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President's speech touches local families

Local relatives of troops in Iraq say they appreciate the president's commitment to the armed forces, and they say having him travel to Idaho to speak to the families and the troops at home was very much appreciated.

Many families of local soldiers were in the audience when President George W. Bush and his wife Laura entered the Idaho Center in Nampa on Wednesday morning. Most of those who were not able to attend were listening to his address on television or on radio.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller were both invited to attend Wednesday's presidential visit and both had nearly the best seats in the house. The law enforcement officers were asked to sit in bleachers directly behind the president.

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Our nation's leader

President George W. Bush speaks to a packed crowd at the Idaho Center during a presidential visit last week. Many people from Owyhee County and surrounding areas attended the president's address, which drew in more than 9,000 visitors. Bush thanked local military personnel for their commitment to the people of Idaho and the people of the world.

Homedale man arrested for Nampa battery

A swarm of officers converged on a home located in the 600 block of West Wyoming Avenue in Homedale on Aug. 22 and took into custody 28-year-old Juan Benito Martinez. Officials say he was charged on two Canyon County parole violation warrants, a warrant from Nampa Police Department for a parole violation and was charged with aggravated battery by Nampa police.

An incident report obtained

from Owyhee County Sheriff's Office states that at 6:44 p.m., Nampa Police Department requested Homedale Police and county sheriff's



*Juan Benito
Martinez*

deputies assist them with a possible homicide suspect at a home on the 600 block of Wyoming. But investigators will not confirm that Martinez may be a person of interest in a Nampa murder case.

Nampa Police Detective Don Peck confirmed that the department was making headway in its investigation into the murder

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Ousted ranchers get day in court

Winmill agrees to reconsider ruling

Facing a court order to remove their livestock from federal lands near Jarbidge, ranchers got their day in court last week as District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill agreed to a motion of reconsideration from livestock permittees. A final decision was not made as of press time Monday, but Idaho Cattle Association Executive Vice President Lloyd Knight said he is hopeful.

Last month, Winmill called for a halt to grazing on nearly 1 million acres in the Jarbidge Resource Area after the Western Watersheds Project filed a lawsuit against Bureau of Land Management State Director K. Lynn Bennett. Ranchers affected by Winmill's decision filed a motion to reconsider, which was heard Thursday. The judge

ordered the permittees to remove their cattle in late August, but through an informal stipulation by counsel, cattle were allowed to remain in place until Friday. Now ranchers wait to see if they will be allowed to keep their cattle on federal land a little longer. However, if the judge or involved litigants do not concur on a further extension, then livestock must be removed by seven days after the original Friday deadline.

Bill Baker, field manager for the BLM Jarbidge Field Office, said a hearing was held Thursday and he is still waiting for a decision on the reconsideration.

"We are still working," Baker said Friday. "We are trying to do some good-faith settlement

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Avalanche deadlines change for holiday

Because of the Labor Day holiday Monday, deadlines for the next issue of The Owyhee Avalanche will change.

The deadline for submitting classified ads for the Sept. 7 issue of the Avalanche will be 5 p.m. Friday. The deadline for public notices will remain noon Friday.

The Avalanche's business office will be closed Monday for the holiday.

Grand jury indicts Homedale man on sex abuse charge

A Homedale man who originally faced charges of rape and sexual battery of a 16-year-old Homedale girl was indicted by summons through the county grand jury last week and now will face a single charge of sexual battery of a minor child 16 or 17. Owyhee County Prosecutor Matthew Faulks said the case was heard by the grand jury, which handed down the single charge after hearing the evidence presented.

Nathan Volk, 27, was arrested on June 21 and charged with rape and sexual battery. Information on the accusations has not been made available because the victim is a minor. Faulks said a superseding indictment was served on Volk last week, and he is expected to appear on the charge on Sept. 9 in district court.

“There are two ways to bring a felony charge in the state of Idaho,” Faulks said. “Either by complaint and what we call criminal information from that complaint or by an indictment, which would come from the grand jury. Mr. Volk was originally

charged by complaint. The defendant, when charged by complaint, has the right to a preliminary hearing. A grand jury fulfills that function in the instance of an indictment. What has happened here is a preliminary hearing has never happened in this case since June. For one reason or another, now we use the process of the grand jury to go forward on this charge.”

Faulks said in the original complaint, Volk was charged with rape where the victim’s resistance was overcome by force. He said in the sexual battery charge, they have an indictment.

Volk has been released on bail, and Faulks said based on that the summons was adequate.

— CAB



Nathan Volk

Homedale youth among ICA heifer contest 2005 winners

Organizers say it was another successful year for the annual Idaho Cattle Association (ICA) Heifer of the Year Contest. Nearly 150 of Idaho’s youth from grades 7 through 12 applied for the chance to win a registered purebred heifer and other prizes. A Homedale student was among the list of winners.

Jacob McRae, Homedale, placed 10th in the contest and received a \$75 gift certificate to Vickers Western Stores and a cooler from Allflex USA.

Contestants were required to complete an examination of 50

multiple-choice, true/false, and fill-in-the-blank questions, in addition to three of four essay questions. The test was a difficult and challenging task for the industry’s future leaders. The participants must not only know about cattle production, but also current issues affecting the cattle industry.

All the winners of scholarships have the option of using their money to pay for college expenses or apply it toward the purchase of a purebred heifer from an ICA member.

County commission addresses treasurer appointment flap

Owyhee County Commissioners thanked the Republican Party’s Central Committee for its recommendation to fill the position of county treasurer Barbara Wright, who will retire at the end of this month. But Wright said the committee is still upset that the commissioners denied their recommendation by hiring a second applicant.

Wright said last month that the committee met and voted to recommend Linda Charters. The committee’s recommendation was submitted to the commissioners along with a second applicant, Brenda Richards, who was ultimately appointed. Wright said the committee felt it was a waste of time to meet and vote on a recommendation if the commissioners would not abide by their recommendation.

Commissioners submitted a letter to the committee thanking them for “a job well done.” The commissioners said they interviewed the nominees and determined that the committee had submitted two nominees who met the statutory definition of qualification to fill the office.

“We recognize that the job entrusted to you by the Legislature of Idaho is a difficult one, just as the job mandated to the Board of Commissioners by the Legislature is a difficult one,” commissioners wrote. “The statute places upon your shoulders the duty to submit a list of three nominations to the board of county commissioners. The statute clearly calls for you to assure that the persons you place on the list shall possess the same qualifications at the time of his appointment as those provided by law for election to the office. You carried out your duties as charged. You interviewed the two persons who submitted names for consideration, you found them

both to qualify and you recommended both to this board for consideration of appointment. Once your duties were fulfilled, we had to perform ours.”

County commissioner Chris Salove told the Idaho Press-Tribune that the reason commissioners chose Richards over Charters is because they did not like Charters’ answer to making deposits for the county. Salove said he estimates that having the treasurer make the deposits in Marsing three times a week is costing the county nearly \$3,000 a year. He said the trip is made by two vehicles every day and the deposits can be sent without additional mileage being paid by the county. But Wright says the deposits cannot be made in a timely manner if the assessor or the appraiser makes them, because they are not in the county office every day.

“It is my duty to take care of the county money, and it is my duty to make sure it gets to the bank,” Wright said Monday. “I don’t mind sending it with the assessor, but he is not there most of the time. He has another job. He is a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association judge, so he is gone mostly always on Thursdays and Fridays judging rodeos. Last week, he was gone all week to a convention. Doug Cook does not always come into the office as well. This has never been addressed with me. I went to the commissioners two years ago, and they increased my mileage money because of deposits.”



Barbara Wright

Wright said in the past her husband, Lonnie, who was a county employee in the assessor’s office, was making the deposits because he was the assessor for the Marsing and Homedale area. She said Lonnie retired in March. Since then, she has been taking the deposits to the bank.

“During June and December, the deposits have to go every day because of the amount of funds we are receiving,” Wright said. “They bought a county car and said I could take it, but every time I went to get the car, the assessors office had it for GPS work. I would like to know why the assessor is provided with a vehicle for all of his travel. They have chastised me for taking the deposits, but the taxpayers are paying the assessor to drive from his home to work every day.”

Wright said deposits are not always made three times a week and some weeks a deposit is not made at all. She said if the commissioners had a problem with the deposits, why hadn’t something been addressed to her previously.

“Brenda and Linda are both qualified, and I know Brenda will do a good job. But Linda, being in the office for the past seven years, has more qualifications,” Wright said. “I don’t really think the deposits have anything to do with the appointment. I believe it is a personality conflict. The Central Committee did not take into consideration personalities. They took into consideration qualifications. When it comes down to it, qualifications are what should get a person a job.”

Attempts were made to contact Commission Chairman Hal Tolmie Monday morning, but Tolmie was not immediately available for comment.

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Watershed group plans project tour in September

The Owyhee Watershed Council will host a watershed project tour with the Oregon Watershed Enhancement State Board at 11 a.m. on Sept. 13 at the Lion's Den in Jordan Valley.

The Owyhee Watershed Council meeting will be held after the tour at Rome Station in Rome, Ore., at 6 p.m. A barbecue dinner with no-host bar will follow the meeting.

Transportation from Jordan Valley and meals will be provided for those who RSVP by Friday. To RSVP or for more information, contact Hilary Heller at (541) 372-5654 or heller@fmtc.com.

Any journalist's dream: Covering the president

Covering the president of the United States is the highlight of any journalist's career. It also can be the longest day of a journalist's life.

White House protocol for President George W. Bush's address to Idaho military families Wednesday at the Idaho Center called for a few things that most journalists aren't used to doing.

Keep in mind that the address was scheduled for about 11:15 in the morning.

It started with a 5 a.m. muster at the Idaho Center for inspection of equipment. For most newsmen, 5 a.m. is just something they heard about once. Maybe in a fairy tale or a nursery rhyme. Or from the poor sap of a colleague who had to cover something at that unkind hour.

At the 5 a.m. meeting, held outside before the chill had disappeared from the southwestern Idaho air, there were grumblings about the conditions (read: hour of the day) and the fact that "you can't even get coffee at Krispy Kreme this early."

So the 5 a.m. date with security became a hurry-up-and-wait situation. Then, come to find out it was only necessary for the television media to show that early for setup of cameras and other various equipment.

So the print media (read: me) was informed that their presence wasn't required at that moment. Come back at 8, they said.

So, 8 o'clock rolls around and your intrepid (and tired) reporter returns to check in and get temporary credentials to have a private audience with the president (along with 9,000 other people and about as many journalists). Of course, 8 a.m. turned into 9:30 a.m., and finally passes were doled out to all those on a preordained list and carrying proper ID.

Then it was another waiting game before the gate was opened to let the reporting herd up the cement ramp and into the quickly filling arena.

One thing struck me while the layers of security were peeled away ever-so slowly. There was a dearth of the stoic Secret Service agents you see in the movies. The guys with their hands to their ears like some clean-cut, retired Marine version of old "Laugh In" announcer Gary Owens. The guys who talk into their sleeves and never crack a smile. (There was a reason Clint Eastwood was cast as a Secret Service agent in the movie "In the Line of Fire," and it wasn't his jovial disposition).

Overall, there wasn't a lot of tension between the media and those making sure the personnel coming through the gate was safe. You'd expect more scrutiny in this day and age, but for the most part the attitudes from the handlers of the event reflected President Bush's friendly, approachable demeanor.

Once inside the building and spotted with a camera, I was

escorted to the platform where every other photograph in the free world had been stationed — along with a couple TV news crews and at least 14 yards of duct tape ("X" marks the spot, and don't you dare stand on THAT spot, it's for White House TV — even though the crew isn't here yet and THEY didn't have to show up for the 5 a.m. fun and games).

Later on, once the White House media liaisons realized entirely too many people were standing on the platform, efforts were made to weed out those who didn't need to be there. If you didn't have a camera, you would be asked (read: told) to leave. No problem here.

But inches away, a TV anchor was in a bit of a panic because she didn't have the required equipment — not even a disposable camera to fake her way through the inspection process. Avalanche senior reporter Cheryl Beeson sprung into action, handing the anchorwoman a camera and saving the day for her colleague.

The camera sweep didn't thin the herd out too much.

So how were the living quarters? Think of sardines asked to stand on their fins for nearly 4 hours with little room to move lest the back of your head become part of a news broadcast.

Finally, the moment arrived. The president and First Lady walked on to the stage to a thunderous ovation, and President Bush began an address that would have audience members standing and clapping several times during the next 55 minutes.

The leader of the free world stood behind a podium backed by dozens of law enforcement and military personnel, including Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman and Homedale Chief of Police Jeff Eidemiller. The stage was 50 yards from the swell of reporters and photographers, but close enough to make even the most grizzled hack thank his lucky stars for the assignment.

It may have been old hat for the press corps that piled off the chartered bus well after 5 a.m., but for the group of local media standing hour after leg-aching hour on that platform in the middle of the Idaho Center, this was a career highlight.

And it was worth the wait, the pain and the (surprisingly few) hassles.

— JB



'I'm glad I finally got here'

With Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, background left, joining Gov. Dirk Kempthorne and Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig and about 9,000 others to welcome him, President George W. Bush acknowledged the warm reception before concluding his first visit to Idaho as president with a stirring address at the Idaho Center.



Executive address

A monitor displays an image of President George W. Bush delivering his address to a packed Idaho Center last week in Nampa. Bush received several standing ovations from the crowd of military personnel and their families.



National anthem

Angela Tracy, daughter of Mike Tracy, spokesman for U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, sings the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies of President Bush's visit to Nampa last week. More than 9,000 people attended the president's address to local soldiers and their families.

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Dairy champions

Karly Bertagnolli, left, and Megan Harper won grand and reserve champion for showmanship in the dairy show of the Owyhee County Fair and Rodeo last month. Karly was the grand champion and Megan won reserve champion. Photo submitted.

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Public hearing
planned for county
P and Z fee increase

Motor vehicle administrative fees, Murphy water fees and planning and zoning fees could cost a lot more in the future.

The Owyhee County Commission is considering raising assessor fees and planning and zoning fees as well as increasing the monthly fee charged to use Murphy’s water system.

The Murphy water usage hike would be from \$3 to \$5.

A public hearing will be held on Sept. 19 to consider establishing the fee increases. The hearing will be held in Courtroom 2 of the courthouse in Murphy.

Motor vehicle registrations are proposed to be raised from \$3 to \$5 for administrative fees. There also is a proposal to add 50 cents for state card renewal notice mailing fees.

Planning and zoning fee increases include raising single-family residence and hardship applications from \$182 to \$432 and raising confined animal feeding operations from \$494 to \$2,000.

Conditional use permit fees for uses listed under permitted uses, non-conforming use and expansion including residential land division up to four lots could rise to \$706 from the \$456 current charge.

For subdivisions up to five lots, the proposed fee would be \$756 with a \$100-per-lot charge for every parcel after the fifth lot.

The proposal would increase zone reclassification, modification of zones or modification of comprehensive plan from \$1,348 to \$1,598 and would take amendment or vacation of plats from \$437 to \$687. A variance would cost \$816 from the \$566 already being charged.

Extension of time, property status written determinations, appeal of administrative decisions, subdivision vacate adopt road and easements, area of city impact subdivision review and compliance reviews have not been charged a fee in the past, but under the proposal, property status would cost \$100, appeal would cost \$150, vacate or adopt road would cost \$672 and compliance review will cost \$250.

In the building department, manufactured home standard set installation will cost \$250, up from \$100, manufactured home foundation will cost \$350 instead of \$165 and a \$125 fee for miscellaneous inspections will be raised from the current \$65 cost.

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Commissioners support BLM on grazing issue

Owyhee County Commissioners said they support the efforts of Bureau of Land Management State Director K Lynn Bennett and urged the director to continue his efforts to save cattle ranching in the Jarbidge Resource Area.

A letter dated Aug. 11 from the commissioners to Bennett said the county was “astounded” by the decision issued by Judge B. Lynn Winmill regarding 10-year permits in the Jarbidge area. Earlier this year, Winmill ordered that nearly 1 million acres of federal land be closed to cattle ranching after the Western Watersheds Project filed a lawsuit.

The commissioners also are asking Idaho senators to help the local ranchers in their battle with the court system. A letter requesting help from the federal government was sent to Sens. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo as well as Reps. Butch Otter and Mike Simpson.

Commissioners told Bennett that the decision “attempts to evade the mandate of the United States Supreme Court in *Norton v. SUWA* as to a court’s ability to require an agency to specifically implement a portion of land use management plan.”

“In so doing, the judge requires you to specifically implement a portion of a plan written over two decades ago, and in spite of current data as to sage grouse populations differing from the

information in the hands of the agency in the early 1980s,” commissioners wrote in their letter to Bennett. “In this decision, Judge Winmill substitutes the court’s judgment for that of trained BLM personnel under your direction. This substitution occurs when he disregards current range studies of the affected allotments in favor of information and studies available in the early 1980s. To that extent his decision is inconsistent with decisions as to judicial deference to management agencies issued by the United States Supreme Court and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. It is also inconsistent with his earlier decisions in the ORAP case in which he deferred to an affidavit filed by a BLM employee and imposed terms and conditions which severely damaged many permittees in the Owyhee Resource Area.”

Commissioners stated that they viewed the decision as one of “activism” and inconsistent with “sound range management.”

“Congress did not delegate management of the federal lands to a district judge, but to the BLM,” commissioners wrote.

“We cannot adequately express the frustration which the citizens of this county feel when an activist judge issues such clearly anti-grazing decisions as that recently issued by B. Lynn Winmill in *Western Watersheds v. Bennett*,” commissioners wrote

to senators and representatives. “It is remarkable that great national attention is devoted to the choice of a member of the United States Supreme Court, while district judges adversely impact the livelihood of our citizens by substituting their judgment for that of Congress and of the management agencies established by Congress.”

The commissioners asked the senators and representatives to consider and actively seek congressional action, which would curtail the efforts of “activist district judges who substitute their decisions and judgments for those of the professional managers into whose hands Congress has committed range and natural resource management.” They also asked them to support the county’s efforts through the Owyhee Initiative to secure a management program consistent with established congressional management aims — a program which can bring some level of economic stability to ranchers whose very existence is endangered by decisions of the Idaho District Court.

“Continued involvement in the Initiative effort by the Initiative Board of Directors, working with the professionals at BLM, perhaps can find safe passage through the judicial mine field in Idaho,” the commissioners wrote.

— CAB

Engagement Bobby-Jean Jones to wed Kyle Ray Colyer

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Colyer have announced the engagement of their children, Bobby-Jean Jones to Kyle Ray Colyer.

Bobby-Jean is a 1999 graduate of Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School and a 2003 graduate from Montana State University. She is employed at Bruneau Elementary School.

Kyle is a 1996 graduate of Rimrock Jr./Sr. High School and 2000 graduate from Kansas State University. Kyle is employed at Colyer Herefords, Inc.

The couple will be married Sept. 30, 2005, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Boise with a reception to follow at the Lonesome Dove Ranch in Eagle. They will be



Kyle Ray Colyer and Bobby-Jean Jones honeymooning in Hawaii. The couple will make their home in Bruneau.

Senior news

- ### Homedale Senior Center

Sept 1: BBQ rib on bun, scalloped potatoes, spinach, milk.

Sept 3: 1 p.m. Mary Jo Morrison and Jim Andrews will be getting married; all seniors are invited.

Sept 5: Closed Labor Day

Sept 6: Baked fish, oven fries, carrots, roll, milk. Exercise classes start 11 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday; public is invited.

Sept 7: Chicken pot pie, tossed salad, roll, fruit, milk.
- ### Marsing Senior Center

Sept 1: Teriyaki chicken, rice, sauté vegetable, cabbage salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Sept 5: Closed Labor Day

Sept 6: Spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Sept 7: Liver and onions or hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Homedale’s first community yard sale is fast approaching

Homedale’s inaugural Community Yard Sale and Flea Market will be held Sept. 10 at Riverside Park.

The giant yard sale will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

No permits will be required for the public to take part in the yard sale. Participants must bring their own tables, chairs, change, bags and other necessary items.

Coffee and cocoa will be provided during early morning setup.

Any items left behind after the sale will be donated to a local thrift industry.

Food and retail vendors are being sought for the event. Vendors must complete a vendor form and submit it to City Hall with a \$25 vendor fee.

For more information, drop by Homedale City Hall at 31 W. Wyoming St., call 337-4641 or e-mail susanmansisor@cableone.net.

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State warns noxious weeds danger

That purple flower now in bloom along Idaho ditches, rivers, wetlands and ponds may look pretty to the eye but looks can be terribly deceiving. Because chances are it is actually an invasive noxious weed that poses a devastating threat to Idaho’s future, officials with the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign are warning.

“It is not an ornamental flower but an invasive noxious weed called Purple loosestrife,” said Roger Batt, campaign coordinator.

“Purple loosestrife already has taken over some 35,000 acres of land in Idaho, more than 4 million acres across the country, and is

continuing to spread.”

Purple loosestrife is an insidious wetland weed that came to the eastern United States about 200 years ago from Eurasia. The noxious weed can take over wetlands by slowing water flow, which increases silt deposits and makes the stream channel smaller, impacting native plants, fish and wildlife.

Purple loosestrife can clog ditches and irrigation canals and is so bad in some places that people have nicknamed it the “Marsh Monster”. The weed grows up to six feet tall and spreads quickly in wet soils. Each plant is capable of producing hundreds of thousands of seeds.

“What is alarming about Purple loosestrife is that it can be purchased illegally on the Internet and then planted in gardens and wetland areas. The Idaho Noxious Weed law prohibits the purchasing and planting of noxious weeds in Idaho, so if you know of someone planting Purple loosestrife, ask them to stop spreading this noxious weed,” Batt added.

For more information on Purple loosestrife and other noxious weeds go to the Idaho Weed Awareness Campaign website at www.idahoweedawareness.org or to report noxious weeds in your county call 1-866-IDWEEDS.

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RV park asks to hook up to city sewer system

Homedale plans bond election to solve sewer problems

Owners of Snake River RV Resort outside of Homedale have asked the city council to allow them to connect into the city's sewer system. But before an agreement can be made, a bond will have to be passed for the city to upgrade its already deteriorating system.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said after a council meeting last week that even if the plans for the park do not go through, the bond will be presented to voters, probably in November. The park is located in the city's impact area, which does not allow park residents to vote in city elections nor do they pay city taxes, but Fink said the council feels that if the park is included and a sewer line is available, more businesses may come into the area.

Representatives from the park are asking the council to allow them to connect to the city's sewer system near the intersection of Industrial Road and Highway 95. The park's owners say they will incur all engineering and construction costs, including the city's engineer review. When construction is complete, the park plans to turn the entire project over to the City of Homedale.

The RV park's owners, Dave Ellis and Diane and Chuck Kritz, attended Thursday's meeting

when the council presented a tentative agreement to them. The five-year agreement states that the city will allow free hookup to all current residents of the park as of Aug. 25. It says the city will charge \$1,500 per hookup outside of the city limits, but the RV Park will receive a \$500 reimbursement on the first 100 hookups. If the city at any time chooses to increase the hookup charges prior to the 100th hookup, Snake River RV will receive a share of approximately 33 percent up to the 100 hookups.

Snow River RV will agree to guarantee funds up to \$400,000 for the project. Park owners will receive one sewer bill, for which the park will be responsible. Any hookups outside of the park will be billed individually by the city.

"Right now, the plan would be that you would join in at the high school," Fink told park representatives. "If we can get something going and the bond passes, then we could come on at Les Schwab. You would not want to run something all the way to the high school if the bond passes and we were able to put in a new line to Industrial Road."

Fink explained that if the city could annex the park into the city, it would have already been done.

He said right now a city couldn't annex property that is more than two acres. Ellis asked if the council could keep any competing business — such as a mobile home park or a recreational vehicle park — from constructing and adding to the city's system. City Attorney Chris Nye said the suggestion would be impossible.

"I hope you can understand that with where we are at, if a competing business were to build on Industrial before our park, it would be devastating to us," Diane Kritz said.

Nye responded by saying the city cannot pick and choose who can build and who cannot just because another business owner is concerned about competition.

Diane Kritz said that if Snake River RV was going to install the system and couldn't regulate the zoning, then another business could come in, which would devastate Snake River RV.

"Instead of stipulating who hooks up, can we not just mandate who can change their zoning from Ag to industrial or change the zone as to not be in competition?" she asked.

Nye again stated that the city could not exclude any business unless the new business would cause an increase in the city's

capability to handle its sewer needs. He said the city could not say it would not allow another mobile home park.

Fink said a grant had been sought by the council to help defray some of the cost of the project, but he told Ellis that grants were not available because the city does not currently meet state-expected sewer rates. He said a bond would help the city extend its sewer system to the city limits where the park could hook in, but the bond is something the council will seek even if the park does not connect to city service.

An estimate of the bond is set for \$1.2 million and includes work to the sewer system on North Third Street, on Highway 95 in the Les Schwab area and south, east of Highway 95 near Utah Avenue. The work would include replacement of 8-, 12-, 18- and 24-inch sewer lines in the city, a force main sewer line, pipe bursting and manholes. Fink said he didn't think the bond would increase sewer fees, and if it did they would only increase by a few dollars.

"It is just a discussion at this point," Fink said after the meeting. "We are hoping that if this passes the sewer rates would not increase. If we were going to increase the sewer fees, we could

get a grant. That's why we have never done anything because we don't owe Snake River RV anything. If someone hooks up to their line, they can recover some of their costs. Everyone who hooks to the line after Aug. 25 will be charged the \$1,500 fee."

City Services Supervisor Larry Bauer said that the bond and the proposal from Snake River RV is a "win-win" situation. He said many of the city's sewer lines need to be replaced and updated.

"Right now, we have clean water going into the city's lines, and clean water can cause trouble for the system," Bauer said.

Fink said that as well as the city taking on clean water, sewer water is also slowly leaking into the ground in many places in the city. He said many people in the city are still on septic systems and the city hopes to hook those homes to city services.

As for the city's water treatment lagoons, right now the city is using about 50 percent of its capacity. If Snake River RV is included in the system, it will raise the usage by about 20 percent.

"Are we going to let all of this property go into septic, or are we going to include them in the city's services?" Fink concluded.

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Three Creek

by Lola Blossom

Three Creek ranchers met Aug. 9, 2005, at the Three Creek school with Dianah Weaver and Jim Winfrey of the Forest Service staff. They discussed the current program of the Jarbidge Grazing environmental impact statement.

The Jarbidge Ranger District is undertaking an environmental analysis of all allotments on the district.

This includes 23 allotments of which 20 are permitted and three are vacant. Proposed action is to authorize continued grazing under management direction.

The old Three Creek store is really getting a facelift. A beautiful porch has been made with new steps. There are new windows and doors. The improvements have been made by the Baptist people of the Pleasant Hill and Turkey Creek churches of Ashville, N.C., and Dean and Judy Grindstaff of Jackpot, Nev., and David and Debra Grindstaff of Rogerson church. The floor was also replaced in David and Debra's home.

Devil Creek Ranch held a horse sale lately and sold some

mares, colts and yearlings. Two of our prominent ranchers had some tough luck lately. Bert Brackett's horse got tangled in some wire and really went wild. Bert ended up with a broken shoulder and a badly bruised leg.

Maurice Guerry was rolled around by a Suffolk ram and has him arm in a sling. Jim Guerry, 63, brother of Maurice Guerry passed away Aug. 21, 2005, at his home near Hollister from a bursted brain tumor.

Elder Matt Severe, son of Keith and Sally Severe of Devil Creek Ranch, recently returned from the Connecticut Hartford Mission.

He will now attend the College of Southern Idaho.

Since retiring from the Bureau of Land Management, Bob Ramsey has been a helpful busy guy. He and Marilyn spent a week in Wyoming helping a relative brand calves. He has been helping brand calves out on the Bruneau desert and helping gather cattle off the BLM land. Besides being an excellent calf roper, he can put on a welder's helmet and do a good job of welding. He did a beautiful job of extending my hand rail.

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Still fighting
Tim Lowry and his family are still locked in a battle with the government over water rights for the LU Ranching Co., despite a 2003 court victory.

Lowrys fight for water

The Lowry family of LU Ranching Co. haven't had a chance to relax and enjoy their 2003 special water rights victory because they have been forced to file an appeal to a facet of the decision.

An Idaho judge who upheld the critical precedent also ruled that the Lowrys did not prove their priority date preceded the government's. This decision made the Lowrys' water rights junior to, and inferior to, the government's.

The Lowrys filed a claim on behalf of the LU Ranching Co., a family-owned operation, in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, about six years ago. The federal government contested the claim and as a result the Lowrys have been put through continuous litigation to defend their water rights.

"The Lowrys, like hundreds of western ranchers, were targeted by the decision of the Clinton-Babbitt regime to challenge the traditional western law regarding water rights, including livestock watering rights," Stewards of the Range Consultant Fred Grant wrote in January. "The government implemented that challenge in the Snake River Basin by filing thousands of claims to stock water. This same stock water had been put to beneficial use by ranchers for over a century. The rules of the Snake River Basin Adjudication required ranchers to enter into litigation in order to protect their water rights."

In the early stages of litigation, the Lowrys' hopes looked grim

when a special master ruled their priority date did not correspond to the earliest date of beneficial use by their predecessors on the ranch. The Lowrys challenged the master's decision, and Judge Barry Wood eventually reversed the master's decision and sent the case back for consideration. After a lengthy trial, a special master ruled in favor of Lu Ranching, setting the priority date in the late 1800s.

On Nov. 10, 2004, the Lowrys, Bill, Nita, Tim and Rosemary, supported by neighbors Mike and Linda Hanley and Dr. Chad Gibson, traveled to Twin Falls for the hearing. Counsel appearing for the Lowrys was provided by Mike Van Zandt from San Francisco, the same firm that handled the *Hage v. United States* case.

The District Judge took the case under advisement and issued a written decision at a later time. A victory for the Lowrys was crucial to many other cases, one of which is the Joyce Ranch case.

Victories in both cases are critical from the standpoint of applying a precedent as to the "takings" of water rights.

Van Zandt explained that the Lowrys held a Class 1 grazing permit. In order for their predecessors to secure such a permit when the Taylor Grazing Act was enacted, they had to prove they properly appropriated the stock water prior to the act.

Many entities have contributed to helping cattlemen fight litigation by donating money, time and support to ranchers such as Lowry. Recently in Cornerstone, an article, "Jack Swanson releases print to raise funding for Lowry case," said that Swanson, an artist, had signed 50 limited edition prints of an original oil on canvas to raise funds for the Lowrys' case. The prints can be purchased for a contribution of \$250 to Stewards of the Range. Proceeds will help pay legal fees accumulated in the case.

— CAB



At a showing of 'Shrew'
Jordan Valley High School seniors attended 'Taming of the Shrew' at the Idaho Shakespeare Festival in Boise last week. Back row: Hayley Johnson, Lauren Cuvelier, Beth Dowell Middle row: Cassia Trautman, Paul McKay, Emil Scown, Dinah Powers. Front row: Michelle Baltzor, Ashley Reed. Submitted photo.

JV High seniors watch 'Taming of the Shrew'

by Hayley Johnson

Last Thursday, the senior class of Jordan Valley High School went to Shakespeare's play "The Taming of the Shrew," part of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival. Students left the high school at about 5 p.m. and were taken by Tara Echave and Andree Scown to the Boise Amphitheater.

Once they were there, everyone got settled into their spots on the hillside area. Blankets were spread onto the grass, and the group "picnic" (otherwise known as take-out Pizza Hut pizza, brownies, cookies, Pepsi and other various items that had been brought) were munched down.

The play started out with a small skit about a shrew-taming school or class, which led into the play itself. As soon as the

play started, students were drawn into the whole comedy. It was slightly contemporary, with some added dialogue and 1950-ish costumes instead of the typical Shakespearean dress, but just enough to add to the play instead of taking away from it.

"It was awesome. I was surprised that Shakespeare had such a lighter side," Jordan Valley senior Beth Dowell said.

Overall, it was deemed a huge success with everyone who went.

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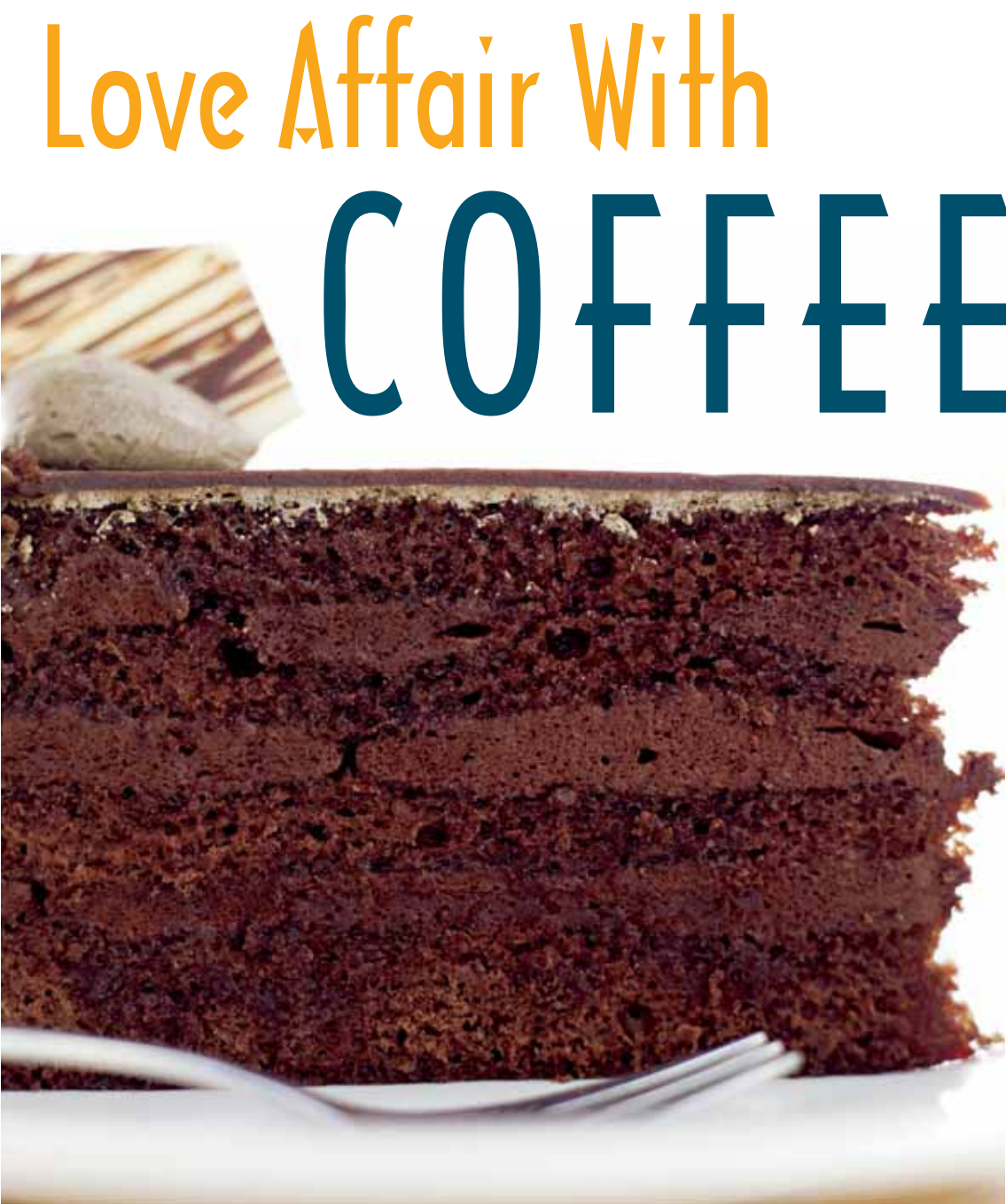
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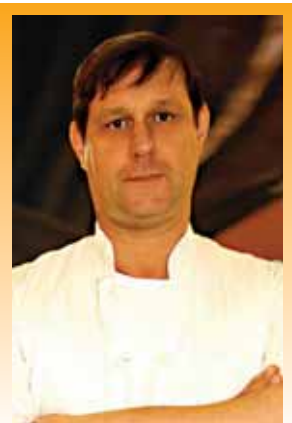
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Love Affair With COFFEE

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

It started as a morning cup of joe. However, over time America's love affair with coffee has moved beyond the mug to inspire several coffee-flavored products such as ice cream, sauces and spirits. In fact, Chef Paul Vandewoude of the Miette Culinary Studio in New York credits this coffee trend with inspiring a variety of new cooking recipes featuring coffee-based products. "Chefs love to try new and different flavors and ingredients in everyday recipes. So when additional coffee-based products became available, the culinary world jumped on the opportunity to experiment," said Vandewoude. "From appetizers to desserts, more coffee-inspired recipes are popping up on menus across the country. Recently, I created a barbeque sauce that I think many coffee lovers would enjoy." Many noted chefs, like Vandewoude, use coffee to put a new twist on traditional recipe favorites. For example, Vandewoude uses Starbucks Coffee Liqueur in his barbeque sauce, which nicely compliments ribs, shrimp and wings. The liqueur adds a hint of chocolate and a clean coffee finish that softens the sauce's more traditional ingredients, such as vinegar, garlic and horseradish. According to Vandewoude, it tempers the recipe with a familiar aroma, flavor and color. Vandewoude satisfies his sweet tooth by baking a coffee-inspired chocolate molten cake.



Along with chefs, the latest group to jump on board the coffee trend is bartenders. Like their culinary counterparts, they too have created a wide range of coffee-inspired recipes. From mixed drinks to martinis to modern-day Manhattans, these drinks are appropriate for all occasions. In fact, the mixability and versatility of Starbucks Coffee Liqueur allow bartenders to combine unexpected flavors like ginger, orange and coffee together, to create the Caffe Fizz, which is perfect for warm weather entertaining. The Caffe Fizz is a tall refreshing drink that combines vanilla rum, ginger ale and Starbucks Coffee Liqueur, which is then garnished with an orange wedge. While chefs and bartenders may create the recipes that lead this trend, coffee lovers can try all these recipes in the comfort of their own homes. For more recipes featuring the ultimate cocktails for Starbucks coffee lovers, visit www.starbucks.com/liqueur. Starbucks Coffee Liqueur is not available in Starbucks stores, rather where fine spirits are sold.



Warm Chocolate-Coffee Cake

- 6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
 - 4 ounces butter
 - 2 shots espresso
 - 1/2 cup Starbucks Coffee Liqueur
 - 3 whole eggs
 - 3 egg yolks
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 4 1/2 tablespoons flour, heaped
1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
 2. Cut chocolate into small pieces. Do the same for the butter.
 3. Melt chocolate, butter, espresso and coffee liqueur together in a double boiler.
 4. Using an electric mixer, beat whole eggs, egg yolks and sugar until fluffy (about 5–6 minutes).
 5. When the chocolate and butter mixture is melted, combine with the egg mixture (make sure to add chocolate to eggs and not the reverse).

6. Add flour and mix batter well.
 7. Place batter into six 4-ounce aluminum ramekins that have been well-buttered and floured, and bake for 10–12 minutes in preheated oven. (Make sure not to overcook so that you have a deliciously soft molten cake).
- Serves 6*
Serve with whipped cream. Garnish with sliced strawberries or mint leaves or drizzled with coffee liqueur.

Coffee Liqueur Barbeque Sauce

- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1 cup banana ketchup (if not available, use regular tomato ketchup)
- 1 tablespoon grated horseradish
- 1 cup orange blossom honey
- 1 cup aged balsamic vinegar

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
 - 4 shots espresso
 - 1/2 cup Starbucks Coffee Liqueur
1. Heat canola oil in a medium saucepan. Add garlic and cook until translucent (about 1–2 minutes). Add banana ketchup, horseradish, honey, balsamic vinegar, espresso and coffee liqueur.
 2. Bring to a boil and simmer over low flame for 15–20 minutes.
 3. Blend sauce in a blender to a smooth consistency.
- Makes 1 pint*
Barbecue sauce may be served warm or cold. Serve with chicken, shrimp, beef ribs or pork ribs.



Caffe Fizz

- 1 part Starbucks Coffee Liqueur
 - 1 part Ronrico Vanilla Rum
 - Ginger ale
 - Orange wedge
- Build over ice; squeeze and drop in orange wedge.

Raspberry Cooler

- 1 part Starbucks Coffee Liqueur
 - 2 parts VOX Raspberry Vodka
 - Splash of soda
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- Build over ice; squeeze and drop in lime wedge.

Looking back...

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School election to be by write-in-ballot

O. D. Douglas, clerk of Joint Class A school district No. 370, said today (Thursday) that balloting at the school election next Tuesday afternoon, September 6 will be by write-in only as there were no nominating petitions filed during the specified time of six days prior to the election.

At the election September 6 at Homedale high school auditorium between the hours of 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. one trustee will be elected from district No. 2 and one from district No. 4, both for a term of three years.

Livestock champions shown at fair; other winners

Four-H, open class and FFA livestock were judged Thursday morning, August 18, and the FFA and 4-H livestock judging contest was conducted in the afternoon.

The showmanship contest conducted Friday afternoon, August 20, was well attended and enjoyed by the spectators while the exhibitors dressed the right sides of the cattle and paraded them in front of the fair ground grandstand.

The grand champion ribbon of the fair was awarded to Henry Hollenbeck of Caldwell on his 4-H entry, an Angus steer. Reserve champion to Renette Winn, Grand View.

Grand champion Angus in open class went to Henry Hollenbeck and reserve champion to the Idaho Angus ranch, Boise.

Bill Fallen of Caldwell took first, Henry Hollenbeck second and Beverly Briggs, Marsing, third in the open class beef showmanship contest.

Winners in the second division of the 4-H beef showmanship, Henry Hollenbeck took grand Champion; Beverly Briggs, reserve grand champion and Bert Brackett, third place.

Circus to visit Homedale Sept. 17

The Tex Carson circus, complete with wild animals, is coming to Homedale Saturday, September 17, and will give two performances at the Daboling meadow, just went of town.

Dorothy Anderson, billed as the world’s greatest girl horseman, will give her \$10,000 Liberty Act daily.

The circus carries with it nifty cowgirls and cowboys, headed by the famous rodeo expert Ponca Bill and his Wild West and congress Rough Riders.

Baby Jumbo, that comical performing elephant, jugglers, contortionists, clowns, ponies and trained dogs as well as aerial and acrobatic acts are featured.

Sheep, wine and poultry judged

Sheep, poultry and swine were judged by Doran A Peterson, Meridian; Joe Ison, Caldwell, and Wade Wells, Boise, respectively.

Listed below are the exhibitors names and placements.

Sheep: Glenn Newby, Kuna, six firsts, four seconds, three thirds. Dianne Blackstock, Melba, first; Brian Johnstone, Homedale, first and fourth; J. W. Johnstone, Homedale, first; Irvin Reich, Marsing fourth; John Stewart, Marsing, second; Allen Johnstone, Homedale, third.

Poultry: Chickens: Janet Barnes, Homedale, first; Irvin Reech, Marsing, second.

Swine: J. S. Thomas, Marsing, two firsts, two seconds and a third; John Simpson, Kuna, four firsts and one second.

Teachers are guests

Primary teachers at the Homedale grade school, Mrs. Dorothy Goodloe, Mrs. Elsie Brown, Mrs. Adrienne McConnaughey, Mrs. Letha Fugate and Ruth Wilson were guests of the Marsing primary teachers Wednesday, August 24, at the Marsing primary grade school. A workshop was conducted in the morning and the teachers had lunch together at noon.

138 years ago

August 31, 1867

THE NEW COURT HOUSE has been accepted by the County commissioners, from the contractors. The prisoners are safely ensconced in the basement. The Sheriff, Recorder, etc., occupy their respective rooms in the second story, while the Court Room consists of the entire upper or third story, and forms a very convenient and commodious Hall.

UNNECESSARY ALARM. Our Indian troubles in Idaho are bad enough, without exaggeration. Nearly all the depredations have been committed on ranchmen and prospectors. Travelers – specially stage travels on Hill Beachey’s Stage Line – have been troubled but little – his stage having been attacked but once, and one man killed, during the time he has been running, which is somewhat over a year. People who ride over the road for the first time, imagine that they will see bands of Indians and be compelled to fight theme very few miles; and are agreeably surprised when they arrive in Silver City without heaving seen an Indian or the “sign” of one along the entire route. The savages do not now lie in wait to attack the stages simply because military posts are so situated and the dangerous portions of the road are well guarded between Hunter’s and Boise City.

General Crook has his forces so disposed throughout the country that the main body of the Indians have deemed it best to retreat, and are now more than two hundred miles away from the Humboldt Road, while the General is following them closely, his scouts every now and then making an onslaught, having killed between sixty and seventy warriors since the Fourth of July. It is very probable that Gen. Crook will end the campaign the coming Winter, for he keeps the enemy moving rapidly to keep out of his way, so that they cannot lay up any provisions by fishing or hunting, and when the snow comes a well furnished military force will corral them.

We are utterly at a loss to conjecture the cause of those prejudices that exist, and false Indian excitements that are rife in San Francisco and other positions of California covering the Humboldt Road – unless they be engendered by and thro9ught the agency and influence of the Oregon Steam navigation Company in its last struggle for a lost monopoly.

We were pleased by a remark made by a gentleman and lady who arrived per Beachey’s Stage a few evening since. Said they: “Had we started from San Francisco the same time and gone via the Columbia River Route, we would have been in Portland to-night, and besides the river travel to Umatilla, we should have had more than three hundred miles of stage travel yet before us, and we did not see any Indians, either.”

AN EXCHANGE HAS THE FOLLOWING:

A machine for washing dishes has been invented and tried at Syracuse, with satisfactory results.

Bilkus is of the opinion that the above mentioned machine was not invented at Syracuse; but a machine of the same kind might have been made there and “tried with satisfactory results.” Bilkus has it on the authority of Holy Writ that the original “dish-washing machine” was invented and fashioned out of a bone in the southwestern part of Asia more than six thousand years ago, when dish-wipers consisted of half worn out fig-leaf aprons.

ESCAPE AND RECAPTURE. Our readers will remember that last week as we were going to press we stated a party had been arrested and was being examined on suspicion of having attempted to burn the Cosmos buildings. The party is well known here as M. L. Smith, formerly proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Restaurant in this city. From the evidence that appeared against him on examination, he was ordered to be placed under bonds of five thousand dollars to appear at the October term of Court for trial. In default of procuring bonds he was committed

to jail to await trial. He remained in jail but one day. On Sunday morning, the 25th, while the jailor stepped across the street to procure some beef steak for breakfast, Smith slipped out at the door of the jail and escaped unseen save by one or two persons as he disappeared over the mountain ridge towards Snake River. Considerable excitement prevailed. Hand-bills were immediately printed and circulated, offering \$250 reward for the runaway. Several persons started in pursuit; but Deputy Sheriff Mills proved to be the fortunate one. He over hauled Smith about eight miles from Silver, near Babbingtons’ Ranch, on Reynolds Creek, and brought him back to jail, where he is safely lodge at present. As the attempt to escape seals his guilt without a doubt, we hope that his will have the justice meted out to him that is merited by so enormous a crime.

MINING ACCIDENT. Mr. Hemmenway, one of the owners in the Whisky Mine, was seriously injured last week while working in the tunnel. A blast exploded prematurely, occasioned by a spark produced by using an iron tamping rod. The charge exploded in his face, also, severely burning both of his hands. At first it was feared that his eyesight was entirely destroyed, but now he is able to see with one eye and will probably regain the sight of the other. Miners should be extremely careful when suing iron tampers; in fact, many lamentable accidents would be prevented were their use entirely discontinued.

ECONOMY – IN A HORN. Frugality is not always the result of an economical disposition. As an instance, the cost of canned fruits, starch, etc., is less in San Francisco than in Owyhee. No greatness of mind is necessary to understand this fact, or the reason for it, nor would it be supposed that a very shrewd business man would buy a small bill of such articles in the Buy City, just because the first cost is less, and shop the same to Owyhee by express, when the express charges amount to twenty-five per cent more than the same articles can be purchased at in any of our Silver Stores. There is now in W., F. & Co.’s Office a few packages of goods recently arrived from San Francisco, upon which the freight due is over \$170. And the whole iota could be bought in Silver for \$140. If these croppings of smartness were traced up to their “original matrix” a very large deposit of it might be found, but would probably not pay expenses.

THE FARMERS in Jordan Valley have mostly finished cutting their hay. They are now busily engaged in stacking and baling it. The hay business will be more profitable this year than last, on account of the supply required at the adjoining military posts, which will be at least four or five hundred tuns, and, as the valley will not yield more than eight hundred tuns, the remainder will command a fair price.

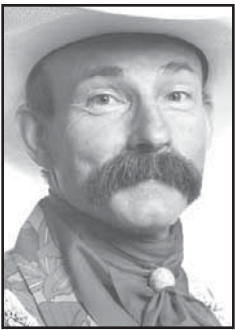
WELLS, FARGO & CO., during the present month up to date, have shipped below, by the Railroad Stage Line, \$111,504 in gold and silver bullion, all of which was produce in Owyhee; besides this, private individuals have carried way large sums; also, a considerable amount remains among our business men. This is but a ‘drop in the bucket’ of the amount that will be produced here when the mines are properly worked.

CHANGE. The Pony mail left here on the morning of the 28th on its first trip via the Forks of Owyhee. Hill Beachey is of the opinion that it is a cutoff of nearly forty miles. He also informs us that he will transfer his stages from the old road to the new one as soon as some necessary arrangements are completed, which will occupy a few days.

GREEN THINGS GROWING. We have an abundance of vegetables in the market just now – such as potatoes, green corn, water-melons, onions, turnips, radishes, tomatoes, &c.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM



On the edge of common sense

Be the key

Say you're one of many in the fast-changing world of Agribusiness where companies, ranches, sales territories and work forces are being bought, sold, traded, merged and split one after another. You are worried, with good reason, because the disposition of employees is always a factor.

"Downsized, early retirement, let go, transferred, promotions" — always reshuffling the deck of workers.

During times of high unemployment there is usually a corresponding increase in consultants, classes, seminars and infomercials on how to keep your job, get a job, or create your own business.

One sloganistic career suggestion was "Have the key to what they want!"

I thought about that and concluded it's not "Have the Key!" but "Be the Key!"

For instance, be the only one in the outfit that can or will do some difficult or unpleasant task, like fixing split rim tires.

"We can't let Lem go! He's the onlyest one who can patch up a prolapse!"

Or the person at the dairy who knows how to take care of scouring calves.

I'll bet General Motors fires 50 marketing vice presidents before they let one maintenance man go!

Feedlots have a lot more trouble finding a good mill man than they do finding a consulting nutritionist.

If you have a cowboy on your outfit who you can send back after a cow or calf that got missed on the gather, he's worth his weight in gold!

See, be the Key! It often has universal application.

If I were consulting a wife because her husband got drunk, came in late, and stayed home Sunday morning, I would say to her don't Have the Problem, Be the Problem! Take a stand — show a little irresponsibility!

Don't Have a Headache, Be a Headache! I mean, look at the successful misfits who have achieved notoriety, not by being part of the solution, but by creating chaos — Yasser Arafat, Ozzy Osbourne, Geraldo Rivera, Osama bin Laden, The Riddler, Howard Stern, Donald Trump, any obstructing bureaucrat, and usually the political party out of power at the time!

However there is more to Being the Key, than just impressing your boss and keeping your job. Who knows, you might actually start something!

Joe Aman

Notebook

My Model A Ford



Oh, this younger generation. They just don't know the difference.

Last week this newspaper ran several corrections to errors committed during fair week's edition. One of the corrections was that of calling a 1931 Ford Model A a '34 Ford. But the correction listed it again as a "34 vintage, and further erred by stating '32 was the last year for the famed A model.

I certainly know better. Henry Ford and his motorized revolution was a favorite study of mine during my hot rod stage. Throughout my teens, Ford was on my mind right up there with the fairer sex (at least during my early teens). When I needed to write a history paper, it was on Henry Ford. And there seemed to be no limit as to how many different angles one could present pertaining to the Ford Motor Co. in speech class. I knew the year of every Ford made by its appearance. I could tell you what parts were interchangeable with what other models; the horsepower and engine size; what transmissions would fit which years; if my memory is correct, a '32 water pump would fit all models through '40, but the intake manifolds were different from '46 to 49 ... Yes, I guess you could say I was a Ford freak.

My first Ford was a Model A pickup, vintage 1931. (Or maybe it was a 1930. About the only difference was

the date on the title, had I had one.) The year was '57. I purchased it for \$15 from "Old Man Wynia", a local farmer. It was setting out in his pasture, covered with rust. To say all four tires were flat would be an understatement. They were virtually rotted off.

I borrowed tires and rims from Robert, another local Ford fan. Dad and I towed it home. Dad wasn't too keen on the idea of a 13-year-old having his own wheels, but he felt it was harmless, since, as he later acknowledged, "I didn't think you'd ever get that thing running". He was so sure I wouldn't succeed, he told me, with a grin, "If you can get it running, you can drive it." And he kept his word.

Thirteen is an ideal age for a kid to learn what makes an engine tick. The excitement of having the freedom of one's own pickup, tooling up and down Main Street of Kuna was enough of a dream to make it work.

We had no double garage in which to tear it down. In fact we didn't have a garage. We had a chicken house. And a small chicken house at that. A large metal can filled with sand and soaked in gasoline supplied heat. Once lit, it didn't put off a lot of heat, but the psychology of something burning — fumes and all — seemed to help fend off the cold. The light source was a 60-watt bulb on the

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Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Last week the President of the United States visited Southwest Idaho. He got a lot of exposure, especially from the local media. But area TV stations, newspapers and network television gave almost as much time to anti-war demonstrators, never numbering more than a couple of hundred people, apparently inspired by Cindy Sheehan the mother of a soldier who died in Iraq. Sheehan has been camping outside the president's Texas ranch, demanding that he come out and talk to her so she can lecture him, in front of the cameras, on what a bad president he is.

The peace movement, fueled by cooperative media coverage, is focusing on American casualties in Iraq, claiming that just like in Vietnam, young men and women are dying in a "senseless war."

The Vietnam War was fought, for the most part, by conscripts — men drafted into the military. They had no choice. Today, the members of the U.S. military, be they regulars or National Guard, all are volunteers. They chose their profession of their own free will. Anyone joining the armed forces knows (or should realize) there is danger involved in their occupation. Members of the military train from day one on the assumption that they may have to go in harm's way.

The son of one of my best friends is a career soldier. During the past decade, he has been in almost every hot spot where American troops have been sent. He just returned from a tour of duty in Iraq. We all worried about him while he was there. But he knows his job has risks. I don't know what his feelings are about the U.S. presence in Iraq. But he is a volunteer soldier who understands he cannot pick and choose what policies he will enforce.

Every day the media updates the casualty count of the war. It likes to show pictures of peace protestors reading lists of names of the young men and women who have fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan. I believe most of the people named would be very offended if they knew they were being used in that fashion.

The protestors and the reporters have gone out of their way to claim they respect the young men and women serving in the military. That's because they learned after Vietnam that the general public will not tolerate a negative portrayal of its young people.

But make no mistake. If the anti-war faction and the media believed it would help their agenda to portray our troops as ruthless killers, they would do it in a heartbeat.

I don't know precisely how many young Southwest Idaho residents have been killed in action in Iraq and Afghanistan. But I do know that more young people have been killed in senseless local violence than have died in those overseas conflicts. Nationwide, on any given day, more young people die violently on the streets of their hometowns than are killed in military combat on the streets of Kabul or Baghdad or Tikrit.

You never hear reporters talking about that. It does not fit the view of the war they want us to see.

The president made one thing very clear in his Idaho speech. It does not matter what the pollsters say. It does not matter what the media or the anti-war groups say. George W. Bush believes we are doing the right thing — what must be done to make the world a safer place for our children and grandchildren. He will not back down while he is in office.

That's refreshing, given some of the waffling leadership America has experienced in recent years.

Like a lot of other Americans, I have some reservations about our predicament in Iraq. But I also believe that now that we are there, we cannot throw up our hands, pack up, and come home because we have suffered some casualties.

It would be an insult to the young men and women who have already sacrificed so much, a slap in the face to the Iraqi people, and the greatest comfort we could possibly give to our enemies.

Commentary

Accuracy in the Media

Who’s behind the Cindy Sheehan protests?

The story of Cindy Sheehan is a sad story all the way round. It is sad she lost her son in the Iraq War. It is sad that she is being exploited by far left. It is also sad that she is being exploited by the media and that she seems to enjoy it.

The latest example of this crass exploitation is the Aug. 13 Page 1 story in the Washington Post about how the anti-war mother has gained “visibility.” The Post and other media have given her this “visibility.” They are feeding off one another to promote an anti-war agenda.

Sheehan, who once described herself as friendly toward President Bush, now says she wants to personally meet with the President and for him to “tell me that my son died for oil.” She wants to say to Bush: “You tell me that my son died to make your friends rich. You tell me my son died to spread the cancer of Pax Americana, imperialism in the Middle East.”

As Byron York of National Review noted, Sheehan has also said that without left-wing bloggers promoting her cause, America would already be a “fascist state.”

In her view, therefore, an effort to transform the Middle East by creating a democratic state in Iraq has become “imperialism” and “cancer,” and the U.S. is itself close to becoming a fascist state. She may be a “crackpot,” as Fred Barnes of Fox News commented, but she is also someone to be pitied because she has clearly been brainwashed.

Consider how her views have changed.

Sheehan’s son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, was killed in Iraq in April of 2004. And like all families who have lost children serving their country, they are owed our gratitude and respect, and our condolences. Mrs. Sheehan was not happy about how the war was going even last year when she and her family met with Bush. She had criticized the handling of the war, and accused Bush of having “changed his reasons for being over there every time a reason is proven false or an objective reached.”

But after meeting with him, she told the Vacaville (Calif.) Reporter, that “I now know he’s sincere about wanting freedom for the Iraqis. I know he’s very sorry and feels some pain for our loss. And I know he’s a man of faith.”

And being with other families in similar situations apparently made the family feel better. “That was the gift the president gave us, the gift of happiness, of being together,” Mrs. Sheehan told the paper.

Mrs. Sheehan went from being somewhat critical

of the war to believing that the U.S. is on an imperial crusade and that the president himself is an evil man.

A tip-off as to what happened to Mrs. Sheehan is that she has been blogging on the Web site of Michael Moore, who is known for his far-left politics, dishonest “documentaries,” and comparing the terrorists in Iraq to the Minutemen, the patriots who fought in the American Revolution. One of her blog entries said, “We have such a strong coalition of groups. GSFP, Code Pink, Veterans for Peace, Military Families Speak Out and the Crawford Peace House.”

The New York Sun did something the media never do — analyze the groups that have embraced Mrs. Sheehan. It notes that the Crawford Peace House Web site, for example, includes a photo of the entire nation of Israel identified only as “Palestine.” In other words, Israel has been wiped out.

The Crawford Peace House also directs people to several other groups, including the National Meditation Center for World Peace.

Mrs. Sheehan has become a media star, writing on her blog, “I did tons of interviews. It looks like I will be on the cover of People Magazine. Time Magazine, Vanity Fair and Oprah’s magazine will be interviewing me also.”

One can assume that these news organizations will neglect the critical matter of how Mrs. Sheehan has become, in effect, a hostage of far-left elements.

The Sheehan family is itself divided. The Drudge Report posted an e-mail from other members of the Sheehan family, including Casey Sheehan’s grandparents, aunts, uncles and numerous cousins, who said in part that, “We do not agree with the political motivations and publicity tactics of Cindy Sheehan. She now appears to be promoting her own personal agenda and notoriety at the expense of her son’s good name and reputation. The rest of the Sheehan family supports the troops, our country, and our president, silently, with prayer and respect.”

True respect for Casey Sheehan’s sacrifice also requires exposing those who want the U.S. to fail and the terrorists in Iraq to win.

Is this now Cindy Sheehan’s notion of “peace”? Why don’t reporters ask her? Or are they afraid of the answer?

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Idaho schools

Get involved in the No Child Left Behind education quest

by Dr. Marilyn Howard

Earlier this month, the State Department of Education released Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) reports for every school and district in the state. Since then, the question I hear most often is: “Well, what does that mean?”

That’s not surprising. The reports carried a mixed message.

The goal of the federal No Child Left Behind Act is for 100 percent of all students to be proficient in reading and math by the 2013-14 school year. Each state sets its own targets for schools to reach along the way, and reports progress through annual AYP monitoring.

The good news is that Idaho seems to be on target. Right now, 83 percent of our students scored at the proficient level in reading, and 78 percent in math in last spring’s Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) testing.

Still, meeting that goal will be a challenge. When the No Child Left Behind Act refers to “all” students, it includes students who don’t speak English or who have learning disabilities who are expected to make the same rate of progress as their classmates.

Another problem is that individual schools and school districts must meet 41 targets each year. If they miss even one, they don’t make AYP, and if they don’t make AYP they land on a “watch list” or are identified as “needs improvement.”

This complex system means some schools or districts were labeled as “failing” even though the students might have met or exceeded state and federal expectations and even though the school or district met most of the 41 targets.

How do you know what your school did? You can go to the online reports published by the State Department of Education at <http://www.sde.state.id.us/admin/ayp05/> and search for a district or a specific school. Or you can ask for a copy of the report from your local school.

These reports provide a wealth of information. You will see how well the school is moving toward the 100 percent goal. You will also see progress for each of the nine subgroups of students monitored by the state: Asian, Black, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, Native American, White, students who don’t speak English, students with a learning disability and students who live in poverty.

As you review the reports, think about the details:

- Which of the 41 goals were missed? And were they missed by a long shot or did students come close?
- How did students score in the critical areas of reading and math? Among the subgroups, which ones met the goals and which did not?
- How would your son or daughter fit within the school’s picture? You can ask to meet with your child’s teacher to review the testing results both for the school and for your child.
- What can you do to help your child or your child’s improve in the areas where goals were missed?

Student performance improves when schools and parents work together. Understanding what AYP means to your child, your child’s school and the school district is a good step in that process.

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Marilyn Howard

√ Aman

end of over 100 feet of various extension cords, running from the bathroom window. I pulled out the engine and managed to get it through the chicken house door, and began my education on the innards of the four-cylinder combustible engine.

Eventually, it paid off. Lapping the valves was the most boring part of the project, Graphite-laced oil and lots of repetitious handwork did the job. After I got it all back together, Dad helped me lift the 4-cylinder engine in place (brute force and a couple 2x4s). Upon completing what I thought was the final bolt and wire installation, we tried to jump-start it from Dad’s Hudson, but it wouldn’t fire. It turned over just fine, but no ignition.

After replacing the timing gear, I was off and running.

A half-dozen cans of black spray paint (a new product at the time) completed the project.

The Model A brought a lot of enjoyment to my life. Between school and my job at the Kuna Herald, I worked on it constantly, partly out of pleasure, but mostly out of necessity. There were nights spent in the Kuna desert rabbit hunting with my buddies, there were trips to Kuna Cave, and there were miles spent walking home after it had failed me.

And then there was the time I took it to Swan Falls, accompanied by my faithful dog. Anyone familiar with the Model A knows its weakest point is its brakes. There were none to speak of. And the Swan Falls road was a steep, narrow trail in those days. But that’s another entirely different story ... one I’d just as soon forget.

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Kraft
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Western Family
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