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Bus Driver Needed

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

Manager Wanted

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

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**

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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 • 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 • Nicole Foote • Karen Lane • Harvey Fliehs II • Macine McGannon
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship & Christmas Sing-along
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

Monday, July 25
Couples Golf Night at Olive Grove
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Climate Update: Wetter Forecast Likely for South Dakota

BROOKINGS, S.D. - As La Nina conditions are likely to affect Americans into the fall and winter, wetter conditions could come to South Dakota, said Laura Edwards, SDSU Extension Climate Field Specialist.

Edwards based her comments on the latest National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Prediction Center outlook for August and the season ahead, released July 21, 2016.

"The outlook shows increased probability of wetter than average climate for South Dakota," she said. "In August, a large region of the northern Great Plains is now projected to receive more rainfall than normal. Several long-term climate computer models have been consistent in forecasting these wetter conditions for the weeks and months ahead."

The outlook for potentially wetter conditions could be good news for South Dakota farmers and ranchers. "Moisture at this time of the growing season can help with grain fill in corn and reduce stress during pollination season for soybeans," Edwards said. "Although, there may be some increased concerns with late season diseases and weeds, should rainfall come to the crop growing regions."

As far as temperatures go, Edwards said the outlook is less clear.

"In August, the climate update now indicates equal chances of warmer, cooler or near average temperature for South Dakota. Previously, our region had been favored to be warmer than average."

She added that this could come as good news to row crop producers. "We are in the midst of the strongest heat wave of the season. Temperatures are soaring to 100 Fahrenheit or higher across much of the state. A respite from the heat would be a welcome change as we move into August."

Drought conditions continue in western South Dakota

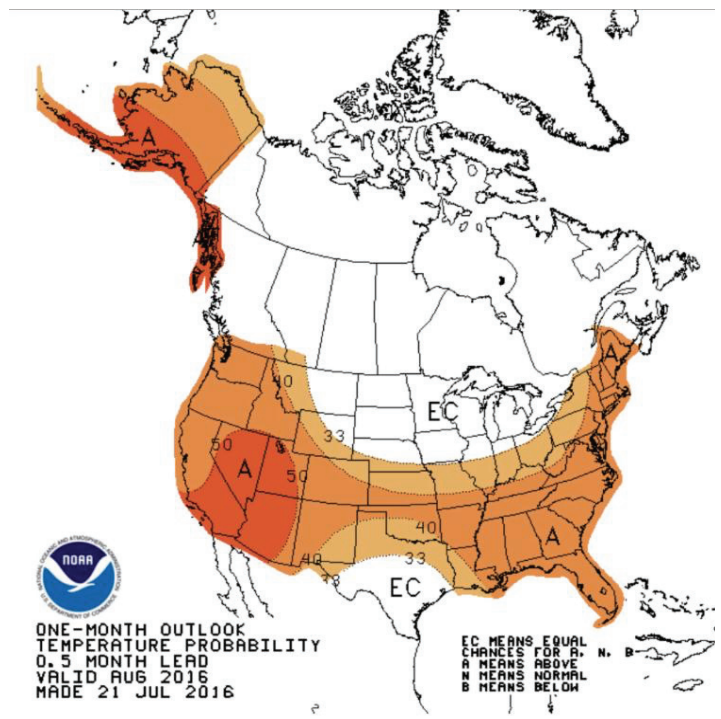
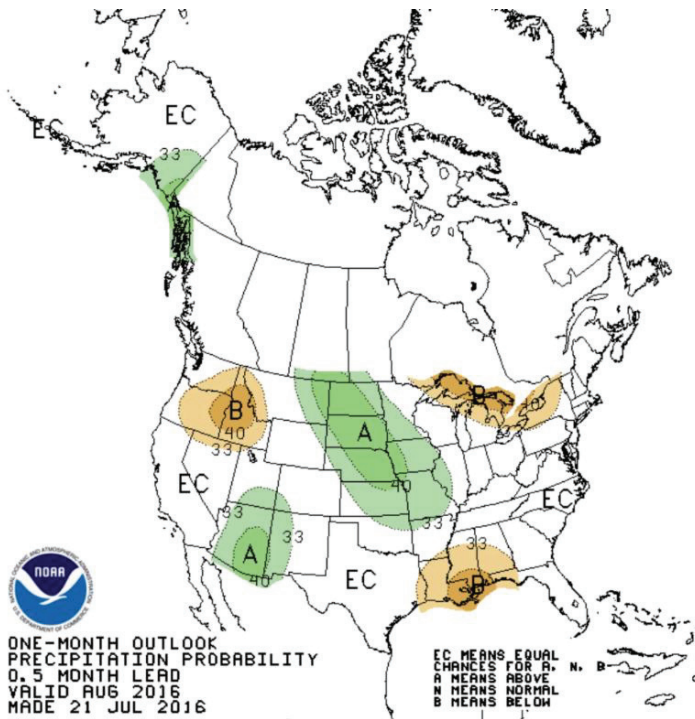
The July 21 U.S. Drought Monitor also shows increasing area and severity in drought along the western side of the state. "Some rainfall would be greatly beneficial in improving water supply and quality across the region, albeit too late for many of the forages and crops," Edwards said.

La Nina now has a 55 to 60 percent probability of affecting our climate in North America in the fall and winter season. "The longer term climate outlook reflects a typical La Nina pattern, with an area favored to be wetter over Dakotas in the August through October period. Nationwide, temperatures are still leaning to be warmer than average in the fall season," she said.

During La Nina years, August and October tend to be wetter, on average, especially in eastern South Dakota. Generally speaking, there isn't much of a La Nina signal in fall season temperatures, but there are long-term trends and other indicators that are showing warmer conditions for the season ahead in many of the climate computer models.

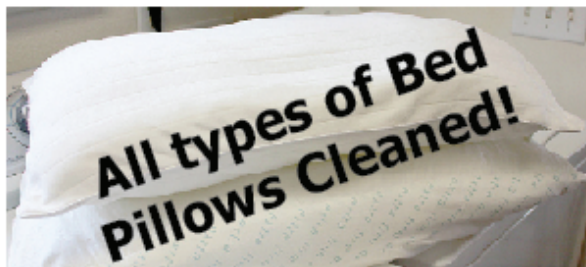
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Pillow Cleaning Day

Friday, July 29, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
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Steve Smith has been working on the new cross at the Groton Cemetery. Yesterday he was putting on a finished layer over the green treated wood that makes up the cross. In the near future, the crucifix that was on the old cross will be put back up. The crucifix has also been redone. (Photo by Paul Kosel)



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Today in Weather History

July 22, 1926: An estimated F2 tornado moved east across the northern part of Hyde County, destroying two barns.

July 22, 1999: An F0 tornado touched down briefly on a farm southeast of Onida. Over half of the roof of a 40 by 45 foot building was torn off and deposited in a tree belt 200 yards to the north. The south wall of this building was caved in and the north wall was pulled out and the overhead door was ripped off. A grain auger was also damaged when it was pushed up against a granary. A semi-trailer was blown over. About 400 acres of ripe wheat were also flattened and some sunflowers suffered damage as a result of the tornado.

July 22, 2011: Numerous severe thunderstorms brought hail up to the size of golf balls, damaging winds over 70 mph, along with flash flooding to parts of north central and northeast South Dakota. Most of the hail occurred in Grant and Codington counties. Several roads were flooded by nearly 4 inches of rain in Grant County. Five miles west of South Shore in Codington County, over 3 inches of rain brought flash flooding to several roads. The strong winds were observed in Corson, Walworth, and McPherson counties. About 9 miles west of Long Lake, eighty mph winds ripped a grain bin from the fasteners, pushed the north wall of a garage in, snapped several corral poles, tipped over a grain vac and feeder wagon, moved a semitrailer four feet, and caused some minor damage to the house. Also, many branches were broken off along with several trees uprooted.

1926 - A hurricane came inland near Daytona Beach, FL. The hurricane caused 2.5 million dollars damage in eastern Florida, including the Jacksonville area. (David Ludlum)

1939 - The temperature at Lewiston, ID, hit 117 degrees to establish an all-time record high for that location. (The Weather Channel)

1943 - On a whim, and flying a single engine AT-6, Lieutenant Ralph O'Hair and Colonel Duckworth were the first to fly into a hurricane. It started regular Air Force flights into hurricanes. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Thunderstorms in Minnesota spawned a tornado which moved in a southwesterly direction for a distance of thirty miles across Rice County and Goodhue County. Trees were uprooted and tossed about like toys, and a horse lifted by the tornado was observed sailing horizontally through the air. Thunderstorms drenched La Crosse, WI, with 5.26 inches of rain, their second highest 24 hour total of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Hot weather prevailed in the north central U.S. Williston, ND, reported a record high of 108 degrees. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in the eastern U.S., and in southeastern Texas. Richland County, SC, was soaked with up to 5.5 inches of rain. (The National Weather Summary)








1989 - Thunderstorms produced locally heavy rains in the southwestern U.S. Yuma, AZ, experienced their most severe thunderstorm of record. Strong thunderstorm winds, with unofficial gusts as high as 95 mph, reduced visibilities to near zero in blowing dust and sand. Yuma got nearly as much rain in one hour as is normally received in an entire year. The storm total of 2.55 inches of rain was a record 24 hour total for July. Property damage due to flash flooding and high winds was in the millions. (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms produced severe weather from Wisconsin and northern Illinois to New England, with 103 reports of large hail and damaging winds through the day. Thunderstorms in Wisconsin produced hail three inches in diameter near Oshkosh, and wind gusts to 65 mph at Germantown. (The National Weather Summary)

1993: The levee holding back the flooding Mississippi River at Kaskaskia, Illinois, ruptures, forcing the town's people to flee on barges. The incident at Kaskaskia was the most dramatic event of the flood. The town, virtually an island, was protected by a levee that the town attempted to shore up even after the bridge connecting the town to the riverside was wiped out by the rising river. At 9:48 a.m., the levee broke, leaving the people of Kaskaskia with no escape route other than two Army Corp of Engineers barges. By 2 p.m., the entire town was underwater.

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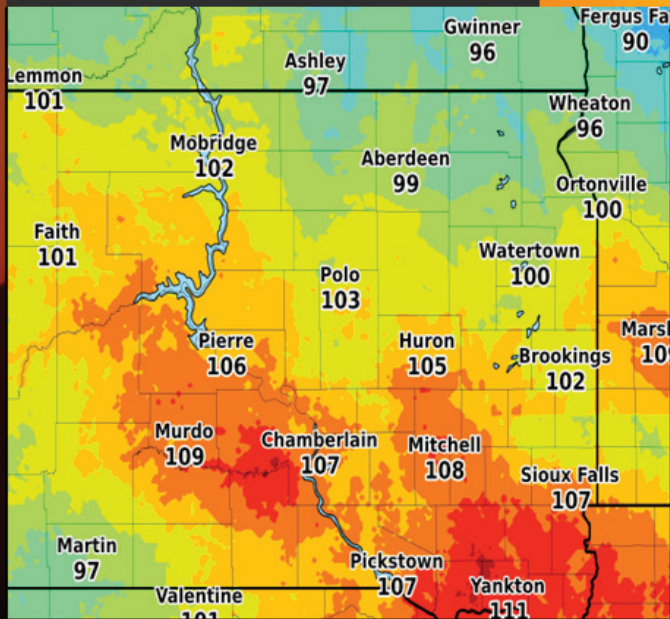
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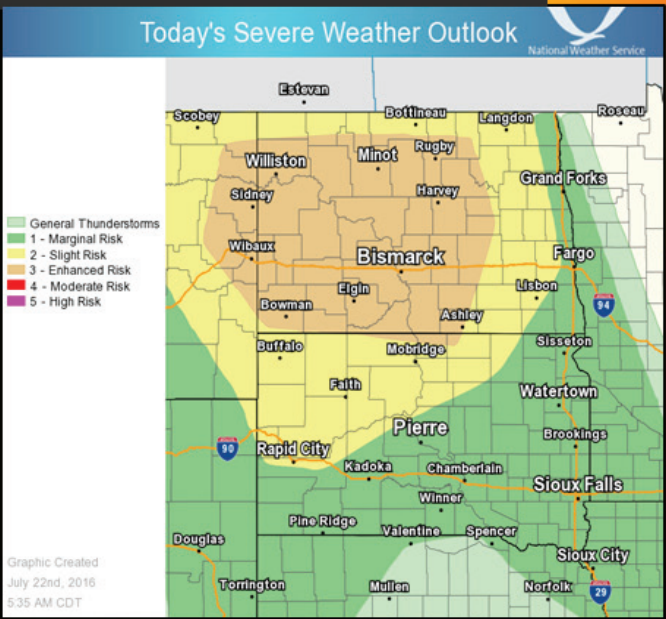
Hot and Humid Again, Storms Late



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Another day of hot and humid conditions are in store, with heat indices around 100 degrees or higher for many areas, especially central and southern portions of the state. By late this afternoon and into the overnight hours, strong to severe thunderstorms are forecast to spread east across the Dakotas. The highest potential for severe weather is across North Dakota, where there is an enhanced risk.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 92.6 at 1:42 PM

Heat Index: 115.0 at 1:49 PM

Low Outside Temp: 74.5 at 7:09 AM

High Gust: 17 mph at 3:18 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1934

Record Low: 46 in 1949

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 60°F

Average Precip in July: 2.25

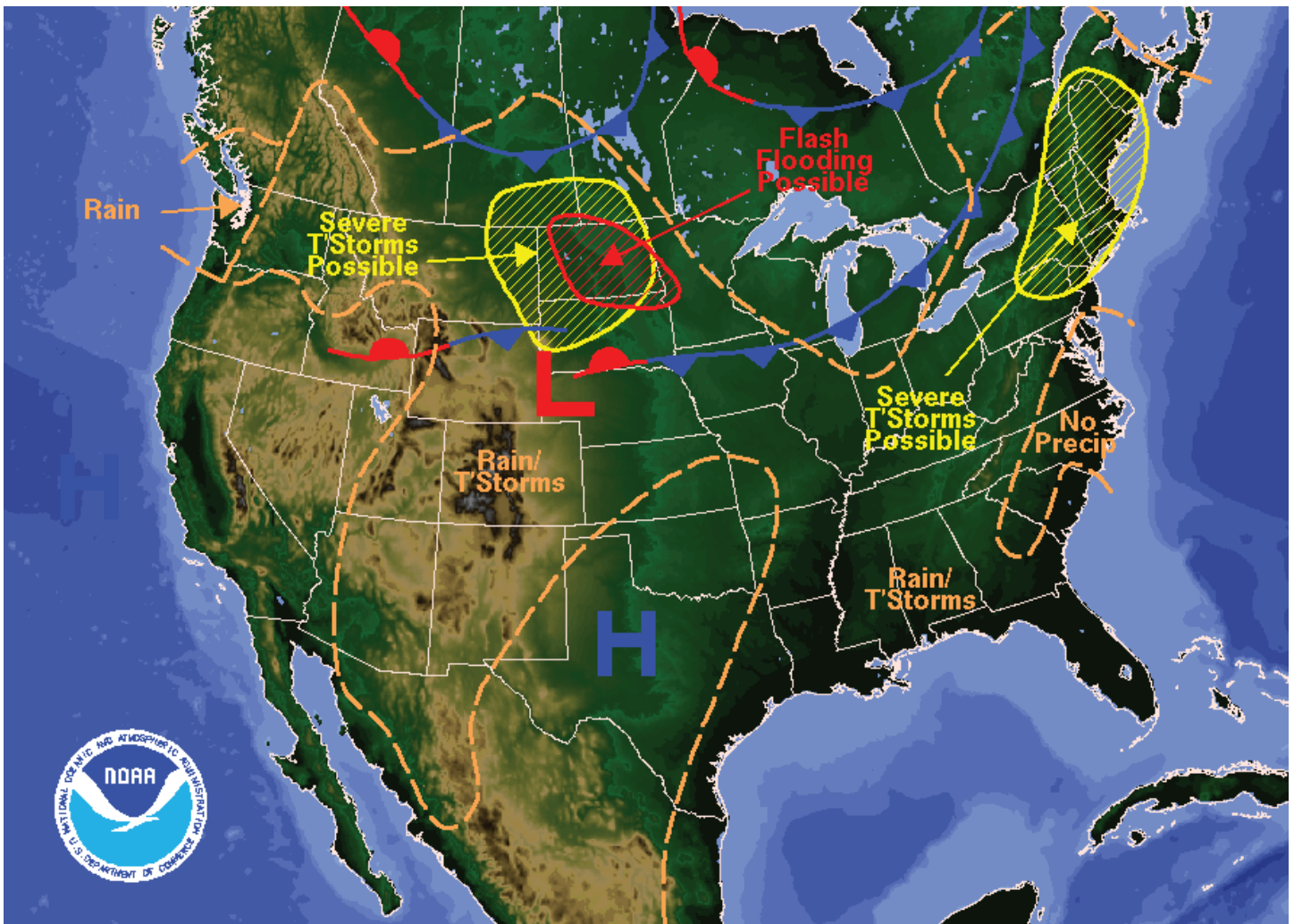
Precip to date in July: 3.55

Average Precip to date: 13.09

Precip Year to Date: 10.21

Sunset Tonight: 9:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:08 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 22, 2016, issued 4:33 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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SAVING FAITH - SERVING LOVE

Following a terrible earthquake in Japan, an American reporter decided to do a series of articles on the survivors for his newspaper. As he was traveling from one location to another, he discovered an elderly lady who was selling flashlights and batteries for less than she paid for them. Intrigued, he decided to interview her.

After asking a few introductory questions he asked, "Why are you willing to sell the flashlights and batteries for much less than you paid for them?"

Smiling at him, she replied, "I don't want to profit from their suffering."

What a Christlike attitude!

Suffering is something we all experience. It is part of everyone's life. Sooner or later, today or tomorrow - sickness or sorrow, trial or tragedy will find us and threaten us when we least expect it. No one is immune from the problems or perils of life.

Nor is the Christian immune from responding to those in need. Jesus, in speaking of the final judgment said, "When you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me." There are acts of kindness that we can do to help others every day. Jesus expects His followers to give water to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, food to the hungry, hospitality to the homeless and visit those in prison. We will have no excuse to offer Him if we do not do as He did.

Prayer: Father, the least and the lost of this world are of great concern to You. May we take Your words to heart, and share whatever You give us with them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: ...He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' Matthew 25:35-45

News from the Associated Press

Activities association gives out defibrillator units

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota High School Activities Association Foundation is distributing 10 Automated External Defibrillator units to different schools.

The organization says the recipients were chosen from 29 requests based on need or lack of access to the device.

The ten high schools selected by the Foundation include: Avon, Centerville, Clark, Deubrook Area, Kimball, Lemmon, Plankinton, Red Cloud, Sioux Valley and Waverly-South Shore. Each school will be provided not only with the AED, but also a carrying case, demonstration information, and equipment necessary to assist infants, children and adults should the need arise.

Pierre School District Superintendent Kelly Glodt is a foundation board member. Glodt says the devices are just a “small example” of the benefits that districts can anticipate in the future.

The foundation was established in 2007.

North Dakota State names 2 softball assistant coaches

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota State University head softball coach Darren Mueller has hired two new assistants.

NDSU alum Gerice Olson has coached at Central Florida, the University of Mary and Dakota State. Beth Spoehr spent the past two seasons at Green Bay. She also has been an assistant at her alma mater Maine and once was a volunteer assistant for the Sweden National Team.

NDSU last season advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the seventh time in eight years.

South Dakota June milk production up 7 percent over 2015

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A government report shows South Dakota dairy farms increased milk production in June compared to last year.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says milk production in the state totaled 210 million pounds last month, a 7 percent increase over June 2015.

The average number of milk cows last month was 115,000, up 9,000 during the same period last year. Milk production per cow averaged 1,830 pounds.

AG clears officer who shot man twice in Hot Springs

HOT SPRINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says a Hot Springs officer who shot a man twice while responding to a disturbance call was justified in firing his weapon.

A report released Thursday says officer Kyle Maciejewski shot 20-year-old Dylan Huff twice sometime after 1 a.m. on June 22 outside a Hot Springs residence. The report says Maciejewski fired his weapon after Huff refused to drop a knife multiple times while walking toward him and another officer.

The report says Maciejewski was carrying a body camera, and the video showed that the officers ordered Huff more than 15 times to drop the knife. Maciejewski told investigators that he felt that his and officer Justin Evan’s lives were in jeopardy.

Huff recovered from his injuries. It wasn’t immediately clear if he has an attorney who could comment on his behalf.

Authorities offer \$5,000 reward for info in pharmacy robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Federal authorities are offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a robbery of a Sioux Falls pharmacy.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives offered the reward Thursday. The federal agency and police in Sioux Falls are investigating the July 9 incident at a Walgreen's, where authorities say a man flashed a firearm and passed a note to an employee demanding opioids and syringes.

This isn't the first time this year that a drug store in Sioux Falls has been robbed.

Earlier this year, a man was arrested for allegedly stealing \$5,000 worth of prescription pills from a retail store. Police think he waited inside the store until it closed before breaking into the pharmacy and making off with painkillers.

Survey shows rural economy continues to weaken in 10 states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — A monthly survey of bankers suggests there's been a drop in the already weak economic outlook for rural areas of 10 Western and Plains states.

A report issued Thursday on the Rural Mainstreet Index says it fell to 39.8 this month from 43.9 in June. Survey officials say any score below 50 on any of the survey's indexes suggests a decline in that area.

Creighton University economist Ernie Goss oversees the survey, and he says the overall index has remained below growth-neutral for 11 straight months. He says that over the past 12 months, farm prices are down 9 percent and livestock prices are down 16 percent.

Bankers from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming were surveyed.

High court: Ranchers should collect on storm-drowned cattle

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The state Supreme Court says a Quinn family should collect insurance for cattle that drowned during the autumn 2013 blizzard that devastated western South Dakota ranchers.

The high court in an opinion released Thursday ruled that Richard and Lorayna Papousek's insurance covers 93 yearling heifers that died in the October 2013 storm under a drowning provision.

Family attorney Sarah Baron Houy says "justice has been done."

A lower court had sided with their insurance company, De Smet Farm Mutual Insurance Company of South Dakota, which argued that none of the cattle were discovered submerged in water.

A veterinarian for the family said that the cattle inhaled rain and snow, which led to their death.

An attorney for the company didn't immediately return a telephone message requesting comment.

Rollover crash kills teen male, injures 2 10-year-old girls

SUMMIT, S.D. (AP) — An 18-year-old male was killed and two 10-year-old girls were injured in a one-vehicle crash north of Summit.

The Highway Patrol says the 18-year-old lost control of the car he was driving on a rural Roberts County road about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, and the vehicle rolled in the ditch.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. The two girls riding in the car suffered injuries the patrol says are serious but not life-threatening.

The names of those involved were not immediately released.

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South Dakota women's basketball team to tour Australia

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — The University of South Dakota women's basketball team is gearing up for a 12-day trip to Australia.

The Coyotes will face three Australian opponents during the tour, and also do some sightseeing. Head coach Dawn Plitzuweit says it's a great opportunity for the team to bond.

The team departs Aug. 7 and returns to Vermillion on Aug. 18.

Construction starts on \$30M Washington Square in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officials have started construction on a \$30 million mixed-use building in downtown Sioux Falls.

The eight-story Washington Square across from the Washington Pavilion will include retail and office space, a parking ramp and condominiums.

Developers already have leased about half of the office space and more than two-thirds of the 22 planned condos.

The project is expected to be done by October 2017.

Brandon police make arrests in string of vehicle thefts

BRANDON, S.D. (AP) — Brandon police have arrested two juveniles and say charges are pending against a third in connection with a string of vehicle thefts.

Authorities say at least a dozen vehicles were targeted, along with at least three garages. They expect more theft reports in coming days.

Police say a number of stolen property items have been recovered.

Scientists looking for invisible dark matter can't find any

SETH BORENSTEIN, AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have come up empty-handed in their latest effort to find elusive dark matter, the plentiful stuff that helps galaxies like ours form.

For three years, scientists have been looking for dark matter — which though invisible, makes up more than four-fifths of the universe's matter — nearly a mile underground in a former gold mine in Lead, South Dakota. But on Thursday they announced at a conference in England that they didn't find what they were searching for, despite sensitive equipment that exceeded technological goals in a project that cost \$10 million to build.

"We're sort of proud that it worked so well and also disappointed that we didn't see anything," said University of California, Berkeley physicist Daniel McKinsey, one of two scientific spokesmen for the mostly government-funded project.

The mine project, called Large Underground Xenon experiment or LUX, was one of three places looking for dark matter. Another is on the International Space Station and a third is an effort to create dark matter at the Large Hadron Collider, run by the European consortium that found the Higgs Boson particle.

At the South Dakota site, more than 4,800 feet of earth helped screen out background radiation. Scientists used a large vat of liquid xenon that they hoped would produce a flash of light when weakly interacting massive particles, or WIMPS, bounced off the super-cooled liquid.

Not finding WIMPS may drive physicists to think about new candidates for dark matter, even though WIMPS are still the most viable option, said Neal Weiner, director of the Center for Cosmology and Par-

ticle Physics at New York University, who was not part of the research.

Scientists are already starting to revamp the South Dakota mine site for a \$50 million larger, higher-tech version of LUX, called LZ, that will be 70 times more sensitive and should start operations in 2020, said Brown University's Richard Gaitskell, another scientific spokesman for LUX.

Even that won't be easy. Dark matter is everywhere. Hundreds of millions of dark matter particles pass through Earth every second, Gaitskell said. But the problem is they are "just crazy weak" and they zip through Earth as if it barely exists, he said.

Gaitskell has spent 28 years hunting these particles.

"Over 80 percent of our matter is in this dark matter form. You and I are the flotsam and jetsam; dark matter is the sea," Gaitskell said. "That's why one doesn't give up. We've got to figure out what this dark matter component is."

When pressed, Gaitskell acknowledged the possibility, however slight and unlikely, that scientists are looking for something that isn't there.

"It's certainly there. We know dark matter exists" because of the way it helps form galaxies and makes light bend around galaxy clusters, McKinsey said.

Weiner said, "It's hard to know when we will find dark matter because we don't know precisely what it is. Of course, that's what makes the search for it such a big deal."

Thai police question British writer's wife over royal photos

NATNICA CHUWIRUCH, Associated Press

BANGKOK (AP) — Police raided the Bangkok home of a British journalist's wife and questioned her for several hours Friday in connection with his social media posts containing embarrassing photographs purported to be of Thailand's crown prince, the heir apparent to the throne.

Andrew McGregor Marshall said in a statement that his wife, Noppawan "Ploy" Bunluesilp, was visiting Bangkok with their 3-year-old son when both of them were taken by police Friday morning to a police station along with Noppawan's father. Armed with a search warrant, police also took computers and several items from the house.

Noppawan, who is Thai, and her father were released about eight hours later.

Her release "is very encouraging news but I remain very concerned that she has faced this ordeal. She is innocent and plays no part in my journalism," said Marshall in a statement issued from Hong Kong, where he currently is.

Police Lt. Gen. Thitiraj Nhongharnpitak told reporters that Noppawan had been detained in connection with photos that Marshall had posted on his social media, and which were "deemed inappropriate." Under Thailand's strict "lese majeste" law, criticism of the monarchy is punishable by up to 15 years in prison.

The photos Marshall tweeted Thursday were published in the German tabloid newspaper Bild and were purportedly of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn at an airport in Germany. The crown prince spends much of his time in Germany.

The prince's father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, 88, is ailing in a hospital, putting the monarchy under stress as the country considers the prospect of its first royal succession since 1946.

Thitiraj initially said officers had determined that the photos published on Bild's website were doctored, and that Marshall and two Thais, whom he did not name, were responsible for creating and posting fake photos on social media. However, when questioned further by a reporter, he hedged his assertion, saying that "whether or not they were doctored is not important — he should not have posted them in the first place."

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Marshall, who used to be based in Bangkok, is a frequent critic of the Thai monarchy and the military government that has ruled since a 2014 coup. Marshall and his wife have not lived in Thailand since 2011, but he continues to write about the country and is banned from entering it.

Speaking to reporters after it was decided to release Noppawan, Thitiraj said police had always believed her "to be innocent of her husband's crimes, but as police, we must follow the evidence." He said Friday's actions gave her the opportunity to prove her innocence.

"She still is Thai and she still respects the Royal institution and she has nothing to do with it," he said.

Marshall said Noppawan, 39, who used to work for Reuters and NBC, was not involved in his journalism.

"If Thai police believe that I have broken Thai law they should seek my extradition to Thailand via legitimate international legal challenges. It is unacceptable to harass an innocent woman simply because she is married to me," Marshall, who also used to work for Reuters, said in his statement.

Lt. Gen. Thitiraj said police won't issue an arrest warrant for Marshall because he is not in Thailand and the matter would have to be discussed with other nations. He said her hoped Marshall would stop his "movement" to criticize the monarchy.

"Andrew is the only foreigner who has consistently criticized the institution for four to five years now, and he hasn't stopped. He is the only one who has consistently attacked the institution."

Noppawan told reporters after her release that said she had asked her husband to stop his activities because they had an impact on his family.

26,000 flee South Sudan to Uganda, says UN

The Associated Press, Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — More than 26,000 people have fled South Sudan to Uganda this month, says the United Nations refugee agency.

The thousands of South Sudanese have left their country since fighting erupted on July 7 between forces loyal to President Salva Kiir and those supporting Vice President Riek Machar, Andreas Needham, spokesman for the U.N. refugee agency, said Friday.

Although an uneasy peace has been established in South Sudan's capital, Juba, the U.N. official said the flow of people leaving the country has continued. More than 90 percent of the new refugees are women and children, he said.

The new refugees report that fighting is continuing in southern South Sudan and that in the Magwi area gunmen are looting properties and recruiting young men and boys, said the U.N. official.

Search for Flight 370 will be suspended, possibly forever

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PUTRAJAYA, Malaysia (AP) — The more than two-year-long hunt for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 will be suspended once the current search area in the Indian Ocean has been completely scoured, the three countries conducting the operation announced Friday, possibly ending all hopes of solving aviation's greatest mystery.

Some families of the lost plane's 239 passengers and crew were angry over the decision to stop what is already the most expensive search in aviation history, having cost 180 million Australian dollars (\$135 million). Others continued to hold out hope.

"In the absence of new evidence, Malaysia, Australia and China have collectively decided to suspend the search upon completion of the 120,000-square-kilometer (46,300-square-mile) search area," Malaysian Transport Minister Liow Tiong Lai said after a meeting with his Australian and Chinese counter-

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parts.

There are fewer than 10,000 square kilometers (3,900 square miles) left to be searched. In a statement read by Liow, the ministers acknowledged that "the likelihood of finding the aircraft is fading."

The ministers said the search could be revived, but only if new evidence emerges.

"Should credible new information emerge which can be used to identify the specific location of the aircraft, consideration will be given in determining next steps," their joint statement said.

As Liow and the other two ministers were addressing the news conference, representatives of the passengers' families stood outside the building holding placards calling on authorities to keep trying. "Find the plane, ease our pain," read one.

"We don't want the suspension to be just a way to let everyone calm down and slowly forget about it," said Grace Subathirai Nathan, a Malaysian whose mother, Anne Daisy, was on the flight. "We want them to be doing something in the interim to look for new information."

Australian Transport Minister Darren Chester said experts will continue to analyze data and inspect debris but added, "Future searches must have a high level of success to justify raising hopes of loved ones."

The Boeing 777 vanished on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8, 2014. It is believed to have turned back west and then south before dropping into the Indian Ocean west of Australia, where the search has been concentrated. Much of what happened to the plane remains a mystery, though the Malaysian government has concluded that it was deliberately steered off course.

Liow said the search, hampered by bad weather and damaged equipment, will end by December.

Although the ministers were at pains to say they were not permanently ending the search, it is evident that it is highly unlikely to continue after that, given how few clues have emerged since the disappearance of the plane. Confirmed and possible debris has been found off East Africa thousands of kilometers (miles) away, but authorities have said the wreckage has provided no information that might help locate the bulk of the aircraft.

Some relatives remained hopeful that the search will resume one day.

"I feel encouraged. Fearing the worst, we now have something to hang on to," said K.S. Narendran, who lost his wife, Chandrika Sharma, on the flight. "I read into it a commitment to stay engaged in the search and to hold themselves accountable to pursue the truth."

"You can suspend, but don't stop there," said Jacquita Gonzales, whose husband Patrick Gomes was a crew member on Flight 370. "Suspension can be five years, 15 years, 20 years. ... It's a long wait, so go back to the drawing board."

Representatives from Voice 370, a group representing family members of the plane's passengers and crew, met with Australian officials in Kuala Lumpur on Thursday and urged the governments to suspend the search until new funds can be raised. They also called for a wider base of funding, including from Boeing and other plane and component manufacturers.

The three governments are involved because the airline was Malaysian, most of the passengers were Chinese, and the suspected crash site is off southwestern Australia.

Several relatives of Chinese victims said they felt betrayed by the decision.

"I will never agree with the decision to suspend the search," said Zhang Qian, whose wife, Wang Houbin, had been on board MH 370. "We will definitely gather to protest it and I have lost confidence to the Malaysian government."

But Jeanette Maguire, whose sister and brother-in-law Cathy and Bob Lawton, from Brisbane, Australia, were aboard Flight 370, said that while the decision is "very difficult to accept," she understood searchers needed more information to continue, "because it's costing an absolute fortune."

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There have been several theories surrounding the disappearance and the final hours of the flight, including that the plane glided into the water and didn't dive in, indicating a controlled ditching.

"We do not have any evidence to confirm that it was controlled ditching," Liow said.

He said the plane debris found so far "did not identify the exact location of the aircraft" but the location of the debris is consistent with the drift modeling pattern done by Australia, which indicated a general search area.

Western Australia University oceanographer Charitha Pattiaratchi, who has done extensive drift modeling, has said the plane could have crashed slightly north of the current search area.

Pattiaratchi's modeling was based on how long the first piece of confirmed Flight 370 wreckage took to reach La Reunion off the African coast, an island where confirmed plane debris was found, and his team's calculations of the effects of currents, wind and waves on drifting debris.

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 a year ago. The search area was determined by analysis of satellite signals that the plane emitted in its final hours.

But the Australian Transport Safety Bureau has previously said wreckage found on the southwestern shores of the Indian Ocean was consistent with the plane crashing in the expansive search area.

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. ROCKY GOP CONVENTION ENDS ON HIGH NOTE WITH SPEECHES FROM TRUMP AND DAUGHTER
Hillary Clinton is now set to snatch the attention from Republicans by naming her running mate, with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine as the leading contender.

2. HOW TRUMP'S REMARKS ON LGBTQ RIGHTS MADE GOP HISTORY

Trump called for protecting the LGBTQ community not once, but twice, in a first for a GOP nomination address.

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Officials from Malaysia, Australia and China said the hunt will be suspended once the current search area has been completely scoured, and they acknowledged the likelihood of finding the aircraft is fading.

4. OBAMA HOSTS MEXICAN LEADER HOURS AFTER TRUMP'S GOP NOMINATION SPEECH

President Enrique Pena Nieto has said Trump's negative attitude toward Mexicans has hurt his country's relations with the U.S.

5. WHY FOX NEWS CHANNEL FACES CHALLENGING ROAD AHEAD BEYOND AILES' DEPARTURE

Data tracker Nielson says more than half of Fox's viewers are over 65 and the network is lagging in digital efforts.

6. NICE REFUSES REQUEST FROM FRENCH POLICE TO DELETE SURVEILLANCE CAMERA IMAGES

The city filed a legal complaint instead amid questions over the scale of the police presence at the time.

7. DECADE-LONG PUSH TO CURB CRIME IN RIO SLUMS IS FAILING ON EVE OF OLYMPICS

Murders rose sharply in the first half of 2016, just as officials wanted to use the Aug. 5-21 games to showcase the city.

8. WHERE A SCANDAL OVER FAKE VACCINES PROMPTED ANGRY PARENTS TO ATTACK A DOCTOR

The controversy in Indonesia's capital is a sign of deep-seated problems in the country's health sys-

tem.

9. WHAT THE ATTENTION ON THERESA MAY'S SHOES SAY ABOUT FEMALE LEADERS

Female leaders are still scrutinized as much for style as for substance in a sign they are considered exceptions, rather than the rule.

10. HOW "POKEMON GO" WENT FROM A PRANK TO A GLOBAL PHENOMENON

Its hybrid DNA flows from a digital mapping pioneer's fascination with the world around him, Google's affinity for offbeat ideas and Nintendo's comeback quest.

World shares down as central banks wait and see

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MANILA, Philippines (AP) — World shares fell Friday after the European Central Bank's decision to keep its monetary policy intact dampened expectations of further stimulus to counter the impact of Britain's vote to leave the European Union. Comments by the Bank of Japan governor ruling out "helicopter money" for the tepid economy also cast a chill.

KEEPING SCORE: Britain's FTSE 100 shed 0.1 percent to 6,690.54. Germany's DAX was down 0.4 percent to 10,117.22. France's CAC 40 slipped 0.3 percent to 4,365.05. U.S. futures indicate positive but muted opening on Wall Street. Dow futures rose less than 0.1 percent and S&P futures were less than 0.1 percent.

JAPAN: BOJ Gov. Haruhiko Kuroda's comments ruling out so-called "helicopter money," or direct cash injections into the economy, were recorded a month ago but aired Thursday by BBC. The remarks pushed the yen higher against the dollar, in turn pulling shares lower. Market heavyweights, like major exporters, suffer when the yen's value rises.

ANALYST VIEWPOINT: "Central banks were all but prepared to come up with some coordinated action if the Brexit vote has rained fire and brimstone on global financial markets. But it did not," said Bernard Aw of IG. "So central bankers are quite at a loss of what to do. Add more stimulus? Don't add more stimulus? And they decided to stick to a safer option - wait and see."

ASIA'S DAY: Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 1.1 percent to 16,627.25. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index shed 0.2 percent to 21,964.27. China's Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.9 percent at 3,012.82. Australia's S&P ASX 200 slipped 0.3 percent to 5,498.20. South Korea's KOSPI edged down 0.1 percent at 2,010.34. Southeast Asian markets were down.

OIL: U.S. crude shed 14 cents to \$44.61 in New York. On Thursday, it sank \$1 to settle at \$44.75 per barrel. Brent crude, the global benchmark, rose 1 cent to \$46.21. It fell 97 cents to \$46.20 a barrel in London on Thursday.

CURRENCIES: The dollar rose to 106.23 yen from 105.76 the previous day. The euro climbed to \$1.1035 from \$1.1027 on Thursday.

Holiday in parts of India as fans revel in Rajinikanth film

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CHENNAI, India (AP) — Private companies declared a holiday and parents kept children out of school as an air of celebration swept southern India Friday for the premiere of Indian superstar Rajinikanth's latest film.

Hundreds of thousands of Rajinikanth fans thronged cinemas across Tamil-language India and Malaysia to catch the pre-dawn showing of "Kabali," a gangster movie that left patrons jumping from their seats and dancing in the aisles at the sight of their hero.

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Crowds waited outside theaters all night before the first showing, and in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu state, Rajinikanth enthusiasts burst firecrackers and distributed sweets outside cinemas.

Inside the Woodlands theater, one of the city's oldest, fans rose to their feet, danced and sang along as the superstar made his first appearance. When Rajinikanth landed punches on the villain in the two-hour-long film, he was egged on with cheers and whistles.

Huge cutouts of the star and gigantic posters loomed large in the street outside the theater. In several places, fans poured big cans of milk over the cutouts in a Hindu ritual to bless the star and wish him a long life.

Sixty-five-year-old Rajinikanth is one of India's most popular stars and counts millions of fans who speak the Tamil language and even those who don't. The film, also starring Taiwanese actor Winston Chao, was shot in Malaysia and southern India.

"Kabali" is being released in more than 12,000 screens across India, as well as in the U.K. and Malaysia, which has a sizeable Tamil-speaking population and millions of Rajinikanth fans. It also premiered in 400 U.S. theaters. Rajinikanth and fans attended a special screening in San Francisco.

The action star has a huge following in Japan too, where his subtitled films are big box office earners.

For Alandur P. Sridhar, an insurance company employee, the long wait for his hero's new film is over.

"I've been waiting since two years for this film," said Sridhar, who came to watch the film in a group of 30 fans, all dressed in identical white T-shirts with Rajinikanth's picture on the chest. The group, mostly employees of private companies and the government, was enthusiastically taking pictures with a selfie-stick near a poster of their favorite star.

"He's a terrific actor. But what I love about him is: He may be India's biggest star, but he remains a simple man at heart. He hasn't changed one bit," said Sridhar, referring to Rajinikanth's humble beginnings.

Born Shivaji Rao Gaekwad, the megastar worked as a bus conductor for three years in Bangalore, before he joined an acting school in Chennai. Starting out playing small roles as a villain in Tamil cinema, he worked his way up, landing roles even in Bollywood, India's Hindi language film industry based in the country's entertainment hub of Mumbai. Since his debut in 1975, Rajinikanth has acted in over 150 films, many of which have broken box office records.

"This film is a celebration. This day is a celebration," said Sridhar, as he rearranged the group for yet another selfie outside Chennai's historic Albert Theater.

Sandhya Ramani, a graduate student at University of Colorado, Denver, said she had timed her vacation to be in Chennai for the film's release.

"It's something that can't be explained in words. It's just Rajinikanth. He's mind blowing," Ramani said, as she came out from the theater with her friends.

Shubhra Gupta, one of India's leading film critics, said the Rajinikanth phenomenon was not easy to explain.

"There is no logic to how and why Rajinikanth has become the superstar of superstars," Gupta said. But she referred to his impoverished background as appealing to the masses.

"People see themselves in Rajinikanth and the fact that he has made it so big. There's an aspirational connect that people make with him," Gupta said.

Several private companies have given their employees the day off to enable them to catch the film on its first day.

Fyndus, a Chennai-based data-processing company, gave away free tickets to employees and said it decided to declare a holiday Friday to "avoid piled-up leave requests to its human resources department."

The Malaysia-based AirAsia budget carrier organized a special round-trip flight from the southern city of Bangalore to Chennai for the movie premiere. An AirAsia plane dedicated to Rajinikanth and painted with his picture was flying to 10 destinations in India.

The opening scenes from the film show a grey-bearded Rajinikanth being released from a prison, swearing to avenge his enemies. In his search for revenge, he is reunited with his family and rains destruction on his foes. The film also stars Taiwanese actor Winston Chao.

Rajinikanth merchandise was selling briskly outside theaters in Tamil Nadu. T-shirts and jackets sporting the superhero's face and his trademark dark glasses were hot favorites. One finance company in southern India has minted special silver coins with Rajinikanth's visage and priced the five-gram coin at \$5.30 each.

Trump's closer is over, Clinton set to snag attention

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CALVIN WOODWARD, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — In the swirl of balloons and cheers of the masses, Donald Trump finally had his Rocky moment after a rocky convention, and now Democrats are eager to step up for their own spectacle. Hillary Clinton is set to snatch attention from Republicans by naming her running mate in advance of the Democratic convention, with Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine the leading contender.

Trump's forceful promises to be the champion of disaffected Americans closed out his convention on a high note for the party, not a moment too soon after shows of disharmony and assorted flubs before Thursday night's closer.

Speaking to "the forgotten men and women of our country," the people who "work hard but no longer have a voice," he declared: "I am your voice." With that, he summed up both the paradox and the power of his campaign — a billionaire who made common cause with struggling Americans alienated from the system, or at least a portion of them.

He pledged as president to restore a sense of public safety, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

"I have joined the political arena so that the powerful can no longer beat up on people that cannot defend themselves," Trump said.

Clinton opens a two-day campaign swing Friday in Florida and is expected to announce her running mate either at a Friday afternoon rally at the state fairgrounds in Tampa or on Saturday at Florida International University in Miami.

Kaine, 58, appeared to be the favorite for her choice, according to two Democrats, who both cautioned that Clinton has not made a decision and could change direction.

In Cleveland, Trump's acceptance of the Republican nomination capped his improbable takeover of the GOP, a party that plunges into the general election united in opposition to Clinton but still torn over Trump. Underscoring his unorthodox candidacy, Trump reasserted the hard-line immigration policies that fired up conservatives in the primary but broke with many in his party by promising protections for gays and lesbians.

Ever the showman, he fed off the energy of the crowd, stepping back to soak in applause and joining the delegates as they chanted, "U-S-A."

It was an altogether smoother — and scripted — chapter in a footloose convention shocked a night earlier by Ted Cruz's prime-time speech, a pointed non-endorsement of the nominee by the Texas senator who finished second in the race and came to Cleveland harboring grievances — and future

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presidential ambitions.

During their convention, Republicans were relentless and often raw in demonizing Clinton. As fired-up supporters at Trump's acceptance speech broke out in their oft-used refrain of "Lock her up," the nominee waved them off, and instead declared, "Let's defeat her in November." Yet he also accused her of "terrible, terrible crimes."

Trump's more than hour-long speech was strikingly dark for a celebratory event and almost entirely lacking in policy details. Trump shouted throughout as he read off a teleprompter, showing few flashes of humor or even a smile.

"This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism and weakness," he said. "But Hillary Clinton's legacy does not have to be America's legacy."

In a direct appeal to Americans shaken by a summer of violence at home and around the world, Trump promised that if he takes office in January, "safety will be restored."

He also said young people in predominantly black cities "have as much of a right to live out their dreams as any other child in America." And he vowed to protect gays and lesbians from violence and oppression, a pledge that was greeted with applause from the crowd.

"As a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said," he responded.

The Democratic convention in Philadelphia, which starts Monday, is expected to be a more disciplined affair. Clinton is, if anything, disciplined.

Kaine has been active in the Senate on foreign relations and military affairs and built a reputation for working with both parties as Virginia's governor and mayor of Richmond.

"I'm glad the waiting game is nearly over," Kaine said Thursday.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, a longtime friend of Hillary and Bill Clinton, is still in the mix, according to one of the two Democrats. Both Democrats are familiar with the selection process and spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Kaine's selection would not be without complication. Liberals have expressed wariness of Kaine for his support of putting the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement on a "fast track" to approval, which both Clinton and primary rival Bernie Sanders oppose. They also note that Kaine recently signed onto a letter asking for less burdensome regulation of regional banks.

But President Barack Obama has told the campaign he believes Kaine would be a strong choice, according to a Democrat familiar with the search who was not authorized to discuss it publicly.

AP FACT CHECK: Trump resurfaces debunked claims in speech

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EDITOR'S NOTE _ A look at the veracity of claims by public officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite promising "the truth, and nothing else" in his convention speech, Donald Trump presented the nation with a series of previously debunked claims and some new ones Thursday night — about the U.S. tax burden, the perils facing police, Hillary Clinton's record and more.

A look at some of the Republican presidential candidate's claims and how they compare with the facts:

TRUMP: "Decades of progress made in bringing down crime are now being reversed by this administration's rollback of criminal enforcement. Homicides last year increased by 17 percent in America's 50 largest cities. That's the largest increase in 25 years."

THE FACTS: A rollback? President Barack Obama has actually achieved some big increases in spend-

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ing for state and local law enforcement, including billions in grants provided through the 2009 stimulus. While FBI crime statistics for 2015 are not yet available, Trump's claim about rising homicides appears to come from a Washington Post analysis published in January. While Trump accurately quotes part of the analysis, he omits that the statistical jump was so large because homicides are still very low by historical standards. In the 50 cities cited by the Post, for example, half as many people were killed last year as in 1991.

TRUMP: "The number of new illegal immigrant families who have crossed the border so far this year already exceeds the entire total from 2015. They are being released by the tens of thousands into our communities with no regard for the impact on public safety or resources."

THE FACTS: The pace of releasing immigrants is driven not by the Obama administration, but by a court ruling. A federal judge ruled last year that the government couldn't hold parents and children in jail for more than 20 days. An appeals court partially rolled that back earlier this month, saying that parents could be detained but children must be released.

By the standard used by the government to estimate illegal border crossings - the number of arrests — Trump is right that the number in this budget year has already exceeded last year's total. But it's down from 2014.

TRUMP: "When a secretary of state illegally stores her emails on a private server, deletes 33,000 of them so the authorities can't see her crime, puts our country at risk, lies about it in every different form and faces no consequence - I know that corruption has reached a level like never before."

THE FACTS: Clinton's use of a private server to store her emails was not illegal under federal law. Her actions were not established as a crime. The FBI investigated the matter and its role was to advise the Justice Department whether to bring charges against her based on what it found. FBI Director James Comey declined to refer the case for criminal prosecution to the Justice Department, instead accusing Clinton of extreme carelessness.

As for Trump's claim that Clinton faces no consequence, that may be true in a legal sense. But the matter has been a distraction to her campaign and fed into public perceptions that she can't be trusted. The election will test whether she has paid a price politically.

TRUMP: "The number of police officers killed in the line of duty has risen by almost 50 percent compared to this point last year."

THE FACTS: Not according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, which tracks police fatalities daily. The group found that the number of police officers who died as of July 20 is up just slightly this year, at 67, compared with 62 through the same period last year. That includes deaths in the line of duty from all causes, including traffic fatalities.

It is true that there has been a spike in police deaths from intentional shootings, 32 this year compared with 18 last year, largely attributable to the recent mass shootings in Dallas and Baton Rouge. But that was not his claim.

And overall, police are statistically safer on America's streets now than at any time in recent decades. For example, the 109 law enforcement fatalities in 2013 were the lowest since 1956.

TRUMP: "My opponent has called for a radical 550 percent increase in Syrian (refugees). ... She proposes this despite the fact that there's no way to screen these refugees in order to find out who they

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are or where they come from. I only want to admit individuals into our country who will support our values and love our people.”

THE FACTS: Trump persists in making the bogus claim that the U.S. doesn't screen refugees. The administration both screens them and knows where they are from. The Department of Homeland Security leads the process, which involves rigorous background checks. Processing of a refugee can take 18 months to two years, and usually longer for those coming from Syria. Refugees are also subject to in-person interviews and fingerprint and other biometric screening.

For all that caution, U.S. officials acknowledge that the Islamic State group could try to place operatives among refugees. Last year, FBI Director James Comey said data about people coming from Syria may be limited, adding, “If we don't know much about somebody, there won't be anything in our database.”

TRUMP: “Two million more Latinos are in poverty today than when President Obama took his oath of office less than eight years ago. Another 14 million people have left the workforce entirely. ... President Obama has almost doubled our national debt to more than \$19 trillion, and growing.”

THE FACTS: Trump is playing with numbers to make the economy look worse than it actually is. The sluggish recovery over the past seven years has been frustrating. But with unemployment at 4.9 percent, the situation isn't as bleak as he suggests.

Trump's figure of 14 million who've stopped working since Obama took office comes from the Labor Department's measure of people not in the workforce. It's misleading for three reasons: The U.S. population has increased in that time; the country has aged and people have retired; and younger people are staying in school longer for college and advanced degrees, so they're not in the labor force, either.

A better figure is labor force participation — the share of people with jobs or who are searching for work. That figure has declined from 65.7 percent when Obama took office to 62.7 percent now. Part of that decrease reflects retirements, but the decline is also a long-term trend.

On national debt, economists say a more meaningful measure than dollars is the share of the overall economy taken up by the debt. By that measure, the debt rose 36 percent under Obama (rather than doubling). That's roughly the same as what occurred under Republican President George W. Bush.

The Hispanic population has risen since Obama while the poverty rate has fallen. The Pew Research Center found that 23.5 percent of the country's 55.3 million Latinos live in poverty, compared with 24.7 percent in 2010.

TRUMP: “Another humiliation came when President Obama drew a red line in Syria, and the whole world knew it meant absolutely nothing.”

THE FACTS: Trump's reference is to a threat by Obama for retaliatory strikes if Syrian President Bashar Assad used chemical weapons against rebels — and he's basically on target. When Assad crossed Obama's “red line” in 2013 by using chemical weapons, the U.S. president backed down.

Obama's two secretaries of state, Hillary Clinton and John Kerry, pushed for intervention, as have a former defense secretary and CIA director. But Obama as commander-in-chief has the last word, and nothing has swayed him thus far.

TRUMP: “When that same secretary of state rakes in millions and millions of dollars trading access and favors to special interests and foreign powers, I know the time for action has come.”

THE FACTS: That's a somewhat overheated take on a legitimately troublesome issue for Clinton.

Although financial disclosures show she earned only her government salary as secretary of state, she made more than \$21 million afterward, over three years, for speeches and appearances for private

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companies. None of those speeches was paid for by foreign governments, but some groups she addressed could be counted as special interests.

As well, the Clintons' family charity, the Clinton Foundation, received millions of dollars in donations while she was secretary of state, some from foreigners. And Bill Clinton earned millions making appearances and speeches for foreign corporations and organizations while his wife was at the State Department.

TRUMP: "After four years of Hillary Clinton, what do we have? ISIS has spread across the region, and the entire world. Libya is in ruins, and our ambassador and his staff were left helpless to die at the hands of savage killers. Egypt was turned over to the radical Muslim Brotherhood, forcing the military to retake control. Iraq is in chaos. Iran is on the path to nuclear weapons. Syria is engulfed in a civil war and a refugee crisis now threatens the West. ... This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

THE FACTS: It's an exaggeration to suggest Clinton, or any secretary of state, is to blame for the widespread instability and violence across the Middle East.

Clinton worked to impose sanctions that helped coax Tehran to a nuclear deal with the U.S. and other world powers last year, a deal in which Iran rolled back its nuclear program to get relief from sanctions that were choking its economy.

She did not start the war in Libya, but supported a NATO intervention well after violence broke out between rebels and the forces of dictator Moammar Gadhafi. The country slid into chaos after Gadhafi was ousted and killed in 2011, leaving it split between competing governments.

Clinton had no role in military decisions made during the 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, Libya, that killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. Republicans' claim that high-level officials in Washington issued a "stand-down" order delaying a military rescue in Benghazi has been widely debunked.

On Iraq, Clinton as a senator voted in 2002 to grant President George W. Bush authority to invade Iraq, but has since said it was a "mistake." Many in the Middle East do not regret Saddam's ouster and regional allies allowed U.S. bases in their country to support the war. But many also now fear the Islamic State group, which rose in the chaos of Syria's civil war and Iraq's security vacuum.

TRUMP: "America is one of the highest-taxed nations in the world."

THE FACTS: Trump continues to repeat this inaccuracy. The U.S. tax burden is actually the fourth lowest among the 34 developed and large emerging-market economies that make up the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Taxes made up 26 percent of the total U.S. economy in 2014, according to the OECD. That's far below Sweden's tax burden of 42.7 percent, Britain's 32.6 percent or Germany's 36.1 percent. Only three OECD members had a lower figure than the U.S.: Chile, South Korea and Mexico.

TRUMP: "My opponent wants to essentially abolish the Second Amendment."

THE FACTS: Hillary Clinton has not proposed any revocation of the constitutionally protected right to bear arms. She does support a ban on certain military-style weapons, similar to the law President Bill Clinton signed in the 1990s. That ban expired after 10 years and was not renewed. Clinton also backs an expansion of existing criminal background checks to apply to weapons sales at gun shows. The checks now apply mainly to sales by federally licensed gun dealers.

Making GOP history, Trump vows to protect LGBTQ community

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CLEVELAND (AP) — With five letters, Donald Trump brushed off decades of Republican reluctance to voice full-throated support for gay rights — at least for a night.

Trump's call in his speech to the Republican National Convention for protecting the "LGBTQ community" was a watershed moment for the Republican Party — the first time the issue has been elevated in a GOP nomination address. Four years ago, Mitt Romney never uttered the word "gay," much less the full acronym — standing for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning.

But Trump, as if to drive the point home, said it not once, but twice.

"I will do everything in my power to protect our LGBTQ citizens from the violence and oppression of a hateful foreign ideology," Trump said, adding for emphasis: "Believe me."

If Republican delegates gathered in Cleveland to nominate Trump were caught off-guard, they didn't show it. They cheered him — loudly.

Even the candidate seemed surprised.

"I have to say, as a Republican it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said," Trump ad-libbed. "Thank you."

The unequivocal appeal for a more inclusive tone is likely to give Trump's fellow Republicans permission to embrace an issue resonating deeply with a younger generation of voters from all sides of the political spectrum. It also puts Trump squarely at odds with the party platform adopted just three days earlier at his own nominating convention.

In fact, the GOP platform moves farther away from gay rights than past years, with a new admonition of gay parenting that says kids raised by a mother and father tend to be "physically and emotionally healthier." Preserved in the platform are opposition to gay marriage and to bathroom choice for transgender people.

To be sure, Trump is far from the candidate that gay rights advocates would have selected were the choice up to them. Unlike Hillary Clinton, who supports same-sex marriage, Trump has said he'd nominate Supreme Court justices who might overturn the ruling legalizing it nationwide. He once called that ruling "shocking" and has said states should get to decide — a position in line with mainstream Republican orthodoxy.

Yet the New York billionaire has often spoken effusively about his friendships with gay people while avoiding anti-gay rhetoric that many other GOP candidates have embraced. After a gunman claiming Islamic State allegiance killed 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, Trump said he'd be better than Clinton because he wouldn't allow in Muslim immigrants who want to "murder gays."

In another Republican first, an openly gay speaker acknowledged his sexuality Thursday from the podium — and put fellow Republicans on the spot by saying he disagreed with parts of the platform. Peter Thiel, the co-founder of PayPal, said only Trump was being honest about how "fake culture wars" distract from America's economic decline.

"I am proud to be gay," Thiel declared. "I am proud to be a Republican. But most of all, I am proud to be an American."

He was greeted with wild cheers and extended applause as some delegations jumped to their feet — another striking moment for a Republican gathering.

Throughout this week's convention, pro-gay Republicans hailing Trump as the most supportive nominee in the party's history have had their elation tempered by the stark realization that their party is still pushing a very different message. Cara Pavalock, a Connecticut state lawmaker attending the conven-

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tion, said that's a reflection of how much work the party needs to do on the issue.

"I joined the party not for what it is but for what I know it will be in the future," said Pavalock, a Trump supporter.

And the closing-night moments aside, Trump's nominating convention featured awkward silences on the rare occasions when gay rights came up. The final evening featured speeches by Family Research Council President Tony Perkins and evangelical leader Jerry Falwell Jr., two vehement gay rights opponents.

For those hoping Trump's nomination will improve the party's reputation among gay rights proponents, there's another challenge: Mainstream gay rights groups have denounced Trump, arguing that tolerance for one minority group doesn't excuse prejudice toward others — like Hispanics and Muslims — or unflattering comments about women.

"His hatred toward anybody is a huge concern," said Jay Brown of the Human Rights Campaign. "When he attacks women, he attacks us. When he attacks Muslims, he's attacking us."

Gay Republicans say that's an attempt by left-leaning groups to blur the issues to help Democrats win elections and raise money.

"They are hell-bent on keeping this a political issue," said Republican strategist Richard Grenell.

Four years ago Grenell, who is gay, was hired by 2012 Republican nominee Mitt Romney to be his foreign policy spokesman, but resigned under pressure from social conservatives who questioned Romney's conservatism. This week, he attended a "Big Tent Brunch" on the convention's sidelines hosted by a pro-LGBT nonprofit.

At the brunch — held in a literal big tent at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, pro-LGBT Republicans sipped mimosas and mingled with transgender activist Caitlyn Jenner while a man carried a rainbow version of the Gadsden flag — a tea party symbol. Added was the phrase "Shoot Back," employed by gun rights advocates after the Orlando shooting to suggest the victims should have been armed.

Obama to host Mexican president for White House talks

DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hours after Donald Trump accepted the Republican presidential nomination, President Barack Obama is opening the White House to Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, who has said the GOP candidate's negative attitude toward Mexicans, including saying they bring drugs and crime to America and calling them rapists, has hurt his country's relations with the U.S.

Pena Nieto's visit comes less than a month after he and Obama met in Canada during a summit of North America's leaders. Obama's meetings with visiting foreign leaders are usually announced weeks in advance, but Pena Nieto's visit was announced just last week.

The White House shrugged off suggestions that the visit was timed to highlight differences between Democrats and Republicans, particularly on attitudes toward Latinos. The Republican National Convention ended Thursday night in Cleveland with Trump's acceptance speech.

"I think it's fair to say that almost anything that President Obama did on Friday would be viewed as a sharp contrast to the agenda that's being put forward by the other side," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest. "But in this case, it's been a while since the president has hosted the president of Mexico here at the White House."

Pena Nieto's only other White House visit came in January 2015.

In announcing his presidential campaign last summer, Trump pledged to build a border wall between the U.S. and Mexico and make Mexico pay for it. He also said Mexican immigrants "have lots of problems" and when they come to the U.S. "they're bringing drugs. They're bringing crime. They're rapists.

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And some, I assume, are good people.”

Pena Nieto has said his government will work with whoever succeeds Obama in January. Former Obama Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is expected to become the Democratic nominee for president when her party convenes next week in Philadelphia.

But Pena Nieto has also criticized Trump’s tone, telling a Mexico City-based newspaper earlier this year that Trump speaks the type of language that gave rise to dictators Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. Mexico’s leader has also said Trump’s stance is hurting his country’s relations with the U.S., and that Mexico will not pay for a border wall.

Nor has Obama hidden his disdain for Trump and his politics.

Last month, Obama blasted Trump’s “loose talk and sloppiness,” arguing that the candidate’s call to temporarily ban Muslims from coming to the U.S. could lead to discrimination against ethnic and religious minorities. He said Trump was a “dangerous” threat to the nation’s safety, religious freedom and diversity.

Pena Nieto tweeted Thursday after arriving in Washington that he was happy to be in the U.S. capital to continue productive talks with Obama about the U.S.-Mexico agenda. After meeting with Obama in the Oval Office on Friday morning, the leaders will move to the elegant East Room for a joint news conference where they likely will be questioned about Trump.

Earnest said the pending Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement that both countries have signed on to, economic issues, border security, drug trafficking and climate change are among the topics that Obama and Pena Nieto are likely to discuss. “There’s plenty on the agenda that doesn’t involve the Republican nominee,” Earnest said.

The post-Ailes Fox News may have bigger problems

TALI ARBEL, AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Ailes built the Fox News Channel into a ratings juggernaut, one that successfully presented a conservative alternative to mainstream news and garnered a large new audience in the Age of Trump.

But you don’t have to look too far down the road to see big challenges that have nothing to do with Ailes’ untimely departure .

While Fox has been the top-rated U.S. cable-news channel for 14 years, overall cable news audiences have been shrinking outside of presidential elections. More than half of Fox’s viewers are over 65, says data tracker Nielsen, compared to just 15 percent of Americans as a whole. They’re also more conservative than the general public, at a time when younger generations are trending more liberal, according to Pew . And it’s lagging in the digital efforts that many analysts consider key to attracting young people.

TV remains the dominant news source, but smartphone-addicted younger people are spending less time with it. Some 84 percent of 18-to-29-year-olds get news from social media like Facebook, and increasingly on their phones, according to Pew Research Center. Research firm eMarketer has predicted that digital ad spending will surpass TV ad spending in the U.S. next year for the first time.

“Fox News has been far more of a TV-centric business than a web or mobile business, if you compare it even to CNN,” said BTIG analyst Rich Greenfield. He pointed out as one example CNN’s spot on Snapchat’s Discover page, which spools up video and quick-read articles from media companies. Snapchat, a messaging app, is a blockbuster hit with young adults and teenagers.

And even if they were watching TV, the young people advertisers identify more as Democrats than Republicans by a 54-30 margin, according to a GenForward poll . They may not want to watch a chan-

nel so identified with conservatives.

None of that means Fox is likely to fade anytime soon. Demographic change moves slowly, and the channel's strategy has been extraordinarily successful in a TV-centric world, earning it a core group of intensely loyal viewers that drew advertisers and made it a must-have for cable providers. Bernstein Research analyst Todd Juenger says in a research note that Fox News viewers are so addicted they'd be more likely to switch cable providers than give up the channel.

Some analysts scoff at the notion that Fox News has a problem with younger viewers.

"There's a lot of concern in professional media circles that Fox (News) is going to disintegrate because it has an old audience," said DePauw University media studies professor Jeffrey McCall. "I don't think the brand is going to go away." Fox's ability to position itself as a news source that's an alternative to the mainstream media has staying power, he says.

McCall also suggests that millennials might grow more conservative as they age. That common notion, however, clashes with academic findings that suggest political identity tends to gel in early adulthood.

Fox has done some digital experiments, including a live Q&A on Facebook during the GOP debate it aired last August, which drew a startling 24 million viewers (just less than the Grammys). It's also streaming video on Facebook from this week's Republican National Convention.

While those may not be as ambitious as rival efforts, analysts like McCall suggest that may not matter much to Fox right now, given its older audience. Those viewers aren't "the kind of people who are going to be getting news off Twitter in same way as someone in their 30s or 40s," he said.

Fox News did not answer questions for this story about its digital efforts.

Strong smell of cooked urine prompts apartment evacuation

AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — The strong smell caused by a man cooking urine has prompted the evacuation of an apartment building in Massachusetts.

Police responded to the Amherst apartment complex Wednesday afternoon after the manager found several unmarked glass containers containing liquids in an apartment.

Fire officials say the manager had received a complaint of a pungent odor.

Assistant Fire Chief Lindsay Stromgren says the smell came from urine and possibly other chemicals. She says it's unclear what the man was trying to produce. He was identified, but hasn't been criminally charged. A private cleanup company now has the chemicals.

The tenants were allowed back into their apartments after authorities determined Wednesday night that the substances weren't explosive or a health hazard.

GOP convention ends quietly with few arrests after protests

MARK GILLISPIE, Associated Press

CLEVELAND (AP) — Tensions gave way to relief in Cleveland as the Republican convention concluded quietly with two dozen arrests over four days thanks to a massive police presence and protesters' own concerns for their safety.

City officials and police who braced for mass disruptions and violence during this summer of bloodshed struck a confident note as the convention wrapped up Thursday.

"We're not nervous," Cleveland police spokeswoman Sgt. Jennifer Ciaccia said at a Thursday evening briefing. "We're trained and we're here to make sure the public stays safe."

The demonstrations that many feared would end in pitched battles between police and protesters turned at times into carnival-like scenes, with bongo players and with protesters dressed as nuns on stilts.

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There were tense moments and some angry words as anarchists, anti-Muslim protesters and pro-capitalist groups filled the downtown Public Square, but most people seemed to get along.

State troopers from Indiana played ping pong with people in the square, three officers kicked around a soccer ball with children and the city's police chief joined demonstrators in a prayer circle one afternoon.

Late Thursday night, police put the arrest total since Monday at just 24, with 17 of those from a melee that erupted Wednesday during a flag-burning by avowed revolutionaries. In the run-up to the convention, some law enforcement authorities had feared hundreds of arrests every day.

One of the last confrontations involved a man arguing with police late Thursday after they confiscated his papier-mache pig adorned with a Donald Trump wig after he tied it to a light pole.

A massive police presence helped keep the protests largely under control, said Eric Ferrero, an Amnesty International deputy executive director who helped oversee teams of observers in Cleveland. About 500 Cleveland police and thousands of law enforcement officers from around the country were assigned to convention security.

"Our observers have been at some protests where there's been more police than protesters," Ferrero said. He said that for the most part, observers saw police conducting themselves properly.

Organizers of some of the rallies and marches also said fears of violence kept many people away. Most crowds numbered in the hundreds, not the thousands.

"We had big groups that said they were coming in that got dwindled down to nothing," said Larry Bresler, lead organizer of a Stop Poverty Now rally. "They weren't coming to Cleveland because the fear of violence."

On Thursday evening, hundreds of demonstrators for and against Trump gathered in Public Square, but the crowds soon melted away — slowly and peacefully — well before Trump's prime-time acceptance speech.

The fears of bloodshed were stoked by the ambush killings of eight police officers in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, earlier this month and by Ohio's open-carry law, which allows gun owners to carry their weapons in plain sight.

Fears also grew after Trump claimed earlier this year that there would be riots in the streets of Cleveland if he was to amass the required number of delegates and the GOP denied him the nomination.

A small number of people openly carried guns during some of the protests but caused no reported problems. By the end of the convention, those who entered the Public Square with weapons were mostly ignored.

The Cleveland department relied heavily on about 300 officers on bicycles to keep protesters in line and separate hostile groups before they came to blows, a tactic that seemed to work time and again.

Cleveland police were "outstanding" in protecting the America First Unity Rally on Monday and preventing anti-Trump protesters from crashing the event, said organizer Tim Selaty Sr. The rally drew about 400 people, far fewer than expected, he said.

Glenn Wilcoxson, of Clearwater, Florida, who spent the week selling Trump shirts, hats and stickers, said he didn't know what to expect given what was on the news beforehand.

"It was going to be massive riots and problems, but we got here and there have been very little problems. The police have done such a wonderful job, unbelievable."

Fruitless search for consensus after Trump speech

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

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

A diverse media speaking to a divided nation found something it could agree upon with Donald Trump's acceptance speech: It was long.

That was about the only consensus to be found as news organizations and their representatives sought to sum up the convention's crowning moment Thursday.

"If Americans were not scared for their safety before tonight, they are now," said ABC News' Martha Raddatz.

Fox News Channel's Chris Wallace said the speech read better on paper than it was delivered. "For some reason, he shouted the speech," he said. "It was an endurance test."

While MSNBC's Chris Matthews felt the speech was too much of a harangue, it hit strong points at the end. "It was pure Trump," he said.

CNN's in-house Trump supporter, Jeffrey Lord, said it reminded him of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, speaking on Fox News Channel, could find no comparison.

"This was the best acceptance speech I've ever seen, including my hero, Ronald Reagan," Giuliani said.

On CNN, Ana Navarro had a slightly different take.

"If you are a Republican who came to this convention hungry for an uplifting, unifying, visionary speech, you're going home starving," she said.

The media, it seems clear, is still trying to figure Donald Trump out.

WHERE'S PENCE? The speech on the penultimate night of the convention is supposed to be the shining moment for a party's vice presidential candidate. But despite a well-received address in the arena, Mike Pence was a missing man the morning after. Ted Cruz's non-endorsement speech so dominated the coverage, Pence was all but forgotten. News organizations were reflecting what people were thinking, though. The Nielsen company said the most tweeted-about moment of Wednesday night was the minute after Cruz's speech.

WORKING THE REFS: Media critic Bernard Goldberg believes reporters look for negative stories when covering Republicans, and he sought to put colleagues on notice during an appearance on Fox News' "The O'Reilly Factor." He complained about the attention paid to Cruz's speech, even as he admitted it was a newsy story. "They will cover the Democratic convention as a coronation," he said, "and they are covering the Republican convention as if it's an anti-abortion rally."

RATINGS: The television audience grew with the third night of coverage. The Nielsen company said 23.4 million people watched Wednesday night's session, up from the 21.9 million who watched the penultimate night of the 2012 Republican convention. Fox News Channel was the top-rated television outlet for convention coverage, followed by NBC and CNN.

BREAKING NEWS: It's been a good week for CNN's chyron writers, but the person who wrote this message seemed a little weary. "Breaking news!" the onscreen message read. "Source: Expect 'a few new things' in Trump's speech."

Convention's balloon drop doesn't disappoint

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

11:55 p.m.

The Republican convention's closing balloon drop didn't disappoint.

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Soon after Donald Trump made one last promise to “make America great again,” a slow-moving, confetti-and-balloon blizzard floated down on the convention hall in Cleveland.

More than 125,000 balloons — some as big as beach balls — floated down on the dancing delegates. The soundtrack for the spectacle was the Rolling Stones’ “You Can’t Always Get What You Want” — perhaps a strange choice.

Outside, fireworks illuminated the sky over Lake Erie.

11:50 p.m.

Hillary Clinton’s campaign chairman says Donald Trump used “more fear, more division, more anger, more hate” in his speech to the Republican National Convention.

John Podesta says in a statement that next week’s Democratic National Convention will offer a more positive vision.

Podesta says Trump is “temperamentally unfit and totally unqualified to be president.”

He says the Republican nominee isn’t offering any “real solutions” but rather “more prejudice and paranoia.”

Podesta says “America is better than Donald Trump.”

11:25 p.m.

Donald Trump is reminding voters that the balance of power on the Supreme Court will be decided by the November election.

The Republican presidential nominee says in his convention speech that he wants judge who would uphold the Constitution.

Many Republicans who are reluctant Trump supporters have pointed to his ability to ensure that the high court has a conservative majority.

There’s a current 4-4 ideological split, with one vacancy.

11:20 p.m.

Donald Trump’s attempt to reach out to evangelicals hasn’t always been smooth, but on Thursday night it was loud and clear during his convention speech.

Trump took a moment to thank evangelicals for their support, even though, as he put it, “I’m not sure I totally deserve it.”

Trump touched on an issue that’s become a priority for religious conservatives. He’s pledging to repeal a law that some believe prevents religious groups from engaging in politics.

11:15 p.m.

Donald Trump says he’ll turn what he believes are bad trade deals into great ones for the United States. And he says he’ll never sign a trade agreement that hurts workers or diminishes freedom.

The Republican presidential nominee also says he won’t let U.S. companies relocate to other countries — laying off workers in the process - “without consequences.”

Trump says he’ll negotiate deals with individual countries, rather than complex agreements involving many nations.

He’s taking aim at President Barack Obama for basing his trade policy on negotiating multinational agreements in Asia and Europe.

Trump is breaking sharply with his party on trade. The GOP in the past has supported free trade agreements.

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11:10 p.m.

Donald Trump says that if he's in the White House, he'll protect gays and lesbians from violence. It's an overture to a group that doesn't often get mentioned during a speech at the Republican National Convention.

Trump is bemoaning the attack in a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, that killed 49 people. He says the shooter was an "Islamic terrorist" who was driven by a "hateful foreign ideology."

Trump says he's going to prevent such attacks against the LGBTQ community. Trump's use of the phrase is notable for including the 'Q,' which stands for queer or questioning and is less common.

11:05 p.m.

Donald Trump says his immigration plan is based on compassion.

Trump says his proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border is a way of taking a hard line on immigration laws — and he says that approach is "considerate and compassionate to everyone."

Trump's immigration proposal is a driving force in his presidential campaign. But it's alienated many Hispanic voters and has been called unworkable even some in the GOP.

Trump says his tough approach will stop the cycle of human smuggling and "peace will be restored by enforcing the rules."

11:03 p.m.

Donald Trump is backtracking from his criticism of NATO.

He says the alliance has taken a step in the "right direction" in deciding to focus more on terrorism.

The Republican presidential nominee made the comments during his convention address.

A day earlier, he said in a New York Times interview that he might not come to the defense of NATO nations that failed to meet their financial obligations.

11 p.m.

Donald Trump is outlining his approach to fighting terrorism.

He says he'll create the "best intelligence gathering operation in the world."

The GOP presidential nominee says he'll also abandon what he calls the "nation building" and "regime change" policies pushed by his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, when she was secretary of state.

Trump isn't mentioning former President George W. Bush, who led a war to oust Iraq's Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Trump's third focus is working with allies such as Israel — and he's promising to block Syrian refugees from entering the country.

10:55 p.m.

Donald Trump is accusing America's first black president of dividing the nation along racial lines.

The Republican presidential nominee is calling President Barack Obama's rhetoric on race "irresponsible."

Trump is blaming Obama for making the country more dangerous.

Trump is making the charges during his prime-time address at the Republican National Convention.

Trump says Obama "has used the pulpit of the presidency to divide us by race and color."

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Donald Trump says he'll work with and appoint the "best and brightest prosecutors and law enforcement officials" to crack down on violence against police.

He tells delegates at the Republican National Convention that "an attack on law enforcement is an attack on all Americans."

10:45 p.m.

A protester has interrupted Donald Trump's speech at the Republican National Convention.

A woman waving a banner started yelling more than 20 minutes into Trump's remarks.

The GOP presidential nominee paused for nearly a minute while waiting for police to remove her.

The convention crowd chanted, "USA!" for much of the time as Trump stood silently at the podium.

When Trump began speaking again, he said: "How great are our police?" as authorities took the protester out of the arena.

10:40 p.m.

Donald Trump is using his acceptance speech to tear into Democratic rival Hillary Clinton.

Trump is accusing Clinton of committing "terrible, terrible crimes."

He says Clinton's use of a personal email and mishandling of classified information while secretary of state amounts to a new level of corruption.

Trump is also accusing Clinton "trading access and favors to special interests and foreign powers."

Trump is offering no evidence to support his claims.

10:35 p.m.

Donald Trump is putting a lid on the calls by delegates at the Republican National Convention to put Democratic rival Hillary Clinton in jail.

Trump was giving his acceptance speech Thursday night when the crowd began chanting "Lock her up!" — a chant heard during previous nights at the convention.

Trump waved his hands in a motion to discourage the refrain. Then he said: "Let's defeat her in November."

10:30 p.m.

Donald Trump is blaming Hillary Clinton's "bad instincts" for disasters across the world.

Trump says his Democratic opponent has left a legacy of what he calls "death, destruction and weakness."

The Republican presidential nominee cites the spread of the Islamic State group, the deadly attacks on the American consulate in Libya and violence across Iraq and Syria.

Trump says a change in U.S. leadership will change the world's challenges.

10:26 p.m.

Donald Trump says nearly 180,000 people who are in the United States illegally are a threat to the nation's safety.

He tells delegates at the Republican National Convention that, if he's elected president, he'll lead a country of "law and order."

The promise is the first point the Republican presidential nominee made in his convention address.

Trump says "attacks on our police, and the terrorism in our cities, threaten our very way of life." He says "crime and violence" will end if he's elected president.

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10:24 p.m.

Donald Trump wasn't alone when he came onstage to accept the Republican nomination for president at the Republican National Convention.

Two Secret Service agents stood nearby, off to left and right of the stage, right behind him and out of camera view.

10:23 p.m.

Ivanka Trump is vouching for dad with women and minorities — two groups Donald Trump has struggled to win over.

Trump's oldest daughter says her dad is "color blind and gender neutral." She says "he hires the best person for the job, period."

The younger Trump noted she's worked with her father for more than a decade and seen him hire people from "all walks of life."

Donald Trump has faced criticism for his hiring practices and treatment of women in his businesses. But his daughter says his construction sites are "true meritocracies."

10:15 p.m.

Ivanka Trump is promising that Donald Trump will fight for equal pay for women and affordable child care.

The Republican presidential nominee's eldest daughter outlined priorities often associated with Democrats during her prime-time address Thursday night at the Republican National Convention.

She says motherhood is creating a pay discrepancy for women, but says her father "will fight for equal pay for equal work."

Ivanka Trump says her father will "focus on making affordable childcare affordable and accessible for all" if elected.

Trump hasn't addressed child care costs or the gender pay gap so far in his 2016 presidential bid.

10:19 p.m.

Donald Trump has accepted the Republican nomination for president.

The New York billionaire formally became the GOP standard bearer Thursday night on the convention stage in Cleveland.

He will represent the Republican Party on the ballot in November.

Here's what he said from the stage: "I humbly and gratefully accept your nomination for the presidency of the United States."

10:10 p.m.

Ivanka Trump is calling her father "the people's nominee."

Donald Trump's oldest daughter tells the Republican National Convention that her father is a fighter.

She says she doesn't consider herself a Republican or a Democrat. Sometimes, she says, she has a tough choice picking a presidential candidate.

But not this time.

Here's how she puts it: "For more than a year, Donald Trump has been the people's champion. And tonight, he is the people's nominee."

Donald Trump's acceptance speech is coming up soon.

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10 p.m.

Donald Trump's campaign hasn't always followed to tradition, but it is sticking with a convention staple — the biographical video.

The Trump mini-movie aired in prime time Thursday night from the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

It is casting the billionaire candidate from New York as big city builder with a heart. It makes no mention of his second career as a celebrity and reality TV star.

The video features black-and-white photos of a young Trump growing up in Queens and learning the tricks of the building trade from his father.

But the younger Trump dreamed big — as the narrator says — and decided to leave for Manhattan — the "biggest city in the world."

The video describes Trump as a team player who created tens of thousands of jobs, and the film says many of those jobs were for women.

9:55 p.m.

Melania Trump has arrived at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland as the GOP presidential nominee is getting ready to deliver his acceptance speech.

It's her first appearance in the arena since her prime-time speech Monday night that went viral with charges of plagiarism.

She's made her way to the box reserved for Trump's family and is sitting with her son, Barron, the youngest of Donald Trump's children.

9:30 p.m.

High-tech entrepreneur Peter Thiel says he's proud to be gay and proud to be a Republican — but most of all, proud to be an American.

And that declaration is winning Thiel loud cheers at the Republican convention.

The PayPal co-founder is the first person to give a GOP convention speech and acknowledge being gay.

Thiel says the culture wars are distracting Americans from important economic issues. He says debates over transgender people and bathrooms are "a distraction from our real problems."

9:25 p.m.

It's almost time for Donald Trump to deliver his acceptance speech at the Republican National Committee, but he's raising money as if he'd already given the much-anticipated address.

The email appeal is hitting inboxes before the GOP presidential nominee had taken the stage.

Here's what the message says: "I just delivered my speech at the Republican National Convention, where I officially accepted our Party's nomination for President of the United States."

The appeal also says: "I can't thank my wonderful supporters enough."

8:45 p.m.

The GOP chairman has a new description for the Democratic Party.

Reince Priebus (rins PREE'-bus) calls it the "party of the same old thing."

That's Priebus' message Thursday night at the Republican National Convention.

He's planning to go after Democrat Hillary Clinton even more so than praising Republican nominee Donald Trump.

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Priebus says in prepared remarks that Democrats will “trot out the same old Democrats with the same old message running the same old candidate” at next week’s Democratic convention in Philadelphia. He calls the Republican Party “the party of new ideas.”

8:40 p.m.

PayPal co-founder Peter Thiel is getting his turn in the spotlight at the Republican convention. The Silicon Valley billionaire says Donald Trump’s “Make America great again” slogan isn’t about returning to the past but leading “us back to that bright future.” He’s set to speak later Thursday — when he’ll become the first person in a GOP convention speech to acknowledge being gay.

Excerpts of his speech are being released before he takes the stage.

Thiel has faced some blowback in Silicon Valley for backing Trump. The GOP nominee says he’d nominate Supreme Court justices who might overturn the decision legalizing gay marriage.

Thiel says he doesn’t agree with every part of the party’s policy platform. But he says what he calls “fake culture wars” only distract Americans from economic issues.

8:30 p.m.

A bipartisan group of national security experts is criticizing Donald Trump for suggesting the United States may reconsider NATO’s policy of defending its members against possible Russian aggression.

They’ve written an open letter to U.S. “friends and allies.” These experts call Trump’s comments “inflammatory” and say his remarks don’t “represent the interests of the United States.”

Among the 40 expert who signed on are former Sen. Carl Levin; former Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and a retired Marine lieutenant general, John Castellaw.

Trump indicated in a New York Times interview that he may review the financial contributions of certain NATO members before acting under the alliance’s Article 5 mutual defense clause if they were attacked by Russia.

8:10 p.m.

Chants of “All Lives Matter” are filling the arena at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Leading the chant is a pastor from South Carolina — Mark Burns. He says Donald Trump won’t “pander” to one race.

Burns also is calling on the GOP to listen to the problems of people in disenfranchised communities in the country. He says that more than anything, they want jobs.

The “All Lives Matter” chant is often used by conservatives to counter the Black Lives Matter movement, which has called attention to police violence against African-Americans.

8:05 p.m.

The longtime and well-known sheriff of metropolitan Phoenix says his “most important mission” is just beginning: electing Donald Trump to the White House.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio (ahr-PY’-oh) — a leading foe of illegal immigration — is praising Trump’s immigration policies and support for law enforcement.

Arpaio says Trump will “restore law and order” and put the interests of U.S. citizens first.

Just the mention of Trump’s proposal to build a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border won cheers from the delegates at the Republican National Convention.

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The two Democrats also say Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is still in the mix.

The Democrats are familiar with the selection process and spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the search publicly.

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There's not a lot of love from the O'Jays about the use of their song "Love Train" during the Republican National Convention.

The R&B group says its hit — including a version remixed as "Trump Train" — is being used without the band's consent.

Founding O'Jays members Eddie Levert and Walter Williams say in a statement they were asked to appear at the Cleveland convention. They say they turned down the offer, and they say Donald Trump's candidacy is — in their words — "divisive and at odds with the overriding message of their song."

Levert is making clear what he thinks about the GOP presidential nominee: "I think he just may be the anti-Christ."

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famers say they're willing to be a part of the upcoming Democratic National Convention.

Protests but also hugs on convention's quiet last day

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The four-day Republican convention drew to a close Thursday night with a total of only two dozen protest-related arrests, a relief to city officials and police who had braced for mass disruptions and violence during this summer of bloodshed.

The demonstrations that many feared would end in pitched battles between police and protesters turned at times into carnival-like scenes, with bongo players and with protesters dressed as nuns on stilts.

There were tense moments and some angry words as anarchists, anti-Muslim protesters and pro-capitalist groups filled the downtown Public Square, but most people seemed to get along.

State troopers from Indiana played ping pong with people in the square, three officers kicked around a soccer ball with children, and the city's police chief joined demonstrators in a prayer circle one afternoon. A group offered free hugs in the early evening.

Late Thursday night, police put the number of arrests since Monday at 24, with 17 of those from a melee that erupted during a flag-burning by avowed revolutionaries. In the run-up to the convention, some law enforcement authorities had feared hundreds of arrests every day.

A massive police presence helped keep the protests largely under control, said Eric Ferrero, an Amnesty International deputy executive director who helped oversee teams of observers in Cleveland.

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About 500 Cleveland police and thousands of law enforcement officers from around the country were assigned to convention security.

"Our observers have been at some protests where there's been more police than protesters," Ferrero said. He said that for the most part, observers saw police conducting themselves properly.

Organizers of some of the rallies and marches also said fears of violence kept many people away. Most crowds numbered in the hundreds, not the thousands.

"We had big groups that said they were coming in that got dwindled down to nothing," said Larry Bresler, organizer of a Stop Poverty Now rally. "They weren't coming to Cleveland because the fear of violence."

On Thursday evening, hundreds of demonstrators for and against Donald Trump gathered in Public Square, but the crowds soon melted away well before Trump's prime-time acceptance speech.

The fears of bloodshed were stoked by the ambush killings of eight police officers earlier this month in Dallas and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and by Ohio's open-carry law, which allows gun owners to carry their weapons in plain sight.

Anxiety also grew after Trump claimed earlier this year that there would be riots in the streets of Cleveland if he amassed the required number of delegates and the GOP denied him the nomination.

A small number of people openly carried guns during some of the protests but caused no reported problems. By the end of the convention, those who entered the Public Square with weapons were mostly ignored.

The Cleveland department relied heavily on about 300 officers on bicycles to keep protesters in line and separate hostile groups before they came to blows, a tactic that seemed to work time and again.

Cleveland police were "outstanding" in protecting the America First Unity Rally on Monday and preventing anti-Trump protesters from crashing the event, said organizer Tim Selaty Sr. The rally drew about 400 people, far fewer than expected, he said.

Glenn Wilcoxson, of Clearwater, Florida, spent the week selling Trump shirts, hats and stickers in Cleveland.

"We didn't know what to expect hearing everything on the news," he said. "It was going to be massive riots and problems, but we got here and there have been very little problems. The police have done such a wonderful job, unbelievable."

Trump says America in crisis _ and he'll fix it 'fast'

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Declaring America in crisis, Donald Trump pledged to cheering Republicans and still-skeptical voters Thursday night that as president he will restore the safety they fear they're losing, strictly curb immigration and save the nation from Hillary Clinton's record of "death, destruction, terrorism and weakness."

Confidently addressing the finale of his party's less-than-smooth national convention, the billionaire businessman declared the nation's problems too staggering to be fixed within the confines of traditional politics.

"I have joined the political arena so that the powerful can no longer beat up on people that cannot defend themselves," Trump said.

The 70-year-old celebrity businessman's acceptance of the Republican nomination caps his improbable takeover of the GOP, a party that plunges into the general election united in opposition to Clinton but still divided over Trump. Underscoring his unorthodox candidacy, Trump doubled down on the hard-

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line immigration policies that fired up conservatives in the primary but broke with many in his party by promising protections for gays and lesbians.

His address on the closing night of the convention marked his highest-profile opportunity yet to heal Republican divisions and show voters he's prepared for the presidency. Ever the showman, he fed off the energy of the crowd, stepping back to soak in applause and joining the delegates as they chanted, "U-S-A."

As the crowd, fiercely opposed to Clinton, broke out in its oft-used refrain of "Lock her up," he waved them off, and instead declared, "Let's defeat her in November." Yet he also accused her of "terrible, terrible crimes" and said her greatest achievement may have been avoiding prison for her use of a private email and personal server as secretary of state.

The more than hour-long speech was strikingly dark for a celebratory event and almost entirely lacking in specific policy details. Trump shouted throughout as he read off a teleprompter, showing few flashes of humor or even a smile.

He accused Clinton, his far-more-experienced Democratic rival, of utterly lacking the good judgment to serve in the White House and as the military's commander in chief.

"This is the legacy of Hillary Clinton: death, destruction, terrorism and weakness," he said. "But Hillary Clinton's legacy does not have to be America's legacy."

In a direct appeal to Americans shaken by a summer of violence at home and around the world, Trump promised that if he takes office in January, "safety will be restored."

As he moves into the general election campaign, he's sticking to the controversial proposals of his primary campaign, including building a wall along the entire U.S.-Mexico border and suspending immigration from nations "compromised by terrorism."

But in a nod to a broader swath of Americans, he said young people in predominantly black cities "have as much of a right to live out their dreams as any other child in America." He also vowed to protect gays and lesbians from violence and oppression, a pledge that was greeted with applause from the crowd.

"As a Republican, it is so nice to hear you cheering for what I just said," he responded.

Trump was introduced by his daughter Ivanka, who announced a childcare policy proposal that the campaign had not mentioned before.

"As president, my father will change the labor laws that were put in place at a time when women weren't a significant portion of the workplace, and he will focus on making quality childcare affordable and accessible for all," she said.

Trump took the stage in Cleveland facing a daunting array of challenges, many of his own making. Though he vanquished 16 primary rivals, he's viewed with unprecedented negativity by the broader electorate, and is struggling in particular with younger voters and minorities, groups GOP leaders know they need for the party to grow.

The first three days of this week's convention bordered on chaos, starting with a plagiarism charge involving his wife Melania Trump's speech and moving on to Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's dramatic refusal to endorse him from the convention stage.

Then, Trump sparked more questions about his Oval Office readiness by suggesting in the midst of the convention that the U.S. might not defend America's NATO partners with him as president. The remarks, in an interview published online Wednesday by The New York Times, deviate from decades of American doctrine and seem to reject the 67-year-old alliance's bedrock principle of collective defense.

Trump reinforced his position from the convention stage, saying the United States has been "picking up the cost" of NATO's defenses for too long. He also disavowed America's foreign policy posture under

both Democratic and Republican presidents, criticizing "fifteen years of wars in the Middle East" and declaring that "Americanism, not globalism, will be our credo."

"As long as we are led by politicians who will not put 'America First,' then we can be assured that other nations will not treat America with respect," he said.

He had promised to describe "major, major" tax cuts. But his economic proposals Thursday night were vague, centering on unspecified plans to create millions of jobs. He promised a "simplified" tax system for the middle class and businesses, fewer regulations and renegotiation of trade deals that he says have put working class Americans at a disadvantage.

Top Clinton aide John Podesta panned Trump for offering little more than "prejudice and paranoia" and promised she would offer a more positive vision for America when she accepts the party's nomination at its convention next week in Philadelphia.

Clinton is on the verge of naming a running mate to join her in taking on Trump and his vice presidential pick, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, in the general election. Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine has emerged as her top choice.

Daughter Ivanka Trump raises issues father rarely mentions

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CLEVELAND (AP) — Donald Trump's daughter promised Thursday that her father will fight for equal pay for women and affordable childcare for parents, issues the Republican nominee has rarely if ever addressed on the campaign trail.

Ivanka Trump got an enthusiastic welcome at the Republican National Convention. Her primetime speech elicited repeated applause and much praise from delegates in the arena.

Touting a side of her father rarely seen on the campaign trail, Ivanka Trump cast her father as a leader who would fight to address the student debt problem and would be a champion for equal pay for mothers and single women.

"As president, my father will change the labor laws that were put in place at a time when women weren't a significant portion of the workplace, and he will focus on making quality childcare affordable and accessible for all," Ivanka Trump said.

Trump has not addressed childcare costs or the gender pay gap so far in his 2016 presidential bid. These are issues usually touted by Democrats.

Trump's past statements on women in the workplace have included calling pregnancy "an inconvenience" and telling a voter in New Hampshire last year that women will receive the same pay as men "if they do as good a job."

On Thursday, Ivanka Trump said her father "will fight for equal pay for equal work."

Ivanka Trump vowed that her father would "focus on making affordable childcare affordable and accessible for all" if elected.

Ivanka Trump was a big hit among the delegates.

"She is showing the softer side" of Trump, said Chris Herrod, state director for Ted Cruz in Utah. "She hit the gender pay issue which is very important. And she talked about the family. I think she's done very, very well."

Wisconsin delegate Kathy Kiernan called Ivanka's speech "perfect."

"I think she's amazing. I think that looking at his children and how great they all are and how much they all love their father tells you a lot about the man as a parent," Kiernan said. "I think she's one of his best assets."

California delegate Shawn Steel said Ivanka Trump's speech was "the high point of the entire conven-

tion for me.”

“He does the blue collar, she does the millennials. It’s a powerful combination,” Steel said. “This woman I’ve been saying for some time is the greatest asset Donald trump has.”

AP Sources: Kaine emerges as favorite in Clinton’s VP search

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STERLING, Virginia (AP) — Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine has emerged as the leading contender to join the Democratic ticket as Hillary Clinton’s running mate, according to two Democrats, who both cautioned that Clinton has not made a final decision and could yet change directions.

The announcement of Clinton’s pick could come as early as Friday afternoon in Florida, a crucial general election battleground state. The timing is aimed at shifting attention away from the end of Donald Trump’s Republican convention and generating excitement before the start of Clinton’s own convention next week in Philadelphia.

Kaine, 58, has been a favorite for the vice presidential slot since the start of Clinton’s search process. He has been active in the Senate on foreign relations and military affairs and built a reputation for working across the aisle as Virginia’s governor and mayor of Richmond.

“I’m glad the waiting game is nearly over,” Kaine told reporters Thursday after an event in northern Virginia, deflecting questions about whether he was about to join the ticket.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, a longtime friend of Hillary and Bill Clinton, is still in the mix, according to one of the two Democrats, who is close to the Clintons. Both Democrats are familiar with the selection process and spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss it publicly.

Clinton’s campaign declined to comment.

Kaine’s selection would not be without complication. Liberals have expressed wariness of Kaine for his support of putting the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement on a “fast track” to approval, which both Clinton and primary rival Bernie Sanders oppose. They also note that Kaine recently signed onto a letter asking for less burdensome regulation of regional banks.

But President Barack Obama has told the campaign he believes Kaine would be a strong choice, according to a Democratic familiar with the search who was not authorized to discuss it publicly.

If Kaine was selected for the ticket, Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, a Democrat and ally of the Clintons, would choose a temporary replacement, but the race for the remainder of Kaine’s term would take place in 2017, raising the possibility that Republicans could win the seat. He was scheduled to attend fundraisers Friday and Saturday in Massachusetts.

Vilsack is the longest-serving member of Obama’s Cabinet and has known Clinton for years. He first met her through his late brother-in-law, who worked with Clinton on the Watergate Committee in the 1970s, and she campaigned for Vilsack in 1998 during his surprise victory as Iowa governor.

If he was added to the ticket, Vilsack could help Clinton in Iowa and connect with rural America. He also has a compelling personal story: He was orphaned at birth in Pittsburgh and his mother struggled with alcohol and drug addiction. He was set to discuss the perils of drug abuse and the opioid epidemic on Friday in Missouri.

Clinton has also considered Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a favorite of liberals; Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper; Labor Secretary Tom Perez; and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro.

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Clinton opens a two-day campaign swing Friday in Florida. She's expected to unveil her running mate at either a Friday afternoon rally at the state fairgrounds in Tampa or at a Saturday event at Florida International University in Miami, where two-thirds of the student body is Hispanic.

The two locations give Clinton's campaign the flexibility to make the announcement at the most optimal time. The campaign is expected to first inform donors, volunteers and activists by text message and has been encouraging supporters to sign up for such an update.

Kaine is a former chairman of the Democratic National Committee and worked as a lawyer on fair housing and civil rights issues. He has been considered a leading vice presidential contender for weeks based on his broad political experience in Virginia, another presidential battleground.

"One of the main reasons that I'm being considered is because of Virginia," Kaine said. "It's not necessarily just because of me. It's because Virginia is really important."

The Virginian is seen as a safe choice against Trump and his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Kaine could help Clinton woo moderate voters who have been turned off by Trump's provocative rhetoric.

Kaine campaigned with Clinton last week in northern Virginia, where he spoke briefly in Spanish and argued that Trump was unqualified, untested and untrustworthy.

"Do you want a 'you're fired' president or a 'you're hired' president," Kaine said in Annandale, Virginia, as Clinton nodded. "Do you want a trash-talking president or a bridge-building president?"

Kaine took a year off from law school as a young man to work with Jesuit missionaries at a vocational school in Honduras. His wife, Anne Holton, currently serves as Virginia's secretary of education and is the daughter of former Virginia Gov. A. Linwood Holton Jr., a Republican. The couple have three children; their eldest son, Nat, is serving as a Marine.

Today in History The Associated Press

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Today is Friday, July 22, the 204th day of 2016. There are 162 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 22, 1916, 10 people were killed when a suitcase bomb went off during San Francisco's Preparedness Day parade, an event sponsored by the local Chamber of Commerce in anticipation of America's entry into World War I. Two anti-war labor radicals, Thomas Mooney and Warren K. Billings, were accused of the bombing and imprisoned; they were released in 1939 amid doubts about their guilt.

On this date:

In 1587, an English colony fated to vanish under mysterious circumstances was established on Roanoke Island off North Carolina.

In 1796, Cleveland, Ohio, was founded by General Moses Cleaveland (correct).

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln presented to his Cabinet a preliminary draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

In 1934, bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater, where he had just seen the Clark Gable movie "Manhattan Melodrama."

In 1943, American forces led by Gen. George S. Patton captured Palermo, Sicily, during World War II.

In 1946, the militant Zionist group Irgun blew up a wing of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem, killing 91 people.

In 1957, Walter "Fred" Morrison applied for a patent for a "flying toy" which became known as the

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Frisbee.

In 1963, Sonny Liston knocked out Floyd Patterson in the first round of their rematch in Las Vegas to retain the world heavyweight title.

In 1975, the U.S. House of Representatives joined the Senate in voting to restore the American citizenship of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. (President Gerald R. Ford signed the measure on August 5.)

In 1986, for the first time in a half-century, the House of Representatives impeached a federal official; Judge Harry E. Claiborne was later convicted by the Senate of tax evasion and bringing disrepute on the federal courts.

In 1991, police in Milwaukee arrested Jeffrey Dahmer, who later confessed to murdering 17 men and boys (Dahmer ended up being beaten to death by a fellow prison inmate).

In 1995, Susan Smith was convicted by a jury in Union, South Carolina, of first-degree murder for drowning her two sons. (She was later sentenced to life in prison, and will not be eligible for parole until 2024.)

Ten years ago: Israeli tanks, bulldozers and armored personnel carriers knocked down a fence and barreled over the Lebanese border as forces seized the village of Maroun al-Ras from the Hezbollah guerrilla group.

Five years ago: Anders Breivik (AHN'-durs BRAY'-vihk), a self-described "militant nationalist," massacred 69 people at a Norwegian island youth retreat after detonating a bomb in nearby Oslo that killed eight others in the nation's worst violence since World War II. A jury in Cleveland convicted Anthony Sowell of killing 11 poor, drug-addicted women whose remains were found in his home and backyard; Sowell was later sentenced to death (his case is being appealed). President Barack Obama formally signed off on ending the ban on gays serving openly in the military. Former Democratic National Chairman Charles T. Manatt, 75, died in Richmond, Virginia.

One year ago: A Soyuz space capsule blasted off for the International Space Station, docking with the orbiting outpost nearly six hours later. Prosecutors in Colorado urged the death penalty for Aurora movie theater shooter James Holmes, saying he deliberately and cruelly killed 12 people (Holmes ended up being sentenced to life in prison when the jury could not unanimously agree on execution). A federal grand jury indictment charged Dylann Roof, the young man accused of killing nine black church members in Charleston, South Carolina, with 33 counts including hate crimes that made him eligible for the death penalty.

Today's Birthdays: Former Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is 93. Actor-comedian Orson Bean is 88. Author Tom Robbins is 84. Actress Louise Fletcher is 82. Rhythm-and-blues singer Chuck Jackson is 79. Actor Terence Stamp is 78. Game show host Alex Trebek is 76. Singer George Clinton is 75. Actor-singer Bobby Sherman is 73. Former Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, is 73. Movie writer-director Paul Schrader is 70. Actor Danny Glover is 70. Singer Mireille Mathieu is 70. Actor-comedian-director Albert Brooks is 69. Rock singer Don Henley is 69. Movie composer Alan Menken is 67. Singer-actress Lonette McKee is 63. Jazz musician Al Di Meola is 62. Actor Willem Dafoe is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keith Sweat is 55. Actress Joanna Going is 53. Actor Rob Estes is 53. Folk singer Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls) is 53. Actor John Leguizamo is 52. Actor-comedian David Spade is 52. Actor Patrick Labyorteaux is 51. Rock musician Pat Badger is 49. Actress Irene Bedard is 49. Actor Rhys Ifans (rees EYE'-fanz) is 49. Actress Diana Maria Riva is 47. Actor Colin Ferguson is 44. Actor/singer Jaime Camil (TV: "Jane the Virgin") is 43. Retired NFL player Keyshawn Johnson is 44. Rock musician Daniel Jones is 43. Singer Rufus Wainwright is 43. Actress Franka Potente (poh-TEN'-tay) is 42. Actress A.J. Cook is 38. Actor Keegan Allen is 29. Actress Camila Banus is 26. Actress Selena Gomez is 24. Britain's Prince George of Cambridge is three.

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Thought for Today: "Falling in love consists merely in uncorking the imagination and bottling the common sense." — Helen Rowland, American writer and humorist (1875-1950).