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Wednesday, October 15

School Breakfast: Breakfast bagel, fruit, juice, milk.

School Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: BBQ chicken, rosemary red potatoes, old fashioned slaw, strawberry Jell-O dessert, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: Mark & Tammie Hanson

Birthdays: • Brad Morehouse • Kourtni Stumpf • Rhonda Foote • Teal Schinkel • Jaymie Overacker • Russell Davidson

7:00am: United Methodist Men's Bible Study

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

12:30pm: Sixth Grade MathCounts at Warner

1:30pm: United Methodist Women Meeting

3:45pm: United Methodist Confirmation

6:30pm: United Methodist Jr High UMYF

7:00pm: Emmanuel Luther League

7:00pm: Emmanuel Lutheran Confirmation

8:00pm: United Methodist Ad Council

Thursday, October 16

School Lunch: Nacho grande, refried beans, tossed greens, fruit.

School Lunch: Pancake on stick, fruit, juice, milk.

Senior Menu: Herbed roast pork, baked potato with sour cream, lemon buttered broccoli, cinnamon applesauce, whole wheat bread.

Anniversary: John & Chris Wheeting

Removal, Grinding, Chipping, Trimming

605-725-WOOD

Mason Dinger: 605-216-6098

Trevor Zeck: 605-216-8910



The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

CLOSED: Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is gone for now at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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

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Attached garage.

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Roger: 605/397-7118

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Classifieds

For Rent

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Pheasant Opener

Friday, Oct. 17, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

10 oz. Sirloin, Baked Potato, 3 Jumbo Shrimp with Salad, \$19.50

12 oz. Baked Walleye Filet, baked potato, 3 Jumbo Shrimp with Salad

\$19.50



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Netters beat Hitchcock-Tulare

Groton's volleyball team survived a 3-1 match with Hitchcock-Tulare Tuesday night in Groton. "A win is a win and that's one positive thing," said Coach Chelsea Hanson. "That being said, we need to play better and I don't think that's any big secret."

One of Groton's starters, Audrey Wanner, was sick and not able to play. "She is a spark plug on our team and anytime you are missing a starter the flow of the team changes," Hanson said.

There were six lead changes and the first game was tied nine times as a block by Tori Bjerke gave Groton a 25-22 win. Hitchcock-Tulare took a 14-13 lead before Groton rallied from a 21-18 deficit to tie the game at 21. The game was tied at 22 before Groton scored the last three points for the win.

Hitchcock-Tulare jumped out to a 6-0 lead and led the entire game to post a 25-22 second game win.

Groton took a 2-0 lead in the third game as the game was tied six times and there were two lead changes. Groton scored 10 unanswered points to take a 22-12 lead en route to a 25-17 third game win.

The Patriots took command early in the fourth game with a 14-7 lead. Groton rallied to tie the game at 16, but the Patriots scored four straight points to take a 20-16 lead. Groton tied the game at 21 and took a 22-21 lead. The Patriots tied the game at 22 and 23. The Tigers took a 24-23 lead. The final volley was long and hard fought with Bjerke finally getting the point to give Groton a 25-23 win.

Groton was 87 of 96 in serving with five ace serves. Megan Unzen was 17 of 18 with three ace serves and Josie Doeden was 16 of 17 with two ace serves.



Kasey Waage



Courtney Kurtz



Megan Unzen

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In sets, Groton was 126 of 126 with 27 assists. Courtney Kurtz had 110 with 26 assists and Bjerke had eight with one assist.

Groton was 125 of 147 in spikes with 31 kills. Ashley Gibbs was 27 of 31 with nine kills, Bjerke was 26 of 30 with eight kills and Doeden was 23 of 30 with eight kills.

Doeden had two and Bjerke had one block. Kasey Waage had 37 of the team's 144 digs with Gibbs having 30.

"We have moments where we look good and moments we look bad," Hanson said. "We need to start playing consistent. We had too many errors. We gave them half of their points in one game with missed serves, hitting errors, and lack of focus and communication. We will work hard in practice and hopefully show up ready to prove something Thursday."

Groton won the junior varisty match, 25-20 and 25-13.



Josie Doeden



Ashley Gibbs



Tori Bjerke



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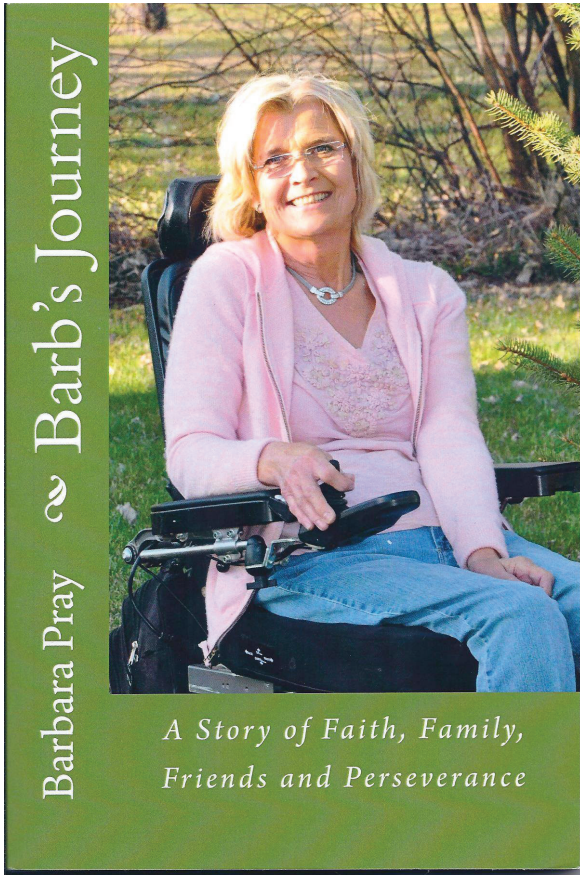
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The Life of Barb Pray



Barbara Ann (Wenschlag) Pray, 65, of Groton, died Saturday, October 11, 2014, at Sanford Hospital, Sioux Falls.

Her funeral will be 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 16, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton. Visitation will be 5 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Groton with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Burial will be at the Groton Union Cemetery

Barbara Ann (Wenschlag) Pray was born July 13, 1949 in Aberdeen, SD to Marvin and Julia Mae (Luken) Wenschlag. Barb was raised and attended school in Pierpont, SD.

Following high school graduation, Barb was married to Jim Pray in Pierpont, SD on June 14, 1968. The couple moved to Sisseton, SD, where Barb was employed at the local grocery store for seven years before they moved to Georgetown, MN. While living there, Barb remained at home and raised their three children. The family then moved back to the Pray Farm outside of Groton, SD, where Barb worked at the local café and baked for the Groton School until she was diagnosed with cancer in 1984.

Barb is survived by her spouse of 46 years, Jim Pray of Groton, SD. She is also survived by her three children: Kelly James Pray of Dallas TX; Paula Ann (Paul) Winther of Mina Lake, SD; and Michelle Lee (Shawn) Kelly of Plano, TX. Barb is also survived by her grandchildren; Alexa Jaiden

Rossmann, Maddie Nicole Kelly, and Christopher Shawn Kelly. Adopted in love are her step grandchildren; Kristen, Bryce, and Harleigh Winther of Groton, SD; and Christina Guerra of Dallas, TX. Barb's brother and sisters are John (Eileen) Wenschlag of Mobridge, SD; Eunice (Dennis) Temple of Bullhead City, AZ; Madonna (Byron) Paulson Springfield, MO, and Tamela Kieso-Eaton of Wichita, KS.

Barbara loved her family. Her life was devoted to her children and husband. Barb enjoyed crafts and making gifts for others, it gave her great joy to touch another's lives.

Barb's most accomplishing work besides her children was her book. She wanted to express to others that even in sickness or tragedy, victory can be found, and Barb was able to pick up the smallest joy and give that joy to others.

The Bible tells us, "God is perfect love." Barbara reflected that type of love.

Jim is Barbara's Jim. She loved him so much and that love they showed never wavered even in all the trials they shared.

To Barb: Kelly, Paula, and Michelle are true blessings! Congratulations Barb you did a great job. We love you and are joyful in the fact now you are no longer in pain and can run with the wind - love you Mom!

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Recognizing the State Boys Soccer Champions



There was a recognition event held Tuesday afternoon at the GHS Arena for the High School Boys Soccer team that won the state title. The elementary students were bused to the Arena and many members of the public also attended. The GHS Pep Band played, Mike Weber gave the welcome and Coach Mike Becker talked about the team who he said "played their best" at state.

Today in Weather History

1880 - A violent early season blizzard raked Minnesota and the Dakotas. Winds gusted to 70 mph at Yankton SD, and snow drifts 10 to 15 feet high were reported in northwest Iowa and southeast South Dakota. Saint Paul MN reported a barometric pressure of 28.65 inches on the 16th. Railroads were blocked by drifts of snow which remained throughout the severe winter to follow. Gales did extensive damage to ship on the Great Lakes. (15th-16th) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1954 - Hurricane Hazel struck the Carolina coastline. The hurricane demolished every pier along a 170 mile stretch from Myrtle Beach SC to Cedar Island NC, and obliterated entire lines of beach homes. Hurricane Hazel also destroyed 1500 homes as it moved inland with seventeen foot tides. Winds between Myrtle Beach SC and Cape Fear NC gusted to 150 mph. Hurricane Hazel caused 163 million dollars damage, and claimed the lives of 98 persons. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1966 - Iowa experienced its worst late season tornado of record. In just one minute a twister tore through the town of Belmond leveling 75 percent of the businesses, and 100 homes, causing more than eleven million dollars damage. (The Weather Channel)








1987 - Unseasonably cold weather continued in the eastern U.S., with thirteen cities reporting record low temperatures for the date. The low of 34 degrees at Montgomery AL was their coldest reading of record for so early in the season. Lows of 32 degrees at Harrisburg PA and 34 degrees at Parkersburg WV marked their third straight morning of record cold. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - The cold high pressure system responsible for the record low temperatures in the eastern U.S. began to move out to sea, giving way to a trend toward "Indian Summer". Thunderstorms developing ahead of a cold front produced golf ball size hail at Altamont KS and hail two inches in diameter at Yates City IL. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

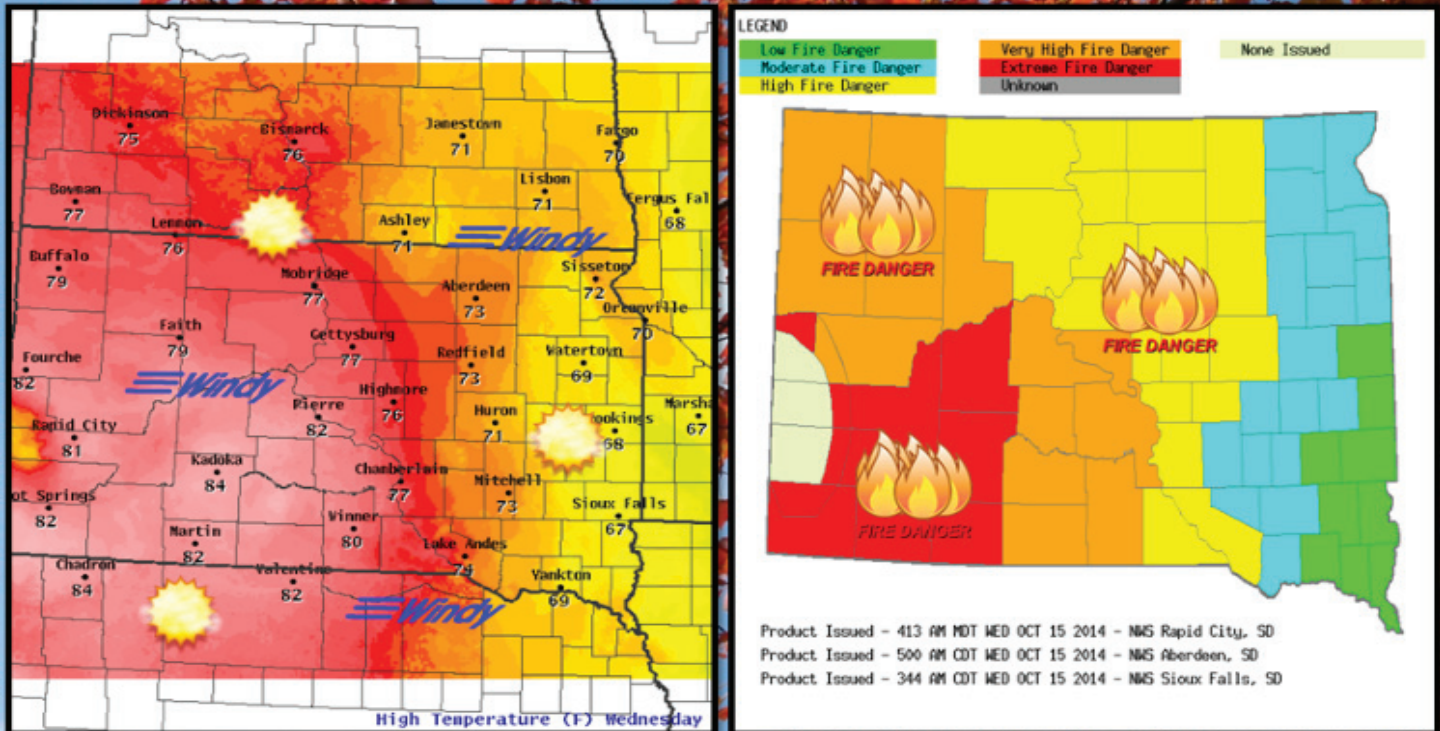
1989 - Hurricane Jerry made landfall at Galveston, TX, at 6 30 PM (CDT). Winds at the Galveston Airport reached 75 mph, with gusts to 100 mph. Tides along the island were six to eight feet, and rainfall totals ranged up to slightly more than six inches north of Beaumont. Three persons were killed when their vehicle was blown off the Galveston seawall into the pounding surf. Total damage along the Upper Texas Coast was estimated at fifteen million dollars. Thunderstorms produced severe weather in Lower Michigan during the late morning. Two persons were injured when a tree fell on their camper at the Traverse City State park. While strong northerly winds ushered much colder air into the central U.S., unseasonably warm weather continued in the south central and eastern U.S. The afternoon high of 82 degrees at Bluefield WV was a record for October. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	WEDNESDAY NIGHT	THURSDAY	THURSDAY NIGHT	FRIDAY
						
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Breezy	Mostly Clear	Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 65 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 71 °F	Low: 44 °F	High: 68 °F	Low: 40 °F	High: 56 °F

Warm & Dry = Very High Fire Danger



Warm temperatures, gusty winds and very dry conditions will promote high to very high fire danger from the Missouri River Valley east to the James River Valley this afternoon. Meanwhile, high temperatures will be well above normal, especially west of the James River. Please be extremely careful with fire, or any incendiary products today!

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 67.3°F at 4:51 PM

Low: 29.6°F at 7:18 AM

High Gust: 10 mph at 2:36 PM

Precip: 0.00

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Record High: 88° in 1958

Record Low: 18° in 1992

Average High: 58°F

Average Low: 33°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.01

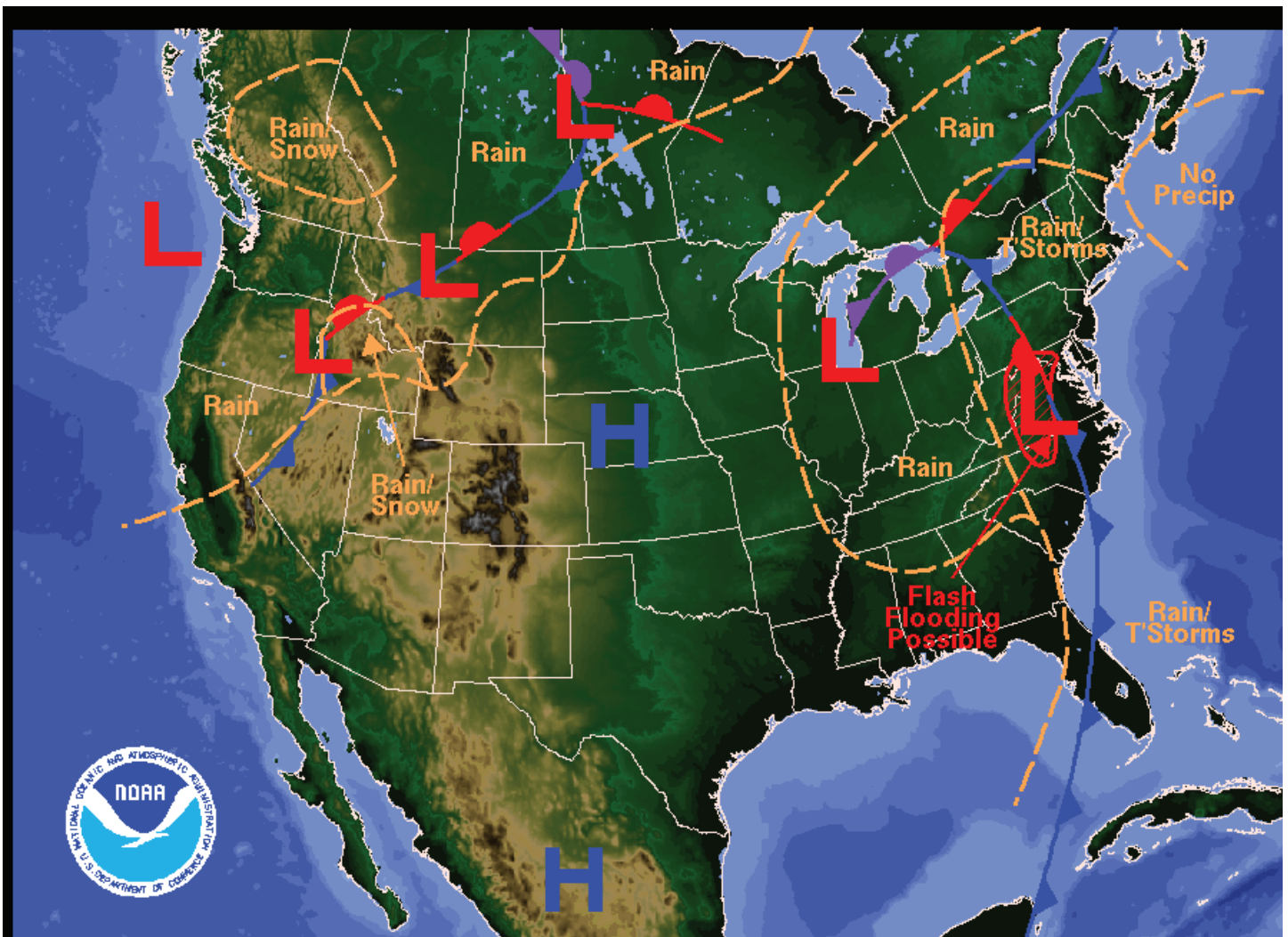
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.11

Average Precip to date: 19.49

Precip Year to Date: 13.05

Sunset Tonight: 6:48 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:51 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Wed, Oct 15, 2014, issued 2:26 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



WHAT MATTERS MOST

It is common to hear a Christian say that the "most important day of my life was the day I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior." It's also common to hear them say that "it wasn't long before I began to face the same old problems, was tempted and fell back in to my sinful ways." How amazing that Solomon has some sound, solid advice for the new Christian as well as Christians of all ages and stages in their walk with the Lord.

"Above all else..." not don't forget, or remember to, or think about. No! "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

If there is any verse that we as Christians must take to heart it is a verse that warns us to "guard our hearts!" There is so much more to our hearts than the "sentimental" side that we read of in novels and hear of in songs. The heart is where life begins and ends; it is where habits, values, wills and emotions begin. In our hearts is where we find the answers to "who we are" and "what the difference is between ourselves and others" and "what matters most" and "what we will give our lives for." It is from our "hearts" that "the real me" springs forth when we least expect it to and causes us to want to hide from embarrassment when we are finally "uncovered."

What fills our hearts eventually flows into our lives. This "overflow" is who others believe we are. But, if we fill our hearts with His wisdom, others will see Him.

Prayer: Father, may we relentlessly guard our hearts against anything that would destroy our walk with You. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

News from the Associated Press

National park in ND thinning bison and elk herds

MEDORA, N.D. (AP) — The National Park Service is thinning the bison and elk herds in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

The southwestern North Dakota park is in the midst of a five-day roundup of 600 bison. About 400 excess animals will go to American Indian tribes in the Great Plains.

Ranger Linda Morton tells The Bismarck Tribune the bison have no natural predator in the park, so the herd has to be culled about every five years.

Starting next week, the park will start culling about 20 elk to keep that herd below 400 animals. Meat from the elk will be given to charity.

The park's elk management plan included large reduction efforts in 2010 and 2011 in which nearly 900 elk were killed. About 115 have been killed the past two years.

1 of 2 school bond measures passes in Tea

TEA, S.D. (AP) — Voters in the Tea School District have said yes to an elementary school expansion but no to a new auditorium.

Two separate measures were on the ballot in Tuesday's special election. Preliminary results should about 73 percent of voters favored spending about \$5.2 million for a security entrance at the high school and an addition to an elementary school.

About 59 percent of voters favored the proposal for a \$4.3 million auditorium, but it needed 60 percent approval to pass.

It was the fourth bond election in the growing school district since September 2013.

Free flu shots offered to all South Dakota kids

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) South Dakotans are starting to get flu shots for the upcoming season.

The Sioux Falls School District is offering free vaccinations to middle and high students on Wednesday. Gov. Dennis Daugaard and first lady Linda Daugaard also got their shots this week and encouraged other South Dakotans to do the same.

Children account for a large number of flu cases and hospitalizations each year. The state provides free flu vaccine for all kids from 6 months through 18 years of age.

SD event to offer tool to help recover lost kids

WALL, 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 free kits Thursday at the Wall School District office. The kits may include a child's photos, dental impressions, fingerprints, a DNA cheek swab and video interview.

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

The effort is part of an initiative of the Masons of North American. The South Dakota Academy of Physician Assistants is among the groups that help implement the program in South Dakota.

The event will run from 3:30 to 7 p.m.

Fargo North wins award for concussion awareness

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Members of the Fargo North High School football team received a surprise visit from three Minnesota Vikings players as part of an award for the school's work on concussion awareness.

Representatives from high school football programs in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota were invited by the Vikings and Sanford Health earlier this year to fill out surveys on concussions and prevention technology.

Fargo North won the grand prize that included appearances at Tuesday's practice by Vikings Chad Greenway, E.J. Henderson and Everson Griffen.

The other semifinalists were Brandon Valley High School of Brandon, South Dakota; Crookston High School of Crookston, Minnesota; Davies High School of Fargo; Luverne High School of Luverne, Minnesota; Northwestern High School of Mellette, South Dakota; and Vermillion High School of Vermillion, South Dakota.

SD lawmakers oppose listing bats as endangered

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Two top South Dakota lawmakers are calling on federal authorities to withdraw a proposed listing of northern long-eared bats as endangered.

U.S. Senator John Thune and Rep. Kristi Noem sent a letter to U.S. Interior Department and Fish and Wildlife Service leaders on Tuesday saying there is insufficient supporting data to warrant the listing.

The Republican lawmakers say the proposal would restrict forest management and threaten more than 1,500 jobs in the area of Black Hills National Forest. They say regulations could harm the timber industry.

Thune and Noem say the proposed regulations wouldn't address white nose syndrome, which officials say has killed more than 5.5 million bats across the Northeast and Canada. The lawmakers say the agencies should focus on combating the syndrome rather than increasing forest regulations.

Democratic ads off the air in Kentucky Senate race

ADAM BEAM, Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ky. (AP) — In the final weeks of a cross-country battle for Senate control, officials in both political parties are making multimillion-dollar advertising decisions that offer clues about where the real battlefields lie.

In Kentucky, after spending about \$2 million to attack Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee went off the air Tuesday. The decision was a sharp blow to Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, and came one day after the two candidates met in their only televised debate of the campaign. The committee is continuing to fund get-out-the-vote operations.

At the same time, Democrats chose to put nearly \$1 million behind Michelle Nunn, challenging for a Georgia seat now in Republican hands. Last week, Democrats put South Dakota on the board by investing in Rick Wieland's campaign against former GOP Gov. Mike Rounds.

Republicans are flooding Kansas with campaign help for Sen. Pat Roberts, who's in a tough re-election fight against independent candidate Greg Orman. The Kansas effort is part of their national drive to gain the six seats required to control the Senate.

There also are highly competitive races in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

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The Democratic Party ads in Kentucky went off the air as scheduled after Monday, at the end of a two-week period. That does not mean they won't go back on the air before the election. But the party made no commitment to resume them.

Grimes sounded defiant while campaigning in northern Kentucky on Tuesday.

"He can buy the airwaves, but he can't buy the hearts and minds of Kentuckians," she said of McConnell.

Grimes' campaign continues to air ads, including one that accuses McConnell of supporting amnesty for 3 million immigrants living in the country illegally. MoveOn.org, a liberal political action committee, has called on the Democrat to pull the ad because it refers to immigrants as "illegal aliens."

Grimes was heavily recruited by Democrats to challenge McConnell, but her support has slipped a bit in recent polls under the weight of attacks by the five-term Senate Republican and his allies.

While McConnell has been plagued by low approval ratings, he has sought to turn the election into a referendum on President Barack Obama, who is even more unpopular in the state.

In recent days, the issue of Obama moved to the top of the daily campaign back-and-forth, with Grimes refusing to say if she voted for the president in 2008 or 2012, even though she was a delegate for the president at the Democratic National Convention in 2012.

Grimes has proven to be a formidable fundraiser, besting McConnell by nearly \$1 million in the second fundraising quarter. Her campaign announced Tuesday it had raised \$4.9 million in the quarter ending Sept. 30, breaking her own state fundraising record. The campaign says it has \$4.4 million in cash available to spend, more than any Democrat in a competitive U.S. Senate race.

Despite that, Grimes' campaign has been outspent by McConnell and his network of super PACs by tens of millions of dollars.

The United Mineworkers of America, which endorsed Grimes over McConnell, started running \$318,000 worth of TV ads attacking McConnell in the Evansville, Indiana, and Charleston, West Virginia, markets that cover much of Kentucky's coal fields.

But on the same day, the Kentucky Opportunity Coalition, the super PAC supporting McConnell, launched yet another \$1.2 million TV ad buy that again connects Grimes to Obama.

Republicans who track the race also said Grimes is no longer benefiting from ads from the Senate Majority PAC, an independent group that is allied with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and has spent millions on competitive races. A spokesman for the group did not respond to requests for comment.

Tuesday's Scores The Associated Press

VOLLEYBALL

Alcester-Hudson def. Irene-Wakonda, 25-17, 25-23, 25-17

Bison def. McIntosh, 27-29, 14-25, 25-14, 25-21, 15-7

Bon Homme def. Scotland, 13-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-18

Britton-Hecla def. Wilmot, 25-15, 25-21, 25-23

Brookings def. Sioux Falls Lincoln, 25-17, 22-25, 26-24, 25-22

Burke/South Central def. Andes Central, 16-25, 25-18, 25-15, 21-25, 15-13

Canby, Minn. def. Sisseton, 24-26, 25-19, 25-13, 25-19

Canistota def. Freeman, 26-24, 25-11, 25-18

Chester def. West Central, 25-11, 25-11, 25-10

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Dell Rapids St. Mary def. Estelline, 25-21, 25-18, 12-25, 12-25, 15-10
DeSmet def. Hamlin, 25-15, 25-19, 25-11
Elkton-Lake Benton def. Oldham-Ramona/Rutland, 19-25, 25-18, 25-7, 25-11
Flandreau Indian def. Marty Indian, 25-15, 25-20, 25-21
Freeman Academy def. Viborg-Hurley, 25-20, 27-25, 25-14
Grant County, N.D. def. Lemmon, 25-21, 25-21, 25-11
Great Plains Lutheran def. Florence/Henry, 25-15, 20-25, 25-23, 26-24
Hanson def. Menno, 25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 25-7
Harding County def. Newell, 25-8, 25-11, 25-16
Herreid/Selby Area def. Faulkton, 25-15, 25-19, 21-25, 25-22
Highmore-Harrold def. Wolsey-Wessington, 25-18, 24-26, 25-17, 25-14
Howard def. Iroquois, 25-12, 25-14, 25-18
Huron def. Brandon Valley, 25-21, 25-18, 25-21
Ipswich def. Leola/Frederick, 25-11, 25-17, 25-20
James Valley Christian def. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket, 25-20, 19-25, 25-17, 18-25, 15-8
Jones County def. Lyman, 25-18, 25-15, 25-17
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Marion def. Canton, 25-19, 25-22, 25-11
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Oelrichs def. Crazy Horse, 25-6, 25-8, 25-4
Pine Ridge def. Little Wound, 25-8, 25-17, 25-14
Potter County def. Cheyenne-Eagle Butte, 25-21, 25-10, 25-20
Rapid City Central def. Sturgis, 25-18, 31-29, 25-20
Rapid City Christian def. Edgemont, 25-12, 25-18, 25-10
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Sioux Falls Christian def. Tri-Valley, 25-19, 25-14, 25-21
Sioux Falls O'Gorman def. Sioux Falls Roosevelt, 25-21, 29-27, 25-18
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Spearfish def. Belle Fourche, 25-21, 25-20, 25-19
St. Francis Indian def. Takini, 25-17, 25-21, 25-16
St. Thomas More def. Hill City, 25-20, 25-18, 12-25, 25-22
Sully Buttes def. Stanley County, 25-12, 25-12, 25-19
Tea Area def. Beresford, 25-20, 25-16, 21-25, 19-25, 18-16
Valentine, Neb. def. Todd County, 25-18, 25-20, 25-16
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Warner def. Redfield/Doland, 25-11, 25-9, 25-12
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Rounds, Weiland draw national support

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Senate candidates are bringing in top guns to campaign on their behalf as the race draws increasing national attention.

U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin from Iowa was scheduled to participate in an event in support of Democratic candidate Rick Weiland Tuesday in Sioux Falls, while former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee will be stumping for Republican candidate Mike Rounds on Friday.

The race for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson has grown more competitive in recent weeks. Republicans had banked on winning conservative South Dakota, and a recent move by national Democrats to pour in \$1 million into Weiland's campaign was quickly countered with \$1 million worth of TV ad buys for Rounds paid by the National Republican Senatorial Committee.

"Tom Harkin has been a champion of seniors and working-class Americans for four decades," Weiland said. "His style of prairie populism is what Take it Back (Weiland's campaign slogan) is all about. We need to keep our promises to seniors and ensure that we continue to create opportunities for everyday citizens to be successful."

Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who along with Huckabee was a presidential hopeful, endorsed Rounds ahead of a Tuesday visit to Rapid City as the keynote speaker of an event hosted by the conservative Family Heritage Alliance.

"The voters here in South Dakota know me and they know where I stand," Rounds said. "I think they also know and trust national leaders like Sen. Rick Santorum and Gov. Mike Huckabee. When leaders like these come forward to be part our team, I think it's a sign of strength that others share in our belief that America needs to get back on track and headed in the right direction."

Rounds and Huckabee have a long history. They served together as governors, and Rounds was national chairman of Huckabee's 2008 presidential campaign.

Republicans need to pick up six seats this election to regain control of the U.S. Senate.

Independents Larry Pressler, who spent 18 years in the Senate as a Republican, and Gordon Howie are the two other candidates in the race.

SD governor names new tribal relations secretary

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has named the state's new tribal relations secretary.

Daugaard on Tuesday announced the appointment of Steve Emery. J.R. LaPlante resigned from the position in April to take a job as an assistant U.S. attorney in Sioux Falls.

Emery has served as the chief judge of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe since 2011. He is also a special judge for the Rosebud Sioux Tribe and the Yankton Sioux Tribe.

Daugaard says Emery will help continue to build stronger relationships between the state and tribal governments.

Emery is a graduate of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, and an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe. His first day as tribal relations secretary is scheduled for Oct. 27.

Sioux Falls couple robbed at gunpoint in home

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police said Tuesday that they are searching for a suspect who pistol-whipped a man during an armed robbery and assault at a couple's home.

Authorities said the male suspect entered the home in a trailer park shortly before 11 p.m. Monday and

robbed the couple of about \$5,000 at gunpoint, the Argus Leader reported (<http://argusne.ws/1yAunzR>). The suspect entered the home after the door had been left unlocked following a family dinner.

The woman living in the house, Jessica Trevino, said she heard someone in her bedroom demanding money from her husband as she was about to get in the shower. Trevino, 34, said she turned off the shower, opened the bathroom door and saw the suspect pointing a gun at her husband, Noe Trevino.

The suspect opened drawers, rummaged through the home and flipped over mattresses and sofa cushions until he found \$5,000 in cash that Trevino said the couple had been saving for their business. The man then forced the couple to get in the shower, took their phones and left the house.

Police spokesman Sam Clemens said Trevino followed the suspect outside, but he then turned around and fired his gun twice, striking the home once. No one was hurt by the gunfire.

"Anytime you have someone who committed a crime, displays a handgun and pulls the trigger, in this case, after he had what he wanted, makes for a dangerous situation," Clemens said.

Clemens said the victims described the suspect as a black man, standing 6 foot tall and weighing about 220 pounds.

Montana considers moving sheep to other states

MATTHEW BROWN, Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Montana wildlife officials want to be able to move bighorn sheep out of the state after running into trouble finding suitable places for the animals in the Treasure State.

A request is pending from South Dakota to receive transplanted bighorn sheep this winter. Washington state and Nebraska have requested animals during the winter of 2015-16, officials said.

Since 1939, more than 2,700 sheep have been trapped in Montana for transplant to augment or start new herds. That's helped restore a population that was severely reduced to a small number of remnant bands by 1930, after the settlement of the West brought disease, competition from livestock and subsistence hunting.

But it's been more than a decade since the last new population was established in the state, during the winter of 2003-04 in the Greenhorn Mountains south of Virginia City.

After 60 sheep were transplanted to Utah in 2009, wildlife commissioners at the request of some hunters adopted a policy against moving the animals to other states. In 2010, state officials set a target to create five new herds in Montana over the next decade.

That hasn't happened.

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks officials said they've looked for suitable sites but have run into problems — even as they seek to reduce the size of some existing herds to make them more resistant to disease.

"When you get abundant sheep in these wild populations, if they get overpopulated they have more potential problems with disease," agency spokesman Ron Aasheim said. "We just haven't had any luck (with in-state transplant sites.) Out-of-state right now appears to be the option."

Fish, Wildlife and Parks representatives will make their case for the change during a Wednesday meeting of state wildlife commissioners in Bozeman.

Some in-state relocation sites that have been suggested have been too close to domestic sheep and goats that can spread disease. Landowners have resisted those proposals, Aasheim said, fearing wild sheep would create a problem for them.

Other sites have inadequate habitat or lack public access necessary to allow hunting.

Both of those reasons were cited by the agency in its recommendation not to pursue a proposed re-

introduction on Livingston Peak in the Absaroka Range south of Livingston.

Key Obama decisions on hold until after midterms

JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's choice to be the next attorney general isn't the only major decision that will have to wait until after November's midterm elections. A host of other contentious announcements are also in a holding pattern — chief among them the Keystone XL pipeline and immigration.

With Obama's own approval ratings sagging, the White House is wary of making any bold moves now that could become a litmus test for candidates, forcing Democrats across the country either to disagree with the president publicly or embrace him — and risk the fallout from voters. By holding off for a few more months, the White House hopes to prevent those moves from being used against Democrats in television ads and on the campaign trail.

Another key consideration: If Democrats do poorly in the elections, Obama doesn't want to be the scapegoat. A difficult election map and historical trends mean Democrats may lose their Senate majority and see their House ranks depleted even further. White House aides are concerned that if Obama acts now, pundits will say it's because Obama's actions were political poison. That could imperil Obama's prospects for getting Congress to act on his priorities during his final two years in office.

A look at some of the major decisions Obama has delayed until after Election Day:

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Obama's delay in naming a nominee to replace outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder follows requests from Senate Democrats, who asked Obama to hold off so that candidates wouldn't be asked whether they support the nominee. Holder has promised to stay on the job until his successor is confirmed.

Waiting until after Nov. 4 means that the White House will have to try to push Obama's nominee through Senate confirmation during the brief lame duck session between the election and the end of the year. If Republicans win control of the Senate, they may demand that Obama wait until the new Senate is seated in January, which would make it even tougher for Obama to get his nominee confirmed.

IMMIGRATION

After pledging to take executive action around the end of summer, Obama last month moved the deadline back until the end of 2014. Obama hasn't said exactly what steps he'll take to fix immigration laws, but his administration has been weighing steps to shield millions of immigrants from deportation — likely igniting a clash over the boundaries of Obama's presidential authority.

Obama insists his decision isn't political and wasn't intended to prevent Democratic losses in the election. But he acknowledged the politics of immigration were altered by a summer surge in unaccompanied minors showing up on the U.S. border with Mexico. The White House says it doesn't want Obama's actions to be wrongly interpreted as contributing to potential Democratic losses this year.

KEYSTONE XL

Supporters of the massive pipeline project have been waiting more than half a decade for permission for it to be built. In 2011, the Obama administration launched a review of the proposed pipeline's route, which would cross from Canada into Montana, South Dakota and Nebraska, effectively delaying the

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decision until after Obama's 2012 re-election.

Then earlier this year, Obama's administration again delayed the decision by announcing an indefinite extension of its review, citing a judge's ruling in Nebraska that overturned a state law permitting the pipeline to travel through the state. By waiting until after the dust settles in Nebraska, Obama ensured that his administration won't have to make the difficult call until after Election Day.

EMPLOYER HEALTH MANDATE

Under Obama's health care law, most companies must offer health coverage to employees or pay a fine. That requirement was supposed to kick in this year, but the Obama administration has delayed it twice. Last year the government issued the first reprieve amid a slew of problems with the health care rollout. Then in February, the administration granted another delay — until next year for large businesses, and until 2016 for companies with 50 to 99 employees.

Ironically, although Republicans have steadfastly opposed the employer mandate and voted dozens of times to repeal it, Obama's delay in enforcing it is now at the center of House Republicans' lawsuit accusing Obama of exceeding his authority.

Annual Local Foods Conference set in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A two-day conference focusing on local foods is being held in Sioux Falls this year.

The 4th annual South Dakota Local Foods Conference has been scheduled for Nov. 14 and 15. Several agricultural associations and the South Dakota State University Extension sponsor the event.

The conference is meant to continue discussions on local foods among producers, growers, consumers, school nutrition programs, grocers, restaurants and others.

The sponsors say the topics this year will include future of organic food production, selling to institutions, food product labeling, raising backyard poultry and backyard gardening techniques.

Man sentenced for trespassing on reservation

Chicago man sentenced for trespassing on Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — A Chicago man barred from the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota has been sentenced to nine months in federal custody for repeatedly ignoring the tribal order.

Forty-three-year-old Steven Nichols recently pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to criminal trespass and was sentenced. He'll be on supervised release for a year after his time in custody is over, and he can't re-enter the reservation.

Nichols was barred from the reservation and escorted off tribal lands in September 2011. The reason wasn't immediately clear.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says Nichols was caught on the reservation three times over the next 2 ½ years.

SD Mines to host rocks, fossils ID public event

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is inviting individuals to take their interesting backyard rock or fossil finds to the university's annual identification event.

Paleontology staff and students will study and identify people's finds during the Rock and Fossil ID Day Saturday at the school's Museum of Geology.

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Samantha Hustoft is the museum's program assistant. She says quartz is the most common rock brought to event for evaluation.

Hustoft says the program gives students "a chance to flex their brain power" and apply what they've learned in the classroom.

The museum showcases exhibits focusing on paleontology and mineralogy.

Scholars use newspapers to present SD's history

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Three scholars will use local newspapers to tell the story of the year when South Dakota became a state.

The forum scheduled for Tuesday at the Cultural Heritage Center is part of a series of events sponsored by the South Dakota State Archives that are highlighting historical records. Gov. Dennis Daugaard has declared October "Archives Month."

Humanities scholars Joyce Jefferson, Belinda Joe and Lil Witt will lead the presentation. Staff members of the State Archives will also talk about the newspapers resources they offer to the public.

"The Year from Dakota Territory to South Dakota" begins at 7 p.m.

SDSU football team moves up in both FCS polls

BROOKINGS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota State University has moved up in both Football Championship Subdivision polls after a 32-28 weekend defeat of Missouri State.

The Jackrabbits have moved from 19th to 18th in The Sports Network Poll and from 19th to 16th in this week's coaches' poll. North Dakota State tops both polls.

SDSU travels to Northern Iowa on Saturday. The Panthers are No. 20 in The Sports Network Poll and No. 21 in the coaches' poll.

Sanford Health opens children's clinic in China

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dakotas-based Sanford Health has opened a children's clinic in China.

Sanford is operating the clinic in the city of Kunming in collaboration with a state-owned health care system in China, YMCI Calmette Medical Investment & Management Co. Inc., which already operates a nonprofit hospital in the city. The two-story, 18,000-square-foot children's clinic includes 14 exam rooms, six treatment rooms, an education and training room and office space. It will be staffed by up to 10 doctors.

Kunming has a population of more than 6 million people and needs more health care.

"This partnership and new clinic will greatly benefit thousands of children and families," said Li Li, general manager of YMCI Calmette and president of its hospital.

Sanford, based in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Fargo, North Dakota, bills itself as the United States' largest not-for-profit rural health care system, with facilities in 126 communities in nine states. It also is developing clinics in Ghana and Mexico.

"This area of Kunming is a perfect fit for our International Clinics initiative," said Jim Slack, vice president of Sanford International Clinics. "This partnership with YMCI Calmette, its work to build a state-of-the-art hospital and the growing population of Kunming all fit together with what we hope to accomplish."

Sioux Falls Storm coach gets 2 year-extension

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The Sioux Falls Storm has given head coach Kurtiss Riggs a two-year contract extension, keeping him at the helm of the Indoor Football League team through 2016.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Team owner Todd Tryon said he wanted to retain Riggs as the team moves into the newly opened Denny Sanford Premier Center for the 2015 season.

"I've always said, as long as I'm in control of this franchise, coach Riggs will be our coach," Tryon said. "What he has done throughout his coaching career is unmatched at any level, and we are very fortunate to have him guide us into a new era."

Riggs has led the Storm for 13 seasons. The team has won eight league titles during his tenure — including the last four — and has had three undefeated seasons. Riggs' overall record is 168-33.

Riggs is a former head coach of the University of Sioux Falls, where he led the Cougars to the 1996 NAIA championship. He's a member of the university and NAIA halls of fame. Off the field, he teaches high school and owns a football training academy.

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. TEXAS AUTHORITIES: SECOND HEALTH CARE WORKER TESTS POSITIVE FOR EBOLA

The infected person, who has not been identified, reported a fever and was immediately isolated.

2. DALLAS MEDICS: EBOLA HOSPITAL HAD SLOPPY PRACTICES

Largest U.S. nurses' union says hazardous waste pile-up and flimsy protection gear were common at Texas facility where a Liberian man died of the fatal disease.

3. WOUNDED AP REPORTER VOWS TO RETURN TO AFGHANISTAN

Veteran correspondent Kathy Gannon recalls the April gunfire attack that left her severely injured and took the life of AP's Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Anja Niedringhaus.

4. RECORD NUMBER OF BLACK CANDIDATES IN MIDTERM VOTE

More than 100 African-Americans will be on the ballot in November in what some are saying is a result of President Obama's historic presidency.

5. ALASKA HOLDS FIRST KNOWN ARCTIC GAY WEDDING

Two women tied the knot in Barrow, the nation's northernmost community, in what was also the state's first same-sex marriage ceremony.

6. HONG KONG SEES WORST VIOLENCE SINCE DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN

Local TV shows footage of police officers kicking a protester on the ground, sparking wide outrage among activists.

7. WHY GOP LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL IS FEELING SAFER

The Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee has stopped running ad for his challenger in Kentucky's U.S. Senate race.

8. KEY FIGURE IN COLD WAR SPY CASE DIES AT 92

David Greenglass gave crucial testimony against Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were accused of stealing atomic secrets for the Soviets and executed in 1953.

9. WHO WON THE BOOKER PRIZE

Australia's Richard Flanagan is honored for "The Narrow Road to the Deep North," a novel based on his father's experiences as a World War II prisoner of the Japanese.

10. GIANTS DOWN ST. LOUIS IN EXTRA-INNING THRILLER

A wild throw allows San Francisco's Brandon Crawford to score the winning run in the bottom of the 10th. The Giants now hold a 2-1 lead in the NLCS.

AP News in Brief

Texas health department in statement: 2nd health care worker tests positive for Ebola

DALLAS (AP) — A second health care worker at a Dallas hospital who provided care for the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the U.S. has tested positive for the disease, the Texas Department of State Health Services said Wednesday.

The department said in the statement emailed early Wednesday and posted on its website that the worker reported a fever Tuesday and was immediately isolated at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital.

Health officials said the worker was among those who took care of Thomas Eric Duncan after he was diagnosed with Ebola. Duncan died on Wednesday at the Texas hospital of Ebola.

The department said a preliminary Ebola test was conducted late Tuesday at a state public health laboratory in Austin, Texas, and that confirmatory testing would be conducted at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

The statement also said the health care worker, who wasn't identified, was interviewed to quickly identify any contacts or potential exposures and that others will be monitored. It added that the type of monitoring will depend on the nature of their interactions with the health care worker and the potential of exposure to the virus.

Dallas nurses cite sloppy conditions, dangerous practices in Ebola care

DALLAS (AP) — A Liberian Ebola patient was left in an open area of a Dallas emergency room for hours, and the nurses treating him worked for days without proper protective gear and faced constantly changing protocols, according to a statement released late Tuesday by the largest U.S. nurses' union.

Nurses were forced to use medical tape to secure openings in their flimsy garments, worried that their necks and heads were exposed as they cared for a patient with explosive diarrhea and projectile vomiting, said Deborah Burger of National Nurses United.

Burger convened a conference call with reporters to relay what she said were concerns of nurses at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital, where Thomas Eric Duncan — the first person to be diagnosed with Ebola in the U.S. — died last week.

RoseAnn DeMoro, executive director of Nurses United, said the statement came from "several" and "a few" nurses, but she refused repeated inquiries to state how many. She said the organization had vetted the claims, and that the nurses cited were in a position to know what had occurred at the hospital. She refused to elaborate.

Among the nurses' allegations was that the Ebola patient's lab samples were allowed to travel through the hospital's pneumatic tubes, opening the possibility of contaminating the specimen delivery system. The nurses also alleged that hazardous waste was allowed to pile up to the ceiling.

West Africans in the US try to balance compassion and hospitality with their fear of Ebola

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — When a friend called Togar Johnson from a bus stop last month to ask for a lift, Johnson made what he considered a difficult but prudent decision: He said no.

The friend had recently returned to the United States from Ebola-ravaged Liberia, and Johnson believed contact with him was just too risky. Even if it had been Johnson's own flesh and blood, the most he would have offered was cash — enough to stay at a hotel for 21 days, the incubation period of the deadly virus.

"I would not accept them," Johnson said when asked what he would do if his daughter or grandchild had placed the same call. "They have to be isolated."

As West Africans who have made their home in the United States watch the infection kill thousands half a world away, they are struggling to help far-off family and friends. In cities such as Minneapolis, Philadelphia, New York, Providence and Long Beach, California, they are praying, collecting donations and buying medical supplies for their countrymen.

At the same time, many West Africans in this country are afraid of what those same loved ones could bring to their doorsteps. They are trying to strike a balance between their longstanding tradition of hospitality — opening their arms to new arrivals — and their fear of infection.

Despite death of colleague, AP journalist wounded in Afghanistan vows to return there to work

NEW YORK (AP) — Over and over, Kathy Gannon has re-lived the decisions that led to her close friend's death — and almost her own — in Afghanistan.

Gannon, a veteran Associated Press correspondent, and Anja Niedringhaus, an award-winning AP photographer from Germany, had negotiated through many stories and many dangers together for five years. But on April 4, as they prepared to cover the presidential election in Afghanistan the next day, an Afghan police commander ripped into them with gunfire.

She keeps asking herself if she could have prevented the tragedy. And the answer is always "No."

"We weren't careless or cavalier about the security arrangements ...," Gannon said in New York last week, in her first interview since the attack. "We really made sure that we had a safe place to stay, we knew who we were traveling with, we knew the area in which we were going. Honestly, I've thought it through so many times — I know neither Anja or I would have done anything differently."

The two women were accompanying a convoy transporting ballots from the city of Khost in eastern Afghanistan to an outlying Taliban stronghold, under the protection of Afghan security forces. As they sat in their vehicle in a well-guarded compound, one of the men supposedly assuring their safety walked up, yelled "Allahu Akbar," and fired on them with his AK-47. Then he dropped his emptied weapon and surrendered.

Record number of African-American candidates seeking congressional, statewide offices in 2014

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than 100 black candidates will be on the ballot in statewide and congressional races next month, a post-Reconstruction record that some observers say is a byproduct of President Barack Obama's historic presidency.

At least 83 black Republicans and Democrats are running for the U.S. House, an all-time high for the modern era, according to political scientist David Bositis, who has tracked black politicians for years. They include Mia Love in Utah, who is trying to become the first black Republican woman to be elected to Congress.

Four other black women — Bonnie Watson Coleman in New Jersey, Brenda Lawrence in Michigan, Alma Adams in North Carolina and Stacey Plaskett in the Virgin Islands — are expected to win seats as Democrats, Bositis said. If they all win, and no black female incumbents lose, there should be 20 black women among House members, an all-time high, Bositis said.

There are at least 25 African-Americans running for statewide offices, including U.S. senator, governor or lieutenant governor, also a record number.

The previous record for black candidates seeking House seats was 72 in 2012, the year Obama, the nation's first black president, was re-elected to a second term. The previous record for statewide contests was 17 in 2002, said Bositis, formerly of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a think tank in Washington that focuses primarily on issues affecting African-Americans.

Iran nuclear talks: What's at stake and what stands in the way of a deal

VIENNA (AP) — An Iranian nuclear agreement is the Obama administration's grandest foreign policy objective, a legacy-defining endeavor that holds the prospect of ending the gravest potential threat to Israel and the Middle East and reintegrating Iran into the world community.

But reaching a deal is no easy matter. And as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry plunges back into talks Wednesday with Iran's foreign minister, many challenges beset the diplomacy.

Iran is maintaining a tough line on much of the nuclear infrastructure that it says is for peaceful energy production, but which world powers worry may be designed to develop atomic weapons. President Barack Obama's negotiators are offering the Iranians permanent relief from economic sanctions, yet are struggling to convince an unruly U.S. Congress to cooperate.

With impatience rising in both countries, a Nov. 24 deadline for an accord looms. Washington and Tehran each have spoken vaguely about a second extension of the talks in four months. Neither side wants the alternatives: fast-developing Iranian nuclear advances, more crippling U.S. economic pressure and, with Israel vowing to stop Iran by any means, maybe even a new Mideast war.

Hong Kong police violence against protesters sparks outrage as Beijing's patience thins

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong police battling activists for control of an underpass in the dead of night Wednesday sparked public anger after officers were seen kicking a handcuffed protester in the worst violence since street demonstrations for greater democracy began more than two weeks ago.

Officers armed with riot shields, batons and pepper spray knocked activists to the ground, dragging dozens away, and tore down barricades protesters used as roadblocks around the underpass outside the government's headquarters.

Outrage over their aggressive tactics exploded after local TV showed half a dozen officers taking the protester around a dark corner and kicking him on the ground. It's unclear what provoked the attack. Local Now TV showed footage of him splashing water on officers beforehand.

"Hong Kong police have gone insane today, carrying out their own punishment in private," said pro-democracy lawmaker Lee Cheuk-yan. "Hong Kong's values and its rule of law really have been completely destroyed by police chiefs."

Beijing, meanwhile, issued its harshest condemnations yet of the protests, calling them illegal, bad for business and against Hong Kong's best interests. The central government has become increasingly impatient with the demonstrations, the biggest challenge to Beijing's authority since China took control of the former British colony in 1997.

Democratic campaign group no longer advertising for Grimes in Kentucky

FLORENCE, Ky. (AP) — In the final weeks of a cross-country battle for Senate control, officials in both political parties are making multimillion-dollar advertising decisions that offer clues about where the real battlefields lie.

In Kentucky, after spending about \$2 million to attack Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee went off the air Tuesday. The decision was a sharp blow to Democrat Alison Lundergan Grimes, and came one day after the two candidates met in their only televised debate of the campaign. The committee is continuing to fund get-out-the-vote operations.

At the same time, Democrats chose to put nearly \$1 million behind Michelle Nunn, challenging for a Georgia seat now in Republican hands. Last week, Democrats put South Dakota on the board by investing in Rick Wieland's campaign against former GOP Gov. Mike Rounds.

Republicans are flooding Kansas with campaign help for Sen. Pat Roberts, who's in a tough re-election fight against independent candidate Greg Orman. The Kansas effort is part of their national drive to gain the six seats required to control the Senate.

There also are highly competitive races in Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Louisiana, New Hampshire and North Carolina.

Turkish strikes on Kurds complicate US coalition efforts to defeat Islamic State militants

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a fresh test for U.S. coalition-building efforts, Turkey is launching airstrikes against Kurdish rebels inside its borders this week despite pleas from the Obama administration to instead focus on an international campaign to destroy Islamic State militants wreaking havoc in the region.

Media reports about the Turkish strikes surfaced Tuesday as President Barack Obama and military chiefs from more than 20 nations gathered in Washington in a show of unity against the Islamic State group.

"This is an operation that involves the world against ISIL," Obama declared, referring to the militant group by one of its many names.

The Turkish airstrikes occurred Monday and marked the country's first major strikes against Kurdish rebels on its own soil since peace talks began two years ago. The strikes came amid anger among the Kurds in Turkey, who accuse the government there of standing by while Syrian Kurds are being killed by Islamic State militants in the besieged Syrian border town of Kobani.

The Islamic State militants also have targeted Kurds in Iraq, who have to some extent been able to hold off their advances.

Rights group: Iraqi Shiite militias killing Sunnis with 'impunity' in reprisal attacks

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's Shiite militias have abducted and killed scores of Sunni civilians with the tacit support of the government in retaliation for Islamic State group attacks, Amnesty International said Tuesday, as a suicide car bombing claimed by the Sunni extremists killed 23 people, including a Shiite lawmaker.

The Shiite militiamen number in the tens of thousands and wear military uniforms but operate outside any legal framework and without any official oversight, the London-based watchdog said, adding that they are not prosecuted for the crimes.

The accusations were based on interviews with relatives of victims and survivors who claimed that members of four prominent Iraqi Shiite militias — Asaib Ahl al-Haq, the Badr Brigades, the Mahdi Army, and Ketaeb Hizbollah — were behind many abductions and killings of Sunnis in the country, the rights group said in a 28-page report, entitled "Absolute Impunity: Militia Rule in Iraq."

Sunni grievances have metastasized since the U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003 and handed power to the long-oppressed Shiite majority. Sunni anger helped fuel the rampage across northern and western Iraq by the Islamic State group and the onslaught has aggravated sectarian tensions elsewhere, again driving Iraq to the brink of civil war.

Asaib Ahl al-Haq and the Hezbollah Brigades were among a group of Shiite militias backed by Iran that carried out lethal attacks against U.S. bases in June 2012.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 15, the 288th day of 2014. There are 77 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 15, 1914, the Clayton Antitrust Act, which expanded on the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson.

On this date:

In 1860, 11-year-old Grace Bedell of Westfield, New York, wrote a letter to presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln, suggesting he could improve his appearance by growing a beard.

In 1917, Dutch dancer Mata Hari, convicted of spying for the Germans, was executed by a French firing squad outside Paris.

In 1928, the German dirigible Graf Zeppelin landed in Lakehurst, New Jersey, completing its first commercial flight across the Atlantic.

In 1939, New York City Municipal Airport was dedicated by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, for whom the facility was later renamed.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering (GEH'-reeng) fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

In 1954, Hurricane Hazel made landfall on the Carolina coast as a Category 4 storm; Hazel was blamed for some 1,000 deaths in the Caribbean, 95 in the U.S. and 81 in Canada.

In 1964, Britain's Labour Party, led by Harold Wilson, returned to power in general elections. The St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series, defeating the New York Yankees 7-5 in Game 7 at Busch Stadium. Songwriter Cole Porter, 73, died in Santa Monica, California.

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In 1969, peace demonstrators staged activities across the country as part of a "moratorium" against the Vietnam War.

In 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

In 1989, South African officials released eight prominent political prisoners, including Walter Sisulu.

In 1991, despite sexual harassment allegations by Anita Hill, the Senate narrowly confirmed the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the U.S. Supreme Court, 52-48.

In 1999, the humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize. Irish tenor Josef Locke, whose life inspired the 1992 film "Hear My Song," died in County Kildare, Ireland, at age 82.

Ten years ago: The Food and Drug Administration ordered that all antidepressants carry strong warnings that they "increase the risk of suicidal thinking and behavior" in children who take them. Several thousand people opposed to same-sex marriage gathered on the National Mall in Washington to call for a constitutional amendment defining marriage as being between a man and a woman.

Five years ago: A report of a 6-year-old Colorado boy trapped inside a runaway helium balloon engrossed the nation before the boy, Falcon Heene (HEE'-nee), was found safe at home in what turned out to be a hoax. (Falcon's parents served up to a month in jail.)

One year ago: Abu Anas al-Libi, an alleged al-Qaida member who was snatched off the streets in Libya, pleaded not guilty in New York to bombing-related charges. President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to William D. Swenson, a former Army captain whose heroic actions in a deadly Afghan battle were captured on video. The Boston Red Sox took a 2-1 lead in the AL championship series as they defeated the Detroit Tigers 1-0. The St. Louis Cardinals beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 4-2 for a 3-1 lead in the NL Championship series. Hans Riegel, 90, who turned little gold bears into a global candy juggernaut - Haribo's gummi bears - over a career that spanned seven decades, died in Bonn, Germany.

Today's Birthdays: Former auto executive Lee Iacocca is 90. Jazz musician Freddy Cole is 83. Singer Barry McGuire is 79. Actress Linda Lavin is 77. Rock musician Don Stevenson (Moby Grape) is 72. Actress-director Penny Marshall is 71. Baseball Hall of Famer Jim Palmer is 69. Singer-musician Richard Carpenter is 68. Actor Victor Banerjee is 68. Tennis player Roscoe Tanner is 63. Singer Tito Jackson is 61. Actor-comedian Larry Miller is 61. Actor Jere Burns is 60. Actress Tanya Roberts is 59. Movie director Mira Nair is 57. Britain's Duchess of York, Sarah Ferguson, is 55. Chef Emeril Lagasse is 55. Rock musician Mark Reznicek (REHZ'-nih-chehk) is 52. Singer Eric Benet is 48. Actress Vanessa Marcil is 46. Singer-actress-TV host Paige Davis is 45. Country singer Kimberly Schlapman (Little Big Town) is 45. Actor Dominic West is 45. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ginuwine is 44. Actor Chris Olivero is 35. Christian singer-actress Jaci (JAK'-ee) Velasquez is 35. Actor Brandon Jay McLaren is 34. Rhythm-and-blues singer Keyshia Cole is 33. Tennis player Elena Dementieva is 33. Actor Vincent Martella is 22. Actress Bailee Madison is 15.

Thought for Today: "If you love someone, let them go. If they return to you, it was meant to be. If they don't, their love was never yours to begin with." - Author unknown.