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## Sunday, December 21

FIRST DAY OF WINTER

**Birthdays:** Kent Webb • Kayla Townsend • Ashley Fliehs • Steve Giedt • Eva Ellis

## Monday, December 22

No School

**Senior Menu:** Baked chicken breast, noodles Romanoff, lemon buttered broccoli, pineapple strawberry Ambrosia, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** • Don Raines • Kristen Winther • Cameron Howard

6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

6:30pm: GBB hosts Roncalli

7:00pm: St. John's Lutheran Christmas Program practice

## Tuesday, December 23

No School

**Senior Menu:** Mashed potatoes and gravy, parsley buttered carrots, apple sauce, Molasses cookie, whole wheat bread.

**Anniversaries:** Jerry & Joan Johnson • Jerry & Ramona Rossow

6:30pm: BBB at Roncalli

## Wednesday, December 24

No School

**Senior Menu:** Meatloaf, baked potato with sour cream, creamed peas, fruited Jell-O, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Merry Jo Ball • Holly Carlson • Carmen Craig • Brian Townsend • Christine Young • Katie Bull • Aaron Cobb • Michael Erdmann

Christmas Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center

4:00pm: Bethlehem Lutheran, Pierpont, worship

## The cardboard/paper

recycling trailer at the school is **OPEN**

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## Groton Area has triple NEC Champions

Trevor Pray, Kelby Hawkins and Tyler Scott were all winners Saturday at the Northeast Conference Wrestling Tournament held in Sisseton. Brandyn Anderson placed second.

Trevor Pray, wrestling at 113 pounds, pinned Hunter Kloos of Deuel, 1:12; he then decisioned Austin Grout of Webster, 7-4; and in the championship match, he decisioned Brady Krause of Milbank, 3-1.

Kelby Hawkins, wrestling at 132 pounds, pinned Caleb Orris of Clark-Willow Lake, in 53 seconds; and in the championship match, he decisioned Devon Sievers of Deuel, 8-2.

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**Trevor Pray decisioned Brady Krause of Milbank in the championship match, 3-1.**



**Tyler Scott won the NEC conference championship with a 10-6 decision over Harrison Wookey of Clark-Willow Lake.**



**Brandyn Anderson decisioned Caden Wollschalger of Milbank in the championship semifinals, 3-0.**



**Kelby Hawkins won the NEC championship with an 8-2 decision over Devon Sieverts of Deuel.**

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Tyler Scott, wrestling at 160 pounds, pinned Braden Terry of Redfield-Doland in 22 seconds; he scored a major decision over Tyler Brown of Deuel, 15-6; and in the championship match, he decisioned Harrison Wookey of Clark-Willow Lake, 10-6.

Brandyn Anderson, wrestling at 220 pounds, decisioned Colton Koslowski of Webster, 3-1; he decisioned Caden Wollschlager of Milbank, 3-0; and in the championship match, he was pinned by Brett Christman of Redfield-Doland in 47 seconds.

Garrett Schroeder, wrestling at 106 pounds, was pinned by Hunter Burnett of Milbank in 34 seconds; and he was pinned by Dane Christopherson of Sisseton in 22 seconds.

Coach Dana Dargatz said, "The kids have been working hard in the practice room, and Saturday showed their efforts. A lot of confidence was gained with some big wins against our competition. Top to bottom, the kids fought for every point they earned, and I couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments."

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

## Groton Community Transit

Annual Christmas  
Open House and Bake  
Sale Monday, Dec. 22  
10am to 3pm.

Stop in at the transit office down town (across from City Hall) and enjoy piano Christmas Carols by elementary and high school youth, Door Prizes and refreshments.

Check out the fresh baked goods on the bake sale for your Christmas Holiday!

## Classifieds

### Help Wanted

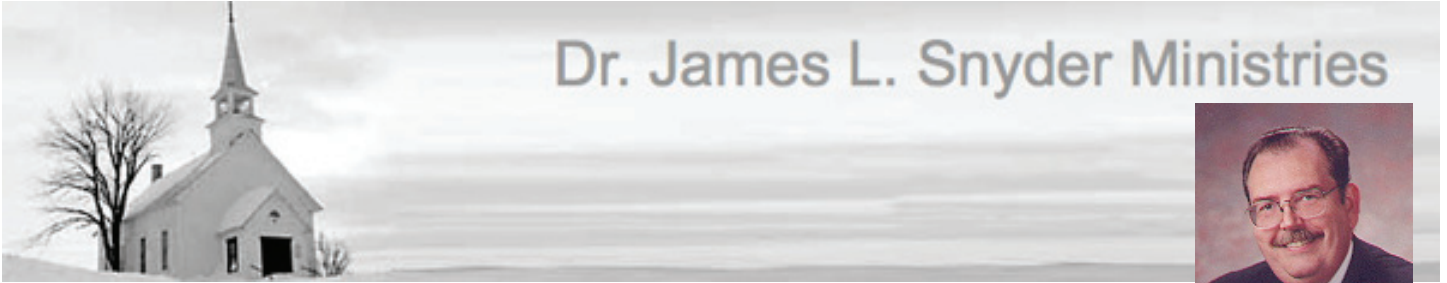
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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



## Do Christmas Temptations Really Count?

All my life I have been careful about succumbing to the temptations of life. I have not always been successful and have fallen into some. Oscar Wilde famously said, "I can resist anything except temptation." We all know the end of his life.

Temptation is the hardest thing in life to resist. I have watched myself and in spite of watching myself, I have succumbed to temptation. Just when I think I have overcome everything and have stepped beyond temptation, I find myself tempted.

It is not being tempted that is difficult, because everybody is tempted. The hymn writer said, "Yield not to temptation, for yielding is sin." So the temptation is not sin, it is how I react to that temptation.

I must say I have had some abundant help from the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage whose major role in life is to keep me from yielding. She has kept me from who knows how much yielding I will never know. I do know this, I do not want to yield to some temptation and then have to face her. Enough said.

But this is the holiday season, celebrating Christmas and everything that goes with it. One major activity that goes with this kind of holiday is eating.

Now eating is something we do all the time; at least I do. It is not the eating; it is what I am eating that poses some problems. The Christmas holiday offers so many cookies and cakes and pies that I cannot eat them all, but I try. Oh boy, do I try.

"Don't you think you have had enough cake?" She always asked me in the middle of eating a piece of cake. If my mouth was not full with cake, I would like to tell her, "No, I don't think I have had enough cake and when I do I'm certainly not going to tell you."

You all know where that will get me!

What I want to know is simply this; how much cake or cookie or pie is really too much? It is a simple question and I would like to have a simple answer.

Where I get into trouble is when my wife and I go to some Christmas party. I feel as a responsible partygoer I need to taste all of the cake and cookies that the gracious host has provided for us. That's just the way I think about it. I believe it would be insulting to go to a party and not eat all of the party vittles, at least sample them.

My wife, as you may guess, has an altogether different view of it. She has this strange notion that when I go to a party, particularly when she is accompanying me, the less I eat the more I honor the hostess. According to her, I should leave a party hungry.

My idea is simply that if it is a holiday party with Christmas cakes and cookies the calories are on holiday and do not count. At least I am not counting them. I think at Christmas time bookkeeping should be put aside and the enjoyment of the season should be foremost.

If the host comes to me in the middle of a party and asks me how I liked her cake, I feel I have the

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responsibility to give a very educated critique of the cake. I owe it to her. After all, she took the time to bake it and I should take the time to eat it and enjoy it and critique it. Giving my honest opinion about the Christmas vittles is a very important part of who I am.

It is after the party that I encounter the greatest difficulty. That is, explaining to my wife why I ate so much cake and cookies and pie.

She does not very much accept the, "I just do not want to be rude," explanation.

This is one of the few places in life that we differ or I should say that I stand up and differ. I know that while I am at the party indulging in the delicacies all I will get is a poke in the rib and one of her "looks." I can handle that. After all, Christmas delicacies are worth it.

It is when I get home that I have to deal with the Christmas temptations I yielded to at the party.

For several years and I plan to use it this year, I always respond by saying, "I'm going to make a New Year's resolution not to eat cake anymore for the rest of the year."

How I get away with this New Year's resolution is that I make it two days before the end of the year. And so, for the rest of the year, which includes two days, I will eat no cake or cookies or pie while the world stands.

Temptation is not a serious thing unless backed into a corner and forced to yield to that temptation.

The Bible Says, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

Temptations never count unless for some reason I yield to the temptation.

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## We Wish You A Merry Christmas!

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## Today in Weather History

1968: A blizzard visited South Dakota and Minnesota on the 21st and 22nd. Snowfall during the snow-storm was generally 1 to 2 inches in the western part of South Dakota, to 5 to 10 inches in Minnesota, with more than 12 inches in an area from Artichoke Lake in Big Stone County to the southeast in Minnesota, and up to 18 inches in east central and southeast South Dakota. The snowfall, on top of an already-existing 10-inch layer of powdery snow, was whipped by 30-50 mph winds, with some winds over 50 mph in Minnesota, that occasionally reduced visibility to near zero, created snow drifts up to 10 feet or more, stopped almost all forms of traffic, blocked many primary highways for most of Sunday the 22nd, and blocked most of the secondary roads as well as some other roads for nearly a week.

Due to good blizzard warnings and the fact that the blizzard occurred late Saturday through Sunday, the highway patrol reported a minimum of accidents and stranded travelers. Most schools were closed and other activities were curtailed. Many utility lines were down. Record December snowfall amounts were recorded for more than 40 locations in Minnesota. Artichoke Lake in Big Stone County received 16 inches of snow from this storm, by far its largest daily snowfall on record for any month of the year. Clear Lake, in Deuel County, measured 18 inches of snow, which also remains the largest daily snowfall on record for any month in that location. Watertown and Bryant received nine inches from this blizzard, while Castlewood reported seven inches.

1984: Strong winds gusted to 60 mph in the western through north central parts of South Dakota during the morning of the 21st.

1944: The Battle of the Bulge lasted from December 16, 1944 to January 25, 1945. By this time Germany was clearly losing World War II and Hitler was hoping to regain advantage if the attack would occur in bad weather to prevent the Allied Air Forces from being effective. As the Americans occupied the strategic position of Bastogne, the German army surrounded the city. However because of bad weather, planes were unable to fly and provide supplies by air drop to the American Forces. On December 29 the weather finally cleared up and much needed supplies were received. The Americans then launched a counteroffensive, but soldiers had to fight the cold and snow as well.

1967 : The City Hall and a large portion of the business district of Potosi, MO was destroyed by an F4 tornado. There were 52 injuries and 3 deaths.

1892 - Portland, OR, was buried under a record 27.5 inches of snow. (21st-24th) (The Weather Channel)

1929 - An exceptional storm produced snow from the Middle Rio Grande Valley of Texas to

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southern Arkansas. The storm produced 26 inches of snow at Hillsboro TX, 18 inches at El Dorado AR, and 14 inches at Bossier LA. (21st-22nd) (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1964 - A great warm surge from the Pacific Ocean across Oregon and northern California brought torrential rains on a deep snow cover resulting in record floods. (David Ludlum)

1987 - High winds continued along the eastern slopes of the Rockies. During the morning hours winds gusted to 64 mph at Cheyenne WY, and reached 97 mph near Boulder CO. Gale force winds prevailed across the Great Lakes Region. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)








1988 - Seven cities in the eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures for the date, including Charleston SC with a reading of 78 degrees. A storm in the northwestern U.S. produced 22 inches of snow at Idaho City ID in two days, and up to two feet of snow at Happy Camp CA. Ski resorts in Idaho reported three to six feet of snow on the ground. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Forty cities in the north central U.S., including thirteen in Iowa, reported record low temperatures for the date. Havre and Jordan, MT, tied for honors as the cold spot in the nation with morning lows of 43 degrees below zero, and the temperature remained close to 40 degrees below zero through the daylight hours. Dickinson ND reported a morning low of 33 degrees below zero and a wind chill reading of 86 degrees below zero. The high for the date of 16 degrees below zero at Sioux Falls SD was December record for that location. (The National Weather Summary)

1998 - Cold air spread into the southern San Joaquin Valley of California. For the next four nights, temperatures in the agricultural portions of Fresno, Tulare, and Kern counties dropped below 28 degrees for several hours at a time. In some locations, temperatures dipped into the teens. The California citrus industry suffered more than \$600 million in damages due to the extreme cold.

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
						
30%	30%		50%	50%	50%	20%
Chance Rain/Sleet High: 33 °F	Wintry Mix Low: 25 °F	Patchy Fog High: 34 °F	Wintry Mix Low: 28 °F	Chance Snow High: 34 °F	Chance Snow Low: 24 °F	Slight Chc Snow High: 28 °F

## A Myriad of Weather Conditions Through Tuesday

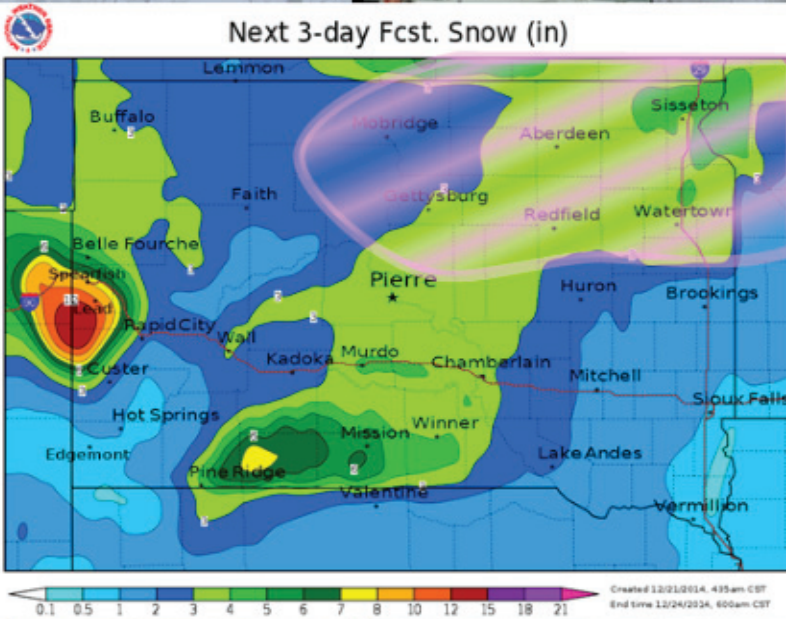
**Today**  
Clouds & Fog

**Monday**  
Morning: Light Rain & Freezing Rain  
Evening: Accumulating Snow  
Winds Increase

**Tuesday**  
Snow Tapering  
Blowing Snow & Reduced Visibility

Greatest Risk For  
Light Ice  
Accumulation

Forecast Totals  
2 – 5 Inches



A clipper system will push through the region Tonight through Tuesday. Temperatures will be right around freezing out ahead of the system, leading to a mixed bag of precipitation Monday morning, but then will cool off on the back side of the low. By Tuesday, high temperatures across the area should be in the upper 20s with lows in the teens.



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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 30.4 at 6:54 PM

**Low:** 25.5 at 10:48 AM

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust:** 25 at 9:01 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 50° in 1979, 1957, 1893

**Record Low:** -31° in 1916

**Average High:** 24°F

**Average Low:** 4°F

**Average Precip in Dec.:** 0.33

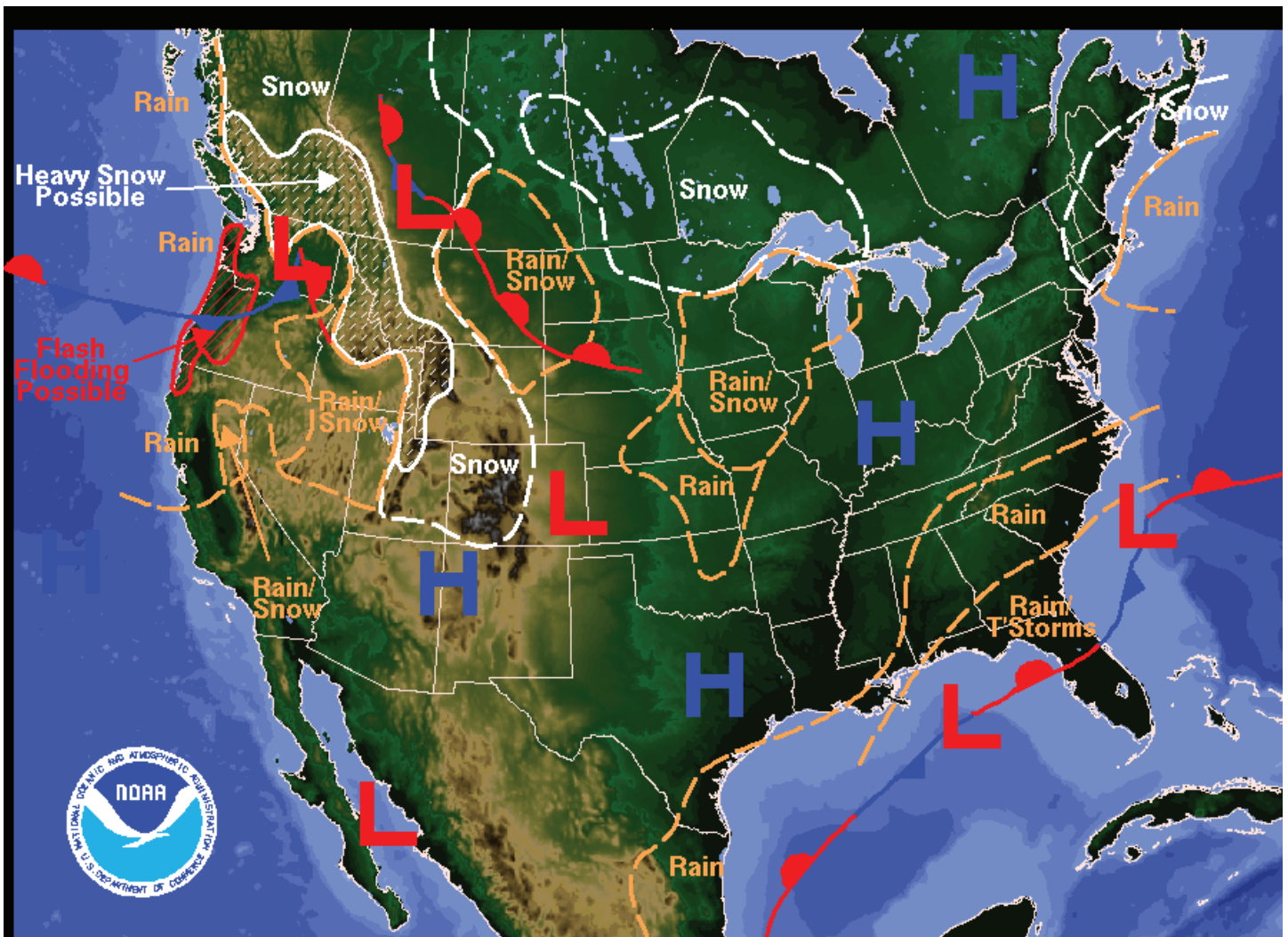
**Precip to date in Dec.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 21.53

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.99

**Sunset Tonight:** 4:53 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:11 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Sun, Dec 21, 2014, issued 3:11 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by Hamrick based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



## BEND DOWN, DADDY!

A little girl was trying to hug her father, but he was too tall. "Bend down, Daddy," she cried, "so I can reach you."

Before God sent His Son into the world, He too, seemed beyond our reach. God the Father became God the Son and lived among us so we could come to know and understand Him. God became Man in the Person of His Son.

Like us, He was born of a woman. But unlike us, He had no earthly father.

His life, which began without sin, was lived without sin. He went about doing good for all – healing the sick and providing hope for the crises of life. After all of the good that He did, He voluntarily went to the cross and died for our sins, expressing the love of God, His Father.

He's the same today. Right now, as always, He's reaching out to us with His enduring and unending love.

This is a great time to reach out to Him and tell Him we love Him and are thankful for all He's done for us.

**Prayer:** Father, we thank You for Your love. We are grateful that You came into the world to show us how much You care for us. May we grow to love You more and live lives that please and honor You. In Your Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

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News from the **AP** Associated Press

## SD November milk production up 7 percent over 2013

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture says South Dakota increased its milk production in November.

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service says milk production in the state totaled 176 million pounds last month, a 7 percent increase over November 2013.

The average number of milk cows in November was 97,000, up 2,000 during the same period last year. Milk production per cow averaged 1,810 pounds.

## Woman sentenced for using someone's personal data

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A South Dakota woman accused of using someone else's name and Social Security number to open bank accounts and receive debit and cash cards from two banks has been sentenced.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 59-year-old Glenda Suhr has been sentenced to 18 months in prison for her conviction on an access device fraud charge. She has also been ordered to spend three years on supervised release and pay more than \$54,000 in restitution.

Prosecutors say Suhr also obtained social security benefits, housing assistance and food stamps using the other person's personal information between the late 1980s and 2013.

The Nisland woman is now under the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service.

## States trying to lure lawyers into rural practice

REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press

CORSICA, S.D. (AP) — By landing a steady job in a hopping metropolis, Jake Fischer achieved the dream of many who finished law school during the Great Recession. Then, he left the big-city life and

moved to a small South Dakota town, lured by a program that seeks to boost the number of rural attorneys.

Although federal grant money for decades has been available for doctors, nurses and dentists willing to relocate to sparsely populated areas, the South Dakota program is believed to be the first of its kind to similarly compensate lawyers.

Fischer, who is married with one child, is the first of up to 16 attorneys accepted into the program, which is funded by the state's judicial system, the South

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Dakota Bar Association and the counties. It offers an annual subsidy of \$12,000 — or 90 percent of the cost of a year at the University of South Dakota Law School — to live and practice in rural communities.

The 30-year-old left his job at a Minneapolis nonprofit this past spring to work at his new law office in Corsica, South Dakota, about 25 miles from his hometown of Parkston. He's the only full-time attorney in the town of 600 and one of just two full-time in a county of about 3,000 people, almost 100 miles away from the nearest metro area.

"Being in a small town, of course you have to do a little bit of everything, criminal law, land deals, business deals, estate planning, the whole range of stuff really," Fischer said.

Four urban areas in South Dakota have 65 percent of the state's lawyers and rural residents sometimes have to drive nearly 100 miles for legal advice. But South Dakota isn't the only state struggling with attracting lawyers to rural areas.

In Nebraska, 12 of the state's 93 counties have no practicing attorney. Only about 30 percent of Georgia's attorneys can be found outside the Atlanta area. And even in New York with nearly 170,000 attorneys, more than 60 percent concentrate in New York City.

South Dakota Supreme Court Chief Justice David Gilbertson, a former small-town lawyer himself, said such a disparity threatens the legal system.

"You can have the courthouse doors wide open, you can have the judge sitting in the courthouse, but without lawyers to represent the clients, nothing is going to happen, or very little," Gilbertson said. "They make the whole system work."

In the sparsely populated state, cash-strapped communities have to hire lawyers from nearby towns to take part in board and commission meetings, as well as to serve as prosecutors or court-appointed defenders.

Jim Silkenat, immediate past president of the American Bar Association, said South Dakota has "led the way" in its effort to attract rural attorneys, but some other states are starting to take similar steps.

Nebraska next year will begin repaying loans for law school graduates who commit to serving at least three years in underserved communities in the state. The state bar also is teaming with two law schools to offer summer clerkships at rural firms.

And Legal Aid of Arkansas recently received a \$15,000 grant from the American Bar Association to fund fellowships for newly admitted lawyers who serve in rural areas for one year.

Fischer said, for him, the idea of returning "home" was appealing. But recruiting attorneys — and sometimes their spouse and children — to rural areas isn't easy. Many graduates believe their income will be much lower and won't allow them to repay their student debt, which typically surpasses \$100,000.

"One of the big things, honestly, that my wife and I thought about is losing some of the culture, losing some of the entertainment, and things like that," Fischer said. "But the Internet has opened up so much stuff that you can get whatever you want. You can access music and movies and all that stuff. We all have the same resources."

## Freeman nonprofit explores \$15M arts, earth center

FREEMAN, S.D. (AP) — A southwest South Dakota nonprofit is moving forward with plans for a \$15 million arts and earth center.

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan reports (<http://bit.ly/13jE0ps>) Freeman Education and Research, or FEAR, is considering possible sites for the project. The combined arts center and greenhouse would aim to stimulate economic development using agriculture, arts and heritage. The for-profit greenhouse

would help support the nonprofit arts center and would provide energy for the center.

Board chairman John Koch says organizers are conducting a financial feasibility study with a \$150,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. He says the FEAR board may seek additional federal funding and has applied for other grants.

Koch says site selection will likely be finalized by the spring.

## SD Historical Society to host NASA webcast

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — The South Dakota State Historical Society is hosting a webcast that addresses NASA's landing of the Curiosity Rover on Mars.

The program sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution will be broadcast Jan. 11 at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre.

"NASA's Flying Saucer: Learning to Land on Mars" explores the Mars Science Laboratory landing and describes the process and technologies used to land the Curiosity Rover on Mars. The webcast also provides historical context for the development of those technologies.

There is no fee to view the program, but visitors wanting to go into the museum's galleries must pay standard admission.

## Firefighters to give toys to hospitalized children

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Firefighters in southeast South Dakota hope to bring a little cheer this holiday season to children who are hospitalized.

Sioux Falls Fire Rescue and the International Association of Firefighters Local 814 members will spend part of Tuesday shopping for toys at a local store. They will then deliver those toys on Christmas Eve to children at Avera, Sanford, LifeScope and Avera Behavioral Health.

The firefighters on Tuesday will be shopping at Lewis Drug on 41st Street and Minnesota Avenue starting at 9 a.m.

## Saturday's Scores

The Associated Press

### Boys Basketball

Aberdeen Central 76, Harrisburg 49

Bridgewater-Emery 51, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 37

Burke/South Central 49, Stuart, Neb. 44

Colome 63, Cody-Kilgore, Neb. 48

Eureka/Bowdle 71, Edmunds Central 35

Hanson 77, Avon 35

Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 59, Lemmon 35

Highmore-Harrold 84, Jones County 60

Huron 67, Rapid City Central 59, OT

James Valley Christian 67, Kimball/White Lake 57

Langford 61, Hitchcock-Tulare 41

Lyman 53, Bennett County 43

Mitchell 81, Rapid City Stevens 73, OT

Mobridge-Pollock 64, Potter County 60

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Philip 87, Edgemont 40  
Sioux Falls O'Gorman 60, Watertown 46  
Wagner 63, Dakota Christian 42  
Walthill, Neb. 71, Freeman Academy 42  
Webster 60, Ipswich 52  
Winner 65, Sully Buttes 52

## **Eastern Coteau Conference Tournament**

Seventh Place: Milbank JV 46, Waubay 39  
Fifth Place: Wilmot 44, Great Plains Lutheran 33  
Third Place: Rosholt 54, Florence/Henry 39  
Championship: Summit 43, Waverly-South Shore 31

## **Lakota Nation Tournament**

Crow Creek 68, Pine Ridge 67  
Little Wound 79, Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 68  
Lower Brule 45, Hill City 41  
McLaughlin 82, Oelrichs 54  
Omaha Nation, Neb. 60, Flandreau Indian 51  
St. Francis Indian 55, Custer 35  
Tiospa Zina Tribal 55, Todd County 35  
White River 72, Red Cloud 63

## **Stateline Shootout**

Lead-Deadwood 70, Sundance, Wyo. 31  
Newcastle, Wyo. 45, Belle Fourche 32

## **Girls Basketball**

Bridgewater-Emery 52, Tripp-Delmont/Armour 39  
Colman-Egan 48, Deuel 32  
Colome 61, Cody-Kilgore, Neb. 34  
Dell Rapids 41, Flandreau 40  
Ethan 58, Scotland 26  
Eureka/Bowdle 33, Edmunds Central 22  
Freeman 58, Platte-Geddes 29  
Freeman Academy 52, Walthill, Neb. 36  
Hamlin 64, Dell Rapids St. Mary 35  
Highmore-Harrold 44, Jones County 41  
Ipswich 62, Webster 53, OT  
Lake Preston 56, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 51  
Lemmon 57, Hettinger/Scranton, N.D. 34  
Lyman 41, Bennett County 37  
Northwestern 55, Miller 37  
Philip 60, Edgemont 26  
Pierre 54, Brandon Valley 35  
Rapid City Central 64, Huron 50  
Rapid City Stevens 44, Mitchell 39  
Sioux Valley 63, Castlewood 53  
Stuart, Neb. 49, Burke/South Central 38

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Sully Buttes 68, Winner 64  
Watertown 46, Harrisburg 34

## **Entringer Classic**

Elkton-Lake Benton 51, Garretson 24

## **Lakota Nation Tournament**

Cheyenne-Eagle Butte 62, McLaughlin 59

Flandreau Indian 61, Lower Brule 48

Hill City 48, Oelrichs 45

Omaha Nation, Neb. 48, Custer 46

Pine Ridge 84, Little Wound 44

Tiospa Zina Tribal 54, Crow Creek 40

Todd County 60, Red Cloud 48

White River 54, St. Francis Indian 50

## **Sanford Classic**

Crofton, Neb. 56, Sioux Falls Washington 44

Hanson 57, Parkston 47

Sioux Falls Lincoln 82, Waconia, Minn. 47

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 80, Western Christian, Hull, Iowa 75

Viborg-Hurley 53, Spirit Lake, Iowa 47

Warner 51, Fairmont, Minn. 34

West Lyon, Inwood, Iowa 53, Aberdeen Roncalli 48

Worthington, Minn. 52, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 45

## **Stateline Shootout**

Lead-Deadwood 45, Sundance, Wyo. 14

Newcastle, Wyo. 41, Belle Fourche 39

## **South Dakota State survives in OT, tops Utah State 68-65**

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Deondre Parks knocked down a jumper and a 3-pointer back-to-back in overtime to lift South Dakota State to a 68-65 win at Utah State in the World Vision Classic Saturday night.

Zach Horstman knocked down a 3 with 5:45 left in the second half to give South Dakota State a 61-46 lead, but the Jackrabbits did not score again in the half and Utah State scrambled back to tie the game at 61-61 on Darius Perkins' jumper. South Dakota State was 0 for 6 in that final stretch in regulation, including a missed tip-in by Jake Bittle with a second left.

Parks finished with 17 points and Cody Larson added 16 to lead the Jackrabbits (9-3), who shot 37.3 percent from the field (25 of 67).

David Collette had 19 points to lead Utah State (6-5), with Jalen Moore adding 14. The Aggies shot 38.2 percent (21 of 55).

## **Huron man claims Wild Card 2 \$6,000 prize**

HURON, S.D. (AP) — A Huron man has claimed a Wild Card 2 prize worth \$6,000.

South Dakota lottery officials say Robert Ringheimer (RING'-hi-mer) bought the winning ticket at a Huron convenience store. He matched five of five white ball numbers but missed the Wild Card to hit the game's second prize.

Ringheimer's wife, Sue, says the family will "be having a very merry Christmas this year!"

The store will receive a \$600 bonus for the sale.

Wild Card 2 is played in the Dakotas, Montana and Idaho. The odds of winning it are 1 in about 127,000. The jackpot is at \$205,000 for Saturday's drawing.

## State: Local options needed for juvenile offenders

**JAMES NORD, Associated Press**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — When juvenile offenders appear before Fifth Judicial Circuit Judge Scott Myren, he tries to get them help they need in the northern communities he presides over. It's not always an easy process.

In his circuit's sparsely populated counties, juveniles may re-offend because they can't easily access local services — ranging from addiction programs to mental health treatment — so Myren says he's forced to put them into the custody of the state Department of Corrections.

A state panel report released this month found that, statewide, courts at times place juveniles in expensive state-sponsored care simply because community-based options aren't available.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard's spending plan for the upcoming budget cycle puts \$3.2 million toward enacting the changes the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Initiative Work Group outlined to help keep juveniles in their homes and reduce South Dakota's startlingly high rate of adolescents in state-sponsored care — 385 per 100,000 youth, the second-highest rate in the nation in 2011.

Advocates also say reducing the number of adolescents in state care would also help cut corrections costs.

Seventy-five percent of juveniles in South Dakota are committed for misdemeanors and other minor violations, according to the findings of the group, which included lawmakers, judges, and representatives from the governor's office and corrections department.

"I know that it's an expensive option, but it's the only option I have," said Myren, who's part of the work group. "If I had other options available that would allow me to keep them in the community, I would love to do that."

The body of evidence on successfully rehabilitating juvenile offenders emphasizes keeping adolescents with their families and in their schools, according to Sarah Bryer, director of the National Juvenile Justice Network in Washington, D.C.

Community treatment options are more available in population centers such as Sioux Falls and Rapid City, officials say, but harder to find in rural areas.

"For families in rural south Dakota, it can be very isolating, very remote," said Krista Heeren-Graber, administrator for South Dakota Voices for Children, an advocacy group.

Amy Hartman works on juvenile addiction programming in Sioux Falls' office of Volunteers of America, Dakotas. She says evidence-based treatments that her residential and outpatient programs use are specifically tailored for adolescents, with materials that address issues juveniles tend to experience.

"They just think differently," Myren said. "Literally their brains are wired differently than adults."

Some dangerous juvenile offenders will always need to be under state supervision, Department of Corrections Secretary Denny Kaemingk said, but weeding out low-level offenders would help both the state and the adolescents.

The state said that adopting the proposals could reduce the projected number of out-of-home juvenile commitments in South Dakota 64 percent by 2020 and could reduce the number of juveniles on probation by nearly 30 percent. For fiscal year 2014, the state had budgeted \$34 million for the committed juvenile population, spending between \$41,000 and \$144,000 per bed yearly.



"We know that we have to invest," Kaemingk said. "We can serve many of these youth in the community, and everyone is going to be better for it."

## Man gets 2 years for unregistered firearm charge

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A federal judge in South Dakota has sentenced a California man to two years in prison for having an unregistered firearm.

U.S. Attorney Brendan Johnson says 26-year-old Gregorio Aguirre has also been ordered to serve three years of supervised release. Aguirre earlier pleaded guilty to possession of an unregistered firearm.

Authorities say the charge stems from Aguirre knowingly having an unregistered, saw-off Remington .22 caliber rifle when he has pulled over by the South Dakota Highway Patrol in April.

Aguirre is under the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service.

## Survey: US gas prices fall 25 cents per gallon

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP) — The average price of regular gasoline nationwide has dropped another 25 cents a gallon in the past two weeks, to \$2.47.

Industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday that prices will likely keep falling.

Lundberg says the average price of regular gasoline is the lowest it's been in more than five years.

She says lower crude oil prices are driving prices down, along with an abundant oil supply and the rising value of the U.S. dollar.

The highest-priced gas in the Lower 48 states was found in Long Island, New York, at \$2.82 a gallon. The lowest was in Tulsa, Oklahoma, at \$2.06 a gallon.

California's lowest average was in Sacramento, at \$2.58 a gallon.

The average price for midgrade gas in the U.S. is \$2.71. For premium it's \$2.87.

## Good news from Tom Brokaw: His cancer is in remission

**FRAZIER MOORE, AP Television Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Tom Brokaw says his cancer is in remission.

The veteran NBC newsman announced Sunday that, after months of chemotherapy, he soon will begin a drug maintenance program.

Sharing with colleagues what he called "very encouraging news," Brokaw's internal memo noted that a year ago his future was "more uncertain than I cared to acknowledge."

Last February, he revealed that six months earlier he was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting blood cells in the bone marrow, and was undergoing treatment.

He called the past year "a challenge," but added gratefully he met it in "world-class hospitals with brilliant physicians."

The former NBC "Nightly News" anchor, now a special correspondent, has continued to work on projects during his treatment, including participation in last month's election night coverage. Also in November, he took NBC Sports Network viewers on a trip to his native South Dakota for pheasant hunting season.

Brokaw, 74, began his career with NBC News in its Los Angeles bureau in 1966, later serving as its White House correspondent during the Watergate scandal before becoming anchor in 1983. Brian Williams replaced him as anchor in 2004.

Brokaw is the author of several books including "The Greatest Generation," his celebration of Ameri-

cans who endured the Great Depression and World War II.

## California puzzles over safety of driverless cars

**JUSTIN PRITCHARD, Associated Press**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — California's Department of Motor Vehicles will miss a year-end deadline to adopt new rules for cars of the future because regulators first have to figure out how they'll know whether "driverless" vehicles are safe.

It's a rare case of the law getting ahead of an emerging technology and reflects regulators' struggle to balance consumer protection with innovation.

Safety is a chief selling point, since self-driving cars — thanks to an array of sensors — promise to have much greater road awareness and quicker reaction time than people. Plus, they won't text, drink or doze off.

Though the cars are at least a few years away from showrooms, seven companies are testing prototypes on California's roads, and regulators have questions: Do they obey all traffic laws? What if their computers freeze? Can they smoothly hand control back to human drivers?

DMV officials say they won't let the public get self-driving cars until someone can certify that they don't pose an undue risk. The problem is that the technology remains so new there are no accepted standards to verify its safety. Absent standards, certifying safety would be like grading a test without an answer key.

Broadly, the department has three options: It could follow the current U.S. system, in which manufacturers self-certify their vehicles; it could opt for a European system, in which independent companies verify safety; or the state could (implausibly) get into the testing business.

"It's a huge undertaking," said Bernard Soriano, who oversees the DMV's regulatory process. "There are all of these issues that need to be adequately answered."

Manufacturers generally would prefer self-certification. That may be where California ends up, but for now the DMV is exploring independent certification — something that doesn't exist for driverless cars.

In July, the DMV asked third-party testers whether they'd be interested in getting into the game. The department doesn't have the expertise to create a safety standard and testing framework, so "the department wanted to get a very good sense of what is out there in the market," according to Russia Chavis, a deputy secretary at the California State Transportation Agency, which oversees the DMV and requested a deeper exploration of third-party alternatives to self-certification.

Two large European testers and two businesses in Ohio responded to the DMV's request. None was ready to implement a program immediately.

So the department is asking industry, consumer groups and other interested parties to gather in January for a public workshop on safety standards.

Whatever course California officials take could influence how other states — and perhaps even the federal government — approach the issue. California is such a large consumer market that in many cases its rules become de facto national standards.

Federal transportation officials have said they don't plan to write driverless car safety standards any time soon, and they don't want states writing their own. SAE International, an association of engineers, has been developing a set of safety guidelines — but those are for vehicle testing and don't get into specific performance levels that would be needed for commercially available cars.

California's Jan. 1 deadline was set by a 2012 state law that regulated testing on public roads and required the DMV to publish rules guiding what carmakers need to do before they can bring the vehicles

to market. The law also says the DMV should encourage the development of driverless cars.

Regulations often lag cutting-edge technology, but California's driverless car policy has developed sooner because of lobbying from one of the state's signature companies: Google.

Self-driving vehicles are a departure from the Silicon Valley giant's Internet search and advertising core, but a priority for co-founder Sergey Brin.

Even before Google pushed the 2012 law that officially legalized driverless technology, the Silicon Valley giant had dispatched its cars hundreds of thousands of miles. Google says its Toyota Priuses and Lexus SUVs, souped up with radar, cameras and laser sensors, have an excellent safety record. They have been involved in just a "few" accidents, though not at fault in any of them, spokeswoman Courtney Hohne said.

Google has its own idea for how to determine whether vehicles are safe.

At a March hearing on DMV regulations, Ron Medford, the company's driverless car safety director and a former federal transportation official, suggested the department do road testing.

"I would be cautious," he said, "not to make some of these things more complicated than they are."

## AP News in Brief

### **2 NYPD officers fatally shot by gunman who vowed to kill cops; shooter takes his own life**

NEW YORK (AP) — A gunman who vowed online to shoot two "pigs" in retaliation for the police chokehold death of Eric Garner ambushed two New York City officers in a patrol car and fatally shot them in broad daylight Saturday before running to a subway station and killing himself, authorities said.

Ismaaiyl Brinsley, 28, wrote on an Instagram account: "I'm putting wings on pigs today. They take 1 of ours, let's take 2 of theirs," two city officials with direct knowledge of the case confirmed for The Associated Press. He used the hashtags Shootthepolice RIPErivGardner (sic) RIPMikeBrown.

The officials, a senior city official and a law enforcement official, were not authorized to speak publicly on the topic and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Police said Brinsley approached the passenger window of a marked police car and opened fire, striking Officers Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu in the head. The officers were on special patrol doing crime reduction work in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn.

"They were, quite simply, assassinated — targeted for their uniform," said Police Commissioner Bill Bratton, who looked pale and shaken at a hospital news conference.

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### **Sony hacking case combines rare blend of international intrigue and Hollywood star power**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The hackers who hit Sony Pictures Entertainment days before Thanksgiving crippled the network, stole gigabytes of data and spilled into public view unreleased films and reams of private and sometimes embarrassing executive emails.

One month later, the Obama administration confirmed what many had suspected: The North Korean government was behind the punishing breach. U.S. officials are promising a response, unspecified so far.

It was an extraordinarily public reaction from the highest levels of American government, considering that far more vital domestic interests have taken hits from foreign hackers in recent years — including

the military, major banks and makers of nuclear and solar power whose trade secrets were siphoned off in a matter of mouse clicks.

Yet even in a digital era with an endless cycle of cyberattacks, none has drawn the public's attention like the Sony breach and its convergence of sensational plotlines:

—an isolated dictator half a world away.

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## **North Korea wants joint investigation with US over Sony hacking to prove it's not involved**

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea proposed a joint investigation with the U.S. into the hacking attack against Sony Pictures Entertainment, warning of "serious" consequences if Washington rejects a probe that it believes would prove Pyongyang had nothing to do with the cyberattack.

The proposal was seen by analysts as a typical ploy by the North to try to show that it is sincere, even though it knows the U.S. would never accept its offer for a joint investigation.

U.S. officials blame North Korea for the hacking, citing the tools used in the Sony attack and previous hacks linked to the North, and have vowed to respond. The break-in resulted in the disclosure of tens of thousands of confidential Sony emails and business files, and escalated to threats of terror attacks against U.S. movie theaters that caused Sony to cancel the Christmas Day release of "The Interview," a comedy about a plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

On Saturday, an unidentified North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman in Pyongyang proposed the joint investigation with the U.S., saying the North knows how to prove it's not responsible for the hacking. He also said Washington was slandering Pyongyang by spreading unfounded rumors.

"The U.S. should bear in mind that it will face serious consequences in case it rejects our proposal for joint investigation and presses for what it called countermeasures while finding fault with" North Korea, the spokesman said in a statement carried by Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA.

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## **Young Cubans and Cuban-Americans contemplate a new future as governments establish ties**

HAVANA (AP) — Daniela Martinez long figured that someday she would leave the struggles of daily life in Cuba and join her uncle in the United States, but after the events of the last few days, the 18-year-old medical student thinks exile may not be her only choice.

"He always tells me things are better there," Martinez said, gesturing with her chin toward the sea leading to Florida. Dangling her legs over the edge of the Malecon, the iconic concrete seawall where entertainment-starved young Havanans gather each evening, she said, "I think things are going to get better."

For a generation that grew up believing the best way to pursue their dreams was to leave the island, the announcement this week that Cuba will open relations with the United States is prompting many to reevaluate their futures. At the same time, Cuban-Americans are considering what the changes will mean for their lives, with some even wondering whether they are significant enough to present a once far-fetched chance for them to return.

The five decades of estrangement since Fidel Castro came to power in the Cuban revolution have created an economic and psychological gulf much wider than the 90 miles of the Florida Straits. But the opening of relations, with increased travel and communication, stands to narrow those differences and

create new opportunities, especially for young people less burdened by the past.

For Cubans like Martinez, it may mean that becoming a doctor won't limit her to a meager state salary. For others, there is the hope of Internet access and an end to the desperation that leads thousands to migrate each year. Cuban-Americans, meanwhile, see the possibility of starting businesses in their homeland, connecting with their roots and putting aside the bitterness of parents and grandparents who were arrested, exiled or had property seized in the revolution.

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## **10 years on, tsunami-hit city is cleaned up but concerns linger over hazardous waste**

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Cars. Fishing boats. Houses. Entire villages. The 2004 tsunami left Banda Aceh with mountains of debris up to 6 kilometers (4 miles) inland.

Driving in the remade communities today, it's easy to wonder where it all went. Some of it is still there — recycled into road materials, buildings and furniture. Some of it was burned, creating new environmental hazards. And most of it was simply washed out to sea.

Ten years after that gigantic wave engulfed this city of 4 million on the day after Christmas, Banda Aceh has been almost totally restored. The tangled mountains of rubbish are gone, and it's hard to imagine the destruction that once choked rivers, blocked streets and ripped up trees by the roots.

The endless heaps of twisted metal, splintered wood and broken concrete have all disappeared except for some scattered reminders for tourists and local residents. A drive along the coast highlights a stunning coastline with new houses perched near the beach. Lush mangroves have been planted to help withstand future tsunamis, fishermen are back at sea and farmers are again working their rice paddies.

Still, authorities are concerned about the health and environmental risks posed by debris contaminated by oil, asbestos and medical waste sitting on the seafloor off the coast and in 32 unregulated dump sites around the city.

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## **Amid media crackdown, Russia's only independent TV channel broadcasts from a living room**

MOSCOW (AP) — Among the five TV journalists interviewing Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, the odd one out was easy to spot. Mikhail Zygar's questions were sharper than those of the others, who headed back to spacious television studios while Zygar broadcast his piece from a Moscow living room.

The Dozhd news channel, whose editor-in-chief Zygar was given a Committee to Protect Journalists award last month, rose to prominence in 2011 with its coverage of the mass protests against President Vladimir Putin — which state-owned television largely ignored.

As other Russian television channels have grown increasingly subservient this year, providing propaganda backing for the annexation of the Crimean Peninsula and Russia's aggressive policy toward Ukraine, Dozhd didn't follow the lead — and is now paying for it.

Putin's government has been careful not to order the channel to shut down, but a Kremlin-instigated smear campaign has driven this rare independent broadcaster to the brink of demise.

Past strollers and bicycles in the hall, a Soviet-era apartment in central Moscow now houses the studio of Dozhd, whose combined online and TV audience is about 12 million. Anchorman Pavel Lobkov sits on a chair in what was once a spacious living room.

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## **Australian woman charged with murder of 8 children whose bodies were found inside her home**

SYDNEY (AP) — An Australian woman was charged with murder on Sunday in the deaths of seven of her children and her niece, whose bodies were found inside her home, police said.

Mersane Warri, 37, was charged with eight counts of murder in a bedside hearing at a hospital in the northern city of Cairns where she is recovering from stab wounds, Queensland state police said.

Police were called to the home in the Cairns suburb of Manoora on Friday morning after receiving a report of a woman with serious injuries. When they got to the house, they found the bodies, along with Warri, who was suffering from stab wounds to the chest.

Police haven't said how the children died, but Queensland Police Detective Inspector Bruno Asnicar said they're examining several knives in the home that may have been the weapon used to kill them. Suffocation was also a possible cause of death, he said.

"We are considering that and that's why it's taking a bit of time," he said. "It could be a range of things, from suffocation to a thousand other things."

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## **Nigeria's Boko Haram extremists pose regional threat with cross-border attacks and recruitment**

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP) — Thousands of members of Nigeria's home-grown Islamic extremist Boko Haram group strike across the border in Cameroon, with coordinated attacks on border towns, a troop convoy and a major barracks.

Farther north, Boko Haram employs recruits from Chad to enforce its control in northeastern Nigerian towns and cities.

In Niger, the government has declared a "humanitarian crisis" and appealed for international aid to help tens of thousands of Nigerian refugees driven from their homes by the insurgency.

These recent events show how neighboring countries are increasingly being drawn into Nigeria's Islamic uprising. Thousands of people have been killed in Nigeria's 5-year insurgency and some 1.6 million people driven from their homes.

"We are concerned about the increasing regionalization of Boko Haram," said Comfort Ero, Africa director for the International Crisis Group. The countries have been slow to recognize "the gravity and extent of the threat from Boko Haram."

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## **How President Obama spent Day 1 of his holiday vacation in Hawaii**

KAILUA, Hawaii (AP) — How President Barack Obama spent the first day of his holiday vacation in Hawaii on Saturday:

— QUIET TIME AT HOME: Obama and the first family spent the morning at their vacation home in the breezy seaside town of Kailua and were greeted by sunny, blue skies. A handful of protesters stood outside the home's entrance holding signs that read "Close Guantanamo Now!" and "No more drone killings." Bicyclists and joggers swooshed by taking little notice of the heavy security around the neighborhood. Obama's Hawaii vacations have become part of the holiday experience on Oahu.

— GOLFING: Obama headed out before noon to play golf at Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Kaneohe

Bay, an emerald-hued bay flanked by jagged mountains just north of Kailua. A young boy in a baseball cap waved an American flag as the motorcade passed. On base the president was joined for golf by friends Mike Brush, Joe Paulsen and Bobby Titcomb, according to the White House Press Office.

— POLICE SHOOTING BRIEFING: The president was briefed on the shooting of two New York Police Department officers, and White House officials were monitoring the situation closely, the White House Press Office said. The officers had been ambushed in Brooklyn, New York by a gunman who said online that he was planning to shoot two “pigs” in retaliation for the police chokehold death of Eric Garner.

— EVENING AT HOME: Obama returned to the Kailua vacation home in the late afternoon. Protesters had left, and the only sign that remained was one that read “Welcome Obama Ohana,” using the Hawaiian word for family.

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## **Spokesman: Muhammad Ali in hospital with ‘mild’ pneumonia; prognosis good, short stay expected**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Boxing great Muhammad Ali was hospitalized with a mild case of pneumonia that was caught early and should result in a short hospital stay, an Ali spokesman said Saturday night.

The three-time world heavyweight champion, who is battling Parkinson’s disease, is being treated by his team of doctors and is in stable condition, said his spokesman, Bob Gunnell.

“He went into the hospital this morning,” Gunnell said in a phone interview. “He has a mild case of pneumonia and the prognosis is good.”

Gunnell declined to say where the 72-year-old Ali is hospitalized. He indicated that Ali’s bout of pneumonia was caught quickly.

“This all came about this morning,” Gunnell said.