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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

by Chuck Shepard

■ St. Louis School Board member Rochell Moore was finally removed by a judge for misconduct in April, after incidents beyond the one reported last August in News of the Weird (in which she put a biblical curse on Mayor Francis Slay because she disagreed with his school reform proposals). At the board meeting that ultimately resulted in her dismissal, Moore dumped a pitcher of ice water on an assistant superintendent and later publicly threatened violence against anyone who suggests that she may be mentally ill (though she was involuntarily hospitalized for that in 2002).



HEADLINE OF THE DAY

Small earthquake in Chile; Not many killed.

Headline suggested for The Times of London by Claud Cockburn



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Seth Kotok/Special to the Daily Press
Plumbing crew leader Gil Trester was treated to a free lunch as part of "Bike to Work Day" on Wednesday at the Ken Edwards Center on 4th Street. Trester rides his bike to work each day from Wilshire Boulevard to the City Yards.

Taking a bite out of blight

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Officials here have settled a lawsuit with a local developer who claimed that bureaucratic delays on his Main Street project cost him millions of dollars.

The City Council agreed to settle with Howard Jacobs for \$125,000, despite the fact that a Santa Monica Superior Court judge ruled last year City Hall was not to blame for the delays. Jacobs filed suit in 2001 and had been seeking \$2.5 million. The case was on appeal.

"The council wanted to make a good faith gesture and to jumpstart this project," said Deputy City Attorney Cara Silver, who feels the case has dragged on long enough. "As a result, the building has been standing vacant and is an eyesore."

Jacobs, who used to own the property on the north end of Main Street, has transferred the



File photo

Workers demolished the former Pioneer Boulangerie Bakery on Main Street earlier this month. The new development slated for the site had been the subject of a three-year lawsuit against City Hall.

land to his former company, 2000 Main Street LLC. Jacobs' representatives for 2000 Main Street wouldn't comment on who owns the company, except to say that an ownership group represents the corporation. Other sources close to the property say Jacobs, who now lives in Florida, serves as a consultant to the LLC.

The corporation plans to develop what was once the Pioneer Boulangerie Bakery, located on the north end of Main Street, which has been vacant

for years. Many city officials and residents consider the area a blight on the neighborhood — the abandoned building was home to vagrants, and attracted litter and graffiti. It was recently demolished to make way for new luxury apartments and commercial shops.

The development site occupies the entire block bounded between Neilson Way and Main Street, and Bay Street and Bicknell Avenue, as well as another parcel across the street.

See SETTLED SUIT, page 6

Carb counters don't have to put a cork in it

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press Writer

RUTHERFORD — Ever wonder if that full-bodied wine will leave you in a similar condition? Some wineries are tapping into consumers' low-carb cravings with new labels listing calorie and carbohydrate counts.

Some see the new trend in wine bottles as a way for the premium wine industry to connect with customers who want to know how many carbs are in their chardonnay.

"People want this information and we have a good story to tell," said Ray Chadwick, president of Diageo Chateau & Estate Wines, owner of Beaulieu Vineyard.

Beer companies already are marketing low-carb versions of their product and the federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade bureau recently said alcoholic beverage producers may list calorie and carbohydrate content on labels.

Most dry wines are already well below the 7 grams per serving

threshold set for calling a beverage low-carb. The new rules say fat and protein (wine has none of the former and only a trace of the latter) must be listed along with calories and carbs. They forbid any implication that low-carb alcohol can play a healthy role in losing or maintaining weight.

Diageo, which had been studying nutritional labeling for some time, plans to do that with its BV Coastal, Sterling Vintners Collection and Century Cellars brands. The information will go on labels hung around the top of the bottle, known as bottle neckers. A sample for BV Coastal Estates 2002 chardonnay bills the wine as "Low Carbs, High Standards," and says a 5-ounce serving contains 3 grams of carbohydrates, 124 calories, less than 1 gram of protein and no fat.

Also giving the lowdown on low carbs is Sutter Home Family Vineyards, which will be using bottle neckers and listing nutritional information on its Web site. Its

See CARBS, page 7

What is he ... nuts?



Nicky Five Aces/Special to the Daily Press

An unidentified man feeds a squirrel recently in Palisades Park. The California squirrel is a known carrier of the bubonic plague, and it's illegal to feed them, according to Los Angeles County's health ordinance, section 10.84.010.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

★★★★★-Dynamic ★★★★★-Positive ★★★★★-Average
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Relax more with others, and you'll discover just how resourceful associates can be. Better communication marks your next few weeks. Curb any wild spending, please. Take another's challenge as an opportunity to expand and tighten your thinking. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ A partner pushes you hard, especially concerning finances. You could be tired of an iffy associate, but you aren't going to change him or her. Accept people as they are. If possible, negotiate a better deal financially. Don't expect automatic flexibility. Tonight: Treat yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are the cat's meow, but don't expect someone to respond accordingly, even if the majority of people do. Avoid a power play at any cost. Remember, the highest form of control is to control yourself. Relax and use your unusual ability to detach and see issues differently. Tonight: What would make you happy?

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Slow down so you don't make a mistake at work or with finances. In fact, if you can take the day off, please do. You might be happiest with your own company. If you must work, close your door. You need space. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your personality draws many. Your social life and your professional life will benefit. A loved one or associate comes up with inspired ideas, but which might not appear doable. Don't just say "no." Play with each idea. You might be surprised by what you find out. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ You have strong feelings about what you do. If you don't like your work or if it doesn't satisfy your soul, it might be time to consider a change, even if it means going back to school. You need to feel that what you do is worthwhile. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Your ability to detach could eliminate a problem and/or an argument. How someone hears you might be very different from what you mean. Work on saying something in another way so that the message is clearer. Tonight: Invite a loved one to a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★★ In the next few weeks spend more time with people individually rather than in groups. A family member has a surprise for you, or perhaps you need to do something special for this person. Don't get into an argument about funds, please. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ It is your call if this day is going to be easy or hard. Lately, the planets have pushed you into a position where you claim your power, so you need to avoid trying to control others. Follow your intuition. Don't stand on ceremony. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ An investment, be it time or money, pays off as long as you go with the flow. The only person who can interfere with your success is you. Don't push beyond your limits or make mountains out of molehills. Tonight: Work as late as you need to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Your instincts tell you what to do. Even though you might want to depend on a friend, you need to count on only yourself. Express your creativity. A child could need extra attention. If you are single, a flirtation might be building. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Your instincts guide you, but be careful with a boss or a situation where you must be politically correct. Emphasize the role of your family and home. You need some space and quiet time for thinking. Tonight: Run home; put on the answering machine.

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LOCAL



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Alternative carnival should be SMASHing good time

By Daily Press staff

Santa Monica Alternative School House celebrates its 30th anniversary this week-end with a special carnival and silent auction. SuperSMASH Saturday features games, rides, local food vendors and a petting zoo. Admission is free and open to all community members. A reunion of former students and faculty will be held in the media center of the SMASH campus. The festival runs from noon to 5 p.m. at the campus and Los Amigos Park, which is located at Ocean Park Boulevard and Fifth Street.

Proceeds from the event will be used to support the school's science, art and technology programs, which have been negatively impacted by recent budget cuts. The kindergarten through eighth grade public school serves an ethnically and economically diverse student population, and employs progressive education methods in a non-competitive environment, school officials said.

For more information on the event or alternative education, call (310) 396-2960

Step up, step out, step lively

By Daily Press staff

Catch it while you can, before these oldies go out of style.

The Sunday Concert Series at the Santa Monica Pier continues in May, and this upcoming Sunday spectators will swing to "Oldies but Goodies" with the West Side Crew. Earlier this month, the series featured such acts as The Tom Nolan Band, Barbara Morrison and the Daniel May Band.

The free event for the community has gone on for more than a decade. All concerts start at 2 p.m. and are held at the pier's central plaza.

Parking is available in most beach lots or the Tide Shuttle is available for a quarter.

Culture club: Artists grab bull by the horns

By Daily Press staff

Artists will tackle ethnic and political cultures, among other topics, as they take the stage Saturday.

The 18th Street Arts Center will present a free all-star performance art extravaganza Saturday featuring works by Keith Antar Mason, Denise Uyehara, Marcus Kuland-Nazario, Leilani Chan and Michelle Berne.

Grabbing the artistic and political bull by the horns, the artists take on personal experience, political culture and transcendent social events to try and make some sense of every person's place in current world events. The artists will employ theater, dance and performance techniques to communicate edgy satire, social issues and passionate humanism.

The presentation, from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., is at Highways Performance Space at 18th Street Arts Center, 1651 18th St., just north of Olympic Boulevard.

The event coincides with The (BIG!) Art Cocktail, an open house celebration of 18th Street Art Center's 15th anniversary, sponsored by City Hall's Cultural Affairs Department.

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The QLine

Louisiana Rep. Derrick Shepherd has filed a bill that, if passed, would outlaw low-riding pants. He said he did it because he was tired of catching glimpses of boxer shorts and G-strings over the lowered belt lines of young adults.

The law would punish anyone caught wearing the pants with a fine of as much as \$500 or as many as six months in jail, or both.

The bill would be tacked onto the state's obscenity law, which restricts sexual activity in public places and the sale of sexually explicit items.

Los Angeles could arguably be considered the mecca of people who wear low-riding pants, commonly seen on just about every young person in Santa Monica.

So this week, Q-Line wants to know, "Is the government going too far in regulating us?"

Call (310) 285-8106 with your responses before Friday at 5 p.m. We'll print them in the weekend edition. Please limit your comments to a minute or less. It might help to think first about the wording of your response.



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OPINION

LETTERS

Iraqi news coverage is unfair, unbalanced

Editor:

I am so sick of hearing about the Iraqi prisoner abuse on the news and in the papers. What about the beheading of Nick Berg? Isn't a young man getting his head sawed off with a dull knife worse than a man with a pair of women's panties on his head? At least the Iraqis still have their heads (and lives), while Nick Berg is dead.

Why can't you give equal coverage? Is it because you're afraid of the liberals? I think so.

Emily Irlam
Redondo Beach

'Special order' should be sent back

Editor:

I don't know who ever decided to advance "Special order 40" that the LAPD follows regarding its policy on illegal aliens here, but it has always been a bad idea to do so, and its effects are now spilling over way beyond the city of Los Angeles, adversely affecting the public safety of all American citizens in southern California. If the LAPD is holding policy to turning a blind eye to illegals, then it ought rightfully also turn a blind eye to all citizens' actions as well. Just don't enforce any laws at all. Police Chief Bratton should make removing the special order 40 his top priority.

Don Johnson
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There ain't no doubt it'll be a girl's night out

NEWS ON
THE EDGE

BY RON SCOTT SMITH



The endangered species list may soon feature an unlikely and unkind addition. No, it's not the dam-busting snail-darter or the Stephens kangaroo rat. They're already on it. You may want to sit down right about now, buddies.

It's men. Babies have been produced in Tokyo for the first time ever by two genetic mothers without a father — indicating the need for a man may, in fact, some day be nil. True, it was mice not women, that performed the feat, but scientists at the Tokyo University of Agriculture in Japan say it's mostly ethical concerns that would pose a barrier to duplicating the technique in humans.

Let me be the first to admit — with the way we seem to be dead-set on blowing up everything in sight — it may be a necessary evolutionary progression, in the name of survival of the human species, to phase us out.

On a female-only planet, would there be a 15,000-pound bomb nicknamed, "Daisy-Cutter," that is actually parachuted to the ground so the plane that drops it has time to get away from its massive shock-wave that destroys anything that moves — in order to ultimately "save lives?"

Would there be a bomb nicknamed, "Bunker-Buster," that relentlessly burrows deep into the ground before unleashing a thermobaric payload that incinerates whatever is in its path — in order to ultimately "save lives?"

Would there be a bomb nicknamed, "A," that blasted two fully populated cities off the face of the Japanese map — in order to ultimately "save lives?"

It would most likely take a woman to ask the obvious question — if these are some things that "save lives," what kind of toys do you guys have up your sleeves that actually kill people?

Is anybody missing Howard Dean? John Kerry apparently is, so he's invited the former Vermont governor to inject some much-needed energy into recent campaign rallies. You never miss your rabble-rouser 'til he's gone. Kerry is having a hard time gaining traction in the race for the White House, despite the fact that his opponent is running on a botched war, a record national debt to pay for it, intense world-wide hatred for America, gas prices approaching \$3 per gallon, and an environmental agenda that has Mother Earth ready to abandon her kids. Who is it again, that wants this guy around for four more years? Falwell, Limbaugh and who else? Yet the Senator from Massachusetts wallows behind the Texas disaster in most polls. He might need to inject more of the

female touch — a healthy dose of wife Teresa — into his campaign. She already has the right-wing looney tunes stirred up to near-Hillary levels of hatred, by calling Cheney unpatriotic for impugning her husband's service in Vietnam.

Speaking of first ladies and the more peaceful feminine instinct, do you really think Laura Bush, way down motherly deep, approves of her husband's reckless sacrifice of young human life halfway around the globe in order to bestow American-style "freedom" on an ancient civilization that really has other things on its mind?

Do you really think Joyce Rumsfeld, way down motherly deep, approves of her husband's soldiers attaching electric wires to blindfolded, naked, enemy detainees' privates in a gruesome attempt to shock information out of them as to the whereabouts of the phantom killer-weapons he so desperately wants to find? By the way, why isn't it being celebrated that such weapons don't exist there? Isn't that a good thing? Let's see — there are no weapons of mass destruction to fret over, the evil despot is gone, Halliburton is running the oil fields, and Iraq is liberated. Refresh my memory — what are American kids still dying for over there?

Do you really think Lynn Cheney, way down motherly deep, approves of her husband's stand in the forefront of the fight against the right of their very own daughter to wed the woman she happens — by some ungodly quirk of nature — to be in love with?

To end today's ode to the female of the species, let's compare war songs of two Page Four mainstays — the Dixie Chicks, and their arch-rival, Toby Keith.

In their "Traveling Soldier," the Chicks sing of a young girl waiting for her boyfriend to come home from war. When he at long last makes it home, it's in a coffin:

"Too young for him they told her
Waitin' for the love of a travelin'
soldier
Our love will never end,
Waitin' for the soldier to come back
again."

Toby Keith puts a decidedly more masculine take on things, singing in the voice of perhaps the same traveling soldier:

"Man it's gonna be hell
when you hear Mother Freedom
start ringin' her bell...
and you'll be sorry you messed with
the U.S. of A.
Cause we'll put a boot up your ass
it's the American way."

Gentlemen, we'd best learn our lesson willingly, before the Japanese mice force it on us.

(Ron Scott Smith is a mouse of men. To reach him, e-mail Edgeofthewest@aol.com).

OPINION

Reverse order: Banning gay marriages is chaotic



HERE'S THE THING

BY LARA M. BROWN, Ph.D.

"Let thy love in kisses rain," Percy Shelley exclaims, and I swoon. There is nothing I adore more than gallant gestures, bold pronouncements, and the sense of urgency that accompanies passion. I believe in love with all my heart. It is the most profound expression of caring that exists in this world.

As a romantic, I am overjoyed that my gay and lesbian friends who live in Massachusetts are now able to legally marry. But none of these emotions should obscure the real issue about why it is that gay marriage should be legal across the country.

States don't care about love. States care about property.

John Locke explains: "The reason why men enter into society is the preservation of their property; and the end, while they choose and authorize a legislature is that there may be laws made and rules set, as guards and fences to properties of all the society."

Marriage is important to the state because it helps order society and secure property. It promotes monogamy, stability, the financial commingling of assets, and often times, progeny. Order, security and property provide the state an opportunity to further the peace and prosperity of its citizens. From the state's perspective, change leads to chaos, which is why divorce is bad and out of wedlock unions are worse.

In the Western world, marriage (and ironically, divorce beginning with Henry VIII) grew out of a desire to join property, not hearts.

It wasn't until the late Middle Ages — after the advent of courtly love and chivalry — that individuals sought to combine notions of romantic love and the institution of marriage. For nearly the first 1,000 years of Christianity, to love your spouse romantically was akin to adultery. Love was reserved for God alone. During

this time, most marriages were arranged, women came with dowries — bringing property to the marriage — and love, if it occurred at all, came with intrigue, shame, and sin. Only pagans (read: Romans and other Celtic "savages") celebrated love openly.

It took several hundred years, until the Victorian era, before society fully embraced the idea of love with marriage. But by that time, the church was, if not separate, certainly a distinct institution from the state. Freedom of religion had been codified in the founding documents of the United States; and several religions defined marriage differently from the state: Some allowed for polygamy, some for divorce, some for neither.

Quite notably, many states have been indifferent on the subject of who you love (for example, in many parts of this country inter-racial marriages have been permitted for some time), as long as there was no harm involved (two consenting adults, no incest, no bigamy), or potential problems with the match (blood type or other health concerns).

Historically, there was a greater resistance to love being a part of marriage than there was to who should be married.

Here's The Thing:

A member of Congress once said: "Don't let the facts cloud the issue." This is where we seem to be in this debate because no rational or historical argument can be made on the side of: "marriage is a sacred institution," when it is so clearly about property and order from the state's perspective. Sadly, today's debate seems to be about prejudice, not love.

People who are against the state allowing for same-sex marriages are either misinformed about the institution of marriage, or misguided in allowing their personal, private and/or religious beliefs to influence their opinions. We would all be much better off — a more orderly, secure society — if same-sex marriages were legal across the nation.

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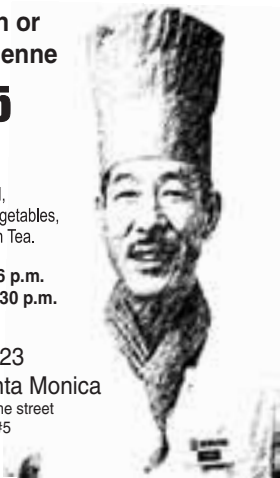
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Main Street property may go back on market

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The larger site, on the west side of Main Street, was the location of the former bakery.

When Jacobs first proposed the development, he alleged City Hall dragged its feet in completing the environmental impact review for the project, finalizing it several months after the supposed deadline. Jacobs has said in the past that the delay has cost him nearly \$3 million because he was sitting on land that he had to pay for — \$115,000 a month for the mortgage, insurance and maintenance of the property. He claims the city delayed him his right to get a return on his investment in a timely manner.

Jacobs' permit application to develop a mixed use project on the site was deemed complete in April 2000 and the draft environmental impact report was completed in August 2000, according to city officials. The Planning Commission denied the project in December 2001. The Santa Monica City Council reversed the Planning Commission's decision and approved the project in February 2002.

After he finally got the green light, Jacobs backed off on his lawsuit. However, further delays in getting permit approvals and alleged overcharging of fees relating to those permits, prompted Jacobs to file another claim and revive his lawsuit, sources said.

Jacobs had filed a letter with City Hall, protesting the fees, which is the first step in litigation.

"Howard alleged that the city overcharged, delayed and there was a miscalculation of the permit fees," Silver said, adding certain plan check fees will be waived. "So the overall settlement disposes of the litigation and any further claims ... The amount also reflects fees that he paid."

Both sides see the settlement as a victory — if City Hall had lost on appeal, it could have ended up paying millions of dollars. If 2000 Main Street LLC had lost its appeal, it would have gotten nothing.

"Any good settlement involves compromise," said Steven Schiffres, a West-LA based attorney who represents 2000 Main Street LLC. "Both parties shared common goals in resolving this matter."

Schiffres, who works at Rosoff, Schiffres & Barta, a boutique law firm

specializing in business and real estate litigation, said once the terms of the settlement are delivered in writing, the appeal case will be pulled from the courts.

Schiffres wouldn't specifically comment on why his clients settled for a much lower amount than what was sought in the original lawsuit except to say that it wasn't just about the money.

"The value of the settlement is not limited purely to the economics of the case," Schiffres said. "It also has to be recognized that we are the appellant in the case."

As part of the settlement, a mutual agreement was reached on how long construction and the building permits will apply to the project. A building permit was issued on Feb. 23 and there will be a six-month extension on it after it expires.

Some sources close to the development say Jacobs is gathering all the necessary permits to make the property more desirable for another developer to purchase.

The property had been put on the market in November 2002 for \$27 million, but it was taken off the market about eight months ago, according to real estate agents. John Walsh, an agent with Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Brokerage Co., told the Daily Press in March that it was taken off the block because the ownership group no longer wanted to sell it. However, he expected the land would be up for sale again later this year at a price yet to be determined.

Along with the price tag comes all the approvals and conditions given by the Santa Monica City Council to build the 170,000-square-foot, four-story, 133-unit housing and retail development. And now with the settlement agreement, building permits are part of the selling price as well.

Jacobs' investment not only includes millions of dollars in plan preparations and the price of the property itself, but also hundreds of hours spent in the public review process. Jacobs had envisioned the ground floor of the buildings' retail space to have neighborhood-serving stores and upstairs, luxury apartments for rent.

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STATE



Wineries editing labels, pragmatic over poetic

CARBS, from page 1

wines range from 122 calories and 2.7 grams of carbs for the 2002 sauvignon blanc to 119 calories and 4.1 grams of carb for the 2002 merlot.

Sutter Home's famous white zin, the wine that started the blush rush, has 8.3 grams of carbohydrate per 5-ounce serving, just over the low-carb limit.

Sutter Home and BV aren't changing their wines, just listing the carb content.

However, one company, Kentucky-based Brown-Forman, is making special, low-carb wines, One.6 Chardonnay and One.9 Merlot, named after the number of carbohydrates in a 5-ounce serving. Brown-Forman makes Jack Daniel's and Southern Comfort and also is a leading wine producer, owning California-based Fetzer Vineyards among others.

The new labels are a departure for bottle prose, which up to now has favored the poetic over the pragmatic, said Paul Wagner, owner of Napa-based Balzac Communications & Marketing.

"Telling people that the wine is 100 percent zinfandel from a tiny vineyard 1,300 feet up ... doesn't really tell American consumers very much about the wine," Wagner said.

Many diets discourage alcohol or allow only an occasional glass of wine for fear liquor will strengthen the appetite and

weaken self control. The popular Atkins and South Beach diets forbid alcohol in the first stage of the regime, although they do allow moderate consumption later on.

Advertising wine's carbohydrate content is "probably a smart move," said James Capparrell, president and publisher of the magazine LowCarb Living. "The common foods and drinks — you tend to forget what is high and low in carbohydrate."

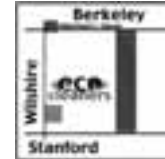
Wagner doesn't expect to see carb counts on the most expensive wine — "When people are buying \$150 bottles of Bordeaux, I don't think they care about calories or carbs" — but he does expect it to catch on at the \$15-and-under category.

"It's not going to be a competitive advantage, but I do think simply the fact they are offering this information is going to be an advantage," Wagner said. "It just really goes to show who's listening and who isn't."

Some look askance at the idea of drinking wine by the numbers.

"For the nongeneric wine market, I think it'd be a detriment. Taking wine out of its more craftsmanship positioning and putting it into the cereal category," said Erica Valentine, co-owner of the Vineyard Outlet, a Napa-based wine shop. "You're drinking wine because of enjoyment. If you're counting calories you probably shouldn't be drinking wine," she added with a chuckle.

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BUSINESS

Risky business: The art of rebalancing is crucial



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BY JOHN KIM

Investment success begins with a sound asset allocation plan — one that matches an investor's financial goals and his or her tolerance for risk. But it doesn't end there. By analyzing the expected performance of different asset classes, investors can seek to construct portfolios that will — over the long run — yield the highest possible return for a given level of risk.

Rebalancing is the process of making periodic adjustments to an investment portfolio to help ensure that it remains on course with a long-term investment strategy. The objective of this article is to provide information on some of the most popular portfolio rebalancing strategies and help you understand how important periodic rebalancing adjustments can be to help ensuring your long-term investment success.

CHOICE OF STRATEGIES WHEN REBALANCING:

■ **Periodic rebalancing.** Periodic rebalancing requires a portfolio to be reset to its target allocations on a fixed schedule — such as monthly, quarterly, or annually. This strategy has the virtue of simplicity, but can require frequent, minor adjustments. It also can be very rigid, and doesn't allow investors to temporarily overweight asset classes or sectors that are expected to outperform over the shorter term.

■ **Threshold rebalancing.** This strategy requires portfolios to be adjusted if and when a particular asset class deviates from its target allocation by more than a certain amount, such as a specific percentage point. This strategy is more flexible than periodic rebalancing, but in volatile markets it can trigger a great deal of unnecessary buying and selling.

■ **Range rebalancing.** This approach is similar to threshold rebalancing, except that when an asset class rises or falls more than the allowed amount, it is rebalancing back to the maximum, not the target, allocation. When using range rebalancing, investors adjust their portfolios to a maximum deviation amount when they rise or fall more than the allowed amount.

■ **Volatility-based rebalancing.** Volatility-based rebalancing is based on the expected volatility of the portfolio as a whole. When volatility rises above a certain predetermined threshold, higher-volatility asset classes are sold and lower-volatility asset classes are purchased.

■ **Active rebalancing.** This process entails the rebalancing of the portfolio to target allocations based on an analysis of expected market conditions. This approach is similar to "tactical" asset allocation, which seeks to exploit short-term market trends. However, it is more conservative than a market-timing approach, because changes in the portfolio tend to be relatively modest.

When considering rebalancing, it is important to understand the pros and cons. There may be higher monetary costs when rebalancing, such as commissions and tax expenses. And as more changes are made to keep the investments on a target, the amount of taxes may increase as well.

The primary goal of rebalancing is help ensure that your investments adhere to a properly diversified asset allocation strategy. In periods of market volatility, including periods of out performance, rebalancing can help ensure that your investment strategy remains on course.

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Shutter at the thought: New VP of sales named

By Daily Press staff

The Edward Thomas Management Company, owners of Shuttters on the Beach and Hotel Casa Del Mar, have named Ellen Adelman as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Adelman is a veteran in the hospitality field with more than two decades of experience, including stints at such places as the Plaza in New York, the Fairmonts in San Francisco and San Jose, and the Four Seasons in Philadelphia.

"She brings a wealth of sales, marketing expertise with her, and I'm certain she'll prove an exceptional choice as the hotels continue to grow and prosper," said Tim Dubois, CEO and President of Edward Thomas.

A native of Philadelphia, Adelman received a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University in Hotel Administration and Marketing. She currently resides in Pacific Palisades.



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NATIONAL



Kerry is unlikely to ask Nader to take any bows

BY MIKE GLOVER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — When Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry met with independent rival Ralph Nader on Wednesday, Kerry wasn't likely to ask him to leave the race. And it's even less likely that Nader offered to bow out.

Kerry probably pointed out that the two rivals share a goal and contend that a joint effort is the best way to achieve it, aides to the Massachusetts senator said. Nader told The Associated Press that he looks forward to discussing "certain common policies" with Kerry.

"I think that's for the good of our country and for the benefit of the American people that are being ignored or repudiated by the Bush regime," Nader said in an interview.

Kerry aides hope Nader eventually comes around to Kerry's view. That effort, being formulated by Democrats not aligned with the Kerry campaign, may include television commercials and challenging Nader's efforts to get on state ballots, the Democrats said on condition of anonymity.

The national Reform Party endorsed Nader last week, a move that gives him access to the ballot in at least seven states, including the battlegrounds of Florida and Michigan.

Emerging as an issue between the two campaigns is the war in Iraq. Nader is seeking to rally anti-war sentiment.

"You can't have a discussion without talking about the war in Iraq," said Nader. He has been critical of Bush and Kerry for not outlining a plan to withdraw U.S. troops.

Kerry has been campaigning with former rival Howard Dean, who made opposition to the war central to his campaign. Dean has warned that a vote for Nader only helps Bush.

While Kerry voted to authorize the use of force in Iraq, he has been critical of Bush's prosecution of the war.

While Nader and Kerry camps have been seeking the meeting for some time, it developed quickly and top Kerry aides were meeting deep into the night Tuesday and early Wednesday to map their strategy, said officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

The relationship between the two camps is delicate, with some fearing

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— RALPH NADER
Independent presidential candidate

heavy pressure to exit could stiffen Nader to stay in the race. Kerry's advisers argue that the liberal Nader drains votes mainly from Democrats and could end up tipping the balance to Bush.

Many Democrats argue that Nader cost Al Gore the White House in 2000, draining just enough votes from Gore to give Bush the closest president election in history. Nader dismisses that suggestion, saying Gore was a poor candidate.

Kerry has said he plans to reach out to Nader backers.

"I respect him. I'm not going to attack him in any way," Kerry said last month. "I'm just going to try to talk to his people and point out that we've got to beat George Bush. ... And I hope that by the end of this race I can make it unnecessary for people to feel they need to vote for someone else."

Kerry's campaign also was releasing a campaign study on soaring gasoline prices, showing the average family is paying \$593 more for gasoline since Bush took office, a total of \$2,102 a year. Families with teens were hit harder, seeing their costs grow by \$834 a year.

Gasoline price spikes have cost farmers \$1.3 billion, airlines \$7.5 billion and the trucking industry \$6.3 billion, the study said. Those prices have soared by 43.5 percent in Michigan, and 38 percent in Pennsylvania, the study said, breaking the hikes down by states to offer ammunition in key battleground states.

Great Salt Lake not so great, recedes to lowest level in years

By The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Great Salt Lake is at its lowest level since 1970, preventing launching of larger boats at Antelope Island and providing a bigger area for mosquitoes to hatch.

Fremont and Gunnison are the only two true islands in the lake at this time, said Wallace Gwynn of the Utah Geological Survey. The lake's other islands now have land connections to the shore.

The lake's elevation of 4,196.3 feet above sea level is about a foot lower than last year at this time and the lowest it's been since 1970.

By fall, the lake is expected to drop to about 4,194 feet, its lowest level since 1967. The lake's lowest level since measurements began was 4,191.3 in 1963.

At its historic peak of 4,211.6 feet in

1987, the lake covered 3,300 square miles. Now it covers only about 1,200 square miles.

Gary Hatch of the Davis Mosquito Abatement District said the reduced size of the lake means more area that will need to be sprayed to control mosquitoes.

"It makes our job a little more interesting," he said. "It exposes more marsh."

Ron Taylor, Antelope Island State Park manager, said large boats won't be able to use the marina this year. The marina has less than 4 feet of water, essentially closing it to everything except small power boats, kayaks, canoes and small sailboats, he said.

Bird sanctuaries are now accessible by wading, but Taylor said visitors are asked to stay away from these sensitive locations.

Gwynn said the shrinking lake could increase dust problems and result in more of a "lake stink" problem for area communities.



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NATIONAL

7E7 another 'cigar with wings' but Boeing gambles it takes off

BY DAVE CARPENTER
AND ALLISON LINN

AP Business Writers

SEATTLE — The first new American commercial jetliner to be built in more than a decade won't be the biggest or fastest passenger plane in the sky.

Nor will Boeing's 7E7 Dreamliner stun onlookers with a radically different appearance. Rival Airbus sneers at the "little airplane" as nothing special, and the basic design is another "cigar with wings" — the shape that has defined jets for decades.

But the mid-sized 7E7, being tweaked and simulated in Boeing design labs and three-dimensional computer design images, should offer plenty to wow airlines and the first paying passengers in 2008.

Boeing says the new plane will fly faster, higher, farther, cleaner, quieter and more efficiently than any other medium-sized jet, using 20 percent less

fuel. There'll also be bigger windows, seats, lavatories and overhead bins, which the company shows off to prospective buyers and other visitors at a mock-up of the airplane's interior not far from its sprawling Seattle-area manufacturing complexes.

Analysts say further 7E7 orders, which Boeing promises will be announced soon, could signal not only a successful new plane but a renaissance for the company.

"For the first time in a while, Boeing has seized the industry initiative," said aerospace analyst Richard Aboulafia of the Teal Group. "When it comes to making a plane that's more economical — it's just a matter of time before everybody falls in line."

It's still a gamble. By adopting a sharply opposed strategy to that of Airbus, which thinks its superjumbo A380 will be the jet of choice following its 2006 debut, Boeing risks misgauging years' worth of demand. That's what hap-

pened with two projects it dropped in the past three years — the 747X, an enlarged jumbo jet, and the super-fast Sonic Cruiser, which was seen as pricey even before the economic fallout from Sept. 11, 2001.

"That was a case where we misjudged the market a little bit," David von Trotha, Boeing's chief engineer for product development, said this month. "What we thought would be attractive ... turned out to be different from what the market wanted."

All signs are that the 7E7 — the 'E' stands for efficient — is headed for a better fate.

Alan Mulally, chief executive of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, speaks of the plane with an evangelical fervor. He told reporters Boeing was in talks for deals involving more than 400 7E7s beyond the initial, record 50-plane order from All Nippon Airways last month, including more than a dozen firm offers.

"We're getting great

interest from around the world," Mulally said. "The interest in this plane is going to be absolutely a game-changer" in the industry.

Here are some of the noteworthy features planned for Boeing's 11th passenger jet series:

■ **Fuel savings.** The 7E7 will be no slouch for speed, cruising at 560 mph — comparable to the largest jets. But the big appeal to cash-pinched airlines is Boeing's promise that it will allow them to cut fuel costs and fly long, point-to-point routes between cities that can't fill a bigger plane.

Like flying SUVs, airplanes consume an extraordinary amount of jet fuel — it takes 47,000 gallons to gas up a Boeing 747. But Boeing says the 7E7 will burn 20 percent less fuel than similar-sized planes thanks to advancements in technology.

New engines being developed for the 7E7 will be 10 percent more efficient and a supercomputer can design the plane with minimal drag, making it more streamlined. Advanced materials, a smaller wing area and improved on-board systems also will contribute to fuel savings.

■ **Cabin comfort.** For most people, walking onto an airplane isn't exactly pleasant: You're immediately confronted by a dark metallic galley, narrow aisles and a jumble of passengers trying to cram their bags into overhead compartments and their bodies into tiny, well-worn seats.

With airlines struggling to eke out a profit, Boeing can't promise luxury accommodations on the 7E7. But it is trying to create a more welcoming environment with a completely redesigned interior.

A visit to a mock-up starts with a trick of the eye: a ceiling designed to emulate natural light and create the illusion of more height. The design boasts a front galley that looks more like a kitchen island than the traditional tiny compartment. And there's more room to see between seats, another change aimed at reducing the claustrophobic feel.

Boeing also is trying to sell airlines on jumbo-sized windows, complete with electronic shades to darken the panes more naturally.

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Life's no gas for Alaskan drivers

By The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — So you think your gasoline is expensive? Some rural Alaskans are paying as much as \$5 per gallon, with \$6 a gallon on the horizon.

"We don't even want to talk about that," said Joyce John, a clerk at Midnight Sun Native Store in Arctic Village, in far northeastern Alaska. "Might as well raise a dog team."

The high prices in isolated villages stem from the cost of delivering fuel by airplane.

One of the major fuel carriers, Fairbanks-based Everts Air Fuel, uses cargo planes to transport as much as 4,500 gallons at a time, corporate administrator Karen Wing said. Other companies deliver fuel in 55-gallon drums, landing on airstrips too short for bigger planes.

The cost may force subsistence hunters and fishermen to pare back their trips. Electric bills will rise because most power comes from diesel generators. And some villages may struggle to buy a year's worth of heat-

ing oil, because of the high price and because state financial aid has expired.

Although rural Alaska is not likely to collapse under the weight of higher fuel costs, "it creates a snowball effect out there," said Jim McMillan of the Alaska Energy Authority.

In communities such as Arctic Village, Nikolai, Togiak and Tok, residents say there's no use in complaining.

"It's really going to hurt us," said Brenda Gilbert of Arctic Village. "But we've survived this long; we'll survive."

The Energy Department reported Wednesday that the average gasoline price nationwide was almost \$2.02 per gallon. Anchorage-area stations straddled that mark, according to the price-tracking Web site GasBuddy.com, with prices ranging from \$1.93 to \$2.09.

But an informal survey of rural Alaska communities shows prices well above that and climbing. Arctic Village shared honors with the Kuskokwim River community of Nikolai for peak prices at \$5 a gallon.

In Shungnak, on the Kobuk River east of Kotzebue, gasoline jumped from \$3.25 to \$4.45 overnight.

Residents of the northwest Arctic village of Noatak are paying \$4.25 a gallon, tribal administrator Herbert Walton said, "but it looks like it's probably going to go over \$5 next month."

Subsistence hunters have no choice but to pay the higher price, said Jim Magdanz of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Kotzebue. For species such as bearded seal, typically harvested 30 to 40 miles offshore, "you've just got to put a drum of gas in the boat and go," he said. "I think people will pay the price, because that food is important to them."

In Nikolai, Winchell Ticknor said expensive gas may curtail his hunting and fishing, perhaps keeping him closer to home. But there's no question he will go out, even at \$5 a gallon.

"You've got to have moose, and you've got to have fish," he said. "You've got to do that if you want to survive the winter."

Activists worry treasure is being trashed

By The Associated Press

VANCOUVER — An environmental coalition has begun a campaign to boycott products from Canada's vast northern forest, saying a global treasure is literally being flushed down the toilet.

Leaders of the group said this week they have sent letters asking 500 major businesses, many based in the United States, to reconsider the use of everything from newsprint and copy paper to disposable diapers and toilet paper made from boreal wood.

"We're asking the 500 corporations to develop and implement progressive procurement policies that ensure that their suppliers are both

ecologically and socially responsible," Richard Brooks of Greenpeace Canada said.

The coalition also includes ForestEthics, the Rainforest Action Network and the Natural Resources Defense Council, all based in the U.S.

Among those receiving the letter were IBM, Kodak, Hilton hotels, catalogue companies J Crew and LandsEnd and Safeway supermarkets.

The group's goals include ending the use of any products from endangered forests and a boycott of companies that do not switch to sustainable logging in boreal forests or fail to consult Indian tribes about logging on their traditional territory.

The boreal forest, which covers

more than 2.1 million square miles from Alaska across Canada to the Atlantic Ocean, is the last major intact forest in North America and one of three in the world, including the Amazon rainforest and the Russian taiga, the coalition says.

The group accuses forest companies of threatening the integrity of wildlife habitat by clearcut logging and roadbuilding.

"This is the first time that Canadian forest products from across the country have been targeted due to the unsustainable nature of their production," Brooks told reporters in a conference call. "This is no longer a regional issue but a national issue with international ramifications."

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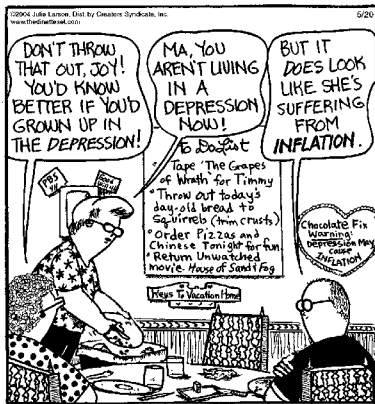
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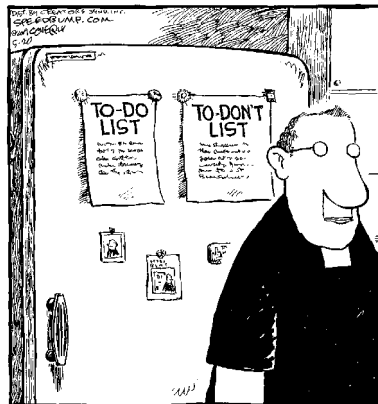
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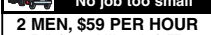
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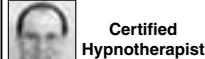
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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

HBO's Parker stands by, takes care of her man

By The Associated Press

■ **NEW YORK** — Sarah Jessica Parker thinks her marriage to Matthew Broderick works because she does everything for him, including shopping, packing and hailing taxis.

"I take care of him," Parker tells Charlie Rose in an interview which aired Wednesday night on CBS' "60 Minutes II." Excerpts were released in advance.

"I pack for him, I shop for him, I get his groceries. He's taken care of. That's who Matthew is — people take care of him. It's practically involuntary."

Parker, who starred in HBO's "Sex and the City," and Broderick, who starred with Nathan Lane in the hit Broadway show "The Producers," were married in 1997. They have an 18-month-old son, James.

■ **FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa.** — Students at Pennsbury High School had a surprise guest at their prom — singer John Mayer.

Mayer's song "Your Body Is a Wonderland" had become sort of a theme for the senior class, and their president, Bob Costa, had been working on getting Mayer for the prom for two years.

The three-song concert happened Saturday, thanks to

Costa's lobbying and a book by Michael Bamberger. Intrigued by the school's annual prom parade, Bamberger wrote "Wonderland: The Story of a Prom," about a year in the life of the school's seniors and their quest to have Mayer play for the prom.

Mayer's publicist learned about the students and "Wonderland" and arranged for the surprise show.

"Go be amazing people, and I'll see you again," Mayer told the students.

"Kids these days have no faith that things like this can happen," said Costa. "But it did, and so it renewed a lot of faith people have in high school."

■ **MOBILE, Ala.** — Mississippi rock band 3 Doors Down announced the creation of The Better Life Foundation, to benefit children in need of food, shelter and medical assistance.

The foundation, which will also work to enhance the lives of children and young adults with special needs, gets its name from the band's 2000 debut album.

"We see it as a start of something really good and we can do a lot with it. It makes us feel good, too, to do it," said lead singer Brad Arnold.

On Monday, Arnold, guitarists Matt Roberts and

Chris Henderson and bassist Todd Harrell distributed \$90,000 to 16 Gulf Coast charities. The funds were raised at a March concert.

■ **NEW YORK** — Natalie Cole says she'll tour this summer with Whitney Houston and Dionne Warwick.

"Yes, Whitney, Dionne Warwick and myself," the singer told "Access Hollywood" in an interview to air Tuesday night. Excerpts were released in advance by the syndicated entertainment TV show.

"It starts in Germany in July. We're going to have ... a great, great time. It's going to be fun."

Cole said one reason she decided to do the tour is her close relationship with Houston.

"I said 'yes' because that's my buddy," she said. "I've always thought of Whitney as my little sister. I've known her since she was 19, and ... I feel really good that when they asked who she would want to be on the show with her, she said me."

Cole said Houston is on the road to recovery after beginning treatment at a drug rehabilitation center in March.

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