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## Tuesday, December 30

No School

**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:** Paul & Tina Kosel • Jake & Tiffany Unzen

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

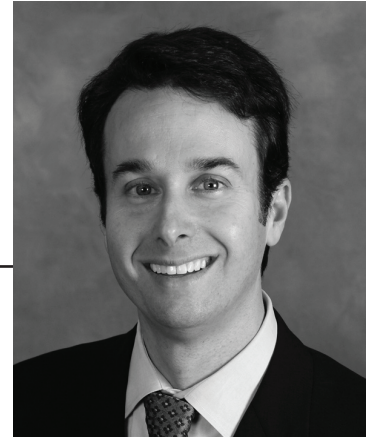
The recycling trailer is back at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Practical Money Skills



By Jason Alderman



## Yours, Mine and Ours: Planning Stepfamily Finances

The Pew Research Center reports (<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/>) that four in ten American adults have at least one steprelative, defined as a stepparent, a step-or-half sibling or a stepchild, in their family. While the Pew study says that many stepfamilies operate harmoniously, it also notes that adults “feel a stronger sense of obligation to their biological family members than they do to their step kin.”

That is one reason why blended family finances can get so messy.

Couples planning to blend families often have to make financial arrangements that respect previous relationships with ex-spouses and their families. Issues range from childcare and eldercare to potentially complex matters involving businesses, investment assets and real estate. That’s why involving trained experts in stepfamily financial planning is a must.

Here’s a basic checklist of issues and solutions potential spouses and partners should consider:

Start with all cards on the table. Today’s first-time marriages or partnerships alone can introduce some staggering financial variables – business and inheritance issues, college debt, consumer debt or even past bankruptcies. Couples planning stepfamilies face even more complications. But all couples need to start with a critical first step – sharing personal information with a potential impact on finances. Start with the following:

Current credit reports and credit scores. Extensive loans or bad credit for one or both partners can endanger future purchasing plans for auto, home or tuition. It’s also important to share information about personal or cosigned loans to family and friends.

Assets and liabilities. Potential spouses or partners should know each other’s financial assets and liabilities and any issues connected with them. As mentioned above, debt and credit issues may be a problem, but if one spouse has extensive assets, it’s important to clarify whether those assets will be shared legally or promised to others.

Legal issues. If divorce, child custody, foreclosure, bankruptcy, or any other civil or criminal legal proceedings are pending against either partner or mem-



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bers of their families, full disclosure is essential.

Business and estate issues. If potential spouses or partners have significant estate or business assets assigned to children, former spouses or family members, those commitments need to be factored into the finances of the planned marriage or partnership.

Bring in professional expertise. Beyond disclosure, it's good to have qualified professionals who have specific expertise with blended families and their many unique issues. Both partners should start by bringing any existing advisors into the discussion. But if none exist and friends and family members don't have solid suggestions, the following organizations might provide local experts with specific skills in helping stepfamilies plan:

Financial planners. The Association for Financial Counseling, Planning and Education and the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards are two nationwide organizations that can identify advisors in your area.

Tax advisors. Your state CPA society can suggest qualified personal, business and estate tax advisors in your area.

Estate planners and attorneys. Organizations like the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel might be able to help.

Address problems before move-in. Most experts tell you it's best to start any new marriage or partnership with a clean slate – or a slate that's as clean as you can make it. That's doubly true with step-families. As many income, asset, debt, child custody, estate and business issues as possible should be identified and solutions put in place before the family is legally joined.

Make a fresh estate plan. Financial experts say it's time to review all money issues whenever you face a major life event, and remarriage or re-partnership certainly qualifies. Even if the individuals have their own separate estate matters in order, stepfamily issues restart the planning clock on everything.

Plan – or re-plan – your retirement. You may have planned a great retirement with a former spouse or on your own, but what if your future spouse hasn't? Whatever steps you've both taken toward retirement, you need to review your strategies so you can retire comfortably together.

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## Help Wanted

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Bottom line: Money issues complicate all relationships. But stepfamilies have unique, detailed planning needs that should be discussed and settled before marriage or move-in.

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## When will the skating rink open?

That has been a question asked by many people with the weather going up and down in temperatures. A major flood was done to the rink yesterday. When they scrapped and swept it off, the trackhoe fell through in a couple of spots. A review of how the water held will be done today. If all is well, the rink could be opening this week.

## Today in Weather History

1985: Winds gusted to 40 to 50 mph over northern South Dakota through the day and into the southern part of the state by late afternoon. The strong winds lowered visibilities to near zero at times between Lemmon in Perkins County and Faith in Meade County. The strongest wind gusts were to 63 mph at Mitchell. At 9:33pm CST, the strong winds blew a semi-tractor trailer off the highway one mile east of Aberdeen.

1987: Snow and strong winds combined to produce blizzard conditions across parts of central and east central South Dakota during the afternoon and evening of the 30th. Winds gusted to 40 mph in some areas, producing blowing snow, which reduced visibilities to near zero. New snowfall was generally only a trace to less than two inches.

2010: A strong upper level low pressure trough and associated surface low pressure area moved across the region bringing the first of two consecutive blizzards to central and northeast South Dakota. Snowfall amounts of 3 to 6 inches combined with bitter cold north winds of 25 to 40 mph caused widespread blizzard conditions across central and northeast South Dakota from the late morning until the evening hours. Near zero visibilities caused dangerous travel conditions resulting in the closing of Interstates 29 and 90 along with several highways across the region. Several hundred people were stranded as a result of the storm. A group of fishermen had to be rescued in Day county when they became stranded on the ice. The snowfall began across the area anywhere from 7 to 11 am CST and ended between 10 pm and 1 am CST.

1933: The temperature reached 50 degrees below zero at Bloomfield, VT. The weather observer wrote on his monthly weather form, referring to his thermometer, "Indicator went to bottom of bulb." It was the coldest reading in modern records for New England. The temperature at Pittsburg, NH reached 44 degrees below zero.

1962: One of the worst blizzards in the 20th Century occurred in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Maine received most of the snow with dangerous wind chills the primary source of discomfort for New Hampshire and Vermont. 40 inches fell in just 24 hours at Orono, ME. Drifts reached 20 feet in Bangor, ME. Temperatures were below zero and winds over 60 mph produced life threatening wind chills.

1880 - The temperature at Charlotte, NC, plunged to an all-time record cold reading of 5 degrees below zero, a record which was equalled on the 21st of January in 1985. (The Weather Channel)

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1917 - A great cold wave set many records in the northeastern U.S. The mercury plunged to 13 degrees below zero at New York City, and to 15 degrees below zero at Boston. Temperature readings dipped below zero at Boston five nights in a row. Berlin NH hit 44 degrees below zero in the "Great World War I Cold Wave," and Saint Johnsbury VT reached 43 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum)

1933 - The temperature reached 50 degrees below zero at Bloomfield, VT. It was the coldest reading in modern records for New England. The temperature at Pittsburgh NH reached 44 degrees below zero. (David Ludlum)

1955 - Anchorage, AK, reported an all-time record snow depth of 47 inches. (30th-1st) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A storm in the western U.S. produced heavy snow in Utah, with 28 inches reported in the Mount Holly and Elk Meadows area. Strong winds prevailed ahead of a cold front in the central U.S. Winds gusted to 46 mph at Dodge City KS, and reached 80 mph at Ruidoso NM. Strong northerly winds, ushering arctic cold into the north central U.S., created blizzard conditions in western Minnesota and central and eastern South Dakota. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)


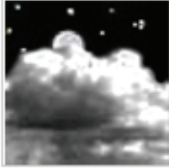





1988 - Unseasonably cold weather prevailed in the southwestern U.S. A week of subfreezing temperatures in southern California claimed the lives of five people. Redding CA was blanketed with four inches of snow. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

1989 - Extreme cold continued across northern Maine. Milo ME was the cold spot in the nation with a morning low of 38 degrees below zero, and the low of 31 degrees below zero at Caribou ME was a December record for that location. Freezing rain spread across much of Lower Michigan, knocking out electrical power to 1.9 million customers in southeastern Lower Michigan. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2008 - Severe to extreme drought was observed across parts of the Hawaiian Islands, the western continental U.S., and parts of Georgia and South Carolina. Meanwhile, severe to exceptional drought conditions were present across southern Texas. (NCDC)

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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

## BITTERLY COLD

### TODAY & TONIGHT

- **HIGHTEMPERATURES: -5 ° F TO 5 ° F**
- **OVERNIGHT LOW TEMPERATURES: 0 ° F TO -10 ° F**
- **WIND CHILL: -20 ° F TO -30 ° F**



[weather.gov/Aberdeen](http://weather.gov/Aberdeen)



National Weather Service Aberdeen



@NWSAberdeen

Updated: 12/30/2014 4:12 AM Central

Bitterly cold air will be over the region today and tonight. High temperatures will only rise into the single digits on either side of zero. Wind chill values will range from 20 below to 30 below zero. Overnight lows will drop quickly, but then become steady or slowly rising by early Wednesday morning.

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## Yesterday's Weather

**High:** 2.4 at 2:46 PM

**Low:** -9.3 at 11:16 PM

**Wind Chill:**

**High Gust:** 19 at 12:01 AM

Precip: 0.00

## Today's Info

**Record High:** 52° in 1980

**Record Low:** -34° in 1917

**Average High:** 23°F

**Average Low:** 2°F

**Average Precip in Dec.:** 0.48

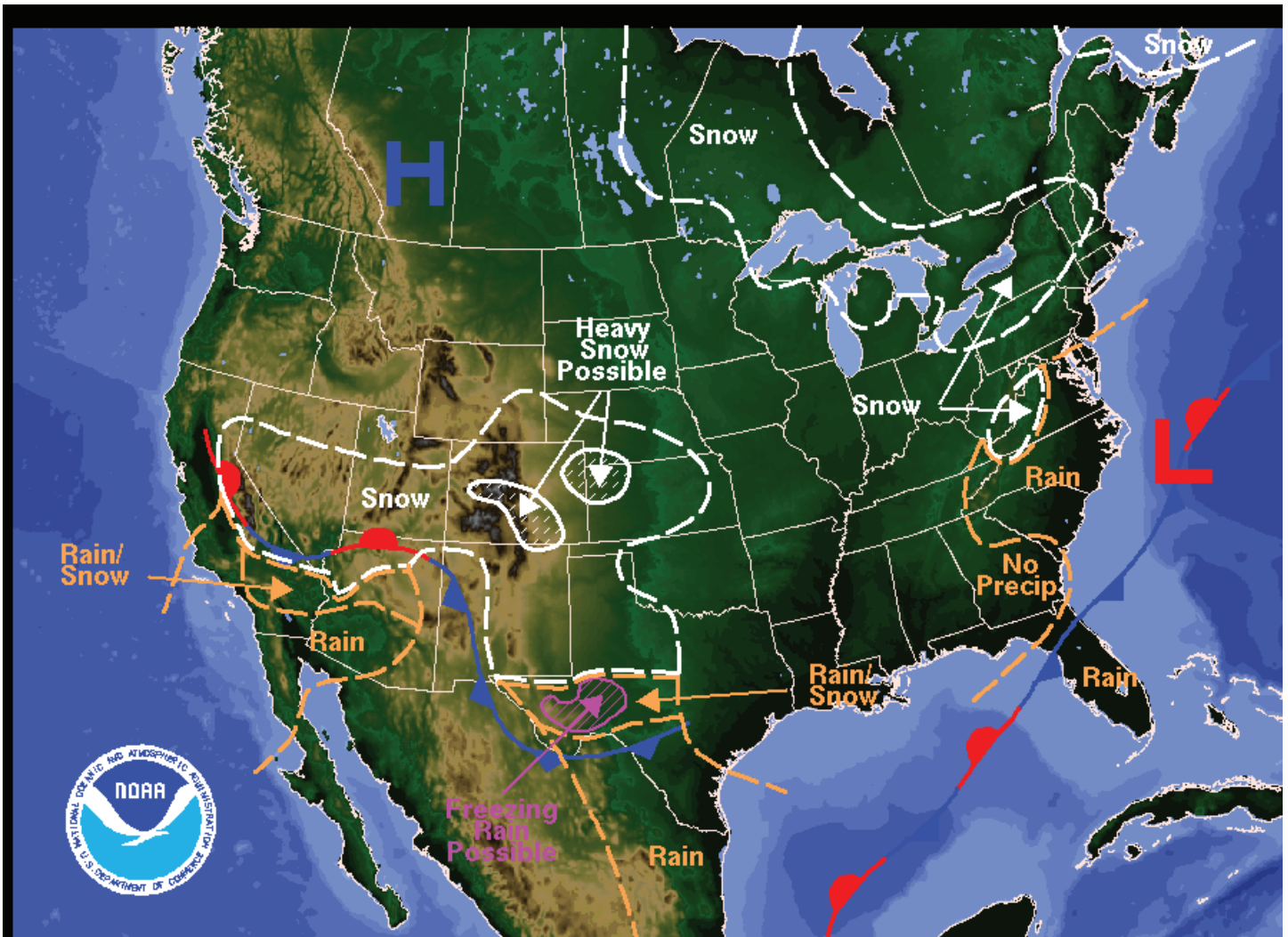
**Precip to date in Dec.:** 0.00

**Average Precip to date:** 21.68

**Precip Year to Date:** 13.99

**Sunset Tonight:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunrise Tomorrow:** 8:14 a.m.



Weather Forecast for Tue, Dec 30, 2014, issued 3:01 AM EST  
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center  
Prepared by McReynolds based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts





## STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY

"Why are you sitting there just staring off into space?" one friend asked another.

"Well, this year has been awful. It's the worst year that I can ever remember. Nothing's gone right and it seems that everything's gone wrong. So I'm trying to figure out what was the worst thing that happened. But there's too much competition for first place."

Call them what you will: Misfortunes or mishaps, troubles or trials, adversities or afflictions. They are part of all of our lives and no one is immune to them.

But some seem to get through them, over them or around them better than others. Does their strength come from a superior source? Do they have a resource to call upon that is unavailable to the rest of us?

There is a story of the men of Judah standing before the Lord with their little ones. Suddenly, the spirit of the Lord came on one of the men. The message that came to him to give to the others was simple: "Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged. Go out there tomorrow, for the Lord is with you!"

All Christians have God's Spirit in them Who can work through them. If we stand firm in our faith and ask for God's help, He will fight the battle for us and triumph.

**Prayer:** Lord, when adversity tries to stare us down, may we look up to you to save and sustain us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Scripture for Today:** 2 Chronicles 20:13-17 Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, and the Lord will be with you."

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

### Wind chills plummet in North Dakota, South Dakota

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Dakotas are in the deep freeze, with cold and wind making it feel as cold as 33 degrees below zero.

Wind chill advisories posted by the National Weather Service are in effect for all of both states. Temperatures dropped into the single digits and teens below zero overnight, and wind chill factors are in the minus 20s and even the minus 30s.

Weather service meteorologist Bill Abeling says the cold is nowhere near record-setting. But he says the fact that the arctic air hit after a stretch of mild weather might make it feel even colder than it is.

A warmup is in store for the rest of the week before bitter cold sets in again early next week.

### Rapid City arena expansion could go to public vote

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP) — A group that wants a public vote on a \$180 million plan to expand the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City has submitted petition signatures.

The petitions include 2,866 signatures. If there are at least 2,062 valid names, the plan will go to a public vote. The earliest it would be held would be March 10.

Rapid City Council members approved the arena expansion earlier. Local sales tax money would be used to repay the bonds for the project.

The city's finance director will validate the petition signatures this week and submit results to the City Council on Monday.

### Sioux Falls police investigating casino robbery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police are investigating the armed robbery of another casino. Authorities say a man entered the Rice Street Casino shortly after 6 p.m. Monday and demanded

money from an employee who noticed a handgun in the man's pocket.

The clerk gave an undetermined amount of cash to the robber, who was wearing a hooded sweat shirt and had a bandanna covering his face. The suspect fled on foot.

It was the second casino robbery in the city in as many days. The Rockin Robin's Casino was held up Sunday evening.

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## South Dakota's minimum wage goes up with new year

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — The new year comes with a pay raise for thousands of South Dakotans, thanks to a bump in the minimum wage.

Voters approved the change in November that takes effect Thursday and includes three changes. It raises the minimum hourly wage from the \$7.25 to \$8.50 an hour, increases the \$2.13 hourly tip wage to half the minimum wage and ties future increases to the cost of living.

The hourly increase represents about \$50 additional per week for a full-time worker.

A study done last fall estimated the measure could impact 34,000 South Dakotans.

Proponents argued that a wage hike would boost South Dakota's lagging personal income, but business groups said it could trigger layoffs and higher prices for some goods and services.

## Monday's Scores The Associated Press

### Boys Basketball

Jones County 50, Colome 46

Rapid City Stevens 57, Aberdeen Central 47

Stanley County 51, Kadoka Area 42

### Langford Tournament

Faith 55, Warner 45

Langford 61, Harding County 43

### Park Rapids Tournament

First Round

Cass Lake-Bena, Minn. 87, Rosholt 68

### Parkston Classic

Canistota 56, Hitchcock-Tulare 49

Corsica/Stickney 66, Centerville 35

Ethan 64, Chester 57

Hanson 67, Alcester-Hudson 47

McCook Central/Montrose 64, Vermillion 57

Miller 63, Parkston 40

Sully Buttes 53, Dakota Valley 45

### Sanford Classic

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 70, Minneapolis Henry, Minn. 66

### Girls Basketball

Chester 40, Dell Rapids St. Mary 37

McCook Central/Montrose 63, Dell Rapids 44

Redfield/Doland 64, Murray County Central, Minn. 45

Scotland 36, Corsica/Stickney 32

Sioux Falls Roosevelt 62, King/Drew, Calif. 34

Stanley County 43, Kadoka Area 23

### Marshall Tournament (SMSU)

Elkton-Lake Benton 51, Edgerton, Minn. 45

Marshall, Minn. 83, Sioux Falls Lincoln 75

Sioux Falls Washington 65, Minneota, Minn. 44

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Yellow Medicine East, Minn. 66, Canton 57

## **Swiftel Classic**

Bridgewater-Emery 54, Oldham-Ramona/Rutland 33

Estelline 36, Deuel 26

Florence/Henry 45, Lake Preston 41

Hamlin 47, Beresford 45

James Valley Christian 49, Arlington 39

Sioux Valley 80, Canistota 35

## **Man charged with killing Sioux Falls woman**

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Sioux Falls police say a man has been charged with killing his girlfriend at a house they shared in the central part of the city.

Officers went to the house Sunday morning to check on the well-being of 39-year-old Timothy Moses after a call from out-of-state relatives and found the body of 36-year-old Angel Schroeder in a bathtub, and Moses with cuts on his arms.

They arrested Moses on charges of first-degree murder, second-degree murder and first-degree manslaughter. It wasn't clear Monday if he had an attorney.

Lt. Matt Burns says Schroeder's killing "was directly related to a domestic situation."

Schroeder's 8-year-old son and his 13-year-old friend were found safe in the home.

Officials say Schroeder was the seventh victim of homicide in Sioux Falls this year.

## **Bastian appointed to SD Board of Regents**

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) — Gov. Dennis Daugaard has appointed John Bastian to the state Board of Regents. Daugaard made the announcement on Monday.

Bastian is an Aberdeen native. He retired in 2013 after serving for 20 years as a circuit court judge in Belle Fourche. Prior to that service, Bastian spent nearly 10 years in the attorney general's office.

Bastian is a graduate of South Dakota State University and Hamline University School of Law. He also is a United States Air Force veteran.

Daugaard says Bastian "will be a strong addition" to the nine-member board that oversees the state university system.

## **Rodeo cowboy legend Alvin Nelson dies in Minnesota**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Rodeo cowboy legend Alvin Nelson is being remembered as one of the best of his generation, an influence on younger riders and an innovator in the sport.

Nelson, of Grassy Butte, a member of half a dozen halls of fame and North Dakota's only world champion saddle bronc rider for 24 years, died Dec. 23 at a hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, according to Fulkerson Funeral Home. He was 80. His funeral is scheduled for Wednesday in Watford City, North Dakota.

Nelson won the saddle bronc world championship in 1957 at Madison Square Garden in New York. He qualified for five Wrangler National Finals Rodeos, winning the saddle bronc riding average at the finals in 1961 and 1962, and also the all-around title in 1961 in Dallas.

Nelson told the Minot Daily News in 2004 that he remembered his 1957 title well.

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"The rodeo lasted three weeks in September, and at that time, it was the world's largest rodeo according to prize money, number of spectators and the number of contestants," he said as he was preparing to be inducted into the ProRodeo Hall of Fame.

"There were eight rounds. I split third and fourth on the first horse, won the second round, split first and second in the last two rounds to win \$4,234," he said. "This was the most money ever won in the saddle bronc riding at any one rodeo at the time, and this record stood until 1980."

Nelson was a member of the "six pack," a group of North Dakota bronc and bull riders who dominated the rodeo circuit in the 1950s. He is a member of two national rodeo halls of fame, as well as halls of fame in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana. He was a native of Mobridge, South Dakota.

Nelson was the only world champion saddle bronc rider from North Dakota until the 1980s, when Brad Gjermundson won four world titles.

"He was one of my idols growing up. He had a lot of influence," said Gjermundson, who ranches near Marshall, North Dakota. "He was a great guy in and out of the arena. To me he was always an ambassador for the Western way of life."

Nelson also redesigned the bronc riding saddle, moving the stirrups closer to the front to make it easier to spur the horse, according to Kevin Holten, executive director of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

"He was revolutionary," Holten said. "He redesigned the bronc riding saddle, and everybody copied him from that time forward."

Nelson, an Army veteran, will be buried in Grassy Butte Cemetery with military honors.

## **Bone-chilling cold blanketing the Dakotas**

**BLAKE NICHOLSON, Associated Press**

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Bone-chilling cold blanketed the Dakotas as the workweek began, though a brief warmup was in store for the New Year's holiday later in the week.

Temperatures early Monday dropped well below zero in North Dakota, with wind chills as cold as the minus 30s across the northern part of the state. Frostbite to exposed skin can happen within half an hour under such conditions, according to the National Weather Service.

The extreme cold also can be hard on vehicles, especially older models with less-modern technology, said Keith Anhorn, who works for Ole Olson's Towing in Minot. The business was experiencing an above-normal amount of calls for vehicle jump-starts early Monday, after a relatively warm weekend, he said.

"When it hits on a Monday, it's not a good day for it to be so cold," Anhorn said. "Everybody has relaxed over the weekend and forgot to plug their vehicle in or just didn't think it would be this cold."

The icy temperatures were caused by arctic air flowing south from Canada and exacerbated by the wind, according to weather service meteorologist Bill Abeling.

"It just takes a little bit of wind ... and you've got 30-35 below zero wind chills," he said. "This would be more or less a typical arctic outbreak."

The 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 1.8 inches of snow that fell in Rapid City on Sunday broke that city's record for the date of 1.6 inches, set in 1976, according to the weather service.

The agency posted wind chill advisories for most areas of the two states into Tuesday morning. However, a shift in the jet stream promised to allow warmer air from the Pacific Northwest to come into the

region on Wednesday and Thursday — New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. High temperatures in the two states Thursday were forecast in the teens, 20s and 30s.

Another cooldown was expected by the weekend, however, with temperatures plummeting again early next week.

"Right back into the icebox," Abeling said.

## Obama golf game forces Army couple to move wedding

**JOSH LEDERMAN, Associated Press**

**JENNIFER SINCO KELLEHER, Associated Press**

HONOLULU (AP) — A couple getting married near President Barack Obama's vacation spot in Hawaii learned the hard way that the big day rarely goes exactly as planned.

Natalie Heimel and Edward Mallue Jr. — both U.S. Army captains stationed in Hawaii — were scheduled to tie the knot Sunday at Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course, a military course with ocean views near Obama's rented vacation home in Kailua.

But after their rehearsal Saturday, they were told they'd have to move their wedding away from the 16th hole because Obama and his friends planned to golf, Heimel's sister, Christie McConnell, told The Associated Press.

"They're both pretty even-tempered and planners," McConnell said of the couple, who met in 2011 while stationed in Germany. "I'm sure it was a little bit of stress, but they seemed fine."

The ceremony relocated to another part of the course that offered better views than the 16th hole, she said, adding that some guests even caught a glimpse of Obama as he golfed.

After the ceremony was done and members of the bridal party were taking photos, Mallue got a call from the wedding planner asking permission to give the president his cellphone number, said McConnell, a bridesmaid. Then, Obama called and Mallue put the call on speakerphone.

"We all hovered around, all excited, listening," McConnell said. Obama asked how long they had been "going out," chatted about golf and apologized for disrupting their plans. "He was really funny and nice on the phone."

The newlyweds said they weren't angry with Obama.

"We knew there were two things that could mess up the wedding. One was the weather and the other was the president," the bride told NBC News in an interview. "I'm sure that his staffers didn't let him know there was a wedding."

On Monday, Obama was back on the green, this time at a private course a few miles away. Putting on the 18th hole, Obama offered a few compliments to his golf partners before attempting a chip shot as the sun set behind him over the Koolau Mountains.

Asked if he could have beaten the president on the course, Mallue paused briefly and then said, laughingly, "Probably."

Typically, when Obama is involved in recreational activities like golf or hiking, the events are considered "unofficial" and not announced beforehand on his public schedule. Keeping the events a secret until they take place allows the Secret Service to minimize the costs and disruption involved in securing a location for Obama's arrival, but it also makes it harder for the public to anticipate when a presidential visit might throw a wrench in their plans.

In this case, the White House didn't know in advance that the couple was being told they had to relocate, said a person familiar with the chain of events, who wasn't authorized to be identified publicly and requested anonymity. The White House declined to comment on the record.

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This isn't the first time Obama has faced questions about the timing of his frequent golf outings. In August, Obama golfed on Martha's Vineyard just after speaking to the nation on the Islamic State's beheading of U.S. journalist James Foley. Obama later conceded he "should have anticipated the optics."

For the newlywed couple, at least, there were no hard feelings about the change in plans, which was first reported by Bloomberg. McConnell said the phone call from the president made the wedding all the more memorable.

"There were no hard feelings about the move," she said. "It was all a good thing."

## 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. OFFICIALS: BODIES FROM LOST AIRASIA FLIGHT FOUND IN JAVA SEA

Indonesian authorities spot six bodies from the flight that went missing off the coast of Borneo island, and recover three of them.

### 2. WHY THERE'S A PILOT SHORTAGE IN ASIA

With a surge in air travel across the region, airlines are struggling to hire and train enough crews to keep up with demand.

### 3. WHO WILL RESIGN FROM CONGRESS

Days after pleading guilty to tax evasion, U.S. Rep. Michael Grimm, a New York Republican, says he will step down.

### 4. CHAOS FOLLOWED FIRE ON ADRIATIC FERRY

"The jungle law prevailed," one passenger says, describing the scene as people fought to be evacuated from the vessel.

### 5. WHICH NATION IS LIKELY TO DRIVE 2015 WORLD ECONOMY

As other developing countries falter, the U.S. continues its steady rebound from the Great Recession.

### 6. COST OF BEING UNINSURED GOING UP IN US

Penalties under Obama's health care law will double for millions of people next year.

### 7. HOW OTHER CITIES COPY TIMES SQUARE BALL DROP

From a New Mexico chile pepper to a Georgia peach, communities model New Year's countdowns on celebrations surrounding New York City's sparkling orb.

### 8. 'THE INTERVIEW' TURNS HEADS IN HOLLYWOOD

The film has already earned more than \$15 million from digital rentals and downloads — suggesting that video-on-demand revenue can be surprisingly robust.

### 9. OBAMA'S GOLF GAME IN HAWAII BUMPS ARMY COUPLE FROM WEDDING ON 16TH HOLE

To accommodate the vacationing president, the couple is told to move from the spot on the oceanside course where they'd planned to tie the knot.

### 10. AP NAMES ITS FEMALE ATHLETE OF YEAR

Philadelphia eighth-grader Mo'ne Davis — the youngest ever to win the AP honor — became an instant celebrity as she took the mound this summer in the Little League World Series.

## AP News in Brief

### **Bodies recovered in Indonesian waters where AirAsia plane vanished; weather hampering efforts**

PANGKALAN BUN, Indonesia (AP) — Six bloated bodies and debris seen floating in Indonesian waters Tuesday painfully ended the mystery of AirAsia Flight 8501, which crashed into the Java Sea with 162 people aboard and was lost to searchers for more than two days.

The bodies were found about 160 kilometers (100 miles) from land and 10 kilometers (6 miles) from the plane's last known coordinates. The plane vanished Sunday on its way from Surabaya, Indonesia to Singapore after encountering storm clouds.

The six bodies were recovered, swollen but intact, and taken to an Indonesian navy ship, First Adm. Sigit Setiayanta, the Naval Aviation Center commander at the Surabaya air force base, told reporters. The corpses did not have life jackets on.

Search and rescue teams were lowered on ropes from a hovering helicopter to retrieve the corpses, their efforts hindered by 2-meter-high (6-foot) waves and strong winds, National Search and Rescue Director SB Supriyadi told The Associated Press.

The discovery came after several pieces of red, white and black debris were spotted in the Java Sea near Borneo island. AirAsia planes are red and white.

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### **Java Sea searchers looking for signs of missing AirAsia plane face monsoons, murkiness, trash**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Searchers combing the Java Sea to find and recover debris and bodies from the AirAsia jet that crashed there have the advantage of working in much shallower waters than those found in the open ocean, but also face challenges that include monsoons, murkiness and trash.

Flight 8501 crashed Sunday morning with 162 people on board while flying from Indonesia to Singapore. Searchers on Tuesday found bodies and debris floating off Borneo island believed to be from the plane.

Erik van Sebille, an oceanographer at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, said the Java Sea is 100 times shallower than the remote stretch of Indian Ocean where searchers are still looking for another missing plane, Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

"It makes the search much simpler," he said.

Mostly enclosed by islands from the Indonesia archipelago, the Java Sea has average depths of about 40 to 50 meters (131 to 164 feet). Van Sebille said it's shallow enough that if conditions were perfect, searchers could probably spot any large pieces of debris on the ocean floor using only their eyesight.

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### **The quick growth of Asian airlines creates challenge: how to safely train enough jet pilots**

NEW YORK (AP) — Every week, a combined total of 28 new planes roll off the assembly lines at Airbus, Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer factories — the fastest production rate in the history of commercial aviation. Most of those aircraft feed the insatiable demand in Asia.

The rapid growth of Asian airlines is helping bolster economies and change lifestyles, but it's also creating a daunting safety challenge as more passengers head into an increasingly crowded airspace.



Much of the boom has been driven by the surge in popularity of Southeast Asia's budget carriers, such as AirAsia, whose Flight 8501 disappeared Sunday morning, 42 minutes after it took off from Surabaya, Indonesia, on its way to Singapore. It is still unclear what happened to the plane, but the aviation disaster has put a new spotlight on the obstacles that lie ahead for the booming region.

As Southeast Asia's economies grow, creating a burgeoning middle class, more people have the appetite to travel and airlines are struggling to ensure that their training and safety standards keep pace with the demand.

There are currently 1,600 aircraft operating in Southeast Asia, Brendan Sobie, analyst at the CAPA Centre for Aviation, a consultancy in Sydney, said by email. "It is the only region in the world with as many aircraft on order as in service," he said. "So the growth seems set to continue."

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## **NY congressman says he'll resign from office Jan. 5 following guilty plea on tax charge**

NEW YORK (AP) — A New York congressman who pleaded guilty to tax evasion just days ago has announced he'll resign from office next week because he would not be able to give the job his full attention anymore.

Republican Rep. Michael Grimm issued a statement late Monday saying he will resign effective Jan. 5. "The events which led to this day did not break my spirit, nor the will of the voters," he said. "However, I do not believe that I can continue to be 100% effective in the next Congress, and therefore, out of respect for the office and the people I so proudly represent, it is time for me to start the next chapter of my life."

Grimm's guilty plea last week to aiding in the filing of a false tax return came after he was re-elected to his Staten Island seat in November, even though he was under indictment.

Following the plea, Grimm said he would stay in Congress as long as he could.

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## **2 Albanian tugboat sailors killed during operation to secure Greek ferry**

TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Two Albanian tugboat sailors died Tuesday during operations to secure a Greek ferry adrift for three days since a fire broke out on a car deck, with 10 people killed in the ensuing chaos.

The sailors were apparently hit by a line that they had been trying to attach to the crippled, fire-blackened Norman Atlantic, said Dionis Dulaj, the police spokesman in the Albanian port town of Vlore, closest to where the 186-meter (610-foot)-long ferry has been drifting.

Defense Ministry spokeswoman Edlira Prendi announced the deaths. One man had quickly been confirmed dead while a medical team had worked on the second but could not save him.

A Dutch salvage company, Rotterdam-based Smit Salvage, was overseeing the operations to secure the Norman Atlantic after completion Monday of the rescue of 427 people, including 56 crew. One lifeboat was deployed, but most of those on the ferry were transported by helicopters to safety in an all-night operation amid high winds and pelting rains.

Martijn Schuttevaer, a spokesman for Smit's parent company Royal Boskalis Smit, said one line was connected by early Tuesday and that the priority was to get a heavier tow line connection, aided by the arrival of larger tugs. It was not clear if that was the operation underway when the Albanian sailors were struck.

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## **Putin foe Alexei Navalny found guilty of fraud, receives suspended sentence; brother jailed**

MOSCOW (AP) — Alexei Navalny, the anti-corruption campaigner who is a leading foe of Russian President Vladimir Putin, was found guilty of fraud and given a suspended sentence of three and a half years on Tuesday, while his brother was sent to prison.

The verdict was scheduled for next month, but the court session was abruptly moved forward to the day before New Year's Eve, the main holiday in Russia, leading to speculation that authorities wanted to head off protests. More than 30,000 had previously signed up on Facebook to rally outside the Kremlin to protest what they called an unlawful trial.

Navalny and his younger brother Oleg were convicted of defrauding a French cosmetics company and given the same sentence as each other, but Oleg's was not suspended. The court also fined each of them 500,000 rubles (about \$8,800) and ordered them to pay some 4 million rubles (\$77,000) in damages.

Oleg Navalny, the father of two small children and a former executive of the state-owned postal service, has never played a role in the Russian opposition movement and his imprisonment could echo the Soviet-era practice of punishing the relatives of inconvenient people.

"Aren't you ashamed of what you're doing? You want to punish me even harder?" Alexei Navalny shouted out as Judge Yelena Korobchenko handed down the sentence for his brother.

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## **After AirAsia tragedy, what's the status of the search for the other missing jet — Flight 370?**

SYDNEY (AP) — As hundreds of search crews frantically scour the waters off Indonesia, where AirAsia Flight 8501 went down, a couple of ships a few thousand kilometers (miles) to the south are quietly combing another patch of ocean for perhaps the most infamous missing plane of all time — Malaysia Airlines Flight 370.

Nearly 10 months after the Malaysian aircraft vanished on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, not a single trace of it has been found, despite a massive, Australian-led search effort in the remote waters of the southern Indian Ocean.

While it's not yet clear what happened to either plane, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott warned against drawing comparisons, saying: "This is not a mystery like the MH370 disappearance ... it's an aircraft that was flying a regular route on a regular schedule, it struck what appears to have been horrific weather and it's downed."

Still, the latest disaster has focused attention once again on the frustratingly fruitless hunt for Flight 370. Here is a look at the latest in that search:

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## **IRS to start collecting fines for not having health insurance; penalties to increase in 2015**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cost of being uninsured in America is going up significantly next year for millions of people.

It's the first year all taxpayers have to report to the Internal Revenue Service whether they had health

insurance for the previous year, as required under President Barack Obama's law. Those who were uninsured face fines, unless they qualify for one of about 30 exemptions, most of which involve financial hardships.

Dayna Dayson of Phoenix estimates that she'll have to pay the tax man \$290 when she files her federal return. Dayson, who's in her early 30s, works in marketing and doesn't have a lot left over each month after housing, transportation and other fixed costs. She'd like health insurance but she couldn't afford it in 2014, as required by the law.

"It's touted as this amazing thing, but right now, for me, it doesn't fit into my budget," she said.

Ryan Moon of Des Moines, Iowa, graduated from college in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in political science and is still hunting for a permanent job with benefits. He expects to pay a fine of \$95. A supporter of the health care law, he feels conflicted about its insurance mandate and fines.

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## **Luise Rainer, star of cinema's golden era who first won consecutive acting Oscars, dead at 104**

LONDON (AP) — Luise Rainer, a star of cinema's golden era who won back-to-back Oscars but then walked away from a glittering Hollywood career, has died. She was 104.

Rainer, whose roles ranged from the 1930s German stage to television's "The Love Boat," died Tuesday at her home in London from pneumonia, said her only daughter, Francesca Knittel-Bowyer.

"She was bigger than life and can charm the birds out of the trees," Knittel-Bowyer said. "If you saw her, you'd never forget her."

The big-eyed, apple-cheeked Rainer gained Hollywood immortality by becoming the first person to win an acting Academy Award in consecutive years, taking the best actress prize for "The Great Ziegfeld" in 1936 in and "The Good Earth" in 1937.

It's a feat since achieved by only four other actors.

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## **New York City mayor gets some boos, turned backs at police graduation, amid tensions**

NEW YORK (AP) — New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio received some boos and heckles Monday at a police graduation ceremony, the latest chapter in his tension-filled relationship with the nation's largest police force.

The rift between de Blasio and much of the rank and file has grown considerably in recent weeks, and the leaders of the police union have blamed the mayor for fostering an anti-NYPD atmosphere they believe contributed to the ambush slayings of two officers earlier this month.

Twice in a week — including at the funeral for one of the officers — some officers turned their backs to de Blasio, adding an air of acrimony to the normally celebratory graduation ceremonies, which were held Monday morning at Madison Square Garden.

The 884 new police officers sat stoically in their seats when de Blasio was introduced to speak and many in the audience tepidly cheered. But boos could be heard from some in the crowd in the seats reserved for cadets' family and friends.

About a dozen or so people in the stands stood with their backs turned to de Blasio, emulating the searing pose of disrespect that hundreds of officers struck at Officer Rafael Ramos' funeral on Saturday. Some appeared to be in uniform but it was unclear if they were members of the New York Police Department.

## Today in History

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Today is Tuesday, Dec. 30, the 364th day of 2014. There is one day left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 30, 1922, Vladimir I. Lenin proclaimed the establishment of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which lasted nearly seven decades before dissolving in Dec. 1991.

#### On this date:

In 1813, British troops burned Buffalo, New York, during the War of 1812.

In 1853, the United States and Mexico signed a treaty under which the U.S. agreed to buy some 45,000 square miles of land from Mexico for \$10 million in a deal known as the Gadsden Purchase.

In 1903, about 600 people died when fire broke out at the recently opened Iroquois Theater in Chicago.

In 1936, the United Auto Workers union staged its first "sit-down" strike at the General Motors Fisher Body Plant No. 1 in Flint, Michigan. (The strike lasted until Feb. 11, 1937.)

In 1944, King George II of Greece proclaimed a regency to rule his country, virtually renouncing the throne.

In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.

In 1965, Ferdinand Marcos was inaugurated for his first term as president of the Philippines.

In 1979, Broadway composer Richard Rodgers died in New York at age 77.

In 1989, a Northwest Airlines DC-10, which had been the target of a telephoned threat, flew safely from Paris to Detroit with 22 passengers amid extra-tight security.

In 1994, a gunman walked into a pair of suburban Boston abortion clinics and opened fire, killing two employees. (John C. Salvi III was later convicted of murder; he died in prison, an apparent suicide.)

In 1999, former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who broke into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)

In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

**Ten years ago:** Democrat Christine Gregoire was declared victor of Washington's gubernatorial election over Republican Dino Rossi by 129 votes out of more than 2.8 million cast. A fire broke out during a rock concert at a nightclub in Buenos Aires, Argentina, killing 194 people. Bandleader and clarinetist Artie Shaw died in Thousand Oaks, California, at age 94.

**Five years ago:** Seven CIA employees and a Jordanian intelligence officer were killed by a suicide bomber at a U.S. base in Khost, Afghanistan. British contractor Peter Moore was freed more than two years after he was abducted outside Iraq's Finance Ministry. Former Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid, 69, who had ruled after the fall of dictator Suharto, died in Jakarta.

**One year ago:** Six states were named by federal officials to develop test sites for drones: Alaska, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Texas and Virginia. Barely 12 hours after the NFL's regular season ended, four more head coaches were fired: Washington's Mike Shanahan, Detroit's Jim Schwartz, Minnesota's Leslie Frazier and Tampa Bay's Greg Schiano. (Cleveland's Rob Chudzinski had been fired the night before.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actor Joseph Bologna is 80. Actor Russ Tamblyn is 80. Baseball Hall-of-Famer

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Sandy Koufax is 79. Actor Jack Riley is 79. Folk singer Noel Paul Stookey is 77. TV director James Burrows is 74. Actor Fred Ward is 72. Singer-musician Michael Nesmith is 72. Actress Concetta Tomei (toh-MAY') is 69. Singer Patti Smith is 68. Rock singer-musician Jeff Lynne is 67. TV personality Meredith Vieira is 61. Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph is 59. Actress Patricia Kalember is 58. Country singer Suzy Bogguss is 58. "Today" show co-host Matt Lauer is 57. Actress-comedian Tracey Ullman is 55. Rock musician Rob Hotchkiss is 54. Radio-TV commentator Sean Hannity is 53. Sprinter Ben Johnson is 53. Actor George Newbern is 51. Singer Jay Kay (Jamiroquai) is 45. Rock musician Byron McMackin (Pennywise) is 45. Actress Meredith Monroe is 45. Actor Daniel Sunjata is 43. Actress Maureen Flannigan is 42. Actor Jason Behr is 41. Golfer Tiger Woods is 39. TV personality-boxer Laila Ali is 37. Actress Lucy Punch is 37. Singer-actor Tyrese Gibson is 36. Actress Eliza Dushku is 34. Rock musician Tim Lopez (Plain White T's) is 34. Actress Kristin Kreuk is 32. Folk-rock singer-musician Wesley Schultz (The Lumineers) is 32. NBA player LeBron James is 30. Pop-rock singer Ellie Goulding (GOL'-ding) is 28. Pop-rock musician Jamie Follese (FAHL'-es-ay) (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "I respect faith, but doubt is what gives you an education." - Wilson Mizner, American playwright (1876-1933).