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Friday, Aug. 15

Senior Menu: Lemon Baked Fish, Rice Pilaf, California Blend Veggies, Peach Crisp, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniv: Craig & Jodi Sternhagen • Wayne & Marsha Wienk

Birthdays: Mary Fliehs • Margie Washnok • Becky Morris • Elizabeth Gustafson • Nichol Townsend
6:30am: Christian Missionary & Alliance Men's Bible Study at Dairy Queen

Saturday, Aug. 16

Birthdays: • Jim Jones • Nate Gellhaus • Rose Tewksbury • Jennie Doeden • Merle Harder • Marc Rossow

10:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Pastor at Rosewood Court

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



Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

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The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

Death Notice: Charlotte Lange

Charlotte Lange, 94, of Groton died August 13, 2014 at Golden Living Center, Groton. Services are pending for Tuesday with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Service Notice: Verl Cutler

Funeral service for Verl Howard Cutler, 87, Aberdeen and formerly of Claremont, SD will be 11 am, Saturday, August 16, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Aberdeen. Dr. Bob Myers officiating. Burial will be at 2:30 pm, Saturday in the Groton Union Cemetery. Verl died on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at his home near Aberdeen.

Visitation is on Friday, August 15 from 1:00-7:00 pm at Spitzer-Miller Funeral Home, 1111 S. Main Street, Aberdeen.



Julianna and Jeslyn Kosel are getting into the lawn mowing business, being supervised by their dad. They worked their first job yesterday at the Golden Living Center.

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Today in Weather History

1886: A tornado moved northeast from 5 miles southwest of Newark in Marshall County, through town and into North Dakota. Only three buildings were reportedly undamaged at Newark, and a bartender at a saloon was killed. Three people died in two homes on adjoining farms 2 miles southwest of town. A saddle from a Newark stable was carried for a half mile. In North Dakota, homes and barns was damaged along the Wild River. This tornado was estimated as an F3.

1987: On this day the largest hail stone was reported in Brown County. The size of the hail stone as 4.5 inches in diameter, and fell on the southwest corner of Warner. This storm also produced F1 tornado that touchdown about 2 miles southwest of Warner. An estimated wind gust of 60 mph was also reported about 2 miles NNW of Stratford.

2011: Slow moving thunderstorms across parts of northern Roberts County produced anywhere from 4 to 8 inches of rainfall resulting in flash flooding. The town of New Effington was affected with many roads along with several homes flooded. Sandbagging took place to keep the water from the school. Highway 127 from New Effington to Hammer was flooded in several spots. This was the second time that New Effington was flooded in the last month. The floodwaters remained for several days afterward with several roads flooded.

1787 - Tornadoes were reported in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. Wethersfield CT was hard hit by the tornado outbreak. (David Ludlum)

1946 - Saint Louis, MO, was deluged with a record 8.78 inches of rain in 24 hours. (The Weather Channel)

1967 - The sundance fire in northern Idaho was started by lightning. Winds of 50 mph carried firebrands as much as ten miles in advance to ignite new fires, and as a result, the forest fire spread twenty miles across the Selkirk Mountains in just twelve hours, burning 56,000 acres. The heat of the fire produced whirlwinds of flame with winds up to 300 mph which flung giant trees about like matchsticks. (David Ludlum)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a sharp cold front produced severe weather in the Upper Midwest during the afternoon and evening hours, with Minnesota and eastern South Dakota hardest

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hit. A thunderstorm in west central Minnesota spawned a tornado at Eagle Lake which killed one person and injured eight others. A thunderstorm in eastern South Dakota produced softball size hail at Warner. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - Thirty five cities in twenty states in the north central and northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Lamoni IA and Baltimore MD, where the mercury hit 105 degrees. Temperatures 100 degrees or above were reported in twenty-two states. Pierre SD was the hot spot in the nation with a high of 114 degrees. Bluefield WV reported eight straight days of record heat. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms in eastern New Mexico produced wind gusts to 66 mph at Clovis. Evening thunderstorms in West Texas produced baseball size hail around Hereford, Dimmitt, Ware and Dalhart. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Kendra at 605/215-4000.

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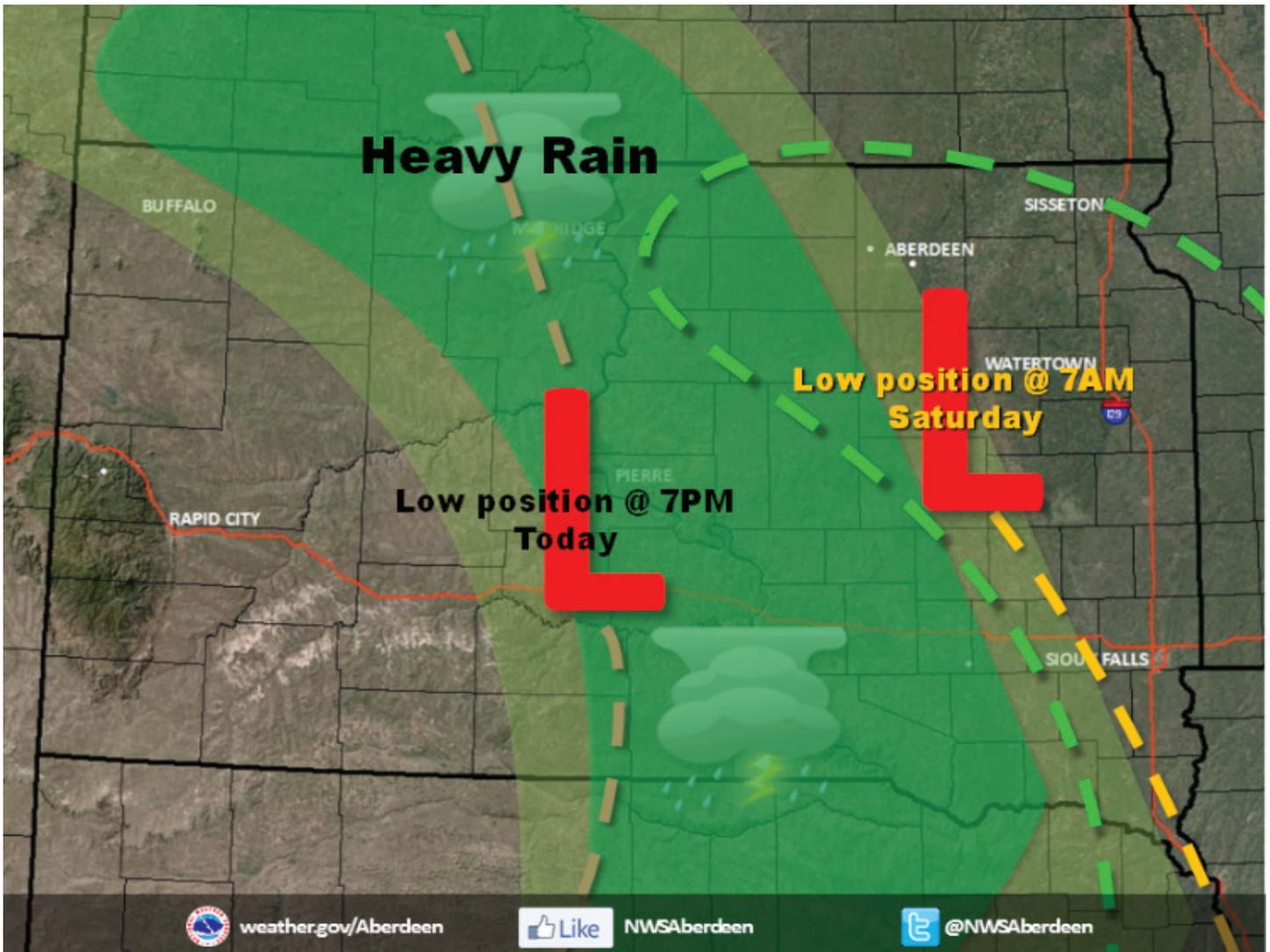


Come 'n' Get It!
Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night
Andover Bar & Grill Serving 5-9 p.m.
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
 30%	 50%	 40%	 20%	 30%	 50%	 50%
Heavy Rain High: 81 °F	Heavy Rain Low: 65 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 80 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 61 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 83 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 65 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 83 °F



A slow moving low pressure system will drift over western and central SD today. Combined with abundant moisture, several rounds of slow moving storms with persistent heavy rainfall are possible. Localized flash flooding is a major concern. There is also the possibility of isolated strong storms which could produce large hail. The low pressure system will then shift east, and the threat for heavy rainfall will be positioned over northeast SD and west central MN Saturday. A second storm system will cross the Dakotas Sunday and Sunday night, with more rainfall possible.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 76.4°F at 5:23 PM

Low: 63.4°F at 4:13 AM

High Gust: 22 mph 9:02 AM

Precip: 0.45

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1937

Record Low: 42° in 1895

Average High: 82°F

Average Low: 57°F

Average Precip in Aug.: 1.10

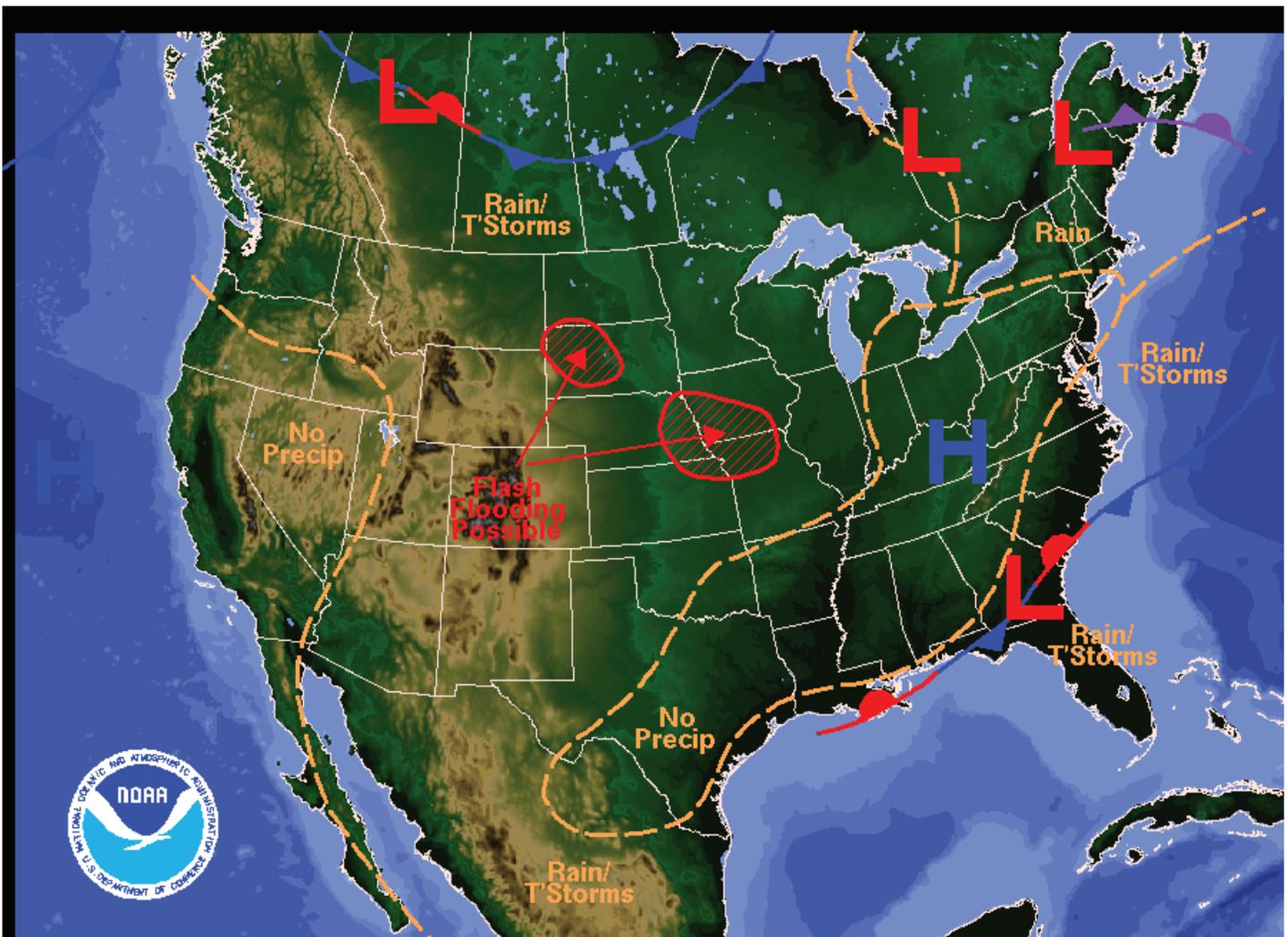
Precip to date in Aug.: 1.24

Average Precip to date: 14.96

Precip Year to Date: 10.22

Sunset Tonight: 8:41 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Aug 15, 2014, issued 2:24 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McCreynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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ASKING GOD FOR A FAVOR

Some time ago a clergyman shouted with all of his might, "God, damn America!" Standing behind his pulpit with his colorful clerical robe and embroidered stole, his rant and rage shocked many who saw him on television.

The longer I watched and wondered, the more his words confused and disturbed me. I could not help but think about the impact this would have on those who were in his congregation or watching him on television or read his words in newspapers and magazines. Surely some would be as disturbed as I was. But, there would be others who would agree with him and cheer for him.

Most often when we and others call on God it is for a favor or something we cannot do. It could be for healing, a financial need, a loved one who has wandered from God, or insight or wisdom. Then there are others who call on God because they want Him to use His power to do things that are destructive - like "God, I hate America so much that I want You to use Your power to hurt people I can't."

David spoke of them: "They speak of You with evil intent; Your adversaries misuse Your name." We need to remind ourselves that God will only answer our prayers if our requests are consistent with His name or in keeping with His character. He is not available to hurt or harm His children or His creation or to satisfy our anger or do our "dirty work" or evil intentions.

God is always there, willing to hear our requests and answer them in the way that will bring honor and glory to Him. If we call on Him "with evil intent," He will not hear us.

Prayer: Lord, grant us purity of heart and mind when we approach You in prayer. May our requests honor You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 139:20 They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

News from the Associated Press

Capitol bash to celebrate North Dakota's 125th

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A bash is set at the state Capitol to celebrate North Dakota's 125th year of statehood.

The daylong celebration Saturday will include entertainment, food, crafts and children's activities.

It's the first of two "signature" events to celebrate North Dakota's quasiquicentennial (kwahs-kwih-sehn-TEHN'-ee-uhl). The second is planned Nov. 2 — the state's official birthday — to coincide with the grand opening of the expanded state Heritage Center.

North Dakota and South Dakota were both granted statehood on Nov. 2, 1889. President Benjamin Harrison signed the admission papers for the two states on that day. North Dakota became the 39th state, and South Dakota the 40th.

South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard is scheduled to attend the Saturday celebration in Bismarck. He's bringing with him the pen that Harrison used.

Pedestrian struck and killed by pickup in Deadwood

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Lead man was struck and killed by a pickup truck while walking across U.S. Highway 14A in Deadwood.

The Highway Patrol says 51-year-old Donald Spurling died about 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Authorities say Spurling was not in a crosswalk when he was struck by the pickup driven by an 83-year-old Rapid City man. Neither of the two people in the pickup was hurt.

The patrol and the Deadwood Police Department are continuing to investigate.

Film to focus on life of Lipscomb coach Don Meyer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A movie about the life of Lipscomb University men's basketball coach Don Meyer will be filmed in Tennessee.

The state Department of Economic and Community Development has approved a \$175,000 grant for the film titled "My Many Sons" to be shot in Nashville.

Meyer, one of the winningest coaches in college basketball history, died in May of cancer. He was 69.

He led his teams into the playoffs 19 times and compiled a 923-324 record during his 38-year career, most of which he spent at Lipscomb in Nashville and at Northern State University in South Dakota.

The movie will explore Meyer's career as a basketball coach, as well as focus on the lives he influenced both on and off the court.

The film is tentatively scheduled for release in early April.

SBA disaster loan deadline nears in upper Midwest

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Small, nonfarm businesses in 46 North Dakota counties have only a couple of days left to apply for disaster loans through the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The SBA says the deadline is Monday for the North Dakota counties and a few neighboring counties in South Dakota, Minnesota and Montana.

The loans are to offset economic losses the businesses suffered because of farmers and ranchers losing money due to various weather events since Jan. 1, 2013.

The loans are for up to \$2 million.

Jones hits 3 homers, Chicago wins LLWS opener

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Moments after Chicago beat Lynnwood, Washington, on Thursday in the Little League World Series, outfielder Pierce Jones looked at his phone — and had to turn it off.

“I didn’t want to deal with all the notifications,” Jones said.

Jones had three homers and four RBIs in Jackie Robinson West’s 12-2 victory in five innings.

Manager Darold Butler the players on the all-black team hear about the support in and around Chicago, but that they do haven’t grasped the magnitude.

“I know for a fact they don’t know how big it is, or what exactly is going on at home,” Butler said. “It’s just baseball to them.”

In the other U.S. game, Las Vegas beat Rapid City, South Dakota, 12-2 in five innings. In openers Friday, Philadelphia will face Nashville, Tennessee; and Pearland, Texas, will meet Cumberland, Rhode Island.

In International play, South Korea topped the Czech Republic 10-3, and Puerto Rico routed Australia 16-3 in four innings. On Friday, Canada will play Guadalupe, and Japan will meet Venezuela.

Jones homered leading off in the first inning, and also tripled in the game. Shortstop Ed Howard added a two-run homer in the second inning.

Chicago scored five runs in the third inning. Logan Kruse relieved Ian Michael, and Chicago capitalized on a passed ball and other misplays behind the plate.

For Chicago, pitcher Joshua Houston settled down after Lynnwood scored two in the first. Houston went four innings, striking out seven and giving up two hits.

“We’re just trying to make the city proud. We’re trying to make the state proud,” Butler said. “From the batting practice we’ve been taking here and the comeback win that got us here, the kids have been very relaxed. ... I felt good going into this game.”

LAS VEGAS 12, RAPID CITY 2, 5 INNINGS

Zach Hare hit leadoff homer in the third inning to help Las Vegas rout Rapid City.

Hare tied it at 2 with his homer to center field and finished 2 for 2 with four runs. Las Vegas added two more runs in the third and Brennan Holligan had a two-run double in a four-run fourth.

Las Vegas starter Austin Kryszczuk had an RBI single in the fifth and Rapid City conceded three more runs, two on wild pitches and the other when a batter was hit by a pitch.

Kryszczuk went 2 2-3 innings. He struck out six and allowed two earned runs on three hits.

PUERTO RICO 16, AUSTRALIA 3, 4 INNINGS

Abimael Torres hit a grand slam in Puerto Rico’s 13-run first inning.

Torres homered after Puerto Rico scored two runs on five straight walks. Oscar Lopez added a three-run homer in the third for Puerto Rico.

Joel D. Santos pitched two solid innings, striking out five and allowing one hit.

SOUTH KOREA 10, CZECH REPUBLIC 3

Jo Ho Park had a three-run homer in South Korea’s five-run fourth inning.

After Park’s homer off of Patrik Kadronozka, Jae Yeong followed with a solo shot. South Korea starter Jae Yeong Hwang struck out eight in three innings.

Little League: Las Vegas beats Rapid City 12-2

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SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Zach Hare hit leadoff homer in the third inning to help Las Vegas rout Rapid City, South Dakota, 12-2 in five innings Thursday night in the Little League World Series.

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For girls in baseball, Little League not the end

SEAN CARLIN, Associated Press

Two girls will be competing in the Little League World Series for just the third time in the tournament's 68-year history.

And their playing days don't have to end there.

Unlike many of the 16 girls that have preceded them, there's a future for Philadelphia's Mo'ne Davis and Canada's Emma March to pitch beyond the fields of South Williamsport, Pennsylvania. They could play in high school and beyond.

A 17-year-old female high school pitcher from Florida recently threw batting practice to the Tampa Bay Rays and another woman is pitching in the NCAA.

Davis, a 13-year-old, has been dominant leading up to the series. She threw a complete-game and only gave up three hits in the team's victory in the regional final last week to reach South Williamsport.

Davis said girls should be given a chance to play baseball beyond Little League if they want to.

"You never know what could happen," Davis said.

March and Davis will make their LLWS debuts on Friday.

Kathryn Johnston was the first female player to appear on a Little League roster in 1950. A rule prohibiting girls from playing was passed in the 1950s, but that was overturned in 1974.

Little League doesn't keep track of how many girls play baseball, but most tend to gravitate toward softball as they get older, said Lance Van Auken, executive director of the Peter J. McGovern Little League Museum. He said it's very rare to see girls competing in baseball beyond Little League, but added that it "doesn't mean it's not happening out there."

Chelsea Baker, a 17-year-old high school knuckleball pitcher in Florida, recently threw batting practice to the Tampa Bay Rays. She said she has received interest from colleges, but no offers yet.

"I tried to play softball, but it wasn't the same for me," Baker said. "My next goal would be to play college baseball."

Billy Connors, a former pitching coach for the Yankees, Royals, Cubs and Mariners, said girls who work hard and receive proper coaching and development "absolutely" can have success on a higher level than Little League. He cited Baker as an example.

"She's doing it," Connors, a member of the Schenectady, New York, team that won the 1954 Little League World Series, said of Baker. "She's a pretty good pitcher."

Ghazaleh Sailors, a pitcher at NCAA Division III University of Maine at Presque Isle, said that she was harassed in high school for playing baseball. She said she never thought of playing softball and doesn't want to be known as the only female NCAA baseball player.

"They think I'm a gimmick," Sailors said. "I'm not here to be a gimmick, I'm here to play baseball."

Van Auken said the publicity surrounding this year's tournament could lead some girls to stick around in baseball longer, rather than move to softball.

He cited Davis' 70-mph fastball as a talent that could lead her to success in baseball in the future.

"That's a really good fastball for anybody in the Little League World Series," Van Auken said.

SD Supreme Court rejects death sentence appeal

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court has upheld the death sentence of a man convicted for his role in killing a state prison guard three years ago.

Attorney General Marty Jackley said Thursday that he'll ask state court officials to set an execution date for Rodney Berget. He was sentenced to death after pleading guilty to killing prison guard Ronald Johnson on Johnson's 63rd birthday during an escape attempt in April 2011.

"The heinousness of the crime, as well as Berget's extensive criminal history, hopeless chance of rehabilitation and multiple attempts of escape leave no alternative but to protect the public through imposition of the death penalty," Jackley said in a statement.

The state Supreme Court overturned Berget's initial death sentence because of an error by the judge in the case. But Berget was sentenced again to death last year.

His attorney appealed, saying a lower court should have allowed new evidence before Berget was resentenced. The state Supreme Court rejected that argument.

Berget was serving life sentences for attempted murder and kidnapping when he tried to escape with Eric Robert, who was serving 80 years in prison for a kidnapping conviction.

The two men attacked Johnson while he was alone in an area where inmates work on upholstery, signs, custom furniture and other projects. Robert put on Johnson's uniform and tried to move a large box, which Berget was inside, toward the prison gate. But the inmates were caught before leaving the prison.

Robert pleaded guilty to the killing and was executed in 2012.

A third inmate was sentenced to life in prison for his involvement in the escape attempt.

SD Regents seek tuition freeze from Legislature

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Board of Regents wants to continue a tuition freeze for in-state students at the state's six public universities for another year, saying the funding is necessary to keep tuition affordable and the state's colleges competitive.

The state's higher education governing body approved its annual legislative budget request, which asks for about \$12.8 million in all, including \$6.8 million in exchange for keeping tuition level.

In their budget, the regents made the tuition freeze their highest priority.

Legislators granted the request from regents in the last legislative session to hold the line on tuition for on-campus resident students.

Freezing tuition for a second year will cost taxpayers slightly more, but it's a worthy investment, said South Dakota State University President David Chicoine.

"Is that (\$6.8 million) investment going to have the rate of return that is greater than if we spent it in some other way? I think there's a pretty good upside for that investment," said Chicoine, noting that schools like SDSU need to keep tuition low to stay competitive and affordable in the upper Midwest region.

The entire budget request to fund the base seeks slightly less than a \$13 million increase in annual

funding, which includes investments for deferred maintenance on academic buildings and increasing the funds dedicated to the state's Opportunity Scholarship.

The Opportunity Scholarship currently covers about 16 percent of the cost of attending college for four years. The regents, who say the program hasn't seen new funding in almost a decade, are requesting an additional \$1.6 million in funding so that it will cover about 20 percent.

In addition to their base funding requests — items that will be funded annually for years to come — the regents also are seeking about \$21.9 million in one-time funding, for such projects as a Chinese language and culture center at Northern State University.

The center, known as a Confucius Institute, bridges the gap between the education system in China and universities around the world. As of 2011, there were 353 Confucius Institutes and 473 Confucius Classrooms in 104, according to documents provided by the regents.

Northern State hopes the Confucius Institute — which would be the first of its kind in the Dakotas — would enhance its Center for Excellence in International Business and help bring more international Chinese students to the school.

Regents also hope to attain \$10 million in funding to provide matching funds for capital construction projects, \$3 million for research equipment and \$7 million to expand the Graduate Education and Applied Research (GEAR) Center, which would house the Biomedical Engineering Program at the University of South Dakota.

The budget request will next be forwarded to Gov. Dennis Daugaard.

Kidnap victim addresses human trafficking forum

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A woman who was held captive for nine months has underscored the importance of work performed by health care professionals, law enforcement and social workers to rescue and support kidnap victims.

Elizabeth Smart-Gilmour told a South Dakota forum on Wednesday that such work "makes a difference" in the fight against human trafficking and sexual abuse. The conference that ends Thursday aims to raise awareness about human trafficking in the Dakotas, which in North Dakota has been partly fueled by the recent massive influx of workers to the Bakken oil fields.

"People like you brought me back," Smart-Gilmour told the audience.

Smart-Gilmour was taken from her Salt Lake City bedroom in June 2002 at age 14 and held for nine months. Now 26, she described her capture and the repeated sexual assaults she endured. She told how she was moved from Utah to California and constantly threatened with death if she tried to escape.

She stressed that authorities must have protocols in place to deal with rescued victims. Smart-Gilmour recalled how she was handcuffed, taken to the police station and left in a "little room with no windows" right after police officers found her. The situation, she said, did not make her feel comfortable.

Since her rescue, she has started the Elizabeth Smart Foundation to protect children and educate them about violent and sexual crimes.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson from South Dakota and U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon from North Dakota are sponsoring the three-day conference. They said human trafficking in the Dakotas involves local victims, not people brought from abroad.

While the Bakken's oil boom has gifted North Dakota with prosperity and population growth in recent years, it has also led to prostitution and human trafficking.

"There's no question that more people equals more crime," Purdon said Wednesday.

Victim advocates in North Dakota have called for the establishment of a shelter for victims of human trafficking in Williston, in the heart of oil country. Victims nowadays can be housed in domestic violence shelters, but these facilities are already strained by an increase in domestic violence also attributed to the population boom.

ND residents joining Missouri River flood lawsuit

BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Some North Dakota residents have joined landowners from five other states in a lawsuit against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over Missouri River flood damage from previous years.

More than 200 landowners from South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri filed the lawsuit in March over flooding from 2011 and other years when there was considerable damage. Additional residents from North Dakota are expected to join after informational meetings in Bismarck this week, Eddie Smith, one of the plaintiffs' attorneys, said Thursday.

Runoff continues to be above normal in the upper Missouri River basin after a wet early summer, but it isn't leading to any new flooding concerns.

People face a Sept. 19 deadline to join, said Smith, with the Polsinelli law firm in St. Louis.

The lawsuit does not seek a specific amount of damages for property owners who suffered damage but received no compensation from the federal government.

Peter and Judy Masset, who were forced from their rural Mandan home for about two weeks in 2011 and had to pump water continuously for three months to save the home, are one couple who plan to join. Judy Masset said Thursday that the lawsuit isn't just about being compensated for damage but also about getting the corps to make flood control a priority.

"It's about protecting landowners, farmers, businessmen, communities," she said. "We're all on the river. We need flood protection."

The federal government has said the corps should not be blamed for major flooding on the river because the management system does not guarantee a flood-free zone. The river is managed for a variety of uses, including barge traffic, hydropower, recreation and wildlife habitat.

Runoff above Sioux City, Iowa, this past July was 33 percent above normal, and runoff for the year is forecast at 29 percent above normal, according to the corps.

"Although July precipitation was below normal in the upper basin, high stream flows persisted in some areas due to very wet conditions in June," Jody Farhat, chief of the corps' Missouri River Water Management Division, said in a statement released Wednesday. "Runoff from the remaining high elevation mountain snowmelt also contributed to the above-normal July runoff."

The reservoir system still has three-fourths of its flood storage capacity available. Water in flood control zones will be released during the rest of the year to serve water supply needs and downstream navigation, Farhat said. The corps earlier announced a full-service, eight-month navigation season downstream. Full service means a channel 9 feet deep and 300 feet wide.

"Gavins Point Dam releases (in South Dakota) will be adjusted as necessary to meet full-service navigation targets and prepare the reservoir system for next spring's runoff," Farhat said.

Certain SD state workers required to get flu shot

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed an executive order requiring annual flu shots for certain state employees.

The requirement is for people who deliver health care services, have regular contact with vulnerable populations or have a role in responding to disease outbreaks. It also applies to contract staff, vendors, students, supervising faculty and volunteers who provide services in state institutions and offices.

The order requires those workers to get a flu shot by Dec. 1. They get the vaccine for free.

Daugaard says the move is vital to protecting vulnerable people from the flu and stemming the spread of the flu to critical health care workers.

People with a medical or religious reason to not get a flu shot are exempt from the order.

10 Things to Know for Today

The Associated Press

Your daily look at late-breaking news, upcoming events and the stories that will be talked about today:

1. MISSOURI MOVES TO DEFUSE TENSION OVER KILLING OF UNARMED BLACK TEEN

County police in riot gear and armored tanks give way to state troopers walking side-by-side in solidarity with thousands of protesters in a St. Louis suburb and a peaceful night passes.

2. UKRAINE: INSPECTORS CHECKING RUSSIAN AID CONVOY

The development seems to be a sign that the two countries are taking steps to ease mounting tensions over the shipment.

3. WHAT PONTIFF IS URGING YOUTH TO DO

Pope Francis implores young Catholics to renounce the materialism that afflicts much of Asian society and reject "inhuman" economic systems that disenfranchise the poor.

4. AL-MALIKI STEPPING DOWN AS IRAQ'S PRIME MINISTER

His decision ends a political deadlock that plunged the country into uncertainty as it fights Islamic State militants.

5. ROBIN WILLIAMS HAD PARKINSON'S DISEASE, WIFE SAYS

The diagnosis was yet another challenge for the Oscar winner, along with depression, anxiety and his decades-long struggle to stay sober.

6. UNLIKELY SOURCE MAY HELP IN EBOLA FIGHT

Scientists are pursuing an experimental way to extract drugs from tobacco plants in the fight against the virus that has killed more than 1,000 in West Africa.

7. AMISH GIRLS SAFE AFTER APPARENT ABDUCTION

The girls turned up 13 miles from where they disappeared from their family's northern New York roadside farm stand, authorities say.

8. BITTERSWEET BIRTHDAY FOR PANAMA CANAL

The famous waterway turns 100 and is marred by doubts about the country's ability to harness the full benefits of a multibillion-dollar expansion.

9. CANDLESTICK PARK GOES OUT ROCKIN'

A concert by Paul McCartney closes the storied venue that was home to the San Francisco 49ers and Giants.

10. WHO'S FOLLOWING BUD SELIG AS BASEBALL COMMISSIONER

His second-in-command, Rob Manfred, is elected by team owners to take over when Selig retires in January.

AP News in Brief

Turmoil, tear gas give way to hope as police pull back from protests over Ferguson shooting

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — County police in riot gear and armored tanks gave way to state troopers walking side-by-side with thousands of protesters as the St. Louis suburb where an unarmed black teen was shot by a city police officer overwhelmingly avoided violence Thursday after nearly a week of unrest and mounting public tension.

The dramatic shift came after Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon assigned oversight of the protests to the state Highway Patrol, stripping local police from the St. Louis County Police Department of their authority after four days of clashes with furious crowds protesting the weekend death of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

"All they did was look at us and shoot tear gas," said Pedro Smith, 41, who has participated in the nightly protests. "This is totally different. Now we're being treated with respect."

The more tolerant response came as President Barack Obama spoke publicly for the first time about Saturday's fatal shooting — and the subsequent violence that shocked the nation and threatened to tear apart Ferguson, a town of 21,000 that is nearly 70 percent black and patrolled by a nearly all-white police force.

Obama said there was "no excuse" for violence either against the police or by officers against peaceful protesters.

Ferguson fallout: Lawmaker urges tighter controls on military giveaways to local police

WASHINGTON (AP) — Images of police outfitted in paramilitary gear clashing with protesters in suburban St. Louis after the weekend shooting death of unarmed black teenager is giving new impetus to efforts to rein in a Pentagon program that provides free machine guns and other surplus military equipment to local law enforcement agencies.

Rep. Hank Johnson, D-Ga., says he plans to introduce legislation when Congress returns in September to curb what he describes as an increasing militarization of police agencies across the country.

"Our Main Streets should be a place for business, families and relaxation, not tanks and M16s," Johnson said Thursday. "Militarizing America's Main Streets won't make us any safer, just more fearful and more reticent."

Attorney General Eric Holder said he's concerned that use of military equipment by police in Ferguson, Missouri, is sending a "conflicting message." Holder said authorities there have accepted the Justice Department's offer of crowd-control help as it continues to investigate the Saturday shooting death of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

The response by law enforcement to protests "must seek to reduce tensions, not heighten them," Holder said.

Ukraine says dozens of its border officials in Russia inspecting aid convoy with Red Cross

KAMENSK-SHAKHTINSKY, Russia (AP) — Ukraine said its customs and border service officials on Friday began inspecting a Russian aid convoy parked just beyond its border, a sign that the two countries were taking steps to ease mounting tensions over the shipment.

Sergei Astakhov, an assistant to the deputy head of Ukraine's border guard service, said the cargo would be inspected in the presence of representatives from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

The group of 41 Ukrainian border service representatives and 18 customs officials began inspecting the Russian aid at the Donetsk crossing on Friday morning, defense officials in Kiev said in a statement.

Russian news agencies said Russia was prepared to present all necessary documentation and to hand over the cargo to the Red Cross.

The roughly 200 Russian white-tarped trucks have been parked since Thursday near Kamensk-Shakhtinsky, about 28 kilometers (17 miles) from the border. Much of the border in this part of eastern Ukraine has been under the control of the pro-Russia separatists.

Iraq's al-Maliki steps down as PM, giving post to rival and opening way for new government

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's embattled Nouri al-Maliki has stepped down as prime minister, caving in to international and domestic pressure to give up his post to a rival politician.

The move defuses a political deadlock that has plunged Iraq into uncertainty and opens way for the formation of a new government that could take on a growing insurgency by Sunni militants that has engulfed much of the country.

Al-Maliki made the announcement on national television late Thursday, standing alongside senior members of his Islamic Dawa Party, including rival Haider al-Abadi. He said he was stepping aside in favor of his "brother," in order to "facilitate the political process and government formation."

The premier-designate al-Abadi, a veteran Shiite lawmaker, now faces the immense challenge of trying to unite Iraqi politicians. The country's major political factions deeply distrust each other and the army seems unable to regain territory in the north and west taken by militants from the Islamic State group.

Al-Maliki had been struggling for weeks to stay on for a third four-year term as prime minister amid an attempt by opponents to push him out, accusing him of monopolizing power and pursuing a fiercely pro-Shiite agenda that has alienated the Sunni minority.

Pope makes tough sell in SKorea, urges young people to reject materialism, competition

DAEJEON, South Korea (AP) — Pope Francis urged Catholic youth on Friday to renounce the materialism that afflicts much of Asian society today and reject "inhuman" economic systems that disenfranchise the poor, pressing his economic agenda in one of the region's powerhouses where financial gain is a key barometer of success.

Francis received a boisterous welcome from tens of thousands of young Asians as he celebrated his first public Mass in South Korea, a country with a small but growing church that is seen by the Vatican

as a model for the rest of the world.

Francis took a high-speed train from Seoul to the central city of Daejeon, where Catholic youths have been meeting for the Asian version of World Youth Day. In his homily, Francis urged the participants to be a source of renewal and hope for society.

"May they combat the allure of a materialism that stifles authentic spiritual and cultural values and the spirit of unbridled competition which generates selfishness and strife," Francis said in Italian that was translated into Korean. "May they also reject inhuman economic models which create new forms of poverty and marginalize workers."

His message will be a tough sell in South Korea, which has grown from the destruction and poverty of the Korean War of the 1950s into one of Asia's top economies. Many though link success with ostentatious displays of status and wealth, with plastic surgery a booming business. Competition among the young, especially for places at elite schools, starts as early as pre-kindergarten and is fierce. The country has one of the highest suicide rates in the world.

While pope visits the South, North Korea's 'quiet Catholics' cut off from the Vatican

TOKYO (AP) — Yes, North Korea has Catholics. It even has a Catholic church.

But while Pope Francis is being welcomed by millions of South Korean Catholics, Christianity has been largely quashed north of the border and, as a string of recent arrests suggest, would-be missionaries there face severe risks amid a North-South religious divide that is perhaps wider than ever.

The church in North Korea is under tight government control and is not recognized by the Vatican. Indeed, services there would be hardly recognizable as Catholic to outsiders.

Inside North Korea's one cathedral are crosses, but no crucifixes. Weekly services feature hymns and prayers offered in a highly formalized manner, but there are no sacraments. Nor are there priests: State-appointed laymen officiate services.

Officials in Pyongyang had no immediate comment on Francis' five-day South Korea visit. Just an hour before the pope arrived in Seoul on Thursday, North Korea launched three short-range projectiles into the ocean. It later said the timing was meant to mark the anniversary of its liberation from Japan.

Three-wheeled Elio, a \$6,800 commuter car, is closer to going on sale

ROYAL OAK, Mich. (AP) — Your next commuter car could have two seats, three wheels and get 84 miles to the gallon.

Elio Motors wants to revolutionize U.S. roads with its tiny car, which is the same length as a Honda Fit but half the weight. With a starting price of \$6,800, it's also less than half the cost.

Phoenix-based Elio plans to start making the cars next fall at a former General Motors plant in Shreveport, Louisiana. Already, more than 27,000 people have reserved one. Elio hopes to make 250,000 cars a year by 2016. That's close to the number Mazda sells in the U.S.

Because it has three wheels — two in front and one in the rear — the Elio is actually classified as a motorcycle by the U.S. government. But Elio Motors founder Paul Elio says the vehicle has all the safety features of a car, like anti-lock brakes, front and side air bags and a steel cage that surrounds the occupants. Drivers won't be required to wear helmets or have motorcycle licenses.

The Elio's two seats sit front and back instead of side by side, so the driver is positioned in the center

with the passenger directly behind. That arrangement, plus the low seating position — the Elio is just 54 inches tall — and the lack of power steering take a little getting used to.

Search for 2 Amish sisters apparently abducted from roadside farm stand ends with safe return

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The search for two missing Amish sisters who apparently were abducted from their family's roadside farm stand in northern New York ended with their safe return about 24 hours later when they were given a lift home. What happened in between remained a mystery.

The girls, 7-year-old Delila Miller and 12-year-old Fannie Miller, were dropped off Thursday evening at a house in Richville, about 15 miles from the family farm in Oswegatchie, St. Lawrence County District Attorney Mary Rain said. Cold and wet but unharmed, they knocked on the door and asked for help getting home, she said.

A neighbor who visited the Miller family after hearing word of the girls' return said she spoke with one of their brothers, who said they were well and being checked out.

"We have the safe return of the two girls, but at the same time we have a lot of work to do," St. Lawrence County Sheriff Kevin Wells told WWNY-TV. "There's still been a crime committed here, these girls were still taken away from their homes."

No other details were immediately available about what had happened to the girls or if authorities had identified any suspects.

Not just Ebola: Drugs manufactured in tobacco plants being tested against array of diseases

NEW YORK (AP) — It's an eye-catching angle in the story of an experimental treatment for Ebola: The drug comes from tobacco plants that were turned into living pharmaceutical factories.

Using plants this way — sometimes called "pharming" — can produce complex and valuable proteins for medicines. That approach, studied for about 20 years, hasn't caught on widely in the pharmaceutical industry.

But some companies and academic labs are pursuing it to create medicines and vaccines against such targets as HIV, cancer, the deadly Marburg virus and norovirus, known for causing outbreaks of stomach bug on cruise ships, as well as Ebola.

While most of the work in this area uses a tobacco plant, it's just a relative of the plant used to make cigarettes.

"It's definitely not something you smoke," said Jean-Luc Martre, a spokesman for Medicago, a Canadian company that's testing flu vaccines made with tobacco plants.

Commissioner-elect Rob Manfred given mandate to manage Major League Baseball changes

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kenesaw Mountain Landis is remembered for throwing out the Black Sox, Ford Frick for an asterisk, and Bowie Kuhn for squabbles with players and owners.

A. Bartlett Giamatti ran Pete Rose out of baseball, Fay Vincent suspended George Steinbrenner, and Bud Selig presided over the cancellation of a World Series, supersized Steroids Era sluggers, increasingly strong drug-testing agreements, and instant replay to aid umpires.

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Minutes after he was elected baseball's 10th commissioner, Rob Manfred didn't want to discuss what great issues he expects to take on when he succeeds Selig on Jan. 25.

"I really don't want to get too deeply today into agendas," he said Thursday after winning a three-way race.

Others speculated the length of games will be a top priority.

San Francisco saying goodbye to Candlestick Park

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco said goodbye Thursday to Candlestick Park — the stadium where the city's beloved Giants and 49ers celebrated some of their greatest triumphs.

The storied venue shut down after an evening concert by former Beatle Paul McCartney that finished about midnight. It will then be demolished to make way for a housing, retail and entertainment development.

The Stick, as it is known, opened more than 50 years ago and served as the home field for the 49ers and Giants. It hosted greats from both teams, including Joe Montana, Jerry Rice and Willie Mays, and was the site of The Catch — Montana's touchdown pass to Dwight Clark to win the NFC championship game in January 1982 and send the 49ers to their first Super Bowl.

The Giants played their last game at Candlestick in September 1999. The 49ers will play at a new stadium about 45 miles south starting this year.

Candlestick was also the site of a 1987 mass by Pope John Paul II and the Beatles' last live concert in 1966.

"Anyone you talk to about Candlestick Park is going to have mixed emotions about it: it's not a pleasant place physically. It gets windy and cold, but it's where the Giants and 49ers played for so many years," Greg Breit, 50, said before the concert's start. "There's so much history here. You can't deny it."

Fans savored the final event at The Stick by holding tailgate parties and taking snapshots of the stadium before the late-afternoon fog rolled in.

San Francisco police warned people attending Thursday's concert not to take any chairs or other mementos from the stadium, saying anyone caught with such items could face vandalism charges.

"We don't want people to be trying to take any pieces of Candlestick Park," Officer Gordon Shyy told KGO-TV. "Just come enjoy the concert tonight and have a safe night."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, August 15, the 227th day of 2014. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 15, 1914, the Panama Canal officially opened as the SS Ancon crossed the just-completed waterway between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans.

On this date:

In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1483, the Sistine Chapel was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV.

In 1812, the Battle of Fort Dearborn took place as Potawatomi warriors attacked a U.S. military garrison of about 100 people. (Most of the garrison was killed, while the remainder were taken prisoner.)

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

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In 1939, the MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz" opened at the Grauman's Chinese Theater in Hollywood.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon.

In 1945, in a radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1967, a 50-foot-tall sculpture by Pablo Picasso was dedicated in Daley Plaza in Chicago by Mayor Richard J. Daley.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1974, a gunman attempted to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a speech; although Park was unhurt, his wife, Yuk Young-soo, was struck and killed, along with a teenage girl. (The gunman was later executed.)

In 1989, F.W. de Klerk was sworn in as acting president of South Africa, one day after P.W. Botha resigned as the result of a power struggle within the National Party.

Ten years ago: Residents left homeless by Hurricane Charley dug through their ravaged homes, rescuing what they could as President George W. Bush promised rapid delivery of disaster aid. In Athens, the U.S. men's basketball team lost 92-73 to Puerto Rico, only the third Olympic defeat ever for the Americans and the first since adding pros. Vijay Singh won the PGA Championship in Haven, Wisconsin.

Five years ago: U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., visiting Myanmar, was able to secure the release of John Yettaw, an American imprisoned for swimming to the home of Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi (ahng sahn soo chee). A wedding tent fire in Kuwait claimed the lives of 55 women and children. Virginia Davis, 90, who'd appeared in Walt Disney's pioneering "Alice" films in the 1920s, died in Corona, California.

One year ago: President Barack Obama scrapped plans for joint military exercises with Egypt, where spiraling violence in and around Cairo were claiming hundreds of lives. A powerful car bomb ripped through a crowded southern Beirut stronghold of Hezbollah, killing at least 27 people. Bert Lance, President Jimmy Carter's first budget director, died in Georgia at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 91. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 90. Actor Mike Connors is 89. Actress Lori Nelson is 81. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 79. Actor Jim Dale is 79. Actress Pat Priest is 78. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 76. U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., is 76. Musician Pete York (Spencer Davis Group) is 72. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 70. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 68. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 66. Actress Phyllis Smith is 65. Britain's Princess Anne is 64. Actress Tess Harper is 64. Actor Larry Mathews is 59. Actor Zeljko Ivanek (ZEHL'-koh eh-VON'-ehk) is 57. Actor-comedian Rondell Sheridan is 56. Rock singer-musician Matt Johnson (The The) is 53. Movie director Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (ihn-YAH'-ee-tu) is 51. Philanthropist Melinda Gates is 50. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 48. Actor Peter Hermann is 47. Actress Debra Messing is 46. Actor Anthony Anderson is 44. Actor Ben Affleck is 42. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 42. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 40. Actress Nicole Paggi is 37. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 30. Latin pop singer Belinda (cq) is 25. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) is 25. Actor-singer Carlos Pena is 25. Actress Jennifer Lawrence is 24. Rap DJ Smoove da General (Cali Swag District) is 24.

Thought for Today: "Forgiveness is the key to action and freedom." - Hannah Arendt, American author and philosopher (1906-1975).