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## Rally Was One For The History Books

**RAPID CITY JOURNAL (Aug. 13)** They came, they rode, they ate, they rode, they drank and rode some more before hitting the road for home after having spent millions of dollars in the Black Hills. By all measures, the 75th annual Sturgis motorcycle rally was a resounding success even though it may not have cracked the million mark in attendance that some had predicted.

Nonetheless, the numbers clearly show the rally is one for the record books.

For example, traffic counts on the weekend before the rally officially started on Aug. 3 show that Sturgis greeted 236,283 vehicles, an increase of 37 percent from the previous year. On the first day of the rally, the Department of Transportation reported that 96,409 vehicles came to Sturgis, a community of around 6,600 people when it is not the epicenter of the motorcycle world.

Other examples of the enormity of this year's rally include: Garbage collected through last Friday in Sturgis was at 567 tons compared to 380 tons at the same point in 2014;

A total of more than 1,100 patients went to Regional Health facilities, including 471 in Sturgis and 299 in Rapid City, which compares to 618 in 2014;

Liquor sales were 60 percent higher at Sturgis Liquors, an increase of 60 percent over past years, according to the town's city manager, Daniel Ainslie.

On one day, Aug. 3, the Sturgis Red Cross treated 62 people compared to 140 during the entire 2014 rally.

And there was the observations of rally veterans like Sturgis Police Chief Jim Bush who said the 75th was the biggest gathering he had seen in 38 years and that the traffic was the worst he had ever seen.

At the same time all this humanity descended upon our area, less crime was reported than in past years. In fact, Meade County Jail statistics released Monday showed fewer arrests by the Highway Patrol, the Sturgis Police Department and the Meade County Sheriff's Office when compared to last year.

The most significant downside to this year's rally was the fact that 17 people lost their lives either at the rally or coming or going from it, which was more than the past two years combined. Law enforcement points out, however, that the number of deaths — while tragic — is largely explained by the huge influx of visitors that crowded our roads.

The biggest indicator of the rally's success, however, won't be known for a few more weeks when the state releases the numbers on sales tax collections although there is little doubt they will be eye-popping.

As we look at the rear-view mirror of this year's historic rally, we offer kudos to local, area and state officials, law enforcement and health-care organizations for being so well-prepared for a crowd that stretched their resources for more than two weeks. We also thank local residents for doing their part to make our rally visitors feel welcome.

### OUR LETTER POLICY

The **PRESS & DAKOTAN** invites its readers to write letters to the editor. We ask that a few simple guidelines be followed:

- Please limit letters to 300 words or less. Letters should deal with a single subject, be of general interest and state a specific point of view. Letters are edited with brevity, clarity and newspaper style in mind.

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### IN HISTORY

**By The Associated Press**  
Today is Monday, August 17, the 229th day of 2015. There are 136 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** On August 17, 1915, a mob in Cobb County, Georgia, lynched Jewish businessman Leo Frank, 31, whose death sentence for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan had been commuted to life imprisonment. (Frank, who'd maintained his innocence, was pardoned by the state of Georgia in 1986.)

**On this date:** In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat began heading up the Hudson River on its successful round trip between New York and Albany.

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships began bombarding Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War, but the Confederates managed to hold on despite several days of pounding.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily during World War II was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1945, Indonesian nationalists declared their independence from the Netherlands. The George Orwell novel "Animal Farm," an allegorical satire of Soviet Communism, was first published in London by Martin Secker & Warburg.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and killed 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, Hurricane Camille slammed into the Mississippi coast as a Category 5 storm that was blamed for 256 U.S. deaths, three in Cuba.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle II outside Paris.

In 1982, the first commercially produced compact discs, a recording of ABBA's "The Visitors," were pressed at a Philips factory near Hanover, West Germany.

In 1985, more than 1,400 meatpackers walked off the job at the Geo. A. Hormel and Co.'s main plant in Austin, Minnesota, in a bitter strike that lasted just over a year.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at Spandau Prison at age 93, an apparent suicide.

In 1998, President Bill Clinton gave grand jury testimony via closed-circuit television from the White House concerning his relationship with Monica Lewinsky; he then delivered a TV address in which he denied previously committing perjury, admitted his relationship with Lewinsky was "wrong," and criticized Kenneth Starr's investigation.

In 1999, more than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

**Ten years ago:** Israeli security forces poured into four Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip, beginning the forcible removal of protesters who'd refused orders

to leave the area ahead of a deadline. Three car bombs exploded in Baghdad, killing up to 43 people. Hundreds of anti-war vigils were held nationwide, part of an effort spurred by Cindy Sheehan's protest near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch in memory of her son Casey, who was killed in Iraq.

**Five years ago:** A mistrial was declared on 23 corruption charges against ousted Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was accused of trying to sell President Barack Obama's old Senate seat; the jury convicted him on one charge, that of lying to the FBI. (Blagojevich was convicted of 17 counts of corruption in a retrial and sentenced to 14 years in prison, but a federal appeals court dismissed five of the counts in July 2015.) A suicide bomber in Iraq detonated nail-packed explosives strapped to his body, killing 61 people, many of them army recruits.

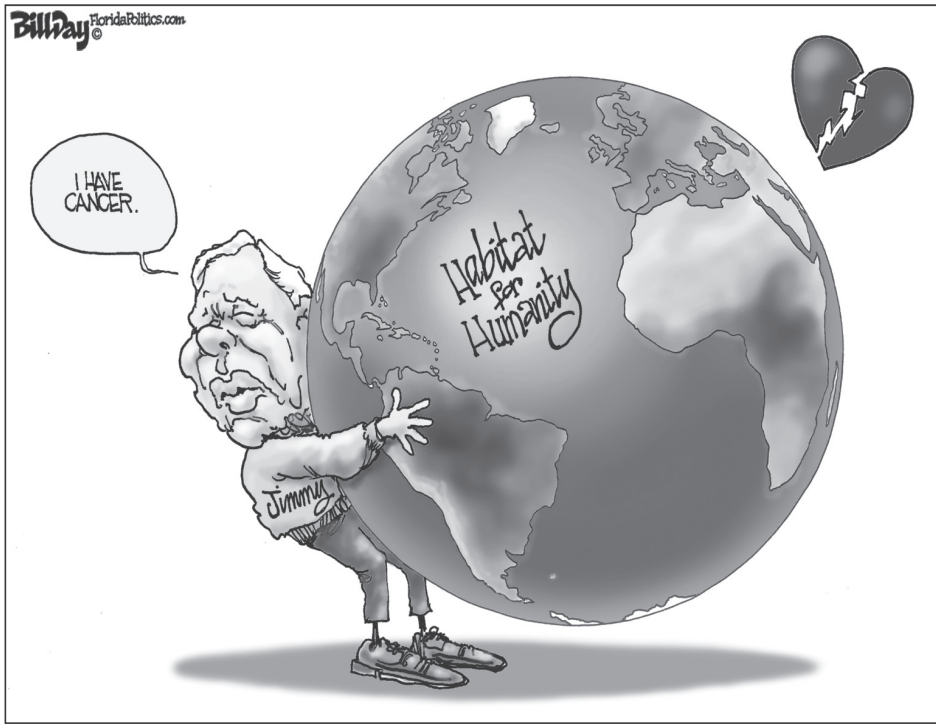
**One year ago:** U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder ordered a federal medical examiner to perform another autopsy on the remains of Michael Brown, a black Missouri teenager whose fatal shooting by a white police officer spurred a week of riotous and sometimes violent protests in suburban St. Louis. Inbee Park of South Korea successfully defended her title in the LPGA Championship, beating Britanny Lincocome with a par on the first hole of a playoff to end the United States' major streak at three.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Maureen O'Hara is 95. Former Chinese president Jiang Zemin is 89. Author V.S. Naipaul is 83. Former MLB All-Star Boog Powell is 74. Actor Robert DeNiro is 72. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 69. Rock musician Gary Talley (The Box Tops) is 68. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 66. Actor Robert Joy is 64. International Tennis Hall of Famer Guillermo Vilas is 63. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 62. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 60. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 60. Olympic gold medal figure skater Robin Cousins is 58. Singer Belinda Carlisle is 57. Author Jonathan Franzen is 56. Actor Sean Penn is 55. Jazz musician Everette Hopp is 54. Rock musician Gilby Clarke is 53. Singer Maria McKee is 51. Rock musician Steve Gorman (The Black Crowes) is 50. Rock musician Jill Cuniff is 49. Actor David Conrad is 48. Singer Donnie Wahlberg is 46. College Basketball Hall of Famer and retired NBA All-Star Christian Laettner is 46. Rapper Posdnuos is 46. International Tennis Hall of Famer Jim Courier is 45. Retired MLB All-Star Jorge Posada is 44. TV personality Giuliana Rancic is 41. Actor Mark Salling is 33. Actor Bryton James is 29. Actor Brady Corbet is 27. Olympic bronze medal figure skater Gracie Gold is 20.

**Thought for Today:** "It is not love that is blind, but jealousy." — Lawrence Durrell, British-born author (1912-1990).

### FROM THE BIBLE

Many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great before the Lord. Luke 1:14-15. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis.



## Straight Outta Whitewash

BY MICHELLE MALKIN  
Creators.com

My Instagram and Facebook feeds have been filled with unwitting apologists for racism against Korean-American small-business owners.

Heckuva job, Hollywood! Here's how the poison is spreading. A savvy marketing team at Universal/Comcast Corp. developed a web toy that allows social media fans to customize the theatrical poster logo for the media giant's new biopic, "Straight Outta Compton." Hundreds of thousands of clueless users have uploaded photos of themselves and substituted "Compton" with the names of their hometowns.

Jennifer Lopez, Serena Williams, LeBron James and Ed Sheeran are among the celebrities who helped make the meme go viral. Youth vote-pandering GOP Florida Sen. Marco Rubio jumped on the cultural bandwagon, too, with two obsequious messages on Twitter featuring the hashtag "#straightouttacompton." It's a publicity coup for rappers-turned-multimedia moguls Dr. Dre (Andre Young) and Ice Cube (O'Shea Jackson) as they pimp the movie — named after their breakthrough 1988 album — glorifying the rise of their band N.W.A. (Niggaz Wit Attitudes) and the hardcore gangsta rap genre.

"Straight Outta Compton's" cop-bashing, thug-promoting songs — most notably "F-k the Police" — vaulted Young and Jackson into the entertainment stratosphere. Young is a near-billionaire after becoming a producer, promoter and maker of overpriced headphones (the company was bought by Apple for \$3 billion last year). Jackson embarked on a successful career as a solo rapper, mainstream actor and comedian.

Their hagiographic movie omits Young's history of assaults on women and completely whitewashes Jackson's incendiary attacks on Korean storeowners in South Central Los Angeles.

Shortly before the 1992 L.A. riots, Jackson had penned the hate-filled song "Black Korea" for his best-selling platinum solo album, Death Certificate. He seethed against law-abiding immigrant entrepreneurs in his 'hood and threatened to burn their stores "right down to a crisp":

Every time I want to go get a f-king brew I gotta go down to the store with the two Oriental one-penny-counting mother-kers; They make a nigger mad enough to cause a little ruckus.

Thinking every brother in the world's out to take,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### The Pope Spoke on Homosexuality Gary and Marci Pederson, Volin

In reply to Kim Dale's letter to the editor (*Press & Dakotan*, Aug. 3):  
Kim, we invite you to read and reflect on the Bible verse from John 8:7 when Jesus Christ was asked to judge a woman who was accused of sin. Jesus said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

Or perhaps you should contemplate on Pope Francis' comments in July of 2013. When asked about gays and lesbians, he replied, "If someone is gay and searches for the Lord and has good will, who am I to judge?"

Kim, we ask that in your daily devotions and prayers, please ask yourself, as Pope Francis did, "Who am I to judge?"

Perhaps we can all learn from Pope Francis.

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Michelle MALKIN

So they watch every damn move that I make.

They hope I don't pull out a Gat, try to rob Their funky little store, but, b-tch, I got a job. So don't follow me up and down your market

Or your little chop suey ass will be a target Of a nationwide boycott. Juice with the people, that's what the boy got.

So pay respect to the black fist Or we'll burn your store right down to a crisp.

And then we'll see ya... 'Cause you can't turn the ghetto into black Korea.

The song was supposedly inspired by the shooting death of 15-year-old Latasha Harlins, who was black, by Korean storeowner Soon Ja Du. The two had fought over a bottle of orange juice. The shopkeeper's store had been robbed multiple times. Du was convicted of voluntary manslaughter, but had her sentence reduced to probation based on extenuating circumstances; her store — like dozens and dozens in Koreatown — was burned down to the ground during the 1992 riots. Korean-American merchants were forced to arm themselves and defend their property after being abandoned by police. Many observers in both the Korean-American and black communities in L.A. cited "Black Korea" (not just the Rodney King verdict) as an inspirational spark for the conflagration that caused hundreds of millions of dollars in damage.

Fast-forward to Baltimore and Ferguson, where rioters followed in these bigoted foot-steps and targeted non-black-owned stores. Instead of condemning their actions, The New York Times celebrated the efforts of Crips, Bloods and Black Guerilla Family gangsters who "stood in front of black-owned stores to protect them from looting or vandalism. He said they had made sure no black children, or reporters, were hit by rioters."

Instead, they "pointed them toward Chinese- and Arab-owned stores."

See no Asian-bashing evil in the inner city. Hear no Asian-bashing evil in the inner city. Speak no Asian-bashing evil in the inner city.

Ice Cube hasn't ever had to answer for his violence-stoking bigotry. And apparently neither will the media and Hollywood co-conspirators who perpetuate it.

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We pray the Holy Spirit opens your heart soon.

### Putting The Lid On

**Sharon Kostroun, Yankton**  
Once again the trash men do not put the lid back on our cans. I have called the city. Still, nothing is done.

We buy new cans and lids. I have new sod in my yard and they don't care where they throw them. I have talk to them and they still do what ever they want. Maybe we should lower the pay check and they will respect our property.

Please put the lids back on the trash can. Our guys that work recycling can put the lids back on the cans by can't the trash me do the same.