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The front page of the Press & Dakotan on Oct. 23, 1962, the day after President John Kennedy announced to the world that the Soviet Union had stationed missiles in Cuba. It had been almost a week since the president was informed of the presence of missiles. A military blockade was soon deployed. The subhead on the far right indicates just how close the world may have stood to all-out nuclear war.

## Officials Stress Getting Flu Vaccine

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Officials in South Dakota are urging all residents to get the flu vaccine as soon as possible.

The state has already confirmed four cases of influenza as of Oct. 9, all of which were in children. Kids account for a significant number of flu cases and hospitalizations each year, and also help spread the flu in communities.

The state is providing free flu vaccines for all children from six months old through 18 years old.

Flu vaccines are recommended for everyone, though some groups are at more risk than others including young children, pregnant women, people over 50 years old and those with chronic medical conditions.

"The Department of Health (DOH) recommends annual flu vaccination for everyone over the age of six months," said Barb Buhler, public information officer for the DOH.

Symptoms of the flu include a sudden onset of illness, chills, headache, stuffy or runny nose, the feeling of fatigue or weakness, a cough (which may initially be dry, but become a painful, hacking cough), fever, sore throat, muscle or body aches, diarrhea, vomiting, abdominal pain and exhaustion and lack of an appetite for food or desire to drink fluids.

"Influenza cases have already been confirmed in South Dakota this season, so we know the virus is circulating," Buhler said. "We encourage people to protect themselves and get vaccinated."

According to the Center for Disease Control, influenza cases in South Dakota have been sporadic, which is similar to cases in other neighboring states including Minnesota and Iowa. There has been no reported activity of influenza in Nebraska or North Dakota thus far.

The Yankton School District (YSD) is offering a free seasonal flu clinic for all of its students. Parents do not need to be present during the flu shot clinic, but do need to fill out and sign a consent form for the shot.

The clinic will take place at Beadle School Oct. 24, Lincoln School Oct. 30, Stewart School Oct. 24 and Webster School Oct. 23. Yankton Middle School will have the flu shots offered the morning of Oct. 23. Yankton High School will offer its students a free flu shot during the morning of Oct. 31.

The Center also hosted a flu shot clinic this past week.

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# On The Brink

## In October 1962, The Earth Was On The Edge Of Nuclear War – And A Yankton Man Was Caught Up In The Nightmarish Drama

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When Doug Sall left Fort Bragg, N.C., in October 1962, he had no idea the nation was on the brink of nuclear war.

He was given leave to return to South Dakota on what, in retrospect, would be considered day two of the Cuban Missile Crisis so he could participate in opening weekend of pheasant season.

On the 50th anniversary of the historic event that nearly brought the United States and the Soviet Union to atomic blows, the former curator of Yankton's Dakota Territorial Museum plans to talk about the stand-off and his experience with it.

"It's not just a history lecture," Sall said. "I want to explain what it was like to be involved with it."

His presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Yankton Community Library.

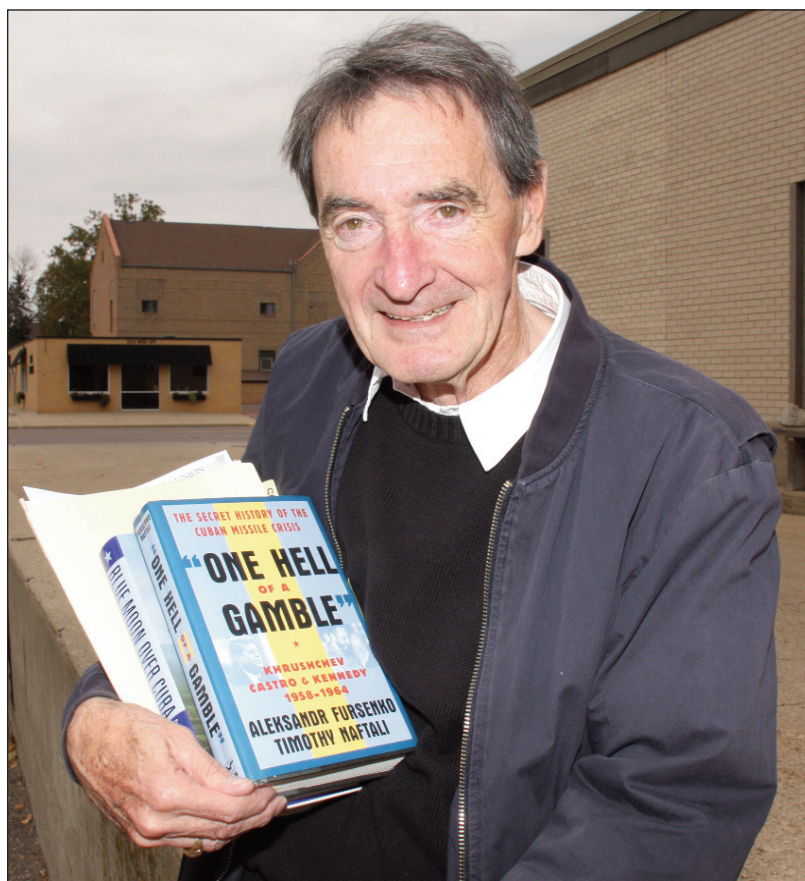
Additionally, a showing of the film "13 Days," which chronicles the missile crisis, will take place at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 23 in the library with commentary by Sall.

The Cuban missile crisis occurred in October 1962 when the U.S. discovered the Soviet Union had sent nuclear warheads to be stationed in Cuba. The U.S., outraged at the development, demanded the warheads be removed.

At the time, President John Kennedy stated, "Any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere is an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States, requiring a full retaliatory response against the Soviet Union."

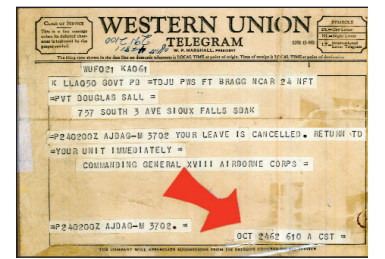
In the couple of weeks it took for the situation to play itself out, the U.S. set up a military blockade of Cuba and scrambled to mount an attack on the island nation, which was ultimately never realized.

By the end of October, the Soviet Union had agreed to have the weapons shipped back from Cuba. In return, the U.S. quietly removed its missiles from Turkey and publicly declared it would not invade Cuba.



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Doug Sall was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He will give a presentation at the Yankton Community Library at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday about the history of the event and his experience with it.



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Doug Sall received this telegram at his parents' home in Sioux Falls instructing him to return to Fort Bragg while he was on leave in South Dakota in October 1962. He would make it back to the base just before the Cuban Missile Crisis ended.

## Red Hats Visiting Yankton

BY DEREK BARTOS  
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A group of women visiting Yankton this weekend is painting the town red — and pink, purple and lavender, too.

The Red Hat Society, an international organization of women dedicated to fun and friendship, kicked off its 2012 state convention Friday at the Best Western Kelly Inn and Minervas Convention Center. More than 275 women from eight states are taking part in the festivities, which continue today (Saturday) and Sunday.

"It's really great," said Susan Lauck, Red Hat Convention chairperson. "We've never had the convention here before, and my goal is to showcase Yankton."

Throughout the weekend, convention attendees will tour various parts of the city, including the Cramer-Kenyon Heritage Home, Christ Episcopal Church, the historic Mead Building, the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple and the Meridian Bridge. Various local businesses are also being promoted throughout the weekend.

"We're really excited. This is a really large convention for us to host," said Lisa Scheve, director of the Yankton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The Red Hat Society is a member-based organization that is dedicated to reshaping the way women are viewed in today's culture, according to the group's website. With more

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Sandy Fluty, left, of Kansas City, Mo., and Romyne Thompson of Rochester, Minn., check out some of the accessories on sale at the Red Hat Society Convention Friday in Yankton.

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