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10U & 12U NESD League Tourney
Legion State at Tabor (No info available)
SD Wheat Growers Golfing at Olive Grove
Senior Menu: Turkey Sub Sandwich, Creamy Potato Salad, Fruited Jello, Ice Cream Sundae.
Anniversary: Steve and Lori Giedt
Birthdays: April Woodward • Stan Knudsen • Taylor Holm • Hannah Webb
5:30pm: Teeners host Mellette

We do apologize, but we do not know what time the Legion plays at the state, nor do we have the pairings. If we find something out, we will send out an e-mail letting you know.

Two bedroom apartment in the Rix Apartments (former city apartments) at 407 N Garfield

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

Groton Chiropractic Clinic

Carol McFarland-Kutter, D.C.
1205 N 1st St., Groton 397-8204

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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Chanters are rated First Place Gold

The Yelduz Chanters from Aberdeen, SD, rated First Place GOLD, in the Shrine Chanters Association International Imperial competition on Monday, July 7th, in Minneapolis, MN. The competition took place during the 140th annual Imperial Session of Shriners International. This is the Fourth consecutive year the group has won this completion. Later that evening, they also sang a benefit concert, in the Hennepin Ave. United Methodist Church, for the "Dignity Center", a group that is focused on helping the homeless in Minneapolis. The South Dakota Yelduz Shrine Chanters of Aberdeen Pictured are: Back Row: Wayne Hoines, Sioux Falls; Potentate Rod Simons, Glenham; Frank Gross, Selby; Dave Arlt, Aberdeen; Tony Larsen, Mobridge; Franz Cartner, Redfield; Jerry Buechler, Warner. 3rd Row: Dennis Wiedmeier, Redfield; Chris Jansen, Selby; Jason Lillestol, Brandon; LeRoy Farmen, Mobridge; Arlen Nordhagen, Sioux Falls; Marlin Flint, Redfield; Dave Siemon, Mobridge. 2nd Row: Scott Roeber, Tulare; Dean Feiock, Mobridge; Tom Dafnis, Mobridge; Lon Gellhaus, Groton; Marc Jackman, Mobridge; Director Dale Fiedler; Redfield. Front Row: Bruce Redding, Mobridge; Lester Nehls, Groton; Accompanist Missy Nguyen, Aberdeen; Ted Williams, Redfield; Wally Jansen, Mobridge. Not Pictured: Mason Brown, Faulkton; Wayne Erickson, Sisseton; Larry Rosenow, Aberdeen; Lee Schinkel, Aberdeen.

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CARDS OF THANKS

Thank you family and friends for helping me celebrate my 80th birthday.
Yvonne Gibbs

I would like to extend a thank you to my family for hosting a surprise birthday party. This was very much appreciated. Thank you to all who came, for the cards and phone calls. Thanks again and God bless you!

Norman Townsend

EMPLOYMENT

Looking for a rewarding opportunity? Sun Dial Manor in Bristol is accepting applications for CAN's and a Restorative Aide to assist residents in the Restorative Therapy Department, and a Cook. Small, drug free facility with new upgrades and recently remodeled. We offer competitive wages and benefits. For questions, please call Connie Brown RN, DON, at 605/492-3615. (0702.0730)

FOR RENT

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Kendra at 605/215-4000.

FOR SALE

Beautiful and spacious townhouse for sale by owners. Three bedrooms, three baths, finished basement with a custom wet bar. Heated 2 car attached garage. Low monthly rural utilities and low rural taxes. Priced to sell. If interested, please call Lisa @ 605 290 2404 or Dennis @ 605 880 4821.

Breck to play fiddle at Trinity on Sunday

Betty Breck will be playing hymns with her fiddle at Sunday's (July 27) worship service at the Trinity Historic Church in Groton



at Third Ave. and Third Street. Service will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday. You are invited to the service in the historic setting. Offering will be used to help maintain the church and to pay for insurance.

EMPLOYMENT

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. 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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The Life of Rose Kutter

Services for Rose Kutter, 69, of Groton will be 10 a.m., Saturday, July 26 at Faith Lutheran Church in New Effington. Pastor Cheryl Rondeau Bassett will officiate. Burial will follow in Garden of Rest Cemetery, New Effington.

Visitation will be held at Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton, on Friday from 4-7 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:00 p.m.

Rose died July 22, 2014 at Sanford Select Specialty Hospital in Sioux Falls.

Rose Irene was born on February 1, 1945 in Browns Valley, MN to Elmer and Magdalene (Schubert) Vanouse. She attended school in Hart #1 country school, Browns Valley Public School, and New Effington Public School, graduating in 1963. Following graduation, she moved to New York City and worked as a teletype for Western Union.

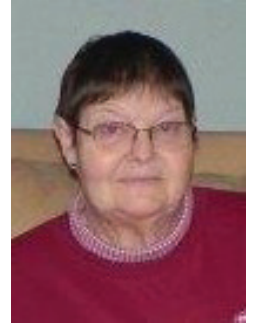
She later worked for IC Corp in Minneapolis. Rose then returned to South Dakota and worked as a type setter for the Aberdeen American News. On September 25, 1971 she was united in marriage with Roy Kutter and together they made their home on a farm north of New Effington. To this union, four children were born. Rose moved to Groton, SD in 1990. She worked at various jobs in the area, the most recent being Postmaster Relief in Andover, SD.

Rose was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in New Effington. She enjoyed cooking, crossword puzzles, needle point, reading the paper and going to coffee with her friends. She also treasured time with all of her family, especially her grandchildren.

Celebrating her life are her children, Randy Kutter of Ferney; Royce Kutter of Breaux Bridge, LA; Ryan (Carol) Kutter of Groton and Ronda Kutter of Watertown, and her three grandchildren: Savanna Krueger, Emma Kutter and Ian Kutter.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband in 1975 and an infant sister, Margaret Louise Vanouse.

Casketbearers will be Don Dahlman, John Dahlman, Todd Dahlman, Keith Bostrom, Paul Bostrom, and Mike Cerroll.



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Over 7,000 sq. ft. of living area. Six bedrooms, six baths, two kitchens, living room, dining room, study room, two family rooms, theater room, oversized three-stall garage, irrigation system.

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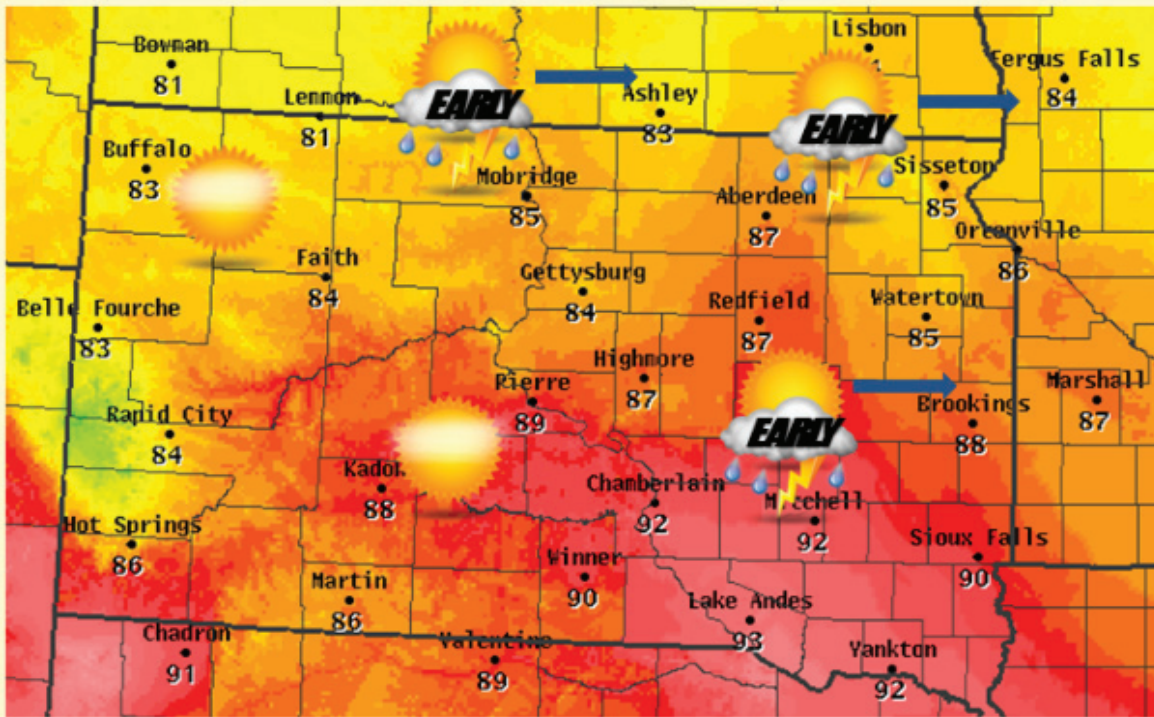
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TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY
						
Scattered Thunderstorms High: 86 °F	Mostly Clear Low: 58 °F	Breezy High: 83 °F	Breezy Low: 58 °F	Breezy High: 75 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 56 °F	Sunny High: 77 °F



Isolated Storms Depart Early This Morning
Dry Today With Seasonally Mild Temperatures



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

weather.gov/Aberdeen  National Weather Service Aberdeen  @NWSAberdeen Updated: 7/25/2014 4:48 AM Central

A few showers will continue into the morning hours, but dry air will eventually push into the region today. Saturday will see windy conditions with normal temperatures, followed by a drastic cool down for Sunday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 79.0°F at 5:59 PM

Heat Index:

Low: 62.9°F at 1:49 AM

High Gust: 36 mph at 12:30 PM

Precip: 0.15

Today's Info

Record High: 111° in 1931

Record Low: 44° in 1911

Average High: 84°F

Average Low: 59°F

Average Precip in July.: 2.43

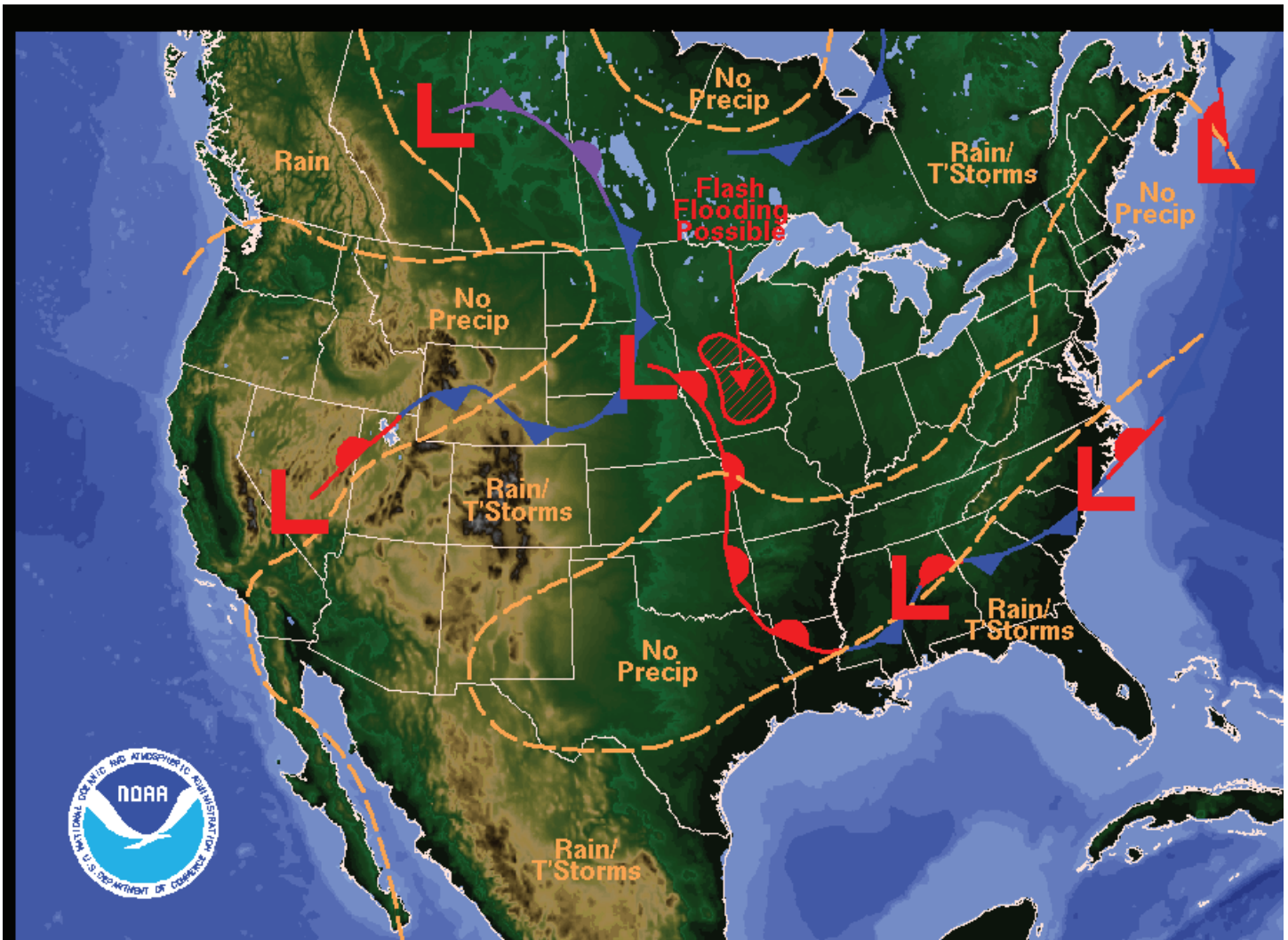
Precip to date in July.: 0.15

Average Precip to date: 13.27

Precip Year to Date: 9.28

Sunset Tonight: 9:10 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:11 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Jul 25, 2014, issued 3:10 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Mc Reynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

Today in Weather History

July 25, 1961: This storm started late in the evening on the 25th and went into the early morning hours of the 26th. A sizeable area suffered 50 to 100 percent loss of crops resulting from hail over the following counties, Bison, Perkins, Faulk, Onida, Sully, and western Hand. Corn was stripped of leaves and broken off. Oats and wheat were flattened. High winds with recorded gusts of 75 to 80 miles per hour cause numerous power failures and damaged trees in Pierre. Winds also unroofed a small cattle shed in Redfield.

July 25, 1972: Unofficial rainfall amounts of 8 inches caused flash flooding in Ferney, and surrounding area. Water, over two feet depth was reported in a parking area. Basements were flooded and foundations were damaged. The heavy rain caused extensive damage to crops in the area.

July 25, 1984: Severe thunderstorms caused considerable damage to the Pierre area. Winds were gusting to 83 mph at the Pierre airport, where thirteen planes, as well as several hangars were destroyed. In town, a home and three businesses lost their roofs and a trailer home was destroyed. Rains of four inches in thirty minutes produced flash flooding with some streets closed for a period of time. Some basements were reported to have 6 to 8 inches of water in them. At Dupree, high winds caused extensive damage to the grandstand roof at the fairgrounds. Along the entire path of the thunderstorms, hail and high winds broke windows, damaged cars, downed trees, damaged crops, and caused power outages.

July 25, 1993: Lake Kampeska, near Watertown reached near record level at 37 inches over full mark due to runoff from heavy rains in previous days. Dozens of homes and two businesses were flooded out. About 100,000 sandbags were distributed to help prevent more flood damage to lakeside property owners.

25 July 1956: In a dense fog bank off Nantucket Island, the Italian passenger ship Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish liner Stockholm at full speed. Eleven hours later the Andrea Doria sank. However, 1660 were rescued and only 51 were lost.

25 July 1988: A storm system brought heavy rains to Tasmania, Australia. Coastal areas were flooded by high tides and storm surge.

25 July 2003: Lightning struck a home during an overnight thunderstorm southwest of Oslo, Norway. The charge moved into the bedroom and through an iron bed, with a Norwegian couple sleeping in it. The couple was unharmed, but the lightning strike caused the room to flash "like 10 welder's torches" and burned out all of the electrical sockets.

25 July 2006: Through today, a two week long heat wave in California killed 140 people.

25 July 2007: Canada's highest humidex (roughly analogous to the U.S.'s heat index) reading of 127F at Carman, Manitoba.



HIS WAYS ARE THE RIGHT WAYS

Whenever we have a box delivered to our home that says, "Instructions Inside," I immediately take it to my wife. It doesn't matter if it is large or small or somewhere in between, I know exactly what to do with it. If it needs to be "put together," or is "in pieces," it's beyond the skills and talents that God gave me. It's another example of God's grace: He graciously brought her to me to make up for many of my deficiencies.

That's the way God is. Whatever we lack, whatever we need, whatever is beyond us is always available to us through His grace and guidance. With God's Spirit within us and the fact that His Word is sufficient for us, we must then submit to Him, follow Him and depend on Him. We cannot do what He has for us to do without Him!

God knows our strength and limitations, our skills and talents. He is anxious for us to grow into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. So, it is important for us to look to Him, depend on Him and follow Him because life is too difficult without Him. We often mislead ourselves if we do not recognize "where we are and where God wants us to be." That's why David reminded us that we need God to "show us His ways." Like it or not, we must admit that it is too easy to confuse our ways with His ways and not accomplish His purpose for our lives or know how we can serve others.

God can only guide whom He governs. When we allow Him "to show us and teach us," He can then lead us in the path He has laid out for us.

Prayer: Father, Your ways are perfect ways. May we willingly accept them as we submit to Your leadership. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Psalm 25:4-5 Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day.

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 it, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. The name "Andover Bar & 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.

News from the Associated Press

Survey finds support for Atlantic salmon in Oahe

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A survey by South Dakota wildlife officials has found that few anglers object to the addition of Atlantic salmon to Lake Oahe.

South Dakota's Game, Fish and Parks Department is considering adding the fish to the Missouri River reservoir in the Dakotas to boost its salmon fishery. Chinook salmon have been stocked in the lake each year since the mid-1980s.

The department in April asked for public comments on the idea. The agency says 86 percent of the 2,311 people who responded either favored the plan or were neutral. Only 14 percent of respondents objected to the proposal.

Wildlife officials will decide later whether to continue exploring the option.

Mines students, others present research in Pierre

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Undergraduate students who have conducted research in metallurgical engineering and other topics this summer are set to present their work at a symposium in Pierre.

The more than 100 students who will participate in Friday's event attend the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and other universities nationwide. The event is sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

The topics students researched this summer include anti-counterfeiting and security printing and communications. Students who conducted their research at the School of Mines and Technology explored antennas for use in ground-penetrating radars, as well as technology that allows for the detection of tumors.

The event Friday is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel.

SD museum, collector dispute Elvis' broken guitar

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — An acoustic guitar Elvis Presley smashed during his final tour has sparked a custody fight between the South Dakota museum that currently displays it and a collector who insists the instrument never should have ended up there.

Now a federal judge must sort out whether blues guitarist Robert A. Johnson even technically owned the broken instrument last year when he donated it to the National Music Museum along with one of Bob Dylan's harmonicas, a guitar made for Johnny Cash and two other items.

The museum, based in Vermillion, insists in a lawsuit that it is the legal owner of the Martin D-35, which the rock-and-roll king played during his 1977 tour and gave to a fan in St. Petersburg, Florida, after he broke it when a strap and string snapped.

But Larry Moss, who has a long history of litigation against Johnson, contacted the museum, arguing that Johnson agreed to sell the guitar to him before it was donated. Johnson and Moss, both of whom live in Memphis, Tenn., are each listed as defendants in the museum's complaint.

The museum in court filings 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.

"There are significant issues with his claim including the fact that this guitar was apparently on dis-

play for an extended period of time in his hometown and he made no effort to go get the guitar," the museum's attorney, Mitchell Peterson, said Thursday.

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, and in exchange received \$250,000 for his 1967 Gibson Explorer Korina wood guitar. That instrument was formerly owned by Entwistle, who is best known as a member of The Who.

Moss's attorney, Randall Fishman, moved this week to transfer the case from state court to federal court. Moss did not return phone messages left at his businesses, and Fishman declined to comment about the specifics of the suit.

Records for a libel and defamation lawsuit filed by Johnson against Moss in state court in Tennessee in January 2014 shed light on the collector's dispute over the guitar.

The lawsuit's exhibits include a payment agreement signed by both collectors in 2008, in which Moss agreed to pay Johnson \$120,000 for various guitars including the one now on display at the museum. Those records also include an email Moss sent to the museum in December 2013 claiming ownership.

"Johnson did not have the right to transfer ownership of that guitar in any way, via sale, via donation, via trade, via loan, or any other method," the email stated. "(I) will not yet claim that the guitar is stolen, but I paid him for that guitar 5 years ago, and have been trying to get possession ever since."

In an affidavit filed in the federal lawsuit in South Dakota, Moss claims that the value of the Elvis guitar is "well in excess of \$75,000."

Federal court records show Johnson has not responded to the lawsuit. An attorney for Johnson has not been named in court filings and phone numbers listed for him and his business, Mint-Man, LLC, have been disconnected.

Johnson's donation to the museum also included a Chet Atkins hollow body guitar given to country pianist Floyd Cramer and later played by Jerry Lee Lewis and Mickey Gilley, a 1966 custom Grammer guitar made for Johnny Cash, a 1961 Kay Value Leader guitar signed by blues legend Muddy Waters and one of Bob Dylan's Hohner Marine Band harmonicas.

21 unaccompanied children placed with SD sponsors

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A federal report shows that 21 unaccompanied immigrant children have been placed individually with sponsors in South Dakota this year.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a state-by-state list Thursday showing the total number of children who arrived at the southern border illegally and were united with sponsors from Jan. 1 to July 7. Texas, New York, Florida and California received the most children.

The U.S. has been grappling with a surge in the number of unaccompanied children arriving on the border from Central America fleeing violence.

Children caught at the U.S. border are placed in government shelters and then reunited with sponsors, who are usually parents, relatives or family friends. The children are then placed in deportation proceedings.

Man charged in death of Peterson's son in court

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of killing the 2-year-old son of Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson has pleaded not guilty for an alleged attack on the boy's mother.

Twenty-eight-year-old Joseph Patterson was arraigned Thursday in Sioux Falls on charges of aggra-

vated assault and kidnapping. He's accused of attacking the mother of Tyrese Ruffin in June and holding her against her will for over an hour.

Patterson is facing second-degree murder, manslaughter and aggravated assault charges for the boy's death in October 2013. Trial on those charges is scheduled for October.

Last defendant sentenced for defrauding programs

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A fourth defendant accused of stealing funds that belonged to the Oglala Sioux Tribe has been sentenced in the case.

Forty-five-year-old Wayne Cortier pleaded guilty in March to theft concerning programs receiving federal funds. A judge earlier this week ordered Cortier to serve one year of probation.

Thirty-five-year-old Joe Garcia and 33-year-old Samone Milk were each sentenced earlier to more than a year in prison. Thirty-one-year-old Heather Garcia received five years of probation.

More than \$110,000 in restitution was ordered among the defendants.

Milk was the executive secretary for a tribal energy assistance program and Heather Garcia was a technician in the tribe's accounts payable department. Joe Garcia and Cortier were contractors for the tribe.

Authorities say the defendants drafted fake invoices for contract work that was never performed.

Insurers owe \$2,600 in refunds in South Dakota

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The federal government says insurers owe South Dakota customers about \$2,600 in refunds because of a provision in the nation's health care law.

The Health and Human Services Department released figures Thursday showing that 867 Dakotans will be getting refunds, averaging \$5 per family.

The Affordable Care Act requires insurance companies to spend at least 80 percent of the premiums they collect on patient care and quality improvement or return the difference to consumers and employers.

Employers can apply refunds in ways that benefit workers or take a discount on future premiums. Individual policyholders owed refunds will get checks, reimbursements to their credit card accounts or see reductions in future premiums.

Refunds nationwide total more than \$332 million, with an average of \$80 per family.

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. BLACK BOX FOUND AT SITE OF AIR ALGERIE CRASH

"There are, alas, no survivors," French President Francois Hollande says. "I share the pain of families living through this terrible ordeal."

2. TUNNELS ARE KEY FACET IN LATEST ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Israeli officials say Palestinian militants have dug dozens of underground passages from Gaza, which are meant to facilitate mass attacks on Israelis.

3. UKRAINE REPORTS OVERNIGHT REBEL ATTACKS

The Ukrainian army says that at one border crossing the insurgents were supported by artillery fire from the Russian side.

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4. IN 8 DAYS, THREE PLANES DOWN

Aviation suffers one of its worst weeks in memory. Industry analysts and safety experts shake their heads at the seeming randomness of the tragedies, but say they see no common themes, and don't think it means flying is less safe.

5. CENTRAL AMERICAN LEADERS ARE CONVENING AT WHITE HOUSE

Obama is summoning his counterparts from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador to discuss the influx of young immigrants from their countries to the U.S. in a bid to stem the crisis on the border.

6. CAUSE SOUGHT FOR GUNFIGHT BETWEEN PATIENT, DOCTOR

Authorities are attempting to determine why Richard Plotts fatally shot a caseworker at a suburban Philadelphia hospital and whether a psychiatrist who pulled out his own weapon and wounded the attacker had concerns about him.

7. HOW OBAMA LIKES SUPER PACS NOW

For years, the president railed against the unlimited spending flowing into American political campaigns. Now he's embracing some of the same secretive elements of that system, drawing charges of hypocrisy.

8. WHAT BECOMES SYMBOL OF SOUTH KOREA'S CRISIS OF CONSCIENCE

Construction of the world's sixth tallest building near Seoul faces new doubts in a nation questioning its ethos of economic progress over safety after the ferry disaster that killed hundreds of teenagers.

9. "BRAZIL IS AMAZING, AND I WANT TO STAY"

So says one of the thousands of young Argentine men who came for the World Cup and still haven't gone home, much to their host's consternation.

10. WHO DOESN'T LIKE MARIJUANA? HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, THAT'S WHO

Marijuana and hemp join wacky paint colors and unsightly fences as sources of common neighborhood disputes facing HOAs.

AP News in Brief

Israeli aircraft strike 30 Gaza homes, kill senior militant, as Cabinet weighs next move

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli aircraft struck 30 houses in the Gaza Strip early Friday, killing a leader of the militant Islamic Jihad group and two of his sons, as Israel's Security Cabinet was to meet later in the day to decide whether to expand its operation or consider ideas for a cease-fire.

Israeli ground troops and Hamas gunmen fought intense battles in the north and center of the territory, Palestinian officials said.

The Israeli military said it hit 45 sites in Gaza, including what it said was a Hamas military command post, while Gaza militants continued to fire rockets at Israel, with one hitting an empty house.

On the 18th day of fighting, Israel's Security Cabinet was to convene later Friday to consider international cease-fire proposals, an Israeli defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deliberations were taking place behind closed doors.

One plan calls for a five-day humanitarian truce during which Israel and Hamas would negotiate new border arrangements for blockaded Gaza, said Hana Amireh, a senior Palestine Liberation Organization official in the West Bank, who is involved in cease-fire efforts.

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Palestinian militant tunnel threat takes center stage in latest war with Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — A network of tunnels Palestinian militants have dug from Gaza to Israel — dubbed “lower Gaza” by the Israeli military — is taking center stage in the latest war between Hamas and Israel. Gaza’s Hamas rulers view them as a military game changer in its conflict with Israel. The Israeli military says the tunnels pose a serious threat and that destroying the sophisticated underground network is a key objective of its invasion of Gaza.

Israel has known about the tunnels for several years, but has been hard-pressed to find an effective way to block them. Now it is counting on its ground war to at least reduce the threat.

“Israel knew there was a problem with the tunnels, but it didn’t internalize their significance,” said Shlomo Brom, a retired Israeli general. “At any given moment, Hamas could send dozens of militants through separate tunnels to attack communities in Israel.”

Gaza has two sets of tunnels — those reaching Egypt and those reaching Israel.

Ukraine reports overnight rebel attacks on border crossing, claims fire from Russian side

MOSCOW (AP) — The Ukrainian army on Friday claimed that soldiers came under artillery fire from the Russian side of the border overnight and were attacked by rebels in several other places in the restive east.

Ukrainian forces are trying to close in on the rebels, cutting them off from the border with Russia which Kiev believes is the source of arms and reinforcement. Moscow has vehemently denied a role in the conflict between pro-Russian separatists and government troops which has left more than 400 people dead and displaced tens of thousands.

In a statement on Friday, the headquarters of the government’s military operation in the east listed at least seven locations where rebels attacked Ukrainian troops. They also claimed that attacks on two locations including a border crossing were supported by artillery fire from Russia.

Late on Thursday, Ukrainian troops entered the town of Lysychansk, which has been in rebel hands for several months, the military press office said. Rebels on Friday morning admitted in comments carried by Interfax that they had to flee the town which is 70 kilometers (45 miles) north-west of the regional capital Luhansk.

International observers from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe on Friday were traveling to inspect the wreckage of the downed Malaysia Airlines plane and to search for more bodies. Human remains are still being found at the crash site more than a week after the plane went down.

France sends soldiers to guard Air Algerie wreckage in Mali; black box found, no survivors

PARIS (AP) — French officials dispatched a military unit to secure the site in restive northern Mali where an Air Algerie plane crashed with the loss of 116 people. France’s interior minister said Friday that terrorism cannot be excluded as a cause for the tragedy, though it was likely due to bad weather.

French president Francois Hollande announced Friday that there were no survivors in the crash of the MD-83 aircraft, owned by Spanish company Swiftair and leased by Algeria’s flagship carrier, which disappeared from radar less than an hour after it took off early Thursday from Burkina Faso’s capital,

Ouagadougou, for Algiers. The plane had requested permission to change course due to bad weather.

Speaking after a crisis meeting, Hollande also announced that one of the aircraft's two black boxes has been found in the wreckage, in the Gossi region near the border with Burkina Faso. It is being taken to the northern Mali city of Gao.

A French Reaper drone based in Niger spotted the wreckage, French Transport Minister Frederic Cuvillier told France-Info radio on Friday. Two helicopter teams also overflew, noting that the wreckage was in a concentrated area. A column of soldiers in some 30 vehicles were dispatched to the site, he said.

A statement early Friday from the Hollande's office said the aircraft had been clearly identified "despite its state of disintegration."

Central American leaders to meet with Obama over influx of young migrants at US-Mexico border

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is summoning Central American leaders to the White House to discuss the influx of young immigrants from their countries to the U.S., hoping to show presidential action even as Congress remains deeply split over proposals to stem the crisis on the border.

The meeting comes as the administration is considering creating a pilot program giving refugee status to young people from Honduras, White House officials said Thursday. The plan would involve screening youths in their home country to determine whether they qualify for refugee status. The program would be limited and would start in Honduras but could be expanded to include other Central American countries.

Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina, speaking Thursday in Washington, said he hadn't heard about the plan but expected it to come up Friday. He said Central American nations have sought to pursue a unified approach. "We expect that the solution to this problem also is equal for the three countries," he said.

Besides Molina, Obama was to host Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez and El Salvador's President Salvador Sanchez Ceren on Friday, the day after they met with lawmakers on Capitol Hill who are considering Obama's requests for emergency funds and additional authority to send unaccompanied children back to their home countries more quickly. Those lawmakers appear unlikely to resolve their differences on either front before leaving Washington late next week for their annual August recess.

With critics claiming Obama's own policies triggered the crisis, the president has been eager to demonstrate an aggressive approach to reducing the flow of immigrants and returning those found not to have a legitimate claim to stay here.

Air travel a leap of faith, but people can take steps to be informed and follow safe habits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Airline travel requires passengers to make a leap of faith, entrusting their lives to pilots, airlines, air traffic controllers and others who regulate air travel.

Even after a week of multiple tragedies in worldwide aviation, "There isn't much that we can do to manipulate how we fly as passengers. But we also shouldn't worry too much," says Phil Derner, founder of the aviation enthusiast website NYC Aviation.

With one passenger plane being shot out of the sky and two crashing during storms, aviation experts said there was no pattern suggesting a huge gap in airline safety measures.

"One of things that makes me feel better when we look at these events is that if they all were the

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same type event or same root cause. Then you would say there's a systemic problem here, but each event is unique," said Jon Beatty, president and CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, an airline industry-supported nonprofit in Alexandria, Virginia, that promotes global aviation safety.

Less than 1 in 2 million flights last year ended in an accident that damaged a plane beyond repair, according to the International Air Transport Association. The statistic includes accidents involving cargo and charter airlines in its data as well as scheduled passenger airline flights. This week's aviation disasters have the potential to push airline fatalities this year to over 700 deaths — the most since 2010. And 2014 is still barely half over.

Authorities seek motive for gunfight between patient, psychiatrist at Pennsylvania hospital
DARBY, Pa. (AP) — Authorities are attempting to determine why a patient fatally shot a caseworker at a suburban Philadelphia hospital complex and whether a psychiatrist who pulled out his own gun and wounded the patient had concerns about him.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Lee Silverman, was grazed in the temple during the gunfight in his office Thursday afternoon with patient Richard Plotts, said Delaware District Attorney Jack Whelan.

"We do believe that there were some issues between the doctor and the patient, but whether or not he actually feared him is unclear," Whelan said.

The prosecutor identified the caseworker killed at Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital as Theresa Hunt, 53, of Philadelphia. Hunt had accompanied Plotts to an appointment with Silverman at a psychiatric crisis center adjacent to the hospital in Darby, just southwest of Philadelphia, authorities said.

"When the caseworker was shot, (Silverman) crouched down behind the desk to avoid him being shot," Whelan said. "He was able to reach for his weapon, and realizing it was a life or death situation, was able to engage the defendant in the exchange of gunfire."

'That is very concerning': Transcript shows legal talks that occurred during 2-hour execution
FLORENCE, Ariz. (AP) — U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake was attending a ceremony for a judicial colleague when he received an urgent — and unusual — request: Lawyers for a condemned inmate wanted him to stop an execution that didn't seem to be working.

"He has been gasping, snorting, and unable to breathe and not dying," lawyer Robin C. Konrad told the judge over the phone Wednesday, according to a transcript. "And we're asking — our motion asks for you to issue an emergency stay and order the Department of Corrections to start lifesaving techniques."

The judge asked his law clerk to quickly locate a phone number for an attorney for the state so he could find out what was happening. They conferenced in Jeffrey A. Zick, who was getting updates from the scene from Arizona's corrections chief.

What followed provided a window in to the nearly two-hour execution of 55-year-old Joseph Rudolph Wood as the defense lawyer pleaded to stop it and the Arizona attorney assured the judge everything was fine. In the middle of the arguments, Zick informed them that Wood had died.

The execution brought new attention to the death penalty debate in the U.S. as opponents said it was proof that lethal injection is cruel and unusual punishment. State officials and family members of Wood's two murder victims said there was nothing wrong with the execution.

Japanese speak on evolution of 'Godzilla,' from symbol of WWII suffering to Hollywood success

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TOKYO (AP) — Japanese fans want it known: The radiation-breathing, skyscraper-stomping monster they call “Gojira” was born right here in Japan, 60 years ago.

No matter its evolution in Hollywood over the decades, the Godzilla creature began as an icon for the suffering brought by the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II.

The new remake, directed by hard-core Godzilla aficionado Gareth Edwards, has become one of Hollywood’s biggest blockbusters this year and finally opens in Japan on Friday.

The Associated Press spoke with some Japanese about their views on how their favorite mutated reptile has changed, including whether they welcome the latest rendition in full computer-graphic glory — so different from their Godzilla, that actor in a rubber suit, who waded into pools and smashed miniature models.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, July 25, the 206th day of 2014. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1994, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan’s King Hussein (hoo-SAYN’) signed a declaration at the White House ending their countries’ 46-year-old formal state of war.

On this date:

In 1554, Queen Mary I of England married Philip II, future King of Spain.

In 1814, the Battle of Lundy’s Lane, one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812, took place in present-day Niagara Falls, Ontario, with no clear victor.

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot (bleh-ree-OH’) became the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel, traveling from Calais (kah-LAY’) to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1934, Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss was assassinated by pro-Nazi Austrians in a failed coup attempt.

In 1943, Benito Mussolini was dismissed as premier of Italy by King Victor Emmanuel III, and placed under arrest. (However, Mussolini was later rescued by the Nazis, and re-asserted his authority.)

In 1944, Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters recorded Cole Porter’s “Don’t Fence Me In” in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed.

In 1960, a Woolworth’s store in Greensboro, North Carolina, that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1978, Louise Joy Brown, the first “test tube baby,” was born in Oldham, England; she’d been conceived through the technique of in-vitro fertilization.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya (sah-VEETS’-kah-yah) became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Ten years ago: Israelis formed a human chain stretching 55 miles from Gaza to Jerusalem to protest Prime Minister Ariel Sharon’s Gaza Strip withdrawal plan. Lance Armstrong won a record sixth Tour de France.

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Five years ago: President Barack Obama continued his full-court press to pass health care reform legislation, citing a new White House study indicating that small businesses were paying far more per employee for health insurance than big companies, a disparity the president said was "unsustainable" as well as "unacceptable." Protesters across the world called on Iran to end its clampdown on opposition activists.

One year ago: Pope Francis, dubbed the "slum pope" for his work with the poor, received a rapturous welcome from one of Rio de Janeiro's most violent shantytowns and demanded the world's wealthy end the injustices that had left the poor on the margins of society.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Harris is 79. Folk-pop singer-musician Bruce Woodley (The Seekers) is 72. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 71. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 63. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 59. Model-actress Iman is 59. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 57. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 56. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 53. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 53. Actress Ileana Douglas is 49. Country singer Marty Brown is 49. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 47. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 47. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (PAH'-woh LAHT'-joh-nehn) (Apocalyptica) is 46. Actor D.B. Woodside is 45. Actress Miriam Shor is 43. Actor David Denman is 41. Actor Jay R. Ferguson is 40. Actor James Lafferty is 29. Actress Shantel VanSanten is 29. Actor Michael Welch is 27. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 19.

Thought for Today: "Life is not a matter of milestones, but of moments." - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy (1890-1995).