

## WORLD IN BRIEF

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## Rescuers find flight recorder from Black Sea plane crash

SOCHI, Russia — Rescue workers today found a flight recorder from the Russian plane that crashed into the Black Sea over the weekend, the defense ministry said.

All 92 people aboard the Russian military's Tu-154 plane are believed to have died Sunday morning when it crashed two minutes after taking off from the southern Russian city of Sochi. The 84 passengers included dozens of singers from Russia's world-famous military choir who were going to the Russian Air Force base in Syria to perform at a New Year's concert.

The defense ministry said in a statement that one of the flight recorders was found early this morning about a mile away from the shore.

State television showed footage of rescue workers on an inflatable boat carrying a container with a bright orange object submerged in water. The ministry said the "black box" would be immediately flown to Moscow. It did not mention whether the flight recorder had sustained any damage.

## Obama, Japan's Abe to seek reconciliation at Pearl Harbor

HONOLULU — Putting 75 years of resentment behind them, the leaders of the United States and Japan are coming together at Pearl Harbor for a historic pilgrimage to the site where the bloodshed of surprise attacks thrust America into World War II.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit today with President Barack Obama is powerful proof that the former enemies have transcended the recriminatory impulses that weighed down relations after the war, Japan's government has said. Although Japanese leaders have visited Pearl Harbor before, Abe will be the first to visit the memorial that now rests on the hallowed waters above the sunken USS Arizona.

For Obama, it's likely the last time he will meet with a foreign leader as president, White House aides said. It's a bookend of sorts for the president, who nearly eight years ago invited Abe's predecessor to be the first leader that Obama hosted at the White House.

For Abe, it's an act of symbolic reciprocity, coming six months after Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Hiroshima in Japan, where the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in hopes of ending the war.

## Steins: 'So far we love it'

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delivered exactly the way the client expects," he writes on his website.

Calendars, apparel, stainless steel travel mugs and tumblers — that's just the start. Stein recently prepared a package for a tourism team from Ocean County, New Jersey. "Shirts, hats, mugs, pens — just about anything you can put a logo on," he said.

Stein said he is looking forward to working with South County merchants and organizations. Peggy Stein works as a medical transcriptionist.

"So far we love it," Andrew Stein said. "We absolutely love it. We have 50-60 elk which is pretty amazing. I play a lot of golf — not this time of year unfortunately. I joined the Gearhart Golf Club and try to play as often as possible."

## Gearhart: 'It's a welcoming community'

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The show travels to some of the most exquisite beach destinations around the world. The series was launched this year as buyers search for their dream homes on the sand. Each episode follows a prospective buyer, usually a couple, as they work with an agent who shows them their choices before choosing a beach home in their budget where they can live their dream. Each episode is a journey as the buyers weigh their options.

Unsurprisingly, their choice often boils down to just one thing: location, location, location.

## Quality time

The episode features Portland couple Alisa and Jamie Gaylord, searching for a beachfront home to enjoy quality time with their two young kids. The Gaylords discover it in Gearhart, with its shingled cottages and castles uncannily resem-



HGTV Alisa and Jamie Gaylord, of Portland, went searching for a home in Gearhart.

bling New England's Cape Cod. Gearhart, the Gaylords learn, is the place to indulge and enjoy the family's favorite beach activities: surfing, whale watching, and, yes, watching storms.

Charlan said his production company's casting director discovered the couple through Windermere's Shea. "She replied

to our casting call and recommended Alisa and Jamie," Charlan said. "She knew they were working on finding and purchasing a beachfront home in or around Gearhart."

Shea said it was her first time being part of any HGTV program. "The director and crew were fantastic to work with," Shea said. "From Day One of filming, they made me feel very comfortable and at ease."

Charlan described the production experience in Gearhart, Seaside and Arch Cape as "very fun. The weather was moody and the production crew battled with rainstorms, but overall they were able to work well inside and out."

A typical shooting schedule to create each half hour episode of the show is a four-day affair where each day cameras are rolling 12 to 14 hours. "The weather never got too bad," Charlan said. "The crew loved the community feel of the area. It's

very small-town Americana with a nice West Coast style. There's a laid-back atmosphere. It's a welcoming beach community."

## Scenery, dining

Charlan praised not only the beautiful scenery but the delicious dining options during the shooting and the friendly local businesses.

Shea said she does appear on camera. "I'm the real estate broker who shows the buyers a selection of homes I think meet their family needs and wants," she said. "It was a great experience and a whole lot of fun. I felt extremely honored to have the opportunity to represent my clients, Windermere Stellar, and our wonderful north Oregon Coast community to the viewers of HGTV."

Tune in to see what property the couple chose.

"I am very hopeful that the community will be pleased with the show," Shea said.

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