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## Friday, Aug. 1

**Senior Menu:** Breaded Codfish, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Creamy Coleslaw, Orange Sherbet, Whole Wheat Bread

Teener Region:

5:30 p.m.: Championship game: Groton vs. Milbak

**Birthdays:** Bert Raap • Linda Gengerke • Annabeth Rohwer • Heather Dixon • Kervin Wolter • Baily Reich • Karen Young • Martin Schumacher, Lacey Grabow

## Saturday, Aug. 2

Birthdays: David Strom • Marsha Wienk • Peggy Fliehs • Jesse Nierman • Chris Wheeting • Jennifer Keimig • Erin Unzen • Dylan Graf • Spencer Kavanaugh • Morgan Rossow

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## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

## Recycling Trailer in Groton

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

## Teeners advance to region title game

Groton took an early command of the second game of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Thursday at Locke/Karst Field. Groton scored 13 runs while denying Mobridge any runs and only five hits in five innings.

Starting pitcher Turner Webb only allowed Mobridge two hits in the first inning before getting the third strike out with three left on. Mobridge's hits came from Carson Keller and Dylan Cerney, who each had singles. Dalton Faenhrish was walked to load the bases. Mobridge had no runs, two hits and five errors. Groton's leadoff batter Brandon Keith started with a triple hit. Trevor Prey's sacrificial fly allowed Keith to score the first run. Adam Herman (triple), Bennett Shabazz (single), Kelby Hawkins (single), Aaron Severson (single), Marshall Lane (double), and Brandon Keith (single) all had hits in the first inning. Groton had a total of seven runs, five hits and no errors. Groton leads 7-0.

Mobridge had no runs and one hit in the second inning, but added three more errors. Groton had their only error when short-stop Sean Schuring dropped a popfly off Mobridge's Jordan Bachmeier's single. Mobridge's turn at bat ended with a double play when Herman tagged Bachmeier on second base and threw the ball to Aaron Severson on first to get the third out on Noah Fried. Groton retains



**Sean Schuring is safe on second with this slide during the first inning of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Thursday.** (Photo #8724 by Char Telkamp)



**Bennett Shabazz beats the ball on this steal to third base. He would then be brought home on a single by Sean Schuring.** (Photo #8739 by Char Telkamp)

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the lead, 9-0

The third inning was scoreless as neither team had any runs. Mobridge had two hits to Groton's none and neither team had any errors. Wyatt Locke came in as the closing relief pitcher for Groton. Mobridge's hits came from Sam Goodshield and Carson Keller, who each had singles. Groton still leads, 9-0.

The first three batters of the fourth inning were quickly out by the Groton defense. Groton's first three batters were walked to bring up a bases loaded situation for designated hitter Marshall Lane. Lane's pop up to center field was caught, bringing in hitter Jackson Oliver. Schuring was able to steal home on a wild pitch, giving Groton a 10-0 lead. Oliver's double then brought home Trey Deigel (Courtesy runner for catcher Kelby Hawkins) and Severson. Groton was now up by 12. Oliver came home a single by Truitt Rogers. Groton had two hits for four runs in the fourth inning. Mobridge added one error. Groton has the commanding lead with 13-0.

The game ended at the top of the fifth with three quick outs. Mobridge did have one hit, a single by Keller. The final score was Groton up by 13.

Groton now advances to the championship game on Friday at 5:30 Milbank, who eliminated Mobridge, 15-0.

-Char Telkamp



**Mobridge's Sam Goodshield was safe on this pass from Wyatt Locke to Aaron Severson in the third inning of game two of the Teener Region 1A Tournament on Thursday.** (Photo #8746 by Char Telkamp)



**Wyatt Locke pitched the last three innings of the game against Mobridge, holding them to only three hits in three innings.** (Photo #8764 by Char Telkamp)



**Truitt Rogers just missed this fly ball by Mobridge's Carson Keller at the top of the fifth inning.** (Photo #8766 by Char Telkamp)

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## Today in Weather History

August 1, 1978: A severe thunderstorm developed in west central Beadle County during the afternoon hours and moved southeast. High winds near 80 mph and hail up to golf ball size pelted several counties along the storm path. Hail piled up to six inches deep and up to three feet in ditches. Hail remained visible in some areas up to thirty six hours after the storm passed. Approximately 480,000 acres of crops were badly damaged or completely destroyed. Damage to crops and personal property were estimated to be nearly four million dollars.

August 1, 1983: During the early afternoon hours, a strong microburst swept across Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. Although the base anemometer was not calibrated at extreme wind speeds, the peak gust hit 149 mph. It was reported that Air Force One, with President Reagan on board, landed less than 10 minutes prior to the peak gust.

August 1, 2000: A severe thunderstorm produced large hail up to golf ball size and damaging winds estimated at 90 to 110 mph across northeastern Wyoming and western South Dakota during the evening hours. The Northern foothills of the Black Hills and the communities of Spearfish and Sturgis received the brunt of the storm. Considerable F0 and F1 wind damage (90 to 110 mph) occurred in and around Spearfish. The strong winds blew down trees, business and road signs, and damaged tents for the 60th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, destroying vendor merchandise and mobile homes.

August 1, 2011: A long-lived supercell thunderstorm developed over southwestern Harding and northern Butte Counties, then tracked eastward across northern Meade, southern Perkins, and central Ziebach Counties. Hail to the size of baseballs and 80 mph wind gusts caused minor damage across the area. This storm caused an estimated \$665,000 worth of damage.

August 1, 2012: The drought conditions intensified and expanded across parts of central South Dakota throughout August resulting in severe to extreme drought conditions. The month began with severe drought conditions across Stanley, Jones, Buffalo, Lyman, southern Hughes, southern Hyde, and southern Hand counties. Severe drought conditions expanded into Dewey County at the end of the month. Extreme drought conditions also expanded into Western Stanley and Jones counties by the end of August. The drought continued to worsen and expand into September. The persistent drought con-

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ditions continued to affect livestock producers and agriculture. Soil moisture anomalies showed deficits of 3 to 5 inches. Crop conditions continued to decline throughout the month. Also with the dryness, the fire danger remained high to extreme throughout the month.

1954 - Mount Rainier in Washington State was still covered with sixteen inches of snow at the 5500 foot level following a big snow season. (David Ludlum)

1985 - A nearly stationary thunderstorm deluged Cheyenne, WY, with rain and hail. Six inches of rain fell in six hours producing the most damaging flash flood of record for the state. Two to five feet of hail covered the ground following the storm, which claimed twelve lives, and caused 65 million dollars property damage. (Storm Data)

1986 - A powerful thunderstorm produced 100 mph winds and large hail in eastern Kansas and southwestern Missouri causing 71 million dollars damage, and injuring nineteen persons. It was one of the worst thunderstorms of record for Kansas. Crops were mowed to the ground in places and roofs blown off buildings along its path, 150 miles long and 30 miles wide, from near Abilene to southeast of Pittsburg. (The Weather Channel)

1987 - Record heat gripped parts of the Midwest. A dozen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Lincoln, NE, with a reading of 105 degrees, Moline, IL, with an afternoon high of 103 degrees, and Burlington, IA, with a reading of 102 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Two dozen cities in the Upper Midwest reported record high temperatures for the date, including La Crosse WI with a reading of 105 degrees. Highs of 103 degrees at Milwaukee, WI, and South Bend, IN, were records for the month of August. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Hurricane Chantal made landfall along the Upper Texas coast about sunrise. Chantal deluged parts of Galveston Island and southeastern Texas with 8 to 12 inches of rain. Unofficial totals ranged up to twenty inches. Winds gusted to 82 mph at Galveston, and reached 76 mph in the Houston area. Tides were 5 to 7 feet high. The hurricane claimed two lives, and caused 100 million dollars damage. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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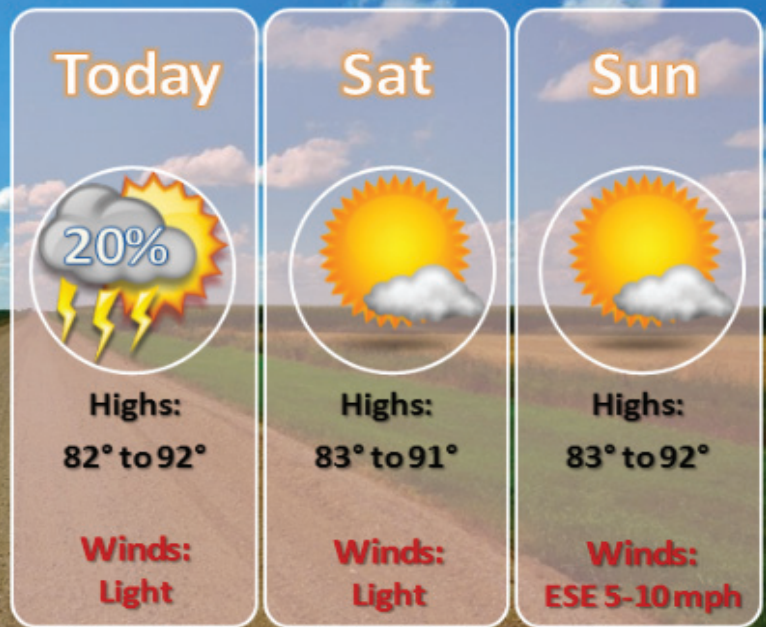
**MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email [ctyconde@nvc.net](mailto:ctyconde@nvc.net). The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.**

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 85 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 57 °F	Sunny High: 87 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 61 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 86 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 63 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 84 °F

## Mostly Dry and Warm Conditions



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

 [weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 8/1/2014 4:17 AM Central

Relatively quiet conditions will persist into the weekend. Light winds and dry conditions will prevail, although an isolated shower or thunderstorm can't be ruled out in the late afternoon or evening hours today.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 81.9°F at 4:00 PM

Heat Index:

**Low:** 53.6°F at 6:13 AM

**High Gust:** 12 mph at 1:48 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 111° in 1900

**Record Low:** 44° in 1948

**Average High:** 84°F

**Average Low:** 59°F

**Average Precip in July.:** 3.02

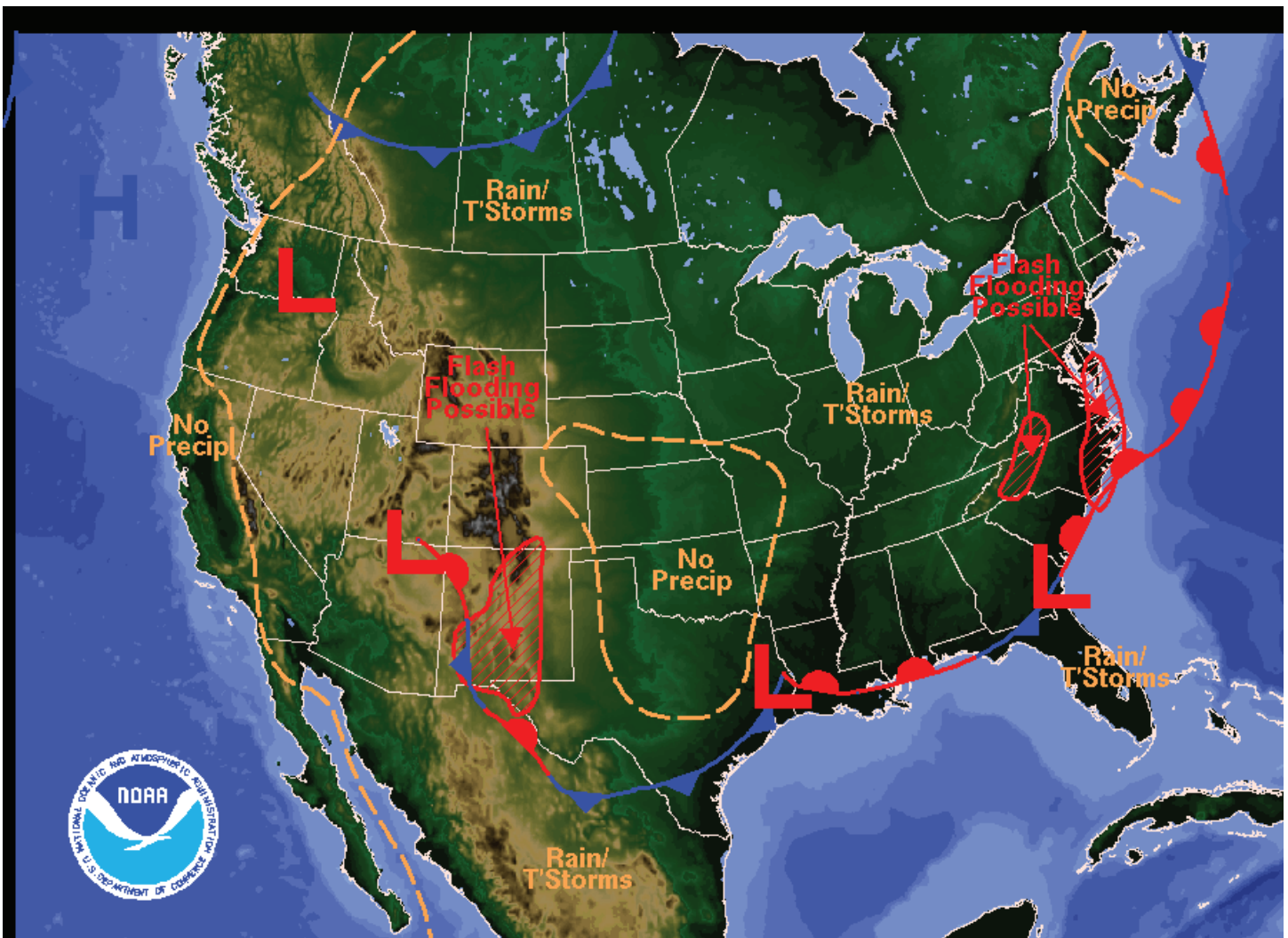
**Precip to date in July.:** 0.15

**Average Precip to date:** 13.86

**Precip Year to Date:** 9.28

**Sunset Tonight:** 9:03 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 6:18 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Aug 01, 2014, issued 2:29 AM EDT  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## PROMISES! PROMISES!

He spent many years living alone not having the necessities of life. One day in his despair he looked at the top shelf of an old bookcase cluttered with pictures and the mementoes of his life. As his eyes passed from item to item, he noticed his mother's Bible that he had not touched since her death.

Slowly, he opened the well-worn Book and very carefully began to leaf through its pages. As he made his way through Genesis he found \$1,000.00. He did the same with Exodus and found another \$1,000.00. His excitement grew as he went from book to book and found \$1,000.00 in each one of them.

Imagine having \$66,000 within arm's reach and not even knowing it was there, waiting to be discovered. We may fault the old man for living in poverty when it was totally unnecessary and riches were available. We might say, "How sad! Why didn't he look sooner?"

But sadder than the fact that the money was in his mother's Bible waiting for him to discover it is the fact that there are 3,573 promises in the Bible waiting for us to discover and claim. Our good and gracious God placed them there for each of us. Yet, most of us do not know where to find them and they go unclaimed.

The Psalmist said, "My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promises preserve my life." Each promise is a benefit God has placed in His Word waiting for us to claim. Jesus addressed this same issue when He said, "For everyone who asks receives." Don't go without!

**Prayer:** The best things in life, Father, are ours for the asking. Increase our faith to meet our needs. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Psalm 119:50 My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. At the top left is a large illustration of a taco. The text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. Below that, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. The name "Andover Bar &amp; Grill" is in a large, bold, black font. To the right, "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a black font. At the bottom right is another illustration of a taco.



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## News from the Associated Press

### Rapid City man pleads not guilty in knife attack

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of using a knife to cut the throat of his partner in Rapid City has pleaded not guilty.

Thirty-seven-year-old Joseph Red Star is charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault in the alleged attack on Cody Two Lance on June 25. Police say Two Lance told officers that Red Star was jealous over another man.

Red Star could face up to 25 years in prison if convicted of attempted first-degree murder.

### Former county prosecutor ordered held without bond

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A former South Dakota county prosecutor charged with rape has been ordered held without bond.

Former Walworth County State's Attorney Christopher Jansen faces three counts of rape involving a child younger than 13 in Hughes County. The 34-year-old Selby resident appeared in court Thursday in Pierre.

Jansen's attorney did not oppose the prosecution's request to hold Jansen without bond.

Jansen would face at least 45 years in prison if convicted on all three counts and could get a life sentence.

### Pen used to make South Dakota a state on display

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The pen that President Benjamin Harrison used to sign proclamations to create the states of South Dakota and North Dakota is on display in Pierre.

The state says after the Nov. 2, 1889, signing, the pen was given to a land agent and eventually handed down to the sister of Jim Larson's great-grandmother. He was South Dakota's centennial director in 1989 and got the family to donate the pen to the South Dakota State Historical Society.

It's currently on display at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

### More South Dakota statehood celebrations planned

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — More activities are planned across South Dakota to mark its 125th year of statehood.

In Minnehaha County, the Historical Society's Statehood Celebration Committee will give magnets to all fourth-graders in September. South Dakota history is typically taught during fourth grade.

Tripp residents will be celebrating the state's birthday with dinner at the fairgrounds and a Fireman's Dance on Main Street on Sept. 6. A breakfast and Cowboy Church is planned for Sept. 7.

Members of the committee overseeing Sisseton's contribution to the statehood celebrations plan to continue interviewing and recording elderly residents to preserve family stories and local historical events.

Those interested in recording a story can do so in various locations including the Heritage Museum of Roberts County and with the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate tribal archivist Tamara St. John.

## South Dakota court overturns man's DUI charge

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Supreme Court on Thursday overturned a drunken driving conviction for a man who accidentally bumped his parked truck into neutral while reaching for a cigarette almost two years ago.

The state's high court justices ruled 3-2 to reverse a DUI conviction against 54-year-old Donald Nekolite, who was charged in September 2012.

Mike Unke, Nekolite's court-appointed defense attorney, told The Associated Press that his client took the case all the way to state Supreme Court because he felt he was wrongly convicted.

"Nekolite was doing the right thing. He had a designated driver. He had no intention of driving," Unke said.

Nekolite and his girlfriend were out dancing in Canistota at the Battle Creek Bait Shop on Sept. 15, 2012. The Monrose man was drinking heavily, but his girlfriend stayed sober so she could drive them home.

At some point, Nekolite went out to his truck to have a smoke. He opened the passenger door, reached across the seat to get a cigarette that had fallen and accidentally bumped the shifter, causing the truck to roll backward into another car.

Officers arrested Nekolite and charged him with DUI. A magistrate court found him guilty, saying he had "actual physical control" of a working vehicle and was in a position to use the controls.

An appellate court upheld that conviction, taking into account an officer's testimony that Nekolite allegedly told him he was sitting in the driver's seat.

In the majority opinion released Thursday, Justice Steven Zinter wrote that Nekolite wasn't able to use his truck in the "usual and ordinary manner" because he was "merely standing outside the vehicle, reaching across the passenger seat, attempting to get a cigarette from the driver's area."

Unke said DUI laws have gotten much stricter and far-reaching since he started practicing law in 1976. He said the ruling provides more clarity to when someone can be charged with DUI in South Dakota, adding that the law wasn't intended to penalize these accidental circumstances.

In a statement, the attorney general's office also said the ruling helps shed light on what constitutes drunken driving.

## Elvis' guitar donor says he is rightful owner

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man who donated to a South Dakota museum a slightly damaged acoustic guitar played by Elvis Presley that is at the center of a custody battle insisted Thursday he had the right to give it away because he owned it.

The instrument's fate is now in the hands of a federal judge in South Dakota tasked with determining whether blues guitarist Robert A. Johnson owned the guitar when he donated it to the National Music Museum last year along with a guitar made for Johnny Cash, one of Bob Dylan's harmonicas and other objects.

The museum, located in Vermillion, South Dakota, insisted in a federal lawsuit last week that it is the legal owner of the broken Martin D-35, which "The King" played during his 1977 tour and gave to a fan in St. Petersburg, Florida after a strap and string snapped. But collector Larry Moss argues that Johnson

agreed to sell the guitar to him before it was donated.

Johnson and Moss, both of whom live in Memphis, Tennessee, are each listed as defendants in the museum's complaint.

Moss had the opportunity to buy the guitar in 2007 but did not pay for it in full, Johnson told the Associated Press Thursday.

"Since Larry Moss never paid for the guitar, I had the right to donate the guitar."

A payment agreement dated in 2008 shows that Moss agreed to pay Johnson \$120,000 for various guitars including the one in dispute. The agreement is part of the exhibits filed in a libel and defamation lawsuit that Johnson initiated against Moss in state court in Tennessee in January.

The court records also include a check Moss wrote to Johnson for \$70,000 in connection with the payment agreement, as well as an email Moss sent to the museum in December 2013 claiming ownership.

Federal court records show Johnson has not responded to the lawsuit in South Dakota as of Thursday. Johnson's attorney did not return a call seeking comment Thursday.

In court filings, the museum argues that even if Moss was the owner of the Elvis guitar before Johnson donated it to the facility, his ownership ended when the museum acquired it. The complaint states that if Moss feels he was wronged, he should sue Johnson for damages.

"Johnson had possession and control of the guitar apparently for many years during which time Moss purports to have been the owner of the guitar, yet Moss took no action to assert his alleged rights in the guitar," the museum's attorney, Mitchell Peterson, wrote in the complaint.

On loan from Johnson, the broken instrument was on display for about two years beginning in late 2008 at the Memphis Rock 'n' Soul Museum.

Johnson, who played with singer Isaac Hayes and the band John Entwistle's Ox in the 1970s, donated the Elvis guitar and other items to the museum in April 2013. At the same time, he received \$250,000 for his 1967 Gibson Explorer Korina wood guitar, formerly owned by Entwistle, who is best known as a member of The Who.

## 4 SD baseball players picked for USSSA tourney

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Four young baseball players from southeast South Dakota are headed to Kissimmee, Florida, for the Central division of the United States Specialty Sports Association All American baseball tournaments.

Matthew Ossenfort and Evan Applewick from the Sioux Falls Cyclones and Michael Mohr and Matthew Mohr from the Yankton Bombers have been selected for the tourney that runs July 31-Aug. 4.

The Central division consists of players from Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

## SD delegation attempts to halt VA hospital closure

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's congressional delegation is inviting the new Veterans Affairs secretary to the state.

The invitation to Robert McDonald is intended to prevent the closure of Veterans Affairs medical facilities in the western part of the state.

Sens. Tim Johnson, John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem say they want McDonald to visit the VA hospital in Hot Springs.

The VA has served veterans in Hot Springs for more than a century but now wants to move some services to Rapid City. The Hot Springs VA hospital that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places would be shuttered, and an outpatient clinic would be opened.

The state's congressional delegation opposes the plan.

## **Stolen WWI gas mask found in pawn shop**

**MEAD GRUVER, Associated Press**

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A World War I gas mask stolen from the Wyoming Capitol and missing for almost a century is on display in Cheyenne again after a South Dakota pawn shop donated it back to the state.

The German gas mask originally got to Wyoming by way of U.S. Army Sgt. Robert O. Pennewill, who served in the war. The gas mask was part of a large collection of World War I items displayed in the Wyoming Capitol in the years after the war.

Records show some of the items were stolen either while they were being displayed or stored elsewhere in the building in the 1920s, according to Wyoming State Museum officials.

Now, 100 years after the outbreak of World War I, the gas mask is the Wyoming State Museum's artifact of the month. It remains in outstanding shape.

"It's surprising, considering it's been out on its own for so long," Wyoming State Museum manager Helen Louise said Thursday.

Museum officials said they recently got wind that Presidential Pawn in Rapid City, South Dakota, was selling the old gas mask on eBay. A tag on the gas mask is labeled "Pennewill Collection" and indicates it was found in the Belleau Wood in northern France.

Presidential Pawn owner Chris Johnson said his shop often buys and sells historic military items and acquired the gas mask in April from a man who'd owned it a long time. He estimated its value at \$300, but he said he took down the eBay posting immediately after hearing from the museum in May.

"Any time we hear that something has been stolen, it gives us a little bit of a sinking feeling," Johnson said. But he added that he was pleased to be able to donate it to the Cheyenne museum.

"You can't put a price tag on giving something back to the rightful owners," Johnson said.

## **Billings Wolves of IFL name Chris Dixon coach**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The Billings Wolves of the Indoor Football League have named former Sioux Falls Storm quarterback Chris Dixon as the team's head coach.

The Wolves announced Monday that Dixon had signed a multi-year agreement. Owner Ron Benzel says Dixon won championships as a player and the Wolves believe he will have the same type of success as a coach.

Dixon will start recruiting players for the 2015 season and is looking to hire two assistant coaches.

Dixon last week announced his retirement from the IFL after passing for more than 25,000 yards and more than 600 touchdowns. He won three league titles with the Storm and three titles with the now-defunct Billings Outlaws, one in the National Indoor Football League. He also has had stints with several Arena Football League teams.

The Oakland, California native played his college football at Humboldt State in Arcata, California.

## First plea agreements signed in lottery scam case

**DAVE KOLPACK, Associated Press**

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — The first plea agreements have been reached in a wide-ranging federal investigation into a Jamaican lottery scam targeting mostly elderly victims in the United States, including one woman from North Dakota who agreed to empty her savings account and then take out a loan on a life insurance policy.

More than two-dozen people have been indicted in the case, including some who will likely go to trial. Prosecutors say the defendants induced people to send millions of dollars to them to cover fees for lottery winnings.

U.S. Attorney Timothy Purdon would not comment specifically on the case, but said people should be on guard and discuss possible scams with elderly family members.

"Again, North Dakotans and others need to understand that if they get a phone call telling them that they won a lottery they didn't enter, hang up. It's a scam," Purdon said.

A spokesman with the federal public defender's office in North and South Dakota was not immediately available for comment.

Jamaican lottery schemes have been happening for many years. The Jamaican and U.S. governments set up a task force in 2009 to stop the scams, but the problem has gotten worse, prosecutors say. The case being investigated in North Dakota was unsealed in March 2013 with 15 indictments.

Three of the defendants signed plea agreements this week on conspiracy charges. Shannon O'Connor, James Simpson and Mikael Gillette each face a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. O'Connor and Gillette are from south Florida. Simpson was arrested in Kentucky.

New details from O'Connor's plea agreement show that an 83-year-old widow from Harvey, North Dakota, wrote at least six separate checks to American Cash Awards for nearly \$157,000, all of them payable to O'Connor. The victim was told she needed to pay fees for a \$19 million cash award.

The checks were made out between Oct. 3 and Nov. 14, 2011. Authorities say when the victim told the scammers she was out of money, she was told to take a loan on her life insurance policy and provide her credit card and PIN number, which she did.

Documents show that another victim, a 92-year-old man from Charleston, South Carolina, mailed an \$80,000 cashier's check to O'Connor in May 2012.

Prosecutors say Gillette completed numerous wire transfers of money from victims in the United States to co-conspirators in Jamaica. Simpson allegedly opened individual bank accounts, deposited and transferred funds, and lied to bank officials about the origin and intended use of the money.

One of the defendants in the case is prominent Jamaican disc jockey Deon-ville O'Hara, also known as ZJ Wah Wa. He has pleaded not guilty.

## Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Hartford worth \$6,000

HARTFORD, S.D. (AP) — A Wild Card 2 ticket sold in Hartford is worth \$6,000 in Wednesday's drawing. South Dakota lottery officials say the ticket matched all five white ball numbers but missed the Wild Card to win the game's second prize. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 127,000.

The winner has about six months to claim the money.

Wild Card 2 is played in the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho. The jackpot is at \$215,000 for Saturday's drawing.

## Rapid City School Board imposing teacher contract

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The Rapid City School Board is imposing its final contract offer to teachers after months of negotiations failed to produce an agreement.

Rapid City Education Association President Sue Podoll says the teachers union decided it wasn't worth continuing the fight. But she says the imposed contract will mean less take-home money for many teachers.

The contract includes a 3 percent salary increase, a 2 percent one-time bonus and a 9.4 percent increase in teachers' health insurance premiums.

Podoll says the fact that the school district has dozens of unfilled positions is directly related to poor compensation.

Superintendent Tim Mitchell says the district has to do what it can with the limited resources it has. He says the district is using \$6 million in reserves to cover its next budget.

## 10 Things to Know for Today The Associated Press

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

### 1. GAZA TRUCE UNRAVELS WITHIN HOURS

A three-day cease-fire quickly ends, with Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating the accord.

### 2. CANTOR STEPPING DOWN EARLIER THAN EXPECTED

The former House majority leader will reportedly leave Congress Aug. 18 after previously saying he would finish his term in January.

### 3. HOW AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT OBAMA DIPLOMACY

An AP-GfK poll finds that dissatisfaction with the president's handling of events in Ukraine, Gaza and elsewhere now matches his low overall approval rating.

### 4. CIA DIRECTOR COMES UNDER FIRE

Two Democratic congressmen have called on John Brennan to resign after the agency's inspector general sided against him for spying on Senate staffers.

### 5. GAS BLASTS IN TAIWAN KILL AT LEAST 25

Underground gas explosions rip through the republic's second-largest city, hurling concrete and cars through the air and blasting long trenches in the streets.

### 6. NO IMMIGRATION FIX IN SIGHT

Congress fails to agree on legislation to cope with the influx of unaccompanied minors flocking illegally to the U.S.

### 7. ONE FALL OUT FROM SYRIA'S CIVIL WAR

Exiled Syrian women and girls are growing more vulnerable to sexual exploitation in Lebanon as their poverty increases, relief workers and refugee women say.

### 8. GERMANY MIGHT GET "HOUSE OF ONE"

A rabbi, an imam and a priest are working together to build a common house of worship in Berlin.

### 9. 'SHARKNADO 2' SHOWS TEETH IN RATINGS

Some 3.9 million tuned in to the horror spoof sequel — triple the number who viewed last summer's premiere of the original Syfy film.

## 10. WHICH ACES ARE SWITCHING TEAMS

At baseball's trade deadline, Tampa Bay sends Cy Young winner David Price to Detroit and Boston ships left-hander Jon Lester to Oakland.

## AP News in Brief

### **Gaza truce unravels hours after it goes into force, with Israel and Hamas blaming each other**

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A three-day Gaza cease-fire that began Friday quickly unraveled, with Israel and Hamas accusing each other of violating the truce as four Palestinians were killed in a heavy exchange of fire in the southern town of Rafah.

The cease-fire, announced by the U.S. and the U.N. hours earlier, took effect at 8:00 a.m. (0500 GMT) Friday after heavy fighting that killed 17 Palestinians and five Israeli soldiers.

Israel and Hamas agreed to halt all aggressive operations and conduct only defensive missions. But U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry cautioned there were "no guarantees" that the lull would bring an end to the war, now in its fourth week.

Nearly two hours after the cease-fire went into effect, Israeli tanks shelled the eastern part of Rafah, which lies close to Gaza's borders with Israel and Egypt, killing at least four people and wounding 15, said Health Ministry official Ashraf al-Kidra and Gaza police spokesman Ayman Batniji. An Israeli Army spokesman said a heavy exchange of fire had erupted in the Rafah area, without providing further details.

"Once again, Hamas and the terror organizations in Gaza have blatantly broken the cease-fire to which they committed, this time before the American Secretary of State and the U.N. Secretary General," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said in a statement.

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### **Once defiant about alleged spying on Senate staffers, CIA director apologizes to top senators**

WASHINGTON (AP) — For months, CIA Director John Brennan stood firm in his insistence that the CIA had little to be ashamed of after searching the computers of the Senate Intelligence Committee. His defiant posture quickly collapsed after a devastating report by his own inspector general sided against the CIA on each key point of the dispute with the Senate.

According to an unclassified summary of the report released Thursday, five agency employees — two lawyers and three computer specialists— improperly accessed Intelligence Committee computers earlier this year during a disagreement over interrogation documents. Then, despite Brennan ordering a halt to that operation, the CIA's office of security began an unauthorized investigation that led it to review the emails of Senate staffers and search them for key words.

After Senate leaders learned about the intrusion in January and protested, the CIA made a criminal referral to the Justice Department, alleging improper behavior by Senate staffers. That referral, CIA inspector general David Buckley found, was based on inaccurate information and was not justified.

When internal investigators interviewed three CIA computer specialists, they exhibited "a lack of can-

dor," the IG report said.

Those devastating internal conclusions prompted Brennan to abandon his defensive posture and apologize to Intelligence Committee leaders.

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## **Gas blasts kill 25, injure 267 in southwestern Taiwan, gouging huge trenches in streets**

KAOHSIUNG, Taiwan (AP) — At least 25 people were killed and 267 injured when underground gas explosions ripped through Taiwan's second-largest city, hurling concrete and cars through the air and blasting long trenches in the streets, authorities said Friday, as they searched for the cause.

The series of five explosions about midnight Thursday and early Friday struck a densely populated district where petrochemical companies operate pipelines alongside the sewer system in Kaohsiung, a southwestern port with 2.8 million people.

Firefighters called to the neighborhood in the late evening to investigate a gas leak were among the victims when the blasts went off hours later, upending at least six fire trucks in the rubble of pavement and dirt.

Four firefighters were among the 25 dead as well as some of 267 people injured, the National Fire Agency said. The death toll could rise, because many of the seriously injured were still being treated, officials said.

Three people also were reported missing in the disaster, Taiwan's second in as many weeks following a plane crash that killed 48 people on July 23.

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## **Ukrainian troops suffer heavy loss in ambush on column near Malaysia Airlines wreckage**

HRABOVE, Ukraine (AP) — A team of several dozen international investigators descended Friday on the Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 crash site in eastern Ukraine to begin combing an area now designated as a crime scene.

A few hours earlier, at least 10 Ukrainian soldiers were killed when their convoy was ambushed by pro-Russian separatist rebels in a town close to the wreckage site.

Investigators from the Netherlands and Australia, along with accompanying officials from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, traveled in 15 cars and one bus to the crash site, outside the village of Hrabove.

By midday, they began setting up base there for an operation that will initially focus on recovering several dozen bodies still remaining. The team also aims to retrieve the belongings of the 298 people killed when the Boeing 777 was shot down last month.

A small advance team managed to perform an initial survey of the area for the first time Thursday. For days, clashes along routes to the wreckage site had kept investigators from reaching the area to find and retrieve bodies that have been decaying in the 90-degree (32 C) midsummer heat. Independent observers warned that there has been tampering with evidence.

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## **Foreign policy no longer a strong point for Obama as troubles pile up across globe, poll shows**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Foreign policy used to be a bright spot in Americans' dimming opinion of Presi-



dent Barack Obama. Not anymore. Associated Press-GfK polling found a spring and summer of discontent with the president's handling of world events.

Obama's consistently low marks across crises such as the fighting in Ukraine and the conflict between Israel and Hamas could benefit Republicans aiming to win control Congress in the fall.

"The problem is saying something and not doing anything — making grandiose threats and never following any of them up," said Dwight Miller, 71, a retiree and volunteer firefighter in Robertson County, Texas. Miller, who describes himself as a libertarian-leaning Republican, says Obama should either stay out of other nations' business or commit to going "all in."

In Hawaii, another retiree, Kent Killam, also worries about the U.S. response to cascading troubles in Ukraine, the Middle East and elsewhere. But he blames former President George W. Bush for eroding the nation's clout abroad and Republican lawmakers for limiting Obama's ability to act.

"I'm not saying it's going well at all," said Killam, 72, a Democratic-leaning independent. "On the other hand, I don't think he has too many options."

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## **Poland honors fighters on 70th anniversary of Warsaw Uprising against Nazi Germans**

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — On the 70th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, Poland is honoring the fighters and victims of the rebellion against Nazi Germans by laying wreaths, sounding sirens and singing insurgent tunes.

On Aug. 1, 1944, thousands of poorly-armed city residents rose up against the German forces to try to take control of the city ahead of the advancing Soviet army. They held on for 63 days before being forced to surrender. Almost 200,000 people were killed. The Nazis expelled the survivors and set the city ablaze.

President Bronislaw Komorowski laid flowers Friday at the graves of the revolt's commanders and will attend other ceremonies during the day.

The Warsaw Uprising was a taboo subject until the fall of communism in 1989. It has been honored ever since.

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## **Cantor tells newspaper he'll resign from House Aug. 18, months earlier than expected**

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — U.S. Rep. Eric Cantor tells a Virginia newspaper he will resign his seat in the House of Representatives months earlier than expected.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch (<http://bit.ly/1puQVLX><http://bit.ly/1puQVLX>) reported early Friday that Cantor says he will step down Aug. 18 to make sure constituents have a voice during the "consequential" lame-duck session.

Cantor tells the newspaper he has asked Gov. Terry McAuliffe to call a special election for his district that coincides with the Nov. 4 general election. That would enable his successor to take office immediately.

Cantor's announcement comes hours after he stepped down as House majority leader Thursday. Cantor had previously said he would serve his full term, which would have ended in January.

Cantor lost to Dave Brat, an underfunded, tea party-backed opponent, in his Republican primary in June.

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## **Tropical storm warnings issued for Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, elsewhere ahead of Bertha**

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical storm warnings have been issued for Puerto Rico, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and other nearby islands as Tropical Storm Bertha approaches the Caribbean.

The storm's maximum sustained winds early Friday are near 45 mph (75 kph) with no significant change in strength expected over the next two days.

In addition to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, tropical storm warnings are in effect for Barbados, St. Lucia, Dominica, Vieques and Culebra. A tropical storm watch is in effect for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

Bertha is centered about 170 miles (270 kilometers) east of Barbados and is moving west-northwest near 20 mph (31 kph).

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Bertha is expected to pass near or north of Barbados Friday afternoon.

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## **Common house of prayer for Christians, Jews, Muslims to be built in Berlin**

BERLIN (AP) — A rabbi, an imam and a priest start praying together under the same roof. It may sound like the start of a joke, but hopes are high it will become reality in Berlin.

The three men are working together to build a common house of worship — the "House of One" — in the center of the capital that will include a church, a mosque and a synagogue, as well as a joint meeting hall at the center of the building.

"We have noticed, as a community here in the middle of the city, that a lot of people want to meet people from different backgrounds and religions and that there is a strong desire to show that people from different religions can get along," Pastor Gregor Hohberg of Berlin's St. Petri parish told The Associated Press. "We want to make a point and show that religions can be a cause of peace."

Hohberg came up with the idea for the House of One, and teamed with Berlin Rabbi Tovia Ben Chorin and Imam Kadir Sanci. The trio hope Christians, Jews and Muslims will soon study and pray together.

"I believe in the power of dialogue," said Rabbi Ben Chorin. "In the world we live in we have two possibilities: war or peace. Peace is a process and in order to achieve it, you have to talk to each other."

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## **Repairs could last well into weekend on burst Los Angeles pipe that dumped 20 million gallons**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Repair crews on Thursday were shoring up a giant hole in the middle of Sunset Boulevard caused by a ruptured pipe, as officials at the water-logged University of California, Los Angeles, continued to assess damage from the 20 million gallons that inundated the campus.

Workers were reinforcing the excavated 56-by-41-foot crater and making the site safe for crews, said Mike Miller, district superintendent for the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Meanwhile, workers off-site were fashioning new valves and a Y-joint connector to replace the burst section of the century-old steel line.

The Department of Water and Power said work on the pipe itself was expected to be completed late Friday or early Saturday. Then work could begin on repairing the famed boulevard, a heavily traveled east-west thoroughfare, pushing reopening well into the weekend.

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"There's still just a lot of work to do out here," Miller said. "We're still shooting to have this done, at least the repair to the main by Friday."

UCLA officials said six facilities were damaged in Tuesday's flooding.

## Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Friday, August 1, the 213th day of 2014. There are 152 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On August 1, 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

#### On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1913, the Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse."

In 1914, Germany declared war on Russia at the onset of World War I.

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1943, rioting broke out in New York City's Harlem neighborhood after a false rumor spread that a police officer had shot and killed a black U.S. Army soldier who in fact had only been wounded; six people were killed in the violence.

In 1957, the United States and Canada agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas in Austin, killing 14 people. Whitman, who had also slain his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police.

In 1971, the Concert for Bangladesh, organized by George Harrison and Ravi Shankar, took place at New York's Madison Square Garden.

In 1981, the rock music video channel MTV made its debut.

In 2007, the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.

**Ten years ago:** The federal government warned of possible al-Qaida terrorist attacks against specific financial institutions in New York City, Washington and Newark, New Jersey. A supermarket fire on the outskirts of Asuncion, Paraguay, killed more than 400 people. World Trade Organization members meeting in Geneva approved a plan to end export subsidies on farm products and cut import duties across the world. Karen Stupples won the Women's British Open. Alexandra Scott, a young cancer patient who'd started a lemonade stand to raise money for cancer research, sparking a nationwide fund-raising campaign, died at her home in Wynnewood, Pennsylvania, at age eight.

**Five years ago:** A fierce storm caused an outdoor stage at the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose, Alberta, Canada, to collapse, killing one person and injuring dozens of others. A gunman opened fire at a gay youth center in Tel Aviv, Israel, killing two people. Former Philippine President Corazon Aquino, 76, died in Manila. Naomi Sims, 61, believed to be the first black supermodel, died in Newark, New Jersey.

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**One year ago:** President Barack Obama faced congressional critics of the National Security Agency's collection of Americans' telephone records as he and Vice President Joe Biden joined lawmakers on both sides of the issue for an Oval Office meeting. Defying the United States, Russia granted Edward Snowden temporary asylum, allowing the National Security Agency leaker to slip out of the Moscow airport where he had been holed up for weeks. Actress-producer Gail Kobe, 81, died in Woodland Hills, California.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor-director Geoffrey Holder is 84. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 83. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato is 77. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 72. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 64. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 61. Singer Michael Penn is 56. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 55. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 54. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 54. Actor Jesse Borrego is 52. Actor Demian Bichir is 51. Rapper Coolio is 51. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 51. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 50. Movie director Sam Mendes is 49. Country singer George Ducas is 48. Country musician Charlie Kelley is 46. Actress Jennifer Gareis is 44. Actor Charles Malik Whitfield is 42. Actress Tempestt Bledsoe is 41. Actor Jason Momoa is 35. Singer Ashley Parker Angel is 33. Actress Taylor Fry is 33. Actor Elijah Kelley is 28. Actor James Francis Kelly is 25. Actress Ella Wahlestedt (Film: "Earth to Echo") is 16.

**Thought for Today:** "Middle age snuffs out more talent than ever wars or sudden deaths do." - Richard Hughes, Welsh author and dramatist (1900-1976).