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## Monday, December 29

No School

**Senior Menu:** Swiss steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rice and raisins, whole wheat bread.

**Birthdays:** Adam Herman, Barbara Stauch • Connie Stauch • Nicole Osterman • Delbert Hinkelman • Brady Keith • Melissa Locke  
6:30am: Emmanuel Lutheran Bible Study

## Tuesday, December 30

No School

**Birthday:** Vera Osness

**Senior Menu:** Lasagna rotini, tossed salad with dressing, oatmeal spice cookie, whole wheat bread.

## Wednesday, December 31

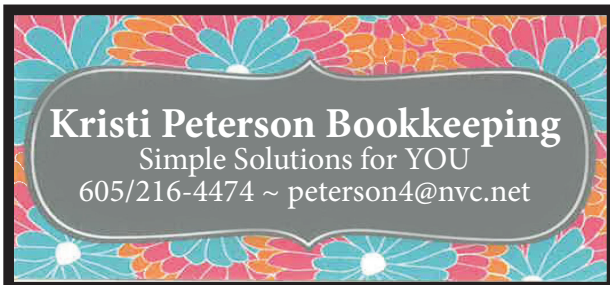
No School

**Senior Menu:** Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, winter mix vegetables, buttermilk biscuits, banana pudding with bananas.

**Anniversaries:** Howard & Sue Felkey • Paul & Tina Kosel • Jake & Tiffany Unzen

**Birthdays:** Jill Cutler • Braiden Craig • Brian Koens  
New Year's Eve

12:00pm: Kiwanis meets at the Community Center



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## **OPEN: Recycling Trailer in Groton**

The recycling trailer is back 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.



Practical Money Skills



By Jason Alderman



## Planning a Home Remodel That Actually Pays Off

There was a time when contractors building McMansion-style home additions or Michelin-worthy kitchens were a regular sight in many neighborhoods – until around 2006, when the Great Recession began to take hold.

Here's the good news: home improvements are starting to add value in a rising housing market. Here's the bad news: you have to be very careful about the renovation or remodeling projects you select to avoid over-stretching your budget.

In 2014, completing successful home improvements comes down to two critical questions:

Will you get most of your money back when you sell your property? (The days of 100 percent-plus returns on renovations are over, at least for now.)

How will project costs affect your overall financial plan?

Here are questions to fuel your planning:

How long you plan to live in the home after the renovation. The Great Recession proved many homeowners didn't recoup elaborate – or sometimes modest – improvement costs when selling their homes. Even in a recovering market, it's good to be wary. For now, renovate for the long haul and your personal enjoyment, not overnight sale.

Neighborhood style and standards. We've all seen it – the oversized addition that dwarfs the rest of the houses on the block, the \$50,000 kitchen upgrade in a small home where a spruce-up for \$10,000 or less would do. It's important to know how your tastes align with what is salable in your market (see Cost vs. Value, below).

Opportunistic buying and installation times for various projects. Take replacement windows, for example. Collect bids in mid-summer and recheck them in late fall -- you'll likely find significant savings on both windows and installation.

Available renovation tax credits on federal, state and local levels. Are there credits or tax incentives on structural equipment or appliances that can offset



MISSING: A cat in the Fifth Avenue East and Broadway area is missing. His name is Linus. If found or seen please call 397-8517 and ask for Jerry or call 397-2422 and ask for Darlene.

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the cost of whatever you're planning?

Potential effect on property taxes. Could an elaborate renovation actually turn off future buyers thanks to higher maintenance costs and property taxes?

Intelligence on recent purchase prices and home features. Smart homeowners keep an eye on recent home sale prices in the neighborhood and the features – or lack of them – that made the transaction.

Now here's where you can find some answers.

Remodeling magazine's annual Cost vs. Value Report (<http://www.remodeling.hw.net/cost-vs-value/2014/>) has become a leading consumer resource for pricing improvements and cost recovery nationwide, regionally and in major metro areas. The online format allows users to compare project cost and recovery at sale all the way back to 2002.

While the nation's housing market is generally in recovery, some of the publication's 2014 top-producing projects were surprisingly small. The top three 2014 home improvements in terms of cost return were:

Entry door replacement (96.6 percent cost recovery)

Wooden deck addition (87.4 percent)

Attic bedroom addition/renovation (84.3 percent)

Remodeling reported that the value of remodeling projects began to slide nationally with home values in 2006 and only began to recover in 2013. As home resale values rise, so will cost recovery on incrementally bigger projects. As the publication notes, it's a cautious environment.

For more detailed information, seek knowledge on a more local level:

Get to know your neighbors. If your neighbors have done home improvements inside and out, politely ask if they'll share their story.

Befriend a broker. Real estate brokers and agents are happiest when they're closing deals, but they like to build long-term relationships, too. The best brokers are happy to share neighborhood renovation value intelligence in exchange for a house tour. They can't sell a house filled with overpriced improvements.

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Before major projects, consider a home inspector. A home inspector's job is to determine if the structural and mechanical aspects of a property are up to code. If a home hasn't had a structural or mechanical upgrade for many years, professional inspection may detect trouble spots and intermediate upgrades that could be far more valuable than cosmetic work.

Talk to a tax professional. Federal and state tax credits and deductions may be available as part of any project you do. The IRS has a current summary (<http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/Energy-Efficient-Home-Improvements-Can-Lower-Your-Taxes>) of 2014 energy credits and related resources.

Check your credit reports and scores. If you need to borrow to complete a project, it's a good idea to check your credit reports and current credit score to determine whether you'll qualify for a loan. You have the right to get all three of your credit reports – from Experian, TransUnion and Equifax – once a year for free. You can do so by ordering directly from [AnnualCreditReport.com](http://AnnualCreditReport.com).

Talk to a financial planner. Any home improvement project is potentially major when compared to what you earn or have in savings. A certified financial planner can help you evaluate potential projects against the competing financial goals in your life like saving for retirement and your children's college tuition.

Figure out what you can do yourself. Whether it's painting, landscaping, carpentry or electrical work, helping with a few DIY finishing touches on a home improvement project can save money. Just make sure you have the time and skill to pitch in.

Bottom line: Approach a home renovation as you would any other major financial decision – do your homework and see how it fits into your overall financial plan.

## Today in Weather History

2005: Heavy snow of 6 to 14 inches fell across parts of north central and most of northeast South Dakota from the morning of the 29th through the early afternoon of the 30th, with 7 to 8 inches of snow across Big Stone and Traverse counties in west central Minnesota from the evening of the 29th through the early afternoon of the 30th. Light rain and freezing rain fell before the snow, creating some slick roads which resulted in some accidents. Some snowfall amounts included 7 inches at Watertown, Big Stone City, and Artichoke Lake; 8 inches at Waubay, Browns Valley, and Wheaton; 9 inches northeast of Isabel and Hecla; 10 inches at Wilmot and Clear Lake; 12 inches at Milbank; and 14 inches at Summit.

1894: Temperatures fell into the 10 to 15 degree range in northern Florida. Tallahassee remained below freezing for the entire day.

1942: One of the worst ice storms to hit eastern Ontario, southern Quebec, and northern New York in 100 years was underway. More than 1 inch of ice brought the area to a standstill for several days. Outlying areas were reported to be a mass of tangled wires and trees. Telephone wires were covered by ice as thick as a person's wrist. Cornwall, ON, was without power for 10 days.

1964: Wind speeds over 100 mph buffeted the eastern shores of Australia as a small but intense storm moved up the country's Pacific coast. The combination of the powerful winds and large hail resulted in great destruction to trees and structures.

1830 - A very heavy snowstorm ushered in the "winter of the deep snow." The storm produced 30 inches of snow at Peoria IL and 36 inches at Kansas City MO. Cold and snow continued until the middle of February causing great suffering among pioneers. (David Ludlum)

1894 - A severe freeze hit Florida destroying fruit and causing considerable damage to trees. (David Ludlum)

1954 - Fort Scott, KS, was buried under 26 inches of snow in 24 hours to establish a state record. (28th-29th) (The Weather Channel)

1984 - One hundred cities in the central and eastern U.S. reported record high temperatures. Kansas City, MO, experienced its warmest December day of record with a morning low of 60 degrees and an afternoon high of 71 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Sandra and TI Richard Sanders - 1987)

1987 - A storm off the Middle Atlantic Coast produced heavy snow in the Appalachians and the northeastern U.S. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in southeastern Massachusetts. Cape Cod received thirteen inches of snow, and snow drifts three feet deep were reported around Chatham MA. Strong winds produced wind chill readings as cold as 60 degrees

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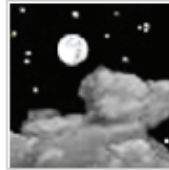



below zero in southwestern New England. In the western U.S., a Pacific coast storm produced heavy snow in the Sierra Nevada Range of California, with 24 inches reported at Mammoth Mountain. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1988 - A cold front brought rain and snow to the northwestern U.S. The rainfall total of 2.70 inches at Astoria OR was a record for the date. High winds along the eastern slopes of the Northern Rockies gusted to 81 mph at Livingston MT. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Snow and ice prevailed from the southwestern U.S. to the Great Lakes Region. Flagstaff, AZ, received nine inches of snow in just six hours. Bitter cold weather continued over Maine. Portland ME reported a record twenty-two straight days with highs 32 degrees or colder. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY	TUESDAY NIGHT	WEDNESDAY
						
Chance Flurries High: 14 °F	Mostly Cloudy Low: -4 °F	Cold High: 2 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: -12 °F	Cold High: 1 °F	Mostly Clear Low: -9 °F	Sunny High: 17 °F



## Bitter Cold Temperatures on the Way

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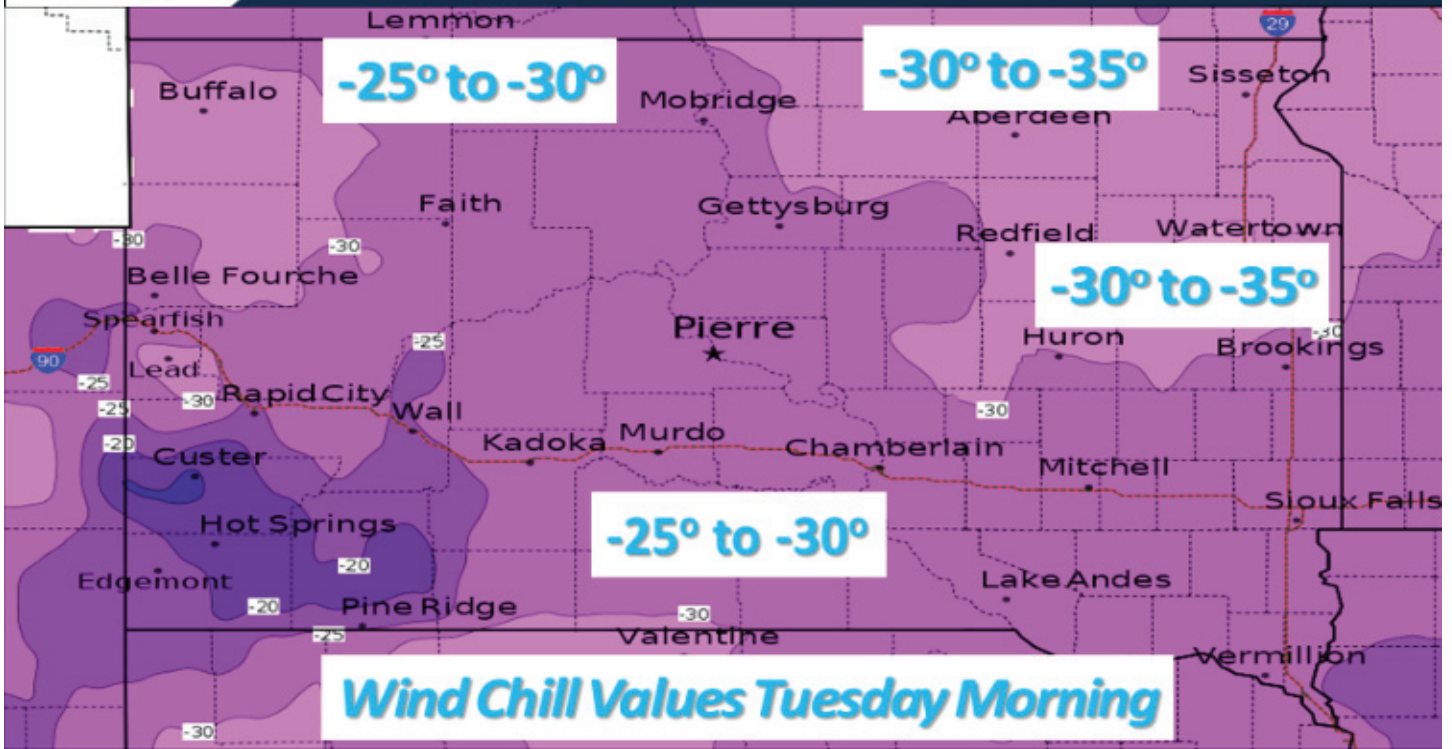
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A bitter cold airmass will dominate the region today through Tuesday. High temperatures today and Tuesday will range in the single digits on either side of zero. Lows tonight will drop into the single digits below to the teens below zero. Wind chill values of 25 below to 35 degrees below zero are expected tonight through Tuesday morning.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 14.9 at 8:04 AM

**Low:** 1.9 at 11:19 PM

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust:** 21 at 5:23 PM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 59° in 1999

**Record Low:** -35° in 1917

**Average High:** 23°F

**Average Low:** 3°F

**Average Precip in Dec.:** 0.46

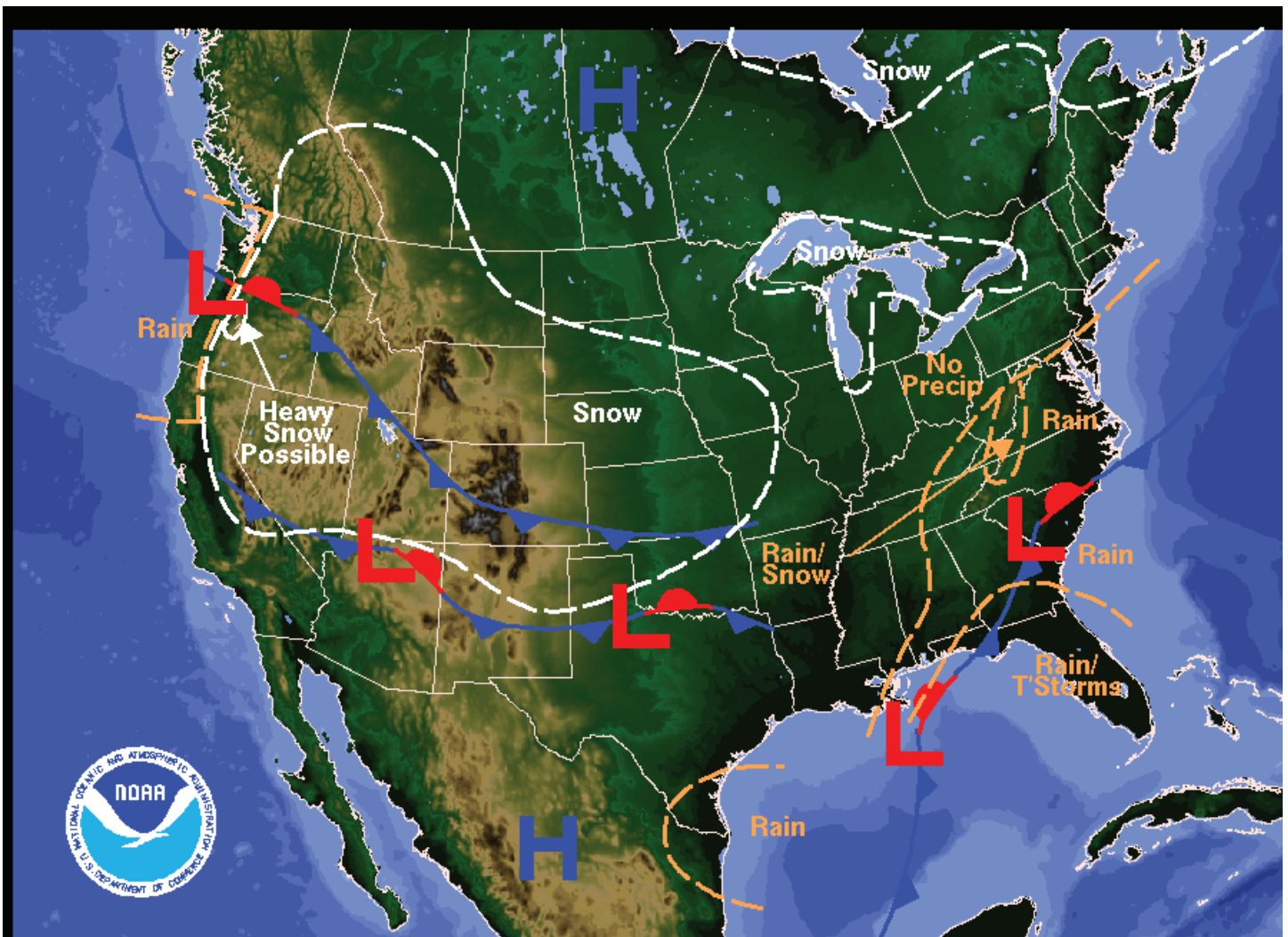
**Precip to date in Dec.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 21.66

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.99

**Sunset Tonight:** 4:58 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:13 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Mon, Dec 29, 2014, issued 2:42 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts



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## WITH GOD, ALL THINGS...

During a family conference, one small son was confused. He did not fully understand the discussion, so in his innocence he asked, "What's going on here?"

Might that same question have been on Mary's mind and in her heart as she looked at the Baby Jesus? Could she completely understand all that God had in His plan for her son, herself and Joseph? Perhaps as she looked in the face of her child, she was filled with questions. No doubt she knew the Scriptures of the Old Testament and was able to catch a glimpse of God at work. Surely she had a faith that would surpass that of most. Indeed her trust was larger than life. But for her to know what God was planning was something that would have been humanly impossible.

Certainly the question, "What's going on here" would have surfaced. We can begin with the fact of a virgin giving birth to a child, let alone the Messiah, that had been promised and long awaited. But it happened when God was ready for it to happen, as He planned it.

As we come to the end of this year and look forward to the one that is fast approaching, let's pause and review our "impossibilities" that are now miraculous events exposing God's power and plan in our lives.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, give us the faith we lack to see Your presence and protection at work in our lives. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** Luke 1:37 For nothing will be impossible with God."

## News from the **AP** Associated Press

### Bone-chilling cold blanketing the Dakotas

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Bone-chilling cold is blanketing the Dakotas as the workweek begins. Temperatures early Monday dropped well below zero in North Dakota, with wind chills as cold as minus 31 degrees in Minot. The National Weather Service says frostbite to exposed skin can happen within half an hour under those conditions.

Wind chills weren't quite as bad in South Dakota, but up to 4 inches of snow was expected in the southern part of the state. The weather service says the 1.8 inches of snow that fell in Rapid City on Sunday broke the city's record for the date of 1.6 inches, set in 1976.

The cold weather was forecast to continue into Tuesday. The weather service posted wind chill advisories for most areas of the two states into Tuesday morning.

### Hearings set in South Dakota on proposed pipeline

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota regulators have scheduled public meetings next month on a proposed pipeline that would carry oil from western North Dakota to eastern refineries.

The \$3.8 million Dakota Access Pipeline would stretch from the Bakken formation to Patoka, Illinois. Energy Transfer Partners wants to have it operating by the end of 2016.

About 271 miles of the 1,134-mile pipeline would be in South Dakota. The state Public Utilities Commission has scheduled public hearings on Jan. 21 in Bowdle and Redfield and on Jan. 22 in Iroquois and Sioux Falls.

The PUC won't make a decision on a permit for the pipeline until late next year.

### Casino in Sioux Falls robbed at gunpoint

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating an armed robbery at a casino.

Authorities say a male wielding a handgun entered the Rockin Robin's Casino about 6 p.m. Sunday, wearing a hooded jacket and a bandanna over his face.

Police say the suspect took an undetermined amount of cash and fled the scene.

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## Comment period for elk management plan extended

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakota hunters and ranchers have another month to offer their thoughts on how the state's elk herd should be managed in the coming years.

The Game, Fish and Parks' Division of Wildlife extended the deadline to submit comments on its draft five-year elk management plan until Feb. 6.

Tom Kirschenmann with GFP says the agency wants to make sure everyone interested in it has enough time to comment.

The draft management plan can be found online at: <http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/elk/default.aspx>. Written and emailed comments are accepted.

## Man arrested, in custody after death of woman in Sioux Falls

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Authorities have arrested a man on preliminary murder and manslaughter charges in the death of a woman in Sioux Falls.

A statement from Lt. Matt Burns of the Sioux Falls police department says officers were dispatched to a home Sunday morning to conduct a well-being check. Upon arrival, the officers found a dead woman inside and a man with arm lacerations.

The man was arrested on preliminary charges of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter.

Burns says the two were in a relationship and lived in the house together.

The Associated Press is not naming the man because he has not been formally charged. Online records show he is in custody in the Minnehaha County jail.

The woman's name was not released Sunday.

## Kazakhstan visitors tour South Dakota ranch

JANELLE ATYEO, Tri-State Neighbor

**This is an AP Member Exchange shared by the Tri-State Neighbor**

MADISON, S.D. (AP) — Temperatures were in the teens at the Bruns Angus ranch north of Madison, South Dakota, but the chill felt like nothing to three visitors from Kazakhstan.

It was three times colder in their homeland, they claimed, with about 10 inches of snow on the ground, the Tri-State Neighbor (<http://bit.ly/13Fgtzq>) reported.

Two producers from northern Kazakhstan, accompanied by their John Deere and Vern Eide International representative, recently toured the Bruns ranch and other operations along the Interstate 29 corridor to learn all about raising beef the Upper Midwest way - from birthing calves to processing meat. Their one-day tour of eastern South Dakota brought them to a meat locker in Elkton, the Bel Brands cheese plant in Brookings, and the South Dakota State University Opportunities Farm near Lennox.

"Every place they go, they ask a lot of questions - and a lot of good questions, too," said Ty Eschenbaum, who organized the tour as the region's agricultural development representative for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Brothers Don and Jesse Bruns answered questions about which vaccines they use, when they call in a veterinarian, how long calves stay with their mothers, when they sell their bulls and whether they hire any help.

The foreign visitors were impressed that the family could handle the operation themselves.

"Do you sleep at all?" Sergey Glokke asked with a laugh.

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Glokke is director of the Eurasia Group and a representative for the group's John Deere equipment sales. He translated for his two clients, Ivan Malygin and Mustafa Guliyer.

Guliyer purchased some heifers from South Dakota, and he eventually wants to process the meat into salami sausage. He was impressed with the stock he got from South Dakota and looking forward to buying more cattle.

"This is very high quality. It means the feeding and genetics is very good," he said through the interpreter.

Eschenbaum took his first trip to Kazakhstan earlier this fall. It's an important market for U.S. exports right now as Kazakhstan rebuilds its beef industry.

Before the Central Asian nation gained independence from the Soviet Union, farms were run by the state. That system dissolved in 1991, and agriculture saw a decade of decline.

"They wiped out their cow herds, and now they're working to rebuild them," Eschenbaum said. "They want to do so with the best genetics they can find. That's why they're looking at the northern U.S."

Kazakhstan is sparsely populated with a vast amount of land to farm. Putting that land to work could be the basis of a big export business for the country.

For the past two years, a group from South Dakota, Montana and Kansas visited Russia to meet with potential buyers. A third trip was planned for this fall, but when Russia announced a trade embargo on all food imports in early August, the trip was canceled. A small delegation from South Dakota went to Kazakhstan instead.

"We met a very good contact that hosted us in Kazakhstan, and it made for a really great mission," Eschenbaum said.

Eschenbaum, 27, grew up on a farm north of Lake Preston. His parents, Jeff and Jody Eschenbaum, are part of Wienk Charolais.

He started working for the South Dakota Department of Agriculture after earning a degree in ag business and entrepreneurship from South Dakota State University. His goal is to recruit companies to South Dakota and help South Dakotan companies expand. In doing so, he has worked with everyone from beef and corn producers and ethanol companies to breweries, wineries and farmers markets.

"Getting to work in such a diversified, ever-changing, fast-paced environment is exactly what I wanted to do," Eschenbaum said.

His boss, Agricultural Development Division Director Paul Kostboth, said Eschenbaum has done a great job for the state.

"His understanding of today's global economy and passion for all aspects of agriculture, our state's No. 1 industry, has repeatedly proven invaluable," Kostboth said.

On this visit to Kazakhstan, Eschenbaum and others toured ranches and met with ranch managers, industry professionals and companies that would finance trade deals.

"We use it as a tool to just promote South Dakota - to promote what we have here and what we're good at," Eschenbaum said.

South Dakota farmers have the opportunity to sign up to join such trade missions, giving them a chance to see different operations.

The trade deals that South Dakota strikes overseas mean more than simply shipping cattle to another county. Manufacturing companies also can get in on the deal when there's need for equipment such as pens.

The foreign trade partners also are eager for people who know how to handle cows to work ranches there. "They would hire them in a heartbeat," Eschenbaum said.

South Dakota doesn't spend a lot of time developing international trade, so the goal is to focus on one

specific area, Eschenbaum explained. While South America has some promise, he said state officials probably will keep their sights on the former Soviet Union because of the good contacts they've made there already.

There are still trade opportunities with Russia, Eschenbaum said. Genetic imports aren't part of the yearlong embargo, but Eschenbaum said the business has cooled off quite a bit because of conflicts with Ukraine and the political climate there.

But he's hopeful trade will rebound.

"If they're as committed to getting into the beef industry as they say they are, they could sure use our cattle and our expertise," he said.

## South Dakota's Jewish community small, tight-knit

**REGINA GARCIA CANO, Associated Press**

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — The first Jews to settle in what is now South Dakota established themselves in Deadwood during the Gold Rush more than 150 years ago, finding a niche selling hardware, groceries, dry goods and more. By 1920, the state was home to some 1,300 Jews.

That community has dwindled to an estimated 390 people — less than a tenth of 1 percent of South Dakota's population. No state has fewer. It's a small, but tightly knit flock that makes do without a permanent rabbi and worries too few children are coming along to sustain it.

"Nobody wants to be the last one to turn the lights out," said Steve Benn, a neonatal doctor who serves as lay leader at Synagogue of the Hills in Rapid City. He orchestrates bar mitzvah ceremonies, performs ritual circumcisions and conducts funeral services.

The reasons for the decline vary. Some members stationed at Ellsworth Air Force Base in western South Dakota transferred elsewhere and took their families, some doctors working on Indian reservations were eventually reassigned and other Jews simply left in search of better opportunities in more populous areas.

"Anybody that has moved here or moved away ... it's always been professionally driven as opposed to other reasons," Benn said of the Rapid City congregation, noting it's not because of any feeling of isolation.

There are two active synagogues, one in Sioux Falls and another in Rapid City. A third synagogue in Aberdeen sometimes hosts services and Torah study groups. Rapid City's synagogue was once a family home that was donated to the community by Stan Adelstein, a state senator who occasionally officiates weddings.

South Dakota is the only state without a permanent rabbi, which Benn says is due to "market forces."

"If the synagogue can afford to hire a rabbi and there's a large enough need for one, they (synagogues) make their own arrangements," he said.

South Dakota's last rabbi, Stephen Forstein, arrived in 1979 after the rabbi at the Sioux Falls synagogue died. Forstein was a part-time rabbi who also operated a lighting supply business that took him around the state.

"I'm out to sell a product, be it like light bulbs or Judaism, and I make no bones about it — I'm selling Judaism," he told The Associated Press in November 1980. But Forstein moved to Michigan years later. Since then, the community has been served by lay leaders and student rabbis from Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati who travel to the state regularly.

Young Hasidic rabbinical students who are part of a global community-outreach training program known as "The Roving Rabbis" also come to the state every summer and at other times during the year,

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making in-home visits. Last year, they even arranged a bar mitzvah for a boy who had just turned 13. "Some of them wait all year for when the rabbis come in the summer to ask questions about Judaism," Yosef Sharfstein, a Roving Rabbi, said during an August visit to Sioux Falls. He joked there are more Jewish people on his block in Brooklyn, New York, than all of South Dakota.

These rabbinical students, who are associated with the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, bring kosher meat, which is not available at grocery stores in the state; some families, including Benn's, order the meat online. The students also bring kosher mezuzahs—small parchments of handwritten biblical verses, rolled into cases and fastened to door frames—that are a reminder for Jews that God is the ultimate home protection.

Benn worries that the Jewish community will continue to diminish. The Rapid City congregation has just one school-aged child. In a recent meeting, the congregation discussed whether it should follow the example of one in Dothan, Alabama, that offered as much as \$50,000 to families who commit to stay at least five years.

But though it's small, the feeling of community is strong. Some travel nearly three hours to attend Friday Shabbat services in Rapid City.

"There just aren't enough people to depend on others to be a part of it (congregation), so I think it sort of makes you a little more accountable in the sense that you show up and you vote by your feet," Rapid City congregation member Rebecca Kline said. "And it's like a family, there are times you go and when people are gone, you missed them. You're like 'Where are they?'"

In September, the congregation welcomed Sara Eiser, its new student rabbi from Hebrew Union College. She quickly identified her priority: Cultivating the Jewish faith in the congregation's only child.

"I want (the child) to be able to walk into a classroom and say 'I'm Jewish and I'm proud of it,'" Eiser said.

## No. 23 Northern Iowa beats SDSU 74-63

LUKE MEREDITH, AP Sports Writer

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa (AP) — Northern Iowa's reserves outscored its starters yet again, and that's a good sign for the Panthers with Missouri Valley Conference play on the horizon.

Nate Buss scored 14 points off the bench and 23rd-ranked Northern Iowa closed out non-conference play with a 74-63 Sunday win over South Dakota State.

Wes Washpun had 12 points and Seth Tuttle scored 11 for the Panthers (11-1), who got 45 points from their substitutes.

Northern Iowa took control with a 13-0 run late in the first half. The Panthers let the Jackrabbits close to within five with 6:11 left before putting them away late to improve to 6-0 at home.

"They've been good all year. I think we've got one of the best benches in the country," Northern Iowa coach Ben Jacobson said.

George Marshall had 16 to lead South Dakota State (9-5), which dropped its second straight game against a Top 25 opponent. The Jackrabbits were beaten by No. 14 Utah 80-66 on Tuesday.

Sunday's game was the first for Northern Iowa at home as a ranked team since 2010, a season highlighted by their memorable NCAA tournament win over top-seeded Kansas.

Time will tell if these Panthers can match that team, which won both the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and tournament titles.

But they're certainly off to a good start.

Northern Iowa has three double-digit wins over Power 5 opponents (Virginia Tech, Northwestern and

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Iowa), and its only loss came in double overtime at VCU.

The Panthers wrapped up the non-league portion of their schedule by showing off the depth that's made them so tough so far.

Ten players scored for the Panthers, including eight in the first half alone, and their bench has either matched or surpassed the point total for the starting five in three of their last four games.

Still, South Dakota State got its deficit down to 60-55 on back-to-back 3s by Reed Tellinghuisen. But backup forward Buss answered with a 3, and Tuttle found Wes Washpun underneath for a layup that pushed Northern Iowa back in front 65-55.

Paul Jespersen had 10 points for the Panthers, who shot 58 percent from the field.

"I told (the team) they can feel really good about what they've done in November and December," Jacobson said. "Now that ends. The real season comes now."

## TIP-INS

Northern Iowa: The Jackrabbits cut Northern Iowa's lead to 39-30 by halftime. But Tuttle opened the second half by drilling just his fifth 3 of the year, and he set a career high with nine assists. "It's nice to have that number. But people have to make shots," Tuttle said.

South Dakota State: Senior Cody Larson, who grew up in nearby Sioux Falls, South Dakota, originally committed to Iowa. He instead went to Florida, where he played sparingly in 2011-12, before transferring closer to home. Larson had seven points and six rebounds. Deondre Parks had 15 for the Jackrabbits, but he was just 1 of 9 from 3-point range.

## STAT LINES

South Dakota State had just six assists on 23 made baskets, and the Jackrabbits turned the ball over 11 times. Northern Iowa gave it away just seven times with 14 assists on 26 field goals.

## PIVOTAL MOMENT

Northern Iowa's Deon Mitchell broke through South Dakota State's defense for a pair of layups to give the Panthers a 20-18 lead. Washpun followed by beating four Jackrabbits off the dribble for a runner that put Northern Iowa ahead 24-18. The Panthers would eventually push their lead to as much as 16, though they needed a few late stops and baskets to secure the win.

## UP NEXT

Northern Iowa: plays at Evansville on Wednesday.

South Dakota State: faces Denver on Thursday.

## South Dakota rolls past Milwaukee 84-60

VERMILLION, S.D. (AP) — Casey Kasperbauer hit seven 3-pointers to finish with 23 points, Tyler Larson chipped in 22 and South Dakota defeated Milwaukee 84-60 on Sunday.

Larson was 8 of 14 from the field, 6 of 6 from the free-throw line and had seven rebounds and four assists for the Coyotes (6-8). Kasperbauer hit all of South Dakota's 3-pointers, while James Hunter added 15 points and Brandon Bos had 10.

South Dakota, which shot 50.8 percent from the field, closed the first half on an 11-2 run sparked by two baskets from Larson. Kasperbauer added a pair of free throws and a 3-pointer to help South Dakota take a 10-point lead at the break.

Kasperbauer hit six of his 3s in the second half as the Coyotes coasted the rest of the way.

Matt Tiby paced Milwaukee (5-9) with 15 points and 14 rebounds, Akeem Springs added 11 points and Cody Wichmann 10.

## South Dakota State Parks to host First Day Hikes

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — South Dakotans are invited to walk off their holiday overindulgences with a hike at a state park.

State parks will be offering free guided hikes on Jan. 1 to promote healthy lifestyles in the new year. The guided hikes will range from journeys shorter than one mile to longer, more intense workouts. Fourteen hikes will be offered across the state.

South Dakota state park director Doug Hofer says First Day Hikes are a great way to start of the year after celebrating the holidays.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts.

Participants are encouraged to share their adventures on social media with the hashtag FirstDayHikes.

## SD police to take underprivileged children bowling

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Officers with the Sioux Falls Police Department will spend their Monday afternoon bowling with a group of underprivileged children.

The children ages 10 to 14 will partner with officers to have some fun at the Empire Bowl. The children are currently on winter break.

A local restaurant will provide free pizza for participants.

## Grants available for youth conservation education

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Wildlife officials say a South Dakota nonprofit will again grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$1,500 for youth conservation education efforts.

Officials say the grants can be used in a variety of ways including to fund travel for students or groups to educational events; to provide supplies and materials to promote outdoor knowledge and skills; and to create new activities and events to increase outdoor knowledge and participation among South Dakota families and youth.

Grant proposals will be accepted from Jan. 1 through March 15. Applications for the Tony and Dar Dean Outdoor Education Fund grant program must be submitted through the South Dakota Parks and Wildlife Foundation's website: [www.parkswildlifefoundation.org](http://www.parkswildlifefoundation.org) .

## South Dakota December hog inventory up 4 percent

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The number of hogs in South Dakota as 2014 came to a close was up 4 percent from the previous year.

The latest report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture shows that hogs and pigs in the state on Dec. 1 totaled 1.25 million head. The breeding hog inventory was 170,000 head and the market hog inventory was 1.08 million head. The market hog inventory was up 4 percent over the year.

The September-November 2014 South Dakota pig crop, at 911,000 head, was up 3 percent from 2013. Sows farrowed during that period totaled 84,000 head, up 2 percent from last year.

South Dakota hog producers intend to farrow 82,000 sows during the December 2014-February 2015 period, unchanged from the actual farrowing during the same period a year ago.



## 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. SEARCH CONTINUES FOR MISSING AIRLINER

The Indonesia search and rescue chief says it seems certain that Flight 8501, carrying 162 people, crashed.

### 2. AIRASIA'S CEO: BRASH CHEERLEADER, FACING HIS WORST NIGHTMARE

Tony Fernandes pioneered low-cost air travel in Southeast Asia and enjoys interacting with the public.

### 3. STILL WAITING FOR RESCUE FROM STRICKEN GREEK FERRY

Though many have been evacuated, others remain trapped on the smoke-filled vessel that caught fire in the Adriatic Sea.

### 4. HOW YOUNG AMERICANS FEEL ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

An AP poll finds that those under 30 are more serious about giving back than their parents were.

### 5. SHARK DRAGS A CALIFORNIA SURFER UNDER WATER

The man used the leash cord from his surfboard to make a tourniquet for his leg, and got himself to shore.

### 6. AFGHANS FLEEING WAR NOW FACE A BRUTAL WINTER

Insurgents are seizing territory across the country, putting civilians at greater risk as the weather worsens.

### 7. SONY PLAYSTATION BACK ON LINE

But the company says heavy traffic may cause problems, following three days of disruptions blamed on hackers.

### 8. WHAT THE RUBLE'S DECLINE USHERS IN

The Russian currency drops 7 percent as the economy shows the first signs of recession.

### 9. WHO FACES DISCIPLINE OVER MACADAMIA NUTS INCIDENT

South Korea's Transport Ministry says four officials will be punished following an investigation into a former Korean Air Lines executive who forced a flight to return over a bag of the snacks.

### 10. JIM HARBAUGH OUT AS COACH OF 49ERS

Whether Harbaugh, who guided San Francisco to three straight NFC championship games, is resigning or was fired isn't clear.

## AP News in Brief

### Crews seeking lost jet find oil in search area, objects farther away; no link confirmed

SURABAYA, Indonesia (AP) — An Indonesian helicopter searching for the missing AirAsia jetliner saw two oily spots in the water Monday, and an Australian search plane spotted objects elsewhere in the Java Sea, but it was too early to know whether either was connected to the aircraft and its 162 passengers and crew.

In any case, officials saw little reason to believe AirAsia Flight 8501 met anything but a grim fate after it disappeared from radar Sunday morning over the Java Sea. Wary of bad weather, one of the pilots had asked to raise the plane's altitude just before it vanished, but was not allowed because another aircraft was in the way.

"Based on the coordinates that we know, the evaluation would be that any estimated crash position

is in the sea, and that the hypothesis is the plane is at the bottom of the sea," Indonesia search and rescue chief Henry Bambang Soelistyo said.

The Airbus A320-200 vanished in airspace thick with storm clouds on its way from Surabaya, Indonesia, to Singapore.

Jakarta's Air Force base commander Rear Marshal Dwi Putranto said an Australian Orion aircraft had detected "suspicious" objects near Nangka island about 100 miles (160 kilometers) off central Kalimantan. That's about 700 miles (1,120 kilometers) from the location where the plane lost contact, but within Monday's greatly expanded search area.

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## **AirAsia CEO Tony Fernandes, who has long craved the spotlight, now searches for right words**

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Fernandes is more than just the CEO of AirAsia: He's the brash personality and cheerleader-like figure who gives the discount carrier its soul.

A flamboyant executive who loves race cars and soccer — and is known for speaking his mind, sometimes inappropriately — Fernandes has opened air travel to millions who previously couldn't afford it.

Now, with one of his planes and 162 people onboard missing, Fernandes faces what he's calling his worst nightmare.

"We will go through this terrible ordeal together," he told his staff via Twitter hours after Flight 8501 disappeared Sunday.

"Be strong," he said in another message. "Continue to be the best. Pray hard."

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## **NYC police boss: More dialogue, less rhetoric needed to reduce tension between police, public**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City's police commissioner called for a "lot less rhetoric and a lot more dialogue" to defuse the tension between police officers and the population they protect.

Commissioner William Bratton, speaking on NBC's "Meet The Press" Sunday, a day after the funeral for one of two police officers gunned down in their patrol car, said the "pent-up frustrations" that have caused people to take to the streets in recent weeks go far beyond policing policies across the nation.

"This is about the continuing poverty rates, the continuing growing disparity between the wealthy and the poor. It's still about unemployment issues. There are so many national issues that have to be addressed that it isn't just policing, as I think we all well know," he said.

Bratton said rank-and-file officers and much of America's police leadership feels under attack, including "from the federal government at the highest levels."

He urged: "See us. See the police. See why they have the anxieties and the perceptions they have."

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## **Obama's warning to GOP: I'll use veto pen to defend actions on health care, environment**

HONOLULU (AP) — Warning from President Barack Obama to congressional Republicans: I have a veto pen and, come January, I won't be afraid to use it.

Since taking office in 2009, Obama has only vetoed legislation twice, both in fairly minor circumstances. But with Republicans set to take full control of Congress next year, Obama is losing his last bulwark against a barrage of bills he doesn't like: the Senate.

"I haven't used the veto pen very often since I've been in office," Obama said in an NPR interview airing Monday. "Now, I suspect, there are going to be some times where I've got to pull that pen out."

He added: "I'm going to defend gains that we've made in health care. I'm going to defend gains that we've made on environment and clean air and clean water."

Obama's notice to the GOP came as he sought to set the tone for a year in which Congress and the president are on a near-certain collision course. Buoyed by decisive gains in last month's midterm elections, Republicans are itching to use their newfound Senate majority to derail Obama's plans on immigration, climate change and health care, to name a few.

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## **1st big group of people from Greek ferry fire arrive in Bari as 150-plus more await evacuation**

BARI, Italy (AP) — Exhausted and cold but safe, a group of 49 people arrived at the Italian port of Bari Monday after they were rescued from a Greek ferry that caught fire in the Adriatic Sea. Some 150 people remained trapped on the smoke-filled vessel adrift in frigid temperatures and rough seas between Italy and Albania.

At least one person was killed in the risky rescue operation and two others were injured as Italian and Greek rescue ships and helicopters worked through the night plucking passengers off the stricken vessel and bringing them to safety aboard the 10 or so mercantile ships nearby that were summoned to help.

Most evacuees were to be brought to shore later after the rescue was completed, Greek officials said, but one of the cargo ships, the Spirit of Piraeus, left ahead of the pack. After being forced by the weather to abandon plans to dock in the port of Brindisi, the ship reached Bari just after 7:30 a.m. (0630 GMT) Monday with 49 survivors aboard. The first to disembark was an injured man wrapped in a yellow striped blanket and wearing bandages around his bare feet, helped down the ship's ladder by two rescue workers.

Other evacuees, many wrapped in blankets, made their way gingerly down the ladder with assistance, some thrusting their hands in a victory sign as they waited their turn. Among them were four children. TV crews and relatives gathered on the docks below in near silence.

The evacuees then boarded bright red fire department buses. Officials have said hotels have been booked for them around town.

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## **For today's young adults, giving back is as important to citizenship as keeping informed**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tired of hearing people grouse about a tuned-out, apathetic younger generation?

Well, here's a comeback: Today's young Americans are more serious about giving back than their parents were.

In fact, those under age 30 now are more likely to say citizens have a "very important obligation" to volunteer, an Associated Press-GfK poll finds.

The embrace of volunteering is striking because young people's commitment to other civic duties — such as voting, serving on a jury and staying informed — has dropped sharply from their parents' generation and is lower than that of Americans overall.

Among six civic activities in the AP-GfK poll, volunteering is the only one that adults under 30 rated

as highly as older people did.

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## **Afghans fleeing insurgent violence face a harsh winter in makeshift camps**

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Thousands of Afghans are pouring into makeshift camps in the capital where they face a harsh winter as the Taliban return to areas once cleared by foreign forces, who this week are marking the end of their combat mission.

On the grimy outskirts of Kabul, hundreds of families are huddled in flimsy tents or mud shelters at the Bagrami camp. By day the children forage for fuel and food. At night the families burn garbage to try to keep warm as the icy winds sweep down from the Hindu Kush mountains surrounding the city and temperatures plunge to below freezing.

"Violence has forced us out of our homes but here misery and poverty have made our life even more difficult," said Abdul Qayyum, 52, who fled here with his wife and eight children. "Such a life is not worth living."

Like the others in the camp, they fled their home in Sangin in the volatile Helmand province, an opium-rich region where the British struggled for years to keep the Taliban at bay before withdrawing in 2010.

The insurgents are now once again on the move, and have extended the summer fighting season as foreign forces have handed over front-line combat responsibility to Afghan security forces. This week the U.S. and NATO are formally ending their combat mission, 13 years after the invasion that toppled the Taliban in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

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## **Surfer survives great white shark attack off Central California coast**

LOS OSOS, Calif. (AP) — A man surfing on the Central California coast was dragged under water by a juvenile great white shark and bitten in the hip on Sunday before he could paddle to shore, where he received help from two doctors who happened to be on the beach, a witness said Sunday.

The man in his 50s used the leash cord from his surfboard to make a tourniquet for his leg before he got out of the water, Andrew Walsh told the San Luis Obispo Tribune (<http://bit.ly/1JX0gH9>).

"We're really blessed that he was still able to get himself to shore," Walsh said. "I was a few feet behind him, and we grabbed him and got him ... up on the sand, and very quickly these doctors were there, helping out and calling 911."

The man, who lives in the San Luis Obispo area, sustained cuts to his right hip area and was flown to a local hospital for treatment, Supervising State Park Ranger Robert Colligan said. The 11:30 a.m. attack happened at the Sand Spit Beach in Montana De Oro State Park just west of San Luis Obispo.

Walsh said he was surfing about 10 feet from the victim when the attack occurred.

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## **Chris Rock and wife Malaak Compton-Rock plan to divorce after 19 years of marriage**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chris Rock filed for divorce from his wife Malaak Compton-Rock, a statement from his representative confirmed Sunday.

The statement went on to specify that Rock and his family request privacy as they go through this

process because it is a personal matter.

Comedian Chris Rock and philanthropist Malaak Compton-Rock had been married for 19 years. They have two daughters, Lola Simone, 12, and Zahra Savannah, 10.

## Jim Harbaugh, 49ers agree to part ways after 4 years, including 3 NFC title games

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Jim Harbaugh gathered his players and told them he is leaving, and they joined their voices for one final, familiar chant: "Who's got it better than us? No-body!"

"The last, 'Who's got it better than us?' I said it as loud as I could," said wide receiver Michael Crabtree, who could soon follow the San Francisco coach's departure.

Harbaugh will not fulfill the final season of his \$25 million, five-year contract coaching the 49ers that he signed in January 2011, reaching a mutual agreement with the team to part ways. The announcement came after Sunday's 20-17 win over the Arizona Cardinals and following a 8-8 season in which San Francisco had hoped to establish some momentum in new \$1.3 billion Levi's Stadium.

"It's been the time of my life," Harbaugh said. "Been a lot of great memories, great moments. ... It's been a tremendous four years, it's been a pleasure to work and serve for this organization. I feel great about what we accomplished."

Harbaugh wouldn't say whether he is indeed about to accept the job at alma mater, Michigan, except to offer vague hints and say he wouldn't be around come Monday.

## Today in History

### The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 29, the 363rd day of 2014. There are two days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 29, 1170, Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was slain in Canterbury Cathedral by knights loyal to King Henry II.

#### On this date:

In 1808, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, was born in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In 1812, during the War of 1812, the American frigate USS Constitution engaged and severely damaged the British frigate HMS Java off Brazil.

In 1845, Texas was admitted as the 28th state.

In 1890, the Wounded Knee massacre took place in South Dakota as an estimated 300 Sioux Indians were killed by U.S. troops sent to disarm them.

In 1916, Grigory Rasputin, the so-called "Mad Monk" who'd wielded great influence with Czar Nicholas II, was killed by a group of Russian noblemen in St. Petersburg.

In 1934, Japan formally renounced the Washington Naval Treaty of 1922.

In 1939, "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," starring Charles Laughton and Maureen O'Hara, was released by RKO Radio Pictures.

In 1940, during World War II, Germany dropped incendiary bombs on London, setting off what came to be known as "The Second Great Fire of London."

In 1957, singers Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme were married in Las Vegas.

In 1972, Eastern Air Lines Flight 401, a Lockheed L-1011 Tristar, crashed into the Florida Everglades

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near Miami International Airport, killing 101 of the 176 people aboard.

In 1975, a bomb exploded in the main terminal of New York's LaGuardia Airport, killing 11 people.

In 1989, dissident and playwright Vaclav Havel (VAHTS'-lahv HAH'-vel) assumed the presidency of Czechoslovakia.

**Ten years ago:** President George W. Bush assembled a four-nation coalition to organize humanitarian relief for Asia and made clear the United States would help bankroll long-term rebuilding in the region leveled by a massive earthquake and tsunamis. President Bush denounced Osama bin Laden's call to boycott the Iraqi elections, saying that the balloting would mark a crossroads for Iraq.

**Five years ago:** Brushing aside international appeals, China executed British drug smuggler Akmal Shaikh (AHK'-mahl shayk), who relatives said was mentally unstable and unwittingly lured into crime; it was China's first execution of a European citizen in nearly 60 years. Mexico City enacted Latin America's first law recognizing gay marriage and said it hoped to attract same-sex couples from around the world.

**One year ago:** The first of two suicide bombings that claimed the lives of 32 victims in the southern Russian city of Volgograd took place in a train station (the second blast occurred on a bus the next day).

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Dina Merrill is 91. Actress Inga Swenson is 82. ABC newscaster Tom Jarriel is 80. Actress Mary Tyler Moore is 78. Actress Barbara Steele is 77. Actor Jon Voight is 76. Country singer Ed Bruce is 75. Rock musician Ray Thomas is 73. Singer Marianne Faithfull is 68. Jockey Laffit Pincay, Jr. is 68. Actor Ted Danson is 67. Actor Jon Polito is 64. Singer-actress Yvonne Elliman is 63. Actress Patricia Clarkson is 55. Comedian Paula Poundstone is 55. Rock singer-musician Jim Reid (The Jesus and Mary Chain) is 53. Actor Michael Cudlitz is 50. Rock singer Dexter Holland (The Offspring) is 49. Actor-comedian Mystro Clark is 48. Actor Jason Gould is 48. CNN anchor Ashleigh Banfield is 47. Movie director Andy Wachowski is 47. Actress Jennifer Ehle is 45. Actor Patrick Fischler is 45. Rock singer-musician Glen Phillips is 44. Actor Kevin Weisman is 44. Actor Jude Law is 42. Actress Maria Dizzia (TV: "Orange is the New Black") is 40. Actor Mekhi Phifer (mih-KY' FY'-fuhr) is 40. Actor Shawn Hatosy is 39. Actress Katherine Moennig is 37. Actor Diego Luna is 35. Country singer Jessica Andrews is 31. Actress Jane Levy is 25.

**Thought for Today:** "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in." - Rachel Carson, American biologist (1907-1964).