

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 1 of 37

- 1- Recycling trailers
- 1- Dakota Outdoors Ad
- 1 - Bus Driver Needed
- 1- Manager Wanted
- 1- Apts. for Rent
- 2- Keep pets cool
- 3- Lots of ways to enter State Fair
- 4- Golden Living Center Ad
- 4- Britton Grain Terminal Open House
- 4- Outdoor World Article
- 5- CM&A VBS
- 6- Today in Weather History
- 6- Pillow Cleaning ad
- 7- Local Weather Forecast
- 8- Yesterday's Groton Weather
- 8- Today's Weather Climate
- 8- National Weather map
- 9- Daily Devotional
- 10 - AP News

## 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](mailto:Grotnmnger@gmail.com)

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

© 2016 Groton Daily Independent

### 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

### Saturday, July 23

Anniversary: Dwight & Kim Zerr

**Birthday:** Joyce Walter • Dylan Young • Chantel Tunby • Matt Locke

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

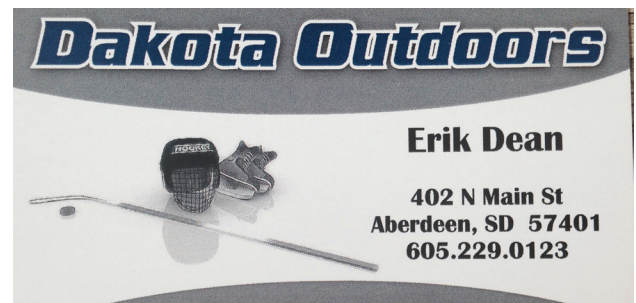
### Sunday, July 24

Anniversary: Roger and Pam Rix

**Birthdays:** Christi Swenson • Nathan Loutsch •

## Apts for Rent

1 bedroom and HUGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartments available NOW! All utilities included except A/C, 1 bedroom \$504 and HUGE 2 bedroom 2 bath \$674 Please call or text 239-849-7674



**Dakota Outdoors**

**Erik Dean**

402 N Main St  
Aberdeen, SD 57401  
605.229.0123

## Warning Signs That Your Pet is Getting Too Hot - and What to Do About It

**Column by Russ Daly, Professor, SDSU Extension Veterinarian, State Public Health Veterinarian**

This week's intense heat wave has many people reminding themselves about how to keep themselves safe from the heat and humidity - but people should consider those measures for their pets as well.

Dogs and cats regulate their body temperature by means other than sweating. Dogs typically dissipate heat by panting, while cats do so through a variety of ways.

When an animal gets hot, these processes work to maintain their normal 101-102 degrees Fahrenheit body temperature. When these processes have to work for a prolonged period of time, signs of heat stress can result.

### Signs of Heat Stress

Heat stress signs serve as an alert to animal owners that their pet's body is working hard to cool itself down, and that more severe problems - such as heat stroke - may result if help is not provided.

In dogs these signs include;

Excessive panting;

Excessive salivation;

Weakness, and muscle cramps.

The same signs can be common in cats. Open-mouth breathing is not normal in cats, and should be taken as a sign of stress.

### Heat Stroke can be fatal

In contrast, heat stroke occurs when these temperature regulation mechanisms fail. Heat stroke is potentially fatal, and prompt treatment by a veterinarian is necessary to prevent death or long-term complications.

How can one tell when a dog or cat is suffering from heat stroke? Essentially, when an animal progresses from simply being hot to being sick, heat stroke is occurring.

In heat stroke, the same signs of heat stress are present, but they progress.

The animal becomes restless leading to weakness and an inability to move.

They salivate excessively, which leads to dehydration and a dry mouth.

They may vomit or have diarrhea.

The effects of heat stroke may progress to seizures, coma, and death.

When heat stroke is suspected, owners should call their veterinarian immediately. The veterinarian will recommend steps to take while the animal is transported to the clinic.

Some of these steps may include moving the animal to air conditioning, running cool water on the belly and underneath the limbs (but not submerging the dog in cold or icy water), and using rubbing alcohol on their paws to help dissipate the heat.

Once at the veterinary clinic, IV fluids will be an important part of the treatment of heat stroke.

### Help Pets Maintain Normal Body Temperature

The best way to prevent this most dire effect of heat and humidity on animals is to recognize the potential for and signs of heat stress and to take steps to help animals keep a normal body temperature.

Some animals are more susceptible to the effects of heat than others.

Young kittens and puppies often do not have the same capacity to cool themselves compared to adult animals. On the other side of the spectrum, elderly pets and those with existing heart or respiratory problems will exhibit these signs at lower environmental temperatures than younger animals.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 3 of 37

Many pets enjoy the comfort of air-conditioned houses during heat waves, but they can be subjected to heat stress and stroke if they are walked or put through exertion outside during hot weather.

Pets that spend most of their day inside and are not acclimated to hot weather are particularly vulnerable.

## **Some things to consider:**

Dogs should not be walked or jogged long distances during extreme hot weather.

Pets that spend time outside can find relief from heat by having a shady, breezy spot available during all times of the day.

Ample drinking water should always be readily available. Some animals enjoy having a kids' swimming pool or sprinkler nearby to cool themselves off.

An animal spending time outside during hot weather is not necessarily being subject to abuse. However, ample water, shade, air flow, and an attentive owner that regularly checks on them are all necessary for pets to ensure they do not progress to a life-threatening situation during a heat wave.

If you have any question about your pet's condition during these hot conditions, contact your veterinarian immediately.

## **Over 1,100 Ways to Enter the SD State Fair**

There are 1,171 ways to showcase your talents at the South Dakota State Fair by entering in the open class static exhibit divisions and the registration deadline is right around the corner.

Some contest areas include: canning, needlework, baking, quilting, table and place settings division, garden crafts, flower arrangements, art and photography.

"Whether you have an intricate quilt, upcycled furniture item, perfectly round and red tomato, or a table and place setting you are dying to show off, check out the premium books and see where you might fit in," said State Fair manager Peggy Besch. "This year, an online entry process is available and exhibitors are encouraged to use it. To find the online entry forms, log onto [sdstatefair.com](http://sdstatefair.com), find the competitive events tab at the top of the page, and click on 'static' in the drop down box." (\*\*\*)Download Besch audio(\*\*\*)

The static entry deadline is Sunday, July 31. Entries postmarked on that day will be accepted. Remember to include payment and completed W9 form (include SSN) with your entry. Other upcoming deadlines include open class livestock on Monday, Aug. 1. Late fees will apply to entries received after the deadline.

The 2016 SD State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 1, through Monday, Sept. 5. Channel Seeds Preview night will be Wednesday, Aug. 31. This year's theme is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels." For more information on State Fair events, contact the fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is a major contributor to South Dakota's economy, generating \$25.6 billion in annual economic activity and employing over 115,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 4 of 37

## Outdoor World<sup>®</sup>

### HOW TO BE A BOW-HUNTING FANATIC

A bowhunting fanatic absolutely loves the sport; they live and breathe it, not just in the fall but year-round. A bowhunting fanatic remains motionless on a stand for hours until they've tagged the deer they've been after.

A bowhunting fanatic doesn't sit at home and watch TV. A bowhunting fanatic is outside hunting every day of the season and scouts before and after the season.

If they aren't bowhunting or scouting, bowhunting fanatics are out shooting their bow, fine-tuning arrows, going through their accessories, sharpening broadheads, reading about bowhunting, talking about bowhunting and dreaming about bow hunting.

Nationwide, only about 15% of bowhunters tag a deer. Those 15% spend a lot of time investing and don't give up. The other 85% are not willing or can't invest the time and effort needed to be a bow-hunting fanatic.

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

For more tips, go to [basspro.com](http://basspro.com) and click on 1Source News & Tips



We now accept



for out patient therapy.

1106 N 2nd St., Groton  
605/397-2365

## Britton Grain Terminal

### Open House and Ribbon Cutting

Monday, August 1st, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Located 1 mile south of Britton, SD on SD Highway 27

*This recently completed facility has a licensed capacity of 4.5 million bushels of upright storage. In total, the new facility will be capable of receiving grain at 60,000 bushels per hour and loading 120-car shuttle trains at 80,000 bushels per hour.*

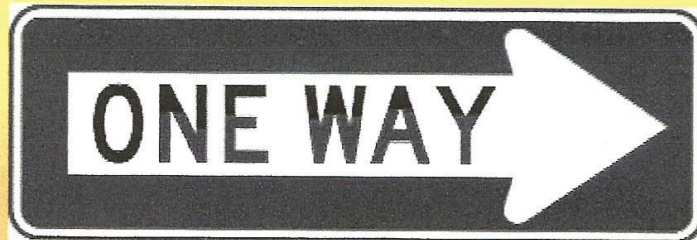
**Governor Dennis Daugaard is scheduled to attend the ribbon cutting!**  
Tours and lunch will begin at Noon.



Britton Grain Terminal  
11081 SD Highway 27  
Britton, SD 57430  
605-448-2261

**Everyone is welcome to come and tour the new facility!**

[www.wdcoop.com](http://www.wdcoop.com)



Join us for

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

where we will learn about

Jesus -- the ONE WAY!

*Bible/Mission stories, Songs, Games,  
Snack, Crafts, Skits... FUN!*

*Bring a Friend!!!*

**Who:** Ages 3-12

**When:** **July 25-29**  
**Monday- Friday**  
**6:15-8:45 pm**

**Friday:**  
Family Fun Night -  
program, picnic and  
games!

**Where:**

Groton C&MA Church  
706 N Main

**For more info contact:**

Pastor Doug Duncan 887.7730  
Amy Duncan 887.7794  
Jenna Franken 216.4291

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 6 of 37

## Today in Weather History

July 21, 1940: From near Miller, a tornado moved southeast, destroying a barn, garage, and two windmills. This tornado was estimated to be an F2 strength.

July 21, 2000: 3.25-inch hail was reported near Okreek in northeastern Todd County.

1911 - The temperature at Painter, WY, dipped to 10 degrees to equal the record low for July for the continental U.S. (The Weather Channel)

1934 - The temperature reached 109 degrees at Cincinnati, OH, to cap their hottest summer of record. The state record for Ohio was established that day with a reading of 113 degrees near the town of Gallipolis. (David Ludlum)

1947: Holt, Missouri sets the world record of 12 inches of rain in only 42 minutes.

1975 - Six inches of rain fell across Mercer County, NJ, in just ten hours causing the worst flooding in twenty years. Assunpink Creek crested eleven feet above flood stage at Hamilton and Trenton, the highest level of record. Traffic was brought to a standstill, and railway service between New York City and Washington D.C. was cut off for two days. Flooding left 1000 persons homeless, and caused an estimated 25 million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1983: At Vostok Station in Antarctica, the temperature dropped to 128.6 degrees below zero. This reading is the coldest temperature ever recorded.

1987 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Utah to North Dakota, spawning a dozen tornadoes in North Dakota. Thunderstorms in North Dakota also produced baseball size hail at Clifford which caused four million dollars damage, and high winds which toppled a couple of eighty foot towers cutting off power to the town of Blanchard. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1987: An F4 tornado ravages the Teton Wilderness and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. The tornado's violent winds destroy millions of trees on a 24.3-mile track that traverses the Continental Divide at an elevation of 10,170 feet.

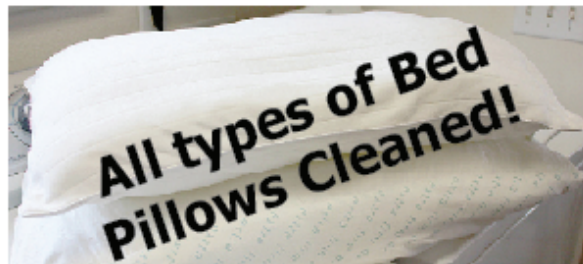
1988 - While cool air invaded the central U.S., unseasonably hot weather continued over the western states. The temperature at Spring Valley, NV, soared from a morning low of 35 degrees to an afternoon high of 95 degrees. Fallon, NV, reported an all-time record high of 108 degrees, and Death Valley, CA, reported their sixth straight day of 120 degree heat. (The Weather Channel) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Afternoon thunderstorms over Florida produced wind gusts to 92 mph at Jacksonville, damaging thirteen light planes at Herlong Field. Five cities in Texas reported record low temperatures for the date. Corpus Christi, TX, equalled their record low for the date with a reading of 71 degrees, and then tied their record high for the date that afternoon with a reading of 97 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

## Pillow Cleaning Day

Friday, July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1006 N 2nd St,

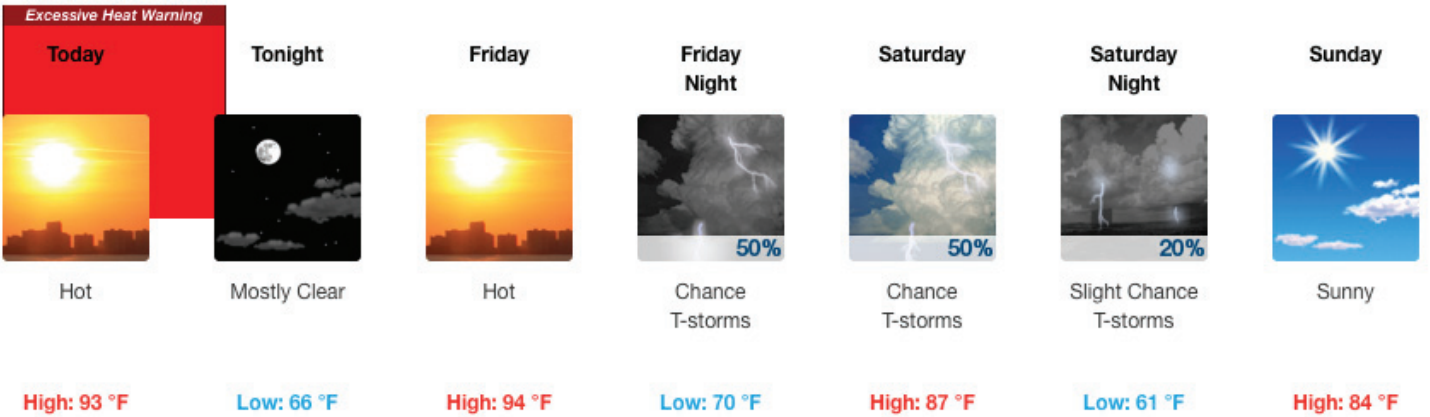


~ Feather ~ Foam  
~ Fiberfilled ~ etc.

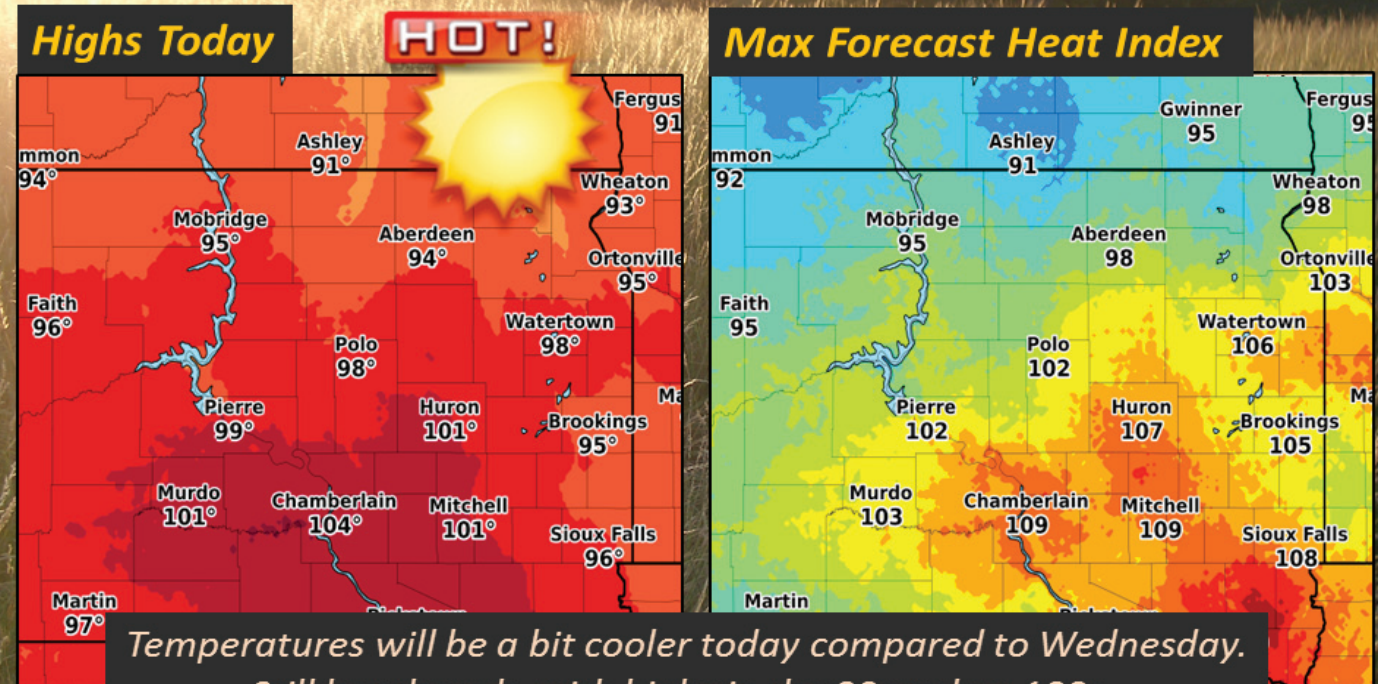
- ▶▶ Contents removed from old ticking (old material)
- ▶▶ Cleaned
- ▶▶ Sanitized
- ▶▶ Deodorized
- ▶▶ Choice of new ticking (new outside material)

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 7 of 37



## Hot and Humid Conditions Continue!



*Temperatures will be a bit cooler today compared to Wednesday. Still hot though, with highs in the 90s to low 100s. Heat indices still in the mid 90s to low 100s.*



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Published on: 07/21/2016 at 5:26AM

The heat will continue today, although highs are expected to be a few degrees cooler than Wednesday for most locations. Afternoon highs will rise into the 90s and low 100s once again, with heat indices over 100 degrees for some.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 8 of 37

## Yesterday's Weather

**High Outside Temp: 96.2 at 4:57 PM**

**Heat Index: 121.0 at 2:27 PM**

**Low Outside Temp: 74.0 at 6:20 AM**

**High Gust: 17 mph at 9:16 AM**

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High: 106° in 1899**

**Record Low: 41 in 1902**

**Average High: 84°F**

**Average Low: 60°F**

**Average Precip in July: 2.16**

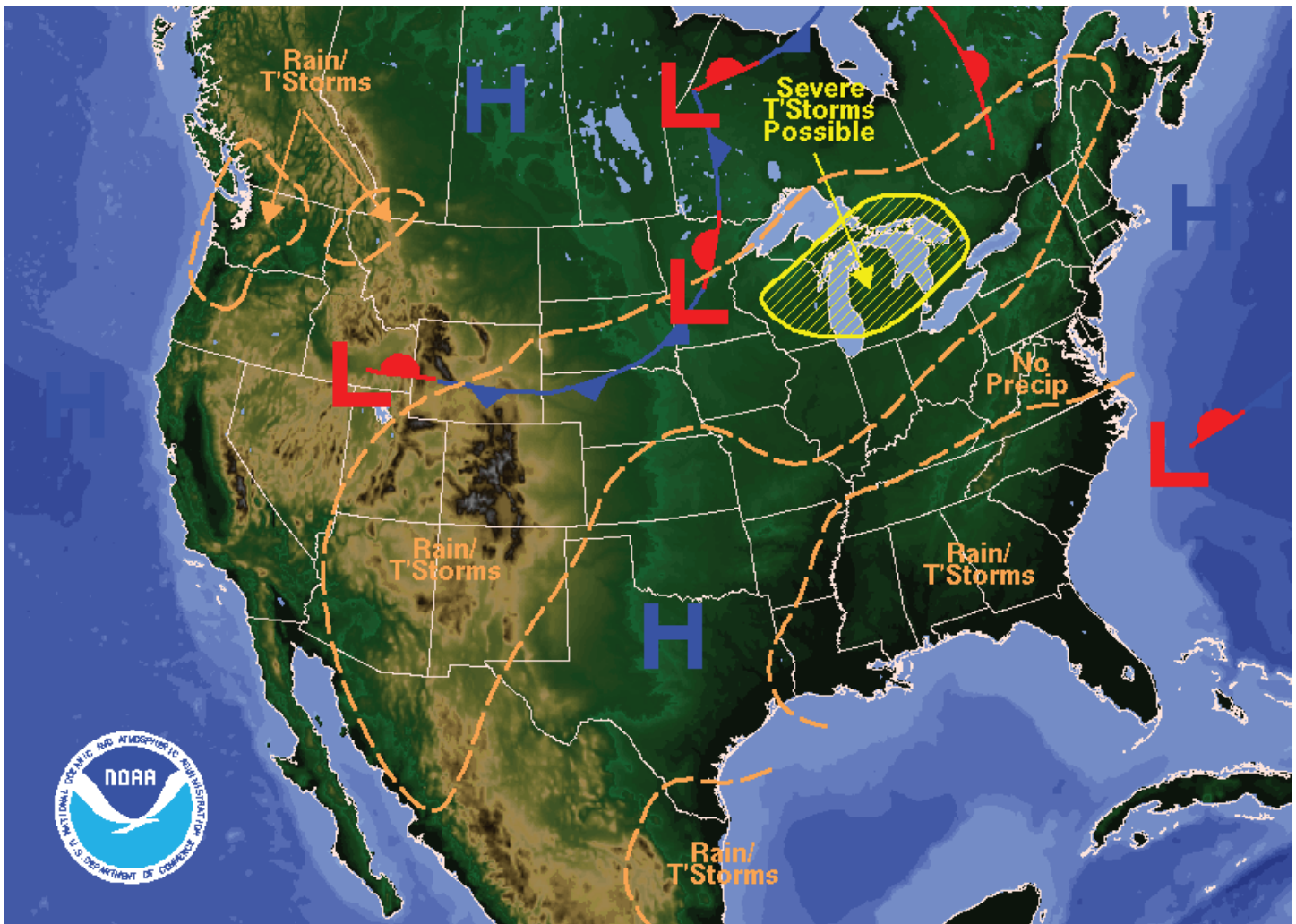
**Precip to date in July: 3.55**

**Average Precip to date: 13.00**

**Precip Year to Date: 10.21**

**Sunset Tonight: 9:13 p.m.**

**Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:07 a.m.**



Weather Forecast for Thu, Jul 21, 2016, issued 4:41 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 9 of 37



## "PASS IT ON"

Jascha Heifetz had a brilliant career as one of the world's greatest violinists. From his earliest concert at the age of nineteen and throughout his career as a violinist his performances demonstrated his mastery of the violin. He never ceased to command respect and this brought him the highest esteem of those who heard him play.

When his concert career ended, he was invited to become a professor of music at UCLA. Shortly after he accepted this position, a reporter conducting an interview with him asked, "Why did you change careers?"

He answered, "Violin playing is a perishable art. It must be passed on as a personal skill; otherwise, it will be lost."

Christian living is a perishable art. It is a way of living that reflects "the way, the truth and the life" of Jesus Christ. And because it is perishable it must be passed on or the message of the Gospel will be lost and people will not come to know Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

When we become Christians, God gives us a new vocation - not an avocation. An avocation is what we do to entertain ourselves to escape the trying demands of life. The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocatio - a calling. All Christians have a calling.

When we become new creations in Christ, we are called to a new profession: to pass on the Good News.

Prayer: Lord, may we realize, recognize, respect and accept our new calling in Christ and be faithful witnesses to always pass on Your salvation to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." Matthew 4:19

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 10 of 37

## News from the Associated Press

### **Certification aid available to organic producers, processors**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Producers and processors of organic food in South Dakota can now apply to have up to 75 percent of their certification costs reimbursed.

The state Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications from producers and processors interested in getting a reimbursement through a partnership between the agency and its federal counterpart.

Kimberly DeSchepper is a grant and loan specialist with the state Agriculture Department. She says annual certification costs are a major expense for new and established organic producers.

The reimbursement for costs paid between Oct. 1, 2015, and Sept. 30, 2016, won't exceed \$750.

Certification enables organic producers and processors to label and sell their products with a federal seal that assures consumers the products were produced using recognized organic methods.

Applications are due Nov. 15.

### **Lake Norden's chance to be capital for a day approaching**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Lake Norden's chance to be the honorary South Dakota capital for a day this month is approaching quickly.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's office says activities for the July 28 event will include a community social gathering.

Activities also include a Main Street walk and tours around town. Leaders will discuss the needs of the city with Daugaard at a roundtable lunch.

Lake Norden Mayor Jason Aho has said it's good to bring the governor into the community to offer residents and businesses an opportunity to discuss important issues.

### **Central US braces for 'heat dome;' heat indexes to top 100**

**JASON KEYSER, Associated Press**

CHICAGO (AP) — High temperatures and humidity will bake much of the central U.S. this week, making it feel as hot as 115 degrees in some places and leading some cities to open cooling stations and take other precautions.

The high pressure system, sometimes called a "heat dome," will push conditions to their hottest point so far this summer, though record hot temperatures are not expected, according to the National Weather Service. Authorities from Minnesota to Louisiana are warning people to take precautions and check on the elderly and other vulnerable neighbors and relatives.

The temperature in the South Dakota capital of Pierre reached 105 degrees Wednesday afternoon. Misty Black Bear, who works for the state, watched as her new chocolate ice cream cone immediately started melting in the sun. She said she's fortunate her office has air conditioning.

State workers Katie Hruska and Kelsey Weber ate ice cream in the shade but planned to head right back inside when they were done.

"I eat ice cream in the winter, too, because it's delicious," Hruska said. "But, did we pick ice cream today because it's hot? Yes."

A 4-year-old Illinois girl was hospitalized Tuesday after being found unresponsive in a hot vehicle in a suburb northwest of Chicago. Details on her condition weren't released. Investigators think the girl

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 11 of 37

climbed into the vehicle without her parents' knowledge after overhearing conversations about going to her grandmother's home for dinner, the McHenry County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday.

In neighboring Missouri, officials blamed heat for the death last week of an elderly woman in St. Louis County.

And officials at the Canterbury Park track near Minneapolis canceled live horse racing on Thursday, when the heat index was expected to exceed 110 degrees.

Temperatures were forecast to reach the 90s for most areas of the central U.S. starting Wednesday and lasting into the weekend in some places. High humidity will make it feel anywhere from 105 to 115 degrees.

"We're not talking record-breaking heat by any stretch," said Andrew Krein, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Chicago-area office. "The only thing is it is the warmest it's been this summer, so in that respect people may not be prepared for it."

Excessive heat warnings put out by the weather service were in effect Wednesday for parts of Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois.

Thunderstorms and a cold front descending south across Lake Michigan could provide some relief Friday for parts of the Great Lakes region.

Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths, ahead of flooding, Krein said.

Cities around the region were opening cooling centers. Health departments put out safety tips advising people to check on the elderly, stay hydrated and avoid strenuous outdoor activity. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration urged employers to protect laborers doing construction, road and agricultural work.

Jerry Main, who plants corn and soybeans on about 500 acres in southeast Iowa near Fairfield, said farmers plan outdoor work in early mornings to avoid the hottest part of the day.

"As far as cutting weeds by hand or manual labor outside I would say most farmers will spend a good share of the afternoon in the house," he said.

This time of year, many Midwest farmers are spraying soybean fields to control weeds, a task likely performed from the cab of an air-conditioned tractor. Others are applying fungicide to corn, which is sometimes done by airplane.

Krein, the meteorologist, said the maturing corn crops this time of year are partly to blame for the sudden increase in humidity, along with the main source: moisture from the Gulf of Mexico.

"Corn is a very effective transporter of moisture from the ground into the atmosphere," he said, adding that the moisture is also then blown over urban areas such as Chicago.

## **Girl fatally shot on sidewalk in Pine Ridge Wednesday**

PINE RIDGE, S.D. (AP) — Two men are in custody in the early-morning shooting death of a girl on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation.

Oglala Sioux Tribe spokesman Kevin Steele says the girl was walking on a sidewalk with a friend in the reservation's community of Pine Ridge when she was shot. He says it is unclear why the girl was shot.

Steele says the shooting happened in the community's main street, where homes and businesses are located.

Tribal police and federal authorities are investigating. An FBI spokesman says the agency is aware of a shooting in the community but would not provide any details.

Oglala Sioux Tribe Police Chief Eugenio B. White Hawk didn't immediately return a call seeking comment Wednesday.

## Rectangular outline bumps warrior from North Dakota signage

**JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The profile of a famous Sioux warrior that has adorned North Dakota's highway signs for nearly a century is being quietly replaced by a rectangle.

One descendant of Marcellus Red Tomahawk said it "tears my heart out" that officials decided to swap out the markers featuring his great-great-grandfather with versions displaying the nondescript North Dakota outline, an homage to the upcoming 100th birthday of the state's transportation agency.

"Anything that represents American Indians is being dismantled," Wilbur Red Tomahawk said. "The time will come when the only way to know about an Indian is to read about them in a book or go to a reservation."

Marcellus Red Tomahawk was the first elected chairman of the Standing Rock reservation in 1914. He is best known outside the tribe as a government policeman involved in the killing of Sitting Bull a quarter-century earlier during an attempt to arrest the Sioux chief, who defeated Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer at the battle of Little Bighorn.

North Dakota's Transportation Department adopted Red Tomahawk's profile on state highway signs in 1923, and there are more than 4,000 of the signs displayed throughout the state, said Jamie Olson, a transportation agency spokeswoman.

Olson said switching to an outline of North Dakota is being done not just to celebrate the agency's anniversary next year but also to "help provide nationwide uniformity" with other states' signage.

The latter reason, Olson acknowledges, is arguable, since only 15 or so states at present use outlines or silhouettes on highway signage. Most state markers are just simple squares or have unique logos. Washington state, for example, uses a silhouette of George Washington, and Utah uses a beehive, which represents hard work and industriousness.

The agency decided to remove the American Indian imagery internally and had no public notification or hearings on the plan. Olson said the move "in no way was done out of political correctness" or in response to the University of North Dakota's controversial Fighting Sioux nickname that was dropped in 2012 after the NCAA deemed it "hostile and abusive."

LaDonna Brave Bull Allard, a tribal historian at Standing Rock, said the removal of the signage of will be unsettling to the tribal members on the reservation that straddles the North Dakota and South Dakota border and is home to about 9,000 people, more than half of whom live in North Dakota.

"The emblem of Red Tomahawk has always been a great deal of pride with the tribe and the majority of people here do not know this is happening," Brave Bull Allard said. "I think there are going to be some really upset people here on Standing Rock."

But Olson said some descendants of Red Tomahawk were notified of the plan last year and "they were OK with it."

Wilbur Red Tomahawk said he and some of his relatives were contacted and had differing opinions.

"I have mixed emotions, out of respect for them," Red Tomahawk said, adding that his brother, Pete, supported replacing the signs.

Pete Red Tomahawk, who serves as the tribe's transportation director, did not return telephone calls from The Associated Press seeking comment. Replacement of the Red Tomahawk signs began this summer and will take up to a decade to fully phase out, under the agency's sign replacement program that's funded at about \$500,000 annually, Olson said. Signs typically last five to 10 years before they become faded, damaged or stolen, she said.

Brave Bull Allard said Red Tomahawk is remembered among tribal members for "standing up for treaty rights and standing up for the people here."

"He has his own history even though this unfortunate incident happened with the Indian police," she said. Red Tomahawk's wife, Marcella Blue Earth Woman, made a reparation payment to Sitting Bull's five wives that alleviated future tribal feuds, Brave Bull Allard said.

Red Tomahawk, who died in 1931, helped write the tribe's constitution in 1916, Brave Bull Allard said. He is still honored by the North Dakota Highway Patrol, which has used his image on shoulder patches and trooper vehicles since the early 1950s.

Capt. Aaron Hummel said troopers use Red Tomahawk's image as a show of respect and they have no intention of replacing it.

Hummel said troopers have consulted with Red Tomahawk's descendants in the past about the use of the image.

"The family has been very supportive," he said.

## 2 of 5 Air National Guard female fighter pilots based in SD

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — They're two of just five women in the U.S. who can operate F-16 Fighting Falcon jets for the Air National Guard, but their gender is the last thing the millennial pilots based in South Dakota dwell on.

Instead, they're focused on jump-starting their careers and perfecting the skills that one day may lead them to defend their country by operating a jack-of-all-trades-type aircraft that can shoot down other airplanes and drop bombs.

Capt. Shanon Davis and Valerie Vanderostyne were among four people selected from a pool of 100 applicants in 2011 to join the 114th Fighter Wing with the South Dakota Air National Guard in Sioux Falls. After undergoing years of training that has taken them to seven states, South Korea, and soon, Poland, the women are the first two female fighter pilots in the state Air Guard's 70-year history.

"Why not?" Davis, 27, said when asked why she chose to become a fighter pilot. "I was always going to be a pilot. I always knew that's what I wanted to do. ... I was surprised when we first got back about the response of the women that work here in all jobs and how excited they were to have us here."

In interviews at the Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls on Tuesday, both stressed that they earned their spot through hard work, not preferential treatment.

"From Day 1, it's been great," the 28-year-old Vanderostyne said of joining the 114th Fighter Wing, which has 31 male pilots. "I haven't felt weird for being a female or anything or treated any differently, and when I fly, I'm expected to do my job just as well as any of the other guys here."

Davis said girls or young women considering careers as fighter pilots should not be discouraged by what others may think of their choice. She said it's all "a matter of how hard you want to work."

The Air National Guard has 195 female pilots; of those, 10 are fighter pilots and five have trained to fly the F-16 Fighting Falcon, an almost 50-foot long aircraft used in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attacks. The agency did not immediately disclose where the other three F-16 female pilots are based. In comparison, the Air Guard has 3,547 male pilots, of which 884 can operate fighter jets.

Davis and Vanderostyne have not been in combat, but both said they are ready should they be asked to do so.

Vanderostyne, who was selected as Wingman of the Year in 2015, will be flying an F-16 as part of the Sioux Falls Air Show on Sunday, even if some of those on the ground watching don't find it plausible.

"If they believe me, people think it's the coolest job ever," Vanderostyne said of people's usual reactions. "My friends brag about it to their friends, but to me, it's my job, and I love it. I wouldn't do anything else."

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 14 of 37

## **Sioux Falls Canaries fire manager Chris Paterson**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Canaries have fired manager Chris Paterson.

The franchise in the independent American Association announced the move Tuesday. Canaries President and CEO Tom Garrity said the team needs “a fresh voice.”

The team named former Canaries infielder Shelby Ford as interim manager for the rest of the season.

Paterson was in his second season as manager. The team was 56-98 during his tenure and had lost nine straight games leading up to his firing. The Canaries beat the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks 5-4 on Tuesday night to end the losing streak.

## **Authorities ID Mobridge woman killed in head-on collision**

MOUND CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Highway Patrol has identified a Mobridge woman killed in a head-on collision in Campbell County.

Authorities say 25-year-old Danielle McCollam was traveling on U.S. Highway 83 south of Mound City on Monday morning when a pickup truck collided head-on with her car.

She 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 pedestrian struck and killed in Sioux Falls**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified a pedestrian who died after being struck by two vehicles in northeastern Sioux Falls.

The Highway Patrol says 24-year-old Shane Whalen, of Sioux Falls, died at the scene at an Interstate 229 exit early Tuesday.

The patrol says Whalen was walking in the traffic lane on the off-ramp when he was struck by two vans.

Neither driver was hurt, and neither will face any charges.

## **South Dakota delegate opposes Trump with face palm**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — One member of South Dakota’s delegation to the Republican National Convention found it hard to look when the group announced its support for GOP presidential nominee Donald Trump.

State Rep. Isaac Latterell of Tea shook his head, rolled his eyes and clamped his hand over his face.

Latterell was positioned just a few feet behind South Dakota Republican Party Chairwoman Pam Roberts as she spoke, and his gestures were captured Tuesday night by TV stations and media livestreams of the event in Cleveland.

Latterell tells the Argus Leader newspaper (<http://argusne.ws/29TrnXC>) that he thinks Trump’s nomination is “a sad day for the Republican party.” He says he doesn’t think Trump has a chance of winning the presidency.

Latterell says he voted for Texas Sen. Ted Cruz in South Dakota’s primary election.

## **China’s calls for South China Sea talks face challenges**

**GILLIAN WONG, Associated Press**

BEIJING (AP) — Amid China’s outrage over an international tribunal that rejected its territorial claims in the South China Sea, the country is using new language that some experts say shows Beijing wants to be more flexible. But it is too late?

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 15 of 37

China has been on a public relations offensive to discredit The Hague-based tribunal that last week handed the Philippines a massive victory in its challenge to Beijing's claims to much of the sea. Buried in the outpouring of statements and diplomats' diatribes, however, is a new stance on cooperating with the Philippines and other claimants in jointly developing the waters' rich fishing stocks and potential wealth of other natural resources.

"China is ready to discuss with countries concerned about provisional arrangements pending final settlement of the dispute," the country's top diplomat, State Councilor Yang Jiechi, said last week. Yang did not describe specifics of the arrangements but said they would include joint development for "mutual benefits."

Other official statements have also said China is willing to enter into "provisional arrangements of a practical nature," phrasing that echoes language used in the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea, or UNCLOS. Under UNCLOS, such "provisional arrangements" set aside issues of sovereignty and promote joint development of resources, with the understanding that cooperation would neither bolster nor undermine a state's claims. Several Chinese analysts said it marked a new approach for China.

"It is the first time that the idea of provisional arrangements has been proposed as a policy," said Zhu Feng, executive director of the China Center for Collaborative Studies of South China Sea of Nanjing University.

Zhu said such arrangements under UNCLOS could expand the scope of possible activities in which China and other claimants could work together to include not just oil exploitation but the development of fisheries, tourism and other resources.

For years, China has publicly touted the idea of jointly developing the South China Sea with other claimants, but its insistence that the other party first recognize Chinese sovereignty over the features in question posed a major stumbling block, analysts say.

Chinese analysts say Beijing is offering such arrangements to demonstrate flexibility and play down the thorny issue of sovereignty. Other analysts say China is likely under pressure to head off attempts by other countries that claim parts of the South China Sea to replicate the Philippines' legal success.

China's main challenge is that last week's ruling gives other parties little incentive to talk.

"The problem is that according to the ruling, China only enjoys a very small part of the territorial sea, therefore laying a foundation for other claimants not to seek joint development," said Chen Xiangmiao, a researcher at the National Institute for South China Sea Studies.

Analysts in the U.S. said the apparent shift in China's negotiating strategy was noteworthy, but that Beijing needs to build trust with the other claimants.

"Beijing's intimations that it is prepared to open the door to (provisional arrangements) is promising," said Dr. Lynn Kuok, non-resident fellow at Brookings Institution, who was among several scholars who have argued that China should adopt such arrangements.

Kuok said it is difficult to identify areas for joint development but the most obvious one would be the waters around Scarborough Shoal, where the tribunal found the Philippines and China both retained traditional fishing rights.

"However, trust in China is very low and Beijing will have to demonstrate the sincerity of its intentions fairly quickly," Kuok said.

Southeast Asian nations involved in disputes with China have said they think Beijing's calls for negotiations are mere stalling tactics as China continues to build airstrips and other infrastructure in the South China Sea, effectively expanding its control over the vast waters.

Tran Cong Truc, the former head of Vietnam's borders committee, dismissed China's overtures. In previous talks with Hanoi, China has sought joint development of waters that Vietnam considers its own

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 16 of 37

exclusive economic zone to which Beijing has no legitimate claim, he said.

"Beijing wants to turn undisputed areas into disputed areas," he said.

"They wanted to secure a placement in the joint development as a first step and then control all of it," he said. "There could be some differences in the way they talk ... but there is no change in their nature."

Questions remain about the conditions Beijing would impose on any talks.

"I wonder whether there is a trap for the Philippines implicit in this enticing offer," asked Bonnie Glaser, senior adviser for Asia at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C.

The arbitration ruling essentially declared that China has no legal basis to claim historic rights in the South China Sea, leaving China with little leverage.

If the Philippines accepted the provisional arrangements, Glaser said, that might acknowledge that China has some form of resource rights despite the ruling to the contrary. "In essence, it is asking Manila to ignore the ruling," she said.

China has asserted that the tribunal's ruling cannot be made the basis of any negotiations over the disputes. The Philippines' foreign secretary, Perfecto Yasay, this week said Manila rejected Beijing's offer of talks on that condition, saying it was inconsistent with the Philippines' constitution and its national interest.

On Thursday, the official China Daily carried a Chinese foreign ministry response to Yasay's rejection, urging the Philippines to chart a new course. The ministry was quoted as saying: "There is still time if timely remedy is made."

## **The Latest: Manafort: Cruz address was 'very bad judgment'**

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Latest on the Republican National Convention (all times EDT):

7:30 a.m.

Donald Trump's top adviser said former rival Ted Cruz "used very bad judgment" when he addressed the GOP convention without endorsing its presidential nominee.

Paul Manafort told NBC's "Today" Thursday that Trump invited his primary opponents to address the convention in Cleveland because "he views the primary process as over." Convention delegates formally nominated Trump on Tuesday.

Manafort added that the Republican Party is coming together, despite the Texas senator's failure to endorse Trump during his primetime address late Wednesday.

But he believes Cruz "used very bad judgment," adding that "he was not respectful to the invitation by the convention to come and speak."

Manafort said that Cruz "understood what the responsibilities are, someone in his position."

---

7:15 a.m.

Indiana Gov. Mike Pence says the Republican Party is coming together even though one-time presidential candidate Ted Cruz refused to endorse Donald Trump at the party's convention.

The GOP vice presidential nominee told Fox News Thursday that he is grateful Cruz came to the convention noted that the Texas senator did congratulate Trump on winning a hard-fought campaign.

Boos filled the convention hall on Wednesday night after Cruz declined to endorse Trump in his prime time speech and urged Republicans to vote their conscience.

Pence said he is "absolutely confident that in the days ahead you're going to see this party come together and present the choice to the American people."

---



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 17 of 37

7:12 a.m.

Donald Trump says he's pleased that the staffer who wrote Michelle Obama's words into Melania Trump's speech has removed "that cloud" shadowing his wife's otherwise well-received address.

The GOP presidential nominee told ABC's "Good Morning America" Thursday that he appreciated Meredith McIver's apology. He said it's "terrific" that McIver, who is an employee of the Trump Organization, admitted inadvertently lifting the first lady's phrasing from her 2008 convention speech word-for-word. He added that "now that cloud is lifted off" Mrs. Trump.

Trump Campaign Chairman Paul Manafort had led a chorus the candidate's surrogates denying Mrs. Trump's speech contained any plagiarism, despite clear evidence to the contrary. McIver released a statement Wednesday saying that she had inadvertently included some phrases from Mrs. Obama's speech into Mrs. Trump's address and offered her resignation. Trump refused to accept it. He told ABC that "people make mistakes."

6:50 a.m.

Donald Trump Jr. says that Ohio Gov. John Kasich, who has boycotted the Republican National Convention, was briefly a prospect to be his father's vice presidential running mate.

The younger Trump tells MSNBC "we talked about it as a potential," but said nothing came of it and that Kasich never directly discussed it with Donald Trump.

Donald Trump Jr. says the talk of Kasich possibly joining the ticket took place last spring, well before his father started building momentum for the nomination the convention bestowed on him Tuesday night.

Kasich has refused to endorse Trump and the governor has refused to go to the Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland where the convention was taking place, although he has made public appearances in the area.

3:37 a.m.

It's Donald Trump's moment to make his case to the country — and to the many rattled doubters in his own party.

The most important speech of his presidential campaign will bring down the balloons Thursday night on a convention marked by divided loyalties and unwanted distractions.

Competing passions were sharply on display Wednesday night when Trump's fiercest primary rival, Ted Cruz, stopped far short of endorsing the nominee and drew loud boos.

Mike Pence's acceptance speech as Trump's running mate was overshadowed as a result, one more missed opportunity at a convention with a daily drip of them.

Trump tweeted about Cruz's speech: "No big deal!"

He said he saw the text of Cruz's speech two hours before it was delivered but thought, "let him speak anyway."

## Malaysia's PM says he's serious about good governance

**EILEEN NG, Associated Press**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister said Thursday he is serious about good governance and vowed to "fully cooperate" with a U.S. investigation into a \$3.5 billion scandal involving a state fund he headed.

The comments by Prime Minister Najib Razak were his first since the U.S. Department of Justice revealed in Los Angeles on Wednesday that it has initiated action to seize about \$1.3 billion of the missing

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 18 of 37

\$3.5 billion allegedly used to buy assets in the U.S. by people close to Najib.

"Allow the process to take its course, but I want to say categorically that we are serious about good governance," Najib told reporters. His statement, however, is going to carry little weight with his detractors who accuse him of being behind the alleged misappropriation of the funds.

Najib has consistently denied allegations of wrongdoing.

The state fund, known as 1MDB, was created in 2009 by Najib shortly after he took office to promote economic development projects. Instead, U.S. prosecutors said, fund officials diverted more than \$3.5 billion through a web of shell companies and bank accounts in Singapore, Switzerland, Luxembourg and the United States.

The Justice Department says it wants to seize some \$1.3 billion of that money, which officials were able to trace through the U.S. financial system. It says the forfeiture demand is the largest single action it's taken.

The money was used to pay for luxury properties in New York and California, a \$35 million jet, art by Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet and helped finance the Hollywood film, "The Wolf of Wall Street," according to the DOJ complaints.

"In seeking to seize these forfeited items, the Department of Justice is sending a message that we will not allow the United States to become a playground for the corrupt," said Eileen Decker, the U.S. Attorney in Los Angeles. "And we will not allow it to be a platform for money laundering or a place to hide and invest in stolen riches."

Najib said he viewed the U.S. action seriously but pointed out that it was limited to the individuals named in the complaints. He said his government will "fully cooperate" with U.S. authorities.

The complaints identify by name several people close to Najib. Among them is Najib's stepson, Riza Shahriz Abdul Aziz, who co-founded movie production studio Red Granite Pictures, and businessman Low Taek Jho, who is close to Najib's family. The complaint describes Riza as a relative of an unnamed "Malaysian Official 1" whose approval was needed for the fund's financial commitments.

"We have to establish facts first. This is a civil action, this not a criminal action. Those people involved will have their say through the court process in the United States," Najib said.

Opposition leaders have taken "Malaysian Official 1" to mean Najib.

"It does not take a rocket scientist to figure it out. It's our prime minister," Ambiga Sreenevasan, an activist lawyer, said at a news conference Thursday, which was also addressed by former Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, a one-time Najib mentor and now one of his biggest critics.

Mahathir called for a peaceful rally to demand the prime minister's removal.

The rally should "demand the removal of the kleptocrat who has stolen money from the government," said Mahathir. The time has come to set up an independent tribunal to find out the identity of "Malaysian Official 1," he told reporters.

The U.S. has now joined several other countries, including Switzerland and Singapore, where similar investigations are ongoing into the workings of 1MDB fund. Also Thursday, Singapore said it had seized assets worth 240 million Singapore dollars (\$176 million) in its probe on possible money laundering linked to 1MDB.

Allegations against 1MDB have gained steam over the months, but Najib has steadfastly denied any involvement or wrongdoing. He also remains firmly in political control of the country, thanks largely to the apparently unwavering support of ruling party members despite a few voices of dissent. The opposition is too weak in Malaysia to dislodge him.

"He is still politically safe. There isn't any immediate or real challenge to his leadership," said Wan Saiful Wan Jan, who heads the think tank Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs.

However, the U.S. complaints are by far the biggest threat to Najib's credibility — and hence stability — that could reinvigorate the opposition and ruling party members who are secretly opposed to him.

The Malaysian attorney-general also rushed to defend Najib.

"To date there has been no evidence from any investigation conducted by any law enforcement agencies in various jurisdictions which shows that money has been misappropriated from 1MDB," Mohamed Apandi Ali said in a statement.

He added that there have been no criminal charges pressed against any individuals for misappropriating funds from 1MDB. Mohamed Apandi also expressed "strong concerns at the insinuations and allegations" of criminal wrongdoing against Najib. He said that the prime minister has not been named a defendant in the DOJ complaints.

Mohamed Apandi had already cleared Najib of criminal wrongdoing in January, saying \$681 million found in his bank accounts was a donation from the Saudi royal family and not from 1MDB, with most of it returned.

## **113-year-old New Jersey woman has title of oldest American**

PITTSBURY, N.J. (AP) — A 113-year-old New Jersey woman is the new holder of the title of oldest American.

The Record newspaper reports (<http://bit.ly/29VvKkY> ) Adele Dunlap became the country's oldest person earlier this month following the death of a Worcester, Massachusetts, woman. Dunlap lives at the Country Arch Care Center in Pittsboro.

The Los Angeles-based Gerontology Research Group, which tracks supercentenarians, or people 110 and older, says Dunlap is also the 10th oldest person in the world.

Dunlap didn't give an explanation for her longevity and her 86-year-old son, Earl, was also at a loss for words to describe her long life.

The care center's activities director says Dunlap is a passive participant in daily activities and socializes minimally but looks forward to Girl Scouts' coming to sing Christmas carols.

## **Sydney flight diverted as drunken passengers throw punches**

SYDNEY (AP) — A flight from Sydney to Thailand was diverted to Indonesia to offload a group of drunken Australian traveling companions who started throwing punches at each other, officials said on Thursday.

Jetstar Flight 27 was carrying 314 passengers when it diverted to Bali on Wednesday night after the six who were traveling together to the tourist island of Phuket became "extremely disruptive among themselves" and refused requests from the crew, the Australian budget airline said in a statement.

The airline said all six were forced off the plane, but Bali officials said only five men were held by airport security and faced deportation to Australia.

It is not clear what happened to the sixth passenger.

Bali airport manager Trikora Harjo said an investigation determined that the only reason the men started fighting was because they were under the influence of alcohol.

"They were not seriously injured, just bruised," Harjo said.

Nine Network television showed video of one of the men with a black eye being escorted by security guards from the plane. Nine reported another man had bled heavily in the plane from a broken nose.

Bali airport official Yusfandri Gona said the men would undergo health checks before they are deported.

"They drank too much beer and liquor on the aircraft. Some of them started fighting, yelling and punching each other and ignored other passengers and the cabin crew's requests for calm and order," Gona said.

Nine reported the fighting broke out five hours into the nine hours and 20 minute flight to Phuket. Bali is less than seven hours from Sydney.

"The other customers on board supported the decision to offload the group in Bali and thanked the crew," Jetstar said.

The plane continued on to Phuket an hour after landing in Bali.

The airline did not say whether it will pursue the troublemakers for the cost of the diversion.

## **Turkish lawmakers set to give Erdogan sweeping new powers**

**SUZAN FRASER, Associated Press**

**SARAH EL DEEB, Associated Press**

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Turkish lawmakers are expected Thursday to endorse sweeping new powers for President Recep Tayyip Erdogan allowing him to expand a crackdown in the wake of last week's failed coup.

The 550-member Parliament is set to approve Erdogan's request Wednesday for a three-month state of emergency. Erdogan's Justice and Development Party account for 317 members in the chamber.

In an address to the nation late Wednesday, Erdogan announced a cabinet decision to seek the additional powers, saying the state of emergency would give the government the tools to rid the military of the "virus" of subversion. He didn't specify exactly what the state of emergency would entail.

Under the Turkish constitution, the emergency measures allow the government to "partially or entirely" suspend "the exercise of fundamental rights and freedoms," so long as it does not violate international law obligations. Lawmakers can sanction, under the terms of the constitution, a state of emergency for a period of up to six months.

A state of emergency has never been initiated across Turkey as a whole though it was declared in the restive southeast of the country between 1987 and 2002. There, governors were able to impose curfews, call in military forces to suppress demonstration, and issue search warrants.

Even without the emergency measures, the government has already imposed a crackdown that has included mass arrests and the closure of hundreds of schools.

On Thursday, Turkish state media said a further 32 judges and two military officers have been detained by authorities during the crackdown since last week's coup.

Already, nearly 10,000 people have been arrested while hundreds of schools have been closed. Additionally, as of Thursday, 58,881 civil service employees have been dismissed, forced to resign or had their licenses revoked.

Countries around the world are keeping a close watch on developments in Turkey, which straddles Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said Thursday the state of emergency should only last as long as it's "absolutely necessary."

Steinmeier said it's important that "the rule of law, a sense of proportion and commensurability are preserved" and that it's in Turkey's interest to "keep the state of emergency only for the duration that is absolutely necessary and then immediately end it."

Any action stemming from the new powers should only be taken against those with "a provable involvement in punishable actions" and not "an alleged political attitude," Steinmeier added.

Erdogan, who had been accused of autocratic conduct even before this week's tough crackdown, said

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 21 of 37

the state of emergency would counter threats to Turkish democracy.

"This measure is in no way against democracy, the law and freedoms," Erdogan said Wednesday after a meeting with Cabinet ministers and security advisers.

## 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. IT'S TRUMP'S MOMENT TO TALK TO THE NATION — AND GOP DOUBTERS

The most important speech of his presidential campaign will bring down the balloons on a convention marked by divided loyalties and unwanted distractions.

### 2. CRUZ JEERED AS HE REFUSES TO ENDORSE TRUMP

The Texas senator tries to link arms with Republicans at the party's national convention but is booed lustily by delegates when he ended his speech without offering the New York billionaire his endorsement.

### 3. TURKISH LAWMAKERS SET TO APPROVE STATE OF EMERGENCY

The declaration will give the government sweeping powers to expand a crackdown that has already included mass arrests and the closure of hundreds of schools.

### 4. APPEALS COURT ORDERS TEXAS TO FIX ITS VOTER ID LAW

The court ruled that the law discriminates against minorities and the poor and must be weakened before the November elections.

### 5. FLORIDA MOSQUITOES BEING TESTED FOR ZIKA TO CONFIRM CASE

Mosquitoes trapped in the Miami area could determine whether a woman with the virus is the first person infected by a bite in the continental United States.

### 6. HOW BATON ROUGE GUNMAN DESCRIBED HIS ACTIONS

Gavin Long, who ambushed and killed three law enforcement officers in Louisiana, purportedly described his actions as a "necessary evil" in a handwritten manifesto.

### 7. ISRAEL TAKES ON SOCIAL MEDIA GIANTS

A new law in the works aims to force Facebook and other platforms to take down content Jerusalem deems as fueling violence.

### 8. A DISASTROUS BITTER WINTER FOR PERU'S ALPACA FARMERS

Sub-zero temperatures are killing thousands of alpacas that are the only livelihood for millions of poor families in the Andes.

### 9. COMIC-CON LAUNCHES WITH PREVIEW NIGHT, 'STAR TREK' PREMIERE

Zombies, Stormtroopers, superheroes and Starfleet officers begin crawling, marching, flying and beaming into San Diego for that other big convention this week.

### 10. RUSSIA LOSES APPEAL AGAINST TRACK AND FIELD BAN

The Court of Arbitration for Sport upholds the sanctions imposed by the IAAF following allegations of state-sponsored doping and cover-ups.

## UK Royal Navy sub in port after merchant vessel collision

LONDON (AP) — A British Royal Navy submarine has been forced into port after colliding with a merchant vessel off the coast of Gibraltar.

The navy said Wednesday that HMS Ambush's nuclear reactor was not damaged in the incident when

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 22 of 37

the Astute-class submarine became "involved in a glancing collision with a merchant vessel" while submerged and conducting a training exercise.

It added that the vessel suffered some external damage but that no crewmembers were hurt.

The navy said it was in contact with the merchant vessel "and initial indications are that it has not sustained damage."

The Astute-class vessels carry torpedoes for targeting enemy submarines and ships and Tomahawk cruise missiles.

## Europe dips but Asian stocks rise on Japan stimulus hopes

**YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — Asian shares rose but European shares dipped slightly in early trading Thursday as Japan's benchmark rose on hopes of more government stimulus spending.

KEEPING SCORE: France's CAC 40 inched down 0.1 percent in early trading to 4,374.86 while Germany's DAX was little changed at 10,139.84. Britain's FTSE 100 fell 0.3 percent to 6,708.27. U.S. shares were also set to drift slightly lower with Dow futures losing 0.03 percent to 18,526.00. S&P 500 futures slipped just 0.01 percent to 2,167.30.

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 added 0.8 percent to finish at 16,810.22. South Korea's Kospi slipped nearly 0.2 percent to 2,012.22. Hong Kong's Hang Seng edged up 0.6 percent to 22,004.63. The Shanghai Composite rose 0.4 percent to 3,039.01.

JAPAN STIMULUS: Japanese media reported the government may be considering a 20 trillion yen (\$186 billion) fiscal stimulus package. That sent Japan's benchmark and the U.S. dollar higher against the yen. A cheap yen is a plus for Japan's giant exporters.

U.S. COMPANIES: Technology stocks finished higher on Wall Street, following an encouraging report from Microsoft that said momentum in its cloud-computing business helped it to return to a profit in its fiscal fourth quarter.

EUROPE POST-BREXIT: Investors are watching for a news conference by the European Central Bank governor, Mario Draghi, to see what he might do to shore up regional growth.

THE QUOTE: "Mario Draghi's speech is hotly anticipated by investors as they look for clues and guidance on what measures the central bank will take post Brexit to navigate through uncertainty," said Alex Wijaya, senior sales trader at CMC Markets.

ENERGY: The price of U.S. crude oil rose 16 cents to \$45.91 per barrel. Brent crude, the international benchmark, rose 18 cents to \$47.35 a barrel.

CURRENCIES: The euro rose slightly to \$1.1034 from \$1.1015, while the dollar rose to 106.87 yen from 106.01 yen.

## Once more, Ivanka Trump steps into spotlight for her father

**JONATHAN LEMIRE, Associated Press**

**JILL COLVIN, Associated Press**

CLEVELAND (AP) — In the biggest moments of her father's presidential campaign, Ivanka Trump is center stage, one of his most effective and compelling advocates.

A poised, articulate and ever-measured counterpart to her father's brash, freewheeling style, Ivanka will introduce the Republican presidential nominee in Thursday night's grand finale of the party's convention. She will be the last of four Trump's children to speak — and the last to have the chance to humanize her polarizing father for the American people, showing warmth between his rougher edges and heart behind his bluntness.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 23 of 37

"There is no one closer to my father than Ivanka," her brother, Don Jr., said in an emailed statement. While he said his father is close with all of his siblings, Don Jr. said "his bond with Ivanka is truly unique. No one is more poised and articulate than my sister and no one will do a better job of explaining to the American people who my father really is."

Ivanka Trump spends far less time on the campaign trail than her brothers and her Twitter feed is rarely political, instead focusing on her clothing line and the family business. But she is also her father's not-so-secret weapon, one who steps into the breach at the most crucial moments.

That began in the campaign's very first moments, when she assumed a role typically held by political spouses. She introduced the celebrity businessman in June 2015, moments before he took his famous escalator ride to announce his then-quixotic presidential campaign.

"I remember him telling me when I was a little girl, 'Ivanka, if you're going to be thinking anyway, you might as well be thinking big,'" she said then. "And that's how he approaches any task that he undertakes. He thinks big."

Ivanka Trump spent many months of the primary campaign pregnant with her third child and her father would joke how wonderful it would be if the baby was born in whichever state he was currently campaigning, from Iowa to New Hampshire to South Carolina.

She gave birth to her son, Theodore, on March 27 — but appeared in public again just 11 days later to again be at her father's side at a crucial moment.

Trump had just taken a bruising defeat in Wisconsin and for the first time in months, his campaign seemed vulnerable. The #NeverTrump movement gained steam and the Republican establishment seemed poised to mount one last charge to sink the celebrity businessman's campaign. But as the primaries shifted to New York, Ivanka made a surprise appearance to kick off her father's campaign in his native state with a spirited introduction at a massive, raucous rally in Bethpage, Long Island.

Trump won New York in a rout and his Republican primary opponents never again mounted a serious challenge.

"Ivanka is a terrific person, a wonderful mother and someone everyone has great respect for. She is highly intelligent and extremely talented, and I rely on her both for my company and my campaign," Trump told The Associated Press in a statement. "She has great instincts in business and in life. I am incredibly proud of my daughter Ivanka, all of her accomplishments and especially her beautiful family."

Trump has long relied on his children in business. Ivanka, Don Jr. and Eric all hold executive positions at the Trump Organization, working in side-by-side-offices a floor below their father's.

That same family-driven model has extended to politics. Trump's children now play a central role in his campaign, occupying much of his inner circle and assisting him in decision-making. When his plane was grounded with mechanical delays just as Trump was working to settle on his running mate, he flew them out to join him in Indiana to spend time with the state's governor, Mike Pence, his ultimate choice.

And while all of his grown children have had a visible presence on the campaign trail, all seem to agree that none is closer than Ivanka, 34, and husband Jared Kushner, who is now involved with nearly all facets of the campaign. That's in addition her role managing her own eponymous line of clothing, shoes and handbags marketed to working women, and her position as executive vice president of acquisitions and development at the Trump Organization.

## **New Zealand invite to US Navy marks end to nuclear stalemate**

SYDNEY (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden said Thursday that the U.S. had accepted an invitation to send a Navy ship to New Zealand for the first time in three decades, signaling an end to a stalemate between the two countries that was sparked by New Zealand's anti-nuclear policy.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 24 of 37

New Zealand Prime Minister John Key announced during a joint news conference with Biden in Auckland that New Zealand had invited the U.S. to send a ship to participate in the Royal New Zealand Navy's 75th anniversary later this year. Biden, who is visiting New Zealand as part of a tour of the Pacific, said he had gladly accepted the offer.

"It will be yet another expression, another expression of our close and cooperative relationship between both of our countries that we've worked together so hard to strengthen," Biden said.

No U.S. warships have been allowed to visit the country since the 1980s, when New Zealand introduced its nuclear-free policy. Because the U.S. won't officially confirm or deny if its ships have nuclear capabilities, New Zealand's default position has long been to ban them from its waters. But as military relations have improved between the two countries in recent years, speculation had grown that New Zealand would allow the U.S. to participate in its anniversary celebration.

"It would be very odd for us to have all of our friends and acquaintances there, sending ships to celebrate our 75th Naval commemorations, and yet on the same point not have the United States there," Key told reporters.

Key still needs to formally sign off on the ship visit. The prime minister said he did not yet know what type of vessel the U.S. was planning to send, but said it would still need to comply with New Zealand law, which requires that he be satisfied that any ship entering the country's waters has no nuclear capabilities.

"We've found a way of respecting one another but agreeing that we've got a different position on these matters," Key said.

## **It's Trump's moment to talk to the nation \_ and GOP doubters**

**KATHLEEN HENNESSEY, Associated Press**

**CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press**

CLEVELAND (AP) — It's Donald Trump's big moment to make his case to the country — and to the many rattled doubters in his own party. The most important speech of his presidential campaign will bring down the balloons on a convention marked by divided loyalties and unwanted distractions as well as full-throated roars against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Competing passions were sharply on display Wednesday night in a hall that echoed first with cheers for Trump's fiercest opponent in the primaries, Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas, from his supporters, then thunderous boos from the pro-Trump masses when Cruz wrapped up his speech without endorsing the nominee.

Mike Pence's acceptance speech as Trump's running mate was overshadowed as a result, one more missed opportunity at a convention with a daily drip of them. That raised the stakes even higher for what is intended to be Trump's triumphant turn on the stage Thursday night as he accepts the Republican nomination.

"No big deal!" Trump tweeted afterward about Cruz's speech. He said Cruz did not honor the pledge that Republican primary candidates had made to support the eventual nominee.

He said he saw the text of Cruz's speech two hours before it was delivered but thought, "let him speak anyway."

The convention ceded the prime-time stage on its third night to Cruz, who mentioned Trump only once, congratulating him for winning the nomination but coming no closer than that to rallying behind him. Trump allies were furious. One of them, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, called Cruz "totally selfish."

After that episode, Pence, the Indiana governor and a favorite of conservatives who have decidedly mixed feelings about Trump, tried to make his mark to a nation that knows little about him.



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 25 of 37

"You have nominated a man for president who never quits," Pence said. "Until now, he's had to do it all by himself against all odds, but this week, with this united party, he's got backup." Unity, though, was still elusive.

Trump joined Pence on stage, applauding his new partner and leaning in nearly to give him a kiss on the cheek.

The campaign had hoped Pence's address would quiet Republican qualms about Trump. Unlike the celebrity businessman, Pence is an experienced politician and ally of party leaders.

But Cruz's appearance left the arena unsettled for the night's closing speakers. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to quiet the anger as he took the stage, going off script to try to explain away the senator's lack of support for the nominee.

"Ted Cruz said you can vote your conscience for anyone who will uphold the Constitution," Gingrich said. "In this election there is only one candidate who will uphold the Constitution."

The gathering's open secret was that Cruz came to audition for 2020 — an ambition that largely counts on Trump losing this year and leaving an open field for the next election.

Beyond that the two men have a history of animosity, having exchanged piercing insults in the primaries, when the businessman called the senator "Lyn' Ted" and the senator branded Trump a "pathological liar" and "serial philanderer."

Cruz told Trump in a phone conversation two days ago that he would not endorse him during his speech, according to Cruz aide Jason Johnson.

Still, Trump's campaign invited Cruz to speak — as a headliner, no less. That decision was sure to spark a new round of second guessing about the campaign's management of the convention and preparedness for the bruising campaign against Clinton.

One source familiar with the campaign inner circle's thinking but not authorized to speak publicly said Trump, his relatives and closest advisers were angry at Cruz and had expected, while not an endorsement, a warmer embrace of the nominee and less showmanship from the senator.

For three days running the convention's intended message of the day got sideswiped by unwelcome developments — a biting if short-lived scrap over rules during the opening, a storm over plagiarism in Melania Trump's speech that spilled into Wednesday, then Cruz's performance from the stage.

Through it all Republicans savaged Clinton, painting an apocalyptic vision of America if she should win and aggressively challenging her character. For a third straight night, the crowd repeatedly chanted, "Lock her up." The negativity crossed a line for some in the party.

"What happened to professionalism, manners and humanity in our politicians and citizens?" asked Bill Pickle, a South Carolina delegate.

## Oceanographer says Flight 370 could be north of search area

**ROD MCGUIRK, Associated Press**

CANBERRA, Australia (AP) — The oceanographer whose calculations helped an American adventurer find potential debris from Flight 370 said Thursday that the Malaysia Airlines jetliner could have crashed slightly north of the current search area.

Adventurer Blaine Gibson handed Malaysian authorities in Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday three pieces of debris and personal belongings that he found on Madagascar beaches in June, which he suspects came from the Boeing 777 that vanished with 239 people on board during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014.

Western Australia University oceanographer Charitha Pattiaratchi said the same drift modeling that Gibson relied on led his team of oceanographers to suspect that the airliner could have gone down just

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 26 of 37

north of the search area in the southern Indian Ocean.

"The best guess that we think is that it's probably around the Broken Ridge region, which is slightly to the north of the area that they're looking at," Pattiaratchi said.

But he could not eliminate the possibility that the aircraft had indeed crashed within the 120,000 square kilometers (46,000 square miles) of seabed currently being searched southwest of Australia.

Despite the drift modeling and other predictions officials have made about the plane's possible flight path, no one knows what happened to the aircraft or precisely where it crashed in what has become one of aviation's biggest mysteries.

Officials from Malaysia, China and Australia will meet in Kuala Lumpur on Friday to discuss the future of the underwater search, with fewer than 10,000 square kilometers (3,900 square miles) remaining to be scanned by ships towing sonar equipment. The search of the seabed has not yielded a single clue.

The Australian Transport Safety Bureau, which has conducted the seabed search on Malaysia's behalf for almost two years, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Pattiaratchi's views.

Drift modeling was not used to define the search area because no parts of Flight 370 had been found before a wing flap washed up on La Reunion island off the African coast a year ago. The search area was determined by analysis of satellite signals that the plane emitted in its final hours.

But the ATSB has previously said that wreckage found far away on the southwestern shores of the Indian Ocean was consistent with the plane crashing in the expansive search area.

Pattiaratchi's modeling was based on how long the first piece of confirmed Flight 370 wreckage took to reach La Reunion, and his team's calculations of the effects of currents, wind and waves on drifting debris put the crash site just north of the current search area.

Pattiaratchi said the results were not definitive. But families of victims are calling for the search to be shifted based on vague clues from debris already found if the seabed search turns up nothing.

The ATSB, like Pattiaratchi, had identified Madagascar as a potential place for debris to wash up.

Another six pieces of potential debris found there by Gibson are waiting with Madagascar authorities for Malaysia to collect.

Pattiaratchi said he had told Gibson that Flight 370 debris was likely to concentrate on Madagascar. Pattiaratchi's earlier advice had led Gibson to Mozambique where he found debris in February that experts later determined came from Flight 370.

"He rang me from the Maldives and said: 'Where should I go? Should I go to Rodrigues, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Africa?'" Pattiaratchi said Thursday. "I said: 'Your best bet is the northeast part of Madagascar,' which is where he went."

Five pieces of debris found in the southwestern Indian Ocean have been determined as almost certainly from Flight 370.

Gibson gives credit to Pattiaratchi and Australian government oceanographer David Griffin for his finds, although only one has been confirmed as part of Flight 370. Griffin's advice led Gibson to a second Madagascar island where he found the potential debris that he brought to Malaysia.

Gibson said he had been told by Malaysian officials that costs were the reason that a Malaysian investigator had twice canceled plans to fly to Madagascar to retrieve debris he had found.

"They tell me it's a budgetary situation," he said. "If you're spending hundreds of millions of dollars to search under water and finding nothing, and it's only a plane ticket to pick up six pieces and some personal effects, you ought to just do it."

## Ted Cruz booed lustily as he refuses to endorse Donald Trump

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Texas Sen. Ted Cruz tried to link arms with Republicans at the party's national convention but was booed lustily by delegates when he ended his speech without offering Donald Trump his endorsement — or even saying he would vote for the New York billionaire.

As he appeared on stage Wednesday night, Cruz basked in a minute-long standing ovation. Cruz finished second to Trump in the crowded Republican primary campaign and congratulated the GOP nominee on his victory.

But as close as Cruz came to saying he wanted Trump to win the White House was when he said: "I want to see the principles that our party believes in prevail in November."

Cruz didn't tell the convention crowd that he plans to vote for Trump. Nor did he ask his supporters, hundreds of whom encouraged him to run for president in four years at an event on Wednesday afternoon, to vote for the newly minted Republican nominee.

Interrupted by chants of "Trump, Trump, Trump," Cruz paused and said with a smile, "I appreciate the enthusiasm of the New York delegation."

But as Cruz closed his remarks, and as the crowd of more than 2,000 delegates at the Quicken Loans Arena waited for Cruz to say something — anything — kind about Trump, he demurred.

"And to those listening, please, don't stay home in November," Cruz said. "Stand and speak, and vote your conscience. Vote for candidates up and down the ticket who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution."

The delegates responded with angry boos, and Cruz backer and former Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli escorted Heidi Cruz off the convention floor as she was heckled by Trump delegates.

But Trump said later on Twitter that Cruz's lack of an endorsement was "no big deal!" But he said Cruz "didn't honor" the pledge that Republican primary candidates had made to support the eventual GOP nominee.

A source familiar with the campaign inner circle's thinking but not authorized to speak publicly said Trump, his relatives and closest advisers were angry at Cruz's move and had expected, while not an endorsement, a warmer embrace of the nominee and less showmanship from the senator.

"He's a chicken," said Eugene Delgaudio, a delegate from Sterling, Virginia, who clucked like a chicken when asked about Cruz's decision. "He needed to toughen up like every other Republican loser of any nomination battle in the last 100 years since Abraham Lincoln and just suck it up, be a man and back the nominee that he was beaten by, fair and square."

The crowd's boos quickly switched to cheers as Trump entered the arena at the moment Cruz finished. His daughter Ivanka and other members of the Trump party turned their backs on Cruz to stand and applaud Trump, who sat down in the front row of his VIP box to watch his son Eric deliver the next speech.

Cruz aide Jason Johnson said the Texas lawmaker told Trump in a phone conversation two days ago that he would not endorse him during his speech, a decision New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie called "totally selfish." The outspoken Trump backer, like Cruz bested by the real estate mogul in the GOP primaries, said the voters made clear that Trump is their choice.

"If we're not going to do that, why do we have elections? Because Ted Cruz has decided that he knows better? Than all of the people who voted in the elections?" he said.

The booing was so intense the Trump campaign encouraged its many staffers on the convention floor to try to calm the delegates down, said a Trump aide speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss internal campaign discussions.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 28 of 37

Cruz halted his campaign two months ago, having outlasted all but Trump in a field that once numbered 17 candidates. He finished a distant second in the delegate accumulation during the Republican nominating process.

He used his convention speech as the foundation for a fundraising email for his Senate campaign: "Will you stand with me by making an immediate donation \$5, \$10, \$25, or whatever you can afford today?"

## **Asimo meets Pepper: Honda and Softbank partnering in robots**

**YURI KAGEYAMA, AP Business Writer**

TOKYO (AP) — Is Honda's walking robot Asimo marrying Pepper, the chattering robot from SoftBank? Automaker Honda Motor Co. and internet company SoftBank said Thursday they will work together on artificial intelligence to develop products with sensors and cameras that can converse with drivers. Asimo, first shown in 1996, walks, runs, dances and grips things.

Pepper, which went on sale last year, doesn't have legs but is programmed to recognize mood swings in people it interacts with.

Major automakers and technology companies are interested in robotics to improve driving safety and comfort.

But experts say humans are still better at driving overall than the smartest machine.

Honda said it's focusing on AI research with a new laboratory in Tokyo set to open in September.

SoftBank said its robotics unit Cocoro SB, which is researching cloud-based artificial intelligence, will work with Honda on research that seeks to harmonize mobility with people, so that drivers can feel a kind of friendship with their vehicles.

SoftBank said it was a pioneer in making machines that can be friends with people through its Pepper robot.

Tokyo-based Honda's robotics division went through some soul-searching when Asimo was widely criticized as useless when it could not help with the nuclear accident at the Fukushima plant, which sank into meltdowns after the March 2011 tsunami.

Among Japan's automakers, Toyota Motor Corp. has invested \$1 billion in a Silicon Valley-based robotics research unit to develop not only safety features but also self-driving vehicles.

Nissan Motor Co. has announced it will start selling soon in Japan a vehicle equipped with self-driving technology, and plans similar products overseas.

Safety worries have grown after a recent fatal crash involving U.S. electric car maker Tesla Motors' vehicle with its semi-autonomous Autopilot system. Like Nissan's system, it can maintain a set speed and keep the car within its lanes.

## **Hawaii Democratic congressman Mark Takai dies**

**CATHY BUSSEWITZ, Associated Press**

HONOLULU (AP) — U.S. Rep. Mark Takai, a war veteran and long-time legislator known for his bright nature and deep commitment to service, died in his home after a months-long battle with cancer.

Just 49 years old, the first-term Democrat from Hawaii was surrounded by family when he died of pancreatic cancer Wednesday, said Rod Tanonaka, Takai's chief of staff.

Takai had "a servant's heart, full of aloha," said U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard, who served with Takai in Congress, the Hawaii Army National Guard and the state Legislature.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 29 of 37

"No matter where he was, he always kept his service to Hawaii's people at the forefront of his actions," Gabbard said. "Mark's smiling face and ready laugh will truly be missed, but the impact that he made through his life of service to the people of Hawaii will always be remembered."

Born on Oahu, Takai served in the state House of Representatives for 20 years before he was elected to Congress, first winning his statehouse seat at age 27. He served as a lieutenant colonel in the Hawaii Army National Guard for more than a decade and was deployed to the Middle East as a part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In Congress, he sat on the Armed Services and Natural Resources committees.

"Mark was always a fighter," said President Barack Obama, who recorded a radio ad for Takai during his congressional campaign, in a statement.

"His relentless push for cancer research inspired countless Americans fighting the same battle as him. Simply put, our country is better off because of Mark's contributions," Obama added.

Takai was first diagnosed with cancer in October and initially expressed optimism that he would recover. But in May he announced he would not seek re-election after he learned the cancer had spread.

Takai's passing was mourned among his colleagues in Hawaii and Washington on Wednesday, with politicians recalling his gentle, kind nature.

"All of us were moved when he announced his cancer to Vice President Biden and the Members at the House Democrats' Issues Conference earlier this year," said Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, in a statement. "Mark confronted his diagnosis with the spirit we all hope we would share when facing such an awful disease. As we mourn the loss of our friend, we draw fresh resolve to find cures."

Adm. Harry Harris of the U.S. Pacific Command described Takai as a powerful and respected voice for the Pacific-based military community, adding that Takai was a "tough, but fair, questioner who always had our nation's interests at heart" when Harris testified before the Armed Services Committee.

"Mark was everything a public servant should be," said presumptive Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton in a statement, adding that Takai fought to support veterans and their families, supported ambitious steps to protect the planet from the perils of climate change and championed the rights of the Asian American, Pacific Islander and Native Hawaiian communities.

Hawaii Superintendent of Schools Kathryn Matayoshi remembered Takai as a staunch advocate for public schools who pushed tirelessly for education funding.

"In the often tumultuous world of politics, he has been a shining example of what it means to be a public servant," Hawaii Gov. David Ige said in a statement.

Takai is survived by his wife, Sami, and two young children, Matthew and Kaila. "The Takai family thanks the people of Hawaii for their support during this difficult time," said a release by his office. His family requested privacy.

"This is the deepest of losses and one that I feel very personally because of my friendship with Mark," said U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz, D-Hawaii. "Throughout his life, he was all about serving the people of Hawaii. He gave so much, and had so much more yet to give."

The Hawaii Office of Elections will likely hold a special election in November for a replacement to serve through the remainder of Takai's term, which would have ended in January, spokeswoman Nedielyn Bueno said. In the same election, voters will also choose who will replace Takai for the two-year term starting in January, she said.

Former U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa, who previously held Takai's seat in Congress but left to run unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate, is already running in the general election to replace Takai for the two-year term that starts in January.

## Hong Kong teen leader Joshua Wong guilty in protest trial

**KELVIN CHAN, Associated Press**

HONG KONG (AP) — A Hong Kong court on Thursday found teen protest leader Joshua Wong guilty of taking part in an illegal rally that sparked massive student-led pro-democracy street protests in the southern Chinese city two years ago.

The 19-year-old Wong tweeted that he “was found guilty of the charge of participating unlawful assembly by court of Hong Kong.”

A magistrate handed down the verdict for Wong and two other young student leaders, Nathan Law and Alex Chow, following a trial earlier this year.

Chow was convicted of the same charge while Law was found guilty of inciting others to join an illegal assembly, according to local media reports.

The three face up to two years in prison. They’re due for sentencing on Aug. 15 said Wong, who became globally famous for his role in leading the protests, which marked the former British colony’s most tumultuous period in decades.

“We might need to go into prison. However, no matter what is the penalty or the price that we need to pay, we will still continue to fight against suppression from the government,” Wong told reporters after the verdict. “Facing the largest communist regime in the world, it’s a long-term battle for us to fight for democracy.”

The three were charged with storming into a courtyard dubbed Civic Square beside the Hong Kong government complex on Sept. 26, 2014, to protest Beijing’s decision to restrict elections for the semi-autonomous region’s top leader.

They and dozens of other young activists climbed a tall fence or rushed past a barricade surrounding the square, which had been open to the public until the government cut off access months before.

Huge crowds of demonstrators turned out to demand their release after they were detained by police, who responded two days later with volleys of tear gas. The move backfired, driving even more protesters to take to the streets, where they remained for 79 days to press their demands for greater democracy in what became known as the Umbrella Movement.

It’s the first conviction for Wong, who has been involved in several other court cases this year. Last month he was acquitted of obstruction charges stemming from a separate anti-China protest earlier in 2014. He’s also involved in a contempt case still before the courts.

Amnesty International criticized Hong Kong’s Public Order Ordinance, on which the prosecution based its case, noting it has been criticized by the United Nations Human Rights Committee for not meeting international human rights law and standards on the right of peaceful assembly.

“The prosecution of student leaders on vague charges smacks of political payback by the authorities,” said Mabel Au, the group’s Hong Kong director.

## Comic-Con launches with preview night, ‘Trek’ premiere

**DERRIK J. LANG, AP Entertainment Writer**

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The hordes of zombies, legions of Stormtroopers, leagues of superheroes and crews of Starfleet officers have already begun crawling, marching, flying and beaming into San Diego for that other big convention this week: Comic-Con International.

The pop-culture celebration kicked off Wednesday evening with the festival’s preview night, where con-goers with four-day passes have first crack at the collectables, free swag and photo opportunities on the San Diego Convention Center floor.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 31 of 37

New York City resident and toy store employee Mike Williams, 49, came solely for the collectibles. Armed with eight massive shopping bags packed to the brim with all kinds of toys, from G.I. Joe to Transformers to Star Wars exclusives less than an hour after the doors opened, Williams said he simply "doesn't have time for the panels."

Others gathered on the packed convention floor to gaze at the impressive installations. While there won't be any major "Star Wars" panels this year, the brand took up a huge amount of space on the floor with a Jedi Temple containing looks at costumes from the upcoming anthology film "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," alongside merchandise such as Princess Leia socks, BB-8 lamps, and Captain Phasma leggings.

Not to be upstaged, Warner Bros. and DC Comics rolled out the fashions, too, with looks at some of the metallic "Wonder Woman" costumes and the neon duds of "Suicide Squad."

It wasn't just the new being celebrated, though. Marvel Comics debuted a 13-foot bronze statue of Captain America on the convention floor in celebration of the superhero's 75th anniversary. Elsewhere in the Gaslamp District, Wonder Woman was getting a 75th tribute of her own with the reveal of her "invisible" jet.

Outside the sprawling bayside venue, the premiere of "Star Trek Beyond" was held Wednesday night at the Embarcadero Marina Park. The sci-fi sequel's U.S. debut marks the first-ever outdoor Imax screening.

Comic-Con is expected to draw more than 160,000 fans for high-energy sessions featuring casts and crews from such films and TV shows as "Game of Thrones," "Star Trek," "Suicide Squad," "South Park," "Teen Wolf," "Aliens" and "The Walking Dead."

"I think the most important thing is for all of us to be there and acknowledge the fans' support and passion," said "Aliens" and "The Walking Dead" producer Gale Anne Hurd. "Obviously, we'll have a ("Walking Dead") promo and will premiere it in San Diego, but it's that connection to the fans that Comic-Con is really all about."

On the convention floor, fans lined up to interact and pose with "Walking Dead" zombies in gorgeously constructed sets, such as a broken fuselage.

As the event goes into full swing Thursday morning, attendees will likely be treated to some never-before-seen surprises, as well as exclusive glimpses at such upcoming entertainment entries as "Wonder Woman," "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," "Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets," "Riverdale" and a new "Star Trek" show.

Marie McLendon, 28, who traveled from Houston for her second Comic-Con said she was particularly excited to see what Warner Bros. had in store. "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" wasn't as good as she had hoped, putting her in line with the majority of critics and audiences, but she has faith in their upcoming films like "Justice League," "The Flash," and, of course "Wonder Woman."

"DC definitely needs a bigger presence on screen," she said.

But standing in line for a "Legends of the Hidden Temple" virtual reality experience with her cousin from Boston, McLendon was living for the moment. She welcomed the long lines as an opportunity to catch up with her cousin and relished in the nostalgia of it all.

"Seeing stuff like this really brings back things from my childhood," she said. "It makes me feel like a kid again."

## Trump hedges on NATO protection against Russian aggression

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump says the United States under his leadership might not come to the defense of some NATO members if Russia were to attack them.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 32 of 37

Trump said he would decide whether to protect the Baltic republics against Russian aggression based on whether those countries "have fulfilled their obligations to us."

He made the comments in an interview with The New York Times on Wednesday, a night before he is to formally accept the Republican nomination for president.

Trump's remarks about U.S. obligations under NATO to come to the aid of other members of the 28-nation alliance are in line with his views questioning the United States' global role.

In 2014, the 28-member alliance created a rapid-reaction force to protect the most vulnerable NATO members against a confrontation with Russia.

Trump also said in the Times interview that he would not criticize Turkey for cracking down on political opponents and restricting civil liberties following last week's attempted coup.

Of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Trump said: "I give great credit to him for being able to turn that around. ... Some people say that it was staged, you know that. I don't think so."

The U.S. has no "right to lecture" Turkey and other countries when "people are shooting policemen in cold blood," Trump said.

With decades in business and no prior political experience, Trump cast the projection of American military might abroad in economic terms.

For example, he said it might not be necessary to station American troops abroad, though he agreed it's preferable.

"If we decide we have to defend the United States, we can always deploy" troops from the U.S., Trump told the newspaper, "and it will be a lot less expensive."

## **Delegates boo Cruz, Pence tries to unite at convention**

**MARY CLARE JALONICK, Associated Press**

Delegates at the Republican National Convention thunderously booed Ted Cruz for refusing to endorse Donald Trump Wednesday — clouding an evening intended to highlight vice presidential candidate Mike Pence as a unifying force for the party. The disorder provided fresh reminders of the fissures that remain.

Cruz walked onto the Cleveland stage to a standing ovation and held the audience's rapt attention until he told delegates to "vote your conscience" with no mention of nominee Trump, who had called him "Lyin' Ted" on the campaign trail. The crowd then turned on him with loud boos.

Soon after, Pence, in accepting the party's nomination, sought to bring the party together: "What unites us far exceeds anything that sets us apart in America," he said.

Also, Melania Trump's Monday speech continued to generate buzz as her speechwriter apologized.

What to know about the third day of the GOP convention:

### **BOOS FOR CRUZ**

Cruz arrived in Cleveland with an eye on his own political future, holding a large rally with hundreds of supporters who greeted him with chants of "2020" — the next presidential election.

The Texas senator held the crowd during the first half of his convention hall speech, as he urged Americans to support the families of five police officers killed in Dallas this month. But he lost many delegates when he told them: "Don't stay home in November. Stand and speak, and vote your conscience. Vote for candidates up and down the ticket who you trust to defend our freedom and to be faithful to the Constitution."

Speaking after Cruz, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to do damage control.



# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 33 of 37

"In this election, there is only one candidate who will uphold the Constitution," Gingrich said. "The only choice is a Trump-Pence Republican ticket."

## PENCE DEFENDS TRUMP

Pence lauded Trump is his own man, an independent spirit, and said change in the country will be "huge" under his presidency.

Delegates cheered: "We like Mike! We like Mike!"

Pence framed the November presidential race as crucial to defining the makeup of the Supreme Court for the next 40 years. He said voters must ensure it's Trump picking the justices.

He called presumptive Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton the "secretary of the status quo," referring to her former job as secretary of state.

Pence said he never thought he'd be standing on the stage at his party's national convention. He joked that Trump is charismatic and must have been looking for balance in choosing him.

## OTHER ALSO-RANS

Two other failed Republican presidential candidates, Florida Sen. Marco Rubio and Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker, addressed the crowd and supported Trump.

Rubio appeared by video, saying, "The time for fighting each other is over."

Walker told Republicans who are on the fence about supporting Trump that the party can't wait four more years.

"Let me be clear: A vote for anyone other than Donald Trump in November is a vote for Hillary Clinton," Walker said.

Trump's son, Eric, also addressed the convention. He said his father is the one candidate for president "who does not need this job."

## STILL TALKING ABOUT MELANIA

Controversy over Melania Trump's Monday evening speech continued to hang over the convention. After it became clear that passages in Trump's wife's speech were strikingly similar to a 2008 speech from first lady Michelle Obama, a speechwriter for Trump's company said Wednesday she had made a mistake and apologized.

Meredith McIver said Trump refused her offer to resign.

In a statement issued by the campaign, McIver said Mrs. Trump had told her that she admired Mrs. Obama, and had read passages from Obama's speech as an example of things she liked. McIver said she wrote down the passages and later included them in the speech.

For two days, the Trump campaign tried to brush aside any talk of plagiarism, calling the criticism absurd.

## OUTSIDE THE HALL

Cleveland police say 17 people were arrested following a chaotic protest near the arena hosting the convention.

The arrests happened as a protest group tried to burn an American flag near Quicken Loans Arena. It was the most turbulent protest since the four-day convention began Monday. The chaos delayed delegates and members of the media from getting into the arena for the evening's proceedings.

## THE REST OF THE WEEK

Trump will close the four-day convention with a speech Thursday night accepting the nomination.

## Ted Cruz quickly becomes news at GOP confab

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

A look at the 2016 Republican National Convention through a media lens:

Television viewers got the moments of excitement they craved from the convention. They had everything to do with antagonism — not excitement — for presidential nominee Donald Trump.

Ted Cruz's non-endorsement speech for Trump, and the spreading realization through the Cleveland arena at what he was not doing, instantly overshadowed everything else that took place Wednesday. It may, as MSNBC's Nicolle Wallace suggested, stand as the takeaway memory of the Republicans' entire week.

"Ted Cruz walked in here and body-slammed Donald Trump," said ABC News' Tom Llamas.

"This is now the signature moment of Ted Cruz's career — good or bad," said NBC's Chuck Todd.

"How does this happen? How could he make a speech not vetted by the candidate?" said Fox News Channel's Tucker Carlson.

Booing and heckling rained down on Cruz as he neared the end of a speech that mentioned Trump in only a cursory congratulations. A malfunctioning video screen behind him and Trump entering the arena before Cruz had finished speaking made the moment more surreal.

"Add this to the list of things I never thought I'd see," said CNN's Dana Bash.

LOCKDOWN: The "lock her up" chants directed at Democrat Hillary Clinton from the convention floor in previous nights compelled MSNBC to produce a lengthy segment on whether nastiness will backfire on Republicans. Rachel Maddow displayed a collection of anti-Clinton buttons available for sale, and said there were some with messages that couldn't be shown on TV. Even Fox News' Bill O'Reilly had a debate on his show about whether it was too much. The conclusion on Fox: There's no such thing as too much. "You've got to define your opponent before they can define you," said Monica Crowley.

RATINGS: Is the Trump magic with television viewers wearing off? Either that, or a Republican convention isn't their preferred venue. The Nielsen company estimated that 19.8 million people watched the convention Tuesday during the 10 p.m. hour, down from the 22.3 million who watched the second night of the 2012 convention that nominated Mitt Romney. Fox News Channel was the most-watched network with 5.26 million, but that was down more than 1 million from just Monday night. NBC finished second, followed by CNN, CBS, ABC and MSNBC. The Nielsen numbers don't include the 1.3 million who watched on the non-commercial PBS.

INGRAHAM: Popular conservative radio host Laura Ingraham was a featured speaker near the beginning of Wednesday's program, but you had to know where to look. Fox News Channel carried her speech. CNN and MSNBC essentially ignored her. Ingraham later became a target as a picture circulated online of her raising her arm in what looked like a Nazi salute.

QUIET TIME: Reporters stationed in the streets of Cleveland due to fears of violent demonstrations have had little to do, and are getting little airtime. "This was supposed to be the epicenter of the clash of civilizations," Fox News' Geraldo Rivera said in one park, where a peaceful crowd seemed mostly interested in what he was doing. Rivera praised police work done by officers from throughout the country who had come to the city.

NEWT TIME: Newt Gingrich was credited by some commentators for his attempt at cleaning up the Cruz mess. But why did it sound like he was delivering his speech as if he were double-parked outside the arena?

LAUGH LINES: On PBS, Mark Shields said he hoped some Democratic speechwriters were writing some jokes for next week. "This has been a convention without humor," he said. "There have been no

laughs at this convention that were intended.”

## 5 years after shuttle, NASA awaits commercial crew capsules

**MARCIA DUNN, AP Aerospace Writer**

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Five years after Atlantis completed the space shuttle program’s final voyage, NASA is still at least a year away from launching its astronauts from U.S. soil.

When Atlantis returned to Earth on July 21, 2011, everyone knew there would be a lengthy gap. But the pilots who guided Atlantis to one last “wheels stop” are doing all they can to hurry up the future, albeit from different teams.

One works for Boeing on the company’s Starliner crew capsule under development. The other is one of four NASA astronauts training for the initial test flights.

This unprecedented switch from government to commercial rocketships promises to usher in a whole new era, according to Atlantis’ commander Christopher Ferguson.

Think space tourists, orbiting factories, lunar camps, private Mars labs and more.

“We’re on the verge of commercially taking people back and forth to low-Earth orbit. This is practically unheard of,” Ferguson said earlier this month.

He now works for Boeing, one of two private companies coming up with new capsules to carry astronauts. Boeing’s Starliner is set to sail to the International Space Station in early 2018.

SpaceX’s souped-up Dragon capsule is scheduled to launch by the end of next year.

Ever since shuttles Atlantis, Discovery and Endeavour retired to museums, Americans have been stuck riding Russian rockets to the space station. NASA has been relying on SpaceX and Orbital ATK to keep the station supplied. The latest cargo Dragon arrived Wednesday. Its primary payload: a docking port needed for the crew-worthy Dragon and Starliner.

Commercial space stations likely will replace the multinational space station, Ferguson noted.

“So we’re sort of setting the stage for commercial habitation of low-Earth orbit — all with the intent of going beyond,” he said.

NASA is looking to send astronauts to Mars in the 2030s. It is developing the Orion spacecraft to do just that, along with a mega-rocket set to debut in 2018.

On this fifth anniversary of the last shuttle flight, space station commander Jeffrey Williams prefers to focus on the future, rather than the past.

“It was tough for everybody to retire the shuttle,” Williams said from orbit last week. “It was a great vehicle and did its job. But that’s the point — it did its primary job. It fulfilled its primary purpose” of building the station.

During a July 8 commemoration of the shuttle’s last liftoff, Ferguson and his co-pilot Douglas Hurley recalled how they had to practically be dragged from the cockpit following touchdown. Hurley is now training for test flights of the new capsules.

“I didn’t want to leave,” Ferguson said. “I just thought, ‘We’re not done yet.’ And it’s true. We’re not done yet.”

Hurley noted how he, Ferguson and the two other Atlantis astronauts — Sandra Magnus and Rex Walheim — turned out the cabin lights the night before landing and took in the views of Earth. Their space station visit had gone incredibly well, and the goodbyes with many of their flight controllers had been said.

“I just remember just sitting there going, ‘This is unbelievable, I can’t believe I’m doing this.’ ... The whole mission kind of came crashing in.”

Kennedy Space Center’s director, former astronaut Robert Cabana, said it was bittersweet hearing

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 36 of 37

Atlantis' twin sonic booms on return one last time. After 135 shuttle flights spanning 30 years, "it was sad, but there was a great joy about it, too."

A postscript: Thanks to SpaceX, the sonic booms are back.

For only the second time, the leftover first-stage booster of a SpaceX Falcon rocket landed back at Cape Canaveral following Monday's launch, its return heralded by sonic booms. Like the first time in December, the booster touched down vertically just a few miles from where it took off on the space station delivery mission.

No longer accustomed to these booms, some area residents called 911 to report a middle-of-the-night explosion.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Thursday, July 21, the 203rd day of 2016. There are 163 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 21, 1861, during the Civil War, the first Battle of Bull Run was fought at Manassas, Virginia, resulting in a Confederate victory.

On this date:

In 1773, Pope Clement XIV issued an order suppressing the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. (The Society was restored by Pope Pius VII in 1814.)

In 1816, Paul Reuter (ROYT'-ur), founder of the British news agency bearing his name, was born in Kassel, Hesse, Germany.

In 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tennessee, with John T. Scopes found guilty of violating state law for teaching Darwin's Theory of Evolution. (The conviction was later overturned on a technicality.)

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed an executive order establishing the Veterans Administration (later the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs).

In 1944, American forces landed on Guam during World War II, capturing it from the Japanese some three weeks later. The Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated Sen. Harry S. Truman to be vice president.

In 1949, the U.S. Senate ratified the North Atlantic Treaty.

In 1959, the NS Savannah, the first nuclear-powered merchant ship, was christened by first lady Mamie Eisenhower at Camden, New Jersey.

In 1961, Capt. Virgil "Gus" Grissom became the second American to rocket into a sub-orbital pattern around the Earth, flying aboard the Liberty Bell 7.

In 1972, the Irish Republican Army carried out 22 bombings in Belfast, Northern Ireland, killing nine people and injuring 130 in what became known as "Bloody Friday."

In 1973, Israeli agents in Lillehammer, Norway, killed Ahmed Bouchikhi, a Moroccan waiter, apparently mistaking him for an official with Black September, the group that attacked Israel's delegation at the 1972 Munich Olympics and killed 11 athletes.

In 1980, draft registration began in the United States for 19- and 20-year-old men.

In 1996, dozens of memorial services were held across the country to remember the 230 people lost in the crash of TWA Flight 800.

# Groton Daily Independent

Thursday, July 21, 2016 ♦ Vol. 23 - No. 021 ♦ 37 of 37

Ten years ago: Israel massed tanks and troops on its northern border, called up reserves and warned civilians to flee Hezbollah-controlled southern Lebanon as it prepared for a ground invasion, which came the next day. Mako, the Japan-born actor who used his Oscar nomination for the 1966 film "The Sand Pebbles" to push for better roles for Asian American actors, died in Somis, California, at age 72.

Five years ago: The 30-year-old space shuttle program ended as Atlantis landed at Cape Canaveral, Florida, after the 135th shuttle flight. Eurozone leaders agreed to a sweeping deal that would grant Greece a massive new bailout and radically reshape the currency union's rescue fund. The NFL canceled its Hall of Fame game between St. Louis and Chicago despite owners voting in favor of a tentative deal to end a lockout.

One year ago: The Defense Department said a U.S. airstrike in Syria on July 8, 2015 had killed Muhsin al-Fadhli, a key figure in the Khorasan Group, a dangerous al-Qaida offshoot. Ohio Gov. John Kasich (KAY'-sikh) became the 16th notable Republican contestant to enter the U.S. 2016 presidential race. A federal appeals court overturned some of the most sensational convictions that sent former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich (bluh-GOY'-uh-vitch) off to a lengthy term in prison, ruling that the Democrat did not break the law when he sought to secure a Cabinet position in President Barack Obama's administration in exchange for appointing an Obama adviser to the president's former U.S. Senate seat. After a nearly decade-long steroids prosecution, Barry Bonds emerged victorious when federal prosecutors dropped what was left of their criminal case against the career home runs leader. Author E.L. Doctorow, 84, died in New York. Actor-singer Theodore Bikel, 91, died in Los Angeles.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Kay Starr is 94. Movie director Norman Jewison is 90. Former Attorney General Janet Reno is 78. Actor David Downing is 73. Actor Leigh Lawson is 73. Actor Wendell Burton is 69. Singer Yusuf Islam (formerly Cat Stevens) is 68. Cartoonist Garry Trudeau is 68. Actor Jamey Sheridan is 65. Rock singer-musician Eric Bazilian (The Hooters) is 63. Comedian Jon Lovitz is 59. Actor Lance Guest is 56. Actor Matt Mulhern is 56. Comedian Greg Behrendt is 53. Rock musician Koen Lieckens (K's Choice) is 50. Soccer player Brandi Chastain is 48. Rock singer Emerson Hart is 47. Rock-soul singer Michael Fitzpatrick (Fitz and the Tantrums) is 46. Actress Alysia Reiner is 46. Country singer Paul Brandt is 44. Christian rock musician Korey Cooper (Skillet) is 44. Actress Ali Landry is 43. Actor-comedian Steve Byrne is 42. Actor Justin Bartha is 38. Actor Josh Hartnett is 38. Contemporary Christian singer Brandon Heath is 38. Actress Sprague Grayden is 38. Reggae singer Damian Marley is 38. Country singer Brad Mates (Emerson Drive) is 38. MLB All-Star pitcher CC Sabathia is 36. Singer Blake Lewis ("American Idol") is 35. Rock musician Will Berman (MGMT) is 34. Rock musician Johan Carlsson (Carolina Liar) is 32. Actress Vanessa Lengies (LEHN'-jeez) is 31. Actor Rory Culkin is 27. Actor Jamie Waylett ("Harry Potter" films) is 27. Figure skater Rachael Flatt is 24.

Thought for Today: "Suspense is worse than disappointment." — Robert Burns, Scottish poet (born 1759, died this date in 1796).