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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.

Birthdays: Madison Profeta, Shawn Lambertz
7:00pm: FB at Milbank

Saturday, October 4

Birthdays: Fred Wolken • Josh Atherton • Gabriel Kjellsen • Trixie Schwabe

9:00am: Gypsy Day Parade. Groton is the fourth band.

5:00pm: Boys Varsity Soccer Playoffs: Groton hosts James Valley Christian

4:30pm: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Mass



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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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Boys Soccer prepare for JV Christian

The Groton Boys Soccer team (record 8-3-1) will play in the State A High School Soccer Semifinal game in Groton on Saturday at 5 pm against James Valley Christian. The winner will move on to the State Championship games in Mitchell next weekend. Congratulations to the Groton Boys Soccer team on a great season and good luck on Saturday!

The Tigers are led by 10 senior boys this year:

Back: Rayce Harder, Tyler Scott, Landon Larson, Chance Strom, Nick Dalchow,

Front: Devon Poppen, Stormy Bahr, Zach Crosby, Jacob Milbrandt, Luke Sternhagen

Girls lose to Vermillion

Word has it that the girls soccer team lost to Vermillion in the first round of the playoffs. No results were submitted to the Independent, however.

Death Notice: Diane Barwin

Diane Barwin, 74, of Groton died October 2, 2014 at Sanford Aberdeen Medical Center. Services are pending with Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel, Groton.

Webster beats Groton in volleyball

The match went the distance of five very close games as Webster came out on top, 3-2. Game scores were 23-25, 25-19, 25-23, 21-25 and 13-15.

Groton was 103 of 108 in serves with seven ace serves. Marlee Jones was 26 of 26 with three ace serves and Josie Doeden was 17 of 19 with three ace serves.

Groton was 153 of 189 in spikes with 46 kills. Doeden was 31 of 39 with 10 kills, Tori Bjerke was 37 of 46 with six kills, Maggie Simon was 27 of 32 with nine kills and Ashley Gibbs was 16 of 20 with eight kills.

Groton was 163 of 163 in sets with 42 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 145 sets with 36 assists.

Bjerke, Doeden and Simon each had a block and Groton had 153 digs with Kasey Waage having 48, Audrey Wanner 30 and Courtney Kurtz 23.

State Capitol Restored To Its Original Beauty

By Jim Soyer

As South Dakota celebrates its 125th year of statehood, South Dakotans can once again be proud of their Capitol building. With the restoration of the stained glass in the rotunda, House and Senate Chambers and above the grand marble staircase this year, 38 years of research, planning and hard work have led to a beautifully restored State Capitol for the citizens of South Dakota. It looks today very much like it did when it was completed in 1910.

The Capitol is a modified Greek Ionic structure made of Marquette sandstone and Indiana Bedford limestone. When it was constructed, the interior was decorated with Greek and Roman designs in ivory, blue, tan and gold to harmonize with the marble throughout the building.

In the late 1930s, dry soil conditions caused the building to settle. The settling resulted in severe structural damage both inside and out. Damage repair and repainting began in 1941. During the course of the work, many original designs and colors were painted over and the building's unique beauty was lost.

In anticipation of South Dakota's Centennial in 1989, the Legislature, led by Sen. "Pappy" Grams approved the formation of the Capitol Beautification and Restoration Commission in 1976. Since then, much of the Capitol building has gone through a complete and historically accurate restoration.

The building's exterior has been tuck pointed and sandblasted. Inside the building, murals and portraits have been cleaned and preserved. The terrazzo tile floor has been repaired and the marble polished. Design and color schemes in the building have been recreated and repainted. Woodwork has been refinished. Broken or missing items have been repaired or replaced.

The work that has been done in the legislative chambers has gotten perhaps the most attention from the public. Old photographs of the House and Senate chambers were instrumental in their restoration. The renovators enlarged and examined the old photos to duplicate the original look as closely as possible.

The carpets in both chambers were replaced in the 1980s with new ones that are almost exact replicas of the originals. The oak and mahogany desks were refinished, the original wall paintings were recovered, and the brass light fixtures are now shiny.

The most recent project has been the restoration of the stained glass. After 105 years, the panels of stained glass were deteriorating badly as they bowed and buckled under their own weight. Repairs done in decades past were failing. This year, all of the 199 panels of stained glass panels were removed from the Capitol and completely restored and rebuilt. They have now returned more beautiful and stronger than ever for the coming century.

With the exception of technical equipment like voting machines and microphones, the chambers appear much as they were in 1910.

Throughout the building, high-tech modern offices are surrounded by exquisite turn-of-the-century artwork and architecture. After years of restoration, South Dakota's state Capitol building is not only practical, but also beautiful.

When it was first built, architects called the South Dakota Capitol the "Queen of the Prairie." After many years of hard work, she is the "Queen of the Prairie" once again.

Come see it for yourself. The building is open to the public 365 days of the year.



*** A panel of restored stained glass being reinstalled in the Capitol.**

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FALL HARVEST LEASE SPECIALS!!!



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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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Edgar S. McFadden Helped Feed The World

By Dorinda Daniel



Edgar McFadden

The next time you eat a slice of bread, you might think of Edgar S. McFadden.

The Day County native's pioneering vision and dedicated work on behalf of farmers led him to develop the world's first rust resistant wheat.

McFadden crossed Marquis wheat with emmer or speltz, a livestock grain, to produce what he called Hope wheat.

Hope wheat became a parent wheat-stock used by plant breeders worldwide, thus becoming the foundation of all rust resistant wheats.

It was estimated that McFadden saved American farmers \$400 million during the war years, wrote Editor Harold Card in the October 7, 1947 issue of the Reporter and Farmer.

"The food situation in the world is bad enough. Without McFadden's work, it would be even more desperate," Card wrote. "No one can compute in dollars and in lives saved or human suffering avoided, the value of McFadden's research gave a hungry world a variety of wheat which was resistant to the rust plague which so many times has swept over the country, leaving crushed hopes,

empty larders and bankrupt farmers in its wake."

McFadden's life story is a saga of mankind's battle for food.

McFadden was born to Mr. and Mrs. J.E. McFadden in Webster Township, seven miles northwest of Webster, on February 3, 1891. He took over the field work in the spring of 1904 after his father had been badly hurt the previous fall. His whole wheat crop that year was completely ruined by rust.

He began to search for information on the subject, but found that little has been written on wheat rust.

In 1908, his family moved to Texas. During the next three summers, McFadden followed the wheat harvests from Texas northward. He began to form conclusions that rust originated in the south and moved north with the southerly spring winds.

At the close of the harvest in 1911, he remained in South Dakota and began a three-year course in agricultural education at South Dakota State College in Brookings. When he completed this course in 1914, he began a course in agronomy.

During his college days, he worked as student assistant in an agronomy laboratory experiment station, where he began cross breeding experiments with small grains. When he first told his idea of developing rust resistant wheat to an instructor, he was told that such a thing was possible and that it might take 100 years to perfect a satisfactory plant.

Instead of becoming discouraged, McFadden was challenged to put more effort into his experimenting.

In 1916, he crossed Marquis wheat with speltz livestock grain.

After graduating from college in 1918, McFadden went to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the experiment station at Highmore.

He served in the armed forces and went back to the USDA job in Highmore in 1919 after his discharge

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from the service. The government soon decided to discontinue the work at the Highmore station.

McFadden returned to the family farm near Webster. There, he established the McFadden Plant Breeding Station and continued developing drought resistant and disease resistant crops.

In his History of Day County, 1873 to 1926, L.G. Ochsenreiter states that the plant breeding station was the only privately owned institution of its kind in the northwest.

In 1925, McFadden perfected the work he began nine years before with the Marquis-Speltz cross. He called the resulting rust resistant varieties Hope and H-44. Seeds were distributed to five other plant breeders in the United States and Canada for further developing better rust resistant varieties.

In 1929, McFadden returned to work for the Department of Agriculture, working first in Redfield and later at the experiment station at College Station, Texas.

Among his accomplishments were rust resistant oats, hull-less, beardless and smooth bearded barleys, beardless emmer or speltz, a hardy perennial tomato and several new varieties of field crops that were highly resistant to drought.

He received numerous scientific awards during his lifetime. The Farmer Journal once wrote that McFadden "could well be nominated as the most important man in the world today." He was honored with the Distinguished Service Award from the Readers Digest.

The people of Day County have not forgotten their native son, Edgar S. McFadden. A granite monument honoring McFadden was erected near Webster and small vault was buried next to the monument.

A kernel of Hope wheat, a newspaper and other documents narrating McFadden's accomplishments were buried in the vault. In 1988, the monument was moved to the Museum of Wildlife, Science and Industry of Northeastern South Dakota in Webster.

Today in Weather History

1985: High winds of 60 to 75 mph occurred across much of western South Dakota from the late afternoon of the 3rd into the early morning hours of the 4th. The strong winds blew down power lines and caused power outages for many locations in the Black Hills. The strong winds uprooted trees in Rapid City and blew the roof off of a barn near Newell in Butte County.

1841: A severe gale struck New England. The storm was originally a powerful hurricane off the Carolina coast that merged with an unseasonably cold air mass over the region. Forty ships were washed ashore on Cape Cod and 57 people lost their lives in Truro, MA alone. The storm also caused an unusual early season snowfall across portions of the region. A foot and a half of snow fell on Middletown, CT.

1907: Around the turn of the 20th Century the NWS attached meteorological instruments to specially designed kites, tethered to the ground, to get upper air data. On this date a record kite flight level was achieved at a height of 23,111 feet.

1964: Hurricane Hilda crossed the Louisiana coastline with sustained winds of 120 mph at Franklin. Hilda killed 38 and produced a total damage of \$125 million. An F4 tornado spawned by Hilda cut a 2 mile path through Larose, LA, killing 22 people and injuring 165. Eight people were crushed to death in Erath, LA when the town's 10,000 gallon water tower fell onto City Hall.

1979: The first killer tornado of record in October in Connecticut destroyed sixteen vintage aircraft at the Bradley Air Museum in Windsor Locks. The F4 tornado damaged more than 100 homes causing \$200 million damage. Three persons were killed, and 500 others were injured.

1912 - The longest dry spell of record in the U.S. commenced as Bagdad, CA, went 767 days without rain. (David Ludlum)

1986 - Remnants of Hurricane Paine deluged Oklahoma and southeastern Kansas with 6 to 10 inch overnight rains. Hardy, OK, was drenched with 21.79 inches. Heavy rain between September 26th and October 4th caused 350 million dollars damage in Oklahoma. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Twenty-five cities in the Upper Midwest, including ten in Iowa, reported record low temperatures for the date. Duluth MN, Eau Claire, WI, and Spencer, IA, dipped to 24 degrees. Temperatures warmed into the 80s in the Northern and Central High Plains Region. At Chadron, NE, the mercury soared from a morning low of 29 degrees to an afternoon high of 88 degrees. Temperatures soared above 100 degrees in southern California. The high of 108 degrees at Downtown Los Angeles was a record for October. (The National Weather Summary)


1988 - Cold Canadian air invaded the north central U.S. bringing an end to the growing season across those states. Unseasonably warm weather prevailed in the southwestern U.S. Phoenix, AZ, reported a record high of 105 degrees. (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed from the Pacific Northwest to the Upper Mississippi Valley. A dozen cities reported record low temperatures for the date, including Bismarck, ND, and Williston, ND, with readings of 16 degrees above zero. An upper level weather disturbance brought snow to parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, with five inches reported at West Yellowstone, MT. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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



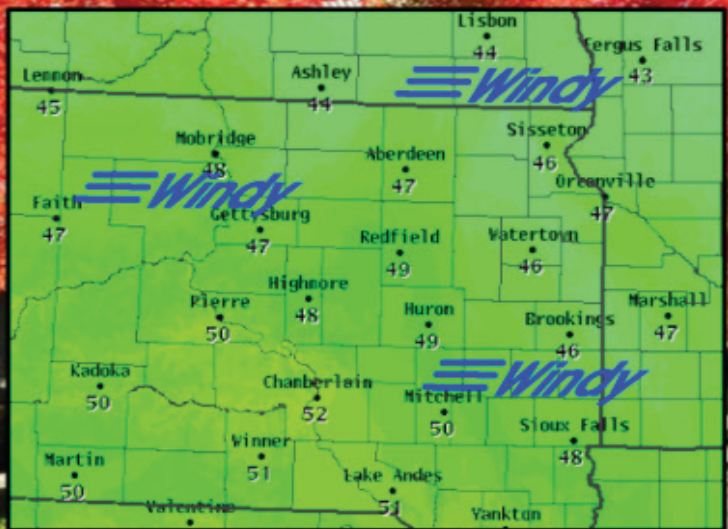
Cold End To The Work Week

weather.gov/Aberdeen

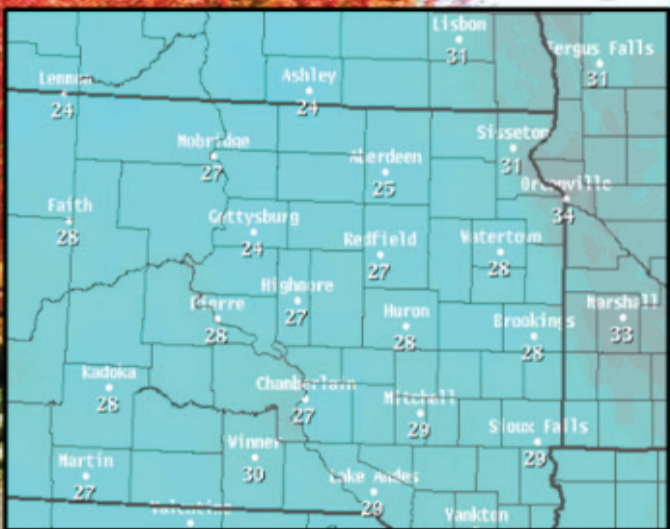
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Highs Today



Lows Saturday Morning



An abnormally cold airmass will continue affecting the region through the first half of the weekend. A tight pressure gradient will promote gusty northwesterly winds through this evening. Sustained winds of 25 to 35 mph with gusts possibly exceeding 45 mph can be expected. High temperatures today will only warm into the 40s for most locations. Lows tonight will fall into the 20s.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 68.3°F at 4:09 PM

Low: 45.3°F at 5:39 AM

High Gust: 35 mph at 10:31 PM

Precip: 0.00

Today's Info

Record High: 95° in 1922

Record Low: 20° in 1894

Average High: 64°F

Average Low: 38°F

Average Precip in Oct.: .16

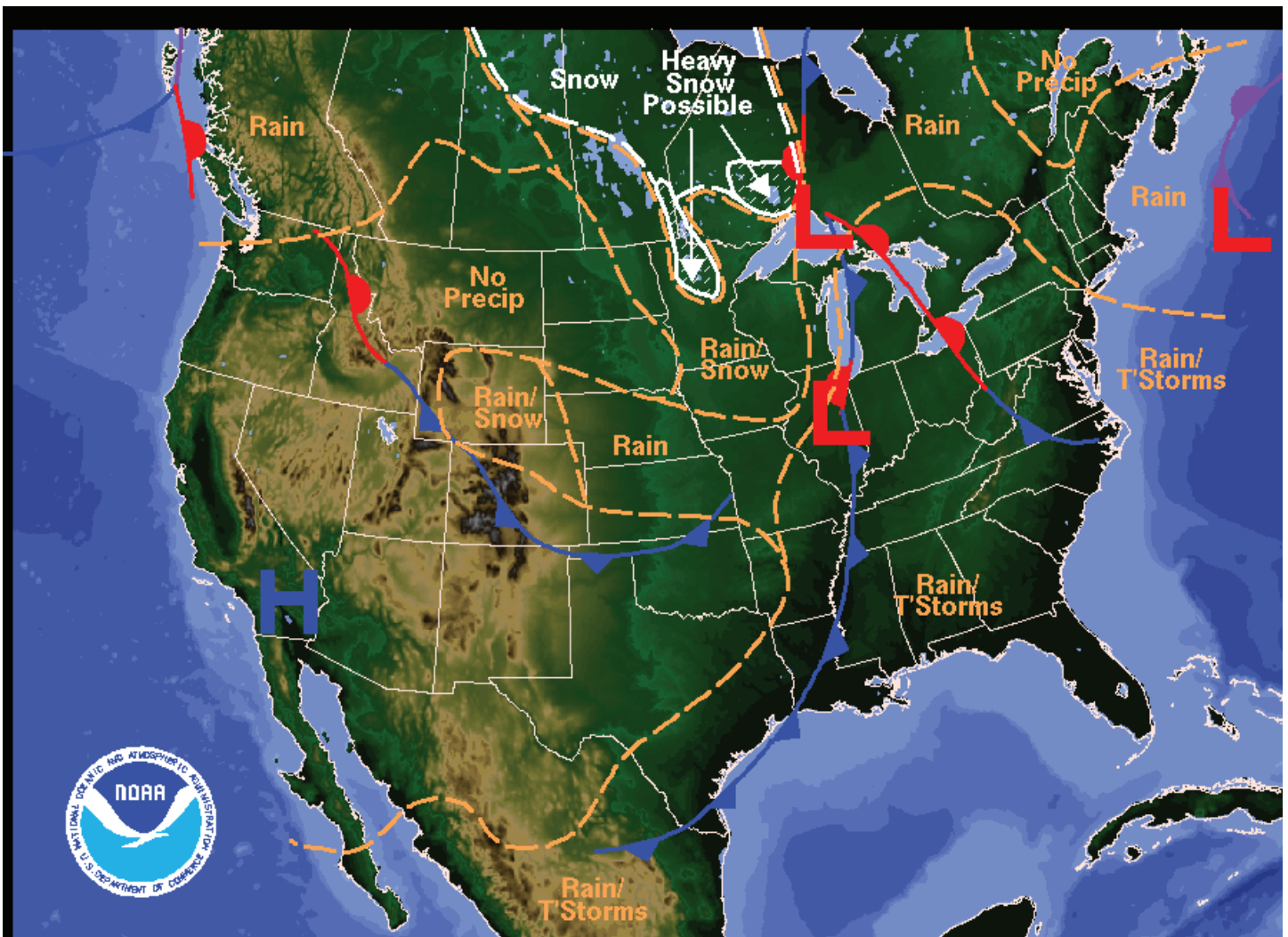
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.00

Average Precip to date: 18.64

Precip Year to Date: 12.94

Sunset Tonight: 7:10 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:36 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Fri, Oct 03, 2014, issued 3:25 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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THE VALUE OF WISDOM

Can we put a price on wisdom?

We do that with property and stocks, technology and education. It seems that everything in our world has some value to someone. Some things are more valuable than other things. And almost everything is worth something to someone.

Solomon had just about everything anyone could ask for. Perhaps, he was simply thinking about "things" one day and gave some great advice: "You know what? Get wisdom. Why? Because wisdom is more profitable than silver, yields better returns than gold, more precious than rubies, nothing compares to it, it leads to a long life and riches and honor and a peaceful life with pleasant paths. Oh, those who embrace wisdom will be blessed."

What a return on an investment! When we invest in the things of this world we have no assurance that we will ever see the value grow. Often, the opposite happens. And, if our investments exceed our expectations, what will we gain in the end? Will it include any of the benefits or gifts that Solomon talks about? Or who can prove beyond the shadow of a doubt that any of the "things" the world has to offer will bring any happiness?

Years ago I had a friend who advised me: "Larry, you always know how wise a man is by whose advice he listens to and follows." I discovered he was and is right.

God, through Solomon, gave us "great advice." Over the years it has proven to be accurate, trustworthy and reliable. To follow it has endless rewards!

Prayer: Lord, there is no better investment, if we want eternal returns, than to pursue Your wisdom and ways. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 3:14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold.

News from the Associated Press

Rapid City events center names executive director

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man with more than 25 years of experience in the entertainment management business has been named executive director of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City.

The facility's board of directors has hired Craig Baltzer after a five-month search. Baltzer is a Sioux Falls native and graduate of the University of South Dakota. He has spent the past nine years as general manager of the Ford Idaho Center of Nampa/Boise in Idaho.

Baltzer will begin his new duties Nov. 3. He'll replace Brian Maliske (muh-LIHS'-kee), who resigned in June.

September was wettest on record in parts of SD

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The climatologist at South Dakota State University says parts of western South Dakota set new precipitation records in September.

Dennis Todey (TAHD'-ee) says rainfall in and around the Black Hills totaled 3 to 5 inches or slightly more. Much of Rapid City got 4 to 5 inches, with reports of more than 5 inches in the Edgemont area — a third of the annual average.

Todey says places that set precipitation records in September include Edgemont, Oral and Wind Cave National Park.

He says the outlook for October — and the fall harvest — shows increased chances for wetter conditions, mainly over the eastern parts of the state.

Lacy back on track, Packers rout Vikings 42-10

GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The running lanes looked decidedly wider. Eddie Lacy broke tackles and barreled over defenders.

The Green Bay Packers re-discovered their rushing attack in a 42-10 rout of the Minnesota Vikings on Thursday night.

Lacy ran for 105 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. Aaron Rodgers threw for three touchdowns and the Packers cruised after leading by four touchdowns at the half.

Lacy was just getting started then.

He rushed for his scores on back-to-back drives in the third quarter. On the second touchdown, Lacy barreled over a defender into the end zone from 10 yards out.

"I thought he was a beast in the open field. We blocked well and Eddie ran very well," coach Mike McCarthy said.

Rodgers finished 12 of 17 for 156 yards passing, including a 66-yard scoring strike to Jordy Nelson, the league's leading receiver.

Still, the Packers weren't at their best. Three-and-outs were sprinkled in between their touchdown drives.

Rodgers, though, recognized the importance of getting the running game going.

"Eddie, you know, he's going to be a guy who's just going to be continuing to lay on people and to be more of a force as the weather continues to turn here," the quarterback said.

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The Vikings had the better running game coming into the night. But Green Bay's league-worst run defense had its best outing of the season, holding Matt Asiata to 72 yards on 15 carries.

Nothing else went right for Minnesota. The passing game struggled when it counted with Christian Ponder starting at quarterback for injured rookie Teddy Bridgewater.

Coach Mike Zimmer struggled to find positives.

"It's hard to find a silver lining after tonight," he said.

Some other takeaways from Green Bay's fourth straight Thursday night victory at Lambeau Field:

MAKING THE LEAP: Julius Peppers' 49-yard interception return for a touchdown proved the 34-year-old pass rusher can still keep up with the younger crowd. He provided the kind of big-play spark that the Packers were hoping to get when they signed him in the offseason.

Peppers became the first player in NFL history with 100 sacks and 10 interceptions. He'll remember his latest pick for a while.

"It's at the top, it's at the top. It was nice because I actually scored on it," Peppers said.

POOR PONDER: Ponder finished 22 of 44 for 222 yards passing, but much of the damage came late with the game well in hand. He was sacked six times.

Ponder's 6-yard touchdown run on the first play of fourth quarter ended the shutout.

Otherwise, this wasn't what Ponder envisioned when he was called on to start with Bridgewater sidelined by a sprained left ankle.

"Playing like that, you don't have much to say. It was embarrassing," Ponder said. "I feel bad that I put the team in this position. Point the finger at me."

RUN DOWN: Matt Asiata ran for 72 yards on 15 carries for Minnesota, but the Packers' league-worst run defense otherwise had a solid showing. It was part of a nice all-around effort for a defense that also forced three turnovers and recorded six sacks. Mike Daniels and former Viking Letroy Guion each had 1 1/2 sacks.

"It's just something to continue to build off of. That's how football is," Daniels said. "They do their job in the back end, we do our job up front, and we all benefit from it."

NOT MISSED: They once cheered receiver Greg Jennings in Green Bay. Now with the Vikings, Jennings was booed each time a ball was thrown his way on Thursday night. Jennings' pointed remarks about Rodgers and the quarterback's leadership style apparently haven't been forgotten, even if Jennings has tried to make amends.

Jennings finished with two catches for 31 yards.

TRAINER'S ROOM: Bridgewater was an observer four days after throwing for 317 yards in his first career start in a win over Atlanta. He sprained his ankle in the fourth quarter of that game.

Bridgewater said he wanted to play, but that coach Mike Zimmer made the best decision for him and the team. Bridgewater suspects he might have been able to go if the game was on Sunday.

He said he would be ready for Minnesota's next game on Oct. 12 against Detroit.

Minnesota had the most notable new injury when receiver Cordarelle Patterson left with a hip injury early in the third quarter. For Green Bay, defensive lineman Datone Jones left in the second quarter with an ankle injury.

SD panel proposes big game application fee hike

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A state hunting regulatory commission has proposed doubling the nonrefundable fee for big game license applications.

The South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission proposed increasing the nonrefundable fee from

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\$5 to \$10. The fee applies to licenses for elk, bighorn sheep and mountain goat.

The fees haven't changed since they were established in 1987. Members of the commission say the additional revenue that would be generated from the proposal would be used in the management of those big game species.

Officials say most of the money would be allocated to help the Game, Fish and Parks Department elk depredation program services.

The commission will finalize the proposal in November. The panel will accept comments from residents until Nov. 6.

3 Dakotas colleges getting job-training grants

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Three community colleges in the Dakotas are getting large grants through a federal effort to boost job training across the country.

In North Dakota, Bismarck State College is getting more than \$9.9 million. In South Dakota, Lake Area Technical Institute in Watertown and Mitchell Technical Institute in Mitchell each are getting about \$2.5 million.

The money is through a competitive grant program administered by the federal Departments of Labor and Education. The grant winners were announced by the White House. About \$450 million was doled out to 270 community colleges nationwide.

Ponder struggles, Vikings fall 42-10 to Packers

GENARO C. ARMAS, AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Christian Ponder was embarrassed. Coach Mike Zimmer struggled to find positives.

Nothing went right for the Minnesota Vikings in a 42-10 loss to the Green Bay Packers on Thursday night.

Julius Peppers returned Ponder's interception 49 yards for a touchdown, Aaron Rodgers threw for three scores, and Eddie Lacy ran for a season-high 105 yards and two touchdowns.

The Packers led 28-0 after the first half played in a light rain. They essentially toyed with Minnesota the rest of the way.

"It's hard to find a silver lining after tonight," Zimmer said.

Peppers had the highlight-reel play in the second quarter after picking off a pass over the middle from Ponder, who was hit by tackle Luther Robinson as he released the throw.

The 34-year-old Peppers veered left across the field and waited for blocks before striding the final 10 yards along the sideline to make it 21-0 with 7:06 left in the second quarter.

Ponder finished 22 of 44 for 222 yards, but much of the damage came late with the game well in hand. He was sacked six times.

Ponder's 6-yard touchdown run on the first play of fourth quarter ended the shutout.

Otherwise, this wasn't what Ponder envisioned when he was called on to start with rookie Teddy Bridgewater sidelined by a sprained left ankle.

"Playing like that, you don't have much to say. It was embarrassing," Ponder said. "That's not the way I expected to come out and play. Hats off to Green Bay. They played a great game but it's not indicative of how we should have played.

"I feel bad that I put the team in this position. Point the finger at me."

Peppers capitalized. After crossing over the goal line, Peppers stopped for a second in the end zone

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before safety Morgan Burnett came up and pointed at the stands.

Peppers, the Packers' prized free agent acquisition in the offseason, took his first Lambeau Leap.

"It was actually pretty tough to get up there. I was pretty tired after that run, so I barely got up there. It was tough," he said.

Peppers became the first player in NFL history with 100 sacks and 10 interceptions.

Things got worse for Ponder in the second quarter.

Jamari Lattimore intercepted Ponder's pass over the middle on Minnesota's next drive, setting up Rodgers' 11-yard touchdown pass to Davante Adams to give Green Bay a four-touchdown lead with 4:55 left in the first half.

Zimmer offered a blunt assessment of how Ponder performed.

"Not very well," the coach said.

Bridgewater said he wanted to play, but that Zimmer was looking out for the team in going with Ponder.

If only this game was played on Sunday, Bridgewater may have had a shot.

"It would have allowed me more days to rehab and treat the injury," Bridgewater said. "Unfortunately, today we played on a Thursday. It was a short week."

The second half was a mere formality. Fans took delight in showering former Green Bay receiver Greg Jennings with boos whenever he touched the ball.

Jennings finished with two catches for 31 yards.

Rodgers was 12 of 17 for 156 yards, including a 66-yard touchdown pass to Jordy Nelson.

Rodgers found Nelson off play-action, and the NFL's leading receiver hauled in the pass at the 20. He easily outraced safety Harrison Smith into end zone for the Packers' second touchdown.

Rodgers also connected with Randall Cobb for an 8-yard touchdown pass set up by three straight long runs by Lacy. Cobb scored his league-leading sixth touchdown of the season by beating defensive back Captain Munnerlyn.

"That was not football. We did not show up, we didn't show up at all," Munnerlyn said.

On offense, Minnesota rarely advanced past midfield. Its only venture across the 50 in the first half ended with Burnett forcing Matt Asiata to fumble after an 11-yard run, and Casey Hayward recovered the Vikings' third consecutive turnover.

The Packers weren't necessarily perfect, but they also never let up.

"I like the way it went tonight. Yeah, I'd take this," coach Mike McCarthy said.

Minnesota had the most notable injury when receiver Cordarelle Patterson left with a hip injury early in the third quarter after making a 6-yard catch. For Green Bay, defensive lineman Datone Jones left in the second quarter with an ankle injury.

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VOLLEYBALL

Aberdeen Roncalli def. Sisseton, 25-21, 29-27, 25-16

Arlington def. Lake Preston, 25-8, 25-17, 25-14

Bison def. Dupree, 25-19, 25-17, 25-19

Bon Homme def. Menno, 25-17, 21-25, 25-21, 25-10

Bridgewater-Emery def. Colman-Egan, 25-21, 20-25, 25-22, 25-9

Brookings def. Mitchell, 25-15, 25-20, 25-22

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Clark/Willow Lake def. Deuel, 25-16, 25-9, 25-12
Dell Rapids def. Lennox, 22-25, 25-20, 25-17, 25-21
DeSmet def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 25-19, 21-25, 25-18, 25-23
Deubrook def. Elkton-Lake Benton, 25-12, 23-25, 25-13, 22-25, 15-9
Ethan def. Freeman, 25-11, 25-19, 25-7
Great Plains Lutheran def. Florence/Henry, 25-18, 25-19, 25-12
Gregory def. Chamberlain, 25-18, 25-17, 25-13
Huron def. Harrisburg, 13-25, 25-19, 25-20, 25-23
Ipswich def. Edmunds Central, 25-13, 25-11, 25-9
Kimball/White Lake def. Hanson, 20-25, 18-25, 26-24, 25-22, 15-9
Lyman def. Platte-Geddes, 25-18, 25-18, 25-15
Milbank def. Hamlin, 25-10, 31-29, 25-17
Parker def. Garretson, 25-8, 25-11, 25-14
Parkston def. Scotland, 25-16, 25-11, 25-12
Rapid City Christian def. Jones County, 13-25, 25-13, 25-19, 24-26, 15-11
Redfield/Doland def. Britton-Hecla, 25-19, 25-18, 25-22
Rosholt def. Waubay, 25-18, 25-16, 25-20
Sioux Falls Christian def. Elk Point-Jefferson, 25-14, 24-26, 25-7, 25-12
Strasburg-Zeeland, N.D. def. Eureka/Bowdle, 25-11, 25-14, 25-15
Summit def. Langford, 25-10, 25-14, 25-10
Tea Area def. Canton, 25-16, 25-15, 25-12
Tri-Valley def. McCook Central/Montrose, 25-22, 22-25, 25-22, 26-28, 15-12
Tripp-Delmont/Armour def. Corsica/Stickney, 25-12, 26-24, 25-15
Wagner def. Winner, 25-16, 20-25, 25-20, 25-15
Wall def. Newell, 25-21, 25-13, 25-11
Warner def. Herreid/Selby Area, 25-12, 25-9, 25-11
Webster def. Groton Area, 25-23, 19-25, 23-25, 25-21, 15-13
West Central def. Vermillion, 25-13, 25-18, 25-13
Wilmot def. Grant-Deuel, 25-8, 25-22, 25-21

281 Conference Tournament

First Round

Highmore-Harrold def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-14, 25-8, 25-22

Wessington Springs def. Iroquois, 25-17, 25-11, 25-12

Chester Triangular

Chester def. Beresford, 25-10, 25-13, 25-9

Faulkton Triangular

Faulkton def. Lower Brule, 25-13, 25-4, 25-10

Faulkton def. Aberdeen Christian, 25-9, 25-5, 25-6

Lower Brule def. Aberdeen Christian, 10-25, 25-18, 25-23, 19-25, 15-6

Sturgis Triangular

Chadron, Neb. def. Sturgis, 25-13, 25-19, 25-16

Chadron, Neb. def. Douglas, 25-14, 25-15, 25-12

Sturgis def. Douglas, 25-21, 26-28, 25-20, 25-23

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Tri-Valley Conference Tournament

First Round

Alcester-Hudson def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-20, 25-20, 25-21

Ponca, Neb. def. Centerville, 25-9, 25-17, 25-15

Baltic def. Freeman Academy, 22-25, 14-25, 25-18, 25-18, 15-13

Gayville-Volin def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-15, 25-15, 25-11

Consolation Semifinal

Freeman Academy def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-12, 25-13, 25-16

Viborg-Hurley def. Centerville, 25-9, 16-25, 25-16, 25-18

Semifinal

Gayville-Volin def. Baltic, 27-25, 25-23, 25-21

Ponca, Neb. def. Alcester-Hudson, 25-10, 25-23, 25-17

Brookings cheese plant part of SD dairy push

CARSON WALKER, Associated Press

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — The formal opening on Friday of the Bel Brands USA plant in Brookings is part of a decades-long effort to make South Dakota a major player in not just milk production but also dairy products, the state secretary of agriculture said.

Bel Brands said its 250 employees will produce 1.5 million Mini Babybel cheese wheels a day when the \$140 million operation is at capacity next year. The Paris-based company, also known for The Laughing Cow cheese wedge, said the plant will help meet growing U.S. demand for Mini Babybels, sales for which have nearly tripled since 2009.

Frederic Nalis, CEO of Bel Americas and president and CEO of Bel Brands USA, on Wednesday explained the major reasons for the plant's location in eastern South Dakota: access to well-priced milk and an ongoing effort to attract more dairies, a business-friendly environment in Brookings and the presence of agriculture degree graduates from South Dakota State University.

"Several members of our management team are SDSU alumni who have returned to the area to join our workforce," Nalis said.

South Dakota Secretary of Agriculture Lucas Lentsch said the university is one of only two in country with degrees in both dairy production and processing.

The effort to attract more dairies started years ago when the state saw numbers declining, he said. The number of dairy cows in the state peaked at around 250,000 in the 1960s and bottomed out at 80,000 before increasing to 92,000 in 2012 and 97,000 now, Lentsch said. Facilities for another 20,000 head have been permitted or are under construction, he said.

"We reversed the trend, and we are now growing back the dairy herd in South Dakota," Lentsch said. "The economic impact of a dairy cow is leaps and bounds ahead of everything else."

Rather than just producing a raw product, such as meat, dairy cows produce milk that's turned into other products that collectively add an average of \$14,000 to the economy per cow, he said.

Political leaders and company representatives are among those who plan to attend Friday's ribbon cutting.

Nord named AP correspondent in Pierre

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Associated Press has named James Nord as its correspondent in Pierre, where he will lead the cooperative's coverage of politics and state government in South Dakota.

The appointment was announced Thursday by Sioux Falls news editor Carson Walker and Upper Midwest news editor Doug Glass.

Nord, 25, is a native of Shorewood, Minn., and a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he worked on the Minnesota Daily and interned at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. He has spent the last 3½ years working as a political reporter at MinnPost and at Politics in Minnesota, where he reported closely on the launch and ensuing problems with the state's health insurance exchange, among other issues.

Washington governor: More action needed to prevent a deadly oil train explosion

By 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.

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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 360,000 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.

Minot bombers, airmen returning from Ellsworth

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — Hundreds of airmen and several B-52 bombers are leaving Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota to return to their Minot Air Force Base home in North Dakota.

The planes and airmen have been stationed at Ellsworth for about half a year while a \$67 million runway upgrade was completed at the Minot base. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the project was held Monday, and the airmen and bombers began returning from southwest South Dakota on Wednesday.

Bombers and airmen temporarily reassigned to Anderson Air Base in Guam in the western Pacific during the project returned last month.

Minot bombers are often deployed to Guam. Ellsworth was chosen as another temporary site because it has the necessary infrastructure. It once housed B-52s and now is home to B-1 bombers.

"We've had a great opportunity here. The flying has been great, the support has been great," 23rd Bomb Squadron Capt. James Bresnahan said. "The interactions we've had with Ellsworth Air Force Base and Rapid City have been really good. We're excited to get back and continue doing our mission at home. It's great that the runway is back open and we're able to operate again".

Minot is one of two B-52 bases in the country and also is the command center for about 150 Minuteman III missiles in underground silos that dot the northern North Dakota countryside.

SD Sports Hall of Fame finally has a home

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Sports Hall of Fame finally has a home, near the main lobby of the newly opened Denny Sanford Premier Center.

The Hall of Fame has a 33-foot-wide display in the \$117 million Sioux Falls facility, with photos of its members and sports scenes and two interactive video display screens. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Wednesday.

"It's just natural — this is going to be the home of so many sporting events and other events in South Dakota," board member Terry Nielsen told KSFY-TV. "So it's the perfect spot for our Hall of Fame."

The South Dakota Sportswriters Association established the hall in 1968. It has 245 members, but it never had a physical home.

"They (inductees) brought a lot of entertainment and joy and fun, especially for a guy like me that loves sports and got to be around it and it's a big part of my life," Hall of Fame board member Scott Fiedler told KELO-TV. "And I think most South Dakotans feel the same way in one form or another. So, yeah, to have a permanent home where you can come and see it, I think that's huge."

NBC cameraman tests positive for Ebola in Liberia

DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An American cameraman helping to cover the Ebola outbreak in Liberia for NBC News has tested positive for the virus and will be flown back to the United States for treatment.

NBC News President Deborah Turness said Thursday the rest of the NBC News crew including medical correspondent Dr. Nancy Snyderman will be flown back to the U.S. and placed in quarantine for 21 days "in an abundance of caution."

The freelance cameraman has been working in Liberia for three years for Vice News and other media outlets, and has been covering the Ebola epidemic. He began shooting for NBC on Tuesday. The network is withholding his name at his family's request.

He began feeling tired and achy Wednesday and discovered he had a slight fever. He went to a treatment center Thursday to be tested, and is being kept there, said Snyderman, who was interviewed Thursday night on "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC.

Snyderman said she believes his exposure to the virus happened sometime before he started working with the NBC crew, since it is usually eight to 10 days before the first symptoms are seen.

"The good news is this young man, our colleague, was admitted to the clinic very, very early," she said.

"He's in good spirits. He's ready to get home — of course, appropriately concerned. But he will be airlifted out soon."

She said that neither she nor the other three NBC employees has shown any symptoms or warning signs of Ebola infection.

"We observe the custom now, which is to not shake hands, to not embrace people, to wash our hands with diluted bleach water before we enter the hotel," she said. "We dip our feet in bleach solution."

She said she and the rest of her crew present little chance of giving it to anyone, unless they get sick.

"We will be taking our temperatures twice a day, checking in with each other, and if any one of us suddenly spikes a fever or gets symptoms, we will report ourselves to the authorities," she said. "We are taking it seriously."

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. FAMILY THAT HOSTED EBOLA PATIENT QUARANTINED

A woman confined to her Dallas apartment after a man infected with Ebola stayed at her home says she never imagined this could happen to her far from disease-ravaged West Africa.

2. WHO MADE A SURPRISE VISIT TO KABUL

Britain's prime minister pledges support for Afghanistan's new president, saying the U.K. is committed to helping Afghans build a more secure and prosperous future, but rules out a return of British combat troops.

3. HONG KONG PROTESTS SHRINK AFTER COMPROMISE

Demonstrators welcome an offer by the territory's leader of talks to defuse the crisis over democratic reforms.

4. CONTROVERSIAL COLORADO HISTORY PLAN STILL ALIVE

Students and parents say they'll renew protests after a suburban Denver school board rejected their calls to back off a proposed review of the Advanced Placement U.S. history course.

5. PRESIDENT HEADS TO INDIANA STEEL PLANT

Obama is putting a manufacturing focus on his revived economic message, calling attention to industrial gains that have helped restore some higher-wage jobs.

6. WHAT'S IN A NAME

"Isis" is part of the name of more than 270 companies and some are deciding to change it, while others are taking a "wait-and-see" approach.

7. WHERE THE FIRST LADY IS OFF TO

Michelle Obama is putting her popularity and influence to the test, trying to help elect Democratic candidates in New England.

8. JPMORGAN CHASE REVEALS SCALE OF DATA BREACH

A cyberattack this summer compromised customer information for about 76 million households and 7 million small businesses.

9. MIXED REVIEWS FOR LINDSAY LOHAN'S STAGE DEBUT

Critics in London give a lukewarm welcome to the oft-troubled actress' opening night performance in David Mamet's Hollywood satire "Speed-the Plow."

10. ROYALS ROLL ON

Mike Moustakas' home run in the 11th inning continues Kansas City's late-game magic as the Royals edge the Los Angeles Angels 3-2 in their playoff opener

AP News in Brief

Woman confined to Dallas home never imagined Ebola could taint her life so far from Liberia

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who has been confined to her Dallas apartment under armed guard after a man infected with Ebola stayed at her home, said she never imagined this could happen to her so far from disease-ravaged West Africa.

Louise Troh said Thursday that she is tired of being locked up and wants federal health authorities to decontaminate her home.

Authorities say the circle of people in the U.S. possibly exposed to Ebola widened after the man, who arrived from Liberia last month, was discharged from a hospital without being tested for the deadly virus.

The confinement order, which also bans visitors, was imposed after the family failed to comply with a request to stay home, according to Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins. Texas State Health Commissioner David Lakey said the order would ensure the woman, her 13-year-old son and two nephews can be closely monitored for signs of the disease.

The first Ebola diagnosis in the nation has raised concerns about whether the disease that has killed 3,300 people in West Africa could spread in the U.S. Federal health officials say they are confident they can keep it in check.

Clashes break out between Hong Kong protesters and residents

HONG KONG (AP) — Clashes have broken out at the site of one of Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests as local residents and pro-Beijing supporters tried to evict activists from the street they are occupying.

The two groups were in a tense standoff in Kowloon's crowded Mong Kok neighborhood on Friday afternoon.

People pushed and shoved each other as police tried to keep them apart.

The democracy activists linked hands as they tried to stand their ground against the huge crowd. At one point, police brought in a stretcher to take away a young man, although it was unclear why.

Many others watched the scene with cameras in their hand.

In Kabul, Britain's Cameron pledges support to newly sworn-in Afghan president, government

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron on Friday pledged support for Afghanistan's newly sworn-in president and the country's new unity government, saying during a surprise visit to Kabul that Britain is committed to helping Afghans build a more secure and prosperous future.

Cameron was the first of world leaders to meet Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai, Afghanistan's second elected president, since his inauguration on Monday. The two had a meeting in Kabul on Friday morning and later held a joint press conference.

"Britain has paid a heavy price for helping to bring stability to this country," Cameron said, paying tribute to the 453 British servicemen and women who died while serving in Afghanistan.

"An Afghanistan free from al-Qaida is in our national interest — as well as Afghanistan's," he said. "And now, 13 long years later, Afghanistan can — and must — deliver its own security."

But, "we are not leaving this country alone," he added. "In Britain you will always have a strong partner and a friend."

Despite protest, Colorado school board rejects calls to back off proposal for history review

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — Students and parents say they'll renew protests Friday after a suburban Denver school board rejected their calls to back off a proposed review of the Advanced Placement U.S. history course.

As the Board voted 3-2 Thursday night to expand the membership on two existing curriculum review committees to include students, parents and administrators, some in the audience yelled "resign" and "recall, recall."

The two women on the board who oppose the panel's conservative majority held their heads in their hands after losing a bid to delay the vote so they could have more time to study the plan.

"What's the rush?" board member Lesley Dahlkemper asked. Her repeated challenges to board president Ken Witt that drew applause from the crowd.

It's not immediately clear whether the expanded committees will review the history course. Witt said he expected that committees would be asked to review the AP history course.

US employers probably stepped up hiring last month in reassuring sign for economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. employers may have produced 200,000-plus job growth in September, a potentially reassuring sign after a hiring slowdown in August.

Economists have forecast that employers added 215,000 jobs last month, according to a survey by FactSet. That would match the average monthly gain this year, up from last year's average of 194,000. The unemployment rate is expected to remain 6.1 percent.

The Labor Department will issue the September jobs report at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time Friday.

In August, employers added just 142,000 jobs after topping 200,000 for six straight months, the longest such stretch since 1997. Even if the government reports that hiring was subpar for a second straight month, some economists say it wouldn't be cause for alarm. Most other recent data indicate that the economy is expanding at a healthy pace.

And September job figures have often been skewed by seasonal quirks, such as many students giving up summer jobs and teachers returning to work.

Iraqi Yazidis, driven out by militants, hope Kurdish fighters can recapture their hometown

DAHUK, Iraq (AP) — One of the most haunting memories 70-year old Aishan Ali Dirbou has of her encounter with Islamic State militants who overran her hometown is feeling the ends of their AK-47 assault rifles dig into her side as she lay face down, pretending to be dead.

Today, the widow is one of tens of thousands of members of Iraq's Yazidi religious minority, who after fleeing the town of Sinjar last month, are now living in squalor in unsanitary shelters and camps, with little food or water and no medicine — uncertain what their future holds.

The Kurdish military says it is now on a push toward Sinjar, located in the desert of northwestern Iraq near the Syrian border, in an assault aimed at retaking the town from the extremists. The past week, Kurdish fighters retook three towns just north of Sinjar — Mahmoudiyah, the Rabia border cross and the town of Zumar — with the help of U.S.-led airstrikes.

The Yazidis now living in the Kurdish city of Dahuk are cautiously optimistic — wary after having already lost so much, but hopeful to return home and pick up the pieces.

At the Badlees Primary School, nearly 250 Yazidis are crammed in, some of them 28 to a room. Many are growing desperate, with nothing but handouts to feed them, and the clothes on their backs to keep them warm as winter creeps closer. The Kurdish government has provided some aid in the way of foodstuffs and thin cushions to sleep on, but the central government in Baghdad has made no contact, the refugees said.

Secret Service scandal produces rare bipartisan unity on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The scandal that's rocked the once-proud Secret Service and raised questions about the president's safety has also produced rare bipartisan unity on Capitol Hill.

With a month more to go in bitterly contested congressional election campaigns, Democratic and Republican lawmakers who usually are at odds have been surprised to find themselves largely agree-

ing on a response to the agency's recent extraordinary security breaches, including a knife-carrying intruder who made it all the way into the White House East Room.

There were bipartisan calls for Secret Service Director Julia Pierson's resignation this week, and once it was announced Wednesday, bipartisan agreement on the need for a wide-ranging independent investigation. House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., both joined in that call.

Republican and Democratic leaders of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, which hosted Pierson at a hearing where her tepid and inconsistent responses infuriated all sides, are drafting a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson outlining their recommendations for the investigation — an unusual moment of agreement on a panel notorious for its partisan sparring.

Republicans typically critical of President Barack Obama have been just as full-throated as Democrats in voicing concerns about his safety. And members of both parties are pledging vigorous efforts to ensure that Pierson's resignation ushers in wholesale culture changes at the Secret Service, where morale has been battered. There are complaints of personnel shortages and the steady drip of embarrassing revelations has tarnished the agency's once-sterling reputation.

JPMorgan data breach adds to concern over security of consumer data at banks, retailers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New details on a cyberattack against JPMorgan Chase & Co.'s computer servers this summer add to increasing doubts over the security of consumer data kept by lenders, retailers and others.

The New York-based bank disclosed Thursday that the breach compromised customer information pertaining to roughly 76 million households and 7 million small businesses.

Among the customer data stolen were names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses, though only customers who use the websites Chase.com and JPMorganOnline and the apps ChaseMobile and JPMorgan Mobile were affected, the bank said.

JPMorgan stressed that there's no evidence that the data breach included account numbers, passwords, Social Security numbers or dates of birth. It also noted that it has not seen any unusual customer fraud stemming from the data breach.

The server breach follows data thefts that have hit financial firms and major retailers this year, adding to consumer concerns over the risk of identity theft and fraud.

Some London critics clap, others carp about Lindsay Lohan's professional stage debut

LONDON (AP) — It wasn't a car crash, but there weren't fireworks, either.

Critics have given a lukewarm welcome to Lindsay Lohan's professional stage debut, which followed months of hype and speculation about whether the wayward star was up to the job.

"Shock news: Lindsay Lohan can act a bit," wrote Dominic Maxwell in The Times newspaper after the opening night of David Mamet's Hollywood satire "Speed-the Plow." The Guardian's Michael Billington called Lohan's performance "perfectly creditable."

Lohan plays the pivotal role of Karen, an office temp whose naivety throws the plans of two ambitious producers into chaos.

Not everyone was impressed. Mark Shenton of The Stage called Lohan's casting "a disgrace" and said

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she was "out of her league" alongside "West Wing" star Richard Schiff and British actor Nigel Lindsay.

Nick Wilson scores 3 TDs as unranked Arizona stuns No. 2 Oregon again, 31-24

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The look on Marcus Mariota's face was unmistakable: He was stunned.

Oregon's star quarterback lingered on the field late Thursday night following his team's 31-24 loss to Arizona, shaking hands with the Wildcats after they upset the heavily favored Ducks for the second consecutive season.

Later, he shouldered the blame for a loss that left No. 2 Oregon with a tough hill to climb if it wants an invite to college football's first postseason playoff.

And he credited the unranked Wildcats, who were 24-point underdogs.

"They're undefeated," he said. "It's obviously a testament to our conference. If you're not prepared each week, if you're not ready to play, you'll lose."

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 3, the 276th day of 2014. There are 89 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 3, 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops cracked the Siegfried Line north of Aachen, Germany.

On this date:

In 1789, President George Washington declared Nov. 26, 1789, a day of Thanksgiving to express gratitude for the creation of the United States of America.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed the last Thursday in November Thanksgiving Day.

In 1922, Rebecca L. Felton, D-Ga., became the first woman to be appointed to the U.S. Senate (however, she ended up serving only a day).

In 1932, Iraq became independent of British administration.

In 1951, the New York Giants captured the National League pennant by a score of 5-4 as Bobby Thomson hit a three-run homer off the Brooklyn Dodgers' Ralph Branca in the "shot heard 'round the world."

In 1954, the family comedy "Father Knows Best," formerly an NBC radio show, premiered on CBS-TV with Robert Young reprising his role of Jim Anderson.

In 1962, astronaut Wally Schirra became the fifth American to fly in space as he blasted off from Cape Canaveral aboard the Sigma 7 on a 9-hour flight.

In 1974, Frank Robinson was named major league baseball's first black manager as he was placed in charge of the Cleveland Indians.

In 1981, Irish nationalists at the Maze Prison near Belfast, Northern Ireland, ended seven months of hunger strikes that had claimed 10 lives.

In 1990, West Germany and East Germany ended 45 years of postwar division, declaring the creation of a reunified country.

In 1995, the jury in the O.J. Simpson murder trial found the former football star not guilty of the 1994 slayings of his former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman (however, Simpson was later

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found liable in a civil trial).

In 2008, O.J. Simpson was found guilty of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room. (Simpson was later sentenced to nine to 33 years in prison.)

Ten years ago: National security adviser Condoleezza Rice, interviewed on ABC's "This Week" program, defended her characterization of Saddam Hussein's nuclear capabilities in the months before the Iraq invasion. Actress Janet Leigh died at age 77. The comedy-drama series "Desperate Housewives" premiered on ABC.

Five years ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahhd) hit back at President Barack Obama's accusation that his country had sought to hide its construction of a new nuclear site, arguing that Tehran reported the facility to the U.N. even earlier than required. Eight U.S. soldiers were killed, 22 wounded, when their outpost in Afghanistan's Nuristan province was attacked by hundreds of militants.

One year ago: A Connecticut woman driving a black Infiniti with her 1-year-old daughter inside tried to ram a White House barricade, then led police on a chase toward the U.S. Capitol, where police shot and killed her. (The unarmed woman, 34-year-old Miriam Carey, had been diagnosed with postpartum depression and psychosis; her child was unharmed.) President Barack Obama canceled a trip to Asia to stay in Washington and push for an elusive funding agreement that would end a partial government shutdown. A smugglers' ship packed with African migrants sank off the coast of a southern Italian island, killing more than 365 people.

Today's Birthdays: Basketball Hall of Famer Marques O. Haynes is 88. Composer Steve Reich is 78. Rock and roll star Chubby Checker is 73. Actor Alan Rachins is 72. Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., is 71. Magician Roy Horn is 70. Singer Lindsey Buckingham is 65. Jazz musician Ronnie Laws is 64. Blues singer Keb' Mo' is 63. Former astronaut Kathryn Sullivan is 63. Baseball Hall of Famer Dave Winfield is 63. Baseball Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley is 60. Civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton is 60. Actor Hart Bochner is 58. Actor Peter Frechette is 58. World Golf Hall of Famer Fred Couples is 55. Actor-comedian Greg Proops is 55. Actor Jack Wagner is 55. Rock musician Tommy Lee is 52. Actor Clive Owen is 50. Actress Janel Moloney is 45. Singer Gwen Stefani (steh-FAH'-nee) (No Doubt) is 45. Pop singer Kevin Richardson is 43. Rock singer G. Love is 42. Actress Keiko Agena (KAY'-koh ah-GAYN'-ah) is 41. Actress Neve Campbell is 41. Singer India.Arie (ah-REE') is 39. Rapper Talib Kweli (tuh-LIB' kwah-LEE') is 39. Actress Alanna Ubach is 39. Actor Seann (cq) William Scott is 38. Actress Shannyn Sossamon is 36. Rock musician Josh Klinghoffer (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 35. Actor Seth Gabel is 33. Rock musician Mark King (Hinder) is 32. Actor Erik Von Detten is 32. Singer-musician Cherrill Green (Edens Edge) is 31. Actress Tessa Thompson is 31. Actress-singer Ashlee Simpson is 30.

Thought for Today: "No one can build his security upon the nobleness of another person." - Willa Cather, American author (1873-1947).