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## Sunday, August 16

**Birthdays:** • Jim Jones • Nate Gellhaus • Rose Tewksbury • Jennie Doeden • Merle Harder • Marc Rossow  
9:00am: Emmanuel Lutheran Worship with Communion  
9:00am: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass  
9:15am: C&MA School  
10:00am: Heaven Bound Ministries worship at Pierpont Church  
10:15am: C&MA Fellowship time  
10:45am: C&MA Worship  
11:00am: United Methodist Church Worship  
3:30pm: Emmanuel Lutheran fellowship at Golden Living Center (Council Serves)

## Monday, August 17

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

Anniversary: James and Linda Stearns

**Birthdays:** • Raevin Wall-Larson • Carla Kittelson • Lisa Harry • Adam Sippel • Bryce Winther • Lisa Snyder • Kathy Walker

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

10:00am: Boys Golf at Milbank

Tuesday, August 18

**Senior Menu:** Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, Jell-O with fruit, whole wheat bread.

Birthday: • Jason Osterman

10:00am: C&MA Ladies Bible Study

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

Wednesday, August 19

**Open:** Recycling Trailer in Groton  
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## **Take Me Out to the Fair** **By Senator John Thune**

It is that special time of year again when families of all ages from every corner of the state can enjoy the sights and sounds of our state and county fairs. From Turner County to Brown County to the state fair in Huron and everywhere in between, there are multiple opportunities for families to make new memories, continue old traditions, and reconnect with friends and family.

While the food, rides, and concerts are certainly the highlight for many fairgoers, there is more to these local celebrations than cotton candy and tilt-a-whirls. Fairs also present a good opportunity to highlight all of our agriculture producers from around the state. Agriculture is South Dakota's number one industry, and there is a lot to celebrate. Our farmers and ranchers not only carry on the generations-long tradition of working hard and living off of the land, but they also contribute a great deal to our state and local economies and communities.

Preserving these traditions is important, which is why getting the next generation of farmers involved and interested at an early age is so crucial. I am always glad to see so many 4-H demonstrations, booths, and activities as I travel from fair to fair. They are not only a staple of the fair scene, but they give young South Dakotans the chance to show off their talents and inspire others to participate as well.

Thankfully, the avian influenza outbreak that swept through the Midwest earlier this year, which affected nearly 50 million birds nationwide, has begun to subside. The outbreak took a toll on egg production in the United States, and costs, both to consumers and farmers, skyrocketed. At this year's state fair, farmers and ranchers can receive an important update on the outbreak and learn more about its impact on South Dakota. This is just one of many examples of the educational opportunities available this year at the state fair.

I know that I mentioned there is more to the fair than the food and entertainment, but I would be lying if I said that I do not look forward to stopping by the Pork Producers' or Cattlemen's booth for a sandwich or attending events like the rodeo championship or an evening concert. These are the things that memories are made of, and I look forward to this season each year to experience these events firsthand with my own family.

If we cross paths at your local fair, be sure to stop and say hello – I look forward to seeing you soon.

## **Buy Your SD State Fair Grandstand Tickets Early to Save on Gate Admission**

HURON, S.D. – The 2015 South Dakota State Fair is just around the corner. Fair goers are reminded that any grandstand tickets purchased by Wednesday, Sept. 2 will include free gate admission. Tickets purchased during the fair will not include gate admission.

Tickets are still available for all of the grandstand acts at this year's Fair. The Red Wilk Construction CBR Bull Bash will take place the evenings of Wednesday, Sept. 2 and Thursday, Sept. 3. Music starts Friday, Sept. 4 with Kenny Rogers and the John Conlee Show. Saturday, Sept. 5, Legend Seeds and the State Fair welcome The Band Perry and opener Logan Mize. On Sunday, Sept. 6, C&B Operations and the State Fair welcome Huey Lewis and the News with opener ZZ-3 to the stage! Monster Trucks and the Soccer Ball Demo Derby will wrap it up on Monday afternoon.

"Offering free gate admission on tickets sold before the fair starts gives fairgoers an excellent opportunity to save money," said Peggy Besch, State Fair Manager.

Tickets can be purchased at [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com), at the ticket office at the SD State Fair grandstand, or by calling (866) 605-3247.

The 2015 South Dakota State Fair will run from Thursday, Sept. 3, through Monday, Sept. 7. Channel Seeds preview night will be Wednesday, Sept. 2. This year's theme is "Sew it.Grow it. Show it." For more information on State Fair events, contact the Fair office at 800-529-0900, visit [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) or find them on Facebook or Twitter.

Agriculture is South Dakota's No. 1 industry, generating over \$21 billion in annual economic activity and employing more than 122,000 South Dakotans. The South Dakota Department of Agriculture's mission is to promote, protect, preserve and improve this industry for today and tomorrow. Visit us online at <http://sdda.sd.gov> or find us on Facebook and Twitter.

## South Dakota's first Poet Laureate Captured Life in the American West



**Photo of Clark is from the South Dakota State Historical Society – State Archives.**

### SOUTH DAKOTA HISTORY & HERITAGE

Badger Clark turned four years of cowboy life into a career as one of America's most successful cowboy poets.

Charles Badger Clark Jr., was born Jan. 1, 1883, in Albia, Iowa. His father, a minister, moved the family to the Plankinton area three months later. The family later lived in Mitchell, Huron and Deadwood. Clark attended Dakota Wesleyan University for one year and then lived in Cuba for two years before returning to the Black Hills to work for the Lead Daily Call. When he was diagnosed with tuberculosis, he followed a doctor's advice to move to a dry climate. He went to Arizona, where he tended a small herd of cattle at a ranch near Tombstone.

"I drearly acknowledge that I was no buckaroo worthy of the name," Clark wrote.

The compensations he found from cowboy life were freedom and the beauty of the desert range. He expressed his feelings for his new life in verse.

His stepmother, Anna, sent a poem he included in a letter to her to Pacific Monthly magazine in California. When that poem, "Ridin'," was published and Clark received \$10 for it, he decided he had found a job for life.

"If they'll pay money for such stuff as that, I'm fixed," Clark said, according to his biographer Helen Morganti.

Clark returned to South Dakota after four years in Arizona. Anna encouraged her stepson to write a poem reflecting the cowboy religion. Clark told her that he had heard cowboys use biblical expressions, but not in the context of a religious nature, according to Jessie Sundstrom in "Badger Clark: Cowboy Poet with Universal Appeal."

Nonetheless, Clark did comply with his stepmother's request, which resulted in one of his most popular poems. "A Cowboy's Prayer" has appeared on postcards, in greeting cards and is read at rodeos.

The fact that the poem is often attributed to "author anonymous" did not seem to bother Clark.

"Mr. Anonymous has written some marvelously good things in the past and when a man reaches a height where he is identified with Anonymous, that's success," Clark is quoted as saying.

Clark's first volume of poems, "Sun and Saddle Leather," was published in 1915. The novel "Spike," containing short stories about life on the Arizona ranch, was published in 1925. "Sky Lines and Wood Smoke" was published in 1935, and "boots and bylines" and "When Hot Springs was a Pup" were published after Clark's death.

The cowboy poet's work has never gone out of print. The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society, oversees the reprinting and

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distribution of Clark's work as well as other materials about him.

Clark took his poems to the people, reading them at schools, colleges, clubs, churches and other gatherings. A commanding presence with a Van Dyke mustache and beard, he would recite his verse wearing knee-high boots, riding breeches and a military-style coat.

He is credited with speaking at the first cowboy poetry event in Elko, Nev., where he entertained a large crowd at the Elko High School gym on April 3, 1926. He was honored at the 2013 National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko when an ensemble cast of artists from across the West recited or sang their favorite work of his.

Often speaking for "travel and meals," honorariums from his speeches and publishing royalties earned him \$500 to \$700 a year, enough to live at his cabin in Custer State Park. Clark described his home, the Badger Hole, as "four rooms and a path." It had no running water, no electricity and was heated by burning wood in the range, the fireplace and in a round heater in the living room.

"Sufficient," he said, "for a bachelor in the backwoods."

Although never married, Clark was once engaged to a classmate at Deadwood High School, according to Sundstrom.

Gov. Leslie Jensen named Clark the South Dakota poet laureate in 1937, but Clark may have preferred another title, as he signed a letter, "Dutifully your poet lariat, Badger Clark."

Clark remained the state's poet laureate until his death from throat and lung cancer in Rapid City on Sept. 27, 1957.

He left a poetic heritage rich in beauty and an understanding of the American West.

This moment in South Dakota history is provided by the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. Find us on the web at [www.sdhsf.org](http://www.sdhsf.org). Contact us at [info@sdhsf.org](mailto:info@sdhsf.org) to submit a story idea.

## **Navigating the Federal Government** **By Rep. Kristi Noem**

Every day, South Dakotans need to interact directly with dozens of federal agencies. Maybe you receive health care through the Veterans Administration or Medicare. Perhaps your family is looking to grow through an international adoption, which requires coordination with the U.S. State Department. Maybe you receive benefits from the Social Security Administration or operate your family business with a loan from the Small Business Administration or have a CRP contract with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. At some point or another, most of us will have to deal with a government agency. While we hope it goes smoothly and that they serve you with the respect you deserve, we know it unfortunately doesn't always turn out that way.

The federal government can be a very difficult, complicated, and confusing organization to navigate. But that's where my office can help. We call it "casework" and I believe it's one of the most important functions of a congressional office.

Many times, we can help you with a single phone call. Perhaps you're simply not sure which agency or division you should contact. We can help you figure that out quickly. We can also help you find exactly who to talk to within an agency to save you time and frustration.

Sometimes, the cases can be more complicated than that, however, and we are here to help you in those scenarios as well. If you can't get an answer from a federal agency or if you feel you've been treated unfairly, we can make a formal inquiry or request information on your behalf. While we cannot guarantee a favorable outcome, we will do our best to help ensure you receive a fair and timely response. This is our way of ensuring the federal government remembers who it is accountable to – and that's you.

Last year alone, we helped more than 500 constituents navigate federal agencies through our casework. Please know our door is always open to help. If you need immediate assistance, please visit my website at [noem.house.gov](http://noem.house.gov) or call my office at 605-878-2868.

I'm incredibly grateful to be able to serve you in this way, so please don't hesitate to contact my office if you need help.

## Farm Bureau Adds Children's Story Time to South Dakota State Fair Schedule

Children attending the South Dakota State Fair on Sept. 3 will have a new option this year for education and entertainment: story time and hands-on activities in the Education building, hosted by the South Dakota Farm Bureau (SDFB).

Volunteers from the SDFB Women's Leadership Team will read stories aloud every half-hour, from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., on Thursday the 3rd. Each book reading will be followed by an interactive, hands-on activity for the kids. The stories are from Farm Bureau's "accurate ag book" program, books chosen for their accurate portrayal of how food is raised and life on the farm and ranch.

"We're excited to be adding this to the fair schedule, to give the kids something fun and educational to do indoors, to take a breather from all the outdoor activities. They can learn more about where their food comes from, and have some fun with the hands-on activities that go with each book," said Cindy Foster,

Chair of the SDFB Women's Leadership Team and farmer from Fulton, S.D. "The kids are going to really enjoy it, and so are we."



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South Dakota Farm Bureau has other activities planned for the State Fair as well, including the Century and 125-year farm and ranch recognition event at 10:00 a.m. on Sept. 3 on the Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage. The entire schedule for the Farm Bureau Dakotaland Stage, including educational sessions and free entertainment, can be seen on [www.sdstatefair.com](http://www.sdstatefair.com) under the "Entertainment" menu heading. Each day of the fair, Farm Bureau volunteers will also hand out free ice-cold bottles of water at its booth on Third Street, in front of the site of the new 4-H building.

South Dakota Farm Bureau is the state's largest general agriculture organization, representing 15,000 farm, ranch and rural families across the state.

## The Value Of Dual Credit Courses

**A column by Gov. Dennis Daugaard:**

Like other young South Dakotans, Kelcie Hauf of Dell Rapids is getting ready to head back to school. As a high school senior, Kelcie is trying to decide which field to study when she graduates. Rather than wait until she gets to college to explore career options, Kelcie is participating in the dual credit program. Because she is considering a career in counseling, Kelcie took a dual credit introductory speech course last spring. This fall she will be utilizing the dual credit program to take Psychology 101 to explore that career path further.

Dual credit courses allow students like Kelcie to simultaneously earn high school and college credit. At only \$40 per credit hour, these courses provide students and their families significant cost savings. These are the cheapest university or technical school credits a student will ever take, and they can save hundreds of dollars by taking just one course. Last year, South Dakota students saved more than \$2.5 million by using this program – averaging more than \$1,000 per student in savings.

At a time when the cost of college is a great concern, dual credit courses are a great way to save money. They also save time, making it more likely that students will graduate on time. Every dual credit course taken in high school is a course that need not be taken in college.

In its first year, this program has been a tremendous success. Last year, 1,946 public, private, Bureau of Indian Education, tribal and homeschool students participated, with a pass rate of 92.76 percent. Thirty-nine districts had at least one quarter of their juniors and seniors complete courses.

Many students take dual credit courses online, which provides greater flexibility in scheduling. These courses also make dual credit available to students who are not near a university or technical institute.

Just as Kelcie is doing, students can explore their interests with dual credit. A student who might want to study robotics or medical lab technology after high school could take an introductory course from one of the state's technical institutes to try out the program before making a final decision. If the student then decides to pursue that career, he or she has a jump start on a degree. Or perhaps a student wants to take a college algebra course not available at the local district. He or she could take that course from a state university.

With dual credit, students take college-level courses while still having the support of their local high school educators who can help them develop the skills they will need, like stronger time management and study skills. In fact, data shows that students who take dual credit do better when they go on to college or a technical institute – even after adjusting for grade point average, ACT scores and other performance indicators.

Today, more than ever before, it's important for young people to continue their education beyond high school. The escalating number of people earning degrees and the increasingly competitive global economy require today's workforce to have greater skill sets and more education. Dual credit can help prepare our students for that next step.

Visit [sdmylife.com](http://sdmylife.com) to learn more.





## Breck plays at McCrory Gardens

Betty Breck, Groton, played traditional American folk songs on her violin at the MrCrory Gardens 50th Anniversary Garden Party August 7 in Brookings. The Gardens were in full bloom; tours, lectures and other activities were held throughout the day; and Master Gardeners were on hand to answer the public's questions.

Betty is pictured playing in front of a quaint, little cottage which was a gas station located in Lake Preston, SD before it was moved to the Cottage Garden. English in origin, a cottage garden depends on grace and charm rather than grandeur and formal structure. It is a distinct style of garden that uses an informal design, traditional materials, dense plantings, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants. A commemorative 50th Anniversary Christmas ornament of the Cottage Garden was offered for sale for the first time at the Garden Party.

The McCrory Gardens Facebook timeline features a photo of Betty entertaining children at the Garden Party.

## South Dakota Forensic Lab-Solving Crime with Science

### Attorney General Marty Jackley

Like CSI and Forensic Files, South Dakota's own Forensic Lab within the Attorney General's Office employs state-of-the-art technology to solve crime and to protect the public. Ever since Thomas Jennings became the first person in America convicted of murder on fingerprint evidence in 1911, forensic science has become increasingly central to criminal justice in America.

Solving crime scientifically has been part of the Attorney General's Division of Criminal Investigation's (DCI) mission since its founding in 1937, five years after the Federal Bureau of Investigation created its first crime lab. Many cases in the early years were solved with fingerprint and ballistics evidence. Further advances in scientific crime detection methods include: blood grouping in the 1950s, Luminol blood detection in the 1960s, gunshot residue in the 1970s, and DNA in the 1980s.

In 1976, then-Attorney General Bill Janklow hired South Dakota's first forensic lab director, Ilya Zeldes. Zeldes' one small room "lab" has grown along with advances in scientific crime detection methods. The Lab is now a state-of-the-art, 17,518 sq. ft. facility staffed by professionals accredited in such diverse forensic disciplines as DNA/serology, fingerprints, crime scene processing, and firearms/toolmark and trace evidence. In 2014, the Lab examined 7,239 items of evidence, provided testimony in dozens of criminal trials, and assisted law enforcement across the state with processing crime scenes.

It was advanced DNA techniques that helped the Lab identify Donald Moeller as the perpetrator of the murder and rape of a 9-year-old girl with a certainty of one in 14.8 billion. The Lab also manages the South Dakota's sex offender and violent offender DNA database, which experienced 76 DNA matches in 2014. One recent DNA match assisted in the arrest of a previously "unknown" sexual perpetrator, based on a match of his DNA in the database.

DNA and other forensic evidence tell the tale of crimes for which there are no witnesses, and even of a murder where there is a missing body. Although Catherine Tornquist's resting place is presently unknown, telltale forensic evidence allowed prosecutors and a jury to hold her son, Matthew, accountable for her murder. Although he tried to scrub evidence from the scene of the crime, Luminol detected a blood trail from Catherine's bed to the trunk of Matthew Tornquist's car, DNA on a bullet found in the trunk matched the victim's DNA, and ballistics testing matched the bullet to a gun in Matthew's possession.

Even with impressive advances in forensic science, some tried-and-true techniques of old prove useful in modern times. In 1784, one of the first documented uses of physical matching convicted a man in England of murder based on the torn edge of a wad of newspaper in a pistol that matched a piece remaining in his pocket. Flash forward to South Dakota in 1996, when the torn end of duct tape used to bind a victim matched a roll found in Robert Leroy Anderson's car, leading to his conviction for kidnapping and murder.

The Lab will continue to play an essential role in efforts to combat future crime in South Dakota. You may rest assured that scientists and lab staff are committed to developing new, scientific crime-fighting methods that will keep South Dakotans safe.

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## GROTON LIONS CLUB

The Groton Lions Club held their monthly potluck meeting at Topper Tastad's business on Main Street last Thursday. Topper gave a report on the successful car show and lunch at Stratford last month. Plans are being made to serve the annual breakfast at the Andover threshing show. This year the club will serve breakfast both Saturday and Sunday. Topper is chairman of the two day event.

Plans were to have the Punt, Pas and Kick contest at Homecoming again this year.

Lee Schinkel made a presentation of a \$500 donation from a member who wishes to remain anonymous.

Lee brought in a petition and dues for Greg Heillman, who was voted on to become a new member of the Groton.

The September meeting will not be a potluck.

At the close of the meeting, the new president, Chris Frost, presented Lee with a pin and the Senior Master Key, from the international president, for bringing in 25 new members into the Groton Club.

## SHRINERS TAKE GOLD AGAIN IN FARGO

Yelduz Shrine Chanters brought home the plaque for the GOLD AWARD in singing competition again this year, at the Midwest Shrine convention in Fargo, this week. Lon Gellhaus, Les Nehls, LeRoy Farmen, and Lee Schinkel were there, singing with the Shrine Chanters for competition, this Wednesday.



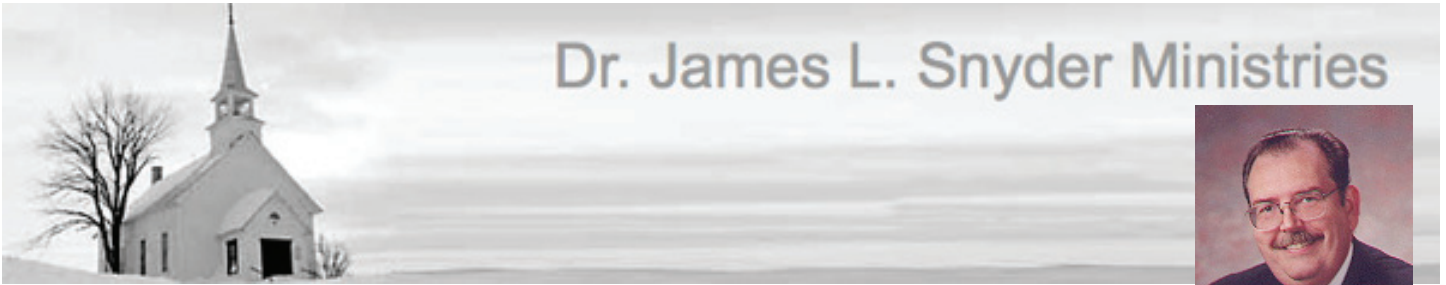
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## Birthdays, anniversaries and other things I usually forget

I cannot tell you how many times the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage has explained the difference between things to remember and things to be forgotten. Without boasting, I believe I could give the lecture back to her word for word.

I know some things are better put into that black abyss called forgetfulness, to be remembered no more, not even when they would help win an argument. According to my wife, forgetting some things is more important than winning an argument. Not that I would know. I never win an argument.

Also, certain things, which, if forgotten, will bring great stress, particularly to Yours Truly.

I could not agree with her point of view more. I know some things should be forgotten while other things should be remembered. After all, it only makes sense. Nobody should forget everything and certainly, nobody could remember everything. It would simply be impossible. Anybody in his or her right mind should know this. This gives me an out. I cannot remember when I have ever been in my right mind. So, you know what is left.

Here is my problem. I know some things are to be remembered, other things are to be forgotten, but for the life of me, I do not know which ones are which. What do I forget and what do I remember?

For example, my wife wants me to remember her birthday, but forget how old she is. I cannot tell you how many times I have reversed this situation. I am prone to forget her birthday, but remember how old she is. In fact, there are those rare moments when I have added a few years to her age. If you do not think this has gotten me into trouble, you have not done any serious thinking in a long time.

I know the birthdays come every year, but in spite of their predictable regularity, I seem somehow to forget.

I learned an important lesson in life. It is one thing to forget a birthday, but it is quite another animal to forget your wedding anniversary. However, here is the rub. Unlike birthdays, not only am I to remember the date, but the number of the anniversary, as well.

Even though my wife and I share the same wedding anniversary, I forget to remember the date.

I have used a variety of excuses to cover up for this mental delinquency on my part.

The first year I forgot our wedding anniversary I come up with a classy excuse, "My dear, you do not look a year older and so I forgot. How am I to remember time goes by when with you, time stands still?"

This worked the first year, but it has not worked since. Not that I have not tried, believe me.

Another excuse I tried that did not work out very well was, "Honey, I deliberately forgot our anniversary because I did not want to remind you how old we really are."

I thought if I included myself in the age category I could get away with it. Let me just say, it did not work.

One year, I bought my wife her anniversary present in June. However, I had forgotten all about it and just happened to run across it one Saturday in October. Since our anniversary is in August, this did not help me at all.

This year we are celebrating our 44th wedding anniversary. It is a little confusing to me because if it is the 44th anniversary my wife was five when we got married. It is amazing to me how her birthday does

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not keep up with our anniversary. I think I have figured it out. For every three anniversaries, she gains only one year on her birthday. How else can I explain it?

I still have a problem, though. Now that I remembered our anniversary this year, what do I buy her for a present? After 44 years, I have simply run out of ideas. Actually, I ran out of ideas after the 10th anniversary. What do you get someone for his or her 44th anniversary present?

To remember our anniversary and to forget to buy a present is the greatest faux pas any husband can make.

I wanted to get a cake with candles, but the fire department considers it a fire hazard. Of course, everybody knows that kind of candlepower really adds to the global warming effect.

It is times like this I wish I had written down all the anniversary gifts I have given over the last 44 years. Perhaps I could see a pattern developing and just follow through with the pattern.

My concern is if I buy her something expensive, she might become suspicious and wonder what I did that I do not want her to know about. If I buy something rather cheap, she may suspect that I do not take the anniversary seriously.

I think I have come up with an answer. Since my wife is into crafts, I decided to make her anniversary gift myself this year. I must confess, I am not as crafty as she is — on a multitude of levels, but then as she always says, "It's the thought that counts."

Then I turned to the Bible and read, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." (Proverbs 18:22).

Every great marriage is based upon forgetting and remembering the right things.

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## Today in Weather History

August 16, 1986: Thunderstorm winds gusted to 60 mph in Forestburg, in Sanborn County. Thunderstorm winds gusting to 100 mph uprooted trees and damaged buildings in the northern part of Hanson County. On several farms, barns, garages, silos, and small buildings were destroyed. The worst affected area was south of Epiphany where large steel sheds were damaged and a roof was blown in.

1777 - The Battle of Bennington, delayed a day by rain, was fought. The rain delayed British reinforcements, and allowed the Vermont Militia to arrive in time, enabling the Americans to win a victory by defeating two enemy forces, one at a time. (David Ludlum)

1909 - A dry spell began in San Bernardino County of southern California that lasted until the 6th of May in 1912, a stretch of 994 days! Another dry spell, lasting 767 days, then began in October of 1912. (The Weather Channel)

1916 - Altapass, NC, was deluged with 22.22 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Afternoon and evening thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced severe weather from Oklahoma to Wisconsin and Lower Michigan. Thunderstorms in central Illinois produced wind gusts to 80 mph at Springfield which toppled two large beer tents at the state fair injuring 58 persons. Thunderstorms also drenched Chicago IL with 2.90 inches of rain, making August 1987 their wettest month of record. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Thunderstorms developing along a slow moving cold front produced severe weather from North Dakota to Lower Michigan during the day. Nine tornadoes were sighted in North Dakota, and thunderstorms also produced hail three inches in diameter at Lakota ND, and wind gusts to 83 mph at Marais MI. Thirty-seven cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Rockford IL with a reading of 104 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms in the Central High Plains Region produced golf ball size hail at La Junta CO, Intercanyon CO, and Custer SD. Afternoon thunderstorms over South Texas drenched Brownsville with 2.60 inches of rain. Fair skies allowed viewing of the late evening full lunar eclipse from the Great Lakes Region to the Northern and Central Plains Region, and across much of the western third of the country. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1992: One of the most destructive United States hurricanes of record started modestly as a tropical wave that emerged from the west coast of Africa on August 14. The wave spawned a tropical depression on August 16, which became Tropical Storm Andrew the next day. Click [HERE](#) for more information from the National Hurricane Center.

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Scattered T-storms	Partly Cloudy	Partly Sunny	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
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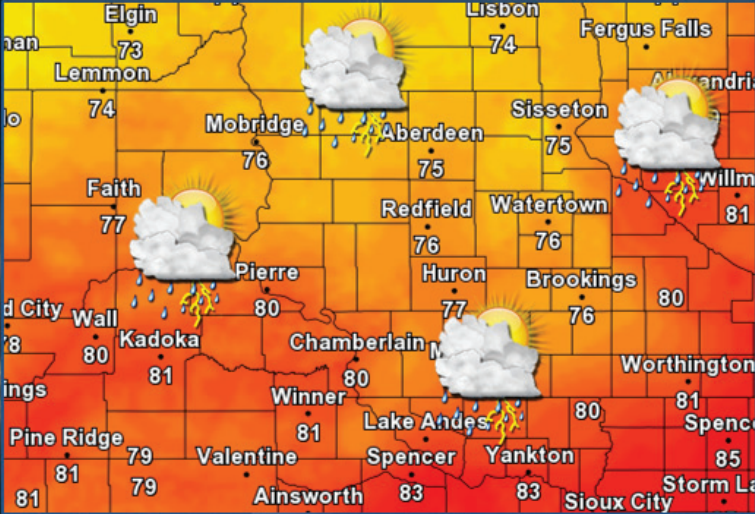


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### Today




### Weather Headlines



*Today:* Cooler, scattered showers and thunderstorms through the afternoon.



*Cooler Temps:* Cooler air continues to spill into the region. By Tuesday, highs will only be in the mid 60s.



*Rain Chances:* A fall like system will bring rain showers to the region late Monday & Tuesday.

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Expect much cooler temperatures and on and off showers and thunderstorms through the afternoon. The cooler air will continue to spill into the region through mid-week, making it feel more like fall than late summer. High chances for rain showers are also forecast late Monday into Tuesday.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 93.6 at 5:17 PM

**Heat Index:** 108.0 at 4:13 PM

**Low:** 73.1 at 4:08 AM

**High Gust:** 35 at 2:42 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 105° in 1988

**Record Low:** 42° in 1897

**Average High:** 82°F

**Average Low:** 57°F

**Average Precip in Aug:** 1.28

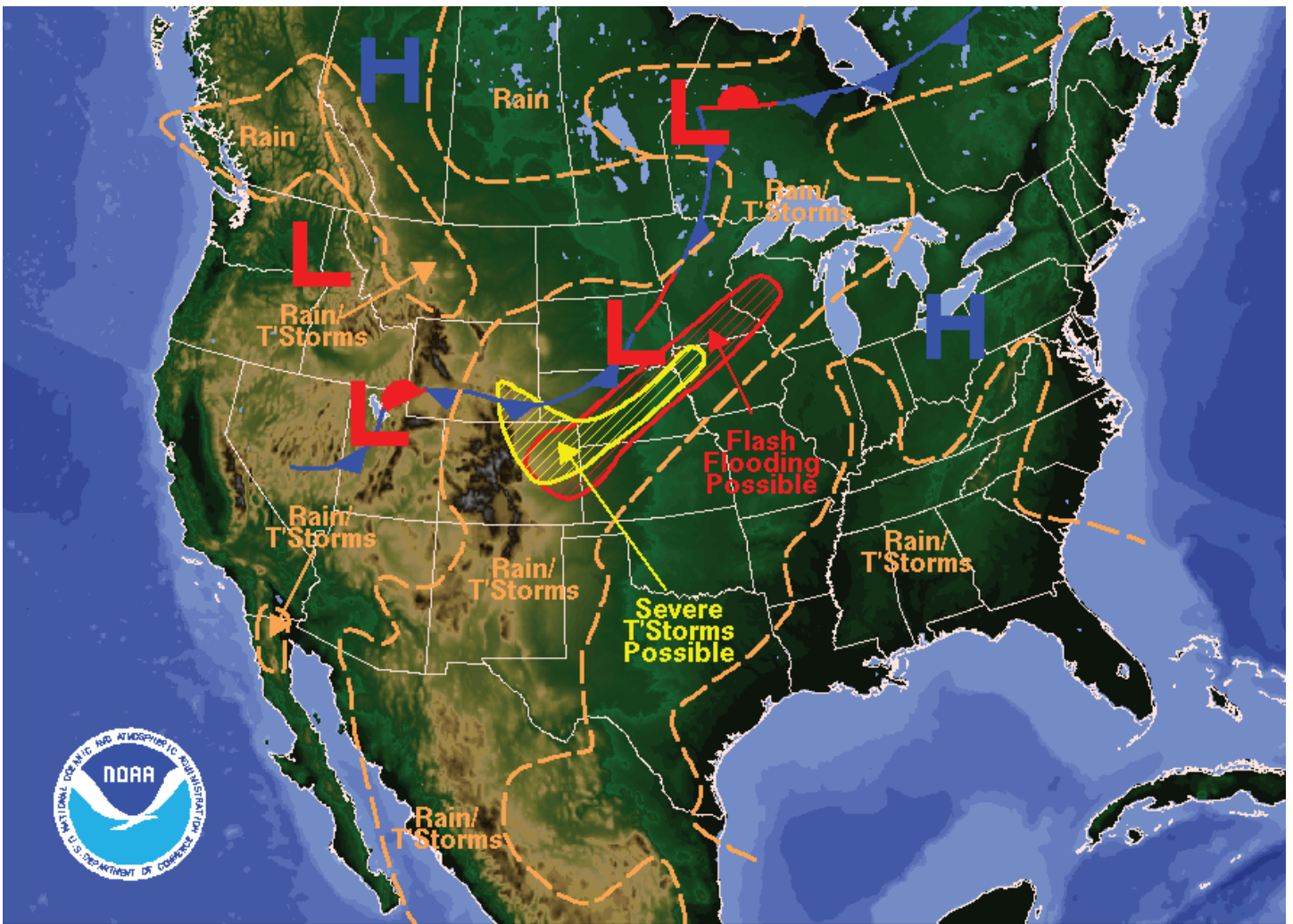
**Precip to date in Aug:** 2.22

**Average Precip to date:** 15.11

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.79

**Sunset Tonight:** 8:39 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:36 a.m.



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## GRACE THAT IS SUFFICIENT

A pastor was visiting a member of his church who had been hospitalized for many weeks. She was suffering excruciating pain. After praying with her he offered her a book and said, "This book brought me much comfort while I was ill a few years ago. You will enjoy it greatly and it will bring you much peace. It will be most helpful!"

"Thank you," she answered. "I'm well acquainted with its contents."

"Have you read it?" he asked.

"More than that," she replied. "I wrote it."

It is always comforting to be able to talk with someone who has experienced pains or problems that are similar to our own. They have been where we are and know and understand our pain or suffering, sadness or sorrow, fears and doubts, questions and concerns. There is a sense of understanding and that brings a closeness or connection.

And when we go through difficult times and are comforted by our Heavenly Father, we must realize that "God comforts us that we might comfort others who need comforting." Often the "unwanted gifts" come from God as a "special gift" that equips us to understand, care for and help others when they "are going through the valley filled with deep shadows."

**Prayer:** Help us, Father, to care for others the way you care for us. May we be open to Your grace that we may share it with those in need. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Corinthians 1:3 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort;

## News from the Associated Press

### **Rounds, Thune introduce bill to expand national cemetery**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's U.S. senators are pushing to add nearly 200 acres of land to expand the Black Hills National Cemetery to make room for future veterans.

Sens. Mike Rounds and John Thune introduced a bill earlier this month that would permanently transfer the federal land to the 100-acre cemetery in Sturgis.

"Right now these 200 acres will not be used or needed for a number of years," Rounds told South Dakota Public Broadcasting. "But what it really does is guarantees the permanent opportunity for veterans in our area to be able to be placed in the Black Hills National Cemetery."

The land that would be added borders the existing cemetery grounds to the north and is held by the Bureau of Land Management. The bill would transfer administrative jurisdiction over the land to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for inclusion in the cemetery.

The cemetery opened in 1948 and currently has about 16,000 burials, Rounds said.

Similar land transfers are generally limited to 20 years of use. Permanent land transfers require congressional approval, Rounds said.

Cemetery director Srey Austin said she doesn't expect the land to be needed for decades.

The bill was referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee. It still must be referred to the House or Senate as a whole.

Rounds said he and Thune don't anticipate any opposition.

### **Pierre man pleads not guilty to soliciting sex from minor**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Pierre man arrested following a Craigslist police sting has pleaded not guilty to soliciting sex from a minor.

Thirty-nine-year-old Bradley Spoonemore entered his plea Friday. The Capital Journal reports (<http://bit.ly/1NwSUtZ>) his charges include solicitation of a minor for sex, hiring someone for sexual activity and failing to provide information to the sex offender registry.

Spoonemore was arrested July 9 after police said he had arranged a meeting through Craigslist with someone he thought was a 14-year-old girl. Police say Spoonemore was actually messaging with investigators.

Police say he admitted to sending explicit messages with his email address but that he backed out before the planned meeting.

He was arrested at a Pierre hotel, where police say he told officers he had just paid a woman \$100 for sex.

### **Rapid City crews search for missing woman after boat crash**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A portion of Lake Pactola in the Black Hills is closed while crews search for a missing woman who was involved in a crash between a boat and a jet ski.

The Pennington County Sheriff's Office says the Jenny Gulch portion of the lake is closed Saturday.

KOTA-TV reports deputies were called to the lake shortly before 8 p.m. on Friday.

A man who was driving the jet ski was taken to Rapid City Regional Hospital. His condition is unknown.

The water rescue team for Rapid City and Pennington County was dispatched to try to find the missing woman Friday night. The sheriff's office says the search resumed Saturday morning.

Lake Pactola is about 20 miles east of Rapid City.

### **Judge expected to rule next week on Sioux Falls murder trial**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A decision from a Sioux Falls judge is expected next week that will determine whether a teenager charged with murder should be tried as a juvenile.

Conner Hanson is charged in adult court despite being 17 years old in January, when 18-year-old Anthony

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Gabriel was shot and killed after a fight over a woman.

A two-day hearing on the issue wrapped up Friday. KELO-TV reports Circuit Court Judge Robin Houwman is expected to decide on Thursday.

Prosecutors allege Hanson fired shots at Gabriel's car after a pursuit through Sioux Falls. Gabriel died from a gunshot wound to the head. Hanson has pleaded not guilty.

Nineteen-year-old Robert Montes also was charged in the killing. He pleaded guilty Monday to being an accessory and is expected to testify against Hanson.

## AP News in Brief

### Indonesian airliner carrying 54 people loses contact over easternmost Papua province

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — An official says an Indonesian airliner carrying 54 people has lost contact over the country's easternmost province of Papua.

Transportation Ministry spokesman Julius Barata says a plane belonging to Trigana Air Service lost contact Sunday afternoon while flying from Papua's provincial capital, Jayapura, to the Papua city of Oksibil.

He says the ATR42-300 twin turboprop plane was carrying 49 passengers and five crew members.

He says the plane lost contact 33 minutes after taking off.

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### China cleans up chemicals from blast zone; 112 dead, 95 missing

TIANJIN, China (AP) — Authorities pulled more bodies from a massive blast site in the Chinese port of Tianjin, pushing the death toll to 112 on Sunday as teams scrambled to clear dangerous chemical contamination.

Hundreds of people were injured and 85 firefighters and 10 others are missing since a fire and rapid succession of blasts late Wednesday hit a warehouse for hazardous chemicals in a mostly industrial area of Tianjin, 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Beijing.

By Sunday, authorities confirmed there were "several hundred" tons of the toxic chemical sodium cyanide on the site at the time of the blasts, although they said there have not been any devastating leaks.

Sodium cyanide is a toxic chemical that can form a flammable gas upon contact with water. Earlier state media reports said the warehouse was storing 700 tons of the chemical — 70 times more than it should have been holding at one time.

Angry relatives of the missing firefighters and local residents whose homes are destroyed by the blasts showed up at a government news conference Sunday to demand information and accountability.

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### Deputies shoot, kill target of 2-week manhunt in California's rugged high desert

RIDGECREST, Calif. (AP) — Sheriff's deputies in California shot and killed a man believed to be the target of a two-week-long manhunt in the rugged, mountainous high desert of central California, authorities said late Saturday.

A man who matched the description of Benjamin Peter Ashley, 34, was fatally struck by two deputies who tried to stop him as he walked on a rural road toward the foothills, Kern County sheriff's spokesman Ray Pruitt said.

He was shot after he brandished a handgun, Pruitt said.

"We have not positively identified him, but all indications are it is the suspect we were looking for," Pruitt said.

The confrontation came after the owner of a convenience store reported that a man matching Ashley's description had come in and bought about \$100 worth of junk food.

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## **Travelers fume as technical glitch grounds flights for hours in Northeast**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Technical problems at an air traffic control center in Virginia left passengers fuming as hundreds of flights to and from airports throughout a large swath of the Northeast were delayed or canceled.

Miller Roberts of Dallas was trying to fly from Baltimore to Kansas City to set up a robotics display at the Missouri State Fair but was caught in a flight delay for more than four hours.

Roberts, 40, said he boarded a Southwest Airlines flight Saturday that was supposed to take off at 10 a.m., but he was still sitting on the plane, waiting after 2 p.m. But he said his fellow passengers were taking the delay in stride.

"I think everyone realizes this is out of our control," he said.

The FAA blamed the problem on "technical issues" at an air traffic control center in Leesburg, Va. Around 4 p.m., the agency said the problem had been resolved, and that officials were working to lift any remaining orders to hold planes on the ground.

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## **Hit by scandal, Malaysian leader silences critics, media to survive but questions linger**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Malaysia's prime minister has a problem: He can't explain away a \$700 million bank account to a skeptical public.

His response? A crackdown on critics and the press that has kept him in power but doesn't address a deep reservoir of dissatisfaction with his leadership.

Less than a month after leaked documents suggested that \$700 million from entities linked to debt-ridden state investment fund 1MDB was funneled into Prime Minister Najib Razak's accounts, he has expelled critics in his government, sacked the attorney-general probing him, suspended two newspapers, blocked a UK-based website and stalled investigations over the scandal.

It is the first time a Malaysian leader has faced criminal allegations, and news of possible graft at the top level has gripped the country. It is also the biggest political crisis for Najib since he took power in 2009. Concerns over 1MDB also contributed to the Malaysian currency plunging to a 17-year low beyond 4 ringgit to the dollar on Wednesday.

"Malaysia's leader is still facing a legitimacy crisis with declining domestic support," said Bridget Welsh, senior research associate at the Center for East Asia Democratic Studies at the National Taiwan University.

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## **Julian Bond, civil rights activist and longtime board chairman of the NAACP, has died at 75**

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Julian Bond, a civil rights activist and longtime board chairman of the NAACP, died Saturday night, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center.

He was 75.

Bond died in Fort Walton Beach, Florida after a brief illness, the SPLC said in a statement released Sunday morning.

The Nashville, Tenn. native was considered a symbol and icon of the 1960s civil rights movement. As a Morehouse College student, Bond helped found the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee and as its communications director, he was on the front lines of protests that led to the nation's landmark civil rights laws.

Bond later served as board chairman of the 500,000-member NAACP for 10 years but declined to run again for another one-year term in 2010.

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## **Hamid Gul, one-time leader of Pakistan's powerful ISI spy agency who supported militants, dies**

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Hamid Gul, who led Pakistan's powerful Inter-Services Intelligence spy agency as it funneled U.S. and Saudi cash and weapons to Afghan jihadis fighting against the Soviets and later publicly supported Islamic militants, died late Saturday of a brain hemorrhage. He was 78.

Gul's tenure at the ISI and his outspoken backing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden and other extremists showed the murky loyalties at play years later when the U.S. and Pakistan formed an unlikely alliance following the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

But others viewed Gul as an increasingly out-of-touch braggart later in life, as he appeared on countless Pakistani television programs warning of dark conspiracies and demanding his country militarily confront its nuclear-armed neighbor India.

"The unruly mujahedeen commanders obeyed and respected him like no one else," Gul's online autobiography reads. "Later on with the advent of the Taliban's rise he was equally admired and respected."

Gul died late Saturday night at the hill resort of Murree near the capital, Islamabad, his daughter, Uzma Gul, told The Associated Press on Sunday. She said Gul suffered a brain hemorrhage.

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## **Presidential front-runners Clinton, Trump draw large crowds of gawkers to the Iowa State Fair**

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — As Hillary Rodham Clinton walked among the booths of funnel cakes and corn dogs at the Iowa State Fair, trailed by a massive pack of media and onlookers, Donald Trump's helicopter circled the fairgrounds in the air above.

That's as close as Clinton and Trump's massive entourages came at the state fair, a rite of passage for any presidential candidate. The respective Democratic and Republican front-runners each drew large crowds of gawkers as Clinton sampled a pork chop on a stick and Trump gave rides to children on his helicopter emblazoned with his famous last name.

"Nice to be here!" Clinton said as she started an hourlong stroll across the fairgrounds. Former Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, who endorsed her this week and wore a straw hat to shade him from the blazing sun, accompanied her. Everywhere Clinton walked, large crowds followed her to get a photograph, a handshake or a quick hello.

Trump later made a grand entrance, landing his helicopter in athletic fields about a mile away and offering rides to children before he came onto the grounds. Almost immediately Trump was crushed by massive crowds seeking photos, handshakes and yelling encouragement. The pandemonium followed him around for roughly an hour — and during a stop for a pork chop on a stick.

"This is beyond what I expected. This is amazing," Trump said. "It's been a day of love."

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## **Obama and the Clintons: Political couples mingle as they vacation in Martha's Vineyard**

OAK BLUFFS, Mass. (AP) — America's two foremost Democratic families — the Obamas and the Clintons — mingled on Saturday as politics mixed with summer repose on swanky Martha's Vineyard.

President Barack Obama, halfway through his annual two-week getaway on the Massachusetts island, teed off in the afternoon with former President Bill Clinton, trading compliments on the first hole. Later in the day, both presidents joined Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton at another Democratic luminary's birthday party.

"Good!" said a spry-looking Clinton, donning light blue pants and a dark shirt, after Obama made his putt on the first hole at Farm Neck Golf Club in Oak Bluffs. The former president then knelt down to scope out his own putt before joining Obama on a golf cart to be driven to the second hole.

Occasional golf partners, Obama and Clinton had crossed paths the day before as both played separately

on another golf course on the Vineyard. Rounding out their foursome on the waterside course Saturday were former Ambassador Ron Kirk and civil rights figure Vernon Jordan. Both Clintons were on the guest list for Jordan's 80th birthday party on Saturday night, along with the president, first lady Michelle Obama and daughters Sasha and Malia.

For former President Clinton, the photo-op came as his wife, Obama's former secretary of state, struggles to demonstrate to the party that her candidacy is as infallible as was once believed. Hillary Rodham Clinton's poll numbers have dipped as criticism of her use of a private email server for government business mounts, leading some Democrats to give a renewed look at Vice President Joe Biden as a potential 2016 challenger to the former first lady.

## **New York Liberty honor basketball team that was disqualified for having a girl on it**

NEW YORK (AP) — Kymora Johnson just wanted to play basketball.

The 10-year-old girl was thrown into the spotlight earlier this month when her youth team from Virginia was disqualified from a basketball tournament because she played in it. Johnson's the lone girl on the boys' team, the Charlottesville Cavaliers. The tournament had a rule, put in place this year, that girls couldn't play on a boys' team because there was also a girls' competition. Johnson had been playing with the Cavaliers for the last few years because there was no girls' team in her area until recently.

After the Cavaliers were disqualified from the tournament in South Carolina, her teammates came to watch the semifinals in pink uniforms in a sign of support for Johnson.

When the WNBA's New York Liberty heard the story, they wanted to do something for Johnson and her teammates. So they brought the Cavaliers to Saturday night's game.

"In this day and age it really is unheard of. Kids at this age, boys and girls, they play together," Liberty president Isiah Thomas said. "Mo'ne Davis, she was pitching against the boys. I think these are the type of moments where you continue to break down barriers and shine the light and expose. A moment like this and a night like this for the kids in terms of basketball it's everlasting. What was a bad moment turned into memories that last forever."

## **Today in History** **The Associated Press**

Today is Sunday, August 16, the 228th day of 2015. There are 137 days left in the year.

### **Today's Highlight in History:**

On August 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at his Graceland estate in Memphis, Tennessee, at age 42.

### **On this date:**

In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1937, the American Federation of Radio Artists was chartered.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Inc.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

In 1960, Britain ceded control of the crown colony of Cyprus.

In 1962, The Beatles fired their original drummer, Pete Best, replacing him with Ringo Starr.

In 1978, James Earl Ray, convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., told a Capitol Hill hearing he did not commit the crime, saying he'd been set up by a mysterious man called "Raoul."

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit; the sole survivor was 4-year-old Cecelia Cichan (SHEE'-an). People worldwide began a two-day

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celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 1999, the U.S. version of the quiz show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," hosted by Regis Philbin, began a limited two-week run on ABC.

**Ten years ago:** Hundreds of defiant Jewish settlers hunkered down in advance of a midnight deadline to leave Gaza. A chartered plane carrying vacationers home from Panama to Martinique crashed in western Venezuela, killing all 160 people on board. Two transport helicopters carrying NATO peacekeepers crashed in western Afghanistan, killing 17 Spanish troops.

**Five years ago:** A Boeing 737 filled with vacationers crashed in a thunderstorm and broke apart as it slid onto the runway on Colombia's San Andres Island; all but two of the 131 people on board survived. China eclipsed Japan as the world's second biggest economy after three decades of blistering growth. Bobby Thomson, whose 1951 "Shot Heard 'Round the World" clinched the National League pennant for the New York Giants, died in Savannah, Georgia, at age 86.

**One year ago:** Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson, where police and protesters repeatedly clashed in the week since a black teenager was shot to death by a white police officer. Pope Francis beatified 124 Korean martyrs during an open-air Mass in Seoul (sohl).

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Ann Blyth is 87. Actor Gary Clarke is 82. Actress Julie Newmar is 82. Actor John Standing is 81. College Football Hall of Famer and NFL player Bill Glass is 80. Actress Anita Gillette is 79. Actress Carole Shelley is 76. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 76. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 75. Actor Bob Balaban is 70. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 70. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 69. Actor Marshall Manesh is 65. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato is 65. Actor Reginald VelJohnson is 63. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 62. Movie director James Cameron is 61. Actor Jeff Perry is 60. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 58. Actress Laura Innes is 58. Singer Madonna is 57. Actress Angela Bassett is 57. Actor Timothy Hutton is 55. Actor Steve Carell (kuh-REHL) is 53. Former tennis player Jimmy Arias is 51. Actor-singer Donovan Leitch is 48. Actor Andy Milder is 47. Actor Seth Peterson is 45. Country singer Emily Robison (The Dixie Chicks) is 43. Actor George Stults is 40. Singer Vanessa Carlton is 35. Actor Cam Gigandet is 33. Actress Agnes Bruckner is 30. Singer-musician Taylor Goldsmith (Dawes) is 30. Actress Cristin Milioti is 30. Actor Shawn Pyfrom is 29. Country singer Ashton Shepherd is 29. Country singer Dan Smyers (Dan & Shay) is 28. Actor Kevin G. Schmidt is 27. Actress Rumer Willis is 27. Actor Parker Young is 27. Singer-pianist Greyson Chance is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "Genius is the ability to act rightly without precedent - the power to do the right thing the first time." - Elbert Hubbard, American writer (1856-1915).