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Flea Market

Flea Market for 12 days, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Aug. 26-Sept. 7. Vintage, Crocks, Fishing, Jewelry, Cream Cans, Marbles, Buttons, Lanterns, Oil Lamps, Yard Ornaments, Bookcases, Antiques, and Much More. 201 Hwy 25, across from Community Oil Co., Roslyn. New items added daily. 5 (10'x20') Canopys full!

Bus Driver Wanted

The Groton Area School District has openings for a part time (morning) bus route and for a full-time bus route driver. Assistance in obtaining the proper licensure is available. Please contact Transportation Supervisor, Loren Bahr, at 397-8117 for more details.

Open: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is located at 10 East Railroad Ave.

The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **Open**

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Sunday, Aug. 21

Pool Hours:

1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.: Open Swim

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Lap Swim

6:40 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Open Swim

National Spumoni Day

Senior Citizen's Day

Summer Olympics ends in Rio

Birthdays: • Tara Carlson • Scott Krueger

9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion

9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass

9:00am: St. John's Lutheran Worship with communion

9:00am: First Presbyterian Church Bible Study

10:00am: First Presbyterian Worship

10:00am: HBM worship at Pierpont

11:00am: United Methodist Worship

Monday, Aug. 22

Pool Hours:

1 p.m. to 4:50 p.m.: Open Swim

5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.: Lap Swim

6:40 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Open Swim

Be an Angel Day

National Tooth Fairy Day

Senior Menu: Goulash, green beans, apple crisp, whole wheat bread.

Anniversaries: • Rick & Melanie Rossow • Marc & Jayne Rossow

Birthdays: • Deb Thurston • Jeff Sippel • Connie McDonald • Colby Merkel • Virginia Bretkreutz

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:00 pm: Special City Council Meeting at Groton Community Center

Apts for Rent

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



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Gravel Hauling

New & Cleaning of
Stockdams with our
60' reach trackhoe

605/395-6531

Initiated Measure 21

Title: An initiated measure to set a maximum finance charge for certain licensed money lenders

Attorney General Explanation

The initiated measure prohibits certain State-licensed money lenders from making a loan that imposes total interest, fees and charges at an annual percentage rate greater than 36%. The measure also prohibits these money lenders from evading this rate limitation by indirect means. A violation of this measure is a misdemeanor crime. In addition, a loan made in violation of this measure is void, and any principal, fee, interest, or charge is uncollectable.

The measure's prohibitions apply to all money lenders licensed under South Dakota Codified Laws chapter 54-4. These licensed lenders make commercial and personal loans, including installment, automobile, short-term consumer, payday, and title loans. The measure does not apply to state and national banks, bank holding companies, other federally insured financial institutions, and state chartered trust companies. The measure also does not apply to businesses that provide financing for goods and services they sell.

A vote "Yes" is for prohibiting certain money lenders from charging more than 36% interest on loans.

A vote "No" is against the measure.

Pro –Initiated Measure 21

We are encouraging South Dakotans who believe we should cap interest rates on payday loans and car-title loans at 36% to vote YES on Initiated Measure 21. Currently, there is NO cap on interest rates. Lenders can and do charge whatever high rates they want to. Today, the average payday loan in South Dakota charges low-income people 574%.

We can do better. Predatory lenders should not be able to charge more than 36% interest – a rate set by the federal government for members of the military.

Capping interest rates at 36% on payday loans is supported by all major religious denominations, AARP and other organizations that work to protect low-income families and seniors in South Dakota.

By Steve Hickey, Co-Chair of South Dakotans for Responsible Lending

Con –Initiated Measure 21

Vote "No" on Initiated Measure 21

If passed, Initiated Measure 21 will:

- allow for more government intrusion into your personal financial decisions.
- end access to short-term loans in South Dakota.
- prohibit hard-working South Dakotans with an unexpected need for cash to obtain these loans in times of need.
- destroy jobs and the benefits South Dakotans need to provide medical care for their families.

This measure claims to cap short-term lending at a 36% interest rate, but do not be fooled. If gas prices were capped at 36 cents per gallon, it would mean you would have no gas.

This measure will end short-term lending in South Dakota, preventing hardworking South Dakotans from obtaining emergency loans when they most need them and killing the jobs that so many South Dakotan families need.

Brad Thuringer, Chair of Give Us Credit South Dakota

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Fall Care for a Healthier, Better Looking Lawn

By Melinda Myers

As summer fades into fall it is time to help lawns recover from summer stress and prepare for the winter ahead.

Continue to mow your lawn as long as it continues to grow. Grow cool season grasses like bluegrass, fescue and ryegrass 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 inches tall. Warm season grasses like bermudagrass, carpetgrass, centipedegrass and zoysia should be grown at 1 to 2 inches tall while St. Augustine should a bit higher, 2 to 3 inches, for best results. Taller grass is better able to compete with weeds. And there is no need to cut it shorter for the health of your lawn.

Mow often, removing no more than one third the total height. Leave these short clippings on the lawn. They will quickly break down, adding organic matter, moisture and nutrients to the soil.

And as you mow you can take care of all those fall leaves at the same time. Shred the fall leaves and allow them to remain on the lawn. As long as you can see the leaf blades through the shredded leaves your lawn will be fine. And just like the clippings, they add nutrients and organic matter to the soil.

Fertilize your lawn with a low nitrogen, slow release fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com). University research has shown that fall fertilization is the most beneficial practice for home lawns. Less disease problems and slower weed growth means your lawns - not the weeds and pests - benefit from the nutrients. Fall fertilization also helps lawns recover from the stresses of summer because it encourages deep roots and denser growth that can better compete with weeds and tolerate disease and insects.

Those in colder regions growing cool weather bluegrass, fescue and perennial ryegrass should fertilize around Labor Day and sometime between Halloween and Thanksgiving, but before the ground freezes.

Homeowners in warmer climates growing warm season grasses like centipede, Bermuda and zoysia should fertilize around Labor Day. Apply a low nitrogen slow release fertilizer then and in early October if overseeding the lawn. Make sure the last fall application is at least one month prior to the average first killing frost. Fertilizing later can result in winter damage.

Soup, Sandwich and Pie Luncheon

\$2 Each

Thursday, Sept. 8

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**St. John's Lutheran Church
Groton**

Craft and Bake Sale

**Supplemental funds have been
applied for from**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

OPEN HOUSE FAREWELL RECEPTION

for

Pastor Elizabeth Johnson

Sunday, August 28

2 – 4 pm

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Groton, SD 57445**

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Weeds often gain a foothold in the lawn during the stressful summer months. A healthy lawn is the best defense. Even with proper care weeds can bully their way into the lawn. Try digging, root and all, to remove small populations of weeds. Weeding can be a great tension reducer and physical workout.

If this isn't possible, consider spot treating weeds or problem areas with a broadleaf weedkiller. Those looking for more organic options may want to try one of the more eco-friendly products with the active ingredient Fehedta or Hedta. Whether using traditional or environmentally-friendly products read and follow label directions carefully. All these products are plant killers and can cause damage to other plants if not applied properly.

Fall, when the lawn is actively growing, is the best time to core aerate or dethatch northern lawns suffering from thatch build up or compacted soil. Thatch is a layer of partially decomposed dead grass plants that prevents water and nutrients from reaching the grass roots. Use a dethatching machine to remove thatch layers greater than one half an inch. Or core aerate the lawn to create openings in the thatch layer and help reduce soil compaction to encourage root growth and allow water and nutrients to infiltrate the soil.

Overseeding your lawn in the fall helps increase thickness and improves the overall health and appearance of the lawn. For best results, overseed directly after aerating.

Begin implementing some of these strategies and soon you'll be on your way to a healthier, better looking lawn for the coming growing season.

Gardening expert Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts

The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening For Everyone" DVD set and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio segments. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and spokesperson for Milorganite. Myers' website is www.melindamyers.com.



Customer Appreciation and Check-R-Board Days

Aug. 22 through Aug. 25

Different happenings everyday

Monday is cookies and coffee

On Tuesday all attendees receive a Purina cap

Wednesday is bring your pet in for a treat

Thursday is roast beef sandwiches, beans and drink served from noon to 7 pm.

Be sure to wear your checker board clothing to be eligible to win \$500.

GROTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

August 22, 2016 - 7pm

Groton Community Center

- 1) Minutes
- 2) 2017 Budget Discussion
- 3) 1st Reading Ordinance # 706- 2017 Appropriation Ordinance

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Groton Area School August 8th Meeting Minutes

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

GROTON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 06-6

REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 2016

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Conference Room. Members present: Fjelstad, Gengerke, Harder, Kjelden, Rix, Smith and Weismantel. Others present were Supt. J. Schwan, Principals A. Schwan and B. Schwan, and Business Manager Weber.

Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve the agenda with amendments under New Business Item #1a – approve lease agreement with Groton City, under New Business Item #9a – approve resignation of Vonnie Lutz and under New Business Item #9b – approve open enrollments #17-16 and #17-17. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Fjelstad to approve the following consent agenda items as presented: school of record agenda items for North Central Special Ed Coop, District minutes of July 11, 12, 21, 26(a) and 26(b), bills, financial reports, agency reports and investments and transportation requests from Langford Area in accordance with SDCL 13-29-4. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND: Net Salary – 50,019.46; FIT – 6,109.67; Medicare – 1,864.12; FICA – 7,970.76; Washington National – 98.40; SD Retirement – 7,561.80; First National Bank – 100.00; Waddell & Reed – 664.22; AFLAC – 773.80; Delta Dental – 1,069.04; SD Supplemental Retirement – 350.03; Wellmark BCBS – 19,246.00; Reliastar Life – 78.83; A&B Business – batteries, 306.36; Agency Fund – advance payments, 77,580.05; Benco Equipment – inspection, 347.00; Blick Art Materials – supplies, 2,374.73; Carquest – filters, 12.18; Cedar Shore Resort – lodging, 183.90; City of Groton – utilities/services, 8,379.84; Cole Papers – supplies, 4,535.67; Connecting Point – services, 4,000.00; Council on College Admission – registrations, 145.00; L. Cox – physical, 95.00; Crawford Trucks – parts, 310.95; Dependable Sanitation – services, 1,238.00; Eric Armin Inc – supplies, 84.60; Groton Chiropractic – physicals, 190.00; Groton Daily Independent – legal notices, 568.95; J. Guthmiller – class fee, 35.00; Hauff Mid-America – supplies, 1,059.96; Hillyard – supplies/services, 15,117.28; Hub City Flooring – services, 340.00; Innovative Office Solutions – supplies, 168.71; JW Pepper – music, 55.99; James Valley Telecomm. – services, 824.94; Jerke Irrigation – repairs, 182.72; Library Store – supplies, 105.53; Lodge at Deadwood – lodging, 242.00; Nasco – supplies, 27.40; NCS Pearson – online subscriptions, 2,344.13; Northwestern Energy – utilities, 11.17; Premier Agendas – planners, 122.33; Renaissance Learning – online subscriptions, 11,331.40; Riddell – services, 2,878.57; Scholastic – subscriptions, 1,194.89; School Datebooks – planners, 64.50; School Specialty – supplies, 2,548.07; J. Schwan – meals, 15.00; SD Teacher Placement Center – membership, 420.00; SDASBO – registration, \$50.00; Sewer Saver – services, 2,338.44; Supreme School Supply – supplies, 391.92; Taylor Music – supplies, 182.37; Training Room – supplies, 1,408.68; S. Wanner – class fee, 35.00. Total General Fund - \$239,754.36.

CAPITAL OUTLAY: A&B Business – whiteboards/tables, 1,682.08; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 13,982.04; Apple Inc – ipads, 6,337.00; Arbor Scientific – equipment, 178.21; AVI Systems – services, 507.50; CDW Government – cases/adaptors, 2,119.56; Cengage Learning – software, 319.00; Cerebellum Corp. – dvds, 348.74; Connecting Point – equipment/services, 9,150.00; D&H Distributing – calculators, 1,307.89; Floor to Ceiling – carpet & tile, 17,856.93; Glynlyon – online renewals, 790.00; Greg Johnson Construction – garage project, 11,834.73; Groton Dakota Press – subscription, 33.02; Hauff Mid-America – equipment, 991.59; JCL Solutions – vacuum, 615.00; Kaplan Early Learning – materials, 256.03; Lakeshore Learning – equipment, 192.45; Malsom Flooring – services, 10,414.29; Marco – copier leases, 1,978.17; Menards – tools, 125.88; MPS – chem texts, 2,777.60; Nasco – polar board/supplies, 458.09; National School Products – resources, 106.87; Novel Units – novels set, 30.73; Riverside Technologies – storage unit, 4,999.00; School Specialty – bookcase, 248.56; Social Studies School Service – resources, 118.65; Trend Enterprises – supplies, 36.41; US Games – equipment/mats, 2,304.21. Total Capital Outlay - \$92,100.23.

SPECIAL ED: Net Salary – 1,515.24; FIT – 74.67; Medicare – 53.40; FICA – 228.32; SD Retirement – 220.96; Ace Educational Supplies – supplies, 45.16; Avera St. Luke's – services, 5,603.16; Carson-Dellosa – supplies, 12.94; Evan-Moor – supplies, 39.94; Innovative Office Solutions – eraser, 8.60; Lakeshore

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Learning – supplies, 49.42; Really Good Stuff – supplies, 34.94; School Specialty – supplies, 25.96; School Spec./Classroom Direct – supplies, 73.18; Teacher Created Resources – supplies, 49.94; Trend Enterprises – supplies, 27.99; Patron – mileage, 423.36. Total Special Ed - \$8,487.18.

ENTERPRISE: Fund 51: Net Salary – 2,119.06; FIT – 148.19; Medicare – 76.24; FICA – 326.04; SD Retirement – 322.04; AFLAC – 54.22; Wellmark BCBS – 755.00; Reliastar Life – .65; Hillyard – mops, 272.75. Total Fund 51 - \$4,074.19. Fund 53: Net Salary – 6,522.30; FIT – 330.90; Medicare – 223.34; FICA – 954.88; SD Retirement – 516.72; Agency Fund – adv pmts, 525.00; GASD – dr ed mileage reimb, 2,772.00; K. Weber – field trip expenses, 667.67.

Total Fund 53 - \$12,512.81. Total Enterprise Funds -- \$16,587.00.

AGENCY FUND: Total - \$119,540.05.

RECEIPTS: Local Sources, Taxes – 497,490.96 ; Other Local Sources – 15,949.94; County Sources – 4,368.26; Federal Sources – 5,122.18. Total Receipts – \$522,931.34.

Members of the public were allowed five minutes to address the board on any topic of their choice. With no public members present to speak, the board proceeded with their remaining agenda items.

Building, Grounds and Transportation committee members will be meeting with Johnson Controls to discuss the current service agreement for boiler, electrical and HVAC system equipment.

Building improvement measures were discussed in relation to community meetings held in Groton, Columbia, Andover, Bristol and Ferney. No action was taken.

The following topics were discussed in administrative reports: water leak under the football field sidewalk, school bus driver training, Johnson Controls service agreement, Hutterville School meeting, legacy chemical removal, Fall in-service, back to school picnic, Fall Family Night, Frontline training, Pearson Envision 2.0 training, Amplify mClass training, class lists, school year forms, elem PE/Music schedule, inaugural Coop Governing Board Meeting, elementary playground installation, ASBSD Joint Convention, professional development, teacher evaluation software, curriculum and Coop Governing Board meeting.

Bus Supervisor Loren Bahr presented proposed 2016-17 bus routes. Moved by Weismantel, second Kjelden to approve as presented.

Moved by Kjelden, second Harder to approve a Lease Agreement with City of Groton for use of the soccer complex. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Rix to approve Craig Sternhagen as Volunteer Assistant Boys Soccer Coach for the 2016 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Kjelden to approve Chris Kucker and Barb Lone as Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coaches for the 2016 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve Seth Erickson as Volunteer Assistant Football Coach for the 2016 season. Motion carried.

Moved by Gengerke, second Harder to approve Jenna Strom as Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2016 season. Motion carried.

The board acknowledged receipt of Public School Exemption #17-01 for a student in grade 9.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to approve Open Enrollment Application #17-15 for a student in grade 12 from the Aberdeen School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Kjelden to approve lane change for Aaron Helvig from BS+15 to BS+30 for an additional \$750. Motion carried.

Moved by Weismantel, second Rix to approve lane change for Janene Harry from BS to BS+30 for an additional \$1,500. Motion carried.

Moved by Rix, second Gengerke to approve the resignation of Vonnie Lutz as MS/HS Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Moved by Harder, second Gengerke to approve Open Enrollment Application #17-16 for a student in grade 3 and Open Enrollment Application #17-17 for a student in grade 5, both from the Langford Area School District. Motion carried.

Moved by Kjelden, second Weismantel to adjourn at 8:25 pm. Motion carried.

M. J. Weber, Business Manager \Steven R. Smith, President

The addition of signatures to this page verifies these minutes as official.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

The feminine mystique

Is equality between the sexes good for men and women and society?

Of course, men and women are different in very important ways! Yet some people exploit the differences to make subservient generalizations about women. I've heard it said that women are, or should be: shy, passive,

want-to-please, adoring, doting, and happy as homemakers serving their children and husbands. Sigmund Freud the psychoanalyst said, "Nature has determined woman's destiny through beauty, charm, and sweetness... in youth an adored darling and in mature years a loved wife." Freud even went so far as to suggest that women who wanted careers were neurotic and imbued with "penis envy."

As Betty Friedan observed in 1963, Freud's ideas had become especially popular in the mid 1940s, suggesting women are only fulfilled as housewives and mothers, and unhappy having a career. She decries Freud's error-in-judgement in her book *The Feminine Mystique*. Friedan noted that in the early 1900s there had been grand advances made for the rights of women, especially for higher education, for pursuit of career, and for the right to vote. Except for the right to vote, much of this went away after World War II, when men came home from war and took away jobs from women who had been employed to support the war.

The returning soldier longed for a comfortable home where he was the bread-winner and his wife the house-keeper who raised the children. Friedan said this caused great unhappiness in the some households when women who wanted a career were strongly discouraged to do so. Injustice and inequality beget disharmony.

Since then, due to the effort of Friedan and many others, women have choices and are coming close to equality in career work. Currently new physician graduates are about 50-50 women to men. Studies show satisfying careers and/or choices for all the adult members of a family results in happier children. Outside-the-home careers are not for everyone but the operative word is choice. Equality begets family and societal harmony.

Take it one step further, experts state that empowering and educating women in developing countries, or where there is great poverty, allows for the most effective way to bring the region in the direction of prosperity. Empowered and educated young women... (better yet mothers AND fathers,) raise girls AND boys to become more effective and respectful members of society. Equality between men and women does not subtract from the success of men, it increases success for everyone.

When women and men are equals, society becomes healthy.

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Today in Weather History

August 21, 1989: Baseball size hail caused near 100 percent crop damage to Correll in Big Stone County to 10 miles north of Appleton. Most of Swift County also received 4 to 8 inches of rain.

August 21, 2007: Thunderstorms produced large hail in southeast South Dakota, mainly near the Missouri River, during the late afternoon and early evening of August 21st. Enormous hail fell in the Dante area in Charles Mix County, including a state record size hailstone certified as 6 and 7/8 inches in diameter, with a circumference of 18 inches and a weight of one pound. The heaviest stone was verified at 6 1/8 inches in diameter with a weight of 1.25 lbs. Damage included holes in roofs, broken rafters, broken awnings, numerous broken windows and dented vehicles, damaged siding, divots in the ground up to 12 inches long and 3 inches deep, and damaged crops. The state record hailstone was broken on July 30th, 2010 with the United States record hailstone in Vivian.

1856: The Charter Oak was an unusually large white oak tree growing from around the 12th or 13th century until it fell during a windstorm on this day in 1856. According to tradition, Connecticut's Royal Charter of 1662 was hidden within the hollow of the tree to thwart its confiscation by the English governor-general. The oak became a symbol of American independence and is commemorated on the Connecticut State Quarter.

1883: An estimated F5 tornado caused extensive damage to Rochester Minnesota on this day. The enormous roar was said to have warned most Rochester residents, as the massive funnel cut through the north side of town. Over 135 homes were destroyed, and another 200 damaged. Many of the 200 plus injuries were severe, and other deaths probably occurred but not listed as part of the 37 total mentioned. This damaging tornado eventually led to the formation of the Mayo Clinic.

1918 - A tornado struck Tyler, MN, killing 36 persons and destroying most of the business section of the town resulting in a million dollars damage. (David Ludlum)

1983 - The temperature at Fayetteville, NC, soared to 110 degrees to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Early morning thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Iowa and west central Illinois. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 82 mph at Moline IL, and tennis ball size hail at Independence IA. Rock Island IL was drenched with 3.70 inches of rain. Total damage for the seven county area of west central Illinois was estimated at twelve million dollars. (National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)


1988 - Thunderstorms spawned several tornadoes in Iowa, produced wind gusts to 63 mph in the Council Bluffs area, and drenched Sioux Center IA with up to 6.61 inches of rain. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather from Kansas to Minnesota and North Dakota. Thunderstorms in Minnesota produced baseball size hail from Correll to north of Appleton. Thunderstorms in north central Kansas produced wind gusts higher than 100 mph at Wilson Dam. Thunderstorms around Lincoln NE produced baseball size hail and up to five inches of rain, and Boone NE was deluged with five inches of rain in an hour and a half. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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Today	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Hot	Mostly Clear	Sunny then Slight Chance T-storms	Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny
High: 82 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 68 °F	High: 92 °F	Low: 58 °F	High: 76 °F







Average High Temps Today

Hot Start To Next Week



Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
 82° SW 13	 <i>Breezy</i> 93° S 18	 <i>Breezy</i> 92° 25% S 21	 77° NW 14	 73° NW 11
57°	68°	58°	52°	
5 Day Outlook - Aberdeen				
Today	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
 87° S 14	 HOT <i>Breezy</i> 100° S 22	 <i>Breezy</i> 92° N 20	 <i>Breezy</i> 79° NW 17	 76° 20% NW 10
60°	68°	59°	54°	
5 Day Outlook - Pierre				


weather.gov/Aberdeen



[@NWSAberdeen](https://twitter.com/NWSAberdeen)

Published on: 08/21/2016 at 5:09AM

After a chilly start to the morning, temperatures will rebound much closer to average for today. Readings will continue to increase through the start of the work week ahead of a system. The best chance for moisture with the cold front that passes through late Tuesday will be along and east of the James valley. Cooler air will follow for the latter half of the work week.

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Yesterday's Weather

High Outside Temp: 69.4 F at 4:49 PM

Low Outside Temp: 54.4 F at 7:10 AM

High Gust: 24.0 Mph at 2:43 PM

Precip: 0.10

Today's Info

Record High: 105° in 1947

Record Low: 37 in 2004

Average High: 81°F

Average Low: 55°F

Average Precip in Aug: 1.64

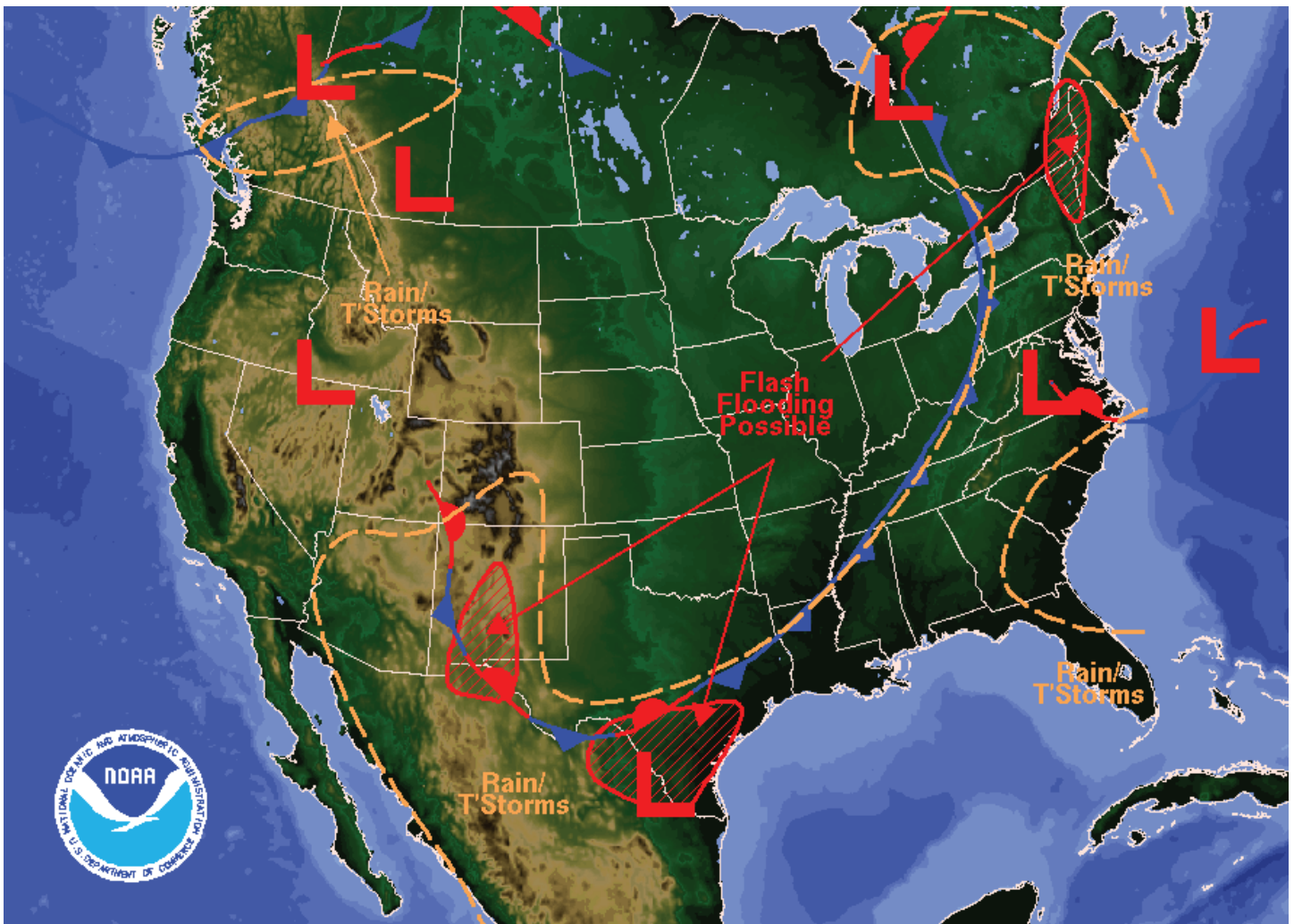
Precip to date in Aug: 1.93

Average Precip to date: 15.50

Precip Year to Date: 12.66

Sunset Tonight: 8:29 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:43 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Aug 21, 2016, issued 4:36 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by kreker based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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RUINED BUT RECLAIMED

One of the most magnificent statues in the world is David. It is considered by many to be the masterpiece of Michelangelo. The story of its completion, however, is far different from that of its beginning.

The block of marble from which he fashioned it was once marred and discarded by another artist. It had been so mutilated that it was cast aside as worthless.

When Michelangelo looked at the piece of marble, he saw possibilities and promises – not something that had been rejected because someone thought it was ruined. And from what others trashed he brought forth a true treasure.

It is like those of us who become Christians. We "become new persons...(We) are not the same anymore for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!"

It is difficult to grasp the reality of that verse of Scripture. Perhaps it is because our size does not change and our shape remains the same. But the moment we are born again, the Holy Spirit gives us a new life and we are changed on the inside. And through the power of the Holy Spirit we are empowered to live differently and act differently because "a new life has begun."

Once our lives were a shambles, shaped and scarred by sin. But the God of all creation recreated us.

Prayer: Thank You, Heavenly Father, that You took us, recreated us and gave us a new life. Your grace has transformed us into Your likeness. Thank you! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: 2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!



We now accept



for out patient therapy.

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

Tribal chairman calls governor's emergency order unfortunate

DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple's decision to issue an emergency declaration over an ongoing pipeline protest is unfortunate, the head of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe said in a statement released Saturday.

Dalrymple said the order issued Friday is meant to free up more state resources to manage public safety risks from the dispute about the \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline. Construction of the pipeline north of Cannon Ball has been temporarily shut down until a federal court hearing Wednesday.

Tribal Chairman David Archambault II said the declaration used "the language of confrontation rather than cooperation" and is hurting the tribe's economy. He said one result has been roadblocks that prevent Standing Rock residents from getting to and from work.

Archambault said he agrees with Dalrymple about the need for public safety, but doesn't believe it should force the tribe to cancel concerts and close parks.

"I wish he had consulted with the tribe before making (Friday's) declaration, because the tribe has its hand extended in the spirit of partnership and cooperation," Archambault said. "We look upon this situation as an opportunity to work together."

Dalrymple declined to comment Saturday on Archambault's statement.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier said in a statement he was pleased with the governor's action because it relieves the "financial burden" to police the protest. He said officers will continue to monitor activity in the pipeline construction area.

The 1,172-mile project would carry nearly a half-million barrels of crude oil daily from North Dakota's oil fields through South Dakota and Iowa to an existing pipeline in Patoka, Illinois. The tribe argues the pipeline that would be placed less than a mile upstream of the reservation could impact drinking water for the more than 8,000 tribal members in North Dakota and South Dakota and the millions who rely on it further downstream.

American Indians have been staging a nonviolent protest in the construction area for months. Since Aug. 11, Kirchmeier said, 26 people have been arrested for disorderly conduct and three people have been charged with criminal trespass. Archambault was arrested for disorderly conduct on Aug. 12.

South Dakota Guard soldiers help renovate Suriname school

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Soldiers from the South Dakota National Guard teamed up with members of Suriname's armed forces to renovate a school in the South American country.

A team of eight soldiers from the Guard's 155th Engineer Company and 211th Engineer Company worked alongside about a dozen Suriname Defense Force engineers on the renovation. Guard officials say the project is meant to provide training for military construction personnel while also assisting in a worthy community need.

The improvements included tiling, door construction and installation, painting, electrical and lighting installation, sink and toilet installation, waterline plumbing, septic tank venting, drainage installation and installing a boundary fence.

The project began in March, when the group toured 14 schools. Suriname's Ministry of Education chose the Santo Dorp School, which serves approximately 850 students from the area.

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How AP rates the presidential race and the Road to 270

EMILY SWANSON, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton heads into the fall out front in enough states to give her at least a tie in the Electoral College, meaning a victory in any of the several states now a toss-up would be enough to push her over the top and into the White House.

For Donald Trump, the electoral map is as daunting as it is friendly to Clinton. To win, he must sweep all of the toss-up battlegrounds and go on to pick off at least one state where the Democratic nominee now has a solid lead.

That's according to an Associated Press analysis of the map as it stands today, with 78 days until Election Day.

The analysis considers preference polling, recent electoral history, demographic trends and campaign priorities such as advertising, travel and on-the-ground staff.

It finds that to capture the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, Clinton must merely defend traditionally Democratic states and those where recent polls show she has large advantages, and then add just one of the states that The Associated Press now rates as a toss-up.

Those states include Florida, Iowa, New Hampshire, Nevada, North Carolina and Ohio.

And that map may be a conservative estimate of Clinton's head start over the Republican nominee.

In several states the AP rates as toss-ups, including New Hampshire, North Carolina and Florida, recent polls suggest current conditions may be favorable to Clinton, though there are few polls in those states or they have given her a relatively narrow upper hand.

In other states, Clinton's advantage appears more formidable. In Pennsylvania, won by the Democratic nominee in every election since 1992, multiple polls conducted in July and August give the former secretary of state double-digit leads.

That state illustrates the depth of Trump's problem: It's considered a linchpin of his strategy to win over working-class white voters in the Rust Belt.

In Virginia, which handed its electoral votes to Barack Obama twice but was once a solidly Republican state, several August surveys show high single-digit to double-digit leads for Clinton.

Colorado, too, shows no signs of reversing itself after twice supporting Obama. Trump has consistently trailed by large margins in surveys released there since mid-July. Polls released this month in Wisconsin and Michigan also found Trump facing significant deficits.

Trump is left running from behind while also defending traditional Republican strongholds such as Georgia, where a recent Atlanta Journal-Constitution poll suggests even that may be in play for Clinton.

Where the race stands today:

SOLID DEMOCRATIC: California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maine 2nd District, Massachusetts, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington.

LEANS DEMOCRATIC: Colorado, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Wisconsin.

TOSS-UP: Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio.

LEANS REPUBLICAN: Arizona, Georgia, Missouri, Nebraska 2nd District, Utah.

SOLID REPUBLICAN: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wyoming.

In North Carolina, audience shrinking for Trump's message

THOMAS BEAUMONT, Associated Press

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Hillary Clinton “owes the state of North Carolina a very big apology,” Donald Trump thundered, condemning the loss of manufacturing jobs due to free-trade deals supported by the Democratic presidential nominee.

The attack line drew no more than polite applause at his event last week in Charlotte.

In the state that may be the most pivotal to Trump's White House bid, the audience for the Republican's chief economic pitch is shrinking by the day. Textile and furniture manufacturing no longer dominates the state's economy as it did a generation ago. Banking, technology and others industries have driven North Carolina's economic output to grow faster than any state in the past three years.

Voters are flowing into the state at a firehose rate — young, educated and many to take high-paying jobs when they arrive. They're coming from everywhere and quickly diluting North Carolina's conservative political underpinnings.

“Clinton is winning,” said North Carolina Republican pollster Michael Luethy. “Particularly because folks who have moved to the state in the last five years are very different voters. They're persuaded by a different issue set than those have been here a while.”

Meet Katie Snyder of Asheville.

She moved to the hip mountain oasis two years ago as a new college graduate to take an engineering job waiting for her at Thermo Fisher Scientific, a global laboratory equipment maker that has a freezer division in Asheville.

The Ohio native said she tends to support Republicans, but “I don't know what I'm going to do in November.” She doesn't fully trust Clinton, and the 2010 health care overhaul enacted under Democratic President Barack Obama has been hard on some of her peers. But she adds: “I don't know if I can see myself voting for Trump.”

On the road to the 270 electoral votes needed to win the White House, the inability of Trump's message on trade to win over voters such as Snyder in North Carolina is a major problem for the Republican nominee. A win here and in neighboring Virginia would open a path for Clinton reach 270 even if Trump captures the traditional powerhouse battlegrounds of Ohio and Florida.

“I don't see a path without North Carolina,” said Chris Jankowski, a Republican campaign strategist based in Virginia whose work includes North Carolina candidates.

In 2008, Obama was the first Democrat to win North Carolina since 1976. While Republican Mitt Romney won the state four years later, political professionals such as Luethy believe the more than 200,000 people that have moved to North Carolina since the 2012 election increase the challenge for Trump.

An NBC News/Wall Street Journal/Marist poll found Clinton up 9 points in North Carolina in early August. But it also showed that she's substantially outpacing Trump in the state's economic boom regions. She had more than 50 percent support in the Charlotte area and led Trump by more than 2-to-1 in the Triangle region of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

Trump's attacks on the North American Free Trade Agreement may echo in rural North Carolina, but urban centers have done well in the decades since NAFTA was enacted.

The Charlotte area has nearly doubled in size over the past 25 years, due in part to its transition to a transportation and financial hub. It is home to Bank of America Corp., the nation's second largest bank by assets. The Raleigh-Durham area has doubled in size in the past 15 years, exploding alongside the university region's medical and technology businesses.

Even the Asheville area, small by comparison, has grown by 45 percent since 1990 — and faster since 2000. The town now has a population of roughly 500,000, many like Snyder who benefit from free trade. Thermo Fisher Scientific, her employer, has roughly 50,000 employees in 50 countries.

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Clinton's statewide advantage among such younger and college educated voters is also helping tighten the race in what were once the more conservative regions that surrounded Asheville in the state's west and Fayetteville in the east.

Gia Haynes moved from Atlanta after graduating from college in May to Fayetteville with the hope of landing a job as a scientist for one of the major food processors in the region, such as Smithfield Foods Inc. For her, paying off her \$25,000 student loan is more pressing than global trade.

"Trump's down side is he doesn't empathize with people or understand what they are going through," she said.

Jankowski, who has been a leading Virginia legislative race tactician for more than 20 years, said a similar economic transition is helping put Virginia out of Trump's reach. Northern Virginia has evolved in the past generation from a bedroom community for federal employees into a technology hub, especially for military and aerospace design.

Obama twice carried Virginia, which hadn't gone with a Democratic nominee for the 11 consecutive previous presidential elections. Apparently confident in her leads in public and private polls alike, Clinton suspended advertising in the state early this month.

"In North Carolina, you're seeing a smaller version of what's happening in Virginia," Jankowski said.

Cautiously optimistic, the Clinton campaign's battleground data analyst Michael Halle said new voters give her an advantage in North Carolina, though not to the same degree as in Virginia. But, he added: "North Carolina is moving in that direction, faster than Virginia, in fact."

Obama returning from summer vacation ready for busy fall

DARLENE SUPERVILLE, Associated Press

EDGARTOWN, Mass. (AP) — President Barack Obama is returning from vacation rested and ready for a busy fall, including pressing Congress for money to protect against the Zika virus and fending off lawmakers' attacks over the administration's \$400 million "leverage" payment to Iran.

Obama also is expected to campaign doggedly to help elect Democrat Hillary Clinton as president.

Obama was due at the White House late Sunday after a 16-day getaway to Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, with his wife, Michelle, and daughters Malia and Sasha.

His first order of business is a Tuesday trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to survey damage from flooding that killed at least 13 people and forced thousands into shelters.

Obama resisted pressure from Louisianans and others to interrupt his vacation to tour the ruins and meet with officials and flood victims. Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump filled the void created by Obama's absence, touring the ravaged area Friday with his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and helping to unload a supply truck.

Obama planned to spend the rest of the week in meetings, largely to prepare for an upcoming, week-long trip to Asia, his 11th and likely final visit to the region as president.

With Congress still on a seven-week break, Obama and aides probably will focus on what the White House can get from lawmakers before they leave town to campaign for re-election. Congress returns after Labor Day, and the House and Senate will have just a month to pass a catch-all spending bill by the Sept. 30 end of the federal budget year to keep the government operating.

Lawmakers plan to leave Washington again at the end of September, and not return until after the Nov. 8 elections.

The White House will continue to press lawmakers for money to help keep the mosquito-borne Zika virus from spreading and to develop a vaccine, now that Florida last week identified the popular Miami tourist haven of South Beach as the second site of Zika transmission on the U.S. mainland. A section of

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Miami's Wynwood arts district was the first.

Obama asked Congress for \$1.9 billion this year for Zika prevention. Republicans offered \$1.1 billion and added provisions that Democrats objected to, including language on Planned Parenthood and other issues, leaving the matter in limbo before Congress adjourned in mid-July. Lawmakers could end up adding Zika money to the broader spending bill.

In turn, incensed lawmakers have promised to keep the heat on the administration over \$400 million it delivered to Iran in January. Republicans say the money was ransom, paid to win freedom for four Americans who were being held in Iran. Questioned about the payment earlier this month, Obama said: "We do not pay ransom. We didn't here. And we ... won't in the future."

The president and other officials denied any linkage. But administration officials also said it made little sense not to "retain maximum leverage," as State Department spokesman John Kirby put it last week, for the money long owed to Iran, to ensure the U.S. citizens' release, given uncertainty about whether Iran would keep its promise to free them the day the money was to be delivered.

The explanations have failed to satisfy critics in and out of Congress. Trump has begun telling supporters at his campaign rallies that Obama "openly and blatantly" lied about the prisoners. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., said Obama has set a "dangerous precedent" and owes the public a "full accounting of his actions."

Obama opens the fall, and what's expected to be a dogged effort to boost Clinton to the White House, in improved standing with the public, according to the Pew Research Center. His job approval rating stands at 53 percent, compared with 42 percent disapproval. That's about the same as just before July's political conventions.

But Obama's standing among independent voters has reached positive territory for the first time since December 2012. Fifty-three percent of independents approve of Obama's job performance, the center found, while 40 percent disapprove. Independents had split 46 percent to 46 percent on the question in June.

Obama won't spend much time at the White House after a vacation during which he played golf or went to the beach almost daily.

After the Louisiana visit, the president heads to Nevada on Aug. 31 to discuss environmental protection at the Lake Tahoe Summit. The next day, he is scheduled to fly to Midway Island, in the north Pacific, for a climate change event before opening the Sept. 2-9 trip to China and Laos. Obama will become the first U.S. president to visit Laos.

Palestinian rocket strikes Israeli town near Gaza

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Israeli military says a rocket fired from the Gaza Strip has landed in southern Israel.

The army says the rocket struck the border town of Sderot on Sunday. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

Israel and the Hamas militant group fought a 50-day war in the summer of 2014. Since then, a cease-fire has largely held. But militant groups in Gaza occasionally launch rockets toward Israel.

Israel holds Hamas, which controls Gaza, responsible for all attacks emanating from the territory.

When schools are threatened, untold learning time is lost

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The prosecutor calls it "bomb week," his shorthand for eight school threats — many written in school bathrooms or on notes — over a few days in May that set off evacuations and

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investigations, parental panic, and the rumor mill of students linked by cellphones and social media in his Ohio county.

Track athletes missed an end-of-season competition, and some high schoolers started carrying their car keys with them instead of leaving them in lockers, just in case, Warren County prosecutor David Fornshell said. One mother complained that a girl who uses an insulin pump had taken it off for gym class and had to evacuate without it.

"Nobody who sends their kids to school should have to go through that kind of stress and that type of disruption," Fornshell said.

Such violent or disruptive threats are increasing nationwide, according to police, school employees, security consultants and others, blamed sometimes on local students and sometimes on outsiders seeking to cause disruptions or a big emergency response.

State and local agencies don't track the threats, meaning there's no formal accounting of the collective costs. The disruptions typically aren't long enough to merit makeup classes, but the learning time lost to evacuations and cancellations adds up, as do the hours police spend responding and investigating.

Less measurable but still significant are the ways threats can dent staff and students' sense of security even when they're false alarms, as they almost always are.

"Schools are in a really bad position," said researcher Amy Klinger, of the nonprofit Educator's School Safety Network. "People are going to be mad if you evacuate; people are going to be upset if you don't evacuate."

The number of school bomb threats the last academic year alone, based on media reports, was at least 1,267, roughly twice as many as in 2012-13, said Klinger, who also teaches educational administration at Ohio's Ashland University.

Her group estimates there were about eight bomb threats per school day last year, and that doesn't include other threats of violence and disruption. Massachusetts had the most in that tally at 135 bomb threats, followed by Ohio with 96.

Because administrators and police can't simply ignore threats, they grapple with the fallout while trying to deter copycats.

In Ohio, more than 170 school threats were reported in the 2015-16 school year, according to an Associated Press tally based on police updates and media coverage. Threats of bombs, shootings and unspecified violence were called in, written as notes, scrawled on walls and shared via social media and apps. Over 100 Ohio public school districts, or roughly one in every six districts, dealt with at least one threat, as did a handful of private and charter schools and several college-level facilities.

Ohio-based consulting firm National School Safety and Security Services had flagged the state as having more school threats — 64 — than any other state in the first half of the previous academic year. The firm said it studied over 800 threats around the country in that period, up from 315 in a similar span a year earlier.

At least a couple of the recent Ohio threats occurred one day in late May when dozens of threats were made against schools nationwide as officials investigated whether it might be a case of "swatting," when hoaxers playing online games anonymously make threats online or by phone to trigger big responses from police and SWAT teams. Some of those schools evacuated; others didn't.

Months earlier, an email threatening a large-scale jihadi attack had prompted the Los Angeles Unified School District to cancel classes for a day in December, while school officials in New York City quickly dismissed a similar email as a hoax.

Schools where students and visitors entered freely a decade or two ago now have surveillance cameras, locked doors and special security procedures. The National Association of School Resource Offi-

cers estimates the number of such officers in schools has grown to between 14,000 and 20,000, some armed. And teachers are sometimes perceived as first responders.

Lawmakers in Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and elsewhere have explored strengthening penalties for school threats.

In Ohio, lawmakers are proposing legislation to let schools expel students for months for making certain kinds of threats and have them evaluated to determine whether they're a danger to themselves or others.

The bill, supported by associations representing school boards, superintendents and school business managers, also would let districts and law enforcement agencies seek restitution from a student's parents for the costs of responding to their threat.

One supporter of the measure, Hilliard Superintendent John Marschhausen, whose suburban Columbus district had a student accused of threatening a school shooting, described threats "an all too frequent reality."

At least half of the Ohio threats last school year led to evacuations, dismissals or cancellation of classes or activities, according to AP's analysis.

The frequency of evacuations concerns Lt. Joe Hendry, a veteran Kent State University police officer and a trainer and consultant on threat responses. There's no catch-all response for schools, he said, but he suggests they consider whether it would be better to evaluate the legitimacy of a threat before automatically or habitually evacuating.

Besides the disruption, security experts note that neatly filing out of a building and gathering masses of people in one place potentially puts them in further jeopardy if someone wants to target them.

People intending real violence don't generally call ahead, Hendry said, so "I'm more worried about the threat that I don't know about rather than the threat that I do."

Even the false alarms can have broad consequences, and the prosecutor overseeing the "bomb week" cases is trying to drive home that point.

A handful of students were blamed for those threats, including a 12-year-old girl. Fornshell said he would ask a judge to make those found responsible for evacuations write handwritten apology letters to each of the hundreds of affected families in the district — perhaps 1,500 or more, depending on the district — in addition to time in juvenile detention or any other discipline.

"My hope is that it gives them a better appreciation of how wide-reaching their conduct was and how much disruption is actually caused," Fornshell said.

Sneak peek of new Smithsonian shows rich black history

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Lonnie Bunch leans forward to peer inside a slave cabin from Edisto Island, South Carolina. The dark and cramped interior defies his attempts to showcase the small living space its occupants subsisted on.

Bunch flips on the flashlight on a borrowed smartphone, illuminating for his guests the craftsmanship, the hard work and the love that the cabin's former occupants put into what little they had.

The unification of the old and the new, and the use of modern techniques to explain the historical past — that's what the National Museum of African American History and Culture and Bunch, its founding director, are striving for when the newest Smithsonian museum opens on the National Mall next month. President Barack Obama will help dedicate the museum on Sept. 24.

Proud of the striking, dark brown angular museum, Bunch sees its goal as helping all Americans understand and appreciate the rich cultural history of African-Americans, and to shine a light on the

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contributions and achievements of blacks to what the United States has become.

"This is an opportunity to take an amazing culture, and understand what it mean to be an American through this lens," said Bunch, as he toured observers around a special sneak peek inside the building.

The museum is designed to take visitors through African-American history in the United States from slavery, on the lower level, to a reproduction of Oprah Winfrey's television set upstairs and artifacts from Obama's first presidential campaign. The slavery exhibits are in rooms with small cramped walls to simulate slave ships. Also, there are pieces of an actual slave ship, the São José-Paquete de Africa, which wrecked off the coast of South Africa while carrying more than 400 enslaved people from Mozambique.

The slave cabin, from the Point of Pines Plantation on Edisto Island, is one of the largest exhibits and was dismantled and reconstructed piece by piece inside the new museum. While the names of the slaves who lived inside the cabin are unknown, Bunch said the exhibit is a good way to help humanize the people who lived through slavery and to help explore the meaning of their lives.

"What's important about this is that while slavery was a system that controlled people, it was also a system where people built homes and families and tried to sort of craft a life as best they could," he said.

Interior construction is nearly done, Bunch said, as he led a group of journalists around wires and exhibits still under construction: Parliament Funkadelic's Mothership is completely covered, although its distinctive shape is instantly recognizable; a Maya Angelou quote placard "I am the dream and the hope of the slave" sits on a table waiting to be affixed to a wall along with quotes from Obama, Nikki Giovanni and Black Lives Matter founder Alicia Garza; and the playbill announcing Ira Aldridge as the first black man to play Shakespeare's Othello in 1857 in England is hidden behind brown paper on the wall to keep it safe.

Construction on the distinctive looking building is done, Bunch said, and about 40 percent of the exhibits are already inside.

Some of the artifacts are so big the museum had to be built around them: a 90-year-old, 44-seat Southern Railway car that will help explain Jim Crow laws in the South, and 20-foot-plus guard tower from the Louisiana State Penitentiary prison called "Angola" after the plantation that once stood in its stead, to explore the use of policing and laws down South to help keep newly freed blacks in bondage.

But even history can be seen even from the shape of the museum, Bunch said. The bronze exterior of the building is actually a latticework based on historic ironwork created by African-American slaves and freedmen in the South, which fits into their goal of emphasizing the hidden history of African-Americans, Bunch said.

Our "goal was to craft a building that would help us remember the rich history of the African-American, so if you look at the building it has wonderful angles that are shaped both by West African material and women whose hands were at prayer at exactly that angle," Bunch said.

But history won't be static inside the museum, Bunch said.

For example, in the comedy exhibit right alongside quotes from famous black comedians such as Richard Pryor and Redd Foxx is a joke by Bill Cosby, the first African-American to star in a dramatic show on network television. Cosby faces allegations that he drugged and molested dozens of women over five decades, and the 78-year-old comedian has been spending millions in an aggressive bid to stay out of prison, salvage his reputation and avoid legal judgments that could threaten his fortune.

When questioned about the appropriateness of including Cosby, Bunch said the museum will "tell the story of what Bill Cosby was, what his impact was and ... the fact that his legacy is now being questioned. That's it."

The museum will not stop collecting and curating items, Bunch said, and will strive to stay modern. The Oprah Winfrey Theater inside the building will host conferences on race and other issues, Bunch said.

And the museum itself is still changing. Michael Jordan just gave a \$5 million gift to the museum, which will now name its historical sports "Game Changers" section the Michael Jordan Hall.

"African-American history did not stop with President Barack Obama's election, and so we won't stop there either," Bunch said. "There will be plenty for us to talk about in the future, and we're looking forward to helping Americans understand the contributions of African Americans to the rich tapestry of our culture."

Trump says GOP must improve its outreach to black voters

JILL COLVIN, Associated Press

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Donald Trump says the party of Lincoln must improve its efforts to bring black voters back to the fold and that he wants an inclusive GOP.

Trump has been working in recent days to boost his appeal among African-American voters. On Saturday, the Republican presidential nominee assured supporters at a rally in Virginia that he and the GOP are up to the task.

"I fully recognize that outreach to the African-American community is an area where the Republican Party must do better, and will do better," Trump said in Fredericksburg, located between Richmond and Washington in the critical battleground state of Virginia.

Trump noted the GOP's ties to Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president and the chief executive who issued the proclamation freeing slaves, and said, "I want our party to be a home of the African-American voter once again."

Trump's new minority outreach efforts followed a shake-up in his campaign management in the face of falling poll numbers that quickly prompted noticeable changes to his campaigning tactics. In Fredericksburg, he spoke with the aid of a teleprompter, as he has at rallies all this week, and continued to strike a more inclusive, less caustic tone.

Still, Trump continued to rail against the impact of illegal immigration, claiming that an influx to the state of Virginia was putting "enormous pressure" on local schools and public services. And he blamed "border-crossers" who are "being relocated to the state" for taking jobs away.

"The people hurt most by our open border are low-income Hispanic and African-Americans who are competing for jobs and community resources against new arrivals," he said.

Trump once again accused his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, of "bigotry," saying that she took black votes for granted. He delivered the remarks to an overwhelmingly white audience.

Earlier Saturday in New York, he met with his new National Hispanic Advisory Council for Trump, which will work to help him to focus his message, as well as provide assistance with the campaign's Hispanic outreach.

Polling shows Trump lagging significantly behind Clinton among minority voters, partially due to some of the more critical comments on immigration he has made since entering the race. He has accused Mexico of sending rapists and criminals across the border, and has vowed to deport all of the estimated 11 million people living in the U.S. illegally.

Duterte threatens to withdraw Philippines from UN, hits US

DAVAO, Philippines (AP) — The Philippines' brash-talking president threatened Sunday to withdraw

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his country from the United Nations and lashed out at U.S. police killings of black men in his latest outburst against critics of his anti-drug campaign, which has left hundreds of suspects dead.

President Rodrigo Duterte pointed to the haunting image of a bloodied child being pulled from the rubble of a missile-struck building in the Syrian city of Aleppo to note the inability of the U.S. and the U.N. to stop such deadly conflicts, complaining that he comes under fire for the killings of criminals.

The U.S. State Department and two U.N. human rights experts have urged Duterte and Filipino authorities to stop extrajudicial killings in the fight against illegal drugs and ensure law enforcement compliance with international human rights obligations. Philippine police say more than 500 drug suspects have been killed in gunbattles with police since Duterte was sworn in eight weeks ago.

Agnes Callamard, the new U.N. Special Rapporteur on summary executions, suggested that Philippine officials could be held liable, saying in a recent statement that "claims to fight illicit drug trade do not absolve the government from its international legal obligations and do not shield state actors or others from responsibility for illegal killings."

Criticisms against Duterte's crusade against a problem that he says has become a pandemic provoked an angry outburst from Duterte, who held a news conference after midnight Saturday that dragged on for more than two hours.

"Maybe we'll just have to decide to separate from the United Nations. If you're that rude, son of a bitch, we'll just leave you," Duterte told reporters in Davao, where he first built a reputation for his tough crime-busting style while serving as the southern city's longtime mayor.

Duterte also belittled U.N. work in the Philippines without providing facts, raising questions, for example, about the performance of the world body's agency that fights hunger.

If the Philippines breaks off from the U.N. — which Duterte called "inutile" and "stupid" — he said he would invite other countries like China and African nations to form a new international body. The U.N., he said, should return Manila's financial contributions.

"Look at the iconic boy that was taken out from the rubble and he was made to sit in the ambulance and we saw it," Duterte said, referring to the photo of a 5-year-old Syrian boy, Omran Daqneesh, that has gone viral online.

"Why is it that United States is not doing anything? I do not read you," Duterte said. "Anybody in that stupid body complaining about the stench there of death?"

When asked about the possible repercussions of his remarks, Duterte replied: "I don't give a shit about them. They are the ones interfering."

Duterte wondered whether U.N. officials were threatening to put him in prison and repeated that he was ready to sacrifice his life and presidency for his country.

Reacting to U.S. criticisms, Duterte cited the string of shootings involving police and black men that have sparked protests in the U.S.

"Why are you Americans killing the black people there, shooting them down when they are already on the ground?" he asked. "Answer that question, because even if it's just one or two or three, it is still human rights violations."

Duterte's drug crackdown has left more than 500 suspected dealers dead and more than 4,400 arrested since he took office on June 30. Nearly 600,000 people have surrendered to authorities, hoping to avoid getting killed. The arrests have further overwhelmed the Philippines' overcrowded jails.

Canadian rock band The Tragically Hip holds final show

KINGSTON, Ontario (AP) — A delirious sold-out crowd and countless Canadians on live TV watched

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the final concert by rock band The Tragically Hip, whose lead singer and songwriter Gord Downie has been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

The band, an indelible part of Canada's national identity with songs about hockey, small towns and Canadian literature, ended its 15-show "Man Machine Poem" tour Saturday night in its hometown of Kingston, Ontario.

Thousands of fans — including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau — watched The Hip's final show at the Rogers K-Rock Centre, the city where the band began in the early 1980s. The concert was also broadcast live on national TV.

Trudeau's official photographer tweeted a photo of the prime minister and Downie embracing before the concert.

"Well, you know, prime minister Trudeau's got me, his work with First Nations. He's got everybody. He's going to take us where we need to go," Downie said from the stage.

"He's going to be looking good for about at least 12 more years, I don't know if they let you go beyond that. But he'll do it," Downie told concertgoers between songs.

Trudeau could be seen in the audience nodding and mouthing "thank you."

In a brief interview with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Trudeau reminisced about how he used to enjoy the band's music during his high school and university years. He said the band remains anchored in Canada in so many ways through their lyrics and music.

While The Hip became one of Canada's most beloved rock bands, lasting success in the U.S. was elusive — outside of border cities like Buffalo, N.Y., where viewing parties of the concert's Canadian broadcast were held.

Despite being diagnosed with glioblastoma, the most aggressive cancerous brain tumor, in December, an energetic Downie was in fine form as he and his bandmates played an epic 30-song set loaded with hits and punctuated by three encores.

Downie, who started the show wearing a metallic silver suit and hat with a "Jaws" T-shirt underneath, hugged and kissed his bandmates before they stepped on stage to open with "50 Mission Cap," followed by "Courage (for Hugh MacLennan)," "Wheat Kings" and "At the Hundredth Meridian," all off the 1992 breakthrough album "Fully Completely."

The Hip then segued into songs from their latest album, "Man Machine Poem," before running through tracks from "Music @ Work," "Road Apples," "Phantom Power," "Up To Here," "Day For Night" and "Trouble at the Henhouse."

The show was closed out by fan favorite "Ahead By A Century."

Downie gestured as if he was sketching a portrait of the teary audience as the band — rounded out by guitarists Rob Baker and Paul Langlois, bassist Gord Sinclair and drummer Johnny Fay — played the final notes of the song.

They then embraced, stood arm-in-arm as the crowd roared, and then walked off stage for good.

Before performing one song, Downie seemed to reference the outpouring of support from fans in the wake of his diagnosis.

"Thank you, people, for keeping me pushing and keeping me pushing," he said, which prompted a "Gordie!" chant from the audience.

Democratic mega-donors plow money into Senate, Clinton bids

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic mega-donors, including George Soros and Tom Steyer, are putting millions of dollars into efforts to put Hillary Clinton in the White House and win control of the Senate.

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Their investment comes as Republicans worry about not only the chances of their nominee Donald Trump, but also his effect on down-ballot races.

Yet few of the GOP's biggest donors have put major money into Trump efforts, a striking change from four years ago when Mitt Romney had more million-dollar donors on his side than did President Barack Obama. They're also not rushing to help save the Senate, based on the July reports from GOP super PACs.

The presidential candidates and many outside groups detailed their July fundraising and spending to the Federal Election Commission on Saturday. Here are some highlights:

SOROS RETURNS

Billionaire after billionaire appeared on the latest fundraising reports from Democratic super PACs.

Super political action committees face no restrictions on how much money they can take from individual, corporate and union donors. Liberals have decried these groups as bad for democracy — yet they've leaned on them to help win races, saying they don't want to disarm against Republicans.

In July alone, New York hedge fund billionaire George Soros gave \$1.5 million to Planned Parenthood's super PAC and \$35,000 to Priorities USA, both working to elect Clinton, as well as \$500,000 to the Senate Majority PAC. Other million-dollar donors to Priorities USA include the creator of diet product Slim-Fast, Daniel Abraham, and Donald Sussman, a financier who is divorcing Maine Rep. Chellie Pingree.

Soros's latest contributions bring his 2015-2016 super PAC total to more than \$14 million — a fivefold increase from his super PAC investments during the previous presidential election.

BILLIONAIRE EFFORTS

Across the country, California hedge fund billionaire Tom Steyer is feeling similarly generous.

Last month, he pumped another \$7 million into his super PAC, called NextGen Climate Action Committee. In the past two years, he has put into \$38 million into the group, which works to defeat politicians who don't believe in human-caused climate change.

NextGen also is spending heavily to help Clinton, including by giving millions of dollars to labor union super PACs that back her.

Another billionaire with his own super PAC, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, gave \$5 million in July. The group, called Independence USA, backs candidates who want stricter gun control measures.

Although that often means championing Democrats, the super PAC recently began spending to help Republican Pennsylvania Sen. Pat Toomey retain his seat in a tough contest. Bloomberg praised Toomey's support of expanding background checks as his chief motivation for doing so.

Bloomberg has also endorsed Clinton.

DAD BOOSTS SENATE BID

The Senate Majority PAC, a group with ties to Minority Leader Harry Reid, netted \$7.3 million in July — its best fundraising yet this year. One of its top donors was Thomas Murphy, a Florida construction executive whose son Patrick Murphy is likely to face off with Republican Sen. Marco Rubio. The younger Murphy is a Democratic representative who had worked with his family's company before being elected to office.

Other \$1 million donors to Senate Majority PAC were the Greater New York Hospital Association

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Management Corporation, a network of health care facilities in the northeast, and the Laborers' International Union of North America.

On the Republican side, the Freedom Partners Action Fund is typically among the biggest groups spending in Senate races. In July, it counted a single donor, hedge fund billionaire Paul Singer. He gave \$1 million.

Freedom Partners is one of many political and policy groups steered by billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch, who are uncomfortable with Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and have decided to concentrate on down-ballot races. Likewise, Singer is not a Trump backer.

Singer also gave \$1 million in July to the Republican-backing Senate Leadership Fund. He was joined by Home Depot co-founder Bernard Marcus. The contributions of those two men accounted for about 80 percent of the super PAC's July fundraising — a sign that the numerous GOP donors on the sidelines in the presidential campaign aren't all moving their money down ballot, as some had predicted.

TRUMP HELPERS

A pro-Trump group called Great America PAC landed its biggest contribution yet in July, \$100,000 from billionaire Charles Johnson, a backer of vanquished GOP Trump opponent Jeb Bush and owner of the San Francisco Giants. Great America PAC has spent about \$2 million on Trump-themed ads, most of which are aimed at getting viewers to call in to pledge money to the group.

Another Trump group, Make America Number 1, is funded exclusively by hedge fund billionaire Robert Mercer, new filings show. He gave the group \$2 million in July, making him Trump's most generous supporter yet. Mercer was a major funder of Ted Cruz, Trump's toughest opponent in the long primary race.

Mercer's impact on Trump is evident: Not only is he a super PAC donor, but he also funds Breitbart News, whose leader Stephen Bannon became the campaign's chief executive officer this week, and Cambridge Analytica, a data company now doing business with the campaign.

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES INCREASE SPENDING

Trump and Clinton accelerated their campaign spending last month, though the Republican did so far more dramatically.

New campaign documents show Trump's campaign spent \$18.5 million in July, more than double its expenditures a month earlier. Still, that's far short of the \$38 million Clinton's campaign spent last month. In June, her campaign had spent about \$34 million.

Clinton can afford to spend more: Her campaign brought in more than \$52 million in July, compared to the roughly \$37 million the Trump campaign netted. That amount includes a \$2 million donation from Trump himself.

Clinton's report shows her campaign's work to bring small donors into the fold is paying off. Her Democratic primary rival, Bernie Sanders, had strong appeal online and had routinely trounced her on the small-money front. In July, contributors giving \$200 or less accounted for \$11.4 million of Clinton's fundraising — roughly double the amount they gave her in June.

But even having raised less than Clinton overall, Trump outpaced her when it comes to small donors. Contributors giving \$200 accounted for \$12.7 million of his campaign fundraising.

Ryan Lochte says 'immature behavior' got him into a mess

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NEW YORK (AP) — American swimmer Ryan Lochte said he over-exaggerated what happened at a Rio de Janeiro gas station and acknowledged it was his “immature behavior” that got him and three teammates into a mess that consumed the final days of the Olympics.

Lochte, in a portion of an interview with NBC’s Matt Lauer that aired Saturday, continued backtracking from a story that he initially described as an armed robbery. Police have said the swimmers vandalized a bathroom after a night of partying and armed guards confronted them and asked them to pay for the damage.

“It’s how you want to make it look like,” Lochte said. “Whether you call it a robbery or whether you call it extortion or us just paying for the damages, we don’t know. All we know is that there was a gun pointed in our direction and we were demanded to give money.”

But he admitted that he understood that he was being told that the Americans had to pay for the damages or the police would be called.

At that point, Lauer said, “You’re striking a deal. Is that fair?”

“We just wanted to get out of there,” Lochte said, adding the swimmers were frightened.

Lauer told Lochte that his story had morphed from one about “the mean streets of Rio” to a negotiated settlement to cover up dumb behavior.

“That’s why I’m taking full responsibility for it, because I over-exaggerated the story,” Lochte said. “If I had never done that, we wouldn’t be in this mess.”

Lochte also said that he had lied in telling NBC interviewer Billy Bush the next day that a gun had been cocked and pointed at his forehead. He said that he was still under the influence of alcohol when he talked to Bush.

“I definitely had too much to drink that night and I was very intoxicated,” he said.

Lochte, who dyed his hair white for the Games and had it turn a light shade of green from the pool, had changed his hair back to its regular shade of brown for the interview, which was conducted in New York. As Brazilian police investigated his robbery claim, and eventually held his teammates for questioning while they sorted out his story, he had tweeted he intended to dye it back.

He said he hoped to continue competitive swimming but acknowledged that it won’t be his decision about whether he’d be able to be part of the American team again. USA Swimming and the International Olympic Committee could issue sanctions.

Lochte said he regretted how the incident had tarnished Rio and the last week of the Olympics. He also gave an interview to Brazil’s main broadcaster Globo on Saturday to apologize for his actions.

“Brazil doesn’t deserve that,” he said to Globo. “I am sorry that my immaturity caused all this ruckus.”

Brazil wins gold in soccer; US grabs more track medals

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Brazil won the medal it wanted the most Saturday, claiming its first Olympic gold in soccer and providing a lift to a beleaguered nation in the process.

Neymar scored the clinching goal for Brazil with a nifty penalty kick in a victory that touched off celebrations all across the soccer-obsessed nation. The win boosted the spirits of a country that has been dealing with a recession, political turmoil, health scares and rampant crime — not to mention the lingering effects of a 7-1 rout against Germany in the 2014 World Cup.

“Beloved nation, the gold is ours,” Brazilian goalie Weverton said.

The soccer championship headlined a golden day in the Rio Olympics, featuring a full slate of track and field, the future of boxing on display in a medal bout and a Hall of Fame golfer pulling off an impressive comeback. The U.S. women’s basketball team handily beat Spain 101-72 for a sixth straight

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title ; the American women have not lost an Olympic contest since 1992.

Brazil's run to gold in soccer was far from easy, struggling in the first round under the intense pressure of a nation that desperately wanted an Olympic gold. In the final, Neymar not only clinched the win in penalty kicks but scored the team's lone goal in regulation. Brazil won 1-1 (5-4 shootout).

Neymar did it before an electric crowd that featured nine-time gold medalist Usain Bolt. When Neymar scored his first goal, he emulated Bolt's "To the World" pose.

The Germany-Brazil soccer featured nearly entirely different rosters from the 2014 World Cup that marked a low point for Brazilian sports. Olympic soccer features under-23 teams while the World Cup is for the top national squad. But the match still had huge significance for Brazil, which had never won gold.

Unlike Neymar's squad, the U.S. women's basketball team breezed through the tournament — make that six straight tournaments. It was the final Olympic game for Tamika Catchings, who is retiring after the WNBA season. Sue Bird and Diana Taurasi have also hinted that this might be their Olympic finale, too.

Two talented young boxers who could wind up being the future stars of the sport faced off in the bantamweight gold medal bout. Robeisy Ramirez of Cuba won in a split decision over American Shakur Stevenson in an entertaining match in front of a fired-up, pro-Cuban crowd.

Seven medal events are being held in track and field. At the age of 37, Ruth Beitia of Spain won her first major championship with a gold in high jump. Caster Semenya of South Africa won the Olympic title in the 800 meters with no one close to challenging her. Mo Farah of Britain became the first runner in 40 years to win back-to-back long-distance doubles at the Olympics by taking gold in the men's 5,000 meters.

And the Americans had another exceptional night at the track. The U.S. 4x400 relay teams, led by Alyson Felix for the women and LaShawn Merritt for the men, won to give the country 31 track and field medals. The U.S. medal haul also included Matthew Centrowitz winning the 1,500-meters — the first American to take gold in the event in more than 100 years.

Other highlights from Day 15 the Rio de Janeiro Games:

WATER POLO WIN : Serbia and Croatia have a long history — and that now includes a medal match in Olympic water polo. Serbia beat Croatia 11-7 to win the country's first Olympic gold in men's water polo.

GOLD IN GOLF : Inbee Park hasn't won all year on the LPGA. She has been recovering from ligament damage in her thumb and didn't play in the last two majors. But on Saturday, the seven-time major winner took command with a 5-under 66 and won a gold medal.

TRIATHLON WINNER : Coming into the Rio Games, the U.S. had never won an Olympic triathlon gold medal. Gwen Jorgensen changed that, easily winning over the 2012 gold medalist. Jorgensen was an All-American track athlete and swimmer at the University of Wisconsin and had settled into her first job as an accountant in Milwaukee before deciding to take up triathlon. To win gold, Jorgensen ran 6.2 miles, swam a mile in the ocean and cycled 24 miles in 1 hour, 56 minutes, 16 seconds.

BADMINTON DUEL : Chen Long of China and Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia are considered by many to be the best players of their era in badminton. They faced each other in the gold medal match, and Lee — the world's No. 1 player — won again.

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Today is Sunday, Aug. 21, the 234th day of 2016. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 whites. (Turner was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1858, the first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in a Mexican hospital from wounds inflicted by an assassin the day before.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations. (The talks concluded on Oct. 7.)

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had shipped some \$50 billion in aid supplies to America's allies during World War II.

In 1959, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed an executive order making Hawaii the 50th state.

In 1963, martial law was declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a violent crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters.

In 1972, the Republican National Convention opened in Miami Beach.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport. The musical play "La Cage Aux Folles" opened on Broadway.

In 1986, more than 1,700 people died when toxic gas erupted from a volcanic lake in the West African nation of Cameroon.

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

In 1993, in a serious setback for NASA, engineers lost contact with the Mars Observer spacecraft as it was about to reach the red planet on a \$980 million mission.

Ten years ago: A defiant Saddam Hussein refused to enter a plea on genocide charges and dismissed the court as illegitimate at the start of his second trial, this one concerning the widescale killings of tens of thousands of Kurds in 1987-88. British prosecutors announced that 11 people had been charged in an alleged plot to blow up trans-Atlantic jetliners bound for the U.S. (Nine British Muslims were later convicted in connection with the plot.) A train crash on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt, killed at least 58 people. A bomb blast tore through a Moscow market, killing at least 14 people.

Five years ago: Euphoric Libyan rebels raced into Tripoli and took control of the center with little resistance as Moammar Gadhafi's defenses collapsed and his four-decade regime appeared to be crumbling. In a statement from Martha's Vineyard, where he was vacationing with his family, President Barack Obama called on Gadhafi to acknowledge reality and step down.

One year ago: A trio of Americans, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Spencer Stone, National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos and college student Anthony Sadler, and a British businessman, Chris Norman, tackled and disarmed a Moroccan gunman on a high-speed train between Amsterdam and Paris. First Lt. Shaye Havver of Copperas Cove, Texas, and Capt. Kristen Griest of Orange, Connecticut, became the first female soldiers to complete the Army's rigorous Ranger School at Fort Benning, Georgia. Mike Fiers pitched the second no-hitter in the major leagues in nine days, leading the Houston Astros to a 3-0 victory over

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the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Today's Birthdays: Former NFL player and general manager Pete Retzlaff is 85. Actor-director Melvin Van Peebles is 84. Playwright Mart Crowley is 81. Singer Kenny Rogers is 78. Actor Clarence Williams III is 77. Rock-and-roll musician James Burton is 77. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 77. Singer Jackie DeShannon is 75. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Willie Lanier is 71. Actress Patty McCormack is 71. Pop singer-musician Carl Giammarese (jee-ah mah-REE'-see) is 69. Actress Loretta Devine is 67. NBC newsman Harry Smith is 65. Singer Glenn Hughes is 64. Country musician Nick Kane is 62. Actress Kim Cattrall is 60. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL quarterback Jim McMahon is 57. Actress Cleo King is 54. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher John Wetteland is 50. Rock singer Serj Tankian (TAN'-kee-ahn) (System of a Down) is 49. Figure skater Josee Chouinard is 47. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 46. MLB player-turned-manager Craig Counsell is 46. Rock musician Liam Howlett (Prodigy) is 45. Actress Alicia Witt is 41. Singer Kelis (kuh-LEES') is 37. Actor Diego Klattenhoff is 37. TV personality Brody Jenner is 33. Singer Melissa Schuman is 32. Olympic gold medal sprinter Usain (yoo-SAYN') Bolt is 30. Actor Carlos Pratts is 30. Actor-comedian Brooks Wheelan is 30. Actor Cody Kasch is 29. Country singer Kacey Musgraves is 28. Actress Hayden Panettiere (pan'-uh-tee-EHR') is 27. Actor RJ Mitte is 24. Actor Maxim Knight is 17.

Thought for Today: "Paradoxical as it may seem, to believe in youth is to look backward; to look forward we must believe in age." — Dorothy L. Sayers, English author (1893-1957).