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National Mustard Day first Saturday
Wiggle Your Toes Day

Birthdays: Becky Hunter • Cheri Hein • Alexis Gustafson • David LaMee • Cheri Shabazz • Karen White • Damian Bahr
4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

Sunday, Aug. 7

Friendship Day
International Forgiveness Day
National Lighthouse Day
Sisters Day

Birthdays: Kelli Hanson • Sherwin Nyberg • Jessica Grams • Lynda Townsend • Tiffany Unzen • Ryan Kutter • Connor Blumhardt
9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with communion
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion (Special Congregational meeting after worship)
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass
9:00am: First Presbyterian Church Bible Study
10:00am: First Presbyterian Worship
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship

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.

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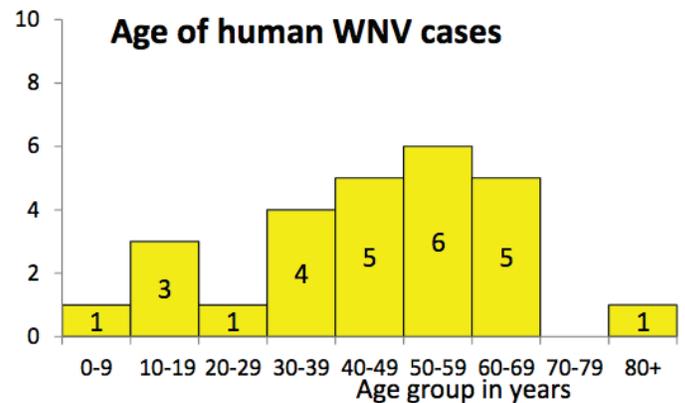
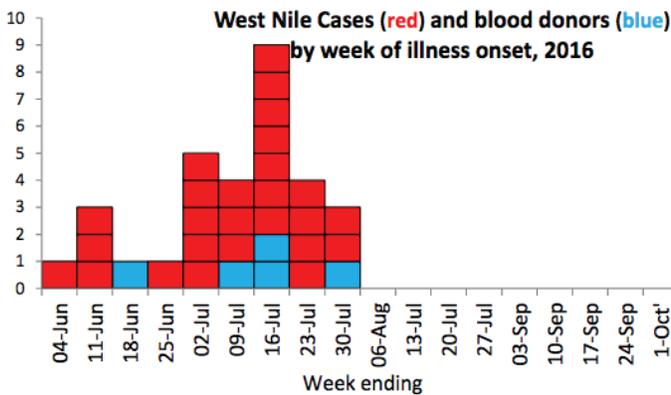
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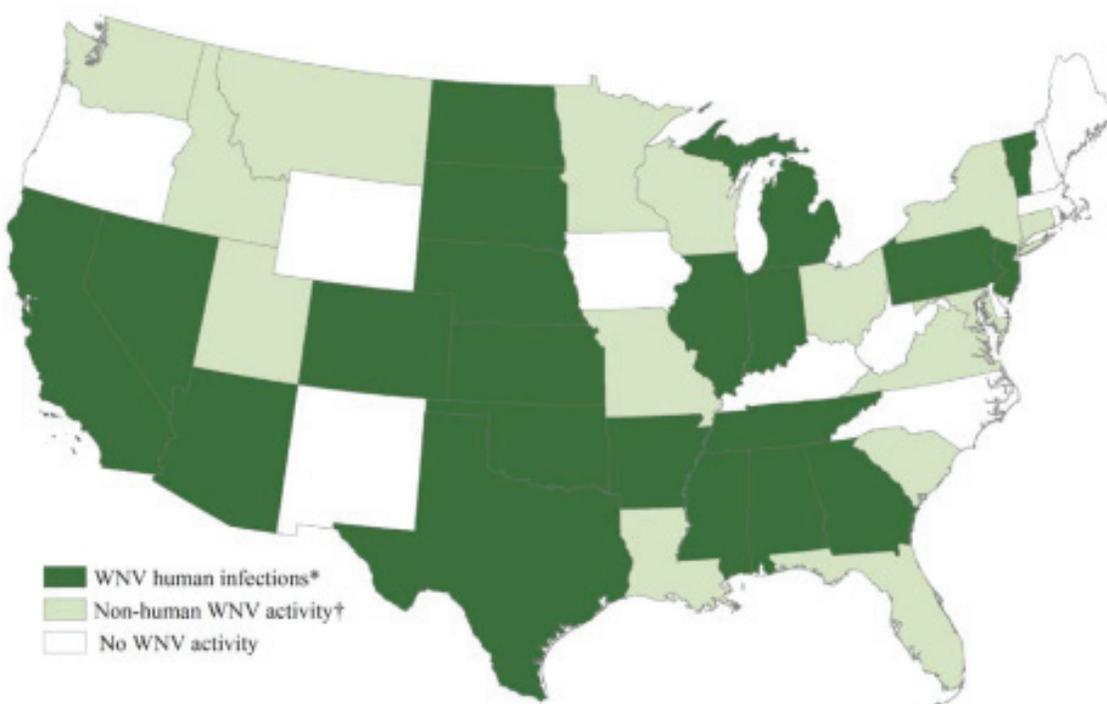


West Nile update: South Dakota, 5 August 2016

- **26 human cases of West Nile virus disease** have been reported to the SD Department of Health.
- **Viremic blood donors: 5.**
- **Deaths: 0.**
- **Counties with human WNV cases:** Beadle 2, Bookings 3, Brown 4, Brule, Codington, Douglas, Faulk, Grant, Hamlin, Hutchinson, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha 2, Potter, Spink 3, Todd and Walworth.
- **Counties with viremic blood donors:** Bon Homme 2, Brown, Douglas and Union.
- **Counties with WNV positive mosquito detections:** Beadle, Brookings, Brown, Codington, Davison, Edmunds, Grant, Hughes, Lake, Meade and Minnehaha.



SD Department of Health phone 800-592-1861



At this time last year we had 11 cases of West Nile reported.

Nationally 89 cases and 24 positive blood donors of human West Nile disease have been reported from 21 states as of 2 August 2016. Only Arizona and Texas have reported more cases than South Dakota. Texas and South Dakota have the most positive blood donors with 5 in each state.

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DPS Encourages Motorists to be Patient During Sturgis Rally

STURGIS, S.D. – Patience will be a virtue for both drivers and bikers attending next week's 76th annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety officials expect more traffic on the roads, especially in the Black Hills area, during the rally. Col. Craig Price, superintendent of the Highway Patrol, says cooperation is important.

"Whether you are driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle, you always need to watch for others," Price says. "During heavy traffic times, everybody needs to share the road."

There were 16 fatalities reported during the 2015 Sturgis Rally reporting period. Last year's rally drew a record crowd of more than 700,000.

Lee Axdahl, director of the state Office of Highway Safety, says preliminary estimates are that the crowds will not be as big as last year. But he says driver safety still has to be a priority.

"It is all about not being distracted while driving," he says. "Being alert for those around you and watching for changes in traffic patterns can help reduce the possibility of a crash. We want everyone to have a good time, but also stay safe."

Rally visitors are encouraged to visit the Office of Highway Safety's website at <http://www.southdakotarides.com/>. The site includes safety tips, motorcycle laws and regulations and a virtual ride feature that gives novice riders or bikers unfamiliar with South Dakota roads a chance to study various routes and gauge the difficulty of the ride compared to their level of skill on a motorcycle.

Rally attendees looking for real-time public safety information about the Sturgis Rally can also follow four Twitter sites at @SDPublicSafety, @SDHighwayPatrol, @SouthDakotaDOT and @RallyTraffic.

Motorcyclists and motorists alike are reminded of the rules for sharing the road:

*** Motorcyclists should ride in single-file lines and avoid crowding the center line or crowding motorists;

*** Motorists should remember not to crowd cycles. Motorcycles have the same rights on the road as motorists;

*** Motorists and cyclists should follow the recommended speed limits. Motorcyclists should be especially aware of speed limits on curves;

*** It is against the law to drink and drive. Motorists and cyclists should make sure they have sober drivers;

*** Motorists should remember to buckle up, it's the law; and,

*** Motorcyclists are encouraged to wear helmets.

The official dates of the 2016 Sturgis Motorcycle Rally are Monday, Aug. 8 through Sunday, Aug. 14.

Please join us for an
Open House Bridal Shower for

Sydney Erickson

Bride-to-be of
Blake Wilkinson

Saturday, August 13

9:30-11:30am

United Methodist Church
Groton

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Tuition Buy-down for All Students Ranks High in Regent Budget Priorities

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Board of Regents wants to buy down tuition and mandatory fees for all students next year to bring the ratio of funding from students and state government closer to a 50-50 split. An \$8.4 million budget request for next year will be forwarded to Gov. Dennis Daugaard to prevent more higher education cost shifting to students, regents said.

For the first time, the board's budget request includes tuition cost relief for non-resident students and also for students who take courses off campus and through distance delivery.

"While resident tuition rates were frozen in two of the last three years, our non-resident and off-campus rates were not," said Regents President Randy Schaefer. "We believe it is time to address that disparity. Attracting students to South Dakota is critical to sustaining and growing our state's economy."

In addition, the regents will request new state investments in student financial aid, security of campus data systems, and four capital construction projects. The \$3.3 million financial aid request, referred to as a shared responsibility student aid model, would have the state fill the funding gap for a student after every other available source—from the student, student's family, institution, and federal government—has been exhausted.

The budget request overall seeks \$15 million in new and ongoing state resources linked to specific priorities of the six public universities and two special schools. The regents have asked Gov. Daugaard to make the tuition buy-down his highest priority in the recommended Fiscal Year 2018 budget.

Research and economic development are also priorities. Doubling the annual budget directed to Governor Research Centers, through the Governor's Office of Economic Development, will create new centers and build research capacity across South Dakota. First established in 2004, Governor Research Centers grow the state's economy by targeting investments in specialized research at the public universities. State resources support the centers in their first five years of operation, after which they are to become self-sufficient and sustained only through outside funding.

Other research initiatives ask for new investments in precision agriculture research at South Dakota State University. The request calls for a combination of new base money and one-time funds at the Dakota Lakes Research Farm near Pierre, which conducts research on precision agriculture methods applied to conservation farming. Additional funds would also go to SDSU Extension to improve its capacity to translate precision agriculture research into practical application by farmers and ranchers across the state.

Campus-based requests seek additional resources to support quality initiatives at the University of South Dakota law school and a new University College model to help high-risk students succeed and graduate at Black Hills State University. The board's budget request also includes proposals to raise student achievement and preparation for college mathematics at engineering programs offered by South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and SDSU.

The Board of Regents will seek salary increases for teachers at the South Dakota School for the Deaf and South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Those teachers were not part of the statewide K-12 teacher compensation package approved in the 2016 legislative session. Other budget requests pertain to support for students on the autism spectrum at Dakota State University and new student success programs for American Indian students at Northern State University.

The board also identified \$123.1 million in one-time budget requests. Among those priorities are four capital construction projects. The largest is \$68 million for major laboratory renovations and additional space at the Animal Disease Research & Diagnostic Lab, a state-authorized facility operated under the Board of Regents' supervision on the SDSU campus.

Other capital projects in the budget request include investments in research and economic development at School of Mines, expansion of the Graduate Education and Applied Research Center at the USD Discovery District in Sioux Falls, and new cybersecurity research and development labs at DSU.



Passport Needed ASAP

As though weddings aren't stressful enough, international weddings can put an entirely new twist in the planning process. Earlier this year, our office in Sioux Falls received a call from a panicked mother-of-the-bride. She and her husband were leaving the very next day for their daughter's destination wedding, but her husband's passport was expired. We picked up the phone and immediately got in touch with a U.S. State Department hub in Minneapolis. About 24 hours later, the father-of-the-bride was on a plane and able to walk his daughter down the aisle.

Believe it or not, this kind of thing happens often. Last year alone, our office helped more than 600 South Dakotans navigate federal agencies like this. Sometimes it was because a person just forgot their passport had expired. In other cases, however, there were problems with Social Security, Medicare, Tri-care, or Veterans Administration (VA) benefits. At other times, a family was looking to grow through an international adoption or a small business wanted to expand with a loan from the Small Business Administration. While we always hope these interactions with the federal government go smoothly and that you are treated with the respect you deserve, that isn't always the case. In the instances where things don't go as planned, our office is here to help.

While we can't guarantee a favorable outcome in every situation, we will do our best to ensure you receive a fair and timely response. It's our way of making sure the federal government remembers who it is accountable to. And if you ask me, that is one of the most important functions of a congressional office.

Please know our door is always open. We have office locations in Sioux Falls, Rapid City, and Watertown, if you ever want to stop by and visit with someone in person. We also have a regular staff presence in Aberdeen and Pierre. Additionally, our staff travels to smaller towns throughout the year where they will meet with local businesses and city officials, but also make themselves available if you need help. Of course, we can always be accessed online at noem.house.gov or by calling toll-free 855-225-2801.

The bottom line is this: whether you're looking to walk your daughter down the aisle or into an appointment at the VA, know that our office is here to try to make that happen.

Why vitamins?

More than 50 percent of adult Americans take a dietary supplement or vitamin. We spend something like \$35 billion dollars a year on non-regulated pills, powders, or patches hoping to lose weight, to improve function in sports or the bedroom, or just to prevent illness.

But what are we getting for our money? Stephen Barrett, MD, head of a non-profit organization to prevent health fraud, states that, "Consumers often fall victim to products and devices that do nothing more than cheat them out of money, steer them away from useful proven treatment, and sometimes do more bodily harm than good."

This important warning should not subtract from the fact that there are important benefits from vitamins and minerals, and there is a rich history how scientists studying malnutrition brought us to understand the value of vitamins and minerals.

Vitamin C deficiency was discovered while analyzing a deathly diarrhea illness called scurvy, which affected British sailors. It was the limes and lemons containing vitamin C that helped the British "Limeys" avoid scurvy and win battles on the sea.

Vitamin B1 or thiamine deficiency was discovered while analyzing a neurodegenerative illness called beriberi, which affected Japanese sailors after they switched from brown rice to white. By removing the brown coating, they unknowingly had removed the vitamin laden protein coat. In the early 1900s, scientists discovered the vital-amine on the rice coating that would prevent the neurologic illness beriberi. Now all white rice is fortified with thiamine, the vital-amine, which is also the source for the word vitamin.

Micro-mineral iodine deficiency was discovered while analyzing both goiter, a thyroid enlargement condition, and cretinism, a childhood condition of mental deficiency, each occurring in land-locked areas without exposure to iodine-laden sea-weed and deep-sea fish. By iodizing salt we prevent goiter and demented children in millions throughout the world.

But too much can be as bad as too little. Later scientists also discovered too high of a dose of iodine, and other minerals, as well as fat-soluble vitamins A, D, E, and other supplements can be dangerous. For example certain supplements like chaparral, coltsfoot, comfrey, yohimbine and others can cause liver damage, heart trouble, and increased risk of cancer. Obviously the whole nutritional supplement story is very complicated, and we should be careful not to swallow everything advertisers promote.

When it comes down to it, the best plan should be to eat a balanced diet with enough fish, nuts, fruits and vegetables, and maybe to avoid joining the British or Japanese Navy.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

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Today in Weather History

August 6, 1962: Wind damaged farm buildings and hail damaged crops over a large area. The area affected was northern Faulk, portions of Spink, Northern Clark, Codington, and Grant, along with Day County.

August 6, 1969: During the day and evening hours, two relatively large storms brought destructive weather to much of Minnesota. The northern storm area moved in from North Dakota between Fargo and Grand Forks. The southern storm rapidly developed north of Wadena. These two storms combined to cause twelve tornadoes, two vast areas of wind and hail damage, and one waterspout. The storms killed 15 people, injured 106, and caused 4.8 million dollars in property and public utility damage.

August 6, 1969: The first report of high winds was southeast of Piedmont with gusts of 65 to 70 mph estimated by a National Weather Service employee. Damage in that area included several downed trees and leveled gardens. As the storm moved east, large hail was reported. The first wind gust at Ellsworth AFB was 89 mph at 1918 MST on the northwest end of the runway. By 1925 MST, sustained winds were over 50 mph for nearly 10 minutes, and the peak gust was 114 mph. The sensor on the southeast end of the runway, 2.5 miles away, recorded a wind gust of 114 mph at 1929 MST. The damage on the base included several large trees blown over and snapped in half and roof damage to base housing units. A few tents set up on the taxiways for an air show were blown around, but not significantly damaged. A survey by base meteorologists indicated the main downburst winds hit over open prairie surrounding the runway, where there are no trees or structures. Also between 1920 and 1930 MST, a meteorology student estimated winds between 70 and 80 mph at Box Elder, where gardens were leveled, and wooden fences and roofs were damaged.

1890 - Thunderstorms left four inches of hail covering the ground in Adair County and Union County in Iowa. The hail drifted into six foot mounds, and in some places remained on the ground for twenty- six days. (The Weather Channel)

1918 - Unusually hot weather began to overspread the Atlantic Coast States, from the Carolinas to southern New England. The temperature soared to an all-time record high of 106 degrees at Washington D.C., and Cumberland and Keedysville hit 109 degrees to establish a state record for Maryland. Temperatures were above normal east of the Rockies that month, with readings much above normal in the Lower Missouri Valley. Omaha NE reached 110 degrees. (David Ludlum)

1959 - A bucket survey showed that thunderstorms dropped 16.70 inches of rain on parts of Decatur County IA. The total was accepted as Iowa's 24 hour rainfall record. (The Weather Channel)

1986 - Evening thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 100 mph at Winner SD damaging two hundred homes. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1987 - Afternoon thunderstorms deluged Milwaukee, WI, with 6.84 inches of rain, including more than five inches in two hours, breaking all previous rainfall records for the city. Floodwaters were four feet deep at the Milwaukee County Stadium, and floodwaters filled the basement of the main terminal at the airport. Flooding caused 5.9 million dollars damage, and claimed the life of one person. Death Valley, CA, reported a morning low of 97 degrees. A midday thunderstorm deluged Birmingham AL with nearly six inches of rain in one hour. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Severe thunderstorms produced large hail and damaging winds in Pennsylvania and New York State. A cold front crossing the northwestern U.S. produced wind gusts to 66 mph at Livingston MT. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced severe weather from northwestern Texas to the Southern Appalachians, and in the northeastern U.S. There were 136 reports of large hail or damaging winds during the day and evening. Thunderstorms in the Southern Plains Region produced tennis ball size hail northwest of Buffalo OK, and wind gusts to 100 mph at Pampa TX. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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Today	Tonight	Sunday	Sunday Night	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday
						
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Slight Chance T-storms	Sunny
High: 81 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 83 °F	Low: 65 °F	High: 87 °F



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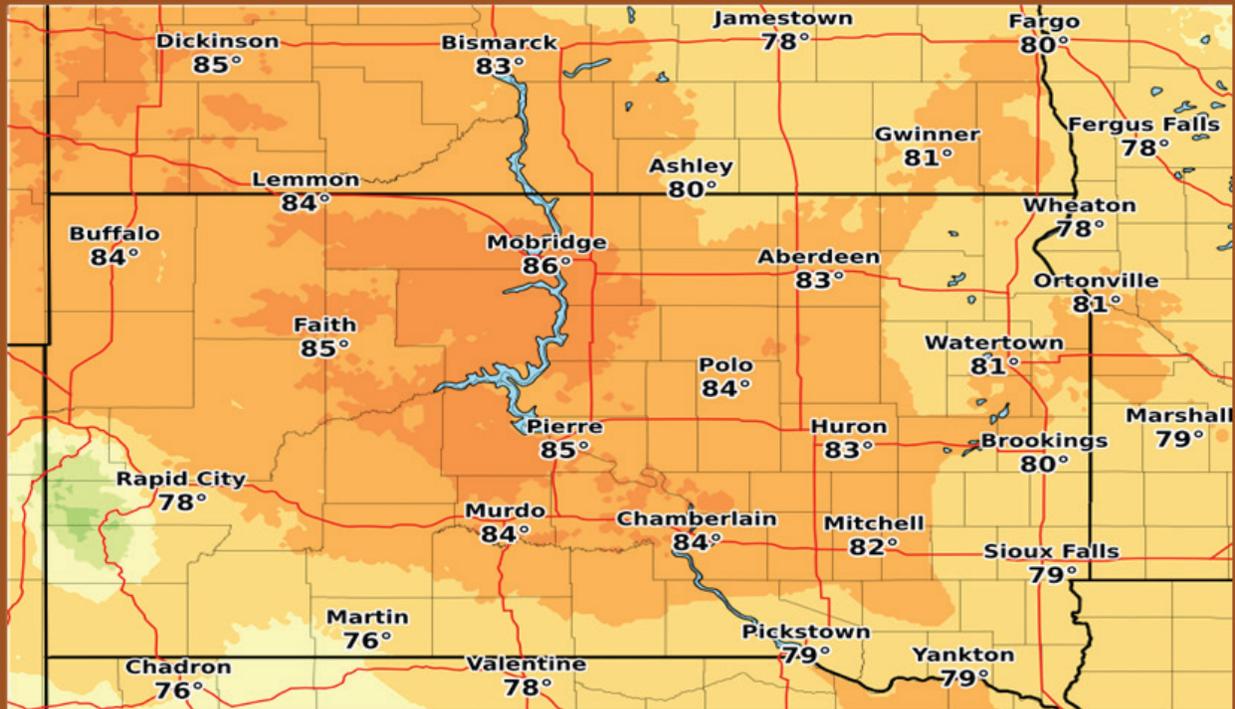
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Mild and dry conditions will continue through the weekend. A return to a more active pattern is expected this week - along with more heat and humidity.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 79.8 F at 5:35 PM

Low Outside Temp: 49.5 F at 6:51 AM

High Gust: 15.0 Mph at 2:35 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 108° in 1941

Record Low: 44 in 1902

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 58°F

Average Precip in Aug: 0.47

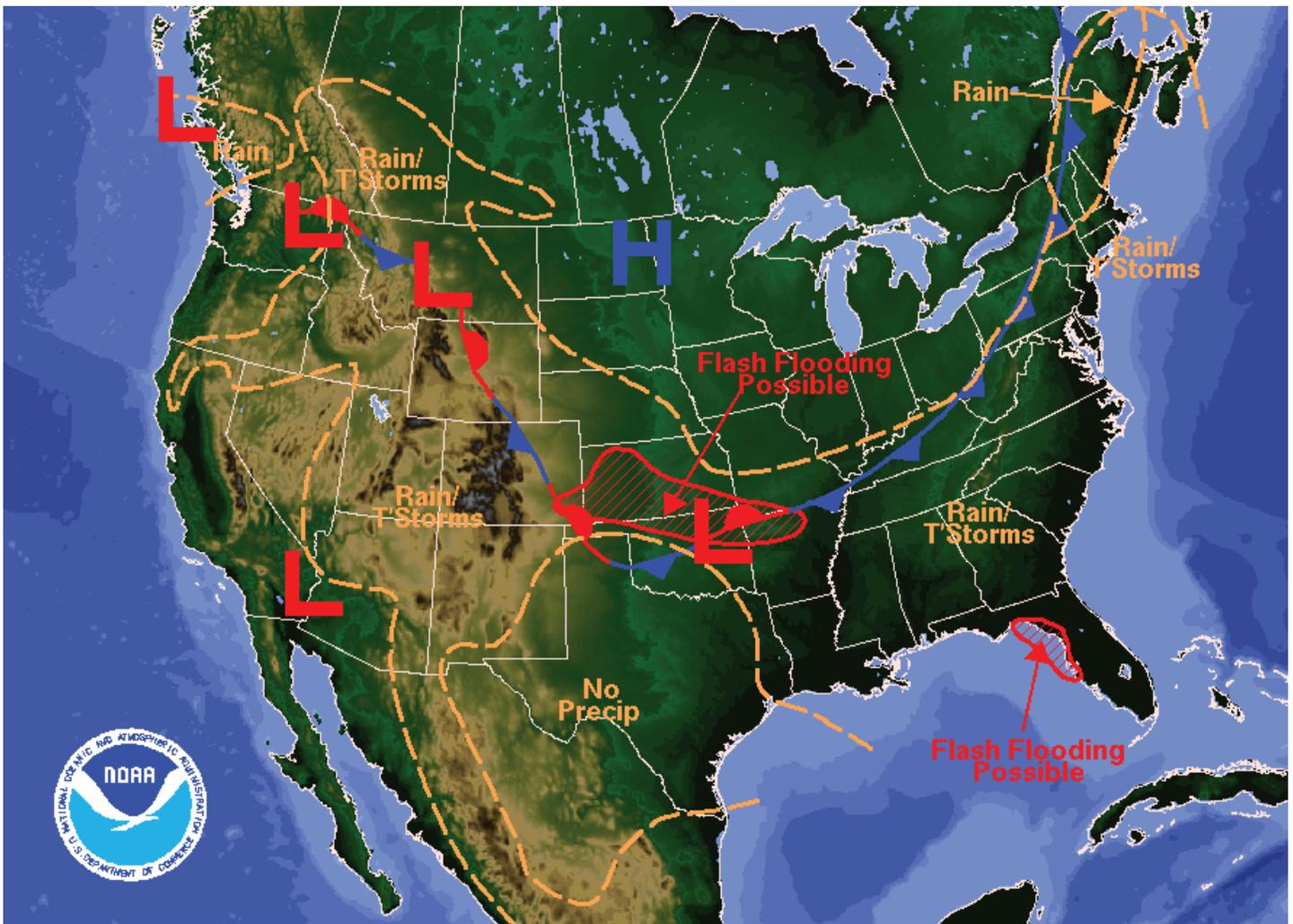
Precip to date in Aug: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 14.33

Precip Year to Date: 10.58

Sunset Tonight: 8:53 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:25 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sat, Aug 06, 2016, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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CHRIST PREEMINENT

Leonardo da Vinci had just completed his masterpiece, *The Last Supper*. Pleased with his work, he invited another artist to come to his studio and view his painting.

Gazing with great admiration, the guest artist was overwhelmed and speechless. Finally he exclaimed to da Vinci, "You have painted the chalice with exquisite beauty. It is the most beautiful thing in the whole picture."

When he heard the comments of the other artist, he immediately took his brush and painted over the chalice. As his friend watched in shock, da Vinci said, "I don't want anything to take away from the beauty of my Lord which is the reason for the painting."

Christ is present in the life of every Christian. But His presence is no assurance of His preeminence. Writing to the church at Colossae Paul said, "Christ...is first in everything."

Because of His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven, God exalted Him and elevated Him to His rightful place in creation. And if God so honored Him as being supreme over all things, how ought we to honor Him in and through and with and by our lives?

Simply accepting Him as our Savior is not enough. We must exalt Him as Lord and elevate Him in every aspect of our lives.

Prayer: We thank You Father, for what You have done for us and what You can do through us. May we make You the centerpiece of our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy

News from the Associated Press

Officer patrolling Sioux Falls neighborhood witnesses fight

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities say a police K-9 officer who was on patrol in Sioux Falls came upon a fight that resulted in a stabbing.

The incident happened Friday afternoon at a central Sioux Falls home. Police say a man outside the home was acting suspiciously and waved off the officer. The suspect then knocked on the door and began fighting with another man who opened the door.

Before breaking up the fight, the officer heard the victim say "He's sticking me. He's sticking me." The victim was taken to a hospital by ambulance with non-life threatening injuries from a pocket knife.

Authorities do not believe the two men knew each other.

Appeals court: Judge was right to nix oilfield death suit

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — An appeals court has upheld a judge's decision to throw out a wrongful death lawsuit filed by the family of a South Dakota man who was killed in an accident in the North Dakota oil patch five years ago.

Fifty-two-year-old Joseph Kronberg, of Bison, South Dakota, was electrocuted in May 2011 when he stepped onto a metal grate that had come in contact with a punctured electrical cord and puddle of water. The accident happened outside a "change shack" for the Nabors Drilling oil rig.

The complaint by Kronberg's survivors accused Oasis Petroleum, RPM Consulting and others of negligence. Oasis Petroleum obtained property rights for the well and RPM Consulting provided Oasis with engineering support and subcontractors to oversee drilling.

U.S. District Judge Daniel Hovland of North Dakota ruled in February 2015 that Oasis Petroleum and RPM Consulting were not liable under North Dakota law, after which the family dropped claims against others involved with the rig. The family filed their appeal in March 2015, asserting that the companies owed Kronberg "a duty of care."

A three-judge panel of the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said in a ruling released Friday that there's no evidence the companies had control over the property.

The panel said the metal grate and generator that powered the cord was owned by Nabors Drilling, not Oasis Petroleum. Nabors Drilling was fined for violating Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations in connection with Kronberg's death.

The circuit judges also noted that neither Oasis Petroleum nor RPM Consulting issued day-to-day instructions regarding the operation of the well, and the companies could not be held liable for the alleged negligence of other subcontractors.

South Dakota to get over \$548K in settlement with drug maker

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota state government and consumers will receive more than \$548,000 from a 48-state settlement with a drug company accused of anti-competitive practices.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the state's share of the settlement with drug maker Cephalon and affiliated companies will include about \$189,000 for consumers, about \$239,000 to compensate for drug purchases made by state entities or under state contracts and almost \$310,000 for other state costs.

The settlement ends a multistate investigation into conduct by Cephalon that authorities say delayed

generic versions of Provigil from entering the market for several years, causing consumers to pay higher prices. Provigil is used to help improve wakefulness for people with sleep disorders.

The company denied wrongdoing.

The 48-state settlement totaled \$125 million.

57-year-old motorcyclist who died in crash identified

LEAD, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities in South Dakota have identified the 57-year-old man who died in a motorcycle crash in Lawrence County.

The South Dakota Highway Patrol says Eric Johnson, of Ramsey, Minnesota, lost control of the bike on state Highway 14A and it went in the ditch about 5 miles west of Lead. He was pronounced dead at the scene shortly before noon Thursday.

Johnson was alone on the motorcycle. The Highway Patrol says he was not wearing a helmet.

Suspect in teen killing shakes severely at his first hearing

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Hazelwood also mumbled to himself during the hearing and appeared to pet an imaginary animal, WSB reported.

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"She did what she could to make you feel better. She would always make you laugh and she had the most beautiful smile you would see on somebody," Macchione told WSB. "She just cared about everybody all the time."

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Police have declined to discuss a possible motive for the killings, nor would they comment on the relationship, if any, between Hazelwood and the teens.

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Brookings woman claims Dakota Cash ticket worth \$90,585

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — A Brookings woman has claimed the \$90,585 Dakota Cash jackpot drawn on July 27.

South Dakota lottery officials say Evelyn Edwards claimed her prize Friday. Her ticket matched all five white ball numbers in the drawing, at odds of 1 in about 325,000.

Edwards says she plans to use the money to visit family members and purchase a monument for her husband. She also plans to save some of the money. Edwards says "winning feels unbelievable."

The grocery store that sold the winning ticket in Brookings will receive a \$4,529 bonus for the sale.

Dakota Cash is played only in South Dakota. The jackpot sits at \$20,000 for the next drawing, on Saturday.

Prosecutor: Man had over 1,000 computer child porn files

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A prosecutor in Minnehaha County says the computer system of a Sioux Falls resident who is now facing charges had more than 1,000 child pornography files when it was seized.

Thirty-six-year-old Scott Dyson made his initial court appearance Friday on 11 counts of possession of

child pornography. His bond was sent at \$100,000 cash.

The Argus Leader reports that deputy state's attorney Ashley Trankle told Judge Crystal Johnson that the files found on Dyson's homemade computer system contained inappropriate images of children ages 3 to 12. Trankle says Dyson tried to leave his home when law enforcement officers arrived to serve a search warrant on Thursday.

Dyson's defense attorney Neil Fossum asked Johnson to allow the release of his client on a personal recognizance bond, but his request was denied.

Suspect in Sioux Falls pharmacy robbery arrested

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities have arrested a 27-year-old man suspected of robbing a pharmacy in Sioux Falls last month.

Sioux Falls Police Sgt. Sean Kooistra says a tip led to the arrest of Sioux Falls resident Brandon McCormack. He has been charged with first-degree robbery.

Authorities believe Kooistra on July 9 flashed a firearm and passed a note demanding opioids and syringes to a Walgreen's employee. Days later, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives offered a \$5,000 reward for information that could lead to the suspect's arrest and conviction.

Kooistra is expected to appear in court Friday.

This wasn't the first time a Sioux Falls drug store was robbed in 2016. A man was previously arrested for allegedly stealing \$5,000 worth of prescription pills from a retail store.

Pine Ridge man pleads not guilty to spitting on officer

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pine Ridge man accused of assaulting a federal officer has pleaded not guilty.

Twenty-two-year-old Franklin Long Black Cat is accused of spitting on a deputy U.S. marshal in Rapid City on July 1. He faces an assault charge that carries a maximum punishment of up to eight years in prison.

U.S. Attorney Randolph Seiler says a trial date was not immediately set.

SDSU football team launches practice in \$65 million stadium

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State University football team has started practicing in its new stadium.

The Jackrabbits are moving from the 50-year-old Coughlin-Alumni Stadium into the \$65 million Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The Argus Leader reports the team kicked off practice in the new facility Thursday.

Construction on the 19,300-seat stadium began in 2014. Running back Brady Mengarelli says the team has been following the stadium's progress all summer, and actually being in the facility is exciting.

Head coach John Stiegelmeier tells the Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan that the stadium has "a wow factor." He says the team is eager to become familiar with it so it feels like home. He says, "we don't want to be visitors in our own stadium."

The first game is Sept. 10, against Drake.

Illinois man killed in South Dakota motorcycle crash ID'd

ROCHFORD, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have identified an Illinois man who died in a motorcycle crash in western South Dakota.

The Highway Patrol says 49-year-old Robert Center, of Pekin, Illinois, lost control of his bike on a curve on a Pennington County road and hit a guard rail near Rochford.

Center was thrown from the motorcycle and pronounced dead at the scene about 7:15 p.m. Wednesday. He was alone on the bike.

13 dead, 6 injured as fire hits bar in French city

ELAINE GANLEY, Associated Press

SAMUEL PETREQUIN, Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — A fast-moving fire that appeared to be accidental swept through a birthday party in a basement bar in northwest France, killing at least 13 people and injuring six others, authorities said Saturday.

More than 80 firefighters battled the early Saturday blaze at the downtown Cuba Libre bar in the city of Rouen, Mayor Yvon Robert said, calling the fire "very brief."

The birthday party was "a moment of joy for those involved that ... ended tragically," Robert said.

Vice prosecutor Laurent Labadie told The Associated Press that the first testimonies from survivors and the early police investigation indicated the "fire was completely accidental."

"There was no explosion," Labadie told the AP. "Candles on a birthday cake started the fire after the person who carried it tripped on the stairs leading to the basement."

Labadie said it's still unclear how many people were partying at the Cuba Libre club, adding that most of the dead were between 18 and 25 years old.

In a statement released by the French presidency, Francois Hollande expressed his "solidarity" with the victims' families and vowed that the ongoing judicial investigation will shed light on the "the causes of this dramatic accident."

Labadie said sound-insulating material on the basement's walls quickly ignited and party guests had no time to escape from the basement.

At the scene of the fire, residents paid tribute to the victims by laying flowers. Images on French television from outside the bar showed a large ground-floor window broken open, burned red bar chairs and a tattered awning.

The fire — the deadliest in France since 2005 — came as the country is on maximum terror alert after two deadly attacks last month and was also the second recent tragedy to hit Rouen, a city in Normandy. A priest was slain by two Islamic State extremists in his church outside Rouen on July 26 and his funeral was held Tuesday in Rouen Cathedral.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve gave an initial count of 13 dead and six injured in the fire, which started after midnight Friday. The prefecture, which runs the region, said one of the six was in a life-threatening condition.

Rouen's archbishop Dominique Lebrun, who led the public service for the slain priest, celebrated a Mass on Saturday for the bar victims and their families, while Prime Minister Manuel Valls expressed his "deepest sadness."

"Young people, some of them very young, had their lives cut short," said French junior minister Clotilde Valter. "These are extremely painful circumstances for everybody."

A bar owner identified as Bruno by French TV BFMTV who was close to the Cuba Libre when the fire broke out said customers were trapped inside because the fire moved too fast.

"It happened in three seconds," he said. "Some customers exited on their hands and knees. Some of them tried to use a fire extinguisher, but it was too late."

In addition to the slaying of the French priest, an IS extremist launched a Bastille Day attack on the famed promenade in Nice, killing 85 holiday revelers with a truck before being shot dead by police.

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The Latest: Japan off to shaky start in gymnastics

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — The Latest on the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro (all times local):

1:15 p.m. A 16-year-old American who was the youngest male ever to qualify for table tennis in Olympic history has lost in the first round of the games.

Kanak Jha was beaten Saturday by Iranian Noshad Alamiyan 4-1 in the best of seven match.

Jha struggled with nerves in the first game, losing it decisively to Alamiyan, 24, but he bounced back to win the second. Jha couldn't build momentum after that, losing three straight games. After hitting long on match point, Jha flipped his racket into the air and caught it.

He'll be back for the team event.

Jha said after the match that he was nervous and struggled to handle the Iranian's attacking style.

His teammate, Lily Zhang, fared better.

The Californian demolished Venezuela's Gremlis Arvelo 4-0, a huge improvement on Zhang's Olympic debut four years ago in London, when she lost as a 16-year-old in the first round. The 20-year-old Californian plays again later Saturday.

Zhang's coach, Massimo Constantini, says she controlled her nerves much better than she did in London. When asked about her preparations for the next game, he said she was taking a nap.

1:10 p.m.

World champion Japan is off to a bit of a shaky start in men's gymnastics.

While the Japanese managed to post the top score during their subdivision in team qualifying on Saturday morning, they were uncharacteristically sloppy. Six-time world champion and defending Olympic gold medalist Kohei Uchimura fell off high bar, and world floor exercise champion Kenzo Shirai stepped out of bounds during his routine.

Uchimura recovered to lead the all-around after the first of three subdivisions with a score of 90.498.

Host Brazil seemed to feed off the energy of the home crowd. The Brazilians were second behind Japan with a team score of 268.078. Veteran Brazilian gymnast Diego Hypolito broke down in tears after posting a 15.5 on floor exercise while a sea of Brazilian flags waved from the stands.

The top eight teams advance to Monday's team final. The top 24 all-around finishers will move on to next Wednesday's individual final.

1:10 p.m.

After all the talk about staying out of the water in Rio, Serbian rowers Milos Vasic and Nenad Benik found themselves immersed in it on day one of the Olympic regatta.

The Serb pair capsized — which rarely happens in elite rowing events — in the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon as choppy waters left athletes struggling to stay in their boats.

Vasic and Benik overturned about halfway through their heat in the men's pair, which was easily won by New Zealand's Eric Murray and Hamish Bond.

Stunned and soaked, they clung to their boat as the other three crews continued toward the finish line.

They will get another chance to advance to the semifinals though, as race officials decided to let them compete in the repechage.

1.05p.m.

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Village. Police said the possible attacks happened Wednesday. Under Brazilian law, suspects can be held for a long period while a case is examined.

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12:55 p.m.

The head of Russia's Olympic delegation says a leading wrestler has been cleared to fight at the games despite a previous doping ban.

Viktor Lebedev, a two-time freestyle world champion, had been excluded under an International Olympic Committee rule barring Russians who had previously been banned for doping.

Russian chef de mission Igor Kazikov tells state news agencies that Lebedev was cleared by the IOC after that rule was struck down by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The announcement continues a turbulent summer for Lebedev, who had originally refused to go to the Olympics as "a matter of honor" after being embarrassed by what he called biased refereeing in his favor at a Russian qualifying tournament.

He was later persuaded to compete in Rio by Russian officials.

12:40 p.m.

Rio de Janeiro Games organizers have apologized to the spectators enduring long lines to access the Olympic Park on the first full day of competition.

Organizing committee spokesman Mario Andrada acknowledged that "we obviously need to upgrade" the systems and have asked authorities to speed up bag checks.

Andrada said Saturday that "we apologize to everyone who is standing in the sun in lines outside the venues ... we need to fix this in the next couple of hours."

Addressing questions about official buses getting lost, Andrada said organizers would check if drivers had sufficient training.

But Andrada says "we don't have major structural problems with transport."

12:35 p.m.

Score one from the Pros vs. the Joes in Olympic boxing.

Italian fighter Carmine Tommasone became the first professional fighter to win an Olympic bout after 112 years of amateur competition.

Tommasone is one of three traditional pros who will compete for gold medals. He's joined by Cameroon's Hassan N'Dam and Thailand's Amnat Ruenroeng.

The International Boxing Association's high-profile plan to entice prominent pros to Rio de Janeiro didn't work. The stars didn't come out to try and add some gold, silver or bronze to the green they make fighting professionally.

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Tommasone defeated Mexican boxer Lindolfo Delgado via a three-round unanimous decision in a lightweight bout.

Tommasone fought roughly 14 pounds over his pro weight after qualifying in a special tournament reserved for professionals.

12:20 p.m.

France's Marie-Florence Candassamy has pulled off a stunning upset in fencing, knocking top-ranked Anqi Xu of China out of the women's epee tournament in the round of 32.

Candassamy entered the tournament ranked just 49th in the world, but her aggressive fighting style had Xu on her heels. Candassamy took a 10-6 lead after the second period and clinched the blowout victory midway through the third period.

Russia's Tatiana Logunova, ranked third in the world, also saw her tournament end with an early round defeat. And all three Americans; Katharine Holmes and sisters Courtney and Kelley Hurley, were knocked out before the round of 16.

11:40 a.m.

The Olympic boxing tournament is underway featuring the first men's bouts without headgear since 1980 in Moscow.

Britain's Galal Yafai dominated Cameroon's Simplicie Fotsala in a unanimous decision victory to open the action.

"It was good to go down in history as the first bout without headguards, but it was just another fight for me," Yafai said.

It's also the first time scoring will use the traditional 10-point system. There is a boxing event every day of the Olympics.

Olympic boxing fans still hooted for the ring card girls. But the women were dressed in conservative white shorts and T-shirts, not the scantily clad attire generally seen at major professional boxing events.

11:35 a.m.

The beach volleyball venue has had its first visiting dignitaries.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry dropped in for the opening match at Copacabana Beach between Italy and Austria. And Italian prime minister Matteo Renzi and his entourage came into the mixed zone to congratulate the winning team.

Kerry was in town for the Opening Ceremony on Friday night and popped in at the beach volleyball venue on after watching the start of a cycling race nearby. He watched Italy's Adrian Carambula and Alex Ranghieri beat Austria in straight sets.

Kerry stuck around for the second match, featuring Brazil and Canada.

The former U.S. Senator and presidential candidate said he had plans to go to the Olympic Park later in the day.

11:30 a.m.

No instances of mechanical doping were discovered during checks by the UCI prior to the start of the men's Olympic road race along the famed Copacabana Beach.

Officials from cycling's governing body checked each frame for hidden motors using a tablet and software that can detect magnetic fields given off by them. Mechanical doping became a hot-button issue earlier this year when a motor was found in the frame of a cyclocross rider.

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Meanwhile, a sizeable break is working well together early in the men's race, where a cobblestone section sent Ahmet Orken of Turkey to the deck and bounced the chain of Australia's Richie Porte off.

Meanwhile, Dutch rider Tom Dumoulin has already abandoned. He broke his wrist at the Tour de France a couple weeks ago but started anyway. He is among the favorites in the time trial next week, so it's no surprise that he has chosen to save himself.

11:25 a.m.

France won the first game of rugby at the Olympics in 92 years — and the first ever for the women — beating Spain 24-7 to kick off the six-day sevens tournament.

Patricia Garcia got the tournament underway at the Summer Games, kicing off for Spain, and Camille Grassineau crossed for the first try to give France the lead after 2 minutes and 24 seconds.

Rugby sevens, the fast-pace, condensed form of the game, is the chosen format for the sport's return to the Olympic program for the first time since 1924, when the U.S. men won the gold medal in the 15-a-side tournament.

There were about 1,000 people in the crowd for the opening match at the temporary 15,000-seat Deodoro Stadium.

The U.S. women open against Fiji later Saturday, with Jillion Potter selected in the starting seven, capping an inspirational comeback from cancer that sidelined her for the 2014-15 world series competition.

Australia and New Zealand are the favorites for the women's gold medal, which will be decided Monday. Fiji and New Zealand are favorites for gold in the men's competition, which kicks off Tuesday.

11:25 a.m.

Serbia's men's pair capsized on the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon as choppy waters complicated things for rowers on the first day of competition.

Milos Vasic and Nenad Benik ended up in the water as their boat overturned about halfway through their heat, which was easily won by New Zealand's Eric Murray and Hamish Bond.

After a quiet morning the wind picked up and athletes were struggling to keep their oars from bouncing off the waves on the 2-kilometer course.

Britain's Alan Campbell, who won his heat in the men's single sculls, said the conditions took him by surprise.

"He needs to spread his arms a bit more to protect us," Campbell said, nodding toward the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue towering over the rowing venue.

11:15 a.m.

Host nation Brazil is off to a flying start in women's handball after stunning reigning Olympic and world champion Norway 31-28 in the opening game of the tournament.

Ana Paula Rodrigues led the way with 12 goals for Brazil, which was 2013 world champion but has never won an Olympic handball medal.

Brazil took the lead early in the first half at the Future Arena and held off a Norwegian revival which briefly leveled the score in the second at 18-18.

As the arena filled up with passionate home fans for the early morning game, five unanswered goals and some big saves from goalkeeper Mayssa Raquel Pessoa took Brazil's lead from 22-21 to 27-21, paving the way for victory.

11:15 a.m.

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American shooter Virginia Thrasher has won the first gold medal of the Rio Olympics in the women's 10-meter air rifle.

Thrasher shot 10.5 on her first shot of the final elimination round and smiled after 10.4 on her second shot put her comfortably ahead of China's Li Du. Thrasher had a cumulative score of 208.0 to beat Du, a two-time gold medalist, by a point. China's Siling Yu earned the bronze.

The 19-year Thrasher became the first freshman to win both individual NCAA rifle titles and helped West Virginia win the team title. She followed that by winning the U.S. Olympic Trials less than a month later, earning a trip to Rio.

American Sarah Scherer made the finals in her return to the Olympics after two back surgeries, but was eliminated in the first round. She finished eighth.

11 a.m.

Eyewitnesses say a man was shot dead near the Maracana Stadium in Rio de Janeiro after Friday's Olympic opening ceremony.

Associated Press photographers reported hearing loud multiple gun shots, forcing games volunteers and others leaving the ceremony to duck for cover behind cars.

A shooter was seen running from the scene and fleeing in a car close to a university parking lot.

After police and medics arrived on the scene, paramedics were seen treating the victim as blood poured from his body onto the road.

10:45 a.m.

Defending Olympic champion Gabby Douglas will get her shot at history. Douglas is one of three American women who will compete in the all-around for the U.S. during women's gymnastics preliminaries on Sunday.

Three-time world champion Simone Biles and three-time Olympic medalist Aly Raisman will also do all four events for the Americans, who are heavily favored to defend the gold they won easily in London four years ago. The top eight teams in qualifying move on to Tuesday's team final. The top 24 individual qualifiers will also advance to next week's all-around final, with a limit of two per country, meaning either Biles, Douglas or Raisman will not make the cut.

Douglas is attempting to become the first woman in nearly 50 years to repeat as Olympic champion. She is the first reigning Olympic champion to return to the next games since Nadia Comaneci in 1980, where she finished second.

Laurie Hernandez, who finished second to Biles at Olympic trials, will compete on floor exercise, vault and balance beam. Madison Kocian will compete on uneven bars, where she is the world champion.

9:50 a.m.

Du Li of China leads qualifying after setting an Olympic record in the women's 10-meter air rifle.

Li, a two-time gold medalist, had a cumulative score of 420.7 and an average 10.518 to lead heading into Saturday's finals.

Germany's Barbara Engleder was second and Iran's Elaheh Amadi was second. Americans Sarah Scherer and Ginny Thrasher both made the finals.

9:30 a.m.

Competition is underway on the first full of the Olympic Games, with table tennis, rowing, archery, cycling, water polo and fencing all taking place under a cloudless Rio de Janeiro sky and warm tem-

peratures.

Traffic in parts of Rio quickly ground to a standstill as a cycling road race forced downtown roads to be closed. The race, including the world's top riders, started on Rio's famous Copacabana beach and was due to be held over around six hours on Rio's roads and up steep hills into the mountains behind the city. Thousands of police and soldiers were patrolling the city.

Temperatures in Rio are forecast to vary between 22 and 31 degrees Celsius (72 and 88 degrees Fahrenheit) on Saturday.

Preliminary soccer games have already been played and more are due to be played on Saturday, along with rugby sevens, gymnastics, judo and swimming. Many of the events take place in the Olympic Park on Barra de Tijuca, a modern suburb to the west of Rio.

Charting a road to 270, Clinton sets out most efficient path

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Hillary Clinton doesn't appear all that interested in making scenic stops on her state-to-state quest to become president. The Democratic nominee is instead programming her GPS to take her on the quickest route to collect the 270 Electoral College votes she needs to win the White House.

With three months until Election Day, Clinton's campaign is focused on capturing the battleground states that have decided the most recent presidential elections, not so much on expanding the map.

Clinton's team doesn't rule out an effort at Arizona, a state with a booming population of Latino voters that polls find are loathe to support Trump. And Georgia, a bastion of the Deep South, echoes recent population trends in other Southeastern states where Clinton is competing aggressively.

But neither is among the 11 battleground states that Clinton's television advertising plans and her travel schedule point to as her focus. Those states are the perennial top-tier targets Florida and Ohio, plus Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin. President Barack Obama carried them all in 2008, and missed out on only North Carolina during his 2012 re-election campaign.

"The last two elections have given Democrats an electoral path for victory," said Clinton campaign adviser John Anzelone. "And our strategy is to efficiently use our resources to lock down the support we need to reach 270 electoral votes."

After a bump in support for Clinton in national polls that followed the Democratic convention and tracked Trump's recent gaffes, the number of states where Clinton will invest her time and money may get smaller than 11.

When the Clinton campaign booked more than \$23 million in new television ad time late this past week to start on Monday, it spent most of the money in just three states: Florida, Pennsylvania and Ohio. Feeling good about Colorado and Virginia, the campaign passed on giving those states a fresh injection of ad dollars, though they remain heavily staffed with organizers. Likewise, officials with the pro-Clinton group Priorities USA say they have put its advertising plans there on hold.

Meanwhile, Trump's travel following the Republican convention suggests he's given up on plans to force Clinton to defend traditional Democratic bastions California and New York. Beyond that, it's not clear how he plans to chart his course to 270.

"I have states that no other Republican would do well in that I think I'm going to win," Trump told The Washington Post this past week. "But I don't want to name those states."

Trump's campaign has yet to run a single television ad and has made curious decisions about where to send its candidate. This past week, for example, Trump spent a day in Portland, Maine, chasing after

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the single electoral vote at stake along the state's largely Democratic southern coast.

There have been no such distractions for Clinton since the end of her convention, aside from a quick stop in Nebraska, a visit that was probably as much about spending time on stage with billionaire investor Warren Buffett than picking up the one electoral vote in the Omaha area. (Maine and Nebraska are the two states that award electoral votes by congressional district instead of a statewide winner-take-all vote.)

This coming week, Clinton will be in Florida. So will Trump. That's no surprise, as a win there plus victories in every state (and the District of Columbia) that have voted Democratic since 1992 would give Clinton a winning total of 271 electoral votes. Florida Republican consultant Brett Doster said simply of his state: "If we don't win here, I just don't see how we win."

Despite the 2016 campaign's unscripted form, Democrat and Republican pollsters alike said in the past week that Florida is competitive and is expected to stay that way into the fall. The largest share of single-state spending in Clinton's most recent ad buy came in Florida, at more than \$4.2 million, and that, plus an aggressive pursuit of Latino voters, may give her a narrow edge.

In Florida's Orange County, which includes Orlando, the Democratic edge among registered voters has grown by 15 percent since 2008. Since late last year, roughly 1,000 Puerto Rican families a month have relocated to Florida due to the U.S. territory's fiscal crisis, many of them concentrating in and around Orlando's heavy service-sector job scene. Bilingual teams of Clinton employees are registering first-time Puerto Rican voters at grocery stores, malls and community centers.

Republican pollster Whit Ayers said Trump's problems in Florida go deeper than his lack of advertising and overwhelmingly unpopular standing among Latinos. He said Trump's recent criticism of the Muslim family of a fallen U.S. soldier is not likely to sit well in a state with 22 military installations and more than 1.5 million veterans.

"The attack on the Gold Star family makes it unlikely for him to expand in Florida beyond where he is right now," said Ayers, an adviser to Republican Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida.

While Trump may not have a path without Florida, Clinton can lose the state and still find another way through the battlegrounds to reach 270. That's no doubt why from June 8 through Monday, Clinton and Democratic groups supporting her will have outspent Republican groups by 15 to 1 in those states, according to data from Kantar Media's CMAG political advertising tracker.

The Clinton campaign and deep-pocketed Democratic groups such as Priorities USA have poured a combined \$66 million into television and radio advertising in those 11 states. Trump's campaign hasn't spent a dollar on television advertising, while Republican groups have only spent about \$4.3 million.

Put simply, Anzalone said, Clinton has options.

"But this is a dynamic race and we will continue to look at all pathways as this race develops," he said.

Authorities arrest blacklisted American in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Pakistani officials say a blacklisted American citizen has been arrested in the capital Islamabad.

Interior Ministry spokesman Sarfaraz Hussain says Saturday that Federal Investigation Agency officials arrested Mathew Craig Barrett from an Islamabad guest house.

He said Barrett was deported and blacklisted in 2011 after being found in the area of a sensitive installation. He did not elaborate. Hussain said Barrett obtained a visa from the Pakistani consulate in Houston and managed to clear the airport immigration counter.

US embassy spokesman Christopher K Snipes said in a text message that the privacy act "prohibits

us from releasing information about American citizens without their consent.”

Hussain said the interior minister has ordered a thorough inquiry into how Barret managed to enter Pakistan again and suspended the airport immigration staff.

Trump ends standoff with Ryan as he works to repair mistakes

STEVE PEOPLES, Associated Press

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — In an effort to repair some of the damage he had inflicted on his presidential campaign, Donald Trump endorsed House Speaker Paul Ryan to end a four-day standoff that exposed the deep chasms in the Republican Party over his candidacy.

Trump struck a rare conciliatory tone at a Wisconsin rally on Friday, imploring his party to unite behind him and opening a full-throttle attack on Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

“Arm in arm, we will rescue the country from the Obama-Clinton disaster,” Trump told supporters after formally declaring his support for Ryan in next week’s congressional primary.

“We will have disagreements,” Trump said just days after refusing to endorse the Wisconsin Republican. “But we will disagree as friends and never stop working together toward victory.”

It was an unusual gesture for Trump, who is known for his refusal to admit mistakes and his tendency to double down when he’s under attack. Trump’s general election campaign has been defined by his constant attacks on fellow Republicans — a habit that has baffled party leaders, who have begged him to stay focused on his Democratic rival.

The refusal to back Ryan had been seen by many as a final straw. Trump had told The Washington Post in an interview earlier this week that he was “just not quite there yet” when it came to backing Ryan — language that echoed the words used by Ryan as he weighed whether to endorse the party’s nominee.

In addition to praising Ryan, Trump also threw his support behind Arizona Sen. John McCain, saying he held the senator “in the highest esteem ... for his service to our country in uniform and in public office.” In the past, Trump questioned McCain’s status as a war hero, and told the Post he felt McCain “should have done a much better job for the vets.”

Trump also endorsed New Hampshire Sen. Kelly Ayotte, with whom he has also sparred, calling her “a rising star.”

Ryan, like other top Wisconsin Republicans, did not attend Trump’s evening appearance in their state. He reiterated his support for Trump hours before the endorsement, but he noted that his support wasn’t a “blank check” and pledged to speak out against the businessman’s divisive positions if necessary.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker also skipped the evening rally, preferring to attend an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. Wisconsin Assembly Speaker Robin Vos offered a blunt message ahead of the presidential nominee’s arrival: “We are Ryan Republicans here in Wisconsin, not Trump Republicans.”

The Midwest mayhem underscored Trump’s mounting challenges during one of the most tumultuous weeks of his unorthodox campaign. He has skipped from one misstep to the next, sparking a fresh wave of Republican defections among longtime party loyalists who refuse to support their presidential nominee — some even publicly support Clinton.

Eager to change their minds, Trump unleashed a torrent of insults at Clinton throughout the day.

“If Hillary Clinton becomes president,” he said at a rally in Iowa, “you will have really, in my opinion, the destruction of this country from within.”

Trump called his Democratic opponent “a dangerous liar,” “an unbalanced person,” “pretty close to

unhinged," "totally unfit to lead" and lacking "the judgment, temperament and moral character to lead the country."

"In one way, she's a monster," he said in Wisconsin. "In another way, she's a weak person. She's actually not strong enough to be president."

The charges came soon after Clinton addressed her own political vulnerabilities while facing a group of minority journalists in Washington. The former secretary of state sought to "clarify and explain" a recent statement on "Fox News Sunday" that FBI Director James Comey said her answers to the bureau about her use of a private email server were "truthful."

"I may have short-circuited and for that I will try to clarify," Clinton said, though still insisting she "never sent or received anything that was marked classified."

She also acknowledged that many people don't trust her.

"It doesn't make me feel good when people say those things, and I recognize that I have work to do," Clinton said. She added, "I'm going to work my heart out in this campaign and as president to produce results for people."

Poll: Young adults support new efforts to curb gun violence

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CHICAGO (AP) — LaShun Roy supports a ban on semi-automatic weapons and more comprehensive background checks. But the 21-year-old gun owner from rural Texas doesn't consider gun-control measures a top priority in this year's elections.

For Keionna Cottrell, a 24-year-old who lives on Chicago's South Side and whose brother was shot and killed this year in another Illinois city, few things are more important than limiting access to guns.

"So many people are dying here because there is no control of the weapons out on our streets," said Cottrell. "Young men ... have real military guns and they're not scared to use them."

Although their lives and experiences differ, the young women's shared support for additional policies to curb gun violence reflect the feelings of many Americans between the ages of 18 and 30, regardless of their backgrounds, according to a new GenForward poll.

About 9 in 10 young adults say they support criminal background checks for all gun sales, a level of support that remains consistent across racial and ethnic groups. Stiffer penalties for violating existing gun laws are supported by 9 in 10 young adults, including about 9 in 10 whites, Asian-Americans and Latinos, as well as 8 in 10 African-Americans.

Fifty-seven percent of young Americans support a ban on rapid-firing semi-automatic weapons, with support especially high — 74 percent — among Asian-Americans.

GenForward is a survey by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago with the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. The first-of-its-kind poll pays special attention to the voices of young adults of color, highlighting how race and ethnicity shape the opinions of a new generation.

Roy, a full-time college student who learned to handle assault rifles while serving in the National Guard, said it's possible to protect the rights of gun owners and implement safeguards. That puts her among the 54 percent of young adults — including 61 percent of Asian-Americans, 57 percent of African-Americans and 52 percent of Latinos and whites — who say laws limiting gun ownership do not infringe on the public's right to bear arms.

"I think it's important to make sure the government isn't going door to door saying, 'Let me see your guns and ammo,'" said Roy, who is black. "But I think it's really important to have background checks

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... and make sure a felon can't get a gun."

She also believes a new Texas law that permits open carry on college campuses is a bad idea.

"What if someone's not doing well in class or a family member dies? What's to stop them from pulling out a gun and shooting the teacher or people in class?" she said. "You just have so many different emotions and types of people you go to school with."

The poll underscores the differences in young Americans' personal experiences, which they say helped shape their attitudes toward guns.

More than a third of African-Americans — 37 percent — and nearly a quarter of Latinos say they or someone they know has experienced gun violence in the last year, compared to only 12 percent of whites or Asian-Americans.

About 4 in 10 young adults say they live in households where someone owns a gun, including 21 percent who personally own one. Among young whites, 52 percent live in a gun-owning household, with 29 percent owning one personally. Twenty-four percent of young blacks, 23 percent of young Latinos, and 19 percent of young Asian-Americans live in gun owning households, though just 10 percent of Latinos and Asian-Americans and 11 percent of African-Americans say they own one personally.

Yet more than half of Americans age 18-30 say it's more important to control gun ownership than to protect gun rights. That includes 76 percent of young Asian-Americans, 63 percent of African-Americans, and 60 percent of Latinos. Young whites are divided, with 53 percent saying it's more important to protect gun rights and 46 percent saying it's more important to control gun ownership.

Saajan Bhakta, 21, of Wichita, Kansas, says he doesn't oppose gun ownership, but believes gun violence "needs to be addressed very promptly" with new laws restricting access for people with criminal records and some mental health issues and a ban on some semi-automatic weapons. He says the recent killings of police officers in Dallas, where he has close friends and family, showed "that it could happen anytime, anywhere, with anyone."

"Human behavior is predictable to a level, but also unpredictable," said Bhakta, who runs a humanitarian nonprofit organization and hopes to earn a doctorate in psychology. "Being on top of it from the beginning helps prevent unnecessary events."

He's among the majority of young Asian-Americans, 62 percent, who think owning a gun does more to put a person's safety at risk than to protect them from crime.

On the other hand, 59 percent of young adults overall say they think owning a gun does more to protect a person from being a crime victim, including nearly two-thirds of young whites, almost 6 in 10 Latinos and a slim majority of African-Americans.

Roy, the Texas college student, said there always has been a rifle in her family's home for self-defense, but she still believes guns pose a greater threat to most owners than criminals do.

"A lot goes into handling one safely," she said. "And a lot can go wrong if you don't know what you're doing."

The poll of 1,940 adults age 18-30 was conducted July 9-20 using a sample drawn from the probability-based GenForward panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. young adult population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.8 percentage points.

The survey was paid for by the Black Youth Project at the University of Chicago using grants from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and the Ford Foundation.

Respondents were first selected randomly using address-based sampling methods, and later interviewed online or by phone.

Rio's poor watch Olympic opening from rooftops of slum

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — In the hills that hug Maracana Stadium, many Brazilians saw the flash and glitz of the opening ceremony for the Olympics from rooftops with exposed wiring and water pipes, amid trash-filled streets separated from the spectacle by a highway and train tracks.

Mangureira is but one of the thousand favelas in Rio de Janeiro, a slum marred by gang violence and poverty that sits squarely in the shadow of the pageantry of South America's first Olympic Games. In this neighborhood of tattered homes, the next two weeks are a visceral reminder of the lines dividing the city's haves and have-nots, and the opening gala just down the road punctuated those differences with every crackle and pop.

"The poor, we don't really get to experience the Olympics. We are close in distance, but far away," said Luiz Alberto Araujo, a 30-year-old doorman who works in the posh Ipanema beach but lives in the slums. "We still have fun, but this party is for foreigners, for the rich."

Araujo watched the gala from the rooftop of a lime green house high on a hill in Mangureira, occasionally staring in silence at the stadium where, inside, athletes and fans cheered a supermodel strolling across a stage and Grammy-winning musicians performing samba.

Even from afar, the party was a momentary distraction for many of Mangureira's 40,000 or so souls, offering a brief respite from the country's persistent economic and political woes.

But they warned: Don't confuse temporary joy with lasting satisfaction.

"I like having my family over. Of course, it would be a lot better to be right there," Sandra Prado, a teacher, said as she pointed toward the Maracana. "But those prices are impossible for us."

Prado and her family invited Araujo and others to gather to watch the ceremony from a distance. They drank beer and shared fried snacks while their children stayed glued to a television screen, awed by the special effects and the acrobatics of the performers. At one point during the show, dancers jumped over colorful shacks — meant to represent the city's slums — and Araujo shouted: "It's favela time! Now, we have to duck when there's a shooting."

When a song they all knew was performed inside the stadium, the women gathered at Prado's sang along: "All I want is to be happy/ to roam free in the favela where I was born/ and to be proud/ and feel like us poor people have our own place."

For the poor, the celebration that launched the coming competition was far out of reach financially. Ticket prices for the opening ceremony ranged from about \$63 to \$1,400. A minimum-wage worker in Brazil takes home some \$55 a week.

"It is scandalous that ticket prices cater to very few higher-income residents and that the bulk of profits will leave the country," said Bruno Carvalho, a Princeton University professor and author of the book "Porous City: A Cultural History of Rio de Janeiro." "It was as if many Brazilians found out that they were hosting a global party to which only a select few had been invited."

From a balcony in Mangureira, Adriana Santos, a 34-year-old dental secretary, celebrated the opening of the games with her sister's family and mother. Like many Brazilians who have protested for improvements in education and health care, Santos said her country's leaders should focus on fixing economic woes rather than staging mega sporting events.

Brazil is suffering its worst economic crisis in decades. Only two years ago, the nation also hosted the 2014 FIFA World Cup.

"It's not worth it," said Santos.

Still, others couldn't help but feel a touch of pride when the stadium that serves as their backyard lit up in a stunning fireworks display. Many grabbed their smartphones and tried to shoot selfies with

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Maracana sparkling in the background, but most of the photos were too blurry or dark.

Deisi Alves, a 46-year-old maid, said she would forever cherish watching the ceremony. She took it all in with her 19-year-old son and nieces in the living room of a home where half of the floor is tile, and the rest concrete or dirt.

"I know I am not there. With the money of one ticket, I could finish my home," she said. "But at least I can watch it from here, with this view and my loved ones."

Railing collapses at rap concert; at least 10 hurt

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) Authorities say at least 10 people have been hurt after a railing collapsed during an outdoor concert by Snoop Dogg and Wiz Khalifa in southern New Jersey.

A partition separating concertgoers from the stage at the BB&T Pavilion in Camden, New Jersey, collapsed, causing people to fall onto the concrete below. It happened shortly before 10:30 p.m. Friday.

Camden County officials tell WCAU-TV (<http://bit.ly/2aBxbqc>) that 10 to 15 people were hurt and five were taken to hospitals. Their conditions weren't known and the number of injured could increase.

The railing was separating a sloping lawn from a covered portion of the concert hall. The lawn is several feet above a concrete walkway.

Concertgoer Katie Colbridge says the concert, which was about halfway finished, stopped abruptly when the accident happened.

It was later canceled.

Olympics media: Delayed start for NBC, ad overload

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NBC is proud of showing every Olympics competition live online, and many on TV. So, it makes the decision to air Friday's opening ceremony via tape delay a seemingly unnecessary provocation to followers accustomed to a see-it-immediately world.

The ceremony, narrated by Matt Lauer, Hoda Kotb and Meredith Vieira, was delayed by one hour on the U.S. East Coast, four hours out West. It was not offered live online. Much like four years ago when there was a longer delay from London, the move drew complaints on social media.

"There's a huge world party going on right now without us because, you know, we're American," was one message on Twitter before the U.S. telecast started.

For some viewers, the experience was worsened by the pace of commercials, perhaps a shock to time-shifters accustomed to fast-forwarding through ads. NBC took eight commercial breaks in the first 65 minutes of the ceremony. Since the announcers were rightly hanging back and taking in the show, it seemed like Lauer was announcing an upcoming break half the time he opened his mouth.

"New drinking game: take a shot every time they go to a commercial," one viewer tweeted.

NBC argued that the time delay allowed the network to edit for a smoother broadcast of what is essentially an entertainment spectacle. The ceremony is a celebration of Brazilian culture, said Mark Lazarus, chairman of the NBC Sports Group, and "we think it's important that we're able to put that in context for the viewer so it's not just a flash of color."

More importantly, the delay allowed NBC to show the ceremony entirely in prime-time across the country, for which advertisers pay a premium.

The network has some 40.7 million reasons to justify its stance. That was the viewership for the London opening ceremony, the kind of number that leads NBC to conclude that the vast majority of fans like things just as they are.

PARADE OF ATHLETES: Was the U.S. team making a political statement by having fencer Ibtihaj Mu-

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hammad, dressed in a hijab, the traditional Muslim head covering, march in the first row of its athletes entering the stadium? Credit NBC's Vieira for pointing out Muhammad, but she made no mention of any political context.

TWEET OF THE NIGHT: "It's like an adjective rainstorm when Bob Costas comes on."

EYES RIGHT: Yes, social media can be a cruel place. Costas probably didn't appreciate being reminded of the gooey eye infection that forced him off the air for a few nights during the Winter Olympics in Sochi. For the record, his eyes were clear and bright Friday.

RISE UP: It seemed jarring, at the end of Thursday's Olympics preview, for NBC to debut a music video of Katy Perry's new song, "Rise." The network has declared the song its Olympics "anthem" and promised viewers they'll be hearing it frequently over the next two weeks. That's pretty sweet publicity for Perry, the sort most artists would die for. An NBC representative described it as a "value exchange" between the network and record company and if the song catches on, NBC can bask in the glow. The Olympics audience tends to skew old, and association with a pop star could be a way to bring in more young people.

COMING UP: American beach volleyball star Kerri Walsh Jennings has a recurring series on NBC, once every four years. She's back Saturday, this time with a new co-star: her new partner April Ross.

China's crackdown raises familiar specter of foreign forces

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BEIJING (AP) — In halting televised confessions and emotional courtroom testimony, Chinese lawyers and activists held in a government crackdown have voiced the same ominous message: Shadowy foreign forces are funding, directing and encouraging activities bent on destabilizing China's government and smearing its reputation.

The familiar narrative of a country besieged by foreign enemies - with the United States implied as ringleader - is a key element of China's yearlong campaign to stamp out the country's burgeoning legal activism movement. That effort drew new attention this week with the carefully scripted trials of a lawyer and three activists on subversion charges.

Though the tactic is far from new, political observers say the trials are a reminder of how the administration of President Xi Jinping has wielded the specter of foreign threats with far greater frequency and force, a reflection of the leadership's deeply seated belief that China is locked in a pitched, strategic and ideological battle against the West.

The four facing trial this week were associated with the Fengrui Law Firm in Beijing, one of the country's best-known advocates for human rights. Its director, Zhou Shifeng, was sentenced Thursday to seven years in prison while two received suspended sentences and one a term of seven years, three months. All were accused of organizing protests outside courthouses, hyping cases via social and foreign media, and receiving training and funding from foreign nonprofit organizations.

Even if Fengrui's activist tactics crossed ethical or even legal lines, as some Chinese legal professionals believe, it was not apparent from media reports of the cases if their actions amounted to subversion, said Tong Zhiwei, a professor at East China University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai. Rather, the involvement of foreign actors added legal and political weight to the cases, Tong said.

"If there were no foreign elements, it might not have completely changed the complexion of the cases," Tong said.

Tong later said it was unclear how prosecutors and judges viewed the distinction between attacking the country's legal system and sharply criticizing it and whether they saw placing pressure on the government as one way of subverting state power. Conflating conversations the defendants had criticizing the government with actions is problematic, Tong said.

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Tong said lawyers could not be viewed as “subversive” simply because they receive training abroad and then return to China and do things that annoyed the government without an evaluation of precisely what they studied.

“China has had legal education exchanges for decades with the West,” Tong said. “Where do you draw the line of unacceptable interaction? Is being a visiting scholar at Harvard considered subversive?”

The crackdown on the legal profession, launched in July 2015 with a sweeping roundup of close to 300 activists and lawyers, is part of a far-reaching effort to stamp out suspected foreign influence since Xi took power in 2012. Most have been released although more than a dozen remain in detention.

Also in 2012, the Communist Party issued an internal communique, known as Document No. 9, aimed at limiting the penetration of Western-style “universal values,” such as multi-party democracy and media freedoms, into Chinese society, especially its classrooms.

The government followed that up this year by passing a law to strictly regulate the work of thousands of international nonprofits working in China and place them under direct police supervision. In January, China detained and interrogated Peter Dahlin, a Swedish activist who had provided Fengrui lawyers training and support, for 23 days before releasing and deporting him - but only after he gave a confessional interview with the state broadcaster.

The government’s message was vividly reinforced in statements from those similarly accused this week. In her televised interview, Wang Yu, a Fengrui lawyer, said she intended to refuse all international recognition, referring to an award from the American Bar Association and other Western groups she had received while in jail. “I am a Chinese,” she said. “I can only accept awards from the Chinese government.”

Four years into Xi’s administration, the trials reflect how the party is leaning on nationalism as a pillar of legitimacy at a time of faltering economic growth, said Willy Lam, a history professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

“Xi genuinely thinks China is in an existential crisis, and unless the administration can stamp out Western influence, the party may collapse,” Lam said. “But there is also the angle of political expediency. A sizeable part of the Chinese public is very nationalist. If they change the narrative to ‘human rights lawyers are stirring up trouble because the U.S. is behind them,’ they get away from the lawyers’ work on the lack of justice in Chinese society.”

The cases sent party organs and state media into overdrive this week. The Communist Youth League and Supreme People’s Procuratorate, equivalent to the attorney general, circulated on social media an ultra-nationalist video warning of an imminent U.S.-led revolution in China, garnering hundreds of millions of views.

The video’s creator, a Chinese Middle Eastern studies student in Australia, told state media he was motivated to make the video after he perceived in the Fengrui cases the classic warning signs of “the early pre-penetration stages of a color revolution” underway in China, a reference to movements that have toppled authoritarian governments in Georgia, Ukraine and the Middle East.

Jerome A. Cohen, a Chinese law expert at New York University, pointed out that in Wang’s supposed confession, the Fengrui lawyer said she would not “accept, recognize or acknowledge” international awards - the same language used by the Foreign Ministry in rejecting a June verdict by a Hague-based international tribunal against China’s maritime claims in the South China Sea. That verdict prompted Chinese state media to denounce the arbitration process as an American-led ploy to deny China its historical territory.

“Increasingly, law is at the core of both the domestic and international challenges,” said Cohen, who has previously consulted for provincial officials. “Xi is ill-equipped to deal with foreign legal claims,

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whether they concern international human rights, the law of the sea or economics, but he can slap down domestic purveyors of the rule of law.”

The unmistakable message has been that, even as Chinese business and society integrates with the world, a hard line has been drawn between Chinese and foreign civil society groups.

“Chinese citizens who have formed relationships with foreign entities are the ones suffering,” said John Kamm, director of the Duihua Foundation, a San Francisco-based nonprofit humanitarian organization. “That’s the main point: Don’t imagine for a moment that a foreign government or entity can save you.”

Today in History The Associated Press

Today in History

Today is Saturday, Aug. 6, the 219th day of 2016. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the U.S. B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb code-named “Little Boy” on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths. (Three days later, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki; five days after that, Imperial Japan surrendered.)

On this date:

In 1813, during the Venezuelan War of Independence, forces led by Simon Bolivar recaptured Caracas.

In 1825, Upper Peru became the autonomous republic of Bolivia.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary declared war against Russia and Serbia declared war against Germany.

In 1916, D.W. Griffith’s silent film epic “Intolerance,” which intercut four stories in four different settings and time periods, was sneak-previewed in Riverside, California.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours. Warner Bros. premiered its Vitaphone sound-on-disc movie system in New York with a showing of “Don Juan” featuring synchronized music and sound effects.

In 1930, New York State Supreme Court Justice Joseph Force Crater went missing after leaving a Manhattan restaurant; his disappearance remains a mystery.

In 1956, the DuMont television network went off the air after a decade of operations.

In 1961, Soviet cosmonaut Gherman Titov became the second man to orbit Earth as he flew aboard Vostok 2; his call sign, “Eagle,” prompted his famous declaration: “I am Eagle!”

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo at age 80.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY’-dur) died at at Humana Hospital-Audubon in Louisville, Kentucky, after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

In 1991, the World Wide Web made its public debut as a means of accessing webpages over the Internet. TV newsman Harry Reasoner died in Norwalk, Connecticut, at age 68.

Ten years ago: Oil giant BP announced an indefinite shutdown of the biggest oilfield in the U.S., at Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, after finding a pipeline leak. Sherri Steinhauer shot an even-par 72 to win the Women’s British Open for the third time, and the first since it became a major. Tiger Woods won his 50th PGA Tour title with a three-stroke victory over Jim Furyk in the Buick Open.

Five years ago: Insurgents shot down a U.S. military helicopter during fighting in eastern Afghanistan,

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killing 30 Americans, most of them belonging to the same elite Navy commando unit that had slain Osama bin Laden; seven Afghan commandos also died. Violence erupted in the north London district of Tottenham amid anger over the fatal police shooting two days earlier of Mark Duggan, a 29-year-old father of four; rioting and looting spread to other parts of the city and other English cities over the next several days, leaving five dead. Deion Sanders, Marshall Faulk, Shannon Sharpe, Richard Dent, Chris Hanburger, Les Richter and NFL Films founder Ed Sabol were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

One year ago: The first Republican presidential debate aired on Fox News Channel; when the 10 candidates were asked whether any of them would not pledge to support the eventual GOP nominee, only Donald Trump raised his hand, saying, "I will not make the pledge at this time," angering Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, who accused Trump of "hedging his bets." Jon Stewart bade an emotional goodbye after 16 years as host of Comedy Central's "The Daily Show." "Hamilton," the hip-hop flavored biography about Alexander Hamilton, the nation's first treasury secretary, opened on Broadway.

Today's Birthdays: Children's performer Ella Jenkins is 92. Actor-director Peter Bonerz is 78. Actress Louise Sorel is 76. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 73. Actor Ray Buktenica is 73. Actor Dorian Harewood is 66. Actress Catherine Hicks is 65. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 64. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 63. Actress Stepfanie Kramer is 60. Actress Faith Prince is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 58. Actor Leland Orser is 56. Actress Michelle Yeoh (yoh) is 54. Country singers Peggy and Patsy Lynn are 52. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 51. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 51. Actor Benito Martinez is 48. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 48. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan (SHAH'-mah-lahn) is 46. Actress Merrin Dungey is 45. Singer Geri Halliwell is 44. Actor Jason O'Mara is 44. Singer-actor David Campbell is 43. Actress Vera Farmiga is 43. Actress Ever (cq) Carradine is 42. Actress Soleil (soh-LAY') Moon Frye is 40. Actress Melissa George is 40. Rock singer Travis McCoy (Gym Class Heroes) is 35. Actor Leslie Odom Jr. is 35. Actress Romola Garai is 34. Rock musician Eric Roberts (Gym Class Heroes) is 32.

Thought for Today: "The one predominant duty is to find one's work and do it." â□□ Charlotte Perkins Gilman, American economist and feminist (1860-1935).