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Anthrax scare from overseas letter causes Homedale family anxiety

Contains unknown white powder

By Cheryl Peterson

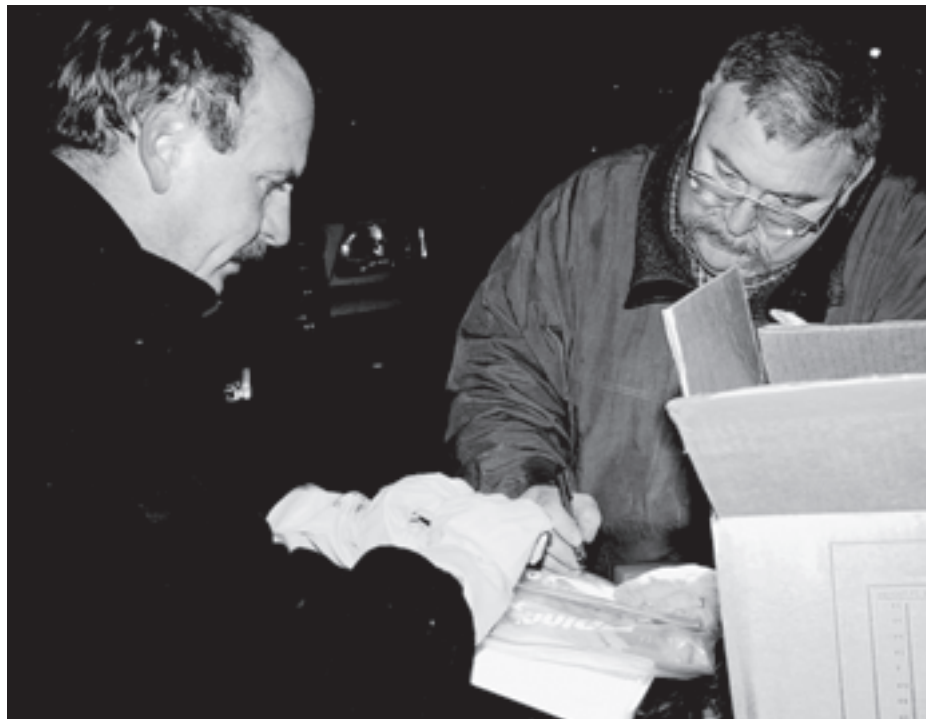
A Homedale family spent a sleepless night last Thursday waiting for possibly the worst news a family could receive. A letter sent to the couple from overseas contained a white powdery substance the couple feared could have been anthrax.

Glenda and Mike Lucero and their two children were confined to their home after reporting a suspicious letter Glenda received in the mail. The letter was postmarked from Jamaica and contained a white powder officials believed could have been anthrax.

"I have a pen pal in Jamaica and really just thought it was a Christmas card from him," Glenda said in a phone interview Thursday night. "I never expected to get something like this. Heck, this is Homedale, not New York. I look back on it now and think I really never should have opened it. The envelope looked just like the ones they tell you not to open."

Glenda said the envelope had two postmarked dates on it. One from 1997 and another over the top dated 2001. She said the envelope had been opened and glued shut again.

The drama began when Glenda picked up her mail at her home Thurs-



Anthrax scare...

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Chief Deputy Dick Freund seal and mark a package containing an envelope with a powder substance removed from a Homedale home last week. Tests conducted on the substance returned negative for anthrax, but officials intend to test the powder further.

day afternoon and opened the letter she thought was from her pen pal.

"After I opened it, I realized it wasn't from my friend," Glenda continued. "I waited for Mike to get home and he thought we should notify the police. We called Jeff (Eidemiller, Homedale Po-

lice Chief) and he told us to leave it alone and not let anyone in or out of the house. They were here shortly after that."

Chief Eidemiller contacted Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and the two

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Jon Marvel sues to stop fire rehabilitation

The people who suffered through last year's raging fires in Jordan Creek and Jacks Butte had better pray for a cold, wet summer.

The BLM's plan for emergency fire rehabilitation of that area — seeding of the fire-ravaged 35,000 acres with crested wheatgrass and some forage kochia — has been challenged in federal District Court by Jon Marvel's Western Watersheds Project, the Oregon Natural Desert Association and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert.

Marvel claims that the emergency fire rehabilitation/reseeding plan fails to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA).

Marvel, an environmental activist who lives in Sun Valley and is the executive director of the Western Watersheds Project, says, "The BLM seems more interested in destroying the public lands of the West than in obeying the law."

If Marvel's lawsuit is successful in halting the emergency fire rehabilitation/reseeding plan, 55 square miles of public lands in the area will remain barren, subject to severe erosion and worthless for any productive use such as cattle grazing. -RB

FLYING UP THE SNAKE

By Robert Boatman

It started as a dry-land boat parade, with business-like watercraft that could have been designed by Boeing or Lockheed rolling along behind the most impressive showcase of big top-of-the-line pickup trucks this side of a major car show.

We were obviously dealing with seriously expensive adult toys here, though there were plenty of well-groomed kids and well-bred dogs. A cheerful yellow Lab and a sleek German shorthair romped in the snow around what had now been promoted from an ordinary boat ramp to a launch pad.

Expertly inserted from their trailers into the Snake at Walter's Ferry, a few miles north of Murphy, the boats gleamed as their welded aircraft aluminum skins reflected the sun and they began to growl around the river. For all their shiny high-tech beauty, these are rugged boats specialized to run on shallow fast-moving rivers. Their flat-bot-

tom designs draw but a few inches of water, they're light enough to stand up on the river and hydroplane with a touch of the throttle, tough enough to skim over sandbars and run up on the bank for a secluded picnic. They're powered by propeller-free hydrojet engines, many of them exceeding 400 horsepower, and some of the boats have more than one engine.

As they gathered into groups, first one and then another came to attention, opened up in a full-throated roar, sat up and took off.

The air temperature never topped 32 degrees on the morning run upstream. Hydroplaning over the water, even at an unhurried 30 miles-per-hour cruising speed, the wind chill factor was something fierce. And the Snake was low, revealing more hard rocks and dangerous shoals than usual. But 30 boats made it from Walter's Ferry to Swan Falls on New Year's Day, celebrated 2002 with a glass of champagne beside a campfire, and made it back again with hardly a hitch. One boat bounced off a lava shoal but was

back in action after a short delay.

"It's just a great way to start the new year," said Randy Moore of Meridian, who has been jetboating all over Idaho with his wife Vicki since the early 70s.

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Boaters bundled up for the cold.



Mysterious names

Joyce Schermerhorn and. Sue VanKleek of the Sage Hens examine the quilt the group made from squares that have names stitched on them found at an auction in Caldwell.

Sage Hen club pieces together a mystery quilt

The Sage Hens’ latest quilt continues to be the piecing together of a mystery. The group has made a quilt and a pillow out of 21 squares that Carol Van Hall bought an auction a couple of years ago. The quilt squares were very yellowed and dirty, but each was intriguing because of the apparent age of the fabric and the fact that a name was stitched into each square. Sue

VanKleek of the Sage Hens said the squares appeared to possibly be the beginning of a friendship quilt. Members of the group have asked older locals if the names sound familiar but so far the origin of the quilting squares is a mystery. The names on the blocks include Thelma Ward, Mother Hopkins, Kathryn L. Barnes, Lois, Grandmother Orendorf, Hattie Case, Ruth Barnes, Yetria Barnes Fuller and others. When the squares came to the Sage Hens, the fabric was so yellowed that the members almost doubted the work could

be salvaged. But after extensive cleaning, the squares returned to white and the quilters went to work putting the quilt together which had been started out of 20 of the squares and made one pillow out of the remaining square. Now after six months of work, the quilt will go on auction at the Melba auction on January 26. The Sage Hens are donating the quilt to the auction so all of the proceeds will benefit auction’s cause. The group is asked anyone who might have information to contact Joyce Schermerhorn at 896-4397. – MH

Winners named in Trail of Lights contest

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce honored those who lit up their businesses and homes during the Trail of Lights contest last month. The chamber awarded a \$10 gift certificate to D and B Supply to the first place winners in the residential and rural divisions in the contest. The other winners took home ribbons.

In the residential category Jack and Mildred Cowan took first place, Richard and Pat Bowen placed second and Lorie Myers was third. In the rural category, Jim Stansell finished in first place with Mary and P.T. Rathbone coming in second.

The Sandbar Restaurant was awarded first place for its light display and Marsing City Hall was the recipient of a second place ribbon.

Homedale High parents to discuss senior party

Parents of high school seniors are invited to a meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Homedale High School cafeteria to discuss the upcoming senior class graduation party. The discussion will include the date and time for party, signing up for committees and requesting use of the high school from the school board.

Citizens Communications merges with Frontier

Citizens Communications completed its merger with Frontier Corporation on June 30, 2001. This involved the purchase of approximately 1.1 million access lines. Beginning in 2002, Citizens Communications will change its name to Frontier, a Citizens Communications Company. Frontier serves more than 2.5 million access lines in 24 states and is the second largest independent carrier in the nation.

Disaster auction committee plan 41st sale

Committees for this year’s 41st annual Marsing Community Disaster Auction and Sale have begun preparations for this year’s annual fundraiser, which will be held on Feb. 2. The event is held at the Marsing grade school multi-purpose room at 10:13 a.m. every year and features a full range of donated items to be auctioned off. The auction is an annual event that raises money to replenish funds for local disaster relief, fires, funeral, hospital or large medical bills, and also assists the funding for the Marsing Ambulance crew. A portion of the proceeds is also donated each year to the United Way and a service organization chosen at annual meeting in April. Mike Kiester will chair the event this year and Pete Smit will co-chair along with many other volunteers that help put the event together. Auctioneers will again be Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Lonnie Rudd, Al Osmus, Rick Brown, Chris Brown, Ellis Albright and J.B. Salutreugi. Almost all items donated by individuals and businesses are new. There will be a drawing for a half beef, cut and wrapped one butchered hog, cut and wrapped donated by Haken Agency, Dick Downum, one silver bar, a \$250 shopping spree, and several other items. Marsing Elementary students sold more than 5,000-raffle tickets last year and committee chairman Mike Kiester says they hope to break that record this year. Judy Malmberg is again in charge of raffle ticket sales and said students will begin selling tickets later this month. Students in the fifth and sixth grade classes will sell the tickets. To donate items for the auction or to volunteer contact Kiester at 880-6906, Pete Smit at 863-8742 or any member of the Marsing Fire Department or ambulance service.— CP

Homedale searches for Sundance Park board

Part time recreation directors to be hired

The City of Homedale will change the way Sundance Park has been operated after last week’s resignation of Rec. Director, and Sundance Park Manager Pam Dugger. Dugger has been operating as recreation director and park manager since the softball field opened several years ago. Volunteers will be in charge of the general operation of the park, a job Dugger previously had control over and the council agreed should be occupied by a board of directors instead of an individual person. Homedale Councilman Hap Duryee said during the city’s regular meeting last month that the position should be controlled by a board consisting of at least three individuals instead of by one person. The board will be in charge of event scheduling, snack bar management and tournament scheduling. The recreation director is listed as a part time job and includes attending yearly meeting dates, preparing registrations and most necessities needed for softball and baseball tournaments and the youth soccer program. The city budgeted \$5,000 for recreation manager, but Deputy City Clerk Mary Lou Wilson said she was unsure what the council would decide to pay a new employee. Seven thousand five hundred dollars was budgeted in August for equipment for the program and Wilson said \$5,000 was budgeted for Sundance Park operations. She said all the money received from the concession stand was put back into the operation. Applications and job descriptions can be picked up at Homedale City Hall or by calling 337-4641. Applicants will be accepted for the rec. director position until January 23. – CP

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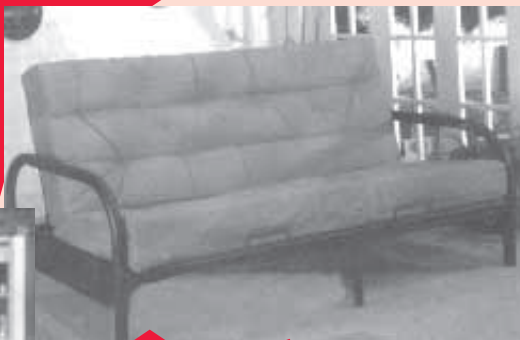


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✓ Anthrax

departments went to work. The Owyhee County Hazmat team was called in and Aman, Sheriff’s Deputy Dennis Pepley and Deputy Alan Long dressed in Hazmat suits to enter the home and retrieve the letter. The letter and the letter opener Glenda used to open the envelope were contained in plastic bags and removed from the home. All the items were sealed in an airtight container and taken to Boise for testing.

Three hours after the scare began, the Lucero’s were notified that the substance was not anthrax, but further testing is being done to determine what the powder is.

“It is just one of those things where you don’t think about that stuff,” Mike said. “You get a letter from your brother or your sister and you just don’t think about that stuff. She told me the letter had some powder in it and we called Jeff. That is about when it all started. Jeff told us not to touch it, but it was a little too late for that.”

“I was so scared,” Glenda said. “The sheriff said we might have had to move out of our home and that just shook me up so much. After we started looking at it I told Mike that it didn’t even look like my friend’s handwriting and the initial was wrong on the envelope. There were two postmarks on it, one from Oct. 29, 1997 and the other was in December. He probably sent it and it was tampered with. It looked like it had been opened and resealed.”

Eidemiller said even though the results confirmed the substance was not anthrax, his department intends to pursue the matter as a threat.

“Any time something like this is sent it can still be considered a threat,” Eidemiller said Friday. “It is not a funny

situation. We will try to track down the letter. If we can prove it is a hoax, a threat like this would be a federal offense. We are still at the very beginning with this. It isn’t something we have had to ever deal with.

“The cooperation between the sheriff’s office and the police department was amazing. We could not have asked for better teamwork. The situation was handled with the highest regard to professionalism as possible.”

Eidemiller said his department would not know what the powder was for several days as authorities continue to test the substance.

“We are not exactly sure what this is yet,” Eidemiller continued. “This should not be a situation that will cause alarm. We are still dealing with the investigation with this but we are not sure if it is a hoax. We only know that the powder tested negative for anthrax.

“There was a definite powder. The envelope was obvious to be curious about due to multiple postage marks on it and it had \$40 worth of Jamaican postage attached to it. That is one of the things we have been warned to watch for. It had a return address to a gentleman in Port Murray, St. Martins, Jamaica.”

Eidemiller said Glenda reported she has several pen pals overseas who she writes to, so it was of no concern that she would receive mail from a third world country.

“Homedale will try to find out what the powder is, then they will have to try to find out if it was a threat or for something else,” Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said. “It is now an investigation to find out if someone was trying to threaten, harass or terrorize these people. The envelope was addressed in block letters but the letters weren’t like the ones we have seen that have been on envelopes that have

contained anthrax. But you could tell something had leaked through.

“I have a theory that it had been sent and then ended up in a dead letter file then was later sent on. This is only a theory, we have no way to prove it as of yet. The plan we had went off without a hitch with Homedale. The state, county and city plan went very well. The county is the city’s first responder and everything went the way it should have.”

Envelopes may be accessible to the smallest spores. Composed of woven fibers, paper surfaces are perforated with irregularly shaped pores. The largest pores in a prepaid 34-cent envelope are about 10 microns. For comparison, a human hair measures about 100 microns in diameter. Anthrax spores small enough to penetrate the lungs measure between 1 and 5 microns.

Health and Rehab fundraiser termed “success”

*By Melissa McCain
Owyhee Health and Rehab*

The third annual Nursing Home Resident Christmas Fundraiser, which was held Dec. 15, turned out to be a huge success. The goal was to raise \$1,500, which would have exceeded last year’s proceeds by \$300. Total proceeds this year were \$2,120. The project, which is sponsored by the Last Chance Saloon, begins about the first of November. Prizes are solicited, and about the first of December, we begin selling the raffle tickets and balloons, which are loaded with prizes as well. This year, we added a special touch with a potluck dinner that began about 6 p.m. The attendance was estimated to be about double of last year’s benefit. Raffling of various prizes, (25” color television, trips, ski passes, gift baskets, dinner certificates, fly fishing adventure, etc.) began at 9 p.m. with the last set of winning names begin called at approximately 12:30 a.m.

Special thanks to all those who donated food and to Dave Jenkins, Mike Kelly and Eino and Barbara Hendrickson for preparation of the fish and turkey. Also, thanks to all of those who purchased raffle tickets and balloons.

The funds are used to purchase items that the residents need such as electric razors, clothing, shoes, coats, socks, etc. Residents will meet to decide how they would like to see the remaining money spent. Suggestions for various activities such as a covered wagon ride, bowling, movies, craft projects, etc. were made. One resident suggested that we save enough money to purchase clothing that might be needed throughout the year.

Briefs

Republican Women to meet Jan. 15

The Owyhee County Republican Women will be meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday Jan. 15, 2001 at the University of Idaho Cooperative Extension Office in Marsing.

The meeting will be an organizational meeting to replace officers and set goals for the coming year. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information contact Joan Mason at 337-3611.

Foote Acres Angus Ranch Sold

One of the premier Angus cattle ranches in the country has been sold, but business will continue as usual.

E.G. Foote, who has owned the 1,100-acre ranch between Murphy and Marsing which bears his name since 1976, has sold to the Stoller family, who recently owned a registered Angus herd in northern California. The Stoller son, Brian, 25, will be primarily responsible for managing the ranch, now called Bear Mountain Angus, with the consultation of Mr. Foote.

“We fell in love with the area and the people,” Brian says, “and Mr. Foote and I have an excellent working relationship. I don’t think he would have sold the ranch to somebody who would not continue to work hard to maintain and improve the herd.”

The Foote family had been in the cattle business more than half a century, the Stoller family more than 25 years. Bear Mountain Angus will concentrate on purebred seedstock to upgrade commercial beef herds.

“A good bull is fifty percent of a breeder’s herd,” says Brian Stoller’s father Gary. “We’ll actually be upgrading the entire beef industry.”

On Tuesday, February 12, Bear Mountain Angus is auctioning more than 200 Foote- and Stoller-bred bulls beginning at 11:00 a.m. The family has invited anyone who may be interested to come down for lunch, whether they’re in the market for a purebred performance bull or would just like to take a look around the herd and the facilities. Phone number for the ranch is 208-495-1121. **-RB**

4-H Leaders to meet

A new group is forming to offer support to 4-H leaders in Owyhee County.

Owyhee County 4-H leaders are invited to meet for the first time as a leader’s council at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 17 at the Owyhee County Extension Office.

The forum will provide an opportunity to give 4-H leaders support and provide them with information, 4-H Program Coordinator Tara Rowland said. It also allows the leaders to share ideas and learn about what the various 4-H clubs are doing. She expects the council to meet once a month.

Rowland said the meeting on Jan. 17 will explain the purpose of the council and outline plans for the future.

4-H Club to hold meeting

The Wilson Butte 4-h Club invites the public to a meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Wilson Butte schoolhouse. The club will elect new officers, pay dues and sign up for their 4-H projects. The club is welcoming new horse leaders Konia and Dave Rich, and expressing appreciation for other club leaders: Chris Basel for sheep projects; Chris Elsner for Swine; Cindy Floyd for Dairy; Jody Usabell for beef; and Heidi Stirn for sewing and cooking.

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County 4-Hers to attend national 4-H conference

Tessa Bradford and Jessica Ellis are two of eight Idaho teens selected to attend the 2002 National 4-H Conference. The conference will be held at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland, April 7-13.



Tessa Bradford



Jessica Ellis

Bradford, 15, has been a 4-H member for nine years as a part of the Stitch 'N Stir 4-H club and also played a role in the formation of the Owyhee County 4-H teen council. She has completed mostly family and consumer science project including sewing, cooking, and dog. She is a four-year teen leader and a two-time delegate to the Idaho State 4-H Teen conference.

Ellis, 14, has been a 4-H member for three years as part of the Brat Pack 4-H club, where she completed lamb, rabbit, cat and cooking projects. She helps with the Owyhee County Technology Team and is a member of the Owyhee County 4-H teen council.

Cobley graduates from U of I

Jesse Cobley, formerly of Homedale, graduated from University of Idaho in December. He earned a bachelors of arts in general studies with an emphasis on public relations and business.

He graduated from Homedale High School in 1996, and is the son of Jerry and Sue Cobley of Homedale.

Birth

Sylais Kain York

A baby boy born named Sylais Kain York was born to Luke and Angela York of Homedale on Dec. 26 at Mercy Medical Center. Sylais weighed 5 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 18 inches long. He joins an older brother, Brady, and two older sisters, Riley and Stormi. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Larry Kroush (Enid) of Nampa. Paternal grandparents are Kathy York of Nampa and Dan and Becky York of Wilder. Great grandparents are Hugh and Rose Branson of Collbran, Colo.

Snow pack levels good, drought conditions still uncertain

by Cheryl Peterson

Current snow conditions continue to look promising in the Owyhee County area, but water officials are still uncertain what is in store for irrigators in the warm summer months.

South Board of Control Manager Rex Berrie said it is still too early to judge what conditions will be like this summer, but he said his department is optimistic that plenty of water would be available.

"We didn't shut down as early as most areas in Idaho did last year," Berrie said. "Last year was a dry summer, but we still had enough water to continue with a full irrigation season."

Snow pack and snow-water accumulations in the Owyhee river drainage continues to remain from 107 percent to 146 percent of average, but due to dry conditions over several past years more snow pack accumulations will be needed to be past drought conditions.

"We still have several months of snow season left," Berrie continued. "If the snow melts off at a quick pace too early, then we could be right back where we started from."

Owyhee County frequently experiences warming winds in

the winter, which would affect snow pack levels. If snow does not replace melted snow packs, the county could again face drought conditions.

"Snow in the valley does not effect much," Berrie explained. "We need snow with high moisture content in the upper elevations and a slow melt-off."

State water supply committees will begin work on developing a preliminary picture of the up coming years water outlook later this month. The Idaho Department of Water Resources, the United

States Department of Agriculture, the National Weather Service and other agencies will compute information to determine an outlook for the 2002 water year.

Current snow-water equivalent levels in the Bruneau Basin are at 144 percent of average. Total precipitation since October, 2001 are at 111 percent of average.

In the Owyhee Basin, snow water levels are at 145 percent of average and total precipitation since October is at 113 percent of average.

Director announces governor's smoke management directive

At the quarterly meeting of the Statewide Advisory Committee for Crop Residue Disposal held at the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Director Pat Takasugi briefed committee members about the directive given to the department by Governor Dirk Kempthorne to aggressively address smoke management as it relates to field burning.

"This issue is a priority for the Governor and he has asked this department to vigorously pursue solutions to the smoke management issue in Idaho," said Takasugi. "While the Governor recognizes the potential economic impact that changes could have on the grass seed industry, and while he supports the ongoing efforts to implement rules and a penalty provision for field burning, his message was clear: the status quo is unacceptable."

The director and his staff met with representatives from the Governor's office on December 11, to discuss the current smoke management program.

At that time, the Governor directed Takasugi to take the lead in finding a solution to the problem, and called on him to present recommendations in time for the Governor's State of the State address.

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QSI: schools created from a Homedale heart and a worldwide vision

By Melanie Hoyt

H. Duane Root may make his home on the Wilder side of the bridge across the Snake River near Homedale, but that didn't stop him from having the vision with his brother-in-law to create a group of international schools.

Root, along with his brother-in-law, James Gilson, founded Quality Schools International nearly two decades ago, beginning with one modest school. The private, nonprofit overseas schools organization now runs schools in 21 different overseas locations in 18 different countries and has an enrollment of over 1,200 students, Root said.

The story began with one school in Yemen, founded in 1971. In 1966-1967 Gilson was employed as principal of the Yemen-American Cooperative School in Taiz, Yemen. In May of 1967, the American community was evacuated, and the school closed. Gilson was encouraged by the people of Yemen to found a new school and through accepting a position with ARAMCO was able to hire a teaching couple and financially guarantee the first year of the Sanaa International School in Yemen, which opened its doors in September of 1971.

Root, who had worked in education as a music director in Homedale and later became principal at the high school, joined his brother-in-law in Yemen in 1979 as director of instruction. He returned stateside in 1981 because his children had reached high school age and at that time the Yemen school did not have a high school program. He took a position as superintendent of the Marsing School District until 1985 and then returned to Yemen in 1985. Gilson and Root started planning to add other schools in different countries at that time as Quality Schools International. Root is the present vice-president of

the organization and Gilson is the director.

"The Soviet Union started breaking apart, creating all sorts of new countries and each of the new countries would need an international school," Root said. "So we started in, and it's just been going ever since. We haven't looked back I guess. It's just happened."

The schools serve the expatriate population in such as embassy personnel, aid project children, and business people.

The schools have a wide variety of nationalities in them. In a school that Root directed over in the Kyiv, Ukraine, the school had over 20 different nationalities. He left the Kyiv school and returned stateside in 1998.

"Our organization had grown to the point that we needed a presence here stateside recruiting personnel, teachers, administrators, taking care of supplies and orders...so Margaret (his wife) and I came back home to take care of stateside-type of business. So I spend a lot of my time recruiting teachers and administrators," Root said. "Every year as our schools expand we need to send more people, and there's the normal turnover, too. Most of our people stay by us. They like what they're doing."

All of Quality International's schools have at least a full elementary program through at least eighth grade and there are four schools that go through high school - Sanaa, Yemen; Kyiv, Ukraine; Almaty, Kazakstan; and Bratislava, Slovakia.

Root and Gilson work with an executive committee making decisions where the organization will add schools. The most recent schools have been established in China.

"China's really wide open. We're not necessarily only in capital cities anymore. Up until recent times we've concentrated on the capital



The Kyiv school

Duane Root stands with his wife Margaret and Tracy and Mike Tewal Thomas in front of the school in Kyiv.

cities of the countries that we're in, but in China there's a lot of economic activities going on," Root said. "We've established a great reputation in overseas education, and the office of overseas schools in Washington, D.C. has invited us to go into some locations. When we first started out we were knocking on doors."

Quality Schools International is associated with the U.S. State Department Office of Overseas Schools, Seattle Pacific University, Near East/South Asia Schools

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"We believe very strongly in a performance-based model of education. We believe all students can learn well, but not all students learn in the same way or at the same rate. And that we need to provide the conditions so that all students can be successful," Root said.

Root still travels a lot overseas as he conducts school

supervision. He will visit three schools in China in January. But he and his wife have kept their home on the Wilder side of the bridge during all this time.

"I always had a desire to travel overseas. Overseas things really interested me," Root said. "I came first to Homedale in 1965 as band director and later became high school principal and junior high principal and later went to Marsing as superintendent. This is just home."



Thailand school enjoys fun

Students at QSI's school in Phuket, Thailand ends learning through activities on computers



A snowy day in Kyiv

The sprawling Kyiv school of QSI stands in snowy winter day.



Drink up

Pat and Diane Shenk of Homedale Drive Inn hand Kevin Tamura his certificate for a one-year supply of Coca-Cola products. This is the second year the Homedale Drive Inn has partnered with Swire Coca-Cola to hold a drawing. The drawing was held on Dec. 17 and the certificate was given to Tamura on Jan. 4.



And your name, please?

Kelly Burns sits at a terminal at Owyhee Lanes where she'll enter her name for the new Telescore system.

Owyhee Lanes adds high tech scoring to its venue

By Melanie Hoyt

Owyhee Lanes in Homedale has installed a new automatic scoring system called Telescore which keeps track of every pin knocked down and calculates a bowler's score which is projected onto a monitor.

The new system includes a scanning camera which senses which pins were knocked over, an infrared sensor which detects the movement of the ball, a switch cluster which tells the computer when to reset the lane and a computer console which show scores and allows input of names.

The equipment was purchased from Nampa Bowling Center in August and was installed and completely up and running in time for New Year's Eve, when it was enjoyed by 45 or 50 people.

The scoring system is the latest improvement to the building, which was constructed in 1957 by Virginia Josephson. She ran Owyhee Lanes for many years and it changed hands three or four times before coming under the ownership of Manager Kelly Burns' parents Tennan and Delilah Barnard in May of 2001.

Burns said that during her sister's illness Owyhee Lanes was a place her father would come to relax and bowl, which helped him through the tough time.

Though the eight-lane center has moved forward with activities like Cosmic Bowling and technological advances like the Telescore, lanes one and two are the original lanes made from wood from Farmers Inn and remain a tribute to the past.

Burns said that it is expected the Telescore will bring in more bowlers to Owyhee Lanes.

"It's already picked up," she said. "We've had a lot of word of mouth."

Homedale Middle School offers after-school program

By Melanie Hoyt

A new after-school program began this week at Homedale Middle School to offer extra time and assistance to students and award students for their high performance.

The program will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A bus will be provided to take students home. The program kicked off on Monday and continues today. Homedale Middle School Principal Keith Field said the program is aimed at giving assistance to students who may need a little extra help with any subject and also a place for students who just need more time to complete their assignments. At this point, the program is strictly

voluntary, and he expects that there will be instances where parents and teachers recommend that a student utilize the program.

Funding will come through the West Canyon project which is a cooperative group involving the Nampa, Caldwell, Homedale and Parma school districts. The funding from West Canyon for the after-school program comes through state's Safe and Drug Free Schools monies. The funding allows for two paid teachers for the program at this point, one for the fifth and sixth grades and one for seventh and eighth, as well as a paid bus driver to transport students.

Field said that he expects teachers will volunteer to stay

and assist students during their free time. Last year, an after-school program which utilized strictly volunteer teachers and bus drivers was attempted but had to be abandoned because there was not enough stability in the number of volunteers.

Sharon Frost will also be implementing an Honors Art Program for students who were on the honor roll during the first quarter and this will be extended to students as the remaining quarters are completed during the school year.

Frost said the art program provides a way "to reward students who make good choices."

Senior news

Homedale Senior Citizen's Center

The Snake River Quilters will meet at the center at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Linedancing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Soup will be served at noon.

Oven fried fish, scallop potatoes, veggies, salad, roll and fruit will be served on Thursday, Jan. 10. The shopping bus will be in Homedale at 2 p.m.

Breakfast, including bacon, eggs, hashbrowns, pancakes, toast and juice will be served from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11.

The Grandma club will meet at the center at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 14.

Lasagna, veggies, fruit, garlic bread and cake will be served on Tuesday, Jan. 15. There will also be music, bingo and bridge.

Marsing Senior Citizen's Center

Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, cole slaw, spinach, French bread, jello and fruit will be served for dinner on Thursday, Jan. 10.

Beef and noodles, French bread, cottage cheese, rolls and fruit will be served on Monday, January 14.

V.F.W. Post #11065 meets at Wilder at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Bacon or sausage, eggs, hot cakes, juice and coffee will be served for breakfast on Wednesday, Jan. 16.

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Dear Betty,
I have a bunch of baking ingredient odds and ends left over from my holiday baking. Do you have ideas for how I can use them up?

Crookston, Minn.

Unlike gift wrap, leftover baking ingredients don't always keep until next year. I took a look at some of the holiday baking ingredients in my own cupboard and came up with some fun ideas for you. And don't forget, you can always start your holiday baking in the next few months, and put cookies and other baked goods in the freezer.

Candy canes. Use as a stir-stick for hot cocoa or afternoon tea. If you have straight peppermint sticks, cut a slit in the peel of an orange and insert the stick into the orange. Voila! You have a peppermint straw! Suck on the end to draw out the orange juice.

Red and green sprinkles. It's not as though sprinkles go bad, so you could just tuck them into the back of your cupboard until next year. Don't forget that Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day are just around the corner. Use the sprinkles to decorate cut-out cookie hearts or shamrocks or cupcakes. Or give the edge of homemade shortbread or refrigerator cookies a colorful sparkle by rolling the dough in the sprinkles before slicing.

Candied cherries. Another lasts-forever holiday ingredient! Make a batch of Cherry Blink butter cookies and put half a cherry in the middle. Or use the red ones as a garnish for pork roast or ham.

Nuts. Saute nut pieces lightly in butter and sprinkle over fresh green beans, cauliflower, broccoli or buttered noodles. Stir them into chicken or turkey casseroles. They're great tossed in spinach, fruit or mixed green salads too. To keep nuts fresh, store them tightly wrapped in the refrigerator or freezer.

Raisins/dates. Stir into curries, stir-fries, pork chop skillet suppers and dressing you cook on top of the stove. Toss raisins or dates into fruit or green salads. Sprinkle them on your breakfast cereal or oatmeal. Throw a handful into a bag of salty snack mix for a sweet touch.

Flour. Still have five pounds of a 10-pound bag left? Flour keeps great in the freezer to use throughout the year or save until the next round of holiday baking.

Butter. Wrap sticks of butter tightly in plastic or freezer wrap. Just place cartons of butter directly in the freezer.

Betty Crocker

What a Great Idea: Use a waterproof marker to write the date on any packages of flour, butter or nuts you put in the freezer.

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Separation of parent and child can have long-lasting effects

QUESTION: Everyone knows that divorce is tough on children. What about parent-child separation that occurs for reasons other than divorce? Is the pain any less intense for kids when a parent has a good reason to be away?

DR. DOBSON: Research confirms that the consequences of any parent-child separation can be severe. In one study of fathers whose jobs required them to be away from their families for long periods of time, the children tended to experience numerous negative reactions, including anger, rejection, depression, low self-esteem and, commonly, a decline in school performance. Those findings have been confirmed in other contexts as well.

Some of those conclusions were presented at a White House conference at which I spoke a few years ago. The other speaker was Dr. Armand Nicholi, professor of psychiatry at Harvard University. That day, Dr. Nicholi explained how family circumstances that make parents inaccessible to their children produce some of the same effects as divorce itself. Cross-cultural studies make it clear that parents in the United States spend less time with their children than almost any other nation in the world. For decades, millions of fathers have devoted themselves exclusively to their occupations and activities away from home. More recently, mothers have joined the work force in huge numbers, rendering themselves exhausted at night and burdened with domestic duties on weekends. The result: No one is at home to meet the needs of millions of lonely preschoolers and latchkey children.

Dr. Nicholi expressed regret that his comments would make many parents feel uncomfortable and guilty. However, he felt obligated to report the facts as he saw them. Most important (and the point of his address), Dr. Nicholi stressed the undeniable link between the interruption of parent-child relationships and the escalation of psychiatric problems that we were then

seeing, and that are even more pronounced today. If the numbers of dysfunctional families and absentee parents continued to escalate, he said, serious national health problems were inevitable.

One-half of all hospital beds in the United States at that time were taken up by psychiatric patients. That figure could hit 95 percent if the incidence of divorce, child abuse, child molestation and child neglect continued to soar. In that event, Dr. Nicholi said, we would also see vast increases in teen suicide, already up more than 300 percent in 25 years, and drug abuse, crimes of violence and problems related to sexual disorientation.

I have reason to understand a measure of the pain spoken of by Dr. Nicholi. I experienced it when I was 6 years old. My mother and father left me with my aunt for six months while they traveled. That last night together, I sat on my mother's lap while she told me how much she loved me and that she and my father would come back for me as soon as they could. Then they drove away as the sun dropped below the horizon. I sat on the floor in the dark for an unknown period of time, fighting back the tears as depression engulfed me. That sorrowful evening was so intense that its pain can be recalled instantly today, more than five decades later.

In short, even when parent-child separation occurs for valid reasons in a loving home, a boy or girl frequently interprets parental departure as evidence of rejection. If we have any choice in the matter, we should not put them through that painful experience.

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QUESTION: How should a person respond to someone

who is in denial? I have a very good friend whose wife is cheating on him, but he chooses not to see it. Should I make him face reality?

DR. DOBSON: There is no blanket answer to that question, in view of all the thousands of specific situations to which it could be applied. There are times when denial is the only link to sanity or stability, and it must be preserved. On other occasions, to break the bubble of illusion can be a loving thing. Either way, it is risky to awaken a dreamer. If the need for denial is intense, the individual will often lash out at the one who threatens its validity.

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Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "The Complete Marriage and Family Home Reference Guide," published by Tyndale House.

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From page 1

The New Year's Day Run is one of the Western Whitewater Association's most popular events, but it's not the only one. Sometimes as many as 50 boats join in the runs not only on the Snake, including Hell's Canyon, but on the Salmon, the Payette and the Owyhee as well.

Gary Justice, president of the association, said the next run from Walter's Ferry to Swan Falls will be on February 24 for the annual chili cook-off. Gary's wife Marilyn explained that the club started out decades ago as mostly a guy thing, but has evolved into a very family-oriented club with events designed to benefit the local communities in which they take place.

The Western Whitewater Association and Gary Justice can be reached in Boise at 208-322-6566 or 208-375-4364.



A swarm of exotic boats growling on the river.

LEFT: The proven flat-bottom design and aluminum construction was common to all of the river boats.

Coming events

Wednesday, Jan. 9

10:00 a.m. Snake River Quilters will be at the Homedale Senior Center
10:00 a.m. Women’s bible study at Homedale Friends Church
10:30 a.m. Linedancing at Homedale Senior Center
2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Homedale City Council meeting
7:00 p.m. Homedale Presbyterian church choir practice
7:30 p.m. Sr. High Bible study at Homedale Friends Church

Thursday, Jan. 10

12:00 p.m. Marsing Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Marsing School District office
1:00 p.m. Bruneau-Grand View school board meeting at Bruneau Elementary School
2:00 p.m. The shopping bus to Homedale will be at the Homedale Senior Center
4:00 p.m. Rimrock Jr. High school boys basketball at Glenss Ferry
6:00 p.m. Rimrock High School girls basketball v. Idaho City
6:15 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball v. Marsing
7:00 p.m. Jordan Valley School District Meeting at elementary school library
Music will be offered at the Marsing Senior Center

Friday, Jan. 11

8:45 a.m. Geography Bee finals at Grand View Elementary School
3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Jordan Valley High School basketball at Adrian
4:45 p.m. Homedale High School girls basketball at NCHS
6:00 p.m. Rimrock High School boys basketball at Greenleaf
6:15 p.m. Marsing High School girls basketball v. Parma

Saturday, Jan. 12

2:00, 3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. Crane at Jordan Valley
4:45 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball at Parma
6:00 p.m. Rimrock High School girls basketball at Notus
8:00 p.m. Marsing M-Club Tip-off Dance
8:00 p.m. Silver City 13 Masons will meet and refreshments will be served
Homedale High School wrestling at NPHS Varsity Tourney TBA
Jordan Valley sophomore spaghetti feed

Sunday, Jan. 13

11:00 a.m. Worship; ordination and installation of new deacons and elders, potluck and session meeting at Homedale First Presbyterian Church

Monday, Jan. 14

9:00 a.m. Owyhee County Board of Commissioners meeting at annex in Murphy
11:30 a.m. Grandma Club will meet at Homedale Senior Center
2:45 p.m. Homedale Middle School after-school program from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m. Rimrock Jr. High School boys basketball at Mountain Home
6:15 p.m. Tipoff Marsing High School girls basketball v. Rimrock
7:00 Homedale School Board meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 15

4:45 p.m. Homedale High School boys basketball at NPHS
5:00 p.m. Owyhee County Probation Office GED class from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Rimrock High School girls basketball v. Wilder
6:15 p.m. Marsing High School boys basketball v. Parma
6:30 p.m. Owyhee County Republic Women meeting at U of I Cooperative Extension office in Marsing
7:00 p.m. Homedale Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints 1st Ward Relief Society meets
7:00 p.m. V.F.W Post #11065 meets at Wilder
Homedale High School wrestling at Nyssa Tri-Match with Umatilla TBA
Music, bingo and bridge will be offered at the Homedale Senior Center

To have your event included in the Coming Events Calendar, call Melanie at 337-4681.

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!

Raiders slam Grizzlies 95-23

Wilder falls to Raider defense 79-7
by Cheryl Peterson

The Rimrock Lady Raiders dominated a conference girl’s basketball game shutting down the Greenleaf Grizzlies 95-23 last Thursday night and finished the week with a 79-7 victory over the Wilder Wildcats. The win continued Rimrock’s perfect league record leaving them at 6-0 in conference action.

Rimrock jumped ahead 32-6 at the end of the first quarter and never slowed leaving the Grizzlies to single digit quarters for the remainder of the game.

Michelle Hipwell led the Raiders with 29 points including one three point basket, six assists and went six for six at the free throw line. Annalise Field had 11 points and the team recorded 27 assists compared to four for the Grizzlies.

Rimrock led 52 to 12 by the end of the first half and held Greenleaf to three points in the third quarter. Rimrock recorded 42 rebounds to the Grizzly’s 26.

On Saturday Rimrock hosted Wilder and held the Wildcats to just three field goals overall and only one point in the second half.

Hipwell again led Rimrock with 26 points including two three-point baskets, seven assists and went two for two at the line. Adrea Thomas added 20 points and nine rebounds. Rimrock scored 23 steals to the Wildcats seven and made only 19 turnovers.

The Raiders held the Wildcats to six points in the first quarter and a scoreless third quarter. The Raiders led 37-6 at the end of the first half.

Rimrock will host Mountain Home Jan. 10 and will travel to Notus on Jan. 12.

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Under the hoop

Homedale Trojan Taci Morris goes under the basket for two points during last week’s girl’s basketball game against the Parma Panthers. Morris led the Trojans with nine points. Photo by W.T. Bruce.

Panthers use defense in win over Trojans

The Parma Panthers held the Homedale Trojans to single digit quarters for a 43-18 victory in Class 2A Western Idaho Conference girls basketball action Friday night.

Though Parma only led by five points in the first quarter, the Panthers held Homedale to eight points in the first half. Taci Morris led Homedale with nine points and went five of eight at the free throw line.

Tana Krall added five points and two rebounds. Further details were unavailable at press time.

Homedale will travel to meet the Nampa Christian Trojans on Jan. 11. CP



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Cove stops Mustangs 61-36

Jordan Valley fell to a nine-point deficit in the first quarter of an Old Oregon League boy's basketball game last week and never recovered in a 61-36 loss.

The Leopards made 24 field goals to the Mustangs' 12. Cove outscored the Mustangs 29-18 in the second half and ended the first half with a 32-18 lead.

Overall statistics include; Jordan Valley (36) Baltzor 1 1-3 3, M. Johnson 0 2-5 2, Mackenzie 2 3-7 7, Eiguren 2 2-2 6, Franke-Hall 2 1-3 5, Watkins 4 1-2 11, Totals, 12 10-22 36.

Scoring per quarter; Jordan Valley, 6, 12, 8, 10. Cove, 15, 17, 17, and 12.

Three points Watkins, 1. Fouls, 19. Technical fouls, Eiguren.

Marsing stomps McCall 51-35

A six point second quarter secured a 2A Western Idaho Conference win Friday night for the Marsing Huskies over the McCall-Donnelly Vandals.

Marsing held a two-point lead by the end of the first quarter, but an 11 point second quarter took the Huskies to a 23-16 lead. McCall never recovered scoring 11 points in the third quarter to Marsing's 15 and only eight points in the final quarter.

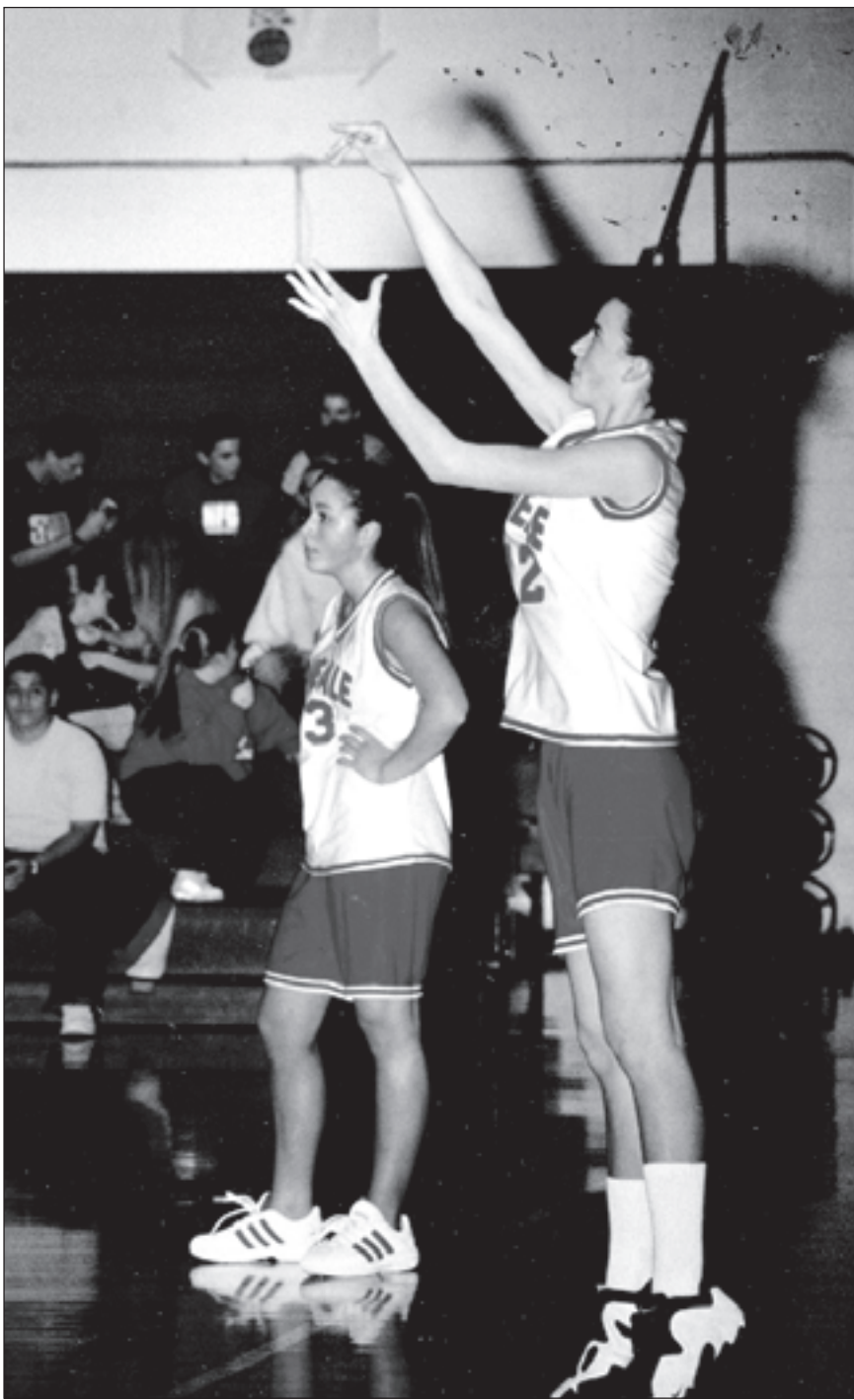
Amanda Stewart led the Huskies with 19 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out the fourth quarter and watching the win from the bench. Tara Leslie joined Stewart on the bench for the final with four fouls and but not before giving the Huskies three points.

Jamie Lynde scored nine points and gave three assists in the winning effort. Brandi Chadez added 14 points, nine rebounds and seven steals for Marsing and went eight of nine at the free throw line.

The Huskies will host Parma on Jan. 11 beginning at 4:45 p.m. – CP

Free shot...

Freshman Homedale Trojan Gloria King shoots from the free throw line during last week's girl's basketball game against the Parma Panthers. The freshman girls defeated the Panthers, 45-8.



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Robert Boatman

It's a war, stupid

About five years ago, reformed left-wing radical David Horowitz and Peter Collier co-wrote a little book of that title, a pamphlet really, revealing the liberal mindset toward their ideological campaign to destroy the country and advising conservatives to wise up before it was too late. Nothing has changed in those five years.

The Left is still improving and deploying its offensive weapons of mass cultural destruction. Conservatives still just want to be left alone, defending themselves hesitantly and only with the goal of postponing what they see as their inevitable defeat.

A friend of mine, who spent most of the Vietnam War behind enemy lines, says he was left entirely alone soon after he developed a refined set of manners befitting any gracious host dealing with a large crowd of unruly guests. He would take every enemy soldier he captured or killed and Ö well, perhaps it's not a good idea to speak of the things he did to the enemy. Suffice it to say simply that, as soon as word of his hospitality and personal eating habits got around, he was indeed left alone. Men like my friend would have won that war but for the compromisers and negotiators at the Paris Peace Talks and cowardly politicians who couldn't face up to a bunch of whining ill-mannered kids and effeminate college professors.

Those same whining ill-mannered kids, handed an easy early victory to feed their self-centered arrogance, are now in charge of America's vast anti-freedom industry, including the so-called environmentalist movement which is recognized by anyone with a forkful of brains as a collection of front organizations manned by radical terrorists bent on destroying private property and individual liberty. From the Sierra Club on down, these tax-free cults are as phony as Clinton three-dollar-bill toilet paper and far more seriously subversive.

Yet the FBI leaves them in peace, big American corporations send them fat checks to finance their attacks on fundamental American principles, and conservatives smile and shake hands with them before they sit down to "reason" together and reach "compromise initiatives." See how far you get with the al-Qaeda using such naive tactics.

While the considerable resources of this country are dedicated to hunting down and killing Osama bin Laden in Afghanistan, the dangerous psychopath Jon Marvel still roams free and unmolested along the banks of the Wood River. While turbaned government criminals flee into Pakistan by the droves, the Clinton-Babbitt BLM continues to flourish under the conservative President George W. Bush and his affirmative-action Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton. While movie cops and statues of patriots are being disarmed by soccer moms with empty parking lots in their heads, masked eco-freaks rampage over the countryside from their bases in terrorist-tolerant college communities like those in southwestern Oregon.

"The Left's agenda," according to Horowitz who should know, "is to create a world in which conservatives and conservative values have no place. What it envisions is the political equivalent of an ethnic cleansing.

"Liberals are not distinguished from conservatives because they choose different means to the same social ends. They aspire to different ends altogether. That is why we live in an ideological age and are



engaged in an ideological war.

"Conservatives talk constantly about the culture wars, often quite knowledgeably. But while they can talk the talk, they don't feel comfortable when it comes to walking the walk. Even more disastrously, they don't pull the trigger when the enemy is clearly in their sights."

Conservatives are too often more concerned with playing by the rules than with winning the war. Of course, the rules they cheerfully play by are the inventions of their enemy – much like playing poker with a wild card which is named by the dealer only after he has dealt and looked at his hand.

If America had followed such a neighborly course in its original fight for freedom, we would all have worn bright red jackets, marched in a straight line and shouldered second-rate British firearms. We would all be speaking that small-damp-island kind of English even today. But we weren't always so stupid.

We knew then and we should know now that you don't win a war by feeling the pain of your enemy, by understanding his concerns, by respecting his principles and complimenting his sincerity. You don't win through compromise or fair play or "nonpartisanship" or "moderation" or allowing him to live to fight another day.

You win a war by deliberately and methodically ruining your enemy's life. That's why gentlemen don't win wars.

"To hell with compromises."
- General George S. Patton

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On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

A pond runs through it

It's not uncommon for cattle farmers to keep livestock ponds stocked with fish. In the midwest, bass are considered the primo catch.

Penny and her husband often take their guests out to the pond, but they are more sophisticated fishermen than most. They have outgrown the crude clunking lures, the simulated plastic worms, the ticky-tacky spinners and the oh, so amateur refrigerated nightcrawlers.

They are fly fisherman.

Their friend John is a fly fishing aficionado and a frequent guest. One afternoon Penny walked with him across the pasture to the pond. They strode with the confidence of Olympic athletes. They competed, not against each other but only against themselves.

John, the minimalist, went up the bank carrying all his tackle in his shirt pocket. Penny, the princess of preparedness, set her backpack on the ten-foot dirt edge of the half-full pond.

She lay out everything she would need neatly along the bank; four boxes of flies, sinkers, net, forceps, suntan lotion, bottled water, energy bars, creel, combination knife and scaler, bug spray and wire cutters. She kept her feet dry and began back casting, laying the line, reeling and pausing, ebb-

ing and flowing, all in perfect rhythm to the lapping of the wavelets on the shore.

Her concentration was intruded upon by the feeling that she was not alone. She looked around to see forty curious Angus heifers looking over her fly fishing inventory like single mothers at a yard sale. They were licking, nudging, drooling, stomping and scattering woolies, nymphs, slug bugs, helgremites, sunscreen and oatmeal raisin cookies along the beach.

Penny tried shooing them back, but it was like trying to shoo snow off the porch. They had her surrounded and were closing in. "John! John!" she kept calling, trying to get some help.

She was actually whacking heifers on the head with her bare hand whilst holding her rod above the milling crowd.

John was steadily giving advice, "Move sideways! Stand Tall! Stoop and run! Twist and shout!"

As Penny was maneuvering, one of the heifers stuck her head under the fishing line. It startled her! She began backing up. The line hooked on the round ear tag button on the backside. The crowd parted as Penny played the heifer like an 800-pound walleye.



"Keep yer tip up," encouraged John.

The heifer ducked and dived, breached and sounded, wiggled and shook until she finally broke free. "Wow", said John to the panting Penny, "That's sure the big one that got away!"

"Yeah," said Penny, "But we mostly just catch and release."

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Commentary

Letters

Inaccurate information

I would like to reply to Mayor Haken’s article in last week’s paper. I greatly admire her courage and strength in fighting this terrible disease. She has done the residents of Marsing a great service in getting the Mammogram X-ray van to visit Marsing twice a year.

There was some inaccurate information in the article. We did not give any money to the Marsing Fire Department. They asked us for a bigger water line to service the Fire House. Since the water lines belong to the City of Marsing the council decided to spend up to Eight Thousand dollars to do this. It would enable us to loop a water line and may increase the pressure to some of the subscribers. It would also give us another fire hydrant close to the downtown area, much closer to a Church and will also service the new library site.

No money was given to Marvin Wallin. When the deed to the land and what it contains, the new well, the building, the fence, storage tanks and the water reaches the towers in Marsing then we will give Mr. Wallin Fifteen Thousand dollars to help with the cost of the well site. What other city gets all this for this small sum of money.

For the record at no time in an official meeting did I request that the Mayor resign. I do believe that the Mayors job requires a hands on ability.

Thank you,
James E. Thomas
Marsing

Washington Times

The mysterious missing lynx

House Editorial
12/31/2001

While biologists have been searching for missing links for decades, a few of them recently took the idea a bit too literally. As first reported by Audrey Hudson of The Washington Times, a group of government scientists planted samples of Canadian lynx hair on rubbing posts in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Wenatchee National Forest, both in Washington state. The posts were part of a survey ordered by the Clinton administration, which determined that the species was threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

The fraud was found when DNA testing revealed that the lynx were hardly missing — one sample matched an escaped pet being held in a federal office, the other two matched a lynx living in an animal preserve. Astonishingly, those caught red — or at least furry — handed claimed that they planted the hair to test the lab’s ability to identify the cat. However, feral motives are more likely in this case of a Piltdown man with furballs. The findings of additional missing lynx could have resulted in severe restrictions on recreation and natural resources utilization in those areas. Roads would have been closed, tree thinning and livestock grazing would have been outlawed, snowmobilers, and even skiers and snowshoers would have been banned. As the chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig suggested, “If they [the fraud’s perpetrators] hadn’t been caught, you might have seen entire forests shut down on a false premise.”

Since the surveys for the missing lynx affect 16 states and 57 national forests, such shutdowns would have created hairy situations for numerous citizens who depend on public lands for sustenance. Chairman of the House Resources committee Rep. James Hansen of Utah, claimed, “This hoax, if it hadn’t been discovered, could have wrecked some people’s way of life.” He has joined Colorado’s Rep. Scott McInnis, chairman of the forest and forest health subcommittee, in calling for congressional hearings into the matter.

Other Piltdown-man sized frauds are almost certainly waiting to be uncovered by those willing to dig deeply into the matter. James M. Beers, a retired fish and wildlife biologist told Mrs. Hudson, “I’m convinced that there is a lot of that [false sampling] going on for so-called higher purposes.” He didn’t have to look far for evidence. In 1999, a scientist submitted samples of lynx hair supposedly taken from the Oregon Cascades, much further south than the species was supposed to range. The evidence was eventually thrown out, since subsequent studies revealed no trace of what became yet another missing lynx. Unfortunately, such scientific devolution will probably persist as long as radical environmentalists and rogue biologists can influence natural resources policy by planting evidence. Reasonable people must stay alert for such frauds and missing links.

Accuracy in media

Reed Irvine

Criticism from conservative columnists

By chance, conservatives William Safire and Robert Novak, whose columns appear respectively in the New York Times and the Washington Post, chose to begin the year 2002 with criticisms of President Bush despite his stratospheric ratings in the polls. The two columnists reflect the unease that many people, conservatives and liberals alike, share over some of the actions taken on the home front by our high-riding president.

Liberals have been more vocal in expressing concern about what they perceive to be threats to civil liberties posed by the proposed use of military tribunals to prosecute captured terrorists and holding terrorist suspects as material witnesses without charging them with any crimes. Conservatives have been more troubled by actions taken by the Bush administration that are aimed at withholding information that would normally be made public and that by law and precedent should be made public.

One of Attorney General Ashcroft’s early acts was to notify all federal departments and agencies that the Justice Department would back them up if they rejected requests under the Freedom of Information Act on legitimate grounds. Since the agencies have always claimed that their rejections of FOIA requests are legitimate, it has been necessary to file suit to free up anything they want to keep hidden. Mr. Ashcroft assured them that he would back them if they were sued.

Accuracy in Media has experienced the effects of this-an increased tendency to reject FOIA requests on specious grounds and an increased difficulty in persuading judges to rule against the government. When special prosecutor Robert B. Fiske, Jr. closed his investigation of Vincent Foster’s death in June 1994, most of his files were turned over to the Senate Banking Committee, which compiled them, together with its own files on the case, in two thick volumes that were released to the public in 1995. Those two volumes made it possible for AIM and others to expose serious flaws in Fiske’s investigation. His successor, Kenneth Starr, learned from

that experience. He even refused to release the reports submitted by his paid consultants, and AIM had to sue to obtain them. His successor, Robert Ray, fought hard to keep the files he inherited from being made public. His lawyers, backed by Justice, even persuaded a judge to bar release of a photo of the keys which could not be found in Foster’s pants pocket at the crime scene, but which were found in his pocket at the morgue.

Why did we want the photo? It would show far better than words the absurdity of the claim that the officer who searched Foster’s pockets at the crime scene simply overlooked them. AIM has learned that the Justice Department under Ashcroft is no more interested than it was under Reno in releasing evidence that adds to the proof that Foster was murdered and TWA Flight 800 was shot down by missiles.

William Safire says that the Justice Department induced President Bush to claim executive privilege in refusing to give the House Government Reform Committee documents relating to crimes sanctioned and even committed by FBI agents based in Boston. Among the examples he cites are granting a mobster on the FBI payroll immunity for 10 murders he is charged with committing and knowingly keeping an innocent man in prison for 30 years to protect FBI sources in the Mafia. He quotes James Wilson, the chief counsel of the House Government Reform Committee, as labeling the abuse of power by the FBI’s Boston field office as “the greatest failing in law enforcement history.”

That might be exceeded if the Bush claim of executive privilege to keep the committee from exposing who was responsible for the criminality that pervaded the Boston office succeeds. It is argued that revealing who made the decisions and why they made them would not be in the public interest because it would deter federal employees from giving their best advice to their superiors.

Just the opposite is true. If Ashcroft’s effort to extend executive privilege to federal employees at all levels succeeds, forget about Congressional oversight deterring misconduct and abuse of power in the executive branch. Why is this born-again Christian doing this? Here’s a possible clue. His handpicked FBI director, Robert Mueller, served in the U.S. attorney’s office in Boston in the 1980s, rising to the top job. A veteran FBI agent says the U.S. Attorney must have known about the corruption in the FBI Boston field office.

Letters policy

We welcome letters to the editor.

Our policy is that locally-written letters receive priority. We do not publish mass-produced letters. The length must be limited to 300 words; the letters must be signed, and include the writer’s address and a day phone number where the writer can be reached for verification.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 6, 1977

Pool official says “let them have it”

HOMEDALE – A member of the Homedale Swimming Pool Corporation said Monday night he feels that, due to the poor way the swimming pool was built, the Farmers Home Administration is welcome to have it back.

Herb Fritzley told the City Council the pool construction and inspection was directed by the State, the engineer, the architect, Farmers Home Administration – all of which approved the project.

“Then,” he said, “the Southwest District Health Department comes along and tells us it doesn’t meet state standards.”

Fritzley said the builder came in to redo half of the pool. At that point, Fritzley called attention to the failure to meet certain specifications, but said he was ignored.

“The South wall (of the pool) is crumbling now. The first year the filtering system blew up. This year the heating unit disintegrated. The big pump had to be rebuilt...”

The list of problems and expenses continued, and Fritzley said he felt many of them could have been avoided, had proper inspections been made at the time of construction.

“If they want it back, let them have it,” Fritzley concluded.

He was referring to Tom Farnsworth of the Farmers Home Administration. Farnsworth told the council last month that if the group does not make some sort of arrangements for payment, the pool would go up for auction.

The corporation has not paid principal or interest payment for the five years since the pool has been built, Farnsworth said.

The Chronicle contacted the FmHA office later, in an attempt to get more facts, but Farnsworth refused to give out any additional information.

Andrus sends “Outstanding Citizen Award” to Esther Brockmueller

HOMEDALE – Esther Brockmueller has just received a certificate of recognition from the State of Idaho signed by Governor Cecil Andrus. This was awarded for her fine work in connection with the teaching of Idaho history. For seven years she and her fourth graders of Lincoln Elementary School of Homedale, were chosen among the top ten of the chapters in the Idaho Junior Historical Society and given a certificate.

As Arthur Hart, director of State Museum, stated in a 1975 letter to Mrs. Brockmueller, “The honor goes to only ten of the State’s 177 Chapters.” There were 185 chapters in 1976.

During these years Mrs. Brockmueller and her pupils received letters of commendation from John B. Barnes, former President of Boise State College; from Governors Don Samuel and Cecil Andrus, from Presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, from Arthur Hart and Rosalie Barbour (Coordinator of Idaho Junior Historical Society).

In 1975, the Masonic Lodge cited Mrs. Brockmueller as “Teacher of the Year.”

Mrs. Brockmueller retired from teaching in June 1976.

‘Round the Town

Larry and Donna McBride and daughters went to Boise for New Year’s at the Jim Gonzales home.

Mrs. Sherry Barnhart and children were in Homedale visiting relatives and friends over the New Year’s weekend.

Irene Frye, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Shields, Tammy and Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Cahill and Tab, had New Year’s dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Salutregui, Homedale.

50 years ago

January 10, 1952

City Council Passes 3 New Ordinances

Passage of a resolution to purchase six lots adjoining property where the city hall is located, and three ordinances regulating electrical wiring, traffic and liquor occupied the attention of the city council at its regular monthly meeting Monday night at the city hall.

The six lots which will be purchased from Harold Markley include 13, 14, 15, 16, 19 and 20 of block 63. Price is \$1,200. The council has been negotiating for the purchase for some time to provide room for the eventual construction of a garage and shop for the street and water departments and a fenced yard for storage.

The ordinances approved include an electrical code to conform with the state code, a traffic ordinance restricting parking of motor vehicle over 20 feet in length in the main business district, and an ordinance prohibiting possession of beer or other alcoholic beverage on the street or in the vicinity of dance halls or other public places.

The traffic ordinance is a move to prevent trucks from creating a traffic hazard by parking diagonally on downtown streets, and the liquor ordinance is designed mainly to control a beer and liquor problem in the vicinity of the public dance which has drawn the attention of dance officials and the police department.

Frank Regan Reelected Wranglers’ President

Frank Regan was reelected president of the Owyhee Wranglers at a meeting held Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fry, Jr. Seventeen members attended.

Mr. Fry was elected first vice president; Joe Marchek, second vice president, and Mrs. Glenna Martin, secretary. Mrs. Ethel Marchek was reelected treasurer. The new board of directors is George Otto, John Martin, Monty Worden, Mrs. Edwena Regan and Paul Uzzel. Mr. Fry was elected two-year representative to the Western Riding clubs’ association.

Clyde Pace Will head C of C in ‘52

Clyde Pace, new president of the Homedale chamber of commerce, conducted the regular meeting Tuesday evening, January 8, at the Tango hall. He was introduced by outgoing president, Sid Newton.

Other officers selected by the board of directors are Lewis Bean, vice president; Forrest Brown, secretary; Ralph Thompson, treasurer, and Everett A. Colley, director of the Associated chambers of commerce, with A.E. (Spud) Murphy, alternate.

Cy Radcliffe, general chairman of the committee to put on the annual chamber of commerce dinner announced that the date has been set for February 14 at 7:30 at the high school auditorium.

Fire Truck Answers Two Alarms

The Homedale fire truck was called to the J.C. Watson produce shed at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday when a smudgepot heater in a closed room blazed up and caught the ceiling afire. Shed employees had the blaze under control when the firemen arrived and very little damage resulted.

The fire truck answered an alarm from the John Kratzer house at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday but firemen found it was only a smoke scare “possibly from defective electric wiring,” Fire Chief John Matteson said. One room had filled with smoke, the origin of which was undetermined.

134 years ago

Jan. 4, 1868

INDIAN DOINGS. – A couple of weeks ago we informed our readers that a party of Indians had stolen twelve head of oxen from Mr. A.C. Goodrich, in Jordan Valley. He and a party of four men followed on the trail, and succeeded in getting back four of the oxen. They were found in the lava bed between Cow Creek Lake and the Owyhee River. The Indians, as Mr. Goodrich informed us, were three in number, had killed the remaining eight oxen, concealing a large quantity of the meat in the rocks and packing some of it away on a donkey, which they had stolen at the same time. Some of the butchered cattle, when found, were yet warm, so closely were the marauders pursued. Of course they escaped into the rocks of the lava bed, where it is next to impossible to find them.

I.O.O.F. – At a regular meeting of Owyhee Lodge, No. 2, I.O.O.F., held December 27th, 1867, the following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing term:

James Lynam, W.G.; Oliver H. Purdy, V.G.; Parker C. Learned, Sec’y; C.G. Stafford, Treas. Appointed officers: Wm. H. Van Slyke, C.; George Emmel, W.; Wm. W. Stackpole, I.G.; Patrick Kelley, O.G.; Wm. F. Sommercamp, R.S. to W.G.; Andrew Huggan, L.S. to W.G; Jno. M. Wilson, R.S. to V.G.; T. B. Phebey, L.S. to V.G.; Jno. M. Wilson, R.S.S.; A Shrader, L.S.S.

Regular meeting at Odd Fellow Hall every Friday evening at 7 o’clock p.m.

O.H. Purdy, Secretary

THE OWYHEE CHOIR. – At a meeting of the afore-mentioned society last Sunday evening, all of the old officers — Geo. Vass, President; W.H. Van Slyke, Vice President; C.M. Hays, Secretary, and Miss R.L. Dye, Treasurer – were unanimously re-elected to serve another term. This singing society is a good arrangement, if for nothing more than keeping old satan at bay. There is an old German saying something to the effect that “where singing is the devil is not.” We hope to see a goodly number of members, who will meet every Sunday evening at seven o’clock in the Oro Fino Hall, so that the cloven foot gentleman will not get any of the best of us.

“On with the Dance!” seems to be the motto just now — just what we expected, as soon as it became known on the outside that times were lively and money plenty in Owyhee, in comes a batch of hurdies to gobble up their share. It is an easy matter to find out where they hold forth – watch the crowds of suffering manhood as they emerge from cabins along the creek in the dusky twilight, or silently wend their way, in Indian file, down the mountainside; their steps are directed to Gabriel’s large building, corner of Jordan and Second Sts., where, seated on a bench at one side of the spacious hall, are four coy and blushing damsels.

Wait a moment – soon the fellow who scrapes the catgut says “set ‘em up boys!” and four brave and stalwart youths with six-shooters and bowie knives hung to their quarters rush forward, resolutely offer their hands to the timid maidens and lead them to the center of the floor – the music begins – “honors to partners,” and then the chap that can twist his gal into the greatest number of shapes, play leap-frog the best, cut up the greatest number of antics after the “essence of Old Virginia” style, is the “big dog with the brass collar.” After performing thus for about five minutes they all retire from the ring, walk up to the counter, the “Bar Keep” sets out the bottles, glasses are filled, each chap hob-a-nobs with his gal, and repeats. Go in boys, it only cost a dollar greenback a trip! If you’re bound to spend your money, you many as well do it that way as any other.

School lunch menu

January 14 – January 18

Homedale Elementary

Monday: Ham and cheese yum yum, or weiner wrap, green beans, mixed fruit, Rice Krispie treat and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Chicken patty/bun or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, orange wedges, ginger bread and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Nachos and cheese or burrito, fresh veggies, apple, no bake cookie and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken and noodles or Chef's salad, peas, honey corn bread, peaches and choice of milk.

Friday: Beef or chicken taco, lettuce, cheese and tomatoes, corn, pears and choice of milk.

Homedale Middle

Monday: Chicken Fillet, mashed potatoes and gravy, roll and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Fish Nuggets or corn dog, rice, vegetable and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Pizza or deli sandwich, tossed salad, fruit, cookie and choice of milk.

Thursday: Tacos, corn, and fruit or salad bar and

choice of milk.

Friday: Hamburger or hot dog, fries, and fruit or salad bar and choice of milk.

Homedale High

Monday: Pizza, fajita or rib-b-que, salad, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.

Tuesday: Beef nuggets or bbq chicken bites, mashed potato and gravy, roll, fruit and choice of milk.

Wednesday: Lasagna, burrito or PBJ sandwich and soup, French bread, salad, fruit, and choice of milk.

Thursday: Chicken patty, hamburger or deli sandwich, fries, fruit, dessert and choice of milk.

Friday: Crispito/taco salad or pizza, corn, fruit and choice of milk.

Marsing School District

Monday: All American hamburger, fruit variety, baked potato wedges, chocolate pudding, variety milk, soup and sandwich, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.

Tuesday: Taco with fixings, fruit variety, refried beans, cinnamon twist, variety milk, baked potatoes

with or without chili, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.

Wednesday: Hot ham and cheese yum, fruit variety, baked potato wedges, variety milk, all American hamburger, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.

Thursday: Lasagna with ground beef, fruit variety, garden salad with dressing, Italian Bread, variety milk, chicken fajita, fajita mix vegetables and fresh salad bar 4/12.

Friday: Hot dog, chilidog, cherry crisp, fresh vegetable sticks, variety milk, Italian bar 4/12, fresh salad bar 4/12 and fresh baked roll.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-MS-26611
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW CORP, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on **April 17, 2002**, at the hour of **11:00 AM**, of said day, **THE OWYHEE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CORNER OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 AND HAILEY STREET, MURPHY, ID**, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United Stated, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the “Property”), situated in the County of OWYHEE, State of Idaho, to-wit:

LOT 7 OF BLOCK 3 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE OF MURPHY, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER FOR OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 110 RABBIT CREEK RD, MURPHY, IDAHO 83650, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by CLINTON L. BEATEY AND TREVA E. BEATEY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as Grantor, to ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of HOMEQ SERVICING CORPORATION, F/K/A TMS MORTGAGE INC, DBA THE MONEY STORE, as Beneficiary, dated 4/27/1999, recorded 5/4/1999, under Instrument No. 228442, Mortgage records of OWYHEE County, IDAHO, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by HomEq Servicing Corporation, formerly known as TMS Mortgage, Inc. dba The Money Store.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 4/27/1999, THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 9/1/2001 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS, PLUS LATE CHARGES AND OTHER COSTS AND FEES AS SET FORTH.

	Amount due as of
	December 11, 2001
Delinquent Payments from September 01, 2001	
4 payments at \$ 288.65 each	\$ 1, 154.60
(09-01-01 through 12-11-01)	
Late charges:	\$ 231.35
Beneficiary Advances	\$ 200.03
TOTAL:	\$ 1,585.98

All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The principal balance is \$32,030.41, together with interest thereon at 9.600% per annum from 8/1/2001, until paid.

The Beneficiary elects to see or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED: December 11, 2001.

ALLIANCE TITLE ... ESCROW CORP
Trustee
By Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
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Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com>

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER NO. 69607

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY
PO BOX 165
SUN VALLEY ID 83353, has filed Application No. 69607 for changes to the following water rights within OWYHEE County:
Right No. 55-4067
Priority 7/1/1890
Source SOUTH FORK

OWYHEE RIVER
Use IRRIGATION (64 acres)
1.28 CFS
Total Amount 1.28 CFS
Point(s) of Diversion SESESE
S25 T14S R05W
Place of Use S25 T14S R05W
S36 T14S R05W

Remark: Applicant proposes to move the Point of Diversion off public land onto their private land in the NW NENW S36 T14S R5W

Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code.

Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with the Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 22, 2002. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER,
Director

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JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363 Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY FOR SAFE SCHOOLS ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to Section 33-804A, Idaho Code, and a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Joint School District No. 363, of Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho (the “District”), adopted on January 8, 2002, a special school plant facilities reserve fund levy for safe schools election will be held in the District on

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2002

between the hours of 12:00 o’clock Noon and 9:00 P.M. for the purpose of enabling the qualified and registered voters of the District to vote on the following question:

SHALL THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363 BE AUTHORIZED, PURSUANT TO SECTION 33-804A, IDAHO CODE, TO CERTIFY TO THE BOARDS OF COMMISSIONERS OF OWYHEE AND CANYON COUNTIES, IDAHO, A SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES RESERVE FUND LEVY FOR SAFE SCHOOLS, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER LEVIES, IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2002, AND IN THE AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$175,000 FOR EACH SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR THROUGH AND INCLUDING THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF ABATING, REPAIRING, OR REPLACING SCHOOL FACILITIES WITH UNSAFE OR UNHEALTHY CONDITIONS AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING BUILDINGS COMPLYING WITH CODES DEFINING SAFE AND HEALTHY CONDITIONS AS REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW, AND REPAYING LOANS FROM COMMERCIAL LENDING INSTITUTIONS EXTENDED TO PAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL PLANT FACILITIES, ALL AS PROVIDED IN THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON JANUARY 8, 2002?

The assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified registered electors voting in this election is necessary to approve the amounts proposed to be levied and collected.

Qualified electors shall vote at the following polling places: Marsing High School Library Highway 78 Marsing, Idaho

Marsing Elementary School Library Highway 78 Marsing, Idaho

Sprint Boat Race Track (east end of Snake River Bridge, Highway 55)

Canyon County, Idaho
Only qualified and registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older who have resided in the State of Idaho and in the District for at least thirty (30) days next preceding the election, and no others, will be permitted to vote at the special election. No person so qualified and registered and offering himself or herself at the polling place at which he or she is entitled to vote will be denied the privilege of voting at the special election.

Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at a polling place established for the special election, by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by law, and providing proof of residence in the manner provided by section 34-408A, Idaho Code, as amended.

Any qualified elector who expects to be absent from the District on the day of election, or who will be unable, because of physical disability or blindness, to get to a polling place, may vote by absentee ballot in the manner provide by law. Applications for absentee ballots shall be made to the District Clerk not later than one (1) hour prior to the opening of the polls.

If at least two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified and registered electors voting at the special election vote in favor of the school plant facilities reserve fund for safe schools levy as set forth in the ballot question, the Board of Trustees of the District will certify the school plant facilities reserve fund for safe schools levy in the amount of not to exceed \$175,000 (to be determined by the Board of Trustees at the time of certifying the levy) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2002, and in the amount of not to exceed \$175,000 for each succeeding fiscal year through and including the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021, to the Boards of Commissioners of Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho.

DATED the 8th day of January, 2002.

JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 363
Owyhee and Canyon Counties, Idaho
Deborah Holzhely, District Clerk

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

At 1:00 o’clock P.M. on March 19th, 2002, at the Owyhee County Courthouse, Murphy, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in Owyhee County, Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

A part of Lots 25 and 26 of

Block 2 of Larsen Estates Subdivision, Owyhee County, Idaho, and the SE 1/4 of Section 28, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point 66 feet W. of the SE corner of Lot 26, Block 2, Larsen Estates Subdivision, being the real point of beginning, thence N. 32° 58’ W. parallel with the East line of said Lot 26 a distance of 201.02 feet to a point; thence N. 89° 36’ 49” W. a distance of 151 feet, more or less, to the center line of vacated Maranatha Drive; thence S. 19° 36’ 45” E. a distance of 177 feet to a point; thence S. 89° 36’ 45” E. a distance of 203 feet, more or less, to the real point of beginning.

Information concerning the foreclosure action may be obtained from the Trustee, whose telephone number is (208) 785-5511. **According to the Trustee’s records, the street address of Route One East Thompson Road, Marsing, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said property.**

Said sale will be made without covenant of warranty regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligations secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Kevin A. Grochowski and Janet Grochowski, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Transnation Title and Escrow, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Consolidated Mortgage Inc., a Idaho Corporation, dated April 7, 1999, and recorded April 12, 1999, as Instrument No. 228181, the beneficial interest subsequently assigned to Chase Bank of Texas National Association (formerly named Texas Commerce Bank National Association) as Custodian, by Assignment recorded December 18, 2000, as Instrument No. 234604, all records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

The above Grantor(s) are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a) Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to:

1) make the monthly payment of \$584.37 due for the months of July, August, September and October, 2001.

The principal balance is \$61,616.64, together with interest accruing thereon at 9.88% per annum. All delinquencies are now due together with accruing interest, any late charges, advances made to protect the security, and fees and costs associated with this foreclosure. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause said property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED this 16th day of November, 2001.

First American Title Insurance Company
Successor Trustee
By: Sydnee Smith-Hale
Assistant Trust Officer

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO.:
CV-01-03357*M
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OWYHEE MAGISTRATE DIVISION
FARM BUREAU MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF IDAHO,
Plaintiff, vs.
CONSTANCE ANNE TALICH,
Defendant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

TO: Constance Anne Talich
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to so respond the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the plaintiff in the Complaint.
A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.
An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The title and number of this case.

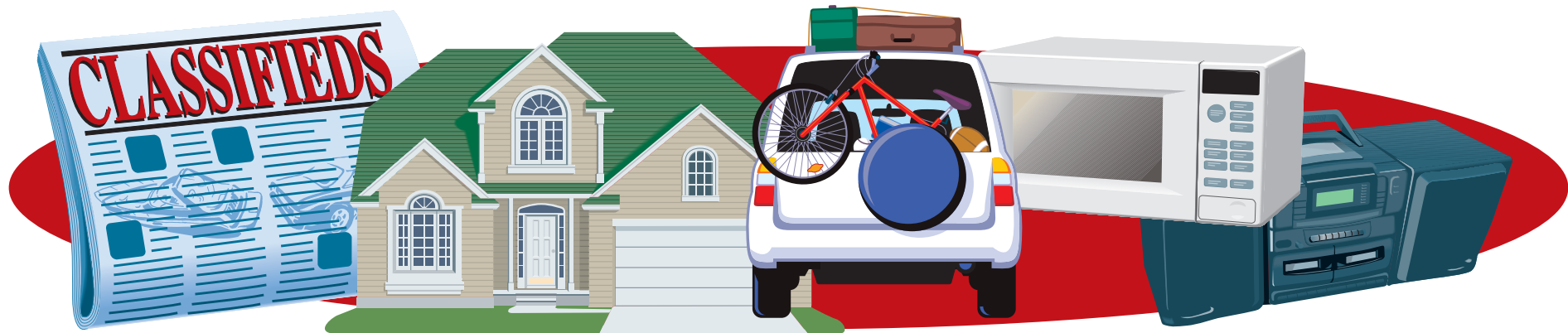
2. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
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CLERK OF THE
MAGISTRATE COURT
By Lena Johnson
Deputy

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1/9 2tc

Request for volunteers: The City of Homedale is currently seeking volunteers to assist in the operation of Sundance Park. For additional information and copy of job description please contact Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale or call 337-4641

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