rostrum with "President Donald Trump" the next time there's a State of the Union address on Capitol Hill.

Ryan hesitated for a while before finally endorsing the businessman last month. The Wisconsin lawmaker tells the Republican National Convention that only by electing Trump and running mate Mike Pence does the country "have a chance at a better way."

He says Hillary Clinton represents a third term of what he's calling President Barack Obama's failed presidency.

9:20 p.m.

Republican congressional leaders are assuring party delegates that having Donald Trump in the White House will help achieve key GOP legislative objectives.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell says Trump will sign bills to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law, build the Keystone pipeline and deny Planned Parenthood any federal money.

McConnell and House Speaker Paul Ryan also are delivering broadsides against Hillary Clinton and her fellow Democrats.

McConnell says Clinton has "a tortured relationship to the truth."

Ryan says Clinton represents a third term of Obama's presidency instead of the "clean break from a failed system" that many Americans want.

The Wisconsin Republican says next week's Democratic convention will be a "four-day infomercial of politically correct moralizing."

9:05 p.m.

Donald Trump says he's proud to be the Republican presidential nominee.

Trump is offering his first words to the party convention after being declared the nominee. He says in a video played in the convention hall that he's honored to have Mike Pence as his running mate and that the Indiana governor will make a "great, great vice president."

Trump says he'll appear with Pence in Cleveland on both Wednesday and Thursday. He says they'll win Ohio and the presidency.

Trump is promising to bring "real change and leadership" to Washington.

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8:20 p.m.

Mystery solved at the GOP convention.

The question is why all 19 delegates from the District of Columbia were awarded to Donald Trump. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio won the district's convention during the primary season and Ohio Gov. John Kasich came in second. Trump didn't win any delegates back in March.

But party rules in the district say that if only one candidate's name is placed into nomination at the national convention, then all 19 delegates go to that candidate.

Trump was the only candidate to be nominated at the convention.

8:15 p.m.

Mike Pence has been nominated as the Republican vice presidential candidate — and Donald Trump's running mate.

The Indiana governor was declared the nominee by acclamation — meaning no formal roll call vote is needed. That ruling came from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell as he presided over the party's convention.

McConnell says Pence has the “overwhelming support of this convention” to be the next vice president.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Eric Holcomb — who put Pence's name in nomination — says Pence has overseen record investments in education and eliminated red tape for businesses. He says under Pence's leadership, more Indiana residents are working and the tech sector is experiencing “explosive” growth.

8:10 p.m.

House Speaker Paul Ryan has formally declared Donald Trump the winner of the Republican presidential nomination.

Ryan says Trump received 1,725 delegates in the state-by-state roll call. Ryan says Texas Sen. Ted Cruz was the runner-up with 475 delegates. Ohio Gov. John Kasich came in third with 120 votes, followed by 113 for Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

Fifth-place went to physician Ben Carson with seven delegates, followed by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush with three delegates and Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul with two delegates.

8:05 p.m.

Donald Trump is celebrating his big achievement Tuesday night: officially becoming the Republican nominee for president.

Trump has posted a tweet that it was “such a great honor” after the roll call of the states at the Republican National Convention gave him the number of delegates needed to become the GOP's nominee.

He added: “I will work hard and never let you down! AMERICA FIRST!”

Trump is set to formally accept the nomination during a Thursday night speech at the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland.

8 p.m.

Donald Trump may officially be the Republican nominee, but that didn't stop at least one state from taking exception to the way its votes were counted during Tuesday night's presidential roll call at the GOP convention.

The Alaska delegation is disputing how its votes were recorded and requesting a formal poll of its delegates. But House Speaker Paul Ryan has declared that Alaska's 28 votes are going to Trump — who

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already had more delegates than he needed to win.

The dispute appeared to be over Alaska state party rules that say a candidate loses his or her delegates if the candidate's campaign is no longer active.

All of Trump's challengers suspended their campaigns when it became clear the New Yorker would win the nomination.

7:55 p.m.

Not every Republican activist is so excited now that Donald Trump has clinched the party's presidential nomination.

Colorado delegate Kendal Unruh says it's time to "cancel the convention, stop the sham." She says Trump has worked to coronate himself king.

Unruh is warning there could be drama and a "show of displeasure" coming on Thursday when Trump is set to speak at the convention.

Colorado cast most of its votes for Cruz.

7:45 p.m.

Even as they're casting votes for John Kasich (KAY'-sihk) during the roll call of the states, numerous delegates at the Republican National Convention are still getting the Ohio governor's last name wrong.

It rhymes with "basic."

But at least three delegates announcing their state's votes for the nomination pronounced the second syllable like the word "itch."

The frequent stumbling over Kasich's last name was something of a running joke while Kasich was competing for the Republican presidential nomination.

He dropped out in May, but still was awarded delegates at the convention because of votes he won in the primary contests.

Kasich wasn't present for Tuesday night's proceedings, despite the fact that the convention is taking place in his home state.

7:35 p.m.

New Mexico's governor refused to endorse Donald Trump after he chastised her for not doing her job when it comes to unemployment and other issues.

But there was Susana Martinez on the floor of the Republican National Convention and introducing the young delegate who announced New Mexico's tally during the roll call of states.

Trump won the nomination Tuesday night, and New York put him over the top.

Some prominent Republicans have stayed away from the convention, but Martinez has been a visible presence in Cleveland.

Trump criticized Martinez in May at a campaign appearance in New Mexico, but later said he wanted her support. Martinez is the nation's first female Hispanic governor.

7:25 p.m.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell is blaming what he calls are "Clinton Democrats" for a Senate standoff that's blocked President Barack Obama's request for money to fight the Zika virus.

Congress is now on a seven-week recess, and left Washington without acting on the Zika money. Democrats objected to a GOP proposal that would block Planned Parenthood clinics in Puerto Rico from getting money to fight the virus.

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McConnell is blaming the impasses on Hillary Clinton, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee.

The Kentucky lawmaker is speaking later Tuesday night at the convention but some of his remarks are being released beforehand.

McConnell says he wonders what Democrats "think public service is about." He says the presidential election will answer this basic question: "Who is looking out for us?"

7:15 p.m.

Donald Trump's son Donald Jr. cast the final votes his father needed to become the Republican presidential nominee.

The younger Trump was on the floor of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland and told the excited activists in the auditorium that New York was casting 89 votes for Trump and six for Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

He then shouted out: "Congratulations, Dad, we love you."

Donald Jr. says he's watched as his father has built a movement and he says that movement has given Americans a voice again.

Also on the convention floor are some of Donald Trump's other children, including Eric Trump and Ivanka Trump.

Delegates on the floor broke into cheers and waved signs as the song "New York, New York" played at the Quicken Loans Arena.

7:10 p.m.

Make it official: The Republican Party has nominated Donald Trump for president.

And now the New York billionaire has completed a remarkable rise from political outsider to major party nominee for the White House.

New York put him over the top in the delegate count Tuesday night at the Republican National Convention.

There was a disruptive fight on Monday night over the party's rules, but a day later that was history. There was little drama as party delegates united behind the real estate mogul and reality TV star.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 20, the 202nd day of 2016. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

On this date:

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States convened in Richmond, Virginia.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

In 1917, the World War I draft lottery went into operation.

In 1923, Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated by gunmen in Parral.

In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term of office at the Democratic convention in Chicago.

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In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1968, the first International Special Olympics Summer Games, organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, were held at Soldier Field in Chicago.

In 1969, astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after reaching the surface in their Apollo 11 lunar module.

In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing eight British soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry.

In 1989, Burmese activist Aung San Suu Kyi (soo chee) was placed under house arrest by the military government of Myanmar.

In 1990, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan, one of the court's most liberal voices, announced he was stepping down.

In 2012, gunman James Holmes opened fire inside a crowded movie theater in Aurora, Colorado, during a midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises," killing 12 people and wounding 70 others. (Holmes is serving a life prison sentence.)

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush, addressing the annual meeting of the NAACP in Washington, said he knew racism existed in America and that many black voters distrusted his Republican Party; Bush promised to improve the GOP's rocky relations with blacks. The Senate voted 98-0 to renew the landmark 1965 Voting Rights Act for another quarter-century.

Five years ago: Six Republican presidential hopefuls traded tweets in the first presidential debate conducted through Twitter, outlining their agendas across the popular social media service. The last fugitive sought by the U.N.'s Balkan war crimes tribunal, Gordan Hadzic, former leader of Croatia's ethnic Serbs, was seized in a remote mountain forest in northern Serbia. (Attempts to try Hadzic for alleged war crimes have been suspended indefinitely because he has cancer and has been deemed too ill to participate in his trial.) NBA star Yao Ming announced his retirement in his hometown of Shanghai. German-born British painter Lucien Freud, 88, died in London.

One year ago: The United States and Cuba restored full diplomatic relations after more than five decades of frosty relations rooted in the Cold War. The U.N. Security Council unanimously endorsed a landmark deal to rein in Iran's nuclear program. Banks in Greece finally reopened after being closed for three weeks. Zach Johnson won the British Open. Songwriter Wayne Carson, 72, died in Nashville, Tennessee. "Archie" cartoonist Tom Moore, 86, died in El Paso, Texas.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 86. Author Cormac McCarthy is 83. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 81. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 80. Actress Diana Rigg is 78. Artist Judy Chicago is 77. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 73. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 72. Singer Kim Carnes is 71. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 69. Rock musician Jay Jay French (Twisted Sister) is 64. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 60. Actress Donna Dixon is 59. Rock musician Mick McNeil (Simple Minds) is 58. Country singer Radney Foster is 57. Actor Frank Whaley is 53. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 52. Actor Dean Cain is 52. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 50. Actor Reed Diamond is 49. Actor Josh Holloway is 47. Singer Vitamin C is 47. Actor Omar Epps is 43. Actor Simon Rex is 42. Actress Judy Greer is 41. Actor Charlie Korsmo is 38. Singer Elliott Yamin (yah-MEEN') (American Idol) is 38. Supermodel Gisele Bündchen is 36. Rock musician Mike Kennerty (The All-American Rejects) is 36. Actor Percy Daggs III is 34. Actor John Francis Daley is 31. Country singer Hannah Blaylock (Edens Edge) is 30. Dancer-singer Julianne Hough (TV: "Grease Live!") is 28. Actress Billi Bruno is 20.

Thought for Today: "Never miss a good chance to shut up." — Will Rogers, American humorist (1879-1935).