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## County embraces expansion

Residents near coal-powered plant warn of tax depreciation

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

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BREMOND, Texas — Besides being home to the Fighting Tigers, the Bremond High School building itself remains a source of great pride and joy to town residents. Bremond residents frequently point first to jobs and second to the school as the major benefits of having a coal-fired power plant in their backyard. "Did you see our new school?" asks Marie Abraham, county commissioner from Bremond.

Abraham looks the typical grandmother, but she's got a strong determined streak about her. After the death of her husband, Sam, Abraham took over the family hardware store in downtown Bremond. She also took up her husband's position as county commissioner and has served for 11 years.

Today, Abraham works to secure as much money as possible for county projects. Although the town of Bremond itself doesn't receive special taxes from the Twin Oaks Power plant, the city benefits from county tax dollars.

Tax dollars are one of the pluses representatives of Semptra Generation like to point to when discussing their proposed 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant near Jerome. In January, the company sold the Twin Oaks facility in Robertson County, Texas, where Abraham lives. And, while it's clear the tax

dollars from Twin Oaks went to good use, residents in the region are certain to mention how quickly those tax dollars can go away. Robertson County receives today roughly half the amount of taxes from Twin Oaks as it did 15 years ago when the plant was built.

It's no wonder then, that both Abraham, and Bremond Mayor Nancy Heaton look forward to a proposed 600-megawatt expansion at the Twin Oaks site. Semptra officials say the expansion at the Texas facility would closely resemble the facility planned



Taxes from Bremond's coal-fired plant helped build a new high school. Photo by ASHLEY SMITH/The Times News

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## HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP CATTLEMAN AND COAL-FIRED PLANT



Left, Troy Nooy of Nooy Welding Service in Normangeo, Texas, works on a fence at Camp Cooley in Robertson County, Texas. The owner of the ranch says his cattle aren't affected by power plant emissions. Below, Robertson County Sheriff Gerald Yezak drives around the Camp Cooley ranch before its large cattle sale.

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## Rancher touts responsible energy production

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

FRANKLIN, Texas — During the Civil War, the Confederacy used it as a recruiting site.

Today, it resembles the ranch straight out of the 1980s hit television drama "Dallas."

But you won't find J.R. Ewing at the head of the Camp Cooley Ranch near Franklin, Texas. Instead, owner Klaus Birkel of Germany took on that role when he bought the ranch in 1991. The savvy businessman owns several ranches, but he is the first to admit he's no rancher. Yet, Birkel knows how to recruit true

cattleman, and he knows how to do his research.

"What I learned from the farmers and ranchers is that it's high-quality soil," Birkel said.

That high-quality soil produces feed for Birkel's esteemed cattle herd, which includes Brangus, Angus and Charolais. For good measure, a few Texas longhorns wander the ranch as well as exotic animals from around the globe.

In over a decade operating Camp Cooley, Birkel can't find much to complain about when it comes to Robertson County's coal-fired power plant, which had been operated by Semptra Generation for roughly four years. The

owner of the famous ranch hasn't even heard rumblings of discontent among fellow livestock producers and doesn't believe the plant has affected agriculture in the region.

"I haven't seen a lot of problems with emissions," Birkel said.

On a cloudy day in mid-November, Birkel, the entire Camp Cooley staff and hired hands hustle around preparing for the ranch's annual sale — the largest private sale in Texas. Electricians scramble to provide adequate lighting for show areas, welders build makeshift stalls and cowboys round up cattle from all directions of the 11,000-acre

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**TWIN FALLS FORECAST**

Today: More sun than clouds. Highs in the lower 40s. Tonight: Fair to partly cloudy skies. Lows in the upper teens.  
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and dry. Highs in the lower 40s.

**BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST**

Today: Mostly sunny to partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 30s.  
Tonight: Mostly clear to "star" skies. Lows in the upper teens.  
Tomorrow: Plenty of sunshine. Highs in the lower 40s.

**IDAHO'S FORECAST**

**SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.**  
High pressure will be in control of the weather pattern for the week. It will be great weather for enjoying the views. Mostly sunny and dry conditions are likely through the end of the week.

Today Highs: 30 to 33. Tonight's Lows: -8 to 8  
**BOISE** Sunny and dry conditions will be likely thanks to an upper level ridge that will be holding strong this week. Pleasant weather trends continue through the end of the week.

Today Highs: 40 to 47. Tonight's Lows: 27 to 30  
**NORTHERN UTAH** A more settled and quiet weather pattern will be setting up this week bringing mostly sunny skies and dry conditions to the area.

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**TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

Today	Tonight	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	City	Hi	Lo	Prcp
Partly sunny to mostly cloudy skies	Fair to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny and dry	A little warmer with a plenty of sunshine	Sunny skies continuing	Clouds increasing late	Boise	41	30	0.00"
High 42	Low 18	43 / 19	44 / 20	44 / 19	43 / 21	Burley	34	20	0.00"
						Chubbuck	34	20	0.00"
						Coconino	30	20	0.00"
						Idaho Falls	35	20	0.00"
						Jerome	35	20	0.00"
						Malheur	48	20	0.00"
						Mountain Home	42	25	0.01"
						Payson	39	27	0.00"
						Shoshone	30	27	0.00"
						Teton	37	18	0.00"
						Timberline	37	18	0.00"
						Twin Falls	42	18	0.00"

**ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS**

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High 30 Normal High/Low 37 / 19 Record High 57 in 1989 Record Low -8 in 1989	Yesterday 0.00" Month to Date 0.32" Normal Month to Date 0.10" Year to Date 6.52" Normal Year to Date 4.37"	Yesterday's Maximum 75% Yesterday's Minimum 50% Today's Maximum 75% Today's Minimum 40%	Yesterday 9 pm barometer 30.35 in	Today Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 5:56 PM Tuesday Sunrise: 7:45 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Wednesday Sunrise: 7:46 AM Sunset: 6:01 PM Thursday Sunrise: 7:43 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM Friday Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM

**MOON PHASES**

Full Moon	First Quarter	Full Moon	First Quarter
Feb 21	Mar 6	Mar 21	Apr 5

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Boise	44	24	44	24	Albany	40	20	40	20
Butte	36	20	36	20	Blackfoot	36	20	36	20
Coeur d'Alene	37	18	37	18	Donnerstag	37	18	37	18
Idaho Falls	35	20	35	20	Jerome	35	20	35	20
Malheur	48	20	48	20	Mountain Home	42	25	42	25
Payson	39	27	39	27	Shoshone	30	27	30	27
Timberline	37	18	37	18	Teton	37	18	37	18
Twin Falls	42	18	42	18	Wilder	37	18	37	18

**NATIONAL FORECAST**

City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Albany	40	20	Chicago	40	20
Albuquerque	40	20	Dallas	40	20
Anchorage	40	20	Denver	40	20
Aspen	40	20	Detroit	40	20
Aurora	40	20	Houston	40	20
Bakersfield	40	20	Los Angeles	40	20
Baltimore	40	20	Madison	40	20
Baton Rouge	40	20	Memphis	40	20
Birmingham	40	20	Minneapolis	40	20
Boston	40	20	Missoula	40	20
Boulder	40	20	Montpelier	40	20
Buffalo	40	20	Moore	40	20
Burlington	40	20	Norman	40	20
Butte	40	20	Oak Ridge	40	20
Cambridge	40	20	Ocala	40	20
Cape Canaveral	40	20	Omaha	40	20
Cape Girardeau	40	20	Oroville	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Portland	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Providence	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Raleigh	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Richmond	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Riverside	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Rochester	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Salt Lake City	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	San Antonio	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	San Diego	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	San Francisco	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	San Jose	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Seattle	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Spokane	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	St. Louis	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Tampa	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Tucson	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Waco	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Washington DC	40	20
Chattanooga	40	20	Yonkers	40	20

**WORLD FORECAST**

City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Albany	40	20	London	40	20
Albuquerque	40	20	Madrid	40	20
Anchorage	40	20	Moscow	40	20
Aspen	40	20	New York	40	20
Aurora	40	20	Paris	40	20
Bakersfield	40	20	Rome	40	20
Baltimore	40	20	Sao Paulo	40	20
Baton Rouge	40	20	Seoul	40	20
Birmingham	40	20	Tokyo	40	20
Boston	40	20	Wellington	40	20
Boulder	40	20	Yokohama	40	20

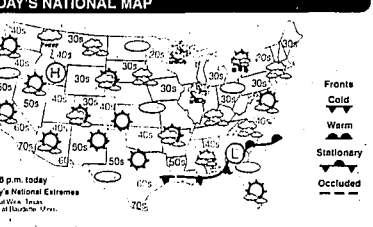
**CANADIAN FORECAST**

City	Hi	Lo	City	Hi	Lo
Albany	40	20	London	40	20
Albuquerque	40	20	Madrid	40	20
Anchorage	40	20	Moscow	40	20
Aspen	40	20	New York	40	20
Aurora	40	20	Paris	40	20
Bakersfield	40	20	Rome	40	20
Baltimore	40	20	Sao Paulo	40	20
Baton Rouge	40	20	Seoul	40	20
Birmingham	40	20	Tokyo	40	20
Boston	40	20	Wellington	40	20
Boulder	40	20	Yokohama	40	20

**MOONRISE AND MOONSET**

Today	Tomorrow
Moonrise: 12:00 PM Moonset: 1:12 AM	Moonrise: 12:02 PM Moonset: 1:13 AM

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**Rancher**

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"Everything is done by horse-back," said Gerald Yezak, Robertson County sheriff, as he drove around the ranch two days before the sale began.  
Yezak's daughter bought a calf from Birkel and turned it into a prize-winner. And, the sheriff claims, he's nothing but admiration for Camp Gnoley and its owner, walking into the sale barn. Yezak points at a mounted steer head above an old-fashioned wooden bar.

commodate swells on their property, he said.  
"Anytime you see a well, the cows around it are fatter," Yezak said. "The people have to be able to feed them."  
Birkel certainly has the money to feed his stock. Besides raising covered cattle, the businessman has several natural gas wells on his property. But, he says, the country needs a lot of

energy. Therefore, Texans, like Idahoans, have a choice in how power gets generated.  
Residents must balance the need for energy with the need to preserve natural resources, he said.  
"It's changing Mother Nature a bit," Birkel said. "It depends on how you handle the issues. You have the right strategy to do it, you can conserve a lot of the land."

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**Agriculture in Robertson County**

• In 1997, Robertson County had 424,700 acres in farmland, up roughly 30,000 acres from 10 years before, according to the Texas Department of Economic Development.  
• In 2005, Robertson County was valued at 120,000 head of cattle, according to the USDA's agricultural statistics service.  
• For more information on Camp Gnoley and agriculture in Texas, visit <http://www.campgnoley.com>, and <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/ind/ev.htm>.

"I helped out him," he says. When Idahoans picture the typical Texas, they likely come up with an image very similar to Yezak with his bright-yellow cowboy hat, his snug-fitting jeans and soft, smooth Texas drawl. A Bismarck native, Yezak hasn't raised much of the county's community from the coal-fired power plant.  
On the drive over to Camp Gnoley, however, Yezak points to a development that is beginning to affect residents: natural gas wells. The county experienced a boon in natural gas development in the past 10 to 12 years, he said.  
Robertson County resident Randy Donley agrees with Yezak. Donley's family has lived in the Franklin area since the 1930s. But, he raises free-range chickens, such as his "pet" Spedley.  
While Donley hasn't seen any environmental effects of the coal-fired power plant, he has noticed the effect of the natural gas wells. Ranchers often ac-

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**Is Your Estate Plan in Place?**

Many of us don't like to think about estate planning, because the process reminds us that we are not going to live forever. Yet if you want something of yourself to live on, you should have a comprehensive estate plan. And the best time to start your estate planning is many years before it will likely be needed.  
A good estate plan can help you answer many key questions: Who will make financial decisions for me if I become incapacitated? Who will take care of my kids if I die prematurely? How will my money and property be distributed? How can I avoid probate? Can I reduce, or eliminate, the estate taxes my heirs may face?  
To address these and other concerns, you will need to work with your tax and legal professionals to create an estate plan that is appropriate for your needs. You will also need to work with a financial professional to select any investments that may be needed within your estate plan. While working with these people, you may need to consider the following:  
**Ownership titles**—When it's time for your estate to be settled, the ownership of all your assets—real estate, securities, retirement accounts, etc.—will be an important issue. Your tax and legal advisors can help you determine which forms of property ownership—such as joint tenancy, sole ownership and tenants in common—are suitable for your needs.  
**Beneficiary designations**—It's obviously important to name beneficiaries on life insurance policies, annuities and other financial vehicles. But many people don't review their beneficiary designations periodically—and that's a big mistake. If you get divorced and remarried, or if you have a new child, you will want to change or add beneficiaries. If you forget, your family could go through some major headaches when it's time to settle your estate.  
**Will**—If you don't have a will, your wishes may never be fully honored, because state law will dictate how your assets are divided. And if you have no living relatives, and you die intestate (without a will), your estate will go to the state.  
**Living Trust**—If you only have a will, your assets may have to pass through probate—which can be time-consuming and expensive. But with a properly established living trust, drafted by an experienced attorney, your assets can pass directly to your beneficiaries, without court interference, legal fees, lengthy delays and public disclosure. Also, a living trust can give you more precise control over how—and when—you want your assets distributed.  
**Durable General Power of Attorney**—When you create a durable general power of attorney, you can appoint another person to conduct your business affairs if you are physical or mentally unable to manage them yourself.  
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**Proper Planning Takes Time**  
It can take months, or even years, to get your estate plans in the shape you want—and you'll still probably need to make changes as you progress through life. So, don't delay. Get started on your estate planning soon. It can be a lot of work—but it's worth the effort.

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# Napoleon was average height for that time

It's true that by contemporary standards, Napoleon Bonaparte was short — 5 foot 2. However, at the time he was the size of the average French man. This day in history: On Feb. 6, 1791, astronaut Alan Shepard, on Apollo 14, teed off 70 golf balls into the roughs of the moon. With a fraction of Earth's gravity and none of its air resistance, Shepard said the ball flew "miles and miles" from where he teed. (On the other hand, when's the last time you knew a golfer who didn't exaggerate?)

Roadrunners are fast, but not as fast as in the cartoons — more like 18 mph.

Why did gangsters call \$100 bills "one-bits" in the 1930s? Because big Cs on them, standing for "centum," Latin for 100.



**RANDOM KINDS OF FACINNESS**  
Jack Mingo  
Erin Barrett

Why is left and right called port and starboard in boats? Because the Vikings. Their ships were steered by rudders on the right side, so it got known as "syrðrdr" (star side). To avoid damaging the rudder, they ducked on the left side, which they called "larbord" (loading side). Unfortunately, the two names sound enough alike to cause faint confusion, so the British jettisoned "larbord" for "port."

## Taxes collected by Robertson County on the coal-fired power plant

TNP owned the plant from 1991 to 2002; Sempra Generation owned the plant until January 2006.

Tax year	Unit 1 taxes	Unit 2 taxes	Total tax for the plant
1991	\$804,946.46	\$529,815.20	\$1,334,761.66
1992	\$816,094.75	\$681,561.58	\$1,497,656.33
1993	\$780,798.82	\$645,688.77	\$1,426,487.59
1994	\$819,390.01	\$677,239.49	\$1,496,629.50
1995	\$772,054.96	\$734,600.85	\$1,506,655.81
1996	\$725,651.55	\$733,270.99	\$1,458,922.54
1997	\$714,473.14	\$667,126.88	\$1,381,600.02
1998	\$604,401.06	\$564,348.94	\$1,168,750.00
1999	\$570,156.40	\$523,373.60	\$1,093,530.00
2000	\$544,240.18	\$508,174.82	\$1,052,415.00
2001	\$626,261.33	\$584,760.67	\$1,211,022.00
2002	\$475,152.82	\$443,615.78	\$918,768.60
2003	\$374,868.62	\$350,131.38	\$725,000.00
2004	\$376,318.62	\$351,581.38	\$727,900.00
2005	\$370,913.87	\$329,396.45	\$700,310.32

NOTE: Values for 2005 are as of Dec. 16, 2005.

## Taxes

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for northeast of Jerome.

With an estimated cost of \$700 million to \$800 million, both Abraham and Heaton's commitments can be expected to reap the rewards of the added power-generating capacity. The county, city, chamber of commerce and school district all have formally endorsed the expansion.

For Abraham, that means dollars for road projects. She estimates paying about \$5,400 to surface, not pave, less than half a mile of road. Many county roads in Bremond — not to mention many city roads in town — are a gravel/dirt composition. Abraham contracts with Sempra to buy the company's waste ash for use in the roads — not an uncommon application for ash.

Leaving completed 40 miles of road in her district, Abraham has a goal.

"I want to get all of the roads done," she said.

Expansion tax dollars should help her reach that goal if managed carefully.

And that is a lesson some Robertson County residents say county officials should have learned from the original coal-fired power plant.

When Texas-New Mexico Power built the plant in 1991, the company paid the county \$1,303,811 in taxes. But, the tax dollars counties collect decrease quickly — sometimes more quickly than officials realize. By 2003, the county collected about half — \$725,000 — the original taxes paid by the plant.

In Idaho, Sempra offers the estimate that the Idaho Valley Energy project will bring in \$25 million in construction sales tax and \$18 million in annual local and state tax revenues.

However, Gregory Cade with the Idaho State Tax Commission says he isn't sure how Sempra officials came up with those figures. Cade will be the state employee charged with assessing the Idaho Valley tax dollars when and if the plant is built. Because of its merchant power-plant status, the Idaho Valley facility's tax rate will depend at least partially on the energy contracts Sempra secures, he said.

Therefore, Cade said, it's impossible to estimate either the

initial tax dollars that Jerome County can expect or the rate at which those county dollars would decline.

Sempra used its own internal tax team to calculate the estimated taxes that Jerome County will receive from the Twin Oaks plant, said Art Larson, a spokesman for the company.

Jackie Vann, Robertson County treasurer, said the school district waited too long to build its new facility and then had to pass the bond to pay for the balance.

"The taxes dropped off pretty quickly," Vann said.

Robertson County Sheriff Gerald Yozak agreed. Yozak advised that officials considering a power plant should familiarize themselves with the plant's depreciation schedule and plan accordingly.

Another thing county officials have to consider is the construction phase. Restaurants and services especially saw an increase in business while the plant was being built. But Heaton said the county didn't necessarily have all the resources to deal with the influx of people, and some lived in temporary housing.

# Bush budget favoring defense, security

## Nation/World in brief

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush's 2007 budget proposes spending more than \$2.7 trillion, showing big increases on defense and homeland security and a smattering of other favored programs and scientific research, education and energy.

At the same time, Bush's blueprint for budget cuts in Medicare savings over the next five years.

The plan for the budget year that begins Oct. 1 lays out a path to achieving two of the president's chief domestic goals: making permanent his first-term tax cuts, which are set to expire after 2010, and cutting the deficit in half by 2009.

The budget's arrival on Capitol Hill will set off months of intense debate, made even more contentious by congressional elections in November in which Democrats want to wrest congressional control from the Republicans.

Officer Jim Sell pulled them over in front of the Brass Door Motel and Restaurant for a traffic violation, investigators said. Robida killed the 56-year-old officer. State Police spokesman Bill Sauer said the shooting occurred in downtown Norfolk, 20 miles away, police set up a roadblock as Robida approached.

Spike strips set out by state troopers blew out two tires but didn't stop the driver, driving on the bare metal rims into Norfolk, authorities said. The fugitive's car slammed into several parked vehicles to avoid the police barricade and spun 180 degrees to a stop.

"When he wrecked, he started firing at our officer and a state police officer and the officers returned fire," said Baxter County Sheriff John Montgomery.

Police shot Robida twice in the head, said Bristol, Mass., District Attorney Paul Walsh Jr. Bulley was found dead in the car. Walsh said Robida killed her but Sautler said ballistics tests would be needed to confirm how the woman died.

stay indoors in the second day of attacks on the diplomatic outposts in the Middle East.

In Beirut, a day after violent protests in neighboring Syria, the thousands-strong crowd broke through a cordon of troops and police that had encircled the embassy. Security forces fired tear gas and loosed their weapons into the air to stop the onslaught.

The Syrian state-run daily newspaper Al-Thawra said Denmark was to blame because its government had not apologized for the September publication of the caricatures in the Jyllands-Posten.

build upscale townhouses. Elsewhere, developers are tearing across the country, after a U.S. Supreme Court decision brought new attention to governments' ability to seize property through the threat of eminent domain. Some 40 states are re-examining their laws — with action in Congress too — after the courts' upturning rule.

— compiled from wire reports

## Suspect in bar attack dies after shootout

**CASSVILLE, Ark.** — The teenager suspected in a lynch-and-gun attack inside a New England gay bar and in the killing of a policeman died Sunday after being wounded in a shootout with Arkansas officers. Authorities believe he also killed a female acquaintance he had picked up while driving through Virginia.

Jason D. Robida, 18, died at Cox-South Hospital in Springfield, Mo., hospital spokesman Randy Berger said.

Investigators said the high school dropout from New Bedford, Mass., had dabbled in Nazism, and police there said the attack that injured three men, one critically, at the Puzos Lounge on Thursday was an act of racism.

After the New Bedford attack, police say, Robida picked up 33-year-old Jennifer Irena Bailey at her home in Charleston, W.Va.

On Saturday, as Robida and Bailey drove through the northern Arkansas town of Cassville,

## Protesters torch Danish mission in Beirut

**BEIRUT, Lebanon** — Muslim rage over caricatures of the prophet Muhammad and growing increasingly violent Sunday as thousands of rampaging protesters — undaunted by tear gas and water cannons — torched the Danish mission and ransacked a Christian neighborhood.

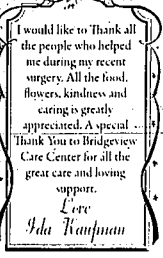
At least one person reportedly died and about 20 were detained, officials said.

Muslim clerics denounced the violence, with some wading into the mobs trying to stop them. Copenhagen ordered Danes to leave the country or

## 40 states re-examining eminent domain

**LONG BRANCH, N.J.** — The city wants Anna DeFaria's home, and if she doesn't sell willingly officials are going to take it from the 80-year-old retired pre-school teacher.

In place of her "tiny slip of a bungalow" — and two dozen other weathered, working-class beachfront homes — city officials want private developers to



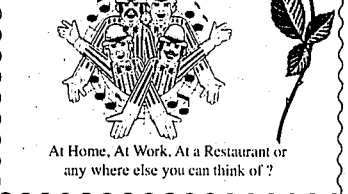
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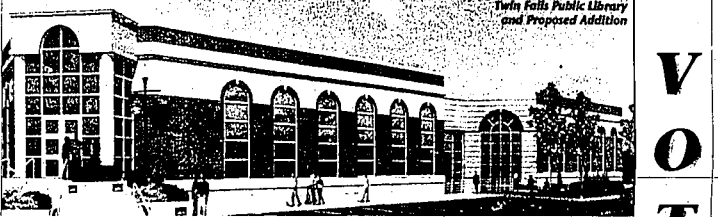
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## THE SEMPRA ISSUE IN DEPTH: PART 2



Albert Acosta repairs the inside of boiler No. 2 at the plant. Acosta was on the construction crew at the plant and later got a full-time job there.

# Employees climb coal-fired company ladder in Bremond

## Power plant pays better than average

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

BREMOND, Texas — It's not a spot for those afraid of the dark or of confined spaces. And, it's not an ideal locale for the faint of heart.

But, Albert Acosta looks right at home inside the coal-fired boiler at the Twin Oaks Power plant near Bremond, Texas. A fine layer of white dust clings to Acosta's coveralls. A spotlight doesn't even begin to brighten the structure standing several stories high. Areas like where Acosta stood inside a boiler one afternoon last November can reach temperatures of 1,000 degrees.

The clutter Grete from the children's fable might confuse the opening to the boiler for the witch's oven door in her candy-covered house. A tiny hatch opens on to a space about the size of a small walk-in closet. It's not necessarily where he would have pictured himself 15 years ago, but Acosta, like many other employees of the power plant formerly owned by Sempra Generation, has made his way up the career ladder.

"You can advance here if you want to," Acosta said.

Like Acosta, Lawrence "Buddy" Coomer believes that the power plant provides a working environment that encourages personal achievement.

"I tell you what, I started out as a power plant helper," he said.

Thrown at Twin Oaks is rare. Coomer said. Power plant positions are coveted jobs, especially compared with other career opportunities in Robert-

### Employment for Jerome County, Idaho, and Robertson County, Texas

	Jerome County	Robertson County
<b>Labor force 1990</b>		
Employed	62.0%	49.5%
Unemployed	3.9%	2.9%
Not in labor force	33.7%	47.6%
<b>Labor force 2000</b>		
Employed	61.3%	52.9%
Unemployed	3.8%	3.5%
Not in labor force	34.6%	43.6%
<b>Median household income</b>	\$34,696.00	\$28,886.00
<b>Mean travel distance to work (in miles)</b>	19.8	29.1
<b>Unemployment in December 2005</b>	2.5%	4.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Commerce and Labor, Texas Workforce Commission

son County, he said. By December 2005, the county's unemployment rate sat at 4.6 percent.

Coomer made his way from plant helper into the control room as an operator within two years. He has spent the last two years as maintenance team leader. Many of the jobs at the plant don't require a higher education degree but can be learned on the job. In 2000, roughly 68.1 percent of Robertson County residents were high school graduates; 12.7 percent held a bachelor's degree.

Operations jobs at Twin Oaks, which are the majority of the positions available, pay between \$11 and \$29.15 an hour, said George Faulkner, plant manager. The average wage comes in around \$22.55 an hour, or \$46,917 annually — a figure that doesn't include overtime pay. Workers can also earn a 10 percent annual bonus,

Faulkner said.

Robertson County had a \$28,886 annual median household income in 1999, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The figure is up from a median household income of \$17,206 in 1990 — the year before the power plant opened.

Acosta relocated to the Robertson County area to help build the coal-fired power plant. He landed a job at Twin Oaks after construction was completed. Maintenance supervisor Ron Francis calls Acosta "one of the best" employees on his staff. So good, in fact, that Francis recently asked Acosta to take a supervisory position if the plant expands by 600 megawatts.

As an operations team leader at the plant for eight years, Coomer said he enjoys his job. "I'm pretty happy where I'm at," Coomer said. "It's a good job for people. I speak highly of it."

# City of Bremond embraces Sempra, Twin Oaks plant

By Michelle Dunlop  
Times-News writer

BREMOND, Texas — Thanksgiving came a few days early for the members of the Bremond Chamber of Commerce.

At its November meeting, chamber members discussed upcoming events — like booking a band for Polish Day — over a potluck-style turkey dinner. And, when talk turned to funding certain projects, few were shy about turning to Twin Oaks Power as a potential source.

### On the Web

To see a slideshow and audio presentation from Bremond, Texas, visit <http://www.magicvalley.com>

either the current plant or its proposed expansion. Only one resident in the area spoke against coal-fired power plants but didn't take aim in particular at Twin Oaks.

By all accounts, Sempra was generous to the city of Bremond and Robertson County in the years the company owned Twin Oaks. "They're really good about giving money to the community," said Debbie Mikolajewski, assistant treasurer for Robertson County.

County Commissioner Marie Abraham says she receives about \$250 every three months from



"If it weren't for the plant, we would be a poor county. If it wasn't for that, we wouldn't be in such good shape."

— Debbie Mikolajewski, Robertson County assistant county treasurer

Sempra to give to a community cause. But in November, the company increased its donation to \$500. Abraham intended to use the money for bins for toys.

"They like doing things for the community," Abraham said of Sempra officials. "They're not selfish people."

Because Robertson County isn't overflowing with jobs or wealth, one Robertson County resident, Paul Bolke, isn't surprised that he's virtually alone in his opposition of coal-fired plants. Most residents are just happy to hear new jobs will be moving into the county, he said.

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Left, Randy Dooley holds one of his turkeys, Speckles, before entering an agriculture supply store in Franklin, Texas. Dooley says natural gas drilling in Robertson County is a bigger environmental issue to the community than the power plant.

Below, Terry Williams sits in his home near Bremond, Texas. Williams researched the power plant before buying his ranch in the county and decided the plant did not pose a danger to his animals.

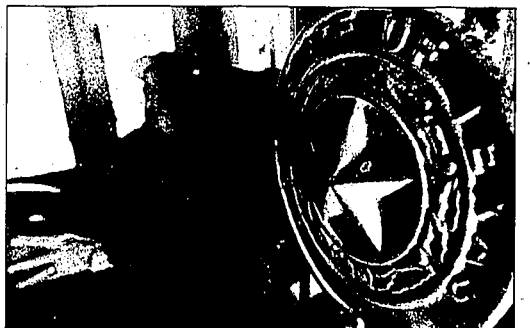


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## Snowpack levels

Watershed	Jan. 2006	30-year average
Salmon	132%	85%
Big Wood	146%	97%
Little Wood	140%	89%
Big Lost	134%	82%
Little Lost	115%	72%
Henry Fork/Fulton	132%	91%
Upper Snake Basin	128%	83%
Oakley	167%	113%
Salmon Falls	151%	99%

A comparison of basin snowpack, on this day, with a 30-year average. An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in March.

# Jerome voters will decide on treatment plant upgrade

By Cathy Roemer  
Times-News correspondent

BREMOND — Voters in the city of Jerome will go to the polls Tuesday to decide if they want to pay for an upgrade to Jerome's wastewater treatment plant. The \$9 million revenue bond to modernize and expand the current facility will require only a simple majority (50 percent + 1) to pass.

It could be an economic cog in Jerome's wheel of growth if voters turn the measure down. "The City Council may have

to put a moratorium on new construction if the bond fails," said Travis Rothweiler, Jerome city administrator. The city is also seeking funding for developers who are poised to build 15 new subdivisions, equal to about 1,500 new homes in the area. In addition, the city is crisscrossing sewer line infrastructure south and east to Crossroads Point on Highway 93 where a new hospital will be built. Three lift stations along the route will return waste via the pipeline to the treatment site. Based on recommendations

from an ad hoc committee appointed by the City Council, the current plant will serve as the foundation for the new facility. The city is also looking for a facility that is more modern and pieces will be modified and replaced as a high-tech membrane filtration system is incorporated. The membranes will be housed in a metal pre-fabricated building. Rothweiler said the system allows for future growth and expansion as the community grows. In addition, the membrane system allows wastewater to be

treated "to a higher degree than what is required by the Environmental Protection Agency and the North Side Canal Company." It is also a more modern facility that can be expanded if the city's population grows. "Those lines can be as high as \$50,000 per day," he said. "The city of Jerome cannot afford to pay an amount like that." Rothweiler said the bond will pay for the "baseline

**To vote**  
Tuesday, Feb. 7  
Polls are open from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM.  
Headlines here north of Main Street will vote at the Senior Citizen Center next to the post office.  
Resident living south of Main Street will vote at the City Council chambers on the corner of South Lincoln and A Street.  
For more information on the proposed project visit [www.ci.jerome.id.us](http://www.ci.jerome.id.us).

Part 3: Magic Valley residents talk about Sempra's plan in Jerome on Tuesday.

MAGIC VALLEY

THIS WEEK AT CSI

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Acquia City Council, 9 p.m.
Acquia Automotive, 20602 F St.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 103 S. Main.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m.
City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W.
Oakley Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 p.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., city hall, 380 E. Ave. N.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., council chambers, 305 T. Blvd.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterway Advisory Board, 7 p.m., 450 5th Ave. W.
Tuesday
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 225 S. Main.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse, 206 First Ave. S., Halley.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1401 Grand Ave.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main.
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County Courthouse, 206 First Ave. S.,

Halley.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center, 120 Madison W.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 621 F St.
Shoshone City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 207 S. Hall St. W.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.
Wednesday
Castelford City Council, 7 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises, 300 W. Main.
DeWalt City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 116W Main.
DeWalt Memorial Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 417 Seventh St. Rupert.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 941 10th St.
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 104 S. Fourth.
Murtaugh School Board, 7 p.m., high school library, 500 Bond W.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office, 1525 S. 600W.
Richfield School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school, 555 N. Tiger

Drive.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Twin Falls Public Library Board, 5 p.m., library board room, 434 Second E.
Thursday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar.
Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Soldier Road.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center, 140 E. Lake.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive.
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 302 Cherry St.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 240 Third Ave. E.
Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N.

Today
CSI Golden Eagle Boosters luncheon, noon, Taylor 277.
CSI Student Senate weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Student Union 212.
Livestock Central Idaho Conference, gals. district, basketball tournament, 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., 85m.
Idaho Chi Alpha leadership meeting, 6 p.m., Student Union 240.
Tuesday
CSI Student Business Fair and scholarship competition, 8 a.m., City Hall, 4th and Taylor building.
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Student Union 232.
CSI Ski Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 106.
CSI Math Club weekly meeting and colloquia, 4 p.m., Shields 203.
PHIDE pre-foster and adoptive parent training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.
"Single in the jungle" fee reptile review, 6 p.m., Herrett Center rain forest.
"Herrett Family Night" public television viewing, 7 p.m., Centennial Observatory.
Public reception for Don Kimes art show, 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery (show on display through April 11).
CSI Jazz Workshop featuring The Justin Nielsen Trio, 7 p.m., Student Union Fireside Lounge (free and open to the public).
CSI Singles From the Depths of Space, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Chi Alpha weekly meeting, 8 p.m., Student Union building ( upstairs).
Wednesday
CSI Latinos Unidos weekly meeting, 2 p.m., Student Union 217.
CSI Alliance Club weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

SCIC girls district basketball tournament, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m., gym.
CSI Student Disability Services, "Gratitude Gathering," 6:30 p.m., Herrett Center, Hick Allen Community Room.
CSI Program Board Texas Hold 'Em Night tournament, 7 p.m., Student Union.
8599 Narcotics Anonymous meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
Thursday
Idaho Office on Aging weekly grief class, 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Office on Aging annex.
Center for New Directions single parents luncheon, noon, Student Union 240.
CSI Phi Theta Kappa weekly meeting, noon, Taylor 232.
Actia long-term insurance discussion, 1:30 p.m., Shields 115.
Students Accessing Abilities weekly meeting, 3:30 p.m., Student Union 240.
CSI Math Club weekly meeting and colloquia, 4 p.m., Shields 203.
PHIDE pre-foster and adoptive parent training, 6 p.m., Taylor 277.
Silver Sage Gratto cave explorers monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 256.
Public reception for Don Kimes art show, 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King gallery (show on display through April 11).
Idaho Humanities Council award presentation to Bill Studebaker, 6 p.m., Herrett Center, Hick Allen Community Room.
CSI Asian Student Organization Lamar New Year celebration, 6:30 p.m., Student Union building.
CSI Singles From the Depths of Space, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 113.
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. North Idaho College, 8:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene (game broadcast live on AM 1270 KTFH).
LDS Women's Institute Association Sweetheart Ball, 9 p.m. to midnight, Student Union.

1270 KTFH).
Pacific Northwest Regional Boxing Tournament, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Hick Allen Community Room.
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. North Idaho College, 8:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene (game broadcast live on AM 1270 KTFH).
Saturday
CSI Red Tech Club continuing education seminar, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Aspen 195.
Magic Valley Youth Orchestra rehearsal, 9 a.m., Fine Arts 132.
Twin Falls Kappa Gamma monthly meeting, 10 a.m., Taylor 276.
Unified Church of God weekly meeting, 10 a.m., Aspen 145.
CSI Office on Aging Medicare prescription enrollment assistance, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Student Union building public computers area (call 736-2122 for appointment).
"Star Signs," 2 and 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball vs. North Idaho College, 8:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene (game broadcast live on AM 1270 KTFH).
Pacific Northwest Regional Boxing Tournament, 7 p.m., 859m.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society monthly meeting, 7 p.m., Herrett Center, Hick Allen Community Room (free admission; public is welcome).
February star party (free telescope viewing), 7 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences.
" Mysteries From the Depths of Space," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball vs. North Idaho College, 8:30 p.m., Coeur d'Alene (game broadcast live on AM 1270 KTFH).
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Cecile M. VanZante



TWIN FALLS — Cecile M. VanZante, 83, of Twin Falls and formerly of Mesa, Ariz., passed away peacefully Thursday evening, Feb. 2, 2006, at the home of her son in Florence, Arizona.
Cecile was born April 30, 1922, in Keokuk, Iowa, the fifth child of Benjamin and Winifred Hampton. She married W. H. (Wes) VanZante on Oct. 1, 1940, in Twin Falls and they made their home and raised their children in the Cedar Draw area until moving to Jerome in 1954. During this time, Cecile was a loving wife and mother and a constant help-mate to Wes in their farming operation. She was a member of the Cedar Draw Women's Club and the Filer and Jerome Rebekah Lodges.
When Wes retired from farming in 1965, they moved to Mesa, Ariz., where they lived for 35 years. During this time, Cecile truly cared for her grandchildren and many other family's children always with the utmost patience and concern. She delighted in teaching the children arts and crafts. They made nu-

merous trips to the Washington coast where they enjoyed deep-sea fishing together.
With Wes' death in 1994, she returned to live in Twin Falls to be nearer her children and remained there until she went to live with her son, Jim, in 1997.
Cecile is survived by her three children, Patty P. of Twin Falls, James R. VanZante Sr. of Florence, Ariz., and Bonnie Moore of Halley, Idaho; sisters, Margaret Reed

of Buhl, Geraldine Madland, Ardith Herney and Luceane (Candi) Inpwood of Twin Falls, and one brother, Orin Hampton of Idaho Falls; and nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Wes; two brothers, Wade and Walter (Wats) Hampton; sisters-in-law, Esther and Velma Hampton and two brothers-in-law, Howard Reed and William (Bill) Madland; and one great-granddaughter, Madison (Madie) Moore.
Services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls with burial to follow at the Filer Cemetery. A viewing will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the mortuary. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cecile's name to the LDS Church, 480 W. 4th, c/o Bishop Darren Coleman, 824 Casswell W., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Services are under the direction of White Mortuary "Chapel by the Park" in Twin Falls.

Arthur E. 'Bud' Short



TWIN FALLS — Arthur E. "Bud" Short, 70, of Twin Falls died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at his home.
He was born July 16, 1935, in Canon City, Colo., the son of Edward and Edna Marie Short. He married Beverly Ann McKnight in Gold Beach, Ore. From this union five children were born, two sons and three daughters. They were later divorced. Bud had a trucking business in Utah, Idaho, and California. In 1978, he rebuilt a '73 Kenworth that was on the cover of "American Trucker" magazine in February 1983.
Bud is survived by his brother, John (Ellen) Short, Sr. of Milton-Freewater, Ore.; his children, Kathleen (Tom) Dudgeon of Apple Valley, Calif.,

Janette Reile of Twin Falls, Idaho, Gary (Cathy) Short of Jerome, Idaho, Brian Shaw of Twin Falls, Idaho, and David

(Shawn) Short of Filer, Idaho; and three grandsons and five great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Edna Short, and one granddaughter, "Baby Marie" Bud.
The service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the Free Will Baptist Church, 728 14th Ave. N. in Buhl, Idaho, with the Pastor Earl Jenkins officiating. Friends and family are invited to a reception immediately following the service, also at the church. The family suggests memorial contributions in Bud's memory may be made to the Bud Free Will Baptist Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

SERVICES

William K. "Bill" Wakewood of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Episcopal Church, 902 Sixth St. in Rupert; viewing for friends and family one hour before the service at the church. Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel.
Roy Ray Johansson of Gillette, Wyo., and formerly of Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Congregational Church (Hansen Mortuary/Rupert Chapel).
Emily Fuller of Jerome, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Jerome First Presbyterian Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).
Connie Mack Cummins of Nucleo, Calif., and formerly of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at Miller Jones Mortuary in Berns, Calif. burial at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Wendell

Cemetery; viewing from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; celebration of life memorial luncheon at noon Wednesday at Best Western Sawtooth Inn Convention Center, 2653 S. Lincoln.
Edna Ogden of Nampa and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Cemetery; visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel.
Ralph W. Palmer of Oakley, funeral at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Oakley LDS Stake Center, 301 N. Lincoln. Friends may call from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.
Arthur E. "Bud" Short of

Twin Falls, celebration of life at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bud Free Will Baptist Church, 728 14th Ave. N. in Buhl (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).
Cecile M. VanZante of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
George Thomas Carroll of Twin Falls, funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.
Kenneth Wayne Russell of Jerome, graveside service at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Jerome Cemetery, followed by a get-together at the Jerome Rebekah Lodge, 104 E. B. St. (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Football, pizza just go together

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Blame it on "America's love" — if something cool goes wrong, it will.
And that's just what happened to Domino's Pizza Manager Pat Cysdale when one of his pizzas was broken down on Super Bowl Sunday, one of the busiest pizza days of the year. After all, nothing goes better with beer than pizza.
" I never happens on a Monday," Cysdale said Sunday afternoon as he stood on a ladder and fiddled with the oven switch. "It's always on a Sunday or a Super Bowl day. We'll be in the trouble if we don't get this fixed."
Cysdale and his 17-person Super Bowl crew started preparing for game day Friday night. They made sure there were 100 extra trays of dough in the cooler. They stacked pizza boxes up to the ceiling. By the time the big day rolled around, they already had 10 pre-orders — including a 25-pizza order headed to a Super Bowl party in a dormitory at the College of Southern Idaho.
" It's all about getting people here early and being prepared," said Cysdale, who began his career as a pizza delivery driver 16 years ago and later bought his own store. He estimated his Twin Falls store would turn out between 300 and 400 additional pizzas on Super Bowl Sunday.
" When you're really jamming, you see everyone working together," he said.
John Bellamy, manager of a Papa John's, agreed.
" You have to delegate," Bellamy said Sunday afternoon as his phone rang off the hook. " I can so swapped right now trying to help Cysdale fix the broken one. More than 30 additional pizza orders on Super Bowl Sunday.
On this particular Sunday, the Domino's Pizza team worked like a well-oiled machine.
" It's good help," said Assistant Manager Chad Bittner. " He's the man."
Cysdale said just before the kickoff in the game between the Seattle Seahawks and the Pittsburgh Steelers, an "angel" by the name of Mark Koopman of Argus Electric saved the day by fixing the broken pizza oven.
" We came out and rigged it up for us," Cysdale said. " He got it going and bulled us out."

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DEATH NOTICES

**Joe Willis Allen**

TWIN FALLS — Joe Willis Allen, 74, of Twin Falls passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at his home.

Funeral services will be held 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 667 Harrison, Twin Falls. Family will greet friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday evening, Feb. 10, 2006, at White Mortuary ("Chapel by the Park," and from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. Saturday at the Harrison LDS Chapel. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Marion Cemetery, near Oakley.

**John Wilkins**

IDAHO MAN — John Wilkins, 167, a resident of Hagerman, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Denary Funeral Service in Coalinga.

**Thelma Botts**

WENDELL — Thelma Botts, 86, a resident of Wendell, died Sunday, Feb. 5, 2006, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. Funeral arrangements are

pending and will be announced by Denary's Wendell Chapel.

**Venden Rysset**

RUPERT — Venden Rysset, 79, of Rupert passed away Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Park View Care and Rehabilitation in Burley.

Public services will be held at a later date. Services are under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Leland Eber Carlson**

Leland Eber Carlson, 73, of Rupert passed away at home on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2006, at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at the mortuary and one hour prior to services at the church. Services have been placed under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

**Merle William Phillips**

TWIN FALLS — Merle William Phillips, 78, of Twin Falls died Sunday in Twin Falls. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Howe Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

**Caron Moore**

HANSEN — Caron Moore, 60, of Hansen passed away Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. No public services will be held per the family's request. Caron's final resting place will be in the Rupert Cemetery in Rupert, Idaho. Services have been placed under the direction of the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

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**Sempre**

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In a phone interview with The Times-News, Rolke took aim mostly at another power plant proposed for the county — a 1,720 megawatt facility planned by TXU Power, a large energy company in Texas. He said residents should start asking questions about the effect emissions from both coal-fired facilities could have on their environment and health.

"There's an information gap," Rolke said.

"Like many people in Magic Valley, Rolke worries about mercury emissions from the proposed coal-fired power plants. Although none of the water bodies in the area has fish advisories due to mercury emissions, Rolke said, he's concerned about how mercury emissions from two new plants might affect water quality in the region.

**Jerome**

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technology" and expansion will be funded by future connection fees.

The bond will be paid by user fees, not property taxes, and funds generated by the bond issue can only be used for sewer projects, according to information posted by the city.

The City Council recently approved a fee increase factoring in the bond revenue. Rothweiler said if the bond passes, the additional amount will not be added onto the increase. Currently, an average water user pays \$14.69 per month for sewer services. The recently approved ordinance increased the amount to about \$22.30 per month, which is set to begin at the end of February. If the bond fails, the mayor and City Council can rescind the amount equal to what the bond would have added.

Rates have not been increased since 1998, Rothweiler said.

**A dark tale**

Hailey's Company of Fools will stage Henrik Ibsen's searing theater classic "Hedda Gabler." Thursday in TNT

metals and the particulates," he said.

Rolke's family relocated to Robertson County from the Houston area in 1972, but he has only lived there full time for the last four or five years. Rolke's ranch sits about five miles from the proposed TXU plant and 20 miles from the proposed Twin Oaks expansion.

While Rolke noted that Sempra operated what is generally considered the "cleanest coal-fired power plant in Texas," he isn't sure the Magic Valley residents should take that to heart because Sempra didn't build the Bremond plant, it simply bought it in 2002.

"I don't know if they get a gold star for having bought a clean plant," he said.

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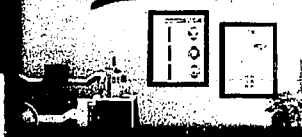
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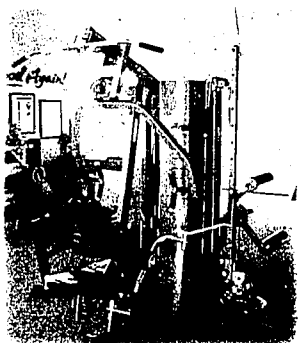
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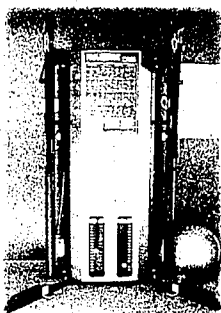
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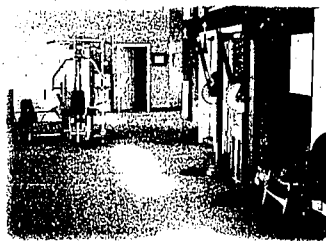
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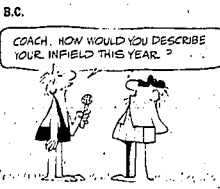
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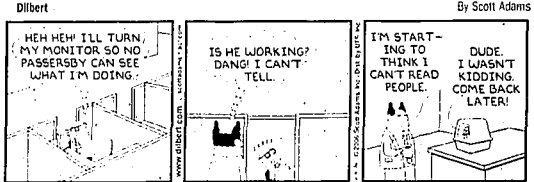
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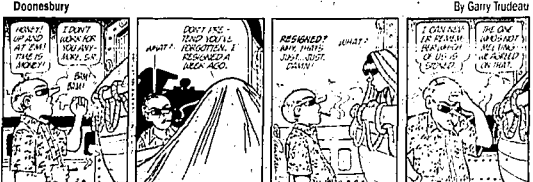
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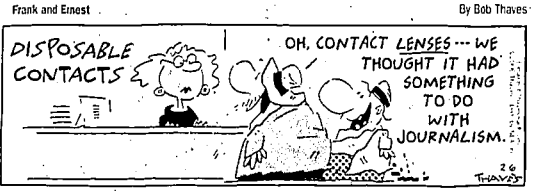
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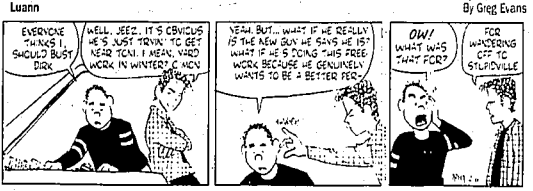
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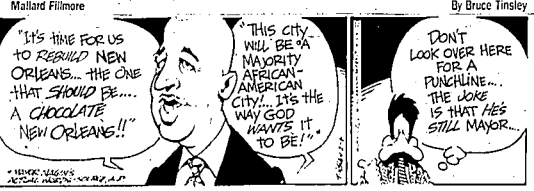
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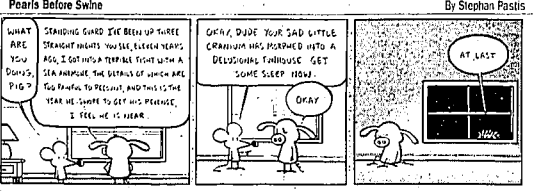
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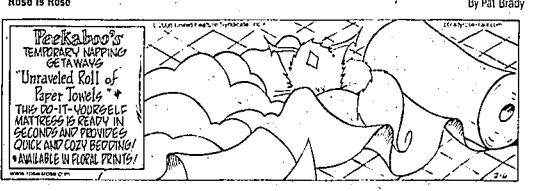
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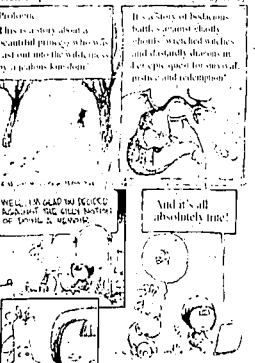
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Some days you're just too nice, Libra

IF FEB. 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: While gentle Neptune travels through your part of the zodiac this year, you may feel connected to others on a spiritual level and be uplifted by romantic feelings. Maintain youthful attitudes and remain optimistic, as you will be rewarded for past kindnesses in April and July. Your faith in the universe may open doors that improve your life substantially and your health will be better than ever. Don't take your blessings for granted in October when a 'boy' relationship could present an obstacle or others may test your ethics. ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are a powerhouse of energy and can score points on some playing field. Impress the boss with an ability to beat the clock or turn on a romantic partner with your aura of sexual prowess. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be confident in public but alert for insincerity in business transactions. You are more attractive than usual under these stars. Someone close may have you in his or her sights as a target of love. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): These stars put on the back any mere flattery. Remain skeptical of offers put on the table today. Don't enter into new commitments, but enjoy living moments with someone tried and true. CANCER (June 21-July 22): Some people may think you kissed the Blarney Stone. You may get your way easily today, due to a gift for gab but don't be surprised if promises aren't kept or exaggerations creep in. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your eyes may be bigger than your stomach so you may be tempted to bite off more than you can safely chew. Finish up existing projects quickly while you possess extra drive and ambition. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things presented now could be entirely too good to be true. Optimism is a great asset, but a little cynicism will keep overstatements of fact under control. Pursue loving playmates late tonight. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Some days you are just too nice. You might be overly willing to maintain peace and tranquility and then could lose out if the going gets tough. Late night love fests are entirely possible. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are so hot but you sizzle. If you push determinedly to make your mark in business, you will succeed. A significant other will be unable to resist your numerous charms later this evening. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No matter what you say, you really want to have your cake and eat it, too. Hard work is necessary. Don't make promises or sign agreements, but follow through on romance tonight. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Follow a romantic impulse. A tasteful gift can make a loved one think more highly of you and make a relationship fall back into familiar grooves. Don't go overboard on spending. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Quit being an inflatable doll. Standing up for your rights is sometimes difficult to do under high winds. Don't pump yourself up too much. Amorous activities get a green light late tonight. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Too much of a good thing is only great if you are Mae West. Contain enthusiasms. Keep them from overwhelming and spilling long-term plans. Pairs of lovers can bill and coo tonight.

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# Childhood molestation still haunts woman as an adult



**DEAR ABBY**  
Jeanne Phillips

nerware were. How would you have handled this?

**— HORRIFIED IN HOUSTON**  
**DEAR HORRIFIED:** I would have handled it as you did, having lost my appetite, too. However, if your brother and his girlfriend have a dishwasher with an extra-hot and sanitizing cycle, the plates were probably "safe" to eat from. (Yech)

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently purchased a "mother's ring" for my mother and am having all of my siblings' stones added to it. However, last Thanksgiving, my brother, the baby of the family, passed away unexpectedly.

Should I still add his birthstone to the ring, or just the survivors? Your thoughts, please.

**— TORN IN TENNESSEE**  
**DEAR TORN:** By all means, add your brother's birthstone to the ring. To do otherwise would imply that he never existed. Please believe me when I say that when your mother looks at the ring, your brother's stone will remind her of the precious time she had with him. What would make her sad would be knowing that one stone was missing.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was 7, I spent the night at the home of a friend and was molested by her father. It happened again when I was older. That time it was a cousin who molested me. I never told my mother. I was afraid she would blame me. My father never spent time with me — I am one of several children — so it didn't occur to me to tell him.

I have lived with this all my life. I have suffered from low self-esteem and had relationship problems since childhood. Few days have gone by that I haven't thought about it and felt deep personal guilt. I never told anyone what happened until after my mother died, when I finally confessed it to a psychiatrist.

Now I would like to tell my older brother. Should I? Or would it be more difficult for me if my family knew?

**— SAD, SCARED AND CONFUSED IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR SAD:** Not knowing your family, I can't predict how they'll react. However, this I do know: You were victimized twice as a child. You have done nothing for which to feel guilty. The victim is never at fault.

Because you still have difficulty accepting this, it appears your sessions with the psychiatrist were not as helpful as they should have been. Please pick up the phone and call the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN). The toll-free number is (800) 656-4673. Counselors there will guide you to special-

ized services that can help you. Their entire focus is on helping victims of sexual assault, and the fact that your assault happened long ago should not be a deterrent.

After you have been counseled, and accept that you were never at fault for what happened, it will be safe to tell your brother because, at that point, his reaction will not be all-important to you.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently attended a birthday dinner celebration for my father at my brother and his girlfriend's home. While the girlfriend, "Cheryl," was eating, she speared a bite of her food with her fork and then held it down to the floor for the dog to eat. Then she put another bite of food onto her fork and ate it. This continued throughout the dinner with Cheryl and the dog alternating bites of the same fork.

When she was finished eating, she placed her dinner plate on the floor for the dog to finish eating. It was revolting. Dad and I just sat there, stunned, and stopped eating, not knowing how sanitary the plates and din-

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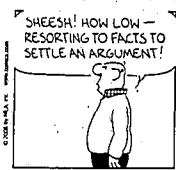
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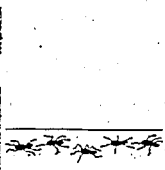
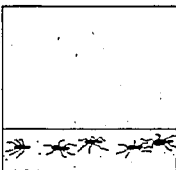
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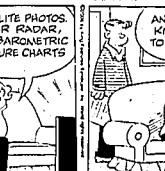
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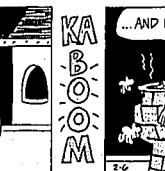
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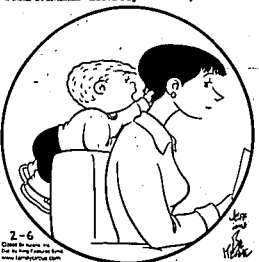
Dennis the Menace

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



"NEXT TIME LET'S GO TO ONE OF THOSE NICE RESTAURANTS THAT HAS A PLAYGROUND."

"Mommy, where are the eyes you said you had to have back here?"

**SAMPLE BALLOT**

**SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION**

**CITY OF TWIN FALLS  
TWIN FALLS COUNTY  
STATE OF IDAHO**

February 7, 2006

TO VOTE, complete the arrow(s) ← pointing to your choice with a line, like this ←

**QUESTION:** Shall the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, be authorized to issue and sell general obligation bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of providing for the acquisition, construction, improvement and installation of an addition to the City's existing library facility, and such other furnishings, equipment, and other capital items and related improvements and costs incidental thereto, in an aggregate principal amount for all such bonds of no more than \$5,200,000 payable from ad valorem taxes, over a term for each such series which may be less than but which shall not exceed twenty (20) years, as more fully provided in Ordinance No. 2854 adopted January 3, 2006.

**YES** ←   
IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSES STATED ABOVE.

**NO** ←   
AGAINST ISSUING BONDS UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSES STATED ABOVE.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS:** If the voter desires to vote in favor of issuing the bonds, the voter shall complete the arrow pointing to the words "YES, IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSES STATED ABOVE". If the voter desires to vote against the bonds, the voter shall complete the arrow pointing to the words "NO, AGAINST ISSUING BONDS UP TO THE AMOUNT OF \$5,200,000 FOR THE PURPOSES STATED ABOVE". The voter shall use only the marking device provided. All marks otherwise made are forbidden. **DO NOT CROSS OUT** - If you change your mind, tear, or make a mistake on this ballot, exchange your ballot for a new one. **AFTER VOTING** - Return your marked ballot to the election officials at your polling place as instructed.

The following is required by § 34-439, Idaho Code:

The total existing general obligation indebtedness of the City of Twin Falls is \$0.00. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed general obligation bonds is four and 29/100 percent (4.29%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and 25/100 percent (3.25%) to six and 45/100 percent (6.45%). The total amount estimated to be repaid over the life of the proposed general obligation bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$8,100,000.

## OTHER VIEWS

### Idaho can't wait to beef up community colleges

The Idaho Statesman

There's nothing like competition to crank up a sense of urgency. The Oregon-based Treasure Valley Community College wants to expand its Idaho presence. This will probably amplify the debate over Idaho's community-college system, and rightly so.

TVCC's ambitious plans — a Boise-Meridian satellite campus that could swell to serve nearly 4,000 students in five years — speak volumes about an education void. A valley of half a million people needs a fully functioning community college for students who can't commute to a four-year college, or who just need training to help them get a better job.

If the state of Idaho doesn't figure out how to get it done, then someone else will.

TVCC and Boise State University have turned to the I.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. TVCC's bid, disclosed last week, came at the foundation's invite. That alone should focus lawmakers' attention.

The TVCC and BSU proposals have been made public, so we can't judge them. We can pose a few questions.

For openers, we would want to know more about student costs. TVCC hopes to charge students \$90 per credit hour on its quarterly schedule, which translates to \$120 per credit hour on a semester schedule. BSU now charges \$195 per credit hour, but hopes to cut community-college course fees to \$120. While TVCC would use no state money, BSU would need a state subsidy to get its prices down to \$120. What is the most affordable way to provide basic courses and professional-technical job training?

We'd also need to know a lot more about who could best run a community college. Founded in 1962, TVCC has experience. But local decision-making — the ability to respond quickly to a changing local economy — is a hallmark of a successful community college. Is local control compromised when an Oregon-based school serves Southwest Idaho? Or is a state line just an artificial

barrier? We do know this, though. The state's community-college needs — starting with but not limited to the Treasure Valley — require the state's attention.

That's why we support Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's idea to use \$5 million as seed money to make community-college programs available to more Idahoans at a more affordable price.

BSU would use a share of the money to subsidize community college offerings, reducing student fees. The \$5 million would not build a community college system.

Kempthorne's plan keeps the state out of the business of building brick-and-mortar community colleges — and skirts the tough question of how to pay long term.

As TVCC's application demonstrates, the decision makers cannot duck the question forever. Some lawmakers believe community college costs should be paid in part with local property taxes, as at College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene. They say community college backers should push for a modest property tax levy spread across the Treasure Valley's large tax base. (It's a cheeseburger for every household," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb. R-Burley, whose district is served by CSI.)

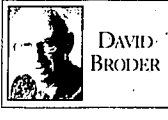
Of course, given the unrest over home property taxes, any proposal to tap this tax risks becoming not a cheeseburger, but just so much ground meat. Democratic leaders last week floated a shrewd alternative: giving local community college districts the choice of paying their local share through property taxes or local sales taxes. The idea would ensure local control and reduce the reliance on the property tax — but run counter to lawmakers who reflexively and unreasonably oppose giving voters the choice to raise their sales taxes. In this case, two out of three ain't bad, and certainly deserves discussion.

The funding issue is complicated, but the unmet demand for community college laws won't wait forever. Lawmakers got some irrefutable evidence last week from just across the state line.

## Boehner to the rescue, they hope

The upset victory of Rep. John Boehner of Ohio in the Washington Post poll leader of the House reflects the nervousness of congressional Republicans about the lobbying scandal that has rocked Washington.

Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri was the favorite to be elevated from whip, the No. 3 job, and he led on the first ballot, falling seven spots short of a majority in the three-way contest. But the support of the eliminated third-place finisher, Rep. John Shadegg of Arizona, swung to Boehner, costing Blunt the job.



DAVID BRODER

Blunt has been closely allied with Ben Tom Delay of Texas, who was forced to resign as majority leader, in part because of the criminal indictments on campaign finance charges he faces in Texas, and in part because of his office's intimate ties with convicted lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

As Tom Felsall documented in the Washington Post, Blunt had built a network of relationships with the lobbying community on K Street almost as extensive as Delay's. Boehner has his own lobbying ties, and with his elevation to majority leader, the Republicans still face a need to take strong action to clean up the lobbying-money scandals in Washington.

One has to do with the enforcement of congressional standards. Now, that is in the hands of the so-called "ethics" committees of the House and Senate, made up of sitting members. The assignments are made by the congressional leadership and most members avoid the duty because they do not want to sit in judgment on their colleagues.

At the moment, both committees are largely stymied by partisan disputes. But even if



they could be reactivated, it is obvious that only in the most outrageous cases will these committees call straying lawmakers to account.

A number of outside groups have suggested, however, a commission with former members of Congress to take on this onerous duty. Similar commissions have worked well in several states. This would signal serious enforcement by Congress.

The other idea comes from a former congressional and Labor Department staffer, Steve Tolman, and is as simple as it would be effective. To deal with the problem of "car marks," the special interest provisions often slipped into bills to finance local projects, Hoffman suggests an amendment to House rules. No deal with the problem of "car marks," the special interest provisions often slipped into bills to finance local projects, Hoffman suggests an amendment to House rules. No deal with the problem of "car marks," the special interest provisions often slipped into bills to finance local projects, Hoffman suggests an amendment to House rules.

only save billions but would eliminate opportunities for lobbyists to procure favors in return for the campaign funds they raise.

Scott Libby, a Democratic expert on Congress, takes the view "sympathetic with the idea," because it would put responsibility where it belongs — on congressional committees. I also found interest among Democratic leadership aides.

The folks I contacted at the Republican-controlled House Rules Committee were more skeptical, noting that current rules specifically bar points of order based on the lack of a public hearing.

Requiring such a hearing would present practical problems, they said, when Congress wants to move quickly to pass such things as the resolution marking the death of Coretta Scott King.

But that does not strike me as serious objection. I don't expect either idea to be adopted. But if the Republicans really wanted reform, these are steps they should endorse.

David Broder's e-mail address is davidbroder@washpost.com

### Wendell coach changed lives for the better

Seventeen years ago, I was a freshman. Fresh out of parochial school in a big city, I was scared, but things started out good. With good grades and an average science teacher, I thought I would be playing volleyball for a year in a few years. I was full of hope.

Within months, however, Coach Wendell was in with a bad crowd, and my life was sucked into a vortex of self-destruction. One day, as I walked through the gym, hurting from a ching gone by a man walked across the floor and changed my life. His words were few, but I could tell that he meant what he said. I was a freshman, but as the boy's basketball coach, I had looked up to him from a distance. At that moment, it didn't matter who he cared, because in his words, I remembered who I was.

Since that time, Allen Kelsey has been a source of inspiration in my life. Today, as a teacher, aspire — through years of his comparison — to be like him. My husband, who has himself patterned his life after Coach Kelsey, teaching and coaching basketball, loves his former coach as a second father and relies on his wisdom on a daily basis.

This may seem a nice story, but Allen Kelsey has done this thing for hundreds of kids over the years; my husband and I are just two of the many people who have been touched by his influence. I have a hard time saying how much he can be seen giving high fives to the kids who have nothing going for them. They love Mr. Kelsey just as much as the jocks and the hard-core sports members do, because they know he sees the good in them. (He doesn't do this because it's popular or beneficial; he does it because he has real compassion for them and he cares for others. There's nothing I wouldn't go to have him coach my own boys.

## LETTERS

Being the successful, legendary coach that he is, there's no one who can teach the game better. But more importantly, young people coached by Allen Kelsey learn to be good people. I can honestly say, along with many others, that I've never met a better person in my life.

From all of us who've felt your love, Coach Kelsey, thank you. You'll always and forever be our hero.

— ZORPE Preston

### Best friend will be missed after tragic leap

Hi, My name is Jake. I'm about 4 1/2 years old. I have one of the best friends in the world. My friend takes me everywhere. We are hardly ever apart except when he has to work, and sometimes that may mean he is gone for a day or two. But that's OK 'cause I'm always happy to see him when he gets home.

We just moved here a few months ago from the Nampa area, where we had two acres to run and play on. When we moved here, the house was big and the yard small, but my best friend knows how much I love to go for walks and run. About every day, we would go for walks, and lots of times it was places that we have never been before. It's always cool to explore new places.

This last weekend, we went to a new place. It was snowing real hard. There were water falls, real big trees and lots of stuff to check out. My best friend likes to watch me run and play, especially when I see a squirrel. Oh boy, that is when the chase is on. I never do catch them; I'm not real sure what I would do if I did. But this day, there weren't any squirrels — just new smells and stuff.

I looked up and saw my best friend walking toward a rock wall, and I just had to check it out. I ran past him and jumped up and over that wall. What happened next is what took my life.

I did not know, and neither did my best friend, that it was a sheer cliff. The last thing I heard was my name and "I love you." Buddy? Yes, my name was Jake, but he also called me Buddy. I was a black Lab mix that my best friend adopted from the Humane Society in Boise in my life.

I know he loves me and misses me more than anything. Four and a half years is not long enough, but I wouldn't trade that for the world.

Well, we all know that dogs can't read, but humans can, and I wish there were signs in that park that told something like "Dangerous cliffs — If you love them, leash them!"

Nobody needs to feel this sadness. Thank you, Jake.

KEVIN BAUGH  
Twin Falls  
Editor's note: Kevin Baugh is the owner of Jake, a black Lab that died recently at Shoshone Falls Park.

### Labels were reckless trigger words in letter

I hope Mr. Douglas is better at managing his "small business" than he is at his careful effort to make some sort of point regarding his views about the Sempra project. His fuzzy attempt to portray himself as an open-minded is deflected by his offensive labeling of those voicing concerns about the coal-fired plant as "left-wing eccentrics." Before 9/11, one could disregard the shameful remarks of Mr. Douglas as those of a simple bore. However, in today's world, such spurious and reckless use of trigger words is more than an insult, as it goes well beyond crass distaste.

I must consider one of two possible explanations for his trigger words: is more than an insult, as it goes well beyond crass distaste. I must consider one of two possible explanations for his trigger words: is more than an insult, as it goes well beyond crass distaste. I must consider one of two possible explanations for his trigger words: is more than an insult, as it goes well beyond crass distaste.

plant issue is not partisan, and labeling those concerned as "left-wing" is, at best, disingenuous. The terrorist tag is outright maliciousness!

Obviously, he has not taken the time to find out that, for the most part, those questioning the power plant are working-class citizens. In many ways, life-long Magic Valley business people. I challenge Mr. Douglas to attend one of the many forums where local residents are practicing citizenship, especially if he really wants to be an informed decision. If he is sincere, he should render a public apology for categorizing fellow citizens as "terrorists."

NEVIN Jerome

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## LETTER

### Rim development plan appalling for canyon

Francis Horne's plan for the canyon rim is an appalling idea.

My concern over this plan is the fourth size of town has become so crowded with large stores and traffic-covered roads that it's hard to breathe. But more importantly, the beauty of the canyon has become corrupted with over-development that detracts from the majesty

nature intended. If we continue to build bigger and taller, in 20 years, both sides of the canyon will be completely covered with stores to the point that the canyon's glory will be covered up. There is plenty of land in Twin Falls besides on the canyon rim. Why not use it to build an insect? We are truly blessed to have this canyon in our backyard. Don't destroy it for future generations. SHERY LEAVITT Twin Falls



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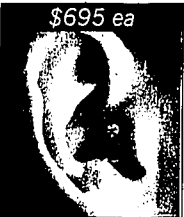
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Section B

## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

I didn't think I would live long enough to see a No. 6 seed go to the Super Bowl and be favored over a No. 1 seed. I find that astonishing.

—ABC sportscaster Al Michaels

### TRIVIA

QUESTION:  
 Who scored the first points in Super Bowl history?

.....answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High School**  
**BOWLING**  
 Boys district singles, Magic Bowl, 4 p.m.  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
 Community School at Shoshone, 6 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
 4A Great Basin West Jerome at Burley, 7 p.m.  
 3A SCIC at CSI gymnasium Kimbilly vs. Filer, loser-out, 5:30 p.m.  
 Gooding vs. Declo, championship, 7 p.m.  
**2A Canyon Conference**  
 Glenns Ferry at Wendell, loser-out, 7 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

**CSI booster luncheon today**  
**TWIN FALLS**—The College of Southern Idaho booster luncheon will be held at noon today in Taylor Building Room 277. Golden Eagles coaches and athletes will be in attendance to give updates on their respective programs.

### Hansen boosters hope to organize

**HANSEN**—The Hansen High School booster club will hold an organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school gymnasium. Parents of student athletes and alumni are encouraged to attend.

### 'Ski racing technique clinic planned

**TWIN FALLS**—The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is teaming up with Magic Mountain Skiing to offer a ski racing technique clinic. Beginner and intermediate level skiers will learn basic skills, including navigating course gates.  
 Jake Cowden, the University of Wyoming ski racing coach, will conduct the clinic.  
 The two-day clinic will take place Feb. 11 and 12 and also March 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Magic Mountain Ski Resort. Cost is \$50 for ages 5-15 and \$60 for ages 16-adult. One-day clinics are available at the same days and times. Cost for the one-day clinic is \$35 for ages 5-15 and \$40 for ages 16-adult. Cost includes a ski pass.  
 Proof of current health insurance and a skill helmet is required. Pre-registration at the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation building is also required. For more information, call 736-2265.

### Idaho Youth Ranch plans tournaments

**TWIN FALLS**—The Idaho Youth Ranch 26th Annual Basketball Tournament will be held in February and March. On Feb. 16-18, there will be a tournament for girls in grades 5-8.  
 On March 16-18, will be grades 5-6 boys tournament. On March 30 through April 1, there will be a tournament for boys in grades 7-11.  
 For more information, call Tony Bell or Jamie Pendergraft at 532-4117.

Compiled from staff reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

MacGee on a 37-yard pass from Bart Starr vs. Kansas City, 1957 Super Bowl.

## SUPER BOWL XL

# Steelers the one



Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Hines Ward (86) celebrates after catching a 43-yard touchdown pass from wide receiver Antwan Randle El against the Seattle Seahawks during Sunday's Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

## Steelers handle Seahawks for title

By Barry Wilner  
 Associated Press writer

**DETROIT** — The Pittsburgh Steelers finally gave coach Bill Cowher some Super Bowl satisfaction.  
 Moments after the Rolling Stones rocked a Ford Field filled with Terrible Towels, Willie Parker broke a record 76-yard touchdown run, sparking Pittsburgh's 21-10 victory Sunday over the Seattle Seahawks.

Not only did the Steelers earn that elusive fifth championship ring and their first since 1980, but they completed a magic Bus ride that made Jerome Bettis' homecoming — and Jarrold — a success.

"I'm a champion. I think the Bus' last stop is here in Detroit," Bettis said. "It's official, like the referee whistle."

On this night, satisfaction was more than Mick Jagger's signature song that closed the halftime show.

It was sweet validation for Cowher with a title in his 14th season as their coach, the longest tenure in the NFL. The tough guy, who lost his only previous Super Bowl 10 years ago, teared up as he walked to midfield to embrace Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren.

"It's surreal," Cowher said. "I'm going to tell you this is a special group of coaches, a special group of players. It was one small part of this."

Pittsburgh tied San Francisco and Dallas with its five Super Bowl titles.

And the Steelers certainly got plenty of help from the Seahawks, too. Seattle was plagued by penalties, drops, poor clock management and a critical fourth-quarter interception of Matt Hasselbeck just when the NFC champions seemed ready to take

the lead.  
 Instead, Pittsburgh (15-5) got the clinching score with the kind of trickery that has carried it through an eight-game winning streak.

Versatile wide receiver Antwan Randle El, a quarterback in college, took a hand-off from Parker, sprinted right and threw perfectly to Super Bowl MVP Hines Ward for a 43-yard TD with 9:04 remaining.

Bettis' role was minimal in what might be the final game for the NFL's No. 5 career rusher.

So was quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's impact — the most noteworthy play for the youngest quarterback to win a Super Bowl was a horrid pass that Kelly Herndon of the Seahawks (15-4) returned a record 76 yards.

"That set up the Seahawks' only touchdown, a 16-yard pass to Jermaine Stevens — Joey Porter, his verbal sparring partner all week, was nowhere in sight. Neither was All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu.

But with Parker's burst and Seattle's self-destructive tendencies, the Steelers completed their postseason march through the NFL's top four teams: Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Denver and Seattle, with all the wins coming away from Heinz Field.

Ward had five receptions for 123 yards and a touchdown.

Seattle, looking nothing like a team that rampaged through its conference, damaged itself all day. It had four penalties for 40 yards in the opening half, one that nullified a touchdown pass.

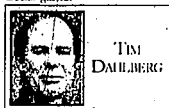
The second half wasn't much better, and tie Taylor's 24-yard return with Hasselbeck's poor throw gave Pittsburgh the one last opportunity it needed.

"This is a tough pill to swallow," Holmgren said. "but we accomplished a lot this year. While you don't have a great feeling

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## The Bus makes final stop

**DETROIT** — As grand exits go, it wasn't much.  
 The Bus didn't win the Super Bowl for the Pittsburgh Steelers in the final game of his career. Detroit even gave a lot to wish it, until he was given the ball to grind up some yards and run down the clock toward the end.  
 Don't believe for a minute, though, that this wasn't Jerome Bettis' game.



He ran onto the field alone because his teammates wanted to give him one final tribute. He walked off it for the last time as a champion, beloved in two cities, both of which can claim him as their own.

And he did what most athletes never can — walk away on top.

"I think the Bus' last stop is here in Detroit," Bettis said. "It was quite a ride. Bettis wasn't the same back who punished defenders in the NFL for 13 years, but it didn't need to be on this team."

His role wasn't so much to run as it was to lead. He came back for another year because quarterback Ben Roethlisberger promised him a trip to Detroit, and once he got there he made them all feel at home.

His teammates wanted to walk away for Pittsburgh, one for Bill Cowher, one for the thumb and one for themselves.

"They never lost sight, though. The one they wanted to win, of course, was the Super Bowl."

"It was all for Jerome," MVP Hines Ward said. "We were going to fight for him."

The rivalry between the end of the line was largely forgotten, though Bettis helped Roethlisberger score the Steelers' first touchdown with a block late in the second quarter. He wasn't the best running back on the field, not even the second best.

Bettis didn't even play during the first quarter, and ended the game with just 43 yards on 11 carries. He wasn't a starter, but he was the only Steeler on the field for a few moments as his teammates let him savor his final run out of the tunnel by himself.

"Joey Porter told me, 'It's only right that you lead us out there. It's your home. You need to bring us in,'" Bettis said. "I was in awe. They wanted me to bring them in and I brought them in. It was incredible. It gave me a moment I'll never forget."

Bettis responded by trying to give the Steelers something they would never forget. He rooted teammates on, sprinting onto the field to congratulate them after his play and giving them words of encouragement.

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AP photo. Photo illustration by BRAD QUINN/The Times News

# It's a perfect start to the year for Tiger

By Stephen Wado  
 Associated Press writer

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** — Two tournaments, two continents, two playoff victories.  
 Tiger Woods' year is off to a perfect start.

Two shots behind with two holes to play, Woods drove the green on the 359-yard 17th hole to set up a birdie-putt finish that got him into a playoff, where he defeated Ernie Els on the first extra hole Sunday to win the Dubai Desert Classic.

"I couldn't ask for anything more than that," said Woods, who hasn't started a season with two victories since his record-setting year in 2000. "Two playoffs, too. Very stressful, but I was somehow able to come out on top. I was very fortunate today."

It was similar to last year in San Diego, where Woods birdied the final hole to get into a playoff at the Buick Invitational and won with pars when his opponents made mistakes.

Els also birdied the last hole with a 6-foot putt. But on the par-5 18th hole in the playoff, he pulled-his tee-shot into the



Tiger Woods plays out of a bunker on the second green during his final round at the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates golf course in Dubai, UAE, on Sunday. Woods won in a playoff with Ernie Els.

sandy groove of palms, and his approach came up about a yard short into the water. He took a drop and pitched 20 feet beyond the hole, missing his par putt.

Woods, who went just over the back of the green in the playoff, clipped to 6 feet and two-putted for par.

behind the 18th green in regulation to join Els at 19-under 269. Richard Green of Australia birdied four of five holes down the stretch to take the lead, but he drove into a plugged lie in the final hole and took bogey on the 18th.

Els shot 5-under 67, but the ending was all too familiar. It was the third time he has lost in a playoff to Woods, and the seventh time the 36-year-old South African has finished second to Woods.

"I cannot complain," said Els, who is coming back from knee surgery last year. "After all the hassle I had with the leg to come back... and to almost win is fine."

Despite spraying tee shots across the Emirates Golf Club, Woods stayed close to the lead. The key hole might have been the 14th, where he drove landed in a rocky bank surrounding a pond. He managed to chip out into the rough, then made a 20-foot putt to save par and stay within two shots of Els.

"It was hit and hope, really," Woods said. "I tried to get the ball up over that little piece of rock because if it hit it could ricochet easily right back into the

water." Woods' victory on the tip of the Arabian peninsula was his 57th worldwide — 47 of them on the PGA Tour. It also makes 10 countries in which he's won at least one tournament. Along with the United States and United Arab Emirates, he has won in Thailand, Germany, Spain, Scotland, Canada, Ireland, Japan and Malaysia.

It was a small measure of redemption for Woods, who blew a chance to win in Dubai five years ago. Tied with Thomas Bjorn on the 18th hole, Woods hit into the water and made a double bogey, one of only five times in his career he has failed to win with at least a share of the 54-hole lead.

Woods has set up the 18th hole does not say up well for him, but he came through twice in a span of 20 minutes.

After winning the Buick Invitational, Woods flew 20 hours across 12 time zones to reach Dubai. He received a \$3 million appearance fee, earned \$100,000 for the victory and received the trophy — a 3-foot Amber coffee urn — from Sheik Maktoum bin Mohamed bin Rashid, the son of Dubai's ruler.

SPORTS

# Kings rule over Jazz, 89-79

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Mike Bibby scored 23 points, Kevin-Martin added 20 and Sacramento hit more than enough field goals in the fourth quarter.

Ron Artest scored nine points for the Kings, who rebounded just fine from a humiliating 0-for-20 shooting performance in the fourth quarter in Salt Lake City two days earlier. Sacramento managed just 12 points on free throws while leading a 12-point lead in an 89-79 defeat.

Kenny Thomas, who scored 10 points and led a strong rebounding game with nine boards, made sure the Kings wouldn't repeat the debacle with a fierce dunk on Sacramento's opening possession of the fourth.

Mehmet Okur had 25 points and eight rebounds for the Jazz, who have lost four of six. They had their own offensive issues this time, going scoreless for nearly 6 minutes in the second quarter before falling irrevocably behind when they couldn't score in the first 3:45 of the fourth.

## Rockets 93, Knicks 89

NEW YORK — Tracy McGrady scored 23 points and David Wesley added 19, including several key free throws late, to lead the Houston Rockets to a 93-89 win over the struggling New York Knicks on Sunday.

Yao Ming, in his fourth game



Utah Jazz forward C.J. Miles, left, is blocked by Sacramento Kings forward Francisco Garcia during the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in Sacramento, Calif.

back since missing 21 after toe surgery, looked to have shaken off any lingering effects of the injury and had 15 points. Hinson's record is 12-6 when he and McGrady play.

With both its stars healthy, Houston has won three straight for the first time since it captured five in a row from Dec. 6-15.

The Knicks had a chance to tie with 6.9 seconds left, but a 3-pointer by Jalen Rose was partially blocked by Stromile Swift and fell short.

Rose scored 16 points and received a warm reception from the crowd in his debut with the Knicks after being traded from Toronto on Friday. Rose started to make it the 29th different starting lineup the Knicks have used this season.

Jamal Crawford scored 24 points and Eddy Curry had 15 for the Knicks, who have lost five straight and 11 of the last 12.

## Clippers 115, Raptors 113, 0T

TORONTO — Elton Brand scored 30 points, Sam Cassell added 27, and Los Angeles moved 11 games over .500 for the first time in team history.

Cassell sent the game into overtime with a 3-pointer and scored six points in the extra period.

Curtino Mobley scored 20 points and Chris Kaman had 16 points and 15 rebounds for the Clippers.

The franchise hasn't been 11 games over the break-even mark since the Buffalo Braves were 30-19 on Jan. 28, 1976.

Chris Bosh had 29 points, 16 rebounds and six assists, but he missed three jumpers in the final minute of overtime, including a potential tying one as time expired.

# Weight, Hurricanes blow past Bruins

BOSTON (AP) — Newly acquired Doug Weight scored the game-winning goal in the shootout to lift the surging Carolina Hurricanes to a 4-3 win over the Boston Bruins on Sunday.

Hurricanes goalie Martin Gerber, who stopped three shots during the shootout, stuffed a Sergei Samsonov attempt to secure the victory. He had 24 saves in regulation and overtime.

Ray Whitney shot between Boston goalie Tim Thomas' legs for the first goal of the shootout. But after Gerber turned away Patrice Bergeron and Glen Murray, Brad Boyes scored for Boston to force another round.

Weight, who was playing in his second game with Carolina after being traded from the St. Louis Blues last Monday, scored on Carolina's next opportunity.

Eric Staal had a goal and an assist and Cory Stillman added a pair of assists for the Hurricanes, who improved to 2-1-0 on their four-game road trip.

Carolina, which lost to New Jersey 3-0 Friday, recovered from a pair of one-goal deficits to win for 15th win in 17 games. The Hurricanes have the best record in the NHL and

haven't lost consecutive games since losing three straight Nov. 19-22.

Boyes, Brad Stuart and David Tanabe scored in regulation for Boston. Thomas had 40 saves, but fell to 7-3-0 since getting called up from Providence on Jan. 10.

## Canadiens 5, Flyers 0

MONTREAL — Cristobal Huet recorded his second shutout in as many days, and Michael Ryder got his first career hat trick for Montreal.

Huet, who got his first Montreal shutout in Saturday's 2-0 win over Boston, made 25 saves to win consecutive games for the first time since March 9-10, 2004, when he was with Los Angeles and swept the Phoenix Coyotes in back-to-back games.

The 30-year-old Frenchman posted his sixth career shutout while making his third straight start since replacing struggling starter Jose Theodore in three of the Canadiens' previous four games.

Ryder scored on a power play midway through the first, ending a personal seven-game goal drought in the process. He added his second of the game just 40 seconds into the third to put the Canadiens up 3-0 and got his third goal — his team-leading 23rd — on a 5-on-3 advantage at 16:52.

Philadelphia, playing with an injury-depleted lineup, lost its third in a row and has lost five of six (1-4-1).

## Steel

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Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Bill Cowher gets water dumped on him by Marvel Smith (77) and Max Starks (78) during the Steelers' celebration over winning Super Bowl XL in Detroit.

after a game like this, I want them to remember this feeling, so they can build on it."

The 23-year-old Roethlisberger achieved more with his legs than his arm. He dived into the end zone from the 1 late in the first half — the TD was upheld on replay — and converted second-half first downs to wind down the clock.

Usually, that is Bettis' job. But this Sunday, he was just along for his final ride.

What a journey it has been. The Steelers were 7-5, then won their final four regular-season games to secure the AFC's last playoff spot. They went to Cincinnati and won a wild-card game. They won at Indianapolis, which had the league's best record. And then they handed Denver its first home loss in the AFC championship game.

And now they — and 73-year-old owner Dan Rooney — have their "One for the Future" — the first game in their Steel Curtain days, won by the likes of Mean Joe Greene, Terry Bradshaw and Franco Harris.

"I've been waiting a long time to do this," Cowher said to Rooney before handing him the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

## Dahlberg

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When things went bad. When it was over, Bettis finally had his Super Bowl championship, the only thing missing from what will surely be a Hall of Fame resume. He celebrated on the field, while his mother — who had never missed a game since Bettis began playing football — cried and his dad celebrated in a luxury suite above.

Bettis celebrated with them, perhaps hopeful that this was a good omen of things to come in a city that so desperately wants to improve itself. It was almost as if a city whose own team would had somehow claimed a title of sorts of its own. Bettis made his retirement of-

cial even before he left the field. He held the Super Bowl trophy aloft, said "he was through, and then went to have some fun in the lockerroom."

It's official, like the referee whistle, Bettis said. Assuming it is official, Bettis leaves after rushing for the fifth-most yards in the history of the NFL. He leaves much like John Elway left — on his own terms and with a glitzy new ring on his finger.

Not many athletes do that. They hang on believing they can recapture their glory days, afraid that if they leave, the fans who adore them will leave as well. That won't happen with Bettis.

Ward followed with an 18-yard run on an end-around, but Roethlisberger's ill-advised lob on the next play was picked off by safety Michael Boulware at the Seattle 25.

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## How to fire up your metabolism

**"B**ost metabolism and melt away those unwanted pounds!" It's a weight-loss claim that lures folks tired of watching the numbers on the bathroom scale creep up. But it can put you in a compromising position that flattens your wallet — and little else.

Here's the "real deal" about metabolism and its effect on weight loss. We all have different metabolic needs, influenced by genetics, which can be altered with lifestyle strategies that stoke the metabolic fire.



ALVIE & WELL  
Jan Mittleder

### Metabolism made easy

The body uses calories in three major ways: 1) Resting metabolic rate — breathing, heart rate, waste removal, cell growth and repair — eats up 50-70 percent of the calories you burn daily. 2) Physical activity of any kind whittles off 20-40 percent of daily calorie burn-off. 3) Digestion and absorption of food uses 10-15 percent. Some lucky people simply burn more calories doing nothing than others do.

### Strategies

1. Get your Z's — seven to eight hours a night.

Sleeping only four to five hours a night alters the levels of appetite-regulating hormones, which triggers appetite. Sleep-deprived hormonal change allows more awake time to eat and encourages "too tired to exercise" feelings that contribute to weight gain.

2. Move! People who exercise regularly burn more calories and support more muscle mass than their sedentary counterparts. Everyone knows this, but the transfer of the know-how into actual behavior remains sluggish.

A minimum of 30 minutes of aerobic activity (like brisk walking) most days, and a couple of strength-training sessions a week slows the inevitable muscle loss associated with aging, which helps boost metabolism. Research from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Human Nutrition Center on Aging found that older women burned fat at the same rate as younger women after eating lower-calorie meals. But older women's ability to burn fat after a 1,000-calorie meal was substantially impaired.

3. Skipping meals can slow metabolism and stymie energy level. Don't wait more than five hours between meals except at night.

4. Avoid eating calories before your metabolic rate, which body shifts into a starvation mode, which lowers your metabolic rate even more.

5. Eat breakfast to wake up your metabolism. It's estimated that 40 percent of all adults leave the house in the morning without eating breakfast, some with the misconception that skipping the meal will help control weight.

The opposite is true. People who skip breakfast tend to binge in the evening instead of eating moderately, according to obesity researcher W. Wayne Callaway.

### Do supplements work?

Weight-loss supplements advertised to boost metabolism contain stimulants like caffeine, guarana, yohba, mate or bitter orange. Stimulants do speed up metabolism but come with possible side effects like insomnia, anxiety, heart palpitations and elevated blood pressure.

Claims to support metabolic stimulants are often based on small studies with small effects. In one frequently cited study of 10 people, resting metabolism was increased by a 25-calorie burn-off after moderate doses of two stimulants. You could walk less than a mile or "fidget away" such a small-calorie expenditure without wasting your money. As a rule, weight-loss supplements boost metabolism only slightly, with the risk of side effects.

Health educator Jan Mittleder is coauthor of *The Over 60 and Genie's Magic* at the College of Southern Idaho.

## WHY BUY YOUR OWN?



Photo Illustration by ASHLEY SMITH

## A user's guide to borrowing clothing (without losing your friends)

By Blair Koch  
Times-News correspondent

### Borrowing with class

- Treat people how you want to be treated.
- Return borrowed items in a timely fashion. If you need it this week, return it next week.
- Wash clothing before returning it. (Or have it dry cleaned, if the fabric-care label calls for that. And, yes, pay the bill yourself.)
- Remember that shoes, shirts and handbags can be pretty emotional stuff. If you lose or damage something you borrowed, don't be surprised by an emotional reaction from the owner.
- You break it, you buy it.
- Keep your closet doors open, or your friends may close theirs.

### Loaning with foresight

- Specify when you'll need the borrowed item back — perhaps for a party next weekend or a trip next month.
- Ask how the item will be used. You don't want your favorite Saturday shoes going on someone else's backcountry hike.
- Mention any special washing requirements. If an item of clothing can't be thrown in the dryer, warn the borrower first.
- If the item is particularly dear to you — perhaps a gift from someone special, or a vacation memento, or the only black shirt that ever fit you just right — tell the borrower first.
- It's OK to say "no" to that friend who never returns things.
- If you take forever to return stuff, don't be surprised if your friends do, too.

TWIN FALLS — Friendship is an environment of ups and downs, giving and taking.

The relationship often extends into the clothes closet, where friends develop a "what's mine is yours and yours is mine" attitude about each other's wardrobes. But the balance of friendship can sway if unspoken rules are broken — such as shrinking your friend's wool cardigan into something your toddler could wear.

Worse yet, return that borrowed shirt smelling like the smoke-filled party you attended the weekend before. Such etiquette infractions could land you in the doghouse.

"If they are truly your friends," said Tania Hudson, 34, of Twin Falls, "they will have respect for you and your clothing. I never lend out anything unless they have the same personal hygiene habits of myself."

Hudson recently moved here from Las Vegas. She has been loaning — and borrowing — clothes and accessories with friends for years, but now she's pickier about who gets her goods.

"I had a friend borrow a \$200 brand new party dress, and I never saw it again," she said. "Needless to say, she is no longer a friend."

Quite simply, return it. And don't wait to do it, said Kristen

Bichter, 16, of Twin Falls. "I lend things quite a bit," she said. "They should be brought back in a decent amount of time. I mean, if they need it, OK use it, but it shouldn't take months to return something you only need for one night."

Lance Bixler, 21, of Twin Falls doesn't worry about getting things back. He believes what goes around comes around. "My little brother 'borrows' things all the time," he said, "and when he keeps them — which is more often than not — I don't worry about it. They are only clothes."

Navy recruiter Kevin Noble, 29, stationed in Twin Falls, is used to never having things returned. He said nobody wants to borrow his civilian clothes, but "Dade cup" Navy hats are a hit among his circle of friends.

"It seems that everyone wants a hat," he said.

"Once I let a hat out of my sight I never see it again," Kim Lively, 24, of Tuhl isn't quite a stickler about when items need to be returned. In fact, she confessed to taking a white in returning items herself.

"I've borrowed things for longer than six months," she said. Lively usually scrounges through her sister's belongings when she needs something to wear — particularly for more formal attire.

"I will borrow fancy things for when you have to dress up. I don't hardly have anything for special occasions," Lively said.

Her attitude toward borrowing clothing mirrors her belief in friendship.

"You should be there for each other and know that if you need something, your friend is there — whether that be for moral support, or a pair of shoes," she said.

Just don't forget to get them back.

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## Water's cooler cousins: They promise more than just refreshment

By Hilary E. MacGregor  
Los Angeles Times

Strolling the aisles of the supermarket, the hip and health-conscious know better than to stop at the endless array of sparkling and spring waters. These bottles offer only hydration. The aqua-clic want something more.

Their water must be enhanced. With herbs, chemicals, even supposed twists on the inorganic structure of water, altering new brands promise a host of health benefits that regular water doesn't provide. Fortified with a potpourri of nutrients, caffeine, fiber and ever more exotic extras, they build on a following created by

their now-pedestrian cousins, those waters spiked merely with fruit or a few run-of-the-mill vitamins.

They have names like Skinny Water and Woman on Top's Slimmer You 1120 (with an appetite suppressant to help you lose weight), Pure and H2O+ver Oxygen Water (structured and oxygenated to help you hydrate better), and Smartwater, Vitamin Water and Propel (with electrolytes, vitamins or minerals to help you energize, immunize and rejuvenate yourself).

Not all of the products look like water; they can be pink, yellow, green or blue. They don't always taste like water — they may be flavored with che-

rimoya, pomegranate, sugar or herbs. And unlike regular H<sub>2</sub>O (or "dead water," as it is sometimes

called) by enhanced-water marketers, these beverages often contain calories, although not as many as, say, a Coke.

Packaged with much more pizzazz than regular bottled water, enhanced waters are also marketed more artfully. Some are sold only in high-end boutiques.

For all the health hype, though, experts say most of these waters do not do much more than plain old water. They hydrate, they refresh — and that's about it.



Fortified waters may claim to help with weight loss, skin care and energy.

# Physical activity classes planned for arthritis sufferers

Several physical activity classes are offered in Magic Valley for people with arthritis. All four classes are ongoing.

South Central District Health has teamed up with Bridgewater Estates, Twin Falls Senior Center, Elder Senior Haven and the Arthritis Foundation to offer the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (formerly called PACH). New participants can register on-site at the first class. The classes are held at two locations:

- **Twin Falls Senior Center** — from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the center, 530 Shoshone St., S. The class is free.
- **Filer Senior Haven** — from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the center, 222 Main St. In Filer. The class is free to senior center members and \$2 per class for nonmembers.

Other physical activity programs include:

- **The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program** is offered from 9 to 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool, 756 Locust St. N. Fee is \$3 per session or \$30 for a 12-session pass.
- **Volunteer Joan Walton** facilitates a free walking class for people with arthritis, from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls.

For information on these classes, call Susie Beem at South Central District Health at 737-5946.

## Caregiver support

The Caregivers Support Group will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. today at the Office on Aging Annex building, on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 939 Washington St. N., Twin Falls. William Dobson, psychologist and licensed professional

minerals, fiber and most important, phytonutrients — compounds in plant foods that give them their health benefits. She said she is not aware of any water that contains the equivalent of a multivitamin, and says in fact that would be unlikely because some vitamins are not water soluble. If the water did have the equivalent of a multivitamin, she said, it probably wouldn't taste very good.

"They definitely don't make up for a bad diet," Bowerman said. She is also skeptical of the effects of the so-called weight loss waters, some of which contain Garcinia cambogia, an Asian fruit. Current research on humans does not seem to indicate that hydroxytricic acid, the key component in G. cambogia, has any effect on obesity, Bowerman said.

However, though getting vitamins through water is an expensive alternative — it probably costs a bottle — it probably can't hurt, she said. The waters may actually benefit people who don't like swallowing pills.

Nutritionists and chemists disagree, however, the waters

that claim to have chemically different structures than plain old H<sub>2</sub>O.

These so-called oxygenated, "structured, clustered, unclustered and vitalized" waters purport to raise energy levels, reverse aging, remove stress or, in the case of one water, just make water "thinner and wetter."

"It's snake oil," said Stephen Lazer, a retired chemistry professor from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, who runs a Web site on "water-related pseudoscience, fantasy and quackery" ([www.chem1.com/CQ/](http://www.chem1.com/CQ/)). "There is no evidence that you can change the structure of water," he said in a phone interview.

On his site, which features a Bunk House Gallery evaluating dozens of water products and their health claims, Lazer writes:

"The bucksters who promote these largely worthless products weave a web of pseudoscientific hype guaranteed to dazzle and confuse the large segment of the public whose limited understanding of science makes them especially vulnerable to this

## To do for you

conselor at Positive Connections, will be the guest speaker. The program will be "How to Avoid Caregiver Burnout" and will include information on recognizing and coping with depression, hostility and guilt. The support group is for those who care for sick, disabled or elderly family members or friends.

For information, call Sherry Cannon at the Office on Aging at 736-2122, ext. 301.

## Parkinson's exercise

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering an exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease from 11 a.m. to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. The program emphasizes increasing flexibility, strength, balance and coordination; improving communication by developing vocal strength and clarity of speech; helping individuals meet daily challenges; and improving symptoms of tremors, rigidity, poor balance and reduced range of motion.

Jammy Dinmond, certified occupational therapy assistant, will instruct. Organizers encourage spouses and caregivers of those with Parkinson's disease to attend. The class is free. To register, call 737-2126.

## 'Baby and Me'

S. Benedict's Family Medical Center offers "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be the Mous Club.

The session is for parents of children from infancy through

toddler years. The class is free. For information, call 324-7262.

## Parenting program

Naturet, an eight-week parenting program, is offered at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls. The series started last week, but it's not too late to start attending. Naturet's structure provides time in each session for a parent-and-child activity, a knowledge-building exercise and a parent support group. Topics include safety, nurturing, infant development and coping with crying.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2092.

## Refresher course

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, along with a video tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

Cost is \$20. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

## About childbirth

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The six sessions, taught by a registered nurse, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, postpartum care and newborn care. Individual classes may be taken as refresher courses.

Participants are asked to bring two pillows, a blanket and

one or two support people to each class.

The suggested fee is \$30 for the class series or \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361, and leave a message with your name, address, phone number, doctor's name, due date and the month of the class. Or register by mailing the same information to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, Attention: Anita, 709 N. Lincoln, Jerome, ID 83338.

## Alzheimer's support

Rosetta Hilland will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the center, 1919 Hilland, Burley. The support group is for Mint-Cassia residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For information, call Lisa Junod at 677-5451.

## Learn CPR

A Heartsaver® cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday in the Sage Room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, 588 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The class is offered under the guidelines of the American Heart Association and includes emergency procedures for mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, chest compression and choking response for adults and infants. The program includes classroom instruction and hands-on practice.

Cost is \$25. Pre-registration is required; call 737-2007.

## About infant care

The sixth class of the prepared childbirth class series will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

Topics will include infant care

kind of exploitation." None of that seems to matter to many consumers. Ed Winston, who runs the Culver City, Calif., branch of Mrs. Winston's Green Grocery, a sandwich and salad bar with natural snacks and fresh food, said he sells a lot of beverages, and enhanced water is in the top 5 percent. "A lot of people don't eat well, and they know it," Winston said. "They figure if they get vitamins in a bottle, they are doing better. They are trying."

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The suggested fee is \$5 per class. To register, call 324-1122, ext. 3361.

## CPR for babies

An infant safety and cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Feb. 15 in the lobby at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Downtown Campus, 660 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The program is offered as part of the prepared childbirth course. Organizers invite new parents and grandparents to attend to learn about infant CPR, checking, child safety and prevention of injury.

For information, call Lisa Junod at 677-5451.

The class is free. Pre-registration is required; call 732-3148.

## Alzheimer's support

Holley Homes will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Philo House, 525 16th Ave. E., Jerome. The support group is for Jerome County residents who have family members with Alzheimer's.

For information, call Carey Crist at 924-8524.

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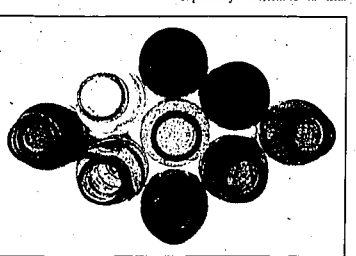
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IMAGE

# After a test glide, she's sold

Disc exercises' fluid, graceful movements are easy to follow

By Janet Crowley  
Los Angeles Times



At a gliding class, a participant slides across the workout floor on a 9-inch, nylon-covered plastic disc.

It didn't take long. Normally the class is fairly large, he said, but on this afternoon, during the holiday shopping rush, most people, apparently had better things to do than slide around a gym floor. It was just me and two other self-described beginners.

We took a body bar—a 4-foot, rubber-coated, slightly weighted steel bar commonly used for sculpting and toning—and placed it in front of us like a walking stick. We were to use it throughout the class to stabilize our movements: arched, barbell style, to work the upper body.

We got the feel of the disc by rotating it underfoot as if stamping out a cigarette, then slowly we began sliding side to side in an age of shiny chrome machines, the discs were decidedly low-tech in appearance—nylon-covered plastic, about the depth of a dinner plate.

Standing with the balls of your feet on the 9-inch discs and your heels on the ground, you can perform almost any exercise with the grace of Mikhail Baryshnikov and the precision of Fred Astaire. At least that's the general idea.

Even better, the system can accommodate all levels of fitness, including rank beginners. I was in.

Critch Los Angeles instructor Marc Montemarlo has been teaching a disc class for about three months. At the beginning of a recent afternoon session, he was practically vibrating with enthusiasm as he pulled out the discs and took inventory of the class.

by rotating his ankle and sliding his foot back behind him, then to the front. His arms gracefully followed the lines of this trajectory like a speed skater.

I already was sweating profusely, working quads, hip flexors and biceps, trying to keep my balance and hoping that we were not still in the warmup. Then we moved to squats, using the bar for balance as we squatted, stood and slid one foot out, then the other in rapid succession, following the rapid beat of the music.

Montemarlo next led us through a series of modified backward lunges, one leg planted, the other sliding backward in a controlled motion. Again, his arm moved in line with his body in this case, like a cross-country skier. By then, my legs and arms were burning.

We were huffing and puffing as we hit the mats lying with our backs on the mat, knees bent and feet flat on the floor, we scooted the discs under our heels. The arrangement enabled us to push down on our feet, lift up our torsos and slide our feet forward for intense leg and thigh presses. Then we rolled onto our stomachs, arms outstretched, palms down on the discs, and slid the discs toward our heads, for intense push-ups.

The other students were dutifully pushing upward to get the full push-up workout, but I elected to stay flat, sliding the discs overhead like a belly-down snow angel, achieving a nice, gentle stretch. It had been cheating, but it felt great.

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## Drug-resistant bugs camp out in our noses

By Susan Brink  
Los Angeles Times

Many Americans need look no further than their own noses to find the next big antibiotic.

Even as hospitals and doctors report an increase in the number of people showing up with telltale signs of a drug-resistant form of bacteria, *Staphylococcus aureus*, a new study has found that the strain is finding a cozy home in the nostrils of about 2 million Americans.

The study, published in the Jan. 15 issue of the journal of Infectious Diseases, is the first look at the prevalence of staph and the methicillin-resistant strain (MRSA). Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention examined nasal samples taken from 9,622 people in 2001 and 2002. They found 32 percent of the samples contained staph bacteria. That translates to nearly 90 million Americans.

Just under 1 percent of samples had the antibiotic-resistant strain, but that adds up to about 2 million people. Most of those people will never get sick, but people with the bacteria are considered more likely to develop an infection.

And when they touch their noses and shake hands without washing them first, for example, they could be spreading the same strain of the bug they happen to harbor.

"This is a sort of comprehensive ecology study on staph," says Matthew Kuehnert, epidemiologist with the CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases. "It's telling us the breadth of isolates that are in people's noses."

Because a study of this magnitude has never been done before, the results on staph and MRSA will act as a baseline for researchers attempting to monitor the potential growth of the strain. Adding to the need to better understand MRSA is that many infected people disclaim contact with any of what were thought to be the riskiest areas outside of hospitals for spread: athletic locker rooms, gyms,

prisons and spas.

"I'd say the unexplained cases are now the majority of cases," says Gregory Moran, emergency room physician at Olive View University of California at Los Angeles Medical Center.

Moran reported last summer in the journal Emerging Infectious Diseases that MRSA is the most common cause of skin infections in patients at his hospital's emergency room. The proportion of MRSA infections increased from 29 percent in 2001 to 2002 to 69 percent in 2003 to 2004.

Nationwide, MRSA has become the most common cause of skin infections seen in emergency rooms. A new study under review by the New England Journal of Medicine, he said, looked at 11 centers nationwide and found MRSA to be the cause in 59 percent of skin infections.

"Once it's out in the community, it becomes really hard to nail down exact risk factors," Kuehnert says. "There's so much opportunity for exposure."

A staph infection typically shows up on skin as a pimple, rash or boil that can spread painfully. It's often initially poorly treated as a spider bite.

The bacterium can be transmitted quickly in overcrowded conditions such as jails. One outbreak in Alaska occurred among natives using a sweat lodge.

The usual prevention efforts call for diligent hand-washing, keeping wounds clean and covered and not sharing items such as razors.

And at the gym, put a clean towel between yourself and any sports club equipment. "Men, keep your towels in when hanging on the bench press," says Elizabeth Bancroft, medical epidemiologist with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.

Often, staph can be successfully treated simply by lancing and draining the boil and treating the wound. If antibiotics are needed, some drugs are still capable of successfully knocking out older strain.

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PWP #EL-2006-111

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All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, clearly marked, indicating the subject item of bid enclosed. Sealed bids will be received at Elko County Public Works, 65 South Street, Elko, Nevada until 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), March 3, 2006. Said bids will be publicly opened and read aloud by and at Elko County Public Works at 2:00 p.m. (Pacific Time), March 3, 2006. All interested parties are invited to attend. No bids or changes to bids will be received via electronic means of facsimile. Bids will not be received after the above-stated date and time. The Director of Public Works, Lynn Forsberg, is the person designated to receive bids.

Major items of work consist of Site Preparation, Earthwork, Utilities and Irrigation System, Paving, Curbs and Seeding. A pre-bid meeting and site inspection will be held on February 14, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. Mountain Time at Jackpot Park in Jackpot, Nevada; this meeting is not mandatory. All questions regarding this meeting, bid and the project-at-large should be directed to Dawn Walters at WIG, Inc. at 503-297-1100.

Bid Documents can be obtained at the following locations: Elko County Department of Community Development, Public Works Division; 155 South 9th Street, Elko, NV; 89801 Builders Exchange - 4000 N. 1500 Ryland, Suite 100; Reno, NV; 89502; 775-766-4468; Fax: 775-766-7595

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**Saturday's Puzzle Solved**

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- DOWN**
- Fountain buys "Loverly Childs" author
  - Grassbeak, e.g.
  - Step in salad preparation
  - Brit's indignant comment
  - Manly
  - Inflates
  - Enjoyed a siesta
  - Formed addies
  - Time worth noting
  - Boomer
  - Impress clearly
  - Poor grades
  - Drinks to go
  - Rarin' to counter
  - Part of a tour
  - Cliques
  - Collegiate
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  - Decree
  - Quote, as an example
  - Spurs team in Miami
  - Crystal balls, e.g.
  - Naylor and Torn
  - Neighbor of Iraq
  - Fiddling emperor
  - Canape spread
  - Expertise

- 703 Horse and Tack**
- HORSEMANSHIP CLUB**  
by Linda Davis, Feb. 6-12 at Jack Jones Arena in Florin. Limited tickets available. Call 208-237-3686
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Uncle Sam has four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**  
by Henri Aron and Mike Arington

I've had a great career. In your prime, you've got the best.

**WHEN THE AGING PUNTER WALKS RELEASED, HE--**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Saluday's Jumbles: LINEN ADULT GLOBAL EFFigy  
Answer: How she reacted when she joined the singing club -- GLEE-FULLY

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- LHASA APSOSHIH** T24 coats puppies, 6 weeks old, (2) males, (1) female, \$350 each. Call 208-543-3708, 208-425-8311.
- MINI AUSTRALIAN** Shepherd pups, ready to go. Assorted colors \$350, \$399-1755 or 423-5510 gvt.
- MINI SCHNAUZER** stud available for breeding. AKC reg. Call 208-886-7543
- PENKROBE WELSH** C20R1 puppies, 6 (1) - (2) colored, for sale. Call 208-705-0995.

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**FREE** rabbit, 2 year male, AKC registered. Call 212-3713.

**JACK RUSSETT TERRIERS**, purebred, parents, 1\* shots, wormed, 6 males, 2 females. \$250-\$350, 3 males ready now. Taking deposits, father OFA certified. 589-1950

**LAB** puppies white and ivory, champion ship bloodlines, dewclaws removed, father OFA certified, beautiful, mild and easy training. \$350. Call 208-465-8311.

**POOHUANA** Tiny puppers, non shedding, \$300 cash. 737-9244 or 404-4725.

**SANT BERNARD** pups (2) males, 9 weeks old. \$200. Call 208-261-1326/4400

**SHIH TZU** beautiful purebred, in-colored male, unaltered 2 years old. \$200. Call 208-734-6077

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**5917 Farm Equipment**

**BALE PROCESSOR**, 6000 lbs. capacity, 2 1/2 hp. motor, New Holland 195 Manual Spreader Hydraulic Floor & endgate. \$12,2428

**CASE IH 8580** (16000) 2000 1 ton tractor, complete overhaul, used field ready, Call 408-428-2157 or 400-0128 or 300-0122.

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**FORKLIFT** Case 580d, rough terrain, 6000lb., diesel, side shift, loader, 54-E wheel, 2000. New Holland, 2.5 yard. Call Don 208-7658.

**JNMA** 254 tractor 4WD, very low hours, 2000. \$12,500. PTO, exc. condition. \$7,000. Call 208-678-1389 or 208-312-1368

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**GRASS HAY** 1\* cutting, tall, small bales, \$25 per ton, any amount. Call 208-645-3200.

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**HAY** 200+ 1 ton bale, dry, very quality, but covered. \$100/ct. Call 208-934-4262.

**HAY** 300 tons of oat, \$85 per ton. Please call 208-208-6559 for more information.

**HAY** 3\* cutting alfalfa, no rain, 1 ton bales, \$90 per ton, any amount. 528-6642

**HAY** 3\* grass hay mix, 1st grass green, barn stored, 3 baling, 60% dry, 50% wet. Hay 70 ton good producer or hay. 700 lbs. \$85 per ton. 208-731-4418

**HAY** alfalfa 1\* and 3\* cutting, 300+ 1 ton bales, \$100 per ton. Call 208-368-7272

**HAY** feeder and oat hay for sale. Big bales. Call 208-731-4418

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**REMODELING** kitchen. Large amount of white oak cabinets, 7 years old, perfect for rental or flipper. Call 208-734-3346.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

The Russians are coming... Nathaniel Benchley

NORTH Q 6 2 K 10 5 4 A K J 5 3

WEST 8 7 5 3 K 10 7 6 3 8 4 2

SOUTH A 4 J 8 5 4 3 2 8 7 10 9 6

Vulnerable: Neither Dealer: North

The bidding: South West North East 2♥ 3♠ Pass Pass 2♥ 3♠ All pass

Opening lead: Spade eight

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds: ♠ 9 7 4 ♥ Q J 3 2 ♦ 10 8 6 3 ♣ K 5

South West North East Pass 3 NT All pass

ANSWER: Lead the heart queen. The normal lead from this holding is a low one, but here, where East has shown a very strong hand, the low-heart lead will often cost a trick when declarer has the A-K in hand and can take the trick cheaply.

If you would like to contact Bobby Wolff, e-mail him at bobbywolff@midnight.com

Sudoku Answers:

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9 4 7 6 3 8 2 1 5
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