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Senior Menu: Baked Pork Chop, Macaroni Salad, Pineapple Strawberry Ambrosia, Whole Wheat Bread

Anniv: Sherwin & Christine Nyberg

Birthdays: Michelle Leonhardt • Helen "Pat" Nehls • Blake Anderson

8:00am: Faculty Inservice

10:00am: Christian Missionary & Alliance Ladies Bible Study

10:00am: UMW Bible Study

5:00pm: Welcome Back Picnic at GHS Gym

6:00pm: Boys Soccer at Aberdeen Central

6:15pm: Ladies Night Golf

6:30pm: Elementary Open House

6:30pm: 6th Grade Orientation at Arena

6:30pm: Back to School Open House

7:15pm: Sophomore Computer Check-out and Parent Meeting at Arena

7:15pm: MS/HS Open House

8:00pm: Girls Soccer at Aberdeen Central

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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.

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8:00am: Faculty In-Service 12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center 1:30pm: UMW Meeting

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The demolition of the former Fritz's Place on the south end of Main Street has begun.



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Groton Fire Hall to get generator Plans to install a generator at the Groton Fire Hall received final approval Monday night during the Groton

Fire Board meeting.

The generator will provide backup power to essential parts of the fire hall, such as the overhead doors, in the event of a power outage. The generator will run on natural gas and provide plenty of power for the building. Jerry Locke of Locke Electric will do the installation and Full Circle Ag will do the natural gas hook ups. Along with the installation, Locke will install a new security light on the north side of the building to provide additional lighting. The lot behind the fire hall is used to park additional equipment, such as the fire trailers.

"It's hard to hook up a trailer in the dark", Fire Board President Bob Osterman said.

The back lot also houses the storage shed. Currently the firemen have to leave the fire hall and walk around the building to access either the shed or the trailers and other equipment. The board approved the final plans of installing an overhead door on the north side of the building to allow for easier access. Dakota Doors will do the installation of the new 6x7 foot door and Blocker Construction will do the framework.

It was also noted that the water runoff from the building is starting to undermine the building's concreate foundation. Fire Chief Dion Bahr will talk to the City about getting some loads of dirt brought in to build the area back up. The fire hall does have rain gutters installed, but alternatives may need to be looked at especially around the down spouts.

So far all needed equipment and bunker gear for both Groton and Bath have either received or ordered. The board had some discussion on what was the best way to communicate what has been ordered and what has been received and paid for. Currently Bahr does the ordering and Board Treasurer Dale Ringgenberg pays the invoice, but doesn't know what has been received.

The new stencils have been put on the vehicles, both in Groton and in Bath, identifying the trucks as part of the Groton Fire Department and distinguishing which vehicle it is.

A new pump for the Bath pumper truck was discussed, but was tabled.

-Char Telkamp

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Editorial on South Dakota teacher shortage

At the start of a new school year, school boards and administrators have plenty to deal with; the school building needs to be prepared for students to arrive, inspections of school buses need to be completed, and daily class schedules need to be set, among many other matters. This school year, in addition to these matters, districts are dealing with an additional, very crucial issue—a shortage of teachers.

A survey recently conducted by the School Administrators of South Dakota (SASD) revealed more than 238 teaching positions, nearly 30 percent of the total number of jobs posted in the spring, remained open across the state well passed the end of the school year. Typically, most teaching positions are filled by May for the following school year.

When administrators face the challenge of locating qualified job candidates at this late date, they typically do one of three things:

* Hire a less-than-qualified teacher;

* Assign a teacher from another discipline or grade level in their district to fill the open position;

* Or, use a long-term substitute teacher to fill the vacancy.

There is not an administrator in this state who wants to resort to any one of these three options, but many are being forced to do so as the start of school approaches. The teacher shortage crisis has forced administrators to devote more attention, time, and resources than ever before to attract candidates for open positions.

A major and obvious contributing factor to the teacher shortage is that South Dakota is ranked last in the nation in teacher pay. We are ranked 51st in the nation when you include the District of Columbia. South Dakota is approximately \$8,000 behind North Dakota, which has the next lowest average teacher pay among our bordering states.

South Dakota is losing its brightest teachers and candidates to Minnesota, North Dakota, Iowa and Wyoming. Our high school students are choosing not to seek teaching degrees in college due to the low compensation.

If our state's policymakers and education leaders truly wish to improve our schools and help our students be successful for life after high school, we need to focus more on what the research tells us is most important, the adult in the classroom.

The best way to improve education is by putting good teachers in front of students. We have a lot of great teachers in South Dakota; we just don't have enough of them.

We recognize all teachers can improve, so we support the efforts by our state leaders to build the capacity of teachers to perform at high levels. The larger problem and more pressing is, however, we cannot improve upon that which we do not have.

Although there isn't a single solution to fix this problem, it is clear that a rather substantial amount of money needs to be infused into our K-12 schools to attract and retain quality teachers. To this end, we call on the administration and legislature to devise and implement a plan to increase teacher pay across the state. We believe the state needs to not only restore K-12 funding to its highpoint before the freeze in 2010 and cut in 2011, but to significantly increase the per student allocation, so school districts across the state can put in place a compensation system that will help bring teacher pay in South Dakota up to a respectable level so that we can recruit and retain the best and brightest. Our students deserve nothing less.

We are in a crisis. We cannot afford to wait another year to address the teacher shortage. If we do, the value of our students' education will surely diminish.

DAN LEIKVOLD, 2014-15 PRESIDENT,

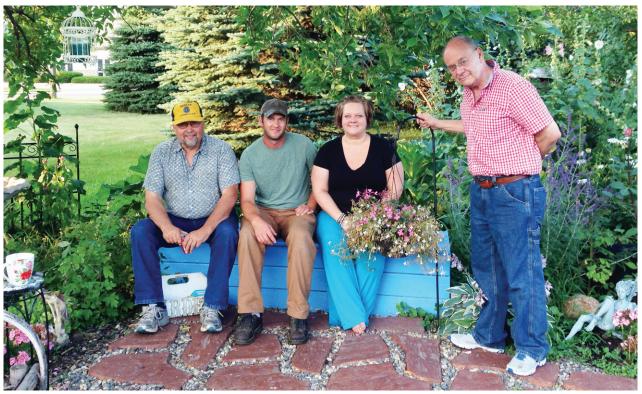
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The first home meet will be held next Thursday, August 28 as Groton will host the Northeast Conference Golf Meet. This Thursday, the team will go to Milbank.



Lions Club members given tour of Harry's flower garden

Harry's flower garden Groton Lions Club member, Lisa Harry; gave club members a tour of her extensive flower garden, when she hosted the July Lions Club potluck supper/meeting on her patio last Thursday evening. Lisa and some of those members are pictured in her garden. (Left to right are Dave Pigors, Evan Crosby, Lisa Harry and Lee Schinkel)

Business included thanking the Emmanual Lutheran Church youth club for cleaning the Lions Club ditches again last spring, and asking them to do this task again this fall.

Plans were made to hold the annual fall city-wide rummage sale, and serve the annual pancake breakfast at the Andover threshing show, the same day again, in September.

Lee Schinkel proposed Mark Herman as a new member, and the club accepted him into the

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to pay bills

The cash flow is dwindling until November, but the bills are still coming in. As of Monday, City Finance Officer Anita Lowary reported that there was \$25,000 in the checking account, \$4,000 in savings and \$110,000 in Certificate of Deposits. The west side street project still has about \$380,000 left to be paid and there is another \$50,000 in engineering fees plus the regular bills. She said that there is \$270,000 in property tax and \$220,000 in sales tax that is expected to come in by November.

Receipts from the baseball program and the pool are also down this year, helping to create the shortfall in funds.

The budget for this year had a shortfall of \$170,000. "We budgeted to be in the hole?" ask Councilman Burt Glover. "How is that a budget?" Lowary said for the past 33 years, the councils have budgeted a shortfall as there are projects that do not get done. "It's worked out for us for 33 years," Lowary said, "but this year, it's catching up with us."

The council then decided to authorize for a short term loan in the amount of \$500,000 and will be paid back by the end of the year.

With the shortfall of funds, it is likely that the city council will start the 2015 budget year with little money in the checking account. The 2015 budget was presented to the council with expenditures of \$5.5 million and revenues of \$4.3 million, resulting in a \$1.2 million shortfall. The council will have a special meeting at 5:30 p.m.on Tuesday, August 26 to discuss the budget and find ways to make it balance.

The council authorized to have Neal Abeln spray the cemetery, park, pool and community center for weeds for \$1,000.

There was discussion on the bills which included the paying of umpires for midget games. It was originally set up that umpires would receive a pop and hot dog to umpire. Groton has joined the Northeast South Dakota League and league rules indicated that the umpire behind the plate will be paid \$20 and the one behind the line will be paid \$15. That amounted to \$500 being paid out for midget umpires.

The baseball complex was discussed and Councilman David Blackmun talked about the meeting he attended with the baseball committee. It was agreed to have one committee instead of two for baseball. The officers are Lars Hanson, president; Kathy Bjerke, secretary; Brenda Waage, treasurer; Matt Locke, director of baseball facility; Justin Hanson, director of promotion and advertising; Steve Giedt, director of fundraiser and David Blackmun, liaison between city and baseball committee. The main order of business is to replace the outfield fence and the backstop. An estimate of \$16,000 was received to replace the whole outfield fence. The committee would have to come up with the money to pay for the project as there is less than \$3,000 left in the baseball budget. There will be a board of directors meeting on Monday, Aug. 25, 7 p.m., at the Groton Legion. Anyone interested in the baseball program should attend this meeting.

Second reading was given to Ordinance 693 which prevents people from blowing or mowing grass and leaves into the streets, alleys or sidewalks. The ordinance will be placed under the street department and will be enforced by the police department who could give warnings or citations if they spot someone in violation of the ordinance.

Modern Woodmen has donated \$1,000 to the city for trees. The trees will be planted in the city park.

Someone complained about a neighbor's yard and pictures were presented. "We're serious about this cleanup program," said Councilman Michelle Muilenburg. The council decided to send the friendly letter letter. There was also discussion on other properties where no cleanup efforts have been done yet. The council decided that the city will proceed with court proceedings against those property owners who have not cleaned up their property.

An update on the west side street project was given. The concrete work is suppose to be done by Wednesday and the asphalt is expected to be laid down next week. The project is suppose to be done by September 1.

Clint Jacobson, Jr., has purchased the former Fritz's Place at the south end of Main Street, on the east corner. Hanlon Brothers has begun tearing it down and materials have been hauled to the rubble site. It

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was reported that only bricks are being hauled to the rubble site.

Betty Breck came before the council to talk about the Brown County Historical Society. She was not looking for any funds, but encouraged the city to join the society as an organization. Breck is applying for a Deadwood grant to restore the stained glass windows at the historic Trinity church in Groton. The grant requires that there be a letter of support from the local governing board, which is the city council, and from other organizations, to show support for the restoration of the church. Breck said that without repairs, the windows only have two to three years of life left in them.

Two public works employees were authorized to attend the South Dakota Water and Wastewater meeting in Watertown Sept. 17-19.

The curb and gutter special assessment bond resolution was passed setting the interest rates of the special assessments.

[•] The September 1 council meeting will be moved to Tuesday, Sept. 2, due to Labor Day falling on that Monday.

A letter from Allison Weber was read. She proposed having a community sports day/fun day at the baseball complex to help raise funds and to perhaps bring back the Johnny Holm dance. It is something that may be considered next year, if the people can be found to run the event.

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Today in Weather History

1899: An estimated F3 tornado passed 3 miles north of Clear Lake. A man was killed by flying debris as five homes and many barns were destroyed.

1983: Between 0155 and 0330 CST, thunderstorm winds blow through Brown County. At 0155, an estimated 64 mph wind guest was observed on the southeast corner of Warner. A 60 mph wind gust was measured at the Aberdeen Airport at 0218. By 0330 and estimated wind gust of 75 mph was observed in Ordway.

1986: Hail, over one inch in diameter, caused damage in Westport and in Aberdeen. This hail damaged buildings, vehicles, and broke windows. Baseball size hail also fell just south of the Brown and Spink County line and covered the ground.

1991: A thunderstorm produced about five inches of rain, strong winds, and hail in Ridgeview, Dewey County. Three grain bins were blown over. One of the bins hit a house causing considerable damage. Wind gusts were estimated to be 60 mph. Strong winds continued into Sully and Hughes Counties.

1788 - A small but powerful hurricane inflicted great havoc upon forests along a narrow track from New Jersey to Maine. A similar storm track today would cause extreme disaster in the now populated area. (David Ludlum)

1845: What was likely an EF5 tornado devastated Montville, France around midday, resulting in many fatalities. Most deaths occurred when factories were destroyed and the workers were flung some distance by the wind. The buildings were swept clean off their foundations with debris as large as boards and planks found 23 miles away.

1969 - 'Never say die' Camille let loose a cloudburst in Virginia resulting in flash floods and landslides which killed 151 persons and cause 140 million dollars damage. Massies Hill VA received 27 inches of rain. (David Ludlum)

1986 - The temperature at San Antonio, TX, soared to an all-time record high of 108 degrees. (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - Thunderstorms moving out of southeastern Nebraska spread severe weather into eastern Kansas and western Missouri during the day. Thunderstorms in Nebraska produced hail three inches

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in diameter at Albion, and high winds which downed a large tent at Waterloo injuring a dozen persons. Thunderstorms in Kansas produced baseball size hail northwest of Topeka, and wind gusts to 80 mph at Fulton. Ten persons were injured in a thunderstorm at Princeton KS, and damage to crops in southern Franklin County KS was estimated at 3.5 million dollars. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Raleigh, NC, reported a record hot temperature reading of 103 degrees. Afternoon thunderstorms in Oklahoma produced wind gusts to 75 mph in southern Pittsburgh County. Thunderstorms in Indiana produced 4.50 inches of rain at Morgantown. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Early morning thunderstorms deluged southeastern Delaware with six to ten inches of rain in four to six hours, with local reports of 13 to 20 inches of rain. Twenty-six major roads were closed or damaged, and fourteen bridges were washed out. Flooding caused nearly four million dollars damage to local businesses. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1991: Hurricane Bob slammed into New England as a category 2 storm with 95 mph sustained winds and gusts of 125 mph at Block Island, RI and 105 mph at Newport, RI. A storm surge of 15 feet occurred in Upper Buzzards Bay. Portland, ME had a 24 hour record rainfall of 7.83 inches. Total damage exceeded \$1.5 billion and 17 people were killed. It was the worst Hurricane in the Northeast since Donna in 1960.

1991: The Civil Defense Director for Codington County, SD, reported that lightning was so frequent and vivid from nearby nighttime thunderstorms that he drove for 10 minutes without needing his headlights! At one point a lightning strike occurred within 10 feet of his car. The strike splattered mud onto his vehicle, drained his battery, and caused problems with the car's electrical system.

2010: Today ended a 2-month long heat wave in Russia when daily maximum temperatures in Mos-

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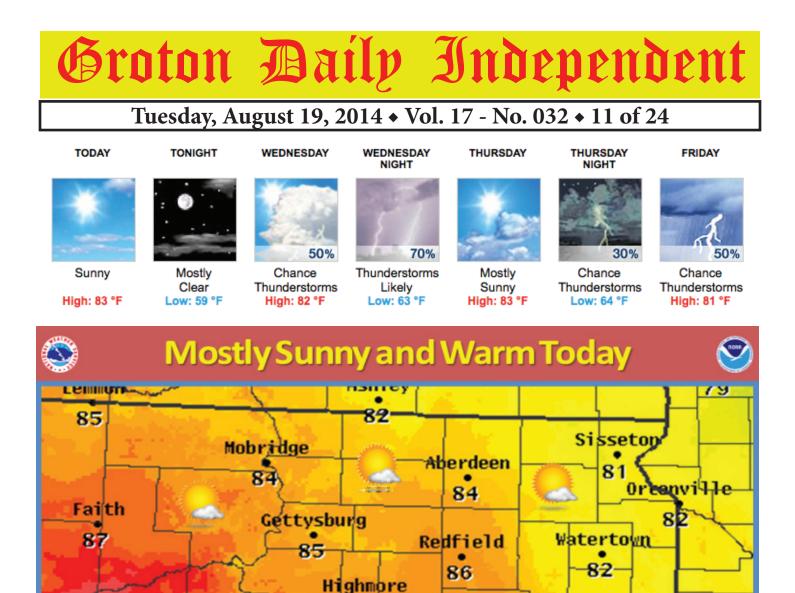
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cow were as much as 27 degrees above average. The heat wave caused 15,000 deaths, 600 wildfires, and \$15 billion loss of economic growth.





Storms Return For Wednesday, Possibly Severe

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High pressure at the surface will drift east across the area today and bring mostly sunny skies and rather light winds. Temperatures will rise into the 80s across the area with tolerable humidity. Thunderstorms are likely across the forecast area Wednesday afternoon and evening, some of which could become severe with large hail and strong winds. Stay tuned for the latest updates concerning tomorrow's forecast.

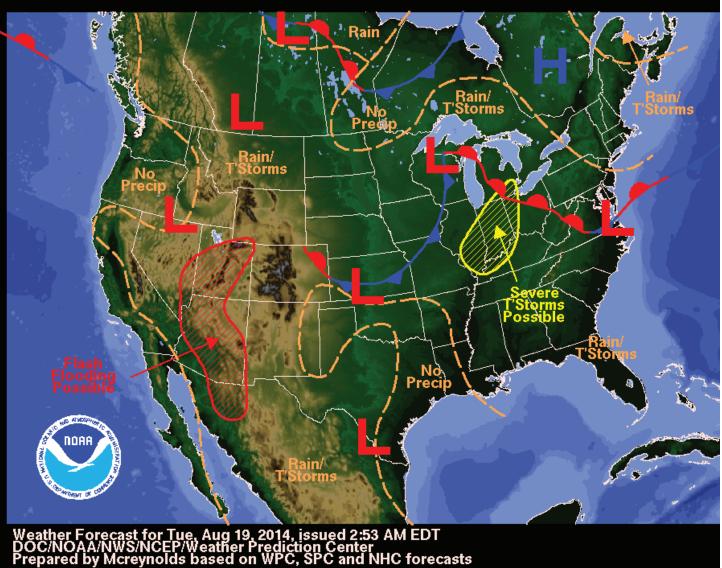
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Yesterday's Weather

High: 79.7°F at 1:48 PM Low: 56.5°F at 4:26 AM High Gust: 28 mph 4:55 PM Precip: 0.37

Today's Info Record High: 103° in 1976

Record Low: 34° in 2004 Average High: 82°F Average Low: 56°F Average Precip in Aug.: 1.40 Precip to date in Aug.: 1.64 Average Precip to date: 15.26 Precip Year to Date: 10.62 Sunset Tonight: 8:34 p.m. Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:41 a.m.



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WHO CARES FOR THE LONELY?

Some time ago, the body of a man was found in a deserted building in New York. In his pocket was a note that read, "I'm nobody. Nobody cares for me. I'm like the shell of a peanut on the walkway in Yankee Stadium. So, I decided to stomp on myself once and for all."

There is no feeling that runs so deep, is so acute or more widespread than loneliness. The feeling of being abandoned or uncared for or unloved is one that grips the souls of far too many - even the Christian.

We read in the Bible of a man who had been forced to run and hide from others to save his life. Years later he wrote, "Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for me." His words are all too familiar and his feelings universal.

But notice: He looked around but he did not look up. Had he done so he could have discovered some-One who cared deeply for him, was looking for him and loved him. This One not only cares, but He did something to show us that He cares.

The Bible states that, "Since God did not even spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won't He also give us everything else?"

Remember the story of Noah in the ark, Job in the pile of ashes, Moses being hid in a basket, Jonah in the belly of a fish, Daniel in the lions' den and Paul in prison?

He carefully cared for them and He will also carefully care for us!

Remember: "I will never leave you or forsake you."

Prayer: In moments of loneliness, Lord, may we look upward and find Your outstretched arms waiting for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 142:4 Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

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News from the Associated Press

Man gets life for killing pregnant girlfriend

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A 32-year-old Rapid City man who killed his ex-girlfriend and her unborn child will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Circuit Judge Jeff Davis on Monday handed down the mandatory life prison sentence to Michael Young. Young last month pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the April 2012 stabbing death of 30-year-old Morgan Myers in a Wal-Mart parking lot.

Myers was pregnant with Young's child. She had split up with Young and filed a restraining order against him.

Prosecutors earlier chose not to seek the death penalty against Young. But he will not be eligible for parole.

Proposed uranium mine hearings begin in Rapid City

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A licensing board of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission will begin the first of three days of hearings in Rapid City on Tuesday for a proposed uranium mine in western South Dakota.

The Atomic Safety and Licensing Board will hold its hearings on challenges to the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium mine at the Alex Johnson Hotel. The mine is being proposed by Powertech Uranium Corp.

Environmental opponents say the mine could pollute or drain the region's aquifers. Native American opponents say it could hurt cultural and historical sites in the Black Hills.

The mine's proponents emphasize the dozens of jobs it would create and the additional tax revenue it would bring in for the state.

South Dakota hunger relief group plans new space

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota hunger relief organization will relocate its food distribution center to a larger building in Pierre in response to growing operational and space needs.

Feeding South Dakota said Monday it's aiming to raise \$1 million for the move. The statewide organization serves 24 counties in the central part of South Dakota and gives out more than 1.5 million pounds of food each year from Pierre alone.

Feeding South Dakota distributed 12.5 million pounds of food across the state last year, including more than 10.4 million meals. It says it hopes to provide 16 million meals by 2020.

The organization will eventually try to raise about \$3 million for a 40,000-50,000 square foot facility in Sioux Falls.

Aid available for homes affected by severe weather

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The income eligibility for a state housing fund has been expanded to assist those affected by the June natural disasters in Jerauld, Lincoln and Union counties.

The South Dakota Housing Development Authority says money from the Housing Opportunity Fund previously was provided to households at or below 80 percent of the area median income determined by the federal government.

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The agency says that requirement has been changed for those three counties to include households at or below 115 percent of the area median income.

Households in those counties in need of assistance may apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. The funds can be used for debris removal, mold remediation, payment of rental and utility security deposits for displaced households

The storms produced at least 12 tornadoes and flooding.

Pressler running TV ad featuring Walter Cronkite

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Senate candidate Larry Pressler is running a TV ad featuring his refusal to take a bribe during the 1970s Abscam public corruption sting while previously serving in Congress. The clip includes former TV anchor Walter Cronkite's coverage of Pressler at the time.

The independent candidate says the ad buy of \$50,000 is running statewide and is intended to show his fiscal conservatism and honesty.

Pressler is on the November ballot with former Republican Gov. Mike Rounds, Democrat Rick Weiland and fellow independent Gordon Howie.

Sioux Falls street safety effort prompts warnings

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police issued warnings to about two dozen people each day during the first week of a campaign to enhance safety on city streets.

The push to change behavior was prompted by a summer of fatal accidents involving motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. There have been 16 accidents in Sioux Falls this year involving vehicles and bicycles, including the death of a 22-year-old woman on a bike about a month ago, according to KDLT-TV.

Officers this week will stop issuing warnings in favor of tickets that carry fines, such as \$25 for jaywalking or \$120 for a motorist not yielding to a pedestrian.

"Hopefully, the people we've contacted will change their habits, so when we start giving out tickets we see those numbers go down," police spokesman Sam Clemens told the Argus Leader newspaper.

Gretchen Johnson, 32, prefers to bike or run to work and said the daily commute had become nervewracking. Since the start of the education patrol, she has seen a change in behavior, she said.

"I've seen more cars watching out," Johnson said. "But I think it's been going both ways, with more bikers and runners watching out."

Police planned a Monday night forum at the downtown library to review the rules of the road with the public and discuss changes in their approach to making the streets safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Judge rules in favor of SD gubernatorial candidate

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge has ordered South Dakota Secretary of State Jason Gant to certify a new running mate for independent candidate for governor Mike Myers.

Myers picked Lora Hubbel as his running mate when his initial choice, Caitlin Collier, had family health issues. Myers sued Gant earlier this month after he wasn't allowed to substitute Collier for Hubbel.

South Dakota law allows nominees of political parties to be replaced on the ballot, but there's no such provision for independent candidates.

Gant says he won't appeal Monday's decision by U.S. District Judge Lawrence Piersol and will list Hubbel as Myers's pick for lieutenant governor.

Ballots for the election in November will be printed in early September.

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Oil pipeline opponents plan concert in cornfield

NELIGH, Neb. (AP) — Willie Nelson and Neil Young will headline a concert next month in a Nebraska cornfield organized by opponents of a proposed pipeline that would carry oil from Canada south to the Gulf Coast.

Bold Nebraska said Monday the concert will be held Sept. 27 on a farm near Neligh in northeast Nebraska. Tickets go on sale Wednesday.

Earlier this year, protesters carved an anti-pipeline message into the cornfield, which is in the path of TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline.

Pipeline critics hope the project will be rejected because they fear it could contaminate groundwater and contribute to pollution.

TransCanada has said the pipeline will have upgraded safety measures and should be allowed. The company has already built and is operating the southern leg of the pipeline between Oklahoma and Texas.

Driver who struck, killed bicyclist not prosecuted

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Minnehaha County State's Attorney's office has determined that the woman who drove over and killed a Sioux Falls bicyclist a month ago won't be prosecuted because she did not violate any state law.

Sioux Falls Police spokesman Sam Clemens on Monday said city attorneys determined that two citations against 26-year-old Terra Zahn were appropriate.

Zahn has been cited for failure to use due caution and failure to yield from a private driveway.

Zahn was pulling out of a parking lot when she struck 22-year-old Natasha Adams on July 16. Zahn told police she never saw Adams cycling down the sidewalk.

Police said Zahn was looking left as she waited to turn right. Zahn accelerated when she saw a break in traffic, but didn't realize Adams was coming from the right.

Board proposes name for creek in Minnehaha County

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota board has proposed a name for a creek in Minnehaha County. The Board on Geographic Names has unanimously recommended the name of Annie Anderson Creek for the geographic feature near Valley Springs.

A federal board received two proposed names for the creek and referred the matter to its state counterpart.

Annie Anderson lived on a farm west of Beaver Valley Church in the early 1900s. A flood washed away her 5-year-old son and her horse when she was riding a horse-drawn buggy on June 1914.

The state board is allowing the public to express concerns about the proposed name or to suggest another one. Written comments must be submitted by Sept. 15.

US Senate candidate Weiland enlists new adviser

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Senate candidate Rick Weiland has enlisted a new campaign adviser. The Democrat on Monday announced that veteran political strategist Steve Jarding will serve as his senior adviser and spokesman for the remainder of the race.

Jarding has worked on statewide races in South Dakota, Nebraska and Virginia. He is a lecturer at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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Weiland, a businessman and former staffer for Sen. Tom Daschle, is running for the seat being vacated by U.S. Sen. Tim Johnson, who will be retiring after serving South Dakota since 1997. Weiland is running against independent Larry Pressler, former Republican Gov. Mike Rounds, and

independent Gordon Howie.

South Dakota team tops Czech Republic 5-3

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Daniel Vigoren's go-ahead double and two errors by the Czech Republic helped Rapid City, South Dakota, win 5-3 at the Little League World Series on Monday.

Vigoren hit a line drive to the right field gap after Colton Hartford scored the tying run when he got in a rundown between third and home and Czech Republic pitcher Tomas Oppelt made a throwing error to third base.

Vigoren later scored on an overthrow by Czech Republic shortstop Marek Krejcirik.

Czech Republic's Miroslav Krivanek tied the game at 2 in the top of the fifth with a bloop RBI double into shallow right field. Krivanek took third on the throw and scored on a wild pitch moments later.

Krejcirik homered in the game's first at-bat. In the third inning, Rapid City took the lead with a two-run double into the left field gap by Matthew Hegre.

SD Driver Licensing Program director leaving

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The longtime director of South Dakota's Driver Licensing Program is leaving for a federal job.

Cindy Gerber has spent the past 17 years as head of the state's driver's licensing services. Public Safety Secretary Trevor Jones says Gerber is leaving to take a position with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

Her final day with the state is Friday. Gerber says she's looking forward to new challenges after a total of 23 years with the Driver Licensing Program.

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. ARRESTS, TEAR GAS MAR FERGUSON NIGHT

Despite the deployment of the National Guard, who stood back, clashes between police and protesters continued in the St. Louis suburb where the unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown was fatally shot by a policeman.

2. OBAMA STRUGGLES TO FIND ROLE IN FERGUSON CRISIS

The nation's first black president is caught between his obligation to defend government actions and the expectation that he would empathize with African Americans' grievances.

3. REPORT SAYS MILITANTS IN SYRIA HAVE ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS

New findings come as the FAA forbids American carriers from flying over Syrian airspace for fear of being shot down.

4. CEASEFIRE EXTENSION ALLOWS MIDEAST TALKS TO CONTINUE

Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are trying to hammer out a long-term deal in Cairo that may ease the blockade on Gaza.

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5. JEFFORDS REMEMBERED FOR INDEPENDENT STREAK

The quiet Vermont senator voted against his party many times till he split from it, giving the Senate majority to Democrats in 2001.

6. WHAT SOME CHICAGOANS ARE LOOKING FOR

A challenger to Mayor Rahm Emanuel. The former White House chief of staff has tackled many problems in his first term but ticked off critics who are seeking a replacement in 2015.

7. U.N. MAKES NEW PLEA IN EBOLA FIGHT

The global health agency says African countries hit with the virus should begin exit screening all passengers leaving airports, sea ports and major ground crossings.

8. VICIOUS CONSEQUENCE OF IVORY DEMAND

A study finds that poachers killed an estimated 100,000 elephants across Africa between 2010 and 2012, a huge spike in the mammals' death rate.

9. HOW AN ICONIC FOOD CHAIN IS TRYING TO CHANGE ITS IMAGE

McDonald's is growing frustrated with its reputation for serving cheap, greasy fare, and they're courting the media to change that perception.

10. WHO IS OUT OF U.S. OPEN

A wrist injury will sideline reigning champion Rafael Nadal, meaning Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer will be the players to beat in tennis' final major.

AP News in Brief

Police, protesters collide in Ferguson, a day after National Guard arrives in St. Louis suburb

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP) — The National Guard arrived in Ferguson but kept its distance from the streets where protesters clashed again with police, as clouds of tear gas and smoke hung over the St. Louis suburb where Michael Brown was fatally shot by a police officer.

Protesters filled the streets after nightfall Monday, and officers trying to enforce tighter restrictions at times used bullhorns to order them to disperse. Police deployed noisemakers and armored vehicles to push demonstrators back. Officers fired tear gas and flash grenades.

Capt. Ron Johnson of the Missouri Highway Patrol, who is in charge of security in Ferguson, said bottles and Molotov cocktails were thrown from the crowd and that some officers had come under heavy gunfire. At least two people were shot and 31 were arrested, he said. He did not have condition updates on those who were shot. Johnson said four officers were injured by rocks or bottles.

Demonstrators no longer faced the neighborhood's midnight-to-5 a.m. curfew, but police told protesters that they could not assemble in a single spot and had to keep moving. After the streets had been mostly cleared, authorities ordered reporters to leave as well, citing the risk from gunfire that had been reported.

A photographer for the Getty photo agency was arrested while covering the demonstrations and later released. Two German reporters were arrested and detained for three hours. Conservative German daily Die Welt said correspondent Ansgar Graw and reporter Frank Herrmann, who writes for German regional papers, were arrested after allegedly failing to follow police instructions to vacate an empty street. They said they followed police orders.

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Police mistrust still prevalent years after southern police became segregation symbols

WASHINGTON (AP) — For one night, all was well in Ferguson, Missouri. After a change in police command, violent protests decrying the shooting death of unarmed 18-year-old Michael Brown at the hands of white police officer Darren Wilson suddenly gave way to peaceful demonstrations.

A day later, Ferguson police, under pressure to disclose Wilson's name, also revealed that Brown was suspected of stealing cigars from a local store before his deadly encounter with Wilson. That announcement was met with disbelief and anger by several residents, who said police were trying to smear Brown's name to justify his shooting.

And the streets of Ferguson exploded anew.

Brown's death is the latest illustration of deep divisions between minorities and police that have simmered for generations. Concern about the events playing out in Ferguson has coursed all the way up to the White House. President Barack Obama said Attorney General Eric Holder would go to Missouri this week to check on the independent federal investigation into Brown's death.

"In too many communities around the country, a gulf of mistrust exists between local residents and law enforcement," the president said.

Aiming to defuse a crisis, Obama struggles to find his role as protests rage in Ferguson

WASHINGTON (AP) — When racial tensions erupted midway through his first presidential campaign, Barack Obama came to Philadelphia to decry the "racial stalemate we've been stuck in for years." Over time, he said, such wounds, rooted in America's painful history on race, can be healed.

Six years later, the stalemate suddenly seems more entrenched than ever. As Obama pleads for calm and understanding in Ferguson, Missouri, he's struggling to determine what role — if any — the nation's first black president can play in defusing a crisis that has laid bare the profound sense of injustice felt by African-Americans across the country.

As Obama sought to strike the appropriate tone Monday, he appeared to be trapped between the need, as president and commander in chief, to stand up for the government's right to ensure law and order, and the inclination, as an African-American, to empathize with those whose say the killing of an unarmed black man just goes to show how blacks are treated differently by police.

"In too many communities around the country, a gulf of mistrust exists between local residents and law enforcement. In too many communities, too many young men of color are left behind and seen only as objects of fear," Obama said at the White House, in his most expansive comments to date about the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown just outside St. Louis.

But while Obama lamented the disproportional apprehension of young black men, he pointedly argued that's not solely the fault of overzealous cops. Police officers must be honored and respected for the difficult job they perform, Obama said.

Israel, Palestinians try to hammer out Gaza deal as ceasefire extended for 24 hours

CAIRO (AP) — Palestinian and Israeli negotiators in Cairo resumed indirect talks on Tuesday, trying to hammer out a roadmap for the war-torn Gaza Strip after Egypt announced a 24-hour extension of the

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cease-fire to allow more time for negotiations.

The extension of the truce fanned hopes of an emerging deal, however vague, though wide gaps remain on key issues, including Israel's blockade of Gaza, its demands for disarmament of the Islamic militant group Hamas and Palestinian demands for a Gaza seaport and an airport.

In an apparent attempt to pressure Hamas, Egypt said early Monday it would co-host an international fundraising conference for Gaza — but only if a deal is reached first.

That appears to play into the hands of the West Bank-based Palestinian Authority, which is seeking to regain a Gaza foothold, seven years after Hamas ousted it from power in the densely populated coastal strip.

Hamas, whose officials are part of the Palestinian delegation in the Cairo talks, has emerged weaker from the month-long Gaza war.

Officials say Iraqi army clashes with militants outside city of Tikrit

BAGHDAD (AP) — A local official and a resident say clashes have broken out between Iraqi security forces and militants on the outskirts of Tikrit.

They say the clashes began early Tuesday on the southwestern outskirts of the militant-held city of Tikrit, located north of Baghdad.

Both spoke on condition of anonymity, fearing their safety.

The Iraqi military shelled militant positions inside and outside the city, they said. There were no immediate reports of casualties.

The Islamic State group and other militants occupied Tikrit and the northern city of Mosul in early June.

As US bombs Islamic State group in Iraq, Syria's embattled president strikes them at home

BEIRUT (AP) — As the U.S. military strikes the Islamic State group in Iraq, Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces have significantly stepped up their own campaign against militant strongholds in Syria, carrying out dozens of airstrikes against the group's headquarters in the past two days.

While the government in Damascus has long turned a blind eye to the Islamic State's expansion in Syria — in some cases even facilitating its offensive against mainstream rebels — the group's rapid march on towns and villages in northern and eastern Syria is now threatening to overturn recent gains by government forces.

While Islamic State militants have so far concentrated their attacks against the Western-backed fighters seeking to topple Assad, they have in the past month carried out a major onslaught against Syrian army facilities in northeastern Syria, capturing and slaughtering hundreds of Syrian soldiers and progovernment militiamen in the process.

On Monday, Islamic State fighters were closing in on the last government-held army base in the northeastern Raqqa province, the Tabqa air base, prompting at least 16 Syrian government airstrikes in the area in an attempt to halt their advance.

In the northern city of Aleppo, there is a sense of impending defeat among mainstream rebels as Islamic militants systematically routed them last week in towns and villages only a few kilometers (miles) north of the city. An Islamic State takeover of rebel-held parts of Aleppo also would be disastrous for

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Syrian government troops who have been gaining ground in the city in past months.

Report: Portable anti-aircraft weapons used by armed groups in Syria pose aviation threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Armed groups in Syria have an estimated several hundred portable anti-aircraft missiles that could easily be diverted to extremists and used to destroy low-flying commercial planes, according to a new report by a respected international research group. It cites the risk that the missiles could be smuggled out of Syria by terrorists.

The report was released just hours after the Federal Aviation Administration issued a notice Monday to U.S. airlines banning all flights in Syrian airspace. The agency said armed extremists in Syria are "known to be equipped with a variety of anti-aircraft weapons which have the capability to threaten civilian aircraft." The agency had previously warned against flights over Syria, but had not prohibited them.

Small Arms Survey, a Switzerland-based research organization that analyzes the global flow of weapons, published its findings Tuesday following last month's lethal missile attack on a passenger jet flying over Ukraine. The report focuses on launchers and missiles known as "man-portable air defense systems," or MANPADS, which are dangerous to planes flying at lower altitudes or ones taking off or landing.

The new report estimated that several hundred anti-aircraft missile systems are already in rebel arsenals. Mostly Russian and Chinese in origin, the weapons have been seized by Syrian opposition militias from government forces and smuggled in from nations sympathetic to the insurgents, the report said.

The most immediate danger is that anti-aircraft weapons, especially newer and sophisticated models, could easily be diverted to extremist groups operating outside Syria, it said. Porous borders and the presence in Iraq and other neighboring countries of groups affiliated with al-Qaida and other extremists heighten the danger that anti-aircraft weapons could spread to other trouble spots.

Govt troops inch closer to rebel-held city in eastern Ukraine

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian officials and military commanders say the government has captured swathes of another town near the key rebel-held stronghold.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said in a Facebook post on Tuesday that one soldier was killed and four wounded when a volunteer battalion came under mortar fire before entering the town of Ilovaysk, 18 kilometers (11 miles) east of Donetsk. Among the wounded is the commander of the Donbass battalion, Semyon Semenchenko, who said government soldiers destroyed three rebel checkpoints and four firing positions in ongoing fighting.

Government efforts to quell the pro-Russian separatist front have focused lately on gradually encircling the largest rebel-controlled city of Donetsk.

Volunteer battalions have proven essential in the government offensive against armed separatists in the mainly Russian-speaking east in April.

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Confusion in the brush: Private militias complicate lawenforcement situation on Texas border

MISSION, Texas (AP) — On a recent moonlit night, Border Patrol agents began rounding up eight immigrants hiding in and around a canal near the Rio Grande. A state trooper soon arrived to help. Then out of the darkness emerged seven more armed men in fatigues.

Agents assumed the camouflaged crew that joined in pulling the immigrants from the canal's milky green waters was a tactical unit from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Only later did they learn that the men belonged to the Texas Militia, a group that dresses like a SWAT team and carries weapons but has no law-enforcement training or authority of any kind.

The situation ended peacefully with the immigrants getting arrested and the Border Patrol advising the militia members "to properly and promptly" identify themselves anytime they encounter law-enforcement officers. But the episode was unsettling enough for the Border Patrol to circulate an "issue paper" warning other agents.

The presence of armed militia members working on their own in a region known for human smuggling, drug smuggling and illegal immigration has added one more variable to an already complex and tense situation.

Although the Aug. 6 incident in Mission resulted in no harm, it's not hard to imagine deadlier outcomes throughout the Rio Grande Valley, a wide area patrolled by more than 3,000 border agents, as well as hundreds of state troopers, game wardens, deputies and local police officers. Gov. Rick Perry is also sending as many as 1,000 National Guard troops.

Life after 'The Worm': In shadow of Rodman, ex-NFL player on marquee for Pyongyang fight night

TOKYO (AP) — Former NFL player Bob "The Beast" Sapp isn't exactly a household name back home in the United States. But he's big in Japan. Very big. And soon he hopes to be living large — for a week, anyway — in North Korea.

Shades of Dennis Rodman, anyone?

Sapp, a 6-foot-5, 350-pound tank of a man who played briefly as a lineman with the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings before becoming one of Japan's best-known mixed martial arts personalities, will be topping the bill at a martial arts extravaganza in Pyongyang later this month. The two-day event is being staged by a Japanese pro-wrestler-turned-politician in an oddball attempt at sports diplomacy just as relations between North Korea and Japan are beginning to thaw.

"This is the No. 1 unusual and a little bit crazy thing (I've ever done)," Sapp said of his upcoming trip. "I've done everything from the NFL, pro wrestling, movies, I made the cover of Time magazine, done all types of commercials and now I'm going to North Korea. You name it, I've done it."

About 20 wrestlers and martial artists from around the world are expected to attend. Organizers say the event — dubbed, rather blandly, the International Pro-Wrestling Festival in Pyongyang — will be broadcast over the Internet, aired on Japanese network television and also shown on North Korean state-run TV.

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Today in History The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, August 19, the 231st day of 2014. There are 134 days left in the year. **Today's Highlight in History:**

On August 19, A.D. 14, Caesar Augustus, Rome's first emperor, died at age 76 after a reign lasting four decades; he was succeeded by his stepson Tiberius.

On this date:

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces landed at Benedict, Maryland, with the objective of capturing Washington, D.C.

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, New York, opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government (all were convicted and executed).

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50-percent casualties.

In 1955, severe flooding in the northeastern U.S. claimed some 200 lives.

In 1964, The Beatles opened their first full-fledged U.S. tour as they performed at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh airport.

In 1991, Soviet hard-liners made the stunning announcement that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev had been removed from power. (The coup attempt collapsed two days later.)

Ten years ago: Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry fought back against campaign allegations of exaggerating his combat record in Vietnam, accusing President George W. Bush of using a Republican front group "to do his dirty work." Google began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market, ending the day up \$15.34 at \$100.34. Carly Patterson won gymnastics' premier event at the Olympics in Athens, becoming the first U.S. woman to win the all-around title since Mary Lou Retton in 1984.

Five years ago: Suicide bombers struck Iraq's finance and foreign ministries, killing more than 100 people. Four members of an elite Army special operations unit were killed when their helicopter crashed on a Colorado mountain during a training mission. Don Hewitt, the TV news pioneer who'd created CBS' "60 Minutes," died at his Long Island, New York, home at age 86.

One year ago: Olympian runner Oscar Pistorius was indicted in Pretoria, South Africa, on charges of murder and illegal possession of ammunition for the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, at his home on Valentine's Day 2013; Pistorius has maintained he'd mistaken her for an intruder. A train ran over a group of Hindu pilgrims at a crowded station in eastern India, killing at least 37 people. Actor Lee Thompson Young, 29, was found dead in his North Hollywood home.

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Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 87. Actress Debra Paget is 81. USTA Eastern Tennis Hall of Famer Renee Richards is 80. Former MLB All-Star Bobby Richardson is 79. Actress Diana Muldaur is 76. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 75. Singer Johnny Nash is 74. Actress Jill St. John is 74. Actor and former U.S. senator Fred Thompson is 72. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 71. Country singer-songwriter Eddy Raven is 70. Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 69. Former President Bill Clinton is 68. Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 66. Actor Jim Carter is 66. Actor Gerald McRaney is 66. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 63. Actor-director Jonathan Frakes is 62. Political consultant Mary Matalin is 61. Actor Peter Gallagher is 59. Actor Adam Arkin is 58. Singersongwriter Gary Chapman is 57. Actor Martin Donovan is 57. Pro Football Hall-of-Famer Anthony Munoz is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ivan Neville is 55. Actor Eric Lutes is 52. Actor John Stamos is 51. Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 49. Actor Kevin Dillon is 49. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 48. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 47. Country singer-songwriter Mark McGuinn is 46. Actor Matthew Perry is 45. Country singer Clay Walker is 45. Rapper Fat Joe is 44. Olympic gold medal tennis player Mary Joe Fernandez is 43. Actress Tracie Thoms is 39. Country singer Rissi (REE'-see) Palmer is 33. Actress Erika Christensen is 32. Pop singer Missy Higgins is 31. Actress Tammin Sursok (TV: "Pretty Little Liars") is 31. Country singer Karli Osborn is 30. Olympic silver medal snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis is 29. Actor J. Evan Bonifant is 29. Rapper Romeo is 25.

Thought for Today: "Well done is quickly done." - Caesar Augustus, Roman emperor (63 B.C.-A.D. 14).