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Sunday, August 9

State Teener Tourney

Birthdays: Loel Schott • Bradley Clocksene • Kim Yarborough • Lee Thompson • Laurie LaMee
5:00pm: HBM worship at historic Trinity Church

Monday, August 10

Senior Menu: Meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, fruit cocktail, zucchini bread.

Birthdays: Drew Hjermstad • Peyton Jondahl • Ron Westby • Jess Bunn

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

7:30 p.m.: School Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

Senior Menu: Creamed chicken, buttermilk biscuit, peas, pineapple/mandarin orange sauce, peanut butter cookie.

Birthdays: Joshua Clocksene • Carol Dix • Jeff Stolle • Renee Tastad Mc Donald • Samantha Jondahl • Tylan Glover • Christina Kramp

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

10:00am: United Methodist Women's Bible Study

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Council

Wednesday, August 12

Senior Menu: Baked pork chop, macaroni salad, pineapple strawberry ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

Anniv: Shawn & Michelle Kelly

Birthdays: Alexa Nilsson • Amber Wolken • Haida Boyd • Jadyne Geffre • James Westby •

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The Irritable Foul-Mouth Syndrome

All things being equal, and they are not, certain words gets under my skin. I suppose I could be called a wordsmith because I enjoy words and like finding out what they mean and how they can be used effectively.

As a young person my favorite book always within reach, was Roget's Thesaurus. I always wanted to the right word, and I was willing to search for it. Some do not believe in synonyms, you have to find the right word.

A love for words is one thing, but what I cannot stand is someone with a dirty and foul mouth spewing out words at random. I hate that with a passion.

Recently, I was away for a convention and when I retired to my room the first night, I settled down with a bowl of ice cream to watch a movie. A movie I had seen on television several times before was playing. This, however, was the uncensored movie edition, I did not quite understand that but I soon had my ears pricked.

As I watched this movie, I notice most of the characters were foul mouthed in every conversation. Every other word was a curse word. This is the reason I stay out of theaters. If you have to use foul language, you are 3° short of intelligence.

Not just foul language that provoked me, but those "clothing challenged" scenes. Why can't Hollywood, when producing their movies, include in the budget enough money to buy proper clothing? If I want to see bare skin, I will go take a shower. After watching a few moments of this movie, I needed a shower.

Between these two things, I ceased watching this film, if you can degrade filmology by calling this a film.

Profanity is not an acceptable part of my life, and I do not appreciate others exercising their right to profanity while in my company. A little respect, please!

Last week, for instance, I made somebody mad. I forget exactly what I did or did not do to provoke such irate anger toward me. After all, I am a great person when you get to know me. As this person began his rant toward me, I noticed he began using words and phrases that really made little sense and did not fit into the sentences he was using.

He insisted I do something to myself anatomically impossible. Perhaps he did not pay attention in anatomy class in high school.

When I understood what he was saying, I said to him, "How do you expect me to do what you're telling me to do?"

Looking at me rather inquisitively, he said, "What?"

So I repeated it. "How can I do what you said for me to do which is anatomically impossible for me to do? Don't you know anything about anatomy?"

"What?"

Not only was his language in great deficiency but his hearing was not quite up to par either. Not understanding what I was saying, he got even angrier and insisted again that I do that which is anatomically impossible.

Then he took his rant in another direction, which caused me some real concern. So, in the middle of his rage, I held up my hands and said, "Wait. I believe you got everything wrong here."

Once more, he stammered out, "What?"

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"I'm not who you think I am."

He stared at me with a confused look on his face and mumbled something I could not understand so I thought this would be an opportunity for me to explain the situation to him.

"Despite my face," I said as calmly as the situation warranted, "I am not a dog and neither is my mother. What in the world gave you the impression that my mother was a dog? You don't even know my mother."

"What?" he said getting red in the face, "I wasn't talking about your mother!"

"You said quite arrogantly," I said staring him right in the face, "that I was a son of a female dog and I'm not."

"Say what?" was all he could utter.

Being confused and not knowing what to do next, he went in another direction and suggested specific travel plans for me in an adamant way that I go to that familiar place, which is really, really hot.

The more I talked with him, or should I say, at him, the more confused he got. I felt sorry for this guy whose vocabulary was limited to greasy slang words that really had no meaning.

I am afraid we have a serious problem, which I call the Irritable Foul-Mouth Syndrome. Let me emphasize the word "irritable." Nothing is more irritable than somebody trying to get in my face using foul language. Believe me, foul language is for the birds.

For me, the only way to get away from all this irritable foul language syndrome is to go to the Bible. Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, "The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth, and addeth learning to his lips. Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:23-24).

Jesus made it quite clear when he said, "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man" (Matthew 15:11).

What comes out of my mouth reveals my heart and the kind of person I really am.

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The Obama EPA Strikes Again

By Senator John Thune

If there is one thing for which the Obama Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can be counted on, it is the repeated issuance of rules and regulations that stifle growth and make life harder and more costly for American families and businesses. The agency, stocked with a seemingly endless amount of red tape, lived up to its reputation earlier this month when it approved the final rule of the so-called "Clean Power Plan," which could be more accurately described as a backdoor national energy tax.

This national energy tax is unwelcome news for South Dakota consumers because it will hurt jobs, cause costs to skyrocket, and threaten our grid reliability. South Dakota is an energy-intense state – we have cold winters and hot summers. As a result, South Dakota families spend a high share of their income on energy costs. While consumers across the state are likely to feel the pain from this burdensome new regulation, it is low-income families and seniors living on fixed incomes who will be hit the hardest. Many families are already finding it difficult to make ends meet. Higher energy costs – and the resulting costs that will be added to existing products and services – will only make that struggle more problematic.

The EPA's rule will require a 32 percent across-the-board reduction in carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 2030. Such a dramatic rate reduction will target the heart of America's affordable and reliable coal generation. South Dakota's state reduction target is 47 percent, which is one of the highest in the country and far exceeds the national average.

For the Big Stone Plant, which is South Dakota's only major coal-fired electric generating unit and nearing completion of a \$384 million environmental upgrade, the dust has yet to settle on existing regulations that the EPA has piled on it, including Regional Haze and Utility MACT. Despite the Big Stone Plant soon becoming one of the cleanest plants in the country, the EPA's latest set of rules will threaten the plant's multi-million dollar investment. In order to recoup this investment, it may be forced to pass its costs onto ratepayers.

In January, I wrote to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy calling on the agency to think twice about the impact their D.C.-based rule-making process would have on South Dakotans halfway across the country. I urged Administrator McCarthy to abandon these rules, or at the very least, reconsider South Dakota's emission reduction target to more accurately reflect our existing energy portfolio and the investments utility companies and ratepayers have already made in efficiency upgrades. Not only did the EPA move forward with these rules anyway, but South Dakota's emission reduction target actually increased in the final rule.

I have said it before: Rule-makers in Washington's concrete jungle, whether intentionally or unintentionally, force one-size-fits-all rules that oftentimes have a devastating impact on agriculture producers, homeowners, and small businesses across the country. With its national energy tax, the Obama EPA has struck again. I will continue to do all I can to see that this ill-conceived rule is reversed.

Employing People With Disabilities

A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:

My mom and dad took pride in self-reliance and taught me the value of hard work. They both worked hard on our family farm, and when the farm went upside-down financially, they both took jobs as janitors at Augustana College to make ends meet.

Mom and Dad were also both deaf, but their inability to hear did not prevent them from working to support my sisters and me. They taught us that all work has dignity and that idleness is not an option. Their disability led them to develop higher levels of determination and persistence.

In 2013, about 65 percent of Americans with disabilities were not working or looking for work. In South Dakota, that number is about 51 percent.

Even though our unemployment rate for those with disabilities is much lower than other states', it's still too high. There are too many South Dakotans with disabilities who want a job but can't find one.

My goal is to make South Dakota an "employment first state." This means making employment the first priority and the preferred outcome for our citizens with disabilities.

As a result of the Employment Works Task Force I established in 2013, the Department of Human Services is now providing technical assistance to employers and connecting them with qualified individuals. I am also challenging the state of South Dakota to become a model employer of people with disabilities.

As a part of this employment first effort, we're striving to show employers what Walmart, Camille's Sidewalk Café in Sioux Falls, Larson Manufacturing and SDSU in Brookings, Black Hills Corporation and many other businesses already know. We are a state that faces considerable workforce needs and there is an untapped labor pool comprised of people with disabilities who are ready, willing and completely ABLE to work.

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, the South Dakota Retailers Association is partnering with the Department of Human Services to host a webinar to guide employers through the process of finding and hiring people with disabilities. That same day, the Department of Human Services is launching an awareness campaign called "Ability for Hire." This campaign aims to educate employers about the benefits of hiring those with disabilities, and to change misperceptions about them.

South Dakota is making definite progress in this arena, but there is always more to be done. I urge all South Dakotans to pitch in on this issue – to hire more qualified workers with disabilities; to support businesses in their efforts to employ people with disabilities; and to prepare youth for an expectation of a lifetime of work rather than public support. You can also help spread the word about AbilityForHire.com when it launches Aug. 11.

The experiences of businesses like Camille's and Black Hills Corporation demonstrate that change is possible. These businesses are proving that employing people with disabilities is not an act of charity or sympathy; it's enlightened self-interest at its very best. It enriches and diversifies our workforce. It's good for business and good for taxpayers. Best of all, it provides a willing worker an opportunity for the self-respect earned through personal achievement.

The EPA's Unfair 'Sue and Settle' Tactics

By Senator Mike Rounds

Too often, rather than writing and implementing regulations in an open and transparent process, environmental regulations are enacted as a result of citizen suits prompted by environmental activists. This practice is commonly known as "sue-and-settle." I recently chaired a Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Subcommittee hearing to examine the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) sue-and-settle tactics and the impact they have on our economy and local governments.

Both the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act contain clauses that allow citizens to file citizen suits against a regulatory agency to reassure the agency's compliance with federal statutes. Often, these citizen suits are being used to perpetuate this sue-and-settle process, which overwhelms regulatory agencies and results in settlement agreements and consent decrees requiring agencies to promulgate major regulations within an arbitrarily imposed timeline.

It is worrisome that these agreements are often negotiated behind closed doors, with no transparency and little input from the public before a final rule is issued. The parties responsible for implementing the rules, such as states and local governments, are nearly completely cut out of the process. They are not even consulted about the practicalities of the settlement agreement. Even more alarming, an EPW Committee report recently released found evidence of the Obama Administration colluding with environmental groups to advance these cases. This unfair process allows the administration to advance its own policy agenda while circumventing Congress and the entire legislative process.

As a result, sue-and settle techniques are creating expensive, burdensome regulations that cost taxpayers billions of dollars, stifle economic growth and limit job creation. What's worse is that these rules are being made behind closed doors by unelected bureaucrats. The American people have no voice in the process. A recent study by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce found that the EPA reconsideration of the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards could cost up to \$90 billion annually, making it the most expensive regulation in history.

Since October 2014, there have been 88 sue-and-settle cases, 79 of which were launched by environmental groups. This squeezes out the voice of average Americans who deserve a say in the regulations under which we all must live. I believe our government works best when the public is involved in the decisions that affect their daily lives and agencies work transparently and in good faith. Sue-and-settle practices undermine this concept.

As chairman of the EPW Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight, I take seriously my job to hold the EPA and other agencies accountable to the American people. I will continue working to stop the unfair sue-and-settle tactics used by the administration to circumvent Congress and the American people in order to promote their agendas.

Today in Weather History

August 9, 1918: An estimated F2 tornado touched down east of Bristol, in Day County, and moved NNE. The tornado was quoted as looking like a long snake like spiral, smashing barns into kindling.

August 9, 1992: A tornado packing winds estimated between 113 and 157 mph caused major damage to the town of Chester, in Lake County. Shortly after 7 pm CDT a tornado tore right through the heart of Chester causing considerable damage. Four businesses were destroyed, three others had major damage, and five had minor damage. An elevator and new grain bin were leveled and another bin was heavily damaged. Most of the building housing the fire department was demolished. Also many houses and vehicles sustained damage and large trees were uprooted or broken off. In one instance a steel beam was thrust through a garage and into the car inside. One mile north of Chester, an entire house was moved off the foundation. The town had to be evacuated for 19 hours after the tornado because the tornado damaged a 12,000 gallon ammonia tank releasing 4,000 gallons of the liquid gas into the air. The ammonia was a health hazard forcing residents out. To the south of Chester the storm destroyed a new convenience store and blew two fuel tanks over 100 yards.

1878 - The second most deadly tornado in New England history struck Wallingford CT killing 34 persons, injuring 100 others, and completely destroying thirty homes. The tornado started as a waterspout over a dam on the Quinnipiac River. It was 400 to 600 feet wide, and had a short path length of two miles. (The Weather Channel)

1969 - A tornado hit Cincinnati OH killing four persons and causing fifteen million dollars property damage. The tornado moved in a southeasterly direction at 40 to 50 mph. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Florida baked in the summer heat. Nine cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Jacksonville with a reading of 101 degrees. Miami FL reported a record high of 98 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Tropical Storm Beryl deluged Biloxi with 6.32 inches of rain in 24 hours, and in three days drenched Pascagoula MS with 15.85 inches of rain. Afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in the Southern Plains Region and over the Central High Plains Region. Thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 92 mph at Harrah. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Evening thunderstorms in Arizona deluged Yuma with record torrential rains for the second time in two weeks. The rainfall total of 5.25 inches at the Yuma Quartermaster Depot established a state 24 hour record, and was nearly double the normal annual rainfall. Some of the homes were left with four feet of water in them. Seventy-six cities in the south central and eastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Lake Charles LA equalled their record for August with a low of 61 degrees. Canaan Valley WV was the cold spot in the nation with a low of 32 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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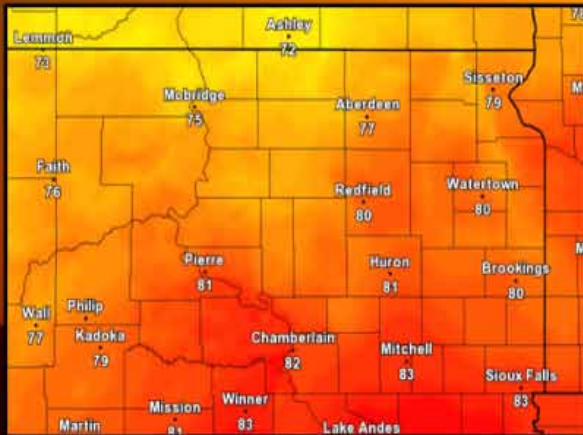
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This Afternoon	Tonight	Monday	Monday Night	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday
 50%	 20%					
Chance T-storms	Slight Chance T-storms	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny	Mostly Clear	Sunny
High: 78 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 82 °F	Low: 57 °F	High: 85 °F	Low: 61 °F	High: 87 °F



Severe Storms Possible Today

High Temperatures



Severe Threat Area



This Morning

- Scattered Showers and Thunderstorms
- Eastern South Dakota and Western Minnesota
- Hail and Gusty Winds Possible

Severe Threat This Afternoon

- Slight Risk for Severe Weather
- Severe Hail and Wind the Main Threat
- Tornadoes Possible
- Locally Heavy Rainfall also Possible



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Updated: 8/9/2015 5:35 AM Central

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Showers and thunderstorms will track across eastern South Dakota and western Minnesota through the morning hours. A few hours of dry conditions are expected before additional thunderstorms develop by this afternoon. Some thunderstorms in central South Dakota could become strong to severe.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 83.4 at 5:37 PM

Low: 65.8 at 5:00 AM

High Gust: 19 at 7:45 AM

Precip: 1.61

Today's Info

Record High: 105° in 1947

Record Low: 41° in 1927

Average High: 83°F

Average Low: 58°F

Average Precip in Aug: 0.71

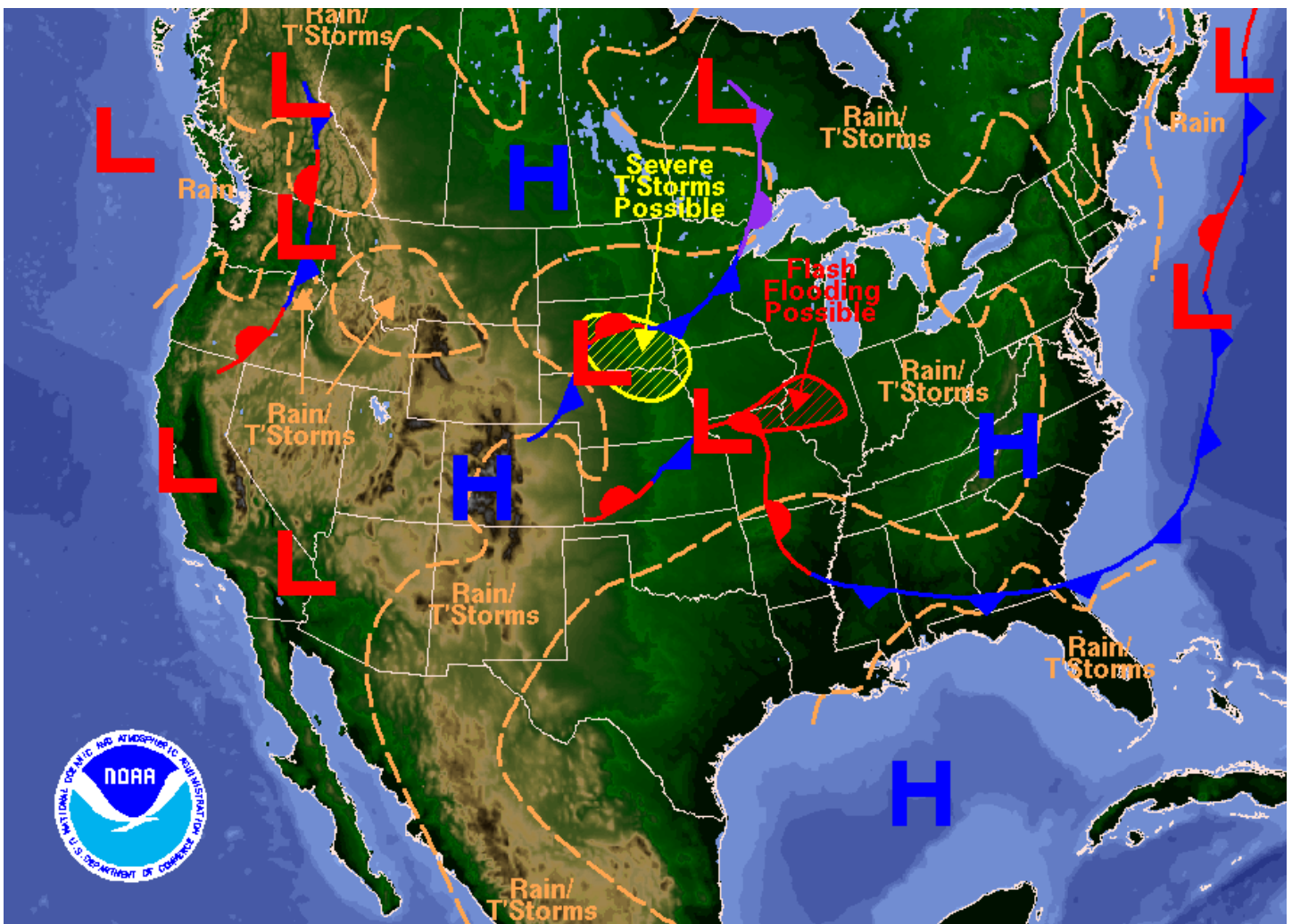
Precip to date in Aug: 2.22

Average Precip to date: 14.57

Precip Year to Date: 13.79

Sunset Tonight: 8:50 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:28 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Aug 09, 2015, issued 4:35 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Kong based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



GOD'S GOOD GIFTS

It was that quiet time of the day just before the sun set. Sitting on his front porch, H. C. Booth was fascinated as columns of dust swirled past him and then suddenly disappeared from sight.

As he watched, he wondered and asked himself a question: "What if it was possible to reverse the wind and instead of it blowing the dust, pull it back?" After much thought and many experiments, he invented the vacuum cleaner in 1901.

Each day God brings many "columns of dust and dirt" into our lives. Often they seem routine and repetitive, troubling or trying, frustrating or frivolous. We are disturbed by them, become exasperated with them and wish they would go away. Our peace evaporates and our rage rises. But, there is hope!

James has some good advice for us. He says, "If you need wisdom – if you want to know what God wants you to do – ask Him and He will gladly tell you." This wisdom he speaks of is "practical discernment" – the ability to make wise decisions during difficult times. And, we have His promise that at all times and in every situation, if we only ask, He'll give us insight and guide our choices.

Prayer: Lord, open our eyes to see that things do not need to remain as they are if we look to You for insight. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

News from the Associated Press

7-year-old boy helps feed hungry at Sioux Falls nonprofit

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A 7-year-old boy is helping a Sioux Falls nonprofit feed the hungry by collecting money, books and vegetables for local gardens.

Riley McKeown of Brandon got the idea to help out at The Banquet, which provides meals to hundreds of needy people each week, while doing volunteer work there several weeks ago, The Argus Leader (<http://argusne.ws/1MeOIlo>) reported. As of late July, he had raised \$770, collected 250 books and procured dozens of vegetables, including 150 cucumbers.

He's also working to raise awareness about hunger in the community and further The Banquet's mission by posting about his efforts to help the nonprofit on Facebook.

"There are kids younger than me who don't know whether they're going to have anything to eat," Ryley said. "The Banquet gives them food even though they can't pay. I want to help."

Riley signed up 24 volunteers to help serve breakfast at the nonprofit last month. His mother, Jen, said Riley does chores around the house in exchange for her help on Facebook.

"He repays me for his 'cause marketing' by cleaning the bathrooms in our home and by watering my flowers every day," she said. "He really wants to own this project and wanted to do the social media himself but I explained that 7-year-olds probably shouldn't be given the reins to their own Facebook pages, but that he could repay my time by doing something for me."

Riley, who has dubbed his project "Help the Hungry," is among a handful of students at Hoover's Martial Arts in Brandon who have taken on summer service projects. Instructors at the martial arts studio are encouraging students to volunteer throughout the summer instead of sitting on the couch and playing videogames.

Last summer, Riley started a project to pick up garbage along trails and paths. He has continued it this year, with a goal of cleaning up 100 miles.

"It makes me feel good and it's the right thing to do," Ryley said. "I've learned that no matter how small you are, you can still make a big difference."

Rapid City airport gets new director from Grand Forks

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The incoming leader of Rapid City's airport wants to board his new position with sky-high hopes of attracting more visitors to the area during the summertime.

On Monday, the Rapid City Regional Airport Board announced that Patrick Dame was hired as the airport's executive director. He's set to begin at his new job in mid-September, leaving a similar position at North Dakota's Grand Forks International Airport, the 22nd busiest airport in the nation.

Dame would like to work with low-cost carriers to turn the city into more of a summer destination for travelers, he told the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1W3sxBP>) after the announcement on Monday. He said he thinks that can be possible with existing carriers such as Allegiant Air.

Dame, 38, grew up in Anoka, Minnesota, and has a degree in aviation management from St. Cloud State University. He has also managed airports in Brookings and Minot, North Dakota.

His extensive resume makes him qualified for his new job at Rapid City Regional Airport, Dick McConnell, president of the airport's board, said in a press release.

"Rapid City Regional Airport is fortunate to have someone with Patrick's background and experience at the helm," McConnell said.

Dame's wife and three daughters will move to Rapid City before the start of the school year, he said. Dame will follow shortly after, once he has reached the Sept. 12 completion of his duties in Grand Forks.

"I think Rapid City has pretty great air service for the population that's there," Dame said. "But I always think there is room to continuously improve."

Dame succeeds Cameron Humphres, who resigned in January following a leave of absence.

US Forest Service firefighter killed while battling blaze

VALLEJO, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Forest Service says one of its firefighters was killed Saturday evening in the Lake Tahoe area after he was struck by a tree while battling a wildfire.

The agency says in a news release that the firefighter was hit about 5:30 p.m. while working in a remote area between the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit and Eldorado National Forest. The release did not identify him or provide an age.

The Forest Service says a second male firefighter who was also injured in the incident has been treated and released from a nearby hospital.

On July 30, a firefighter was killed by a wildfire in the Modoc National Forest while he scouted the area for ways to fight the blaze, officials said Saturday.

U.S. Forest Service firefighter David Ruhl, of Rapid City, South Dakota, had been on temporary assignment since June in California, where he was an assistant fire management officer for the Big Valley Ranger District.

Wildlife center operator says Deadwood location up for sale

DEADWOOD, S.D. (AP) — A Minnesota woman who in recent months opened a wildlife education center that houses wolf cubs and fox kits in Deadwood is selling its business property in the town.

Owner Terri Petter tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1KWFirG>) that Fur-Ever Wild has decided to sell its Deadwood location because of changes in rules and regulations from the city and the state.

The South Dakota Animal Industry Board has blocked Petter from allowing the public to pet the animals. An ordinance recently passed in Deadwood has stopped Fur-Ever Wild from increasing the number of housed animals.

Petter says the ordinance would block growth for the business. Some opponents of the facility have worked against it at the state and local level.

Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce reports fiscal insolvency

BELLE FOURCHE, S.D. (AP) — The Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce's president says the organization is financially insolvent.

Chamber President Mark Reese tells the Black Hills Pioneer (<http://bit.ly/1TfxPG6>) that the organization needs funding to meet 2015 obligations and said the group is falling behind on its office rent.

Reese says the group's balance sheet "shows that we are insolvent."

Reese has asked the city of Belle Fourche for financial help.

City Councilwoman Karen Wagner says that money's not in this year's budget, but Wagner says that a committee could convene to hear Reese's request.

The committee could make a recommendation to the full city council.

New Badlands National Park leader open to tribal park plan

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The incoming superintendent of Badlands National Park says he's open to a languishing plan to create a tribal national park in the Badlands.

Recently named Superintendent Mike Pflaum tells the Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1hqDiOA>) that he wants to help repair relationships with tribal officials on issues including the plan.

The proposal would establish on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation the country's first tribal national park.

The Oglala Sioux Tribe halted its participation in the plan in February. The park had been withholding gate receipts from the tribe because the tribe hadn't been providing necessary financial reports.

The National Park Service has also created a regional office for Indian affairs to help improve relationships with tribal officials.

Pflaum says he wants to learn more once he arrives to lead the park.

County weighing support of putting sacred site in trust

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Pennington County Commission is still deciding whether to endorse placing a site sacred to the Great Sioux Nation into a federal trust.

The Rapid City Journal (<http://bit.ly/1T6VAFw>) reports that county commissioners didn't take action at a meeting where tribal representatives asked them to recommend the change to federal officials.

Four Sioux tribes have gradually purchased a roughly 3-square-mile tract of Pe' Sla land, a sacred site in the Black Hills.

The tribes have also worked with the county and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to reach service agreements for the land since it would stop generating tax revenue if placed into trust.

Commission Chairman Lyndell Petersen says the issue requires more discussion. The commission's opinion on putting the land into trust wouldn't be binding, but would advise federal officials.

Vermillion theater revitalization a smash hit for new group

NICK HYTREK, Sioux City Journal

This is an AP Member Exchange shared by the Sioux City Journal

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Any volunteer group aiming to revitalize a city's downtown and foster cultural opportunities faces that moment when members might wonder how, or if, they're going to pull it off.

But right out of the gate, the new Vermillion Downtown Cultural Association has a summer blockbuster of a project that couldn't be any better marriage of its goals to keep this city's downtown going, while providing cultural events that should appeal to a wide array of people, the Sioux City (Iowa) Journal (<http://bit.ly/1gKCOCV>) reported.

"We're still dazed and confused about the whole thing," said Bill Anderson, the Downtown Cultural Association's president.

Six months ago, association members were thinking about how to achieve their mission of improving cultural life in downtown Vermillion when the city's two movie theaters, both located downtown on Main Street, came up for sale.

You probably couldn't ask for a better situation in which to match culture and downtown development. "It just so happened interest in downtown and the focus on culture fit nicely in this theater project," Anderson said.

The association teamed with the Vermillion Area Chamber and Development Co., the University of South Dakota and other investors to put up \$50,000 to buy the Coyote Twin and Vermillion Theater after the owner of the local company that had owned them for about 40 years announced his retirement. The remainder of the \$200,000 price to buy the buildings and equipment will be financed.

What did they get for their money?

Two buildings in need of remodeling and repair. A leaky roof damaged the Coyote Twin's projector last August, so the projector from the Vermillion Theater was moved over to take its place, essentially closing the Vermillion Theater. Other amenities were outdated, and the theaters didn't offer other modern features such as online ticket purchasing.

Anderson and his fellow association members believe they bought much more than a couple of buildings. The money is an investment in downtown, keeping a vital attraction in place.

"We recognize that in a community like ours, you either have a theater close or have a new owner take over who didn't have the downtown's interest in mind," Anderson said. "Cinema and movie-going is part of the cultural experience, and they're an important part of the social fabric of a community."

So while the Coyote Twin continues to operate, work is ongoing to make the theater cleaner, more comfortable.

Meanwhile, plans abound for the future of the historic theater buildings. Volunteers hope to reopen the Vermillion Theater as a place to see movies other than the latest blockbusters.

Foreign films. Independent films. Documentaries. Classic movies like "Casablanca." Cult classics such as "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Marathons featuring movies of a certain genre or director. Special

events like parties on Oscar award night or live performances.

"We want to be a regional hub for exciting cinema," Anderson said. "There's something for everybody, and we have an opportunity with the movie theaters in Vermillion to do that."

With USD attracting a diverse population of students and faculty to Vermillion, there's an audience for all types of films, Anderson said. The more people they can attract to the theaters, the more potential customers for downtown bars, restaurants and other businesses.

The cultural association had a stroke of luck with this type of project as its initial venture. Nearly everyone enjoys movies, so it's a project that's easy for people to get behind. The movie theater project could be a catalyst for future downtown revitalization projects.

And what a happy Hollywood ending that would be.

Despite record attendance, DUI arrests down at Sturgis rally

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — This year's Sturgis Motorcycle Rally is estimated to have been one of the busiest on record, but officials with the state Highway Patrol say they've actually seen a decrease in drunken driving arrests, in part because of a spike in traffic accidents in the area.

With only Sunday officially left, the rally and its surrounding towns have already seen 140 traffic accidents that caused injuries and 12 fatal accidents in 11 days, statistics that have dwarfed the counts from 2014. With the jump in crashes, Highway Patrol Capt. Kevin Karley said troopers are left with less time to patrol.

"That's what we anticipated. We knew going into this we were going to have higher attendance and higher traffic numbers," he said. "We knew that it was going to be more difficult to work traffic."

As of Saturday, there were 200 DUI arrests tied to Sturgis; that's almost 30 fewer than the same time last year. And officials estimate the rally is one of the busiest they've seen.

On Monday, the Department of Transportation counted more than 96,000 vehicles entering Sturgis, the highest so far this year but still shy of the one-day record of 110,000 in 2000.

Karley said people driving under the influence is always a concern for law enforcement, but also said that less time being dedicated to traffic patrols likely isn't the only reason for fewer drinking and driving violations.

The increased presence of law enforcement this year and the availability of shuttles mean fewer people are likely driving under the influence, he said, adding that attendees knew well in advance of this year's event that there would be a strong law enforcement presence.

"I think it could very well be that people are making more responsible decisions about drinking and driving this year," he said.

In general, the Highway Patrol has made fewer arrests in most of the categories of crimes that are made available to the public.

Arrests for misdemeanor and felony drug offenses are both down this year, as are warnings. And troopers have issued only 30 more citations. There's even been slightly less cash seized.

Karley said it's likely too early to tell for sure why other categories have spiked.

"We go out and do the work and the numbers just bear out," he said.

Obama declares disaster on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — President Barack Obama has declared a disaster for the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, which suffered severe damage from storms, straight-line winds and flooding in May.

The president signed the disaster declaration Friday. The move makes federal aid available to members of the tribe on the reservation affected by the storms that hit the area between May 8 and May 29.

Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs. Members can also seek low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses. Other programs can help business owners recover from the damage caused by the storms.

Gary Stanley has been named the federal coordinating officer for federal recovery operations in the area.

Warrant issued for Sioux Falls man whose infant child died

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Police have issued a warrant for a Sioux Falls man whose infant child died this week.

Officials say police in Sioux Falls responded Wednesday to a report that an infant was not breathing. Emergency services personnel performed lifesaving efforts on the infant, who was transported to a hospital. She died Thursday.

The 21-year-old man faces a charge of abuse and neglect, a class 3 felony.

Lt. David McIntire says the man has not been arrested but says police believe he is not a threat to the public.

The bond amount for the arrest warrant has been set at \$50,000.

Police also found more than two ounces of marijuana and paraphernalia in the man's apartment. He's charged with felony possession, a class 6 felony.

AP News in Brief

Trump battles criticism on several fronts - rivals, a conservative commentator, a former aide

ATLANTA (AP) — Donald Trump is showing no signs of curbing his battle with a Fox News television host, the Republican Party establishment and several presidential primary rivals who are accusing him of disrespecting women.

Even a former Trump campaign aide suggests that the businessman's bid for the White House has become a side show.

Trump's unconventional, insurgent campaign has excited many anti-establishment conservatives while confounding Republican Party leaders already facing the prospects of a bruising fight among 17 candidates.

The latest controversy started Thursday night when Fox News debate moderator Megyn Kelly recounted Trump's history of incendiary comments toward women. Angry over what he considered unfair treatment at the debate, Trump told CNN on Friday night that Kelly had "blood coming out of her eyes, blood coming out of her wherever." That remark cost Trump a prime-time speaking slot at the RedState Gathering, the Atlanta conference where several other presidential candidates spoke to about 1,000 conservative activists.

RedState host Erick Erickson said in a statement that Trump had violated basic standards of decency, even if his bluntness "resonates with a lot of people." The Trump campaign retorted by calling Erickson a "total loser" who backs other "establishment losers."

Michael Brown's father says anniversary of son's death brings back grief, raw emotions

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — On the eve of the anniversary of Michael Brown being shot and killed during a confrontation with a police officer, Brown's father said Saturday that the family still mourns the 18-year-old's death.

Several weekend events are planned to commemorate Brown's death. Among them was a parade on Saturday led by Michael Brown Sr., starting at the memorial on Canfield Drive in Ferguson that marks the site where Brown was fatally shot by former officer Darren Wilson on Aug. 9, 2014.

Time has not healed his wounds, Brown said before the procession, in which several hundred people, a drum corps and some cars joined in on the five-mile route to Normandy High School.

"At the end of the day, I still lost my boy," he said. "I'm still hurting. My family's still hurting."

Although the protests were largely subdued during the day, they picked up after dark as hundreds marched outside Ferguson's police department, mocking the handful of officers who stood watch.

Police ask FBI to assist in probe of officer-involved shooting death of Texas football player

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A Texas police chief promised transparency as the FBI joined the investigation into the death of a Texas college football player who was fatally shot by an officer during a burglary call at a car dealership.

During a news conference Saturday night, Arlington Police Chief Will Johnson said the FBI's Dallas field office has been asked to help investigate the death early Friday of Christian Taylor, a 19-year-old African-American who was unarmed when shot by a white police officer. Johnson stressed the move "in no way diminishes my confidence" in local officers to conduct the investigation.

Taylor's death came two days before the one-year anniversary of the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed, black 18-year-old who was fatally shot by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri. Brown's death galvanized the "Black Lives Matter" movement and sparked protests that at times turned violent.

Johnson mentioned the current climate during the news conference, noting that "our nation has been wrestling with the topics of social injustice, inequities, racism and police misconduct" and that his department would "pledge to act in a transparent manner."

Arlington officer Brad Miller has been placed on administrative leave. Police say the officer, who joined Arlington police last year and was still completing his department field training, had never before fired his weapon in the line of duty.

Calls to abolish nukes, drop Japan security bills, on Nagasaki atomic bombing 70th anniversary

NAGASAKI, Japan (AP) — The city of Nagasaki marked the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombing Sunday with calls to abolish nuclear weapons and halt the Japanese government's push to loosen restrictions on what its military can do.

With Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in the audience, a representative of Nagasaki bomb survivors told an annual ceremony that security legislation introduced by Abe's government goes against the wishes of the survivors and "will lead to war."

"We cannot accept this," 86-year-old Sumiteru Taniguchi said, after describing in graphic detail his traumatic injuries and how others died in the Aug. 9, 1945, attack on Nagasaki.

Representatives from 75 countries, including U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy, were among those gathered under a tall white canopy to shade them from the sun on a 31-degree-Celsius (88-degree Fahrenheit) morning at Nagasaki Peace Park.

As a bell tolled, they observed a minute of silence at 11:02 a.m., the time when the a U.S. B-29 plane dropped the atomic bomb, killing more than 70,000 people and helping to prompt Japan's World War II surrender. The first atomic bomb in Hiroshima three days earlier killed an estimated 140,000.

Israel jails high-profile Jewish extremists, arrests suspects in West Bank settlement outposts

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel intensified its crackdown on Jewish extremists Sunday, jailing two high-profile radicals for six months without charge and arresting additional suspects in West Bank settlement outposts, Israeli security authorities said.

The crackdown comes after a deadly July 31 firebomb attack on a Palestinian home in the West Bank that killed an 18-month-old boy and severely wounded his parents and brother. The boy's father died of his wounds Saturday.

Authorities called the arson attack an act of "Jewish terrorism," and Israel's Security Cabinet approved the use of harsh measures to combat the trend, including administrative detention, which allows Israel to hold suspects for lengthy periods without charge. The measure has been mainly used against Palestinians

suspected of plotting attacks.

Meir Ettinger, the grandson of the late U.S.-born ultranationalist Rabbi Meir Kahane, and Eviatar Slonim, another Jewish extremist, were placed under administrative detention Sunday for their suspected involvement in an extremist Jewish organization, the office of Israel's Defense Minister said.

The two, who are in their early 20s, were arrested last week. Another suspected Jewish extremist, Mordechai Mayer, was placed under six-month administrative detention last week.

Retracing war past and meeting old enemies, ex-North Korean POWs return to South

YANGPYEONG, South Korea (AP) — Back in the country where they were detained as prisoners of war in the 1950s, two former North Korean soldiers now find little apparent objection or hostility, at least superficially — they were even welcomed by veterans who had fought for the South. But it's also a trip that brings back bitter memories of war and puts them on the defensive again.

They are among the 76 North Korean POWs held in South Korea who opted to resettle abroad at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War. Labeled traitors, opportunists or fence-sitters amid fierce Cold War rivalry between the Koreas, they've died abroad one by one and now less than a dozen are still believed to be alive.

Kim Myeong Bok and Kang Hi-dong came back to South Korea on July 23 with a South Korean movie director who's making a documentary on ex-POWs.

The film, titled "Return Home," is intended to trace back their turbulent lives, but the men may not be able to make one important stop. Pyongyang has not given them permission to enter North Korea.

Kim, who is 79 and lives in Brazil, is desperate to return because he thinks this is his last chance.

Governor: Mom in custody case is 'alleged perpetrator' in deaths of 3 relatives, social worker

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — A woman who lost custody of her 9-year-old daughter is "the alleged perpetrator" in the deaths of three relatives and accused in a criminal charge of then heading to a nearby state office and gunning down the social worker involved in the custody case.

Gov. Peter Shumlin assured state workers and families at a news conference Saturday with law enforcement officials after the arrest of 40-year-old Jody Herring that any threat to others was over and that the care of Vermont's "most vulnerable children" remains a priority.

"We know that the incidents were horrific and absolutely heartbreaking," the governor said after returning from vacation in Nova Scotia upon hearing of the deaths. "We also know and firmly believe that this was an isolated attack based upon the person we have in custody, who is the alleged perpetrator of these crimes."

Herring was arrested on a first-degree homicide charge in Sobel's death and is to be arraigned Monday afternoon. It wasn't clear if she had a lawyer who could comment on her behalf.

Attorney General Bill Sorrell said much investigative work remains to be done before he can say what, if any, additional charges will be filed against Herring.

Typhoon Soudelor weakens over southeast China after leaving 22 dead, missing

BEIJING (AP) — A typhoon that lashed Taiwan dumped heavy rain and winds on the Chinese mainland on Sunday, leaving a total of 22 people dead or missing, collapsing homes and trees and cutting power to more than a million homes.

Typhoon Soudelor made landfall in China's Fujian province late Saturday night and was downgraded into a tropical storm as it moved across the region.

Rains from the typhoon triggered mudslides in mountainous Pingyang county in Zhejiang province, north of Fujian, killing nine people and leaving three others missing, the county government said.

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The Fujian Civil Affairs Department said that the storm collapsed 36 houses and damaged 281 others. Authorities had evacuated more than 370,000 people and ordered around 32,000 boats back to port before the typhoon struck land.

State broadcaster showed people wading in knee-deep water in the provincial capital of Fuzhou and said that some streets were submerged under 80 centimeters (30 inches).

Police: Woman whose shooting by officer was captured on video is in stable condition

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman was reported in stable condition after being shot by a police officer in northeast Washington after allegedly refusing to drop a knife.

Metropolitan Police Department Cmdr. David Taylor said Saturday night that police were called to Clay Terrace, about 9 miles east of the White House, at about 6:15 p.m. for a report of fire. Responding officers were confronted by a woman holding at least one knife, he said. She was told to drop the weapon but did not comply and was shot once in the upper body as she advanced, Taylor said. The woman was taken to the hospital, Taylor said, and was reported in stable condition.

Police did not identify the woman or the officer who shot her Saturday, and the cause of the confrontation remained unclear.

The Washington Post reported (<http://wapo.st/1gnNEhg>) that D.C. Police Chief Cathy L. Lanier said Saturday that the woman had "multiple knives" and that no rigid rules determine how officers are to respond in such circumstances.

"There is no policy that dictates every individual officer's perception and every individual officer's actions," she said.

Homecoming; Steelers running back Jerome Bettis highlights Hall of Fame Class of 2015

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The humbled men in gold jackets entering football immortality were unmistakable. So was the endless sea of twirling yellow Terrible Towels there to greet them and the outpouring of compassion for the legend who wasn't there.

Pittsburgh Steelers running back Jerome Bettis headlined the Pro Football Hall of Fame Class of 2015 on Saturday night, the sixth-leading rusher in NFL history turning the annual enshrinement ceremony into a de facto pep rally.

Bettis grabbed one of the ubiquitous towels synonymous with the franchise at the beginning of his speech and led a chant of "Here We Go Steelers, Here We Go" as the capacity crowd at Tom Benson Stadium — most of them clad in some variation of black-and-yellow — roared in support of the player that served as the physical embodiment of the team he helped lead to a fifth Super Bowl title in 2006.

"I really thought the Bus' last stop was in Detroit at Super Bowl 40," Bettis said. "But now I know the Bus will always and forever run in Canton, Ohio."

The euphoria surrounding Bettis' induction proved fitting on a night most of the eight-member class saw their lengthy wait to join football's most exclusive club come to an end.

Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, August 9, the 221st day of 2015. There are 144 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 9, 1945, three days after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, the United States exploded a nuclear device over Nagasaki, killing an estimated 74,000 people.

On this date:

In 1842, the United States and Canada resolved a border dispute by signing the Webster-Ashburton Treaty.

In 1854, Henry David Thoreau's "Walden," which described Thoreau's experiences while living near

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Walden Pond in Massachusetts, was first published.

In 1902, Edward VII was crowned king of Britain following the death of his mother, Queen Victoria.

In 1934, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order nationalizing silver.

In 1936, Jesse Owens won his fourth gold medal at the Berlin Olympics as the United States took first place in the 400-meter relay.

In 1944, 258 African-American sailors based at Port Chicago, California, refused to load a munitions ship following a cargo vessel explosion that killed 320 men, many of them black. (Fifty of the sailors were convicted of mutiny, fined and imprisoned.)

In 1965, Singapore became independent as it was expelled from the Malaysian Federation.

In 1969, actress Sharon Tate and four other people were found brutally slain at Tate's Los Angeles home; cult leader Charles Manson and a group of his followers were later convicted of the crime.

In 1974, Vice President Gerald R. Ford became the nation's 38th chief executive as President Richard Nixon's resignation took effect.

In 1975, Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich, 68, died in Moscow.

In 1982, a federal judge in Washington ordered John W. Hinckley Jr., who'd been acquitted of shooting President Ronald Reagan and three others by reason of insanity, committed to a mental hospital.

In 1995, Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, died in Forest Knolls, California, of a heart attack eight days after turning 53.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery and its crew of seven safely returned to Earth, ending a 14-day safety test that was shadowed by the Columbia tragedy. Charles McCoy Jr. pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and 10 other charges in a series of Ohio highway shootings and was sentenced to 27 years in prison. Author Judith Rossner, who wrote "Looking for Mr. Goodbar," died in New York City at age 70.

Five years ago: Former Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens, 86, the longest serving Republican in the U.S. Senate, was killed in a plane crash in the southwestern part of his state while on his way to a fishing trip (four others also died in the crash outside Dillingham). A fed-up JetBlue flight attendant, Steven Slater, cursed out a passenger he said had treated him rudely, grabbed a beer and slid down the emergency chute of an Embraer 190 at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

One year ago: Michael Brown Jr., an unarmed 18-year-old black man, was shot to death by a police officer following an altercation in Ferguson, Missouri; Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, spawning a national "Black Lives Matter" movement. President Barack Obama justified the U.S. military's return to fighting in Iraq by saying Americans had to act now to prevent genocide, protect its diplomats and provide humanitarian aid to refugees trapped by Islamic militants. Actor Ed Nelson, 85, died in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Bob Cousy is 87. Actress Cynthia Harris is 81. Tennis Hall of Famer Rod Laver is 77. Jazz musician Jack DeJohnette is 73. Comedian-director David Steinberg is 73. Actor Sam Elliott is 71. Singer Barbara Mason is 68. Former MLB All-Star pitcher Bill Campbell is 67. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player John Cappelletti is 63. College Football Hall of Famer and former NFL player Doug Williams is 60. Actress Melanie Griffith is 58. Actress Amanda Bearse is 57. Rapper Kurtis Blow is 56. Hockey Hall of Famer Brett Hull is 51. TV host Hoda Kotb (HOH'-duh KAHT'-bee) is 51. Actor Pat Petersen is 49. Pro and College Football Hall of Famer Deion Sanders is 48. Actress Gillian Anderson is 47. Actor Eric Bana is 47. Producer-director McG (aka Joseph McGinty Nichol) is 47. NHL player-turned-assistant coach Rod Brind'Amour is 45. TV anchor Chris Cuomo is 45. Actor Thomas Lennon is 45. Rock musician Arion Salazar is 45. Rapper Mack 10 is 44. Actress Nikki Schieler Ziering is 44. Latin rock singer Juanes is 43. Actress Liz Vassey is 43. Actor Kevin McKidd is 42. Actress Rhona Mitra (ROH'-nuh MEE'-truh) is 40. Actor Texas Battle is 39. Actress Jessica Capshaw is 39. Actress Ashley Johnson is 32. Actress Anna Kendrick is 30.

Thought for Today: "Education is a private matter between the person and the world of knowledge and experience, and has little to do with school or college." - Lillian Smith, American writer-social critic (1897-1966).