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Rising star

A century ago, Idaho entered a new year with unparalleled prosperity.

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"Those damn square con-tainers are awfully hard for kids," says New Hampshire

A decade with the wolf Final part of a four-day series

ON THE HEELS OF WOLVES



The Nez Perce Tribe's wolf recovery leader, Curt Mack, tracks the movements of wolves from the confines of a small airplane. Federal and tribal agencies rely on the tribe's data on walves in managing the energies

Monitoring plays an essential role in management

Times-News writer

MCCALL — Tracking wolves high above the Sawtooths in a red and white striped Cessnained and the striped Cessnained the striped point little of the rotanticism one might expect.

On a clear, chilly day in early November, snow stretches across the mountains like a tartered and thin quilt. Brown snakes appear in the form of old switchbark roads. Lee creeps across the surface of pristine, sapphire blue lakes.

Suddenly, a faint blip-blip tickles your ear through the headphones. It's akin to the beating of an answering machine.

And, the blipping sound

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chine.

And, the blipping sound grows louder.

The Gold Fork pack is near. Curi Mack, wolf recovery leader from the Nez Perce Tribe, says from the passenger seat.

For nearly a decade, Mack has tracked wolves, Initially, the tribe assumed responsibility for the monitoring of wolves across central Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, Today, the tribe monitors only the wolves in central Idaho,—a chore in itself considering that wolf packs generally claim a territory of approximately 350 to 400 square niles. The task of tracking wolves plays an essential role in wolf management, allowing molves plays an essential role in wolf management, allowing wolf management, allowing federal and tribal agencies to

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know their approximate numbers and location in Idaho.

Pilot Mike Dorris of McCall
Air suddenly dips the little fourscated plane lower to detect
more clearly the radio signal
coming from a wolf's collar. Unexpectedly, the dark caramelcolored leather seat in front appears to have turned on its side.
Your sense of direction soon
catches up as you realize the
right wing of the plane points
toward the earth below. The
plane turns slowly as if the right
wing were glued in place.
Gravity presses down on your
chest. Your stomach retards itself into your esophagus, and
you pray you won't vomit.

A glance out the right window
reveals a landscape of fresh
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A glance out the right window
reveals a landscape of fresh
totalliantly white snow and deep
green timber. The Gold Fork
pack doesn't wish to be found
and seeks refuge in the trees.
After Dorris makes several turns
around the location where the
radio signal sounds loudest.
Mack marks the pack's coordinates on the report fastened to
its clipboard.

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Many Idahoans grapple with the Endangered Species Act

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — One Idaho rancher walked into the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Swrice office intending to get a permit to kill wolves ha-rassing her sheep. She walked out with a plan to the postuli-ten to the postuli-ten to the postuli-ten to the postuli-ten to the postuli-rels. You kno.

rit was a chance to do something on the front end," said Margaret Soulen Hinson, a Weiser sheep rancher. "To me, that's

rancher. To incer where we should be putting our emphasis. It's levest from the source of the source

another endangered species situation like that with velves. While not always positive, the experience of dealing with gmy volves has inspired many idahouns to work proactively to keep other animals — such as the southern Itaho ground squirrel — from being listed under the Endangere of Species Act.

By all ac-ounts, the

You know what's Office of wrong with the Species Conservation **Endangered Species**

Act? There's no incentives.

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– Dave Nelson, livestock producer

By all accounts, the fish and vilidiffs Service has recovered wolves in Idaho and Velock producer

Dave Nelson, lock producer

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Species Act. However, bureaucratic red tape prevents species delisting, said James Caswell, administrator for Idaho's Office of Species Conservation.

This a bad precedent to make this so cantankerous and such

"It's a bad precedent to make this so cantankerous and such a difficult road," he said.

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Are we stingy?

Official's comment hits nerve of American charity

The Associated Press

MASIINGTON A suggestion by a U.N. official that the
world's richest nations were
stings' irritated the Bush administration, especially when
U.S. aid for Asias cartificials is
expected to eventually rise from
the millions to more than \$1 billion.

The comment reopened the
question of how to measure
American generosity. The answer ultimately depends on the
measuring
stick.

The U.S.

stick.
The U.S. government is always near the top in total humanitarian aid dollars — even before private donana) are

tions are counted — but it finishes near the hot-tom of the list of rich coun-tries when that money is compared to gross national product. increases donations to tsunami victims.

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compared to gross national product.

The chief of the U.S. Agency for International Development, which distributes foreign aid, was quick to point out Tuesday that foreign assistance for development and emergency. The first own of the control of

"The notion that the United States is not generous is simply not true. factually," USAID chief Andrew Natsios told The Asso-ciated Press in an interview. "We've had one of the largest in-creases of any country in the world." But even Natsios acknowl-

creases of any country in the world."

But even Natsios acknowiedged Tuesday that the initial
\$35 million ald package the administration has crafted- for
earthquake and tsunami victims has completely dmined his
agency's emergency relief fund,
which already provides assistance from Darfur to Iraq.

That means his agency will
need to ask Congress or the
White House for more money.

"We just sport it." Natsios
said. "Well be talking to the
(White House) budget office ...
what to do at this point."

Natsios said the Pentagon
also is sponding tens of millions
to mobilize an additional relief

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Milk cartons go way of inkwell

Schools replace them with plastic bottles

The Associated Press

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Yet another familiar school-days object may be going the way of the inkwell and the slide rule.

Encouraged by a milk industry study that shows children drink more dairy when it comes in round plastic bottles, a growing number of schools are ditching those clumsy paper half-plait cartons many of us grew up with.

Already more than 1.25 experiments of the nation's schools have switched to single-serving bottles. While that is still a duty fraction of the nation's schools, it is a significant jump from 2000, when there were none, according to the National Dairy Council.

Those dumm square containers are awfully hard for

Milk goes plastic More schools are switching to round plastic bottles, encouraged

by a study that found children drank 18 percent more milk from bottles than from cartons. Why they're choosing plastic

Easier to drink (70% of students) Easier to open (75% of students) -e 2 oz. more New flavor, strawberry U.S. schools using plastic 2002 📕 100 2003 300 2004

SOURCE: National Dairy Council

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Taylor, who has watched the trend spread to some 320 schools in New England. "Teachers say you can spend the whole lunch period just walking around and opening those containers."

Though plastic long has been the favored packoging for soda and other drinks, schools sought bottled milk only after a 2002 Dairy Counell study found milk consumption increased 18 percent in schools that tested bottles. The study also found that children who drank bottled milk finished more of it.

The change to plastic brings schools closer to overall milky packaging trends. In 2001, more than 82 percent of the nations milk was packaged in plastic, up from 15 percent in 1971, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

While the growing use of bottles in schools can partly be attituted to ease — educators say plastic caps are easier for children to open, and round bottles fit better in their hands — marketing savy despoyed at least as much credit.

Several years ago the milk Industry decided its boxes were not visually competitive when softles of place and soud increasingly common in schools.

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Bush heads into new term with low approval ratings

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every elected sitting president at
this stage since World War II, according to Gallup, which has
been tabulating such data since
Harry Truman won a full term in
1948.
Bush's Gallup subsection

Bushs Gallup mating echoed a survey published last week by ABC News and The Washington Post, which but sits approval rating at 48 percent. That poll also found that 56 percent of Americans said the Iraq war was not worth fightling. Time magazine put Bushs overall approval at 49 percent.

percent.

"The question is, what happenced to the honeymoon?" said
Frank Newport, editor of the
Gallup survey.

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U.S. adds \$20M to relief effort

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Agency for International Development is adding \$20 million to an initial \$15 million contribution for Asian earth-quake relief as Secretary of State Colin Powell bristled at a United Nations official's suggestion the United States has been "stings." Confirming the new assistent "stings." Confirming the new assistance. Deputy State Department spokesman Adam Erdi also disclosed Tuesday that a large number of missing Americans had been found and were safe. But Erell said hundreds of others remained unaccounted for and that seven had perished for all the same and that seven had perished in \$1 Linka and five in Thailand.

Describing the \$20 million as

land. Describing the \$20 million as a "line of credit," Ereli said the money will be made available to countries devastated by the

most powerful earthquake in 40 years. This new total of \$35 million is bound to be in-creased, he said.

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Hillion is bound to be increased, he said.

We know the needs will grow. Erell said.

At the Pentagon, meanwhile, the Navy said the aircraft carrier USS. Abraham Lincoln, which had been in port at long Kong, had been ordered to sail for the stricken area to provide assistance. A five-ship fleet headed by the amphibited headed head

port call in Guam to sau for un-region.

Supplies of plastic sheltering, food and water bags are on their way to Indonesia from Dubal in the Persian Gulf.

Powell, irritated by the U.N. official's criticism, toured morning television talk shows

to say the Bush administration will follow up its contributions with additional large sums.
"The United States has given more aid in the last four years than any other nation or combination of nations in the world," Powell said when asked about the comments Monday by Jan Egeland, the U.N. humanitarian aid chief.
Initially, the U.S. government pledged \$15 million and dispatched disaster specialists to help the Asian nations devastated by a massive earthquake and tsunamis that claimed tens of thousands of lives, including at least 11 Americans.
Powell chafed at statements that Egeland made at a Monday news conference, at which the humanitarian aid chief exhorted "rich" nations to do more.

Stingy .

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operation, with C-130 transport
planes winging their way from
Dubai to Indonesia with prestocked supplies of tents, blankets, food and water bags.
As of carly Tuesday, dozens of
countries and relief groups had
pledged S81 million in help for
South and East Asta, said the
Geneva-based U.N. Office for
the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

the Coordination of Humani-tarian Affairs. States uses the most common measure of the' Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a group of 30 rich nations that counts devel-comment and the state of the state of the state of the part of the state of t

opment aid.

By that measure, the United States spent almost \$15.8 billion for "official development

assistance" to developing countries in 2003. Next closest was Japan, at \$8.9 billion.
That doesn't include billions more the United States spends in other areas such as ALDS and HIV programs and other U.N. assistance.

Measured another way, as a percentage of gross national product, the OECD's figures on development aid show that as of April, none of the worlds richest countries donated even 1 percent of its gross national product. Norway was highest, at 0.92 percent: the United States was last, at 0.14 percent. Such figures were what prompted fan Egeland — the United Nations' emergency relief coordinator and former head of the Norwegian Red. Cross — to challenge the giving

of rich nations.

"We were more generous when we were less rich, many of the rich countries." Egeland said. "And it is beyond me, why are we so stingy, really... Even Christmas time should remind many Western countries at least how rich we have become."

Egeland told reporters Tuesday his complaint wasn't directed at any nation in particulair.

But Powell clearly took umbrage while making the rounds of the morning television news shows. He said he wished Egeland hadri made the comment and reaffirmed that the Bush administration will follow up with assistance that could stretch into the billions of dollars.

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The White House also defended the U.S. record of giving.

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Clear, where the president is

spending a post-Christmas vacation at his ranch.

Natios said the Paris organi-zations figures overlook a key factor — the billions more Americans give each year in private donations. Americans last year gave an estimated \$241 billion to chara-table causes — domestic and foreign — according to a study by Giving USA Foundadon.

Asia's death toll soars above 58,000

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of bodies lay rotting and unidentified on lawns and streets of battered Sumatra island Wednesday and authorities called out bull-dozers to dig mass graves, as the number killed in a mammoth earthquake and sunami soared above 58,000 with tens of thousands still missing. The U.N. health agency warned that disease could double the toll yet again.

Across a dozen countries, millions of people whose homes were swept away or wrecked by raging walls of water Sunday struggled to find shelter.

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David Winston, a Republican polister who advises the Senate leadership, said, "Communications up from its going to be as important as any task that they have at this point. There is a lot of important messaging that this administration is going to have to do in lanuary and in leabrach; it saking the issues and the agenda and beginning to set it up in a way that the American public has a clear understanding of the direction he's going to go."

White, House, officials say Bush is already working on early drafts for both speeches, even as he vacations at his ranch in Crawford. Texas.

Unlike other presidents, who

ranch in Crawford, Texas.

Unlike other presidents, who cruised toward inaugural festivities on a tide of growing public support after re-election victories, Bush has had to somberly respond to mounting US. casulties in Iraq. Last week, he made a rare concession that, "No question about it, the bombers are having an effect."

One person who met with

Bush the same day a U.S. mili-tary mess tent was bombed in Iraq described the president as "distraught."

ing described the president as "distraught." A lot of the talk about momentum and agendas and po-nitical realignment is overdone in the sense that it all depends on this contingent fact of how larq goes, "said William Kristol, editor of the conservative Wedy Sandard, matters for Complicating matters for Complicating matters for Beat and the fact of the conservative wedge of the second term is a beat and the first black of the second term is likely to relude unpopular cuts to social programs and even the Pentagon.

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The Bush administration also has been criticized for failures in vetting former New York City Police Commissioner Bernard Kerlk, who was forced amid ctrical questions to withdraw his name from nomination to be the next secretary of Home-land Security.

land Security.

The approval rating for a second-term president is less critical, given that he will not face voters again.

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Ohio finishes presidential recount

Numbers show Bush and Kerry about 300 votes closer

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Election officials finished the
presidential recount in Ohio on Tuesday, with the final tally
shaving about 300 votes off.
President Bashs six-figure margin of victory in the state that
gave him a second term.
The recount shows Bush
winning Ohio by 118.457 votes
over John Kerry, according to
unofficial results provided to
The Associated Press by the 88
counties. Lucas County, home
to Tipledo, was the last to finish
counting.

to Opicio. Was to counting. The state had earlier declared Bush the winner by 118,775 votes and plans to adjust its to-

tals to reflect the recount later this week.

The Kerry campaign supported the recount, but said it did not expect the tally to change the election winner. Supporters of the recount, requested by two minor party candidates, said they wanted to make sure every valid vote was counted.

Ohio and its 20 electoral votes they will be a supporter the race to Bush when kerry conceded the morning after the vote.

Kerry gained 734 more votes they are the vote.

Kerry gained 734 more votes in the recount, and Bush picked up 449, mostly from disqualified ballots that were counted.

in the second tally because banging chads had come loose when ballots were -handled again or ierun through count-ing machines. That jut Kerry 285 votes clos-er to Bush. The president's victory margin declined by about three dozen more votes

about three dozen more votes when some countries adjusted when some countries and stated the \$113.600 required under state law for the process. Ohio Secretary of State Kenselh Blackwell has estimated that the recornt will end up costing tayayers \$1.5 million. Witnesses who watched workers count ballots by hand and machine said the effort provided assurance that boards were accurately countries.

Aldrich said the cause of the midmorning blast was not yet

minioting case known.

A man pulled from the rubble was hospitalized with burns. Rescue crews searched the ruins for another person.

Secretary of State dies
AUGUSTA, Maine — Jane
Gray Muskie, whose husbund
Edmund, Miskies 1972 presidential campaign collapsed
after he defended her honor
with what appeared to be learn
in his eyes, has died. She was 77.
Muskie, who suffered from
Alzhelmer's diesese, died af her,
home outside Washington en
Saturday Maine Gow, John Baldacel said.
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ing ballots.

The completion of the re-count will not bring an end to questions surrounding the vote in Ohio.

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bas called the challenge frico-lous and agued that the state supreme Court does not have jurisdiction over a federal elec-tion.

The Government Account-ability Office, an arm of Congress, also is investigating election problems.

Woman delivers daughter's triplets

RICHNOND. Va. (Al?) — A
BICHNOND. Va. (Al?) — A
55-year-old woman acting as a
surrogate for her daughter gave
birth to triplets Tuesday.
Tina Cade delivered her own
grandchildren — the two boys
and one girl — by Caesarean
section at Bon Secours St.
Mary's Hospital. She experienced "mild complications,
which the hospital said is not
uncommon for such surgery.
Cade, carried the balies for
her oldest daughter. Camille
Hammond, who suffers, from

endometriosis, a condition that affects the lining of the uterus and makes it difficult to be-

and makes it difficult to be-come pregnan.

Bammond and her busband, lason, both doctors at Johns Hopkins University in Balti-more had tried for four year to become pregnant. Jast whiter to become pregnant last whiter Cade began hornione treat-ment to, prepare her for pregnancy, and in the spring she was implanted with three test-tube embryos. All three survived.



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Massive storm-spreads-drenching rain and snow across California

LOS ANGELES — A powerful storm battered Southern Cali-fornia on Tuesday with wind up to 60 mph and drenching rain-fall, causing highway-blocking mudslides, flooding and power

unges. Up to a foot of rain was possi-le in one mountain area. The

ble in one mountain area. The wind uprotted trees and caused scattered power outages. Residents were ordered to evacuate one section of the San Bernardino County town of De-vore, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, A flash flood on Christ-mas. Day 2003 killed 16 people near there.

Man angry about getting

man angry about getting
no presents burns home
FEASTERVILLE, Pa. (AP) — A
man angry that he got no presents for Christmas burned
down his parents' house early
the next morning, police said.
Steven Murray. 21. was
charged with arson and risking
a catastrophe in the blaze that
broke out early Sunday. No one
was injured.

broke out early Sunday. No one was injured.

Police sald Murray had him-self committed to a hospital on Christmas Day, but then signed himself out and walked eight mileshome-latter he told police be saw the flames in the distance.

But officers said his jacket smelled of smoke and they found a lighter in his pocket and a gas can near the front door.

At least two killed in explosion in Minneapolis

RAMSEY, Minn. — An explo-sion flattened a commercial building Tuesday, killing at least two people and critically injur-ing a third. A fourth person was missing.

Nation in brief

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Sontag dies at 71 Susan Sontag, the author and activist and "self-defined zeator of selfousness," died Tuesday. Sontag wrote the best-selling historical novel. The Volcano Lover," and in 2000 won the National Book Award for "in

Selected works

NON-FICTION
1964 - "Notes on Camp"
1966 - "Against Interpretation"

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Syria denies aiding Iraqi insurgents

DAMASCUS, Syria – Syria is responding with a mixture of bravado and denial to mounting accusations by the United States and Iraq that it's a stagling ground for the Iraqi insurgency with key support coming from a half brother of Saddam Itussein and Isaach Party leaders here. Damascus has accused Washington of making it a scripegoat for American Baltures to quell the lighting in Iraq – even as Syria moves to rry and defuse tensions with the United States. Syria's Foreign Minister

syria moves to any and dense tensions with the United States. Syria's Foreign Minister Farous al-Sharna struck a defi-ant tone in an address at the annual meeting of leaders of the National Progressive Front - the Country's highest ruling body -in; the most extensive com-ments yet by a senior Syrian official on the stiblect. "They accuse Syria of sending money and arms." he said, but the lraqip people "tave plenty of tuoney and arms and we are the ones who worry about the inner-ment of arms from leag to Syria."

Ex-Yukos chief accuses Kremlin of stealing empire

MOSCOW - In his harshest criticism of the Kremlin to date, jalled tycoon Mikhail Khodor-kovsky accused the Russlan



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c r a c kdown on post-Soviet freedoms
will ratin the country.
Writing from prison, where
he has been for more than 14
months, Khodorkovsky said the
sale of Yuko's main production
unit into state bands this month
was the most senselves and de-"was the most senseless and de-structive event in the economic sphere since President Vladimir Putin has taken helm."

World in brief

Patin has cast the 18-month crackdown on Khodorkovsky and Yukos as an effort to fight corruption and shady book-keeping But most observers see it as a vendetta for Khodor-kov-sky's perceived political ambitions, including his fund-ing of opposition parties.

Abbas receives warm

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ovation in first public raily
JERCHO, West Bank - Interim Palestinian leader
Mahmoud Abbas, the frontrumer in upcoming
presidential elections, received,
a loud ovation from thousands
of supporters at his first public
raily fuesday, generating some
excitement for the low-key
politician seeking to replace the
late Vasser Arfait.

The raily came as Palestinian
election officials announced
anti-fraud safeguards for the
late. 19 yote, saying voters will be
marked with indelible ink and
bailtot hoxes will be sealed.

Also Tuesday, Israeli Prime
Minister Ariel Sharons Jan to
withdraw from the Gaza Strip
suffered a sethack when a parflamentary committee failed to
approve a set of guidelines governing the evacuation. While
the wote isn't expected to disrupt the withdrawal, which is to
begin in July, officials - said it
would complicate preparations.

Uncle reunited with

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Uncle reunited with
two-year-old Swedish boy
PHUNET: "thailand - A 2year-old boy who was found
dazed and alone on a roadside
in the wasteland of a tsunanidevastated Thai resort was
reunited Thuesday with his
lunde, who flew in from his
homeland after spotting the
child's picture on the Internet.
The boy, Identified by his
uncle as Hannes Bergstreem.
The boy damidar light on a
road in Phang Nga province

near the beach resort of Khao Lak, about 60 miles from the is-land of Pluket, He was taken to Pluket International Hospital where the stall posted pictures of the blond-haired boy with red spots all over his face from mos-quito blies on its Web sile on Monday, They also published its photo in a local newspiper. The Swedish newspiper. The Swedish newspiper with the supplied of the boy mother and grandmother were missing. His father and grandfa-ther were believed to be in another hospital in Thailand, but their exact location and con-dition were not immediately

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Jeraldine Saunders

things back on track.
CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Early dap fuzziness will give vary
to clarly by exeming. But off par-chases and important decisions
until late this evening or early
tomorrow. You will be able to
find the right words to make
apologies sound sincere.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mourains could be made out
of molebilis where partners are
concerned, so do not let squabbles fester. Clear the air and be
willing to bend a little. Discoveries and disclosures could alter
your perspective.

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your perspective.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Save big meetings and discussions for the evening, it might be
hard to get the wheels in motion
first thing this morning when
daydrearning leaves your head
in the clouds, but by late day a
refreshingly vibrant atmosphere
gives you the social advantage.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Mend fences and offer tender
apologies where they are due so
that you don't have to spend the
New Year alone. Appreciate sincere gestures no matter how
small. Take advantage of postholiday sales and buy
something new.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Cooperation is back on the agenda and you will find it easy to come to a meeting of the minds late in the day. Compromise should be the keyword. Avoid big bold steps and aggressite settles.

Avoid big bous supps a more service actions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.
21): Your social finesse-can calm troubled waters and put relationships back on track. Late evening discussions can drawyou and a loved one closer. Wear that new sweater or coat for the first time today if you to be admired.

first time today if you to be ad-mired.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Errors could create mix-ups with money early today, so wait until evening to pay bills or to go-shopping. You could strike it rich

with bargains on the sales tables
— but must remember there
could be unexpected expenses
to deal with at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
You might be forced to stand up
for yourself or feel the need to
defend your position. Good
friends will easily forgive your
forlinghrunes, but it is wise to
add a little sugar if you choose to
give others a dose of their own
medicine.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Add one part of fairness to two
parts sincerily to overcome disputes and bring peace back to
relationships. Late-day discusstons can bring common sense
thear on business deals and
benefit all concerned.



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vere fakes. Tipped off by suspicious

would-be buyers, detectives posing as a Korean businessposing as a Korean businessman and an interpreter lured
Likhite-to an upscale hotel in
downtown Los Angeles last
week. They purchased the Cassatt painting before arresting,
him on suspicion of grand theft.
Investigators said the doctor
came to the hotel with a dozen
pieces of what he said were
light-priced artwork. Detective
process of what he said were
light-priced artwork. Detective
Corange County sheriffs authorities were also seeding to
question him about a fake De
Kooning painting Likhite reported stolen last year.
Likhite was being held in pofice custody in lieu of \$250,000

bail. The Mission Viejo hemaologist could not be reached
for comment Monday.
Police were still trying to determine the source of the
counterfeit artworks and said
they were following leads in
Denver. Boston and Australia.
Detectives were also trackingthe elaborate paper trail of certificates of authenticity,
appraisals and receipts Likhite
allegedly concocted to pass of
list counterfeits as originals.

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EDITORIAL

Inaction on tribal gaming leads to 'fuzzy' state laws

t was easy to believe the Costco spokesman who explained why the national remained remained remained solutions at its klabo stores. The company didn't think the slot machines that were pulled last week were illegal, spokesman Steve Messmer said, because Idaho's gambling laws are fuzzy.

Normally, a constitutional amendment that bans slots outright is merchants to the count the desired and the store of the count that data shots outright is the cou

Our view: If Idaho merchants can't pin outright is anything but fuzzy. But given a loop-hole of tolerance for tribal gaming tribal gaming machines in Idaho, Mess-m e r s comment hit and other issues.

the jackpot.
The Idaho
attorney general's office notified Costco that the machines were indeed illegal, after re-ceiving a complaint last week of their sale in a Boise store. The company quickly com-plied and took the other machines out that store, and others in Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene. State officials don't think

Court d'Alerie.
State officials don't think
it's likely the store will be
clied for selling the machines. But if legislators have
two tokens of good sense,
they will take a longer look at
Messmer's explanation, and
see how problematic the
state's gambling laws are as
they currently stand.
Twelve years ago, Idaho
voters approved a constitutional amendment that
ellminates any form of casino gambling including, but
not limited to, blackjack,
craps, roulette, poker, baccarat, keno and slot
machines, or employ any
electronic or electromechanical imitation or electronic or electro-mechanical imitation or simulation of any form of casino gambling."

Then, the Nez Perce and Coeur d'Alene tribes threw sand in the engine with an initiative to legalize garning machines (the tribes call them lottery machines) in 2002. Voters went for it by ap-

2002. Voters went for it by approving the measure by a 58-42 margin.
Now, to no real surprise, retailers say they can't tell the difference between those two laws. And the double standard exists

laws. And the double stan-dard exists where Idaho tribes have casino games that are illegal elsewhere in the state. down the definition of a slot machine, the state needs to do it for them.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this

it for them.

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Drug-company executive speaks out

The U.S. health-care system is the best in the world. Or so we are often told. But is it really true? It is certainly the best system for drug companies, which can charge the highest prices in the world to suite U.S. consumers. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that average prices for patented drugs in 25-other top industrialized nations are 35 percent to 55 percent lower than in the Unit-cel States.

PETER ROST

And it is a pretty good system for hispitals, insurance companies, and others that deliver health-care services.
Americans spend about twice as much per person for health-care as to Canadians, lapanese or Buropeans, according to the World Health Organization.
But it's not a good system for American citizens. The United States has shorter fife expectancies and higher infant

States has shorter life expectancies and higher infant and child mortality rates than Canada, Iapan and all of Western Europe except Portugal, according to the WHO.

I'm a drug-company executive who has spent 20 years marketing pharmaceuticals. And I'm troubled. I'm most troubled by the fact that we stick it to the people who can afford it the least.

For instance, eklerly people

stick it to the people who can afford it the least.
For instance, ekterly people who use a Medicare discount card and have to pay \$1,299 annually for a drug that the Department of Vectorans Affairs purchases for \$322, according to a comparison by Familles USA. Or middle-class families that lose health insurunce and have to pay \$25,500 for an overnight hospital stay, when Medicaid would have paid only \$6,000, according to The Wall Street Journal.
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hardest to maintain the status

or dirty little secret is that quo. Our dirty little secret is that of the drug industry already sells its products, right here in the United States, at the same low prices charged in Canada and Europe. It's done through rebates. These are given to those the control of the drug of

A 2001 study by the con-sumer advocacy group Public Citizen found that drug com-panies' favorite customers paid just a little over half the retail price. This leaves the 67 mil-lion Americans without insurance to pay cash, with no rebates, at double the prices reald by the most-favored cus-

iomers.
The fight against re-importa-tion of drugs is a fight to continue to charge our unin-sureds full price while giving everyone else a rebate.
But what about all those

But what about all those programs drug companies provide to help the indigent pay for drugs? If they really worked, the Kaiser Family Foundation wouldn't have re-ported that 15 percent of uninsured children and 28 per-

cent of uninsured adults had

cent of uninsured adults had gone without prescription medication in 2000 because of cost, and 87 percent of uninsured individuals with serious health problems reported trouble obtaining medication.

People today have to choose between drugs and food. The journal Diabetes Care recently reported on a study of older adults with diabetes. One in three said they went without food to pay for drugs.

As a drug-company executive, I care about profits. When I was responsible for a region in Northern Europe, I doubled sales in two years by lowering drug prices, and in the process increased my companys sales making in Sweden from No. 19 to No. 7 in less than two years. I proved that it is possible to do good business with lower prices.

good business with lower prices.
It's encouraging to see that the American Medical Association recently came out in favor of a system that would allow U.S. pharmacies and wholeo.s. Praimacks and whole-salers to re-import drugs safely from other countries. This is exactly what Europe has had for more than 20 years. It is outrageous to claim, as politicians and drug companies have done, that the United States wouldn't be able to salely the sale that the sale is a sa

Peter Rost is a vice president of marketing at Pfizer, the views expressed here are his own, not those of his employer

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-LETTERS

Government erases earnings with tax

earnings with tax

I would like to extend kudos
to Kathleen layden for her letter in the Dec 20 issue and
discussing the issue and
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gift taxation. I would extend and
gift taxation. I would extend and
gift taxation. I would extend an
even more confiscatory feeteral tax exists — called the
capital gains tax. To show the
unfairness of this tax, let me
give an example:

If I purchased a common
stock in 1950 for \$10,000 and
sold it now for \$20,000, I would
be required to pay long-term
capital gains tax on \$10,000
However, inflation has been 10fold over this period of time.
Consequently, even if I paid no
capital gains tax, my \$20,000
would give only one-fifth the
purchasing power that \$10,000
would have provided in 1950.

Since we have a continually fiscally irresponsible federal government, the least that they could do in capital gains taxa-tion is index it to inflation. WENDELL PETTY Twin Falls

Wolf advocates go after other wildlife

after other witume
Some of the worst wolves to
the existence of deer, elk, cows,
sheep and some people are the
wolf advocates such as for
Marvel.
I have not farmed: I have not
maintained any livestock. I have

I have not farmed: I have not maintained any livestock. I have always lived in either a city or small community, so they have not had any direct effect on me. I cannot say to these advocates, "May God help you." I don't care what happens to them.

hem. ED BALLERSTEIN Gooding

Letter correction

Erik Heidemann's letter to the editor on Dec. 25 had a incorrect word in the text. The writer intended to say, "Yet he was content to chair the Resources

Committee for 22 years, where he felt he could be most effica-

ous. *The Times-News* regrets the

LETTERS

Don't dismiss the dangers of ashestos

dangers or aspuration.

Mr. Cox have you done your homework on asbestos? I don't his so's Asbestos is very deadly. When asbestos was being mined years ago, the main company that mined it did some research on it. It was found to be very deadly. It gets into your lungs and causes a rare type of cancer. They then buried the information! Not to be found for years! Why would a company bury information like this? This was to be the wonder discovery of the day! This shows that life means nothing to some companies. The company knew that it was going to be found nut by the public some day, so it set aside millions of dollars.

Asbestos gets into the lungs and works very much like a fish hook. The "fish hook" sticks in the lungs; it never leaves. A blood test is one way to find of if you may be in the running for it. Maybe you won't get this. Maybe you will.

Sir, there only may be a little more than 2.000 cases of this cancer that we know about. In the past, people may have died from this cancer. Doctors had not known what type cancer it was. This is a rotten way to die; it is like trying to hreath through a plastic bag with a cancy small pin hole in it.

My faither-in-law died from this cancer. It was so hard to see this strong, healthy man not even be able to sit up in bed. Don't tell people that there is nothing wrong with asbestos just because you have been lucky enough to not have contracted this form of cancer.

If you are still using old-fashloned asbestos, you should

By Garry Trudeau

asbestos was outlawed many years ago (brakes, house shingles, pipe lapping, etc.). Miy question is where are you getting it?

This is a very fast-killing cancer. There is no cure for it. There is some type of drug that may slow it down — that is if they catch it in time! It is so rare out that it takes time to fleure out. they work through the so or are the solution in the solution that is so rare that I takes it is so rare that I takes it is My far figure out what type it is. My far first in the solution was not so lucky two terminant was not so lucky two terminant that he had this in April and on May 7. he passed away Yes, he lived a full life, but what about those who don? Check with a doctor. Please do your homework! And thank your higher power that you nor anyone you know has not gotten this! Or maybe just thank God that we know about this cancer-causing asbestos!

TAMI BILLMAN
TWI FAILS

More must be done to protect our pets

to protect our pets
"Sassy" is my 10-month-old
cat. When I took her home, she
was 8 weeks old. She was a
healthy and happy kitten. That
was until someone (whom I
know) seriously abused Sassy
and ruined any chance of Sassy
living a normal car's life.
Recently, X-rays were taken
Sassy and have found that
she has multiple fractures
throughout her spine, plus a
broken stermum. Sassy is la
chronic pain without her pain
medication that she is destined
to be on for the remainder of
her life.

er me. I feel that I must alert all of I feel that I must alert all of you animal lovers to be aware of whom you leave your beloved animal with! It hurts me deeply to think that anyon could be capable of inflicting violence on any animal, espe-

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cially a 3-month-old sweet, in nocent kitten. Her future will certainly hold plenty of love and care but, unfortunately, she lives without having the wonderful abilities of a physically healthy cast. This is a lesson I wish that I did not have to learn firsthand but feel it my duty to relay the message to others. Let's make smart, safe decisions for our defenseless dependent animals.

mals.
Please contact The TimesPlease to reach me if you're
interested in forming some
kind of support group for people with similar issues.
SHERRIE AMOROSO
The Falls

The blessings of what we have, and don't have

we have, and don't have
Ime for some end-of-theyear inventory. What am I
hankful for the cop who
luck to work and the
Im thankful for the cop who
pulled us over at 2 am. the
other night. I had no Idea my
tall light was out.
I'm thankful for December's
dead washing machine. Now I
get to see what's inside its
transmission.
I'm thankful for the kid who
tropped out of college, since
now we get to talk about what
is really important to him.
I'm thankful for October's
thief who soles some of my

vho stole som

tools because that gave me the opportunity that I would other-wise never have taken to buy

even better ones.
I'm thankful for that absecssed tooth (now gone)
which gave God a chance to
visit with me in a new and very

special way.
I'm thankful for August's flat
tire. I had not realized I really
needed a new pair before our

needed a new post-leng trip.
I'm thankful for the kid who blew up at his brother, since he gave me a reason to give him a really big hug that he so need-

ed.
I'm thankful for November's carpenter who told me the doors I built him didn't fit because I learning something new to perfect my craft.
So much to be thankful for!

And so much more to be thankful for! And so much more to be thankful for that didn't happen. I'm thankful the house didn't

burn down. I'm thankful the car didn't break on the way to Los Ange-

les.
I'm thankful our son's jointer injury didn't tear off his whole finger.
I'm thankful the guy who took out our mailbox didn't wreck his car but learned a good lesson.

wrock his car but learned a good lesson.

Too seldom do we stop and hank God for what he didn't allow to happen. Too seldom do we thank him for so many recipes he's given us to make lemonade out of lemons. Too seldom do we take the time to thank him for much of any-thine.

thank him for much of any-thing.
So, as your year winds down, 1 offer you the opportunity and the challenge to stop, pick up a pen and count your blessings. You might just be surprised, and in that, a bit more thankful. PHILAUTH
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By Bruce Tinsley

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A decade with the wolf Final part of a four-day series

QUESTION OF MANAGEMENT

Idaho agency stands ready to take control

By Michelle Dunlop Times-News writer

BOISE — A decade of wolf recovery in central Idaho has-n't eased the intensity of emo-tion the animal stirs in resi-

tion the animal stirs in residents.
Walves will likely remain a controversial figure in Idaho for some time to come. However, time has quieted most whispers of sedition: It has inspired proactive efforts and fostered cooperation. The future of wolves lies not in passion but in management.
Rather than shunning its responsibility to lead the wolf debate as it did 10 years ago, the state today embraces the challenge.

challenge. The Idaho Department of chauerge.

The Idaho Department of Fish and Game isn't leaving the prospect of managing wolves in the state to chance, said Steve Nedeau, big game supervisor for the department. Nedeauis agency waits for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's ruling on a proposal that would amend the Endangered Species Act and essentially allow Idaho to managewolves until the species is delisted.

However, Nedeau isn't walt-

delisted... However, Nedeau isn't waiting idly.
"Currently, we're transitioning into the primary wolf managers," Nedeau sald.
"We have geared up this year," he sald. We've taken on the management duties statewide."



Ten years after gray wolves were reintroduced in <u>Id</u>aho, the state appears ready to assume management responsibilities for the species.

— Curt Mack, the Nez Perce Tribe

t Wolves are really tough. ink they will survive." — Lynne Stone, the Boulder White Clouds Council

Nedeau also prepares for the informational portion of the

Predictions for the future of wolves in central Idaho 'I think they have a good

"We're ready to get on with the business of managing wolves. I think that state man-agement is a good thing for wolves and for idaho citizens."

— Steve Nedezu, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game

"My simple observation; I'm assuming they're going to be here for a long, long time in ideho. I think wolves are here to stee."

Carter Neimeyer, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

agency's duties. One of his biggest challenges is ensuring information comes across the way the agency intended, Nedeau says. Trying to help people see the facts about wolves presents a challenge all by itself, he said, it is a lesson that federal, state and tribial agencies have extracted through the process of wolf recovery.

"People see the world as, they are, they don't see it as it is," Nedeau said.
Ranchers tend to focus just Dave Nelson, past president
of the Idaho Cattle Association The thing that would slow he wolf recovery is killing by hu-

is," Nedeau said.
Ranchers tend to focus just
on livestock lost to wolves;
hunters see only a difference
in elk; wolf advocates tout
only the aesthetics of recov-

ery.
Fish and Game tries to maintain an objective view,

Nedeau said

"How those all fit together is where we come in," he said.

One livestock producer, Dave Nelson, can't wait to see Idaho get on with the business of management. Wolves, he said, already have a good start in the state. Now is the time to begin managing the creature." I think we've got to look at that state management plan, he said.

Suzanne Stone, of Defenders of Wildle.

he said.

Suzanne Stone, of Defenders of Wildlife, expressed skepticism over the proposed amendment that would allow state management before official delisting takes place. The rule, Stone said, makes wolf policy "really open season on wolves."

"I'm less optimistic," she said.

wolves."
"I'm less optimistic," she said.
"If the anti-wolf fervor gets too strong, I'm worried about the wolves," Stone said. "Its really the human problem."
Nedeau is eager to mend rifts between the different groups involved and assumethe management authority for wolves in Idaho. He is eager to encourage compromise and promote middle-of-the-road attitudes. When people begin viewing wolves the same as other wildliffe, the animal will just become part of the states wildlife heritige, Nedeau said.
"My hope is that wolves will be appreciated, not feared," he said." It hink we will always have wolves in Idaho. Wolves are creating a different Idaho today than we had 10 years ago.

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Tracking

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"The Orphan Pack is next,"
Mack says over the headphones, as he glances over his
shoulder into the back-seat. He points at a mountain range.
"Eagle's Nest divides the two

points at a mountain range. "Eagle's Nest divides the two packs," he says. White-cotton-candy-hovers-over the lands to the west. Although the town of McCall cleared early in the morning fog refused to leave the airport und noon. "When the weather gets like this, we have to jump on every chance we get to go up," Mack says.

Says.

He should know. After the first 15 wolves were released in Idaho 10 years ago, it took years for the wolves to establish packs and, in turn, for packs to claim their particular territories.

"I was flying all the time," Mack said.

Mack said.

Male wolves occasionally traveled 4,000 miles, darting back and forth across the states before finding a mate. Females journeyed nearly as long — 2500 miles.

3,500 miles.

While radio collars help, locating a wolf pack among the multitude of central Idaho mountains can still prove difficult. The first sound irradiating

Endangered Species act basics

Congress passed the Endan-ared Species Act in 1973.

to coordinate monitoring with the Nez Perce Tribe, he said.

 Purpose: The act is designed to conserve and recover listed species and to protect the habit. tats-upon-which-these-sp

depend.

• Classification: Endangered — a species is considered endangered if it is at risk of extinction throughout all or most of its habitat. Threatened — a species is considered threatened if it is

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Oversight:-The-Endangered

Fisheries.

* Recovery: The overall purpose of listing a species is to see it recovered or restored to health. After meeting certain recovery goals, a species can be considered for downlisting or delisting.

from a wolf's collar sets the chase into motion. Sensors line both wings of the airplane. Dorite determines which side of the airplane has picked up the sounds and turns off the other wings radio detector. The plane's route begins widely and circles tighter and tighter like the loops of a lollipop.

Somewhere between search-

Types of listings: mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish-es, snalls, clams/mussels, crus-taceans, insects, arachnids and

ing for the Orphan pack and the ingfor the Orphan pack and the Timberline pack, technical diffi-culties arise. Mack has bumped a button on the GPS system. "You can't let me play with any of this high-tech equipment," he tels Dorris. While the next couple of packs can be detected by their radio signals, none can be spotted by the naked eye. The plane veers toward the south fork of the Boise River. Featherville and Pine look like little dots below. Brown velvety hills replace snow-covered peaks as Bennett Mountain draws near.

peaks as Bennett Mountain draws near, "The Bennett wolf pack had to be eliminated," Mack says.

The pack was the southernmost in the state. One lone wolf — B199 — remains from Bennett. Mack would like to get a glance at B199 to see if he has found a new mate, a new pack. Dorrits seems curious about B199 as well.

B199 is signal intensifies, yet he hiddes among rock and aspen trees. Dorrits hopes to shake B199 out with a quick pass over the trees. The noise from the airplane should scare the wolf, the pllot says. B199 proves stead-

plane should scare the wolf, the pilot says. B199 proves stead-fast.

pilot says. Diss process are fast.

"That little bugger," Dorris says. "He wouldn't come out."
Bad luck persists. Mack and Dorris can't pick up a radio signal from either the Soldier pack or the Galena pack. Three hours have passed since the flight began. Dorris appears nervous about the amount of gas the when has remaining.

about the amount of gas the plane has remaining.

Dorris decides to take his chances with the Stanley affistrip. Rusty red trees, dying from pine beetle infestation,

cover the ground, and snow coats the landing strip, Mack and Dorris try to discem whether another plane already forged tracks on the runway. A few bumps and slides later, the plane comes to rest not far from the gast ruck. Everyone relishes the chance to stretch.

"I don't understand it," Mack says. "It doesn't seem to make any sense."

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Mack can't remember a flight in the recent past on which two packs went undetected. If the packs can't be located on next month's flight, special trips may need to be taken to the areas the packs inhabit.

Back in the air, you quickly re alize that standing on the snowy runway chilled your feet. You soon wonder if your little toe has frozen to the next-digit. As the sun slips behind the mountain's tips and bands of tangerine, liliac and blush pink line the sky, it dawns on you that tracking wolves is tough, time-consuming work, not a joy ride over majestic mountains.

"It's not glamorous, is it?" Mack says.

Times-News reporter Michelle

Times-News reporter Michelle Dunlop can be reached at 735-3237 or byte-mail at mdun-lop@magicvalley.com.

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The Endangered Species Act a congressional act passed in 1973 to guard against species extinction— created quite a stir in Idaho with the protection it affords wolves. However, some good has come out of working under the Endangered Species Act. The Office of Species Conservation has developed creative ways to handle the Act, said Laird Noh, a retired state senator.

"Both wolves and salmon have provided an enormous education in the law of the Endangered Species Act." Noh said. "There is a general central tendency when states' interests come in conflict with the Endangered Species Act: They lose."

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The predicament over wolf delisting has made the state step up its efforts to keep other species from being listed in Idaho. The effects of wolf recovery have taught state officials how endangered species issues impact local landowners

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- James Caswell, Office of Species Conservation

and livestock producers. Caswell said.

"Recovery is something peo-ple ought to want to do," he said. "Instead of making it something so egregious that people oppose it."

Land owners agree to

Lanu owners agree to conservation measures Southern Idaho ground squirrel recovery was some-thing that Souden Hinson and her husband-loe; wanted to do' in order to prevent the species from being listed. While Joe Hinson heads up the project,

the couple developed a coop erative agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service to im-

Fish and Widdlife Service to implement conservation practices on their property for the
protection of the ground squirrel.

We believe if you bring
enough of these landowners
into the voluntary program
you can make the argument
that this species has enough
protection as if it were on the
isst," Caswell said.

Programs like these could indeed prevent species listing to

deed prevent species listing to the benefit of land owners. However, if the species is listed,

the Fish and Wildlife Service is obligated to take these agreements into consideration, Caswell said. Land owners with proactive agreements have more options for dealing with a species after it is listed, he said. The office tries to approach landowners or organizations and discuss programs. However, they don't always get the best responses, "They don't like this stuff."

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"I think the more success we have, the more receptive they are," he said. "They've got to understand — you've got to do things that have a positive impact on the species."

Other responses

Some landowners aren't in-terested in forming coopera-tive agreements with the feder-al government. Instead they advocate Endangered Species Act reform.

Act reform.
"It needs to be fixed," said
Dave Nelson, past president of
the Idaho Cattle Association.
"You know what's wrong
with the Endangered Species
Act? There's no incentives. If
there was some kind of incen-

tive — I'm not talking about dollars," he said. "It works against us." Nelson gets frustrated coping with the provisions of the legislation. Often, he feels, the act protects species that aren't ruly endangered. Wolves fall into this category, he said. Therefore, Nelson views the act with a wary eye. "We get hit every day with a new endangered species deal," he said.

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interests come in conflict with the **Endangered Species** Act: They lose.

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Set of sounds vanishes

Los Angeles Times

Back in the prehistoric 1970s, one of ilfe's little pleasures was the ability to slam down a telephone on annoying callers. Now thanks to the best you can do is fiercely poke the off button—on, if money is no object, throw the teceiver into a wall.

The slamming phone, like dozens of once-familiar sounds, is headed for extinction. As technology advances, more and more noises—the pop of ilashbulbs, the gurgle of coffee percolators, the clatter of home-movic projectors—are fading into oblivion.

While audio junkies scramble to preserve samples for future generations, psychologists debate the consequences of this noise exodus. Some foresee a sonic revolution—one that could launch a surprising wave of silence and perhaps force Hollywood studios to rethink the way they tell stories.

Inside a bombproof vault a few blocks from the White House, Dan Sheehy is surrounded by audio ghosts: the clicketyclack of typewriters, the tumble of glass bottes inside a soda machine, a 1960s-era telephone ring.

Here, sonic blasts from the past are entombed in a hodgepodge of vinyl records, compact discs and reel-to-reel tapes. We are a museum of sound, "said Sheehy, whose job is to preserve America's acoustic heritage for an obscure branch of the Smithsonian Institution.

Sounds are like smells, he says. They can transport the listener to another time and place. The buzz of an altiplane propeller sends Sheehy's mind back to hot afternoons in 1950s Bakersfield, Calif., playing in the yard while aircraft sputtered overhead. "The sound immediately triggers memories of time and temperature," he said.

A handful of obsolete noise are so ingrained in our consciousness that fillmmakers and advertices still use them to evoke audience reactions.—In the 2002 move "Undercrover Brother," for instance, a phonograph needle scraping across a vinyl record signaled an abrupt hait to the action.

The emotional power of vintage sound selfects warehouse, in a similar vein, slot machines and a similar vein, slot machines of caseading coins because resea

Valentino has heard a lot or sounds come and go over the years. In 1932, his father got into the business by recording a milk wagon traveling down at New York street, the first of what is now a library of more than 50,000 sound effects. (The elder Valentino worked with Orson Welles on "War of the Worlds" and once captured the chug of a steam train running full tilt by greasing the railroad tracks at Grand Central Station so the locomotive couldn't move.)

Many of the company's recordings are now historical relics. A slamming car door from the 1960s, for example, sounds more metallic than today's rubbertzed thunk. Sounds are always mutating. Valentino said, but the pace accelerated after the advent of computerization. Electronic cash registers eliminated the ka-ching of their ancestors; digital cameras erased the traditional shutter-click and advancing-film noises of their predecessors: PowerPoint presentations chased away the clunks and whits of slide projectors.

The "lifespan" of sounds seems to be shrinking. Valentino said: "We sent our engineers to Fort Bragg 25 years ago to record military tanks. All those sounds are now totally historical."

So are old pinball machines, car horns and pull-chain tollet flushes. Even the squeak of markers on dryerase boards.

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Shelter programs will receive grants ·

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TWIN FALLS — The Federal
Emergency Management
Agency has awarded Mage Valley emergency food and shelter
programs thousands of dollars
in grant money, according to a
news release issued by South
Central Community Action
Partnership Inc.
Twin Falls County will receive
\$28,779, Minidoka County will
get \$15,848, Cassia County will
receive \$12,535 and Jerome
County will be the beneficiary
of \$8,112.

A national board represent-

of \$8,112.

A national board representing several charitable organizations such as the Catholic Charities and United Way of America distributes the federal money in high-need

areas.

County commissioners and agencies will decide how the funds should be allocated.

Twin Falls Fair Board will meet next week

FILER — With only nine months remaining until the next fair, the Twin Falls County Fair Board will convene next week to discuss the event.

Various committees will dis-

various committees will discuss finances, community relations, food, 4-H and the rodeo.

The meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. Jan. 3 at the fair office in Filer.

Fire department schedules tree burn

SCHEGUIES Tree burn
PAUL — The firemen of the
West End Fire and Rescuie District will hold their annual
Christmas Thee Burn and Hot
Dog Feed at 1700 in Jan. 15 at the
Paul City Park.
Anyone who wants to bring
their tree to burn or just come
for the food is welcome.

Parks and waterway meeting open to public

TWIN FALLS — Members of the public are invited to the Iwin Falls County Parks & Wa-terway Advisory Commission meeting next month. Agenda Items include grants, election of officers, director's re-port and Owsley Waterfront Park.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at 450 Sixth Ave. W.

Ice water lovers unite for Freeze on Skis

for Freeze on Skis

TWIN FALLS—Hearry souls
willing to brawe chilly air and
water temperatures are invited
to participate in: the annual
New Year's Day Freezeon Skis at
Shoshone Falls Park.

The event will benefit the
Family Readiness Group for
local families of HHC 2-116
Cavalry of Jerome, Halley,
Gooding and Twin Falls, as well
as the Education Scholarship
Fund for Blake, S, and Calillin, 3
—the children of Capt. Alan
Rowe, who was killed in Iraq in
September.

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Sei pledge forms are available at Pine Thee Sports in Burley, Claute's Sports, Elevation Sports, Big 5 Sporting Goods and The Times-News and El Sombrero in Jerome. They also may be obtained from Snake River Freeze on Skis Inc. mem-hers.

bers.
Participants raising at least \$50 will be awarded a T-shirt; those raising \$300 or more will \$50 will be awarded a Tshirt those rulsing \$300 or more will receive a jacket. Skiers will ski in order according to the most money ruised. Skiers can water ski knee-board or wake-board. No jet skis are allowed. Skiing starts at noon. For more information, call 420-0661 or 731-0026.

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Snowpack seeds

Watershed 2	of Avg.*	% season peak **	
Salmon	72%	27%	
Big Wood	75%	28%	
Little Wood	73%	27%	
Big Lost	76%	28%	
Little Lost	74%	29%	
Henrys Fork/Teton	76%	29%	
Upper Snake Basin	71%	28%	
Oakley	99%	35%	
Salmon Falls	89%	33%	
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Farmers hold back on state offer

HOLLISTER — Farming on the Salmon Tract hasn't been the greatest lately, old-timer Dick Kevan says.

the greatest lately, old-timer Dick Kewan says. So, if the state would be will-ing to pay him good money for his water rights, he's all cars, it might beat just scraping by with crops of peas, beans and grain every year. "I think it's a case if you can sell your water and make more on that, then why not," Kewan said, "They're doing it all over the West." But that doesn't mean he's in

the West."
But that doesn't mean hes in a rush to take advantage of an offer that the state made on Dec. 7. Lawmakers on an interim legislative water committee

charged with reducing water coming out of the Eastern Snake liver Plain Aquifer made the offer to lind out how much water la available for the state to purchase in order to come up with 60.000-acre feet of surface water below the Thousands Springs of the Snake River.

If they can buy enough water from private owners the plan is to exchange it for Bureau of Reclamation storage water that would be used to meet Indangered Species Act requirements for salmon recovery.

Holders of water rights have until Jan. 7 to make an offer to the state through the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Kevan, whos a board member of the canal company for the Salmon Forman Forman Company for the Salmon Forman Form

short-of-water 33,000-acre project between Twin Falls and lackpot, Nev., seems to be in a hurry to jump on the states offer. "I think they seems"

offer.
"I think they are waiting for someone to make an offer, and then if the offer is good enough, then we'll start discussing it," he

then we'll start discussing it." he said.
But the state can't make the offer-Lawnakers on the interim committee structured the offer-to-sell deal so that owners of water rights would have to approach the Department of Water Resources, not the other way around. But Rep. Dong lones, R-Filer, a partner in a family corporation that owns salmon Tract water shares, said the Idaho Water Resources

Board might wind up facilitating some deals.

"In fact. I'm going to guess that if we get some of this resolved, there will be a variety of sales between private parties." Jones said,
Meanwhile, the state can't even discuss what the various rejults might be worth. Idaho Department of Water Resources spokesman Mike Keckler said.
"We zan't advise them because we're not sure of that ourselves. Keckler said.
So far, interest from farmers appears to be subdued. On average, only about three people per day call the agency to find out about the offer-to-sell deal, he said.

Want to sell vour water?

• Who can self: Those who have water rights with a priority date no later than Dec. 29, 1976, above Hells Campon who use water from the Snake River, its imbutanies or hydraulically-connected ground water. How to submit an offer to self: Use the form on the Idaho Department of Water Resources Web site and submit to the agency. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2005.

• How to learn more: Call Cynthia Bridge Clark at (208) 287-4800, or access the agency Web site at www.ldwr.state.id.us.

What is the nature of wolves?

Wolf biologists constantly battle misinformation

By Michelie Duniop Times-News writer

MCCAIL — Tucked away on the edge of McCall not far from Lake Payette, a small trailer houses a big operation — big in terms of inherent importance to the state of Idaho.

The operation — the Nez Perce Tible's wolf recovery program — monitors gray wolves in the state. The trible also econdinates educational programs on wolves in Idaho.

For members of the tribe's limited recovery team — who perate on an operate on an operate on an operate on the sential role in wolf management.

Monitoring plays an essential role in wolf management.

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agement. Page A1 Idahoans grapple with Endangered

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what they perceive as inaccurate infor mation for mation flowing to the public. Wolf opponents sublicize misleading data that divides the public, they say.

"We've become" very Page A7 come very polarized on this issue," aid Curt Mack, recovery leader

said Curt Mack, recovery leader for the tribe.

The dispute only worsens when bad information is inten-tionally circulated, wolf recovery supporters say. The in-formation reaching citizens that comes from interest groups is basically misinformation, Mack said.

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"These anti-wolf groups are publishing incorrect biology or exploiting extreme information," he said.

Mack and staff track wolves in Idaho. They keep records of data gathered about the total wolf population in the state, the size and location of packs, the Please see NATURE, Page 83

Canis Lupus at a glance

Height: 2.5 feet Length: 5-6 feet Weight: 70-120 lbs. Color: Ranges from black to white

Broad snout

Round ears

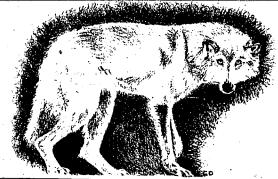
Long, low howl Fur can be

2 1/2 inches thick.

Wolves live in groups, called packs, with two to eight members. There is only one pair of mating wolves per pack. They are called the alpha pair. The female bears a litter of about six pups.



Paw print shows at actual size.



Approaching weather fronts could boost ski areas

By Julle Pence Times-News writer

HANSEN — When you ask Magic Mountain, owner Marty Jacobs how business is going, at least he's honest. "Slow," he said Tuesday with an understated laugh. But though the snow is a bit sparse, the runs appear to be well "groomed with no bare patches, no rocks, tree stumps or ice in sight, Jacobs did say that some of the jumps the snowboarders favor have been packing up pretty hard since it's been a week since the area hus had fresh snow. But that could be about to change at the resort 27 miles south of Hansen. "The barometer is going down, so were hoping," Jacobs said, brightening. Indeed, weather predictions for all of southern Idaho hold the promise of snow over the next week. The high pressure system that has blanketed the Magic Valley for much of December appears to be breaking up, said Wike Beus a hydrologist for the Burley U.S. Bureau of Reclamation office.

"We've had some pretty good storms come at us and then di-vide and go around," Beus said. "There's a low passing right to the south of us today, but there's another one coming along right after it that looks like it just might have some precipitation for us."

might have some precipitation for us."

Jacobs opened Magic Mountain right after Thankegiving due to a good snow storm. But afterward there were a few raing due to a good snow storm. But afterward there were a few raing storm spell in the lower elevations, leaving the South Hills north of Magic Mountain most job are. There's hardly any snow until about three miles north of the lodge, lacobs pointed out.

"People don't think there's any snow up here, but there is," he sad.

On Tuesday there was a 20

any snow up here, but there is," he sad.
On Thesday there was a 20-inch base at the bottom of the hill, with 30 inches at the top of Magic Mountain, he said.
To complicate matters on the business end, Jacobs said he can't get a telephone company to string a land line up to the lodge, and cell phone reception in the area is nonexistent. So, if people are trying to contact high, at the reson they can't.

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Snowboarders descend the Lucky Piece run at Magic Mountain Ski Resort
Tuesday
afternoon.
Managers
at Pomerelle and Magic Mountain say they have but Soldier Mountain

ASHLEY SMITH

M-C inmates will soon pay more for

By Renee Wells South Idaho Press

BURLEY — Going to jail is not cheap, especially if you want to be able to keep your job on the outside while spending time on the location. the inside.

work release

It is important the inmates realize this is a privilege and not a right. There is a cost to administering the program and

the cost needs to be met by those who participate.

Cassia County Administrator Kerry McMurray

And the cost of earning one's keep is about to get higher. Cassia and Minidoka county commissioners met Monday and upped the Mini-Cassia Criminal Justice Center work release fee from \$15 to \$25, citing increased costs in administering the program.

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Some immates work on the outside, but they have to pay a daily fee to be processed, transported, fied and supervised while they are working outside the jall.

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It is important the immates railed this is a privilege and not a right. Said Cassia County Administrators Kerry McMurray. There is a cost to administering the program and the cost needs to be met by those who participate.

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Since the jail began the work release program, inmates have paid \$15 per day to participate, said \$5f. Russell Rasmussen.
McMurray told commissioners he decided what the new fee should be based on an average cost per participating inmate.
"By law, we must make sure of fee is reasonable," McMurray told the special charged by surrounding counties and most of them are \$25,"
McMurray said!

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McMurray said it costs the facility about \$8 each day to check an immate in and out of the jail. \$3 for a sacklunch, \$15 for maintenance on the transport vehicle. \$5 for each introdeation-test, \$2.50 for each int

date, he rees use propriate for now.
The six commissioners passed the increase with separate and

BSU student fears for family

BOISIÉ (AP) — A Boise State University student whose family lives in Sri Lanka has been glued to television and the Internet for days, searching for any clue about his loved ones. Sujeevan "Max" Nagendram hasn't heard from family or friends since an earthquake-spawned isunami demolished islands and coastlines of eleven nations. Killing more than 44,000 people there.

Nagendran, 22, is pretty suremost of his family was at their second home in the hill county in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmus, second home in the hill county in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmus, second home in the hill county in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmus, second home in the hill county in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmus, second home in the hill county in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmus, second home in the hill to the second hill to the second home in the hill to the second home in the hill to the second hill to the second home in the hill to the second hill to the secon

second home in the hill country in the interior of Sri Lanka for Christmas.

But his 14-year-old brother might have been at the Ranily's Colombo home near the ocean.

"Our house (in Colombo) is 100 feet away from the beach—I'm pretty sure it's underwateright now." Nagendran said Monday.

"My youngest brother might have been there — I just want to hear from my family." A magnitude 9.0 carrhquake struck Sunday beneath the In-dian Ocean off Indonesia's

A diagnitude yo carinquase struck Sunday beneath the in-dian Ocean off Indonesias island of Sumatra, the most powerful quake in 40 years. "It's almost impossible to helieve. The whole east side of the island is the hardest hit — prac-sically the whole shoreline is wiped out." The said of Sri Lunka, an island off the southern coast of huda. "All these days I was worrying if the war would start again. And the economy is bad, that have the said of the sunday in the lattle did we know a Isunami-would hit." Italia of the said of the

would hit."
Idaho residents traveling to southern Asia have also left rel-atives worrying. Former Boise interim Mayor Carolyn Tertel-ing-Payne is waiting to hear more from her son, loc Tertel-ing, who is stuck in Thailand:

Joe Terteling managed to call his mother Sunday from a cell phone to tell her he was OK, but she hasn't heard from him

she hasn't heard from him since.

"He told me he didn't know how would be able to charge his cell phone again." Carolyn Fretcling-Payne said Monday Joe Terteling, a former member of the Peace Copps, had traveled through Malaysia and stayed in Sri Lanku before arriving in Thailand.

Terteling-Payne said she was worried about how her son would make it out of southern Thailand, where the tsunaml had devastated electricity and transportation.

had devastated electricity and transportation.

"He may be stranded with thousands of others," Terreling Payne said. "We didn't really talk about stuff like if he still had his passport, or water to drink."

SERVICES

Erin Elizabeth Atkins Hob-on of Pocatello, formerly of son of Pocatello, formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS Stake Cen-ter, 2050 Normal Ave; friends may call from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home).

Juan C. Palomarez Aguilar of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholle Church, 802 F St., Ru-pert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Audria Mae Kloer, graveside service will follow at 10:30 a.m. today at the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in Twin Falls. (Hansen Mortuary, Burley Chapel).

Juan Carlos Aguilar Salinas of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F St., Ru-pert (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Mary Mae Boyd, funeral at 1 p.m. today in the Murtaugh LDS Chapel; friends may call from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (White Mortuary).

Louise Alzina Barnes, funer-al at 11 a.m. today at the Hailey LDS Chapel. Burial will be at 4 p.m. in the Joplin Cemetery, 4700 E. Chinden, Meridian (Wood River Chapel).

Alberta Grant, funeral at 10 a.m. today at White Mortuary.

Gladys Laferl Moffett John-son of Burley, funeral at noon today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Springdale 1st & 2nd Ward Chapel, 200 S. 475 E. of Burley

Friends may call from 11 to 11:45 a.m. before the funeral on today at the church.

Justyce Lynn Wardle, infam daughter of R.J. and Shylo War-dle of Rupert, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Hansen Mortuary Ru-pert Chapel.

Eva Dorothy Bishop of Twin

Falls, memorial graveside service at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary).

Evaline L Halman of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortu-

Falth C. Johnson, celebra-tion of life at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral I lome, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, ID 83301, with graveside services to fol-low at Twin Falls Cemetery.

-DEATH NOTICES -

Fred Kambrich

BUHL — Fred Kambrich, 81, formerly of Euhl, died in Sand-point, Idaho, Dec. 21, 2004, with family and good friends

at his side.
At the family's request no services will be held.

Richard 'Dick' Dale Beeson

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TWIN FALLS — Richard
'Dick' Dale Beeson, 54, of
Twin Falls, died early Tresday
morning, Dec. 28, 2004, at
Bridgeview Estates in Twin
Falls. Arrangements will be
made by Reynolds Funeral
Chapel, Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS - Opal Robin-

son, 87, of Twin Falls, died-Tuesday, Dec; 28, 2004, at Sun-bridge Care Center, Arrangements-will be made by White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park."

Sharon K. Federer

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TWIN FAULS — Sharon K.
Federer, G3, of Twin Falls, died
Thuesday, Dec. 28, 2004, at her
son's home in Cullman, Ala.
A memorial service will be
led at 2 pin. Monday, Ian. 3,
2005, at Rock Greek Community, Church/Seventh Day
Adventist Church, Twin Falls.
A reception will follow at the
church.
Pastor Dale Metzger will officiate. Services are under the
direction of Serenity Funeral
Chapel, Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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Vivian Irene Maltz, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend passed away quiet-ly on Dec. 25, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Cen-ter.

ly on Dec. 25, 2004, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born May 23, 1921, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John David Wellhigton Cald-well. She graduated from Wendell High School in 1939, the University of Idaho in 1943, and received her master's degree in library science from Washington State University in 1970. She served the city of Wendell as its librarian for 33 years where she was recently honored at a very special retirement.

She married the love of her life, Fred C. Maltz on Jan. 13, 1944, in Tacoma, Wash. To this union four daughters were born, Janie (Rick) Carrico, Twin Falls, Joan (John) Edwards, Olympia, Wash., Sally (Terry) McHargue, Pocatello, and Helen

son, Rebecca Edwards, Nelle (Justin) Hacking, Matthew McHargue, Michael Nelson and Sarah Nelson, She would have had one great-grand-

child due in July to Jennifer and Heath Slipper.

'Avian was the Past Worthy Matton and 50 year Member of the Star of the West Chapter #35 .O.E.S. Wendell, and a member of the Daughters of the Nile. Boise.

She loved books and reading and encouraged others to do the same.

ing and encouraged others to do the same. The family would like to thank the staff and residence of Bridgeview Estates for the loving care and friendship they gave her during her recent stays there. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004, at the Demaray Funeral Chapel in Wendell. A reception will follow the services at the American Legion Ifall in Wendell. The family sincerely requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be given to the Wendell Public Library Children's section.

Simon Eugene Balles

Simon Eugene Balles, 50, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 25, 2004, at his home in Twin Falls.

Simon was born on May 17, 1954, in Garther, Colo, the son of Julian, and Rose Padillan Balles. He grew up and attended schools in Colorado before moving to Twin Falls in 1966.

Sinon enjoyed doing yard work for his neighbors and friends. He loved to play horseshoes and spend time with his family. Simon was a member of St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Community in Twin Falls.

Simon is survived by his six brothers, Alex Balles of Filer. George Balles, James Balles, Nicholas Balles, Alberto Balles and Bill Balles all of Twin Falls.



Vale, Ore., Patsy Cruz of Kim-berly, Maria Hellen Velesquez, Frances Balles, Eileen Otero and Maria Vargas all of Twin Falls. He is also survived by nu-

erous nieces and nephews well as a special friend, Bill mnock

rennock.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julian and Rose Balles; two sisters, Mildred and Cordilla; and one brother, Joe Bard Balles.

Bard Balles.
A prayer vigil with Rosary
will be recited at 6 p.m. Thursday evening, Dec. 30, 2004, at
Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with
Deacon John McKinley recit-

Deacon John McKanuey reas-ing.
A funeral for Simon will take place at 11 am. Friday, Dec. 31, 2004, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with Deacon John McKinley of St. Edwards Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery, Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Clean-up \$7 . p. efforts begin at Idaho plant

OLDTOWN (AP) — Clean-up efforts have begun at a former North Idaho powerpole-making operation that some residents say made them sick.

Poles inc. stopped making the poles in 2002, after students and teachers at an Oldtown, idahot edementary stolon complained that fumes from the site were making them sick. Federal old in the state of the stat

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Candida 'Kandy' Madarieta Gabiola

Our beloved mother, grand-mother, aunt and friend passed from this life on Mon-day, Dec. 27, 2004, into her new life with all our much loved family members. "Kandy" as she was known by the many friends and fami-ly was born on April 27, 1920, in Hagerman, Idaho, the daughter of Juan and Vicenta Madarieta, both of whom were born and raised in the Basque Provinces of Spain. Kandy was raised and at-tended schools in Hagerman, On Feb. 8, 1941, she married Louis L. Gabiola and the two of them began their life to-gether.

of them began their life together.

"Louie" at that time was
herding sheep and Kandy was
herding sheep and Kandy was
always—gulek-to—say that,
"those days herding sheep in
he mountains, were some of
the best years of my life."
Louie then worked in construction for the next 30 years.
His work took them to various
locations in Oregon and
Washington.
After his rettrement in 1980
they returned to Hagerman.
Kandy was once again able to

After his retirement in 1900 they returned to Hagerman. Kandy was once again able to have those family get-togethers that she so enjoyed. Her grandchildren enjoyed going to Grandpa and Grandma's house in the summer, where they enjoyed Grandma's cooking and yall her home-canned fruit and vegetables, but especially all of grandma Kandy's stories. Kandy was an active member-of-St.-Gatherine's Catholic-



Church in Hagerman for a number of years and a mem-her of the Gooding Basque Association.

She enjoyed her weekly bowling and aeroble classes with her close friends.

with her close friends.
Survivors include her
daughter, Lindanne Gabloid
and son-in-law, Clyde Stewart
of Hagerman, Idaho; two
grandchildren, Carissa Hope
of Gilbert, Ariz.; and Jerry
Kelso of Billings, Mont; one
great-grandchild. Travis Hope
of Gilbert, Aviz; sister-in-law,
Fairy Madarieta of Hagerman;
nephews, Pat and Mike Madarieta of Boise: nieces,
Glorianne Elorriaga nepnews, Pat and Mike Mada-rieta of Boise; nieces, Glorianne Elorriaga Cortabitarte of Hagerman, Mary Elorriaga Krumm of Twin Falls and Kandy Madari-eta Gerhart of Salt Lake City, Utah.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Gabio-la-in January of this year, her



parents: a sister, Gloria Mada-rieta Eloriaga brothers, John, Albert, Louis, Felix and Michaelt, and-nephews-John-and Raymond Eloriaga. Recitation of the Rosary will be at 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at St. Cuther-line's Catholic Church in Hagerman, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2004. at St. Catherine's Catholic Church. Burial will follow in the Hagerman Gemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Kandy's name to St. Catherine's Catholic Church in Hager man or the Gooding Basque Association. Thank you to First Care Hospice and Rosetta Assisted Living Rosetta Rosetta Assisted Ro

Living and especially her nurse. Evelyn, who allowed her remaining days to be filled with love and dignity.

about the "hows" and "whys" of home education. If you're interested in sharing your story, please e-mail Karin Kowaiski at kkowalski@magic-valley.com.

Do you teach your children?

TWIN FALLS — The Times-ews is looking for families that

do home schooling. We would like to learn more

Ski

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About 40 miles to the cast, Pomerelle Ski Resort owner Jody Burrows said she's seeing a slightly above-average crowd this Christmas season. There's 50-inch base with 66 inches of snow measured on top, she said.

said.

Beus said of all the mountains in the area, Pomerelle seems to be most consistently

blessed with deep snow.
And as usual, business reflects that, Burrows said.
On the northern ring of Magic Walley Soldier Mountain manager Larry Davenport is predicting the heavy-looking sky he saw late Tuesday might be the answer to his prayers. An opening day.
"Right now I'm looking out the window, and there's clouds

rolling in." Davenport said. "If we get three to six inches out of this well be to open Thursday, it looks promising." There is already some snow—8 inches at the top of Soldier Mountains Ski Resort and 24 inches at the bottom. Davenport said he was grooming the mountain all afternoon Tuesday, so runs that had feed up into gladier-like conditions after

the initial Thanksgiving snow-fall now have a "soft, creamy, velvety, corduroy" effect. He said skiers and snow-boarders should call the resort of check the Web site to see if the Thursday opening pans out.

Times-News writer Julie Pence can be reached at 735-3241 or by e-mail at jpence@magicval-ley.com,

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And no one has actually submitted an offer to sell yet, Reckler said Tuesday.

That doesn't supprise Hammett high-lift pumper Bill lingert. He said he's interested in the offer, since the cost of electricity to pump water out of the Snake River to his fields has increased eight-fold in the past 30 years.

You have to raise a helluva crop of beans to make a profit, be said.

But still, the retired water attorney and former state senators and there are too many questions clouding the proposal for him to make any

number of litters produced each season and the number of wolves killed per year. "We analyze the figures to look at trends," Mack said.

Packs and population

mate and mate." Holyan said.
Generally, a pack produces
only one litter of pups per year.
The alpha male and alpha female mate in February and are
the only animals in the pack to
do so. Occasionally, a pack will
produce two litters in a year,
Mack said.

produce two litters in a year.
Mack sald.

"Pack size preity thuch stabilizes," Mack sald. "It's common that each pack produces a litter each year.

There is solid evidence, Mack sald, that multiple litters have coccurred but with great infrequency. Out of the 147 litters produced in the past 10 years, Mack suspects at least two liters, possibly four came from females who gave birth to more than one litter in a year.

However, wolf opponents portray those rare cases of multiple litters as commonplace, Holyan sald.

"You can show mathematically fairly quickly that it's not true," he said as he brings up a spreadsheet he has used to dispute what he calls mislinformation spread by wolfopponents.

Limiting factors also keen

opponents.
Limiting factors also keep
wolf packs from expanding too
significantly. Besides the
wolves' territorial nature, food

supply limits pack expansion. A pack's territory only provides forage for a certain amount of wolves. "Somebody's not getting

"Somebody's not getting enough to eat or there's not

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hasty decisions.
"It came out with such a short trigger on it," Ringert said. People: are thinking. Wait a minute, we were thinking about the possibilities in the abstract." but when you see what's involved from the state's position, there's a lot of evaluating to do."

In the first place, Ringert isn't sure selling rights is the best idea.

idea. He asked why the state isn't offering a mid-term or long-term leasing deal. He's also pondering the long-range effects of selling some or all of his water rights, such as what to do with his land. That's in addition

And then everyones trying to get their end-of-the-year pa-perwork done.

Keckler said people at the state level who arranged the deal are not surprised that so far farmers are hanging back.

We anticipated this, Keckler said. We thought were users would take time over the holidays and talk to their friends and their lawyers, and after the first of the year they to trying to figure out what water rights are going for, which is based partly on how much water is available, he

much water is, available, he said.

Another complication involves the irrigation project on which Ringert farms.

Each farmer on the project gets his water, from the same pumping station.

Ringert said if one farmer makes the decision to sell his water rights, it could affect everyone else on the project.

To top it off, the lan. 7 dead, inc. is downright awkward, Ringert said.

"This comes at a bad time of year," he said. "It's the holidays.

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More wolf facts Color: Gray wolves vary in color between black, white, shades of gray, shades of tan and divised.

and grazed.

• Pack Information: Packs typi-celly consist of an alpha male and an alpha fermale, their off-spring and other non-breeding grown wolves. Young wolves leave the pack at 1 to 2 years to look for a mate and form a

Lone wolves: Solo wolves travel extensively in search of a new mate or pack.

Mating: Begins at 2 to 3 years, sometimes resulting in

Territory elze: Wolf packs live within a particular region, nor-mally an area the size of 50 square miles to 1,000 square

Speed: In short distances, wolves can run as fast as 45 mph, but often saunter along at 5 mph.

at 5 mph.

Prey: In the wild, wolves feed on bison, deer, elk, moose. Wolves will also prey on domestic livestock such as sheep and cattle.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

elong partnerships.

and grizzle

after the first of the year they will come back with some hard deals."

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enough room," Holyan said.

Wolf prey

Wolf prey

"They're wildlife terrorists."

"They'll attack humans."

"They'll attack humans."

Mack has heard many stories about how and what wolves prey upon. And-wolf groups claim wolves commonly surplus kill, or kill other animals for sport, not food. Similar to information spread about wolves producing multiple litters, Mack sald, wolf opponents are exploiting atypical wolf behavior to create fear within the populace.

"Wolves do surplus kill." Mack sald. "But it only occurs in unusual situations.

Wolves will conduct surplus kills when livestock or ungulates are bunched up en mass. Bands of sheep trigger an Innate chase response in wolves, Mack sald.

Wolves can kill sheep with ease, leading the wolves to kill more than they can eat at times. Wolves often put themselves at risk when they kill for food. Holyan sald. Wolves can be in-

Packs and population
"It's just one of those misconceptions about wolves that
these packs get larger." Mack
said.
People perceive if you reside
in an area into which wolves
move, the four-legged predators will end up on your
doorsteps. That's just not true,
Mack said.
"Wolves are territorial." he
said. "That territory can only
support so many wolves."
Pack behavior mystifies residents mainly because of bad
publicity, wolf advocates say,
Anti-wolf organizations, said
Jim Holyan, a wolf blologist for
the tribe, would have the public
believe wolf packs produce significantly higher numbers of
new pups every year.
"People get these impressions that wolves mate and
mate and mate," Holyan said.
Generally, a pack producer
only one litter of pups per year.

pured or killed when trying to take down elk, bison or cattle. "It's not like wolves are out there just crushing around killing for fun." Holyan said. "It's inherently dangerous."
However, anti-wolf activists say that wolves are wiping out wildlife populations in the state. The situation, they say left unchecked could turn grim. "It's based on faulty ecology." Mack said. "They spread all of this propaganda culminating in. "Don't leave your kids outside because the wolves are going to eat them."

For the meant Holyan said.

bont early your are going to eat them."

For the record, Holyan said, wolves do not view humans as a food source. In fact, Holyan said, he has crawled into a den of wolf pups only to have the pups mother run away. When Holyan has monitored, wolf, packs, the animals have never threatened him.

"They know you're there, but it just doesn't seem to be a big deal to them." Holyan said. "They re just like people."

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The Buhl High School Ambassadors had fun with the Over 60 and Getting Fit class taught by Mary Marti-nat through the College of Southern Idaho at the school. Also Joining in the fun was Ann Artimage's second-grade class, reported student Ambassador Stephanie Ahlm. For more information about the Ambaseer Helper program, call counselor Angela Hoops at 543-8262.

K Kids Club



The Kiwanas K Kids Club from Acequia Elementary School went out into a potato field, picked potatoes, boxed them up and delivered them to Valley Vista Care Services in Rupert. About 67 children helped. After presenting the potatoes to the care center, the children visited with the realdents.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

T F resident receives Eagle award today

Eagle award today
TWIN FALLS — Travis John
Arrington, son of Dan and
Shawn Arrington of Twin Falls,
will receive his Eagle Scout
Award at a Court of Honor at 7
p.m. today at
The Church of
Jesus Christ of
Latter-day
Ward Bullding, 229 Bullding, 229 Lag
Ave.
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Travis Armeton Telephone T

Scous.
Travis is in Troop 71 under the lead of Jeremy Watson.
The 10th grader attends Twin Falls High School and participates in track, the Drum Corps and band.

Deadlines move up for New Year's Eve

tor New Year's Eve
TWIN FALLS — Due to the
New Year's Eve holiday, community page deadlines have
moved.
Items for the Saturday community page and School Days
pages are due by noon Thursday.

ay. For more information, call ditor Pat Marcantonio at 735-

Jerome County historical calendars are available

JEROME — The Jerome County Historical Society cal-

You might say Michael has his head in the clouds as he dreams of his ideal career. He is very sure he wants to be an Air Force fighter pilot some day. That dream is fueled by hours of playing on an FA-18 simulator Jet game. He also thinks that being a polle of-ficer would be an interesting career, perhaps a State Thooper. Michael's quiet manner hides a mind that's usually filled with adventure. He would like to learn how to ski, snowboard, but and fish. He likes to rock climb, play basketball and base-

endars for 2005 are available at the museum, 220 Lincoln St. N. The calendars feature 12 different historical photos of larming and harvesting activities in and around the Magic Valley. Each day of the year has a notation of an event that occurred on that day in history in the county.

The calendars cost, 56 each and can be purchased at the

and can be purchased at the museum, which is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Sat-utday. For more information, call 324-5641.

CSI offers healthy eating class

TWIN FALLS — The Commu-nity Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho is of-fering "Alkins vs. South Beach vs. Health' from 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 19 in the Shields Building, Room 104 on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. E.

19 in the Shields Building, Room 104 on the CSI Campus, 315 Falls Ave. E.

The cost is \$29.
Students will examine the pros and cons of the latest diet trends and how they compare to each other and a healthy whole foods diet. They will learn how fad diets do not work, the effect the food and diets have on the body, how whole foods are the best foods and, which lifestyle and eating habits will impact health in the best way. Instructor Jill Sherman is a macrobiotic counselor and coach and recent graduate of the Strengthening Health Institute in Philadelphia, Pa.

For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6286.

Dance club holds line, couples classes TWIN FALLS — The Boot

Michael is quiet, but adventurous

ball, run, swim and ride bikes. When he's not outdoors, Michael is on the computer or laying video games. He also looks forward to visting theme parks someday with his family and traveling to places he's never been before.

Michael is available for adoption through the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. To find out more about adoption, call the Idaho Care-Line at 1-800-928-2588 or within Idaho at 2-1-1. His reference number is 30100.

Scooling Country Dancers Club will have line and couples dance classes from 6 to 8:30 p.m. twice a week. For information on dates and locations, call Galen at 733-9045.

CSI offers enrichment

CSI offers enrichment:
class on self hypnosis
TWIN FALLS — The College
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11 in the Shields Building,
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315 rails AVe. E. Ine Cost is Si25. Students will learn to build self-confidence and increase modivation to solve issues in their lives; to overcome bad habits such as smoking, overeating and procrastinating while creating new habits such as eating healthy foods; to reduce stress; and become more patient with others.

Instructor Curils Johnson is a certified hypnotherapist. He owns Magic Valley Hypnosis.

sis.
For more information or to register, call 732-6290 or 732-6288.

Dance Club holds New Year's Eve dance

TWIN FALLS — The Buttons and Bows Square and Round Dance Club will have its New Year's Eve Dance on Friday at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave.

Ave.
The dance will start at 9 p.m. and conclude at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1. There will be no prerounds.

rounds.

Dancers are invited to bring finger foods. All interested people are invited.

Wednesday's Child



Michael Age 11

Club Calendar

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Burley - Noon Fridays at Price's Cafe, 2444 Overland Ave; call B78-7235.

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Practical jokes are no laughing matter

DEAR ABBY: My husband comes from a family of practical jokers. When I first married "Vince." I tolerated it, I towever, after my sister-in-law, "Vicki," sent a stripper to my office as a birthday surprise, I asked her politely and firmly to stop. All my request did was provoke her to condunde hounding me and to escalate the jokes. Her last "Joke" was the last straw. Vince and I had planned a dream vication to Europe. Vicki called our travel agent and attempted to cancel it over the phone. She had our confirmation number and my credit card information. It's lucky that I'm close friends with the travel agent, who knew it wasn't me. Thinking we were victims of a credit card scam, she ended the call and contacted me at work. Besides nearly costing us

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call and contacted me at work. Besides nearly costing us thousands of dollars in unrefundable travel costs, we realized that Vicki had snooped through our personal belongings. How else could she have obtained my erreid card numbers and the confination of the c

DEAR ABBY I am a woman in my 30s with an outgoing personality. A few weeks ago I struck up a conversation with an elderly man in a store. We shared a common interest in computers, so I gave him my email address.

In his first two e-mails, he suggested we have lunch and asked I I was married. I ignored his questions and wrote about



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other things — computers and pets. In his third e-mail, he volintered that he only co-existed" with his wife and aid they were probably headed or divorce.

for divorce.

At that point, red flags scent up, I e-mailed him that I didn't think our correspondence was a good idea because it could cause problems for him, even if he was looking only for friendship. I also said I hoped he would consider

marriage courseling.

The replied with an angry e-mail saying I had offended him by suggesting that he would cheat on his wife, and that I should-refrain from such arream assumptions in the future. I'm not sure if I overstepped my bounds and owe him an apology, or if he is a Jekyll and I lyde who should be avoided altogether.

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RIGHT THING: The right thing
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your file. You do not once him an
apology or any further contact.
You though the was a harmless
old man, and you were only half
right.

Hippocrates' favorite tooth-paste was made by burning three mice and bargs head to extract tricacium phosphane. Pliny the Elder liked burn eggshells. Other toothpastes used through history includer rust, wine vinegar, punice, powdered crab eyes, bat guano and conceptrated human urine. RANDOM KINDSOF EXCUNESS

Toothpaste had

many strange, gross ingredients

This day in history: "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?" thundered Henry II. Outraged at his troublesome former friend, Thomas A. Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Pour of his knights took on the task and assassinated Becket in Canterbury Cathedral on Dec. 29, 1170.

Felt tip pens are a mis-nomer. They're really made of nylon or some other synthetic floor, instead of true felt (wood that's been steamed and flattened).

Jack Mingo **Erin Barrett**

tened).
According to the Humane Society, there are 73 million pet cats in the United States. Eighty percent have been spayed or neutered.

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A taste of Tex-New Mex cooking

Christmas is past — January is a couple of days away — winter is settling in for a three month 'visit. Snowbirds are heading south and those of us who are left to winter in southern Idaho are either eagerly planning six trips or snowmobiling jaunts into the hills or are dreamine. Of hier firenlaces.

bung jaunts into the hills or are dreaming of big fireplaces, palm trees or an early spring.

I keep lobbying my state rep-resentatives for a law against January but so far I have had no luck. So I guess I'll go back to the fireplace and dream of palm trees.



VALLEY COOKING Dixie Reale

Last summer I was in Texico, N.M. — located on the Texas-New Mexico border. Since New Mexico claims to receive 90 percent sunshine and it is almost always portrayed as being baked in the sun, I wonder how

baked in the sun. I wonder how Textco is faring this winter. I picked up a "Feeders Digest Vol. 1" while there last summer. It is a community cookbook originally published by the Tex-ico Women's Club in 1972 and reprinted during the spring of 2004 as a fundralser for buying playground equipment for the town's park. Here are a few recipes:

CHICKEN BREASTS

APPRIKA
4 large chicken breasts, split
1 large onion
1 pint sour cream
4 tablespoons butter
paprika, to taste
Flour

Flour and salt chicken breasts. Chop onion; melt but-ter in skillet. Brown onion and ter in skillet, Brown onton and chicken-Add enough water to prevent sticking. Cover and simmer until tender, Add sour cream and sprinkle generously with paprika. Heat and server, Serve with egg noodles or rice if designd.

MEXICAN CORNBREAD

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1 large can cream style corn 3 eggs 1/2 cup corn oil 2 1/2 cups milk 2 cans chopped chilles I chopped onton 1 1/2 cup grated cheese Mix all ingredients together db take at 400 degrees for 45 inutes.

CRANBERRY BREAD

2 cups flour 1 cup sugar 3 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/4 cup margarine

3/4 cup orange juice (may use frozen)
I tablespoon orange zest (grated orange peel)

1 egg 1/2 cup chopped cranberrie 1/2 cup chopped pecans o

walnuts
Blend flour, sugar, baking
Bowder, salt and shortening
until it resembles coarse corn
meal. Mix logether the orange
juice, orange zest and beaten
egg. Add to the flour mixture
and stir enough to dampen,
then add the cranberies and
nuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 1
hour in greased and floured loaf
pan.

INSTANT CHOCOLATE MIX

1910 A 25 oz. dry milk 32 oz. Nestle Quick 18 oz. powdered creamer 2 boxes powdered sugar 1 teaspoon salt Mix all- the ingredients together and store in a closed container. To make hot chocolate add 1/4 cup of the above mixture in 1 cup of hot water.

Dixie Thomas Reale is a Times-News correspondent who lives in Jerome. Write to her at dixietr@magiclink.com

A tagge for adventure



XDECT SMOOTHS Italian Grill manger Holly Sutherland says pasta dishes are always a sensible way to go, including this penne alfredo genzo dish from the Twin Falls restaurant.

Specialty-food restaurant menus don't have to bust your diet

Times-News writer

TWIN IALLS — For exotic aromas, taste-tingling dishes and foods out of the ordinary, a trip abroad may be in order. But if economics are a consideration, the folks in southern Idaho are in for a treat.

Locally, there's an abundance of, restaurants offering-specialty foods.

While choices of eating establishments are at an all time high—including Italian, Mersican, Chinese and more, to benefit from the experience of dining out, the art of ordering sensibly along the way will add to the available nutrient-blend.

And with a dining-reserva-

blend.
And with a dining-reservation to the Plateau Room at the
Cactus Petes Resort in Jackpot,
a 45-minute trip south of Twin
Falls might possibly be the
perfect route.
The Plateau Room is a small

Interlateau knoom is a smail dining area situated between a tempting buffet and another restaurant that caters to fami-lies. And while the spot is surrounded by the casinos fan and games offerings, the set-ting in the small dining area is unique.

ting in the small dining area is unique.

"Here we have our own little private kitchen," sald Muriel Servantes, who serves as the manager in the small dining

Foods are cooked to order, and where specialty-dining is concerned, guests and small parties can have it their

own way.

Besides a menu that includes crab-cake appetizers to compliment a luscious lobster entree, inside the secluded area, the whole atmosphere is different: One example is the anticipation that comes with watching as specialty saleds are prepared tableside.

Where exotic tastes are con-

specially saudus are prepared trableside. Intellection and the same concerned, when the Caesar or spinach salad is part of the mix. "there's so many flavors going on in your mouth," said Servantes, who hales from Reno, Nev, and has worked for Caetus Petes for four years. And the privacy offered in the busy casino is also a benefit.

"We're our own little world,"

""We're our own little world," Servantes said. From the way the food is presented to the generous portions served, eating south of the border can mean "a lot of value for your money," Ser-

of value for your money." Servantes sal. "It's first-class." said Casino Chef John West.

Sull addering sensibly can oblend and to the nutritious modern and to the nutritious result of the sull addering sensibly can oblend and to the nutritious result of the sull consistency we Americans eat out too nuch." said Lori Johnson of Rupert, a registered dietitian who specializes in private outpatient nutrition counseling. Even so, there are ways to order sensibly.

"When you order an appetizer,"

the amount of carbs that usu-

the amount of carbs that usu-ally come with a main meal or possibly a dessert. And when ordering a salad, order the salad-dressing on the side." Johnson said. "I many specially restau-nants, before the meal arrives, bread is served with oil. And while the olive oil has health benefits, moderation is still the carter of the date on is still the

order of the day.
"Have a little oil with the

Dining-out ethnic: Some tips brown sauce, fried, buttered,

• Always ask how dishes are prepared. Are they baked? Are they gilled? Are they prepared with butter or oil? Ask what's in the sour; ask what's in the dross-ing? Servirs are becoming accustomed to fielding these types of question, so don't worry about pestering them. thick and marbled.

A doggy bag is your waistline's best friend and an
effective way to sidestep the
'I'm paying for it so I'd better
eat it' trap. Don't be shy about
asking for one when you're
served a plate of food that rivals the Matterhom in height.

Control the portions. The
American Heart Association recommends limiting meat, poultry
and fish intake to 6 ounces per
day. For each meal the meat.

Fill up on bread and salad,

Phone ahead. Call to see if there are broiled or baked item on the menu instead of fried or

on the menu instead of fried or sauteed. Is salt used in the cooking? Is the food fresh and cooked to order?

Order clear soups, broths or tomato-based soups instead of creamy soups or chowders.

Read the menu carefully.

Words and phrases to look for include: steamed, in its own juice, garden fresh, broiled, roasted and poshede. Words to avoid are: sauteed, creamy,

and fish intake to 6 ounces per day. For each meal the meat, fish, poultry entree should be no more than 3-4 ounces cooked. Three ounces is about the size of a deck of cards.

Sticking with a few favorite restaurants is a good way to get to know the cheft, the serving staff and the way the food is prepared. It's also a good way for them to familiarize themselves with your special requests (and don't be six about asking for special orders

bread — not the other way around," Johnson said.

around, "Johnson said.
Choose-lean cuts that are
not fried, breaded, nor battered — and for the
meat-lover, roast beefs always
an excellent choice.
According to Johnson,
there's no good or bad food.
"It's all about moderation."
"There's healthy choices,"

"There's healthy choices," she said, and sauces that in-clude lycopene are good for

— remember, you're the one who's paying).

If none of the main courses seem appropriate, consider ordering two starters. Steer clear of anything breaded or fried.

Don't starve yourself in anticipation of a restaurant visit. It's much easier to stay in control if you've been eating sensibly throughout the day. But try to drink a plint of water before you eat; you'll feel fuller and less inclined to overeat.

lined to overeat.

Try to order first, so you

what everyone else is naving.

*Always ask for butter, gray,
sauces and salad dressings on
the side. This allows you to control how much fat you eat. If it
makes you feel better, lie to the
waiter and say you have an allergy. A little white ile is better
than a big fat one.

If you can't resist the house desert, share it.

the heart. The taste that a marinara sauce adds is goodeven on a baked potato.
"I tell my clients to use salsa
on their baker; it's lower in
calories and it tastes good.
"Just try it," Johnson said.
One place to try the taste of
marinara is at Tomato's Italian
Grill in Twin Falls. And where
taste is paramount, the restautaste is paramount, the restau-

How to wage a spirited holiday celebration

More than anything else, the thing that can really bring people together this time of year is booze.

ple together this time of year is booze.

Whether it's an intimate gathering or a punch bowl blowout, a little alcoholle lubrication can turn a roomful of distant relatives or once-a-year acquaintaces into instant old friends.

Unfortunately, the party experts say, too many hosts overlook the power of a properly served cocktail, sweating the menu, the music or the decor and leaving their guests holding whatever happens to be in the liquor cabinet.

Certainly, says Nick Mautone, noted New York bartender and operatting partner at Fort Laud-

operating partner at Fort Laud-erdale. Fla.s Trina restaurant food and mood are central to any party. But with a little fore-thought and a few time-saving



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holding whatever
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the liquor cabine

His new book, "Raising the Bar Better Drinks Better Enter-

When in a group of nine or more, stand when giving a toast.
 If you're the subject of the toast, don't take a sip of your

good cheer. Here are tips for toasting from the maker of Ridgemont Reserve 1792 Kentucky bourbon

Only toast when everyone has omething in his or her glasses.

taining" (Artisan, \$27.50), is an encyclopedic collection of more than 250 cocktail recipes, bartending basics and tips for the party host.

"Alot of people cut corners on cocktail hour," says the veteran of landmark New York restau-

drink, instead, thank the person toasting you and offer one in re-

Charge your glasses

When clinking glasses at the end of a toast, took at the per-son whose glass you're touching. Never look at the glass or at other people at the table.

When toasting as part of a large group, it isn't necessary to clink glasses. Simply raise your glass at the toast's end.
 Source: Baltimore Su

my friends, my guests. Most hosts miss the before-dinner part and how much fun it can house and how much actions be."
Up north, greeting a guest with a steamy mug of banana buttered rum can be a good way to start a holiday party. Mautone says. In South Foolida, ite

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Take that potting soil indoors

ing around, looking at what you've done.

Do you like the direction of growth on the shrubs? How's the little tree doing that you planted a couple of years ago? Doe's it need directional or corrective pruning? How's the view? With the leaves gone from the trees, is the view all it could be? Maybe you need to plan a new evergreen here or there. Or maybe put in a trellis. Now, when it's too-cold to actually, do anything, we want to take a good look at what's been done. And what can be

been done. And what can be done. Plan to improve next year.

DEAR CATHY: When you get time. I have two questions for you. I raise quite a few trays of plants in the basement for plants in the basement for plants in the basement for plants in the both the series and I plant a lot of these in dif-ferent boxes and pots around the porches and yard. We go through anywhere from three to 40 pounds of pot-ting mix each year. We were under the impression that this was the best way if you can af-



GREEN Cathy

Walworth

ford to buy the potting mix each year, so you don't carry over any bugs or disease. But recently I heard on the TV that besides it being wasteful it was not necessary. Your thoughts?

Secondly I have used Mira-

Secondly, I have used Mira-cle Gro for years but once again I heard that natural was better? I heard that natural was better Once again your thoughts, our of the part of the And If so, what kind? Bone meal? Fish oil? Green sand and all that kind of stuff? Thank you for your time and rouble.——OLD-TIME GROWER DEAR O.T. GROWER: You've brought up a couple of really good points that I know a lot of other gardeness are pondering. Let's set right to it.

other gardeners are poncuring. Let's get right to it. You were right in the first place: If you were building a house, you'd want a good foun-dation. Same with plants —

you've got to have a good start. Fresh, sterile potting soil is a must. Especially if you're going to be planting in a closed-in space such as your basement. Unless you're unning fans, your basement has little alt crulation, and that's a recipe for damping-off disease. It's heart-breaking to see seedlings fall prey to damping-off-disease anyway—you don't have to invite the disease with last year's leftovers.

anyway—you dont nave to mit the disease with last year's leftovers.

Yes, it's important to do away with any of last year's pests, which include overwintering insects and their eggs, as well as bacteria and fuhigal spores that might still be hanging around. It's equally important to realize that last year's crops used up any nurrients there might have been in the peat moss in that potting soil.

Commercial potting soil is made up of peat moss, perlite and vermiculite. A few will add a few more water-retaining materials, and a couple manufacturers now add fertilizer to the mix. But that's it. There's the hean nanty for

materiais, and a coupe facturers now add fertilizer to the mix. But that's it. There's nothing left in the pantry for this year's crops.

Is organic better? Sure. But

you'd better study up on nutrients and how to sterllize your own mix. Garden soil and manures will certainly bring in organisms—good and bad.

If I wanted to use organic planning mixes, I'd start with a well-rotted compost I'd cooked myself. Then, if I dooked myself. Then, if I thought it needed a little something added, I'd add one nutrient at a time, such as bone meal for bulbs, fish oil for anything else.

bone meal for bulbs, fish oil for anything else. And if I decided to use such a mix, I'd throw a few radish seeds into it to see what happens. Radishes will sproup pens. Radishes will sproup of and condition of the leaves will quickly tell you whart's lacking, and what sin?. You're on the right track.

and what isn't.
You're on the right track.
Keep doing what you've been
doing.
Remember what Granny
used to say: 'If it ain't broke,
don't fix it.'
Thanks for writing.

What's bugging your garden? Write to Cathy in care of this newspaper or e-mail her at: ccwalworth@aol.com.

are to include salads, choose whole grain or wheat bread, add plenty of veggie, skip the mayo and avoid the fatty fried foods.

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an excellent choice, according to Holly Sutherland, one of its

to riony Sunteriand, one of its chefs.

With homemade crust, Tomato's pizza is another delight. The toppings are virtually rudless, including their exclusive anchovies, roasted garlic, shrimp and pizzano.

But you don't have to own a cafe to squelch a crawing for specialty foods.—
To help make food to your liking, Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Fulls is loaded to the brim with easy and exciting ways to enhance your cooking experience, said Store Manager Donna Okarma.

With pre-packed combinations of spices that come
complete with individual
grides. "with away what you
grides with a come
cooking instructions.
From a taste of That to some
Olympic Greek specialties,
gournet cooks walk their
clients through the art of cooking. In an effort to reach those
who are interested in expanding
their cooking horizons. Rudy's
offers monthly cooking classes.
But specialty food orders are
also important for eating right
while on the run.
To get the most out of the
available food options, the

American Dietetic Association offers some heads-up about ordering wisely for those who desire to eat a healthy meal and the association's ground rules of good nutrition at the drive-through window are simple: Limit your fat and carb intake, watch the salt, eat a variety of foods and eat a reasonably-sized portion.

Choosing the best restaurant can affect your ability to order healthfully. And eating at a place that prepares food-to-order allows more control over the calories, fat, or sodium by making the special requests.

Still, some hints for ordering out "without feeling deprived"

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ple. A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Springdale Ward in Burley. The couple will reside in Provo, Utah, while they contin-ue their studies at UVSC.

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ENGAGEMENTS

SEEGMILLER-CHRISTENSEN

CHRISTEN ENTER BURLEY — Don and Barbara Seegmiller of Orem, Utah, are announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Dawn Seegmiller, to Cory Ray Christensen, son of Leon and Linda Christensen of Burley.

Seegmiller is a 2000 graduate of Orem High School and is attending Utah Valley State College.

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College.
Christensen is a 2001 gradu-ate of Declo High School and served an LIS Mission to Hon-duras, Teguelgalija, He is attending Utah Valley Sauc Col-lege.

attenting control and the control attention in the wedding is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Mount Timpanogos LDS Tem-

FARFAN-BANKS



RUPERT — Bernardo and Elena Farfan of Rupert an-nounce the engagement of their daughter, Elena Farfan, to Spencer Royden Banks, son of John and Helen Banks of Hey-burn

John and Helen Banks of Hey-burn.
Farfan is a 2001 graduate of Minico High School and is cur-rendy attending Brigham Young University, She will be transfer-ring to the University of Utah.
Banks is also a 2001 graduate of Minico High School. He is currently attending the Univer-sity of Utah.
The wedding is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 29, in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held form 6108 pan. Thursday Dec. 30, at the Rupert West Stake Center.
The couple will reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

-WEDDING-





Erin and Gregg Pasket

DECLO — Erin Kay Ure and Gregg Paskett were married Dec. 18 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. bride is the daughter of and Kaylin Ure of Ab-

erdeen.
The bridegroom is the son of Jim and Jackie Paskett of Declo.
The bride is a graduate of Aberdeen High School. She attended Brigham Young University Idaho.

attended Brigham Young University Idaho.
The bridegroom is a graduate of Declo High School and is attending Unia State University in Logan, Utah.
A reception to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 pm. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Aberdeen LDS Church. An open house will be held from 7 to 9 pm. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Raft River LDS Church.

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sion in Munich, Germany, He also is attending ISU in Pocatel-

also is attentional lo.

The wedding is planned for Thursday, Dec. 30, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. A reception



to honor the couple will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Kimberly LDS Church, 222 S. Birch, A program will be held at \$220 p.m.

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SPICY BLACK BEAN DIP WITH CHORIZZO

Makes 3 cups 2 teaspoons olive oil 1/2 pound bulk pork chorizo 3/4 cup chopped yellow onion

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onion medium clove garlic, nimeed I small jalapeno pepper, seeded and mineed I small serrano chili, seeded and mineed I teaspoon ground cumin I teaspoon chili pawder I can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium black beans, drained and rinsed I can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium black beans, drained and rinsed I can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium black beans, drained and rinsed I can (15 ounces) reduced-sodium black beans, drained and rinsed I can I so ounce I can I

tamespoon oregand into the pan. Simmer, stirring often, 5 minutes.

Stir in black beans and sim-mer 5 minutes to thicken. Stir in remaining tablespoon oregano. Season to taste with pepper and hot sauce. Serve warm.

SHANGHAI SHRIMP DIP

Makes about 3 cups 3/4 pound cooked hay shrimp 1/3 cup light mayonnaise 1/2 cup sour cream

4 teaspoons lemon juice 172 teaspoon Asian sesame

oil

1/4 teaspoon hot chili oil

1/4 teaspoon sait

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1/4 teaspoon freshily ground

white pepper

3 thin green onions, includnig green tops, finely chopped

1 jablespoon peeled and
finely minced fresh gingerroot

1 small clove garlic, peeled
and minced

I small clove garlic, peeled and minced
I. Drain shrimp well. Line a plate with several layers of paper towels and spread shrimp on top. Refrigerate 15

minutes.

2. Whisk together mayon-naise, sour cream, lemon juice, sesame and chili oils, salt and pepper. Stir in shrimp, green onions, ginger and garlic, Cover and refrigerate until ready to

serve. (The dip can be made up to 4 hours before serving. Or combine all of the ingredients except the shrimp and refriger-ate overnight. Then add shrimp the next day.)

FARMHOUSE CHEDDAR AND TOMATO FONDUE

Makes about 5 cups 12 cloves roasted garlic (see

1 teaspoon dry mustard 2 tablespoons unsalted but-

2. tablespoons unsalted butter
1 - 1/2 : teåspoons ... dried
oregano, crusihed .
1 : rup dry white wine
1, Prepare the rousted garlic.
Squeeze out of skins into a
small bowl and mash well. Set
aside. Bring a medium pan of
water to a boil. Core tomatoes
and drop into the boiling water.
Remove pan from heat and
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and cut into 1/4-inch dice. Set
aside.
2. Put the cheese into a bowl.

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2. Put the cheese into a bowl, tir together flour and mustard; one with the cheese and set

aside.

3. Melt the butter in a heavy set over medium 3. Melt the butter in a heavy saucepan set over medium-how heat. Add the garlic and tomatoes, stirring about 2 minutes until the tomatoes just begin to soften. Stir in the oregano, then pour in the wine, stirring well. Add hand-falls of the cheese, stirring until completely melted. Don't let the mixture hecome too hot or the cheese will separate. Pour lino a fondue pot to keep i warm. Serve with plta or bagel chips, or cubes of French or Italian bread, toasted or left plain.

Italian bread, toasted or lett plain.
Note: Separate the garlic cloves, cutting a thin silee from their tips. Put into a small baking dish and toss with a teaspoon olive oil. Cover with aluminum foil. Roast in a prehated 350-degree oven 25 minutes or until very soft.

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15 large scallops 30 small sprigs fresh rose-

mary 1 heaping tablespoon fresh rosemary leaves, coarsely

rosemary leaves, coarsely chopped Freshly ground black pepper 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt 15 slices maple smoked

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use.
2. To prepare scallops: Cut each scallop in half vertically. Strip the bottom leaves from

the rosemary sprigs and measure 1 tablespoon; chop coarsely. Refrigerate the sprigs. Sprinkle scallops with the chopped rosemary, pepper and salt. Cut each slice of bacon in half crosswise and wrap a piece around each scallop. Place on a plate, seam side down. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to cook.

3. Remove glaze and scallops from refrigerator 15 minutes before cooking. Place scallops on a broiling pan and broil 5 inches from heat source for 5, minutes. Rotate pan and continue broiling about 3 to 4-minutes or until the bacon is cooked through and crisping around the edges. Transfer to a papertowel-lined plate. Brush will pare to mail sprig of rosemary into each. Place on a serving platter and serve immediately.

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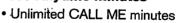
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DEAR JIM: I watched televi-sion during the Floridal hurricanes. It showed a unique dome home that survived a di-rect hit. I have been thinking about building a geodesic dome home. Are they also energy effi-cient?

DEAR NED: I saw the same television show and the super-strong dome home was built using a unique construction method. Many of,the same reasons these homes are so strong also make their the most energy efficient house design. In nature, nearly all animals also build round and domed nests, chens and homes. This home was built by first pouring a circular concrete, slab. An airform (bubble) is attached and sealed to the slab.



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The airform is often made of PVC-coated nylon or polyestin. The shape of the airform is designed to create the size and the shape of the dome house your family desires. Large fans pressurize and inflate the airform. Once inflated to the proper shape, several inches of polyurethane foam insulation are sprayed on the interior surface. Openings for many windows, doors, skylights, cupolas, etc. are made in the dome. Reinforcing steel wire supports are placed against the insulation and this is covered with a thick layer of smooth concrete.

Another foam/concrete construction The airform is often made of

concrete.
Another insulating four/concrete construction method uses triangular panels common to geodesic dome homes. The panels are made of thick polystyrene insulating



Geodesic domes are strong and energy efficient.

foam. They are covered on the exterior with a layer of fiber-re-inforced concrete and optional drywall on the interior. More than 50 percent of these home are owner-built with light previous experience. A temporary wooden dome frame is built. Each panel has a channel along its edges. Reinforcing steel is placed in the channels and then lilled with concrete. This forms a sealed concrete exterior except for windows and doors. The lumber from the temporary frame is then used for interior wall studs.

The more traditional geodesic

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to the main dome home at the center.

'As you deviate more from a true dome shape though, it loses energy efficiency and strength. The spherical shape is the key to a dome home's energy efficiency. A sphere has the least surface area for a given interior living space. Less surface area means less energy loss (gain during

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DEAR JIM: I am taking your advice and adding more attic insulation. I have a lot of old bast unsulation with a vapor barrier. Since the existing attic insulation does not have a vapor barrier, can I use this?

— IEN W.

DEAR JEN: There should be a vapor barrier, can I use this?

DEAR JEN: There should be a vapor barrier under the edsting insulation to block indoor moisture from migrating into it. If moisture gets into the attic insulation, it can condense during cold nights and soak the insulation. If you will be doubling the insulation hitchness, then you can use your batt insulation with he vapor barrier down. It will keep the insulation below it warm enough so moisture will not condense on its vapor barrier.

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To Arm Robbins, a lerome Gounty University of Idaho Extension educator, says lispossible to grow watermelou throughout the Magic Valley.

Tierst, choose a type of watermedon that will mature in your area. Robbins said. "Some seed companies specialize in short-season cultivars.

Mickelsen uses seeds from a New bork seed candog the seed candog the seed of the seed o

But Micketsens currous, prompted her to try to start growing melons about two years ago.

And it's not that surprising that she was able to do so, considering the number of other flowers and vegetables that she grows in her yard.

Micketsen's garden has a long row of earnas, which are known say tropical plant.

Whe were driving down the way to the say of earnas, which are known it asked her what are those?" I ler friend gave her some of the bulbs and Micketsen found they gree fairly easily.

They are bulbs," she said. "You lift them in the fall." She experimented with a few to find out if they would grow like they do in tropical climates.

I mowed them off and covered them with whole bales of staw, "she said. They all froze." So she had to start over the following year.

One year her friends cannas force and Micketsen was able to repay her.

I took her a box back," she

repay her.
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aid.

If took her a box back, "she said.

Here and there, some have come up from seed. She digs them up and transplants them.

"The hummingbirds love them," Mickelsen said.

Trumpet vine is another success story.

"I planted them last fall," she said.
"When I got them they were like this."

She held her thumb and finger about two inches apart.

"They are almost three feet tall this year," she said.

The trumpet vines are wapped around steel posts and

The trumpet vines are wrapped around steel posts and will eventually create a barrier between the irrigation ditch and her yard.

between the irrigation that the yard.

Her Casablanea lily has also done well, growing tall enough that it has to be staked with a potato-digger line.

Thirry years ago, the Mickelsens moved to the farm.

"There was no lawn, no nothing, she said.

There said.
She said.
She started mowing spots where the lune grass was grow-

ing. Now her yard full of perunias, bleeding hearts, dahllas, ladys mande, conellowers, California poppies and more and is a place the family comes for reunions. "We had 53 at one party and 49 at another this year." Mickelsen said.

But it hasn't always been easy, "If you knew how many times



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If you go ...

Master Gardener Program classes will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 18 in Jerome and 1-4 p.m. in Rupert. They will also be held at noon to 3 p.m. on the third Luesday of each month in Twin Falls. The sessions will be held at the University of Idaho Extension offices in each

location.

Cost 1s \$65, which-covers reg: systation, supplies_handouts, and the Master Gardener Handbook. Parlicipants are required to return at least 30 hours of volunteer, time in their community, through approved.

Extension programs. Registration for the classes is the lease is fellowed. tion for the classes is due by Jan. 7. For more information contact Jo Ann Robbins at 324-7578.

Tee bought moss rose and plant-ed it and they never grow," she said. "But now over here they come up volunteer." Petunias wortt grow in spots that are too shady, she says, Mickelsen has tried to grow roses.

roses.
"I fought with it." she said, "I put iron nitrogen in the ground, but they just don't do good here."
But one rose hush at the end of the garden shed grows so well that she has to prune it down.

Cynthia Mick-elsen slices into one of the high-country

LORRANTE CAYENER/

Her dahlias are so heavy that they need to be staked. Mick-elsen had to have some like a surjety she had seen at the coun-ty fair.

"I wrote-the -seed company and asked about them," she said. Mickelsen: planted patio

"I wrote the seed company and asked about them," she said. Mickelsen Jahned patio dahlas in pots this year.

"That worked good," she said. I don't think they are suppose to get this high."

In the spring, Mickelsen also has hyacinths, tulips and primoses, lady's mande, California poppies and more. Her vegetables do well too. Last fall, she canned 36 quarts of corn.

The garden is also enhanced with decorations such as a wrought iron gate that Mickelsen and state of the said of the

wan decorations such as a wrought iron gate that Mick-elsen's husband built. She showed him a picture of one she saw in a garden magazine and he

products of her

Elaborated on it.

Flat stone seats are placed strategically in places where she likes to relax and enjoy the garden. She had seen some expensive benches like them at flower shops, but decided to build her own.

That's three big flat, lavarocks, "McKelsen said, "We call them Flinistones Seats."

Her garden and the embellishments throughout it increase after she elips ideas from magazines and watches gardening stows on television.

"My husband tells me I cant

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Pari of her garden success sine attributes to Master Gardener Programs.
"I've taken the Master Gardener course three times. "I could take it 30 more." Could take it 30 more garden bounty is Mandarin Sauce. The recipe is from her friend and fellow gardening enthusiast." Shirley realitage:

MANDARIN SAUCE

8 cups tomatoes, scalded, seeled and chopped 4 cups chopped onions 2 20-oz. can's pineapple tid-sits, cut in chunks

2 cut in chun-5 cups sugar 8 tbsp, soy sauce 3 cups vinegar 1.1/2 cups sugar 1.2 cups modified starch

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Combine tomatoes, onlons, pincapple and green repipers in large kettle. Add 5 cutssugs, as succe and vinegar, Bring to boil. Combine last 1 1/2 cups sugar and modified sarch thoroughly. Add reserved pincapple juice and water. Gradually add to boiling liquid. Stir until thick. Put in jars. Process in hot water bath 35 minutes. Makes 13 pints.

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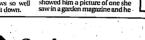
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Greer fits nicely on narrow lot

Distinctive cedar battens and trim accent the Greer's wooden siding giving a clean-lined, woodsy look to this compact home. The stender sidelight and porch support post both echo and complement the vertical line theme, which neally frames the grid work doors.

which neatly frames the grid work doors.

This compact, three-bed froom, two-bathroom plan fits neatly on a narrow lot, and is as economical to build as it is to maintain. It's an ideal size for a couple, young family, empty nesters, or a single person who wants a home office as well, as a guest room. If needed, it could be easily adapted for wheelchair accessibility.

Family living areas flow to-

sibility.
Family living areas flow to gether in one bright, expansive space that fills the entire right side; bedrooms, bathrooms, and a laundry alcove fill the left. A coat closet is on the right side of the entry, opposite a door providing direct access to the garage.

door providing direct access to the garage.

Natural light is abundant throughout, it washes into the living and dining areas through wide windows, and into the kitchen through a smaller window that fronts the sink.

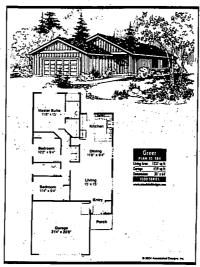
A raised eating bar marks the boundary between the kitchen and dining area. Family and friends will enjoy hanging out the conversing with those working in the kitchen. The kitchens ample counter and cupboard spaces include a step-in pantry.

spaces include a step-in pantry.

The Greer's master stilte boasts a walk-in closet and oversized shower. Windows face the rear, offering added privacy along with a pleasant view of the back yard.

The side bedrooms share another bathroom, which is continued with a combination tub and shower. The laundry appliances that hide behind accordion doors in the hallway are conveniently close to bedrooms and bathrooms. For a review plan, including

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Cookbook targets empty nesters

The Baltimore Sun

Responding to the growing number of Baby Boomers whose kids are leaving home, Pillsbury has introduced Cooking for Two, program of tips, recipes and products aimed at helping impty nesters prepare meals. Among the suggestions: using a toaster oven instead of a regular oven for energy savings; shopping the supermarket salad bar and deli; and looking for products with resealable packages. For more ideas and recipes. visit www.pilis

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New plants lend color in all seasons

WASHINGTON — It's the holiday break a good thing to relax for a few minutes with a list of exciting new plants that will be received manufactured for spring. These woody plants display both practical and aesthetically pleasing characteristics. They have been bred, selected and tested for years before reaching the market.

bred, selected and tested for years before reaching the market.

In most of these cases, to view the plant and get more information on it, go to the Web site of the wholesaler, which I've listed. Then search that site for the specific plant.

Spiraea snow storm (S. media Darsnorm). Snow storm is a hybrid developed and introduced by Darthutzer Nursery in the Netherlands. This woody shrub works well for Zone 7, and it is the perfect size for lovers of the old bridalwreath spiraea that was popular in the 1930s and earlier. This hybrid displays lunge white flowers. It blooms from Joby through October, self to 6 feet high and wide. It is tolerant of partial shade. A beautiful rait is its blue green foliage that turns to brilliant orange and red in fall. This plant has been available at garden centers since 2003 and is a great accent for the edge of a woodland garden or the middle or back of a sunny prennial brider. (See www.springmeadowniursery.co m.)

Green tower boxwood (Buxus sempeniums Monnie).

Green tower boxwood (Buxus semperviens, Monne). Released this season by Monrovia Nursery in Azusa, Calif, it thrives 'in well-drained locations. It is touted as a perfect hedge plant for tight spaces, since it grows moderately fast and has a narrow, one- to two-floot wide, columnar habit to 9 leet tall. I plan to try some for a

growth and disease-free tenden-cy in this region. They would be interesting as pillars to focus the eye toward a sculpture. (See; www.monrovia.com.)

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criteria. Midnight wine grows 12
criteria. Midnight wine grows 12
to 18 inches tall at maturity, with
compact foliage and bright pink
flowers in spring. This exceptionally hardy low shrub is good
used at the front of a perennial
or shrub border for color all
summer. Habs ben likened to a
thornless crimson pygmy barberry in habit and color, but
slightly lower growing. (See
www.pottedliners.com/midnightwine.htm.)

• Prairie flame shining
sumae (Rhus copalitina van latifolia Morton). The sumac has
always displayed flaming brillaint fall foliage. They are like
burning bush (Euonymus alaclus) in that they, show a
dependable red fall color every
year. The beauty of this deciduous, multi-stemuned plant that
was hirroduced in March of this
year by the Chicago Botania
come glossy foliage, creamy
white blooms and bright red fall
foliage will create a focal point in
your landscape. One plant can
grow into a colony of stems that
never needs pruning. The parent plant is 7 feet tall with a
10-foot spread after 15 years of
growth. They look great incorporated into rock outcroppings
in natural settings. (See
www.chicagobotanic.org.)

• Tiger eyes sumac (Rhus syphina Balliger). Introduced a
couple of years ago, this sumac
also grows into an upright
rounded shrub about 6 feet high
and wide, but it's an eye-catcher

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sicans with temon-line foliage that turns yellow in summer and intensely orange, yellow and scarlet in fall. It creates a beautiful focal point for the garden because the leaves show their color and texture. Tiger eyes was introduced by Balley Nurseries Inc. outside St. Paul, Minn. It was developed when Steve Jorgensen, an employee of the nursery, discovered it among a stand of other sumacs at the nursery. (See www.balleynursery.com.)

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"What's more lestive than a big
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The recommends preparing
pitches of a single drink for all
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experience, he says, "and you
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"Manni restauratour and party
planner Barron G. Weiss proposse a third way. 'Think off the
wall,' says the owner of Barron G
restaurating in Manna Beach,' 'Geate unique opportunities.'

For a recent holiday party,
Weiss served cockails in rocks

'Hismann's carenthed Christmas

whether it's the presentation, the mix of ingedelens, lawe fun with a form of the presentation of the pres

parvand had a gallon of marganas waiting when the doorbell raing.

"By the time guests arrive," he says, "the work should be done. Mautone likes to reinvent classic drinks using ingredients you'd expect to lind in the kitchen, not behind the bar, That's part of his philosophy. The har is an extension of the kitchen and vice yersal. In "Raising the Bar," he offers tips on using cocktail ingredients in load recipes— erushed mintuit from a mojito makes a rub for chicken and lamb; cooked particularly and the same properties of the same properties. The same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties. The same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties. The same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties. The same properties are same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties. The same properties are same properties of the same properties of the same properties of the same properties. The same properties are same properties of the same properties. The same properties are same properties are same properties of the same properties are same properties. The same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties. The same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties. The same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties are same properties. The same properties are same properties are same pre

from the simple, like scallops on rosemary skewers, to the sumptuous, like yogur-crusted lamb chops.

The more daunting parts of the book involve homemade mixes, syrups, cordials and garnishes. Though Mautones recipes make it look easy, most people probably don't have the time or inclination to make their own pineapple syrup, blackberry cordial or manschino therries. Still, seasoned hosts are sticklers for detail, and these convinces the extra attention pays of the extra at

GREEN APPLE MARTINI

GREEN-Nr.
Serres 1
1 ounce apple pucker
1 ounce Smirnord apple volda
Splash pineapple juice
Champagne
In a cocklucker apple volda
and pineapple juice with ice,
Shake and strain into a mardini
glass. Top with Champagne to
inste.

WHITE COSMOPOLITAN

Series 1
1/2 oz. Cointreau (may substi-tute Triple Sec)
1 1/2 oz. Kettle One citron vodka (may substitute Kettle One vodka)
1/4 oz. white unsweetened

cranberry juice
Squeeze of lime
In a cocktail shaker, combine
the Cointreau or Triple Sec, vodka
and cranberry juice, Shake and
strain into a martini glass. Top
with a squeeze of lime.

RASPERRY MARTINI

NASTERRY MARTINI
Series I
3 ounces Stoli raspberry purce
Dash raspberry liqueur (not
raspberry pucker)
Dash of simple syrup (recipe
follows).
Pour all ingredients in a shaker
over ice and shake vigorously.
Strain into a pre-childed martini
glass. Ingredients too variable for
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SIMPLE SYRUP
Makes about 2 1/2 cups

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2 cups sugar. In a succeptant, bring the water to a boil. Add the sugar and cross, string constantly, until the sugar has dissolved, about 30 seconds. Reduce the heat to low and simmer until just slightly thickened, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heart set aside to cool. (May cover tightly and refrigerate for up to 3 weeks.)

PEPPERMINT PATTIE

1/2 oz. white creme de cacao

1/2 oz. white creme de cacao Splash of banana liqueur 1 oz. half and half Mix ingredients in shaker with ice. Strain into a frosted martini glass and garnish with a small York Peppermint Patty.

THE RUBY RED

Series 1
4 sections ruby red grapefruit
1/2 oz. simple syrup
1 1/2 oz. Citronage (Mexican orange liquieur)
Muddle the ingredients together in a shaker with a muddler or
wooden stooon.

wooden spoon.
Add ice, shake vigorously and strain into a rocks glass rimmed with red sen salt.

SPARKLING CAMPARI . OOCKTAIL

Cut a grapefruit in half. Squeeze juice from one half and reserve. Cut both halves into wedges and set aside. Simmer 1/2 cup sugar and 4 ounces water until slightly thick-ened. 2 minutes. Add grapefruit wedges and cook 5 minutes. Let cool.

weetiges and cook 5 minutes. Let cook.

Combine 8 othices each vodka and Campari, 5 172 ounces sweet vermouth and the cooled grape-fruit and syrup. Refrigerate at least 1 hour.

Strain mixture and divide over ice, among 8 wine glasses. Top with a splash of reserved grape-fruit juice and 3 ounces sparkling

Moscato

CITRUS GIN

Serves 2 Fill a pitcher with ice. Add 4 nz. gin, 1 nz. dry ver-mouth, 1 nz. limoncello and 4 dashes orange bitters. Sitr vigorously until the outsile of the pitcher beads with sweat. Strain into 2 cocktail glasses.

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Bzdelik

DENVER — Jeff Bzdelik was

fired Tuesday as coach of the Denver Nuggets, who are on a six-game losing streak and struggling despite the addi-tion of Kenyon Martin this

eason. Assistant Michael Cooper

Assistant Michael Cooper was appointed interim coach.
"Right now, I really felt the team needed a change," ageneral manager Kilk Vandeweghe said.

Bazdelik is the first NBA coach to be fired this season. Denver was expected to move near the top of the Western Conference after signing Martin, an

Western Con-ference after sligning Martin, an All-Star power forward. So far, however, the Nuggets have been hurt by injuries and inconsistency. The Nuggets started the sea-son without power forward Nene and have used 10 differ-ent starting lineups.

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Star forward Carnelo Antho-ny missed the past five games with a sprained ankle.

Shooting guard Voshon Lenard, Denver's only legiti-mate outside shooting threat, was lost for the season with a torn Achilles tendon in the onener.

torn Actinus consorting to the season 2-pener. Denver opened the season 2-5, won 10 of its next 12 games and has lost eight of list list nine, dropping to 3-15 after a 104-101 loss to Golden State on Monday night. Bzdellk was 73-119 in just over two seasons with Denver.

The Times-News

Wednesday, December 29, 2004

Section D

MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

Just to spice up the deal, rumor had it that they'd even throw in a folding chair.

— Dwight Perry of The Seattle Times, recalling when Texas Tech basketball coach Bobby Knight's former home in Bloomington, Ind., was put on the market on eBay for \$397,500

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Trivia QUESTION:

Swiss tennis star Roger Federer won 76 of 80 singles matches in 2004 and became the first man in 16 years to win three grand slam titles in a year. Who was the last?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE **HS Boys Basketball**

Christmas Tournament, Glenns Ferry, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Bronco Boosters meet Friday

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Bronco Boosters will gather to watch Boise State take on Louisville in the Liberty Bowl at 1 pm. on Friday at The Press-box Sports Bar in Itwin Falls. Those wearing orange and blue attire will receive drink specials. BSU prizes will also be given away.

Jerome Rec has open gym in December

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District will have an open gym for basketball through Thursday, Dec. 30. Call (208) 324-3389 for more information.

Radio Rondevoo holds signups

TWIN FALLS — The Radio Rondevoo Girls Volleyball League is currently putting to-gether teams for girls In grades 5 and 6.

gether teams for girls in grades 5 and 6.
Registration ends on Dec. 31 for the upcoming season, which extends from lan. 11-Feb. 17, with games held on Tuesdays. Game times will be 4:30-53 pm. 345-645 pm. and 7-8 pm. Practices will be held 30 minutes prior to each game. Matches will be flue games to 25 points or 25 p

T.F. Rec has open gym schedule

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TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls
Parks and Recreation and the
twin Falls School District will
hold a holiday open gym at
Robert Stuart Junior High.
The gym will be open from 6p.m. today through Thursday,
Dec. 30, and again on Monday,
Jan. 3 from 6-9 p.m.
Call (208) 736-2265 for more
information.

Minico Boosters will meet Monday

RUPERT — The Minico Booster Club will meet at 6:30 pm: Monday Jan. 3 in the Mini-co High School Library. Parents with students in grades 9-12 are urged to attend. Call (208) 436-5670 for more information.

Jerome Rec needs youth hoops coaches

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is in need of coaches for all levels for its youth basketball program. If interested, call 324-3389.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER: Mats Wilander in 1988.

AP Female Athlete of the Year | Nuggets

Sorenstam's 'average year' still good enough

By Jim Litke

She won early and often, and often by overwhelming margins. She won on four continents—in Australia, Sweden and Japan and in six of the 50 United States. She won a major, the most money and a remarkable 10 times in just 20 starts world-wide...

10 times in Just 20 starts worldwide.

Small wonder then, that what was an average year for golfer Annika Sorenstam was more than good enough to earn her cognition as The Associance Press Fernale Ablaice of the Year for the second year running.

Somenstam received 40 first-place votes and 263 total points. Diana Taurast, who led Consectiout to the NCAA womens basketball title and then captured the WAIBAS Rookie of Year award, finished second. She had 15 first-place votes and 154 points, two more than Russian teen tennis sensation Maria Sharipova.

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Sonsistency has been the hallmark of Sorenstam's 11-year career in pro golf. Her performance this season wasn't nearly as eventful as 2003, when she won two majors and 11 times on the LPGA Tour, became the first woman since 1945 to play on the PGA Tour, did a star turn on The Oprath Winfrey Show" and entered the Hall of Fame. But in-reddibly, it was every bit as efficient.

Sorenstam began it with a win

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Anniká Sorenstam celebrates after sinking a putt on the 14th hole during the final round of the LPGA Championship at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Del., June 13. Sorenstam was named The Ar clated Press Female Athlete of the Year for the second year running on Tuesday.



lowa State's Stevie Hicks (27) sprints past Miami of Ohio defender Darrell Hunter (28) for a short gain in the first quarter of the Indepen-dence Bowl in Shreveport, La., Tuesday.

Iowa State runs past Miami (Ohio) By Chuck Schoffner Associated Press writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — Stevie Hicks and quarterback Bret Meyer each had more than 100 yards in a revived running game that carried lowa State to a 17-13 victory over Miami of Ohlo in the Independence Bowl on Tuesday night.

night.
Meyerk weaving 23-yard run
set up the go-ahead touchdown
in the fourth quarter and look
state (7-5) held on to win a bowl
game for just the second time
and spoil Terry Hoeppner's final
game as Mianu's coach.

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Hoeppner was named Indi-ana's coach earlier this month.
Minmi athletic director Brad Bates told the team just before the game that offensive coordi-nator Shane Montgomery would succeed Hoeppner.

If the timing of that an-

nouncement was meant to in-spire the RedHawks (8-5), it didn't do so right away. Miami fel behind 10-0 before rallying to a 13-10 lead in the third quarter. But the Cyclones, who were averaging just 128 yards a game rushing, kep pounding away at the Miami defensive front and fl-nally regarded the lead on Ryan Kocks 1-yard planey with 15:02 (if. Ellis 1 lobbs sealed the victo-ry by Intercepting Josh Betts In-ter final minute. HIcks carried 27 times for 159 yards and scored on a 4-yard op-tion pitch from Meyer, who had 122 yards on 25 carries. Meyer abox 10-0-128 for 114 yards passing.

also was trong-passing. It was the first time in the 29-year history of the independence Bowl that two players on the same team rushed for more than 100 yards. The Cyclones finished with 295

yards on the ground, a school record for a bowl game. The victory helped ease the sting of lowa State's 14-13 loss of lowards of lowar

Clubmaker the one constant as Wilson returns to its past

Bob Mendralla enjoys getting behind the grinding wheel with an Iron in his hand and letting the sparks fly, crafting another club for Wilson Golf at its tech-

club for Wilson Golf at its technical cense in Chicago.
Even after 57 years, the job
never gus old.
Mendralla still has a backup
set of irons that he made for
Vijay Singh, ready to be
shipped when the Fijian left or
another equipment company
five years ago, the also made the
last set of Wilson Staff Irons for
Arnold Palme.
The players Mendralla has
worked with over the years
reads like a roster from the Hall
of Fanne.

reads like a roster from the Hall of Fame. He traded jokes with Sam Snead. He relaxed with Julius Boros. Gene Sarazen thought so much of him that he brought so much of him that he brought wend to the Masters one year. Mendralla spent hours of year-med-take with a fresh face out of college, Hale Irwin, making his clubs for two dozen years and three U.S. Open dites. "Firstly, Bob is a friend as much as anything; Irwin said." He's a very competent technician as it relates to golf equipment, and he's recognized as one of the best in the

business. He stood head-and-shoulders above others. I felt fortunate to have him by my

shouldars above others. I felt fortunate to have him by my side. Not a bad career for someone who was crestfallen when Wilson put him to work in the golf division, Mendralla was 17, fresh out of high school and looking for part-time work doing even the most menial tasks. He lived in the neighborhood where Wilson Sporting Goods was located and heard they were hiring kids for 50 cents an hour. His dream was to get into the baseball division. It was 1947, just two years removed from when the Chicago Cubs won the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were World Series champlons. World Series champlons. World Series champlons with the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were World Series champlons. When the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were World Series champlons. When the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were bridged in the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since they were the National League pennant, a mere 39 years since of the World Series champlons. When the National League pennant, a mere 10 years are they were the National League pennant, and the National League pennant, a mere 10 years and 10 year

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Top-ranked USC ready for title-game hype to truly begin

By Tim Reynolds Associated Press writer

Associated Press writer

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Within hours of arriving at their Orange Bowl headquarters, members of Southern California's top a control of the state of the stat

football."

It is USC's second Orange Bowl
trip in three seasons, but the
stakes are decidedly higher this



winner Matt Leinart speaks to reporters upon arriving at the team otel Tuesday in Hollywood, Fia. USC faces Gklahoma for the natio

time around — since the game will decide the Bowl Champi-

will decide the Bowl Championship Series champion.
USC felt it deserved a spot in the BCS tide tilt a year ago, then outscored its opponents by 24.3 points per game this year to secure a bertin.
"We realize this is the biggest game you can play in and the biggest matchup and opportu-

nity and all of that," said USC coach Pete Carroll. "We're real excited about it and everyone's looking forward to it."

USC won a share of the national title a year ago; the Trojans received The Associated Press college football champlonship after finishing ranked atop the poll following a 28-14 Rose Bowl win over Michigan.

Insight Bowl



Oregon State's Dan Haines (83) fends off Notre Dame's Carlos Campbell (6) in the first half at the insight Bowl, Tuesday, in Phoenix. At press time, Oregon State led 24-7 in the third quarter.

Gonzaga pulls off another upset

Gonzaga forward Ronny Turiaf (1) puts up a shot over Oklahoma State players Joey Graham (14) and Ican McFarlin (23) Tuesday, in Okla-homa City. No. 12 Gonzaga defeated third-ranked Oklahoma State

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — J.P.
Batista came off the bench for a
career-high 20 points. Adam
Morrison scored 19 and No. 12
Conzaga beat Oklahoma State
78-75 in its second upset of a
hird-ranked team this season.
The Bulldogs led by as many
as 16 points early in the second
half, but needed a strong finish
to hold off the charging Cowboys.
Oklahoma State (9.3.)

half, but needed a strong finish to hold off the charging Cowboys.

Oklahoma State (9-1) pushed its way back into the game with a 21-8 run that John Lucas III capped with, a spointer from the left corner to make it 65-62 with 9.5 minutes to play. After a 9-2 run by Gonzaga, the Cowboys drew to within a point on two occasions but could not take the lead.

The Bulldogs are 2-1 against Top 5 teams this season. Gonzaga (10-1) beat then-No. 3 Georgia Feet 18-73 on Dec. 18 and location No. 1 Illinois 193-72 Reserve Stephen Gruham scored 22 points to lead the Cowboys, and Lucas had 19.

No. 4 North Carolina 96. N.C. Wilmington 75

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Williams scored a season-high
25 points and Sean May added
16 for North Carolina.
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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Hakim
Warrick had 22 points and 14
rebounds, and Demetris
Nichols returned to the lineup
with 10 points to lead seventhranked Syracuse.
Nichols, back after missing
three games with a sore back.
scored 10 points for the Orange
(12-11). He had seven points in a
55-second span to give the Orange
a 20-point lead.

Aging nicely, LeBron leaves teens for 20s

No. 11 Connecticut 73, Sacred Heart 55 HARTFORD, Conn. — Josh Boone had 20 points and 10 re-bounds for his sixth

Levi Levine scored 15 points, for Albany (4-5). No. 9 Georgia Tech 92,

Lafayette 58

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ATLANTA — Freshman Anthony Morrow scored a curver-high 20 points including 11 in a late 27-3 surge by Georgia Tech.
Fellow freshman Ra'Sean Dickey added 15 points for the Yellow Inckets (9-1). Tech was leading only 55-47 when Isma'll Muhammad dunked to begin the big spurt with 1055 left.
Bilai Abdullah led Lafayette (3-7) with 12 points.

By Tom Withers Associated Press writer

Associated Press writer

CLEVELAND — Leitron James used to bring his birth certificate along to AAU games to prove his sige.

"They questioned me he-cause of the level of my game," the Cleveland Cavaliers forward recalled last week. "I've Juwest played the game above my ge."

Then maybe he should keep documentation of his Dec. 30, 1984, arrival handy.

There remain a few NBA skeptics, who are still having hard time accepting that a 19-year-old kid who skipped college could possibly be this big, this strong, this fast, this unselfish or this good.

"I don't believe that," Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers joked recently when told James was still weeks away from his 20th birthday. "I'm going to check. The way he's playing, he's got to be 30."

On Thursday LEBron histeve, he is 20 and hard to believe, he

On Thursday, LeBron hits the big 2-0 and, hard to believe, he has already joined the NBA's

"I don't call him King James," said Minnesota forward Kevin

Garnett, the reigning league MVP "I call him The Gift. A gift for Cleveland, and for the

for Cleveland, and for the league.

In just his second season in the prox. James has raised his game to an All-Star level.

After scoring 40 points with nine rebounds and seven assists in a 111-102 victory own. Atlanta on Tuesday night, he's averaging 25.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 7.2 assists and leading the league in steals (72) while carrying the surprising and soon-to-be-sold Cavallers (17-11) into lirst place in the Central Division.

Division.
"He's doing everything for us," (leveland coach Paul Silas said. "We certainly wouldn't be where we are without him. To be this young and have the understanding of the game that he has is just unreal. I marvel at him."

has is just unreal. I marver that is just unreal. I marver that is 30 does the rest of the league. He has delivered jaw-dropping dunks, including a slam against Charlotte where the 65 door-8, 240-pounder caught a pass in full stride on the break, elevated to eye level with the rim and jackhammered the ball through.

He's sharing both the spootlight and ball with his
teammates, who sometimes:
aren't ready for one of the creative no-look passes that James
seems to relish more than making any shot. His defense has
improved from a year ago when
he ran into every pick, and he
rarely forces shots the way he
did as a rookie.

In the first third of the season,
James has dropped a careerhigh 43 points on the world
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double-double of the season for Connecticut. The 11th-ranked Huskies (7-1) trailed by 3 points at halftime but pit together spurs of 12-1 and 14-0 after the break. UConn outscored Sacred Heart (1-8) 40-19 in the second half.

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TUCSON, Arlz. — Channing
Frye had 16 points as Arizona
advanced to the championship
game of the Fiesta Bowl Clas-

advanced to the championship game of the Flesta Bowl Classic.

The Wildcats will play Richmond, a winner over Butler, for the title Thursday night, Arizona is 38-1 in its holiday tournament. Hassan Adams had 13 points and four steals for the Wildcats (9-2).

Paul' Butorac led Eastern Washington (2-9) with 11 points.

No. 14 Arizona 79,

DOUNGS 412.

Bastern Conferences top player for November.

Lately, he has been filtring with an clusive first career triple-double. In a win over New Orleans on Sunday, James had 22 points, a career-high 14 assists and nine rebounds. He and Kobe Bryant are the only players averaging more than 24 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

"He might average a triple-double someday." Silas said: "He might average a triple-double someday." Silas said: micro or three years, when he learns the game better, he'll be unstoppable."

Spurs win battle of NBA's elite

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony
Parker scored 29 points in just
30 minutes, and the San Antonio Spurs shot 52 percent in
ending the
Phoenix Suns'
11-game winning
Streak. 115-94
Tuesday night.
A m a r c
Sto a de m Irescored 37 points
for the Suns,
Tim Duncan
had 16 points
and 12 rebounds
for San Antonio.
Malik Rose had 6 points and
Mann Ghobil 15 for the Spurs,
wito imitted Phoenix to a season-low 33.7-percent shooting.

Nets 84, Bulls 80

Nets 84, Bulls 80
CIIICAGO — Vince Carter scored 25 points to lead New Jersey in his second game back since straining his Achilles' tendon and second since he was raded to the Nots.
On Monday, he limped off the court with 2:13 left in overtime in New Jersey's 100-90 loss to Detroit.
Richard Jefferson and Nenad Krstic had 17 points aplece for the Nets, Kirk Hinrich had 30 points for Chicago and Ben Gordon 19.

Mavericks 113,

Cettics 94

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki had 29 points and 11 rebounds, and Michael Finley added 21 points for the Mavericks.

Erick Dampier matched his essean-high with 16 points and lason Terry had a season-high 14 assists for Dallas.

Paul Pierce and Jiri Welsch had 17 points each to pace the Ceitics, who have lost eight of their last nine meetings with Dallas.



San Antonio Spurs center Rasho Nesterovic, right, tries to block Phoenix Suns guard Leandro Barbosa (10), in the fourth quarter in San Antonio, Tuesday. San Antonio won 115-94.

Cavaliers 111. Hawks 102.

Hawks 102.

ATIANTA — LeBron James had 40 points, nine rebounds and seven assists to help the Cleveland Cavaliers to their third victory in four games. James, who turns 20 on Thursday, became the youngest player to reach 500 career assists and rebounds. Jeff McInnis and Zydrings leunskas aidded

Bucks 115, Rockets 87

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 28 points and Desmond Mason added 24 for

Redd scored 20 pures and Desmond Mason added 24 for Milwaukee. Marcus Fizer added 15 points and seven rebounds for the Bucks. The point total was the most for the Bucks, who had 101 in a double-overtime loss to Miami on Nov. 14.

They McCrady led Houston with 20 points, and Bob Sura added 19.

Are Patriots good enough to win again?

By Barry Wilner Associated Press writer

They don't have the league's best record and they won't have home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. Is banged unter playoffs. Their secondary best banged unter secondary between the secondary have been the secondary between the secondary best banged unter the secondary best banged unter the secondary best banged to be the secondary banged to be

Seymour, injured his foot on Sunday.

Are the New England Patriots done? Hardly, Indeed, the Patriots are in better shape offensively to win the Super Bowl than they were last season. And with all the adversity on defense, they discovered that nearly every lineman and linebacker and back on the roster can contribute.

"Guys make plays," says strong safety Rodney Harrison, the glue of the defense. "There

is inore focus on what they have to do when they get on the field. They look around and see how everyone is

making plays and they do it.

making plays and they do it, too.

They did it against the Jets last weekend to secure a first-week bye, which they line do nead up. And that derive they are to the last vector of the last three years. They not only are capable of doing it again, but should be considered nothing less than o-favorites with the Steelers.

Here's why:

Steelers.
Here's why:
— Corey Dillon gives New
England a running threat it has-

n't had since Curtis Martin left for the Jets in 1998. Sure. Antowain Smith was a key contributor in the two Suipier Bowl wins, but with Dillon the Patriots can play any style on offense. Dillon, who has set a team record with 1,519 yate for its powerful and has a burst. He's also a workhorse.

— Tom Brady's receiving corps is even deeper than last year. One week, he'll turn to veteran Troy Brown — when Brown is not spending most of his time as a fill-in cornerback. Another week, lift Deion Branch. Or David Givens. Or one of the tight ends.

What the Patriots have achieved this year is just as impressive as their accomplishments in 2001 or 2003 because of the epidemic of injuries and a difficult schedule.

You play with what you've got. Brady sald, "and teams that deal with it and come though are the best teams."

Wilson

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at Wilson Golf.
The culmination of his amaz-

The culmination of his amazing career was last year when Mehdralla, who turned 75 on Tuesday, became only the 25th person induced into the Prolessional Clubmakers Society Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Old Tom Morris, Willie Park Jr., and longtime Hogan clubmaker Gene Sheeley.

And he's till going strong.

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golf balls.

Mendralla, longtime head of the Research and Development division at Wilson, was largely responsible for the three modes of Irons — F15 (forged Iron), D15 (distance iron, slightly oversized) and P15 (performance iron with an undercut cavity back) and P15 (performance iron with a number of iron with a few things in which will be seen the seen of the seen of the seen of Wilson Golf. "New York the Irong the Service and expertise. He knows what a golf club should look like. He was one of the guys on the Wilson staff when it was the top com-

pany in the world. And he's pleased to see us back as Wil-

pleased to see us outs as wason Staff."
Looking back, Mendralla
Looking back, Mendralla
wouldn't change a thing.
He is just as excited about the
new irons as he was the popular DynaPower series from the
late 60s.
"Golf never gets boring,"
Mondralla said, "it changes by
the year, and by the day, And
every time you think you've plus
handher out, you've got to hit.

another one."

Mendralla will never get-baseball out of his vernacular.
But he continues to forge a ca-reer making golf clubs.

Female

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In between, Sorenstam wrote a book, lifted her profile as an endorser and mixed it up with the boys a second time in the Skins Game. She also stayed comfortably atop the world rankings, locked up a fourth-consecutive LPGA money dite—her seventh in the last 10 years—lied ther own scoring average record at 68.7 and led the tour in top-10 flinishes, rounds under par and greens in regulation of the seventh in the last 10 years—and greens in regulation of the season in many different ways. Sorenstam sad, and especially because I've played less tournaments and still won so nuch."

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much."
Most important, perhaps, the
34-year-old Swede proved again
that she has to be included in
any argument about the most

dominant goller — male or female — of this era. Over the 'ast four seasons, Sorenstam has separated herself from her competition even more than either. Tiger Woods or Vijay Singh, boosting her total LPCA wins to 56 and climbing within striking distance of the record 88 recorded by Kathy Whitworth in a 22-year care.

"In still so far away from it but I've come so far ahead of what I ever thought I would." Sorenstam said earlier this year. "I always said I would continue to play this game while I enjoy it and feel motivated. I just wonder if I can condune on this pace." But no one should be surpitsed if she does. Sorenstam insists winning is not as easy as she makes it look. But Whenever's the gets in a light spot now. Sorenstam draws on the memories of playing in froit

of galleries lined eight deep behind the ropes, remembering how it felt to stand in the fairway and feel like there wasn't enough oxygen to go around. Then sine draws the club back calmly and pulls off the shot she needs. "I'm nervous," she explained in August of 2003, right after with the short she had been should be should

Slam, but I love it at the same time.

Those same emotions mixed once again coming down the streeth of this year's ADT Championship, where Sorenstam missed a 12-foot bride putt on the final hole of regulation to the final hole of regulation to the final hole of regulation to the final hole of the down the cours are the first extra hole for the veory. She didn't win any the veory she didn't win any style cours, she the display of style cours, she the display of style cours as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was as good a way as any to gri was a good a way as any to good a good

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Marina Navmulova arrived in
Australia on Tuesday to begin
her 30th season of professional
tennis at 48.

Navratilova. who delayed
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play doubles in 2005 with
Dandela Hantuchova. a 21-yearold Slovakian.
Navratilova. winner of 58
Grand Slam tides. will compete
in next weeks Gold Coast hardcothr tournament and tean
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Höpiman Cup in Perth, but will
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Cowboys' Woodson headed to retirement

IRVING, Texas — The Cow-boys are ready to bid farewell to Darren Woodson, the last player left from their teams that won

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Petrino speaks with LSU about coaching job

three Super Bowls in the mid-1990s.

The 23-year-old safety has with played all year because of in-juryed and the season. Team owner lerry Jones said on his weekly radio show its only a question of "when we aid the will, make it official." Coach Bill Parcells said Monday an an-nouncement was coming a soon as this week.

Woodson a four-time All-Pro-delivered punishing hits and is the team's career leader in tack-les with 1.350. He was a rookie on the 1992 squad that won Dal-las first Super Boyd of the Jones and the same and the supery time days before training camp. His recovery was hampered by a neve problem that prevented him from even returning to practice.\(\) about coacning jou

MEMPHIS. Tenn.

Louisville football coach Bobby
Petrino has met with LSU offi-cials about the 'ligers' job but
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Louisville athletic director-from lurich gave LSU permission to talk to Petrino about the job, which opened when Nick Saban left for the Marmi Dolphins, Petrino, who called his session with LSU a 'preliminary meeting.' Is in Memphis, where the lose Sate and the Liberty Bowl on Friday.

Sk days ago, Petrino received a ruse from \$550,000 to \$1 million a season guaranteed, with more than \$560,000 also possible in incentives. When his new contract was announced, he dismissed inquiries about the LSU position. Saban will cone Bowl against lowa on Saturday, Saban had the nation's richest college football contract, a sewn-year, \$18.35 million at \$18.35 million and \$18.35 million and a niew football operations center.

Bucks' Van Horn placed on injured list

Source: San Jose State hires veteran Tomey
SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dick Tomey: the career leader in coaching victories at both Arizona and Hawaii, has been hired to revive San Jose States struggling football program, a school source said fuseday. The source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, said that Tomey was chosen to succeed lize in the month after four losing seasons.

Hizz IIII. who resigned earlier in the month after four losing seasons.

San lose State scheduled a news conference for Wednesshout didn't disclose the reson but didn't disclose the reson to the sastent lead coach at Texas under Mack Brown. helping to prepare the team for Saturday's Rose Bowl. The Longhorns declined comment through a spokesperson. Tomey went 158-110-7 in 24 seasons at Hawaii and Artzona. Including 14 mostly successful seasons in Tucson, where he helped build the famed Toesert Swarm defense. The Wildcats won four bowl games during his tenure, including a Wildcats won four bowl games during his tenure, including a lowl and the 1998 Holiday Bowl, and compiled the second-most Pac-10 victories in the 1990s.

Tomey also won 63 games in 10 seasons at Hawaii, leading-the program's move to Division I.

placed on injured list
MILWAUKEE — Bucks forward Keith Van Horn was put on
the injured list Tuesday because
of an alling right ankle.
He had missed the last 10
games with tendinitis in the
ankle and will be out at least two
more weeks, general manger
Lary Harris said.
Van Horn has averaged 17.2
points and 8.2 rebounds in 13
games this season. He is Milwaukees third-leading scorer
and top rebounder.

Police: Vandy player killed over 'trash talk'

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TAMPA, Fia. — Vanderbilt
running back Kwane Doster was
shot to death after his friends
and a group of other men exchanged 'trash talk' about their
cars. Tumpa police said Tuesday.

Police continued to appeal for
help in making an arrest in the
Sunday moming shooting. Police said they have suspects, but
need vitnesses who might have
seen who fired the fatal shot.

Doster, 21, was shot to death
at a sandwich shop after visiting.

a local club with two friends
about 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

While: leaving the club.
Doster's friends had a discussion with three other men about
their cars. said Tampa' police
spokesman Joe Durkin. Both
groups were driving what
Durkin described as 'show'
cars, and the arguments centered on whose car was better.

The two groups men again at a
schplight, where they again can
stares, Durkin said. The suspects
were riding in an orange Inlinit.

Blocks later, Doster and his
friends pulled into a saundwich
shop. The Infiniti pulled up, one
man get out and opened fire
with a handgun, Durkin said.

Doster, who was sitting in the
back seat of his friend's car, was
killed with a single shot. No one
else was injured.

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Will miss 4-6 weeks
SAIT LAKE CITY — Utah
guard/forward Richard Chaney
s expected to miss 4-6 weeks
with a broken hand.
Chaney was scheduled to
have surgery Wednesday for
two broken bones in his leit
hand. We has started 10 of 11
games for the Utes (8-3) and avenged 11.5 points per game
good enough for third on the
team. team.
Forward Bryant Markson will fill Chaney's spot at small for-ward in the starting lineup.

Utes forward Chaney

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Schild wins glant slalom;
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SEMMERING. Austria

Mariles Schild won a World Cup
gant slalom before her home
fans Tuesday and Tunja Poutaainen of Finland regained the
lead in the owenil standings by
finishing second. Sarah
Schilder of the United States
was fourth.

Schild completed the two
runs on the Hirschenkogel
coursen'd printures. 1557 seconds, edging Poudainen by 0.11
seconds. Another Austrian. Lilisabeth Goerpl. was third in
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Premier League lead
LONDON — Chelsea beat
Porsmouth 2-0 Tuesday on late
goals by Arjen Robben and loe
Cole to extend its Premier
League lead to eight points.
Robben scored in the 79th
initiate on the road and Cole
added the second goal during
injury time for Chelsea, which
increased its lead over tilde Arsenal. The defending champion
stayed in second place after
Everton lost 2-0 to Charlion,
ending its unbeaten run of eight
goals and seed and charles and Ar-

games.
Chelsea has 49 points and Arsenal 41 while Everton,
Manchester United and Middlesbrough all have 40.
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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

CSI offers course in firefighting

TWIN FALLS — Want to apply or certify for jobs that in-volve fighting wildland fires? Consider enrolling in the Col-lege of Southern Idaho's new spring-semester course dubbed "Introduction to Wild-land Fires."
The class, FIRS 109, starts

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Jan. 18.
Instructor Heath Cotal is a 12year veteran of the U.S. Forest
Service, currently working for
the Sawtooth District as a
squad leader for a hot shot crew
and a firefighting recruiting coordinator.

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wishes to work further toward an associate's degree. Classes will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 18 to March 10. For infor-mation, contact any CSI adviser or Cota at 737-3320.

Longview Fibre Co. plans conference call

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TWIN FALLS — Longview
Fibre Co.. the Washingtonbased operator of a Twin Falls
container plant, plans a conference call next week to discuss its
fourth-quarter and annual financial results, and any investor
may participate or listen online.
The company will announce
tinancial results prior to the
market opening Jan. 5, followed
by a conference call at 9 a.m. Accase 396-2366 — by
case of the conference call at 9 a.m. Accase 396-2366 — by
will be available at 888-286-8010; use passcode 11907562.
The call's webcast can be
accessed at www.longviewfibre.com.

Examine your employer before taking new job

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As the new year dawns, plenyof workers resolve to explore
their career options, hoping to
land new jobs, or improve the
ones they have. But there are
several factors to consider before you mail your resume
throughout your industry, advises Right Management
Consultants. a Philadelphlabased career transition firm.
For example, you might want
to think about your, company,
and how it ranks alongside
competitors that you might
apply to. So, ask yourself these
questions:

equestions:

• Is your company respected in the industry?

• Are sales rising, or dropping? Have there been rumors of a merger or bankruptcy?

• How has the company's market share changed?

• Is the company an innovator, or one that's fallen behind the industry?

• Does your company have a strategic plan, and have you read it?

• Have salaries at your com-

strategic plan, and have you read it?

• Have salaries at your company kept pace, or lagged those paid by competitors?

You also need to consider your personal relationship with your job, said Doug Matthews, executive vice president and, head of career transition services for Right Management Consultants.

Is your workload in conflict with your personal life? Does the job satisfy you, or do you dread it? Is your employer using your skills wisely? Do you find yourself regularly pondering something else — a new jindustry, new job tasks, a smaller company or a role that's less demanding?

—compiled from staffand where reports

Pay what you can



Naturopathic physician Dr. Richard Powell, right, examines pattent Don Hill of Gooding last week at Powell's Twin Falis office. Thanks to some inspiration from Hill, Powell is changing his fee structure to optional donations only, starting Saturday.

Naturopathic doctor changes fee schedule to donation-only

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

Times-flows writer

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Richard Powell, a 'naturopathic physician with an office in Old Towne Twin Falls deem't want to turn away patients because they can't afford treatment.

So starting Jan. 1, all of Powell's patients will pay only what they can afford. And if they can't afford to pay anything, they, won't have to pay at all.

Powell said he's changing his fee structure from a per-visic tharge, depending on the services rendered, to donation-only because he thinks it's the right thing to do for his patients. He plans to display a collection box in his office to hold payments, and he boom't keep track of who pay a society, we have forgotten what we're supposed to be doing." Powell said, "It's not about money — it's about patients."

Powell was inspired to change

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Powell was inspired to change the way he does business because of one of his patients. Don Hill of Gooding.

After living with diabetes for nearly 20 years, Hill. 74, said he realized traditional medical treatments weren't improving his quality of life. So he hought hed years matural medicine a try-hing to avoid to going do a rigular doctor and get my foot cut off.

which was not a diabetic cuteer on the bottom of one foot.

Itill has been a patient of Powell's for about a month, visiting the office about once a week

Other sliding scales

Alternative and natural medicine practitioners aren't the only health care providers that offer free or discounted services to patients. Traditional medical facil-

patients. Traditional medical facil-tiles and community organizations in Magic Valley also provide sorge services free of charge or on a sliding scale — what a person can afford to pay-for instance, Magic Valley Re-gional Medical Center offers a number of public health screen-ings throughout the year for free or at a discount, said the hospital's business director, Jody Temphia: The fairs pro-prise.

pay.

Idaho Children's Health Project, funded by state and federal governments, provides discounted health services to children.

South Central District Health provides some health services on a sliding scale. I don't have much money for his type of deal," Hill said.
Powell said he didn't want Hill or any of his other patients to stop receiving treatment for. lack of money.
"He was going to sacrifice getting well because he can't afford it," Powell said. "I just don't think that's justifiable. I don't want anybody to compromise getting well for a few extra bucks in my packet."
Powell everets he'll be able to

while continuing to visit a traditional doctor in Gooding. Powell
put Hill on a new dieter—lots of
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But recently, Hill told Powell he could no loinger afford to pay the doctor's \$35 per-visit charge when Powell wanted Hill to increase his visits to twice per week, Medicare picks up most of Hills traditional medical costs of cotor's visits and insulin shots, but the out-of-pocket expenses for the natural care and fuel costs for the weekly trip. In Yuli Falls were becoming prohibitive.

"He doesn't charge much, but

well for a few extra outers at my, pocket."

Powell expects he'll be able to keep his practice in operation because he keeps his overhead low His office at 409 Shoshone St. S., Suite 12; is open only about 20 hours per week because he also works full-time for lerome-based Gilmer Inc.

Powell has been in business for almost a year and hasn't yet unned a profit. But he expects he'll be able to cover his rent

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payment on his office — about \$1,000 per month — through his patients' donations. He sees five or six patients per week now and expects his client list to grow in the coming year.

"I don't really look to make any money for the next two years," Powell said.
Bilss-based alternative medically the practitioner Bob Williahte and the practitioner Bob Williahte call the practitioner Bob Williahte call the practition and the hopes Powell can succeed. Williahte has been practicing alternative medicine for about 20 years on a suggest-defe basis — he sest a price for his services, and his patients pay as much of that price as they can, he said.
"I have what I think is a reasonable amount to pay for reatment, and I say, "Do what you can," Willhite said. "What (Powell) is offering is termendous."

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Powell can depend on the in-come of at least one padent: Hill. He plans to condinue his treat-ments, thanks to the doctors new policy. "Ill probably drop down what I'm paying some, but I hate to get services for nothing," Hill said, "I ain't a number to him. I'm a person."

Blockbuster will make hostile bid The Associated Press

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DALLAS — Blockbuster Inc. said Thesday it will launch a hostile bid for Hollywood Entertainment Corp. next month if the rival's directors won't negotiate a deal.

Blockbuster, the largest US. movie-rental chain, said it would offer stockholders of its top rival \$11.50 per share in cash, or about \$700 million, plus the assumption of \$300 million of Hollywood debt. That's the same offer that Blockbuster — whose outlets include ones in Twin Falls, terome and the Wood River Valley — made to Hollywood in November, Hollywood's had in includes a Twin Falls store.

Blockbuster said it would consider sweetening the offer if Hollywood's board provided requested financial information, which it said Hollywood has the first approached Hollywood in November, said it has still not received the requested information.

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The cash tender offer is the latest salvo in a competition for hollywood that pits Blockbuster against Hollywood chairman Mark Wattles and a Los Angeles investment firm, who have offered \$10.25 per share.

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The No. 3 rental chain, Movie Gallery Inc., also says it has made an offer but won't disclose its price.
John Androco, chairman and chief executive of Dallas-based Blockbuster, said his offer 'is clearly in the best interests of Hollywood and Blockbuster shareholders as well as consumers.

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Consumer confidence rebounds

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Improving labor market conditions and cheaper energy prices led to a sharp increase in a widely watched indicator of consumer confidence in the economy in December, a good sign for growth heading into the new year.

December, a good sign acceptable of the new year.

The Conference Board, a New York-based business research group, reported Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence leapt by nearly 10 points to 102.3 in December from 92.6 in November, following four months of declines. It was the highest level for the indicator since July and well above the 94 that investors had been expecting.

The report helped push stocks to multi-year highs in thin trading on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial average closed up 78 points at 10.855. It was the best close for the Dow Since June 13, 2001.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up about 9 points to 1.214, its highest close since Aug. 3, 2001.

The Nasdaq composite index gained 23 points to 2,177, its best showing since June 8, 2001.

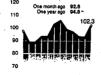
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The surge in the consumer confidence index suggested that Americans were feeling more optimistic about their

Consumer confidence

Here is a look at the Consumer Confidence Index from a survey of 5,000 U.S. households.



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economic prospects. Economists pointed to an improving labor market and cheaper energy prices as main factors for the bounce.

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Anthony Chan, senior economist with 12 Morgan Fleming Asset Management in Columbus. Ohio, said he was "very impressed" with the results of the report, which he said suggested that "labor markets are improving nicely, and may actually be a lot healther than the current perception."

Indicators of consumer confidence are widely watched by economists since spending by individuals makes up about

two-thirds of all economic activity in the United States.

Economists have generally been disappointed in the sluggish job growth in the economy in recent months, which has lagged behind other indicators of strength in the economy such as industrial activity. Earlier of strength in the economy such as industrial activity. Earlier of strength in the economy such as industrial activity. Earlier of strength in the economy such as industrial activity. Earlier of strength in the economists had force as the lowest amount since July and Just half of have been expected in the economists had force ast.

Despite the poor showing of job growth, the unemployment rate edged down 0.1 percented point to 5.4 percent in November. That rate is based on a separate survey of households.

Economists are hoping for a separate survey of households.

Economists are hoping for 175,000 jobs being created in December, but even that level would hardly be a sign of a booming economy. The economy must create about 150,000 new jobs each month just to keep up with population growth.

While the jump in the consumer confidence index was large, Richard Berner, chief economist with Moggan Stanley, cautioned against reading to much into the rebound in the indicator, which is often volatile. "It's consistent with sold growth, but not a new boom in any way shape or form." Berner said.

Managing partner plans to step down at brokerage

ST. LOUIS — With a \$75 million scandal hanging over it, Edward Jones announced this week that its top executive will give up his post on Dec. 31 next year.

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Douglas Hill will step down as managing partner of the brokerage firm, amid investigations by federal regulators and the U.S. Justice Department. Hill, who has headed Edward Jones since Jan. I, will remain with the company as a partner.

In a letter to employees this week, Hill said the firm is looking for a successor.

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The company has investment representatives around since the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission disclosed that Edward Jones received "tens of millions of doi. Jan." from 1899 through this year to place seven mutual fund companies on a "preferred" list. While the payments were not illegal, Edward Jones fell short of its requirement to notify investors, the SEC ruided in imposing the \$75 million penal
The California attorney general's office, which filed suit—against Edward-Jones-last-week, put the revenue-sharing pay-

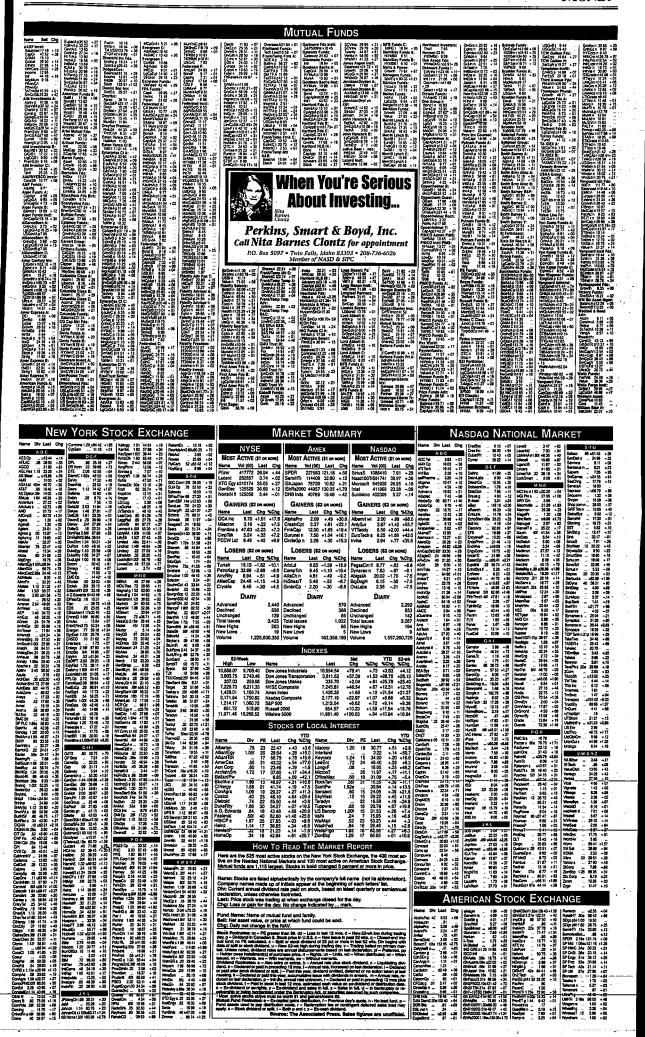
ments at \$300 million.

In a filing Monday with the SEC, Edward Jones said it will take a \$50 million charge against profits to pay the penalty. Those funds will be drawn from 420 top partners who receive annual profit sharing. The remaining \$25 million will come from an existing legal reserves account.

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Hill will pay 'a disproportionate share' of the penalty, about \$\$ million. Edward Jones said. It did not disclose how much any other executive will pay.
Last year, before Hill's promotion to managing partner, he was paid \$4.5 million: \$200,000 in base salary and \$4.3 million in profit sharing, according to an \$EC document.
Hill, 60, succeeded John Bachmann, who stepped aside as managing partner at age 65 as mandated by company policy.

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Hill declined to comment.
But in a prepared statement, his
attorney, Gordon Ankney, said:
'Doug is determined to help restore (Edward Jones')
well-founded reputation as a
leading advocate for individual
investors, while not allowing his
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NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street restured its year-end rally Tuesday, bolstered by a new report which showed consumer confidence had Jumped sharply in recent weeks. All three major indexes reached new multipear highs in light holiday-week trading.

Investors welcomed the latest reading of the Conference Board consumer confidence index, which rose to 102.3 in December from 92.6 in November. Wall Street had expected a reading of 94.

In a trading week that traditionally carries little news, the hetter-than-expected reading had a stronger-than-usual influence on trading.

While the dollar reached another new low against the euro, falling crude oil futures helped boost investor sentiment and reverse Monday's losses. Oil prices stabilized after falling 7 percent on Monday, A barrel of light crude settled at \$41.77, up 55 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The consumer confidence figure was very telling, confirming what we've seen in consumer spending and job growth. Said Kevin Caron, market strategist for Ryan, Beck & Co. 'And we're seeing enemy prices cooperate nicely as well.' The Dow lones industrial average rose 78.41, or 0.73 percent, to 10.884.54, suppassing the previous 3.5-year high set on Thursday, It was the best close for the Dow since June 13. 2001.

Broader stock indicators were moderately higher.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was up 8.62, or 0.72 percent, in lindex since Aug. 3, 2001.

2001. The Nasdaq composite index gained 22.97, or 1.07 percent, to 2.177.19, its best showing since June 8, 2001. Slocks recovered from Monday's dip, when investors worried about the economic impact of the Asian earthquake disaster.

Analysts said that while



events may cause more pauses in the market's recent raily, the overall upward trend in stocks would likely condinue through January.

"The financial impact on the global economy and the U.S. conomy is likely to be minimal," said James Wong, senior cquity strategist at Payden & Rygel Investment Management, of the quake and resulting tsunamis. 'And as for today, the consumer confidence numbers clearly had an impact. It shows the consumer is still very much in the bail—game when it comes to driving the economy."

Blockbuster Inc. lost 6 cents to \$3.33 after the company said it will make an \$11.50 per-share tender offer for fival video renatal chain Hollywood Emerainment Corp. If the latter refuses to negotiate a takeover.

Hollywood added 7 cents to \$13.16 on the news, the latest the Hollywood cancivity that many on Wall Street see as a sign of health in the economy. "In the conomy."

Amazon.com Inc. was upgraded to 'outperform' from 'peer perform' by Bear Steams after the company enjoyed a strong holiday shopping searon, including setting single-day sales record. Amazon.com gained \$2.38 to \$44.63.

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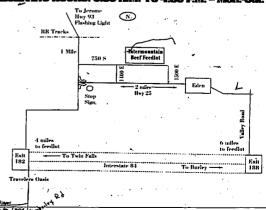
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Factory Rebates & Incentives*	\$5500



WAS \$19488

04 DODGE NEON

02 HONDA CIVIC WAS \$14610





01 SUBARU FORESTER



'05 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN





'04 MITSUBISHI ENDEAVOR 4X4



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