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Floods inundate county

Owyhee declares emergency

One of the strongest storms to hit Owyhee County in the past 40 years dumped enough torrential rain during the holiday weekend to wash out county roads and trigger flood worries.

With the county commission's blessing, Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman declared a state of emergency Sunday. The commissioners signed a resolution for extra funding at their weekly meeting Tuesday.

Law enforcement and emergency response crews stayed busy with stranded motorists and flooded roadways.

Only one injury was reported. A Homedale man was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries when Thompson Road caved in over Jump Creek, swallowing the pickup he was driving.



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A 2001 Ford Ranger pickup sits over a culvert on Jump Creek on Thompson Road after the roadway collapsed under the weight of the truck Saturday morning. Dan Uranga was transported to a local hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released. **More photos on Pages 12A-13A**



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Nearly 4 inches of precipitation in the form of rain or snow, fell in Owyhee County during the holiday weekend, washing out roads, stranding recreationalists and creating a work overload for rescue teams.



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As rain wreaked havoc throughout the county, irrigators were praising the recent storms that has brought local watersheds to near or above normal snow levels and water storage.

Homedale councilman resigns over residency status flap

A Homedale city councilman resigned last week and will not be paid for his final month of services following an Owyhee Avalanche investigation into his eligibility to remain on the board after he moved outside the city limits.

Homedale Mayor Paul Fink announced Friday morning that

Councilman Kevin Barlow had given a verbal resignation Thursday night.

City Attorney Chris Nye said last week that Barlow's residency does

not follow Idaho Code to be eligible to serve on the board. At the time, he said not much could be done about the situation because the politician was scheduled to be replaced by the new council on Jan. 10.

Idaho Code states that a person who terminates residency in a city in which he holds office cannot continue to serve in that capacity.

Nye said the wording of the statute, Idaho Code 50-702, is plain.

"It means you must live in the city to serve the city," Nye said.

Barlow admitted in early December that he no longer lived within Homedale's city limits after moving to Emmett in November. Barlow said at the time that, under the advisement of Fink, he had no intention of resigning.



Kevin Barlow

Homedale man pleads guilty to reduced sex charge

A Homedale man pled guilty to felony injury to a child on Dec. 9 after being arrested on rape charges in June.

Nathan Volk, 27, was indicted by summons through a grand jury in August.

The plea bargain means Volk won't be required to register as a sex offender, Owyhee County

Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks said.

Volk originally was charged with one count of sexual battery on a child and two counts of rape, but the grand jury handed down an indictment of sexual battery. Court documents show that the indictment was amended on Dec. 9 to felony injury to a child.

Parents of the victim said the process has been very frustrating because the system seems to run its course not for the victim, but for the accused. They said the process would have taken so long, that they felt their daughter needed some closure.

"It is sad because this will affect her for life," the victim's

mother said. "What the final charges are does not reflect what the action was. It is amazing how long it takes for this to come out of them for them to be in the frame of mind to heal from it. Facts are the facts. I don't care what the situation was, the law is

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State of the city: Homedale

Fink says city continues the healing process

Former city clerk investigation enters its second year

As Homedale Mayor Paul Fink enters his second year in office, he said the city continues to heal from excessive spending habits of the previous administration, and the investigation into the misuse of funds from that term continues. Fink said the city has had some time to heal in the last year, and the budget was looking better.

"We are not concentrating on the past," Fink said last week. "We have changed a lot of things that have helped, and we still have some things to change. But we are getting there."

Fink said the City Council is concentrating on cleaning up the town right now. He said grants are being sought to help with road issues, curbs and gutters and "just making the city look nicer."

"We have issued a tremendous amount of letters and violations over the last year," the mayor said. "One of the things is the growth. Our planning and zoning has worked quite quickly to close up some of the loops in our building codes to help the town look nicer."

Fink said several issues have arisen concerning business parking within the city, such as the problem of junk cars at a local salvage yard.

"I talked to someone at the licensing department for dealerships and was told that if businesses violate our ordinances they can pull his dealer license," Fink said. "There is an issue there. We have a 48-hour (period) that

you can leave a junk car on the street. If it is a nuisance, you have so many days (to move the vehicle). If you tag one of his cars, he comes and moves it. I'd like to take a look at that this year and see if we can or need to change the ordinance."

The mayor said he feels working with the people has helped the current administration. The city has formed a committee to seek funding for road improvements. A town meeting was held last month, and Fink said the council received many good ideas.

"The people seem to want to get more involved," Fink said. "I think they know we are trying to do something good for the town."

Fink said the city continues to battle a deficit in its parks and recreation budget, but he said not much can be done about it.

"We have been so far in the hole on this thing for so long that it is going to come down to writing it off and paying it with the general fund just to get it to a zero balance," Fink said.

"Overall it looks good. I am not completely happy with the budget. We have so many things we wanted to get done, but I am so disappointed that we didn't have any money when we came into office. We are over \$126,000 in debt on Sundance Park. We will have to take it out of the general fund to pay it, which means we have to cut back on other things. It may take until

the end of my term to straighten this one out."

When Fink took office in 2004, questions arose about missing receipts and computer entries on the city's budget. Then the mayor said discrepancies in record keeping on a credit card and other undisclosed concerns in past record keeping practices prompted the city to turn over records to the Attorney General's office for investigation. Fink said that investigation is now going on two years.

"The investigation has not died," Fink said. "It takes a long time to track some of this stuff. I have been in touch with the state investigators and they are still working on it. I know it feels like no one has done anything, but believe me, they have. No one is more frustrated than I am about it. It is an issue that is very much alive. There was so much of the paper work that had been destroyed. It took a year alone to find some of it and we may never see it all. We were told about three weeks ago that something would happen after the first of the year. I call them constantly. It is in the hands of the AG's office. It is out of our hands."

During next week's council meeting, two new councilpersons will be sworn into office. Bill Page and Tim Downing will join the council. Dave Downum, who has been on the council for the past year will also be sworn in. Administrative appointments will also be made during that meeting.

"I feel good about the incoming council," Fink said. "I am hoping everyone will work good together this next year because that is the only way we will get anything done."

— CAB



Helping those in need

George McCreary, owner of Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, stands with food that was donated to help 15 local families during the holiday season. McCreary coordinated the donations, which included a turkey with all of the fixings and a fresh-baked pumpkin pie.

BSU, COSSA team up for mechanics courses

Homedale's COSSA program has partnered with the faculty and staff of the Selland College of Applied Technology at Boise State University to create a new Automotive Technology training program.

Students can register for the course in Homedale, where classes begin Jan. 17. The program allows students to earn six credits training at the local COSSA site.

The partnership will allow more students to enroll in the program and provide a pipeline of graduates to area automobile dealerships and small businesses.

"The partnership with COSSA is a win-win for everyone," said Dan Cadwell, manager of the college's Automotive Technology program.

"They can take these classes close to home and benefit from the same quality of program they would find in Boise."

It's important for prospective students to schedule a meeting with a BSU career advisor to determine tool needs and financial aid/tuition payment options. The university opens this

week after the holiday break, and appointments are available during the day and evening. Call Student Services at 426-1431 to schedule an appointment.

There is a growing demand for new technicians because of a "graying" of the workforce. As the current technicians begin to retire, dealers are facing a large shortage of well-trained and experienced technicians.

To address this problem, many businesses are partnering with the college to create curriculum that provides students with the skills they need to excel on the job.

The program also allows advanced second-year students to practice next to seasoned professionals as a part of the training process to gain valuable on-the-job experience, using the latest technology only dealerships can offer.

Students who enroll in the program can opt to complete their education in Automotive Technology or Heavy Duty Mechanics-Diesel. Both programs have excellent job placement. Starting wages average between \$25,000 and \$35,000 per year, depending on the employer. According to the US Department of Labor, the experienced technicians with a strong work ethic can expect to make much more after just a few years on the job.

The Larry Selland College at Boise State has admissions offices in Nampa at the Boise State University Canyon County Center and in Boise. Prospective students can apply for admission to Boise State online at www.selland.boisestate.edu

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Family seeks answers to livestock crime

Reward offered for information leading to arrest in slaying of two calves outside Marsing

As other families were celebrating Christmas last week, a Marsing family was questioning why someone would slaughter two young calves and leave the ranchers with a loss of trust.

And one law enforcement official is calling it nothing short of cattle rustling.

JT Corta, 17, has been working to build a cattle business just like his father, grandfather and great grandfather before him. Little by little, Corta has been buying cattle. He has grown his operation from one calf when he was about 8 years old to a herd of 13 by the first of December. But on Dec. 22, someone took two of his calves from him by cutting through a fence, slaughtering the young calves and leaving only a blood trail, a set of footprints and an empty spot in a young man's faith.



JT Corta

agriculture and said he wanted to come back to Owyhee County to farm and ranch.

The calves taken weighed about 300 to 400 pounds, which JT's grandfather, Dave Clapier, said would not amount to much meat.

"We bottle-fed them and grained them, and when they saw you coming, they would run up to you," JT's grandmother, Connie Clapier, said. "They trusted people, and I think that is how (the suspects) got them to go into the pen."

"We called the one Bubba, and he would just come right up to you when you called him. Now the rest of them won't come to us at all."

JT said that on the morning he discovered his cows were missing, he had gone out to feed them and found the fence had been broken. He said he thought maybe the cows had broken the fence and gotten out, but his grandfather found a great deal of blood in the field and on the road and determined something much worse had happened.

"We had them in the far corner of the field, but now we have



Morning feeding

JT Corta feeds one of his remaining 11 calves last week. Two of the teenager's calves were killed in his pasture just before Christmas and now the Corta family seeks information on the crime.

brought them up closer to the house," Connie said. "Every time we hear a car, we are up. We are keeping the dogs loose so they can let us know if anyone is messing around out there. It makes you feel very violated."

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said he has some leads in the case which points to someone working at a nearby dairy. Footprints found at the scene were from someone wearing rubber boots — the same kind of boots found on workers at dairies — Aman said.

"We have some ideas which dairy it came from and are actively investigating the incident," the sheriff said.

Aman said the motive for the crime could be culturally-based.

"We have a certain culture in this area that likes to have veal for large family gatherings," Aman said last week, adding that calves are used in Christmas celebrations. "If anyone has attended a gathering recently that included large amounts of beef,

we would like to talk to them. This is nothing short of modern-day cattle rustling, and it is a crime."

Cattle are not the only livestock being stolen from the same area. Aman said goats seem to be another prime target.

"If they can't find a goat, they take a cow," Aman said. "I feel strongly that this is connected to a culture. In this case, it seems someone wanted some veal."

Aman said when caught, the persons responsible for the Corta calves disappearance will be charged with felony grand theft. He said anytime livestock are killed or taken, a felony charge could be leveled regardless of the value of the animal.

JT's family has posted \$500 for a reward, and the sheriff's office

is offering an additional \$500 for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the case.

A \$4,000 reward is still being offered for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who shot four cows near the Silver City Road last summer.

A reward also is being offered in an unsolved Dec. 31, 2004, cattle shooting. Two full-grown Angus cows were shot between the eyes several hundred yards from any roads.

"They are senseless crimes," Aman said. "We need calls. We need people to watch out for their neighbors."

To report suspicious activity, call the sheriff's office at (208) 495-1154 or (208) 337-4222.

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Happy New Year: Postage rates increase Sunday

The cost of mailing a letter will increase to 39 cents on Jan. 8.

The Postal Service's board of governors approved the two-cent increase in first-class postal rates late Monday.

The cost of mailing a postcard will increase a penny, to 24 cents, as part of the roughly 5.4 percent, across-the-board hike in most rates and fees.

The increase fulfills a requirement, passed by Congress in 2003, that the Postal Service establish a \$3.1 billion escrow account.

Congress is to determine later how to spend that money. The Postal Service said without the

mandate it would not have had to raise rates next year.

The Postal Service has more than \$69 billion in annual revenue.

- Other rate changes include:
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Fire damages house in Homedale



Total loss

A Christmas tree and lawn ornaments lay in the front yard of a home on West Oregon Avenue that was gutted by fire last week. Mark Richter and his three children lived in the home but were away when a fire broke out in the garage. The home is considered to be a total loss.

Investigation

Homedale Police Officer Ian Takashige, right, and reserve officer Steve Westerberg, left, work with an unidentified Idaho state fire marshal in investigating a fire on West Oregon Avenue last week. Officials originally considered the fire suspicious, but Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said Monday that an electrical short in the garage is the suspected cause.

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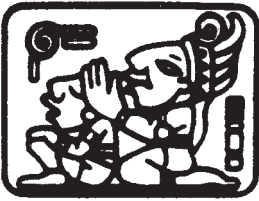
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✓ Guilty

in place to protect children.”

“They are still children, they are still a victim,” the mother said. “That is why there is a law. They are unable to make those decisions for themselves until they are 18. That is why there is a law. It is supposed to protect them.”

She said Faulks wanted to pursue the matter to the fullest extent, but the family urged him to put some closure in the incident.

“The decision was based largely on a few things,” Faulks said. “It was based on discussions with the victim and the victim’s family. If I didn’t agree with this, it would not be happening.”

“In my view, it is consistent to discussions with the family, and it will basically give any of the appropriate punishment that we would likely get on a conviction on the charge in the indictment.”

Faulks declined to state what type of sentence he would seek until after he sees a pre-sentence investigation. Volk has been ordered to undergo psychosexual evaluation as part of the investigation.

Faulks said the maximum Volk could face is 10 years in prison.

Volk is scheduled to appear before District Court Judge Gregory Culet for sentencing at 11 a.m. on March 20 in Murphy.

— CAB

✓ Resign

Fink reported at December’s meeting that he had received an opinion from Justin Ruen, an attorney with the Idaho Association of Cities, who said the city was doing nothing wrong and Barlow could remain on the council until his term expired in January. Ruen hasn’t returned several phone messages from The Owyhee Avalanche seeking clarification of his conversation with Fink.

Nye said he only became aware of the situation during the final meeting last month. He said now that he has had the opportunity to read the code, he agrees that a councilperson must be a resident to remain on the council.

Fink asked Nye for his opinion on the issue immediately after the Dec. 22 council meeting. Nye said he told Fink at the time that without having the statute in front of him, he didn’t think it would be a problem because Barlow’s term expires this month. But Nye said last week that at the time of his conversation with Fink he didn’t realize Barlow had moved out of the area a month ago. After reading the statute, Nye said Barlow should have resigned upon terminating his residency.

“He has to be a qualified elector in the city to stay on the council,” Nye said, paraphrasing the code. “If he has moved, he is not a qualified elector. If he is still claiming

residency in Homedale, then he should remain on the council. I assume we are swearing in a new councilman next week.”

Bill Page and Tim Downing are scheduled to be sworn in at the council’s meeting next Wednesday. Page will take over Barlow’s seat.

Fink told the Avalanche that Barlow wouldn’t receive pay for December. Earlier, Councilman Steve Schultz said he would not give his approval if Barlow was to receive pay for the last month of his term.

Schultz also took exception to any council business in which Barlow has participated since he moved away.

“No I don’t think that anything he voted on should be passed,” Schultz said last week. “We need to go back over everything that was approved and revisit it when we actually have a full council. I felt last month that he should have resigned, but the mayor felt otherwise.”

Nye said he could not recall any contested decisions in which Barlow cast the decided vote. He said he would check on it.

This isn’t the first time that an Owyhee County politician’s residency — and, thus, eligibility to hold office — has been called into question.

“I know they had a similar deal with the county prosecutor a year or so ago,” Nye said. “The code is what it is. I understand that they

got an opinion for the Idaho Association of Cities (attorney), who said, ‘No problem,’ but I don’t agree. You have to live in the city to vote in the city is exactly what it means.”

During the final term of former Owyhee County Prosecutor Ed Yarbrough, his residency was also brought to light. Records showed that Yarbrough had purchased a house in Nampa approximately six month prior to his leaving office in the county. County officials said they could not prove that Yarbrough had moved out of the county, but records show that he was paid in excess of \$16,000 during the following months.

The City of Nampa’s attorney concurs with Nye. Terry White said that, in his experience, a councilperson has simply resigned from the board anytime he or she moved out of the city limits.

“The City of Nampa, I believe, has an ordinance pertaining to residency of elected officials,” White said. “Anybody who moves out of the city usually resigns.”

“The Idaho Code is pretty clear in stating that a mayor or councilperson is only eligible to hold the office of councilman who is a ‘qualified elector at the time of declaration of candidacy or intent and remains a qualified elector under the constitution and laws of the state of Idaho.’ That is Idaho Code.”

Marsha Hays, deputy city clerk

for the City of Homedale said she could not find any municipal ordinance that would supercede Idaho Code. Several motions were also made throughout the month on which Barlow voted, but it was unclear whether Barlow’s vote was the deciding factor in any of those decisions.

Bob Cooper from the state Attorney General’s office said he could not give a legal opinion of the code, but he said the code is pretty clear.

“What you do have to quote is the plan language of the statute,” Cooper said.

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Birth

Caleb Carter Pershall

Caleb Carter Pershall was born on Dec. 18, 2005, at Mercy Medical Center in Nampa at 12:18 a.m. to Caleb and Kathleen Pershall of Homedale. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Caleb's maternal grandparents are David and Sue McBride of Homedale, and his maternal great grandmother is Cassie McBride also of Homedale.

His paternal grandparents are Daniel and Callie Pershall of Wilder, and Helen Perez of Challis is his paternal great grandmother.

Caleb is the couple's first child.

Nazarene

Church to hold Round-Up

Round-Up Sunday will be held at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the Mountain View Church of the Nazarene. The church is located on the corner of Batt Corner Road and Ustick.

Special guests will include previous pastors of Homedale's Church of the Nazarene, and Betty Aitcheson-Adams will perform "Ozark Mountain Music."

A potluck will follow the service.

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Obituaries

Zelma Cordingley Jorgenson

Zelma Cordingley Jorgenson, our beloved mother, grandmother and friend, passed away Monday December 26, 2005 at the Bridgeview Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

She was born on Thanksgiving Day November 26, 1914 in Marysville, Idaho, the daughter of Enoch Ernest and Annika Octavia Keller Cordingley, the fifth of nine children.

Zelma married Deward Christian Jorgenson on September 30, 1934 in Marysville, Idaho. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Manti LDS Temple on September 9, 1955. They became the parents of four children.

As an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she held many positions, especially in the Relief Society. She and her husband farmed near Homedale, Idaho and following their retirement, they moved to Jerome to be near their two sons.

Zelma is survived by a large posterity including her children; Raelene Ann (David) Clarke of Aurora, Ut., Deward LaVern (Ella Mae) of Jerome, Bernice Kay (Earl) Smith of Sun Lakes, Az., and Eldon Gene (Neva) of Jerome.

There are 21 grandchildren, 73

great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, eight siblings and a great grandson.

Funeral services for Zelma Jorgenson were conducted at noon on Friday December 30, 2005, at the Jerome First and Third Ward Chapel. Bishop Lon Thompson officiated. Burial followed in the Jerome Cemetery.

Friends called at the Hove Robertson Funeral Chapel Thursday evening from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the time of services.



Marion M. MacKenzie

Marion Mildred MacKenzie, 100, of Caldwell, died Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at a Caldwell retirement home. Funeral services were held at 2pm on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at the Dakan Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Private interment was held at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise.

Mrs. MacKenzie was born on Aug. 27, 1905, in the Five Mile Community near Meridian, the daughter of Frank and Libbie Van Avery Marcellus.

Mrs. MacKenzie was a teacher, beginning her career in the Columbia community near Kuna. She later moved to South Mountain near Jordan Valley where she taught school and met Norman MacKenzie. They were married on June 12, 1929, at Five Mile. She taught at Pleasant Valley for approximately 20 years before retiring. She and Norman moved to Nampa, where she resided until 1998. Norman died in 1983. Mrs. MacKenzie was a devout member of the Free

Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Judith MacKenzie of Marsing and Robert and Karen MacKenzie of Jordan Valley, Ore.; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, five sisters and a son, John.

Friends called the Dakan Chapel from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening.



Marvin Lee Wallin

Marvin Lee Wallin, 61, of Marsing, died Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at home. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 31, 2005 at Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell. Interment will be in Petaluma, California.

Marvin was born May 2, 1944 in Santa Rosa, California, the son of Marvin Lee Wallin Sr. and Marjorie Austin Wallin. He was raised and educated in Bodega, California. He married Paulette Trappe on February 17, 1963 in Sebastopol, California where they lived for many years. He owned and operated an excavation business for several years before moving to the Marsing area in 1990. In Marsing he farmed and continued his excavation business until 2004 when he and Paulette developed the I-O-N Truck Plaza. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and was an outdoor sportsman.

He is survived by his wife Paulette of Marsing; two daughters Neysa and Dwight Hinton of Sebastopol, CA; and Teresa Wallin of Los Angeles, CA; three grandchildren Jordan, Tristan, and Jered, and a sister Mary Nixdorf of Sacramento, CA; He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials may be given to the Marsing Ambulance, P.O. Box 132, Marsing, ID 83639.



Ruth Sullivan, Pine

Ruth Sullivan, Pine born September 1st, 1913. Died December 19th, 2005. Ruth was born to Cecil and Esther Christison in Boise, Idaho. She was one of seven children and grew up in Bruneau, Idaho. She always spoke of her many memories of the valley and swimming in the "Bruneau Ditch."

Ruth married Claude Sullivan Jr., son of the former Sheriff in Owyhee County, Claude Sullivan Sr. Claude passed away in 1972. Ruth moved to Marsing, Idaho from California in 1977. She lived there for several years then met and married Howard Pine of Melba, Idaho. She enjoyed traveling, was a wonderful homemaker, a great cook, and loved to have a party for her grandchildren anytime.

Ruth was employed at the Owyhee Nugget for a time with Leona and Rodney Haas in Marsing, Idaho. She had many friends in her lifetime, never meeting a stranger.

Her son Dan Sullivan of Escondido, CA, daughter Carole Mahlstede of Mohave Valley, AZ, seven grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, and six great, great grandchildren survive Ruth.

Ruth carried the name of "Mentor" well. We all as her family and friends loved her and eternally grateful. All who knew her will miss Ruth.

God bless you Grandma "Ruthie."

Interment at Cypress Gardens Forest Lawn, Cypress, CA, January 7th, 2006 at 2:30 p.m.

Death notice

LORANCE F. MITCHELL, 94 of Homedale died at a local care center on Jan. 2, 2006. Arrangements are pending under the direction of Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale.



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Your finances

Gauging when life insurance is right

Dear Dave,

What’s the minimum age at which you recommend buying life insurance? I’m 27 years old and married, no kids and we’re doing pretty well with our debt-reduction.

Currently, we only have \$10,000 in debt remaining, and this includes some student loans and a mortgage.

— Sheldon in Salt Lake City

Dear Sheldon,

You need life insurance at this point. Your wife’s current lifestyle is dependent on your income, and you want her to be well taken care of financially if something should happen to you. The need may not be quite as pressing as if you had children, but it would be bad if you died prematurely and she found herself saddled with a bunch of debt on top of that.

At your age, life insurance is not very expensive. If you’re healthy, you could get around \$400,000 in coverage for \$25 or \$30 a month. You’ve got some responsibilities to think about, my man. Good, level term life insurance is something you need to look into.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

We make \$100,000 a year. How much money should we have in our emergency fund?

— Debbie in Louisville, Ky.

Dear Debbie,

You should have anywhere from three to six months of expenses in your emergency fund. Keep in mind I’m saying EXPENSES, not earnings. If you spend everything you make, that would be a minimum of \$25,000. If you don’t have any debt, and it takes you \$3,000 a month to live, then you’d be looking at \$9,000 to \$18,000 in your emergency fund.

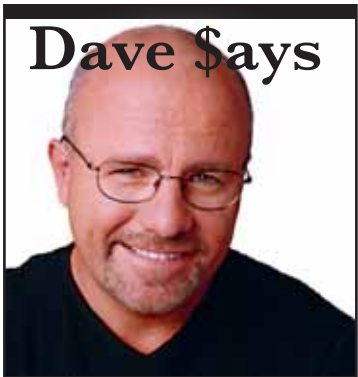
Remember, too, Debbie, that your emergency fund is not an investment, it’s a barrier to help absorb the blows when life comes knocking.

Remember Murphy’s Law, and how it says that if something CAN go wrong it WILL go wrong? Having your emergency fund in place is great Murphy Repellent. When you’ve got a fully loaded emergency fund, it can turn a disaster into nothing more than a minor inconvenience.

— Dave

Dear Dave,

I work too many jobs. I’ve got some rental houses, and I run a mail route six days a week. I grew



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up on a farm, and I still farm, plus I’m the minister of a small church. I’m trying to sort these things out and decide how to free up more time to work in the ministry. I’m not sure what to do.

— Damon

Dear Damon,

I would spend some time thinking and praying. Ask God directly what he’s calling you to do for this season of your life. Once you’re called into the ministry, then you’re in the ministry. But one of the questions we’re looking at here is this: Should this be the season in which you continue to do this kind of church work? Lots of ministry work is done outside the church, or at least it should be.

Plus, you’ve got to be having fun. You’ll be having fun when you’re doing what you were designed to do. Let me ask you a question, Damon. If you had a clean slate, no obligations and unlimited money, what would you do?

Now, I’m not talking about sitting on the beach and forgetting the family. That’s not an option once you have the responsibility in place. I’m talking about a kind of work that you’re going to fall in love with and completely pour yourself into. If it’s being involved in rental properties and real estate, fine. If it’s dumping the rental properties, mail route and farming so you can concentrate on the ministry, that’s great, too.

Think it over from that perspective, but I’d say one or two of these things need to disappear within the next six months. If not, it’s going to start eating you up inside.

— 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

Jan. 5-11

Homedale Elementary

- Jan. 5: Lasagna or mini corn dogs, corn, apple turnover, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 6: Fish nuggets or turkey sandwich, fries/tots, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 9: Sloppy Jo or hot dog, fries/tots, chocolate pudding, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 10: Turkey & noodles or tuna sandwich, peas, oatmeal cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 11: Chili or beef taco pie, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

- Jan. 5: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
- Jan. 6: Idaho haystack or split top sandwich, fruit & veggie bar, churro, milk.
- Jan. 9: Chicken patty or rib-b-que, tots, fruit bar, cookie, milk.
- Jan. 10: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, fruit & veggie bar, brownie, milk.
- Jan. 11: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit bar, milk.

Homedale High

- Jan. 5: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, fries, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
- Jan. 6: Crispito or rub-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 9: Pizza, chicken fritters or chef’s salad, fruit & veggie bar, dessert, milk.
- Jan. 10: Beef nuggets or corn dog bites, potatoes/gravy, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.
- Jan. 11: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

- Jan. 5: Chicken nuggets, veggies, fruit, milk, sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Jan. 6: Sloppy Jo, fruited jello, veggies, milk, egg roll, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Jan. 9: Hamburger, potato wedges, fruit, milk, soup & sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Jan. 10: Spaghetti, salad, fruit, milk, chicken sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.
- Jan. 11: Shepherds pie, veggies, fruit, milk, Red Baron Pizza, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

- Jan. 5: Hamburger gravy, potatoes, peas, roll/butter, fruit cobbler, milk.
- Jan. 6: Nachos, salad/croutons, corn, bread sticks, pears, milk.
- Jan. 9: Tuna/bun, potato wedges, veggie sticks, apple, cookie, milk.
- Jan. 10: Turkey & noodles, salad, roll & jelly, fruited jello, milk.
- Jan. 11: Burritos & salsa, Spanish rice, veggies, fruit cup, milk.

Senior news

Marsing Senior Center

- Jan. 4: Pork roast, potatoes/ gravy, spinach, salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Jan. 9: Oven fried chicken, potatoes/gravy, peas/carrots, salad, soup, dessert, drink.
- Jan. 10: Liver & onions or hamburger gravy, potatoes, green beans, soup salad, dessert, drink.
- Jan. 11: Roast pork, potatoes/ gravy, oriental veggies, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Homedale Senior Center

- Jan. 4: Sausage & biscuits w/gravy, rice & broccoli, milk.
- Jan. 5: Roast beef, potatoes/ gravy, blended veggies, roll, milk.
- Jan. 9: Van going shopping to Caldwell, Nampa or Ontario. Interested call 337-3020, public is welcome to go, small charge for ride.
- Jan. 10: Birth lunch & board meeting. Baled ham, yams, green beans, roll, milk.
- Jan. 11: Beef stew, roll, milk.

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LaDon's Corner

Gemstones – Intro for 2006

Birthstones are associated with each month of the year, and have long been popular as jewelry. But they also have a place in history, mythology, and even science. So what exactly is a gemstone? Let’s start with the differences between rock, mineral and gemstones.

Minerals are naturally occurring, inorganic substance whose atoms are arranged in a regular, crystalline pattern. Hence, a rock is made up of one or more minerals. Gems, on the other hand, are a subgroup of minerals, which are usually clearer, more rare and attractive. Most rare are precious gems such as such as diamonds, emeralds, rubies and pearls – in a world all its own.

The first association of specific gems with each month was recorded in the Bible when Moses was instructed to create a breastplate for the High Priest of the Hebrews in 1250 BC. Embedded in it were twelve gems, each associated with a sign of the zodiac, the 12 tribes of Israel, and later associated with months of the year.

Over time, much lore has come to surround these stones, which I will be writing about over the course of this year. For example January’s birthstone is the garnet with is usually red, but not always. If you wish to see this stone please come to my store, and please visit my web site at www.Ladonsfinejewelry.com

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Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Calendar

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

Sunday
Mountain View Church of the Nazarene Round up Sunday, corner of Batt and Ustick Road, 10:30 a.m. Potluck to follow service.

Tuesday
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, Jan. 12
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 17
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, Jan. 19
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

Tuesday, Jan. 24
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, Jan. 26
AA meeting, 8 p.m., Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave.

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Submit information on upcoming fund-raisers, 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.

Public Notice of Intent To Propose Or Promulgate New Or Changed Agency Rules

The following agencies of the state of Idaho have published the complete text and all related, pertinent information concerning their intent to change or make the following rules in the new issue of the state Administrative Bulletin.

IDAPA 08 — STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0037
08-0203-0601, Rules Governing Thoroughness. Clarifies that Department of Education is responsible for calculating rewards for deserving schools using current calculation methodology and clarifies the difference between the two awards. Comment by: 1/25/06.

IDAPA 11 — IDAHO STATE POLICE
PO Box 1177, Meridian, ID 83680-1177
11-1301-0601, The Motor Carrier Rules. Updates incorporation by reference citation to comply with change in Code of Federal Regulations. Comment by: 1/25/06.

IDAPA 16 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0036
16-0305-0601, Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled. Increases the basic allowance from \$67 to \$87 a month for Medicaid Recipients on Medicare residing in Room and Board Homes, Residential and Assisted Living Facilities, and Certified Family Homes to help cover out-of-pocket medical costs for increased prescription and premium costs for their chosen Medicaid Prescription Drug Plan that will no longer be paid for by Idaho's Medicaid Program. Comment by: 1/25/06.

IDAPA 58 — DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255
58-0108-0601, Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems. Allows public drinking water systems to use point of use treatment technology for treating some chemical contaminants such as arsenic; exempts small public drinking water systems (serving less than 200 connections) from the requirement in Section 39-118, Idaho Code, to submit engineering plans and specifications and submit technical and managerial documentation to the Department; and allows public drinking water systems serving over 200 service connections the option to apply to the state for a waiver of the engineering plan and specification requirements. Comment by: 2/1/06.

58-0112-0501, Rules for the Administration of Water Pollution Control Loans. Allows DEQ to collect a fee in the form of a percentage of each loan that will be used to provide funds for loan program administration. The actual interest rate charged on State Revolving Fund loans will be reduced by the amount of the fee charged so that there is no cost to the communities using the SRF loans. Comment by: 2/1/06.

Temporary Rules Have Been Adopted in the Following Rulemakings:
IDAHO STATE POLICE
11-1301-0601 – The Motor Carrier Rules

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
16-0305-0601 – Rules Governing Eligibility for Aid to the Aged, Blind and Disabled
16-0309-0601 – Rules Governing the Medical Assistance Program

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
58-0101-0504 - Rules for the control of Air Pollution in Idaho

INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
17-0208-0501 – Miscellaneous Provisions

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF IDAHO
59-0103-0601 – Contribution Rules of PERSI

Negotiated Rulemaking Meetings Are Being Conducted on the Following Dockets:
(See January Bulletin for dates, times and location)
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
08-0203-0602 - Rules Governing Thoroughness

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
58-0101-0601 - Rules for the Control of Air Pollution in Idaho
58-0108-0602 – Idaho Rules for Public Drinking Water Systems
58-0116-0502 - Wastewater Rules (2nd Notice)

Please refer to the Idaho Administrative Bulletin, **January 4, 2006, Volume 06-1** for notices and text of all rulemakings, public hearing schedules, Governor's executive orders, and agency contact information.

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To view the Bulletin or Code, or for information on purchasing the Bulletin and other rules publications, visit our website at adm.idaho.gov/adminrules/ or call (208) 332-1820 or write the Dept. of Administration, Office of Administrative Rules, 650 W. State St., Room 100, Boise, ID 83720-0306.



FFA Christmas giving

Homedale FFA Chapter members, from left to right, Sarah Black, Kendall Rupp and Jacob McRae wrap presents for local needy families as part of Christmas project for the chapter. The FFA department "adopted" two families and donated an entire Christmas to them.

Read all about it in the Avalanche!

Life's milestones

The Owyhee Avalanche welcomes any news of engagements, weddings and births or announcements of significant birthdays or anniversaries. Photos are accepted, too. Announcements must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the week before publication.

There are numerous ways to get your information to the Avalanche:
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E-mail — jbrowneditor@cableone.net
Drop off — 19 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale

Call (208) 337-4681 for more information on guidelines, including e-mailed photos.

The Owyhee Avalanche

Register now for hunter education course

A hunter's education course series will be offered to youth hunters ages 10 and older beginning Tuesday. The course will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, Jan. 14, Jan. 17 and Jan. 19 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Jan. 21 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. According to Idaho Law, hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1975 are required to complete a hunter education course. The course costs \$8 and will be offered in a series of classes at the Nazarene Church of Homedale at 26615 Ustick Road. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. For more information, contact Walt Rost at 989-3152.

Wanted: gopher tails

South Board sets up fund to pay bounty for pests

The South Board of Control is offering a bounty on gopher tails and has set aside about \$22,000 for the now wanted critters.

South Board Manager Rex Barrie said beginning Jan. 1, the district will be accepting gopher tails for \$1 each.

Last year, the board of directors passed a resolution to pay \$1 per tail bounty on gophers, but several stipulations do apply.

“You must be an accessed patron of the South Board of Control and the gophers must have been caught within the service area of the South Board of Control,” Barrie said.

“People will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the gophers were caught within the Gem and Ridgeview Irrigation district.”

Tails will be accepted on Monday’s only from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. at the water office located at 19 South First Street.

Patrons will receive a receipt, and a check will be sent when bills are processed at the end of the month.

“The board put a 50 cent per assessment on the bills and when that money is gone, we will not pay for any more,” Barrie said. “They may revisit it to see if more needs to be set aside in the future.”

Gophers cause damage to property, ditch banks and canals. Barrie said ultimately the holes left by gophers can cause severe canal failures causing unsafe conditions.

— CAB

Marsing High students get fresh fruit through state plan

Students in 25 Idaho schools, including Marsing High School, will enjoy free fresh fruits and vegetables as part of a national and state effort to improve the eating habits of children.

Idaho was one of just 14 states chosen to participate in the new U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Free Fresh Fruit and Vegetable pilot program.

“The State Department of Education is pleased that our state was chosen and that we can pilot this program in our schools,” said Dr. Marilyn Howard, Superintendent of Public Instruction. “Parents are very concerned about the health of their children and this program is one way schools can help students.”

Idaho’s grant will provide funds for selected schools to buy and make available fruits and vegetables through June 2007.

More than 70 schools applied to participate in the program. Those selected were able to demonstrate strong community partnerships, connections to the academic program, a plan to implement the program, and identified need.

The schools will start offering the healthy snacks starting this month.

Districts and their schools selected for the program include:

Marsing School District, Marsing High School

Nampa School District, East Valley Middle School

Payette School District, Payette Primary School

Meridian School District, Meridian Elementary School

Marsh Valley School District, Downey Elementary School

West Bonner County School District, Idaho Hill Elementary School

Idaho Falls School District, Dora Erickson Elementary School

Bonneville School District, Ucon Elementary School

Boundary County School District, Valley View School

Cassia County School District, Cassia Alternative High School

Clark County School District, Lindy Ross Elementary School

Coeur d’Alene School District, Lakes Middle School

Filer School District, Filer High School

Glenns Ferry School District, Glenns Ferry School elementary, middle, and high schools

Gooding School District, Gooding elementary and middle schools

Hansen School District, Hansen High School

Jerome School District, Central Elementary School

Kamiah School District, Kamiah elementary, middle, and high schools

Kellogg School District, Kellogg Middle School

Kendrick School District, Kendrick Junior-Senior High School

Lakeland School District, Spirit Lake Elementary School

Lapwai School District, Lapwai Elementary School

Lewiston School District, Orchards Elementary School

Nezperce School District, Nezperce School

Wallace School District, Wallace Junior-Senior High School

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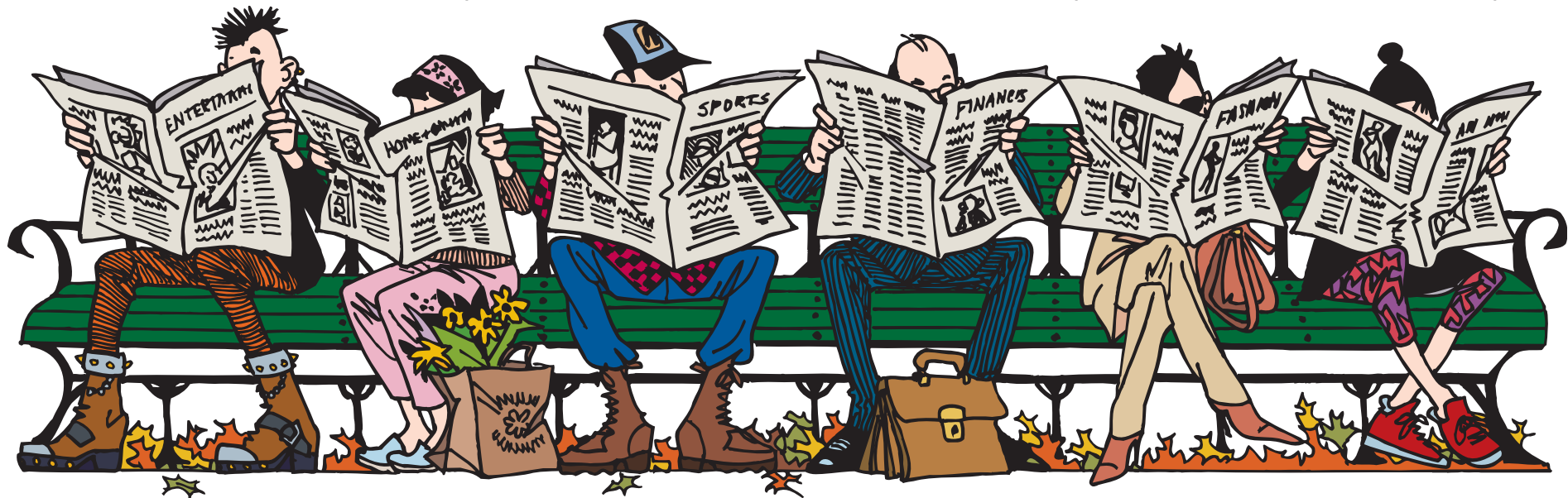
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Owyhee County Flooding

Homedale man hurt in rain-triggered road cave-in

Torrential downpour weakens roadway's foundation over creek

A freak accident Saturday sent a Homedale man to the hospital after the pickup he was driving fell into a huge hole created when Thompson Road collapsed during Saturday's heavy rains.

Dan Urunga was driving east on Thompson Road when his truck suddenly took a plunge and plowed head-on into a wall of dirt and asphalt that once was roadway.

Thompson Road caved in over a culvert, sending Uranga and his pickup into the swollen, muddy waters of Jump Creek.

The scene was like something that is usually only seen in the movies. Uranga's 2001 Ford Ranger sat in the same direction he was driving but about 20 feet below where the roadway was supposed to be.

Uranga said Sunday that he was checking his cattle in a field near the road while driving to his mother-in-law's home for breakfast at about 7:30 Saturday morning. He said when he crossed over the creek, he suddenly came face-to-face with a dirt and asphalt wall.

"It happened so fast. I don't remember much of it," Uranga said by phone Sunday afternoon. "I travel the road every day. When I hit, I still didn't know what had happened."

“We have had nothing but problems with roads in the county all weekend with the rain. The culverts are just not built to handle this kind of water.”

— **Gary Aman**
Owyhee County Sheriff

Uranga said he climbed out of his pickup, which at that time had not gone all the way into the creek. He said he was able to climb up the bank to the road.

The road further collapsed on his pickup after exited the vehicle.

"I still don't remember if it knocked me out or what, but I thought I would walk to Ethel Cegnar's place and call for help," Uranga said.

"But I remembered that I had a cell phone on me, so I called 911. I started to walk back to the truck, but it was gone by the time I went back. I guess I am glad it was me and not someone else going faster. I was only doing about 30 miles per hour. I still can't believe what happened."

Recent heavy rains swelled Jump Creek to its banks and around the culvert, causing the road to weaken.

Homedale Highway District



Injured

Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technicians strap Dan Uranga of Homedale on a backboard as Homedale Police Officer Ian Takashige assists at the scene of a bizarre accident on Thompson Road early Saturday morning. Uranga was injured when the road collapsed into a rain-swollen Jump Creek as he was driving his pickup over it.

employee Rob Atkins said at the scene that he had never seen anything like it.

"We have never had problems with this culvert," Atkins said. "But it has been a long time since Jump Creek has been this full."

Homedale Ambulance emergency medical technicians responded to the scene and transported Uranga to a local

hospital where he was treated and released.

Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said crews couldn't remove the vehicle as of Monday because of the danger of the road continuing to fall into the creek. He said he did not know how long the roadway would be closed, but at this point, it could be a while.

"Dan is very lucky, it could

have been much worse,” Aman said. “We have had nothing but problems with roads in the county all weekend with the rain. The culverts are just not built to handle this kind of water.”

Sunday, Uranga said he was still in shock over the incident, but luckily he was not seriously injured.

— CAB

Cougar hunters rescued after chilly night

Three cougar hunters were rescued from the Deep Creek area Friday evening after spending a chilly night in the Owyhee Mountains.

A report from the Owyhee County Sheriff's Office states that Rick Meyers, 24, from Nampa, Rodney Rupp and Levi Smith, ages unknown and both from

Kamiah, were hunting near Silver City and expected to return from their trip last Friday.

But when the trio did not return by the next day, they were reported missing.

A search crew was formed and sent out on four-wheelers and snow machines to locate the hunters. They were located late

Friday night.

Sheriff Gary Aman said the hunters began tracking a cat and left the lights on in their vehicle. He said the battery died.

"They were not injured," Aman explained. "They built a fire and tried to stay warm until we found them."

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Owyhee County Flooding

Flooding closes many county roads

Recreationalists rescued from backcountry

While the recent rains may be a blessing for irrigators this summer, it has been a nightmare for law enforcement, rescue crews and recreationalists.

A storm that brought several inches of rain to the Murphy area and runoff created when warmer temperatures melted snow in the higher elevations caused normally dry creek bottoms to swell and overflow their banks. Several roads are closed in the county after being washed away or flooded.

About two dozen people had to be rescued from the Silver City area when they became stranded after the road washed out. Several motorcycle riders were also rescued. All-terrain vehicles and a front-end loader were used to escort the people out of the area. Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman said vehicles would remain stranded on the Silver City road until repairs could be made.

Saturday, a storm moved through the area and dumped several inches of snow in the higher elevations and several inches of rain in the Murphy-Grand View area. Flooding began when temperatures warmed up and snow began to melt quickly.

The Bruneau River, Sinker Creek, Reynolds Creek, Jacks Creek and Castle Creek jumped their banks and flooded highways and county roads.



Rough and rocky road
Travis Laursen of Melba helps his wife, Tenaya, across Scotch Bob Creek on the Silver City Road on Sunday afternoon as a group of stranded recreationalists make their way to the Lower Transfer. Many sections of the road were completely washed away by heavy water runoff. Photo by Cecily Monson

Aman said he declared the county a disaster area at 10 a.m. Sunday, and the move gave him access to emergency money from the county, state and federal

governments. He said county commissioners would sign a resolution at their Tuesday meeting.

Some longtime residents have

said that the storm was the worst since the mid-1960s.

“We have a very serious situation here,” Aman said by phone Sunday evening. “We have roads that are flooded and some that are completely inaccessible. People planning to travel to the backcountry need to change their plans. If they come out here, they need to make sure they stay on paved roads.”

Saturday, 14 people were rescued from Silver City with a barrage of equipment. Aman said although access to the area was difficult on Saturday, it was nearing impossible by Sunday.

“When we went to retrieve the 11 people on Sunday, the water had completely washed out the road in some places,” he said.

People were instructed to gather at the Lower Transfer about 10 miles up Silver City Road. Rescue crews planned to cross Sinker Creek and retrieve them, but by the time they arrived, the creek had made the roadway its new creek bottom and travel was nearly impossible.

“We had to use a front-end loader to take about seven four-wheelers across the creek,” Aman said. “Then we could not get to the Lower Transfer because the road was completely gone in some places.”

Aman said the 11 people walked several miles and were taken to the creek by ATVs. Then several people at a time were taken across the creek in the bucket of the loader. He said from there they were transported to Murphy to meet friends and family members.

“It was an awesome joint effort,” Aman said. “Everyone worked so well together. They had a job to do, and they did it.”

Roads closed in the wake of the storm included Thompson Road, Upper Reynolds Creek Road, Rabbit Creek Road, Silver City Road and Oreana Loop Road.

On Saturday, Aman dispatched an airplane to access the backcountry reservoirs and found Sinker Creek Reservoir was flowing over its earth bank dam. He said while he wasn’t concerned about the dam breaking, problems were caused by debris blocking corners and culverts.

“The pipe at Highway 78 and other roads have become plugged with debris causing the water to flood the roads,” Aman said. “We have had Idaho Transportation Department crews and volunteers out all weekend watching the areas and cleaning out the debris.”

The Bruneau River crested at 9 feet, 6 inches, but remained about 3 feet from flooding the bridge on Highway 51.

Aman said anyone who travels past a road closed sign and has to be rescued can expect to be charged for the rescue. He said several people who were rescued from Silver City will be receiving a bill for the county’s services.

“We have already asked for help from Homeland Security for equipment,” Aman explained. “The damages have not been assessed yet, but I am sure we are looking at a half million or so. Where there isn’t snow, there is mud. People need to stay out of the area.”

— CAB

Reservoir level near normal

While recent wet weather has caused havoc with roadways and some widespread flooding, South Board of Control Manager Rex Barrie said water levels in the Owyhee Reservoir are so good this early in the year, he looks for a near normal irrigation season.

Early Monday, the reservoir was receiving 8,158 cubic feet per second of water at Rome. Barrie said inflows to the reservoir usually do not reach that high until April or May.

By the afternoon, the inflow peaked at more than 19,000 cfs.

The reservoir was at 66 percent of full with 473,940 acre-feet of water. Thirty cfs was being released from the dam and the reservoir was at 112 percent of a 30-year average.

“It is great for us,” Barrie said last week. “If for some reason, the rain and snow were to stop today, we would have enough for

a normal irrigation year right now. But we still have a lot of snow pack and normally wet months have not even begun.”

On the Owyhee River, above the reservoir, the runoff spike began slowly on Dec. 22 with water going by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) automatic measuring station at Rome, Ore., at about 700 cubic feet per second, and by midnight on Dec. 23 BOR measured a jump to 900 acre feet.

Twenty-four hours later, on Christmas Eve morning, flows were measured at more than 8,000 cfs, peaking at 8,749 at 1 a.m., according data from the BOR gauge.

Flows stayed above 2,200 cfs through Christmas day and were still above 1,000 cfs as of Dec. 27.

The outcome of those flows was that usable water storage in Owyhee Reservoir was at 400,288 acre feet, at the start of the holiday weekend, and by

Tuesday afternoon, was more than 434,000 acre feet.

Average storage for this time of year is just under 390,000 acre feet.

In the Reynolds Creek area, snow reports showed that one-inch of snow lay in the area on Dec. 27. By Monday morning, nearly four inches was recorded. Nine point seven inches of precipitation has fallen in the area year to date.

On South Mountain, snow levels nearly doubled over the week with 13.5 being recorded on Dec. 27 and 25 inches on the ground by Monday. Over 19 inches of precipitation has been recorded year to date.

Mud Flat has received twice as much snow over the last week as well. Seven point four inches was recorded on Dec. 27 and 14.4 had fallen by Monday. The area has received 9.8 inches of precipitation year to date.

— CAB

REYNOLDS CREEK			
Date	Snow Water Equivalent	Snow Depth	Year to Date precip.
12/27	0.6	1.0	7.4
12/28	1.0	0.6	7.3
12/29	1.1	3.0	8.0
12/30	1.1	2.1	8.3
12/31	1.8	0.9	9.0
01/01	n/a	0.2	9.4
01/02	1.2	3.8	9.7

SOUTH MOUNTAIN			
Date	Snow Water Equivalent	Snow Depth	Year to Date precip.
12/27	4.2	13.5	13.2
12/28	5.1	16.9	14.3
12/29	5.6	18.3	15.4
12/30	5.6	17.7	15.6
12/31	7.5	22.3	n/a
01/01	7.3	22.2	19.0
01/02	7.6	25.0	19.3

MUD FLAT			
Date	Snow Water Equivalent	Snow Depth	Year to Date precip.
12/27	2.9	7.4	6.2
12/28	3.6	13.3	6.9
12/29	3.9	12.5	7.4
12/30	3.9	12.8	7.6
12/31	5.1	16.7	n/a
01/01	4.7	13.8	9.7
01/02	4.8	14.4	9.8

Owyhee County Flooding

‘Where there isn’t snow, there is mud. People need to stay out of the area.’

— Owyhee County Sheriff Gary Aman



Before the biggie

A preliminary storm brought enough water into Homedale last week to flood this yard.



Heading out

Owyhee County Posse member Bruce Cameron rides with several youngsters in a front-end loader across North Sinker Creek at the Paul Ranch. Photo by Larry Howard



Storm’s aftermath

Culverts are destroyed by high water and debris on the Oreana Loop Road at Brown’s Creek. Photo by Larry Howard.

‘... It has been a long time since Jump Creek has been this full.’

— Homedale Highway District employee Rob Atkins

Owyhee County Flooding



To the rescue

Owyhee County Posse member Lynn Bowman negotiates a swollen North Sinker Creek at the Paul Ranch Sunday afternoon. Photo by Larry Howard



Flood prevention

A backhoe cleans out a culvert on Highway 78 between mile marker 16 and 17 Saturday.



Heading in

Volunteers, rescue teams and the media gather at the Paul Ranch on the Silver City Road Saturday afternoon. Photo by Jan Aman

Posse works overtime

About two dozen people had to be rescued from the Silver City area when they became stranded after the road washed out. Several motorcycle riders were also rescued. All-terrain vehicles and a front-end loader were used to escort the people out of the area.



Calm before the storm

The Idaho Transportation Department warned motorists as early as possible about impending water problems Friday with signs like this one on U.S. 95 near Pioneer Road.



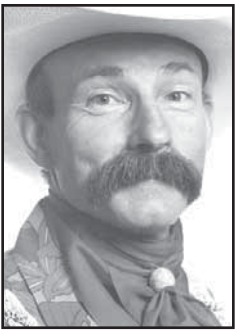
Read the signs

A road-closed sign warns motorists at the North Sinker Creek at the Paul Ranch. Photo by Jan Aman

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense



Technology rides again

Pudge and Maughn were a couple of top hands gatherin’ cows on the Diamond Mountain allotment in northeast Utah back in the ’60s. Although they were true cowboys, they weren’t above accessing modern technology.

One late October as they were pushin’ a bunch toward the corral, one of the cows fell back with a lameness. The boys left her to retrieve later and took the other cows on in. Parked at the corrals was Pudge’s 1950 model 2½-ton heavy-duty bobtail stock truck. That morning, they had driven Maughn’s pickup and horse trailer to the backside of the allotment, unloaded the horses to start the gather and left the rig parked.

After penning the herd, the boys loaded in the bobtail and went back after the pickup and trailer. Along the way they spotted the lame cow. She seemed unmoving, so the decision was made to tie her down and load her in the horse trailer when they returned.

They approached her on foot, but she hobbled just far enough to stay out of each of Maughn’s trusty lariat. It was then that our technological pioneers deduced by scientific cowboy reasoning that they could rope her from the truck! Maughn, with his 36-foot hard twist in hand, climbed on the big, round left fender and straddled the turn signal light. It lent a good hold since it stuck up 6 or 7 inches in the shape of a lollipop. Off they went across the flats like modern car crash dummies! Imagine Pudge behind the wheel like James Lovell in Apollo 13, trying to finesse the growling army tank of a vehicle through the sagebrush and rocks and keep pace with the cagey cow.

She’d change speeds and swerve. Pudge tried to stay with her as Maughn bounced up and down showin’ daylight with every bank and yaw. The rope got tangled around his flailing arms, legs and waist. But on one quick surge a loop shot out and the ol’ girl stuck her head in it!

The cow took off just as Pudge applied the brakes. Maughn fired off the fender like a football at the kickoff! He sailed the length of a school bus and crashed to the bottom of a 4-foot growth of oak brush. The rope came tight. He stopped that cow like she’d hit a brick wall!

There was some talk about Maughn going to astronaut school. No one took it seriously. But for years after, he was able to expound with great authority the sensation of weightlessness and mass vs. velocity. E=Maughn C squared.

Wayne Cornell

Not important ... *but possibly of interest*



William Shatner is an accomplished actor. But most people will always remember him as Capt. James T. Kirk, commander of the United Federation of Planets Starship Enterprise on the TV series “Star Trek.”

No matter how many TV shows or movies Henry Winkler does, he always will be “The Fonz” from “Happy Days.”

During my career as a writer and editor, I’ve put a lot of words on paper — probably millions. Some of the stuff I have written is better forgotten. There is some material I consider to be very good. But the only story people seem to remember wasn’t about someone’s concern for their fellow man, or human sacrifice or bravery. It was about an outhouse.

It all started back in the early 1980s when Joe, a longtime friend, told me about an incident that had occurred in the old mining town of Silver City. He described how a barrel under an outhouse had become filled to near overflowing with “stuff.” A rancher friend of Joe’s tried to alleviate the buildup by firing his .357 Magnum down through the seat in the outhouse. The shooter’s theory was the powerful handgun could penetrate the “stuff” and punch some drain holes in the bottom of the barrel. Unfortunately, when the bullet plowed into the material in the barrel at over 1,000 feet per second, the material displaced by its passage came back up out of the seat hole and covered the shooter with glory.

I recorded Joe’s description of the incident in a newspaper column that later was entered in the state press awards competition. That year, I was named best columnist in Idaho — the first and last time I captured that honor.

Nearly three decades after the column first appeared, I still occasionally get calls or letters from people who want to know if I am “the guy who wrote the story about the outhouse” and if there is a way they can get a copy. I have received feedback from readers in many states and several Canadian provinces.

The only negative I’ve ever heard about the outhouse column came from the individual who pulled the trigger. The last time I saw him, which was several years ago, he still was pretty tight-jawed about my description of the incident. It was his contention that the amount of material that came up out of the two-holer was negligible. He also questioned the veracity of my source, noting that the information was “hearsay,” not to mention that the view of the witness was possibly clouded by the effects of several beers.

Although one of my rules of life is not to argue with someone who owns a .357 Magnum pistol, I pointed out to my critic that writers are entitled to exercise a certain amount of “literary license” when telling a story. In addition, cowboys know better than just about anybody that one doesn’t let the facts get in the way of a good yarn.

All things considered, I’m not complaining about being known as “the guy who wrote the outhouse story.” It’s better than being known as “the guy who tried to run the wrong way in the 880-yard run at a high school track meet.” The people who laugh at that story have embellished it over the years, or have heard second-hand accounts. I only lined up at the starting line facing the opposite direction from the rest of the competitors. Seems like after 40 years people would forget.

Letter to the editor

U.S. must drill for oil to end dependency on foreign sources

The members of the United States Congress recently showed less maturity than teenagers.

The general public is furious because of gas prices. It was just a political move when they cut the drilling in Alaska off in a recent bill in Congress. Drilling would have given good jobs to American workers and brought the price of gasoline down. Consequently, we would no longer be dependent on foreign oil.

The idea that gasoline and alcohol don’t mix, of course, is not true. We can make alcohol out of leftovers of agriculture (fruits and grains) that can be mixed with gasoline for a better and cleaner fuel.

We should drill from the northernmost outpost in Alaska, clear through Canada, the coastal U.S., Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, through Mexico and clear to the southern tip of Argentina and have an oil/gas cartel with reserves far exceeding that which is currently controlling our economy by foreign powers.

There’s no question that President Bush has oil interests. He was the one pushing for drilling in Alaska. This republic will cease to be the great nation it once was unless the politicians are more interested in the people and their needs than they are in getting re-elected (which is all they seem to care about).

Jack Streeter
Veteran, World War II, Korea, Vietnam; Presidential Advisory Task Force member
Mountain Home

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The Owyhee Avalanche

Commentary

From Washington

Collaboration by all interested parties will move species recovery ahead

by Sen. Mike Crapo

On Dec. 15, I introduced the bipartisan Collaboration for the Recovery of the Endangered Species Act (CRESA). For years now, I've heard from many individuals and groups about the need to improve the Endangered Species Act (ESA). As we debate this bill in 2006, I look forward to working with all who have concerns and suggestions on this critical issue. Over the years, our state and nation have fiercely debated the merits of the ESA. But there is one fundamental concept on which all agree — saving endangered species is essential.

After 30 years, we understand the intent and the shortcomings of the act as it seeks to save species from extinction. We know about the endless conflict that pits animals against people. Private property rights aren't the enemy of conservation, and we don't have to choose animals over people when preserving biodiversity. We need to change this paradigm, because most species reside in habitat on private land.

The good news is that we've seen people respond with ingenuity to challenges and produce something better in Idaho and elsewhere. Landowners, conservationists, local, state and federal agencies have come together, developed workable plans and set about the business of recovering species. The process is tried and true and must have the strength of law behind it.

Collaboration works, moving the process of recovery forward. Litigation creates contention, not partnerships.

Often we work against each other, rather than with and for each other. CRESA supports collaboration, producing win-win solutions for everyone and every species.

Sage grouse recovery and slickspot peppergrass are two examples of successful collaboration in Idaho. Landowners and conservation groups came together to establish programs that respected landowners' rights and satisfied environmental concerns. This cooperative effort, utilizing the wisdom of those who live and work on the land, expertise of specialists and those with knowledge of government rules and regulations, represents the paradigm shift that I believe holds the key to future species recovery.

CRESA seeks to restore species with incentives that encourage landowners to voluntarily step forward to contribute to recovery efforts. Because cost burdens can be onerous, the ESA must make it easier and more financially viable to do recovery work.

Laws must first positively reinforce public values and penalize only as a last resort.

The old adage about the danger of burning bridges



Sen. Mike Crapo

is relevant: Much of the action driven by existing ESA rules and regulations burns bridges — bridges that, left intact, could bring species across the chasm of extinction to recovery.

CRESA promotes flexibility, promoting individual solutions fine-tuned to meet specific challenges. Solutions that sound effective in the halls of Congress many times don't work on the ground. One-size-fits-all doesn't produce effective species recovery — no two species, topography, environment or communities are the same, not even in the same county. Multiple considerations must be addressed in a cooperative, collaborative manner. We have innovative solutions that work, and we need laws that facilitate this critical flexibility.

It's time to come together and get to the real matter at hand. While there are great ideological divides on this issue, solutions to conservation challenges are not polarized. Landowners are instrumental to solving the challenge of species recovery and restoration.

The Collaboration for the Recovery of Endangered Species Act facilitates effective species recovery not just for today, next week or next year, but for our children and grandchildren. I look forward to this bipartisan, progressive approach to improving species recovery and the debate in Congress. I encourage all who have concerns on this issue to contact me so the final outcome is the best for all involved.

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

Accuracy in Media

Feds, media must pay for smearing man wrongfully accused in anthrax case

by Cliff Kincaid

"Pentagon Caught Spying" and "Pentagon Spies on Anti-War Groups" were typical headlines when the media reported on a Pentagon document about monitoring threats to U.S. military personnel and U.S. military installations. We were told that peaceful Quakers were among the targets, but the documents showed the Defense Department was mainly concerned about violent threats, "direct action," and civil disobedience outside military offices and facilities. The misleading headlines were designed to scare the public into thinking that Joe McCarthy was on the loose, searching for Reds under the beds. It's time for the American people to understand that the Reds are not under the beds. They are in the streets and on TV. And they are in bed with al-Qaida.

The New York Times has now disclosed classified information about a U.S. program to monitor al-Qaida on American soil. If President Bush had had this program in place before 9/11, the U.S. government might have discovered that al-Qaida had been planning the anthrax attacks and carried them out. That's where the available evidence leads.

In a related matter, a real outrage and abuse of power — the persecution of former government scientist Steven Hatfill in the anthrax case — continues to be largely ignored by our media. In this case, however, the New York Times took a stand against civil liberties, working hand-in-glove with the federal government to destroy an innocent man's reputation and career.

Even the media should recognize that the 9/11 attacks demonstrated that America has real enemies. They are active here and abroad. The challenge is to identify and defeat the enemy without violating the constitutional rights of the rest of us.

Reporters, however, seem not to recognize the danger posed by the enemy and the need for the federal government, which is charged with national defense, to protect us. As we have documented in several AIM Reports, journalists consistently ignore evidence that prominent "anti-war" groups have ties to hostile regimes such as North Korea and the former Saddam Hussein dictatorship. I have personally covered these protests and have posted photos of the many communist and socialist groups that not only show up in the

streets but actually organize these events. Almost without exception, however, spokesmen for these groups, such as the communist Workers World Party, surface in the media as being associated with supposedly harmless front groups like International ANSWER. Their influence was noted in a statement buried in a recent Washington Post story about how pro-terrorist Muslims in Iraq enjoy watching anti-war protests in America on satellite television. That gives them the motivation to hate and kill more Americans.

What America could use is a congressional committee to examine the domestic activities that cross the line into treason. Majority Leader Senator Bill Frist should take the lead and create a new Senate Internal Security Committee. This may be the only way to fully document foreign and terrorist involvement in anti-war activity and produce a report that stands any chance of getting the facts before the American people. Of course, it can be expected that the media will fight creation of such a committee on the grounds that conducting congressional investigations, holding hearings and producing reports will somehow threaten civil liberties.

Our media might be taken more seriously in making such a claim if they addressed a real-life example of someone whose civil liberties and privacy were violated by the government and the press.

That someone is Hatfill, who was falsely accused by the government of being somehow involved in the post-9/11 anthrax murders. Actually, Hatfill was never formally accused or charged. He was simply labeled a "person of interest." His life was made into a media circus, and the government and the media made life miserable for him, his associates and friends. He lost two jobs and his career was ruined. No evidence was ever produced against him because none ever existed. He became a scapegoat for the FBI's failure to solve the case.

The New York Times played a critical role in getting the government to go after him.

Operating on the basis of a conspiracy theory apparently fed to him by a left-wing activist, Times columnist Nicholas Kristof conducted a high-profile campaign against Hatfill, encouraging the FBI to go after him because of questions about his resumé or background. At first, Kristof smeared Hatfill as a mysterious "Mr. Z," but everybody knew about

whom and what he was writing.

With his background in scientific and biowarfare research, Hatfill should have been playing a key role in the response to global terrorism, but he came under attack and eventually had to sue the government and the Times (and other news organizations) to get his life and reputation back.

Fortunately, there is no federal media "shield law" in effect at the current time that can help the media protect the identity of their anonymous sources in government who orchestrated the Hatfill smear.

Except for occasional stories here and there about new developments in the legal case, our liberal media do not highlight what happened to Hatfill as a major abuse of government power. One reason for general media indifference may be that the Times, still considered by some a reputable paper, led the assault against him. It may also be the case that Hatfill isn't the ACLU's kind of client. He is a patriot who believes in fighting the war on terrorism. The ACLU and the media tend to go to the defense of those with a left-wing or anti-American bent.

If our media want us to believe they truly support civil liberties, they should take a fresh look at the Hatfill case and press for its resolution. The proper response for the Times is to admit that Kristof was wrong and to apologize and settle the matter. That's what an honest newspaper would do. It should also tell us what safeguards will be put into place to make sure the paper never assists in destroying the life of another innocent man.

As for the government, if Bush is sincere about assuring the public that his administration will not abuse governmental power, he should tell his administration to immediately settle the case. It has already dragged on far too long. It is a disgrace and black mark on this administration.

The only way the Times and the government can begin to pay for their outrageous treatment of Hatfill is to pay millions of dollars in damages. Then Hatfill can use some of the money to advise others on how to hold the government and the media accountable.

Moreso than government, the press needs to learn a hard lesson about protecting civil liberties. But don't look for a front-page story in the Times about that.

— Cliff Kincaid is Editor of the AIM Report.

Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 8, 1981

Smorgasbord heads named

The twentieth anniversary of the Homedale PTA’s International Smorgasbord will be noted this month, when the feast opens to customers Saturday, January 17.

Committee and booth chairpersons met Monday evening to coordinate plans for the smorgasbord. This year’s general chairmen are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shipley, co-chaired by Mr. and Mrs. Kirt Weimer.

Shipley said Tuesday they are in need of additional volunteers to help with the feed, and anyone interested may call him at the Continental Telephone of the West office in Homedale.

Search continues for F&G men

As of press time Wednesday, no further information had been made available concerning a report that two Idaho Fish and Game employees had been killed in a shooting incident in southwestern Owyhee County.

The incident had been reported through daily newspaper, radio and television stations throughout the valley beginning Tuesday evening.

Sheriff’s office officials verified that an anonymous report had been received by Prosecuting Attorney Alan Coffel Tuesday concerning an alleged shooting incident involving the conservation officers.

Searchers, including county deputies, Coffel, prosecutor-elect Clayton Andersen, F&G personnel, county posse members, and others were searching the area Wednesday.

Vallivue tromps Homedale 56-35

The Homedale Trojans had their problems Dec. 30 by losing to the Vallivue Falcons 35-56 in non-conference play.

Stuart Emry was the leading scorer with 10 points while Steve Zatica and Mike Matteson both brought down 5 rebounds.

Clark Hansen is leading the TroJan. team in points with 7.1 per game average. Stuart Emry is second high season scorer with a 6.6 point per game average.

This week the Trojans faced the New Plymouth Pilgrims at home on Tuesday and will travel to Parma to face the Panthers for WIC conference play on Friday.

Homedale JVs lose to Vallivue

The Homedale Junior Varsity basketball team lost to the Vallivue JV squad 29-58 in no conference action Dec. 30. Larry Corta and Chris Landa were the high scorers with 10 points each. Landa was also the high rebounder bringing down 5. The Homedale JV squad is coach by Joe Ihli.

Homedale JV faced the New Plymouth Pilgrims on Tuesday (no results were available at press time) The JV squad will play at Parma tomorrow.

Homedale local events

Myrtle Wood from Homedale Nursing Home had Christmas dinner wither granddaughter and husband, Steve and Debbie Kreight of Nyssa.

Kim and Kelly Kickson visited with their grandmother, Mildred Dickson, Homedale, for several days during the holidays.

Rex and Lorraine Hammer of Caldwell spend last Sunday with his aunt, Nellie Hammer, Homedale.

Mrs. Lucy Stutheit has returned to her home in Homedale after spending Christmas with her daughter and husband, Bud and Alma Benoit in Bend Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pegram with Mr. and Mrs. Rufo Isaguirre were Christmas eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Pegram, Pam and Tom, all of Homedale.

Evening dinner guests, Dec. 27, at the Roy Scherer home in Homedale were John Scherer, Wayne and Dan of Avon, so. Dakota; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scherer and family and the John Scherer family of Caldwell; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Scherer and daughters of Paisley, Ore.

138 years ago

January 4, 1868

MASONIC CEREMONIES ON ST. JOHN’S DAY. At two o’clock on the afternoon of the 27th of December, 1867, Owyhee Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., having received a charter from the Grand Lodge of the Territory, and elected their officers for the ensuing year there under, repaired to the Court House for the purpose of being constituted into a Lodge according to the ancient usages of the Fraternity. The Grand Lodge represented by Deputy Grand Mater, F. E. Ensign: Deputy Grand Secretary, P. C. Learned; Deputy Grand Chaplain, T. J. Butler; Deputy Grand Marshal, R. T. Miller, being present, proceeded to constitute, dedicate and consecrate the new Lodge, assisted by the Owyhee Choir, who sang at intervals appropriate solemn pieces of music. These ceremonies were very imposing as well as unusual, as they only occurrence in the lifetime of a Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to install the officers elect – a list of whom we published last week. These ceremonies over, Deputy G. M., F. E. Ensign delivered a short but pertinent address to the members of Owyhee Lodge, in which he laid down in plain and unmistakable language the principles and tenets of the Order in all ages and countries, and marked out the path of duty in which Masonry expects all her patrons to walk. Bound to no system of religion, she nevertheless enjoins morality, fair dealing, charity and all the graces that adorn a religious life. Although not a total abstinence society, it is a temperate organization, abhors the drunkard, and teaches men to subdue their passions and keep their desires within due bounds; although there are those calling themselves Masons, who sometimes violate these tenets, in doing so they forfeit the name of good Masons, and lower themselves in the estimation of their brethren. They have no right thus to bring the Order into disrepute, but should rather withdraw from it if they cannot square their lives to its precepts. These remarks he said were not directed to individuals, but were plain principles taught from the earliest ages to the present. After the Address, the choir sang, a benediction was pronounced, the Lodge returned to its Hall, and the spectators (including the I. O. O. F.’s, who were there in a body by special invitation) repaired to their respective homes. A hall in the evening closed the exercises of the day.

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

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

PICTURES. All who desire a beautiful likeness of themselves should go to Leslie’s Photographic Gallery and secure one of those magnificent “sun pearls,” somewhat resembling the miraculous spring that Ponce de Leon grew

old in looking for. They cause the aged to look young, and transform bachelors and maidens of forty into their teens again. Leslie finished off one of them for one of our boys, and scarcely any one will believe that it is he – it looks so much better than the original phiz.

“ON WITH THE DANCE!” seems to be the motto just now – just what we expected, as soon as it became known on the out side that times were lively and money plenty in Owyhee, in comes a batch of hurdies to gobble up their share. It is an easy matter to find out where they hold forth – watch the crowds of suffering manhood as they emerge from cabins along the creek in the dusky twilight, or silently wend their way, in Indian file, down the mountain side; their steps are directed to Gabriel’s large building, corner of Jordan and Second Sts., where, seated on a bench at one side of the spacious hall, are four coy and blushing damsels. Wait a moment – soon the fellow who scrapes the catgut says “se ‘em up boys!” and four brave and stalwart youths with six-shooters and bowie knives hung to their quarters rush forward, resolutely offer their hands to the timid maidens and lad them to the center of the ball – the music begins – “honors to partners,” and them the chap that can twist his gal into the greatest number of shapes, play leap-frog the best, cut up the greatest number of antics after the “essence of Old Virginia” style, is the “big dog with the brass collar.” After performing thus for about five minutes they all retire from the ring, walk up to the counter, the “Bar Keep” sets out the bottles, glasses are filled, each chap hob-a-nobs with his gal, and repeats. Go in boys, it only costs a dollar greenback a trip. If you’re bound to spend your money, you may as well do it that way as any other.

A NEW YEAR’S BALL was given at the Mechanics’ Hall on Wednesday evening last. Thus another opportunity for enjoyment was afforded those who in a social way love “to trip the light fantastic toe.” Though not so many present as was anticipated, yet all who were there had a good time, retired to their homes about three o’clock in the morning and will doubtless remember with pleasure the first evening of the “Happy New Year.” Excellent music was provided, and a truly sumptuous supper was spread before the guests at the Idaho Hotel – in fact, a better one could scarcely be desired. Thanks to the proprietors for complimentary tickets furnished this office.

IF THERE IS ANYTHING that will make a printer rejoice and become a Christian, it is to have a friend drop in with a bottle of life itself just in the nick of time. Yesterday when work was beginning to drag heavily, and we thought we hadn’t a friend in the world, who should appear but our friend, Al Cage, armed with a larger sized demijohn filled with dew-drop of the best quality. Friend Cage, if you think you can get even on this institution in that style we don’t object.

WE CALL attention to the card of the California Building and Savings Bank. Under the indefatigable exertion and great financial ability of its president, Thomas Mooney, it has become one of the most successful and safest monied institutions on the Pacific Coast. Its securities amount to one and a quarter million dollars in city real estate.

THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT has offered to sell Cuba and Porto Rico to the United States for \$150,000,000 in gold; one-third down; one-third in one year and the remainder in six years. Considerable excitement is caused by the news, which appears to give general satisfaction.

A FULL HOUSE listened to Judge Watson on the occasion of his lecture last Saturday evening. The Judge made many apt allusions to some of the top-lights of the Republic and all present were exceedingly well pleased with the lecture. Judge, repeat the dose.

Public notices

OWYHEE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES DECEMBER 19, 2005

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

The Board amended the agenda to include the following items: Order to Cease & Desist, and subpoena on CUP hearing.

Dan Safford with Dept of Ag. met with the Board to discuss Weed Free Hay certification in Owyhee County. No action was taken.

The Board approved payment of all bills to be paid from the following funds:

Current Expense \$69,399 Road & Bridge \$17,839 District Court \$5,368 Probation \$1,065 Historical Society & Museum \$837 Indigent & Charity \$619 Revaluation \$1,202, Solid Waste \$10,662 Weed \$183 911 \$812.

Fair Board Chairman Joe Merrick met with the Board to share idea's on projects they would like do at the Homedale Fairgrounds. No action was taken.

The Board authorized the new Chief Deputy Treasurer to begin at 7F on the payscale.

The Board authorized the newly hired part time position in the Treasurer's office be started at a 4B on the payscale.

The Board took the following action on pending Indigent and Charity cases.

No 05-59 the Board approved a lien to be placed, and approved applicant with reimbursement..

No 05-58 the Board denied the applicant as he was not medically indigent.

No. 05-57 the Board approved the applicant with reimbursement.

The Board approved issuance of a subpoena to the road supervisor to appear at the CUP hearing scheduled by Planning & Zoning for January 4th 2006.

The Board approved the minutes from the last meeting.

There being no further business the Board moved to adjourn.

The complete minutes can be viewed in the Clerk's office. 1/4/06

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please be advised that a public hearing will be held before the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Homedale on the 16th day of January, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Homedale City Hall, 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho. The subject matter of the public hearing is the Application for Vacation of Public Right-of-Way filed by Total Options, LLC. Total Options, LLC is requesting to vacate the alley running north and south through Lots 25-32, Block 63, (120 South Main Street).

Sylvia L. Bahem, Administrator Planning & Zoning Commission City of Homedale 1/4,11/06

NOTICE OF STATE SURPLUS LAND SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a public hearing for the purpose of gathering comments regarding the following described property belonging to the State of Idaho Military Division, and proposed for sale to the City of Homedale to use for airport expansion purposes. The property is described as follows: A parcel of land being a

portion of the NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., Homedale, Idaho, Owyhee County, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of NW¼, Section 10, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, B.M., thence South 88°42'27" East 1,580.45 feet, more or less, along the northerly boundary of said NW¼; thence South 28°12'13" West 103.36 feet; thence South 38°57'52" East 65.10 feet to a point on the Southeasterly right of way line of U.S. Highway No. 95, Federal Aid project No. F-3311(11), also said point being the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING; thence South 38°57'52" East 470.28 feet; thence South 29°37'39" East 889.89 feet; thence North 52°14'26" West 1203.41 feet to a point on said Southeasterly right of way line; thence North 28°12'13" East 456.50 feet along said right of way line to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, said parcel containing 7 acres, more or less.

All mineral rights are to be reserved to the State of Idaho in accordance with Idaho Code §47-701. The parcel is being sold for \$23,100, along with the option to use City-owned property that would be suitable for development of a National Guard Armory. The purchaser will be required to pay the advertising costs, land sale certificate fee and deed fee on the day of sale.

The hearing will be held at the Homedale City Hall Courtroom located at 31 West Wyoming, Homedale, Idaho, on February 1, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

Persons requiring special accommodation at the public land auction need to contact Perry Whittaker at the Idaho Department of Lands Office at (208-334-0233) at least one week prior to auction date to make arrangements.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS

Winston A Wiggins, Director, Idaho Department of Lands 1/4,11,18,25/06

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code 25-2301, the State Brand Inspector is holding one black bull, approx 1100 lbs, found on the Owens Ranch south of Bruneau. He will be sold at Treasure Valley Livestock Auction on Friday January 6, 2006. May be claimed with proof of ownership and paying all expenses. 459-4231 12/28/05;1/4/06

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 55-13850

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IDAHO STATE OFFICE 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657 Point(s) of Diversion SWNWNW S25 T06S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary To DEER CREEK Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA Total Diversion: 1 AFA Date Filed: 04/18/2005 Place Of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE

T06S R04W S25 NWNW Place Of Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE T06S R04W S25 NWNW

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/23/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director 1/4,11/06

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 55-13851

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IDAHO STATE OFFICE 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657 Point(s) of Diversion NWNWSW S34 T12S R04W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary To RED BASIN CREEK Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA

Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA Total Diversion: 1 AFA Date Filed: 04/18/2005 Place Of Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE T12S R04W S34 NWSW Place Of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE T12S R04W S34 NWSW

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH USDI BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT IDAHO STATE OFFICE 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657 Point(s) of Diversion NWNWSE S28 T05S R05W OWYHEE County Source UNNAMED STREAM Tributary To TROUT CREEK Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE 01/01 To 12/31 1 AFA Total Diversion: 1 AFA Date Filed: 04/18/2005 Place Of Use: STOCKWATER STORAGE T05S R05W S28 NWSE Place Of Use: WILDLIFE STORAGE T05S R05W S28 NWSE

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KARL J DREHER, Director 1/4,11/06

The following application(s) have been filed to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho: 55-13873

US DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657 Point(s) of Diversion NWNWNE S25 T05S R04W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary To EAST CREEK Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS Use: WILDLIFE 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS Total Diversion: 0.02 CFS Date Filed: 10/24/2005 Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T05S R04W S25 NWNE Place Of Use: WILDLIFE T05S R04W S25 NWNE

Permits will be subject to all prior water rights. Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-203A, Idaho Code. Any protest against the approval of this application must be filed with the Director, Dept. of Water Resource, Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before 01/23/2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director 1/4,11/06

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US DEPT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT 1387 S VINNELL WAY BOISE ID 83709-1657 Point(s) of Diversion NESESW S29 T05S R03W OWYHEE County Source SPRING Tributary To MAMMOTH CREEK Use: STOCKWATER 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS Use: WILDLIFE 01/01 To 12/31 0.02 CFS Total Diversion: 0.02 CFS Date Filed: 10/24/2005 Place Of Use: STOCKWATER T05S R03W S29 SESW Place Of Use: WILDLIFE T05S R03W S29 SESW

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KARL J DREHER, Director 1/4,11/06

PROPOSED CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT WILLIAM &/OR VICTORIA

WOLFE of PO BOX 398, GRANDVIEW ID 83624 filed an Application for Transfer for a Snake River water right with a 1963 priority date totaling 4.38 cfs. The right, originally part of the Bell Rapids Mutual Irrigation system, provided irrigation for 260 acres. The right has been diverted west of Hagerman to irrigate 260 acres about 1 to 2 miles northeast of the intersection of Elmore, Owyhee and Twin Falls Counties. The purpose of the transfer is to retire 33 acres of irrigation and relocate that portion to 33 acres south of Hwy 78 about 1 mile west of Grandview. Water for the proposed change will be diverted from the river near River Road about 0.25 mile downstream from the bridge crossing the river near Grandview.

For specific details regarding the application, please contact the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) Western Region at 208-334-2190 or visit www.idwr.idaho.gov to see a scanned copy of the application under water right no. 2-10283 (previously numbered 2-10224). Protests may be submitted based on the criteria of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. Any protest against the proposed change must be filed with IDWR Western Region, 2735 Airport Way, Boise ID 83705-5082 together with a protest fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before January 23, 2006. The protestant must also send a copy of the protest to the applicant.

KARL J DREHER, Director 1/4,11/05

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.

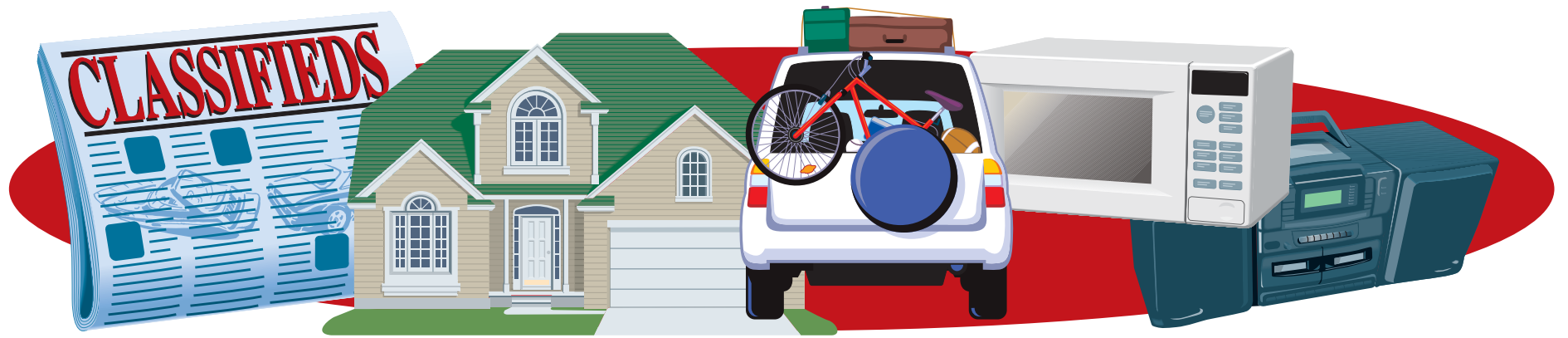
A copy of the Summons and Compliant can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the attorney for Plaintiff.

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



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3 for \$10 12pk 12oz Cans

2 Liter
Pepsi Products **\$119** ea.

Coors Beer



\$1199 ea. 18pk 12oz Cans

12pk 12oz Cans
Natural Light/Ice Beer **\$579** ea.

Kellogg's
Special K Cereals **2 for \$6** Asst'd 12-14 oz.
Darigold
Cottage Cheese **\$149** ea. 1 lb.
Propel
Water **89¢** ea. 23.7 oz.
Western Family
Chunk Dog Food **2 for \$9** 20 lb.
Western Family
Pineapple **99¢** ea. 20 oz.
Bounty
Paper Towels **\$1499** ea. 15 Roll

Arrowhead
Spring Water **\$499** ea. 12pk .5 liter Bottles
Western Family
Salad Dressing **\$169** ea. 16 oz.
Lean Cuisine
Frozen Entrees **\$259** ea. 8.5-9 oz.
Dawn
Dish Soap **\$279** ea. 25 oz.
Smart One
Frozen Entrees **\$169** ea. 7.5-9 oz.
Crisco
Oil **\$299** ea. 48 oz.

Nestle
Hot Cocoa Mix **\$399** ea. 27.7 oz.
Tide Detergent
Powder & Liquid **\$699** ea. 67-100 oz.
Cascade
Dishwasher Detergent **\$399** ea. 75 oz.
Western Family
Snap/Seal Sandwich **\$129** ea. Bags 50 ct.

Western Family
Noodle & Onion Soup **79¢** ea. 2-4.5 oz. Box
Puffs Plus w/Lotion
Facial Tissue **\$179** ea. 144 ct.
Lay's
Potato Chips **2 for \$4** 11-11.5 oz.
Tostitos
Tortilla Chips **2 for \$6** 12-13.5 oz.

SRM COUPON
Hills Bros-MJB-Maxwell House Coffee
\$150 off 39 oz.
NO LIMIT PER COUPON • PER VISIT

SRM COUPON
Tide Powder Detergent Mtn. Spring & Original Only
\$100 off 87 oz.
NO LIMIT PER COUPON • PER VISIT

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