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Clarity sought in county grievance process

Commission's work on personnel manual moves ahead

soon will have a new personnel manual. Although the proposed manual is still a work-inprogress, there will be some

Owyhee County employees changes to the grievance procedure.

According to Owyhee County Clerk Charlotte Sherburn, the Board of Commissioners sent a draft of the manual to Idaho Counties Risk Management Program (ICRMP), the county's insurance carrier.

"It has been sent to ICRMP to review. The board did not get it approved. At this time the commissioners need to get with the elected officials to go over it,"

Sherburn said.

There are a few changes to the manual forthcoming, which commissioners reviewed at their Jan. 2 meeting in Murphy. The changes include the sick-leave accrual policy and a change in the

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The Owyhee Initiative, county growth issues top the early agenda for new District representative Jerry Hoagland.



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School chess club requires thought, concentration Homedale High School junior Jarod Driskell studies the board and mulls his next move during a lunchtime match late last week.

Marsing **Mayor: 2007** will be year of water

Marsing Mayor Don Osterhoudt said last week that the biggest achievement of 2006 will be the city's primary focus in 2007 — continued progress with the new municipal water system projects.

"The single biggest priority for 2007 will be: No. 1, completing the wells and getting them ready to go online; and the second will probably be filtration and storage," Osterhoudt said Friday. "It will probably be 2008 before we start the distribution phase."

Closely associated with the new civic improvements, Osterhoudt cited new, businesslike operational philosophy as significant events of last year.



The Marsing City Council begins tackling issues of 2007



Fitness pros weigh in on weight loss resolutions Page 9A

Homedale students take on teachers in tourney

School chess club are trying their best to live down the "nerdy" stereotype of their ilk.

Faculty advisor Mark Thatcher — a math teacher — says the misconception hasn't hurt membership too much.

"The kids joke around about it," he said. "It might affect (participation) a little bit, but I haven't heard anybody say they don't want to be involved with it because of (the stereotype)."

There are 10 juniors and seniors who

Members of the Homedale High gather every lunch hour to play a few matches, but the club always is looking for new members.

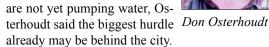
> "We put flyers out and club members talk to people, but we need to work on (member recruitment) all year long," Thatcher said.

> And, just in case you're thinking about ribbing someone about the long-standing — and false — notion that high school chess players are the aforementioned

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with its first monthly at 7 tonight inside City Hall.

While the city's new wells



"In a water project, the biggest issue is getting permits, evaluation, etc." Osterhoudt said. "We're on track. We started it."

Osterhoudt said that the city's new wells near the Marsing School District complex along Idaho highway 78, are still in the works, but some promising steps have been made.

"I would say that within a month, we'll punch one well and see what we get," said Osterhoudt, who said that there will be two new wells at that location, to add to the city's aging well on Well Road.

Osterhoudt said that drilling operations will

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Murphy 911 address problem corrected

Owyhee County's growing pains have reached its 911 system.

About seven households along Idaho highway 78 in Murphy were forced to adjust addresses last month after the discovery of a snafu in the Owyhee County 911 mapping system.

County assessor Brett Endicott said the culprit ostensibly was growth along the corridor. He said the company in charge of mapping the area didn't leave enough residential numbers on the Global Positioning System grid to allow for new development.

Minnesota-based GeoComm built the GPS software when the county began establishing a 911 emergency system a few years ago. County rural addressing coordinator Doug Cook said that GeoComm programmers are supposed to allow for 500 house numbers per square mile, but not enough numbers were placed in the grid along Idaho 78.

"We found that when GeoComm did it originally they didn't leave us enough space," Endicott said. "And now that we're starting to get more residents out here, we have to change some of the addresses."

After the affected residents were sent letters notifying them of the changes, Cook made a trip to the area to change the road numbers.

Homes in the 19000 block of Idaho 78 were affected.

Cook said a county worker who lives along the stretch of road noticed her house didn't show up in the proper location on the county GPS map when she entered it into the computer system.

Cook said if the employee hadn't been, essentially, nosey

about her house, the problem probably wouldn't have been discovered until emergency crews were dispatched to one of the affected addresses - and wound up in the wrong location.

"You hope that we could have caught all of these when Geo-Comm turned it over to us," Endicott said. "But this is one of those programs that problems don't show up until you have to use it."

Cook said manually troubleshooting the entire system put in place by GeoComm is impossible because of the vastness of the county and the limited hours of the rural addressing portion of his job.

"We constantly double-check numbers when we're in the area," he said

Cook said he moved GPS points around on the county grid to minimize the number of families affected by the correction. Longmont, Colo ..- based emergency services database company Intrado was alerted so the county's tracking system and maps could be updated, too.

"Doug did try to stretch (the range of house numbers) down from the bottom up so that it narrowed the gap quite a bit for those who were going to be affected," Endicott said.

Seven households on Idaho 78 had numbers altered, but Cook said only about four of those actually used the addresses for mail delivery and were required to make official change-of-address requests with the U.S. Postal Service.

Endicott said a similar problem on Guffey Lane near Murphy was corrected two years ago. — JPB

Homedale smorgasbord nets \$366 in first week of ticket sales

Organizers of the 46th annual Homedale International Smorgasbord stopped by Homedale Middle School to reward the top ticket-sellers after the first week of sales. The school's sixth-graders raised \$366 in the first week of sales. Top sellers were, bottom row, left to right, Reed Maggard, Lesa Folwell's class (\$51), Heather Romriell, Arlene Eidemiller's class (\$103) and Erin Shenk, Pat Warren's class (\$107). Presenting awards to the students were, back row, left to right, chairs Jeff and Kelley Hansen and co-chair Tracy Fisher. Sixth-graders at HMS are selling tickets for the smorgabord all month. The event takes place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Feb. 10 at Homedale Elementary School. Tickets are \$28 per family, \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children grades 1-6 and \$2 for preschool-aged children.

Wounded ISP trooper helped coach Trojans champions

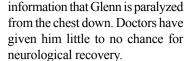
Homedale High sells tickets for raffle to benefit Glenn, family

Homedale High School Principal Mike Williams is doing his part to help Idaho State Police Trooper Christopher Glenn.

A benefit raffle is being held to assist Glenn's family offset the cost of staying in Boise during Glenn's lengthy hospital stay. Williams has secured some tickets to sell through the school. The prize is a restored Lincoln Continental.

Glenn, who was an assistant football coach at Homedale during 1997 and 1998, was shot in the line of duty on Dec. 20 near Twin Falls after stopping an armed robbery suspect.

On Dec. 28, ISP released



Williams recalled Glenn's time at Homedale, where he also served as a student teacher.

"He was very enthusiastic, just a great young kid," Williams said. "He had one of these contagious smiles. He was always positive and upbeat, always wanted to be around the kids and work hard."

Williams said those personality traits undoubtedly helped him in his career as a trooper.

Former Trojans football coach Stan Hoaglun also recalled Glenn's time at Homedale.

"Chris came to us after he graduated college, looking for some coaching experience," Hoaglun said. "I kind of took a chance on him and let him be in charge of special teams."

The Trojans won the 2A state championship in 1997 and lost in the state title game in 1998.

"Chris is a neat kid. The kids really liked him," Hoaglun said. "He knew his position as a young coach, and he really worked hard."

Hoaglun said he recently met with Glenn and found him to be good spirits.

"I'm really impressed with his attitude," Hoaglun said, who added that Glenn's injury will not stop him from contributing to society. "'It's going to be a new chapter in your life,' I told him. He's got too much talent not to do anything."

The 1985 Lincoln Continental donated for the benefit raffle has been completely restored to mint condition and has approximately 80,000 original miles on it, Williams said. Tickets for the raffle are \$20 each, and the sale is limited to 100 entries. The raffle will be held Feb. 6 at Glenn's alma mater, Kimberly High School. Ticket-holders need not be present to win. Williams said he was given a total of 30 tickets to sell, and he has already sold several. "I've already sold five and have requests in for another six or eight, so mine are going to go fast," Williams said.

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— JWB

Marsing library launches bid for new digs

District voters asked to pass \$775,000 bond in Feb. 6 election

Directors of Marsing's Lizard Butte Library have taken a bold step in a decade-long quest for a new building with the introduction of a bond election for next month.

Library district board chair Rosemary Brown said the directors decided the time was right for putting the bond proposal — valued at \$775,000 — on the ballot.

"I've been (on the board) for 20 years, and we keep saying, 'We don't want a bond. We don't want taxes to go up," she said. "But then the patrons came out and said they wanted a library."

If passed, the bond will raise property taxes by an estimated 25 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. A brochure available at the library claims that even with the increase from the bond, 2007 property taxes in the district still would be at least 20 percent lower than 2005 rates because of increased market value and an increase in the homeowners exemption.

Lizard Butte Library is located in a cramped, three-room suite rented at the Owyhee Plaza on Main Street in Marsing for more than 20 years.

Brown said expensive rent, \$700 per month according to a brochure outlining the bond, is another reason the board has decided to move ahead with a new library.

Members of the library board aim to get some elbow room not to mention adequate shelving for the library's 10,000 books. Voters in the district, which covers parts of Owyhee and Canyon counties, will vote Feb. 6 on a bond that will run no longer than 21 years. Brown said that the informational pamphlet available at the library incorrectly states it is a 20-year bond.

Owyhee County Assessor Brett Endicott said last week that the library owns property behind the fire station and across 3rd Avenue West from Vision Bible Church. Parts of three parcels south of Main Street make up about 12,500 square feet, he said. Brown said the district has owned the property for 10 years.

"We've owned the property for about 10 years, and a lot of people are asking when are we going to start building," Brown said.

The proposed floorplan created by Design West Architects calls for a 4,750-square-foot building with adequate parking, landscaping and room to grow.

Voters must approve the bond by a two-thirds supermajority. According to a legal notice publishing today and Jan. 17 in The Owyhee Avalanche, the library has no indebtedness.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Feb. 6 at the library at 429 Main Street in Marsing (Owyhee voters) as well as the sprint boat racetrack on Idaho highway 55 on the eastern edge of the Snake River (Canyon voters).

Registered voters at least 18 years old who have lived within the boundaries of the library's taxing district for at least the past 30 days are eligible to cast a ballot. Both counties' clerk's offices will accept mail-in absentee ballot applications until 5 p.m. on Jan. 31. In-person absentee voting is available at the library until 5 p.m. on Feb. 5. You can fax an application for absentee ballot to the district's office at 896-4472.

Owyhee County residents within the taxing district have until Monday to register to vote

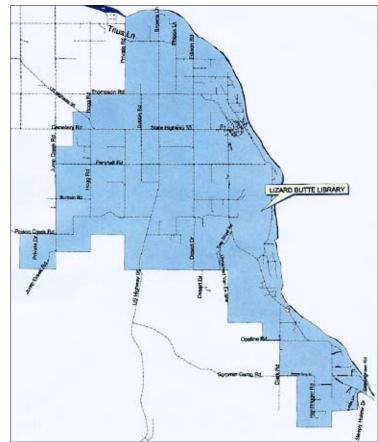


Library looks to expand

Above: All the informational resources of the Lizard Butte Library are crammed into a small three-room suite at Owyhee Plaza in Marsing. **Right:** The shaded area on this map of part of Owyhee County shows where people must live to be eligible to vote in the Feb. 6 bond election.

with the clerk's office in Murphy. Voter registration also is available on Election Day at the polling places.

Library director Janna Streibel and other library supporters organized a fun run during the town's Old Fashioned Festival last year to help raise money for the building fund. The event raised about \$400 for the building fund. Streibel has said the second annual 5- and 10-kilometer races and 1mile walk will be held June 9. — JPB









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$\sqrt{$ **Tourney:** Club advisor envisions community tournament next month



Thinking ahead key component of game Shravan Sringanesh, the Homedale High School chess club's vice president, prepares to move a pawn during a lunchtime game last week.

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nerds, keep in mind that two of the members are Trojans football players. Oh, and one of those chaps is 6-foot-8 All-State lineman Terence Thomas. The other, club secretary Sam Hart, is the son of athletic director Dave Hart. The father and son play chess often.

Perhaps the latest public relations move is the schoolwide lunchtime chess tournament that kicked off this week at the school. All students — and faculty were invited to register. The second round of the tournament was expected to start today inside Thatcher's Room 321.

As of Friday afternoon, 22 students and seven teachers had signed up.

Thatcher, who has been club advisor since the organization formed five years ago, said the volume of participation in the tournament could be a determining factor in the survival of the club beyond the next few years.

"A lot of it will be determined by how many participate in the tournament and if they have a good time," Thatcher said. "We're going to be losing quite a few members to graduation, and we really don't have that many sophomores and freshmen in here right now, so we'll have to do some recruiting."

One of the seniors is club president Kevin Marrs, the defending champion of the school tournament. Junior club member Dayton Syme lost to Marrs in the championship match as a sophomore.

'The hardest part is trying to think two or three moves down the road, and that's the challenge.'

> — Mark Thatcher club advisor

Other members of the club this year include juniors Gage Egurrola, vice president Shravan Sringanesh, Jarod Driskell, Josh Klug and Mark Klug, who finished third in last year's tournament. The remaining upperclassmen on the club roster include John Howes and Domingo Esparza.

Dave Hart was the highestplacing teacher a year ago, finishing fourth.

This year's tournament could last two weeks, depending on the number of entries. Thatcher said no match will last longer than two days.

Even though a transfusion of younger blood may be needed to keep the club viable, previous years have yielded success. Homedale finished second in the 2004 Idaho scholastic state championships.

Another prong of the recruitment effort will include a community tournament sometime next month, Thatcher said. In the past, the club had put on a tournament — and brief clinic - for students in

kindergarten through 12th grade. This year, the plan is a weekend tournament open to all ages throughout the community.

"It'll be free because we want to get as many people there as are interested," Thatcher said.

Thatcher, a "casual acquaintance" of the game who admits the club members beat him in head-to-head matches about 70 percent of the time, said chess is an excellent way to sharpen logical reasoning.

And it can be a characterbuilding endeavor.

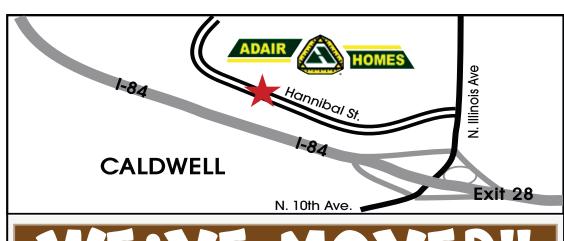
"A couple of things that it does is it helps them develop their logical reasoning skills," Thatcher said. "When we have tournaments, they have to learn to function within a set of rules — social rules and rules of the game. They learn etiquette."

An assistant coach for the Trojans' junior varsity baseball team, Thatcher said the oft-quoted parallel between that sport and the board game of kings and queens and knights and bishops is accurate.

"In baseball, you have to be thinking about more than just the next pitch," he said. "You have to be thinking one or two batters down the road. It's the same with chess

"The hardest part is trying to think two or three moves down the road, and that's the challenge. Thinking about not only what your moves will be, but what your opponent's move will be in two or three moves."

— JPB



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Hoagland: Key issues are Initiative, growth

New District 1 commissioner sworn in at Monday meeting

Jerry Hoagland took his place on the Owyhee County Board of Commissioners on Monday, days after he shared some of his aspirations for his two-year term.

The soft-spoken rancher from Wilson said one of the biggest tasks for commissioners will be balancing the needs of diverse groups of individuals in a changing Owyhee County.

The Owyhee Initiative is one issue that Hoagland intends to devote attention to from the start of his tenure.

Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) introduced the Owyhee Initiative Implementation Act into the U.S. Senate last year, and now it faces a new journey in the first session of the 110th Congress, which convened Thursday.

"Most specific (goal) right now is the Owyhee Initiative ---- to see that it gets through Congress and then to see that it is implemented as it was intended," Hoagland said.

"That's the immediate goal on everybody's mind right now."

While the Owyhee Initiative may be the largest issue facing Owyhee County, Hoagland also sees less high-profile issues that will impact the quality of life here.

"There are a lot of road complaints, mostly in terms of condition," Hoagland said. "We're going to try and get some of those (complaints) resolved."

In general terms, Hoagland said that one of his main goals is to see that county government continues to operate smoothly.

Hoagland said one reason he ran for the District 1 seat was the fact Chris Salove had decided not to seek re-election.

"I hated to see Chris (not run). I think he was doing a good job,"

'How we handle that (growth) is going to impact our future in the county, and the county's customs and culture.'

Hoagland said. "I didn't see anyone else stepping forward to carry on."

Hoagland said that, like Salove, he is conservative and would like to see issues that are brought before county government handled in a timely manner. He sees growth in Owyhee County, as the Treasure Valley develops, as being another significant issue before the board.

"How we handle that (growth) is going to impact our future in the county, and the county's customs and culture," Hoagland said.

Hoagland — a third-generation



- Jerry Hoagland New Owyhee County District 1 commissioner

> Owyhee rancher — agreed that one of the growth-related struggles Owyhee County will face is that many people who are new to the area are unfamiliar with the traditional philosophy and western way-of-life.

> "How are you going to educate those people that there is farming and ranching going on? (That) is going to be a big problem," he said. "It's always going to be an issue, I believe."

> Hoagland said another issue is recreational use of the Owyhees. One of the mechanisms currently in place to deal with recreational

use issues is the county's recreation task force, which Hoagland hopes will develop a recreation management plan.

"Recreation, mostly, with the growth, is maybe our biggest concern," Hoagland said. "It's also where the growth occurs into current agricultural area such as Marsing and Homedale.

"It's going to impact farmer's operations. Sometimes those neighbors just don't understand."

Hoagland said one of the many tasks of Owyhee County government is to balance multiple needs for the land.

When asked what he hopes future Owyhee County residents will think of his tenure, Hoagland humbly answered:

"That he did the best he could," and that he hopes he meets the expectations of county residents.

"I've got a lot of support in the county. Those people are counting on me."

— JWB

From page 1

Grievance: New commissioners will weigh in on manual changes, too

grievance procedure, Sherburn said.

"One of the changes was in the sick leave accrual. It will be one day a month," Sherburn said.

Alterations in the grievance procedure were hastened by a request from ICRMP.

"There was a change in the grievance procedure," Sherburn said. "There were several layers there, and ICRMP thought it was hard to understand."

Sherburn said that any approval of the manual or further changes will come in the future, with two new county commissioners, Richard Freund and Jerry Hoagland; however, the first hurdle the new manual faces is legal scrutiny by Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Matthew Faulks.

"I hope that I am adding to the process in that way," Faulks said last week.

new building official, and the subsequent employee grievances filed by sheriff's employees, one of the key changes has been the county employee grievance process.

Faulks said one proposed change in the grievance section will clarify the authority of the hiring official to make personnel decisions.

"While our old grievance procedure acknowledged that, the process may have given the impression that some other authority other than the elected official should be making that decision," Faulks said. "They (the hiring officials) are ultimately responsible to make personnel decisions."

For example, sheriff's employees will appeal to the sheriff, who is an elected official. Faulks said that this system will

change the procedure.

In the recent grievance brought by the Owyhee County Employees Association, which was rejected by the commissioners, workers serving under several different elected officials filed a joint grievance against the board of commissioners.

"It will be different due process," Faulks said. "I don't know if it will be better or worse. I think that the process we had before, while it gave a process, I question whether it (the old process) might have given the impression there was some other authority besides the given elected official."

Faulks said the verbiage of the new manual will clarify the process, and identify issues which should be handled through the grievance process.

Faulks said that in looking to

such as the existing policy, and also recommended model policy from ICRMP.

"The bottom line is it is still a proposal," Faulks said. "There is a model policy that our insurer (ICRMP) has made, that is something that can be used as a guide. We've worked off of our old policy, because there are things there that we have a valid reason to have."

Faulks also said that he wanted to look at other policy manuals from other counties in Idaho, particularly neighboring Canyon County.

"I specifically wanted to take a look at Canyon County's policy," Faulks said. "They are a bigger county, so their needs are different in some areas. But some of the things we are considering."

Faulks agreed that looking at employee procedures in

"At some level, the way the employees are treated in a neighboring county may give us some indication of what kind of policy we might want to have here," he said.

Faulks said that looking at different benefit levels of county employees throughout the state was also used in the decisionmaking process.

Faulks said the new manual will also address such areas as exempt employees, sick leave and other employment issues, but a final version won't be considered until well after the new commissioners have settled into office.

"I think we're on our way," Faulks said. "We'll see where we end up. I can't make a prediction at this point how soon we'll finish."

Messages seeking comment from commission chair Hal

not necessarily improve due After the controversy regarding change the old manual, the county neighboring areas could be a Tolmie weren't returned. the hiring of the county's process for employees but will looked to well-tested models, guide. – JWB

$\sqrt{\text{Marsing:}}$ Mayor says necessary efficiency in city government achieved

commence as soon as scientific test results return indicating the quality and amount of water existing at those two drilling locations. After that report, a filtration plant will be designed for the city.

Osterhoudt said the wells should be in by spring.

"I'd say by the first of March, we should have both wells in," Osterhoudt said. "We should have all the engineering done, have both wells sunk, and then we'll be ready to start bidding on the new filtration plant and (water) storage plant."

Osterhoudt said the cost for the two wells being drilled by Boise firms Stevens & Sons will be approximately \$156,000. Marsing voters passed a \$1.7 million bond in 2005 for a new municipal water system.

During the months ahead, Osterhoudt said the construction of the project will be the biggest undertaking of the new year.

In addition to progress on the new water system, Osterhoudt said 2006 also was marked by the city taking a hard look at the way it does business. The mayor said the city now operates with much greater efficiency, as would a successful private business.

"We can't operate on the basis of 'this is the city, we can give a little.' No, it's business," Osterhoudt said. "It's big business; it has to be run like a business."

To reflect the new businesslike attitude, Osterhoudt said updated ordinances and zoning and building practices have gone into effect. Osterhoudt said that contractors building in Marsing now have to adhere to the same standards as they do across the Snake River in Canyon County.

"We should have the same laws as far as zoning and the way contractors conduct themselves in our city as they have in Nampa or Caldwell," Osterhoudt said. "That's a challenge."

"We're all (Owyhee local government officials) in the process of updating to make sure we're not sitting out here like the 'poor cousins.' " Osterhoudt said that one of the reasons for stricter standards is to protect existing county residents.

— JWB

Obituaries

Tony Howard of Homedale born in Peru, Illinois March 12, 1975 passed away January 3, 2007.

Tony was a free spirit who experienced many things in his travels. As a young man coming from Wisconsin he made his way around hopping trains to get to where he needed to go. On one of those travels he met and fell in love with Marty DeAugustineo, which he married on March 4, 2000. Tony and Marty along with their fourlegged son Sam had a great love for the mountains. Together the three of them enjoyed many outings. Fishing and camping were his most enjoyable times. A special time for him recently was after 9 years he reunited with



Tony Howard

his family and sister Jessica who he'd never met.

Tony was a sweet soul who

loved to spend time with his wife. He loved and cared for her very much. They took care of each other with great respect and understanding for one another. He enjoyed working and made friends easily. He also loved to cook and spend time with his family. He will be deeply missed.

Tony is survived by his wife Marty Howard & (Wolf Dog) Sam, his dad Jim Howard, brother Kyle, Vicki Nolan, Tina Sakalas, Marybeth Kelly, Jessica Bolender, Grandma Wilson, his paternal family Mary & Frank Greathouse, Joe, Seth, Grandma Marge, aunt & uncle Eleanor & Jeff Greathouse and nieces & nephews. Tony is preceded in death by his mom Mary Lou Howard, sister Debbie Howard & Grandpa Blue.

Ellen M. Stevens

Ellen Mae Stevens, 87, of Boise and Homedale, died January 4, 2007 in Homedale with family.

Ellen was born in Wilder, ID, April 28, 1919 the second daughter of George W. and Mary E. Lloyd. She attended Wilder Schools, graduating valedictorian of the Class of 1937. Ellen married James Ditter in 1938, from this marriage she had three children; Edward, Larry, and Rose. They later divorced.

Ellen married W. Newman Stevens in 1948, he died in 1981. They enjoyed traveling and camping and almost everyone in the family has something embroidered by her. Ellen lived in Boise most of her adult life, working at Woolworth's, Manley's, Troy Laundry and Clover Club, retiring in 1981. She lived in a care home in Boise for several years and with family in Homedale for the last 4 years.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Lloyd; husband Newman Stevens; sister, Clara Branen; son, Edward Ditter; grandson, Cory Bass; and niece, Ethel Willingham.

Ellen is survived by her son, Larry and Pat Ditter, Tea, SD; daughter, Rose and Gary Bass, Sioux Falls, SD; stepson, Larry (Jack) and Linda Stevens, Boise, ID; nephews, Robert and Faye Branen, Wicomico, VA; William and Joan Branen, Cerritos, CA; Glenn and Joann Branen, Richfield, ID; Thomas and Carol Branen, Homedale, ID and Jonathan and Debbra Branen, Nampa, ID; and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren.'

There was a viewing for Ellen on Monday, January 8, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Summers Funeral Homes, 3629 E. Ustick Road, Meridian. Funeral services were Monday at 2:00 p.m., following the viewing. Ellen was buried at Joplin Cemetery. Arrangements are by Summers Funeral Homes.

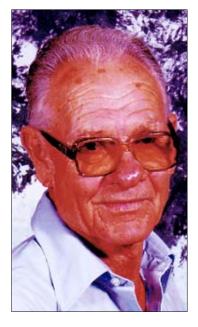
Lawrence L. 'Toby' Nation

Lawrence L. "Toby" Nation, 90, of Gering, Nebraska, died Wednesday, January 3, 2007, at Heritage Estates in Gering.

A memorial service was held 2:30 P.M., Sunday, January 7, 2007, at Heritage Estates Chapel in Gering with Pastor Jon Heatwole officiating.

Cremation was at Sunset Memorial Park Crematory in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A memorial has been established to Prairie Haven Hospice and Scottsbluff Church of Christ Non-Instrumental.

Toby was born August 13, 1916, in Warren, Oklahoma, to Henry and Vina (Bailey) Nation. He grew up and attended school in Oklahoma and moved to California in 1936. He served



in the United States Navy from October 2, 1942 to November 2, 1945. He married Byrna Lou Hutchinson in 1943. They had two children, a daughter Vickie and a son Danny. They moved to a farm near Homedale, Idaho, in the late 1950s, where they farmed for a number of years. They later divorced. In 1979, he married Myrtle (Mitchell) Clements and moved to Gering where he resided until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Nation of Gering, daughter, Vickie White of Worland, Wyoming; stepchildren Mary Kirstine of Garden Valley, Idaho and Elsie Sprague of Richland, Missouri and Jim Walker of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and son Danny Nation.

Bruneau adventurer to give

lunchtime accounts of travels

Senior menus

Homedale center

Jan. 11: Italian meatball hero sandwich w/mozzarella, peas & carrots, salad, milk.

Jan. 16: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, peas, roll, milk.

Jan. 17: Macaroni & cheese with ham steaks, mixed veggies, bread, milk.

Marsing center

Jan. 11: Lasagna, green salad, squash, garlic bread, soup, dessert, drink.

Jan. 12: Roast beef, potatoes/ gravy, mixed veggies, coleslaw, soup, dessert, drink.

Jan. 16: Roast pork, potatoes/ gravy, corn/green beans, carrot salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Jan. 17: Fish, mac & cheese, spinach, stewed tomatoes, salad, soup, dessert, drink.

Homedale Chamber set to elect officers

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All submissions are verified through the funeral home handling the services.

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

The Ownhee Avalanche

will tell tales of his adventures while traveling through Mexico and Central America with his son.

Bruneau resident Rudy Gingerich

The Bruneau Valley Library will

hold its first Bruneau and Beyond

lunchtime speaker program of

2007 at noon Wednesday.

The program will be held at the Bruneau Valley Library at 32073 Ruth Street in Bruneau. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by the program.

Lunch is provided free of

s 845-2345 or (208) 845-2131.

If the library is unable to accommodate all attendees, the program will be relocated to the community church and a notice will be posted at the library.

charge, but those wishing to

attend should RSVP to library

director Clara Morris to ensure

adequate food will be prepared.

Morris can be reached at (208)

The luncheon and speaker program is underwritten partially by a grant from US Ecology.



The meeting begins at noon at the Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18 W. 1st St., in Homedale.

For more information, call chamber president Aaron Tines at 337-3252.



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Your finances

Cut out emotions, deal with financial burden of beau

Dear Dave.

My boyfriend has been my roommate off and on for the last five years. He's gotten himself severely into debt, so now I'm stuck paying everything instead of just my half of the expenses. He spends most of the time just sitting around. He won't listen to me or try to work with me, and I've had enough. I love him, but I don't know what to do.

— Brenda

Dear Brenda.

It sounds more like you're shacking up with this guy when the mood strikes you rather than having a legitimate roommate situation. And from the way you've described it, he doesn't sound like a very good roommate, much less marriage material.

You've spent a lot of time with this guy, and I know there are some deep feelings involved. But if you can't see a long-term future with him and he's unwilling to even try, then I think you need just call this relationship what it is, move on and start putting your own life together

- financially and otherwise. Good luck, Brenda.

Dear Dave,

My husband's ex-wife used his Social Security number to establish credit card accounts. We're disputing the charges and writing the credit card companies. Can we do anything else to protect ourselves?

— Kim

Dear Kim.

Yes. Put a fraud victim alert on your credit bureau reports immediately. You also need to file a police report and, if possible, have her arrested. She has committed criminal fraud.

You also should be talking directly with the fraud victim



company and show your teeth if you have to. They'll probably try to make you feel like you should pay this bill. Don't do it!

- Dave

Dear Dave,

We have a new mortgage, a car payment and credit card debt. We have one vehicle that we had to pay off in order to get the mortgage approved — an older Durango worth \$16,000. My car is a newer Saturn. We owe \$9,000 on it, and its worth about \$10,000. We're thinking about selling my car and buying a cheaper one for cash, but I'm concerned about the possibility of being without a car for a while. Also, where's the best place to sell a car?

— Sandy

Dear Sandy,

You see all those ads selling — **Dave** cars in the newspaper because that method works very well. If you price your vehicle reasonably, chances are it will sell pretty fast.

I can understand that you don't want to be without transportation, but you can probably avoid that with a little planning. From the figures you've given me I'd suggest selling BOTH vehicles, pay off your Saturn and then pay cash for two great \$8,000 cars.

You can really begin attacking that credit card debt with a vengeance once your car payment is out of the way. And once that's done, you can begin saving for two nicer cars later!

- Dave

-Dave Ramsey is the author of

Calendar

Homedale City Council meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming St. (208) 337-4641

Today

Marsing City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Main St. (208) 896-4122

Grand View City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 425 Boise Ave. (208) 834-2700, Monday through Wednesday

Owyhee Watershed Council meeting, 7 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782

Thursday

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Homedale Chamber of Commerce luncheon, noon, Owyhee Lanes Restaurant, 18

W. 1st St. (208) 337-3252

Owyhee Garden Club meeting, 1 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 896-5474 or (208) 896-4104

Marsing School District Board of Trustees monthly meeting, 7 p.m., district office board room, 209 W. 8th Ave. W.

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

Friday

Recovery Celebrate 12-step program, 6 p.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3520 or (208) 337-3151

Sunday

DivorceCare support group, 9:30 a.m., Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick

Road, Wilder. (208) 337-3151 Snake River Valley Fellowship Bible study, 10 a.m., 532 W. California Ave., Homedale. (208) 475-3733

Tuesday

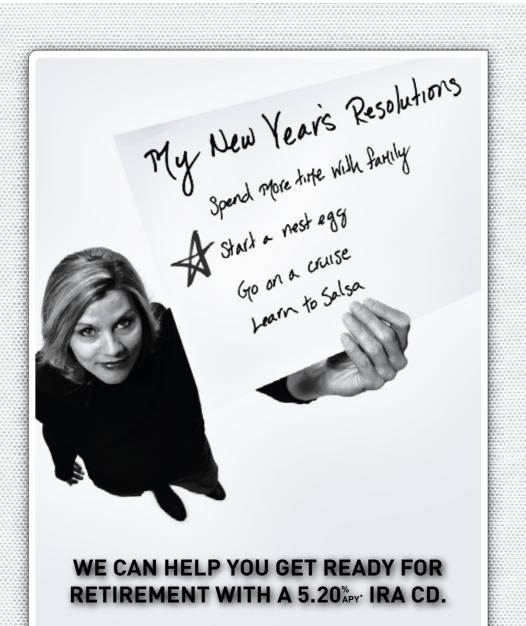
Foot clinic, 10 a.m., appointments necessary, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Exercise class, 11 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Citizens Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave. (208) 337-3020

Storytime for first- through third-graders, 4:20 p.m., Lizard Butte Public Library, Owyhee Plaza, 105 Main Street, Marsing. (208) 896-4690

Pure Word recovery meeting, 7 p.m. (208) 880-8962

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



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Better Health AROUND THE CLOCK

FAMILY FEATURES

Got a minute?

You're just in time to learn how small adjustments to your daily routine may add up to improved health and a more balanced lifestyle. With the start of a new year, examine your personal profile and pinpoint opportunities where better-for-you changes can be made. Whether you'd like to shape up or slim down, the key is making smarter choices and finding real solutions that can bring about positive results. Before you know it, you'll be eating better, feeling better and living better, explained Dr. Bob Arnot, who has

Before you know it, you'll be eating better, feeling better and living better, explained Dr. Bob Arnot, who has served as chief medical and health correspondent for national news shows. For example, exercise should be compared to play — not a chore. "I've always advocated fun sports, such as walking, golfing or biking, as the best way to stay fit," said Arnot, also a best-selling author. "I find biking the single best sport for keeping in shape because from day one, you put in as much time and distance as you want. It's also friendly to the joints."

Another timely tip: bookmark a favorite online resource that offers a refreshing perspective and a dose of inspiration. A top pick is www.EatBetterAmerica.com, which features simple tips on eating better, the benefits of doing so and recipes to get started. Good nutrition, Arnot notes, not only plays a role in weight management, it can also have a big impact on reducing risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes.



One Doctor's Rx for Eating Better, Feeling Better

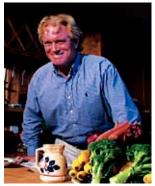
Dr. Bob Arnot, experienced medical journalist and best-selling author, offers his top three personal tips for better health:

First Things First: Breakfast is my favorite meal — hands down. I still start with a whole grain cereal, such as my childhood favorite Wheat Chex, slice a banana on it, throw in some blueberries and douse it in ice-cold soymilk. I tell patients breakfasts are free ... meaning this meal won't add inches to your waistline, but it will give you the energy to help fuel your morning. And, choose cereals with lots of fiber to help fill you up and get you off to a healthy start. What if your kids won't eat adult cereals? Look for kids' cereals made with whole grain; they provide many essential nutrients in addition to the health benefits of whole grain.

Chill: Fresh vegetables are often perceived as the healthiest choice. However, within hours after harvest, nutrients begin to disappear. And, during the week-long trip from the fields to the grocery store, a significant amount of nutrients can be lost. What's the solution? Today, food companies literally freeze fruits and vegetables within hours of being picked to retain

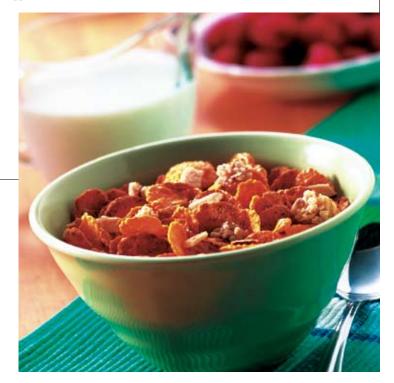
tables within hours of being picked to retain valuable nutrients. In fact frozen fruits and vegetables are just as nutritious as fresh. I stock my freezer with corn, broccoli, green beans, blueberries and raspberries. They taste as fresh as if I just picked them myself.

Enjoy Soy: Soy is a super healthful food I enjoy every day. Using it in my cereal bowl at breakfast, or in a smoothie, is great because it delivers a low-fat, naturally cholesterol free protein great for heart health. If I'm in a hurry and need instant nutrition, I'll grab a glass of soymilk. Substituting soymilk for whole milk may help lower my cholesterol level. And, like many adults with some degree of lactose intolerance, I use soymilk as a terrific replacement for milk and a great way to get added calcium to help reduce my risk of osteoporosis and bone fractures.



Dr. Bob Arnot

"If you make one change to your health routine," said Arnot, "make breakfast a must." He recommends cereal made with whole grain topped with fruit and ice-cold skim or soymilk.



Pop open a can of ready-to-serve soup, heat and enjoy with a sandwich for a satisfying lunch or dinner. Many canned soups clock in around

Raspberry-Banana Soy Smoothie

Try this soy-based smoothie on for size. Perfect for a mid-day snack, it delivers 9 grams of protein, 10 grams of fiber and 100 percent delicious flavor. Enjoy in less than five minutes.

 container (6 ounces) fat free French vanilla yogurt
 1/2 cups 8th Continent original soymilk
 cup unsweetened frozen or fresh

raspberries 1 medium banana, sliced (1 cup)

 Place all ingredients in blender or food processor. Cover; blend on high speed about 30 seconds or until smooth.
 Pour into 2 glasses. Serve immediately.

2 servings (about 1 1/2 cups each)

1 Serving: Calories 210 (Calories from Fat 30); Total Fat 3.5g (Saturated Fat 1g); Cholesterol 5mg; Sodium 150mg; Potassium 190mg; Total Carbohydrate 37g (Dietary Fiber 3g); Protein 7g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 15%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcium 30%; Iron 4%; Vitamin D 25%; Folic Acid 2%

Exchanges: 1 1/2 Other Carbohydrate, 1 Skim Milk, 1/2 Fat

Carbohydrate Choices: 2 1/2

Munchy Trail Mix

Eating portion-controlled snacks between meals gives the body the burst of fuel it needs to sail through the day. A smart snack — such as trail mix paired with a favorite fruit or veggies and dip — curbs hunger and can be a good source of important nutrients you may not get otherwise.

- 2 cups Cheerios cereal
 2 cups Chex bite-size squares cereal (any variety)
- 2 cups Kix crispy corn puffs cereal 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup yogurt or carob candies, if desired
- 1 cup peanuts, if desired
- In large bowl or resealable food-storage plastic bag, mix all ingredients. (If serving to children under 4 years old, omit the raisins and peanuts.) Store tightly covered.

Makes 7 cups

1 Serving/1/2 Cup: Calories 90 (Calories from Fat 0); Total Fat 1/2g (Saturated Fat 0g, Trans Fat 0g); Cholesterol 0mg; Sodium 130mg; Total Carbohydrate 20g (Dietary Fiber 2g, Sugars 7g); Protein 2g

% Daily Value: Vitamin A 4%; Vitamin C 4%; Calcium 4%; Iron 25%

Exchanges: 1 Starch, 1/2 Fruit Carbohydrate Choices: 1 100 calories per serving. Look for reduced sodium varieties, such as Progresso, if salt intake is a concern. Choosing heart-healthy reduced sodium soups can help with weight management and help decrease risk for disease.



New year, new you

Getting fit for '07? Experts say take it easy

Health-care providers always enjoy hearing folks are trying to get in better shape, but there is a caveat for all those gungho people with New Year's resolutions in hand: Take it easy and don't over-do it.

"The key is to avoid going too far, too fast, too soon," said Rulin Hawks, who recently opened Homedale Physical Therapy on West Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

"You want to gradually increase your tolerance to activity by starting off slow."

Hawks said that guideline applies equally to all types of exercise, whether that is aerobics, biking or weight lifting.

"You want to stress your body enough that you experience growth and increased endurance, but you don't want to stress it so much that you cause tissue breakdown."

A licensed physical therapist, Hawks said that he typically does not see a huge rise in sportsrelated injuries as a result of New Year's exercise programs unless his patients sustain injuries severe enough to require surgery.

"Typically, people that start off on a new exercise program are going to get a little sore," Hawks said. "Most people are smart enough that when they start to feel that delayed-onset muscle soreness they back off and it gets better on its own."

But, Hawks said that same muscle soreness can put a damper on a good exercise program.

"They get going in a routine and then they think, 'This hurts; this sucks' and then they stop right when they should still be exercising," Hawks said.

Hawks emphasized the importance of seeking professional advice for a new fitness program, and to take new activity slowly.

Hawks said his best advice for someone that is seeking to start an exercise program is to go to a physician and make sure they are healthy enough to begin a new program. After making sure everything is copasetic with a doctor, Hawks suggests making an appointment with a qualified personal trainer.

Like Hawks, Dr. Nichol Maytubby, who holds a doctorate in physical therapy, and is a certified athletic trainer, said that the best fitness strategy for a newcomer is to take it slow. Maytubby practices at Rehab Authority on East Idaho Avenue in Homedale.

Maytubby said that many new fitness buffs start an aggressive new program only to become discouraged.

"Start with a program you're going to stick with," Maytubby said. "If you go and plan to work out every day, you're less likely to stay with a program with that kind of intensity. Maybe start out three days per week, and then gradually progress."

Maytubby said that even if one does not belong to a gym, simply walking every day can help increase your level of fitness.



Professional pointers

Millie Heavener receives professional instruction in proper rehabilitative exercise form from Dr. Nichol Maytubby at Rehab Authority in Homedale.

"Anything that gets you out and increases your activity. Idaho is perfect for outdoor activities," she said.

Maytubby again stressed the importance of starting slowly, with at least 10 minutes of slow warm-up and stretching before exercise. She also said postworkout stretches are equally important.

Maytubby said weight-loss supplements, such as those marketed strongly this time of year, may be effective for shortterm weight loss. But she has

never been a fan of their overall it effectiveness.

"Personally, I've never been a big fan of weight-loss supplements. I think it is all about watching what you eat and exercising," Maytubby said. "I agree that some of them can help, but I don't think that is the only solution."

Maytubby said that a rapid weight-loss program is not as likely to be successful or healthy.

"It think a healthy weight loss is about 1 to 2 pounds per week. If they are losing more than that, it just doesn't seem to stick as well," she said.

Maytubby said diet is a key element in a person's total fitness regimen and increasing the amount of fruits and vegetables is crucial to overall health. Above all, Maytubby said that a diet and exercise program should be a long-term part of a healthy lifestyle.

"It's a lifestyle change," Maytubby said. "You can't just do it for a couple weeks and expect it to last."

— JWB

County gym owners: Stick with it for success

Every January, gyms throughout the valley see the same trend: A horde of newcomers, acting on well-intended New Year's fitness resolutions. By spring, many have lost interest.

With the mid-winter influx of those either new to the gym scene — or those who are coming off an exercise hiatus — fitness professionals see a pattern of sore muscles, unrealistic goals and ultimately discouraged clients who fail at their fitness objectives. Kathy Watson said that at her women's fitness franchise, Pick Up the Pace on Owyhee Avenue in Homedale, approximately 50 percent of those acting on New Year's exercise resolutions follow through with fitness goals. pounds," Watson said, who added that her gym has seen an increase in new members since Christmas.

Watson said that some members are discouraged because they expect results too fast. She stressed that it takes time to get in shape, especially if one has had a long break from an exercise program. "It's going to take a while to see results," Watson said. "Be committed to yourself." slower that you take it off, the more it is going to stay off."

Watson said that a rapid weight loss program is not as healthy, nor as likely to succeed in the long run.

Watson also said that a healthy lifestyle is also a part of any fitness program and can head off future health problems. the year (to join a gym)," Rundell said.

Rundell said she has owned and operated a total of five Curves franchises in Idaho, Oregon and Nevada throughout her fitness career.

Rundell said Curves caters to

Essence of Life day spa in Marsing said most of her clientele are more concerned with long-term health goals.

While plans are in the works for a co-ed gym at Essence of Life, which is located on Main Street, Streibel said that thus far, one of the big rushes has been for the store's health and fitness supplements.

"I would say about half stay with it," Watson said. "Some of them, it's a given, you never see again."

Watson said she would rather see members take a more lifelong approach to fitness.

"It's all about your health and feeling better, and dropping the

"You start out with a New Year's resolution because, apparently, you feel you need it," Watson said. "So many people start something and get bored. Hang in there. We didn't get there overnight."

Watson said that setting small, realistic goals is a valuable tool to success.

"I believe in short-term goals," Watson said. "Don't say you're going to lose 10 pounds in a month. If you can, lose two to three pounds. Set small goals."

"I feel that your permanent weight loss (will be more likely) if you go slow," Watson said. "The "First, you have to look at what got you to that place to begin with. What changes do you need to make?" It's definitely cheap medicine, preventative. It's great for that," Watson said. "I believe in the long-term results. It has to be a lifestyle."

Like Watson, Juanita Rundell, owner-operator of the women'sonly Curves franchise in the 100 block of East Idaho Avenue in Homedale, said that she expects to see a rush of new gym-goers throughout the month.

"We had quite a few appointments and sign-ins last week, and we've had a lot of people say they are waiting until the first of all fitness and experience levels.

"What I recommend to anybody, whether they are overweight, underweight or whatever, they need to stay healthy," Rundell said. "They should just come in and check it out."

Rundell said that unlike other gyms, Curves does not see the gym empty out every spring, and most members that begin a program continue to come back.

"We see less of that at Curves because we have games and inhouse promotions that keep them encouraged. We give them something to look forward to, so we see less of that," Rundell said.

Perhaps bucking the chain of the New Year health and fitness rollercoaster, Melissa Streibel of "(Essence of Life customers) are more towards long-term, because those quick, pick-me-up and drop-me-fast products don't really work," Streibel said.

"We don't go with that type of stuff (rapid weight-loss products)," Streibel said. "We have customers who come in who say they don't want to go that route again."

Streibel said her top-selling products have been glucosamine mixed with MSM (methylsulfonymethane), a joint-health supplement, and protein supplements.

— JWB

Longtime residents open self-storage facility on U.S. 95

He's 71 years old, but Homedale resident Cecil Hill isn't looking back. He's looking ahead.

Hill and his wife, Evelyn, recently opened Stuff & Go Storage on Pioneer Road outside of Homedale.

"I'm at the age now where I can't work, so I wanted to get something for the wife and kids when I go on," Cecil explained when asked why he opened a self-storage business 11 years after retiring from Hoff Forest Products.

The Hills' storage business features 32 units built on property that sits on the northeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

Eight units are 6 feet by 12 feet, and the rest of the garages are of the larger 12-by-12 variety.

A large unit rents for \$50 per month, while the smaller units are available for a \$25 monthly fee. For more information, call 337-4894.

"That's what (other storage places) are getting; the same as ours," Cecil Hill said.



New storage option available

Cecil and Evelyn Hill, 25-year Homedale residents, have opened Stuff & Go Storage on $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres on the northeast corner of Pioneer Road and U.S. Highway 95.

The business opened Dec. 20. Construction on the storage units started in October.

Hill said he and his wife will move from their residence at 505 W. Idaho Ave., to a manufactured home on the $3\frac{1}{2}$ -acre site where the storage units are.

"We'll live on-site for security purposes," he said.

Hill said four units are rented, but he's getting phone calls all the time seeking information about the storage facility. He said that security cameras may be installed later.

The Hills have lived in Homedale for 25 years. Their son, Gene Hill, owns Hill's Custom Molding in Marsing. Their daughter, Deborah, lives in Caldwell.

— JPB



School menus

Homedale Elementary

Jan. 11: Spaghetti or hot pocket, French bread, green beans, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 12: Ham & cheese or turkey sandwich, yogurt, potato wedges, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 15: No school.

Jan. 16: Beef or chicken taco w/toppings, corn, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 17: Chicken or rib-b-que/bun, potato wedges, cake, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale Middle

Jan. 11: Lasagna or hot pocket, bread stick, fruit & veggie bar, milk. Jan. 12: Pizza or popcorn chicken, salad, cookie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 15: No school.

Jan. 16: Fish nuggets or corn dog, rice, brownie, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 17: Crispito or tst. Cheese sandwich, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Homedale High

Jan. 11: Chicken patty/bun or sandwich & soup, potato wedges, dessert, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 12: Crispito or rib-b-que/bun, corn, taco salad, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 15: No school.

Jan. 16: Beef or chicken nuggets, potato or macaroni salad, roll, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Jan. 17: Lasagna or burrito, French bread, fruit & veggie bar, milk.

Marsing

Jan. 11: Veggie, fruit, milk, chicken sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Jan. 12: Hot dog, veggie, fruit, milk, sub sandwich, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Jan. 15: No school.

Jan. 16: Chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie, milk, tostada delight, cinnamon twist, salad bar 4^{th} - 12^{th} .

Jan. 17: Burrito w/fixings, veggie, chocolate pudding, milk, Chinese egg roll, salad bar 4th-12th, roll.

Bruneau

Jan. 11: Ham & beans, salad/croutons, applesauce, combread, milk.

- Jan. 12: Hamburger/bun, fries, veggie, fruit, cookie, milk.
- Jan. 15: No school.

Jan. 16: Cheese yum, beef vegetable soup, fruit, cookie, milk.

Jan. 17: Meat loaf, potatoes/gravy, veggie, roll/butter, fruit, milk.



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Kallie Nettleton with her daughter, Sarah

Kallie Nettleton earns degree from Boise St.

Kallie Nettleton graduated from Boise State University on Dec. 15, 2006, with a degree in Political Science.

The Kuna High School graduate, who was raised in the Melba-Murphy area, is employed by Boise-based Washington Group International.

She is the daughter of Robert Nettleton of Murphy and Jan Aman (Joe) of Homedale.

Bible study changes name

The Homedale-based Bible study group once known as Calvary Chapel Home Fellowship has changed its name to Snake River Valley Fellowship.

The group still meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at 532 W. California

Marsing gets ball rolling for annual disaster auction

Marsing Middle School students have fanned out to sell Marsing Disaster Auction raffle tickets, marking the home-stretch

event. The disaster fund's auction, themed "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" begins at 10:13 a.m. Feb. 3 at the Phipps-Watson American Legion Community Center at 126 2nd St. N.

"The 10:13 time was started many years ago by accident, and we stay with that time each year," auction advertising chair Betty Ackerman said to explain the peculiar kickoff.

What's not peculiar about the auction is how it helps the Marsing community. Last year's auction raised \$70,000 that was distributed among 10 local families as well as community service organizations and the United Way.

"I'm not sure how many people attend, but we give out at least 250 bidder numbers each year," Ackerman said. "Most people bring their families and make a day of it, so the actual numbers would be at least twice that."

The disaster auction is a true community event. In addition to the money raised through the bidding process, community members are encouraged to donate items for the auction each year. The event has brought in more than \$250,000 since 2003.

Some of the items for this year's event include a rafting trip for 12 people, a child's playhouse, a 90cc ATV, a picnic table, season passes to local college teams, a barbecue grill, handmade quilts and rugs, "famous" sour cream and raisin pies, home-canned pickles and several other items.

To donate items for the auction. cash for the disaster fund or to volunteer to help out, contact 2007 auction chair Cindy Floyd at (208) 830-5560 or (208) 855-9937 or co-chair Bob Carter at (208) 880-8770 or (208) 896-5701 or any Marsing Ambulance or Marsing Fire personnel.

There are two levels to the annual raffle. Students are selling \$1 tickets and \$10 tickets. The top four ticket-sellers will win prizes, choosing between a portable DVD player, an IPOD music player, a Nintendo DS or \$100 cash. Two names will be drawn from the ticket-seller pool to win \$50 each this year, too.

A \$10 raffle ticket qualifies the purchaser for a prize pool that includes a gun safe donated by Rhino Safe Co., a Ruger 22-250 rifle donated by Owyhee Farm Bureau agents Wayne Hungate and Dave Cereghino, a plasma TV donated by Canyon County Farm Bureau agents Don and Dari Pfost, Kerry Harris and Best Buy, or cleaning services for one year

donated by Karen Azevedo of Karen's Custom Cleaning.

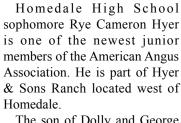
The \$1 ticket prize pool includes a \$250 shopping spree in Marsing donated by American Legion Post No. 128; half a beef, cut and wrapped, donated by Sandy and Terry McCloud; a Boise getaway donated by Mason and Stanfield, Inc., Engineers & Surveyors; or a digital camera and printing dock donated by Dick Downum and Haken Insurance Agency of Marsing.

Tickets are available from middle school fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders or tickets will be available the day of the auction. Food booths will be open throughout the day selling homemade chicken and noodles, tacos, chorizos, hamburgers, donuts that are made fresh on-site, and homemade pies that are baked by community members the day of the auction.

The auction organizing committee of Floyd, Carter, Ackerman, solicitations chair Steven Ineck, and kitchen chairs Jim and Becca Lyne began planning this year's auction on Nov. 29.

Ackerman said committee assignments change with each year, and that there are several other community volunteers working to make the auction a success.

— JPB



Rye Hyer joins

Angus group's

junior ranks

The son of Dolly and George

Hyer, 16year-old Rye is a three-year member of the Homedale FFA chapter and has earned his chapter degree.



He won a Rye Hyer heifer calf

during last year's calf scramble at the Snake River Stampede in Nampa, and FFA advisor Lori Harrison reports that he recently registered a bull calf bred from the heifer and a bull, both of which came from Price Angus Ranch in Adrian.

Junior members of the American Angus Association are eligible to register cattle in the association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef registry association in the world, with more than 34,000 active adult and junior members.

Irrigation districts ready to move forward after election of officers

Dan Felty succeeds Steve Nash as South Board chair

The Ridgeview Irrigation District, Gem Irrigation District and South Board of Control elected new officers during their regular meetings Thursday in Homedale.

Mike Pendergrass was chosen

Shenk as vice-chair.

Tim Leavitt was voted as chairman of the Gem Irrigation District, and Dale Chrz will be vice-chair.

The South Board of Control voted Dan Felty as chairman and Chrz as vice-chair. Felty replaces Steve Nash as chairman.

Nash and Leavitt, re-elected to the Division 4 and Division seats on the Gem board, respectively, in November, took the oath of office

down by a personnel investigation in 2006, that issue appeared to be resolved and board members vowed to look to the future.

"We're ready to move forward," Nash said.

During the South Board meeting, directors discussed plans to tour various Owyhee Project locations at the beginning of next month and talked about replacing some aging fleet vehicles with newer models in the near future.



The Origin of Birthstones Most gem scholars will agree that the tradition of birthstones arose from the Breastplate of Aaron, which is described in the Old Testament biblical book of Exodus, chapter 28, verses 15-30. This was a ceremonial religious garment set with twelve gemstones that represented the twelve tribes of Israel and also corresponded with the twelve signs of the zodiac and the twelve months of the year.

Because ancient people did not always classify gemstones by mineral species like we do today, there is some debate about which gemstones were set in the breastplate and why. Because of this, different cultures around the world have adopted different birth stone lists. For example December has three: turquoise, topaz, or tanzanite. Some also argue that the proper way to assign gemstones is according to astrological sign and not month. Hence, the lists have grown. If you wish to learn more about birthstones and precious gems please feel free to contact me. LaDon Reames, owner of LaDon's Fine Jewelry in the WinCo/ShopKo Center has been a Nampa jeweler for thirty-three years She is a certified diamontologist and gemologist. She can be reached at 208-461-0677.

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as chairman of the Ridgeview Irrigation District, with Paul

during the afternoon meetings. While progress was bogged

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OWC meets in Marsing today

The Owyhee Watershed Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. today in Marsing.

The council meeting takes place at the University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing.

For more information about the council or its meeting, call (541) 372-5782.

Men's wild game dinner slated for Jan. 27

The fourth annual Men's Wild Game Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene.

The dinner is for men and their boys and will take place inside the church's fellowship hall at 26515 Ustick Road - on the corner of Ustick and Batt Corner.

Several outdoors items will be available during a live auction that will benefit several church programs.

Tickets for the dinner are \$7 and can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For tickets or more information, call the church at 337-3151.

Keep



Times are a-changin' in Murphy

Above: Owyhee County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Richard Freund, right, examines a going-away present consisting of his duty fire arm, badge and handcuffs as county Sheriff Gary Aman looks on Friday in Murphy. Freund retired last week after 23 years with the sheriff's office to assume his new role as Owyhee County commissioner from District 3. Below: County commission chairman Hal Tolmie, center, presents outgoing commissioners Chris Salove (District 1, left) and Dick Reynolds (District 3) with plaques of appreciation during last week's commissioners meeting in Murphy. During Monday's meeting, Freund replaced Reynolds and Jerry Hoagland of Wilson succeeded Salove. Submitted photos





Snow and water report

The Bureau of Reclamation Web site showed that Owyhee Reservoir held 453,159 acre feet of water and that 21 cubic feet per second was being released into the Owyhee River at Nyssa, Ore.

The following statistics were gathered from the National Resources Conservation Service Web site at 8 a.m. Monday:

Reynolds Creek					
Date	Snow	Year to Date	Average Temp		
	Depth	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
01/02	2.1	5.9	36	24	30
01/03	2.0	6.1	42	33	38
01/04	1.0	6.0	42	30	38
01/05	1.5	5.9	32	18	25
01/06	1.3	6.0	23	14	19
01/07	1.2	5.9	32	17	25
01/18	1.4	6.2	36	20	30

South Mountain					
Date	Snow	Year to Date	Average Temp		
	Depth	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.
01/02	21.0	11.9	41	24	32
01/03	20.1	12.0	47	34	41
01/04	23.8	12.7	43	28	37
01/05	24.7	12.8	34	16	25
01/06	24.2	12.8	23	13	18
01/07	23.4	12.8	30	20	24
01/08	23.1	12.9	37	22	30

Mud Flat						
Date	Snow	Year to Date	Average Temp			
	Depth	Precipitation	Max.	Min.	Avg.	
01/02	9.7	5.8	29	8	21	
01/03	9.8	5.9	37	24	31	
01/04	9.2	6.1	47	32	38	
01/05	10.3	6.1	40	20	30	
01/06	10.3	6.0	29	13	20	
01/07	10.3	6.1	36	15	25	
01/08	9.6	6.2	37	14	27	

Homedale school trustees reschedule January meeting



Looking back...

from the files of The Owyhee Avalanche and Owyhee Chronicle

25 years ago

January 6, 1982

Heaviest snows in forty years hits valley

The winter of '81-82 will probably go down in local history as the worst of all, since 1949. A foot of snow has fallen here in the valley, and road crews have been caught unprepared.

Suppliers in Homedale report a record tire chain season and snow tire sales have been high.

The storm began last Tuesday afternoon, following a pre-Christmas storm which left streets icy. Now, the streets are sloppy with wet snow, following a warming trend in the weather pattern.

Area farmers pitched in with their equipment, fuel, and time to help clear rural roads and driveways. The South Board of Control moved onto Homedale city streets Monday to haul snow to help the city.

Area schools were closed Monday and Tuesday, extending the holiday vacation two days.

Travelers rescued from snow storm

Four persons were rescued from a snow drift Sunday night, following a fluke meeting by snowmobilers and a man walking to Murphy for help.

Helen Nettleton, Sinker Creek, told this newspaper of the account:

Bob and Mary O'Malley were riding snowmobiles to visit her parents, Hugh and Helen Nettleton, on Sinker Creek Sunday night when they saw a man walking through drifted snow just as they were approaching their turnoff at Sinker Creek.

The man about 55 years old, told them he was trying to reach Murphy to get help for the rest of his party. Their vehicle had become stuck in an eight foot high snow drift about three miles east of Sinker Creek. In the car were a man in a wheel chair, two children and a teenage girl.

O'Malley sent his wife on foot towards the Joyce ranch, and took the man on to Murphy by snowmobile.

Mrs. O'Malley met her brother Paul shortly after that. Paul had been stuck earlier, as had the rest of the men at the ranch.

Paul and Mary headed towards the stranded party and with the help of arriving volunteers, managed to free the car, turn it around and head it back to Murphy.

"They would have never lasted through the night," Helen said. High winds, cold temperatures, drifting snow, and extremely low visibility continued through Sunday and Sunday night, she added.

Drifting snow strands motorists, ranchers

Zero-visibility was reported between Murphy and Oreana Sunday as ranchers and travelers were snow-bound by drifting snow.

Paul Nettleton of Joyce Livestock Co. on Sinker Creek, said all hands were stranded at one time or another Sunday. He and one of his men were crossing Murphy Flat to feed some cattle, and both four wheel drive trucks became stuck in the drifting snow. Another man and Paul's father, Hugh Nettleton, went to their assistance and also stuck their trucks.

50 years ago

January 10, 1957

Armory to be dedicated Saturday night

Ticket sales were going good today as final plans for dedicating the new Owyhee County armory were being completed, Lt. Frank Matteson said today. National guardsmen spent yesterday evening selling tickets.

The Lutheran ladies have been recurred to serve the banquet, at which many state legislators and guests will be present. National Guard buses will be used to bring the legislators here from Boise where the Legislature is now in session.

James C. Hayes, Boise, former state representative from Owyhee County and one of the men directly responsible for helping to obtain legislation making it possible to finance and build the new armory, will be master of ceremonies.

Gov. Robert E. Smylie will deliver the dedication address. Local talent is being secured by Ralph Samson, county agent, to complete the balance of the program.

Adj. Gen. John E. Walsh and National Guard officers and their wives will be present.

Legislators were invited Wednesday to the dedication when Rep. Allen Gowey (R-Owyhee) made the first speech on the floor of either house. Later, Sen. Adam H. (Ted) Blackstock extended a similar invitation in the Senate.

Representative Gowey took the opportunity to publicize Owyhee County for its airstrip and highway improvements, and the bounty of its farming area.

He invited the legislators to take a drive over the highway from Hammett to the Oregon line west of Homedale, 82 miles of which were completed including oiling under a bond approved by the voters of Owyhee County.

Russ Immisch and Kenny Downing head of C of C in '57

Russ Immisch, newly elected president of Homedale chamber of commerce, presided Tuesday night at the regular monthly dinner meeting of the chamber held at the El Gavilan.

Kenneth Downing assumed the office of secretarytreasurer. Verdis Wilson remains vice president. Frank Matteson is retiring president.

The chamber members discussed the dedication of the new armory which will be held Saturday night. Homedale people are urged to support the dedication by buying tickets to the banquet which will be attended by many Idaho legislators, National Guard officers, Owyhee County officers and residents from throughout the county.

In connection with the dedication banquet the chamber voted to purchase an electric range for \$350 to place in the kitchen at the armory. Rent from use of the kitchen will be put in a fund to pay for the stove.

Verdis Wilson was named by President Immisch as chairman of the chamber membership drive to be considered soon.

Don Swan announced that an Owyhee soil conservation

140 years ago

January 5, 1867

OWYHEE COUNTY SEAT. The following is the report of the Statesman of the House proceedings on the final passage of the bill to locate the County Seat of Owyhee at Silver. The bill passed on the 28th ult. It seems evident that Mr. Monroe labored hard with no success to defeat and then modify the Act. A private letter from a gentleman in Boise City says that Mr. Englis is entitled to great credit for his watchful labor in the premises. Here is the report of the doings:

The bill to locate the County Seat of Owyhee County was taken up. Mr. Monroe made a minority report in favor of a substitute to refer the removal of the County Seat to a vote of the qualified electors of Owyhee County.

Mr. Ohle, Chairman, presented a majority report in favor of the bill.

Mr. Bell wished to hear from the Chairman of the Committee on counties and county boundaries, and from the gentlemen representing Owyhee County.

Mr. Monroe said that he had consistently opposed the bill, though he had not displayed a great amount of evidence he would admit. He was in favor of submitting the question to the people, but as the House did not appear to be in favor of that he would try and get the bill amended so as to suit him as near as possible.

Mr. Ohle said that the only information he could give the House was no other information than that it appeared to the Committee from all the evidence before it that a majority of the people of Owyhee County were in favor of removing the County Seat to Silver City. Not being a good drawist he could not furnish the gentleman from Boise with maps to show the relative position of the rival points, or the situation of the population, but the Committee was satisfied that a majority of the people were in favor of removing the County Seat.

Mr. Parkinson was in favor of the bill.

Mr. McMillan was unable to determine from the conflicting statements and the prejudice existing which it was better to do. He would vote against the bill as by that means he would be certain to do no harm.

Mr. Monroe offered an amendment to strike out the word February and insert July, as the time of removal. Mr. Monroe asked the respectful consideration of the amendments. The vote being taken was lost.

Mr. Monroe offered another amendment providing that the citizens of Silver City shall pay the expense of such removal, and that the Commissioners shall not order the removal until a sum sufficient for that purposed be first deposited. The amendment was lost, 8 to 9.

The bill was then passed, ayes 16, noes 3.

YOUNG BRIGHAM. The Chicago Republican professes to have trustworthy information from Utah that Brigham Young is about to retire temporarily to a plantation some sixty miles from Salt Lake City, leaving the charge to public affairs in the hands of his son. This movement, it is said, is occasioned by the increasing age of Brigham Young, and the object is to test the ability of the young Brigham to wield the scepter before the death of his father shall render final any step which may be adopted in regard to the succession. If he manifests the ability to manage the affairs of Government that his father and the Elders hope, then Brigham's abdication will be permanent.

The senior Nettleton spent about four hours in his rig before being rescued by an eight-wheel drive tractor.

Nettleton said the road between Murphy and Oreana — Highway 78 — was drifted shut, stranding about two dozen travelers. Volunteers worked through the day until dark to get the vehicles out.

One drift was about eight feet high, Nettleton said, and covered most of the state highway.

Paul Nettleton, a rancher near Murphy, said he has been in contact with the Silver City care taker, and the report during the weekend is that the old mining town has about four feet of snow. day will be held Saturday, January 19 at the IOOF hall.

The annual display of the Associated Chambers of Commerce will be held Monday and Tuesday, February 18-19 at the IOOF hall, Caldwell. A. E. Spud Murphy was appointed chairman of a committee to decide on an appropriate display for Homedale.

Trojans win two games in SRV league play

Homedale's Trojans scored their first league victory of the season Friday night, but they needed an overtime to do it as they downed the visiting New Plymouth Pilgrims 51-49. Vic Landa was the Trojan hero as he sank two free shots with four seconds left in the overtime to break a 49-49 tie and give Homedale the victory.

New Plymouth never was able to catch up with Homedale until the final period. Homedale led 14-10 at the quarter, 25-20 at halftime, and 39-35 in the third quarter. Then in the fourth quarter the Pilgrims pushed the game into an overtime as they sank three long shots to knot the score at 45-45 at the end of the regulation game. INDIANS WHIPPED. About the 1st of December, according to the Dallas Mountaineer, a detachment of Col. Baker's command at Camp Watson, in the John Day country, under Serg't Thomas Connor, pursued a band of thieving Snakes, recaptured a pack train of mules and ten horses in addition killed fourteen warriors and captured five squaws and destroyed a quantity of Indian stores. The weather having been damp, the soldiers guns snapped, then they used their sabers in killing the savages. The Mountaineer further says that within the past month (November) Col. Baker's command has killed about fifty Indians, and is prepared for further jobs.

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On the edge of common sense

Chinese dogs

The Chinese communist government instituted a one-child-per-family policy several years ago to control overpopulation of their country. Now the capital city of Beijing has decreed a one-dog-perhousehold policy. "Violators will be punished."

In this city of 12 million there are an estimated 1 million dogs. Rabies is that nation's top infectious disease killer of Chinese, ahead of tuberculosis and AIDS. Rules are strict; one dog per household, walking or pooping in parks and public areas are forbidden, and any animal with a shoulder height above 14 inches is banned, house-to-house searches have begun, informants are being rewarded by police hotlines.

My gosh, it sounds like an apartment building in Manhattan or a gated community in Scottsdale! This dog control policy reminds us how much of our freedoms we Americans and Canadians take for granted. China is still a Third World country. For all the publicity we hear and read about the booming of the Chinese economy, it is still a communist dictatorship like North Korea and Cuba.

But their dogs? We dog lovers know the strength of the bond that can exist. It transcends age, gender, race, political parties, wealth, social status and even whether or not you deserve a dog! What should we do? We, who have 65 million dogs. Such an overabundance that the dog pounds euthanize thousands and thousands of unwanted dogs a year. Do we, who can't take care of all our own dogs, have a right to join the protest? Should animal rights' groups raise money to adopt Chinese puppies, should Hollywood stars take up the cause, should "Vets Without Borders" go on a mission to Beijing and offer free spay clinics? Or should we mind our own business, turn our heads like we did when they instituted the one-child-per-family policy, stomped out democracy in Tiananmen Square and stole our government technology secrets in the 1990s? Some of the smartest graduate students in our universities are Chinese. Freedom cannot help but rub off on them. Someday, they will go back home and be part of the 21st century China. Maybe in 50 years the benefits of having big dogs and lots of them will be carried back to their homeland. Or maybe, in 50 years America will have similar strict pet ownership restrictions to go along with our laws against smoking, getting fat, eating horses, driving SUVs, selling hot coffee, high salaries for CEOs, farm-raised salmon, feedlots, cutting timber, drilling for oil and praying in public.



Wayne Cornell Not important ... but possibly of interest

Fiesta wildness on the Web

The following is an exchange between Sooner football fans on the Internet during the final two minutes of the Fiesta Bowl. It has been edited only for implied language. All grammar and spelling has been retained for realism:

Oklahoma ties the score, 28-28. Less than 2 minutes left

If we rip this game out from under Boise, this will be so satisfying

Roll Sooners Roll!!!!!!!

Wow!

ESTER..... I COMIN TO SEE YA (GRABBIN HEART)

NOW THAT MY FRIENDS IS SOONER MAGIC

Ball game !!!

UNBELIEVABLE!!!

Boys and Girls Sooner Magic is real And you have witnessed it tonight at it's best

That'll wipe the smirk off Zabransky's mug! **BOOMER SOONER!**

great freakin game

Oklahoma's Marcus Walker intercepts Jared Zabransky's pass and scores, 35-28 OU

... Sooner Magic went into overdrive!

i'll be back in a minute, i have to recompose myself. i cant believe

what ive just seen

He got it from JARED

VICTORY - - From the jaws of defeat. WHAT A COME BACK!

Give Stoops an EXTENSION !!!!!!!!!! I LOVE OU COMEBACKS!!! I DON'T CARE WHO AGAINST!!!!!!

for the game 4th and 18

Those kids just won us an ugly trophy!!!!!!!!!

Boise State's Jerard Rabb scores on a "hook and ladder" pass play on 4th-and-18, 35-35 UNfreakingBELIEVABLE!!

HOOK AND LADDER, TAKEN STRIAGHT OUT OF OU LORE!!! GAME TIED 35-35!!!

I hate Boise State.

What an emotional roller coaster this has been!

I hate ot games

Alright. Defense wins this game and they can't pull that ... again

that is unbelieveable and was played perfectly. gotta give em that.

this has to be the game of the year.....regardless of the rest of

the outcomes

I'm going to have a heartattack! Overtime! Need to hold them.

I just puked my guts up.

think Ill just put my car battery charger across my chest.

i'm afraid we can't score, and i'm afraid we can't stop them.

Oklahoma gets ball in overtime. Adrian Peterson (a k a AD for "All Day") runs for a 25-yard TD on the first play of overtime, 42-35 OU AD=TD!!!!!!!!!

hell yeah!!!

So much for AD not getting it done. Great job OL and AD.

I am seriously going to have an ... stroke.



Whoa! I'm getting ahead of myself ... that could never happen in America ... we love our dogs too much, don't we?

loved the stunned tater

Good lord. That was just insane. Insane. I'm breathless.

This is a phenomenal 4th quarter effort right here!

Zabranski's whipped. You can see it in his eyes.

I told ya 'all!!!!

Stoops needs to be fired or generations of Sooners are going to have heart problems!!!

Oklahoma kicks off to BSU after Walker's TD no PREVENT D get out of the prevent

Soft zone. Great sack Larry B!

Im gonna die of heart failure in the next 30 secs

30 seconds. Hold 'em D

Ok, scare #1 is in our favor.

Great run AD

Boise State gets ball in overtime

C'mon D. Hold 'em. For the love of God and all that's holy in Soonerland hold them.

MORE TIME!!!!

Damn. First down BSU. C'mon Defense!

Give up a 1st down on 3rd and 8.

I am seriously going to have an ... stroke.

Maybe we can get a volume discount.

— See Not Important, next page

Commentary

Accuracy in Media Al-Jazeera leads protest over Saddam's fate

by Cliff Kincaid

One of my Google alerts about the International Criminal Court (ICC) picked up a column by a Canadian liberal upset that Saddam Hussein wasn't turned over to the ICC. Jerry West, editor of a "progressive" publication, believes the U.S. had Saddam "railroaded" through an Iraqi "kangaroo court" and that the refusal to turn him over to the ICC demonstrates "the disrespect that the U.S. has for the international community." I suspect these sentiments are probably shared by many of those in the media wringing their hands over the "lynching" of Saddam. The false impression being created is that the legal proceeding was a farce and that the better option would have been to let the "international community" and the ICC handle it.

Before this misguided belief gets more widely accepted, because of the growing controversy over the fact that the grisly execution was captured by cell-phone video, it is worthwhile to examine how the Saddam trial was actually handled by Iraqi authorities, in contrast to how United Nations-sponsored tribunals operate.

The first thing to remember is that the ICC doesn't have a death penalty. This means that, no matter what Saddam's crimes were, if he had been tried and found guilty by the ICC, he would still be alive, possibly giving televised interviews from his prison cell or entertaining book deals. One of the Libyan agents charged and found guilty by a U.N.-supported international tribunal of killing 270 people, including 189 Americans, in the Pan Am 103 bombing ended up in a country club prison in Scotland, where he has a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom, shower, sitting room, an office with a computer and bookshelves,

and entertainment center with television. He's still hoping to get out of prison.

The trial that produced this fiasco was brokered by Kofi Annan, the disgraced former U.N. boss, and endorsed by the Clinton administration. Their deal gave Libya's dictator, Moammar Gadaffi, a "get out of jail free" card in the case and he was never prosecuted or held accountable. His government paid billions of dollars to the families of the victims.

Even so, Al-Jazeera English, which supposedly offers an "independent" perspective on foreign affairs, recently aired a long piece by someone named John Coates insisting that no Libyan government officials were to blame for Pan Am 103. The piece, which claimed that the Libyan regime's acceptance of responsibility for the crime was part of a sinister cover-up involving U.S. officials, ignored a report that British intelligence information implicated Gadaffi directly in the terrorist act. It was also reported that Gadaffi admitted his government's role in the Pan Am bombing to a German diplomat.

In the case of Saddam, the evidence against him was also overwhelming. But because of the open proceedings of the Iraqi High Tribunal, as the court was called, it is now on the record. The American Society of International Law (ASIL) has published an expert analysis of the trial that bolsters the case that the tribunal did a very impressive job under difficult circumstances.

While the liberal non-governmental organization Human Rights Watch criticized the trial and verdict, the analysis of the case written by two American experts and posted on the ASIL Web site cites the 298-page opinion as "a detailed historic record, which may one day play a positive role in establishing peace in Iraq," and which is "one of the longest opinions ever issued by a war crimes tribunal."

The experts, Michael P. Scharf and Michael A. Newton, described the allegations this way: "Saddam Hussein and his co-defendants responded to a 1982 assassination attempt in the town of Dujail by attacking the inhabitants with helicopter gunships; destroying the town's farmland, date palm groves, and water supply; arresting 300 residents and interrogating them at torture centers where onethird died; interning whole families at a remote desert compound for four years; and referring the survivors to the Revolutionary Court where they were found guilty without a real trial, sentenced to death, and executed."

It is significant that, in the media brouhaha over Saddam's execution, the facts about the dictator's crimes are being mostly ignored. This is the nature of the anti-American propaganda that finds imitators in various "progressive" publications and individuals around the world. It is why so many in the West, including in the major media, want Al-Jazeera English to have special carriage by U.S. cable and satellite providers, bringing terror television directly into America's living rooms.

Even when overwhelming evidence implicates Arab dictators in horrific terrorist acts, there is a coordinated disinformation and propaganda effort to change the subject and blame America. That was evident in Al-Jazeera English's pathetic revisiting of the Pan Am case. It's no surprise that Al-Jazeera is also behind the "worldwide outcry and protests" over the televised Saddam hanging.

- Cliff Kincaid is editor of Accuracy in Media.

Letter to the editor

It's shameful no drivers would help officer in wrecked car

A sprinkling of snow on New Year's Eve made for an icy night in Owyhee County. One of Homedale's finest was called to respond to a rollover accident. While crossing the Homedale bridge the officer's patrol car hit some ice, spun out of control, hitting the guardrail, finally stopping in the center of the road. The driver's door was crushed so the officer could not get out of the car.

Here is the absolutely gut-wrenching part:

Traffic was stopped on both sides of the road. Not one person got out of their car and asked the officer if help was needed, if they were OK, or even helped the officer out of

$\sqrt{\text{Not Important: OU fans feel ups and downs}}$

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I didn't think they deserved to be here, but these Bronc's are good.

What a great game... maybe the best I've seen this year. I hope to goodness we keep control of the score. This is definitely an instant classic. COME ON SOONERS!!!! 4th and 2. Make a stop and let me try to calm my heart down and go to bed!!!

heart rate 145. pills....out. stroke.....on it's way

Make one play and the game is over, guys.

cmon Defense, let this stop cement your legacy

My heart has been broken, mended, warmed, startled, liquored-up, stomped on, shot with adrenaline, and generally abused tonight!

Thers a reason Taters are Bad for Ya heart !

However this turns out, BSU played a great game. Gotta hand that to them.

Going for 2... come on Sooners!!! Make a stand!!!! My heart depends on it!!!!

Zabransky fakes the two-point PAT pass and hands the ball behind his back to Ian Johnson, who scores the winning two-point conversion

Wow. Just wow. BSU 43 OU 42.

schooled

Best team won Hats and props to em

well ... it was a helluva game, they came to play and left

the vehicle. Not one!

Matter of fact, after waiting for a few inconvenient moments, the spectators drove around the wrecked patrol car sitting in the middle of the road.

Shame on you, passersby. You didn't even ask.

That officer would have never drove on by one of us wrecked and stuck, on duty or off duty. Thank you, Homedale Police Department. Thank you for never driving by and always looking out for the city, Owyhee County and the citizens.

Georgia Goodwin Givens Hot Springs

Letters to the editor

All letters to the editor submitted to The Owyhee Avalanche must be no longer than 300 words, signed and include the writer's address and daytime phone number.

The deadline for submitting letters is noon on Friday. Letters can be submitted in the these ways:

For more information, call (208) 337-4681.

HOLD EM because I don't think I can take this anymore.

Boise State's Vinny Perretta throws a halfback pass for a TD to tight end Derek Schouman, 42-41 OU WOW!!!

4th down and 2. TD BSU. Great play call and execution.

I'm about to have a heart attack.

Can their Offensive Coordiantor be our Offensive Coordinator? They are toying with us.

nuttin on the field. great game boys. props to bsu

well, color me dead

Twice we had the game won and twice we let them score a TD on 4th down.

Why can't OU ever win any INSTANT CLASSIC, GAME OF THE CENTURY games?

What an incredibly AWESOME game. Gawd, I'm so PROUD of both teams. I'm sad. Very sad. But THAT was football at its finest, in the end.

Congrats to Boise State, and thanks Sooners, for a WONDERFUL season!



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