

# Clinton chooses Kaine as running mate

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Tim Kaine has an Election Day tradition when his name is on the ballot. The avid outdoorsman votes early, then goes hiking in the woods with friends and family for a few hours of calm away from the nervous last-minute energy of political campaigns.

It's a ritual that's so far served him well: He's never lost a race in his rise from a part-time city council member in a medium-size city to Democratic vice presidential running mate.

It's also the mark of a man, friends say, who is not wedded to a political life and would be happy doing many other things.

"One of the wonderful things about Tim is that he does not need anybody's title," said Tom Wolf, a former law partner and longtime friend. "You could sit next to him on a cross-country flight, and he would never tell you that he was a Virginia governor or a U.S. senator."

Instead of wealth or prestige, supporters and colleagues said the former missionary is a man motivated by deep convictions and his Roman Catholic faith.

"I do what I do for spiritual reasons," Kaine, who declined an interview with The Associated Press, said on C-SPAN last month.

That grounded approach has helped explain Kaine's appeal in swing-state Virginia, where he served as governor from 2006 to 2010 and was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2012. And it's why he was long considered a front-runner in the race to join Hillary



In this July 14 file photo, Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, accompanied by Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., speaks at a rally at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va.

Clinton's presidential ticket.

In Kaine, Clinton selected a steady and well-practiced politician. His supporters predicted that Kaine would excel in the national spotlight, and his down-to-earth persona, self-deprecating humor and habit of breaking out a harmonica at campaign stops would help him connect with voters around the country.

A whip-smart Harvard Law School graduate, Kaine speaks with ease while campaigning, rarely needing a prepared text. In 2007, his remarks at Virginia Tech the day after one of the worst campus shootings in modern U.S. history won wide praise.

Kaine is also fluent in Spanish, thanks in part to the year he spent in Honduras as a Catholic missionary before graduating from law school.

He speaks openly about his faith and its impact on his views on social justice. He and his wife, Anne Holton, are longtime

members of Richmond's St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, a predominantly black congregation in a poor part of town. And as a private attorney before he entered politics, he made a name for himself advocating for fair housing.

Raised in Kansas City, Missouri, where he often worked in his father's welding shop, Kaine came to Virginia after meeting Holton at Harvard. She is the daughter of former Virginia Gov. A. Linwood Holton Jr. and serves as Virginia's secretary of education. They have three children; their eldest son, Nat, is a Marine.

Kaine has had a somewhat charmed political rise. After serving as a Richmond city councilmember and part-time mayor, Kaine became the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor when the presumed candidate dropped out following a cancer diagnosis. And Kaine's election to the Senate was only possible because the incumbent,

Democrat Jim Webb, unexpectedly decided to leave after one term.

In one of the most divisive elections in recent history, Kaine's political style would also stand in stark contrast to Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump's often incendiary rhetoric and aggressive, personal attacks.

Friends and colleagues describe Kaine as someone who prides himself on his ability to work with a broad spectrum of political adversaries.

"He's a terrific listener," said Mark Rubin, who was a senior adviser to Kaine as governor. "His style is to be collaborative and to work with friends and opponents."

But beneath the nice-guy image, friends said Kaine isn't afraid of throwing elbows while campaigning and has a strong competitive streak. He's shown he can win close elections in a swing state, including a bruising and expensive Senate contest. And since arriving at the Senate, Kaine has been working to expand Congress' role in voting for and declaring war, an effort that put him at odds with the White House. Kaine is a close ally of President Barack Obama, who seriously considered Kaine as his running mate in 2008.

It's another example, friends said, of Kaine's self-assuredness. John Watkins, a Republican former Virginia state senator, predicted that Trump "would have a hard time getting under Tim Kaine's skin."



President Barack Obama answers questions during a joint news conference with Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Friday.

# Obama rejects Trump depiction of U.S. in crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama fiercely rejected Donald Trump's depiction of an America in crisis on Friday, arguing that violent crime and illegal immigration have plunged under his leadership to their lowest rates in decades.

Looking to November's election, Obama said, "We're not going to make good decisions based on fears that don't have a basis in fact."

At a news conference alongside Mexico's president, Obama sought to undermine two pillars of Trump's speech Thursday night in which he accepted the Republican presidential nomination. Trump said that if he is elected, "safety will be restored" at home and abroad.

"This idea that American is somehow on the verge of collapse, this vision of violence and chaos everywhere, doesn't really jibe with the experience of most people," Obama told journalists.

The violent crime rate, he said, has been lower during his presidency than any time in the last three or four decades. While he acknowledged an uptick in murders in some U.S. cities this year, Obama said the violent crime rate today is still far lower than when Ronald Reagan was president in the 1980s.

The violent crime rate has been on a long-term decline, receding to 366 per 100,000 people in 2014. It was 758 per 100,000 in the peak year of 1991.

Obama used the same marker for immigration, describing today's rate of illegal border crossing as only a third of what it was during the Reagan administration, and lower than at any time since. About 331,000 people were apprehended crossing the Mexican border illegally last year; there were 1.6 million arrests in 1986.

Speaking after an evening in which Trump laid out his case to be the next commander in chief, Obama grimaced

noticeably when a reporter suggested the billionaire businessman's message appeals to working-class Americans.

"It's not really clear how appealing it was," Obama said.

Obama said he will let the U.S. public decide if the vision of Republicans or Democrats for the nation is more persuasive. Hillary Clinton, Obama's 2008 primary rival and then his secretary of state, will receive the Democratic nomination next week. She is expected to announce her running mate soon.

Still, Obama sought to paint a contrast between Trump's picture of rising crime and uncontrolled borders and the brighter reality he sees.

He said he hopes people walked outside the next day to chirping birds and sunny skies, essentially accusing the Republican candidate of fearmongering and distracting from the "real issues" of jobs, inequality, wage stagnation, education, the budget and the tax system.

Mexican President Enrique Pena Nieto, for his part, tried to exercise restraint, saying he is ready to work with whoever prevails in the presidential election. Previously, he had likened Trump's language to that of Adolf Hitler or Benito Mussolini, though he said such comparisons were taken out of context.

Trump on Thursday repeated his assertion that he would build a wall across the U.S.-Mexican border "to stop illegal immigration, to stop the gangs and the violence, and to stop the drugs from pouring into our communities." At one point, the crowd chanted, "Build that wall."

Of the U.S. presidential campaign, Pena Nieto said, Mexico "will not give its opinion; it will not get involved."

Instead, he showered Obama with praise, calling him a "very good neighbor" and saying U.S.-Mexican relations are in one of their best ever periods.

# 10 dead; terrorism suspected in Munich attack

MUNICH (AP) — An 18-year-old German-Iranian man opened fire in a crowded Munich shopping mall and a nearby McDonald's Friday night, killing nine people and wounding 16 others before killing himself, the chief of police in the Bavarian capital said Saturday.

Police gave a "cautious all clear" early Saturday morning, more than seven hours after the attack began and brought much of the city to a standstill as all public transit systems were shut down amid a manhunt. They said a body found near the scene was that of the shooter who appeared to have acted alone.

Munich police chief Hubertus Andraes told a news conference the suspect was a dual citizen from Munich and his motive was still "fully unclear." Andraes said the suspect's body was found about 2 1/2 hours

after the attack and was determined to be the shooter based on witness statements and closed circuit television footage of the attack. The shooter was not previously known to police and there was no evidence of any links to terrorist organizations, Andraes said.

Witnesses had reported seeing three men with firearms near the Olympia Einkaufszentrum mall, but Andraes said two other people who fled the area quickly were investigated but had "nothing to do with the incident."

The police chief said the nine fatalities included young people and children were among the 16 wounded, three of whom were in critical condition.

After gunfire broke out at the mall, one of Munich's largest, the city sent a smartphone alert declaring an "emergency situation" and telling people to stay



A police officer walks outside the Olympia mall in Munich Friday after shots were fired. Police said that at least ten people have been killed.

indoors, while all rail, and subway service was halted.

It was the third major act of violence against civilians in Western Europe in eight days. The previous attacks, in the French resort city of Nice and on a train in Bavaria near the city of Wuerzburg, were claimed by the Islamic State group.

While police initially called the mall shooting an

act of terrorism, they said they had "no indication" it involved Islamic extremism and at least one witness said he heard a shooter shout an anti-foreigner slur.

Germany's Interior Ministry said Munich police had set up a hotline for concerned citizens. Residents of Munich opened their doors to people using the hashtag #pendoor.

# Ex-KKK leader Duke runs for U.S. Senate

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Declaring "the climate of this country has moved in my direction," white supremacist David Duke registered Friday for Louisiana's U.S. Senate race, saying he was partially spurred by the recent shooting deaths of three law enforcement officers by a black man.

"I believe my time has come," the former Ku Klux Klan leader said after submitting his paperwork for the ballot. He added: "The people of this country, the patriotic, decent, God-fearing people of this country are now right with me."

Duke's candidacy comes one day after Donald Trump accepted the GOP nomination for president, and Duke said he's espoused principles for years that are similar to the themes Republicans are now supporting in Trump's campaign, on issues such as immigration and trade.

He said Americans are "embracing the core issues I have fought for my entire life."

Duke, 66, is registered with the GOP, but Republicans at the state and federal level quickly denounced his Senate bid.

Trump faced criticism from some GOP leaders for failing during the primary season to immediately



Former KKK leader David Duke talks with qualifying officer Joe R. Salter, right, at the Louisiana Secretary of State's office in Baton Rouge, La., on Friday.

denounce the tacit endorsement of Duke, who once told his radio show audience that a vote for any other candidate "is really treason to your heritage." Trump eventually did disavow Duke.

In a lengthy speech, Duke talked of the "massive racial discrimination going on right now against European Americans," and what he called a biased media working against him. He called the Black Lives Matter movement a "terrorist organization" and said he wanted equal rights for everyone.

"You don't come together by a narrative in the controlled media that white people are evil and black people are faultless. You come together on the idea that every people

in this country have a right to respect, every people have a right to fairness," he said.

Duke reacted angrily to a question about whether he remained involved with the KKK. He said he was active with the organization for four years in the mid-1970s. He described it "four decades ago in a nonviolent group."

Duke's last tenure in elected office was more than two decades ago, in the state legislature. He's run unsuccessfully for Congress. His failed bid for governor in 1991 was one of Louisiana's most high-profile elections, with Duke opponents proudly showing bumper stickers supporting the opponent that read "Vote for the crook. It's important."



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