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Owyhee to get new voting machines

Devices bought by state will be ready for primary

Owyhee County voters will see a new system when they go to the polls for the primaries in May as the county will upgrade its voting system to meet the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) requirement. In 2002, President Bush signed HR 3295, the HAVA, which required many election-related changes to update systems of voting and ensure the integrity of elections in America.

The act addresses improvements to voting systems and voter access that were identified after the 2000 presidential election. HAVA includes requirements for a centralized voter registration database, privacy and independence in the voting process, access for people with disabilities and voter outreach and education.

Secretary of State Ben Ysursa entered into a contract to purchase one AutoMARK voting assistance terminal for each polling place in Idaho, making it possible for voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently as other voters. Eleven of those machines have been ordered for Owyhee County and will be available in January. County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn said she and her election deputy clerk, Jamie Wylie, have been attending classes on using the machines. Sherburn said election officials also would be trained before the primaries in May.

Sherburn said the machine is

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Parade winner

Jo Howell delivers Christmas presents in the Paul's Market float during last weekend's annual Homedale Chamber Christmas parade. The Paul's float won the business category prize. For more parade photos, see Page 10A.

Military saluted at Homedale's holiday parade

Local armed forces personnel returning from Iraq, and those who have served to protect our country over the years, were honored Saturday during the annual Homedale Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade dubbed "Welcome Home for the Holidays."

Six soldiers from the National Guard 116th Brigade Combat Team, as well as World War II veteran Ray Mansisor and Owyhee County Commissioner Hal Tolmie, were loaded into a Clydesdale horse-driven carriage and paraded down Idaho Avenue on Saturday morning. The group was greeted by hundreds of supporters and children who attended the chilly celebration.

The service men and women attending included Brian Cook, Caleb Morgan, Ralph Rotter, Kevin Harden and Charles Garrison — all recently home

from serving in the Iraq conflict.

Immediately after the parade, Homedale Mayor Paul Fink presented a plaque to the men and to every military person who has served their country.

"We just want you to know how much we appreciate what you boys and all military persons have done for their country," Fink told the crowd while presenting the plaque. "We are so proud and so grateful for your service. And we are very glad you are all home."

Parade winners included:

Les and Maria Blair of Marsing won the community class with their wagon and Clydesdale horses, Paul's Market won a prize for the business class, the Vallivue FFA won the horse class and Homedale Elementary School baton twirlers won the children's category.

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Mayor invites town to speak out on ways to beautify Homedale

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink said he needs the help of the city's residents to coordinate a citywide beautification project he hopes to get under way early next year.

The community is invited to attend a town meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Homedale Middle School on Johnstone Road.

Earlier this year, the mayor and City Council asked residents to volunteer for a community committee to give ideas on improving the look of the city. Fink said he has had several suggestions and now wants to



Paul Fink

know what community members want.

"For a while, we have been issuing ordinance violations for junk cars, trash and other

unsightly yards," Fink said last week. "But when it is all said and done, when a person's yard is cleaned up and the old cars are removed, you look down the street and see unsightly roads, no curbs and gutters, no sidewalks, it just doesn't look good."

Fink said several years ago the city was awarded a grant for a revitalization project, but the grant was never accepted by the city. He said before the end of his term, he hopes to make

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Homedale Police’s quick work nabs pair of burglary suspects

Police chief warns car burglaries on rise

Two of three burglary suspects were behind bars Sunday afternoon, several hours after they were accused of breaking into a home on the 100 block of Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

With Christmas just around the corner, Homedale Police officials say car burglaries are also on the increase in town with about 10 cases being reported within the last 30 days.

Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Monday that his department responded to a call at about 1:30 a.m. Sunday for a report of three males breaking into a home, restraining the occupant and making off with video game components.

Nearly 12 hours later, two of the three men had been arrested.

Eidemiller said the victim reported that the men broke into his home, held him down and stole several items.

“The victim reported that three individuals knocked on his door, and when he opened the door they rushed him,” Eidemiller said. “At some point, he was physically battered by one or both of the men holding him down while the other one removed two gaming consoles, controllers and games. They then reportedly fled the area.”

Pedro Pedraza, 20, and Alfonzo Hernandez Jr., 19, both of Wilder were arrested separately in Wilder on Sunday afternoon.

Eidemiller said the victim was



Pedro Pedraza

able to identify his attackers and said he knew one of them.

Eidemiller said the third suspect has been identified, and an arrest warrant was expected Monday, but he said he could not release the suspect’s name until the warrant was served.

Pedraza and Hernandez are being charged with strong-arm robbery and burglary. Eidemiller said the stolen items were not yet located.

“I can’t say enough about the job my officers and reserves did on this case,” Eidemiller said. “Once again the officers on patrol and everyone involved stepped up.”

“Steve Westeburg, Andy Hoagland, Ian Takashige and Anthony Antonucci did a good job from the initial report to the arrest. It is what our victims expect from us, and it is what we try to provide.”

Eidemiller said the reserve officers, who volunteer for the



Alfonzo Hernandez Jr.

police department were instrumental in assisting in this case.

Wilder Police Department and the Canyon County Sheriff’s Office assisted us in Wilder.

Eidemiller said although Sunday’s burglary was an unrelated case, car break-ins are also on the rise in the city. He said nearly 10 cases have been reported in the past 30 days.

“I just want to remind everyone that it’s ‘tis the season,” Eidemiller said. It seems the closer we get to Christmas the more cases of car burglaries we have.

“People need to remember to remove anything valuable from their car. These thieves will randomly walk around looking in cars for something to steal. If you have a stereo in your vehicle with a removable face, remove it. I just hate to see someone who works hard for what they have lose it to a thief.”

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Christmas spirit

Although many gifts have been donated, many tags still hang on a Christmas Wish Tree at Paul’s Market in Homedale. Today is the deadline to donate gifts to about 50 local families.

Many Wish Tree tags still unfilled

In this season of giving, many needy families in the Homedale area are hoping for warm clothes and toys for their children this Christmas.

Many tags are still available on tress located at several businesses in Homedale.

The deadline to submit gifts is today.

The Wish Tree committee has placed trees with tags giving ages, sizes and Christmas wishes for over 50 families. Over 400 tags were available and several hundred still need to be filled.

The school district has given the committee a list of families in need of Christmas items and are asking the community to take a tag and help the children have a merry Christmas. Gifts can be returned

wrapped or unwrapped with the tag attached, to the location the tag was picked up. Presents need to be returned by today.

Trees are located in Tolmies Appliance and Repair, the post office, Homedale Drug, Main Street Café, Paul’s Market and Owyhee Lanes and Restaurant. Presents will be delivered to the homes on Dec. 17.

Coordinator Teresa Ryska said each child would receive two gifts from the tree including one item of clothing and a toy. Ryska said a fundraiser was held at the Tango recently, but more items are still needed.

For more information, contact Ryska at (208) 337-3177 or at (208) 573-8088.

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Marsing Hardware plans remodel

Marsing Hardware and Pump will close its doors on Dec. 24 for one month for a total makeover of the inside of the business. Owner Chris Salove said he plans to create a better customer friendly atmosphere inside the establishment.

“We will have a new paint center complete with a paint matching computer,” Salove said. “It’s going to be much nicer. We have to totally empty this main retail floor.”

Salove said he plans to increase inventory and add more signage. He said Friday that the vintage “Hardware Gifts” sign overhanging the sidewalk on Main Street will be replaced with True Value Hardware signage.

He said professional merchandising would be done so people can find things much easier. He expects the new design of fixtures to double his display area in the 6,000-square-foot store.

Salove said the pump and water-softening business will remain open to the public, but the hardware section will be completely closed because everything has to be removed from inside of the building. Parts for the pump service will be available.

True Value Hardware has a cost-share program for new signage and lighting fixtures, and Salove said because the hardware chain wanted to do the changes immediately after Christmas, he decided to do his complete remodel at the same time.

“All the old fixtures will be removed, and we will get all new fixtures,” Salove said.

The store will be open until 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The grand re-opening is planned for Jan. 21.

Salove said details would be released at a later date.

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Changes afoot

Above: The vintage “Hardware Gifts” sign overhanging Main Street in Marsing will be replaced with True Value Hardware signage as part of Marsing Hardware owner Chris Salove’s remodeling plan. Right: Salove displays the floor plan that customers will see when the hardware store reopens in late January.



Pick Up the Pace helps Toys for Tots

All Pick Up the Pace locations in the Treasure Valley — including the newest location in Homedale at 4 W. Owyhee Ave. — are drop-off sites for this year’s Toys for Tots program.

The fitness centers are partnering with the Toys for Tots program to collect toys this holiday season. Through Dec. 23 community members in Homedale, Nampa, Middleton and Caldwell are invited to drop off new, unwrapped toys at any Pick Up the Pace location.

All donated toys will be distributed to needy children in the local areas.

The goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to needy youngsters that will motivate them to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens and community leaders. The Toys for Tots program was created in 1947 and expanded nationwide in 1948, and it’s an official activity of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Since 1947, the Marines have distributed 332.5 million toys to more than 158.7 million needy children.

Everyone who drops off a new, unwrapped toy at the Homedale Pick Up the Pace location will receive 50 percent off the regular registration price.

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Bruneau man dies in farming accident

A 50-year-old Bruneau man was killed Wednesday in a farming accident on his ranch as he was loading hay bales.

Lyle Dean Merrick was pronounced dead at the scene from injuries he sustained when a 1,500-pound hay bale fell on him.

An Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office spokesman said following an investigation into the accident, it was determined that Merrick was loading 1,500-pound hay bales from a haystack onto a flat bed trailer.

“It was just a horrible accident,” Sheriff Gary Aman said. “Dean was a very respected person in the community and county. This

was probably something he had done thousands of times and it seems to be a freak accident. Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and community who have all suffered a tremendous loss.”

Merrick was loading two bales at a time when the top bale fell from the loader onto him.

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Marsing readies for disaster auction

Friends, family and treasure-seekers will gather at 10:13 a.m. on Feb. 4 for the annual Marsing Disaster Auction at the Phipps-Watson Community Center, and plans for the event have begun.

Former coordinator Kelly Ineck said the reason the auction begins at what seems to be an odd time, is because many, many years ago, the time was misprinted in a paper or on a flyer, and the committee just stayed with it. She said the main reason is because “it is just different.”

The auction is held yearly and is the community’s biggest fund-raiser. Proceeds have helped hundreds of people who have been victims of disaster. Last year, a record \$70,000 was raised in the event, but this year’s coordinator, Ryan Dines, says he will break that record. The local

fund-raiser has raised more than \$400,000 in the past nine years.

Several hundred people gather for the event, which includes an auction, a raffle and home-cooked food booths. Thousands of dollars are raised through the sale of \$1 and \$10 tickets each year.

The auction is an annual event that attracts people from around the United States to Marsing with hopes of being the highest bidder on annual auction items such as home-canned pickles, sour cream and raisin pies and a beautiful selection of handmade quilts, only to name a few items.

Sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade middle school students will begin selling raffle tickets for a variety of new items after the first of the year.

The event raises money to

replenish funds for local disaster relief, fires, funeral, hospital or large medical bills and also assists the funding for the Marsing Ambulance crew. A portion of the proceeds also is donated to the Red Cross and a service organization, which is chosen at an annual meeting in April.

Last year, \$1,000 was given in two scholarships. The recipients were Tyson Nielsen and Anthony Butler. The Marsing Chamber of Commerce received \$800, and more than \$2,000 each went to the Marsing Ambulance Service, Hope House, Marsing Resource Center and Marsing Senior Center.

Nearly \$4,000 was given to the Marsing-Homedale Cemetery District, and a \$10,000 donation was made to the Marsing School District for elementary-school

playground equipment. A total of \$25,465 was donated.

Auctioneers will include Chris Brown, Bob Hopkins, Sid Maxwell, Lonnie Rudd, Rick Brown, Ellis Albright, Roger Baker, Sam Baker and JB Salutregui.

Several items listed this year for the annual drawing have changed, but several remain the same. Some of the items or services to be offered for sale include batteries, dog food, clothes, groceries, handmade quilts, jewelry, corn combining, oil, hay swathing, log furniture, wine, apples, chorizos, scooters, a battery charger, tools, floor jacks, evergreen trees and shrubs, a pressure washer, Idaho Steelheads hockey tickets, Boise State University football tickets, Northwest Nazarene University

basketball tickets and season passes for Albertson College of Idaho basketball.

One-dollar raffle items include, a half-beef (cut and wrapped), a \$250 shopping spree, a Boise get-a-way hotel/dinner show package, a whole pig (cut and wrapped) and several other items not yet confirmed by the committee.

Food booths will offer a variety of lunch items, including chili, coffee and homemade pies.

To donate items for the auction or to volunteer, contact Dines at (208) 941-1878 or (208) 989-2063, or co-chairman Cindy Floyd at (208) 830-5560 or any member of the Marsing Fire Department or ambulance service.

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Young singers plan tap dance, holiday medley

HMS band, choir stage Christmas show Monday

Homedale Elementary School first- and second-grade classes will perform a tap dance and Christmas song medley during a Christmas concert Monday at the elementary school at 6:30 p.m.

Homedale Middle School students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades also will perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the middle school.

About 200 elementary students will perform a tap dance to “On Christmas Morning,” and they will sing “Up on the Housetop,”

“Jingle Bells,” “Rudolph,” “Must be Santa,” “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas” and “We Wish you a Merry Christmas.”

The second-grade class will sing a variety of songs, including the “Hanukah Song” with the “Hora Dance,” “A la Puerta del Cielo” and “What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby”. The accompanist is Bev Bauer.

Middle school students will sing a variety of Christmas songs, and the seventh- and eighth-grade choir also will perform. Admission is by donation, suggested to be \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children or \$5 for a family. Admission is free for seniors and children younger than 5 years old.

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Correction

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Owyhee sheriff, colleagues warn public about rash of telemarketing phone scams

Southwest Idaho sheriffs, including Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman, have teamed up to warn people about questionable telephone solicitation schemes going on in the Treasure Valley.

It seems that at least two organizations are calling residents throughout the state and leaving people with the impression that the calls are on behalf of Idaho sheriffs.

Canyon County Sheriff Chris Smith said, "I received one of these calls at my home and if I didn't know the truth, I would have thought the money was going to help local causes. In fact, it's going out of state and to people we've never heard of."

Aman has joined Smith, Payette County Sheriff Chad Huff and Ada County Sheriff Gary Raney in cautioning people to be sure of the organization to which they are contributing before sending money.

Raney said his agency recently investigated one of these organizations that left people with the impression their donation would go through the Idaho Sheriff's Association to help Hurricane Katrina relief. Raney said the group has nothing to do with the Idaho Sheriff's

Association, but their script was carefully worded to where they were not committing criminal fraud.

All of the sheriffs urge people to ask clarifying questions if they receive requests for donations and to call their local law enforcement agency if they need further information.

The Idaho Sheriff's Association is the only sanctioned statewide agency representing the sheriffs and does occasionally solicit money to help with scholarships and charities, but will specifically identify themselves as such. Additionally, there are some local deputy sheriff's associations, but they too should specifically identify who they are, who they represent and what the donation will be used for.

Idaho AG reaches deal with Western Union

Idaho joined 46 other states in an agreement with Western Union that will fund an \$8.1 million national consumer awareness program, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said. The program will provide warnings to help consumers from becoming victims of telemarketing scams.

"Fraudulent telemarketers are calling Idahoans claiming they are winners of an International Lottery, for example," Attorney General Wasden said. "The telemarketers are calling from outside of the United States, claiming the consumer must wire money to pay the taxes or other charges in order to claim the prize."

"These fraudulent telemarketers often use businesses such as Western Union to perpetrate their scam," Wasden said. "Once you have sent your money out of the country, there is very little chance that the money can be recovered."

As a result of the agreement, Western Union will educate and provide prominent warnings to consumers who might be convinced to wire money because of a telemarketing scam, such as to claim a prize.

Western Union also agreed to the following terms:

- Prominent warnings to consumers of the dangers of fraud-induced wire transfers must appear in English and Spanish on a new front page of Western Union's Send Form, and comparable warnings are required for telephone and Web transfers.

- Western Union will pay \$8.1 million over five years for national peer-counseling programs to be overseen by the AARP Foundation and designed to reach at least three million consumers.
- Western Union will reimburse the amount of any transfer plus fees to any consumer who requests, prior to pickup, that a transfer be stopped and who reasonably claims that the transfer was fraud-induced.
- Western Union will send monthly anti-fraud emails to its agents, revise the company's agent training video and manual, and provide enhanced training to agents with elevated fraud levels at their locations.
- Western Union will terminate agents who are involved in fraud, and suspend or terminate agents who do not take reasonable steps requested by Western Union to reduce fraud.
- Western Union will block wire transfers from specific consumers or to specific recipients when Western Union receives information from a state that there is reason to believe that fraud will occur, until such time as the consumer is counseled on fraud and requests resumption of the transfer.

Grand View school trustees complete leadership training

Bruneau-Grand View School District trustees and the district's superintendent, Vickie Chandler, completed Level 1 of the Idaho School Board's Association Academy of School Board Leadership program.

Dixie Black, Stacey Buckingham, Jeff Knight and Ray Meyers joined Chandler in the first of three levels of accomplishment with 12 hours of training.

They will receive a certificate of Professional Development in recognition of completing the course.

The Level 2 Academy of School Board Leadership Associate training is a 24-hour course, and Level 3 takes 36 hours of training.

Weather

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Dec10	no	read	
Dec11	no	read	
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✓ Voting

not a counting device, and she stressed the county will continue to use paper ballots.

"If there was a handicap person who came to the polling place (in the past), we would go outside for curbside voting," Sherburn said. "Now, with the new machines, handicap persons can come right into the polling place and will have a place to vote."

Sherburn said the former system is not very private, as the poll worker would get each person's vote on a ballot on a clipboard. Now, each voting machine will have a privacy curtain and the machine will print out the person's ballot after they have voted.

"Now they will have all the privacy any other voter has," Sherburn said. "Legally blind persons or hearing-impaired persons will have Braille keys so they can just touch the screen or speak into it and it will print out their ballot. The ballots will look a little different than our former ballots."

The county will remain a paper ballot county because of the Owyhee's vast rural areas. But the machines are set up to accommodate card ballots in the future if the county so chooses. Sherburn said paper ballots work well for the county because votes aren't counted in a central location.

She said each precinct counts the ballots and calls the totals into the county office. She said as rural as the county is, if each precinct were to bring in its ballots for a central count, results would take much longer and it would cost the county more money.

Riddle and Three Creek have been designated as places for mail-in ballots in the past, so those communities will not receive one of the new machines. Sherburn said as of last week the county commissioners had not yet designated the mail-in ballot areas, but it probably would include Riddle, Three Creek and may include the Idaho side of Jordan Valley. She said the commissioners would review the area before making a designation.

Sherburn said the county has only paid about \$2,500 for the machines based on population figures, but the county will be responsible for any future maintenance to the machines, including the replacement of ink cartridges. But, Sherburn said the cartridges should last a long time.

Murphy is designated as the absentee precinct for the county, so a machine will be located in the courthouse.

Although voter registration is available on Election Day, Sherburn hopes voters will register early to keep the confusion down with the new system. A voter registration card can be

downloaded from the Secretary of State's voting Web site, www.idahovotes.gov. But if a card is sent in, voters will need to show a proof of identification when they go to vote.

Ysursa entered into a \$6 million contract in November with Election Systems and Software to purchase 932 AutoMARK voting devices in order to meet the requirements of HAVA. Congress provided funding for the purchase.

To use the AutoMARK, the voter inserts an optical scan ballot into the device, which then displays the information on a screen or, at the voter's option, speaks the ballot through a headset. The voter then makes his or her selection by touching the screen of the display or using a Braille-marked keypad. The AutoMARK marks the selection on the ballot and returns the ballot to the voter to be deposited in the ballot box.

"AutoMARK allows voters with disabilities to mark their ballots without relying on someone else to help them, if they choose," Ysursa said. "Of course election judges will still be available to help people who want their assistance. As Idaho's chief election official, I am pleased to announce this enhancement to improve accessibility to our election process."

✓ Meeting

a difference in Homedale by cleaning up the streets.


Several people, including Homedale School District Superintendent Tim Rosandick, are on the committee, and all agree that finding out what the

community wants the city to look like is the most important objective.

Fink said one road in particular the committee will be looking at is at the end of Third Street near the fairgrounds. He said the road is very narrow and needs to be widened.

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Obituaries



Marjorie M. Linder

Marjorie M. Linder, 85 of Caldwell passed away Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at a local care facility. Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, December 9 at Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell with Rev. John Mars of the Caldwell United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed at Canyon Hill Cemetery, Caldwell.

Marjorie was born in Caldwell, Idaho, on August 15, 1920 to George and Hazel Randolph. Marjorie attended school in Huston and Caldwell, graduating from Caldwell High School in 1938.

After high school, Marjorie met the love of her life, Richard Linder, but had to wait until 1946 to be married. While waiting for Richard to return home from serving his country during WWII, Marjorie worked as a telephone operator in Marsing and Wilder. After Richard returned he and Marjorie were finally married on March 1, 1946 at Winnemucca, Nevada. Together they raised three sons.

The newly married couple lived in Donnelly, where Richard worked as a mechanic, then farmed in the Ridgeview area near Adrian, Oregon. Richard then began a career with the J.R. Simplot Company that took the couple to Homedale and Weiser for the next 35 years.



Marjorie was an outstanding bowler, sports fan, baseball fanatic and loved to play pinochle with friends. As the couple approached retirement, Richard reflected on their wonderful marriage and together they decided to build a cabin for Marjorie and himself in Donnelly, because as he said, "that's where we started our marriage and that was where we truly loved to be".

As a mother-in-law, Marjorie, who had raised three sons, her only advice to her daughters-in-law was "don't ever learn to clean a fish or a pheasant, because if her sons brought it home it was their responsibility to take care of it".

Marjorie loved her sons and always treated her daughters-in-law as her own. Her 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren were the light of her life.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years. She is survived by her sons, Brent, Steve (Rayme) and Chris Linder; grandsons, Dustin (Heather), Rod (Brooke), Richard and Mathew; a granddaughter; Chelsea and 2 great-grand children Kade and Avery.

Marjorie's wish, in lieu of flowers, was that donations be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 4355 W. Emerald, Boise, ID 83706.

Lyle Dean Merrick

Lyle Dean Merrick of Bruneau died on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, of injuries sustained in a work-related accident. He was 50 years old.

Services were held at 2:00pm on Saturday, December 10, 2005, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Grand View, preceded by a viewing at 12:30pm. An early viewing was held from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Friday, December 9, 2005, at Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

A longtime resident of Owyhee County, Dean was well known through his friendships, business dealings, and church participation. At the time of his death, he was Bishop of the Grand View Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Dean's energy and youthful nature betrayed his age. He loved the outdoors and shared his zeal for camping, hiking, wakeboarding and snowboarding with countless family, friends and youth throughout his life. He was passionate in his pursuit of photography, woodworking and

metal fabrication. Above all, his work ethic and resourcefulness inspired, while his quiet spirituality and compassion blessed the lives of those around him.

He was born in Nyssa, Oregon on November 10, 1955, the second of five children. The Merricks moved to the Grand View area in 1960, first farming along the Snake River and then in Little Valley. Dean graduated from Rimrock High School in 1974, and then served in the Minneapolis, Minnesota Mission of the Church.

Dean married Karlette Steiner on May 20, 1977, in the Idaho Falls Temple. Their first son, Lee, was born in 1978, followed by Bryce (1981), Rochelle (1983), Cole (1990) and Connor (1992). Together, Dean and Karlette raised their children in a home full of love, trust, encouragement, and self-sufficiency.

In 1979, Dean started his trucking business and began renting the farm he would eventually own in Little Valley, near CJ Strike Reservoir. These ventures grew in volume and

success for more than 25 years, and he pursued them to the very day of his departure. Many of those he met along the way became close friends.

Dean's passing leaves a great void among his family, friends, church and community. He will be deeply missed by so many of those who have known him.

He is survived by his wife Karlette, their children, and one grandchild: Lee (Menlo Park, CA); Bryce, his wife Elaine and their daughter Kate (Bliss, ID); Rochelle (Carson City, NV); Cole and Connor (Bruneau). He is also survived by his parents, C.A. "Pete" and Verna Merrick and his brothers Joe, Allen, Aaron and Jared. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sidney.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Grand View Ambulance, C/O Donna Bennett, 573 No. Bennett Rd, Grand View, Id 83624 or the Bruneau Quick Response Unit, C/O Mary Tindall, Bruneau, Id 83604.

Services under the direction of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel, Mountain Home.

Anniversary Combs celebrate 25th wedding anniversary

Delbert (Frank) and Colleen Combs of Homedale recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

The couple was married on Dec. 12, 1980, by Pastor Chester Kelly in Caldwell.

Frank is retired from Combs Car Corral, and Colleen is also retired. Her smiling face might be remembered as the "Wonder Bread Lady" as she worked at both the Caldwell and Nampa locations.

The couple has seven children: Donna and Larry McBride of Homedale; Kathy and John Robling of Caldwell; Frank and Sherri Combs of Nampa; Margie and Dean Gray of Nampa; Dennis and Sheila Combs of Caldwell; Dan and Sherry Parrill of Homedale and Teresa Yost of Caldwell.

They proudly boast of their 22 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren.



Delbert (Frank)
and Colleen Combs

Frank and Colleen's children love them very much and are proud to celebrate their 25 years together.

BLM Boise District RAC to hold meeting

The Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for the Boise District of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will participate in a meeting today at the Foothills Learning Center, 3188 Sunset Peak Road in Boise.

The meeting runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda topics include a presentation on the draft Sage Grouse Conservation Strategy and a review of the proposed Resource Management Plan for the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Subcommittee reports will be heard on issues pertaining to Rangeland Standards and Guidelines and to Off-Highway Vehicle and Transportation Management.

This meeting is open to the public, and the public may address the council from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, the time for oral comments may be limited. The public also may submit written statements for the RAC's consideration.

For additional information about the BLM Boise District RAC or this meeting, please contact Shelley Davis-Brunner, State Resource Advisory Council Coordinator, at (208) 373-4020.

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— Jan in Louisville, Ky.

Dear Jan,

I love this! The problem is that you're not going to find a mortgage company that likes this deal. Typically, a mortgage company won't touch a loan of \$25,000 or less.

A credit union would be your best choice, Jan. Either that, or a small, local bank. You do not, however, want to let them get you on some home equity-type plan where they give you a three-year balloon or stick you with an adjustable-rate mortgage. And no closing costs!

Your rate may be a little higher than the standard mortgage loan, simply because a loan of this size is not marketable. They'll have to hold it until you pay it off. And put this loan on as short a term as possible — maybe five years, but definitely no more than 10 years.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

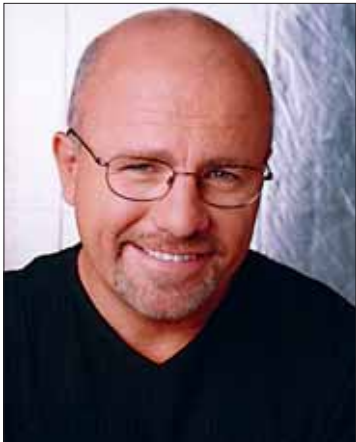
I can use \$10,000 of my retirement fund penalty-free for a first-time home purchase. Is this a wise plan?

— Ted via e-mail

Dear Ted,

Anyone can do this if they've had a Roth IRA for five years. Very few people have had a Roth IRA for five years, so unless you've already funded it this year you haven't put \$10,000 into it. The only way you can take it out is if you put it in, and that's in actual dollars — you cannot take out any of your investment portion.

But you're asking if taking the money out now is a smart plan. Let's play with some numbers. At age 26, if you leave the \$10,000 in there and save up for the house — which I recommend doing for a mortgage down payment, anyway — by age 66 you'll have about \$1.2 million extra that's all tax-free.



DAVE RAMSEY

I know what my answer is, Ted. It's not a good plan.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

In your opinion, what are the advantages and disadvantages of pre-paid tuition plans?

— Elliott via email

Dear Elliott,

I don't like pre-paid tuition plans, and I will not recommend them. I suggest, instead, the Educational Savings Account (ESA). The ESA can be a mutual fund, which I also recommend, that grows tax-free if used for college. You can put as much as \$2,000 per child, per year, into an ESA.

The reason I don't like pre-paid tuitions plans is that anytime you pre-pay something, your rate of return is only that of the rate of inflation. On average, the inflation rate on tuition during the past 25 years has been about 7 percent. In other words, you're making 7 percent on your investment. This is a bad rate of return when you consider that 96 percent of all growth stock mutual funds have averaged 12 percent or more during the past 25 years.

Stay away from pre-paid tuition plans. It's like savings bonds versus mutual funds. You can do much, much better.

— Dave

— Dave Ramsey is the best-selling author of *The Total Money Makeover*. You can find tools to help with finances or previous columns at Davesays.org. Have a question for Dave? Send correspondence to syndication@daveramsey.com or write *Dave Says*, 1749 Mallory Lane, Brentwood, TN 37027

School menus

Dec. 14-20

Homedale Elementary

Dec. 14: Crispito or toasted cheese sandwich, taco salad, churro, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Dec. 15: Hamburger or fish patty/bun, fries, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Dec. 16: Christmas dinner, milk.

Dec. 19: Beef wiener wrap or chicken pot pie, mac & cheese, green beans, rice krispie treat, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Dec. 20: Beef or chicken taco w/cheese lettuce, tomatoes, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Dec. 14: Burrito or fish patty, corn, fruit & veggie bar, turnover, milk.

Dec. 15: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

Dec. 16: Christmas dinner, milk.

Dec. 19: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.

Dec. 20: Sloppy Joe or wiener wrap, green beans, fruit bar, animal crackers, milk.

Homedale High

Dec. 14: Idaho haystack or burrito, fruit & veggie bar, cinnamon roll, milk.

Dec. 15: Christmas dinner, milk.

Dec. 16: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Dec. 19: Pizza or popcorn chicken, fruit & veggie bar, dessert.

Dec. 20: Cntry fried beef stk or chicken filet, mashed potato/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar.

Marsing

Dec. 14: Chicken patty/bun, veggies, fruit, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Dec. 15: Texas fries, veggie, fruit, milk, chicken fajitas, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Dec. 16: Corn dogs, fruited jello, veggies, milk, sub sandwiches, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Dec. 19: Nachos w/toppings, refried beans, fruit, milk, Red Baron pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Dec. 20: Soup & sandwich, fruit, milk, burritos, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

Dec. 14: Nachos & salsa, salad, corn, bread sticks, fruit, milk.

Dec. 15: Turkey, potatoes/gravy, peas, roll/butter, blueberry crisp, milk.

Dec. 16: Pizza, salad, corn, pineapple, milk.

Dec. 19: Hamburger/bun, tots, veggie sticks, raisins, cookie, milk.

Dec. 20: Tacos, corn, peaches, bread sticks, milk.

Marsing seniors holiday store open

The Marsing Senior Center's Christmas store is now open Monday through Thursday until Dec. 22.

The store will feature crafts, baked goods and new and used merchandise. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the senior center, 218 Main St.

Proceeds will benefit Marsing Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program.

For more information, call (208) 896-4634.

Senior news

Marsing Senior Center

Dec. 15: Pepper steak, potatoes, broccoli, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Dec. 19: Stew, green beans, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Dec. 20: Liver & onions, hamburger gravy, mixed veggies, potatoes, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Dec. 21: BBQ ribs, baked potatoes, spinach, salad, soup, dessert, beverage.

Homedale Senior Center

Dec. 15: Baked fish, scalloped potatoes, carrots, roll, milk.

Dec. 20: Baked ham, yams, green beans, roll, milk.

Dec. 21: Tuna salad, cottage cheese, pickled beets, roll, milk.



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Calendar

Today

Owyhee Watershed Council Christmas potluck dinner and regular business meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office in Marsing. The executive meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m., prior to the potluck.

Homedale City Council meeting 6 p.m.

Marsing City Council meeting 7 p.m.

Thursday

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Owyhee Soil Conservation District Farmers Appreciation chili feed from 9 a.m. to noon at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension office. To reserve a seat, call Gina Millard at 896-4544, ext. 102 by Dec. 6.

Homedale Town Meeting at Homedale Middle School 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Homedale Elementary School concert, first and second grade students. 6:30 p.m. in cafeteria.

Homedale Middle School concert. 7 p.m. in cafeteria.

Tuesday

Pleasant Valley School students present “Santa’ Nifty Fifties” play at 7 p.m.

Homedale Senior Center board meeting and board election, 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Bingo, 1 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Thursday, Dec. 22

AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Homedale Senior Citizens Center Christmas Party and Dinner

Monday, Dec. 26

Medicare Monday, prescription drug coverage signup, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Submit information on fundraisers, reunions or community events to The Owyhee Avalanche by noon Fridays for inclusion in the calendar. Drop off press releases at the Avalanche office at 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale, mail them to P.O. Box 97, Homedale, ID 83628, fax them to (208) 337-4867 or e-mail them to either jbrowneditor@cableone.net or cherylbeeson@cableone.net. For more information on submissions, call (208) 337-4861.

U of I Extension offers small acreage stewardship class

The University of Idaho Extension System is offering an 18-week program for small-acreage landowners. The classes will alternate between the Canyon County and Ada County Extension offices.

Classes begin Jan. 10 at the Ada County office, 5880 Glenwood St., Boise and will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday through May 9.

Cost is \$250 per unit (two people sharing one set of materials) or \$160 with 30 hours of volunteer work. University credits, continuing education

units (CEUs) or professional development units (PDUs) are available at additional cost.

To register, call (208) 377-2107.

Scheduled topics include: “What do you have and what do you want?” “Your living soil-getting down and dirty with soil,” “Managing soil to keep it productive; Got water?”, “All life depends on water – water quality,” “Protecting household drinking water,” “My place on a stream,” “How grass grows,” “What to do about weeds,” “Market gardening,” “Pasture establishment and renovation,” “So you want to be an animal owner,” “Caring for your animals,” “Managing animals to avoid negative impacts,” and “Grazing management.”

Registration fees will include a complete soil analysis from your property, a drinking water analysis of your drinking water, and a forage analysis of your pasture.

Agencies and firms involved in the program include the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Payette and Ada Soil & Water Conservation Districts, Zamzows, Nutri-vet, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Department of Agriculture and Rural Roots.

For more information, call Kevin Laughlin at the Ada County Extension office at (208) 377-2107; Stephanie Etter at the Canyon County Extension office (208) 459-6003; or Scott Jensen at the Owyhee County Extension office at (208) 896-4104.

Marsing man retires after 20 years of military service

Sergeant First Class Kevin Grimme recently retired from the Army after 20 years of service. SFC Grimme was assigned as the information Operation Intelligence Planner within the G21SR Plans Branch, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command/Army Forces Strategic Command G-2.

Grimme attended Marsing schools and is a 1985 graduate of Homedale High School. He completed three college degrees while on active duty, and most notably he received his Master’s degree in Strategic Intelligence from the Joint Military Intelligence College in 2001.

Grimme spent his first four years in the Army as an infantryman then became a Signals Intelligence Analyst, serving in a variety of assignments during the next 16 years at the tactical and strategic levels. These assignments included attending Arabic language training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif.: an intelligence analyst in the 124th Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga., and 702nd Military Intelligence Battalion at Fort Gordon, Ga.; an intelligence communications team chief at the 102nd Military Intelligence Battalion in Uijongbu, South Korea; an instructor and senior

training developer at Goodfellow AFB, Texas; and S-2 NCOIC for the 1st Space Brigade.

His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, six Army Achievement Medals, Global War on Terrorism Support Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal and two National Defense Service Medals.

Grimme has completed career courses that include basic Arabic language course, the noncommissioned officer basic and advanced course and the post-graduate intelligence program. He has earned an Associate’s degree in Liberal Arts, a Baccalaureate degree in Liberal Arts and a Masters of Science in Strategic Intelligence.

Grimme is the son of Harvey and Pat Grimme of Marsing and the brother of Rob Grimme of Caldwell. He will continue to reside in Colorado Springs, Colo., with his wife Shauna and daughters Allyson and Elizabeth. He is beginning a new career as a defense contractor in Colorado Springs.

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US Ecology manager promoted to executive

New Grand View facility manager named

American Ecology Corporation recently announced that a new vice president of hazardous waste operations would manage its hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities in Idaho, Nevada and Texas.

Simon Bell, former manager of the company's Grand View facility, was promoted to the newly created executive position. The company's board of directors also appointed Bell an officer.

Bell joined the company in 2001 as environmental manager at the Idaho site. He brings more than 15 years of industry experience, previously serving as general manager of a hazardous waste disposal facility in Colorado and in various environmental management positions in the mining industry in Idaho and South Dakota.

Ryan McDermott was promoted to general manager of the Grand View facility.

McDermott joined the Grand View team earlier this year as environmental manager.

His prior experience includes stints as a senior project manager with SECOR International in Utah, and as a mining geologist on projects in the United States, Canada, South America, Australia,



Simon Bell

Africa, Mexico and Russia.

McDermott began his career as a water quality scientist with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

American Ecology Corp., through its subsidiaries in Idaho, Nevada, Washington and Texas, provides radioactive, PCB, hazardous and non-hazardous waste services to commercial and government customers throughout the United States, such as nuclear power plants, steel mills, medical and academic institutions and petro-chemical facilities.

Headquartered in Boise, American Ecology is the nation's oldest radioactive and hazardous waste services company.

Sheriff's deputies, posse rescue men stranded on river

Two men were rescued from the chilly waters of the Snake River on Sunday night after their boat became stuck on a gravel bar while the pair was duck hunting.

George Taylor of Eagle and Dick Armstrong of Boise were stranded on an island near their boat for most of the day before being picked up by Owyhee County Sheriff's deputies and posse members early Monday morning.

The men were reported missing at about 10 p.m. Sunday and were removed from the water about three hours later.

County Deputy Chris Even located the men's vehicle at the boat ramp near Walters Ferry and help was dispatched. The men were located about 2 miles from the launch site.

Sheriff Gary Aman said one of the men told his wife that the pair would be hunting downstream from the Walter's Ferry bridge.

Aman said the information saved many hours of searching in near-zero temperatures.

"They were pretty prepared for the conditions," Aman said Monday morning. "They had built a fire on the island and even ate the birds they shot. The temperature on the river was 8 degrees when we launched, and ice had to be broken from the ramp before we could even put the boat in the river.

"When we went to search for them, we had ice on everything. It was very cold."

Aman said if rescuers had just gone out on the river to search, he would have guessed the pair would have traveled upstream instead of downstream. He said a lot of homes are located on the river downstream, and he would have guessed that the pair would have been seen.

"It saved us many hours of searching," Aman said. "I probably would have began

looking upstream, but with the information we had, it saved a lot of time. They were located in probably the worst spot on the river in that area for being seen from the road or from a house. If you are going out on the river, tell someone where you are going.

"It could have been worse." The boat was located several miles downstream from the launch site.

Elmore County Sheriff's Office also rescued stranded boaters last weekend on the Snake River near Glens Ferry.

Five people were in a 14-foot aluminum boat Saturday morning when it sank. All five men and three dogs were able to swim more than 450 feet to shore. One of the men rescued was taken to a local hospital where he was treated for hypothermia. Officers said the boat was over its maximum weight capacity.

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The annual Owyhee Avalanche Christmas gift project for the residents of Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center Homedale begins this week.

Residents have included several gifts on their wish lists, but local "Santas" need only to select one item. Gifts should be gift wrapped and tagged with the number and item selected. Gifts need to be dropped off to the Avalanche office before Dec. 21. Gifts will be delivered to Owyhee Health & Rehabilitation Center on Dec. 21.

Miscellaneous Items:
electric toothbrushes,
throw blankets,
portable cassette players
w/headphones, razors,
perfume, music boxes,
stuffed animals, slippers,
socks, costume jewelry,
make-up, snacks,
chocolates & other items
are always welcome
and much appreciated.

1. Male: sweats lrg, slippers lrg, socks
2. Male: socks, wall decor, soft candy
3. Female: purse, sweats 2x, socks
4. Female: nightgown (med), soft candy, socks
5. Female: nightgown (med), soft candy, knee high nylons
6. Male: sweatsuit lrg, socks, cologne
7. Female: nightgown (med), perfume, earrings
8. Male: sweatsuit XL, socks, aftershave
9. Male: sweatsuit lrg, socks, aftershave
10. Female: slacks sz10/12, pajamas lrg, slippers
11. Female: knit pants 4x, matching dish towels, nightgown 4x
12. Female: dresses 2x, throw blanket, slippers lrg
13. Female: dress clothes sz10, radio, nightgown
15. Female: body lotion, sugar-free candy bars, nightgown lrg
16. Female: dresses 4x, bras 44DD, cards, jewelry
17. Female: perfume, make-up, throw blanket
18. Female: sugar-free candy, jewelry box
19. Female: soft candy, socks, sweatshirts (med)
20. Female: jogging suit lrg, stuffed animal, religious cd's
21. Female: sweatsuit (med), radio, slippers
22. Female: perfume, sweater lrg, socks
23. Female: sweatsuit 2x, socks, stuff animal
24. Female: sugar-free candy bars, slacks & shirts 4x
25. Female: pajamas (med), socks, perfume
26. Female: sweatsuit (med), hair accessories
27. Female: Coke, peanuts
28. Male: VHS movies, candy bars, notepads & pencils
29. Male: t-shirts 2xl, sweat pants 2xl, gum & candy

Homedale's holiday scenes



Homedale honors troops

Soldiers from the 116th Brigade Combat Team were presented with a plaque from Homedale Mayor Paul Fink after Saturday's parade. Pictured from left to right are Ralph Rotter, Kevin Harden, Caleb Morgan, Charles Garrison and Brian Cook.



Jolly ol' Saint Nick

Allie Takashige, daughter of Laryssa and Homedale Police Officer Ian Takashige of Homedale, was a bit scared of Santa Claus when he visited Homedale City Hall last week. Santa made an extra-special effort to visit with children in the local schools as well as some of the pre-schools.



Salute to veterans

Merrill Tallman, left seated, and two unidentified members of the VFW show their support during last weekend's holiday parade in Homedale.



Strike up the band

A drummer in the Homedale High School band braves the cold during her march down Idaho Avenue on Saturday morning while young baton twirlers perform.



Quite a sight

Miniature horses pull a buggy during last weekend's parade in Homedale.



Hooved procession

Les Blair of Marsing drives two Clydesdale horses during "Welcome Home for the Holidays" parade in Homedale on Saturday.

Marsing Chamber honors businessmen's efforts

The Marsing Chamber of Commerce honored three local businesses last week for beautification to the city and to their businesses and honored a community member for his service to the city.

The community beautification awards were given to Fred Cuellar of Freddy's Taco Stand, to White Automotive and to Gateway Grill.

The Outstanding Leadership award was given to Harvey Grimme, Owyhee County Coroner.

Chamber President Bill O'Conner said each business honored has worked during the last year to improve its look.

O'Conner said Grimme was chosen because of his years of service to the city and county. Grimme owns Marsing Auto Parts, is county coroner and has served as chamber president in the past.

O'Conner said Grimme also is involved in the Marsing Resource Center.

"We want to show our appreciation to Harvey for his many years of service to this community," O'Conner said.

"This town has been a part of me since I was about a year old," Grimme said. "It has meant a lot to me."

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Fred Cuellar, from Freddy's Taco Stand, accepts a business beautification award from Marsing Chamber of Commerce President Bill O'Conner.



Jim White from White Automotive accepts his award from Marsing Chamber of Commerce President Bill O'Conner.



Top: Owyhee County Coroner Harvey Grimme, who is also a Marsing business owner, accepts his award from Marsing Chamber of Commerce President Bill O'Conner. Right: O'Conner displays the award given to Gateway Grill.



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Help Avoid HOLIDAY HEARTBURN

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Busy schedules filled with gift shopping and family gatherings can make it difficult to watch your diet over the holidays. When you're on the go, it can be hard to find foods that don't trigger your heartburn, the most common symptom of gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), also known as acid reflux disease. More than 15 million adults in the United States experience GERD, a condition described as the frequent and abnormal backflow of the stomach contents into the esophagus. Changes in diet and lifestyle may be enough to alleviate your symptoms. However, if you experience persistent heartburn two or more days a week, despite diet changes and treatment, it could be GERD. Only a physician can diagnose GERD and determine what treatment plan is right for you.

"Over the holidays, it may be difficult to avoid certain foods that might trigger heartburn," said trained physician and chef Timothy S. Harlan, MD, better known as "Dr. Gourmet." "I designed a new recipe book, *Cooking to Reduce the Burn*, hoping to provide people suffering with GERD some guidance on how to enjoy delicious foods while also managing their symptoms."

Cooking to Reduce the Burn is a recipe collection offering delicious, easy-to-prepare recipes and useful tips designed to help adults with GERD. *Cooking to Reduce the Burn* offers 20 recipes, ranging from breakfast smoothies to dinner options including shrimp scampi and mushroom risotto. The recipe book is available online at www.thegerdlife.com. Some tips and recipes included in the book to help GERD sufferers are as follows:

Avoid eating snacks before bed —

It may be tempting to visit the refrigerator for a late night treat, but consuming snacks before going to bed may aggravate GERD symptoms. To reduce nighttime reflux episodes eat several hours before lying down.

Keep a food diary —

Regularly logging symptoms and their causes will help you identify GERD-triggers so you can work to avoid them in the future.

Wear loose-fitting clothing —

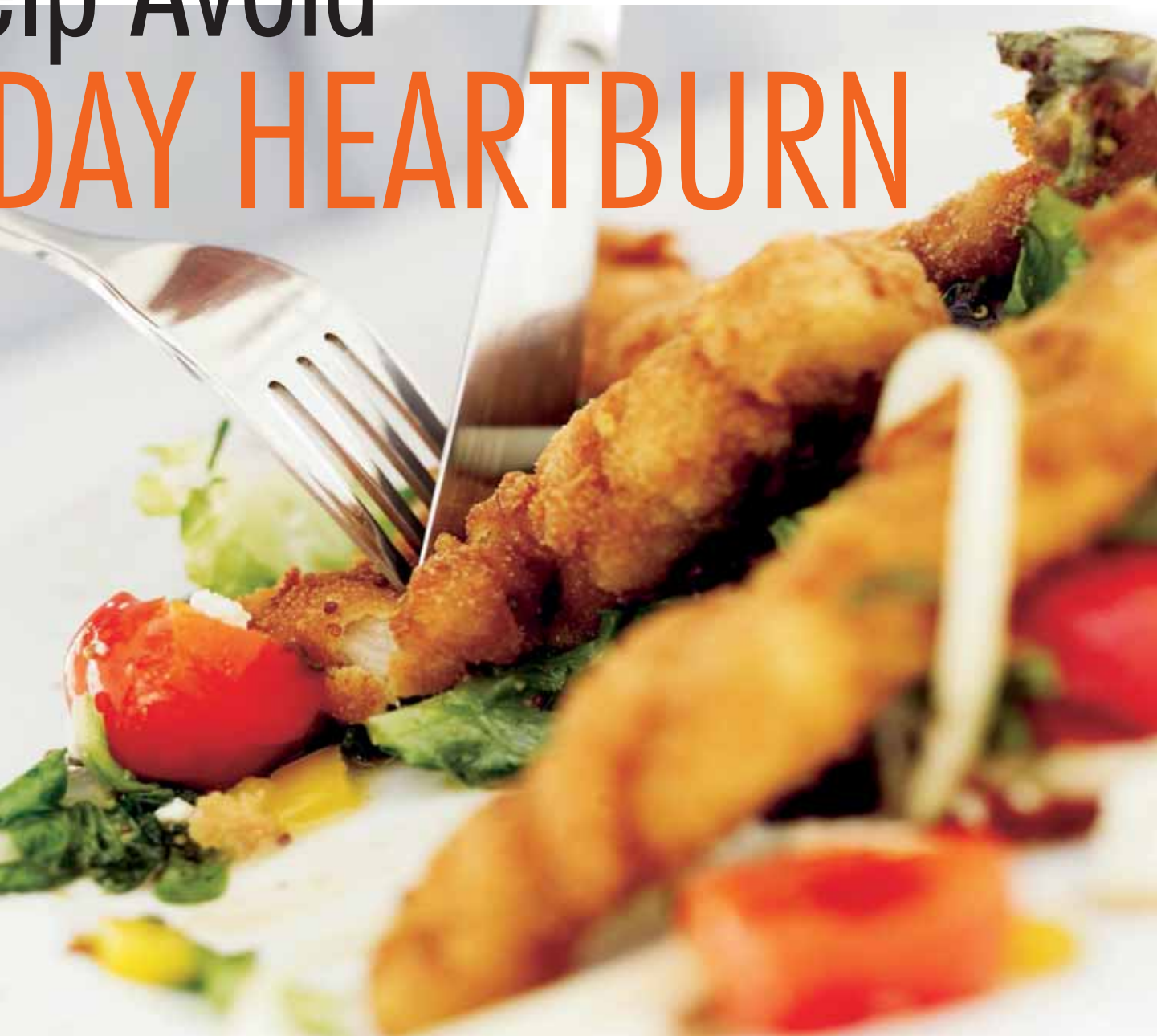
Those loose-fitting holiday sweaters and cozy sweatpants that keep you warm in the winter season are good choices for GERD sufferers. Tight clothes and belts can put pressure on your stomach and aggravate GERD symptoms.

Watch your weight —

If you are overweight, weight loss may help reduce GERD symptoms. It's also important to be mindful of your weight when sitting down to enjoy a holiday feast.

To learn more about GERD, talk to your doctor and visit www.thegerdlife.com.

While care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of these recipes, its authors are not responsible for errors or any consequences arising from the information contained herein. None of the recipes are intended as a substitute for prescribed medical treatment, and you should consult your doctor before embarking on any new diet regimen.



Oven-Fried Chicken



White Chili

While trigger foods can vary, certain foods are commonly known to aggravate GERD symptoms. Frequently identified GERD triggers are:

- Chocolate
- Coffee, cola or tea
- Alcohol
- Citrus juices

- Tomato-based foods
- Spicy foods
- Fried foods
- Fatty foods

White Chili

Makes 8 cups

No cold winter season is complete without a warm bowl of chili. This chili recipe is designed to be GERD-friendly and makes eight cups, but can be multiplied by two if you have a large pot available.

- 2 15-ounce cans of white northern beans (look for low-sodium)
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 1/2 cups diced white onion
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1 pound peeled and cubed russet potatoes
- 2 cups non-fat chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups white wine
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 1 pound cubed boneless chicken breasts
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 cup 1% milk
- 4 ounces grated reduced-fat white cheddar cheese
- 2 teaspoons per serving non-fat sour cream
- 2 teaspoons per serving fresh cilantro leaves

Rinse the beans well with cool water.

Place the oil in a large stock pot over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook slowly. Stir frequently and don't let the onions brown.

Add the potatoes, chicken stock, white wine, and water. Cook over medium-low heat, and then let it simmer for 30 minutes until the potatoes are soft.

Add the cubed chicken, beans and cumin. Stir well and cook for five minutes.

Add the milk and grated cheese, stir and heat thoroughly. Do not allow the chili to boil.

Serve with two teaspoons each of non-fat sour cream, grated reduced-fat white cheddar cheese and cilantro as garnish.

Nutritional information per serving (1 cup): calories 372, calories from fat 63, total fat 7g, saturated fat 3g, cholesterol 47mg, sodium 312mg, total carbohydrates 39g, dietary fiber 7g, protein 34g, vitamin A 6% DV, vitamin C 23% DV, calcium 26% DV, iron 24% DV

Oven-Fried Chicken

Serves 4

This GERD-friendly recipe makes four chicken pieces, but can easily be multiplied by two, three or four to feed your entire family. It can also be a great replacement for other, more traditional holiday foods.

- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg white
- 1 tablespoon light mayonnaise
- 1 box (5 ounces) plain melba toast
- 4 chicken breasts

Preheat oven to 400°F.

Place the egg, egg white and mayonnaise in a small bowl and whisk together until smooth. Place the melba toast and salt in a food processor fitted with a steel blade. Process until the bread is broken into small bread crumbs. Leave some pieces about the size of currants.

Dredge a chicken breast in the egg mixture coating thoroughly; then dredge the chicken in the bread crumbs patting and turning frequently until well coated.

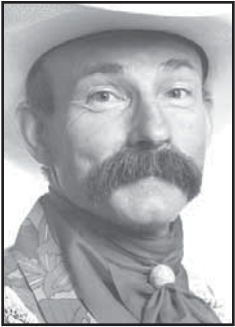
Place the chicken on a cookie sheet or baking rack and then place in oven. Bake for three minutes and then lightly spray the top of each chicken breast with oil. Bake for five minutes more and then turn. Spray lightly with the oil again and bake for about six more minutes.

Nutritional information per serving (1 chicken breast): calories 298, calories from fat 45g, total fat 5g, cholesterol 120mg, sodium 565mg, total carbohydrates 27g, dietary fiber 2g, protein 33g, vitamin A 2%DV, vitamin C 3% DV, calcium 5% DV, iron 13% DV

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Pistol-less Pete

New Mexico State, one of my alma maters, called the Aggies, uses the symbol of Pistol Pete as a mascot. He’s also the same character used by Oklahoma State and the University of Wyoming.

As the mincing tip-toe of political correctness creeps across college campuses, it leaves in its Gerber baby food wake an homogenized landscape of, not diversity, but a beige sameness. It is as if the designer of the universal architecture of Waffle Houses was now assigned to stifle and subdue any malignant spots of individuality within the university system.

To the point, after more than 40 years, the muffins of P.C. have disarmed Pistol Pete. It was deemed too controversial by those who know best. That, in a land where the First Amendment exists only because of the Second! In a country where the National Rifle Association is more powerful than the unions! In a state where people pay money to come hunt! Where the Spanish, Native American and cowboy culture rules! Where they invented the atomic bomb! Where humans still believe they have the right to defend themselves! Pistol Pete can’t be shown with his pistols.

What a bunch of babies we have become. Maybe Pistol Pete should be wearing diapers — that would not unfairly intimidate our football foes like the Lobos, the Wildcats, the Bruins and the Rams. Or he could be wearing a mortarboard and robe. We could choose an inoffensive name, more in line with the Ivy League teams — The Yale Elis, The Harvard Elites, the M.I.T. Molecules, The Bryn Mawr Bunnies. How ’bout The New Mexico State Tassels!

Soon it will spread past the Atlanta, formerly called Braves and the Unarmed Pistol Petes to include such threatening mascots as the Raiders, Steelers, Giants and Oilers! Even the Red Sox and Orioles will be considered a threat to the spectrum sensitive.

We will eventually resort to numbers only, all drawn randomly, which will last until the cell phone companies cry foul. It will never end — Well, this has gone entirely too far. I can hear the indignant cries and whimpers of the politically correct whose main purpose, of course, is not to offend anybody, and now they’ve offended me!

Let me offer a compromise that will put both sides at ease: Allow Pistol Pete to keep his guns but run a disclaimer like they do on cigarette packs that says, “In accordance with the PCPP (Politically Correct Pompoms) Pistol Pete’s pistols are not loaded.”

Whoa, that takes a load off!

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



Christmas preparations usually began at the Cornell house right after Thanksgiving. The first task is what I refer to as “getting the stuff out of the *@%!!@ crawl space.”

Over the years, my partner in life has developed a taste for animated Christmas displays. Every year, after the holiday, she prowls the stores, picking up decoration bargains. That’s how we got the Santa Claus that drives a musical fire engine, and the Santa that plays “Jingle Bells” on an accordion, and the Santa that dozes off while sitting on a chair and snores “Jingle Bells,” and the snowman that plays several different Christmas songs on a miniature organ. About the only thing missing is an animated deer head I saw at a store the other day. You hang it on the wall and when someone passes it, the deer sings “Sweet Home Alabama.”

Anyway, as is the case with most folks, our house isn’t big enough to store all the Christmas decorations in easily accessible areas. So a lot of stuff gets stashed under the house in about a dozen large plastic storage tubs. Every year, after Thanksgiving, I have to crawl under the house and drag them out. When the holiday is over, I have to drag them all back.

When our three darling daughters were kids, our Christmas was unanimated. We even had real Christmas trees. But about the time the girls left home, we acquired an artificial tree. Setting up the tree and outside lights (such as they are) is my duty. My partner handles putting lights on the tree (she seems to think I’m not particular enough about light arrangement) and interior decorations.

Winter has come early to parts of Idaho this year. The gray, snowy days, slippery roads and no small amount of shoveling might seem oppressive at times, but these cold winter days also bear the possibility of relief from the drought that has gripped Idaho for years now.

Similarly, in the aftermath of the dot-com collapse, September 11 and the ongoing military efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the economy has been in an ongoing state of recovery that may have seemed a little like the cold snows of winter. And just like the water left behind after the snow melts, economic seeds of prosperity have taken root, helped along by recent federal legislation such as the Tax Relief Act, Deficit Reduction Act, the energy bill, the highway bill and bankruptcy reform. Job numbers, historically a lagging indicator of economic strength, showed a substantial increase in November, revealing growth in our economy that has been in place for some time.

November showed an increase of almost 20,000 jobs over the average from the first six months of 2005. Many industries important to Idaho saw gains:

Nationwide:

- Construction jobs were up 37,000 in November compared to a 24,000-per-month average over the past year; partly because of reconstruction efforts in the hurricane-damaged South;
- Over the past 12 months, 263,000 jobs have been added to healthcare and 74,000 to social assistance sectors;
- The professional and business service sectors experienced growth in architecture, engineering, computer services and management and consulting;
- An increase in durable goods distribution was attributed to an increase in wholesale trade;
- Wood products, computers and electronics production

The lights are the toughest task because by the time you get them all on the tree, a couple of strings have usually quit working. And every string requires a different type of replacement bulb.

Last year, we decided to try to simplify the tree lights. At an after-Christmas sale, we picked up one of those trees with about a thousand pre-wired lights. Just set it up, unfold and fluff up the branches, connect all the plugs, and you are in business.

When I was a kid, we didn’t have animated Santas who played “Jingle Bells” on accordions. Even real Christmas trees have changed a lot. Today, folks fork over big bucks for blue spruces and noble firs with heavily needled boughs. The only trees available when I was a kid were anorexic pines with trunks the diameter of a pitchfork handle and branches so sparse you had to load ’em down with lead-based tinsel to make them look like much. Artificial trees were available, but they were made of aluminum. You couldn’t put lights on them. One cracked wire on a light string on an aluminum tree would have created a world-class short circuit and possible meltdown.

But the best thing about the non-animated Christmases of a half-century ago was all our decorations fit in one large cardboard box, and I didn’t have to crawl under the *@%!!@ house to get them.

Still, that fake deer head that sings “Sweet Home Alabama” might work as a unique Yuletide decoration if I painted the deer’s nose red.

all experienced noticeable increases.

In Idaho:

- In the second quarter of 2005, there were 45,500 construction jobs, and in the first half of 2005, close to the same number of housing starts;
- Idaho’s unemployment rate is at 3.6 percent, 1.4 percent lower than the national average;
- According to statistics by the Governor’s Division of Financial Management, the sum of all personal income received by Idahoans (in current dollars) has increased from \$27.3 billion in 1998 to a projected \$40.2 billion in 2005, a gain of almost 50 percent in just seven years.
- Idaho’s personal income growth rate was 7.9 percent in 2004 and projected to be 7.4 percent in 2005, 2 percent and 1.5 percent higher, respectively, than the national average.

With an economy the size of ours, it is important to consider both short-term and long-term data. Looking a little farther back, the record of steady job growth indicates a prospering economy despite the significant financial demands on our nation for the past five years. No less than 4.5 million jobs have been created nationwide since May 2003 and, during the first three months of 2005, Idaho saw an increase in jobs higher than any quarter since mid-1994!

While these numbers represent averages, and personal income fluctuations may differ from these statistics, the overall trend is highly encouraging. As we approach the second session of the 109th Congress in 2006, I will be working to ensure that tax laws and economic policies create a favorable climate for continued economic growth; specifically, laws and policies that encourage investment in business, saving and entrepreneurship.

It is good to know that the hard snows and cold of winter always portend the new growth of spring!

— Mike Crapo is a U.S. senator from Idaho.

From Washington

Numbers forecast warming trend in economy

by Mike Crapo

Commentary

Reprinted from The Washington Times weekly edition

Bush: Like communism, Islamic radicalism is 'elitist'

The following are excerpts from the Oct. 6 speech by President George W. Bush to the National Endowment for Democracy, at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.:

The images and experience of September the 11th are unique for Americans. Yet the evil of that morning has reappeared on other days, in other places — in Mombasa, and Casablanca, and Riyadh, and Jakarta, and Istanbul, and Madrid, and Beslan, and Tabba, and Netanya, and Baghdad, and elsewhere. In the past few months, we've seen a new terror offensive with attacks on London, and Sharm el-Sheikh, and a deadly bombing in Bali once again.

Some call this evil Islamic radicalism; others, militant Jihadism; still others, Islamo-fascism. Whatever it's called, this ideology is very different from the religion of Islam. This form of radicalism exploits Islam to serve a violent, political vision: the establishment, by terrorism and subversion and insurgency, of a totalitarian empire that denies all political and religious freedom.

Many militants are part of global, borderless terrorist organizations like al Qaeda, which spreads propaganda, and provides financing and technical assistance to local extremists, and conducts dramatic and brutal operations like September the 11th. Other militants are found in regional groups, often associated with al Qaeda — paramilitary insurgencies and separatist movements in places like Somalia, and the Philippines, and Pakistan, and Chechnya, and Kashmir, and Algeria. Still others spring up in local cells, inspired by Islamic radicalism, but not centrally directed. Islamic radicalism is more like a loose network with many branches than an army under a single command. Yet these operatives, fighting on scattered battlefields, share a similar ideology and vision for our world.

We know the vision of the radicals because they've openly stated it — in videos, and audiotapes, and letters, and declarations, and websites. First, these extremists want to end American and Western influence in the broader Middle East, because we stand for democracy and peace, and stand in the way of their ambitions. al Qaeda's leader, Osama bin Laden, has called on Muslims to dedicate, quote, their "resources, sons and money to driving the infidels out of their lands." Their tactic to meet this goal has been consistent for a quarter-century: They hit us, and expect us to run. They want us to repeat the sad history of Beirut in 1983, and Mogadishu in 1993 — only this time on a larger scale, with greater consequences.

Now they've set their sights on Iraq. Bin Laden has stated: "The whole world is watching this war and the two adversaries. It's either victory and glory, or misery and humiliation." The terrorists regard Iraq as the central front in their war against humanity. And we must recognize Iraq as the central front in our war on terror.

Some might be tempted to dismiss these goals as fanatical or extreme. Well, they are fanatical and extreme — and they should not be dismissed. Our enemy is utterly committed. As

[Abu Musab] Zarqawi has vowed, "We will either achieve victory over the human race or we will pass to the eternal life." And the civilized world knows very well that other fanatics in history, from Hitler to Stalin to Pol Pot, consumed whole nations in war and genocide before leaving the stage of history. Evil men, obsessed with ambition and unburdened by conscience, must be taken very seriously — and we must stop them before their crimes can multiply.

Defeating the militant network is difficult, because it thrives, like a parasite, on the suffering and frustration of others. The radicals exploit local conflicts to build a culture of victimization, in which someone else is always to blame and violence is always the solution. They exploit resentful and disillusioned young men and women, recruiting them through radical mosques as the pawns of terror. And they exploit modern technology to multiply their destructive power. Instead of attending faraway

soothed and addressed. We're facing a radical ideology with inalterable objectives: to enslave whole nations and intimidate the world. No act of ours invited the rage of the killers — and no concession, bribe, or act of appeasement would change or limit their plans for murder.

On the contrary: They target nations whose behavior they believe they can change through violence. Against such an enemy, there is only one effective response: We will never back down, never give in, and never accept anything less than complete victory.

The murderous ideology of the Islamic radicals is the great challenge of our new century. Yet, in many ways, this fight resembles the struggle against communism in the last century. Like the ideology of communism, Islamic radicalism is elitist, led by a self-appointed vanguard that presumes to speak for the Muslim masses. Bin Laden says his own role is to tell Muslims, quote, "what is good

Like the ideology of communism, our new enemy is dismissive of free peoples, claiming that men and women who live in liberty are weak and decadent. Zarqawi has said that Americans are, quote, "the most cowardly of God's creatures." But let's be clear: It is cowardice that seeks to kill children and the elderly with car bombs, and cuts the throat of a bound captive, and targets worshippers leaving a mosque. It is courage that liberated more than 50 million people. It is courage that keeps an untiring vigil against the enemies of a rising democracy. And it is courage in the cause of freedom that once again will destroy the enemies of freedom.

And Islamic radicalism, like the ideology of communism, contains inherent contradictions that doom it to failure. By fearing freedom — by distrusting human creativity, and punishing change, and limiting the contributions of half the population — this ideology undermines the very qualities that make human progress

our forces. Progress isn't easy, but it is steady. And no fair-minded person should ignore, deny, or dismiss the achievements of the Iraqi people.

Some observers question the durability of democracy in Iraq. They underestimate the power and appeal of freedom. We've heard it suggested that Iraq's democracy must be on shaky ground because Iraqis are arguing with each other. But that's the essence of democracy: making your case, debating with those who you disagree — who disagree, building consensus by persuasion, and answering to the will of the people. We've heard it said that the Shia, Sunnis and Kurds of Iraq are too divided to form a lasting democracy. In fact, democratic federalism is the best hope for unifying a diverse population, because a federal constitutional system respects the rights and religious traditions of all citizens, while giving all minorities, including the Sunnis, a stake and a voice in the future of their country. It is true that the seeds of freedom have only recently been planted in Iraq — but democracy, when it grows, is not a fragile flower; it is a healthy, sturdy tree.

There's always a temptation, in the middle of a long struggle, to seek the quiet life, to escape the duties and problems of the world, and to hope the enemy grows weary of fanaticism and tired of murder. This would be a pleasant world, but it's not the world we live in. The enemy is never tired, never sated, never content with yesterday's brutality. This enemy considers every retreat of the civilized world as an invitation to greater violence. In Iraq, there is no peace without victory. We will keep our nerve and we will win that victory.

As we do our part to confront radicalism, we know that the most vital work will be done within the Islamic world, itself. And this work has begun. Many Muslim scholars have already publicly condemned terrorism, often citing Chapter 5, Verse 32 of the Koran, which states that killing an innocent human being is like killing all humanity, and saving the life of one person is like saving all of humanity. After the attacks in London on July the 7th, an imam in the United Arab Emirates declared, "Whoever does such a thing is not a Muslim, nor a religious person." The time has come for all responsible Islamic leaders to join in denouncing an ideology that exploits Islam for political ends, and defiles a noble faith.

Throughout history, tyrants and would-be tyrants have always claimed that murder is justified to serve their grand vision — and they end up alienating decent people across the globe. Tyrants and would-be tyrants have always claimed that regimented societies are strong and pure — until those societies collapse in corruption and decay. Tyrants and would-be tyrants have always claimed that free men and women are weak and decadent — until the day that free men and women defeat them.

We don't know the course of our own struggle — the course our own struggle will take — or the sacrifices that might lie ahead. We do know, however, that the defense of freedom is worth our sacrifice. We do know the love of freedom is the mightiest force of history. And we do know the cause of freedom will once again prevail. May God bless you.

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training camps, recruits can now access online training libraries to learn how to build a roadside bomb, or fire a rocket-propelled grenade — and this further spreads the threat of violence, even within peaceful democratic societies.

The influence of Islamic radicalism is also magnified by helpers and enablers. They have been sheltered by authoritarian regimes, allies of convenience like Syria and Iran, that share the goal of hurting America and moderate Muslim governments, and use terrorist propaganda to blame their own failures on the West and America, and on the Jews. These radicals depend on front operations, such as corrupted charities, which direct money to terrorist activity. They're strengthened by those who aggressively fund the spread of radical, intolerant versions of Islam in unstable parts of the world. The militants are aided, as well, by elements of the Arab news media that incite hatred and anti-Semitism, that feed conspiracy theories and speak of a so-called American "war on Islam" — with seldom a word about American action to protect Muslims in Afghanistan, and Bosnia, Somalia, Kosovo, Kuwait, and Iraq.

Some have also argued that extremism has been strengthened by the actions of our coalition in Iraq, claiming that our presence in that country has somehow caused or triggered the rage of radicals. I would remind them that we were not in Iraq on September the 11th, 2001 — and al Qaeda attacked us anyway. The hatred of the radicals existed before Iraq was an issue, and it will exist after Iraq is no longer an excuse. The government of Russia did not support Operation Iraqi Freedom, and yet the militants killed more than 180 Russian schoolchildren in Beslan.

Over the years these extremists have used a litany of excuses for violence — the Israeli presence on the West Bank, or the U.S. military presence in Saudi Arabia, or the defeat of the Taliban, or the Crusades of a thousand years ago. In fact, we're not facing a set of grievances that can be

for them and what is not." And what this man who grew up in wealth and privilege considers good for poor Muslims is that they become killers and suicide bombers. He assures them that his — that this is the road to paradise — though he never offers to go along for the ride.

Like the ideology of communism, our new enemy teaches that innocent individuals can be sacrificed to serve a political vision. And this explains their cold-blooded contempt for human life. We've seen it in the murders of Daniel Pearl, Nicholas Berg, and Margaret Hassan, and many others. In a courtroom in the Netherlands, the killer of Theo Van Gogh turned to the victim's grieving mother and said, "I do not feel your pain — because I believe you are an infidel." And in spite of this veneer of religious rhetoric, most of the victims claimed by the militants are fellow Muslims.

When 25 Iraqi children are killed in a bombing, or Iraqi teachers are executed at their school, or hospital workers are killed caring for the wounded, this is murder, pure and simple — the total rejection of justice and honor and morality and religion. These militants are not just the enemies of America, or the enemies of Iraq, they are the enemies of Islam and the enemies of humanity. We have seen this kind of shameless cruelty before, in the heartless zealotry that led to the gulags, and the Cultural Revolution, and the killing fields.

Like the ideology of communism, our new enemy pursues totalitarian aims. Its leaders pretend to be an aggrieved party, representing the powerless against imperial enemies. In truth they have endless ambitions of imperial domination, and they wish to make everyone powerless except themselves. Under their rule, they have banned books, and desecrated historical monuments, and brutalized women. They seek to end dissent in every form, and to control every aspect of life, and to rule the soul, itself. While promising a future of justice and holiness, the terrorists are preparing for a future of oppression and misery.

possible, and human societies successful. The only thing modern about the militants' vision is the weapons they want to use against us. The rest of their grim vision is defined by a warped image of the past — a declaration of war on the idea of progress, itself. And whatever lies ahead in the war against this ideology, the outcome is not in doubt: Those who despise freedom and progress have condemned themselves to isolation, decline, and collapse. Because free peoples believe in the future, free peoples will own the future.

We didn't ask for this global struggle, but we're answering history's call with confidence, and a comprehensive strategy. Defeating a broad and adaptive network requires patience, constant pressure, and strong partners in Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, Asia and beyond.

Overall, the United States and our partners have disrupted at least ten serious al Qaeda terrorist plots since September the 11th, including three al Qaeda plots to attack inside the United States. We've stopped at least five more al Qaeda efforts to case targets in the United States, or infiltrate operatives into our country. Because of this steady progress, the enemy is wounded — but the enemy is still capable of global operations. Our commitment is clear: We will not relent until the organized international terror networks are exposed and broken, and their leaders held to account for their acts of murder.

In contrast, the elected leaders of Iraq are proving to be strong and steadfast. By any standard or precedent of history, Iraq has made incredible political progress — from tyranny, to liberation, to national elections, to the writing of a constitution, in the space of two-and-a-half years. With our help, the Iraqi military is gaining new capabilities and new confidence with every passing month. At the time of our Fallujah operations 11 months ago, there were only a few Iraqi army battalions in combat. Today there are more than 80 Iraqi army battalions fighting the insurgency alongside

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Looking back...

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50 years ago

December 15, 1955

School board has three proposals for solving bldg. needs

Following regular business at the Homedale school board meeting Monday night, the trustees went to the grade school grounds where various measurements were taken for location of the proposed new building. It was decided that if a new grade school building is constructed it should be located behind the other new grade school building, and it would extend 20 feet on either side of the present building.

The trustees instructed Charles Zollinger, school superintendent, to send out information to the voters with an inquiry as to their preference of the following three proposals:

One: A new eight classroom grade school situated at the grade school grounds; (2) add a music and agriculture annex and three class rooms to the high school; or (3) reorganize with Marsing and construct a central high school.

November bills in the amount of \$2,921.73 were paid from the general fund. The board reviewed the monthly reports submitted by Superintendent Zollinger and Clerk O. D. Douglas.

Members present were Orville Soper, Albert Eidemiller, Allen George, Elmer Frank and Leslie Selders.

Trojans five beats Fruitland 53-51 for conference win

The Homedale Trojans grabbed a 53-51 overtime victory from Fruitland Tuesday night in their Snake River Valley “B” league conference opener.

Leading 36-31 in the third quarter, Coach Deward Bell’s quintet saw their lead melt in the final frame as Fruitland tied the game on Smith’s set shot as the gun sounded.

Guards Vic Landa and Junior Uranga provided the Homedale victory in the overtime, Uranga pouring two field goals through the net and Landa adding another. Groves and Eldred added a couple of goals for Fruitland but Uranga’s drive in the final three seconds provided the clincher.

Three act operetta slated at grade school Wednesday

A very special treat is in store for the audience attending the annual Christmas program presented by the grade school this year. A three act operetta, “The Christmas thieves: is being prepared to delight both the eye and ear.

Appearing in the musical offering are 120 singers from the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Leading roles have been assigned to Norma Keck, Alan Ethington, Carol Cegnar, Mike Middleton, Anne Smith, Sharon Wilson, Alma Shipley, Dale Smith, Melvin Simpson, Alfred Eiguren, and Carol Van Slyke.

There are solos, duets, dance routines, choruses and beautiful costumes, not forgetting the comedy furnished by Kenny Brown, cast as a cute, but lazy and scared Negro boy named Pollypop.

Homedale locals

Mr. and Mrs. Phonse Babbitt spent Sunday visiting at the Lester Ibbotson home, Nampa.

Mrs. Martha Hardy, Hawthorne, Nev., was operated on at a Fallon, Nev., hospital December 7. She will be dismissed sometime next week. Betty Baker went to Hawthorne last Thursday to care for the Hardy’s daughter Susie.

Luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Eoff, Jr., and family Saturday were Mrs. Reed’s grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed, New Plymouth.

Edgar Buzzell was rushed to the Caldwell Memorial hospital with a heart attack Monday morning.

Mrs. Toni Jackson and Mrs. Jerry Hargraves went shopping at Boise Monday.

138 years ago

December 14, 1867

THE RAILROAD QUESTION. The 28th day of December will soon be at hand – the day set apart for the election of delegates who are to convene at Boise City on the 6th of January following for the purpose of discussing the question of building a railroad through Idaho Territory to connect at some point with that great commercial thoroughfare, that, in two years hence, will have spanned the continent, Andover which the greater portion of the immense and rich trade to and from. Asia and the East Indies must necessarily pass. This question is of vast importance to the prosperity of Idaho. Such a road as the one proposed, intersecting with the passing down Snake River Valley, should, for the time being, engage the undivided attention of the people and their legislators. This road would bring us into direct communication with the East and West, the advantages of which that would accrue to us cannot be overestimated. It would bring us provisions, implements and machinery for working our mines at prices that we could then afford to pay; would do away with the exorbitant prices of every necessity or luxury that we require; would bring us the mining experience and enterprise of the Pacific Coast, and invite the population and wealth of the Atlantic States, which, put in active operation here, would place Idaho immeasurably in advance of any other mining country in the world. Among the projects spoken of, the one advocated by the leading journals of Oregon, for building a railroad from the Humboldt river to Eugene City, thence to Portland, does not meet with the approbation of the people of Idaho Territory; because, aside from other considerations of importance, the route would not touch the Territory at all – in fact, it would run but little nearer to our mines than the main branch of the Central Pacific. The route which is favored by most of the papers of Idaho connects with the Union Pacific at Bear River, and runs by way of City of Rocks, down Snake River Valley, up Burnt River, and through the Counties of Baker, union and Umatilla, in Oregon. Naturally, the Statesman and Democrat, being influenced by local interests, are of the opinion that this railroad should run through Boise City, but in our opinion local prejudices should be set aside and the general good the Territory taken into consideration. Taking this view of the subject the route above described, connecting with the Union Pacific at Bear River, is not entirely free from objections. Before a charter can be obtained, we must enlist Government in our feasible route that will promote the general interest of Idaho Territory, as well as those of Oregon and Washington. We are at a loss to comprehend why the initial point of the railroad under consideration should be at Bear River, east of Salt Lake, crossing Snake River in order to run through Boise Valley, and recrossing the river to regain its proper course, when nearly the same object can be attained with a saving of about 150 miles in the distance by starting at a point on the Central Pacific 100 miles west of Salt Lake and in the vicinity of thousand Spring Valley or Humboldt Wells. Commencing at the latter place, this route would cross in a northerly direction a low range of hills and somewhat extended plateau, and follow a gradual descent down the Bruneau to Snake River, thence passing down the river on the south side intersecting Burnt River at the same point as the proposed line from Bear River. The distance direct from the Humboldt Wells to Boise City is 165 miles and to Silver City 100 miles. The nearest point from Boise City at which the route we have proposed would touch is 30 miles and about the same distance from this place.

Taking everything into consideration, we believe this to be the most feasible route and the one on which we will be most likely to receive aid from Government. More anon.

COMMERCIAL COLLEGE. Thos. H. Smith has started a Commercial College in the Oro Fino Hall. He teaches bookkeeping, commercial rules, forms, and calculations with arithmetic, geography, grammar &c., and gives lessons in drawing in pencil, crayon and water colors. Mr. Smith is an able teacher and a very clever gentleman. A rare opportunity is thus offered ladies for embellishing

their education with the beautiful and useful art of drawing and painting and for young men to improve their business capacity. For particulars, see handbills.

SOCIAL BALL. We had the pleasure of attending a Social Ball given at the Mechanics hall on Tuesday evening last. A general invitation was extended and a large number were present, who appeared to enjoy themselves hugely. There was good music, and the new Hall is certainly a splendid place in which to “twist your heel around.” One of the best features of the arrangement was the magnificent supper prepared and eaten at the Idaho Hotel, the proprietors of which can’t be excelled in their line of business. We return thanks for complimentary tickets.

LECTURER. Judge Watson, of Flint District, proposes to deliver a course of lectures during the Winter for the intellectual entertainment of the citizens of Silver and vicinity. His first lecture will probably occur sometime during the coming week at the Court House. Subject – “The Great men of the Republic.” The Judge’s personal acquaintance with many of the great lights of Lay, Webster and Jackson’s time will enable him to do the subject ample justice.

TAXES COLLECTED. The Statesman says that the amount of taxes collected in Ada county for the month of November would amount to fifteen thousand dollars, “being considerably more than has ever been collected in one month by any County in the Territory.” Now, Mr. Statesman, just hold up a little; for Old Man Springer collected eighteen thousand dollars during the month of September, in Owyhee County, and don’t blow about it either.

CHESS. As Chess seems to be the rage in Silver at present and for the sake of a little sport, we are authorized by Mr. Hiram Gehr of this city to state that he will play any one in Owyhee County the best six in eleven games of Chess for half a dozen bottles of champagne. Let some of our chess players take up with this proposition and beat Mr. Gehr if they think they can do it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVAL. The ladies of Silver are getting up a Sunday School Festival to be held on Christmas. There will be a Christmas Tree and a good time is anticipated. We can enjoy the luxury of Yule logs, but mistletoe boughs are scarce.

EVERY TIME that Thos. Ewing & Co. make a big sale of good they consider the printers in and send us a bottle or two of something nice to take. They have made it rather lively for us during the last two weeks.

PACIFIC RAILROAD. The great Summit tunnel is now completed, the first train having passed through on Saturday, Nov. 30; so that connection by rail is now established between Sacramento and the eastern slope of the Sierras. Twenty-four miles of the road are already completed on this side of the mountains, and it is expected that the cars will be running to Crystal Peak, only seven miles from Hunter’s Station, by the first of January. Only about 500 miles will then remain to complete the Central Pacific road to Salt Lake. Thus, the present termini of the Pacific Railroad are about 1,000 miles apart, and as there is quite a laudable strife existing between the two Companies to obtain as much of the Government subsidy as possible, there is scarcely a doubt that in two years hence the iron horse will be traversing the entire distance from San Francisco to New York. Truly this is an age of gigantic improvements.

NEW STORE. Yesterday we noticed a large quantity of goods being brought into town. We understand that our townsman G. W. Grayson, Esq., has gone into merchandising and will do business in the building formerly occupied by Creed & Bro.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES NOVEMBER 28, 2005

Present were Commissioners Tolmie, Reynolds, and Salove, Clerk Sherburn, Treasurer Richards, Jim Desmond and Fred Grant.

Amendments to the agenda: Resolution, letter to local sage grouse working group, brief on water rights, correction to findings, and Owyhee Watersheds Council.

The Board signed a letter of appointment to Board of Community Guardians for Cathy Sherrow.

The Board discussed Pioneer Title scanning the old deed and patent books in the Clerk's office.

The Board granted a cancellation of property tax on a hardship request.

The Board approved a letter to the chairman of the Local Sage Grouse Working Group

The Board discussed the need for an amicus brief in the Lowry Water Rights case.

The Board approved the minutes from the last meeting.

The Board approved the request for retention of Vessel Funds received from the Department of Parks & Recreation.

The Board approved a correction of special conditions of the findings requested by Marvin Wallin.

The Board adopted Resolution 05-40 Extending Condolences to Planning & Zoning Commissioner Eugene Jayo's family.

The Board approved assistance to be given to Owyhee Watersheds Council in trying to mediate the situation between the Council and its planners regarding the Watershed Plan.

The Board adjourned.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office.

s.s/Harold Tolmie

Attest s.s/Charlotte Sherburn

12/14/05

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessments levied by the Gem Irrigation District in 2005 for 2006 by virtue of the public notice given by the Bureau of Reclamation under Owyhee Project contract requires that payment is due in full before water will be delivered.

This assessment will become delinquent and subject to a penalty and interest unless paid before 5:00 p.m., December 20, 2005, provided that one-half of said assessment may be paid on or before December 20, 2005 and the remainder on or before March 15, 2006, or the delivery of said water will be withheld.

Payment of said assessment may be made to the Gem Irrigation District, in the City of Homedale, County of Owyhee, Idaho, during office hours of any business day or mailed.

Connie Chadez
Secretary/Treasurer
Gem Irrigation District
12/14/05

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT DUE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ACCORDING TO SECTION 43-707, IDAHO CODE, assessments for the Grand View Irrigation District 2005, Irrigation season are due and payable and will become delinquent at five o'clock p.m. on the twenty day of December 2005, Payment must be made

in lawful money of the United States, negotiable bank draft or cashiers check. Payment may be made in person at the Irrigation District Office or mailed to the District.

Dixie McDaniel, Secretary
PO Box 9
Grand View, ID 83624
12/7,14/05

NOTICE OF IRRIGATION DISTRICT ASSESSMENT DUE

In compliance with Title 43, Section 707 of the Idaho State Code, as amended, each property owner or interested party in title to land located within the boundaries of the Reynolds Irrigation District is hereby notified that the assessments of the District are now due and payable. The 2005 assessment will become delinquent if not paid by 5:00 P.M. the 20th day of December, 2005. The second half will become delinquent if not paid by 5:00 P.M. the 20th day of June, 2006. Payment may be mailed to Reynolds Irrigation District, PO Box 12, Melba, ID 83641; or arrangements may be made to hand deliver payment by calling the District Treasurer at (208) 495-1219.

Brad Huff
Sec/Treas.
Reynolds Irrigation District
12/14/05

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE OWYHEE COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

On January 4th, 2005 beginning at 10:00AM the Owyhee County Planning and Zoning Commission will hear testimony in the Courthouse Annex at 17069 Basey Street in Murphy, Idaho on the following matters at the times listed below. When hearings are finished the commission will take up administrative matters

3:00BRENT & LISAMERRITT have filed an application to split 4 parcels that are approximately five acres in size from a 157 acre parcel to establish residential use. Subject property is located southwest of Marsing off of Pershall Road and Highway 95 in Section 8, Township 2 North, Range 4 West, Boise, Meridian, Owyhee County

12/14/05

SUMMONS TO: FREDERICK E. GORHAM; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; HORACE H. SHELDON; UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS; And UNKNOWN OWNERS.

You have been sued by Lillian Sue Nouque, Successor Trustee of the Nouque Family Trust u/t/d August 20, 2002, Plaintiff in the District Court in and for Owyhee County, Idaho, Case No. CV-05-05269.

The nature of the claim against you is an action to Quiet Title to certain real property located in Owyhee County, Idaho.

Any time after 20 days following the last publication of this Summons, the Court may enter a judgment against you without further notice, unless prior to that time you have filed a written response in the proper form, including the Case No., and paid any required filing fee to the Clerk of the Court at PO Box 128, Murphy, ID 83650, (208) 495-2421 and served a copy of your response on the Plaintiff's attorney, Cliff Bentz, at Yturri

Rose LLP, PO Box "S", Ontario, OR 97914, (541) 889-5368.

A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

DATED this 15th day of November, 2005.

By: Gregory M. Culet
Honorable District Court Judge

Submitted by:
Cliff Bentz, ISB #3429
Of Attorneys for Plaintiff
12/14,21,28/05;1/4/06

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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PARCEL NO. RPA00100770120A

On February 28, 2006, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at In the Lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Id 83650, Murphy, 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: Lot 12, block 77, the amended townsite plat of Homedale, Owyhee County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof filed August 9, 1911 as Instrument No. 7284 on file in the office of the recorder for Owyhee County, Idaho. Commonly known as 113 East Montana Avenue Homedale Id 83628. 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 Walter Pearson and Maria Pearson, Husband And Wife as Grantor, to Pioneer Title Company Of Canyon County, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Beneficiary, recorded February 05, 2004, as Instrument No. 246660, 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 July 1, 2005 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 \$62,491.95, 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 (800)546-1531 Dated: October 26, 2005 First American Title Insurance Company Signature/By Kathleen M. Mayerle, Asst. Sec. R-123269

11/23,30;12/7,14/05

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Notice of Trustee's Sale Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: November 21, 2005 Sale date and time (local time): March 29, 2006 at 11:00 AM Sale location: in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Highway 78, Murphy, Idaho 83650 Property address: Rt 1, Box 1213B, Nelson Lane Homedale, ID 83628 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 997 Bellevue, WA 98009-0997 (425) 586-1900 Deed of Trust information Original grantor: Launie T. Mashburn, an unmarried man Original trustee: Pioneer Title Company of Canyon County Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. solely as nominee for Sierra Pacific Mortgage Company, Inc. Recording date: October 9, 2002 Recorder's instrument number: 241246 County: Owyhee Sum owing on the obligation: as of November 21, 2005: \$165,498.59 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due

on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information write or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certified funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is: In Township 3 North, Range 6 West, Boise Meridian, Owyhee County, Idaho. Section 36: The North half of the Northwest quarter, lying East of the East right of way line of the South Canal; Excepting therefrom the South half of the South half of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, and also excepting therefrom the South 30 feet of the North half of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter, and also excepting therefrom the East half of the North Three-Quarters of the Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttrustee.com. The sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind.(TS# 7307.21769) 1002.49918-FEI

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<div><div><div>Mt. Calvary Lutheran Homedale</div><div>337-4248 or 454-1528 SE corner Idaho and West 7th Sunday School: 9:00 to 9:45 am Services: 10:00 am Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7 to 8:30 pm</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Friends Community Church Homedale</div><div>301 W. Montana, 337-3464 Pastor: John Beck Sunday School: 9:30 am Worship Services: 10:45 Wednesday CLC: 3:15</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Homedale</div><div>708 West Idaho Ave 337-4112 Bishop Alan McRae Bishop Dwayne Fisher Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm</div></div></div>
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<div><div><div>Lizard Butte Baptist Church Marsing</div><div>Pastor Dave London 116 4th Ave. W., 587-4866 Sunday worship 11am-12pm Sunday school 10 am-10:55am Sunday evening 6pm-7pm Wednesday evening 6pm-7pm Every 3rd Sat. family video at 6 pm</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Nazarene Church Marsing</div><div>Pastor Bill O'Connor 896-4184 Behind Mr. B's Market Worship Services - Sunday 11am and 6pm Sunday School - 9:45am Mid Week TLC Groups</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Trinity Holiness Church Homedale</div><div>119 N. Main Pastor Samuel Page 337-5021 Sunday School 10am Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday Evening 7pm Thursday Evening 7:30pm</div></div></div>
<div><div><div>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Marsing</div><div>215 3rd Ave. West, 896-4151 Bishop Streibel Sunday 1st Ward 9am Sunday 2nd Ward 12:30pm Primary 11am</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Vision Bible Church Marsing</div><div>221 West Main Marsing, Idaho 208-896-5407 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Youth Meeting Wed. 7:00 p.m.</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>United Methodist Church Wilder</div><div>Corner of 4th St. & B Ave. 880-8751 Pastor Carolyn Bowers Sunday Services 9:30am</div></div></div>
<div><div><div>First Presbyterian Church Homedale</div><div>320 N. 6th W., 337-3060 Pastor Marianne Paul Sunday Morning Worship 11am Sunday School 11am</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Calvary Holiness Church Wilder</div><div>Corner of 3rd St. & B Ave., • 761-7843 Pastor Matthew Hunt Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Open Fridays 2-4 p.m.</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Seventh Day Adventist Homedale</div><div>16613 Garnet Rd., 880-4685 or 453-9289 Pastor Allan Payne Sabbath School Sat. 9:30am Worship 11am Wednesday Prayer Mtg. 7:30</div></div></div>
<div><div><div>Iglesia Bautista Palabra de Esperanza Homedale</div><div>711 W. Idaho, 463-9569 Pastor Jose Diaz Servicios: Los Domingos 11:00 am</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Knight Community Church Grand View</div><div>Pastor Paul H. Ryan • 834-2639 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study: Wednesday, 7 p.m. Knight's Neighborhood: (Youth Activity Group) Friday 5-6:30 pm</div></div></div>

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On 4/3/2006 at 11:00 AM (recognized local time), in the lobby of the Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy 78, Murphy, ID 83650. In the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as successor Trustee on behalf of WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA will set at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Owyhee, State of Idaho, and described as follows: LOT 12 OF BLOCK 3 OF BIG SKY ESTATES NO 1 TO THE 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 referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 515 WHITE CLOUD PLACE, HOMEDALE, ID 83628. 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: DIANE M. PURI AND HAROLD D. PURI. WIFE AND HUSBAND, As grantors, To: TRANSCONTINENTAL, for the benefit and security of MAIN STREAM FUNDING, INC., As Beneficiary, dated 2/22/2000, recorded 4/3/2000, as Instrument No. 231921, records of Owyhee County, Idaho. Please Note: 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 set forth herein. The Default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of rust and Note dated 2/22/2000. The monthly, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of trust is \$45,430.71, plus accrued interest at the rate of 8% per annum from 1/1/2005. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges, and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee’s fees, attorney’s fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder’s sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. Dated: December 01, 2005 By: FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE COMPANY, as successor Trustee By: Quality Loan Service Corp., as agent for successor Trustee 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego, CA 92101-3006 (619) 645-7711 For Sale information call: 916387-7728 or logon to: www.calpostcom Carmen Herrera, Asst. Trustee Sale Officer ASAP 737207 12/14,21,28/05;1/4/06

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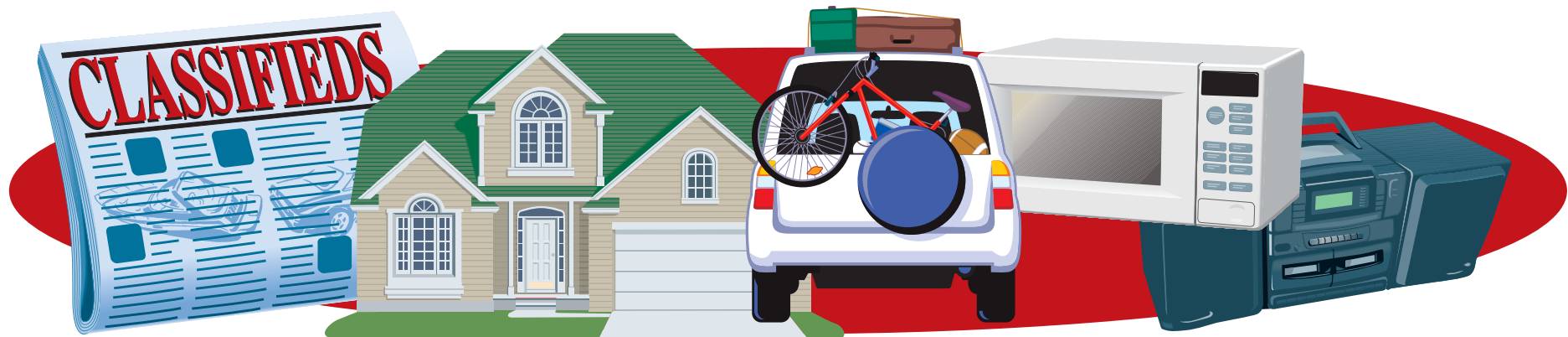
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