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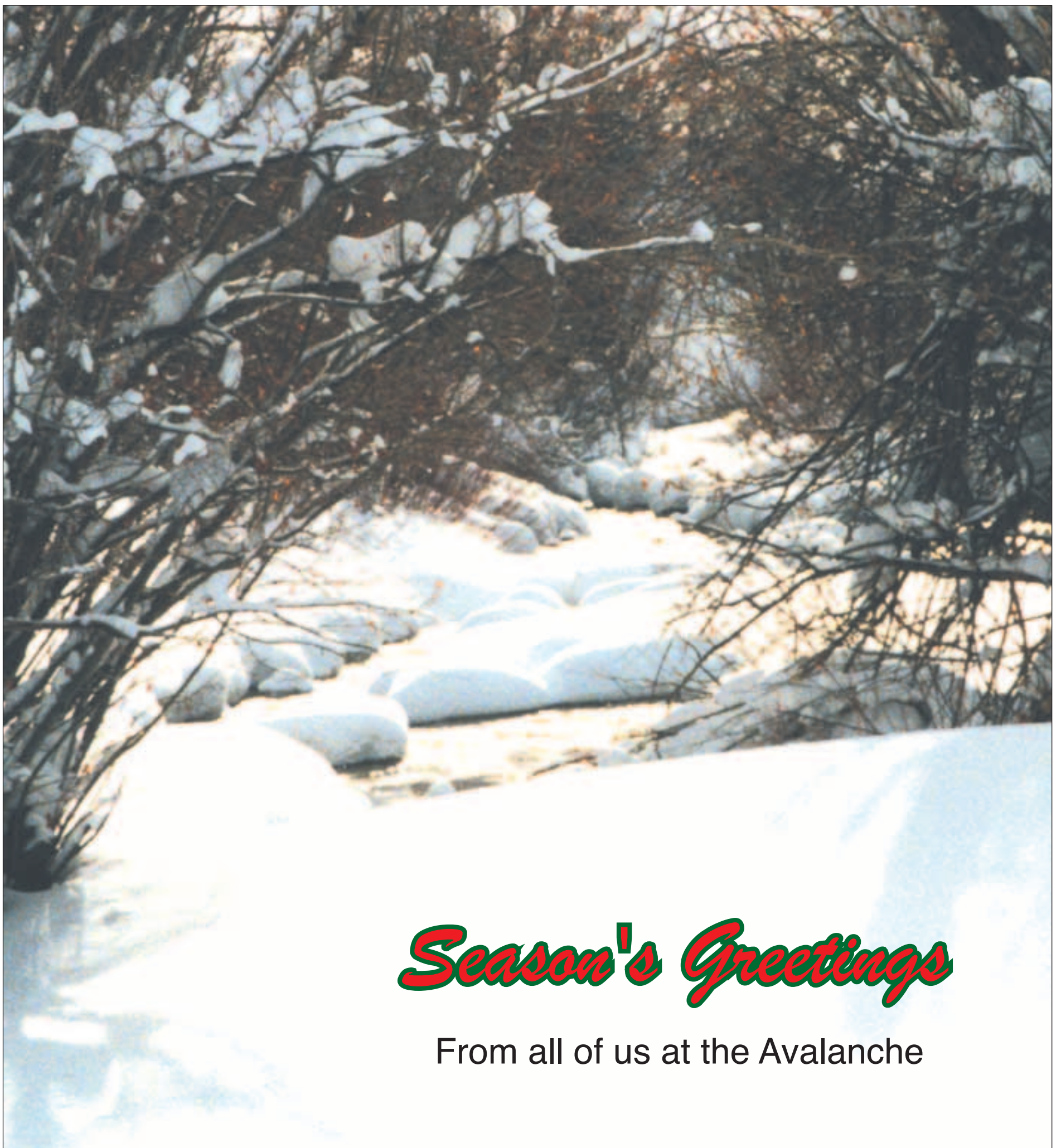
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Season's Greetings

From all of us at the Avalanche

Firefighters train for desert wild fires

Some may feel that the sounds of helicopters that have been in the county the last few weeks have been a bit of an annoyance. But when they find out it is firefighters training for wildfire seasons, most are happy to deal with the bother.

Thousands of acres are scorched every year in the county from wildfires and often federal and state land managers rely on air retardants and water drops from the air to fight those fires. That is when Kachina HeliJet, and other firefighting companies, is called into action.

Kachina HeliJet has had firefighting helicopters in the area south of Homedale for several weeks and ended their practice maneuvers last week. Two Bell 407s, one L1C30P and four Bell 205A1++s were used in the several week maneuvers.

"Every year we are required to do a re-occurring training with our pilots to ensure their emergency procedures for flying for company operations, water bucketing and long line skills," Chris Hartnell from Kachina said. "We put everyone through this course every year. Hovering auto rotations where they roll the engine back and cushion it is one of many maneuvers they will do. All of the emergencies that could possibly happen without having an actual emergency are trained."

Kachina has been practicing in the Owyhee desert for several weeks and ended its training last week. They practiced low elevation maneuvers, water dips and a large variety of emergency situations.

"Each pilot will put on between 6-10 hours of flying in emergency situations on every type of aircraft that they are rated on," Hartnell explained. "Up to six pilots are in training each day. They attend ground school in the mornings and on the weekends they have trained on the long line with a 100 and 150-foot line attached to the helicopter and they trained on the water buckets."

In the ground school the pilots are trained about weather, the aircrafts performance and mistakes that have been made in the past.

"Unfortunately some firefighters were killed in helicopters last year and we try to use some of those terrible situations to learn from," Hartnell said. "We review the new and old rules from the FAA during the ground class and in the afternoon we have the flying schedule."

The Bell 407 is versatile

enough to travel through rough terrain for search and rescue or offshore operations. It is capable of carrying seven people. The Bell 205A-1++ is the biggest in Kachina's fleet with a capacity to carry a water bucket and a ground crew into rough terrain for fire fighting.

Brent Taggart of Homedale has a personal interest in the helicopters as he continues his training to join the firefighting team. Kachina has been using Taggart's property near Rattlesnake Butte on which to train.

Kachina has been in Idaho for 15 years and just recently combined with HeliJet from Eugene Oregon this year. The company is based in Nampa.

The company has 16 aircraft during the summer months including two Bell 407s, one L1C30P helicopter and four Bell 205A-1++s with an 1800 horsepower turbo engine for "high and hot."

"We lease eight 212 HPs, a twin-engine version of the 205," Hartnell said. "We fire fight, construction work, aerial recon, aerial photography pretty much anything people want us to do. The 205 can carry a up to 324 gallons and can carry crews as well."

"It works great in the summer time for high altitude and hot conditions," Hartnell continued. "It can carry a lot of water. We do everything. We go all over the country from here to Florida."

Hartnell said the company currently has BLM contracts, forest service contracts and two contracts in Idaho now, one in Garden Valley and the other at Lucky Peak.



Desert wild fires

Chris Hartnell from Kachina waits for pilots from two Bell 407s and a Bell 205A++ to land. Hartnell trains firefighting pilots for dangerous situations during summer fire seasons.

"In the summer time our staff goes from 12 to 13 up to 30 people," Hartnell said. "The company fights an average of 30 fires in a year, depending on the fire season."

Fire Manager Randy Eardley for the Lower Snake River District BLM said 89 fires have been fought in Owyhee County since 1999. The worst fire season for the county was in 2002 when 23 fires ignited burning over 16,000 acres of Federal land and came dangerously close to historic Silver City. Twenty eight thousand, seven hundred nineteen acres have burned in the county since 1999. He said five-year averages are 18 fires per year, burning an average of 5,743 acres per year.-CB



Flight training

A Bell 407 is maneuvered close to the ground during pilot training practices from Kachina HeliJet of Nampa. Pilots spent several weeks in the Owyhee Desert during re-occurring training flights.



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Lacey Vander Boegh, drum majorette.



Samantha Perry, trumpet.

Homedale musicians chosen for Tournament of Roses Parade

Two students from Homedale High School will have the chance of a lifetime by participating in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California on January 1.

Lacey Vander Boegh auditioned for the opportunity to appear in the parade with the Idaho All Star Band from Boise. High school band teacher Todd Thompson recommended Samantha Perry for her position. Lacey will be one of four drum majorettes and Samantha will be performing in the second chair in the trumpet section. Lacey was also chosen to represent the band as the spokesman and will be interviewed by NBC. Her interview will be broadcasted the day of the parade.

It has been over forty years ago that a band from Idaho marched in the Tournament of Roses Parade where millions of people will line the streets of Pasadena and people from all over the world will watch the events on televised coverage.

The All-Star Marching Band and Color Guard was selected from students in grades 9-12 for the 2003-2004 academic year. The band will serve as a musical marching band ambassador for the State of Idaho. Only highly motivated students with a desire to participate were chosen.

David A. Wells, executive director of the marching band, was selected from hundreds of applicants from

all over the world to represent the Idaho band. Wells, a Boise State University professor and director of the Keith Stein Blue Thunder Marching band, created the band.

The students will spend six days in California and will have little time for relaxing as a rigorous schedule has been planned. They will also perform with the band at Disneyland, and at Knott's Berry Farm. But one evening will be set-aside for the group to have dinner at the Medieval Times restaurant.

"It is a thrill," Lacey said. "When my dad told me that I was chosen to be the representative for the band, I could not believe it. It is very exciting to have the opportunity to representing Idaho and Owyhee County."

"Their has not been a band from Idaho attend the parade in over 40 years," Samantha said. "I don't think there has been anyone ever from Home-

dale or Owyhee County."

Samantha said she would like to continue her musical profession after high school with a degree in music. She is a sophomore at the school.

Lacey said she plans to attend college after high school, but does not intend to continue her career in music. She said although she is still undecided, she hopes to get a degree in medicine. Lacey is a junior at the school.

Holiday closures

Many government and local offices will be closed for the holidays beginning on Christmas Eve and some will be closed the day after Christmas.

The Owyhee Avalanche office will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26 to allow its employees and extra day for the holiday weekend. Classified deadlines will remain the same, but legal ads will need to be into the office by 5 p.m. Dec. 24. The deadline for display ads will also be on Wednesday.

Schools in the area released its students on Friday afternoon for their holiday vacation and children will report back to the classrooms on Jan. 5.

Marsing City Hall and the Department of Motor Vehicles in Marsing will be closed at noon on Dec. 24 and all day on Christmas and Friday. DMV will be closed at noon on Wednesday, closed Christmas Day and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 26.

Homedale City Hall will close on Dec. 24 at noon, and reopen at 8 a.m. on Dec. 26.

The county courthouse will be open on Christmas Eve, closed on Christmas and will reopen at 8 a.m. on Dec. 26.

The licensing department at the sheriff's office will be open regular hours 9 a.m. until noon and 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 24 and Dec. 26. The department will be closed on Christmas Day.

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Christmas harmony

Students from Marsing Elementary School perform during its annual Christmas concert last week.

Historical society collects funds for new addition

Aspokesman from American Ecology attended an Owyhee County Historical Society meeting earlier this month and presented them with a check for \$5,000 to add to an increasing fund for a new addition to the museum in Murphy.

Museum Director Dr. Tom Couch said last week that over \$150,000 has been raised, but the fund has a long way to go to meet its goal of over \$500,000.

One hundred thousand dollars was given to the society from the McKeeth estate in the Grand View area. Couch said the rest has been raised by the society through grants, fundraisers and in "kind" donations.

"It is coming along," Couch said. "A company from Eagle

has donated half of the concrete work which is about \$10,000, for the building. We had \$30,000 pledged by Julie Hyslop toward the library archive. We raised \$5,000 from the luau and the \$5,000 from US Ecology. We have also raised \$3,000 in commemorative tile sales."

People who would like to leave their mark on the museum can purchase a tile for a four by eight tile to an eight by eight tile from between \$75 to \$1,000. Couch said if a person wants to purchase a tile for their family, they could purchase a larger tile and put their family name on it, or their ranch name, company name and even a brand or a company logo on the tile.

"For larger donations we will do a mural of tiles so it may take up two square feet.



Grant awarded

US Ecology spokesman Chad Hyslop gives county museum director Tom Couch and board member John Larsen a check for \$5,000 last week during the group's Christmas party in Murphy.

Those will be placed in a special area. If we get larger donations we will also name a room after them. They can choose the name of the room, with board approval."

The addition will be a 6,000-foot building connected to the current museum. It will have eight additional rooms added to the six-room building now with a multipurpose room complete with kitchen facilities for banquets and family gatherings.

It will also have a library, shop, artifact storage area, two vaults, gift shop and an office for the director. Couch said the library archive room is the

only room dedicated and Hyslop has that dedication. Couch said Hyslop has not chosen a name for the room yet.

In October, the society held a Hawaiian Luau in Murphy complete with Hawaiian dancers, authentic cuisine and historic speakers. The event raised \$5,000 for the building fund.

"It will be a fantastic addition to this community," board member Debra Lindner said. "People will be able to rent the room for functions. There is no place around this area where people can have large functions, family reunions or

meetings that a large amount of people can attend."

Couch said the building addition will cost nearly \$600,000, but the society has only been raising funds for two months so he said he projects the project would take about three years to fully fund.

"That does not mean the project will stay in limbo for three years," Couch continued. "We are hoping to break ground in the late spring or early summer. We know the building itself will not take very long to put up. The exhibits will take a good year or two to finish. We are looking at this as an ongoing project."

Couch said further fundraisers are planned and corporate donations and grant money are being sought.

"We are projecting that we will sell about \$50,000 of the commemorative tiles," Couch said. "If anyone wants one they can call me at the museum and it will also be on our web site at www.owyheecounty/museum.net."

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County battles BLM grazing decisions

The county commissioners and the Bureau of Land Management continue to be at odds concerning several grazing allotment decisions the bureau has recently issued. Commissioner Chris Salove said that although the commissioners do not respond to an allotment decision unless a rancher requests it, this year the commissioners have received more requests for assistance than in years past.

During last week's county meeting, the commissioners approved protests on five additional decisions by the BLM, which will allow the county to be a part of the negotiations. Salove said the protest will allow the county to sit at the table when "the other" side opposes the decisions as well.

The commissioners sent protests on the Jump Creek, Castle Creek, Silver City, Rabbit Creek and Boone Peak allotments. Salove said the protests range from change of season of use to lowering AUMs cattle-men are allowed to use.

"Because of a court decision, BLM had so many of these that they had to whip through so fast by the end of the year," Commissioner Chris Salove said last week. "If the rancher wants us to protest, we join in because it carries more clout from the commissioners. When BLM issues a decision that is harmful to the rancher, therefore it is harmful to the county. It allows us to go into settlement discussions. These have to do with reduction in grazing or changing in season of use, which for a lot of ranchers is a reduction. The BLM does not recognize that changing of season of use is not a reduction. It is."

On the Boone Peak, Bridge Creek, Red Mountain, Stahley FFR, and Quicksilver FFR allotments, the county protested

several issues including a "temporary delay" in use due to "drought conditions."

"The proposed decision requires that 663 AUMs be temporarily delayed (suspended) until 'drought conditions subside and monitoring studies indicate that significant progress towards meeting Idaho Standards and Guidelines is occurring,'" the protest from the county states. "This statement is totally ambiguous as to what BLM defines as drought conditions furthermore there is no defined monitoring plan for the studies and or schedule for determining 'progress.'"

Salove said another issue the county is protesting is the use of off road vehicles.

"One issue lately is if the rancher can have administrative access with off road vehicles to fix fence and other things," Salove continued. "It generally comes down to when the cattle can be out there and how many cattle can be out there. That is what the protests generally respond to."

Salove said the amount of protests filed by the county this year is much higher than it has been in the past.

"Because of the court decision by Judge Winmill, when he decided that BLM had to get through a certain amount of allotments this year, we have been overrun with poor decisions," Salove explained. "But honestly with the new leadership in BLM we know can have some influence in getting some things resolved. It makes us a little more apt to protest. The other thing is the other side protests virtually every decision so if we don't protest it, we will not be at the table when it comes to settlement talks."-CB

A year in review: Wilson Butte 4-H Club

Wilson Butte members enjoyed an evening with their 4-H family and friends for an end of the year 4-H Christmas party/awards potluck. Reviewing past accomplishments of their 4-H Year; members chose their projects and went full steam ahead, taking care of and feeding their animals. They attended monthly meetings, the 4-H roller-skating party, our Club pizza party, play days, judging contests, 4-H camp and shows.

For a community service project, members cleaned the Wilson/Reynolds cemetery, painted the inside of the Wilson schoolhouse, donating 13 gallons of paint, cleaned the Lost Lake Reservoir campground, and assisted during the fair when needed.

In July the group went on an outing to Horseshoe Bend and rode on the Thunder Mountain train for a Wild West shoot out.

Many top awards were won and we are proud of all our member's accomplishments. Top honors include: Sammie Bass won Grand Champion Novice beef showman, 1st place Novice livestock judge, Reserve Champion self sponsored steer and Grand Champion Novice Round Robin showman. Elizabeth Gramps won Reserve Champion Novice beef showman. Kate Blackstock won Grand Champion Novice horse showman, 1st place Novice horse demonstration and then went on to the State Fair and won 1st place there with her demonstration. J.D. Prow won the ICA Sportsmanship belt buckle. Tyler Blackstock won Grand Champion swine. M.J. Usabel won Grand Champion Senior horse showman and Overall horse showman, Grand Champion Self sponsored steer and Grand champion over all market steers, top steer in the Beef production/carcass contest, Western States Angus and Boise Valley top Angus awards, Reserve Champion Senior Dairy showman and Reserve Champion over all



A new year

The Wilson Butte 4-H Group celebrated Christmas with a party last week and discussed year-end business.

dairy showman. Nick Usabel won Grand Champion Senior Dairy showman and over-all dairy showman, Grand champion Holstein and Overall Champion Dairy project, Grand champion Round Robin over all showman. Club members worked hard keeping stalls clean, winning the individual barn Herdsmanship Award in the beef, sheep and dairy barns for \$30 dollars. The club also won \$50 dollars for the best themed poster.

Wilson Butte donated \$100 to the Owyhee rehab center towards the purchase of a

barber's chair, another \$100 to the Veteran's Hospital in Boise for several pairs of slippers and collected canned food items for the needy.

Our Officers were awarded 4-H pins for their leadership. Awards were handed out, and Members received their certificates and seals for completion of their 4-H projects. We are proud of all of our achievements and are looking forward to the start of another 4-H year. Our first meeting will be held at the Wilson School house on Monday evening, January 12, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.



Santa's helper

Does anyone know this little green man? That was the question during last week's deputies Christmas party in Murphy.

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Leonard “Pete” George

Leonard “Pete” George, 78, of Homedale died peacefully December 20, at home with loved ones at his side. Requiem Mass will be held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 24, at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell, with Father Henry Carmona, and con-celebrated with Father Oscar Jaramillo, and Father Enrique Terriquez. Interment will follow at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery. A Rosary was celebrated at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 23, at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale, with viewing from 4:00 to 9:00 PM for family and friends.

Pete was born April 12, 1925 in Idaho Falls, Idaho to Nicholas and Emma (Boehmer) George. He attended school in Ammon, Idaho until his father received a homestead unit in the Owyhee Project and Nick moved the family to Homedale in the summer of 1940. Pete attended school in Homedale until the war broke out, then farmed full time with his father. He married Margaret Miklancic in November, 1946. When his father retired, Pete and his brother Allen changed the farm name to Justamere Farms and operated a dairy and irrigated row crops together for the next 50 years. Even after his son Phil took over the operation, Pete continued to work on the farm, because that is just part of the fun in life.

Pete is a member of Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge #1448, and was active on numerous dairy and farm related boards or committees through the years. Pete was a very active member of St. Hubert’s Catholic Church and was a charter member in uniting local communities to build Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell.

Survivors include wife, Margaret; daughters, Kathy Barton of Woodbridge, VA, Diana (Gerald) Webster in Homedale, Eileen (Steve) Dalebroux of Madison, WI, Judy (Roy) Bowery of Memphis, TN, Marianne (Robin) Freelong, Valerie (Rod) Jasmer of Bethel, MN; son, Philip (Patricia) George of Homedale; sisters, Marianne Thomas of Homedale, and Ruth Genco of Moses Lake, WA; 17 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Allen.

The family wishes to thank all who visited, called, and brought items during Dad’s illness and know it helped all through the last months and brought him extra enjoyment in his last days. The family would especially like to thank Elsie Kushlan for all the above and beyond help she has provided during the past 6 months.

In lieu of flowers, Pete requested donations be made to your favorite charity of Building Fund for Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, Caldwell.



Hyslop promoted

Stephen Romano, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Ecology Corporation [NASDAQ: ECOL], announced the promotion of Chad Hyslop to Marketing and External Affairs Director. Hyslop joined American Ecology in 2001 as Director of Public Affairs.



“Chad Hyslop’s expanded marketing role in the company’s corporate office is a key component of American Ecology’s aggressive 2004 growth strategy,” Romano stated.

In addition to his existing public and government affairs and investor relations duties, Hyslop works with the company’s senior management team on marketing strategy development, competitor and market research, pricing analyses and new market development. “Chad’s understanding of governmental regulations and processes as they relate to the hazardous and radioactive waste services industry is an excellent fit for this new position,” Romano concluded.

An Idaho native, Hyslop previously served as District Director and Press Secretary for Idaho Congressman Helen Chenoweth-Hage, and Assistant Editor of The Owyhee Avalanche newspaper in Homedale, Idaho.

American Ecology Corporation is headquartered in Boise, Idaho, and operates the US Ecology Idaho hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility near Grand View. American Ecology and its subsidiaries provide radioactive, PCB, hazardous and non-hazardous waste services to commercial and government customers throughout the United States.

Snow report

Current snow depth and snow water equivalent data from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for South Mountain and Mud Flat.

** Provisional data, subject to revision **

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| | 12/22 | 6.4 | 24.2 |
| Mud Flat | 12/15 | 2.0 | 7.9 |
| | 12/16 | 2.6 | 8.3 |
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Local teacher creates handcrafted knives

During the day, Toby Johnson cares for his three small children after his wife, Shannon, leaves for work. Then he attends classes as a fourth grade teacher at Homedale Elementary School. After school in the winter months, he is head coach for the Homedale Trojans wrestling team and coaches softball in the summer months. But in his spare time, Toby enjoys making handcrafted bone handle knives.



Toby Johnson, knife maker.

Toby said he credits his hobby and possibly up-and-coming business, to a close family friend, Les Wright in Milton Freewater, Oregon. Toby handcrafted his first knife in December 1990 while he was in college and only 19 years old. Now he is handcrafting knives for friends and relatives in the area, besides trying to sell a few on the side. One could say that Toby's knives may be the last knife a hunter ever needs to buy.

"I was a freshman in college when I made my first knife," Toby explained. "Les was my freestyle wrestling coach and my dad used to work at his dad's gas station. I grew up with them. Les and I even ran a marathon together in college."

"Les called me up and told me I had to come home and make a knife. He told me that he made one and my dad made one and said he knew I would like it. I had one antler I had found on a backpacking trip and he told me to bring it. He

already had a blade for me and so when I made my first knife I used that antler. I still have that knife to this day."

Toby has made many more knives since his first 13 years ago and now the word has

spread and others are requesting knives from him.

"Ryan Nash has probably my favorite knife," Toby explained. "I also have a large one at Tolmie's Hardware store in Homedale."

Toby said he can make a knife out of almost anything. He uses exotic wood, antlers, horns and has even made some knife handles with the bullet casing used to shoot the animal he uses the antler from. "Kind of a keep sake," Toby said.

"I will make deals on antlers for knives," Toby continued. "I use many different materials on the handle. It just depends on

what the customer wants. I have used shell casing for the rim. I also form the thumb guard by hand."

Toby uses a piece of three quarter inch brass and molds it to fit the knife. Each knife

is buffed smooth and finger sanded. He orders the blade to also meet the customers needs.

"If they want a knife to look at or if they want one to use, everyone is different in what they

want," Toby said. "It started as a hobby, but a lot of people have been wanting them. I just enjoy doing it."

To order a knife or see some of Toby's work, customers can call him at 337-4198.



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Students from Marsing Elementary School's fourth grade class collected food and goodies for adopted families in the area.



Santa is stuck in a chimney at a house on 6th street in Homedale.



Christmas decorations on California Avenue in Homedale.



Christmas carols

Carla Bailey and her father Les Schaffer sing during a dinner held at the Marsing Senior Citizen's Center last week.



Santa arrives in Mrs. Maybon's kindergarten class in Homedale Friday.



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visit members of the Owyhee County Historical Society.



Students in Miss. Elizondo's class waits for a turn on Santa's lap.



Marisol Garcia tells Santa what she would like for Christmas.



No snow? Children in Mr. Johnson's class in Homedale didn't care. They made their own snowballs for a snowball fight in the classroom Friday.

Manure causes dangerous conditions

Manure, rain and a very slick road sent three vehicles colliding into each other Saturday at Highway 19 and Purdom Road, west of Homedale, and sent one woman to a local hospital with minor injuries. Other reports of slick conditions were reported throughout the day with another vehicle sliding sideways due to mud and manure and a fifth vehicle sliding off of the road.

County dispatcher received its first call at 9:31 a.m. Saturday morning reporting of a vehicle that slid off the road due the mud and manure. No one was injured in the initial accident, but at 10:57 a.m. dispatch received another call of a three-vehicle accident in the same location.

Summer Saunders, 17 of Payette, was the first driver to loose control of her vehicle. She was transported to a local hospital with minor injures. Keith Spiers 60 of Adrian lost control of his vehicle and collided with Saunders. Mary Arvin 71 of Homedale, the driver of the third vehicle, put

her car into a ditch to avoid hitting the first two vehicles. A dispatcher said citations are pending and the investigation into the incident continues.

At 7:05 p.m. dispatch received another call to report that Indart Farms of

Homedale was leaving mud on the roadway, which caused another car to slide off. No one was injured in that accident as well.

Dispatchers reported that the Idaho Transportation Department was called to clean the mess off the road.



Summer Saunders , Payette, was hospitalized Saturday morning. She was in one of three vehicles to collide due to the slick roadway west of Homedale.

Idaho Power closes park

Sunday’s announcement by Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge of a change in the national security threat level to orange has prompted changes at Idaho Power’s Scout Park, located immediately downstream of the C.J. Stike Dam.

Effectively immediately, Idaho Power has closed the park to all vehicles and has restricted public access to the park to daylight hours only. This change will remain in effect until the national security level is reduced.

The company also has stopped public tours of any of its hydroelectric plants as a result of the increased security threat.

During this busy holiday season take some time to relax and enjoy your family and friends. Reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, the true reason for celebration!



And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.”

Luke 2:8-14



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Deputy honored

Jerry Roberts from TRIAD honored Owyhee County Deputy Jim Bish with a plaque as this year’s employee of the year. Every year TRIAD chooses an employee from the department to receive the award. Bish was honored due to his involvement in several drug cases this year, which led to the arrest of many people in the Homedale and Marsing area.

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Local rivals

Matt Landa pulls down a rebound next to Marsing's Gabriel Quebrado. Landa scored 23 points to lead Homedale in a 87-39 win over Marsing. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Drive

Marsing's Kirby Cook drives to the hoop for two points during the Homedale/Marsing varsity game. Photo by Gregg Garrett.

Lady Mustangs take revenge on Grizzlies

Girls basketball team defeats Huntington to finish opener week

After falling to the Greenleaf Grizzly's in their season opener, the Jordan Valley Mustangs evened the season record by posting a 46-40 victory on Dec. 13. The team picked up its first win of the season, defeating Huntington 58-11 on Dec. 10. The Mustangs (1-3) opened with a 20-0 run in the first quarter with Huntington, before slowing in the second, only managing eight points. The second half saw more domination by the Mustangs, holding the Locos to four second-half points. Anna Watkins led the Mustangs with 15 points, while Bailey Kershner added 11 and Lauren Cuvelier 10. Kershner led the Mustangs in rebounding with nine while Katie Johnson pulled down eight. "They were a very young and inexperienced team," Coach Jeremy Chamberlain said. "We did a good job

of pressuring the ball, and converting on turnovers. Our advantage in experience played a huge roll in this win." The Mustangs, who were without senior forward Julie Eiguren in Greenleaf who is out for one to two weeks with an ankle injury, were also without junior guard Kristen Grenke, who was out with the Flu. Although shorthanded, great defense and free throw shooting down the stretch was enough to hold off Chelsea Stone and the Lady Griz. "I thought we did a great job at the defensive end, limiting their shot opportunities, and not letting their shooters get open," Chamberlain said of the Greenleaf win. "I was very concerned entering the game without Julie and Kristen, however some players really stepped up. Katie Johnson and Bailey Kershner are improving every night and have taken some pressure off of the other players. We are still not shooting the ball well, and free throws continue to be a problem, but we played

great defense and made free throws in the fourth quarter, when the game was on the line." Stone, who scored 30 on the Mustangs during their first meeting, was held to 12 points. Jordan Valley connected on 11 of 14 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter to keep control of the game. While the Mustangs shot poorly from the field, (26%) they out-rebounded the Grizzly's 35-14, including 20 offensive rebounds. Lauren Cuvelier was credited with grabbing nine rebounds, and Bailey Kershner eight, all of which were at the offensive end. Cuvelier also scored a game high 18 points, while Anna Watkins chipped in 11 for the Mustangs. Jordan Valley will play at the McDermitt Christmas Tournament on the 19th and 20th where they will meet Winnemucca in the opening round.

Lady Trojans fall to Pilgrims

The New Plymouth girls' basketball team remained perfect for the first half of their Western Idaho Conference season, as they defeated Homedale 52-31, Friday evening at New Plymouth High School.

Leading 11-9 after one quarter of play, New Plymouth used a big 17-6 second quarter to stretch their lead out to 28-15 at the half. Leading the way for the Pilgrims (10-2 overall, 6-0 WIC) was Amy Foust with 15 points, while Justine Lingel and Becky Jones each added nine points, while Jones added eight rebounds, in the win over the Trojans (3-6, 1-3). Homedale will take a break for Christmas, but will host the Nampa Christian Trojans on Jan. 8. Individual stats for Homedale were not made available.

Layup

Yasone Lejardi lays up two points after a steal in the final minutes of the Trojan girls loss to New Plymouth. New Plymouth won the game, 52-31. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



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Baseball team sells sweets for dough

The Homedale High School baseball team will be selling nationally renowned fresh Krispy Kreme glazed doughnuts on January 10 from 8 until 11 a.m. at the high school parking lot.

Doughnuts will come in boxes of 1 dozen and the price is \$7 per box. All proceeds will go toward improving the high school baseball facilities.

Baseball players will be taking pre-orders from Dec. 19 until Jan. 6.

To order a box of doughnuts, contact baseball coach Tim Fulwood at 855-9345 or 337-4613.

Junior varsity hoopsters win league opener

The Homedale High School junior varsity boys' basketball team took down McCall in a league opener game Thursday for a 49-35 win. The junior Trojans moved up to a 3-2 overall record before facing Marsing Saturday.

The team beat Vale on Dec. 13, 61-53 with Garrett Sweet scoring 33 of the team's total points. Brett Hopkins gave seven assists and Andrew Vanderhoff added 10 points to the victory.

Against McCall, Sweet again led the team with 20 points with Vanderhoff adding eight points, four assists and five steals.

Luis Escutia added 10 points, four assists and four steals in the win.

"I have been pleased so far with what the players have accomplished," Coach Tim Fulwood said last week. "They are doing a nice job and improving everyday. I think that we have the potential to be a pretty good basketball team down the road."

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Shooter
Shawn Gibbs goes high for a shot against Marsing. Photo by Gregg Garrett.



Jumper
 Nick Williams shoots a jumper between two McCall defenders for two of his 26 points in Homedale's 65-39 win over McCall. Photo by Gregg Garrett. Detailed information was not made available.

Trojan grapplers take Payette 51-21

Homedale attacks Nyssa to win Caldwell Christmas tourney

The Homedale wrestling team opened its season with two big wins last week taking Payette by 30 points, 51-21 and winning the Caldwell Christmas tournament over several 5A, 4A, 3A and 2A teams. Homedale beat Nyssa for the first place spot with 262.5 points over Nyssa who had 259 team points.

In Payette, the team won 10 of 14 matches with five pins and five decisions. Wrestlers winning with pins included Jeremy Ensley at 112 pounds, Tyler Maxwell at 135 pounds, Ricco Gonzalez at 145 pounds, Josh Jolley at 215 pounds and Pedro Hernandez at 275 pounds.

Brian Martinat, 119, won with a 10-4 decision as did teammate 130 pound Tyler

Christoffersen, 15-1, 140 pound Marcus Eby, 12-2 and 171 pound Joe Foster with a 12-1 decision. Jason Christoffersen won by forfeit at 103.

"It was a fantastic first match," Head Coach Toby Johnson said. "The boys wrestled well. We started out the match very strong winning six of the first seven matches to take a commanding lead and finished winning five of the last six."

"It really gave us a confidence boost going into the Caldwell tournament on Friday. It's always great to win against an upper division school."

In Caldwell, Johnson said the team arrived and saw the seeding of the brackets and knew the team to beat was going to be Nyssa.

"They had many highly ranked wrestlers," Johnson said. "That didn't seem to phase my team. They started

out great, taking the lead by about 11 points by the end of Friday's competition."

Nine of the 14 wrestlers for Homedale in the starting lineup are underclassmen. Johnson said most of his younger wrestlers have years of experience and weren't intimidated. They wanted to win, and win they did.

"They were impressive to watch," Johnson said. "We put out a full line up plus four junior varsity wrestlers. Every single Trojan wrestler won at least one match and contributed to the tournament title."

Homedale sent 13 placers to the finals coming out with three champions, three runners up, three third place winners and four fourth place finishers.

Ensley, Tyler Christoffersen and Erik Garcia took championship titles with Martinat, Foster and Pedro Hernandez took second place and Stuart

Miyasako, Eby and Jolley finished in third. Fourth place winners included Maxwell, Gilbert Obregon, Tomas Obregon and Jason Christoffersen.

Wood River placed third with 176.5 points, Boise placed fourth with 146 points, La Grande in fifth with 126 points and Caldwell finished its own tournament in sixth place with 123 points. Other teams attending included, Skyview, Vallivue, Pine-Eagle, Middleton, Cambridge, and Midvale.

Homedale will be on Christmas vacation until Jan. 5 when they will host Middleton at 6:30 p.m.

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25 years ago

December 21, 1978

Well test report raises eyebrows

A few city council eyebrows raised for a moment Wednesday evening during the city engineer’s report on the well test now underway in Riverside Park.

The City of Homedale is spending \$4,899 to determine if an irrigation well in the park can be developed into a water source for the new city water system approved by voters earlier this year. If the well proves out, it could save an estimated \$90,000 in water line construction costs.

At the regular meeting of the Homedale City Council Wednesday evening, City Engineer Dave Curtis reported that traces of sulfur have been detected in the material being brought up from the test well.

Sulfur is the ingredient responsible for the smell and taste in the present water system. The quality of the present water was one of the big factors in the approval of the bonds for the new system.

Council members were quick to question Curtis on the possibility of the test well producing the same type of water now being pumped. The engineer said at this point the water in the test well has no odor. The odor appears when sand from the well is heated. Curtis said the sulfur compound is in the sand, not the water.

Huskies fade: Trojans victors

When Homedale and Marsing meet in any sort of athletic competition, you can pretty much throw the book away. That statement proved accurate Friday evening as the Huskies gave the undefeated Trojan cagers a scare before dropping behind and winding up on the short end of a 78-56 score.

Tuesday evening Wilder dropped Marsing 67-47 on the Husky home court. Tom Marmon and Joe Usabel led Marsing scorers with 17 and 15 point respectively.

In other Western Idaho Conference action the past week Melba dropped Wilder 60-51 and then raced past Parma 70-52.

On Friday night Rimrock collected a big 64-30 victory over Nampa Christian.

Homedale girls trip Marsing 5

The Homedale high girls basketball team continued its winning ways Friday evening, dropping Marsing 46-25 in a contest played at Homedale.

Homedale freshman Julie Uranga poured in 20 points to lead the scoring for the winners with Nancy Breshears adding 11. The real story of the game was in rebounding, where the Trojanettes held a 32-18 advantage.

The Marsing visitors did not go down without a fight, however. Marsing stayed close during the first two quarters and at the half it was tied 17-all. In the third quarter, however, the Homedale height advantage began to tell and the home team pulled away.

Homedale locals

Christy Schlegel and Janice King met Josie Isaguirre at Owyhee Lanes Monday evening for dinner and bowling to help Josie celebrate her 12th birthday. Later, they returned to Josie’s home where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Rick Echevarria, Cody and Casey and Pam Pegram, for ice cream and cake. The refreshments were served by Josie’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufo Isaguirre.

Josie and her guests took birthday cake and favors to her grandmother, Mrs. Josefa Echevarria and step grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram. Mrs. Echevarria and Mrs. Pegram are convalescing at their homes due to recent hospital stays.

Settel tapped

Michael Ray Settel, son of Les and Nona Settel of Grand View, is among the Idahoans nominated for appointment to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, according to a recent announcement by Idaho Senator James McClure.

50 years ago

December 24, 1953

Homedale Chamber of Commerce members elect new officers to serve for coming year

New officers to lead the Homedale Camber of Commerce into an active year were elected last Thursday evening at a general meeting of the organization.

Francis Pusateri, operation manager for the J. C. Palumbo Produce company, was elected to the post of president, replacing A. E. “Spud” Murphy, whose term expires January 1st. Serving with Pusateri as vice president will be Lester Carter of the Two Boys Store. Mayor Harry Frye was elected treasurer of the organization.

Serving on the board of directors will be James C. Hayes, Kirby Wilson, Cy Radcliffe, A. E. Murphy and C. E. Gough.

New headquarters for the Camber of Commerce have been set up at the offices of Bill Ehrhart, who has been engaged as permanent secretary of the club. All chamber business will be channeled and handled through his office.

State Supreme Court rules slots, games of chance, etc. are lotteries; illegal in Idaho

The State Supreme Court outlawed slot machines, punchboard, chance spindles and other chance prize games in Idaho Wednesday.

It held that the local option law under which they have been licensed since 1947 is “unconstitutional and void” because slots are lotteries.

Its ruling came in the Garden City case, one of three slot machine cases heard last week. The court also handed down its opinions in the other two.

It reversed the lower court in the Gooding case, saying the city could not profit from the law and then challenge its constitutionality.

It also reversed in part the District Court, decision in the journal case which, if upheld, would have paved the way for a constitutional test of the 1953 Legislature’s repeal of the 1947 law.

Jaycees backing “Put Christ back in Christmas”

The members of the Homedale Junior Chamber of Commerce, this week, are asking local citizens to “Put Christ back in Christmas” by attending the church of your choice to return to the true meaning of Christmas and restore the celebration of Christmas to its rightful place in our American way of life, and to emphasize the birth of the Savior, by minimizing the extreme commercialism that has crept into the celebration of this holiday.

We believe, as stated in the first two lines of the Jaycee Creed, that faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life. That the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations.

The Jaycees therefore ask everyone this week to concentrate on the return to that manger in faraway Bethlehem.

Christmas formal given Tuesday

The Homedale high school annual Christmas Formal was held Tuesday night in the high school gym. The theme of the formal was “Winter Wonderland”, the music being furnished by Skeets orchestra.

The gym was beautifully decorated like a skating pond, with Christmas trees around the edge of the floor. The ceiling was blue with dangling silver stars.

Seniors on the committee in charge of the affair were Barbara Miller, Margaret Watterson, Shirley Tibbets, Nancy Weaver and Frances Kushlan, chairman.

Faculty game

The Homedale faculty played the Marsing Faculty Saturday night in the H.H.S. gym. The Homedale faculty won over the Marsing faculty again. The score was 42-36.

138 years ago

December 30, 1865

COUNTY SEAT QUESTION. This subject is approaching culmination. It is the one generally discussed in all parts of the county. Parties are at work who will not rest until it has a final settlement. There is now a petition in circulation praying the Legislators to enact a law authorizing a vote on the point of location; also, a remonstrance against the passage of such an Act. The only difference regarding location can be measured in any course from a given point by one-half mile. In as much as the county buildings can occupy but one place, cannot this little matter of distance be harmonized? Why not Ruby and Silver unite in asking the passage of an Act incorporating both places under one name, say Owyhee, then agree upon the most eligible and convenient site for the public buildings? It will not be denied that the prosperity of Silver is that of Ruby, and vice versa. Neither will it be claimed, that, should the county seat be definitely settled, with two names to what is really but one community, there would be an end to local wrangling, which could but retard somewhat the prosperity of each. Even now, when the elements of society are sparse and unorganized, social bickering are heard. This is all wrong. To us, individually, the location of the county buildings is a matter of indifference, we came to Owyhee, or Owyhee mines, neither to Ruby nor Silver. We suppose others, in effect, did the same. We came here to advocate generally Owyhee interests, not any particular part. We plainly foresaw present events, and this was then the most annoying point to settle in our location, though, as matters shaped, had no influence in the premises. Truly and earnestly, we think the project, long since, discussed, of consolidating Ruby and Silver under one name, and that name to be the county seat, is one, the consummation of which, will more certainly satisfy a majority, harmonize only apparently conflicting interests, and insure the general prosperity and average good of all. Two towns so nearly allied in everything but name, should be in that. As an instance of its good effect, take Austin and Clifton, Reese River, under the two names they were continually contending; under one, all is harmonious prosperity. Gold Hill and Virginia, in Nevada, which bear the same relation to each other as Ruby and Silver would if the space between were a sold mass of business houses, are to this day spending time, money and bad temper over what would not be thought of if both places were under one name, as they are one in location and interest. Those who view Silver and Ruby as having attained their growth, yet don’t expect will see the applicability of our remarks; but those who comprehend our growth two years hence, and which is sure to follow the general and proposition as the true one for these now divided communities. We submit these hints for what they are worth trusting that wherever the county buildings are located, the two places by incorporated by legislative Act under one name.

SNOW SLIDE. Last Saturday evening a snow slide from the east side of Florida mountain, passing down by the Silver Bullion tunnel, and checking up near the road. In passing over the flat it struck a shanty occupied by some three or four persons, completely crushing it, covering up the occupants; but one more fortunate that the other, was enabled to dig his way out from under the snow, which was several feet deep, and made his way through the storm to the Lincoln mill, where he related the facts, and some parties, with shovels, went to the rescue of those still buried in the cabin. With the aid of a lantern, they succeeded in getting the location of the cabin, and in digging out the parties scored up, who were found to be not seriously injured, but most uncomfortably situated and without much hope of escaping.

SNOW-SHOEING. We learn that some of the Owyhee boys are about extending a challenge to the balance of the Territory for a snow shoeing match, to run a given distance for a sum of \$1,000 or \$2,000. We understand parties have made from the top of Florida mountain to Ruby, a distanced of about one and a half miles, in 28 seconds. If the boys intend challenging outsiders, now is the time, while there is plenty of snow; and outsiders may depend upon it, that such time as this will be hard to beat.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Christmas 2003

It's the best of times, it's the worst of times.

When I glance back over my chronological shoulder at life pre 9-11, I am reminded of the emotional luxury we had to spend – the things that we as a nation worried about, the importance we placed on contrived or orchestrated happenings.

We exaggerated the frivolous, we became indignant over imagined slights, we magnified minutiae, we subjugated common sense to politically correct pomposity. Sometimes it seemed like America worshipped the Wizard of OZ. Granted there were undeniable cruelties in our treatment of our fellow man and occasional deep wounds to our humanity, but we were able to internalize them as isolated happenings, and move on.

Then the sky filled with fire and brimstone as if a giant boil of hatred exploded in our midst and spewed its purulent vitriol into every nook of our disbelief and cranny of our soul. Suddenly all those issues that took up space in our minds and our media were relegated to the fringes of importance to us as a nation. We changed in the way a person changes the instant they are diagnosed with cancer. Issues like weight gain, male pattern baldness, the color of your drapes, your golf score or the neighbor's barking dog are reduced to their real importance in your life. In their place grandchildren, chemotherapy, insurance, radiation, mending broken fences, surgery and the possibility of life after death consume your energies.

This Christmas we are at that stage. 26 months post 9/11, 8 months post Baghdad. Attacking Al Queda in Afghanistan was the initial surgery. Attacking Saddam in Iraq was the radiation. Occupation of these 2 countries is the chemotherapy. We have a team of doctors, some learned, some experienced, some bold, some cautious, all with opinions on how to exterminate the cancer cells, and all have the best interests of the patient in mind.

We, who sit in the waiting room over this Christmas holiday, have put our beloved, threatened country in these political doctors' hands. They have injected the chemotherapy of troops, financial aid and freedom into the battle to defeat our common enemy, the cancer of terrorism. And now we must wait.

That is our part, and it is so hard. We wander through the days of this waning year of Christmas trees, gifts, cards, family and the daily news, with a forced optimism floating in the surface of a national discontent. Our responsibility to the cause is great, and each individual is no more or no less important. This responsibility is embodied in a personal commitment to practice patience, to show resolve and to have faith.

Because as the majority of the population who believe in God might agree, the outcome is not necessarily in our hands.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



About a mile east of Kuna, Idaho stands an old farmhouse. About fifty yards behind the farmhouse is a two-story, unpainted barn. It contains a memory of a Christmas past.

It was in the late 1950s or early '60s. I was a in the old barn, milking the cows, and I wasn't terribly happy. There were several reasons for my displeasure. First, I hated milking cows. Second, the temperature outside (and inside) the barn was hovering around zero degrees. The third reason I was unhappy was it was Christmas Eve.

Milking cows in winter, in an old, drafty, unheated barn, was never fun, especially for a teenager who could think of any number of ways to better spend the time. It seemed to me that even cows would want to take Christmas Eve off. But cows don't take holidays.

By the time the last Jersey left the barn that evening, I was in a bad mood. As quickly as possible I fed the cows and cleaned up the milking area. There was one final duty. I had to break up the ice forming in the stock tank and remove the pieces so it would take longer for it to freeze again.

I was in the middle of the ice removal-chopping and sweating and feeling sorry for myself-when I paused to catch my breath. As I stood there shivering, breathing heavily, the crisp night air searing my lungs, I happened to look up.

The low temperature and the cloudless sky had combined to make the stars exceptionally bright. Off to the southeast was one star (or possibly the planet Mars) that was brighter than the rest-almost dazzling in its intensity. As I gazed up at the point of light, I also realized that it was absolutely quiet-no sound of

barking dogs, not even the hum of a car engine on the nearby Kuna-Meridian Highway.

I wasn't a terribly religious person but the unusually bright star made me wonder. Was this the star the three wise men had seen? It certainly would attract a person's attention. It also struck me that such a sparkling sky and absolute quiet was pretty special-even for a skeptical teenager-so special that it was difficult to believe that it was all an accident of nature, especially on Christmas Eve.

I finished clearing out the ice and stepped back into the barn to make sure everything was in order before going to the house. Suddenly I realized that I was no longer mad. The bright stars. clear sky and silence had brought an inexplicable peace to me. It was a really awesome moment that deserved to be remembered.

Just inside the barn, on the wall facing the corral, was a small door that hadn't been opened in years. On the inside of that door I inscribed the date, either December 24 or December 25, and the year. I can't remember the exact year. I can't even remember what I used to make the inscription. I just remember I did it because it seemed to be a moment that deserved commemoration.

Once or twice a year I pass by the farmstead where I grew up. The barn looks much as it looked forty-something years ago. Sometimes I think about my Christmas Eve inscription. I suspect it's still there on the inside of that door. I wonder if the people who now live on the farm have noticed it and wondered who wrote it and why?

If they ever tear down the barn, I would like to have that door.

Letters to the editor

They're at it again

Well, Homedale's Christmas elves (aka the City Crew) have done it again! I am fortunate enough to live on the Canyon County side of the river, so I have the privilege of enjoying the Nativity scene and Christmas lights on the East end of town as I travel through many times each day.

Since Chevy Chase's movie, "Christmas Vacation" best represents our family's effort at Christmas decorating, I truly appreciate that these guys have done all this work for our community's enjoyment (and all the lights work!).

Each year as the Christmas trees are mounted on the light posts and the real trees show up on the street corners, I think of our city workers out in

the cold and just thoroughly enjoy driving by and appreciating the work I didn't have to do from the warmth of my car! All this holiday décor along with several new business fronts and awnings as well as the landscaping on Main Street give our community reason to be appreciative.

Thanks to all who put in the "man hours" and contribute financially so the rest of us can be proud of our little town as it grows and improves!

Randee Garrett
Homedale

The Christmas story

St. Luke, Chapter 2

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Cæsar 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 Judæa, 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.

The amazing grace of Christmas morn

Wesley Pruden
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

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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.*

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
The annual meeting and election of the West Reynolds Irrigation District will be held Thursday, January 8, 2004. At the Wilson school house at 7:30 P.M.
12/24,31/03-01/07/04

OWYHEECOUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 8, 2003 OWYHEECOUNTY COURTHOUSE MURPHY, IDAHO

Present were Commissioner Harold Tolmie, Commissioner Dick Reynolds, Commissioner Chris Salove, Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, Treasurer Barbara Wright, Assessor Brett Endicott, Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Freund, and Jim Desmond.
The Board amended the agenda to include the Annual Road report, Drawdown request for Sage Community Resources for the Bruneau water project, non-disclosure agreement for rural addresses, protest on grazing decision for Louse Creek Allotment.

The Board moved into executive session at10:05 on a personnel matter. The Board adjourned at 10:40. No action was taken.

The Board moved to approve the starting rate of pay for the newly hired road deputy for the sheriff’s office at a 7B.

The Board approved a draw down request from Pat Engle of Sage Community Resources in the amount of 126,457 for funding of the Bruneau Water-Sewer Project.

The Board approved the 2003 Road Report.

The Board signed a non-disclosure agreement presented by Brett Endicott for Dig-Line Inc, for a list of County roads and addresses.

The Board opened, and accepted the only bid submitted for the lease of two new pickups for the Sheriff’s Department. The bid was from Dan Wiebold Ford in the amount of \$58,972.

The Board approved Resolution No. 03-42 authorizing issuance of pilot project route for permits for overweight vehicles on Lemley Road. The request came from US Ecology.

The Board approved a Hardship on property taxes for Parcel #MHA014000C00FAA in the amount of \$470.90 and Parcel #RPA014000C00FAA in the amount of \$236.50 for 2003 taxes. A reimbursement agreement was approved.

The Board approved the minutes for the December 1stmeeting.

The following Indigent and Charity cases were presented with action taken by the Board
I.C. Case No. 03-40 Continued.
I.C. Case No. 03-48 Approved with reimbursement.
I.C. Case No. 03-45 Denied, not the last resource.
I.C. Case No. 03-33 Approved.
I.C. Case No. 03-37 Denied, incomplete application, lien approved.
I.C. Case No. 03-36 denied not the last resource.
I.C. Case No. 03-39 denied not the last resource, lien approved.
I.C. Case No. 03-25 Reconsid-

eration denied.
Mr. McAurthur met with the Board for approval of the Market Road Estates Subdivision Plat. The Board approved the Plat.
The Board approved Resolution No. 03-43 Ratification of Protest of Owyhee Field Manager’s Proposed Decision DatedNovember 17, 2003 and the Associated Environmental Assessment #ID-096-2004-001 for the Trout Springs Allotment.

The Board approved an agreement with Idaho Department of Fish and Game for administration of monies received for a reseeding project recommended by the Sage Grouse Local Working Group.

The Board approved and sent a letter to the BLM on a Protest of a Proposed Decision on Louse Creek Allotment.

A complete copy of the minutes can be viewed in the office of the Clerk-Auditor-Recorder.

There being no further business the Board moved for adjournment.

Harold Tolmie, Chairman
Attest: Charlotte Sherburn, Clerk
12/24/03

INVITATION OF BID Demolition and Removal of 300,000 gallon Redwood Water Storage Reservoir, City of Homedale, Idaho

Sealed bids entitled DEMOLITION AND REMOVAL OF 300,000 GALLON REDWOOD WATER STORAGE RESERVOIR will be received from Contractors by the City of Homedale, represented by the Office of the Homedale City Clerk. Contractors shall be licensed in the State of Idaho and meet OSHA requirements. Bids will be received at Homedale City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming (P.O. Box 757 Homedale, Idaho 83628) until 4:00 p.m., local time, on January 7, 2004 and shortly thereafter the bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted on the document forms contained in the Bid Documents and shall be addressed to the City of Homedale, Idaho and shall be labeled “Demolition and Removal of Redwood Water Reservoir”.

A base firm Lump Sum Bid will be provided based on materials and labor for the following:

- 1) Demolition and Removal of 300,000 gallon Redwood Water Storage Reservoir;
- 2) Removal of approximately 100 feet of water main and drain line;
- 3) Clean up and rehabilitation of site.

Bidding and Contract Documents may be obtained at the below address for a non-refundable charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for one (1) complete set of specifications and drawings. Contact Pam Dugger, City of Homedale, at the above address or by telephone (208)337-4641 Ext. 21 for additional information.

CITY OF HOMEDALE, Office of the City Clerk, 31 W. Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho 83628

Prospective Bidders are required to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference FOR THIS PROJECT ON THE 29TH day of December, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall. Attendance at this meeting is mandatory for any Contractor to submit a bid as a prime. An inspection tour of the site will be conducted following the pre-bid conference.

All laborers and mechanics employed by CONTRACTORS or subcontractors in performance of the demolition and removal work shall be paid at rates as may be required by the State of Idaho. CONTRACTOR must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Certified Check, Cashier’s Check, or Bid Bond payable to the City of Homedale in an amount not less than five percent (5 percent) of the total amount of the bid. Successful bidder shall furnish an approved Performance Bond and a labor and materials Payment bond, each in the amount of one hundred percent (100 percent) of the contract amount. Insurance certificates, as required, shall be provided by the successful Bidder.

The City of Homedale reserves the right to reject any or all bids received, to waive formalities, to postpone the award of the contract for a period not to exceed NINETY (90) days, and to accept the Bid which is in the best interest of the City.

The City of Homedale is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
12/24,31/03

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 o’clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho.

Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., successor by merger to Stewart Title of Idaho, Inc., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers checks, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 14 in Block 30 of the Amended Townsite Plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN IN-

FORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 310 West Oregon, Homedale, ID 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the pervious sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

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 Pablo Barajas and Natalie Barajas, Husband and Wife, as Grantor to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., successor by merger to Stewart Title of Idaho, Inc., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic and Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded November 21, 1995 as Instrument No. 217223, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTTION 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:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$59,144.13 together with interest thereon at the rate of 7.50 percent per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 20, 1995. Payments are in default for the months of December of 2002 through and including October of 2003 in the amount of \$477.39 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$56,315.17 in Principal; Interest is \$3,945.93, subsidy granted is \$11,568.84, principal reduction attributed to subsidy is \$0.00, and fees currently assessed are \$882.43 computed through October 27, 2003 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$11.5716. In addition to the above, there is also due any late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

And the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$67,884.01, excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under or in this sale, as trustee’s fees and/or reason-

able attorney’s fees as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust.

Dated: November 13, 2003
Alliance Title and Escrow Corp.
By: /s/Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
ATF4990302616-BO
12/03,10,17,24/03

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 57-11656

JOE SPENCE
30103 STATE HWY 78
OREANA ID 83650
CYNTHIA SPENCE
30103 STATE HWY 78
OREANA ID 83650
Point(s) of Diversion SWNW S25 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Point(s) of Diversion SWSW S25 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Point(s) of Diversion SESE S26 T04S R01E OWYHEE County Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 2.4 CFS
Total Diversion: 2.4 CFS
Date Filed: 11/28/2003
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T04S R01E S25 SWNW NWSW SWSW
Number of Acres 120

Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/05/2004. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
KARL J DREHER, Director
12/17,24/03

NOTICE
Notice of sale for non-payment of rent for storage and other charges.

Unit#36 Mary Galindo, PO Box 259, Wilder, ID 83676. Contents: 13x13 unit full of household items. Ford 100 Pickup-vin f25lr127885

1977 Dodge Van- license 2020455-ID, vin B21BJ7X250372; 1973 Dodge 200 pickup, License 2020456-ID, vin W24BF3S103474. Robert Cohagen, PO Box 622, Homedale, ID 83628

Bids accepted at “Highway 95 Self Storage”. 3685 US Hwy 95, Homedale ID on December 31, 2003 Between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM in accordance with Idaho Code Section 49-1702, 45-805.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Bruneau Buckaroo Ditch Company, Notice of Annual Shareholders Meeting 8:00 p.m. Monday, January 05, 2004 Bruneau American Legion Hall, Hwy 51 and Bell St., Bruneau, Idaho.
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Public notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

**Loan No. 310726740
T.S. No. 1053573-09 Parcel No.**

On April 01, 2004, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, At the lobby of the Owyee 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 in Southwest quarter, Southeast quarter, section 2, township 1 South, range 3 West, Boise Meridian, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Southwest quarter, Southeast quarter thence North 0°14’12” West along the West boundary of Southwest quarter, Southeast quarter, a distance of 870.99 feet to the True Point of Beginning; thence continuing North 0°14’12” West, a distance of 444.33 feet to the Northwest corner of said Southwest quarter Southeast quarter; thence North 89°54’42” East along the North boundary of Southwest quarter, Southeast quarter, a distance of 1052.47 feet; thence South 54°09’32” West, a distance of 760.46 feet; thence South 89°54’42” West along a line parallel with and 444.33 feet Southerly of said North boundary, a distance of 434.17 feet to the True Point of Beginning. Commonly known as Star Route Box 87a 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 Duane E Jacobson and Nadine A Jacobson, husband and wife as Grantor, to Owyhee County Title Company, as trustee, for the benefit and security of Idaho Bank & Trust Co as beneficiary, recorded July 23, 1984, as Instrument No. 181516, 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 January 1, 2003 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 \$57,123.51, including interest, costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation thereunder or in this sale, and 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 01, 2003 Signature By: First American Title Insurance Company Elizabeth B. Mills, Assist. Sec. R-102648
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tion thereunder or in this sale, and 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 01, 2003 Signature By: First American Title Insurance Company Elizabeth B. Mills, Assist. Sec. R-102648
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Wednesday, March 24, 2004 at the hour of 11:00 o’clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located on the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho. Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., 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 same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 4 of Block 3 of Big Sky Estates No. One, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Boise Meridian, City of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDHAO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 507 Cascade Drive, Homedale, ID 83628 aka 507 Cascade Ave., Homedale, Idaho 83628, MAY SOMETIMES BE 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 Wendi M. Frelove, a single person, as Grantor to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., as Successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of USDA, Rural Development, formerly known as the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture as Beneficiary, recorded August 5, 1992 as Instrument No. 208512, 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: Make principal and interest

payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$39,000.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 8.25 percent per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated August 5, 1992. Payments are in default for the months of June through and including November of 2003 in the amount of \$288.00 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$35,222.55 in Principal; Interest is \$1,565.83, subsidy granted is \$0, principal reduction attributed to subsidy is \$0, and fees currently assessed are \$15.00 computed through October 29, 2003 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$7.9612. In addition to the above, there is also due any delinquent real property taxes, late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure. And the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$35,222.55, excluding interest and costs 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. Dated: November 17, 2003 Alliance Title and Escrow Corp. By: Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer ATF4990000913-BC
12/17,24,31/03-01/07/04

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE
PR35160023300000

Trustee’s Sale No. 02-PR-35160 Notice is hereby given that, Fidelity National Title Insurance, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on April 12, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Courthouse, located at the corner of Highway 78 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” A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, Section 14, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho, more particularly described to wit: COMMENCING at the Northwest corner of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 89 degrees 20’40” East 662.96 feet, along the North line of the said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, to a point which is North 89 degrees 20’40” East 662.97 feet from the Northeast corner of the said southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 48’05” East 328.56 feet; thence South 0 degrees 45’ 10” West 337.85 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description; thence South 89 degrees 23’ 42” East 654.05 feet to a point on the East line of said Southeast Quarter of the Northwest

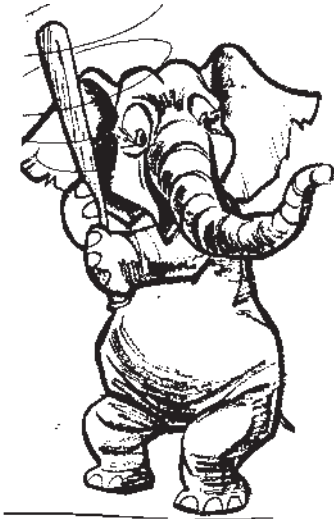
Quarter; thence South 0 degrees 45’ 10” West 332.86 feet, along the said East line; thence North 89 degrees 25’ 14” West 654.05 feet; thence North 0 degrees 45’ 10” East 333.15 feet, to the INITIAL POINT of this description. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-referenced Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of HC 79 Box 1300 China Ditch Road, Melba, ID 83641, 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 Joel E. Davis and Robyn E. Davis, husband and wife, as Grantor, to Alliance Title & Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Old Kent Mortgage Company d/b/a Republic Mortgage Michigan Corp., as Beneficiary, dated 6/1/2001, recorded 6/7/2001, under Instrument No. 236114, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho, the beneficial interest in which is presently held by Principal Residential Mortgage. 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 6/1/2001, the monthly payment which became due on 7/1/2003 and all subsequent monthly payments, plus late charges and other costs and fees as set forth. Amount due as of December 3, 2003 Delinquent Payments from July 01, 2003 6 payments at \$830.58 each \$4,983.48 (07-01-03 through 12-03-03) Late Charges: \$166.10 Beneficiary Advances: \$219.00 Suspense Credit: \$-480.24 Total: \$4,888.34 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 fore-

closure. The principal balance is \$99,329.01, together with interest thereon at 7.375% per annum from 6/1/2003, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to the sale on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the same. Dated: December 03, 2003. **Fidelity National Title Insurance, Trustee** By A Fragassi, AVP c/o Regional Trustee Services Corporation, 616 1st Avenue, Suite 500, Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Sale Information: <http://www.rtrustee.com> ASAP570733
12/17,24,31-01/07/04

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho:
57-11657

IVAN E CARSON
9358 WRIGHT RD
MELBA ID 83641
Point(s) of Diversion SWNW S7 T01N R03W OWYHEE County
Source GROUND WATER
Use: IRRIGATION 03/01 To 11/15 0.05 CFS
Total Diversion: 0.05 CFS
Date Filed: 09/04/2003
Place Of Use: IRRIGATION T01N R03W S7 SWNW
Number of Acres 1.5
Remark: Applicant agrees to mitigate consumptive use in the future as needed. Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Wy, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/05/2004. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.
KARL J DREHER, Director
12/17,24/03

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE’S SALE

On Thursday, March 18, 2004 at the hour of 11:30 o’clock A.M., of said day, on the steps of the Owyhee County Court-house located at the corner of Highway 78 and Hailey Street, Murphy, Owyhee County, Idaho. Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, cashiers check, certified check or tellers checks, (from a bank which has a branch in the community at the site of the sale), money order, State of Idaho check or local government check, or cash equivalent in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the same time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 1 in Block 2 of Morning Dove Estates Subdivision, according to the official plat thereof, recorded October 15, 1998, as Instrument No. 226300, Official Records of Owyhee County, Idaho.

THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF: 511 Morning Dove Way, Marsing, ID 83639, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY.

If the successful bidder cannot provide the bid price by means of one of the above means of payment, the sale will be postponed for 10 minutes only to allow the high bidder to obtain payment in a form prescribed herein above. If the high bidder is unsuccessful in obtaining payment as directed within 10 minutes, the sale will be re-held immediately and any bid by the high bidder from the pervious sale, will be rejected, all in accordance with Idaho Code 45-1502 et. Sec.

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 Peter Barrosa, a married man as his sole and separate property, as Grantor to Alliance Title and Escrow Corp., as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture (formerly Farmers Home Administration or Rural Economic and Community Development) as Beneficiary, recorded November 22, 2000 as Instrument No. 234420, Mortgage records of Owyhee County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(A), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTTION 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:

Make principal and interest payments as set forth on said Deed of Trust and Promissory Note. The original loan amount was \$70,300.00 together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.875 percent per annum, as evidenced in Promissory Note dated November 21, 2000. Payments are in default for the months of September of 2002 through and including October of 2003 in the amount of \$508.89 per month and continuing each and every month thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. The balance now due is \$68,448.38 in Principal; Interest is \$5,608.28, subsidy granted is \$4,345.32, principal reduction attributed to subsidy is \$0.00, and fees currently assessed are \$1,529.78 computed through October 30, 2003 with interest accruing thereafter at the daily rate of \$13.1519. In addition to the above, there is also due delinquent real property taxes for all of 2001 and 2002, together with penalties and interest, and any other real property taxes that may become delinquent during this foreclosure; and any late charges, advances, attorney fees, fees or costs associated with this foreclosure.

And the balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is \$72,793.70, excluding interest and costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligations there under 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.

Dated: November 13, 2003
Alliance Title and Escrow Corp.
By: /s/Bobbi Oldfield, Trust Officer
ATF4990302626-BO
12/03,10,17,24/03

**MARSING CITY COUNCIL
PO BOX 125
MARSING, ID 83639
PHONE 208-896-4122 FAX
208-896-4123**

Pursuant to established procedure, notice is hereby given that the Marsing Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at Marsing City Hall on Thursday, January 5, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to consider a Special Use Permit request by Robert Fischer of Ida-Met. Inc., an extractive metallurgical engineering company. The prospective owners wish to purchase Bowman’s building at 117 Bruneau Hwy. The business is not on the city’s list of industrial uses in the Planning and Zoning Ordinances.

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

Christy Martinat
P and Z Secretary
12/24,31/03

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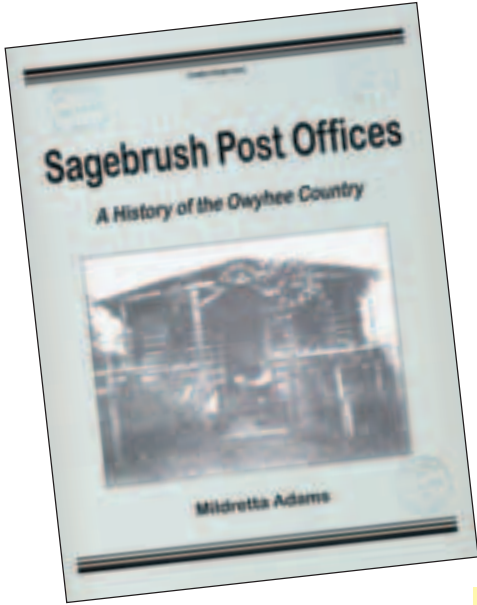


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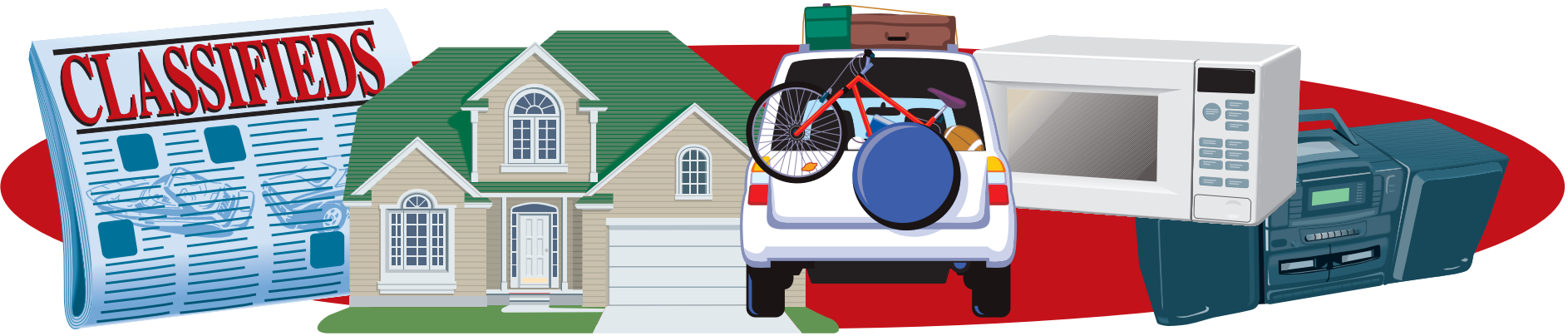
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The Rimrock Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual Christmas Toy drive and was proud to obtain record numbers of gifts. A total of 61 gifts were collected, wrapped, and donated to the local grade schools. They will distribute them to the children of Bruneau and Grand View. We hope this brings joy and happiness to all the recipients this holiday season. Thank you to all Rimrock Honor Society members and those who donated toys to this worthwhile cause.

PERSONALS CHRISTMAS FEELING

I have this thing about Christmas, It's not what you give or receive. It's all about your happiness, and what you have believed. There are people in our country, who are homeless and unfed. Do we ever think of them, when we snuggle in our warm bed.

Do you ever think how they feel, when they look for a place to stay warm.

Or do you take things all for granted, when you are sheltered from the storm.

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By Yvonne Huls
December 4, 2003

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Cheddar Cheese **\$1⁹⁹** lb.
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Large
Green Bell Peppers **3 \$1** for
Fresh Mangos **2 \$1** for

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