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Thursday, October 2

School Lunch: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.
School Lunch: Soft shell tacos, refried beans, carrots and dip, fruit.
Senior Menu: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, pumpkin bar with topping or carrot bar, bread.
Birthdays: • Michael Protas • Gertie Erickson • Gary Baule • Cassie Siders
4:00pm: JH FB at Roncalli (7th grade at 4 p.m., 8th grade at 5 p.m.)
4:30pm: Cross Country at Sisseton
5:00pm: JH VB at Webster Area
6:30pm: VB at Webster Area with C/JV at 6:30

Friday, October 3

School Breakfast: Egg omelette, juice, milk, fruit.
School Lunch: Mini corn dog, oven tots, Romaine salad, fruit.
Senior Menu: Hearty vegetable beef soup, chicken salad sandwich, Mandarin Oranges, oatmeal raisin cookie.
Birthday: Madison Profeta
7:00pm: FB at Milbank

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recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is 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.

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

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FRIDAY IS
FRIED CHICKEN DAY
Served with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

Serving
5-9 p.m.

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Every Wednesday!

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Looking for a small house to rent around the Aberdeen area. 605/380-0959.

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SERVICE TECH

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57439



Netters beat Tiospa Zina

Groton's volleyball team went 2-0 for the week with a 3-0 win over Tiospa Zina. Game scores were 25-15, 25-10 and 25-14. Groton also won the junior varsity match, 25-11 and 25-2, and the C match by identical scores of 25-12.

Groton was 69 of 72 in serves with 18 ace serves. Courtney Kurtz was 26 of 26 with five ace serves and Audrey Wanner was 12 of 12 with five ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 64 of 64 with 23 assists. Kurtz had 62 sets and 22 assists.

Groton was 59 of 72 in spikes with 22 kills. Josie Doeden was 14 of 21 with six kills and Tori Bjerke was nine of 11 with five kills.

Maggie Simon had two blocks and Doeden had one. Groton had 57 digs with Kasey Waage having 21 and Ashley Gibbs 11.

Groton is now 5-4 for the season and will be at Webster on Thursday.

Volleyball team beats Florence-Henry

The girls volleyball team got back on the winning track last night with a 3-0 win over Florence-Henry. Game scores were 25-10, 25-16 and 25-12. Groton was 63 of 71 in serves with 20 ace serves. Courtney Kurtz was 21 of 22 with six ace serves and Marlee Jones was 17 of 18 with six ace serves.

In sets, Groton was 70 of 70 with 19 assists. Kurtz had 64 sets with 18 assists and Audrey Wanner had five with one assist.

Groton was 57 of 70 in spikes with 22 kills. Tori Bjerke was 16 of 17 with six kills and Ashley Gibbs was 10 of 12 with six kills.

Bjerke had two of the team's three blocks with Schinkel having the other block. Groton had 53 digs with Kasey Waage having 16 and Gibbs 12.

Groton won the junior varsity match, 25-14 and 25-19, and the C match, 25-3 and 25-8.

Schaller places fourth at Groton XC Meet

Groton hosted its cross country meet yesterday. Jasmine Schaller placed fourth in the girls varsity race with a time of 17:37. Hannah Lewandowski was ninth with a time of 18:16; Hannah Fischbach was 12th with a time of 19:03; Erin Smith was 16th, 20:39; Emily Thompson was 17th, 20:45; Jenifer Fjeldstad was 19th, 21:21; AnneMarie Smith was 20th, 21:35; and Kaitlin O'Neill was 22nd with a time of 21:59.

In the boys junior varsity race, Mitchell Koens was ninth with a time of 13:46; Micah Poor was 14th with a time of 14:27; Dylan Graf, 16th, 15:07; and Noah Poor, 17th, 15:25.

In the preschool to second grade boys Munchkin Fun Run, Taylor Diegel was first, Drake Peterson second and Carter Moody third. In the girls division, Riley Dunker was first, Tali Wright second and Rebecca Poor third.

In the third grade through fifth grade division, Lane Tietz won the boys division with Andrew Marzahn taking second and Lucas Simon third. Faith Flihs won the girls division.

Coffee Cup League

Last Week

Team Standings: James Valley 8, Ten Pins 7, Farm Girls 7, Ken's 7, Jungle Lanes 5, Golden Girls 2.

High Games: Joyce Walter 197-194, Vicki Walter 177, Mary Jane Jark 166.

High Series: Joyce Walter 526, Vicki Walter 480, Vickie Kramp 450.

This Week:

Team Standings: Farm Girls 11, Ten Pins 10, Jungle Lanes 9, JVT 7, Golden Girls 2.

High Games: Joyce Walter 182, Jan Raap 180, Nicole Kassube 178.

High Series: Joyce Walter 517, Jan Raap 492, Nicole Kassube 453.

Conde National

Last Week

Team Standings: Braves 7, Colts 7, Mets 7, Giants 6, Cubs 5, Pirates 4.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckleburg 248, Larry Frohling 205, Lance Frohling 201.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckleburg 619, Larry Frohling 539, Lance Frohling 493.

Women's High Games: Breanna Kuckleburg 237, Joyce Walter 182, Vickie Kramp 176.

Women's High Series: Breanna Kuckleburg 598, Joyce Walter 471, Vickie Kramp 454.

This Week:

Team Standings: Braves 11, Cubs 9, Mets 8.5, Colts 7, Pirates 6.5, Giants 6.

Men's High Games: Cliff Kuckleburg 226-213-203, Lance Frohling 197, Tim Olson 184.

Men's High Series: Cliff Kuckleburg 642, Lance Frohling 559, Tim Olson 434.

Women's High Games: Val Kuckleburg 209-186-182, Breanna Kuckleburg 199-181-179, Nancy Radke 173.

Women's High Series: Val Kuckleburg 577, Breanna Kuckleburg 559, Mary Larson 462.



Anderson, Smith are Engaged

Taylor Ross Anderson, Groton, and Laura Susan Smith, Hazel, are engaged and plan on October 25, 2014 wedding at the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Groton.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Doris Anderson, Groton, and Cathy Smith, Hazel, and Duane Smith, Watertown.

The groom-to-be graduated from Northwestern Health Sciences University with a Doctorate of Chiropractic. He is the owner of Northeast Chiropractic in Aberdeen. The bride-to-be graduated for the University of Mary with a Master's in Occupational Therapy. She is employed by Avera St. Luke's in Aberdeen.

Firemen Gun Winner

Monday, September 29

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FALL HARVEST LEASE SPECIALS!!!



2013 CASEIH STEIGER 400, <u>AUTOSTEER</u> , 500 HRS	2013 CASEIH STEIGER 450, <u>AUTOSTEER</u> 500 HR
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24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$25,185/YR	24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$30,592/YR
36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$19,051/YR	36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$22,825/YR
36 MONTH 600 HRS/YR LEAS \$23,010/YR	36 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$27,014/YR



2013 CASEIH 450 <u>QUADTRACK</u> , <u>AUTOSTEER</u> , 550 HRS
24 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$25,641/YR
24 MONTH 600HRS/YR LEASE \$31,101/YR
36 MONTH 300HRS/YR LEASE \$23,459/YR
36 MONTH 600 HRS/YR LEASE \$28,216/YR

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Today in Weather History








1971: Heavy wet snow of over a foot fell in the northern Black Hills. The heavy snow was accompanied by strong winds which caused extensive damage to trees and utility lines. The power company said it was one of the worst storms they had experienced.

1894: What was likely an F3 tornado ripped apart several blocks of Little Rock, AR as it tore right through downtown. The funnel passed over or very near the Weather Bureau office at 8:28pm, providing a rare look at how barometric pressure behaves in a tornado. The office's instrument shelter was blown away and windows shattered. Debris from the upper floor of a nearby building showered down on the observer's office.

1898: A hurricane striking the Georgia coast washed away Campbell Island. Jekyll Island had a storm surge of 19 feet. It is estimated that this storm was a category 3 or 4 hurricane with winds around 130 mph.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Mostly Sunny High: 69 °F	Slight Chc Rain Low: 35 °F 20%	Windy High: 46 °F	Blustery Low: 25 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 51 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: 37 °F	Partly Sunny High: 55 °F



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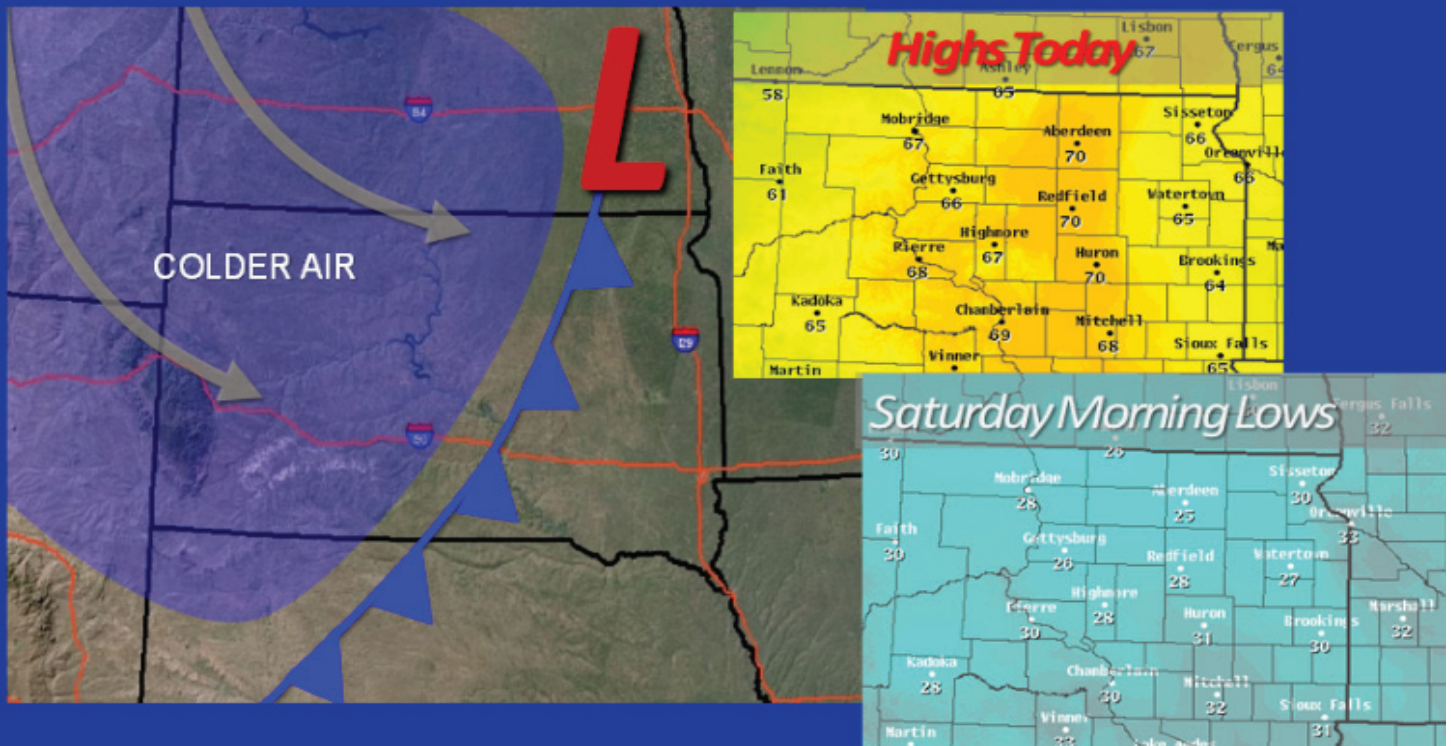
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A frontal boundary moving across the region will bring scattered showers to the I-29 corridor through the mid-morning hours. Attention then turns to a low pressure system and associated cold front that will move across the region later this afternoon. Scattered showers and increasing northwesterly winds are expected behind the passage of the cold front. The coldest air settles over the region in Friday with highs struggling to warm into the 40s and 50s. Friday will also feature northwesterly winds of 25 to 35 mph with higher gusts. Widespread low temperatures in the 20s are expected by Saturday morning.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 69.6°F at 2:28 PM

Low: 51.8°F at 11:28 PM

High Gust: 19 mph at 12:07 AM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 92° in 1910

Record Low: 17° in 1974

Average High: 65°F

Average Low: 38°F

Average Precip in Oct.: .08

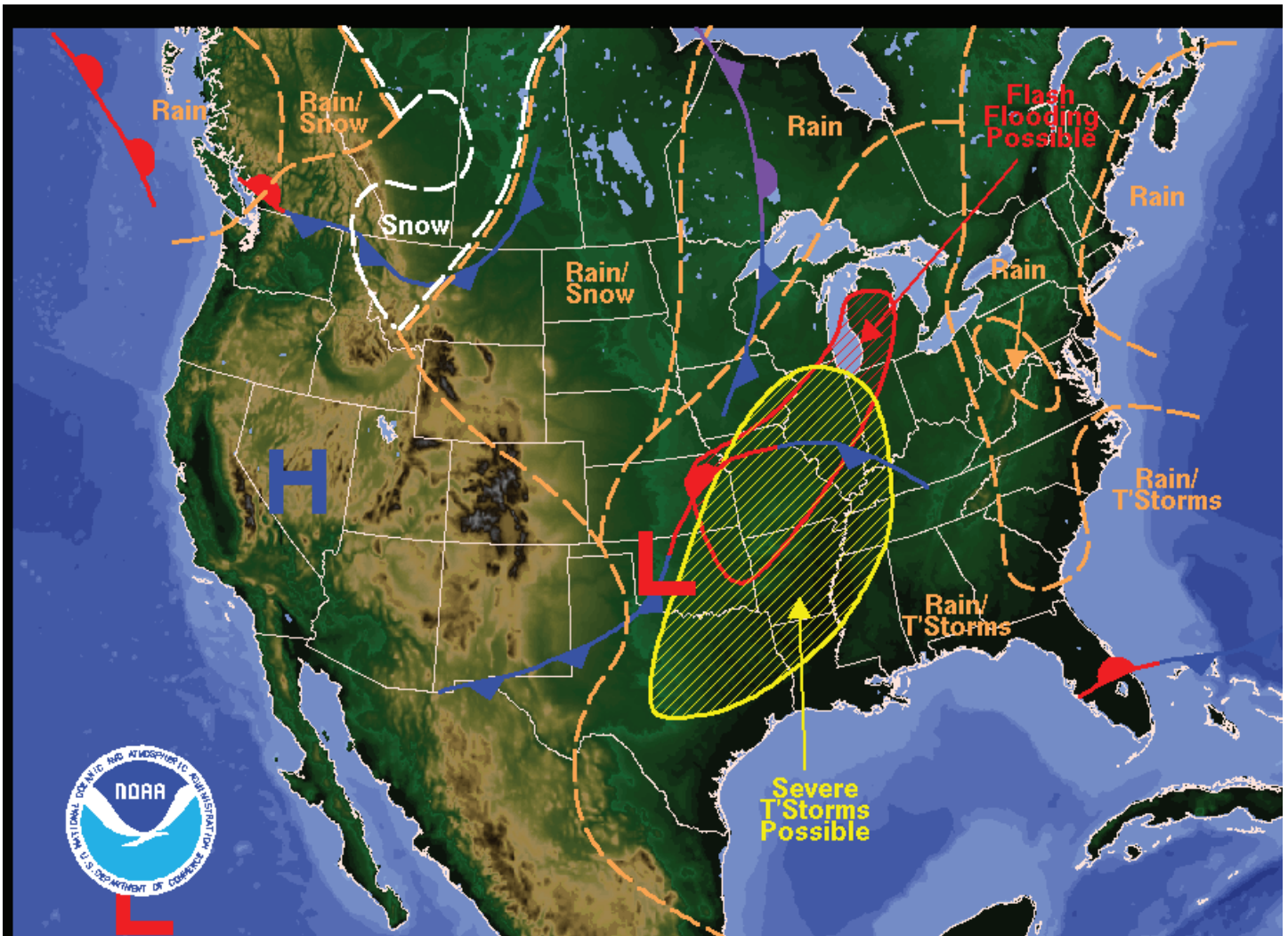
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 18.56

Precip Year to Date: 12.94

Sunset Tonight: 7:12 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:34 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 02, 2014, issued 3:03 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



THE JOY OF WISDOM

"I do not know where to begin or what to say," he confessed with a face that was "covered" with confusion.

"Well, start any place and we'll see if we can unwind things. God promised that He would guide us when we asked for His directions," I replied.

"Some people look at me and ask if I've just received a fatal diagnosis. Others want to know if my wife and children just abandoned me. Some want to know if I'm on my way to jail. It's humiliating. Nothing's really wrong - but people think my life is a disaster," he continued.

Tom is like many others we meet every day. Forlorn looks, drooped shoulders, eyes looking for light, ears listening for something that will change things. What is the solution to their problems?

God's wisdom. Though it may not be easy to follow, it's simple to understand. Though it creates difficult choices, it leads to a blest, happy and joyful life. Solomon, under God's guidance, wrote, "Blessed," or happy, "is the man who finds wisdom."

But, what do we need to "get it?" We "get it" when we walk in a right relationship with God. Being "right" with God is an essential, basic ingredient in the life of the Christian. Our God is a righteous God and we can expect no blessings, happiness, joy or peace until we make things "right" with Him!

And we must thank Him for that! If we have a spike in our temperature we know we have a problem. When we lose the joy of our salvation, God is at work!

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for loving us so much, that You do everything You can to keep us close beside You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:13 Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding,

Black Hills group gets grant for education ideas

STURGIS, S.D. (AP) — An organization based in Sturgis that helps education groups around the state is one of 12 nationally that are the first recipients of the Bush Foundation's Education Ecosystem Grants.

Black Hills Special Services Cooperative develops and shares ways to improve instruction, assessment, professional development and leadership.

It and the other groups will receive \$200,000 over two years toward operating costs.

SD salmon station open for egg collection

GETTYSBURG, S.D. (AP) — The Whitlock Bay Salmon Spawning Station near Gettysburg has opened for the season, but officials say gathering enough adult salmon for egg collection could be challenging due to the long-term effects of the 2011 flood.

Robert Hanten is a fisheries biologist with the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department. Hanten says juvenile salmon stocked the year after the flood likely experienced low survival rates because of predators and low prey abundance.

Hanten says the low number of adult female salmon this fall will complicate egg collection efforts. He adds crews will be electrofishing on Lake Oahe's embayments trying to capture more adult salmon for spawning.

Most of the salmon caught this summer were 10 pounds or heavier and were in great condition.

SD officials ask hunters to help prevent fires

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota officials are asking people who will participate in this fall's hunting season to be diligent in preventing and detecting fires.

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Department officials say grass and woody plants will become more combustible as they freeze and dry.

Officials say some parts of western South Dakota have an elevated fire danger. They add that many other parts of the state that started out with plenty of rain are currently dry.

Hunters are being encouraged to carry a cellphone with a list of emergency contacts, park vehicles in designated areas away from tall vegetation, camp only in designated camping areas and restrict the use of campfires.

Officials are also suggesting hunters to keep water, a bucket, shovel and other firefighting equipment in your vehicle.

Grant to help SD individuals set savings accounts

SISSETON, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has given a South Dakota organization a grant to help low-income families save money for the first time.

The agency on Wednesday awarded the \$66,000 grant from its Assets for Independence program to the group GROW South Dakota in Sisseton.

The grant will help individuals in the program set up savings accounts, in which every dollar deposited by a participant is matched to a certain amount by the federal government or the private sector.

Individuals in the program will also receive education to help them become financially self-sufficient.

Inslee: More needed to prevent oil train explosion

PHUONG LE, Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Citing deadly risks associated with increasing volatile shipments of crude oil through Washington, Gov. Jay Inslee on Wednesday said the state and federal governments need to take swift action to prevent and respond to oil spills.

The governor likened an oil train explosion to “a bomb” going off, and said he’s concerned that local emergency responders, particularly in smaller communities along rail lines, aren’t adequately prepared to respond to accidents.

Derailments of oil trains have caused explosions in several states and Quebec, where 47 people were killed when a runaway train exploded in Lac-Megantic in July 2013.

“We don’t want a chance for that to happen in our state,” Inslee said at a news conference, where he released preliminary results of a state study on the safety and environmental risks of oil transport.

The study recommends more railroad inspectors, more money for the state’s oil spill response and prevention program, boosting firefighting and oil-spill equipment and ensuring that those who transport oil can pay for cleanup.

Inslee said he’ll use the report to help shape a proposal to the 2015 Legislature. That will likely include asking for more money as well as requiring that industry be responsible for some share of oil spill prevention and response.

“We think it’s appropriate that the industry buck up and be responsible for additional safety requirements,” the governor said.

The state collects an oil spill response tax when crude oil and petroleum is received at a marine terminal from a vessel or barge, but that tax isn’t collected when oil is moved through the state by rail or pipeline. Lawmakers have unsuccessfully tried to change that in previous sessions.

The state also requires vessels carrying petroleum products across its waters to show financial responsibility. The draft study recommends extending those requirements to rail and mobile facilities.

BNSF Railway said in a statement Wednesday that it shares the state’s commitment to ensuring that crude oil is transported safely by rail.

The company said it has taken significant steps to improve safety, such as training thousands of local emergency responders each year, including nearly 600 in Washington.

The company notes that it has staged specialized equipment across its network, including in Everett, Seattle, Longview, Wishram, Pasco and Spokane, and that it plans to spend \$235 million in the state this year on track maintenance, new equipment and on safety.

Inslee also called on the federal government to lower speed limits for trains with older tank cars, known as DOT-111s, and to phase out those older tank cars more quickly.

As many as 17 trains, each carrying at least 1 million gallons of crude oil from the Bakken region of North Dakota, crisscross the state every week. Between eight and 13 such trains travel weekly along Seattle’s downtown, stadium and waterfront.

Many more trains are expected in the state if several proposed oil-by-rail terminals are built.

The governor will be making the final call on a river-and-rail operation in Vancouver that is currently under review. The project by Tesoro and Savage Companies could handle as much as 380,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Inslee said he couldn’t comment on that case because of his role in permitting. But he said that, as with any permitting decision, he would pay attention to safety risks.

The state Utilities and Transportation Commission also has been looking at railroad crossings along oil train routes to ensure they're safe. The agency inspects about 1,000 of the 3,000 crossing each year.

"When you're going to have more trains, and you're going to more trains that are carrying dangerous materials, then you basically need to change the equation of what safety is," said David Danner, the commission's chairman.

He said they've identified 22 railroad crossings along the oil train routes throughout the state that warrant further review, and have taken action on six to increase safety.

SD politicians share info about military academies

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota's Congressional delegation is looking for promising high school students to recommend to military academies.

U.S. Sens. John Thune and Tim Johnson and U.S. Rep. Kristi Noem say students interested in being nominated to one of four U.S. Service Academies for the Class of 2019 must apply by Nov. 1.

The academies are the Military Academy at West Point, New York; the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colorado; and the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

Thune, Johnson, and Noem will each compile separate lists and make nominations to the academies of the most qualified candidates by Jan. 31. They're encouraging applicants to submit applications to all three Congressional offices in order to better their chances of receiving a nomination.

WR Boykin to miss Packers' game against Vikings

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Receiver Jarrett Boykin will miss the Green Bay Packers' game against the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night with a groin injury.

Boykin hasn't practiced this week. He also missed Sunday's 38-17 win over the Chicago Bears.

The absence of Boykin should mean more opportunities for rookies Davante Adams and Jeff Janis in the Packers' three-receiver sets. Green Bay opened last week against the Bears with two tight ends and two receivers.

Defensive tackle Josh Boyd (knee) and backup linebacker and special teamer Sam Barrington (hamstring) are also doubtful for Green Bay.

Linebacker Clay Matthews is probable with a groin injury. He has been a full participant all week at practice. Mike Neal (hip) is also probable, though he missed Wednesday's practice.

SD event to offer tool to help recover lost kids

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota parents can get help in putting together a kit of information about their children that could be used to identify them should they ever go missing.

The South Dakota Child Identification Program will collect information for the kits Saturday at the Rushmore Mall Rapid City. The kits may include a child's photos, dental impressions, fingerprints, a DNA cheek swab and video interview.

That packet of information will be given to each child's parents to keep. The kit is meant to aid law enforcement in recovering missing children.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The packets are free.

Bridgewater questionable for Vikings vs. Packers

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings have listed quarterback Teddy Bridgewater as questionable for their game at Green Bay.

The final injury report of the week was released Wednesday, as the Vikings prepared to travel east for their primetime game against the rival Packers Thursday.

Bridgewater sprained his left ankle in the fourth quarter of his first NFL start Sunday, a victory over Atlanta. He was back on the sideline before the end of the game without crutches, and an MRI showed no major damage.

But Bridgewater was held out of practice Monday and Tuesday. The NFL's definition of the questionable designation is a 50 percent chance of playing.

The Vikings also announced Wednesday they'll hold linebacker Chad Greenway out for the second straight game.

Couple in South Dakota scammed out of \$22,000

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A couple in South Dakota has been scammed out of \$22,000 by a man claiming to be with federal immigration authorities.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens says the scammer called the couple's home saying that they needed to pay \$11,000 each as a security deposit because of an investigation in their home country of India. The man told the couple he was with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Clemens says the couple panicked because they're applying for U.S. citizenship. Clemens says it's unknown whether the scammer was aware of the couple's ongoing immigration process.

He says the scammer likely cloned the phone number for USCIS because the couple verified it before sending the man the money and it matched that of authorities.

The money was sent using Green Dot reloadable cards.

Vikings up next to try to contain Packers' Nelson

GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Building a successful working relationship between a quarterback and receiver requires a lot of time and communication.

After seven years together, there are few better combinations in the NFL than the Green Bay Packers' Aaron Rodgers and Jordy Nelson.

A quarterback renowned for accuracy throwing to the league's leading receiver, and they'll try to keep the Packers' passing game rolling against the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night at Lambeau Field.

"The best players are often the smartest players and the ones that have the distinct attention to detail, and Jordy has such great second and third reactions," Rodgers said.

"But he also, really, from his second year on, really wanted to get on the same page with me and cared about how I was seeing the game, and has really gotten in my hip pocket since then."

Early on, Rodgers did most of the talking. Nelson listened. Then the receiver started earning trust by making plays. Offensive coordinator Tom Clements said Nelson runs textbook routes.

Now it's a two-way conversation between Rodgers and Nelson.

"The longer you're here, the more experience you have with (Rodgers), you get a slight — a slight — privilege to say some stuff," Nelson said with a laugh.

He leads the league with 33 catches for 459 yards. Nelson has an uncanny knack of catches on the

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sideline as if he's walking a tightrope. Nelson makes the most difficult moves look easy, such as midair adjustments to make tough catches with defenders draped on him.

"I don't think I walked into here after Year 4 or something and said, 'All right, now I'm going to tell you how I feel about things,'" Nelson said. "I think it's just a feel-out process and just . I'm sure one day he just asked a question and it built off of there."

Vikings receiver Greg Jennings is familiar with how things work in Green Bay. He played for the Packers until 2012, and had 80 catches for 1,292 yards and nine scores in 2008, Nelson's first year in the league.

After Nelson had nine catches for 209 yards against the Jets in Week 2, Jennings sent a congratulatory text.

"I had to shoot him a 'way to ball out' text," Jennings said. "But, yeah, it's no surprise to me at all."

Some things to watch in the teams' first meeting since the 26-all tie last November at Lambeau Field: JUST JENNINGS: The Minnesota wideout tried to make amends last year for pointed comments questioning Rodgers and his leadership. Asked this week to reflect on the comments, Jennings sounded more conciliatory.

"Those were some things that I wish I had not said or done. But again, life is about adapting and showing resolve," Jennings said.

Still, Jennings can't expect a warm welcome back in Titledown. When asked, Jennings added he did not miss Green Bay, but for reasons that didn't have to do with football.

"I would have loved to have finished my career out in Green Bay, but from where I am spiritually and where I am with my family and the growth that we've had because of what we have around us educationally — and there was some great educational systems there, as well — but this is a step up for us," Jennings said.

BRIDGEWATER: The Vikings quarterback had an impressive debut in his first career start with 317 yards passing in a 41-28 win last week over Atlanta. But he sprained his left ankle in the game and his status is uncertain. Christian Ponder would start if Bridgewater can't go.

ZIMMER'S D: The last time Mike Zimmer coached against Green Bay, he was the defensive coordinator for the Bengals in a 34-30 win last year in Cincinnati. Rodgers said the Vikings' defense is running some similar schemes.

"You know a key is to stay out of third-and-extra-longs because that's when his scheme and his defense really thrive," Rodgers said.

SMOOTH RHODES: It's a good thing for the Vikings that cornerback Xavier Rhodes is coming off the best game of his two-year career: five tackles and four pass breakups against Atlanta's potent offense. But Zimmer would rather not have to get into another high-scoring affair.

"I hope not. I don't really like those shootouts," Zimmer said.

ON THE RUN: While the Packers' passing game is clicking, the running attack needs work. Eddie Lacy, the 2013 Offensive Rookie of the Year, is off to a slow start, and Green Bay is just 28th in the league on the ground.

Green Bay is even worse against the run, ranking last. Minnesota rookie Jerick McKinnon ran for 135 yards on 18 carries last week against the Falcons, while Matt Asiata had three rushing touchdowns.

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Vikings-Packers capsule

The Associated Press

MINNESOTA (2-2) at GREEN BAY (2-2)

Thursday, 8:25 p.m. ET, CBS and NFL Network

OPENING LINE — Packers by 10

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Minnesota 2-2, Green Bay 1-3

SERIES RECORD — Packers lead 56-49-2

LAST MEETING — Teams tied 26-26, Nov. 24, 2013

LAST WEEK — Vikings beat Falcons 41-28; Packers beat Bears 38-17

AP PRO32 RANKING — Vikings No. 23, Packers No. 11

VIKINGS OFFENSE — OVERALL (21), RUSH (8), PASS (24T).

VIKINGS DEFENSE — OVERALL (17), RUSH (15T), PASS (17).

PACKERS OFFENSE — OVERALL (28), RUSH (28), PASS (15).

PACKERS DEFENSE — OVERALL (26), RUSH (32), PASS (5).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Home teams are 3-1 in Thursday night games this season, with Redskins' home loss to Giants last week ending home streak to start year. ... Seventeen of last 23 regular-season games between teams decided by seven points or less. ... Teddy Bridgewater is second QB in last decade to throw for at least 300 yards and no interceptions in first career start, following Washington's Robert Griffin III in 2012. But his status is uncertain after spraining left ankle vs. Atlanta. ... RB Jerick McKinnon ran for 135 yards last week against Falcons, giving Vikings rookie 100-yard rusher and rookie 300-yard passer in same game for first time in team history. ... LB Anthony Barr leads Minnesota with 38 tackles. Barr is tied with Bears' Ego Ferguson for league lead in sacks among rookies with two. ... K Blair Walsh is 14 of 17 from 50 or more yards in career. ... Packers to face third NFC North opponent in 12 days, losing to Lions before beating Bears. ... Green Bay averaging 33.7 points against Minnesota in last seven regular-season games. ... Aaron Rodgers with 108.5 QB rating in Thursday night games, fourth best in NFL. ... Rodgers needed 3,065 pass attempts to reach 25,000 yards, the fewest attempts to reach that milestone in NFL history. ... WR Randall Cobb is first Packer with five TD receptions in team's first four games since Billy Howton and Gary Knafelc each had five in 1956. ... WR Jordy Nelson leads league in catches (33) and yards receiving (459). ... DE/LB Julius Peppers has 17 1-2 career sacks in NFC North games since 2010.

Quarterback dilemma for Vikings vs Packers

BARRY WILNER, AP Pro Football Writer

You might say the Minnesota Vikings are pondering a quarterbacking dilemma.

Their veteran starter, Matt Cassel, is gone for the season with a broken left foot. First-round draft pick Teddy Bridgewater took over in his first pro start last Sunday and performed extremely well in a 41-28 win over Atlanta. But Bridgewater sprained his left ankle and had to leave late in that game.

That could leave Christian Ponder, the former starter and a 2011 first-rounder, as the starter Thursday night when the Vikings visit Green Bay.

Even worse for Minnesota (No. 23 in the AP Pro32) is that the Packers (No. 11) and Aaron Rodgers seemed to find their mojo in a romp at Soldier Field last weekend.

None of this bodes well for the Vikings (2-2), a 9 1/2-point underdog to the Packers (2-2).

"If he can play, we'll play him," coach Mike Zimmer said of Bridgewater.

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"I want to do what's best for the team. I'm sure the training staff and the coaching staff is going to do what's best for the team also," Bridgewater said.

The Packers have no such issues, especially after Rodgers picked apart the Bears for 302 yards and four touchdowns in a 38-17 rout.

"We have to do a great job of keeping an eye on our luggage — that means your man — and play football," cornerback Captain Munnerlyn said of the prospect of facing Rodgers and one of the NFL's top receivers, Jordy Nelson.

The Vikings might need eyes in the back of their heads to contain Rodgers and the Packers.

PACKERS, 33-16

No. 26 New York Jets (plus 6 1/2) at No. 5 San Diego

Anyone who can figure out this line, please clue us in.

BEST BET: CHARGERS, 27-13

No. 25 Cleveland (plus 2) at No. 30 Tennessee

Losing faith quickly in Titans, gaining some in Browns.

UPSET SPECIAL: BROWNS, 20-19

No. 4 Arizona (plus 7) at No. 3 Denver

A chance for unbeaten Cardinals to make a huge statement. Sorry ...

BRONCOS, 27-17

No. 2 Cincinnati (pick-em) at No. 13 New England

A chance for unbeaten Bengals to make a huge statement. Down goes the other spotless team.

PATRIOTS, 19-17

No. 14 Kansas City (plus 6 1/2) at No. 9 San Francisco

Alex Smith returns to Bay Area with Chiefs on the rise. But so might be 49ers.

49ERS, 24-23

No. 16 Chicago (plus 2 1/2) at No. 17 (tie) Carolina

Two teams coming off weak performances. Something seems very wrong with Panthers' defense.

BEARS, 27-21

No. 17 Pittsburgh (minus 6 1/2) at No. 32 Jacksonville

Two more teams coming off weak performances; this could be spot for first Jaguars win. We're not that brave.

STEELERS, 27-23

No. 15 Houston (plus 4) at No. 12 Dallas

For the Lone Star state championship.

COWBOYS, 28-20

No. 1 Seattle (minus 7) at No. 28 Washington, Monday night

For the Washington (state vs. city) championship. Fresher Super Bowl champs romp.

SEAHAWKS, 33-16

No. 6 Baltimore (plus 3 1/2) at No. 10 Indianapolis

Maybe the weekend's best matchup. First of four road games in five weeks for Ravens.

COLTS, 31-30

No. 20 Atlanta (plus 4) at No. 19 New York Giants

Giants have turned it around, Falcons O-line is an injury-ravaged mess.

GIANTS, 28-17

No. 29 St. Louis (plus 7) at No. 8 Philadelphia

Inconsistent as they are, Eagles can handle undermanned Rams.

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EAGLES, 33-23

No. 27 Tampa Bay (plus 10 1/2) at No. 21 New Orleans

Angry Saints won't be as charitable to Bucs as Steelers were.

SAINTS, 27-20

No. 24 Buffalo (plus 7) at No. 7 Detroit

Would like to have seen EJ Manuel getting more of a chance.

LIONS, 26-16

2014 RECORD: Against spread: This week (9-3); Season (27-29-3). Straight up: This week (9-3); Season (37-23)

Best Bet: 2-2 against spread, 3-1 straight up.

Upset special: 4-0 against spread, 3-1 straight up.

Rain sets record in Rapid City, lowers fire danger

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — September rainfall in western South Dakota broke a century-old Rapid City record, according to the National Weather Service.

About 5.2 inches of rain was recorded by the National Weather Service's downtown rain gauge during the month, the Rapid City Journal reported. The previous record was about 5.1 inches in September 1913.

The record was broken thanks to a Sunday-through-Tuesday wet spell that dumped more than 4 inches of rain on the city. The rain fell in periodic showers rather than a single burst, which prevented major flooding.

"A lot of it looks like it soaked in and found places to go," weather service meteorologist Greg Richards said. "If we can keep this moisture in the ground over the winter, it will help the crops out."

Another benefit of the 2-5 inches of rain throughout the Black Hills in recent days is that it has decreased the fire danger from moderate to low, KEVN-TV reported.

Duration of rainfall plays a bigger role than quantity, according to Forest Service fire management officer Chris Stover.

"Receiving a couple of inches of rain over a 36- to 48-hour period will definitely put a damper on fire danger," he said.

Ex-Marine who caught jumper among Carnegie Heroes

JOE MANDAK, Associated Press

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A retired Marine who caught a woman as she jumped from the upper deck of a stadium following an Oakland Raiders game was among 21 people honored with medals and cash from the Pittsburgh-based Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

The retired Marine, Donnie Navidad, 61, of Stockton, California, is credited with saving the life of a 20-year-old woman who dropped from the Oakland Coliseum just after a game on Nov. 24.

Navidad positioned himself to catch the 100-pound woman and managed to break most of her 45-foot fall.

Navidad was among several people pleading with the woman not to jump as he maneuvered beneath the woman. She was critically injured, but survived.

"He simply saved her life," Alameda County sheriff's Sgt. J.D. Nelson said then. "Otherwise, she'd be dead."

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Navidad was treated for arm and shoulder injuries, and fully recovered.

Three others honored Tuesday for various rescue attempts died in the process, so their families will receive the awards in their name.

Madison Leigh Wallace, 16, of Vermillion, South Dakota, and 28-year-old Lyle Eagle Tail, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, drowned on March 14, 2013, while saving Wallace's 6-year-old brother, Garrett. The boy fell from rocks into the Big Sioux River and survived after managing to swim to the riverbank after slipping from his rescuers' grasp.

Malo Enrique Paul, 16, of Niceville, Florida, also drowned while rescuing a 15-year-old girl from a rip current off Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on June 8, 2013.

The other 18 winners were from Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Montana, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, Wisconsin, and British Columbia.

The Carnegie Hero awards are named for Pittsburgh steel magnate and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie, who was inspired by stories of heroism during a coal mine disaster that killed 181 people, including a miner and an engineer who died trying to rescue others.

The commission investigates stories of heroism and awards medals and cash grants several times a year. It has given away more than \$36 million to 9,718 awardees or their families since its inception in 1904.

Report: Midwest economic growth slower this fall

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The economy will likely grow more slowly this fall in nine Midwestern and Plains states, according to a monthly survey of business leaders released Wednesday.

The region's overall economic index dropped nearly three points in September, to 54.3, from 57.2 the previous month.

"A 30 percent decline in grain prices over the past year has produced a pullback in economic activity for regional businesses linked to agriculture," said Creighton University economist Ernie Goss, who oversees the survey.

The survey results from supply managers are compiled into a collection of indexes ranging from zero to 100. Survey organizers say any score above 50 suggests economic growth, while a score below that suggests decline.

The survey covers Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma and South Dakota.

Survey respondents remain fairly optimistic, with the confidence index declining slightly, from 60.4 in August to 59.6 in September.

The delivery lead time index, which hit a three-year high of 60.6 in August, remained high in September, at 59. Goss said 41 percent of businesses reported having difficulty getting supplies and raw materials delivered on time.

"As a result of rapidly expanding shipments of oil in the region, supply managers are having increasing difficulty in obtaining timely delivery of raw materials and supplies," Goss said.

The employment index climbed into positive territory, from 48.7 in August to 53.5 in September, suggesting modest job growth ahead.

The prices-paid index, which tracks the cost of raw materials and supplies, declined, from 66.7 in August to 60.1 in September.

The other components of the overall September index were:

— The inventory index decreased to 52 in September, from August's 57.9.

- The export order index also declined to 53.2, from August's 59.8.
- The import index increased slightly in September to 52.8, from 51.8.
- New orders fell to 52.9 last month, from August's 58.1.
- Production or sales decreased to 54.3 in September, from 60.7.

Judge dismisses lawsuit over Sioux Falls Wal-Mart

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A judge has dismissed a lawsuit over an election that paved the way for a Wal-Mart in south Sioux Falls.

Four homeowners in the neighborhood sued over an April election in which voters approved rezoning the proposed store site from agricultural to commercial use. They claimed misleading ballot language.

Judge Larry Long ruled that the homeowners didn't properly file their lawsuit and that their claims were without merit.

City officials say Long's ruling clears the way for construction of the store to begin.

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. HONG KONG CAUTIONS PROTESTERS AGAINST OCCUPATION

Police warn of serious consequences if pro-democracy demonstrators try to charge or surround government buildings.

2. SECRET SERVICE CHIEF'S SUPPORT VANISHED QUICKLY

Julia Pierson's undoing was not telling Obama about a Sept. 16 incident in Atlanta in which he rode an elevator with an armed security contractor.

3. DALLAS ER RELEASED MAN WITH EBOLA

Officials at a Dallas hospital are considering if they would have acted differently had the entire medical staff been aware a patient had been in disease-ravaged West Africa.

4. TURKEY CONSIDERS ROBUST ISLAMIC STATE VOTE

The parliament may take up a motion that would give Ankara new powers to launch military operations in Syria and Iraq and allow foreign forces to make incursions from its territory.

5. MINNEAPOLIS FIGHTS RECRUITERS FOR JIHAD

The community and law enforcement officials are on a mission to stamp out terror recruiting in the Twin Cities, home to the largest Somali population in the U.S.

6. WHAT PRESIDENT IS REMINDING VOTERS OF

In a speech at Northwestern University, Obama will let voters know that he hasn't forgotten about their financial struggles despite focus on foreign policy.

7. LOOK WHO'S BACK HELPING REPUBLICANS

Mitt Romney is campaigning across seven states this week, covering nearly 6,000 miles in five days to raise money and energy for GOP midterm candidates.

8. HISTORY FIGHT COMING TO A HEAD IN COLORADO

A fight in suburban Denver over how U.S. history is taught comes to a head as the school board meets to decide whether to change the rules.

9. A MISTAKE 'SO PERSONAL'

Two Ohio women sue a Chicago-area fertility clinic after receiving sperm from a black donor instead

of the white donor they'd chosen.

10. MORE POSSIBLE WOES FOR NFL

Dallas Cowboys special teams player C.J. Spillman is under investigation but hasn't been arrested or charged after a report of an alleged sexual assault at a hotel last month.

AP News in Brief

Hong Kong police warn pro-democracy protesters not to occupy government buildings

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police warned of serious consequences if pro-democracy protesters try to occupy or surround government buildings, as they have threatened to do if the territory's leader doesn't resign by midnight Thursday.

The warning came as tensions grew with the approach of a deadline set by students protest leaders for the city's Beijing-backed top leader, Leung Chun-ying, to step down — part of broader demonstrations pushing for electoral reforms for the Asian financial center.

Protesters have sought to block the entry to the main government headquarters since Wednesday night in a tense standoff that led to police forming a human cordon inside the compound's gates.

"This action will obstruct officers from carrying out their duties which could lead to serious consequences," Hong Kong police spokesman Steve Hui told reporters. "It will also allow criminals to take advantage of the situation and the public order could be undermined."

The weeklong street protests by thousands of demonstrators pressing for freer elections in Hong Kong are the biggest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

Man who brought Ebola to US told nurse he just arrived from Africa, but was still sent home

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas emergency room sent a man with Ebola home last week, even though he told a nurse that he had been in disease-ravaged West Africa, and officials at the hospital are considering if they would have acted differently had the entire medical staff been aware.

The decision by Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital to release the patient, who had recently arrived from Liberia, could have put others at risk of exposure to Ebola before the man went back to the ER a couple of days later when his condition worsened.

A nine-member team of federal health officials was tracking anyone who had close contact with the man after he fell ill on Sept. 24. The group of 12 to 18 people included three members of the ambulance crew that took him to the hospital, as well as a handful of schoolchildren.

They will be checked every day for 21 days, the disease's incubation period.

"That's how we're going to break the chain of transmission, and that's where our focus has to be," Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told The Associated Press Wednesday.

Secret Service director's undoing came quickly as support vanished from nearly every corner

WASHINGTON (AP) — One lesson from Julia Pierson's short tenure as director of the agency that protects the first family: The Secret Service can't keep secrets from the president.

Pierson's undoing was not telling the president about a Sept. 16 incident in Atlanta in which President Barack Obama rode an elevator with an armed security contractor during a visit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two White House officials said. The armed contractor's proximity to Obama violated the agency's security protocols.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson as well as Obama appeared unaware of the full extent of the Atlanta incident and the Sept. 19 security breach in which a man armed with a knife jumped the White House fence and entered the building. Johnson, whose department oversees the Secret Service, was the driving force behind Pierson's resignation Wednesday, the officials said.

Since taking office last year Johnson had made it clear he wouldn't tolerate even a whiff of scandal. He had repeatedly expressed concern about the Secret Service performance in the wake of the White House intruder, said the officials, who weren't authorized to discuss the issue by name and requested anonymity.

"In light of recent and accumulating reports about the agency, I think legitimate questions were raised — at least they were in the mind of both the secretary and the president," said White House spokesman Josh Earnest.

Minneapolis community guards against extremists who try to recruit young Somalis for jihad

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Every evening after work, Abdirizak Bihi strolls through neighborhood parks where young Somalis shoot hoops and play soccer. He tells jokes, urges them to clean up their trash and even grabs the basketball to take a few shots.

It may seem like fun, but Bihi's eyes are scanning the playgrounds and ball courts of Minneapolis for something sinister — anyone who might try to recruit these kids to join a jihad overseas.

If Bihi doesn't show up for his personal patrol for five, six or seven days, "somehow the word gets out, and they're back," he said.

Community members and law enforcement officials are on a mission to stamp out terror recruiting in Minneapolis, home to the largest Somali population in the United States. A handful of people from the community have left to join militant groups in Syria within the last year, according to authorities.

The anti-jihad work is not unlike longstanding efforts to keep young people out of gangs in any number of other U.S. cities. And just like street gangs, militant groups tend to prey on the vulnerable via the Internet or to strike up relationships through small group meetings or one-on-one conversation in parks, mosques or even hospitals.

Mitt Romney back in demand 2 years after losing presidential race as party eyes murky future

ATLANTA (AP) — Almost two years after his Election Day drubbing, Mitt Romney is the Republican man in demand.

The twice-defeated White House contender is campaigning across seven states this week, covering nearly 6,000 miles in five days to raise money and energy for Republican midterm candidates from Georgia to Colorado.

Romney has repeatedly insisted he's not running for president again, and his closest aides laugh off a possible 2016 bid. But top GOP strategists and donors suggest his continued high profile in Republican politics highlights the party's murky future and a crowded 2016 field that is both flawed and without a clear front-runner.

"There's a vacuum," said John Jordan, a major Republican donor based in California. "When there's 10 people in a possible presidential field, it's difficult for anyone to look presidential. None of these figures is overly compelling."

Just a month before the unofficial beginning of the next presidential primary season, Democrats have already begun to rally behind prospective candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton. The race for the Republican nomination, however, is as wide open as most political veterans can remember.

Denver area school board could decide fate of US history review behind student protests

DENVER (AP) — A fight in Colorado over how United States history is taught is coming to a head in suburban Denver on Thursday with students and teachers expected to pack a school board meeting where the controversial changes could face a vote.

Turnout is expected to be so high that the teachers' union plans to stream video from the meeting room — which holds a couple hundred people — on a big screen in the parking lot outside. Students are making plans to start their protests early in the day.

Students across a majority of the district's 17 high schools have walked out of classes in droves over the past few weeks, waving signs and flags in protests organized by word-of-mouth and social media.

The protests started Sept. 19, when the Jefferson County school board proposed creating a committee to review texts and course plans, starting with Advanced Placement history, to make sure materials "promote citizenship, patriotism, essentials and benefits of the free-market system, respect for authority and respect for individual rights" and don't "encourage or condone civil disorder, social strife or disregard of the law."

Teachers — upset about the history proposal and also a merit-based compensation package they consider unfair — started staging sick ins where they all call out sick and force school to be canceled some days.

As winter nears, anger mounts among Kashmir flood victims over Indian gov't disaster response

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — As floodwaters ripped through Indian-controlled Kashmir, Abdul Majeed spent five days holed up with his family in their attic, watching helplessly as army helicopters plucked tourists from hotel rooftops and government boats ferried officials to safety.

"We shouted and signaled, but they ignored us," the businessman said.

The water has mostly receded, but Majeed's anger has not. He vows to participate in anti-India protests, dozens of which erupt daily, blocking the few roads that remain usable.

"It's clear to me that India treats Kashmiris as second-class citizens," Majeed said.

Flooding in this conflict-wracked Himalayan region in early September killed 281 people, destroyed at least 100,000 homes and caused an estimated \$17 billion in damage. Hundreds of thousands of people may still be homeless by December, when temperatures typically dip below freezing.

Cowboys special teams player C.J. Spillman investigated over reported sex assault at hotel

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys special teams player C.J. Spillman is under investigation but hasn't been arrested or charged after a report of an alleged sexual assault at the team hotel last month.

Grapevine police spokesman Sgt. Robert Eberling said Wednesday night that the alleged assault took place early Sept. 20 at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center.

The team flew to St. Louis later that Saturday, and Spillman played against the Rams the next day.

He has played in all four games, including last weekend at home against New Orleans. His only tackle of the season came against the Rams. Spillman is listed as a safety but hasn't played defense this season.

Spillman's agent, Ron Slavin, and attorney Bruce Ashworth declined to comment. The Cowboys didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

AP PHOTOS: Cavs fans welcome back LeBron James, see improved squad as team holds scrimmage

CLEVELAND (AP) — They waited in line to see him, and when LeBron James ran onto the new court inside Quicken Loans Arena for the first time in four years wearing the Cavaliers' wine and gold colors, Cleveland fans welcomed him back with a thunderous roar they've been waiting to unleash.

James has returned to where he began his NBA career, focused on leading the Cavs to the city's first pro sports championship since 1964.

Nearly 17,000 fans showed up Wednesday night to watch the Cavaliers hold their annual scrimmage, a glorified practice that provided Cleveland with its first look at a team transformed this summer by the return of James and a trade for All-Star forward Kevin Love. James scored 13 points, Kyrie Irving had 10 and Kevin Love nine.

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Missing data, clunky navigation mar new gov't site for searching doctors' financial conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Although it's called "Open Payments," the government's new website doesn't make it easy to find out whether your doctor is getting freebies, travel or other financial benefits from drug companies and medical device manufacturers.

This should be a clue: The website lacks a "Find Your Doctor" button.

The Obama administration says consumers will start seeing some improvements later this month, particularly when it comes to navigation.

However, an Associated Press analysis found significant problems, including large chunks of missing information and disputed data. And those are not likely to be cleared up soon.

Disclosure of financial relationships between clinicians and industry has long been a priority for consumer advocates, who worry about unseen incentives that may influence prescribing decisions, the use of high-tech tests and even surgical procedures.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 2, the 275th day of 2014. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1944, German troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

In 1889, the first International Conference of American States convened in Washington, D.C.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson suffered a serious stroke at the White House that left him paralyzed on his left side.

In 1939, the Benny Goodman Sextet (which included Lionel Hampton) made their first recording, "Flying Home," for Columbia.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

In 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court as the court opened its new term.

In 1970, one of two chartered twin-engine planes flying the Wichita State University football team to Utah crashed into a mountain near Silver Plume, Colorado, killing 31 of the 40 people on board.

In 1984, Richard W. Miller became the first FBI agent to be arrested and charged with espionage. (Miller was tried three times; he was sentenced to 20 years in prison, but was released after nine years.)

In 1996, an AeroPeru Boeing 757 crashed into the Pacific Ocean, killing all 61 passengers and nine crew members on board.

In 2002, the Washington, D.C.-area sniper attacks began, setting off a frantic manhunt lasting three weeks. (John Allen Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo were finally arrested for 10 killings and three woundings; Muhammad was executed in 2009; Malvo was sentenced to life in prison.)

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Ten years ago: Suspected separatist rebels began four days of attacks in India's Nagaland and Assam states that killed more than 70 people.

Five years ago: The International Olympic Committee, meeting in Copenhagen, chose Rio de Janeiro to be the site of the 2016 Summer Olympics; Chicago was eliminated in the first round, despite a last-minute in-person appeal by President Barack Obama. A man accused of stalking ESPN reporter Erin Andrews and secretly videotaping her inside her hotel room was arrested at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport. (Michael David Barrett later pleaded guilty to interstate stalking and was sentenced to 2 1/2 years in federal prison.) Marek Edelman, 90, the last surviving leader of the ill-fated 1943 Warsaw ghetto revolt against the Nazis (not to be confused with the above-mentioned 1944 uprising), died in Warsaw.

One year ago: President Barack Obama met privately with congressional leaders at the White House for the first time since a partial government shutdown began, but there was no sign of progress toward ending the impasse. Overloaded websites and jammed phone lines frustrated consumers for a second day as they tried to sign up for coverage using new health insurance exchanges. A jury in Los Angeles cleared a concert promoter of negligence, rejecting a lawsuit brought by Michael Jackson's mother claiming AEG Live had been negligent in hiring Conrad Murray, the doctor who killed the pop star with an overdose of a hospital anesthetic.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer-musician Leon Rausch (Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys) is 87. Retired MLB All-Star Maury Wills is 82. Movie critic Rex Reed is 76. Singer-songwriter Don McLean is 69. Cajun/country singer Jo-el Sonnier (sahn-YAY') is 68. Actor Avery Brooks is 66. Fashion designer Donna Karan is 66. Photographer Annie Leibovitz is 65. Rock musician Mike Rutherford (Genesis, Mike & the Mechanics) is 64. Singer-actor Sting is 63. Actress Lorraine Bracco is 60. Country musician Greg Jennings (Restless Heart) is 60. Rock singer Phil Oakey (The Human League) is 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Freddie Jackson is 56. Singer-producer Robbie Nevil is 56. Retro-soul singer James Hunter is 52. Former NFL quarterback Mark Rypien is 52. Rock musician Bud Gaugh (Sublime, Eyes Adrift) is 47. Folk-country singer Gillian Welch is 47. Country singer Kelly Willis is 46. Actor Joey Slotnick is 46. Rhythm-and-blues singer Dion Allen (Az Yet) is 44. Actress-talk show host Kelly Ripa (TV: "Live with Kelly and Michael") is 44. Singer Tiffany is 43. Rock singer Lene Nystrom is 41. Actor Efren Ramirez is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer LaTocha Scott (Xscape) is 41. Gospel singer Mandisa (TV: "American Idol") is 38. Actress Brianna Brown is 35. Rock musician Mike Rodden (Hinder) is 32. Tennis player Marion Bartoli is 30. Actor Christopher Larkin (TV: "The 100") is 27. Rock singer Brittany Howard (Alabama Shakes) is 26. Actress Samantha Barks is 24.

Thought for Today: "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong." - Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader (born this date in 1869, died 1948).