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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

Birthday: Nancy Larsen

1:30pm: WELCA (Final day of packing stewardship projects)

2:00pm: Region XC at Webster

6:30pm: C/JV VB hosts Hamlin followed by varsity match

Friday, October 17

END OF FIRST QUARTER

School Breakfast: French toast, links, juice, milk, fruit.

School Lunch: Popcorn chicken, sweet tots, veggie cups, fruit.

Senior Menu: Turkey sub sandwich, creamy potato salad, fruited Jell-O, ice cream sundae.

Birthdays: • Gladys Dirks • Judy Fliehs • Laura Ptacek • Dylan Krueger • Tyler Rossow • Jackson Bahr

7:00pm: FB at Tiospa Zina

Saturday, October 18

Oral Interp at NSU Festival

Birthday: Chelsey Luecke

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

FOR RENT

Attached garage.

Major appliances included.

\$700 per month

Roger: 605/397-7118

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3-pc Chicken Strips Chili Cheese Dog 1/4 lb. Grill Burger w/ch

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605-397-8627 to receive hot specials

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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Pheasant Opener

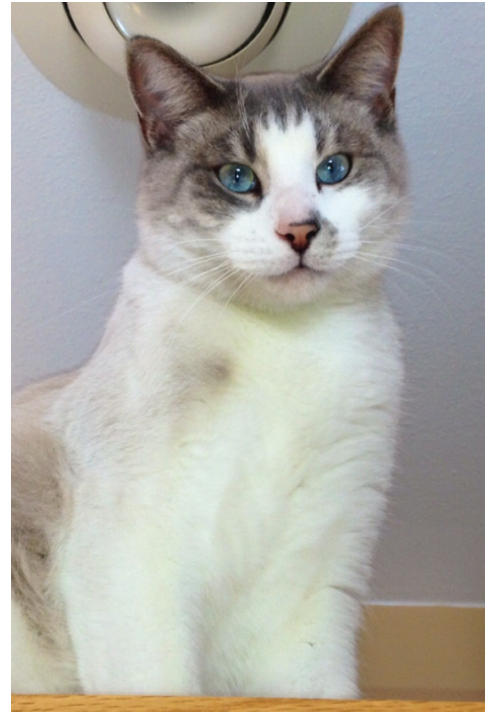
Friday, Oct. 17, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

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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REWARD

Lost neutered male cat, white with gray, pink nose, blue eyes, belongs to Shaun Wanner Family on the west side of Groton. Call 290-7723

Classifieds

For Rent

ONE AND TWO bedroom apartment for rent. HDS subsidized. Rent includes utilities and heat. No smoking. Pets okay. Contact Darlene Daly at 605/397-8131.

SERVICE TECH

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Practical Money Skills

for Life™

By Jason Alderman



Do You Need ID Theft Insurance or Credit Monitoring?

By Jason Alderman

You'd have to be living under a rock not to be concerned about identity theft. It seems like every other month there's a new report about another massive data breach somewhere in the world.

Not surprisingly, a thriving industry has sprung up around helping to protect consumers from identity theft. Most of these services are pretty expensive and many consumer organizations argue that they merely take actions you could easily carry out yourself for free. But if you don't have the time or where-withal, you may want to enlist a professional to help unravel the mess.

Following are some of the identity theft prevention services being marketed, as well as questions to ask when considering them:

ID theft insurance is commonly offered as a rider to homeowners or renters insurance and typically costs \$25 and \$60 a year. Note: it doesn't protect you from being victimized in the first place nor does it cover direct monetary losses resulting from identity theft. Rather, it reimburses costs associated with reclaiming your financial identity (e.g., phone calls, making copies, mailing documents, wages lost when pursuing resolution and hiring an attorney).

Questions you should ask:

What are the policy's limits?

Is there a deductible?

If lost wages are covered, what limits apply and what triggers this coverage?

If legal fees are covered, what limits apply and must the insurer preapprove the work?

How much personalized assistance will you get – will they assign a case manager to execute on your behalf or merely give you a checklist to follow?

Credit monitoring services track your credit reports and contact you whenever key changes occur – things like new accounts opened in your name, address changes, credit inquiries and increased credit limits. They usually cost from \$10 to \$30 a month and services provided are all over the map. For example:

Some monitor and provide credit reports from all three major credit bureaus; but some only track one.

More expensive plans provide additional services including monitoring public records, black market website surveillance, and computer protection programs like antivirus and keystroke encryption software.

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Some provide one or more free (or low-cost) credit scores.

Keep in mind when considering whether to buy credit monitoring:

Many creditors report information to all three credit bureaus, but some only report to one, so your three credit reports may contain different information.

Because many lenders only report activity to credit bureaus monthly, it could take weeks before your monitoring service spots fraudulent behavior.

Ask how you'll be notified of flagged changes (email, text and/or mail) and how frequently (daily, weekly, monthly).

You can order one free copy of each credit report from www.annualcreditreport.com per year, so by staggering them, you could get a different report every four months.

If you know – or fear – that an account has been compromised but don't want to fully block access to your credit reports through a credit freeze, you can place a free, 90-day initial fraud alert with the three credit bureaus. This means businesses must verify your identity with you before opening new accounts.

You can renew the alert after 90 days. If you don't want to be bothered remembering, some monitoring services will file your renewals for a fee.

For more tips, see the Federal Trade Commission's "Privacy and Identity" page at www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/privacy-identity.

Bottom line: Do you want to monitor your own credit (which is free but time-consuming) or hand off the task to a third party and pay hundreds of dollars? Either way, make sure it gets done.

Jason Alderman directs Visa's financial education programs. To Follow Jason Alderman on Twitter: www.twitter.com/PracticalMoney.



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Short of breath in the night

By Richard P. Holm MD

Joe was a middle-aged guy, smart and full of personality. He had developed Hodgkin's lymphoma a number of years back, had chemotherapy and radiation to his chest as part of his treatment, which successfully shrunk the malignant lymph nodes there, and brought him back to a normal cancer-free life.



By Richard P. Holm M.D.

Recently he had been waking up in the night feeling like he was suffocating. He told me he would go to the window, throw open the sash, and breath in the cool autumn air to get relief. For a week now he found that he was more comfortable sleeping in the recliner. He had also noted that he had been having trouble walking any distance and he got short of breath just coming up from the basement.

On exam, as I listened to his lungs I could hear crackles, and as I listened to his heart I noted it was beating a hundred times per minute sounding like a horse galloping. His neck veins seemed distended and there was swelling of his ankles. He wondered if there was something wrong with his lungs.

The problem was not with his lungs, but rather with his heart. Although the name for his condition is called congestive heart failure, I think the word failure sounds too doomed and guilt-ridden. I would rather it be called heart weakness instead, because we have treatment to remove the excess water, ease the load on his heart, and there shouldn't be doom or guilt about it.

Normally blood returns to the heart from veins into that mighty pump as it fills and dilates during the relaxation phase. When the heart squeezes, the entrance valves slam shut, and the only way out is past the exit valves. Repeating this cycle with relax-then-squeeze past one-way-valves, the heart pump pushes blood out to supply every cell with the oxygen and nutrients needed to flourish.

Causes for heart weakness are myriad including long standing high blood pressure, blockage of coronary arteries, a life-time of excessive alcohol or inadequate nutrition, viral infections of the heart muscle, valves that leak or are too tight, and the list goes on.

Joe's heart was weak partly from radiation injury and probably from a viral infection. Just the right balance of medications gave him relief and hope for a future.

Today in Weather History

1913 - The temperature in Downtown San Francisco soared to 101 degrees to equal their record for October. (The Weather Channel)

1937 - An unlikely winter-like storm produced as much as ten inches of snow in Minnesota and Iowa.








1987 - Ten cities in the southeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. The low of 34 degrees at Augusta GA marked their third straight morning of record cold. A cold front brought showers and thunderstorms to parts of the central U.S. Lightning struck a bull and six cows under a tree near Battiest OK. (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Late afternoon thunderstorms produced severe weather in southwestern Lower Michigan and northern Indiana. One thunderstorm spawned a tornado north of Nappanee IN which caused half a million dollars damage. Six cities in California reported record high temperatures for the date. The afternoon high of 100 degrees at Red Bluff CA was the latest such reading of record for so late in the autumn season. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Heavy snow blanketed the foothills of Colorado. Up to three inches was reported around Denver. Echo Lake was buried under nineteen inches of snow. Temperatures again warmed into the 80s and lower 90s in the eastern and south central U.S. Thirteen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Atlantic City NJ with a reading of 84 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	FRIDAY NIGHT	SATURDAY	SATURDAY NIGHT	SUNDAY
						
Windy	Breezy	Breezy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
High: 67 °F	Low: 41 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 28 °F	High: 54 °F	Low: 37 °F	High: 65 °F



... Windy Today ...

Cooler Friday

weather.gov/Aberdeen



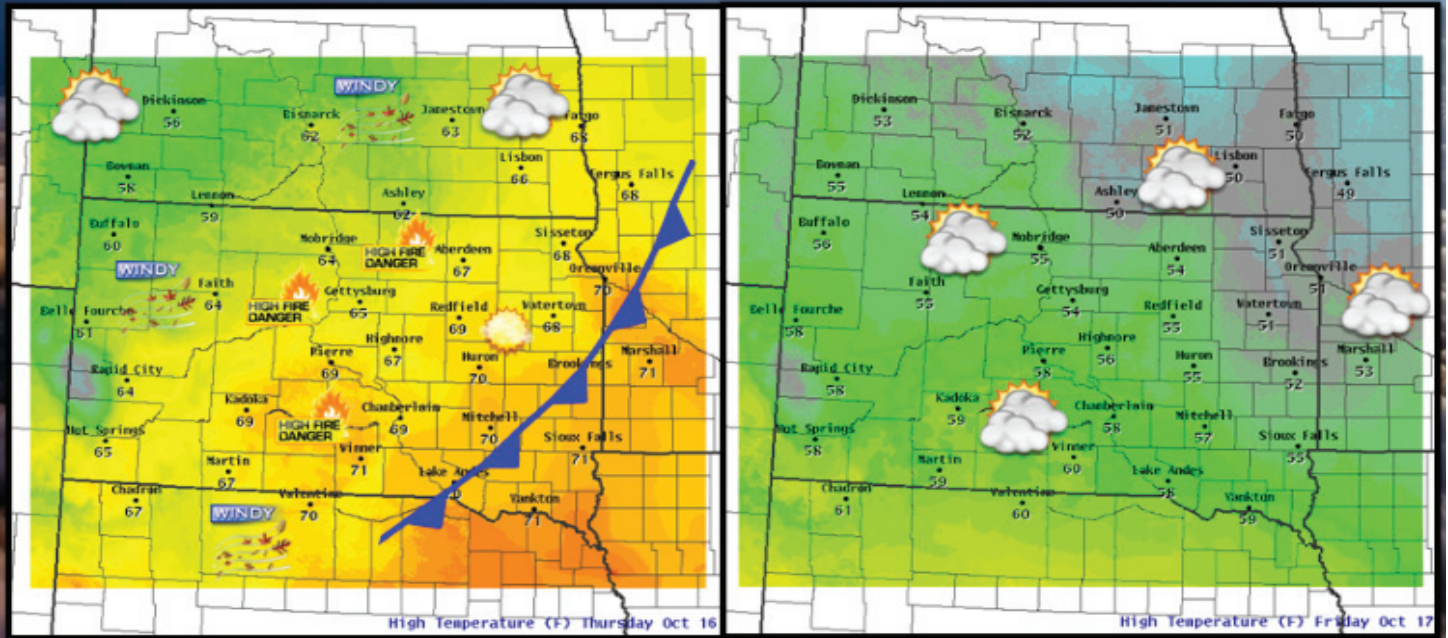
National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Highs Today

Highs Friday



Gusty winds are expected to overspread the region today behind a cold front. Wind Advisories have been posted for the James River Valley and areas west. The strong wind in combination with low relative humidity and mild temperatures will also promote very high fire danger over parts of South Dakota. Cooler temperatures and more clouds are expected for Friday.

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Yesterday's Weather

High: 73.2°F at 4:24 PM

Low: 33.3°F at 5:23 AM

High Gust: 30 mph at 11:09 AM

Precip: 0.00

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Record High: 92° in 1910

Record Low: 19° in 1976

Average High: 58°F

Average Low: 33°F

Average Precip in Oct.: 1.09

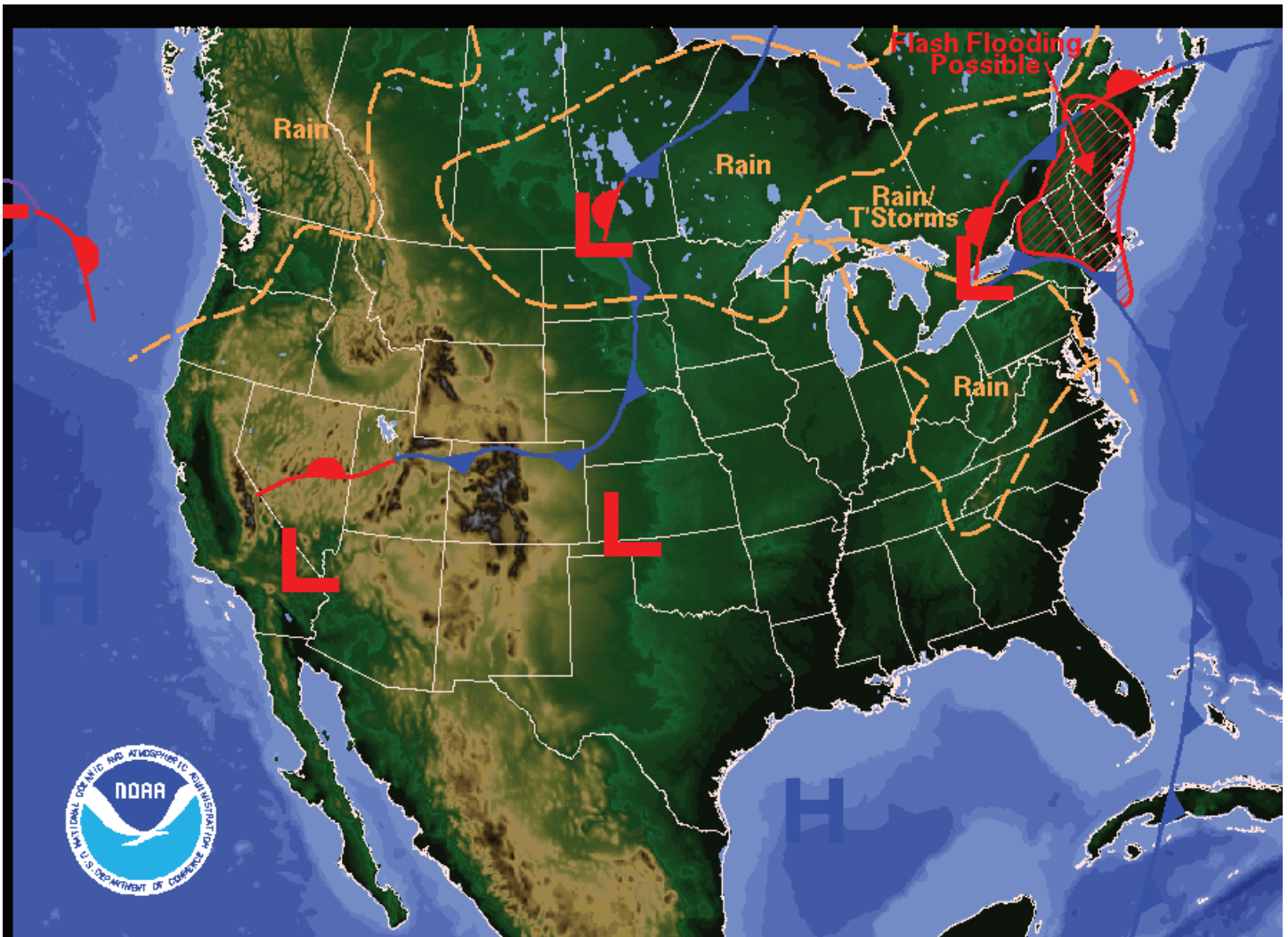
Precip to date in Oct.: 0.11

Average Precip to date: 19.57

Precip Year to Date: 13.05

Sunset Tonight: 6:46 p.m.

Sunrise Tomorrow: 7:53 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Thu, Oct 16, 2014, issued 4:13 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Fanning based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



A FORTIFIED FOCUS

Fifty-eight percent of the foods on the shelves of our grocery stores are "fortified." Researchers claim that they make a significant contribution to the quality and value of the food we eat. Additionally, many of our foods in cans, in boxes, in the meat and dairy sections or in the fruit and vegetable sections of the store where we shop have been "genetically modified" in one way or another. Biologists claim that it makes the products last longer, tastier and more nutritious.

"Let your eyes look straight ahead, fix your gaze directly before you!" Guide your eyes and know where you are going warns Solomon. We are to fortify the way we view life with God's wisdom, power and strength and then be careful where we place our feet. In other words, stay focused using God's wisdom.

The fool, those who choose not to acknowledge the presence or power of God, is easily distracted. Any image that "springs-up" or appears with no warning is a call to lure the "fool" into a trap. Jesus said that the "eye is the lamp of the body" and will project on the screen of our minds an image that quickly and without warning leads the "fool" astray. The eyes, once seduced, need more and more excitement until, rather than being lured, actually search with determination images that are corrupt, vile and destructive.

"Looking straight ahead" and "fixing His gaze" is what Jesus did on the last phase of His life's journey. He "resolutely" set out for Jerusalem. Fortified by God.

Prayer: God, grant us the willingness to plant Your wisdom so deeply in our hearts that we will stay focused. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today: Proverbs 4:25 Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees to be named

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota Rock and Roll Music Association plans to announce on Thursday the 2015 inductees to the state Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

It will happen at a news conference in Sioux Falls in the Washington Pavilion at the hall of fame exhibit.

The group promotes and recognizes artists, venues, recording studios, DJs and others from South Dakota and surrounding areas that have contributed to the state's music scene.

Daugaard's chief of staff to resign after election

KEVIN BURBACH, Associated Press

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Dusty Johnson, the governor's chief of staff and state employee of 12 years, announced Wednesday that he will step down from his position after the midterm elections next month to take a job in the private sector.

Johnson, who became chief of staff when Gov. Dennis Daugaard took office in 2011, said he's taking a position with Vantage Point Solutions primarily to be closer to his family in Mitchell.

"Well, 12 years my family and I have been kind of living in two towns. My wife's business is in Mitchell and my work's in Pierre. That's always been a frustration and an irritant, but it's been doable," he said.

Johnson will serve as director of consulting for Mitchell-based Vantage Point, which works primarily with rural telephone companies in 45 states.

Johnson began working for then-Gov. Mike Rounds in 2003 as a policy adviser before being elected to the Public Utilities Commission in 2004, where he served for six years before taking on his current position.

Johnson's tenure as chief of staff is somewhat unusual. He said only five other current gubernatorial chiefs of staff have been serving longer and noted the average time in the job is about 18 months.

Johnson attributed his longevity to a natural disposition for the fast-pace work.

"Well, I'm a little bit of a mutant," he said. "You need to be wired a certain way to really enjoy this work. It does demand a lot. It's quite stressful. But in some respects, I feel I was born to do a job like this."

While some speculated when the news came out that Johnson may be laying the groundwork for a run at public office, the resigning chief of staff said that's not on his radar for now.

"I love public service, and if there's an opportunity to serve in the future, I'd certainly entertain those notions. That being said, I'm not making this move to position for anything. I'm not planning any political run in the near or foreseeable future," he said.

Daugaard's office said the governor will not make any staffing announcements about replacing Johnson until after the November elections.

Unemployment benefits scam targeting SD residents

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — An unemployment insurance benefit scam is targeting South Dakota residents.

South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley says the scammer is filing online unemployment benefits with the state's Department of Labor and Regulation using accurate personal information including

correct name, social security number and date of birth,

Jackley says it's unknown how the scammer is obtaining the information. He says the state's unemployment system has not been compromised.

The state's Labor Department has identified multiple victims, but says that none of the fictitious claims have been paid.

South Dakota is one of various states that have been targeted by the scam.

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.

Thune calls for West Africa travel ban over Ebola

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota U.S. Sen. John Thune said Wednesday the U.S. should ban travelers from three West African countries where an Ebola epidemic is spreading.

The infection of a second Dallas nurse shows more must be done to keep the disease from spreading in America, said Thune, the ranking Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The ban would affect about 150 airline passengers a day and also prevent people who already have visas from traveling to the U.S. That includes about 5,000 from Guinea, 5,000 from Sierra Leone and 3,500 from Liberia, he said. There are no direct flights to the U.S. from those countries.

"This thing is something we need to take very, very seriously and with this third case today we need to take some additional measures to keep the disease from ever reaching our shores. That's an important next step and one I hope the administration will consider," he said.

Thune said he and Rep. Bill Shuster, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, are suggesting a one-month ban that would be evaluated every 30 days on whether it should be expanded or extended.

They also wrote a letter Tuesday to the departments of Transportation and Homeland Security, asking each secretary how they're collaborating to protect people.

The World Health Organization said earlier that travel bans are not the way to stop the spread of the disease.

Wyoming landowners praised for grouse conservation

PINEDALE, Wyo. (AP) — Interior Secretary Sally Jewell praised nine Wyoming landowners Wednesday for agreeing to conserve habitat of the greater sage grouse.

Jewell and Gov. Matt Mead toured ranchland near Pinedale whose owners agreed to conservation

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measures in exchange for assurances that no additional federal restrictions would apply for 20 years if the greater sage grouse is listed as threatened or endangered.

The agreements cover about 61 square miles in Sublette and Johnson counties.

The landowners recognized Wednesday are the first in Wyoming to join the program, called Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances. Jewell said the agreements formalize what some of the landowners have already been doing.

The greater sage grouse population is declining in the West, and the federal government faces a court deadline of September 2015 to decide whether to protect the birds under the Endangered Species Act.

Federal protection could limit energy development and agriculture and damage the economies of Western states.

State governments and the Interior Department are trying to find ways to preserve the bird's habitat and increase its numbers without resorting to a threatened or endangered listing.

Estimates on the number of sage grouse vary from 100,000 to 500,000.

Their range covers an estimated 257,000 square miles, primarily in Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Wyoming, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The birds also live in California, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota and Utah.

Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe also participated in the tour.

Tribes in SD get \$3M for heating, cooling aid

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A number of tribes in South Dakota have received \$3 million in federal funds to help families that struggle to heat their homes during the winter and cool during the summer.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program assists households with heating, cooling and home energy costs, as well as insulation in order to make homes more energy efficient.

Jeannie Chaffin with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services says the program is a lifeline for many vulnerable individuals. She says extreme indoor temperatures can negatively affect seniors and young children in particular.

The tribes that received funding are the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Pressler endorsed by 1970s Abscam sting FBI agent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Senate hopeful Larry Pressler has been endorsed by the lead supervisor of the 1970s Abscam investigation that led to the convictions of some members of Congress.

Former FBI agent John Good is praising Pressler's character and says the candidate is an "honest politician." Pressler is in a four-way race in South Dakota for the seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tim Johnson.

Pressler spent 18 years in the U.S. Senate as a Republican and is now running as an independent.

In the operation, a con man and the FBI worked together to bribe politicians using two agents pretending to be Arab sheik investors. The sting led to 19 convictions, including six U.S. House members and U.S. Sen. Harrison Williams.

Pressler was the lone congressman to turn down a bribe.

Campaign mailer depicts wrong Dakota badlands

JAMES MacPHERSON, Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Supporters of spending potentially billions of dollars of North Dakota's oil tax revenues on conservation projects have sent a campaign mailer asking residents to protect "North Dakota heritage." The problem? The advertisement depicts the Badlands in South Dakota — not those in North Dakota.

"We just made a mistake," Steve Adair, chairman of the group North Dakotans for Clean Water, Wildlife and Parks, said Wednesday. "We certainly won't use that image again on things."

The picture in the ad mailed to North Dakota residents this month was a stock photo of South Dakota's badlands and was mistakenly used by a Virginia-based company that crafted the mailer, he said.

Adair's group is the sponsor of the measure that would funnel some of the state's oil extraction taxes into a conservation fund. Supporters want 5 percent of the state's oil extraction taxes set aside over the next 25 years, a sum opponents said would direct almost \$5 billion during that time for conservation projects at the expense of other state needs.

The ballot measure is one of the most controversial issues facing North Dakota voters in November and has spawned well-funded media campaigns from supporters and foes.

"They can't even tell the difference between North Dakota and South Dakota," said Jon Godfread, chairman of the anti-measure group North Dakotans for Common Sense Conservation, and vice president of the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce.

"This just smacks of a campaign run by out-of-state interests," Godfread said. "If they don't know North Dakota, it's not in our best interest to give them \$5 billion."

Support for the measure comes largely from national conservation groups. Backers have raised nearly \$3 million to push the measure, with about \$2 million coming from Ducks Unlimited — of which Adair is the director — campaign filings show. Opponents have raised nearly \$2 million, with more than half of it coming from the Washington, D.C.-based American Petroleum Institute, reports show.

Adair said the measure's foes are using the picture gaffe as an attempt to divert the issue of setting aside more money for conservation projects in North Dakota. He said opponents of the measure also have misused a stock photo on their Facebook page, pointing to an image showing school children by a chalkboard.

Godfread said he did not know if the children were from North Dakota but called it an "apples and oranges" comparison.

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, to keep them at manageable levels.

Crews in the southwestern North Dakota park this week are rounding up 600 bison. About 400 excess animals will go to American Indian tribes in the Great Plains, with the South Dakota-based Intertribal Buffalo Council determining the distribution.

The bison have no natural predator in the park, so the herd has to be culled about every five years, Ranger Linda Morton told The Bismarck Tribune. Officials carefully guard the health of the animals so they can replenish tribal herds.

"We have a very good track record — no injuries in the last couple decades," Morton said.

Starting next week, the park will start culling about 20 elk to keep that herd below 400 animals. Unlike the bison, the elk are killed, with meat going to the Sportsmen Against Hunger program that provides

food for charity.

The park is in the maintenance phase of an elk management plan that included large reduction efforts in 2010 and 2011, in which nearly 900 elk were killed. The herd had grown to more than 1,200 animals, when the ideal size for the park is between 100 and 400.

The special managed hunts in 2010 and 2011 involved volunteer shooters. The operation since has involved only Park Service staff. About 115 elk have been killed the past two years.

This year's reduction effort could last into January. Roads, backcountry trails, overlooks and Cottonwood Campground will remain open.

"We don't anticipate conflicts between the elk reduction team and the public, even without backcountry closures," Park Superintendent Valerie Naylor said in a statement. "Four years of successful reductions indicate that visitor safety can be maintained by using fewer highly experienced staff during this period of reduced visitation."

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 Roosevelt High School 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.

Noem, Robinson debate wage increase ideas

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — U.S. Republican Rep. Kristi Noem and Democratic challenger Corinna Robinson outlined different ideas on how to increase wages in South Dakota during a debate in Rapid City.

Robinson supports increasing the minimum wage. She carried petitions to get Initiated Measure 18 on the Nov. 4 ballot. It would raise the state minimum wage from the federal level of \$7.25 per hour to \$8.50 per hour.

Robinson also says getting more technology in schools would help young people land better jobs when they graduate.

Noem says Congress should adopt better energy and farm policies to cut the cost of things such as gasoline and food, cut excessive regulations on businesses that drive up their costs, and create a business-friendly environment.

Tuesday's debate was sponsored by the Rapid City Journal.

Standoff suspect in Rapid City arrested again

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A man accused of taking a 2-year-old boy hostage and holding law officers at bay in Rapid City in July faces new charges after a weekend vehicle crash.

Thirty-two-year-old Raymond Cuny, of Box Elder, is charged with driving under the influence, reckless driving and driving with a suspended license after allegedly crashing a sport utility vehicle into two parked city vehicles on Sunday. Damage was estimated at \$40,000.

Cuny posted bond Monday and was released. A working telephone number for him could not immediately be found.

Cuny faces kidnapping and burglary charges in the alleged July incident that followed a foiled burglary attempt. No one was hurt.

South Dakota winter wheat seeding nearly done

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Dry conditions across much of South Dakota over the past week have aided farmers planting winter wheat and harvesting row crops.

The Agriculture Department says in its weekly crop report that 90 percent of the state's winter wheat crop is in the ground, and more than half of it has emerged.

The harvest of soybeans is about equal to the average pace, but the harvest of corn, sorghum and sunflowers in South Dakota remains well behind the average.

Pasture and range conditions are rated 67 percent good to excellent, and stockwater supplies are 86 percent adequate to surplus.

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. U.S. STEPPING UP EFFORTS TO CONTAIN EBOLA CRISIS

President Obama ordered a "much more aggressive" response to deal with the Dallas hospital cases after a second nurse became sick with the disease.

2. SECOND INFECTION CASE IN TEXAS BRINGS SCRUTINY TO HOSPITAL PROTOCOLS

The fact that two nurses became infected while caring for a dying Ebola patient is causing a review of protective procedures for health care workers.

3. HONG KONG LEADER WILLING TO MEET STUDENT LEADERS TO EASE STANDOFF

A week after a similar meeting was canceled by the authorities, the territory's chief executive reiterates that Beijing won't budge on the 2017 electoral process.

4. WHO IS VOTING IN THE MIDTERMS

Almost one million early voters have already cast their ballots nearly three weeks before election day.

5. WHY SOAP OPERAS ARE TRIGGERING OUTCRY IN THAILAND

Plot lines that romanticize rape, a staple of local dramas, are drawing fire after real-life sex assault crimes shake society.

6. ISRAELI IMMIGRATION TO GERMANY CONTROVERSIAL BACK HOME

Nationalist fervor coupled with Jews' uneasy history with Nazi Germany make moving to Berlin a contentious issue.

7. A DIZZYING DAY FOR MARKETS AS STOCKS PLUNGE

Investors fled stocks and poured into bonds as worries about a global economic slowdown intensified and the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 460 points before recovering slightly in the late afternoon.

8. APPLE EXPECTED TO UNVEIL NEW IPADS

The company wants to reinvigorate its slowing-down tablet market amid rising iPhone sales.

9. WHY HBO IS CUTTING THE CORD

The company's streaming service will be sold as a stand-alone product as more Americans choose to watch the Web, not the TV.

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The win over the Orioles means the Royals are headed to their first World Series since 1985.

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As government steps up Ebola response, CDC discloses nurse allowed to fly before diagnosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is ramping up its response to the Ebola crisis after a second Dallas nurse became ill and it was disclosed that she had been cleared to fly a day before her diagnosis.

While Ebola patients are not considered contagious until they have symptoms and only two persons have been known to contract the disease in the U.S., the revelations Wednesday raised new alarms about whether hospitals and the public health system are equipped to handle the deadly disease.

Federal health officials were being called to testify before a congressional committee Thursday to explain where things went wrong.

President Barack Obama directed his administration to respond in a “much more aggressive way” to oversee the Dallas cases and ensure the lessons learned there are transmitted to hospitals and clinics across the country. For the second day in a row he canceled out-of-town trips to stay in Washington and monitor the Ebola response.

Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said nurse Amber Joy Vinson never should have been allowed to fly on a commercial jetliner because she had been exposed to the virus while caring for an Ebola patient who traveled to the U.S. from Liberia.

CDC’s protocols face review after Dallas nurse is infected in first US Ebola transmission

DALLAS (AP) — As Thomas Eric Duncan’s health deteriorated, nurses Amber Joy Vinson and Nina Pham were at the Ebola patient’s side.

They wore protective gear including face shields, hazardous materials suits and protective footwear as they inserted catheters, drew blood and dealt with his body fluids. Still, the two somehow contracted Ebola from the dying man.

As health officials try to figure out how that happened, the nurses’ cases have brought new scrutiny to national Ebola protocols that had never before been put to the test at a general hospital. Authorities are examining whether those guidelines need to be rewritten.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention protocols for Ebola recommend that nurses use personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, face shields and fluid-resistant gowns — as Vinson and Pham did. They also recommend diligent cleaning and disinfection of any items containing contaminated materials.

CDC director Dr. Tom Frieden has cited a “breach in protocol” that allowed Pham to be infected while she cared for Duncan in the intensive care unit, but has not specified the nature of that breach. He did however note that some of the nurses at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital inadvertently violated the CDC protocols by wearing too much protective gear.

Hong Kong leader says government is ready to start talks with student protesters

HONG KONG (AP) — Hong Kong’s leader said Thursday he is ready to start talks with student pro-democracy protest leaders as soon as next week, suggesting a breakthrough in a political crisis that has

seen activists taking over the city's key business districts for almost three weeks.

But Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying reiterated that Beijing will not retract election restrictions that protesters oppose, raising questions whether the proposed meeting can overcome the vast differences between the two sides.

"As long as students or other sectors in Hong Kong are prepared to focus on this issue, yes we are ready, we are prepared to start the dialogue," he told reporters. "This is why over the past few days ... we expressed the wish to students that we'd like to start the dialogue to discuss universal suffrage as soon as we can, and hopefully within the following week."

Leung did not directly respond to questions about when police will move in to clear out protesters, who have taken over major roads and streets in the city's business districts since Sept. 28 to press for a greater say in choosing the city's leader in the territory's first direct elections.

He said authorities have tolerated the civil disobedience movement until now but it "cannot go on indefinitely."

Ballots already coming in, with Florida leading early tallies for midterms

ATLANTA (AP) — Midterm elections are almost three weeks away, yet more than 904,000 Americans already have cast their ballots, with almost 60 percent of those early votes in Florida, according to data compiled by The Associated Press from election officials in 11 states.

Those numbers are climbing daily as more states begin their advance voting periods and more voters return mail-in ballots ahead of Nov. 4.

Early voting doesn't predict electoral outcomes, but both major parties emphasized the opportunity in recent elections as they try to lock in core supporters. Thirty-three states and the District of Columbia allow some form of advance voting other than traditional absentee voting requiring an excuse.

A spokesman for national Democrats, Justin Barasky, said the party is especially focused on encouraging early voting by Democrats who usually don't participate in midterms. Returns show that, historically, casual voters who support Democrats in presidential elections are more likely to stay home than average Republican voters.

In the 2010 midterms, when Republicans regained control of the House and won sweeping victories in statehouses around the country, advance voting accounted for almost 27 million ballots out of more than 89 million, meaning about 3 out of 10 voters cast early ballots. Almost 129 million people voted in the 2012 presidential election, 35.8 percent of them before Election Day.

Pistorius sentencing: Reeva Steenkamp's cousin says athlete must 'pay for what he's done'

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Oscar Pistorius must "pay for what he's done" and his apology to the family of the girlfriend he killed was not sincere, a cousin of Reeva Steenkamp testified Thursday.

Kim Martin spoke on the fourth day of the sentencing portion of the double-amputee Olympian's trial. Following the testimony, which is expected to end this week, Judge Thokozile Masipa will rule on what punishment Pistorius must serve after convicting him of culpable homicide for shooting Steenkamp through a toilet door in his home.

"My lady, I really believe the accused, Mr. Pistorius, needs to pay for what he's done," Martin testified before the red-robed judge.

"My family are not seeking revenge," Martin said. "We just feel to take somebody's life, to shoot somebody behind the door who is unarmed, who is harmless, needs sufficient punishment."

Pistorius was acquitted of murder for the Feb. 14, 2013 killing and found guilty of the lesser crime of negligent killing. Masipa has wide latitude when deciding on a sentence for culpable homicide, and could order a suspended sentence and a fine, house arrest, or send him to prison for up to 15 years.

Kurdish official appeals for weapons for Kobani fighters, says airstrikes are not enough

MURSITPINAR, Turkey (AP) — A Syrian Kurdish official is calling on the international community to allow weapons into the border town of Kobani for the fight against Islamic State militants.

Idriss Nassan, deputy head of Kobani's foreign relations committee, says the Islamic State group can bring in reinforcements and weapons at any time and endanger the town near Turkey. He said airstrikes by the U.S.-led coalition are not enough.

Nassan's comments on Thursday came a day after the Pentagon spokesman said Kobani remains in danger of falling to the Islamic State fighters.

Kirby said two weeks of airstrikes have killed hundreds of Islamic State fighters, and have stiffened Kobani's defenders.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the death toll since the Islamic State offensive began in mid-September has reached more than 660.

Avalanches, blizzard leave at least 25 dead in Nepal but dozens more missing

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — Search and rescue teams flying on army helicopters spotted the bodies of eight more trekkers killed in a series of blizzards and avalanches that have hit central Nepal in recent days, raising the death toll in the region to 25, officials said Thursday.

About 70 people were still missing along or near the popular Annapurna trail, said Ganga Sagar Pant of the Trekking Agencies Association of Nepal, and the death toll there was expected to rise.

The route, 160 kilometers (100 miles) northwest of the capital, Katmandu, was filled with international hikers because October is peak trekking season, when the air is clear and the weather is cool. There were also many Nepalese on the trails because of local festivals.

At least 12 people died when they were caught in a sudden blizzard Tuesday in the Thorong La pass area.

As the weather improved, rescue workers recovered the bodies of four hikers — two Poles, an Israeli and a Nepali — from around Thorong La. Two trekkers from Hong Kong and 12 Israelis were airlifted Wednesday to Katmandu, where they were being treated at Shree Birendra Hospital.

Rape and romance: Thailand soap operas' long-successful mix draws fire after real-life crimes

BANGKOK (AP) — In a famous scene from Thailand's award-winning soap opera "The Power of Shadows," the handsome protagonist gets drunk and rapes the leading lady. He later begs her forgiveness, and the producers say they will live happily ever after in the sequel.

Boy Meets Girl, Boy Rapes Girl, Boy Marries Girl. The premise is so common in Thailand's popular

primetime melodramas it could be called a national twist on the universal romantic plotline. But calls for change are growing.

The recent real-life rape and murder of a girl on an overnight train in Thailand has focused national outrage on messages in popular culture that trivialize — and some say even encourage — rape. Even the powerful general who took over the country in a coup this year had to apologize after suggesting that women who wear bikinis on the beach are vulnerable to sexual assault.

Many in the soap opera industry continue to defend sexual violence, in part, as a key to high ratings in a fiercely competitive industry that draws more than 18 million viewers a night to network television, nearly a quarter of Thailand's population.

Award-winning director Sitthiwat Tappan even describes some rape scenes as a sort of public service.

New iPads, Mac system expected at Apple event

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CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP) — Apple Inc. is expected to unveil new iPads at an event Thursday, as the company tries to drive excitement amid slowing demand for tablet computers. Apple may also announce a new Mac operating system and possibly new Mac computers. Watchers also await a possible launch date for Apple Pay, the company's new system for using iPhones to make credit and debit card payments at retail stores.

As usual, Apple isn't disclosing what it plans to reveal at its headquarters in Cupertino, California, Thursday. Invites to its event carried the cryptic message, "It's been way too long." CEO Tim Cook is expected to preside over the event, which begins at 10 a.m. PDT (1 p.m. EDT).

NEW IPADS:

It's been a year since Apple came out with a lighter, thinner full-size model called the iPad Air. Apple is expected to refresh that with a faster processor and possibly a fingerprint ID sensor akin to what's found on recent iPhones. The sensor would let people use a fingerprint instead of a passcode to unlock the device and authorize Apple Pay purchases.

Apple also might offer an iPad with a gold-colored casing, another option already available on iPhones. An updated iPad Mini might be part of the new lineup.

Thursday's event comes as sales of Apple's iPads have dropped. Through the first half of this year, Apple had shipped 29.6 million iPads, a 13 percent drop from the same time last year. Apple plans to issue results for the latest quarter on Monday.

Apple has been facing competition from cheaper tablets running Google's Android operating system. Ahead of Apple's event, Google announced Wednesday that an 8.9-inch Nexus 9 tablet is coming next month at a starting price of \$399, \$100 less than the 9.7-inch iPad Air. It will run a new version of Android, dubbed Lollipop.

Besides competition, there's been an overall slowdown in tablet demand. This week, research firm Gartner projected worldwide shipments of 229 million tablets this year. Although that's up 11 percent compared with 2013, it's far less than the 55 percent growth seen last year and the more than doubling in sales in 2012.

More than half of U.S. households own at least one tablet, and the rest include people who may not want one or can't afford it, Gartner analyst Mika Kitagawa said.

While wireless carriers often subsidize smartphones to bring the price down to about \$200, customers typically pay full price for tablets — starting at \$499 for the iPad Air.

She said people are more likely to view a smartphone as essential, while they may use a smartphone

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or a traditional computer for many of the functions that a tablet can perform. In addition, some tablet owners are now buying hybrid devices that combine a tablet with a lightweight, detachable keyboard. Many of those run on Microsoft's Windows system. Gartner counts those as personal computers, not tablets.

MAC UPDATES

Apple has said a new Mac operating system is coming this fall, so there's been speculation that the company will use Thursday's event to announce more specifics, including timing.

The Mac update will be called Yosemite and will include aesthetic changes as well as new functionality, such as the ability to make phone calls with an iPhone nearby and a one-stop search tool for both locally stored documents and online resources.

Apple has been releasing Mac updates more frequently, in part to time them with annual changes to the iOS system for iPhones and iPads. Many of the new Mac features will complement what's found in iOS 8, including the ability to start tasks such as email on one device and finish on another.

Starting last year, Apple has made its Mac updates available as a free download.

Apple may also use the event to announce new Mac computers. The company released new laptops last October, and there's speculation new iMac desktops are in store.

APPLE PAY

Apple has already announced its new payments system, Apple Pay, but the iPhone feature wasn't made available right away. Apple is due to release an iOS 8.1 update that should enable Apple Pay and the ability to send and receive iPhone texts from Macs.

With Apple Pay, iPhone 6 and 6 Plus owners will be able to make payments at brick-and-mortar stores by holding their phone near a card reader. The new iPhones have a wireless chip to transmit the information needed to complete the transaction. Owners of older models won't be able to use Apple Pay, even with the software update.

Apple already has announced some of the credit card issuers and retailers expected to enable Apple Pay. More details may come Thursday.

Consumers aren't likely to abandon plastic credit cards until a majority of retailers, especially smaller merchants, accept contactless payments such as Apple Pay. But Apple Pay may spur transactions over mobile Web browsers and apps this holiday season, since it lets consumers avoid typing in credit card information each time.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 16, the 289th day of 2014. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 16, 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia. (Ten of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers were captured; all were executed.)

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1934, Chinese Communists, under siege by the Nationalists, began their "long march" lasting a year from southeastern to northwestern China.

In 1939, the comedy "The Man Who Came to Dinner," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, opened

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on Broadway.

In 1943, Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly officially opened the city's new subway system during a ceremony at the State and Madison street station.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy was informed that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

In 1964, China set off its first atomic bomb, codenamed "596," on the Lop Nur Test Ground. Harold Wilson of the Labour Party assumed office as prime minister of Britain, succeeding Conservative Sir Alec Douglas-Home.

In 1969, the New York Mets capped their miracle season by winning the World Series, defeating the Baltimore Orioles, 5-3, in Game 5 played at Shea Stadium.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla (voy-TEE'-wah) to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1984, Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of non-violent struggle for racial equality in South Africa.

In 1987, a 58-1/2-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

In 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen, Texas, as George Hennard opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria, killing 23 people before taking his own life.

In 1999, a New York Air National Guard plane rescued Dr. Jerri Nielsen from a South Pole research center after she'd spent five months isolated by the Antarctic winter, forced to treat herself for a cancerous breast lump.

Ten years ago: The Soyuz spacecraft was forced to manually dock with the International Space Station after it closed in on the station at a dangerously high speed. Pierre Salinger, a journalist who'd served as press secretary in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, died in France at age 79.

Five years ago: The government reported that the federal budget deficit for the just-ended fiscal year totaled an all-time high of \$1.42 trillion (a record which still stands). Agricultural officials said pigs in Minnesota had tested positive for the H1N1 virus, or swine flu, the first such cases in the U.S.

One year ago: Congress passed and sent to President Barack Obama for his signature legislation to avoid a threatened U.S. default and end the partial, 16-day government shutdown. A Lao Airlines turboprop crashed as it approached Pakse Airport in southern Laos; all 49 people on board were killed. The Los Angeles Dodgers beat St. Louis 6-4, trimming the Cardinals' lead to 3-2 in the NL championship series. The Detroit Tigers beat the Boston Red Sox 7-3 to even the AL championship series at 2-all.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Angela Lansbury is 89. Author Gunter Grass is 87. Actor-producer Tony Anthony is 77. Actor Barry Corbin is 74. Sportscaster Tim McCarver is 73. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 71. Actress Suzanne Somers is 68. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir is 67. Producer-director David Zucker is 67. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 66. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 63. Actor Morgan Stevens is 63. Actress Martha Smith is 62. Comedian-actor Andy Kindler is 58. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 56. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 55. Singer-musician Bob Mould is 54. Actor Randy Vasquez is 53. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 52. Actor Todd Stashwick is 46. Jazz musician Roy Hargrove is 45. Actress Terri J. Vaughn is 45. Singer Wendy Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 45. Rapper B-Rock (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 43. Rock singer Chad Gray (Mudvayne) is 43. Actor Paul Sparks is 43. Actress Kellie Martin is 39. Singer John Mayer is 37. Actor Jeremy Jackson is 34. Actress Caterina Scorsone is 34. Actress Brea Grant is 33.

Thought for Today: "Life is a solitary cell whose walls are mirrors." - Eugene O'Neill, American playwright (born this date in 1888, died 1953).