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The Christmas story

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from CÊsar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into JudÊa, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

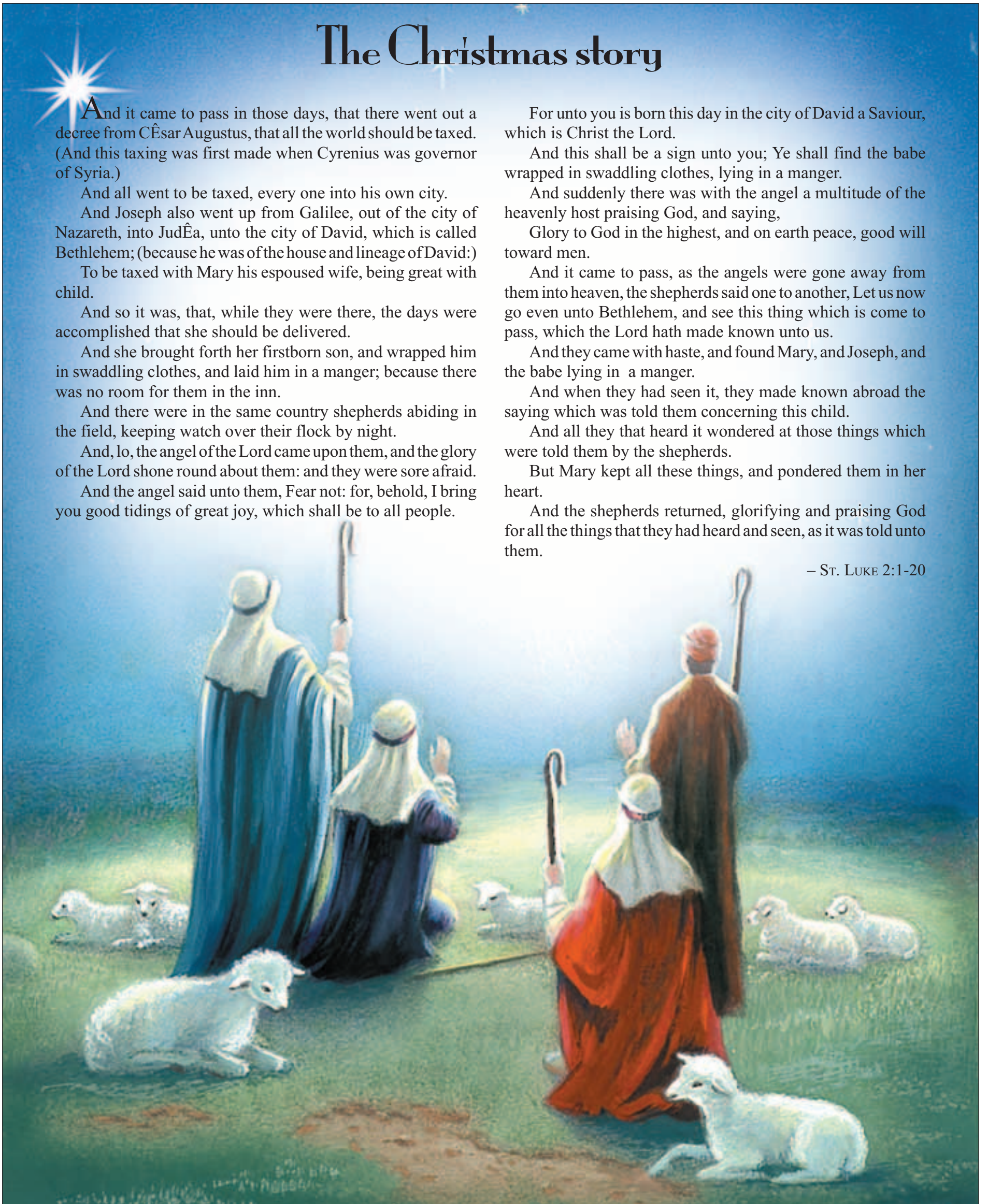
And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

— ST. LUKE 2:1-20



International Smorgasbord ticket sales now underway

The Homedale Parents Association has set Saturday, February 8th as the date for this year’s 42nd Annual International Smorgasbord dinner. The dinner will be held at the Homedale Elementary School at 112 W. Washington Ave. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Homedale’s sixth grade middle school students began selling tickets for the dinner last week. A family ticket to the event covers two adults and children for a maximum of eight people and costs \$26. Junior High through age 59 tickets are \$6 each. Senior citizens who are 60 years or older can get tickets for \$5 apiece. Tickets for students in first through sixth grade are \$3.50 and there are tickets for preschool age children for \$2.

The theme for this year’s dinner is “Education: A Brighter Future for our Children.” Joe and Teresa Troxel are the chairmen and currently a co-chairman has not been announced. The group has begun an incentive award for the sixth grade students selling the tickets. Every Friday they will hold a drawing for the students that have sold more than \$26 in tickets for that week. Two winners will be chosen from each class and they will receive a free milk shake.

Attending a bowling party will award each student who sells over \$26 in tickets. The organizers are stilling looking for volunteers, contact the Troxels at 337-4029 to lend a hand.

More than 2,000 people bought tickets to the 41st Annual International Smorgasbord in Homedale last February, raising almost \$4,300 for the Homedale School District.

Homedale elementary was able to buy a laser printer, a portable projector and computer. The middle school bought AR books and language CDs, among other supplies. The high school acquired an updated scientific encyclopedia, instructional posters and a cordless drill for use in industrial technology. All three schools equipped themselves with new thesaurus sets and a variety of other needed materials.

Last year’s overall winners were Kara Jenkins from Mrs. Warren’s class selling \$491.50 in tickets, Lynlee Lord in Mrs. Eidemiller’s class with \$344 in tickets and Jarrod Driskell in Mrs. Warren’s class with \$341 in ticket sales. -CP



Courthouse donation

Toys were collected by the staff of the Owyhee County Courthouse and donated to five needy local families through the Toys for Tots program. Dorla Stoneman heads up the effort where each employee draws the name of another employee and buys a present for them that expresses their “child within.”

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Students graduate from BSU

Boise State University awarded degrees to 1,086 students at its 70th Commencement ceremony Friday, Dec. 20, at the Boise State Pavilion.

Following are graduates for August 2002 and December 2002 in the colleges of Applied Technology, Arts and Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences and Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Bachelor of Applied Science, Drafting Technology, Marsing: Melissa Jayo.

Postsecondary Technical Certificate, Office Occupations, Homedale: Carol L. Burley.

Advanced Technical Certificate, Practical Nursing, Marsing: Erin Teresa Grant, Amy Melinda Rice.

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To our loyal readers at Christmas

As we wrap up another year, we’d like to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.

Here’s hoping all your news is good news this coming year and beyond.

The Owyhee Avalanche

Drug raid leads to nine federal indictments

Four additional arrests made in connection with Homedale bust

A federal grand jury has indicted eight suspects on drug and other charges in connection with a raid on two Homedale homes earlier this month. Four additional arrests have been made since in connection with the same drug operation. Now all eight people face federal charges from conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, to possession of a firearm by an alien illegally in the United States.

Samuel Trinidad, Leobardo Zamora Guadalupe Chavez and Eva Flores, whose ages and locations of residence were not available, were indicted earlier this month by a federal grand jury as well as Heather Ann Redburn, 20 of Homedale, Carlos Benites-Lozolla Jr., 25 of Homedale, Javier Merino Lopez, 19 a transient, and Arturo Banuelos Muro, 22 of Wilder. All eight of the

suspects have been arraigned and are scheduled for trial early next year.

Owyhee County Sheriff's Office conducted a multi-agency raid on two Homedale homes simultaneously Dec. 3 and arrested six people in connection with drug related crimes. Fransisco Isac Calderon Jr., 21 of Homedale and Gustavo Benites-Verduzco, 34 of Homedale were also arrested. Calderon was charged with frequenting a place of known drugs and was released on a \$300 bond. Benites-Verduzco was charged with theft by receiving stolen property. His charges were later dropped pending charges from the US Attorney's Office. The Department of Immigration is currently holding him. He has been charged by immigration with alien in possession of a firearm. Larry Hedburg, resident agent in charge of the Drug Enforcement Agency said DEA was not involved in the charges against Benites-Verduzco, but they are working

closely with the INS in the case.

Hundreds of grams of methamphetamine and several firearms were confiscated in the raid and in the continuing investigation. From Homedale, an illegal sawed-off shotgun, a 9-millimeter pistol, two .380 pistols, a 12-gauge shotgun, a .25 automatic pistol and a .357 pistol were retrieved. Aman said most of the weapons were loaded, but not all of them.

Hedburg said sheriff Gary Aman played a huge part in the drug raid and in the continuing investigation, which he said could produce additional arrests in the future. He said Trinidad, Zamora, Chavez and Flores were arrested in Canyon and Washington Counties in the past two weeks. He said additional methamphetamine and firearms were confiscated.

The indictment includes charges from the DEA, INS and the ATF. Hedburg said the sheriff's office, Idaho State Police, DEA, INS and the ATF were working together in the ongoing investigation.

Jean McNeil, Public Information Officer and Assistant Victim Witness Coordinator for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boise said all the charges were felonies and the suspects, if convicted, could receive up to a minimum of 10 years to life in prison.

Owyhee County initially filed criminal charges, but the original state charges were dropped when the suspects were indicted in federal court. McNeil said if the suspects are not convicted in federal court, the state may re-file its charges. McNeil said her department would continue to work with the sheriff's office as more charges probably are pending.

"The federal government uses sentencing guidelines,"

McNeil said Thursday. "They take into account the role in the offense. Their sentencing guideline is higher depending on the roll the suspect plays in the offense. Federal sentencing is much different than state

sentencing in its guidelines." She said Flores has a \$5,000 bond. She said each person that is held as an illegal alien would probably face deportation after serving their sentence if they are convicted. -CP

Suspects identified

The U.S. Attorney's office listed the suspects and their charges are:

Samuel Trinidad (aka, Samuel Trinidad-Guerrero, aka Moises Chavira-Hernandez): conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, false statement during firearms purchase and possession of a firearm by an alien illegally in the United States.

Leobardo Zamora (aka "El Negro", aka Simon Adolfo Zapata-Zamora): conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Arturo Banuelos: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a public elementary school, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, carrying a firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking and possession of a firearm by an alien illegal in the United States.

Guadalupe Chavez: use of a firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking.

Javier Merino: Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, carrying a firearm during and in relation to drug trafficking, possession of a firearm by an alien illegal in the United States.

Carlos Benitez: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a public school, possession of a firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance, possession of a firearm not registered in the national firearms registration and transfer record.

Heather Redburn: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a firearm not registered in the national firearms registration and transfer record.

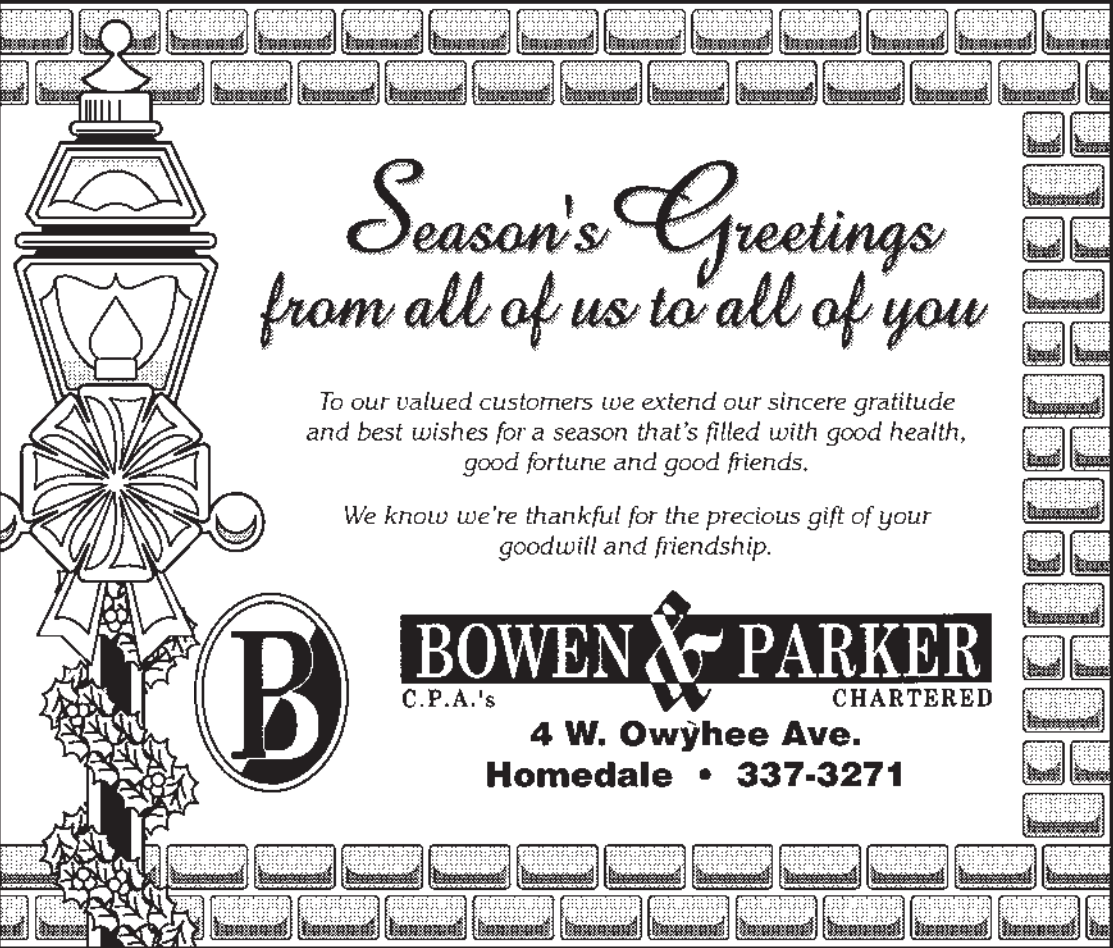
Eva Flores: False Statement during firearms purchase and possession of a firearm by an alien illegally in the United States. -CP

Avalanche changes deadlines for holidays

Due to the New Year's holiday being on Wednesday this year, The *Owyhee Avalanche* will need to make a few scheduling changes in its deadlines.

Classified ads will need to be placed in our office by 5 p.m. Dec. 27. Legal publications, advertisements and news copy will need to be submitted to our office by noon on Dec. 27.

The Owyhee Avalanche will be closed at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and all day New Year's day. The office will reopen for regular business hours beginning Thursday, Jan. 2nd.



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Patrol car damage
The passenger side of a patrol car from the City of Homedale is damaged after a Nampa woman slammed into the side of the vehicle early Thursday morning. Homedale Officer Andy Hoagland was driving the law enforcement vehicle and sustained minor injuries.

Homedale officer injured in Caldwell accident

A Homedale officer escaped serious injury early Thursday morning after a Nampa woman ran a stop sign and broad-sided him at a Caldwell intersection. Melissa Garcia, Nampa, was cited for inattentive driving when she failed to yield a stop sign at the intersection of Arthur and 10th Avenue in Caldwell at 1:23 a.m. Homedale Chief of Police Jeff Eidemiller said Thursday that his officer Andy Hoagland received minor injuries to his arm, but he was able to return to work after the accident. Hoagland had been returning to the Homedale area after delivering a prisoner to the Canyon County jail. -CP

Keep informed

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Senior news

Homedale senior citizens center Closed Wednesday the 25th – Monday the 30th for the Holidays. Tuesday Dec. 31: Dinner will be served at 12:00 which includes, Country beef pot pie, veggies, coleslaw, jello w/ fruit, bingo, shopping bus to Homedale 1:30. Closed Wednesday the 1st – Monday the 6th for the Holidays.

Have a news tip?

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337-4681

County historical museum open for the holidays

The Owyhee County Historical Museum will be open over the holidays for anyone to take a trip back in time to previous days in history. A spokesman from the museum said the only days the museum would be closed would be Christmas day and New Year's day. Regular hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The museum has a new collection of gifts in the gift shop and 33 copies of the Owyhee County Outpost book. They have also added a collection of Lewis and Clark collector coins. The museum does not charge, but does ask for a \$1 donation.

How to contact your legislator

As the 57th Legislative Session begins in January, many people will wonder how to contact their legislators while they are in session at the capitol. This year the Legislative Information Center says they have several ways for constituents to contact legislators during session. visit their web page at www.state.id.us/. The hours of the center are from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Sue Burwell, director of the center said messages are delivered to the legislators throughout the day. She said the Legislative Directories for the 1st Regular Session will be ready soon after the session begins. They can be purchased at the center or by mail at Legislative Services Lower Level East, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0054. Burwell also said that tours of the capitol building during the legislative session are available by calling 1-800-626-0471 or 1-208-332-1000.

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Local emergency crews assist in bus accident

When the call came in to local emergency response teams in Owyhee County that an accident involving a school bus, a vehicle and 36 students, local emergency crews responded.

Wednesday afternoon training was put to the test as Homedale, Marsing, Parma and several Canyon County ambulances responded to the corner of Homedale and Wagner Roads when a school bus was hit by a vehicle and toppled on its side. Witnesses to the scene said although no one was critically injured, the scene was chaotic before officers arrived.

Donna Churucca, Emergency Medical Technician with Marsing Ambulance Service said her crew was unsure what they would find when they arrived. But when they did arrive, the situation was very organized.

“We transported four victims,” Churucca said. “We transported three the first time and came back for the bus driver. He stayed until every one of the students on that bus was taken care of. He wasn’t a life threatened victim, but he did a great job.”

Charles MaComb, 35, of Caldwell was driving the Vallivue school bus Wednesday afternoon when it was hit by a Pontiac Bonneville traveling northbound on Wagner Road. Sixteen-year old Kelsie K. Benefield of Caldwell was the driver of the Bonneville. MaComb was transported to West Valley Medical Center after the crash in which Churucca said he had injuries from his seatbelt, but she was unsure of any further injuries. She said the triage scene at the accident was like something right out of the training books.

“Canyon County did a fantastic job. We had the last patient out of there and delivered within about an hour of the accident,” Churucca said. “

Herb Churucca, Donna’s husband, arrived in his own vehicle on his way home from Boise. Kelly Ineck, Noreen Mayer, Brian Schrake and Tim Dines also assisted Marsing in the incident. Churucca said the Marsing crew arrived at the scene within six minutes after receiving the call. She said Schrake alerted the Marsing crew of the accident when Canyon County was dispatched to the scene at which time a crew was formed.

“It seemed to work very, very well,” Churucca continued. “Canyon County has been training and we have been training with Canyon County. So have Homedale and Parma so we knew what to expect and who to look for. The vests came on. We didn’t necessarily know who they were, but we knew what they could do. We shared equipment. We shared supplies. We just worked well together. Canyon had them triaged and packaged and basically ready to go when we got there. Everyone shared well and worked well together.

“For that amount of victims and people in a rural area everyone arrived very quickly. It really went like clockwork. The kids were very shaken up.”

State Police officers reported six to nine children were injured, none with life-threatening injuries. Hospitals reported that 28 children on the bus were treated for minor injuries and released. The yellow bus owned by Brown Bus Co. was headed west on Homedale Road about 4 p.m. when Benefield ran a stop sign and hit the bus. Five ambulances from various districts responded to the accident.

Sixteen students were treated and released from West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell and 12 students were taken to Mercy Medical Center in Nampa. Most were treated and released, but two students were admitted.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and officials said ISP is continuing to investigate the accident. Thursday Benefield was cited for inattentive driving in the accident. Homedale emergency response crews did not return our phone calls for comment.-CP



Painting holiday cheer

Joan Churucca displays her holiday cheer throughout the city of Marsing in artistry. Nearly every business in Marsing has a painting display on its windows depicting a holiday cheer for the type of business. Churucca has painted most of the displays.

Homedale teen injured by runaway vehicle

A fourteen-year old Homedale teen received a compound fracture to his leg early Monday morning when a vehicle he was riding in ran over him.

A report from the Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office stated that Jennifer DeAugustino, of Homedale reported that Javier and Freddy Ponce had dropped off Raul Cuevas at her home on Idaho Street. She reported that Cuevas had a broken leg.

“They were all out playing some sort of game and Cuevas was run over by a vehicle causing a compound fracture of the lower left leg,” the report states. Homedale ambulance was dispatched to the scene and Cuevas was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Monday that his responding officer stated that Cuevas was attempting to get out of a vehicle before it had stopped when he apparently slipped and was run over by the car. -CP

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*Written by Francis P. Church
Editorial Page, New York Sun, 1897*

We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the scepticism of a sceptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.

He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world, which neither the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!

Vances celebrate 50th anniversary

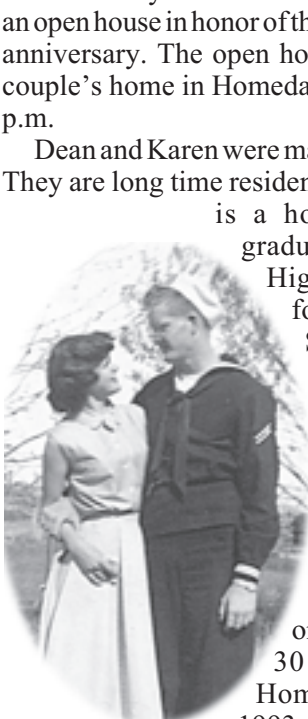
The family of Dean and Karen Vance will host an open house in honor of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. The open house will be held at the couple's home in Homedale on Dec. 28 from 2-5 p.m.

Dean and Karen were married on Dec. 31, 1952. They are long time residents of Homedale. Karen is a homemaker and Dean graduated from Homedale High School. He served four years in the United States Navy before attending college and receiving his BA degree from Idaho State University. He received his M.A. from the College of Idaho.

Dean spent his career as an educator, one year in Midvale and 30 years of service in Homedale. He retired in 1993.

All family and friends are invited to attend, and the couple has requested no gifts be brought, but cards are welcome.

Children who have shared in the Vance home include Rod BosLau, Leah Erskin, Shelly Black and a nephew Lonnie Vance.



Ace and Marilyn Black of Bruneau recently celebrated thier 50th wedding anniversary.

Obituary

Harvey L. Wright

Harvey L. Wright, 74, of Homedale, passed away on Friday, December 20, 2002 at a Caldwell hospital. Graveside services will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 23, 2002 at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale.



Harvey was born on September 27, 1928 in Mississippi to James and Inez Wright. He had served with the U.S. Army, and later became a switchman with the railroad. He married Joyce S. Boren on June 17, 1977. He was a strong willed man who enjoyed fishing, hunting and his cars. Harvey is survived by his wife Joyce, 6 children, 3 step-children, 18 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father, mother, and 3 brothers.

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Vandals continue destructive spree in Homedale

Vandalism has plagued the Homedale area this fall with nearly 40 cases of vehicle, home, property and business destruction in a crime spree that has been going on since October. Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said he still does not have a suspect in the destructive acts.

Saturday and Sunday, five cases of vandalism to vehicles were reported to the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office.

On Saturday at 8:21 p.m., a Homedale resident reported that someone had slashed the tires on her brother's green four-wheel drive pickup on Oregon Street. At 9:12 a.m. Sunday morning, a report of vehicle vandalism was reported at a home on Main Street followed by a report of vehicle burglary seven minutes later on Wyoming Avenue. A CD player, a cell phone, BB gun and a drill kit were taken from the vehicle.

At 11:21 a.m. a resident on 2nd St. West reported another vandalism of a broken-out passenger window. At 13:23 p.m. a report of slashed tires to a 2000 white Mustang were reported on California Avenue. The reporting party told dispatchers that her neighbor also had slashed tires on a vehicle.

Two vehicles were vandalized at the Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant Tuesday evening, Dec. 17, between 7 and 10 p.m. A spokesman from the business said two patrons were bowling Tuesday evening

and returned to their vehicles to find someone had broken into them. She said she did not know if anything had been stolen, but it had been the fourth time a patron's car had been vandalized. She said the establishment would be taking steps to control vandalism in their area, but she would not speculate what measures that would be.

Owyhee Realty on Idaho Avenue has had its front window

busted by an unknown object three times in as many weeks.

Eidemiller said Wednesday that he hopes the people of the city will assist in catching the vandals.

"We need the help of everyone in the city," Eidemiller said. "We always seem to be two steps behind them. If people see someone who looks suspicious or is acting strange, please call your local law enforcement."

Eidemiller said extra patrol is scheduled for the city as well as assistance from the Owyhee

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<div>December 22, 1977</div> <div><div>Bond fails</div><div>Marsing – Marsing will not be building a new school at least not until voters approve a proposal. At the polls last Thursday, patrons turned down a \$998,000 plan for 12 classrooms, 11 acres of land, a gymnasium and dressing rooms. The tally showed 334 no votes and 232 yes. Officials reported the vote as “one of the heaviest turnout ever.”</div></div> <div><div>Historical Society holds Yule social</div><div>MURPHY- Various members of the Owyhee County Historical Society gave Christmas readings at its December meeting last Friday evening in the courthouse at Murphy. Rita Bower read a letter written in November, 1871, by Abraham Roberson from Silver City to relatives in the east “hoping they would come west to make their home.” Mrs. Allen Van Atta brought a recipe for Pasti, Welsh miner lunch bucket item, which was a meat and vegetable mixture in a rich pastry crust. The customary Christmas social hour was held at the museum following the meeting with refreshments of Christmas cookies and hot spiced cider furnished by new president, Mrs. Vivian Gottsch, and her committee from Grand View. They also presented those present with a small container of apricot marmalade.</div></div> <div><div>McClure speaks at Rimrock dedication</div><div>Senator James McClure was the keynote speaker and did the ribbon cutting honors at the formal dedication ceremonies at Rimrock Junior-Senior High School last Friday evening. The festivities took place between the junior varsity and varsity games. Senator McClure addressed the student body at an assembly that same afternoon in the Rimrock auditorium. In honor of the dedication and the visit by the senator, a potluck dinner for all patrons of the district was held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Junior-Senior High cafeteria, under the direction of 365 Club.</div></div> <div><div>FFA members attend convention</div><div>MARSING- Attending the 50th National Future Farmers of America Convention, held recently in Kansas City, Missouri, were Tim Freeman, Dave Ineck, Anthony Ineck, and Mike Austin, Students from Melba and Notus traveled with the Marsing students. Traveling to Kansas City, the students spent some time in Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, and the Pioneer Village. On the way back to Idaho, they stopped at the biggest stockyards in the world near Denver, and visited the Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, Colorado.</div></div> <div><div>Grand View news</div><div>ELEMENTARY NEWS Boise State University will be offering the following classes at Rimrock Junior-Senior High School: A one credit work shop (open to teachers and parents) Designing Reading Skill Gains. This workshop will be offered Saturday, January 7, and Saturday, January 14 in all day sessions. There will be a \$20.00 charge plus lab fees. Workshop – Creating Instructional Materials for the classroom (for teachers only). This workshop will be offered Saturday, April 1 and April 8 in all-day sessions. Both workshops will be offered by Dr. Cecilia Comba of BSU. The second semester of conversational Spanish will begin the second or third week of January, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Rimrock Junior-Senior High School. This is a three-credit course.</div></div>	<div>December 25, 1952</div> <div><div>Homedale Seniors Announce Formal</div><div>The Senior class presented the annual Christmas Formal December 19, 1952 at 10 p. m. The theme was Blue Christmas and was decorated with a false ceiling of silver and blue Christmas rope with tinsel on it. A large Christmas tree was placed in the center with blue lights on it. Along the side were Christmas trees. At intermission Martha Leavitt sang “Blue Christmas” and “My Dream Christmas.” This was the first dance to be held in the new grade school gym.</div></div> <div><div>Discuss School reorganization</div><div>MARSING LOCAL NEWS Patrons of Marsing school district met Monday evening at the high school and discussed the proposal for the school district reorganization with sunny Slope, Riverside, Knowlton Heights and Cozy Basin. The proposal will not be presented to the County Board until after the 1st of the year. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bish and Mr. and Mrs. George Smith at a canasta party Saturday night. The Marsing Ward of the LDS Church had their Christmas program and dance Tuesday evening in the local church. The affair was sponsored by the primary department. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bish and family spent Saturday shopping in Boise, and called on their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Even. Mrs. Wade Percifield and children and Mrs. Carrol Johnstone and daughter spent Sunday at the John Muldoon home near Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Van Wassenhove are parents of a son, born December 18. The baby has been named Michael Damien. Mr. and Mrs. George Le Delle and family of Emmett were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Audrey Percifield. Mary Ellen Edwards of Salem, Oregon is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Edwards. Mrs. Rodney Hawes returned to her home Sunday to convalesce from surgery at Mercy Hospital.</div></div> <div><div>Friendly Acres</div><div>Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Arnold and Frederick spent Sunday visiting Laura Whitney in Weiser. The F. A. Arnolds were Monday evening caller at the Frank Cohee home. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yanaski and daughter Karen, of Idaho Falls, arrived Wednesday to spend Christmas at the Frank Tanikunis. Mrs. Yanasaki is a sister of Frank Tanikuni. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Johnstone were Sunday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Allen George. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Larkin of McCall and Mr. and Mrs. Rulon Nelson and Dee Harris of Idaho Falls arrived Tuesday to spend the Christmas holidays at the Chester Harris home. Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Eason and Susan left for Colorado this week to visit relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnstone and sons were Sunday dinner guests at the Orlee Sipes home in Ridgeview.</div></div> <div><div>South Side</div><div>A Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held at the Lewis Cegnar home Sunday, December 20. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cegnar and family and Mrs. Marjorie Vogel of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. John Cegnar and family, Mrs. Frank Cegnar, Mr. and Mrs. John Jesenko and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cegnar and family.</div></div>	<div>December 24, 1870</div> <div><div>Local Hints and Happenings</div><div>A Merry Christmas to all! Col. Fogus has gone to San Francisco. Hon. Frank Ensign has gone to Boise City. Rev. E. Z. Poulin has gone to Boise City. No important European war news this week. We are informed that a gay deck of bordies will arrive here this week. Joe Short has just received an extensive stock of liquors, and c., from San Francisco. Geo. Allen departed for Chico, Cal., this week and will make that place his permanent home. G. W. Grayson has recently been very ill with erysipelas at Boise, but is now reported convalescent. A lady’s hat was found in the Theater after the Exhibition last Saturday evening. It can be had at this office. It is rumored that Charley Hays has “flopped” on the European question, and is now in favor of King William. Another effort has been made to get a Governor for Idaho, the President having nominated a carpet bagger named A. H. Connors. We understand that work will be suspended in a majority of the mines on Sunday and Monday next that the boys may have a chance to celebrate. Sommercamp has extended the sidewalk from his saloon to Ayears’ shoe shop, and is making various other improvements about his tip-top establishment. Don’t forget the Christmas Ball at Hill’s Hall on Monday evening next. Tickets can be had at the various saloons and other public places in town-only \$3.</div></div> <div><div>THE CHRISTMAS TREE.</div><div>-The Christmas Festival will take place at Hill’s Hall to-night. Henry Martin, Esq., will deliver an appropriate address. There will also be vocal and instrumental music, and distribution of gifts from the Christmas tree. All who desire to put gifts on the tree, are requested to bring them at an early hour to-day. Seven o’clock sharp is the time set for the commencement of the exercises.</div></div> <div><div>IN A NEW ROLE.</div><div>- Mr. S. Norton, formerly of this place, and whose family resides here at present, has purchased Leslie’s photographing business and outfit at Boise City. Mr. Norton has our best wishes for his success in his new undertaking.</div></div> <div><div>THE WEATHER.</div><div>- During the past week we have had the coldest snap of weather ever known in these mountains. The sleighing is good, but a few inches more snow would greatly improve it.</div></div> <div><div>CHANGE OF ROUTE.</div><div>-We understand that the Boise stage will to-day withdraw from the Reynold’s Creek Road, and hereafter travel the new road from Anderson’s ranch, Sinker creek, to Boise City.</div></div> <div><div>THE EXHIBITION.</div><div>The Theater was crowded with spectators last Saturday evening to witness Mrs. Adams’ School Exhibitions. The programs was faithfully carried out and was a complete success. Taking everything into consideration, the entire performance was not excellent by any similar affair that we ever witnessed. We regret that want of space this week forbids an extended notice. The gross proceeds amounted to, \$132 50, form which deducting \$26 for expenses, leaves \$106 50, to be used exclusively in buying presents for the school children and those engaged in the exhibition, in all, numbering 55. We understand that quite a sum of money has been collected, and will be appropriated in presents for other children in the community. The Christmas tree to-night will undoubtedly be heavily laden with gifts.</div></div>



Christmas donation

Students in Tammy Averman’s class at Marsing Elementary School collected food and toys for a needy family in the Marsing area. Pictured are; Rayshell Glenn, Rosa Herrera, Heather Hill, Michelle Horner, Mayra Lino, Armina Marcial, Charity Jerome, Isabel Montes, Bailey Peters, Chelsi Stewart, Arturo Carrillo, Oscar Ceballos, Brandon Dayton, Dillon Cook, Bernardo Galves, Charlie Lawerance, Erik Munson, Trevor Lootens, Matthew Rost, Timothy Sevy, Johnathan Stone and Nicole Sumstad.

Tis the Season



Surprise visit

Santa Clause visits with students in Mrs. Elizondro’s class at Marsing Elementary School last Friday morning during a surprise last minute visit from the North Pole. Santa sang songs with the students and took note of their Christmas wishes.



Avalanche gift drive

Amanda Nelson sits among the many presents donated to the Owyhee Health and Rehab during the annual Owyhee Avalanche’s Christmas gift donation drive. Residents in the nursing home enjoyed a visit with Santa Claus Tuesday and opened presents given to them by caring people.



TNT winners

Logan Glenn, Alicia Ponce, Lupita Calderon, Raul Flores, Jacob Ryska and Courtney Peters stand with their winning gingerbread houses during a competition for Marsing Middle School’s TNT time. Students made edible houses from an assortment of graham crackers, candy and frosting. The house to the right of the picture won first place, second place is in the middle and the third place house is at the left.



MMS collects food and coats

Marsing Middle School students collected hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food and warm coats for needy families in the Marsing area. Pictured are Brian Agnew, John Cossel, Jennifer Pfeifer, Charlene Eells and Adam Harmel.



Christmas request

First grade student Garrett Briggs, steadies himself on Santa’s lap last week during a surprise last minute visit to the elementary school from the North Pole. A new puppy topped Garrett’s wish list.



Panthers overpower Trojans 54-32

The Parma Panthers held the Homedale Trojans 54-32 in 2A Western Idaho Conference boys basketball action Thursday night. Spencer Batt and Nick Williams led Homedale with seven points each. For the Panthers, Trevor Roche scored 24 points and pulled down 17 rebounds. Skyler Beard added 10 points and Jay Black added eight.

(Left)
Score
Cody Garrett scores a basket on an in-bounds steal against the Parma Panthers last week. The Trojan's lost to the Panthers 54-32.

(Right)
Rebound
Homedale's Tyler McRae and Cole Cooper battle for a rebound in the Trojan's loss to Parma Thursday night.



Haylett connects for victory over Vale

A basket as the buzzer sounded was just enough for the Homedale Trojans girls' basketball team to defeat the Vale Vikings in a 50-49 win last week. With seven seconds remaining to be played, all the Vikings (3-3 overall) had to do was throw the ball in bounds and draw the foul to be all but guaranteed a victory over the visiting Trojans (7-2). Kelsi Haylett's final field goal, as time expired, put the dagger through the hearts of the Vale Vikings, giving Homedale a 50-49 victory over Vale, in nonleague girl's basketball action Saturday night at Vale High School. Homedale received the ball and passed it inside to Jill Cooper, who missed. Right there was Haylett, scooping up the rebound and firing a 15-foot falling down jumper, over the outstretched hand of Megan Haueter, that scraped only nylon as the buzzer went off in front of a stunned Vale crowd. Eight minutes before Haylett took the lead, the Vikings found themselves up 40-30 to start the third quarter before Homedale went on a 17-4 run to grab a 47-44 lead with only 1:45 left to be played. After falling behind 8-1 halfway through the first-quarter, the Vikings rebounded to take a 26-24 lead at the half that they extended to a 40-30 third quarter lead after leading by as much as 12 points. Cooper led the Trojans with 13 points and eight rebounds, while Haylett added 12 points. Jennifer Anzaldua had 10 points and six assists. Both teams will be competing in a Marsing tournament next Friday and Saturday in Marsing

Wilder girls stop Adrian

Jenny Waters scored 17 points to lead visiting Wilder past Adrian, 38-34, Tuesday in a physical girl's nonleague basketball victory at Adrian High School. The win dropped the Antelopes to 4-2 on the season. The game was marred by an ejection, in the third quarter, for fighting. Wilder's Brenda Zamora and Adrian's Amber Garner were sent to the showers early. Wilder jumped to an early lead, outscoring the Antelopes 22-11 in the first half. Garner had just four points, but pulled down 10 rebounds. Trisha Hernandez led Adrian with 13 points. Jessica Ulrich grabbed nine boards and Clara Ellsworth chipped in six points and eight rebounds and two assists. Adrian hosts Idaho City Friday.



Trojan power
Fidel Cardenas wrestles in a dual against the Payette Pirates in Homedale last week. Cardenas won by technical fall and helped lead the Trojans to its second consecutive win against Class 3A opponents. Details of the match were unavailable at press time, but will be published next week.

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!



Huskies stop Panthers

The Parma Panthers could not survive a poor second half, falling to the Marsing Huskies 51-37 on the road Tuesday in Western Idaho Conference play.

The Panthers dropped to 0-5 in conference play and 2-6 overall. Parma led 25-24 at halftime, but got outscored 27-12 in the second half.

Junior Amanda Stewart had game-highs of 24 points and 10 rebounds. Senior Amie Vanek chipped in 9 points and 8 rebounds. Marsing guard Jamie Lynde added 10 points for the Huskies.

Janna Hansen led Parma with nine points and Stephanie Derschon added seven.

Opening

Marsing Husky Jeannie Smith looks for an opening to Amanda Stewart during a winning girl's basketball game with the Parma Panthers. Marsing will host a Christmas tournament Friday and Saturday.

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The amazing grace of Christmas morn

Wesley Pruden
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The Christ born in a manger 2,000 years ago lives, changing the hearts of sinners and transforming the lives of the wicked.

This column, which appeared Christmas Eve of 1999, is reprinted at the request of many readers.

The malls and the Main Streets will soon fall silent. The ringing cash registers, the happy cries of children, the hearty greetings of a thousand fraudulent Santas will soon be but ghostly echoes across shuttered shops and silent streets.

But the Christ born in a manger 2,000 years ago lives, changing the hearts of sinners and transforming the lives of the wicked. This is the authentic story of Christmas, and nothing illustrates the redeeming power of the message of Christmas with greater clarity than the story of an English slaver named John Newton.

Newton was born 300 years ago into a seafaring family in England. His mother was a godly woman. Faith gave her life meaning. She died when he was 7, and he recalled as the sweetest remembrance of childhood the soft and tender voice of his mother at prayer.

His father soon married again, and John left school four years later to go to sea with him. He quickly adopted the vulgar life of common seamen, though the memory of his mother’s faith remained. “I saw the necessity of religion as a means of escaping hell,” he would recall many years later, “but I loved sin.”

On shore leave, he was seized by a press gang and taken aboard HMS Harwich. Life grew coarser. He ran away, was captured and taken back to the Harwich and put in chains, stripped before the mast, and flogged. “The Lord had by all appearances given me up to judicial hardness,” he recalled. “I was capable of anything. I had not the least fear of God, nor the least sensibility of conscience. I was firmly persuaded that after death, I should merely cease to be.”

The captain of the Harwich traded him to the skipper of a slaving ship, bound for West Africa to take aboard a human cargo. “At this period of my life,” he later reflected, “I was big with mischief and, like one afflicted with a pestilence, was capable of spreading a taint wherever I went.” John’s new captain took a liking to him, however, and took him to his plantation on an island off the African coast, where he had taken as his wife a beautiful but cruel African princess. She grew jealous of her husband’s friendship with John, and was pleased when it was time for them to sail once more. But John fell ill, and the captain left John in his wife’s care.

The ship was hardly over the horizon when she ordered him from her house and threw him into a pig sty, and gave him a board for a bed and a log for a pillow.

He was left alone, in delirium, to die. Miraculously, he did not die. She kept him in chains, in a cage like an animal, and fed him swill from her table. Word spread through the district that a black woman was keeping a white slave, and many came to watch her taunt him. They threw limes and stones at him, mocking his misery. He would have starved if the slaves, waiting for a ship to take them to the Americas, had not shared their meager scraps of food.

Five years passed, and the captain returned. When John told him how he had been treated, he branded John a thief and a liar. When they sailed again, John was treated ever more harshly. He was given only the entrails of animals butchered for the crew’s mess. “The voyage quite broke my constitution,” he would recall, “and the effects would always remain with me as a needful memento of the service of wages and sin.”

Like Job, he became a magnet for adversity. His ship wrecked in a storm, and he despaired that God had mercy left for him after his life of hostile indifference to the Gospel. “During the time I was engaged in the slave trade,” he would write, “I never had the least scruple to its lawfulness.” Yet the wanton sinner, the arrogant blasphemer, the mocker of the faith of others, was finally driven to his knees: “My prayer was like the cry of ravens, which yet the Lord does not disdain to hear.”

Rescued, he made his way back to England, to reflect on the mercies God had shown him in his awful life. He fell under the influence of George Whitefield and John Wesley, and was born again into the new life in Christ. He began to preach the Gospel, which at last he understood.

Two days short of Christmas 1807, he died, at the age of 82, and left a dazzling testimony to the amazing miracle of the Christmas story. “I commit my soul to my gracious God and Savior, who mercifully spared and preserved me, when I was an apostate, a blasphemer and an infidel, and delivered me from that state on the coast of Africa into which my obstinate wickedness had plunged me.” This is his testimony, which, set to music, has become the favorite hymn of Christendom.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
and grace will lead me home.

Merry Christmas

The Owyhee Avalanche, December 24, 1870

The angel’s hymn, which eighteen hundred years ago was wafted o’er Juda’s plains to the shepherds, proclaiming the birth of Israel’s King, and chanting “Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man,” has reverberated all those centuries through the corridors of time, and strikes our ears with renewed sweetness as on the threshold of another Christmas we stand. The Christmas light is breaking upon us, and even now we seem to catch the first strains of “Gloria in Excelsis,” and with rapturous hearts we swell the notes “Glory to God in the Highest.”

In the home of the rich, where wealth supplies every want, and where blessings are manifold; in the hovel of the poor, where perhaps the only Christmas light is the smiling face of an innocent babe, glad voices raise their praise, and the song is still the same. We stand upon the verge of another Christmas.

A year has passed since last we mingled in its festivities, and we are brought again to share its pleasures. We know that it is at hand, for the stores are teeming with beautiful presents — windows glitter with their wealth of costly goods, which seem to smile as we look at them; Christmas trees are being prepared; the churches throughout the land are being decorated; nimble fingers twine the bay, and young faces are breaking into ripples of joy at the anticipated visit of “Santa Claus.”

To the young the charm of Christmas lies in the number and beauty of the presents it brings; to the older it has a far deeper significance. Who can forget the feelings of his earlier years as Christmas was announced? The expectations, the longings, the hopes, the fears, the desire to sit up and see the man who filled the stockings; to watch him come down the chimney; to witness his departure over the roof, with his “Dancer and Prancer,” and “Donder and Blixsen.” But watch ever so closely we could never catch him, for the eyes would grow weary, and the little head drop over, fast asleep.

O, who can forget the joys on awaking on Christmas morn, with the Christmas light falling upon stockings swelled with Christmas gifts, with candies and other precious sweet-meats! and a jumping jack staring right at you! There would be dolls for the girls; dolls with rubber heads and red dresses; dolls that would cry; and new dresses — and away down at the bottom, down in the toe, candy always. For the boys there would be jackknives, glittering and sharp;

monkeys with grotesque faces; popguns to satisfy the martial mind; marbles by the dozen — and — candy at the bottom. O, happy, happy moments, when children count their gifts and wonder how the treasure man could so well anticipate their wishes! And these pleasures outlive childhood; we do not bury their joys in the childhood’s flower-decked tomb. They grow upon us, and we live them over again, when we hear the merry laughter of children on Christmas morn.

Then comes the Christmas dinner, glorious feast! Another Utopia where children revel, whose airs are redolent with the flavor of roast turkeys; whose rivers flows with oyster soup, through whose mist may be seen the marsh of cranberry sauce, with its floating island, and, towering high beyond, the mountain of plum cake; the ruddy flow of old Java pouring from the side of a bounteous reservoir. And then to see them swim the river, wade the marsh, clamber upon the island, scale the mountain, and drink from the crimson stream! Say that children do not revel in such scenes, and you deny the existence of childhood. There is the Christmas tree, with its installment of gifts; the little ones puzzle their brains to know how “Santa Claus” got them there, for they surely have kept watch and ward. The little tapers burn cheerily, and the limbs spring back as their burdens are removed. The dolls are gone, the candy eaten, the books distributed, the wooden horses have galloped away — and nothing remains but the pine branches.

The little ones are put to bed; they lie down and dream — of what, the little mind only knows. There are many about us, who are looking forward to Christmas with joyful expectations; there are the young and the old — the young to stockings corpulent with presents — the old to a happy reunion with friends. Already the Christmas tree begins to bend beneath its precious burdens, and Christmas dinners preparing. Let us romp with the children and live again the pleasures of youth. From every home let the shout go up, “Laus Deo.” From the field, the workshop and the mine, let the laborer cry “Laus Deo.” From the halls of splendor and the habitations of poverty let frail humanity sing “Laus Deo.” From the priest, and from the congregation, let “Laus Deo” arise in one grand harmonious pean to the Throne above. Yes, “Praise God” for the Christmas light, and teach your little ones as they grow up the deep significance of the word, and the value of God’s gift to man. “Wreath the holly, twine the hay, Christ was born on Christmas day,” and, whether at home or abroad, in church or out, do not forget the angel’s song, “Peace on earth, good will to men.”



ASK
BETTY

Betty Crocker

Creating Holiday Breakfast Traditions

Dear Betty,

Our kids are getting old enough that I'd like to start a holiday breakfast tradition. Can you help?

Shawano, Wis.

Traditions, whether for breakfast, lunch or dinner, don't have to be elaborate, they just have to be repeated. Serve hot cocoa with marshmallows while opening packages or bake you grandmother's famous oven pancake two years in a row, and I guarantee your family will look forward to "next year!"

One friend started buying gooey cinnamon rolls on Christmas Eve. Her girls now remind their mom "Don't forget the cinnamon rolls!" She serves them with coffee, cocoa and sliced fruit, saying she wants to enjoy her children opening gifts, not spend her morning in the kitchen cooking.

These suggestions might help you create your own traditions:

Set the table with special Christmas or New Year's dishes-even if they're just fancy paper plates and napkins.

Pick up matching holiday mugs. Or take a family outing to a plate-painting shop to decorate your own.

Look for holiday pancake molds that let you make pancakes in shapes.

Cut up a variety of wonderful winter fruits-red and white grapefruit, star fruit, pomegranates, apples and red Anjou pears. Toss with a little sugar or a poppy seed dressing.

Check out my Web site for a tasty breakfast casserole and make it just on this special occasion.

Serve homemade or toaster waffles with fun toppings such as chocolate chips, whipped cream, toasted nuts, sliced bananas, fresh blueberries or strawberries. Stir honey or cinnamon sugar into softened butter for a special treat.

Serve orange juice with a peppermint stick swizzle stick.

Dear Betty,

Is it possible to make fancy coffee-shop coffee drinks at home?

Bountiful, Utah

Don't you just love fancy coffees? You make them easily at home, especially if you have an espresso maker. But if you don't, you can still create a slightly milder version of cafe latte and cappuccino.

Brew a very strong pot of coffee using French roast or other dark-roasted coffee.

Warm milk or cream in a glass measuring cup in the microwave, then beat with a wire whisk or fork until it's frothy.

Pour the coffee into cups or mugs. Using a spoon to hold back the foam, pour the milk into the coffee. Then spoon on the foam.

Garnish with ground nutmeg, cinnamon or a dash of cocoa.

For an eggnog latte, stir instant espresso into eggnog and heat in the microwave. It's luscious!

For more great ideas, visit my Web site: BettyCrocker.com Questions?

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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On April 10, 2003, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock pm of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, corner of State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, 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 the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:
Lot 2, Block 1, CASCADE SUBDIVISION, part of the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 16, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed January 21, 1974 as Instrument No. 138898, in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed the address of RT 1 Box 1091, Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the 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 Rodney R. Young and Cheryl D. Young, husband and wife as Grantor(s) with U.S. Bank National Association as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded December 16, 1998 as Instrument No. 226907, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Cendant Mortgage Corporation, recorded December 5, 2002, as Instrument No. 241811.
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 to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows:
Monthly payments of \$518.37 due for the months of August 2002 through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$63,028.45 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protest their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 6.75 percent from July 1, 2002, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.
The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
Dated this 6 day of December, 2002.

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PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

On January 16, 2003 beginning at 7 PM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hold its regular meeting in the County Annex on Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho. After dispensing with old business, the Commission will hear public testimony on the following matter:
MARYBELLE MAHLER has filed an application for a conditional use permit to put a 2nd house on existing property for her grandson's residential use, south of Homedale on Cemetery Road. Subject property is located in Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho and Section 33, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

12/18,25/02

NOTICE OF OPEN NOMINATION FOR DIRECTOR POSITION WITH THE OPALINE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to IDS 43-201 to 43-207, inclusive, and 34-106 the election of one Director from Division #1, and one Director from Division #4 of the Opaline Irrigation District, will be held on February 4, 2003 to elect a director for the term of three (3) years from the thirteenth of February 2003 and until their successors are elected and qualified.
Nomination for Director may be made by Petition signed by at least six (6) electors of the District, qualified to vote for the candidate nominated and filed with he Secretary of the District not less than 20 days nor more than 40 days before the date of the election. Petitions may be obtained from Mrs. Angela Jensen, Secretary of the District, Ph 896-5273. (Petition due date is January 16, 2003 at 5 p.m.)
In the event more than one (1) candidate is nominated within a Division, notice of the time and place of the election will be posted as is required by IDS 43-206.
Angela Jensen
Secretary / Treasurer
Opaline Irrigation District
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Commentary

Editor’s notebook

Joe Aman

Mr. Creal and his flying machine

Ninety-nine years to the day after humans first took to the sky in a powered, heavier-than-air craft, modern airplanes and parachutists criss-crossed the air in celebration of that giant step by brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright.

So read an article last Wednesday, announcing a gala celebration of that first air flight by the Wright brothers.

Also last week, a television mini-special told of some preacher in Texas who may have actually beaten the brothers to the air, but then admitted that no confirming evidence existed to support that claim.

Little if anything is known about an earlier attempt at flight right here in Owyhee County, and more specific, in Silver City. And it was before the famous brothers were even born, let alone attempting to fly.

The other day I was browsing one of the four pages of the March 26, 1870 issue of the Avalanche, when I came across an article included in the local happenings column. The column was the usual “Mary visited Sally for tea Sunday last” items.

But what caught my eye was a brief item about a potential history-making event. It reads:



“J.L. Creal is building a flying machine. When it gets a little more underway we will give a thorough description. It will have four wings and can be worked by hand or steam. Marriot’s Avitor will be eclipsed.”

Evidently Mr. Creal gave up on the contraption. I thumbed through some issues following that one, but so far I’ve found no further reference to Creal’s flying machine – nor any mention of his untimely death.

Should anyone have further information on this subject, please let us know.

Joe Aman may be reached at The Owyhee Avalanche or directly via email: avalanche@citlink.net

Letter to the editor

Chamber president thanks participants

As I awoke on Saturday (December 14), I was concerned that we would even have a holiday parade. To my surprise and delight floats started rolling in along with kids, horses and other participants. Despite the cold and wind, it is my opinion, our parade was a success.

My most sincere appreciation to the members of Homedale Chamber of Commerce who graciously volunteered to make every detail fall together from stuffing bags of goodies to the organization and line-up of the parade. Special thanks to Lori of Lori’s Latte for putting together the wonderful gift baskets. The items for the gift baskets were supplied by local businesses and individuals of Homedale that are truly in the Christmas spirit.

To the business and individuals who participated in the parade, we couldn’t have had one without you. Many thanks to all. This was a real learning experience for me. I am looking forward to next year with high hopes far more entries and calmer weather

Kelly A. Burns
President Homedale Chamber of Commerce

Read all about it
in the Avalanche!

On the edge of common sense

Baxter Black, DVM

Salmon: to have or not to have

What if the headlines read: Audobon Society says avoid eating farm raised turkeys!

Would anybody, even their benefactor, Ted Turner, take them seriously

What about Thanksgiving tradition? Christmas day? The club sandwich? Has the once respected conservation group morphed into the Grinch wearing a pilgrim’s hat? Well, put down your muskets, it is not true. They have not called for a ban on farm raised gobblers, no, they have sent out a ruling for the public to avoid eating farm raised salmon, instead

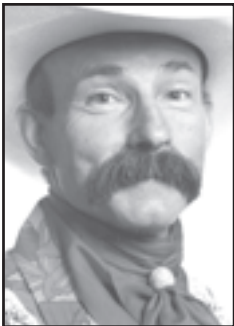
I am sure I’m not the only diner to notice the increase in availability of salmon on menu around the country. And the reasonable prices. Even as I was reading about salmon in Oregon being threatened, it began popping up in grocery stores and cafeteria lines in greater frequency. Salmon has also been touted as having anti-cancer, good heart wrinkle-reducing properties, although those benefits are still unproven hype and theory. But it tastes good, so it should be a welcome addition to our table.

So why is the Audobon Society spoiling the party? In their defense they are not against eating salmon that is caught by Native Americans, Alaskan commercial fishermen and sport fishermen on fishing trips off the Pacific coast. They are opposed to farm raised salmon. Most farm raised salmon eaten in the U.S. are imported from Canada, Norway, Chile and Britain. They are a different species called ‘Atlantic Salmon’, and are thought not to interbreed with wild salmon.

The Audobon Society explains they think farming salmon will harm the environment and hurt the fishing industry. I’m not sure how they are going to convince a public that is now eating salmon at record levels, to cease and desist. Suggest abstinence? Hold protests in front of Walmart’s salmon specials? Lobby congress to prohibit salmon on school lunch menus? Subsidize the Alaskan fishing industry? Sponsor deep sea sport fishing trips from Ilwaco? Run ads in Field & Stream promoting netting on the Columbia River? Or simply make us bite the bullet and admit that eating salmon should be a privilege for those who can afford it or who happen to live on the coast? That it should be like lobster, filet mignon, buffalo steak, truffles or H%agen-Dazs, not for the family on a budget.

Alas, this is another of civilization’s battles between the have and the have-nots. Earth’s ingenious entrepreneurs will always try and find a way for the common man to share the good things in life, i.e., property, the vote, decent working hours, indoor plumbing, health care, education, affordable housing, a car, a computer, spare ribs and yes, salmon...even over the objections of the Audobon Society.

I am glad the Audobon Society did not take issue with farmed turkey back when they had chance and endorse only wild turkey. Because, as anyone can tell who’s hunted them, it’s hard to imitate the call of an amorous turkey.



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Commentary

Farm Bureau

Green Giants raking in big bucks

By John Thompson
Director of Information

It’s that time of the year again when most of the big environmental groups go fishing. They send out postcards adorned with the faces of forlorn-looking baby animals asking citizens to send money and help them save wolves, whales, wilderness, rivers etc. from the wealthy and evil oil, timber, gas, mining or agriculture interests.

However, a look at the income tax returns of many of these so-called non-profit environmental groups paints a slightly different picture. Many resource-related businesses will never come close to generating as much revenue as some of the Green Giants.

For example, the 12 largest U.S.-based environmental groups generated combined revenues of \$1.9 billion last year, according to the latest Internal Revenue Service figures. Here’s a snapshot of assets and income for the biggest national environmental groups during the 2001 fiscal year:

Sierra Club – Assets \$128.9 million, Income - \$73.8 million
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) – Assets - \$6.4 million, Income \$13.8 million
Defenders of Wildlife – Assets \$19.5 million, Income - \$24.1 million
Nature Conservancy – Assets \$2.9 million, Income - \$731 million
The Wilderness Society – Assets \$23.1 million, Income - \$17.2 million
Earth Justice Legal Defense Fund – Assets \$32.4 million, Income - \$21.5 million

Closer to home we have:

Greater Yellowstone Coalition – Assets \$3.9 million, Income - \$2.1 million
Idaho Conservation League – Assets \$1.8 million, Income - \$1.4 million
Alliance for the Wild Rockies – Assets \$361,061, Income - \$411,698
Idaho Rivers United – Assets \$77,098, Income - \$374,589
Western Watersheds Project – Assets \$81,556, Income - \$252,067

Now lets review what some of these groups have accomplished with their millions. First, they have done brilliant public relations work, fooling people into donating to their causes and giving the false impression that they are sticking up for the little guy. On the flipside they have destroyed rural economies throughout the West, caring little about the livelihoods of thousands of families.

In spite of the facts, the Green Giants have created the perception that genetically modified foods are harmful. The handsome results of this effort are that people in Africa and elsewhere are starving.

Environmental lawsuits that have blocked timber sales helped create a forest health epidemic that resulted in the burning of six million acres of public land last summer. Those fires released 450,000 tons of pollutants into the atmosphere—the same as every car in California would emit over a ten-year period.

There are dozens more examples, but the unfortunate conclusion is that environmentalism has become a romantic preoccupation of the wealthy that generally flies in the face of the best interests of common folks.

Letter to the editor

The pizazz is gone

Boy, do I miss Robert Boatman. I agree with Fred Eiquren of Jordan Valley, as well as Maurice Clements of Nampa. As to your response to Fred’s letter, I sensed defensiveness and maybe a little pressure from somewhere.

As for Bob Boatman insulting people, he sure did not insult me. If some were insulted, he probably hit a nerve with some that thought these issues were none of our business. Bob Boatman was speaking for me, as well as many other people.

I looked forward every week to the Avalanche to read how Mr. Boatman was telling the truth about the Feds at work. He has a way with the English language that I loved to read.

I met and talked to Bob a couple of times. Called him a few times about his articles that I thought outstanding (although I thought they all were).

All good things must come to an end, I suppose. At least we still have the Range Magazine from Carson City, Nevada that tells it like it is.

And now the Avalanche is just another small town paper, doing what small town newspapers do. No more editorials to alert us to upcoming attacks from our government. The pizazz is gone.

Boy oh boy, do I miss Robert Boatman.
Jerry Benson
Melba

EDITOR’S NOTE: As far as I’m concerned, this is a dead issue. I will say that if Boatman were still here under the arrangements then in place, this newspaper would be bankrupt.

However, you’re correct on one count. There’s more to this community newspaper than those slanderous statements he made so eloquently.

A Christmas meditation

God with us

Rev. Clare Willcuts
Written for the Owyhee Chronicle for Christmas, 1952

Why does the world stand still today? Why such commotion over the birth of a Jewish peasant? For nineteen hundred years the birth of the Savior in Bethlehem has been the world’s number one story. It has been the theme of innumerable songs and stories, the inspiration of countless works of art. It has been told and retold until today it is known the world over as the “old, old story” the sweetest story ever told”. It has become the center of the most widely observed and most joyfully celebrated festival in every land and among nearly all people.

It has been observed that the birth of Jesus has become the great center of interest. The educational world is represented in the wise men; the peasants are represented in the shepherds; royalty is represented in Herold; nature is represented in her gifts, “gold, frankincense and myrrh”; the heavens are represented in the star which led the way; the Heavenly Hosts are represented in their presence and praise; the lower creation is represented in the cattle around the manger; poverty is represented in the place in which He was born.

In Matthew’s recording of the birth of Christ he makes reference to the prediction of the prophet Isaiah.”Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and she shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us,” (Matt. 1:23). Emblazoned against the dark background of man’s wickedness, sin and selfishness, the words, “Immanuel – God with us”, are almost blinding, they appear startlingly misplaced. However, we will accept them and attempt to learn the reason.

In this story man has found the utmost in God’s love. God is giving His only begotten Son that man may be Redeemed. He stoops to lift man from the depths of sin and death to life at its highest and best in fellowship with the living God. In the Child of Bethlehem, God unites Himself with man. It was God’s utmost for man’s highest. That is what makes it the story of the ages.

When the Wise men found Him they worshipped Him. The Birth of Jesus does not call for celebration so much, but for Worship.

Letter to the editor

Read far and wide

Our current museum director, Kristen Mercer, is planning to return to college for an advanced degree. She notified the board that she is looking for a job in the Seattle area. We certainly appreciate this notice and the many other professional approaches she has taken over our association. Thank you, Kristen.

The OCHS Board formed a search committee to seek applicants. Nick Ihli, John Larsen and Jan Hyslop have informed colleges and museums around the west and have advertised in valley newspapers. At the time of this writing we have received 60 responses that requested our packet of information. We have asked that interested applicants send their resume and a letter of application to Nick Ihli no later than January 15. Nick’s address is P.O. Box 25, Murphy, ID 83650. A knowledge of collection care is, of course, an very important attribute for a candidate. In our museum, the director is responsible for every aspect of museum operation. We have one part-time staffer (Eleanor Widger) to help, but the director’s job is one of multiple responsibilities and duties. A strong working relationship with volunteers is very important. Even the state museum readily says that it could not begin to provide the service it does without its volunteers! We are very excited from the interest shown in our position. We expect to interview before the end of January and, if possible, have a smooth transition while Kristen is still with us to brief the new director about the job. The job is an Owyhee County position with normal county benefits. It pays \$20,000 per year.

It does not pay \$70,000! We placed a classified ad in The Owyhee Avalanche, which was to make notice that our museum director’s job is open. The ad incorrectly stated that the salary was much more than we intended to offer. Some OCHS members speculated that The Avalanche saw our \$20,000 per year as a paltry sum and had decided to enhance that figure nicely for us. We liked that idea a lot, but alas, we knew that that was not going to be the case.

Thankfully, the many callers who responded to the ad realized that the stated figure was simply a misprint. However, we can report to The Avalanche that its Classified section does get read far and wide. That newspaper has been very generous with printing our field trip articles and many other information pieces.

We will happily participate with it in doing market survey of its readership, but we hope that we can get a better phone center in place before the next test.

Jim Hyslop
OCHS

Public notices

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on January 6, 2003 at 8:00 p.m.

Rusty Parker
Secretary

12/25/02-01/01/03

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MARSING City Council will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall on January 7th at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to consider an application submitted by Marsing School District of said property annexed into the City of Marsing and zoned (P).

The legal description of the property is:

A portion of the SE1/4 NE 1/4, Section 4, Township 2 North, Range 4 West of the Boise Meridian which is more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence South 0 54'08" East along the East boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4, the said East boundary also being the centerline of Highway 78, a distance of 1191.96 feet to a point that is 90.00 feet Northerly of the Southeast corner of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence North 89 39'30" West along a line parallel with the South boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4, a distance of 326.23 feet;

Thence North 5 43'06" West, a distance of 477.17 feet;

Thence Northwesterly, a distance of 234.68 feet along the arc of a curve to the left having a radius of 625.00 feet, a central angle of 21 30'49" and a long chord which bears

North 16 28'31" West, a distance of 233.30 feet;

Thence North 27 13'55" West, a distance of 561.86 feet to a point on the North boundary of the said SE1/4 NE1/4;

Thence South 89 18'14" East along the said North boundary, a distance of 678.32 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

This parcel is subject to a right-of-way for Highway 78 along the East boundary, a 50 foot wide drain ditch easement, and to all other easements and rights-of-way existing or of record.

This parcel contains 12.07 acres Also known as part of Marsing School District.

Any person supporting or objecting to such petition shall be heard at such hearing.

Dated this 13th day of December, 2002.

Janice C. Bicandi
City Clerk

12/18,25/02

OWYHEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2002 ANNEX BUILDING, MURPHY, IDAHO 10:00 AM

Present for the meeting were Commissioner Hal Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Cynthia Eaton, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Assessor Ernie Bahem, Jim Desmond, Larry McDaniel, Syd Erwin, Jerry Hoagland, Brian Schrage, David Scott, Bill Armstrong, Mary Elsner, Ken Archer, Lillian Archer, Joe Gannuccio, Karen Bass, Sam

Pittman, Quay Johns, Lavar Young, Forrest Stimpson, Larry McDorman, John Romero, Terry Tidd, Connie Brandau, Gary Stoller, Lyle Talbot, Ed Frisbie, Hahns Nederand, Tom Hook, Clay Atkins, Russ Turner, Robert Corrigan, Kay Kelly-Breach, Fred Grant, and Lois Hart.

Treasurer Wright requested cancellation of taxes on Parcel Number MH 02N04W35848D A. The Assessor requested property tax exemption on RPC0740008004A. The Board approved the cancellation and the exemption.

Jim Desmond reported on the Draft future conditions meeting in Grandview. Presiding comments concluded that the statement is too complicated and too specific.

Larry McDaniel requested the Board review action on Trail Drive.

The Board approved minutes for December 2, 2002

Indigent and Charity case 02-02 continued until March; 02-35 Notice of Hearing January 6, 2002, 02-36 February 10, 2002, 02-37 February 3, 2002, 02-40 Board denied lack of cooperation; 02-41 Board denied; 02-42 Board denied; 02-43 Board denied; and, Cases 02-31 and 02-29 Board signed Finds of Fact and Orders. The Board reviewed and signed Liquor License renewals.

Idaho Board of Appeals overturned the Board decision in the Debbi Martin Case.

The Board received information concerning a Wind Power Conference.

The Board received conformation from the Idaho Department of Transportation that the signs restricting the use of Compression Breaks (Jake Breaks) had been placed both entrances to Murphy.

The Board heard testimony on

the Proposed Zoning Ordinance. The Board will accept written comments until Monday, December 16, 2002, 5:00 PM. The Board will then take the matter under advisement and make a decision.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Signed this 16th day of December 2002.

12/25/02

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Trustee's Sale No. 02-WG-31005

Notice is hereby given that, First American Title Insurance Company, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 15, 2003, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, Owyhee County Courthouse, corner of State Highway 79 and Hailey Street, Murphy, ID, 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 and personal property (hereafter referred to collectively as the "Property"), situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, to-wit: EXHIBIT "A" This parcel is a portion of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2, Township 2 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, and is more particularly described as follows: COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 2; thence North 00f 31' 06" West along the West boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 521.34 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence continuing North 00f 31' 06" West along said West boundary, a distance of 164.08 feet; thence South 89f 30' 33" East, parallel to the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 265.48 feet; thence South 00f 31' 06" East parallel to the West boundary of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 164.08 feet; thence North 89f 30' 33" West parallel to the South boundary of said Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, a distance of 265.48 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. 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 Route 1 Box 311 Persahll Road nka 4286 Pershall Rd., Marsing, ID 83639, 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 Marla M. Adams, as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Long Beach Mortgage Company, as Beneficiary, dated 1/19/1999, recorded 1/27/1999, under Instrument No. 227349, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by The Chase Manhattan Bank, as Trustee for Asset Backed Securities Corporation Long Beach Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-LB-1. 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 is sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 1/19/1999, the monthly payment which became due on 6/1/2001 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of December 9, 2002 Delinquent Payments from June 01, 2001 3 payments at \$636.65 each \$1,909.95 6 payments at \$682.90 each \$4,097.40 3 payments at \$631.11 each \$1,893.33 3 payments at \$631.12 each \$1,893.36 4 payments at \$587.31 each \$2,349.24 (06-01-01 through 12-09-02) Late Charges: \$563.79 Beneficiary Advances: \$2,675.84 Total: \$15,382.91 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 \$71,636.37, together with interest thereon at 9.990% per annum from 5/1/2001 to 9/1/2001, 9.990% per annum from 9/1/2001 to 3/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 3/1/2002 to 6/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 6/1/2002 to 9/1/2002, 9.990% per annum from 9/1/2002, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Dated: November 27, 2002 **First American Title Insurance Company, Trustee** By Cynthia G. Guanell, Assist V.P. c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP512383

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Southside Canal Company will be held at the Bruneau Legion Hall on January 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Sherry Colyer, Secretary

12/25/02

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2003

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: the following taxing districts will be conducting candidate elections in Owyhee County during the calendar year 2003.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXING DISTRICTS	ELECTION DATE	CANDIDACY FILING DEADLINES
Eastern Owyhee County Library Dist. 520 Boise Ave. P.O. Box 100 Grand View, ID 83624	May 27, 2003	5:00PM April 18, 2003
Lizard Butte Library District Main Street, Owyhee Plaza, Ste.#105 P.O. Box 60 Marsing, ID 83639	May 27, 2003	5:00 PM April 18, 2003
Bruneau Valley Library #2 Ruth Street P.O. 278 Bruneau, ID 83604	May 27, 2003	5:00 PM April 18, 2003
Gem Highway District 1016 Main St. P.O. Box 453 Marsing, ID 83639	August 5, 2003	5:00 PM June 27, 2003
Homedale Highway District 102 E. Colorado St. P.O. Box 713 Homedale, ID 83628	August 5, 2003	5:00 PM June 27, 2003
Bruneau Cemetery District P.O. Box 152 Bruneau, ID 83604	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003
Owyhee Pioneer Cemetery P.O. Box 24 Murphy, ID 83650	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003
Riverside Cemetery District 645 Idaho P.O. Box 9 Grand View, ID 83624	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003
Homedale Rural Fire Protection Dist 4 West Owyhee, P.O. Box 905 Homedale, ID 83628	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003
Bruneau Fire Protection Dist. P.O. Box 276 Bruneau, Idaho 83604	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003
Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire Dist P.O. Box 67 Murphy, ID 83650	November 4, 2003	5:00 PM September 26, 2003

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**Notice of Trustee’s Sale
No. 1048518-09 Parcel No.
Loan No. 10120197 T.S.**

On April 09, 2003, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, At the lobby of the Owyhee county courthouse., Hwy 78, Owyhee, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashier’s check drawn on a State or National Bank, a check drawn by a State or Federal Credit Union, or a check drawn by a State or Federal Savings and Loan Association, Savings Association, or Savings Bank, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, state of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: A parcel of land situate in the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of section 7, township 1 North, range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Center quarter corner of section 7, township 1 North, range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, a brass cap; thence South 86°07’42” West a distance of 621.66 feet to a point, being the real point of beginning; thence South 0°24’02” East a distance of 175.0 feet; thence South 86°07’42” West a distance of 155.0 feet; thence North 0°24’02” West a distance of 175.0 feet to a point on the North line of said Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter; thence North 86°07’42” East a distance of 155.0 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. Together with a 12 foot wide ingress-egress and utility easement the Northerly line of which is the Northerly line of the following described property; A parcel of land situate in the Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of section 7, township 1 North, range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, a brass cap, the Real Point of Beginning; thence South 0°10’46” West, 422.93 feet along the East boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, to a Ω inch rebar; thence South 86°07’42” West, 617.37 feet to a Ω inch rebar; thence North 0°24’02” West, 422.66 feet to the North boundary of said Northeast quarter of the Southwest quarter, a Ω inch rebar; thence North 86°07’42” East, 621.66 feet to the Real Point of Beginning. Commonly known as HC 79 Box 106E Melba Id 83641. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, 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 Jay D. Allman, A Married Man, As His Sole and Separate Property as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company, as trustee, for the benefit and security of First Magnus Financial Corporation as beneficiary, recorded April 26, 1999, as Instrument No. 228338, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. 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 to be made is: Failure to pay the monthly payment due August 1, 2002 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said deed of trust. The estimated balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$47,346.60, including interest, cost and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reasonable attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. First American Title Insurance Company C/O Cal-western Reconveyance Corporation P.O. Box 22004 El Cajon Ca 92022-9004 (619) 590-9200 Dated: December 06, 2002 Signature By: First American Title Insurance Company Luis Cerda, Assist. Sec. R-91299

12/25/02-01/01,08,15/03

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, At the entrance to the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Mile Marker 29 1/2, Murphy, ID 83650 on 03/26/03 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 03/27/2000 as Instrument Number 231849, and executed by DORIS ANN HUKILL, as Grantor (s), in favor of FREMONT INVESTMENT ... LOAN ITS SUCCESSORS AND/OR ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho:

LOT 8, BLOCK 1 EAGLE VIEW ESTATES, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THERE OF RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 215482, RECORDS OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 104 WAREAGLE RD, MELBA, ID 83641 is sometimes associated with the said real property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

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

Failure to pay the monthly payment due 06/01/2002 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 13.125% per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$67,816.38, plus

interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and/or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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.

DATED November 18, 2002 STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC.

Name and Address of the Current Trustee is: STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC. 9196 West Emerald, Suite 100 Boise, ID 83704 Diana L. Ayres, Trust Officer PHONE: (800) 281-8219 for information. Successor Trustee

12/11, 18, 25/02-01/02/03

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On April 1, 2003, at the hour of 10:00 o’clock am of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, on the corner of State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho, CHARLES C. JUST, ESQ., Attorney at Law, 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 the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit:

All that part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 8, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the the Southwest Quarter; thence North 25 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence 150 feet North; thence 150 feet West; thence 150 feet South; thence East 150 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of Route 1 Box 1244, Homedale, Idaho, is sometimes associated with the 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 Beverly Ann Ordorica, a single person as Grantor(s) with EquiCredit Corporation of Idaho as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust recorded May 23, 1997 as Instrument No. 22187, records of Owyhee County, Idaho.. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to

EquiCredit Corporation of America, recorded September 2, 1997, as Instrument No. 222736. The Beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as trustee for EQCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1997-3, recorded September 2 1997 as Instrument No. 222737 in the records of said County.

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 to be made is the failure to pay the amount due under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments of \$504.23 due for the months of July 2002, through and including the date of sale, together with late charges and monthly payments accruing. The sum owing on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$57,256.32 as principal, plus service charges, attorney’s fees, costs of this foreclosure, any and all funds expended by Beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 9.6% from June 1, 2002, together with delinquent taxes plus penalties and interest to the date of sale.

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

Dated this 21 day of November, 2002.

Paula Peterson
Trust Officer for
Charles C. Just, Esq.

12/11,18,25,2002,01,1,2,2003

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States, At the entrance to the Owyhee County Courthouse, Highway 78, Mile Marker 29 1/2, Murphy, ID 83650, on 04/03/2003 at 11:30 am, (recognized local time) for the purpose of foreclosing that certain Deed of Trust recorded 04/18/1994 as Instrument Number 212618, and executed by KENNETH LEE MOORE AND GLADYS E MOORE, as Grantor(s), in favor of CARL I BROWN AND COMPANY, A KANSAS CORPORATION, DBA PREMIER MORTGAGE RESOURCES, as Beneficiary, to STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC., the Current Trustee of record, covering the following real property located in Owyhee County, state of Idaho:

LOTS 22, 23, AND 24 OF BLOCK 5 OF THE REVISED TOWNSITE OF BUTTE, NOW THE CITY OF MARSING, OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THERE OF, FILED MARCH 9, 1946, AS INSTRUMENT NO. 71472, IN OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF OWYHEE COUNTY, IDAHO.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but or purpose of compliance with Idaho Code, Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that the street address of, 102 1ST STREET SOUTH AKA 104 BRUNEAU HWY , MARSING, ID 83639 is sometimes associated with said property.

Bidders must be prepared to tender the trustee the full amount of the bid at the sale in the form of cash, or a cashier’s check drawn on a state or federally insured savings institution. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in that certain Deed of Trust.

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

Failure to pay the monthly payment due 11/02/2001 of principal, interest and impounds and subsequent installments due thereafter; plus late charges, with interest currently accruing at 7.500 percent per annum; together with all subsequent sums advanced by beneficiary pursuant to the terms and condition of said Deed of Trust, and any supplemental modifications thereto. The principal balance owing as of this date on said obligation is \$49,748.92, plus interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations thereunder and in this sale, together with any unpaid and / or accruing real property taxes, and/or assessments, attorneys’ fees, Trustees’ fees and costs, and any other amount advanced to protect said security, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Therefore, the Beneficiary elects to sell, or cause said trust property to be sold, to satisfy said obligation.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THAT THE DEBT MAY BE DISPUTED. 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.

DATED: **December 2, 2002** STEWART TITLE OF BOISE, INC.

By: Diana L. Ayres Trust Officer
Successor Trustee
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PHONE: (800) 281-8291 for information.
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PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On January 30, 2003 beginning at 7 PM, The Owyhee County Planning and zoning Commission will hold its regular meeting in the Courthouse Annex on Basey street in Murphy, Idaho. After dispensing with old business, the Commission will hear public testimony on the following matter:

BRUCE AND TERRY REUCK has filed an application for a conditional use permit to split two parcels, from a 188 acre parcel. The sizes of the proposed parcels are 8 and 9 acres. Subject parcel is located southwest of Homedale and Succor Creek in Section 14, Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho.

12/25/02

Accuracy in media

Dereliction of duty

By Norta Turlock

Senator Bob Graham and his colleagues have pinned the blame for the September 11 disaster squarely on the Clinton administration. Graham said Clinton lacked the political will to strike Al Qaeda at its roots in the 1990s. According to Graham, we knew where the camps were, we knew they were turning out freshly trained terrorists every month, and we knew that a significant number of these were coming to the United States of America. We had the capability to eliminate those camps, Graham said, but we didn't use it. Treating terrorism as a law enforcement issue failed completely. Clinton hamstrung U.S. policy by adhering to "international law," while the terrorists operated under no such restrictions. Not surprisingly, the national media have completely ignored Senator Graham's charges that the Clinton administration was derelict in its duty.

Graham made these at a press conference to announce the findings of the Congress' Joint Intelligence Inquiry. In that report, Graham and his colleagues delivered a sweeping indictment of CIA Director George J. Tenet, who was appointed by Clinton in 1997 and held over by President Bush. The joint inquiry found that Tenet had failed to "posture" the intelligence community to combat terrorism, failed to develop a comprehensive counter-terrorism strategy, failed to marshal and apply sufficient resources that then hindered the community's counter-

terrorism efforts, and failed to prioritize those resources available to him. They criticized Tenet for his failure to seek additional resources from the White House or Capitol Hill; but as House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss once observed, Tenet likes his job too much to rock the boat.

The committee also found that Tenet and the Intelligence Committee had failed to "properly leverage technology" against terrorism. That's a euphemism for permitting collection agencies like the National Security Agency to lose good people and squander America's technological edge over our opponents. Goss and others on Capitol Hill have warned repeatedly about the potential consequences of NSA's failure to develop and apply "timely technical solutions" to the new world of digital communications. Despite this, the joint inquiry found that NSA has still not reversed the "erosion" of its management or technical skills that Goss and others have been harping about for years. As Director of Central Intelligence since 1997, Tenet shares blame for this along with NSA's leadership and the Pentagon.

Graham and his colleagues dismissed Tenet's 1998 declaration of war on al Qaeda as an ineffectual gesture, saying that "most of his troops didn't hear or didn't respond." More significant is the committee's judgment that successive administrations did nothing to alert the American public to the threat and "thus harden the homeland against the attack. The published findings are a litany of missed opportunities, analytic failures, bureaucratic inertia, incompetence and inattention on the part of senior managers. The

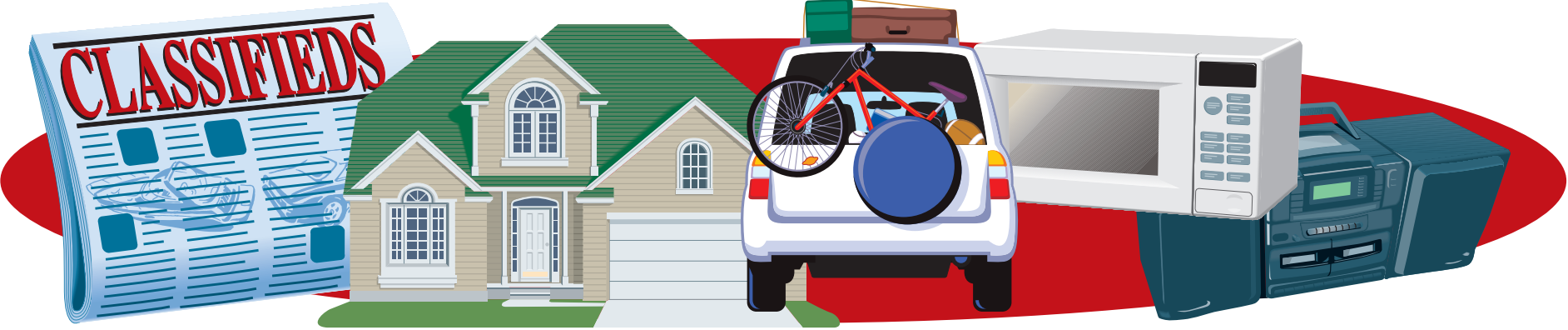
combination of these factors, prevalent throughout the intelligence community and the FBI, "greatly exacerbated the nation's vulnerability to an increasingly dangerous and immediate international terrorist threat inside the United States."

There were lots of references to "accountability" at the press conference, and Senator Richard Shelby, the committee's vice chairman, was even willing to name some names. Ultimately, however, the committee recommended that the inspectors general of each agency investigate "who failed the country" and recommend "sanctions" where appropriate. Don't hold your breath. Shelby continued his vendetta against Tenet, which stretches back years, by saying that "there were more massive failures of intelligence on his watch than any former CIA director." Shelby has repeatedly called for Tenet's dismissal, but White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told the Los Angeles Times that President Bush continues to have confidence in Tenet.

One veteran observer of intelligence affairs recently said, "Nobody pays attention to the intelligence community until it screws up." Judging by the media attention, even screw-ups pass by relatively unnoticed. Only the Washington Post put the story on its front page, the rest of the nation's elite dailies buried it. Many editors probably think the committee's findings have already been covered, so there was nothing really new to offer the public. A week after Graham's press conference, the joint inquiry's findings and Graham's allegations seem already forgotten. The New York Times even published a puff piece praising Tenet for his ability to gain and keep President Bush's confidence. That too is a dereliction of duty.

Trulock is the Associate Editor of the AIM Report

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