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Answering the call Slogan slip-up



Dr. Brian Johnson, of St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome, takes a look at a patient's X-ray Tuesday afternoon in Jerome. While a shortage of on-call physicians has affected hospitals in larger cities in Idaho, hospitals in the Magic Valley haven't been affected as much.

Idaho hospitals not immune to national shortage of on-call physicians

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

On Tuesday, most people opened presents and enjoyed Christmas dinner with their families.

But some did so with an ear to their pagers and cell phones. For every hospital in south-central Idaho, physicians specializing in family medicine, orthopedic surgery and other fields stayed on call over the holiday, ready to respond should an emergency room need them.

It's a vital service, Gooding County Memorial Hospital CEO Eart Fitzparick said Monday, one made even more difficult by a nation-wide shortage in medical specialists willing to be on call in the Birst place. A 2005, nationwide survey by the American College of Emergency Physicians, the most recent data from the group, found that 73 percent

of the ER directors who

of the ER directors who responded said they had a problem with inadequate on-call coverage. The shortage hasn't been much of a problem for Gooding, which has a very dedicated base of faulty results a problem for the proble family practice physicians, Fitzpatrick said. But some specialists in the Twin Falls specialists in the Twin Falls and Boise markets, he said, are either avoiding jobs that require them to be on call or requesting extra pay to make up for the higher number of no-pay patients they see' it's a trend also reflected by the ACEP survey, which reported about twice as many special-ists negotiating for fewer on-call hours in 2005 than the year before.

ats fitsponaum or rever or all hours in 2005 than the year before. It taking patients from the EB that are no-pay or Medicald, and so it's not really worth their time or effort to hang around the building. He said.

And even though the shortages are more likely to affect more urban areas, they can cause problems for rural hospitals as well. Carl Hanson, CEO of Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert, said his facility — like other small ones in the area — relies on specialists from larger hospitals for services such as neurology.

rology.
"For some specific specialties, we now have to send multiple-trauma victims fur-ther away because of the dif-ficulties caused by the lack of specialists," he said.

And It's not just the money that draws them away, he said. Some physicians who would otherwise like to live in the rural West look for other jobs that will give them more time with their families. "What they don't want to have happen is to be on call 50 percent of the time." Hamson said. "They'd just like to have a little better forme life." While the shortage affects larger cities in Idaho, Twin Falls seems to be in good shape. Dr. Tom Zepeda, Elf director for St. Benedicts Family Medical Center in Jerome, said he rarely has a problem with a specialist say and the said of th or can even do the needed

procedure.
"They just don't have enough capacity." Zepeda said, adding that that still isn't problem most of the

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He died

Idaho police academy 'mortified' by PTSD slogan

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho law enforcement leaders say they were mortified, when a group of state police acad-emy graduates chose a slo-gan that many felt was just too gune-ho.

gan that thany tel was just too gung-ho.

The slogan, 'Don't suffer from PTSD, go out and cause it," was emblazoned on the Dec. 14 graduation programs for 43 officers who completed the Idaho Police

Officer Standards and Training Academy's latest course.

PTSD, short for post-trainant's stress disorder, typically afflicts people with lawe endured civilian violence, military combat and other extremely dislocating experiences.

That's not something we encourage or condone, left Black, director of the police training a cademy in

Black, director of the ponce training academy in Meridian, told the Spokesman-Review newspa-per this week. "It shouldn't have been there, it was inap-

propriate." Ada County Sheriff Gary Ada County Sheritt Gary Raney, who attended the event earlier this month, pointed out the slogan to Black about three minutes

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"That's not something we encourage or condone.'

- Jeff Black, director of Idaho Police Officer Standards and Training Academy

Christmas in custody

Inmates find peace, sobriety behind bars

By Andrea Gates Times-News writer

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Times-Nows writer

BURLEY — Lights on a
small Christmas tree twinkled Tuesday behind two
officers booking immates
into the Mini-Cassla
Criminal Justice Center.
A female guard wearing a
red Santa hat assessed a new
prisoner for any medical
conditions. Beside her,
another officer bnoked-in
an elderly man wrapped in
blankets — until the himate
apparently spit on the
counter.
Christmas is just another
day in jail.
But there's an upside to
the holiday for two state
immates doing hard time for
meth crimes.
T'In grateful to be here.
It's a suber Christmas this
year, said immate Penni
Andoe, 38.
Andoe is a recovering
meth addiet and she's licen-

Andoe, 38.

Andoe is a recovering meth addict and she's incarcerated on three felony counts of meth possession.

She's been in jall since May -and isn't eligible for parole until March of 2009, she

until March of 2009, she said.

Being away from her three children — ages 18, 12 and 2 — is difficult any day of the week. On Christmas, the week. On Christmas and the said of the said o

Andoe said. He younger sons live Her younger sons live Her younger sons live Her younger sons live the younger sons live young well and they don't wist. Andoe said she doesn't want them to see her 'behind the glass,' so they write and talk on the phone. Andoe earned the privilege of working at the jail. She makes \$50 a month cooking in the kitchen. The job gives her more than just an extra pillow—she said it also lends her a sense of 'self-respect and pride.'

pride."
And she's not alone

"I'm grateful to be here. It's a sober Christmas this year."

--- Penni Andoe, 38, an inmate at the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center

"I hate this time of year right now ... I feel sorry for my family."

- Cynthia Yeates, 28, an inmate at the Mini-Cassia Criminal **Justice Center**

another female inmate works in the kitchen to keep

works in the kitchen to keep her mind free.

Mother of three and for-mer meth addict. Cynthia Yeates. 28, sald she likes earning mone; in fall so she cam buy phone eards to talk with her It-year-old son— who lives in Bolse.

No one visited her on Christmas, but Yeates sald she sent her family hankles she decorated for the holi-days.

sent ter aunity manashe decorated for the holidays.

Somebody in my family's
always locked up. Yeates
said. 'I hate this time of year
right now ... I feel sorry for
my family.'

Yeates was convicted of
trafficking methamphetamine, she said, and she's
been locked up since
November of last year. She's
not eligible for parole until
December 2009. 'I'm glad I
got locked up. I just wish
they would have caught me
sooner.' she said.

Through her meth addictlon, Yeates had two young

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Jokester 'sends' holiday greetings from afterlife probably be able to mail them this year."

ASHLAND, Ore. — Even in death, Chet Flich is a card. Flitch, known for his sense of humon, died in October at age 88 but gave his friends and family a start recently. Christmas cards, 34 of them, began arriving — written in his hand with a return address of "Heaven."

The greeting read: "I asked Big Guy if I could sneak back and send some cards. At first he said no; but at my Insis-

and send some cards. At lifst
the said no; but at my insisfence he finally said, 'Oh
well, what the heaven, go
ahead but don't (tarry)
there.' Wish I could tell you

about things here but words cannot explain.
"Better get back as Big Guy said he stretched a point to let me in the first time, so I had better not press my luck. I'll probably be seeing you (some sooner than you think). Wishing you a very Merry Christmas. Chet Pitch"
A friend for penty 25

Chef Fitch"
A friend for nearly 25 years, Debble Honsen Bernard sald, "All I could think was, You little slinker."
"It was amazing." she said, 'just so Chet, always wanting to get the last laugh."

The mailing was a joke you'll Fitch worked on for two decades with his barber, Patty Dean, 57. She told the Ashland Daily Tidings this week that he kept updating the mailing list and giving her extra money when nostal rates went postal rates we up. This fall, she said, Fitch looked rates went

Fitch looked up to her from the chair.

"You must be getting tired of waiting to mail those cards," he told her. "I think



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TODAY'S FORECAST

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MINI-CASSIA

Today:Scattered snow showers and a brisk, cold breeze Flight, 20s. Tonight: A slift breeze persists while the chance of snow

hides. Lows leens.
Tomorrow: A quiet and cold full between periods of snow.
Highs low to middle 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

EDUCATION

Job Search Workshop, offered by the Department of Labor: learn tips on interviewing, writing resumes, completing applica-tions and identifying skills and interests, 8:30 a.m., 420 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, 735-2500.

EXHIBITS

**Ceramics from the Bray: The Idaho Connection," with featured artists Donna Flanery, Margaret Gregg, Jeanette Rakowski, David Peters, Kailo Jackson and Peter Rudd, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean 8. King Gallery, Herett Center for Arts and Science. College of Southern Idaho campus, 732-6655.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH

Fit and Fail Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Apeless Senior Citizèns, Inc., 301 Main St. N., Kimberly, 737-5988. Silversineakers Fitness Program; innovative exercise program designed specifically for Medicare beneficiaries unique heath and physical needs, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Fails YMCA, 1751 Eitzabeth Bud, no cost for Humana insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Weedcarving days, public welcome to come and carve wood, 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., 310 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls, classes available, 736-0061.

MUSEUMS

Faulkner Planetarium "Season of Light" at 1 p.m. and "Steamrolling" at 3 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science, north end of the College of Southern Idaho compus, Ninh Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732.6655,

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to oner rescription, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO,Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of event.

COMING TOMORROW

Drink in the **New Year**

Champagne is traditional, but you might try an original cocktail instead.



THURSDAY IN TNT

Lawyer says couple hit with complaints over lawsuit against boy

DENVER (AP) — People upset over a man who sured an fearended boy and his father of the house of

Pfahler, 60, at Beaver Creek in January. After the crash, Pfahler underwent surgery for a torn rotator cuff and a pro-cedure to repair part of his clavicle, according to the lawsuit.

Chalat said the Colorado Chalat said the Colorado Ski Safety Act holds chil-dren just as responsible for their actions as adults. Robb Swim contends his son "tapped" Pfahler's ski boots and that it was not a wildom crash

boots and that it was not a violent crash. Chalat said that after the crash. Pfahler asked the Swimm family to help pay his 535,000 of medical bills but never heard back. The lawsuit seeks compensa-tion for physical therapy, vacuation time, nursing and medical services provided by Pfahler's wife, and other expenses.

by Plahler's wife, and other expenses. The Swimms did not immediately return a phone message Tuesday to respond to Chalat's com-ments.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

MASSACHUSETTS

Big Dig highway project comes to an end

BOSTON — When the clock runs out on 2007, Boston will quietly mark the

loss of will quietly mark the control of the more of the more than the more of the more between the more of the more history. The Hg Dig the nation's most complex and costllest highwas project, will officially come to an end. Don't expect any cham-pague toasts. After a history marked by engineering (riumpts, tun-nels leaks, epic traffle jams, last year's death of a motorist crushed by fulling concrete panels and a price tag that scared from \$2.6 billion to a staggering \$14.8 billion to straggering \$14.8 billion to there's little appetite for celstaggering \$14.8 billion, there's little appetite for cele-

staggering \$14.8 billion, there's little appetite for celebration.

Givil and criminal cases stemming from the luly 2006 found ceiling collapse continue, though on Monday the family of Milena Del Valle announced a \$6 million settlement with Powers Fasteners, the company that manufactured the epoxy blauned by investigators for the accident. Lawsuits are pending against other light of the control of the light of the control of the control

NEPAL

At least 15 killed, more than 100 missing after bridge collapse

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KATMANDU — A steel footbridge collapsed Tuesday in western Nepal under the weight of hundreds of people on their way to a fair, plunging scores about 100 feet into the property of the

Crowds gathered on both Crowds gamered on boar sides of the river, trying to save the victims and treating the wounded. Some of those who had fallen used the bridge's cables to hauf them-

bridges cables to hauf them-selves up.
By nightfall, rescuers had
recovered 15 bodies, while 32
seriously injured victims
were flown to hospitals in
more developed parts of the
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belpod rescue people in
Chunchu, the village where
the bridge collapsed.

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With a week to go, Huckabee holding slim lead in polls

SIOUX CITY
Presidential hopeful Mike
Huckabee would seem to be
the answer to their prayers,
yet for many Christian-conservatives in lown, he has not
closed the deal for the
Republican caucuses.
Do they still like Mitt
Romney! Are they intrigued



on the Big Dig makes his way do the multi-billion dollar construction project in Boston on March 14, 2000. The Big Dig, the nation's most complex and costliest highway project, will officially come to an end when the clock runs out on 2007. (See story at

hy Fred Thompson? As always, voter uncertainty comes with the lan. 3 caucuses, now just a week away. Huckabee, the former lapitst minister, is leading in the Republican polls here, though his advantage has narrowed. Perhaps, that's due in part to the negative TV commercials Romney is airing.

commercials Romney is auring think I'm leaning noward Governor Huckabee," says Lord Brown, who works at an accounting firm in Sheldon. T guess I'm not sure who else I really like. But he seems to be Just a real gay. I'm a Ghristian, too, so I see eye-to-eew with him. eye with him. "At this point."

RUSSIA

Russian military successfully test-fires new ballistic missile

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MOSCOW — Russlas military on Tuesday successfully test-freed a new intercontinental ballistic missile capable of carrying multiple are missile capable of carrying multiple are missile was military and the second of th

three warheads.

The Strategle Misslle Forces said in a statement that the misslle was launched from a mobile launcher. It said the new misslle was based on the Topol-M and built by the same design team — Moscow's Heat Technology Institute led by Yuri Solomonov. The IRS-24 was first test-fired successfully in May.

NEW YORK

Target says sales may decline; total holiday figures increase slightly

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Early holiday sales reports
are weak, with Target Corp.
the nation's No. 2 retailer,
warning that its sales may
have fallen in December.
Abroad gauge of consumer
spending released by
MasterCard Inc., which
includes estimates for spending by cash and checks,
showed a modest 2.4 percent

increase in holiday spending, excluding gasoline and auto

weeken and a substantial and sales.

Women's apparel suffered especially, with spending down 2.4 percent, said Michael McNamara, vice president of research and analysis at MasterCard Advisors. The category had been doing even worse, down 5.7 percent at the middle of the season, before a boost in sales ower the past three weeks.

"It's a continuation of a showing trend we've been roundtoring for two years," McNamara said.

Analysis have watched this retail season nervolsty, concerned that the housing biss and subsequent credit crunch would prompt a drop

and subsequent cre-crunch would prompt a dra in consumer spending.



Jean-Michel Basquiat's 'Sugar Ray Robinson' is displayed during the post-war and contemporary art auction at Christie's in New York,

on Nov. 13. The painting was sold for \$6.5 million. Despite turmoil in the financial markets, the art market remains strong due to the weak dollar, expanding world wealth and new buyers from countries previ-ously not associated with the artcollecting community

Art market soars while financial markets struggling

markets struggling
Art is hot.
Despite turmoil in the financial markets, there are no signs that the art market is softening.
The fall auction season in New York saw robust prices across most categories, with postwar and contemporary works in particular going through the roof, it seemed like a new record was being shattered every time an art auction was held.
This record haul generated billions of dollars for auction houses such as Sothebys, contributing to solid earnings and the season of the season

expected.

The reason for the art mar-ket's strong showing? The

weak dollar, expanding world wealth and new buyers from countries not previously associated with the art col-

associated with the art col-lecting community, experis-say. Over, the last five years, wealthy buyers from Bussia, China, India and the Middle Fast have greatly helped fixed the art market.

The boom has occurred against the backdrop of a dreadfol year for the financial sector in the U.S.— a slump that seems to have been off-set by the influx of foreign buyers and big American huyers who have not been affected by the uncertain cennomy.

affected by the uncertain economy.

These buyers paid astro-nomical amounts for art. An Andy Warhol painting sold for more than \$71 million in a May auction that brought in a total of nearly \$385 million. A Matisse fetched more than \$33.6 million in a November sale that also took in nearly s400 million. A limestone lion sculpture that measures 3 1/4 inches hauled in \$57 million earlier this month.

NEW JERSEY

Strong current keeps Washington re-enactor from crossing Delaware

WASHINGTON CROSS-ING, N.J. — This George Washington could not make t across the Delaware River. Ronald Rhaldl HI was pre-pared to play the role of the military leader whose daring Christmas crossing led to a rout of British-led forces and review! His dewayterdden

revived the downtrodden Continental forces. Rhaldi, 45, had taken part in every re-enactment of Washington's crossing of the Delaware since 1976, amassed more than 500 books on the American Revolution and earned a degree in U.S. milltary histo-

degree in U.S. milltary histo-ry.

But this year, he and his fellow re-canctors were done in by the river's strong cur-rents.

As Rinaldi and hundreds of spectators watched, the first boat that attempted the short vayage from Pennsylvania got carried downstreum. A secue craft had to snare it. Three boats had trained to cross the river this year in the 55th-annual re-enactment, and dozens participated.

VIRGINIA

Company makes clothing for warfare

clothing for warfare

RIGIIMOND, Va. — As an
Army surgeon in the Middle
East, Dr. Keith Rose watched
a colleague bleed to death
when a truck in his convey
was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade.
Rose could not get his
contrade a tournique, which
could have helped control
the bleeding on his wounded
leg, and sat along the mangled wreckage and talked
with him as he took his last
breath.

with him as he took his last breath.
"It really kind of frustrated me," Rose said.
Once he returned to the U.S., . Rose approached Black lawk, a provider of mil-itary and law enforcement gear, with an idea to create clothes with built-in tourni-quets.

quets.
The system being tested for use in military uniforms, called Warrior Wear, has eight tourniquets — two in each sleeve and pant leg.

- The Associated Press

Times-News

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Tiger escapes cage at San Francisco Zoo, killing one and injuring two

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —
A figer escaped from its cage at the San Francisco Zoo on Tuesday, killing one visitor and injuring two others, police said.

The tiger was shot to death when it started moving toward a group of approaching police officers, said police spokesman Sgt. Steev Mannina, Several officers shot it with hand-

gans, he said.
It was not immediately clear how the figer escaped.
The attack happened outside a cate at the east end of the zoo shortly after the 5 p.m. closing time. San Francisco Fire Department spokesman Lt. Ken Smith said. The tiger cages are near the center of the zoo.
The zoo was evacuated.
Officials at first worried

that four tigers had escaped, but only one got out of its pen, Mannina said. Last December, one of the

Last December, one of the zoo's tigers mauled a zookeeper during a regular public feeding. The 350-pound animal reached through the eage's from bars and badly facerated her arm. The zoo's Hon House was temporarily closed during an investigation.

Panama finds three bodies, one survivor in crash of plane carrying U.S. citizens

By Juan Zamerano Associated Press writer

PANAMA CITY, Panama

— The bodies of a
California bustinessman, his
tecnage daughter and the
Panamanian pilot of a plane
that crashed over the weekend were found Tuesday in
Panama's mountains, offi-cials said. A 12-year-old
American girl survived.

— But she suffered multiple
traumas and hypothermia.

traumas and hypothermia, and cold, wet weather pre-vented authorities from evacuating her immediately

from the crash site on the slope of a remote volcano. Michael Skiein, 37. Talia Skiein, 13. and pilot laborin lasso, 23, were found dead in an uninhabited region of Panama known as Las Ovejas, about 270 miles west of the capital, the civil protection agency said. The wreckage was located at a hard-to-reach site on the Baru volcano, at an altitude of some 3.500 feet, the civil aviation authority said.

tude of some 3,566 rect, are civil aviation authority said in a separate statement. Rescuers were giving medical attention to

of Talia's who was travelling with the Kleins — in a makeshift shelter, said prosecutor lose Henriquez, who is handling the investi-

who is handling the investigation.

"They're warming her and we hope to be able to get her out sometime tonight to a hospital." Henriquez said by telephone from Boquete in Chiriqui state, adding that he did not have enough information to say whether her life was in danger. "It's raining and it's very cold."

Slogan

Continued from page A1 before the graduation cere-mony was due to begin, he said.

said.

Apparently, nobody attending the graduation event other than Raney complained about the slogan, but a photograph of the program was e-mailed anonymously to news media outlets throughout the state.

"We want mortified that it."

to news media outlets throughout the state. "We were mortified that it was in there." Black said. Apparently, each class at the academy is allowed to vote on its own slogan. The latest group, with officers bound for 19 police agencies around the state, included military veterans interested in issues such as mental survival. "Our class president was ex-military." Black said. "It slipped in." Black didn't identify the class president but said fature slogans would not be

printed on graduation pro-grams until they've been scrutinized by police acade-my leaders. He said the embarrassment might be softened by Nampa Deputy Police Chief Leroy Forsman's speech to gradu-

ates on the importance of community involvement and of treating people with digai-ty and respect.

Heack said that's the mes-sage new officers should receive in their training— not to go cause fraumatic stress.



BEST SALE of the YEAR 40% Off Gowns - Evening Gowns 30% Off Winter Coats & Jewelry 15% Off All Regular Priced Items 50% Off All Holiday Fashions Wed., Dec. 26 - Dec. 31st Black Rock

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time. "There isn't a problem, in general, of someone not there."

there."
That's true as well for the holidays, all three facilities reported. Christmas, Zepeda said, can be similar to a busy weekend for St. Beneditts. But the hospital gives its employees a little extra pay for holiday compensation, and the physicians understand the need to keep the ER open.

Minidoka, Hanson said, also pays extra for holiday workers, and ensures the work is spread out among all the eligible physicians. And Fitzpatrick reported many of his patients try, to check out in time for Christmas dimer, easing the workload on his crew — who stay busy some years with accidents and food poisonings.

"Our ER is pretty good about patching them up and getting them home so they

don't have to be admitted for the holiday itself," Fitzpatrick said.

Nate Poppino can be reached at 735-3237.

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Rock

Jail

Continued from page Al daughters taken into foster care and then adopted. "I'm just glad they have a good morn and dad," she said. I was a single morn trying to raise them." But there's a hole in her heart, and it burns to think about holiday memorles. Yeates wept when she recalled a memory of her son 'bawling' over a picture of himself and his sister standing in front of a Christmas tree.

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"It burts my son so bad, that he doesn't have his slsters," she said, "That's what I think about during Christmas, that's what pops in my head."

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The women blame methamphetamine addiction for their familial, legal tion for their familial, legal and financial problems. "I hate it (meth)" said

Yeates, with tears in her eyes.
"I don't want anything to do

with it. It does ruin lives.

"It's an incredibly cell substance," Andoe said about the drug.

An ex-boyfriend gave yeates meth for the first time and he went on to rip her half out of her head, she said.
"The state bought me a wig." Andoe tried meth at 35, and after one time she said she was hooked. She used it to stay awake during night-time shifts as a caregiver, she said.

But now they're clean and in custody, making ham on Christmas and dreaming about their futures.
Andoe smiled talking about a kitchen job she's lined up on the outside. "I'm so anxious to get back out there and do it right," she said.

Andrea Gates can be reached at 735-3380 or Andrea.Gates@lee.net.





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Kid's health insurance program doesn't meet expectations

By Kevin Freking Associated Press writer

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Coverage.

A lot of those plans have been scuttled. The spending increase most fawmakers

Town lets seniors work off property taxes — for \$7 an hour

By Jim Fitzgerald Associated Press writer

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GRENNIURGH, N.Y.—
Audrey Davison lives alone, gets a \$620 Social Securitycheck each month and worness about the sharply rising
axes on her four-bedrom, house. Davison, 76; raised
her tamily there and after 43
years, she really duesn't want
to leave Greenburgh.

Greenburgh doesn't want
her to leave, either.

The tawn is pushing a program that would let seniors
work part-time, for \$7 and
flour, to help pay off some
flucir property taxes.

"People shouldn't have to
self dief house, more away
or a place with less taxes,
leave behind their family and
friends," said. Town
Supervisor Paul Feine.

to a place with less taxes, leave heldin their family and friends," said. Town supervisor Paul Feiner. The envisions retired does mentoring schoolchildren, retired accountants helping with the town's finances, retired lawyers ollecting their services for a discount. But there are plenty of less-skilled jobs that need doing, he said. "It's not like we're going to see grandma running the stowphow," he said. "There are lots of things people can do for the town and it wouldn't of so is that nucle to pay them." The proposal has caused a stri in Greenburgh, a town of 90,000 in. Westchester County, which has the

90,000 in Westchester County, which has the nation's third-highest home-

aution's third-highest home-owner property taxes. The consequence of the consideration of the iliar programs are considered successes: in Colorado, Massachuseits. South Carolina and elsewhere. Davison, who suffers from arthritis and selatica and needs a walker to get around on her bad days, said she pays about \$12,000 a year in property taxes — perhaps \$2,000 to the town—and has already taken out a reverse mortgage to pay her bills.

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supported has been vetoed twice by President Bush, who balked at the \$35 billion price tag and method of payment

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"We were all very, very hopeful. Now, we feel like they are farther apart than they were a year ago," said Gindl Jones, who oversees Viginiah SCIIIP program. Virginia was one of several binking about expanding elimiking eli

gibility limits for SCHIP. It's a typical state in that it provides health coverage for families with incomes up to twice the tederal poverty level — \$34,300 tor a family of three. Jones wild officials considerate the state of the state of

Lawmakers across the state line in West Virginia approved an expansion that would have raised the eligibility level to \$51,510 for a family of three, it's now at \$37,774. The increase would have led to about 4,000 more children getting coverage. "That potential growth is on hold," said Sharon L. Carte, who oversees West Virginia's program. Some analysts say the

number of children getting SCHIP coverage may still deellne next year — a hiter prispect for Democrats who promised they would expand enrollment from 6 million children to 10 million. "We are left with a package that addresses the most immediate concerns, but leaves any real health care improvements for another day." Rep. Frank Pailone, D-NJ., sald during last weeks

SCHIP debate. "I think that is very unfortunate."
Republican lawmakers say they want to work out a compromise. But many services the law of the

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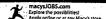
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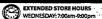
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It's only fair to sell and tell

ow much did you get when you sold your hone?
That's a water-cooler question, asked every day in workplaces and over back-fences. Few people consider it a secret Bur perhaps not the county assessor. Idaho is one of only seven states that does not require home-sellers to disclose sale price. That's akin to the IRS checking your tax return without heing allowed to know your froome.
Eair market value determines your property tax bill. Without sales figures, there's no way to guarantee your tax bill is correct.

What do you

rect.
So Bonner County is considering ordinances that would require buyer disclosure to the assessor, though not to the general public, Kootenai County tabled a similar measure after Coeur d'Alene Realtors agreed to share sales prices from their Multiple Listing Services.

What do you

points from our

readers on this

think? We welcome view-

and other

Realtors agreed to share sales prices from their Multiple Listing Services.

Realtors voluntarily do the same elsewhere in Idaho, but they're free to cut off information at any time. In our view, the state needs a law requiring home-sellers to disclose the price. There have been attempts get the Legislature to approve such a provision in the past, including last year when a bill sponsored by Sen. Shawn Keough, R-Sandpoint, was bontled up in the Senate Local Government and Taxation Committee.

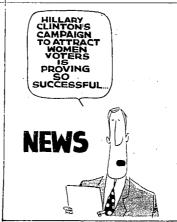
The brokers oppose a disclosure requirement because they fear it could lead to an excise or real estate transfer tax on sales.

But Robert Berrens, a University of News Mexico economics professor, says the Realtor's argument that sales prices are proprietary is trumped by the greater public need for efficient government, adequate tax revenue and fair property assessments. Requiring disclosure is simply a question of fairness. Homeowners have the right to expect their property to be taxed equitably in comparison to their neighbors.

Home sales prices aren't exactly a secret, and they shouldn't be a mystery to the county assessor.

Times-News

The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Brad Hurd, James G. Wright, Steve Crump, Traci Bliss and Bill Bitzenburg.





The new tabloid reality of American politics

ASHINGTON — Floating crosses, love bables and

naw. Two weeks before the fowa caucuses, politics has gotten not just ugly but unscendly and cruel. If the human appetite for scandal and schadenfreude is astiable, the media haven't gotten the word. Besides, in a dangerous world of war and terrorism, it's far easier to speculate on sex lives and sensationalize religious belief than it is to evaluate whether jihad is coming to 12 Pasa. This isn't to blame. The sensation words, but rather the media. Human heings will always look at a road-side accident, but that doesn't mean they want the accident reason. Two weeks before the

side accident, but that doesn't mean they want the accident to occur. We're a curious lot and most will look at
what's in front of us (the
proof is in the porn sit this),
Thus, who puts the thing
up for observation is the
proper target of our attentions. Calling Natic Courie.
Wednesday night, CISS
Evening News' anchor
Courie asked the leading
2009 presidential candidates
whether voters should trust

2008 presidential candidate whether voters should trust an adulterer. Why not just ask for a show of hands: How many of you have



essed around on your

messed around on your spouse? Courte's inquisition closes spouse? Courte's inquisition closes sip item that John Edwards has a Twoe bady "with a former campalign worker. Edwards has dernied the accusation, as has the method of the courte of the courte of the person sibe says is the real father. But no matter, Splath! Its out there. The suggestion, the immendo, the lingering question, law

suggestion, the innuenco, the lingering question. Just as "someone" hoped, no doubt. Not so long ago, no rep-

Not so long ago, no rep-table news organization would touch a tabloid head-line. Now, thanks to the Internet, what's out is out and the source seems not to matter. Mainstream media now feel compelled to report what's being report-ed. (Response to pot-kettle monitors: Cultural commen-tary requires cultural com-mentary.) A few days before Edwards made news, Mike

If private lives are no longer private then we can give up on leadership. Only the perfect need apply and the perfect, having made no mistakes, haven't learned anything.

Huckabee's "floating cross" was all the talk. One of Huckabee's als shows him in front of a bookease. The intersection of two shelves creates four contiguous right angles, suggestive of a cross, as intersecting shelves are went to do.

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is intersecting surveys are wornt to do.
Whether the positioning was intentional or just a divine coincidence is anyone's guess. But the dobate, far longer than warranted, was the stuff of alien-seeking tabloids. Is it just me, or was that the Virgin Mary's face imprinted in the wood grain?

face imprinted in the wood grain?
At the risk of sounding like a Christian panderer, we are all fallen.
Perhaps that is why the candidates, when asked about adultery, unanimously said that while important, carnal imperfection doesn't necessarily disqualify some of more being president.
As Barack Obama noted: "Some of our greatest presidents havent always been

terrific husbands.

The indignity of the question should embarrass the interviewer, though nothing seems to embarrass anyone anymore. The uglier the stories, the stronger the back-lash — and the mudslide has just begun.

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mistakes, haven't learned anything.
Our jihadist observers —who, incidentally, kill adulterers, take religious belief very seriously, and think women shouldn't vote — have learned much.
Such silly people,
Americans, Such simple targets.
Such serious business, this election.

Syndicated columnist Kathleen Parker can be reached at kparker@kparker.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gooding care center being targeted

Gooding Rehabilitation helieves it's time for the community to hear from us! Was the decision that Medicare/Medicaid made fair and just? Our facility has been targeted by the media with inaccurate information.

The newspaper reported citations that occurred durcitations that occurred during past surveys some of the information was inaccurate. Have they made it known that the incident was an isolated occurrence which no one foresaw, which included Medicaid who approved his placement here with no extra precautions needed. Or the mental hospital from which he had been released? The facility has been targeted for a considerable time by government agencies waiting to close it. No one has written about the series of good surveys we've had.

has written about the series of good surveys we've had. We are not the first facility nor the last to lose a resident no matter what precaudions are made. Walk in our shoes; take care of residents that have challenges. We love each and every resident as our own family.

Take care, illness can hap-pen to anyone. We as indi-viduals have seen enough of them and cried with enough families to last a lifetime. Talk to the families of our residents and you will get a new view on life. This is a part of your community, and to the many people who have offered their support, thank was so much

to the many people who have offered their support, thank you so much. For anyone looking at this through a more community minded eye, think of this. Gooding Rehab is one of the largest employers in this area. These people will have to leave this area to find work. People who work in other areas usually shop in other areas. Those people in the long run will eventually move closer to work. Fact of ill file loss of employment in a community results in a deeline. We need to stand together to succeed as a community. JESSICA HARRIS Gooding

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Gooding
(Editor's note: Jessica
Harris is the accounting clerk
at Gooding Behabilitation
and Living Center. She submitted this letter in conjunction with other staff members, Anita Westlake, Sheri

Bigler, Ana Cheney, Tonia Taylor, Darwin Roycca, Richie Putman and Kiresten Goddard.)

Earth always in a constant cycle of warming, cooling

The Earth has been slowly warming since the Little Ice Age. Climate will continue to change, warming and cool-ing as it has in the past, ing as it has in the past, regardless of human action. Natural factors of warming include volcanic cruptions, earth's orbit and solar vari-ability. Solar variability coin-cides with earth's cilmatic

cides with earth's climatic, cycles.
Geological records show a L500-year cycle of warming and cooling extending back at least 1 million years. NASA records show that 1934, long before we had the emissions generated today, was the hottest year recorded in the United States. Predicted and observed nat-Predicted and observed patterns of warming do no terns of warming do not match, e.g., warming from greenhouse emissions over the tropics are not rising as predicted but decreasing. Also, warming during the last eight years has been relatively level, but CO2 levels

have increased rapidly, Of the 528 scientific letters written on climate between 2004 and 2007, only 7 per-cent, or 38, explicitly endorsed man-caused warming. The year 1200 was nuch warmer than now. Greenland has been much warmer in the past and has been cooling since 1940. During the last four inter-glacial periods, the Earth was warmer than today. Antarctic sea ice has was warmer than today.
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increased since 1979, From
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dropped and CO2 levels
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"The Great Global Warming Swindle," a documentary being run on TV in Britain, refutes the hysteria. Even Mr. Patrick Moore, a founder of Greenpeace, says it is a swindle, nothing more than politics and the pursuit of great money.

of grant money. Third World nations face many societal problems such as sanitation, clean water, poverty, disease and global terrorism. It is a tragedy that the global warming theorists are deny ing them cheap electricity and the chance to improve

neir lives.

DARRELL HAMPTON
Twin Falls

Sen. Crapo not responding to needs of Idaho

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With respect to recent debate about nuclear and coal-to-liquid sources for energy. Sen. Crapo expressed lis support for them. To those in opposition, he declares pride for his part in achieving passage of the Energy Policy Net of 2005. Energy Policy Net of 2005. Energy Policy Net of 2005. In this incentives across all energy sectors, including wind, solar and nuclear power. He declared as a purent and legislator his commitment to leaving our children a cleaner, safer world. In the same way our incompetent government invaded frag withought given to leaving it better off, the senator may have given forethought given to leaving to the total off, the senator may have given forethought to that doesn't identify a safe location to dump poison nuclear waste. In Idaho, for Idaho's children't Anywhere, but not in our backyard? Wherever he would dump It, would that be leaving our

children a cleaner, safer world? He may prefer to dump the polson some where outside of Idaho and ignore the safery for the children of others. His Web she reveals no discussion about safe, feasible disposal of nuclear waste. With respect to other toxic waste, he voted this year against requiring more efficient burning of hydrocarbons in autos and industry.

Ilis declared concern for leaving a cleaner, safer world for our children evidently, doesn't extend to providing health insurance for them. Another of his votes this year was against legislation intended for that purpose. Is she concern for children just worn-out rhetoric?

This incentives, please note, is deceptive code for giveaway corporate welfare. The code means more tax cuts for the rich, shifting the burden to the not-so-rich the poor and middle class. We must petition this servant of the people to respond to the needs of Idahoans, even if he doesn't plan to run in 2010.

JACK HARTILEY Twin Falls



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Roping arena name confusion cleared un

confusion cleared up

—I-wanted to see the very one was as confused as me on the name of the roping arena in Rogerson.

I couldn't figure out why the rob name if after Johnny I) and not his threfe bill Nah. I stopped in Rogerson on Thursday to buy gas and saw Rob. I've known the family for a long time, so I asked Rob why he named the arena after Johnny U and not his uncle.

It is named after the Nah family. The U2 is the family

Boy, am I glad that mystery is cleared up. PAM DENNIS

Eliminating fees on public lands a bad idea

The *Times-News* was all wrong to back Sen. Crapo's bid to eliminate user fees on public lands and recreation sites.

Crapo insists that charging fees for access to public lands is double taxation because the public already owns the land. Congress should provide the funds for the site, he believes. As the Times-News and Crapo both well know Congress has cut back funding for the parks, forests and other recreation al sites for years, forcing them to charge fees in the

them to change nees in the first place.

The stance of the *Times-News*, Crape and the GOPs ln Congress is to get some-one else, anyone else, to pay for everything, Congress and Bush have run up huge deficits so they can spend

now and pay for it later. Well, later is here.

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The value of the dollar is sinking because of our huge fiscal deficits. Soon, foreign nations may be reluctant to nake on more U.S. debt just the same of the state of the s take on more U.S. debt just when we are going to need to borrow huge sams to meet the mounting Social Security and Medicare obligations. Social Security now runs a surplus, but Congress spends that and more, forcing record horrowing. It is imperative that we get these myopic money managers like Grapos and Graig out of Congress soon and restore a pay-as-you-go basis for all our expenditures, including fees at recreation facilities if necessary. And,a more circumspect editorial board at the Times-editorial board at the Times-editorial board at the Times-

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DAVID G. SUTLIFF Burley

Better ways to get Fish and Game's attention

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In regard to the sportsmen
that are complaining about
the wolves:
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the Fish and Game's attention, don't buy a hunting or
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If you cut their money off, maybe they will figure a way to make the ones that want the wolves pay for them.

While I'm at it, I can't believe the Democrats in this state are backing Obama. JOHN O'DELL Rupert

Gordon Brown is no Tony Blair

ONDON—A few weeks ago, lonathan Freedland published a long piece in The New York Review of Books that caught Gordon Brown mania. As the antithesis of Tony Blair, whom Britain's ilberal-left chattering decrease. chattering classes came to loathe with herd-like unanimity. Brown would likely "confound the skeptics

comfound the skepties again."
With approval, Freedband, a columnist for The Guardian, noted the new prine minister's deft distancing of himself from President Bush, his "breaking from the culture of spin" and his appointment of competent ministers. "Those qualities once deemed weaknesses — his lack of giftz and sparkle — have come to seem like streights," he wrote.

Ill-timed articles are northing unusual, although this

ing unusual, although this was a conspicuous one from a journalist of conspicuous gifts — which is precisely what makes it so interesting. Freedland's encomium to the diligent Brown captured the empiric of many the capacity of accumulat-ed, Iraq-driven Blair aver-sion to deliver the delusion

at. In fact, Brown's lack of glitz and sparkle has come to seem precisely what it is

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ROGER COHEN

in the modern political age: a drawback. The impact of France's flamboyant presi-dent, Nicolas Sarkozy — like Blair's in 1997 — is sufficient reminder of that, More important, Brown's problem with decision-making is

with decision-making is proving crippling. As a successful chancellor of the exchegare over blair's decade, Brown loved to tin-ker with the act code. The tinkerer is a good name for him. Since taking office in June, he has scarcely found a controversal issue not worthy of lengthy review. The only committee his Cabinet tacks is one on deci-sion-making.

on-making.

He took the country to the trink of a snap election in the fall, only to pull back and claim opinion polls had not influenced him. The British electorate is no exception to the rule that nobody likes to be taken for a fool, He withdrew some, not

all, troops from Iraq, bequeathing confusion in

from the first positive turn in fraqi events in a long

in Iraquevents in a rong time.

Last week, he took his I andet-like heisitations to a new feeel, Ishakespearean allasions haunt Brown because bronding ambition and blatant Blaves so evi-dently shape his fate.) I nyited to a signing ceremi-ny for the European Unions Treaty of Lisbon, an event attended by every other EU leader, he Churn-skeptics (Friamiak Euro-skeptics) that succeeded only in Inok-log rude.

that succeeded only in host-ing rude.

After six months in office, Hrown has comforted rather than confounded the skep-tics. He has allenated both Washington and Brussels, an unusual archievement. Far from breaking with Blair's rude by corteir — sometimes known as 'Sofa government'— he has proved a four cep-tralistic sofa rule without History extension of

His recent extension of the time that terror suspects can be held without charges can be nead without charges illustrated his capacity to disappoint the left while los-ing Blair's magnetism over the center. Add to this the huge ballout of the mortgage lender, Northern Rock, and a scandal surrounding

one of the most spectacular falls from grace of recent political history. Brown now

political bistory. Brown mor profile and before the conservative fival, David Cameron, by 10 points in opinion polls. It asy this debacle was near inevitable.

Brown arrived, without his swn mandate, at the tail end of the 10-year phenomenon of New Labor. His fraught but fecund relationship with Hair drove that success, leaving Brown bereft. He is still prome to questions about Blair — Why did he give up his seet in Parliament anyway? — that be wider addies in the midst official control of the control of the provider addies in the midst official control of the control of the profile of the control of the control of the midst of the control of the control of the profile of the control of the control of the profile of the control of

sions.
In an age where people realize the limits of what politicians can deliver, he offers little of the hope and distraction they seek As Rachel Sylvester noted in The Daily Telegraph, Brown faces some of the problems Hillary Clinton has with Barack Obama.

Barack Obama.
Blair stood, without equivocation, on the right side of history. Where Brown stands on most things remains a mystery

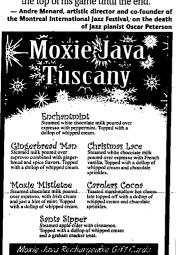
Roger Cohen is a colum-nist for the New York Times.

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'Man is so preoccupied with himself, he has such urgent need of all the space and all the time for his own things, that nothing remains for others, for his neighbor, for the poor, for God.' Pope Benedict XVI at Midnight Mass in St. Peter's Basilica

"His powerful mind is healthier." Raul Castro, Cuba's acting president, on brother, Fidel

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U.S. commander says Sunnis must

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procession for two members
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tocal police said were accidentally killed by U.S. forces
in a dawn raid.

Lynch has credited these
groups for much of the
Improvement in security in
the region he commands, an
area about the size of West
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Iranian and Sauda Arabaan borders.

"The people say security is good now, but we need jobs. It's all about jobs and we have to create them." he told The Associated Press as he flew into partnl base Salle, just south of Baghdad — where U.S. trough fund about 150 members of the tribal groups. "We are in a tenuous sittation. We need to give jobs to the eliberus (groups) or they will go back to fighting." "We first the state of the people of the people of the people of the people of the groups in the area he controls

and that they have given U.S. and Iraql forces a key advantage in seeking to clear carrentst-held prockets. They consider a consistency of the consistency of the consistency of the consistency of the consistency of U.S. troops into Iraq and a decision by firebrand Shitte cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to stand down his Mahdi Army milltia for six months, have contributed to a 60 percent drop in violence around freag since have.

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The U.S. milltary now unds the groups, known as Awakening Conneils, Concerned Clitzens and other names. But they expect to be rewarded for the efforts with jobs, either in the Iraqi security forces or else-where.

"They want to be recov-

"They want to be recog-nized as legitimate members They want to be reconsuled as legitimate members of society and that has to happen. Tynch said as he flew over an area south of laghdad once known as the triangle of death."

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A day of prayer, reconciliation, and a little hope

Associated Press writer

ROME — As the faithful marked Christmas Day, political and religious leaders called for peace and reconciliation amid flickers of hope in places long plagued by conflict.

In Iraq. Christians made their way past checkpoints on Tuesday to fill Baghdad churches in numbers untilnicable a year ago. And in the West Bank town of Beutlehense in numbers untilnicable a year ago. And in the West Bank town of Beutlehense tradition in atmosphere of hope raised by the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

For them, and for all those in the 'tortured regions' of the world, Pope Benedict XVI prayed that political leaders would find 'the wisdom and courage to seek and find humane, just and lasting solutions."

courage to seek and lind humane, just and lasting solutions." Benedict, delivering his Christmas Day address from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, urged the crowd to rejoice over the celebration of Christ's birth, which he hoped would bring consolation to all people who live in the darkness of poverty, injustice and war." In violence-ridden Baghdad, venturing out large numbers late at night is still unthinkable, so the Iraqi capital's Christians celebrated Midnight Mass in the middle of the afternoon on Christmas Eve.

On Tuesday some 2,000 went out to the Mar Ellipa Church in the east of Coupon)



brothers he safe every year." Shilte cleric Hadi, al-Jazail told AP Television News out-side the church. "We came to celebrate with them and to reassure them. ... This nation-

al gathering is beautiful against the sectarian fighting, and God willing from this les-son we'll all pray for peace." Christian pilgrims in Bethlehem filled the ancient Church of the Nativity, wait-ing in line to see the grotto that marks the traditional birtuplace of Jesus.

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birthplace of Jesus.

The large numbers and the cacophony of languages was evidence that more visitors were there this year than in the past several years.

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Chaldean Catholic Church, celebrated Mass.
He told the congregation that Iraq is "a bouquet of flowers of different colors, each color represents a religion or ethnicity but all of them have the same scent."
He congratulated Muslims for their lid al-Adha hollday, for their lid al-Adha hollday for their lid al-Adha hollday for their lid al-Adha hollday for their lid al-Adha hollday. The congratulated holders—both Sunni service and service and the condition of the service and the color of the service and th COUPON 7786 Kimberly Rd.

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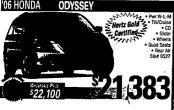
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A year of breaking rules, not records

A year of Dreaking

The year 2007 was a lousy year in sports unless
you were a fan of the pro teams from Baston
the semipro ones from the University of Horida
or the real-student athletes from Appalachian State
it wasn't so much about breaking records, even as
Barry Bonds took down the most venerated mark of
them all while thousands of flashbubbs popped in
AT&T Park and baseball fans everywhere winced.
It was about breaking the rules and even the law,
Just about every accomplishment worth celebrating
was showed off the back page soon enough by something scandalous.
It started with Mark McGwire shut out of the Hall of
Fame and ended with the Mitchell Report that put an
exclamation point on the confusing, conflicted era
owned by Bonds, McGwire, Roger Clemens and a host
of disgraced players.

"Look," Red Scripitcher Care Schilling wrote on his
blog after its mort was proposed, "Hy you ordered
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JIM LITKE

Jones was formally stripped of her five Olympic medals. There was so much cheatin', lyin' an' denyin' goin' on before the Daytona 500 in mid-February that even NASCAR czar Brian

February that even NASCAR ezar Brian France felt compelled to put his foot down, smacking five teams with the toughest penalties the sport has seen just days ahead of the race.

A cat-und-mouse game is one thing, said NASCAR president Mike Helton, sounding the alarm for belear president Mike Helton, sounding the alarm for belear discrete aports bosses everywhere. But when you throw a big rat in there, it's a whole new ballgame. Yet with would have guessed then the NASCAR guys were getting off easy. Formula 1 officials cught team McLaren using leaked secret data from its main rival. Ferrart, and lewed a \$100 million fine. Now that's nech. And speaking of running off with other people's earl, has anybody heard from David Recklam Intely. And speaking of running off with other people's earl, has anybody heard from David Recklam Intely. Similar 17, Directed on Kidnopping and assault charges that the present of the Company of th

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graced NBA referee Tim Donaghy was just one of m figures caught up in a year of actimony. Donaghy was busted to the FBI for betting on games he officiated, while a host of othe prominent athletes in baseball, cycling, track and football also found trouble in 2007.

The question: to

any Dungy was more candld Monday than the other coaches whose teams have clinched all they can clinch. Mo matter if Sunday 1818 spens is critical to 1818 they can clinch, 1818 they can clinch, 1818 they can clinch chances, Dungy's Cotts will play to prepare for the playoffs and little else, "We have to look at what is best for us, and that's how we're going to approach it," Dungy said, noting that how much Peyton Manning plays depends on whether star receiver Marvin Harrison, who has missed most of the season with a bad knee, is ready.

play or not to play?

Bryant, Bynum lead Lakers past Suns |

by Jonn Race
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Kohe
Bryant asked to be traded
ast spring in part because he
wanted to play for a team
that could contend for an
NBA title.

Ife just might have gotten
bis wish by staying put.

Bryant scored 26 of his 38
points in the second half,
Andrew Bynum had a careerhigh 20 points to go with 12
rebounds and a season-high
four assists, and the Lakers
beat the Phoenix Suns 122115 on Tuesday for their
ninth win in 11 games.

Tim focused on one thing
and one thing only — winning the championship.
Bryant said after the Lakers
moved a season-high eight
games over 500 at 18-10 and
within one game of the
Pacific Division-leading Suns.
Bryant, who complained
about a lack of talent around
lim, has gotten jenty of
help recently, especially

about a lack of faient around him, has gotten plenty of help recently, especially from the 20-year-old Bynum, who shot 11-of-13 in outplaying Phoenix center Amare Stoudemite.

Bynum left to a roar of approval from the Stapies Center crowd of 19-997 and hand-slap from Bryant with 11.5 seconds to play.

"We're getting better cach day," Bryant sald. "It's good to have games like this.

be solld."
Derek Fisher added 19
points, Lamar Odom had 15
points and 14 rebounds, and
Trevor Ariza scored 14 points
in his first start since being
acquired from Orlando last

month.
While Odom didn't mince words, calling Bynum one of the NBA's best centers, others weren't so quick to make

ers weren't so quick to make such a jump.
"At the end of the year, if he is the MVP, then we'll say what a great year he had," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said, drawing laughs from superters. reporters

reporters.
"The best thing about it is he's put in so much work over the summer and now," Bryant said. "The blggest thing for him is he's seeing results. The sky's the limit for him."

him."
After matching his career high by playing 42 minutes, Bynum said he felt great.
"I feel like I could play

"I feel like I could play another game right now," he said. "I put in all the hard work just for this. It's paying off. This definitely was one of my better games. Made a pretty big Impact, teamnates looking for me, wide open a lot of the times and they found me today. "So far, perfect Christmas." jackson is reticent to draw any conclusions from his



Lakers' game against the Phoenix Suns, Tuesday in Los Angeles. The Lakers won 122-115.

team's solid start this season
— understandable considering the Lakers won 26 of
their first 39 games last season before losing 27 or their
final 43.

"We are playing better as a

have to play every game and not think about anything else, just what's ahead of us." Steve Nash led the Suns (19-10) with 24 points and 14

Titans (9-6) make the play-offs and the Browns (also 9-6) are out if Tennessee bens Indy (13-2), which has locked up the second seed in the Africa C. Cleveland had its chance and blew it, losing in Cincinnati on Sunday. The Browns, who are home to San Francisco, loss a ticbreaker to the Titans based on Tennessee's better record against common oppo-ments if both fusish (16-6).

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There are two other
games of import this week
that leave coaches pondering whether to rest starters
for the playoffs.
One is Dalias (13-2) at
Washington (8-7), with the
Redskins' needing a win to
make the playoffs and the
Cowboys already having
clinched home-field

clinched nome-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Washington's win in Minriesota (8-77) gave it the first tiebreaker: head-to-head.

Jave it the Brat Hebreaker head to Soff the Redskins beat itig Owboys, they're in no matter what the Vikings do in Denver.



In the unlikely event oth Minnesota and

both Minnesotti and Washington lose, New Orleans (7-8) can make it with a win in Chicago, where the Saints lost last season's NFC title game. But look for the Redskins to give the NFC East three playoff teams, as it had last year, and just as a Tennessee with would make it three from the AFC South.

make it three from the AFC South, With Green Bay losing Sunday in Chicago to give Dallas NFC home-field advantage, Wade Phillips has no obligation to play

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guys may sit — or at lea play only a part of the

game.
It is hard to imagine, for example, that he would play his leading received.

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Lebron goes for 25 and 12 in Cavs win

By Tom Withers Associated Press write

CLEVELAND — LeBron James winced as he pressed the ice bag tightly against as he pressed the ice bag tightly against his swollen jaw. On Christmas, he felt lucky to still have

his two front teeth.

"I got elbowed by Shaq in the face, which is not a good thing." James said.
"Ever."

Fever." James shook off the big man's blow to the head and scored 25 points, Drew Gooden had 18 and Cleveland's defense sparked the struggling Cavallers to a 95-82 with over the Miami Heat on Tuesday, James, who left Quicken Loans Arcra in disgust following an embarrassing loss to Golden Sate on Sunday, added 12 assists and outstined fellow superstanding of the structure of the

was only 4:01 remaining.
By then, the Cavaliers were already ahead by 12 points, and thanks to a defense that had gone AWOL for most of the seasons first two months, they role to just their fourth win in the last 14 pages.

games.
"When we play defense we're a pretty
good team," james said. "When we don't,
we don't look so well — simple as that. Today was a good step."

Daniel Gibson scored includes

Today was a good step.

Daniled Gibson scored 16 points, including six on consecutive 3-pointers to open the fourth. Anderson Varejao scored 15 and Zydrunas ligauskas 13 for Cleveland, which had one of its most balanced games this senson — and its most lopsided win.

Wade finished 7-of-18 from the floor and 8-of-16 from the free-throw line for Miami (8-20), which began the season as one of the Bastern Conference's favorites but is headed in the wrong direction.



Arizona State's Herring making best of harrowing year

TEMPE, Ariz, (AP)—— Keegan Herring's million-watt smile lit up Arizona State's fonthall—offices—when—he artived in 2005, promising to become the next great Sun Devils tailback.

Devils tailback.
The toothy grin remains, but it had a different meaning this year. It was a defiant response to an unfathomable series of family tragedies.
Herring tried to smile through the deaths of his failer, silser, best friend and aunt, all in the span of four months.

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And he kept on smiling when he lost a battle for the starting tailback job in train-ing camp.

How he did it is anyone's

"There's been a lot on me "There's been a lot on ma. I advays like to see other people as mile." Herring said: "It was saille." Herring said: "It we had a hard thing to do, but if I keep nee smilling. And that will bring a brawag tom the pair ye been suffering through this year."
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Herring, who hurt ms ansae in the regular-season finale against Arizona, is hoping to return when the 12th-ranked Sun Devils meet No. 17 Texas in the Holiday Bowl on Thursday night. Thursday night.

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For many here, the 20-year-hold Herring has become a beacon of uncommon strength and resilience.
"I tell blin that with every-hing he's gone through, he's a role model." sight Corine, Gorte, Herring's academic advisor. "There's just a light that shines from him."
The Holiday Bowl will cap 10-2 Arizona State's best season since 1996. It will also mark the end of a harrowing year for Herring, a junior from Peoria, west of Phoenix.
Tragedy first struck last Feb.

11, when Herring's best friend, Calvin "C.J." Adams was shot to death at 19, As boys, they ed on the Warner football team.

Warner boutball team.

Warner boutball team.

close in grows and imagine to the land, "I be famy smile be land," Herring said in an interbin, it's the famy smile be land," Herring said in an interview last week. "Big belly, I used to slap him in the stomach."

Three days later, Herrings father Freenan also was short to death, at 47. Herring rushed to the stomach of the state of the state

happened, 1 mean, 2 mind, soul and everything, you know? Herring said. We just connected. I'm showing so much love for her now, we will be seen to be seen a mean of the same time, you know anything can happen, so you hurry up and call her or text her with 1 love you."

After burying his dad and best friend, Herring threw binself into spring drills and offseason conditioning. In 2005, Herring had rushed for 1070 yauds, most ever by an ASU freshman, but he had taken a step back a year later. Now Herring was ready to challenge for the starting job under ASUS new coach, Dennis Erickson.

Then came hur 1, a blistering day in the desert. Herring's sister. Denisha kering day in the desert. Herring's sister. Denisha washington, was killed in a car accident. Three days later, an aum died of a heart attack at her desk.

Herring spoke at his sister's funeral, offering mourners a message of hope.

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funeral, offering mourners a
message of hope.
"He told all of us to turn to

the person to the right and turn to the person to the left

and tell them we love them," Corte said, "Because you never know it will be the last

that."
After yet another double blow, Herring's friends and advisors urged him to take some time off, let the wounds heal.
"My impression of what here."

heat.
"My impression of what he went through is that It we just overwhelming." Corte said. "Isaid. This is more than people can handle and deal with."

Teammate Rudy Burgess, one of Herring's closest friends, was concerned that Herring was taking on too

much.
"I even suggested to him, don't worry about football." Burgess said. "Take a break, Football isn't that important sider rough."

right now."

But Herring decided he needed football more than

needed tourner meeter.

He was numb to the ritual of funerals and burials. He sought the ritual of pulling on pads and stepping onto a blazing practice field, where he would absorb a different kind of pain — the kind he was conditioned to handle.

"It just felt like the whole model was coing to come

he would absorb a different kind of pain — the kind he was conditioned to handle.

"It just fol like the whole world was going to come down on me at once." Herring said. "Can I take it, can I not take it? That was the most I've been tested in life. Nothing could get worse than that, I probably can, but that was just too quick."

Corte kept a close eye on-lering, who seemed withdrawn at times. But even on the hardless days, Herring managed to smile — and make others do the same.

Ite made a game of it, telling strangers that he was collecting smiles, and would they mind giving him one?



Arizona State's Keegan Herring celebrates after scoring a touchdown on a against Washington in Seattle on Oct. 28, 2006. Herring's million-watt smi arrived in 2005, promising to become the school's next great tailbach ferent meaning in 2007: a defiant response to a series of family tragedies. Oct. 28, 2006. Herring's million-watt smile lit up ASU's football offices when h ome the school's next great tailback. The toothy grin remains, but it had a dif-

People who didn't know

People who didn't know Herring's story might wonder about this goofy kid. But they'd almost always be chuckling as he walked away. "Keegan Is so about making other people smile, and that was a part of him that never left." Corte said, "He's he kind of person who difficult things don't stop him. He perseveres through anything." Herring's next test came in August at Camp Tontozona, where he dueded Ryan Torain for the starting tallback Job. Torain, a senior, prevailed.
"When he was announced

the No. I running back, I was kind of hurt. Herring said.
"But at the same time, it's a team sport."
Herring's chance came when Torain was lost for the season with a toe injury against Washington on Oct. 13.
"Buda..."

"Right when he got injured, he said, 'Keegan, what can you do now?' Herring said. The going to do the same said. 'I'm going to do the same thing you do.' And he said. 'I'ry to do a little bit better.'' 'Herring finished with a team-high 816 rushing yards and five touchdowns. His 71-

yard touchdown run was the difference in ASUS 24-20 victory at UCLA on Nov. 10.

As Herring's story has been told, he earned nominations for a couple of national awards recognizing courage. But Herring quickly shook his head when asked if he thought others looked up to him.

him.
"I don't consider myself as a role model," he said. "I con-sider myself as a normal per-son that's got a little extra to him. God put me through a test. And 1 think I went through the test pretty well."

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shooting not far from a Denver nightclub where he quarreled with friends. Last month, Washington safety Sean Taylor was gunned down in the hed-room of his home in Miani, His loss was keenly felt by family and friends who remembered a young man they believed had turned his life around.

who featured his life around. Fellow players remembered Taylor as a formidable fea according him the unprecedented posthumous honor of a storm dable fea according him the unprecedented posthumous honor of a stor on the leaguest All-Proteam.

At the other end of the spectrum, Bulgard and data featured the storm of the spectrum and the

most valuable player at the tender age of 19 and Morgan Pressel won the Kraft Nahisco to become LPGAS youngest major champlon at the even more tender age of 18. And the feel-good story of the year was authored by South Plaquemines High, a school district cobbled together from a coastal parish largely wiped out by Katrina. Two years after that storm, the appropriately named Hurricanes won Louislana's Class 1A frontball championship. Tiger Woods lost some sleep due to the brith of a daughter, and some uncharacteristic hiceups down the stretch cost him the Masters and U.S. Open, where he failed to catch unknowns Zach Johnson and Angel Cabrera, respectively. But that was about all Woods lost.

He clawed his way back to the top in them for the PGA Clamnionship, the

about all Woods lost.

The clawed his way back to the top in time for the PCA Champhonship, the seasons final major and Woods 13th, won seven times in all and was so much better than everyone cless—again—that when the protour announced the starting date for its drug-testing plan, one official noted with flawless logic that Woods was the only golfer worth testing. If the selent, "George O'Gndy said, "what does it matter what the rest are out?"

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Losing to Woods became profitable a
while back. Now it's beginning to seem
honorable, too.
"Finishing second," Brett Wetterich

while back. Now it's beginning to seem honorable, too.

"Finishing second," Brett Wetterich sald after losing by two stroks at Doral and becoming the 50th runner-up to "Tiger on the FOAT four," shall a bad thing. Fans in Boston and Gainesville, Fla., wouldn't know.

The Red Sox steamrolled the Colorado Rockles to sweep the World Series and made the Yankees so nervous that they fired for Dora and rehired Alex Rodriguez. The New England Participation is the State Rodriguez The New England Participation is the State Rodriguez. The New England Participation is the State Rodriguez. The New England Participation is the State Rodriguez and Comers through the first 14 great and the State Rodriguez. The New England Participation is the State Rodriguez and the Cellics look versatile enough to plow through the NIMS Jastem Conference, yet swift enough to steal the crown from defending champion San Antonio or anybody else out West. Florida's Gators, meanwhile, are in need of a larger trophy case. They pulled off an unprecedented calendar sweep of the college football and basketball titles, both at the expense of Ohlo State. The feat was even more impressive, considering that Florida's successful defense as hoops champion manked the first time it had been done in 15 years.

But this being 2007, both towns arrived at celebratory dinners only to find a fy in the soup.

"Sygner gave Patriote-haters a stick" Sygner gave Patriote-haters a stick Town of the Colorador of the Colorador of the Participant Conditions and Pardy and Co. and inspired talk of asterisk from the likes of Don Shula. Florida basketball coach filling beautiful to the Pardy and Co. and inspired in front of the Pardy and Co. and inspired in front of the Participant Pa

Florida basketball coach Billy
Donovan had problems with cameras
too. Every time he stepped in front of

one, he was either stuffing his foot in his mouth or pulling it out.

"I think this team should go down as one of the best teams in college basketball history, Not as the most telented and not on style points — but because they encompassed what the word 'team' means,' he said after winning the title. Not long after that, though, Donovan opted out of that 'team' and bolted to the NIBAS Orlando Magle for a 5-year, \$27.5 million deal. Then he quickly opted back in a Florida.

"I feel sorry and have apologized. It was my decision. It was my mistake, I have to take responsibility for that, within the trying to do," Donovan said. Talk about changing your mind. When the new year dawned, aging Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre was choking back tears. Hed Just hammered the Chicago Bears in a meaningless 2006 back tears. Hed Just hammered the Chicago Bears in a meaningless 2006 regular-season finale that was billed as a possible farewell appearance.

Fast forward to this season. The point is moot. The 38-year-old has rarely been better, leading the Packers into the post-better, leading the Packers into the Packers and the Packers and

mus nes meant more than I have words to describe."

That was rarely a problem for NFI, commissioner logger Goodell, if only because of how many times be had to send players.—Pacman Jones, Chris, Itemy, Tank Johnson, Vick.— to their rooms for violating a personal-conduct policy he helped draw up.

His NBA counterpart, David Stern, spent the previous few seasons mandating how the lengue's players should behave and even dress, then discovered he might have been lecturing the wrong group of employees. Donaghy was snared by an FBI Investigation, then charged with betting on games, including some he worked, and providing inside information to others to help them win bets.

All the momentum generated by a

ing inside information to others to help them win best.

All the momentum generated by a faster-paced product, Leitron James' first foray deep into the playoffs and the most promising draft due in years, Greg Oden and Revin Durant, skidded to a hait.

The same sentiment bugged baseball commissioner Bud Selig all summer. As Bonds relentlessly ran down Hank Agron's home-run mark, Selig was asked repeatedly whether he planned to be on hand for No, 756.

So naturally, Bonds hit the big one at night, in San Francisco without Selig in attendance, then declared: "This record is not tainted at all. At all. Period."

Three months later, he was indicted on charges of lying to a federal grand Jury about steroid use.

Jim Litke is an Associated Press writer.

Goldberg

Confined from page B1
Plaxico Burress, whose bad
ankle has kept him from
practicing all season.
"We are in the playoffs
and our seed doesn't
change, and from that
standpoint we have to do
what is best for our team.
But I also want our team
to be as sharp as we possibly can be," said Coughlin,
who in a meandering conference call also noted it
would be a huge accomplishment to beat a 15-0
team.

eam. Dallas' Phillips was Dallas' Phillips was equally obtuse, saying on the one hand the Cowboys owe it 'to the integrity of the game' to go all out against the Redskins, but adding he has to deter-mine who might need a rest because of injuries or fathere.

name was important are streams of injuries or failgue. The will see who's healthy and who's ready to go and then, like I said, we're going to approach it and try to with the game. That's what you do to play football. "Playing backups doesn't necessarily mean a team is conceding.

"I still don't know who that is. Who is this Willie Parker?" the Bills' Terren McGee asked after the

game. The same Millie Parker who was leading the league in rushing until he broke a leg in St. Louis on Thursday night during a Steeler victory. And the same James Harrison who, like Parker, has been voted to the Pro Bowl.

Maybe the next Willie Parker is Ahmad Bradshaw,
Bradshaw is likely to get
a lot of carries for the

Giants against New England in place of Brandon Jacobs, who has been playing with hamstring and ankle injuries. Jacobs rushed for 145 yards Sunday in the 38-21 win in Buffalo that clinched a playoff spot, and Bradshaw, a seventh-round pick last April, had 151 yards on 17 carries, including an 88-yard TD run. That made them the first running back tandem on the same team to each rush for more than 140 yards in a game since Marshall Faulk and Trung Canidate did it for St. Louis in 2001.

As for the playoff races and who to play and who to sit, the Redskins and Titans would seem to benefit from the fact the

Titans would seem to ben-efit from the fact the Cowboys and Colts have

citi from the fact the Citi from the fact he cowboys and Colts have nothing to win or lose. The Vikings and Browns had their fate in their hands and they blev it on Sunday. So hold the sympathy if the Dailas and Indy play less than their best. "The overriding feeling there is you know that somewhere down the line in the past weeks if you just won one more game it wouldn't be an issue." Tennessee head coach Jeff Fisher said Monday. "We control our own destiny. Cleveland would be sitting pretty good had they been able to win the game yesterday. "They can't place any "

able to win the game yes-terday,
"They can't place any kind of blame or any hope on their future based on what an opponent is going to do or not do,"

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Tomlinson closes in on rushing title as Chargers blast Broncos

SAN DIEGO — Don't tell the San Diego Chargers and Denver Broncos that their Christmas Eve game didn't mean anything. John Lynch met LaDalnian Tomlinson head-on early in the first quarter, a collision of two star players following a simple 2-yard run. Normally they'd get up and get ready for the next play. Not this time.

Tomlinson's belinet came off and Lynch took it with both hands and threw it about 10 yards, drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct conduction of the crowd.

The Chargers beat the Denver Broncos 23-3 on Monday night, with Tomlinson clossing 3 on Monday night, with Tomlinson clossing the American Diego genting closer to clincting the Na. 3 playoff seed.

Tomlinson had a 17-yard scoring run among his 107 yards before sitting out the

bulk of the second half, already having scampered into the rushing lead with 1,418 yards. His route to another title was made easter when Plitsburgh's Willie Parker (1,316) broke his right lower leg on Thursday night, finishing his season.

L.T.'s closest pursuer is Minnesota rookle Adrian Peterson, who has 1,305 yards after being held to just 27 yards on nine carries in a loss to Washington on Sunday night. Peterson set the NPI, single-game record of 296 yards against San Diego (10-5) on Nov. 4.

MAGIC VALLEY CSI baseball to hold winter camp

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho baseball program will host its annual

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Basketball makeup scheduled

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Trail Blazers beat Seattle 89-79 to notch 11th consecutive win

PORTIAND, Ore. (AP) — Brandon Roy and Jarrett Jack each scored 17 points, and the Porland Trab Blazers extended their winning streak to 11 games with an 89-79 victory over the Seattle SuperSonies on Tuesday night.

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It is the longest current winning streak in the NBA, and the best run for the Blazers since they won 12 straight during the 2001-02 sea-

son. Joel Przybilla had a season-high 16 rebounds, as well as six points,

and the Blazers improved their record at the Rose Garden this sea-

son to 13-3.

After a close first half, Portland pulled away in the third quarter with a 16-2 run capped by Roy's 3-pointer that put the Blazers ahead 66-50.

falling-down Inck's from the corner made it 89-75 and scaled it for Portland with 2:11 left. Portland won despite shooting 36.7 percent (36-of-93) from the

floor.
Scattle's Kevin Durant, averag-

points. Wally Szczerbiak added 19 points, and Nick Collison had 14 rebounds

and nine points. Seattle has lost five of eight,

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Idaho's homespun tastes

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Cooks take comfort in Taste of Home's approval

With four magazines, dozens of cook-books, tens of thousands of online recipes and 3.5 million subscribers, Taste of Home is one of America's biggest recipe exchanges, and its luring southern Idaho cooks to the kitchen with its familiar homemade aromas.

cooks to the kitchen with its familiar homemade aromas.

The Taste of Home empire is built on recipes submitted by ordinary cooks—not gournet chefs—who use accessible ingredients and familiar methods to appeal to everyday people just trying to get dinner on the table.

The concept, makes, sense to JoNee Koehn of Bulu, whose recipe for Vegetable Beef Tostadas appeared in the Taste of Home Ground Beef; cookbook.

"I just like the magazific because it doesn't take such exotic ingredients, things I don't even know what they are she said.

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"It gives you an uplifted feeling," she id, "it's like, 'It's good enough for Taste of

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Ruiz. "I got married when I was 15, and I ilterally could not boil water," she said. Now, the 68-year-old enjoys experiment-ing with different ingreddents. "It got to be kind of like a project, you

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WINTER BEEF STEW

Ruth Ann Harker of Jerome told Taste of Jome that her family loves this recipe after Jong day of playing outside. Reprinted by Jermission.

- 1 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck roast, ut into 1 1/4-inch pieces 1 cup chopped onion 2 garlic cloves, minced

- easpoons canola oil 1/2 pounds small red potatoes, cut

1/2 teaspoon dried thyme

1/2 teaspoon pepper 1 bacon strip, cooked and crumbled

In a Dutch oven, cook the meat, chopped onion and garlic in oil over medium-high heat until meat is browned on all sides; drain.
Add the potatoes, carrots, onions and mushrooms. In a small bowl, combine the

roth, apple juice, tomato paste, parsi-ay leaves, salt, thyme and pepper. Po

APRICOT CHICKEN

1/2 cup apricot preserves 2 tablespoons soy sauce 1 tablespoon chicken broth or sherry

1 tablespoon cricken brott 1 tablespoon vegetable oil 1 tablespoon cornstarch 1 teaspoon minced garlic

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1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 pound-boncless, skinless chicken
breasis, cut into strips
1 medium green pepper, chopped
1/2 cup salted cashews
Hot cooked rice

In a large bowl, combine the first seven

noredients.
Add chicken and toss to coat. Transfer to vehicle microwave-safe dish. Cover and microwave on high for 3 minutes, stirring

Add green pepper and cashews. Cover and microwave on high for 2-4 minutes or until chicken juices run clear, stirring once. Let stand for 3 minutes. Serve with

This cookbook contains Bulil resident Betty Albee's prize-winning recipe for Cranberry Chip Cookies.

Simple makeovers can light up your fireplace

WASHINGTON WASHINGTON
Designers often say a fireplace is the focal point of a
room. But if yours leaves you
cold, take heart. Giving it a
facellif can be easier and
cheaper than you think.
Cerphe Colwell and his
wife, Susan, were bowled
over by the suburban five
level townhouse overlooking
a lake they busieft tow years

level townhouse overlooking a lake they bought two years ago. But they were utterly underwhelmed by the wilmpy white mantelpiece and glass-and-brass doors on the builder's original model. I wanted something big. I'm thinking Stonehenge", says Cerphe Colwell, the ploneeting underground and new-music radio DI who is now heard on middos "World Class Rock." So after moving 14.

Crackling with ideas

For fireplace facelift ideas, check out "Fire Spaces: Dealen Inspirations for Fireplaces and Stoves," by Tina Skinner (Schiffer

in, the couple sketched a more massive fireplace in the soaring great room, then

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Similarly, Tom and Sandy
Ross Jone's couldn't hear the
iold-Institution off floor-to-celling brick fireplace of their '50s.
Alexandria rambler, despite
the attempt by an earlier
occupant to disguise it with
white paint, So as part of a
2003 renovation, they had
contractors sheath the brick
in drywall, paint the whole
thing celadon green to match
the adjacent living room walls
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town "son's Sandy Ross Iones,
an event planner.
Iosh Baker, president of
Bowa Builders in McLean, Va,
has seen hundreds of facelift
candidates. "A lot of the time,
the brick is not attractive.
Certain styles have changed,
or you se an entire wall of
brick. For a while there were
also those firebox cubbles for
wood storage, People tend to
be getting away from that."
In one home, he says, a
flour-to-celling brick fireplace
with two built-in niches was
completely transformed. The
fredors was given an early
side, identical wood enhibites
and doors were added, with a
small window cut over each
cabinet. One cupboard now
houses the sound system; the
other conceals access to the
woodpile outside the house,
Total cost \$10,000.
Dated brick is not the only
problem Baker cites.
Farticularly in '70s and '80s
houses, you had big, thick
such cases cound of favor," he
says. "We take them off and

replace them with something traditional, or nothing at all."

Decorative woodwork often is a good solution, whether it's



For less than \$1,500, Tom and Sandy Ross Jones replaced their old fireplace, left, with one that blends into the wails of their living

Laff, by Tom James; right, photo for The Wantimeter Pool by Los Speden



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punch.
She is also a fan of the very

cheapest: a 550 paint-over that involves little more than a coat or two on the bricks and/or mantel, as well as the firebox interior. "The caskest thing to do is to paint the mantel and the brick a beautiful white," she says, conceding that "every-one freaks out at painting brick" until she explains how dramatic and economical it is. brick" until she explains how dramatic and economicalt is. Equally simple is painting the bricks the same color as the walls — Iuscan yellow or very pale latte, perhaps, but not baby blue. 'And always keep the mantel the same color as the trim, or refinish and urc-thane a natural wood man-tel."

thane a natural wood man-tel."

Another frugal fix is to replace the small terra cotta tiles used on hearths in many older houses. A single slab of natural stone creates a more sophisticated, upscale look with minimal construction.

Ilkem Marble and Granite of Lorton, Va., charges S53 a square foot installed for its lowest grade of granite rem-nant (a full-size piece runs about \$45 per square foot installed). An area 4 feet long by 2 feet wide costs \$200 for materials and labor, plus Sfoot odemolish and remove the old tiles, says office manager

Fireplace makeovers or limestone tiles, mirror, stone (real or fake) or poured con-

Under \$300

 Paint the existing brick and/o the interior of the firebox. (For the latter, use high-heat paint.) Replace a worn or dated fire screen and tools to harmonize

- Replace a damaged or dated tile hearth with a slab of slate. ite or other stone
- Add a new or vintage fireplace lackle Davis, Thai's \$430 for a complete change of hearth. But as with all interior design projects, prices can go up and tup depending on the scope of the work and cost of materials.

 For one radical metamorphosis from traditional to contemporary, Tydings removed a dark wonden mantel, shelf and tiled hearth, then cowered a 6-by-4-foot section of wall with 24-by-21 inch porcelain tiles at \$11 a square foot. She chose a tile that mimles pricier limestone, which runs about \$14 per square foot. Total cost: \$1,750.

 "Always use porcelain cather in the stronger. It's what they use in louel lobbles."

 In Old Town Alexandria, spouses and political dhelists what they use in louel lobbles."

 In Old Town Alexandria, spouses and political dhelists Mary Matallin (the rabid Republican) and James Mary Matallin (the rabid Republican) and James description of the Mill Co. The makeover includer refacing all the fireplaces, including soutiething muscular enough to anchor a vivid coral living room, which is featured in the lamuary edition of Architectural Digest.

 The designers swapped out a "typical Colonial wond surround with dentil molding" for the high drama of a lime-stone mantelplece with an undulating crosspiece to the space," Houchard says.

Under \$1,000

linder \$5,000

Box in the existing brick or stone with drywall and paint. *Enlarge and reface the sur-round and/or mantel with sin-ple custom carpentry, porcelain

The stone mantel cost \$4,300;

surround or mantel, or replace one that is outdated or poorly proportioned. Sources for ready made surrounds and mantel shees include Home Depot (www.liomedepot.com) and www.fireplacemantels.com

• Face the entire fireplace with exotic stone or elaborate custom millwork.

Over \$5,000

tem millwork.

•Acquire an antique fireplace surround, preferably ornately carved marble or rare wood from a centuries-old French a centuries-old French chateau, English manor house or Italian villa.

elry that makes an outfit. It is hugely dramatic," Matalin says, "Designers say start with the rug. I say start with the fireplaces." a new granite surround and hearth, labor and other items brought the total to \$10,400. "It's like a great piece of Jew-Individual Health and Employee Benefits



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"Even if they didnt give you anything, I think most people would do it anyway, said Albee, whose submission tally stands at around 15 recipes. Albee's love of food is apparent. Several food maga-zines peck out of a crate in the living room, and freshly baked maraschino cherry bread and glingerbread men sit on a counter.

ignigerbread men sit on a counter.
Albee has had three recipes in Taste of Home, including a prize-winning recipe for Cramberry Chip Cookles.
Her grandchildren aren't impressed with her sweet success, however. They like only cookles made with chocolate chips.

"I'll give them one and they'll say, 'Oh, yuck.'" she

said.
It's a good thing the kids
don't have a final say, so readers around the country can
enjoy Albee's — and other
Idaho cooks' — creations.

Melissa Davlin may be reached at 735-3234 or melis-sa.davlin@lee.net.

About the company

Taste of Home magazine was first published in 1993 by Reiman Publications and specialized in American fare. Now owned by Reader's Digest, Greendale, Wis-bosed Taste of Home has expanded to four magazines — including Cooking for 2, Light & Tasty and Simple & Delicious — and it regularly pumps out cookbooks and hosts cooking schools around the country. All recipes are archived on the company's Web site. tasteoflomes.com. Online, prize-winning recipes are available to subscribers only.





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DEAR JJM: I need a new heating system and I want to consider alternatives to gas, oil or electricity. I hear "bio-mass" being mentioned often. What exactly is bio-mass, and is it efficient, con-venient hear? - Dennis D



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DEAR DENNIS: "Homass' sounds like a new, high-teeth heating method, but it actually is as old as the discovery of lite itself. Firewood, which has been used to heat homes for thousands of years, is still the most common type of biomass heating used in many of today's homes. With modern fireplaces becoming cleamer burning and more efficient, it is more popular than ever.

Biomass is any natural material which has stored energy from the sun through the process of photosynthesis. This combines water, carbon dioxide and nutrients from the soil into a biomass material, the material releases this stored energy by burning or chemical means.

There are many options

There are many options



This whole-house corn furnace has a large corn hopper so it does not have

for usine biomass heating in your home, either for spo-heating or in a central heat-ing system. I use a freestanding corn stove in my living room which also heats my home office as I write this

room which also neas ..., home office as I write this column.

Since you plan to replace your entite heating system, you probably have interest in a central system. Most central biomass systems provide heat as comfortable as any standard gas, oil or electric system. You just set

the thermostat on the wall and it maintains an even

and it maintains an even temperature. There is a care required with a biomass system, depending upon the property of system. Typically, the biomass fuel (corn, firewood, pellets, etc.) has to be carried indoors and leaded into the heating system. There also is ask to remove periodically.

A central corn heating system.

ally. A central corn heating sys-em with a bulk hopper

requires the least care. Once the huge storage hopper is filled with corn, an auger automatically slowly feeds it into the furnace or holler as needed.

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The amount of ash created from burning corn or wood pellets is not great.

Another convenient central biomass heating system uses a wood-burning furnace whitch can also switch to oll. If the firewood burns down on a very cold night, the oil burner kicks in to continue to provide heat. It of the wood and oil is too firewood and oil is too firewood and oil is too firewood and oil is too systems, the seek nearing systems are designed to also burn coal.

Before selecting a biomass heating system, check with your local farm burneau to see what local fuels are available. This reduces costs and energy wasted from shipping long distances. Some the property of the selecting in the North, when of summore and the property pits in the North, wheat or sunflower seeds in the Plains, etc.

These companies offer biomass heating systems:

American Energy Systems (800) 495-3196, www.mag-numfreplace.com; Dell-Point, (877) 331-6212, Point, (877) 331-0214, www.pelletstove.com; Even Temp, (800) 331-8862, Temp. (800) 331-8862 www.eventempine.com Harman Stove Co., (717) 362-

Harman Stove Co., (212), 382-9000. www.harmanstow. com; and Ia-Ban (B10) 359-7985, www.jarma.com. DEAR JIM: I might get a wacuum/blower leaf mulcher, I buy a lot of mulch lor my garden each year. From an environmental standpoint, is it better to run an electric leaf vacuum and make mulch or buy it at the store?

—K&th E.

DEAR KATH: It is a com-plicated calculation to deter-

mine how much energy, materials and waste are used to make and use a product, hist considering all the pla-tic mulch bags alone, ma-ing your own is probably better.

better.
I use a two-speed Black and Decker Leaf Hog vacuum mulcher at my

home.
It uses about 14 cents of electricity for each hom's

In about an bour during fall, I can make the equivalent of about 10 bags of store-bought mulch.

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Rice vinegar or rice wine?

The Washington Post

Q. When do I use rice
winegar and when do I use
rice wine in cooking?

A. You've bit on a common topic of confusion for
occasional cooks of Asia
food, Part of the problem is
that rice vinegar is often
called rice wine winegar,
floth rice vinegar and rice
wine are made from fermented rice, but different
processes are employed.

The dregs, or lees, of wine
are sometimes used in the
making of Asian rice vinegars, which have low acidity
and are considered to be
milder than western vinegars. In the end, there's no

alcohol left in it.
Freshly steamed glutinous rice is fermented to
make rice wine, which has a
comparatively low alcohol
content relative to other
wines and beer. Sake and
mirin are common rice
wines;
Chinese,
Sorean and

minin are common fice wines; Chinese, Victuamese, Korean and Indian rice wines are all quite different in clarity and flavor, although most tend to be sweet. But, as Alton Brown often says, that's another show. To add depth or sweetness to a dish, use rice wine, especially shao lising cooking wine, which is aged and somewhat mellow and is a new favorite of mine. Try sherry as a substitute in

recipes that call for rice wine instead of reaching for the rice vinegar; it's a closer match. Rice wine will hold up in stir-fries, braises and stocks.

Use rice vinegar to perk up or heighten flavors, such as those in sweet-and-sour dishes, or use the condiment in place of more tart vinegars when you want to soften the edges of a dressing or marinade. My flavorite way to use seasoned rice vinegar happens at the start of just about any potato salad recipe I make: A liberal sprinkling over the product is the flavor sinkling as they cool and allows me to use little or no salt.





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degrees. Lightly spray a muffin pan with vegetable oil.
In a large sante pan, heat
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the chard and set aside.

Into a medium mixing
bowl, sift the flour, kamut
flour, sugar, baking powder,
the remaining sait, the
remaining black pepper and
the cayenne pepper into
medium mixing bowl, then
stir in the wheat germ.

Muffins by Mo

Muffins are like a baker's deficious shorthand. Mixed in inmutes, baked in albout the inner it takes to make a port of offer, the mass of little cakes an come out of the over and straight to the breakast table, and the coly they were as good lot you as they are good to you as they are good to you as they are good to they'd be purity mently the perfect food.

Leave it to a mother who's a former postry chef to figure 1 had one out. Win Boyce used to make purpose to the control of the

of the pastly sterior or impanie, the venerable Los legicles restaurant; now she's cas at home mont running he own kitchen while she insers two toning daughters, bullately she's become a little running to the past any multims, but the past and the past every day, yet as a suphisticated they stift her postessional palare ion. If have a really farir time interentiating between the month in my head and the past is ched in my head. Hoge

And kids are the perfect tisse testers. They love any-iting shaped like a cupcake, or they'll tell you in a second it something doesn't it something doesn't taste right. Anyone who has ever right utging kids to eat some-

right, whythe win has even tried inging kids to eat some-ther because it's good for the property of the property of which egain thurs, jars of which egain thurs, jars of spices and a Wolf stove laden with gleaming pots, you can oll Boyce spends also of time in the kitchen (so does her husband, Spago chef de cui-sine Thomas Boyce). And so do their kids, "year-old Isola and I-year-old Sofia, They temble in, trailing a thy stoller filled with toys, hungry after a morning walk with their suter.

their siter. Boyce hands them each a boyce hands them leading haked mufflin, golden cakes made with whole grains and laced with whole grains and laced with masted yams and tich Medjool dates. The grains give them a muty taste, the yams and dates provide sweetness and a famastic testure. The kids goldble them up and take off again.

Whole grains give Boyces mufflins a depth that balances out the other elements, She'll add dates and velvety roasted yams to a whole-wheat batter, or mix sautered apples, chma-

add dates and velvely roasted vants to a whole-wheat batter, or risk santeed apples, cinna-mon and lesship grated min-mey into a batter built with corked camped, oat and gra-sed and balamer, striking past the right note. Boyce says whole-grain flours add structure to a muf-ina and provide the perfect background for the flavors of traits and mus, even herbs and vegetables and cheeses. Bor you don't want to go over-bradt. Too high a proportion of heavier flours and your multius word get the fold and crumb you want. So pair the beacher flours with lighter all-purpose flour for the best ba-lance.

ance.
To a savory miffin made from kamut flour and wheat germ, Boyce adds sauteed red chard and Cotswold cheese, an aged cheddar flecked with

an aged cheddar flecked with chives. The muttins are deeply, intoxicatingly aromatic, and the flavors are fantastic, rich but well-balanced. It's hard to stop eating them; then you think about what they're made from, and you realize that you don't have to. At least

mot right away.

As the girls gather again in the kitchen with neighborhood friends, Boyce loads a plate with more multins. Warm from the oven, golden-domed and the keef with domed and the keef with the plate with the plate with the plate of the plate with the plate of the plate vanish contents of the plate vanish quickly.

Scrambling from the table in pursuit of a new game, the kids are sated and smiling. And, as they mibble on muttins of their own, the children's mothers are smiling too.

APPLE OATMEAL MILEEINS

Use any apple sauce con-taining only apples and water

Vegetable oil spray for coat

Vegetable oil spray for coa-ing multin fus. 1 1/2 cups milk, dicided. 1/2 teaspoon plus a pinch oil saft, divided. 1/2 cup rolled oats (not quick oats). 1 1/2 tablespoons butter. 4 tablespoons white sugar, divided. 2 medium amples (a tatt, 2 medium amples (a tatt,

divided

2 medium apples (a tart, crisp variety such as Brachurn or Granny Smith), peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch

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2 teaspoons cinuamon,
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ivided 1 cup flom 1/2 cup oat flour 1/2 cup graham flour 1/4 cup dark brown sugar 1 tablespoon baking pow-

der 1 tablespoon freshly grated

nutneg
1/4 cup applesance
3 tablespoons melted but-

r -1 egg -1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat the oven to 350 degrees, Lightly spray a muf-lin pan with vegetable oil. In a small sancepan, bring 1/2 cup of the milk and a pinch of salt to a boil. Add the oats; cover and simmer at wedlingshe ber simmer at medium-low heat until cooked, about 5 to 7 minutes, stirring occasionally. Most of the liquid will evapo-

rate.
Heat the butter and 2 table-spoons of the white sugar over medium-high heat until bub-

bling.

Add the apples and 1 tea-spoon of the cinnamon, toss then allow to caramelize without stirring. Toss again, each time allowing the apples to color. Once finished cooking, the apples should have lost their edges and be caramelized, about 5 minutes.

caramelized, about 5 minutes. Into a medium missing bowd, slit together the flour, oat flour, graham flour, the remaining 2 tablespoons, white sugar, the brown sugar, baking powder, mutmeg, the remaining 1 teispoon chinamon and 1/2 teispoon salf. Add any remaining grain from mik, the applessance, the melted butter, the egg and the vanilla with the oatmeal in a separate bowd. Pour in the day-ingredients mixture, Add the appless and fold until the mixture just comes together.

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mixture just comes together.
Using an ice cream scoop
(about 1/2 cup capacity),
scoop the mixture into each of
12 muffin caps, about 1 scoop
per muffin. Bake for 35 to 40
minutes. The bottom of the
muffins will be dark golden
brown.

POTATO MUFFINS

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sweet potatoes Vegetable oil spray for coat-

1/4 cup plain yogun

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Scrape down the sides of er bowl a nd alterna ly add the dry and wet ingredi-ents: do not over-mix. Gently

ents: do not over-mix. Gently fold in the sweet potatoes, then the dates.
Using an ice cream scoop (about 1/2 cup capacly), scoop the batter into each of 10 prepared, muffin cups, about 1 scoop per muffin cups. labor 15 to 40 minutes. The muffins will be dark golden brown on the bottom.

KAMUT AND CHEESE MUFFINS

Cotswold cheese is studded with bits of chives and onion.



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ing the tins 174 cup (1/2 stick) butter 3 tablespoons dark brown

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Legg Lieaspoon vanilla 12 Medjool dates, pitted nd cut into 174- to 172-inch pieces

pieces.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees, Prick the sweet potatoes with a fork and place on a foil-limed cookie sheet. Roast for 1 hour or until they are tender when pierced with a fork and are caramelizing, Bennove sweet potatoes from the oven and allow to cool, peel them and then lightly mash with a fork. Set aside.

Lower the oven temperature to 350 degrees, Lightly speay the muffill this with vegetable oil.

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are much binter and sugare until light and flully, about
3 minutes.

In a medium bowl, sift
together the flour, wholewheat flour, wholespain pastry flour, baking powder, baking sada, sat, cimamon, ginger and allsplee. In a separate
bowl, whisk the butternalk,
yogurt, egg and vanilla together.



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Using an Ice cream scoop (about 1/2 cup capacity), scoop the mixture into pre-

paced muffin tins, about one scoop per muffin (10 muffins). Bake for about 45 minutes. You can use a small offset spatula or knife to care-fully fift a muffin from the tin and check to see that the bot-tom is dark golden brown. As soon as muffins come out of the oven run a knife around



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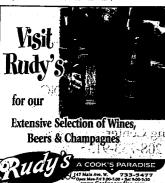
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Outdoor ice basin in table serves as ice bucket

A standard lee bucket just wasn't versuille enough. Renee Borsack wanted her outdoor table to have a built-in lee basin — something that could handle six bottles at a time, or cradle shrinp and oysters on the half shell, or simply float candles and pink tea roses from her San Juan Capistrano, Calle, garden. Her solution? Borsack had a stone carver cut a trough in

Her solution? Borsack had a stone carver cut a trough in the center of her 8-foot-long travertine tabletop. The opening is 2 1/2 feet long and 6 1/2 inches wide. A drain in the middle of the trench connects to the sever pipe, which is concealed by the table's concrete-and-cinder-block pedesial.

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"We didn't want any debris, like shrimp tails, to drain into the landscaping, then out to the curb." says Borsack, whose husband, Jim, owns B Cellars wines.

whose husband, Jim, owns B Cellars wines.

The couple got the idea for the plece when they saw a marble table with an embedded basin at a Napa Valley winery. They came up with their own streamllined design, and Renee approached Hans Safarpour of Kitchen & Flooring Discounters in Santa Ana. Calift, to make it.

She wanted French limestone, which would have continued the theme of their French garden, but Safarpour advised against it. Limestone would have been too porous and wouldfut hold up well outside. Polished granite also would have taken a beating in the sun and rain. Honed travertine, however, would provide elegance and

Honed travertine, however, would provide elegance and durability, Safarpour said. His crew took a 3/4-inchilek slab and cut it lengthwise, down the middle of the tabletop. Then they used a saw to cut ut half of the lee basin in each slab, When the table to the same them them fixed. wo pieces were then fused



A trench 2 1/2 feet long and 6 1/2 inches wide in the travertine tabletop has a drain that connects to the sewer pipe, which is concealed by the table's concrete-and-cinder-block pedestal.

back together, they formed a single trough, and the table-top's seam was hidden in the veining of the stone. Another 3/4-inch-thick travertine slab was positioned underneath, sandwiched between the cut top surface and the pedestal. Edges were then rounded for a finished look.

Safarpour says the cost for a similar tabletop with a custom basin starts at \$2,500, depending on the 'material and design.

"We entertain so much that we wanted something perma-nent but different," Borsack says. "It took five guys just to carry the base into the back-yard. This table will last."



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The Kentland is a well-separated, two-story duple-with garages located between the units. Except for the shared garage wall, each unit has the feel of a single-family dwelling, and the look of a country cottage. Unit A is a mirro. (mage of Unit B, so the description of one applies equally to the other.

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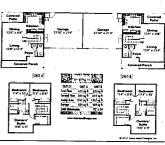
The wide covered porch spanning the front creates a welcoming look, while also providing a space for enloying fresh air. In summer, a porch swing or a couple of chairs could make it more enjoyable.

Inside, the foyer opens out into a combination living and diring room on one side, while a convenient prowder room hides behind a pocket door on the opposite side. The foyer's coart closet is right there as well.

Light spills into the large combination gathering space through windows that fill most of the front and rear walks, and more washes in walks.

space orrotages of motions that fill most of the front and rear walls, and more washes in through another wide windows at the back slide open to offer access to a covered pato there, it deals for outdoor dining when the air temperature is inviting. This patio could easily be screened. The kitchen is partially open to the dining room, and surprissingly large. Counters, cupboards, and built-in appliances span the walls on all four sides. Standing at the kitchen sink, you can easily keep an eye on children playing in the back yard, or simply

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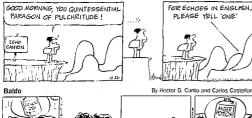


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By Johnny Hart

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new avenues or trails. Delay the start of anything that might be long term, such as a might be long term, such as a car psyment.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Wave a white flag, Steer clear of sensitive subjects like religion or politics. It is difficult to remain levelheaded and analytical when your personal opinions are under attack.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22); Spend time or money on technologically advanced inventions, or try the latest gadget, but read the fine print carefully. You may waste your time on frivolous activities.
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caretuny, but may waste your time on fivolous activities.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't throw caution to the winds. This isn't the time to discuss your deep, dark secrets. Avoid religious or political disputes; someone might exaggerate their beliefs just to pull your leg.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You don't have to buy a cow to enjoy a glass of milk. Resist to convert you to a way of thinking that doesn't suit your lifestyle. Bypass

fun anyway. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Never bite off more than you can chew. Generous gestures sound fabulous until you try to honor your promise. Under these stars you may go shopping for one thing but come home with 10. GEMINI (May 21-June 20). Someone wants a congenial companion while exploring

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Never bet anything you can't afford to lose. The post-holiday sales might beckon, but there is a tendency to overstock or overdo on many levels. Too much exercise can strain unused muscles. strain unused muscles.
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THE FAMILY CIRCLS



Mom with alcohol issues is threat to daughters' health

DEAR ABBY: We have outof state friends who have two daughters, ages 10 and 11. More than once I have seen the mother give her girls sips

More than once I have seen the mother give her girls sips of her wine — even hard liquor — when she is drinking. We do not allow our children to do this. We have discussed drinking in moderation with them, but only when they are of legal age.

My problem is, this friend and her family will soon be coming here to visit. She has now informed me that she'll be bringing a bottle of when for her girls to drink. When I also the standard of the drinking will be bringing a bottle of when for her girls to drink. When I also to comfortable with it and my kids aren't allowed to do so, she started anguing that mine don't have to. Then she said that she wouldn't bring a bottle for her girls, but would let them have some of hers. She argues that this is common in Europe.

This situation has me uncomfortable. Am I being unreasonable?

—OLD-FASHIONED

uncomfortante, and the unreasonable of the U.S.A. DEAR OLD-FASHIONED IN THE U.S.A. DEAR OLD-FASHIONED Unless your friend and her family live in Europe, please wake up to the fact that she is trying to rationalize her own alcohol problem. While some parents allow children an occasional sip of whatever aconor prottem. While some parents allow children an occasional sip of whatever they (the parents) are drink-ing, they do not bring along an extra bottle "for their chil-dren"! dren"! This Indicates to me that



the girls are doing a lot more than "sipping." What you have described is a family in serious need of an interven-tion, because your friend's behavior is child endanger-ment. She's jeopardizing her children's heath. My advice is to tell-her you would prefer to alcohol in your house— period. I'm betting it will cause her to cancel her plans to visit.

DEAR ABBY: I have a close lend, "Dee," who is more

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend, "Dee," who is more than 50 pounds overweight. She wears the trendiest clothes, styles her hair and makeup to perfection, and has ondles of male friends she'd love to be more than friends with, but has never been in a serious relationship. When we go out with her male friends, they shower me with compliments and attention. I'm friendly, but never her in the male friends, they shower me uncomfortable than Dee — who I'm constantly trying to shift attention to by mentioning the "funny thing she did at work today," or a compliment that she received at work, etc. — is obviously unhappy, I love spending time with

her, but feel like if I'm there she'll get less attention and lessen her chances of finding a significant other. Dee has a wonderful personality and is one of the nicest people I know. I really want to see her hanny. happy.

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—"DEE"-VOTED FRIEND IN D.C. DEAR FRIEND: The first thing you must do is stop lying to her. Every time you do, you raise her hopes that

do you take her hopes that the person you have invented will show an interest, which of course can never happen. The second is to have a loving and truthful discussion with her about how much you care about her and about her welght because it affects not only her social life, but it could also affect her health. Sometimes it takes a loving friend to direct our attention to something we would rather ignore, and it appears in this case, that person is you.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 2007. There are five days left in the year. The seven-day African-American holiday Kwanzaa begins today. This is Boxing Day.

Today's Highlight:

On Dec. 26, 2004, more than 200,000 people, mostly in southern Asia, were killed by a tsunami triggered by the world's most powerful earth-quake in 40 years beneath the Indian Ocean.

On this date:

In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War. In 1799, George Washing-ton was culogized by Col. Henry Lee as 'first in war, Girst in peace and first in the hearts of his caustrapus."

in peace and first in of his countrymen.

In 1917, during World War I, President Wilson Issued a proclamation authorizing the government to take over operation of the nation's rail-

TODAY'S

BIRTHDAYS

Actor Richard Widmark is 3. Actor Donald Moffat is 7



producer
Phil Spector is 67.
"America's Most Wanted"
host John Walsh is 65
Baseball Hall of Fame
catcher Carlton Fisk is 60.
Former baseball player
Chris Chambliss is 59. Rock Corner baseoal player Chris Chambles is 59. Rock musician James Kottak (The Scorpions) is 45. Country musician Drian Westrum, Mostrum, Mos

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint minister to address a joint In 1944, Cluring World War Irs Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Bas-togne, Belgium, was relieved by units of the 4th Armored Division. In 1947, heavy snow blan-keted the Northeast, burying New York City under 26.4 Inches of snow in 16 hours; the severe weather was

inches of snow in 16 hours; the severe weather was blamed for some 80 deaths. In 1957, the Ingmar Bergman film "Wild Straw-berries," starring Victor Sjostrom, opened in Sweden. In 1967, 'Magical Mystery Tour,' The Beatles' critically drubbed one-hour special, aired on BBC-1 television. In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, Mo., at age 88. In 1996, 6-year-old beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey was found beaten and strangled in

found beaten and strangled in the basement of her f home in Boulder, Colo. (To date, the slaying remains unsolved, despite a widely

publicized "confession" by john Mark Karr.)
Ten years ago: Badly bat-tered South Korean financial markets surged after the international Mometary Fund and the Group of Seven coun-tries agreed on a total of \$10 billion in emergency loans to Scout.

his conviction and death sentence and said the former president should be hanged within 30 days. (Saddam was executed on Dec. 30, 2006, Iraq time.)

THOUGHT

"Little progress can be made by merely attempting to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in developing what is good."

- President Coolidge (1872-1933)



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Gingerbread cupcakes are perfect for this time of year

Kenneth Kelm of Glen urnic, Md., was hoping omeone would have the Burnie, Md., was hoping someone would have the recipe for the 'delightful' gin-gerbread cupcakes with chocolate frosting made by the now-closed Wolfe's bak-ery, which was in downtown Baltimore.

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Unfortunately, no one has sent in the exact recipe from Wolfest hat Kelm was looking for, but I bad a recipe in my wown collection for Gingerbread Cuprakes With Le mon-Cream-Cheese Prosting from the January 1990 issue of Gournet magazine. This is a favorite recipe in our house, particularly this time of year. The moist and spicy cake is balanced nicely by the smooth and creamy frosting. I think a chocolate frosting also would be very good with the gingerbread. And as my 12-year-old son who gobbled up three of the cupcakes hefore they had even been frosted — can attest, these cupcakes are a tasty treat even without any frosting at all.

GINGERBREAD CUPCAKES WITH LEMON-CREAM-CHEESE FROSTING

- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour 1 1/2 teaspoons ground
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/2 teaspoon allspice
 1/4 teaspoon sull
 1/2 stick (1/4 cup) plus 2
 tablespoons unsalted butter,
 softened
 1/2 cup unsulfured
 molasses

- molasses
 1 large egg, beaten lightly
 1 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 cup boiling water
 Frosting
 8 ounces cream cheese,
 softened
 1 1/2 cups confectioners'

- 1 1/2 cups confectioners sugar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon zest 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice

1 tablespoon thinly sliced crystallized ginger

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Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Into a bowl slif together the flour, ground glinger, clinnamon, ground cloves, allspice and salt. In another bowl cream 1/2 stick of the butter, add the granulated sugar and beat the mixture until it is fulfus.

Beat in the molasses and the egg, beating until the mixture to the egg, beating until the mixture gup combine the baking soda with 1/2 cup boiling water and sir the mixture to dissolve the baking soda. Sir the baking soda rink-ture into the molasses mixture the mixture will appear curdled) then stir the molasses mixture the flow of the flow mixture, sitting to combine the flogren statuse into the flour mixture, stirring to combine the flogren status in the flow mixture. Siling them halfway Bake the cupeakes in the middle of the oven for 20 minutes, or until tester comes out clean. The cupeakes may be slightly flat or indented on top. Transfer the cupeakes to a mack and let cool.

Four little fixes

The Washington Post

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Small changes can help
make your home a safer place
to live. Here are a few fixes recommended by the nonprofit
National Center for Healthy
Housing. Estimated costs an
for a typical two-story, singlefamily house.

Install nonskid pads
under rugs to help prevent
falls. Cost: \$50.

Repair downspouts to
drain water away from the
foundation and discouring
the growth of mold. Cost: \$25.

Replace shower heads
and faucets with anti-scaid
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in a bowl, cream together the cream cheese and the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter, add the confectioners' sugar and the vanilla and beat the mixture until it is fluffy

Beat in the lemon zest and the lemon juice and chill the frosting for 30 minutes.

Spread the frosting on the cupcakes and top each cup-cake with some of the crystal-lized ginger.

Per serving: 309 calories, 3 grams protein, 13 grams fat, 8 grams saturated fat, 46 grams carbohyldrate, 1 gram fiber, 53 milligrams clotesterol, 222 milligrams colores.







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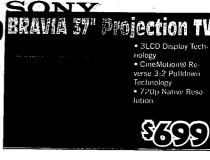
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This year, how about keeping your gifts?

A merica is a land of second chances, and never more so than on Dec. 26.

on Dec. 26.
The morning after
Christmas is the day of
redemption, when errors of
love and generosity are rectified at Wal-Mart starting at
**Community Sears begins

tified at Wal-Mart starting at 6 a.m. and at Seras beginning at 7.

If you didn't LOVE what Santa left you — or even if you did — popular culture dictates that you must stand in line at the mall behind hundreds of other disaffected souls and demand satisfaction.

Maybe it's a one-size-big ger parka — or a pair of ski pants in melon instead of

er parka — or a pair of si ants in meion instead of mauve, Perhaps it's a blender instead of a can opener, but most probably it's a store credit so you can barter for something else you don't need.



DON'T ASK ME Steve Crump

The whole notion of returning gifs always struck nie as churlish. A present isn't intended to be an item you can leverage into a new snow-blower; it's a gesture of some endearment. Except for the craven among us who traffic in gif certificates, some thought goes into most gifts. Maybe not MCCH thought, and there's no accounting for taste. The whole notion of

there's no accounting for taste.
Yet if you have regard for the given, it seems to me you're honor-bound to keep the gift.
That's why your grand-mother's attic was always a trove of kindness. The objects, most of which sur-rounded the butter chum.

opjects, most of which sur-rounded the butter churn, were presents from some-body. Many were modest and cheap, most were taskes, but all were soft-heart-cd and authentic. Dec. 26 and the white ele-phant-returning days that follow are a repudiation of all that. Most value is intris-tic nowadays; little is senti-nental. That makes us poor-er as a society. My wife is a great fan of Antiques Roadshow, the PBS series on which folks bring their treasures and

PIS series on which folks bring their treasures and have them appraised, lift an interesting excrete, but by the end of the day the antique experts have determined the price of everything but the value of nothing, is a ceramic plicher from the 1830s worth more than a locket made 100 years later? Certainly, but the lmage inside the trinket — it seems to me—speaks much louder.

Certainly, but the image inside the trinket—it seems to me—speaks much louder. While I was in college, I took a job during the holi-days at Montgomery Ward, the now-defunct department store chain. A woman walked into the store on Dec., 26 and wanted to exchange a silver picture frame containing a photo of her three small grandchildren—ages 2, 4 and 5—for a pearl ring for herself.

I did the paperwork for the transaction and handed the ring in its case to the

the transaction and hand the ring in its case to the

woman.
"It's none of my business," Isaid to her. "But I don't think that's a fair trade."
"What do you mean?" she shot back. "The ring is worth more than that little picture."

ure."
"Is it?" I asked.
Many happy re ny happy returns.

Steve Crump can be eached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@magica lev.com

Residents ask to change school districts

Minidoka school officials want to keep Jackson households within its boundaries

The Minidoka County
School District officials don't
was to be go of the Jackson
The district's board of
trustees plans to ask the state
board of Education to deny a
signed petition from Jackson
area residents who want to be
shifted to the adjoining
Cassia County School
District.
All eight eligible voters

District.
All eight eligible voters from the Jackson area, representing four households, signed the petition. The state board can consider the wishes of the two school districts,

but has the right to rule as it wants. If the board rules in favor of the shift, residents of the Jackson area would then hold a special election.

and a special election.
The proposed change
would affect nine school-age
children in the area north of
Interstate 84 and south of the
Snake River in eastern Cassia
County.

County.

Those who signed the peti-tion say the issue is over the safety of the children. "It is a parent's right to try to get the best education for their children that they deem appro-priate, but at the same time we believe we can educate those kids every bit as well," said Brian Duncan, chairman

of the Minidoka board.

All nine of the children infraidy attend Cassia district schools in Declo. The biggest change for them would be in transportation. Currently, they must be driven a few niles to reach a bus stop in the Cassia district hecause Minidoka schools don't allow buses from other districts to cross its boundaries to pick up students.

Duncan said bits district tevauld bus the students, but only if they went to Minidoka schools the said the district does not want to create a precedent that might apply to other areas in the county, such as North Burley and

areas near Dietrich.

The trustees voted to recommend denying the petition in part because the district would lose tax base on the four bordes and more than a square-mile of agricultural land. Such a move could raise the tax levy for other property owners inside Minidoka County.

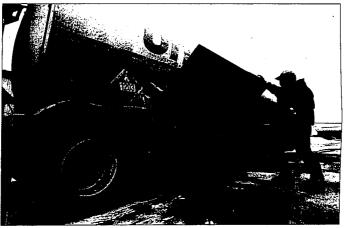
The homeowners say otherwise.

erwise,
The petition states that
"given the large size of
District 331's (Minidoka) tax base, and its current and expected growth, we believe that District 331 will never miss the tax base derived from this small area." Julie Rushton said she wrote the petition mainly to protect her children's safety, but added the state's open enrollment policy does not guarantee the Cassia School guarantee the Cassia School District will take the children

District will take the children. Each year the parents must perition Cassia Schnols to accept their children. Rushton said that as Occlo schools become more crowd, the Cassia district will stop allowing open enrollment. Barton Hanson, another jackson area parent and signer of the petition, said this petition and the school problem is separate from previous efforts to incorporate the area.

Cassia County earlier this year denied the incorpora-

WARMTH for the **POOR**



ARIT SERVICES.

Framewaki, a driver with United Oil of Tein Falls, demonstrates Monday how to pump heating oil from his truck that hald 4,200 gallons. A te this one could be used to han i unused heating oil to a home or business that needs it, once local agencies figure out how to name the o

Donating surplus heating oil harder than it sounds

It's a gift that would make any charity group ecstatic: about \$1,900 worth of heating

oil.

The only catch seems to be getting it out of Jan

abouts 1,300 wonn or neuring to il.

The only catch seems to be getting it out of Jan Ketterlings fuel tank, buried near her Twin Falls home.

Ketterling, wino falls home.

Ketterling, wino said she doesn't need the fuel anymore, said she's been trying for more than a month to flad someone who could use it. But everyone she's callede from social service agencies to oil companies, doesn't doesn't how to recommend the said of the said word or companies of the said of the

outr Gold, Indeed: Monday, the

Want to help?

Got extra heating oil you would like to don

numbers:
South Central Community Action, 733-9351, ask for Randy
Leonard Petroleum Equipment Co., 733-8511
In addition, local asphalt companies and similar businesses
may take unusable waste oil for their own use. To learn more,
contact your oil provider.

"Nobody will jeopardize their equipment to get the oil out. It's kind of like gold at the bottom of the river: How do you get it out?"

South Central Community Action Partnership Executive Director Ken Robinette

oll was worth \$2.97 a gallon, according to United Oil. And Ketterling isn't the only one searching for an answer. Robinette said his agency has been offered oil a couple of times this year, but doesn't have any way to recover or store it.

have any way to teacers store it.

Marry Humphries, a sales manager for United Oil — the company Ketterling said she got her oil through — said he'll try to help customers who, for whatever reason, want their tanks cleaned out. But it can be hard to get into a tank, he said, especially those with plipes that make a 90-degree turn or more. The company doesn't like to risk

contaminating the oil in its trucks with older oil from a tank. And sediments in the tank could easily damage its equipment, he said, which is used primarily as a delivery system.

system.
"It's hard to tell how long the stuff has been sliting in the tank," he said. "If you do pump It out, how do you guarantee that the product is good?"

So who can handle the oll?

our" So who can handle the oll? So who can hange the out The answer seems to lie with the kinds of hometown busi-nesses likely to have a pump sitting around. Steve Leonard, of Leonard Petroleum Equipment Co., said emptying a tank with his simpler, rubber-diaphragm pump still isn't easy. And it's not what his company usual-by uses the pump for. But he's helped move oil around in the past and would be more than willing to volunteer his time and services again — maybe pumping the oil into another company's delivery another company's delivery truck, then sending it to its

another company's delivery truck, then sending it to its new home.

"We have done it and we will do it." Leonard said. "It's a good cause."

Any help would be welcome news to Robinette, who said he knows just the place for the oil — the Eden Senior Center, recently weatherized by the agency. The center previously used more than 200 gallons of oil a month, he said. Now that heat is more efficiently used in the building, a donation such as Ketterling's could provide several months of heat.

And Ketterling would like

heat.
And Ketterling would like
to see that happen. If there
was an easy way to pump out
leftover oil, she said, she
thinks there would be plenty
to go around.
"How many people in our
valley have converted to gas?"
she said. "(The oil's) got to be
usable."

Nate Poppino can be eached at 735-3237 or npop-

Surgeon leads project in Africa

With 10 used hospital beds and thousands of dollars worth of orthopedic supplies. Cassia Regional Medical Center is aiding the efforts of Burley orthopedic surgeon loe Petersen to continue helping hospitals in the African nation of Cape Verde. "They are a very non peo-

African nation of Cape Verde.

They are a very poor people who will never have the funds to purchase current medical supplies for their hospital and patients," said Petersen, who owlunteers with the Ashly Foundation. They are more than 20 years behind in their supplies and, at times, their training,"
The Ashly Foundation is a U.S. based group meeting from

The Ashly Foundation is a U.S. based group meeting some of the service needs for Cape Verde from medical to agriculture assistance.

"We were able to give \$40,000 worth of used femoral rods and 10 beds that the company begins in the company begins in maked by the

femoral rods and 10 beds that were being replaced by the hosphal." said CRMC Chief Nursing Officer Sean Bennett. This domation is just the beginning of what Bennett and others hope to provide. A collection of supplies is already waiting for the next trip over and more is being gathered.

Most of the equipment and supplies comine from the

gathered.

Most of the equipment and supplies coming from the hospital can no longer be used because of government regulations of multiple use. Cape Verde doesn't have such restrictions and accepts the medical aid whenever it can be put to use.

"If we have a chance to extend the life of used medical equipment that others can use well do it." Bennett said. One of the Islands of Cape Verde is an active volcano and rock climbers enjoy the challenge of elimbing the islands rocky landscape. Petersen said injuries often result from falls while elimbing. Those injuries require orthopedic repairs and the hospitals don't have certain treatment options. The equipment donation will allow doctors to treat patients and prevent long weeks in traction at the hospital.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints supports

rinction at the hospital.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints supports the Ashby Foundation's efforts and provides the shipping of select supplies.

Petersen, along with his wife, Linda, plans to return early in 2009 and provide surjecta training with some of the equipment that was given to the hospitals.

"We plan to take arthroscopic equipment, surgical beds and some supplies for their nutring program," Petersen said. "We are also their nutring program," Petersen said. "We are also trying to acquire an EKG machines medical assistance, Linda Petersen has provided children's clothing samples to each the women how to sew. Another group has donated sewing machines.

Hazel Irene Veeder

Hazel Irene Veeder, 96, of Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at her home.

Hazel was born Oct. 10,



born Oct. 10.

Broken
B ed her in death in 1996. She spent her early matried years as a housewife and later worked for 13 years as a nurs-ing assistant in a nursing home, in August of 1996, she married Dale Bugene Veeder in 1918. New Hazel attended the 11st Christian church in Pwin Talls and later attended the Hansen Assembly of God Church. She was an excellent cook, loved to read and main-

tained an excellent home.

Hazel is survived by her
stepebildren. Carolyn Rae
(Glen) Bundy of New Ulm,
Minn. John (Virginial Veeder
of Fisher. Ill., Dennis Veeder
of Fortland, Ore., Marvin
(Shaun Sullens) Veeder of
Portland, Ore., and Virgil
(Comile) Veeder of Twin Fish
one brother, Jackson LeRoy
Wilson of Surprise, Ariz, six
graphethildren and two greatgrandichildren. She was preceded in death by her two
brothers and her first husbrothers and her first husbrothers and her first husbrothers and her first husbrothers.

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The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Hansen Assembly of God Chunch with the Rev. J. Wesley Johnson officiating, Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. A viewing for family and A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," in Twin Falls, The family suggests memorials be made to St. Luke's Home Health and Hospice, 708 Shoshone St. Twin Falls, ID 37301

Laren M. Rosa

PAUL --- Laren Melvin Ros 1501.—Laten Meivin (tosa, a 67-year-old resident of Paul, went to be with Jesus on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, with his loving family by his side alter a valiant battle with can-

alter a validant battle with can-cer.

The was horn Nov. 7, 1940, in Rupert, the son of Melvin and Winona Wilcox Rosa. The received his education in Minidoka County, graduating from Minico High School in 1959. He continued his edu-cation at Idaho State University for two years. He married Joyce Elaine Erickson on June 4, 1959, in Kimberly, They resideed in Paul until moving to Baker, Ore., for 13 mouths to the a service man-ager for the Haight Motor Company. They then returned to Paul, where Laren worked as a service manager Company. They then returned to Paul, where Iaren worked as a service manager for Hanzel Motors. He later farmed for 13 years north of Paul. Laren then moved into numel construction for three years in California and Arizona, after which he worked in long-haul trucking for 15 years, retiring in 2005. Laren's many hobbies were snowmobiling and racing, butting fishing, and racing, hunting fishing, and racing, hunting fishing, and lang, gliding behind the boat. However, jbis true passion was sailing on the Snowflake, Laren had many talents and never knew a stranger, He was a people person and was a

DEATH NOTICES

Melanie Judy

Melanie Darrington Iudy,
44. of Maricopa, Ariz.,
passed away on Tuesday,
Dec. 25. 2007, at the
University Medical Center in
Tueson, Ariz. The funeral is
pending and will be
announced by Rasmussen
Funeral Home of Burley.

Leonard Vern Owens

friend to all. He especially loved helping others. Laren was a Sunday School teacher and played saxophone in the church band, At the time of his death, he



was an active member the Apostolic House Prayer

Prayer In Ruper... The is survived by his loving wife, joyce, of 448 years; four daughters. Gena (Terry) Ball and Jana (Mike) Wilkins, all of Paul, Teri Rosa of Gooding and Lori (Mike) Martindale, also of Paul; 11 grandchildren: and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his partents and one granddaughter, Melissa Ball.

The funeral will be held at 2

The funeral will be held at 2 The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St., with Pastor John Crawford officiating, Burial will be in the Paul Gemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 27 at Rasmissen

from 6 until 8 p.in. ramson, Dec. 27, at Rasmussen Puneral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 135 p.in. Friday at the church. The family suggests memorials be directed to the Intermountain Hospice in care of Rasmussen Funeral Home.

Burley passed away Dec. 25, 2007, at his home, Funeral

Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

H. Thomas Newman

Donald Lyone Overlin

Donald Lyone Overlin, 80, of Twin Falls died Sunday morning, Dec. 23, 2007, at his home in Twin

Don was born on Feb. 2. Don was born on Feb. 2, 1927 in Grenola, Kan., the son of Frank and Evaline Wallace Overlin. He grew up in Kansas until the age of 6 when the family moved to Idaho settling in Hansen.

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Dona attended schools in
Hansen and Kimberly.
At the age of 15, Don had
the desire to work so he
went to work at the bean
warehouse for a few years.
He cutered into the U.S.
Navy in 1934 where he
until being homorally desired
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is military service he
returned to Idaho.
On Oct. 18, 1945, Don
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returned to Ídaho.
On Oct. 18, 1945, Don
married Margery Spain in
Filer, Idaho. He worked
for Globe Seed and Feed
for a few years before he
started driving long-haul
trucks.

trucks.

He drove trucks for many years and thoroughly enjoyed being on the road. He continued to be a truck driver until ill health forced him to retire in 1975.

Editoring bit surjections.

1975.
Following his retirement,
Don enjoyed working in his
yard, taking care of his
flower garden. He could be
found in his garage for
hours at a time working on

motors and just tinkering around. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunt-ing with family and friends. His love was his family and spending much time with them. Don was a member of the American Legion in

Twin Falls.

Don is survived by his wife of 62 years, Margery Overlin of Twin Falls; his two sons, Carl Overlin of Twin Falls and Paul (Sue) Overlin of Florida; this one

Overlin of Florida: his one brother. Lloyd (Wilma) Overlin of Twin Falls: as we started in the Milliam Overlin of Twin Falls: as we started in the Milliam Overlin of Hollister. He is also survived by his two granddaughters. Heather though and Wesley Overlin hoth of Twin Falls: two granddaughters. Heather Stephens of Twin Falls and Amy Featherston of Fairfield: and nine great grandchildren. He was preceded in death

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an Infant daughter, Donna Overlin, and one brother, Harvey Overlin.

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At Don's request there will be a private family graveside service at Sunset Memorial Park. As a reminder please dress accordingly for the weather. Arrangements and services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Steven Anthony Willis

Steven Anthony Willis, 50, of Hagerman passed away on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, in

on simday, Dec. 23, 2007, in Twhn Falls. Steve was born in Porterville, Calif., on July 8, 1957, to Chester and Martha (Caveness) Willis. He grew up and attended schools in Porterville, Calif. On March 29, 1978, he married Paula Wilson in Reno, Nev. Steve moved to the Magic Valley area in 1995. Steve Inward in 1995.

1995.
Steve loved to hunt and fish, especially for sturgeon. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was a great father, grandfather, and friend and will be deeply missed.

deeply missed.

Steve is survived by his wife Paula Willis, one daughter Lusinda Wallace of Twin Falls, two sons Richard Henley of Twin Falls, and Steven Todd Willis of Twin Falls, Four brothers Chester Willis of San Dlego,

Callf., Troy Willis of Gault, Calif., John Willis of Paris, Ark., and Lonie Willis



of Porter-ville, Calif. He is also survived by three sisters A n n a

survived by three sisters A n n a Bilkkman of Mr. Home, Ark. Charlene Gaxioln of Modesto, Calif., and Pam Lee of Grants Pass, Ore, three step-daughters. 13 grand-children and numerous nieces and hephews. He was preceded in death by his parents services will be held on Friday. Dec. 28, 2007, at 10 a.m. at White Mortuary 'Chapel by the Park' with a viewing for family and friends on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2007 from 4 to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary.

Ann Elva Seefried

Ann Elva Scenics, Twin Falls, passed away Thursday, Dec. 20, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Ann was born Nov. 27, Ann Elva Seefried, 67, of vin Falls, passed away

Ann was born Nov. 27, 1940, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Andrew and Clair (Dodge) Kerr. Ann loved horses and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was a great mother and friend and will be truly missed by

and will be use, all.

She is survived by three son, Ronald Aragon, Scott

uner. The funeral will be held The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with Inter-nient immediately follow-ing at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls, Family inquiries can call (419) 953-6147.

Aragon and Brent Aragon; and one daughter, Annie

Lawrence Eugene "Gene" Dudley of Jerome, funeral at

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday

SERVICES

Edith Louise Woodall Stacey of Twin Falls, open house for family and friends nouse for lamily and friends from noon to 4 p.m. today at Edith's home, 663 Alturas Drive N, in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Wayne Ellis of Buhl, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl: visitation from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Wanda May Whipkey of Hagerman, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the First Methodist Church in Goodling visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

David Arthur Craner of David Arthur Craner of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Star LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Church, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley: visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 13501; 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 1040 a.m. Thursday at the church.

James "Jim" Alfred Goller of Garden Valley and Boise and formerly of "Win Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Summers Funeral Home, Boise Chapel, 1205 W. Bannock St. In Boise; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Alice Jane Hoogland of Buhl, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, 1631 Grandview Drive N.; visita-tion from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave, N. in Buhl.

Rose Mildred Anderson of Gooding, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding LDS Church, 1228 Main; visi-tation from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 737 Main St., and 1 to 145 p.m. Thursday at the church.

David B. Gallegos Heyburn, funeral Mass s at 2 dessed Heyburn, funeral Mass at 2 pm. Thursday at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Ontario, Orc., with visita-tion from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the church; local visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Jennie Marie Egbert of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Springdale LDS Ist and 2nd Ward Church, 559 E. 200 S. in Burley, visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, L350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church,

11 a.m. Friday at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

oracia "Grace" Ellen Davis of Twin Falls, graveside humment service at 11 a.n. Friday at the Heyburn Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls). Gracia "Grace" Ellen Davis

Nancy L. Brennan of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Farnsworth Mortuary, 1343 S. Lincoln in

Fred J. Walmsley of Hagerman, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell.

Phyllis Kaye Fullmer Colonna of Brownsburg, Ind., and formerly of Bubl, Immedia at 11 a.m. Saturdayat the LDS Church on Fair Street in Bubl, visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at Farmer Funeral Chapel, 130 Ninth Ave. N. in Bubl, and 10 to 10:50 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Tommy "Tom" Preston Asher of Albion, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Albion LDS Church, 889 S. Main St. (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

MarLee Carter Vaughn of Rupert, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 100 W. 26 S. (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).





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11. Thomas Newman, 89, of Jerome, died Dec. 24, 2007, at his home. Funeral arrange-ments are pending and will be announced by Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome. Leonard Vern Owens, 80, of FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local residents receive scholarship

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Joiene Tolane of Burley and
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Woman wins scholarship

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) recently awarded Danya Kaye Dickerson, a sophomore at the University of Arizona, its annual Merit Award Scholarshire

annual Merit Award Scholarship. Every year, NSCS awards 50 of these scholarships to new members throughout the



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nation. Dickerson

was selected for her out-standing campus and

a ctivities, essays, transcripts, and recommendation letter. Membership in NSCS is offered to first and second year students who rank in the top 20th percentile of their class and have a minimum grade point average of 3.4. Dickerson is pursuing a double major in economics and Spanish.

Local resident receives doctoral degree.

Rocky PROVO, Utah -Mountain Unive Mountain University of Health Professions in Provo Utah announced that Barbara Robison of Twin Falls received her doctor of science degree in nursing on

Nov. 27. She is currently employed with the College of Southern

Idaho and Services PA. Psychiatric

Twin Falls man inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

Nathan W. Corder was inducted into the Omlcron Xi Chapter of Phl Theta Kappa at College of Southern Idaho on Oct. 26. Corder, from Twln Falls , is

On Oct. 20.
Corder, from Twin Falls, is majoring in general science. Established in 1918 by two-year college presidents, Phi Theta Kappa is the oldest and most prestigious honor society serving two-year colleges around the world. The society serving two-year colleges around the world. The society serves to recognize and encourage the academic achievement of two-year college students and provide opportunities for individual growth and development intrough honors. leadership and service programming, Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to Students must rank in the top 20 percent of the class to be invited to membership in Phi Theta, Kappa and must maintain high academic standing during their enroll-ment in the two-year college.



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SERVICE PROJECT



Nicole Petersen, guide, and Ashley Alexander, chapitain, of Bethel No. SG of the International Order of Iob's Daughters in Twin Falls, coimpleted their service project for the fall term by presenting Lettica Hernandez and Susan Hoag, specialists with the CARES Program with them collected from local dentitist. CARES provides children who are displaced from their homes personal items and backpacks for school. Local dentitist donating items for this cause were: Dr. Ballin Young, Dr. Welp Poppleton, Dr. Konfin Hall of Sawtooth Dental Group, Dr. Chad Dodds, Dr. Shane Schwaneveldt of North College Dental Group, Dr. Mark Alexander, and Dr. Richard Alexander.

Early UI retirees file claim over changes to insurance

MOSCOW (AP) — Nearly 270 former University of Idaho employees have filed a claim against the school, saying unilateral changes in their insurance benefits violate early retirement agreements hey signed in 1999 and 2002. "It was a deal," Alan Place, a retired mechanical engineering professor and one of the 268 former employees who filed the claim against the university and the state Board of Education, told the Leoiston Thibme.

"The university administration is reneging on that deal," he said.

ucat, he said.

If the claim is unresolved within 90 days, the former employees may file it as a lawsult.

"The notice is being analyzed by university counsel and by the state's Office of Risk Management," the school said in a statement.

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The university, which in recent years has suffered from financial instability, budget overruns and debt, offered early retirement packages in 1999 and 2002 to entice older employees to leave.

Those filing the claim say the packages included offers to pay for medical and life insurance premiums. This year, however, the retirees say, school officials demanded that each retiree

pay \$240 a year for medical insurance, for a total of \$64,000 a year.

Teens safe after car becomes stuck

"BOISE (AP) — Up to 19 deputies and search-and-rescue team members were discue team members were discue team members were discue they went up into the Boise Foothills late Saturday to see the valley's Christmas lights, then became stuck in the snow.

snow. Lauren Sellheimer and Landon Myers, both 18, say they spent two nights in a cold SUV without food or water before striking out on their own and finding State Highway 55. They secured a jump start for their vehicle—and were home about 10:30 a.m. Monday.

Ada County sheriff's officials sent as many as nine deputies and another 10 volunteer rescuers to find the pair on Sunday night, without success.

Towing Contract Renewal

he Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office will renew all towing contracts on Thursday, December 27, at 1:30 pm, in the basement classroom of the Court House, at 425 Shoshone

We invite all tow companies presently on our list, and any others that may be interested to please attend.

Resorts rejoice over great ski conditions

Skier Alex Schlopy enjoys the slopes

recently near Aspen, Colo. Many ski resort: are having good

DENVER — Santa brought just what the nation's ski resurts wanted — the hest nathonides move conditions in several years. From New England , to California, the snow dumped in the days and weeks before Christmas. Even Taos, NM, in the desert southwest, had a 60-inch base.

base.
"This is our best opening since 1977," said Adriana Blake, marketing director for Taos. The resort couldn't open for Thanksgiving, but later got 68 inches in a week. "This is crazy. It never snows like this."

ike this crazy, it never some like this. Wovember, with a few exceptions, some of the most popular resorts in the thockies and California delayed their openings because of a lack of snow, Most only offered limited terrain because of an unusually balmy and dry fall that produced disastrous wildfress.

tres.

Then the jet stream moved south and the snow began to fall, and fall, Wolf Creek, Colo., which usually has the deepest base in the state, has suffered for the last state, has suffered for the last two years. It debuted late last month with less than 10 inches. A week before Christmas it had 115 inches. "It is spectacular. For the first time in recent time in recent history the industry is



up and operating across the country. We looking for record Christmas attendance, said Michael Berg, president of the National Ski Areas Association.

Sugarbish is close to being 100 percent bnoked for Christmas, a record for the Vermont resort. It expects to have 100 percent terrain open for Christmas, said J.I. Toland, communications director. Also in Vermont resulting the communications director. Also in Vermont resulting the mostly on natural snow, reported 100 percent open.

Mad River Glen, which refles mostly on natural snow, reported 100 percent open. New England struggled last year. The Vermont Ski Areas Association said 59 percent of Vermont's 1,242 trails were

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said suchene Lefaux, spokeswoman for Whistler, "All of us are thankful that

At or us are thanking that the snow will be here for Christmas. The skiets take note of that. If one region suffers the skiet take note of that and tend to generalize

Smilers are sales have more of that and tenul to generalize that there is no smack said comine Marshall, spokes woman for Ma, Utah's leg-endary powder palace. Marimodlis, 14-inch bas-had grown to 45. Squaw Valley, near Lake Ethioc, went from 5 inches to 40. "It looks like this could be a pretty good whire Christmas. It's just one storm after auther,' said kyle Modey, a Reino, New, National Woather Service meterotologist. Underneath that snow a Vail, Colo., the nation's

Underneath that snow at Vail, Colo, the nation's busiest resort, is \$1 billion in improvements in lodging, retail facilities and other amenities like ice-skating. 'All the streets feel like plazas, East Mendow Drive is plazas, East Meanow Drive is so much more inciting— and with the new restaurants and shops, it feels like our own Little Italy," said Beth Slifer, chairwoman of Valls Local Marketing District Advisory Council.

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After a rather ebullient slam try, Sabine Auken found herself in a five-spade contract, which was endangered by the bad trump spilt. Heather Dhondy led the diamond five, and East, Nicola Smith, took her ace, and observed declarer's king fall. Realizing that a force might be the best strategy, Smith now deceptively returned a torce might be the best strategy, Smith now deceptively returned the diamond nine.

Declarer could discard from

Declarer could discard from her hand, but why would she ever guess that this was the position? Instead she made the normal play when she ruffed and cashed the ace of trumps. West followed suit with the jack — a red flag if ever

there was one.
Could this be a falsecard? It seemed unlikely, so Auken decided to play for the 4-1 trump split. For her to have any chance, she needed East to have at least three clubs—but that was far from unlikely.

— out that was far from unlikely. Auken now played three rounds of clubs, ending in dummy. When West discarded a diamond, the contract was safe. In the end-ing, declarer could lead a heart to her king and West's ace and ruff the diamond return in hand. Then the diamond return in name. Then the heart queen and a heart ruffed with the trump seven al-lowed her to lead a club and take the high crossruff to bring home

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RID WITH THE ACES

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↑ J ▼ A 10 6 2 ↑ 10 7 6 5 3 2 ↑ 4 2

West North East Pass 2 ♣ Pass Pass 2 ♥ Pass South

ANSWER: It looks natural to raise hearts (four hearts here would be weaker than three hearts, denying an ace or king, by the way). But the right call to get your slam potential across is to jump to three spades. This is a splinter showing short spades, heart support, and a nonmini-mum in the context of your original negative response.

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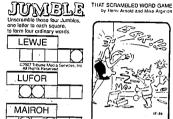
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