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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

No "Oversies": Sarah Zabolotny, 29, who was in the courthouse in Buckhannon, W.Va., in March to deal with a speeding ticket, was later charged with petty larceny after she was seen on surveillance video folding up an 8-foot rug in the building and walking out the door. When a court clerk tracked her down, Zabolotny asked if she could just give it back and forget the whole thing, but the clerk said no. And in Williston, N.D., in March, Ryan Wright, 20, was arrested for bank robbery, even though he insisted that all he did was walk in to the bank wearing a ski mask and demand money, before saying, "Just kidding" and leaving.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 173rd day of 2006.
There are 192 days left in the year.

On June 22, 1945, the World War II battle for Okinawa officially ended; 12,520 Americans and 110,000 Japanese were killed in the nearly three-month campaign.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Study men, not historians."
PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN

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Could be lonely at top

City Manager looks to change charter, secure power to hire and fire executives

BY KEVIN HERRERA

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Citing a need for more accountability in local government, City Manager Lamont Ewell has proposed a series of ballot measures that would make it easier for

him to hire and fire the city's top executives.

The City Council is behind him, voting unanimously last week in favor of drafting the initiatives, which would call on voters this fall to re-classify department heads as "at-will" employees, stripping them

of protections granted under City Hall's civil service system. Voters would also be asked to grant Ewell sole authority over the hiring of department heads without first seeking the approval of city commissioners and board members.

The changes in policy can only be

achieved through amendments to the city's charter, which must be drafted and approved by the City Council no later than Aug. 8 to qualify for the Nov. 7 ballot. Any change to the charter that does not deal with

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The bearing sea



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Tyson, a 4-year-old bulldog, rides his skateboard at Venice Beach on Wednesday during the 'Venice Skatepark Pro/Am Contest and Go Skating Day.' Tyson, who has been riding skateboards since he was 1, is self taught.

Scared tenant rests easier

BY CAROLYN SACKARIASON

Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL — Two local landlords have agreed to pay \$60,000 in attorney fees and damages to a female tenant after the woman filed a lawsuit alleging that they tried to scare her into vacating her rent-controlled apartment.

City Hall's Consumer Protection Unit filed the lawsuit in April 2004 against Marshall Robert Burnett, Dan Kolodziejski and L.T. Belton. The suit claimed that when the men acquired

the four-unit apartment building at 2710 Arizona Ave. in January 2004, the only apartment occupied at the time was by a tenant who is disabled and pays \$422 per month under Rent Control. The men were accused of conspiring to frighten her into moving in order to increase the property value of the building.

In late 2003, the tenant approached city attorneys responsible for enforcing the tenant harassment ordinance. After some investigation, they decided

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As the day is long



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Beachgoers greet the first day of summer at the Venice jetty on Wednesday, which also marked summer solstice — the longest day of the year.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Easy does it, and you'll get the reactions you seek. Someone you care about could do a reversal. Think carefully before you deal with a child or loved one. Demonstrate your caring through a card or token gift. Don't discount the role of a family member in your mood. Tonight: Go out.



TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Your natural charming style helps others agree and go along with your ideas. You don't always need to maintain control, nor can you. A problem involving a family member and another key person surfaces. Deal with it. You have a lot to share. Tonight: Beam in what you want.



GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★ Take your time dealing with someone you care about and/or a communication issue. Your balance and daily life might need to be readjusted. Read between the lines when dealing with a financial matter. Tonight: Take your time.



CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Follow another's lead, even if you feel uncomfortable. New beginnings will head your way if you are open. Be willing to adjust and let go of what doesn't work. You are high energy. Look at the big picture. Tonight: Check out information that feels strange.



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You could be out of kilter or feel like you cannot win for losing. Stay centered, knowing what is expected of you. You get acknowledgment for a job well done. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.



VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Read between the lines. How you see a situation could change because of an insight or a change of pace. You might want to think through an offer that seems to be off. Friendship plays a big role. Tonight: In the limelight.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A key associate or partner could be working with you despite the flak you might be hitting. Investigate new solutions more carefully. Think in terms of gains. You might need to put a plan on the back burner. Tonight: Togetherness counts.



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Pressure builds to a new level. You might not want to deal with someone head-on. Others push and pull to get your attention. You might need to change your plans. Work closely with a partner or friend. Tonight: Say yes.



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You will want to clear out as much as you can. Your instincts come forward with a professional matter. You need to quickly take a positive action. Someone really cares far more than you realize. Tonight: Nap and then decide.



CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your playfulness affects many different people's behavior. You have a way of making others feel good. A relationship could become much closer as a result. Listen to a friend who really cares. Tonight: Think positively.



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Easy does it. You need to be careful and direct in your dealings. You might encounter an obstacle with someone you deal with, which affects plans, work and how you feel. You also could choose to go around it. Tonight: At home.



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You might want to rethink a decision. Initiate a conversation. With all the facts, even if you don't like what you hear, you can make a better decision. You have a way that draws others and opens them up. Tonight: Favorite place, with friends.



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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



MTV News/Special to the Daily Press
Santino Rice works the red carpet at the MTV Movie Awards.

‘Project Runway’ struts its second season

By Daily Press staff

Santino Rice, the star of “Project Runway,” will meet and greet the public to celebrate the show’s second season. The DVD release of “Project Runway” Season 2 at Vidiots in Santa Monica is slated to be an evening of fashion and behind-the-scenes gossip, along with clips from Season 2. DVD copies of Project Runway Season 2 will be available for purchase.

Rice, the emerging youthful fashion talent and former contestant on “Project Runway,” most recently created a dress for SuChin Pak of MTV for the MTV Movie Awards’ red carpet.

The festivities will be held Tuesday, June 27, at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

Volunteers needed for X Games

By Daily Press staff

The annual X Games is the premier action sports event in the world and showcases more than 150 of the world’s top athletes competing in BMX freestyle, Moto X, skateboard, surfing and rally car racing.

X Games 12 staff is looking to the local and regional communities for people who are willing to volunteer for a full day, assisting in the multi-event action sports competition. Several day-long volunteer positions are available including hospitality, crowd control, ushering, access control and credential checking. The X Games also offer the XCEL program, designed for dedicated individuals who are willing to volunteer every day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., from Aug. 2 to Aug. 6.

The www.xgamesvolunteers.com Web site is now accepting applications for daily and XCEL volunteers.

Volunteers will be privy to X Games 12 apparel, sponsor goody bags, snacks and refreshments and will receive an invitation to the private X Games volunteer appreciation party. In addition to the other items that volunteers will receive, there will be the chance to take part in a daily raffle of items donated by local and industry businesses.

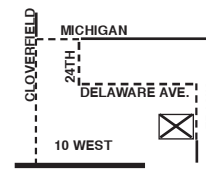
ESPN X Games 12 will be held Aug. 3-6. The Home Depot Center in Carson will host an increased number of X Games competitions, while other events will return to STAPLES Center in downtown Los Angeles.

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0"	48"-72"	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM	35	4/28

CONDITIONS: MACHINE GROOMED, SPRING, CORN

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SNOW SUMMIT
CLOSED

SNOW VALLEY
CLOSED

SURF CONDITIONS

WATER TEMP: 67°

SWELL FORECAST (4-6 FT)
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1	8:19 AM	7:48 PM	12:25 AM	3:59 PM
2	9:10 AM	9:39 PM	1:23 AM	4:47 PM
3	10:04 AM	11:05 PM	2:40 AM	5:21 PM
4	10:42 AM	N/A	4:03 AM	5:45 PM
5	12:09 AM	11:19 AM	5:25 AM	6:14 PM
6	1:01 AM	11:54 AM	6:39 AM	6:35 PM
7	1:36 AM	12:32 PM	7:39 AM	7:05 PM
8	2:13 AM	1:05 PM	8:28 AM	7:29 PM
9	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:18 AM	8:05 PM
10	3:31 AM	2:10 PM	10:04 AM	8:35 PM
11	4:05 AM	2:51 PM	10:49 AM	9:16 PM
12	4:46 AM	3:32 PM	11:36 AM	9:57 PM
13	5:30 AM	4:19 PM	12:22 PM	10:42 PM
14	6:21 AM	5:16 PM	1:14 PM	11:27 PM
15	7:04 AM	6:26 PM	2:07 PM	N/A
16	7:58 AM	7:49 PM	12:25 AM	2:57 PM
17	8:43 AM	9:25 PM	1:31 AM	3:45 PM
18	9:38 AM	10:59 PM	2:52 AM	4:35 PM
19	10:24 AM	N/A	4:25 AM	5:15 PM
20	12:10 AM	11:16 AM	6:01 AM	5:57 PM
21	1:10 AM	12:05 PM	7:20 AM	6:39 PM
22	2:02 AM	12:49 PM	8:27 AM	7:21 PM
23	2:49 AM	1:39 PM	9:27 AM	8:02 PM
24	3:32 AM	2:19 PM	10:13 AM	8:42 PM
25	4:13 AM	3:06 PM	11:00 AM	9:26 PM
26	4:58 AM	3:43 PM	11:39 AM	10:00 PM
27	5:36 AM	4:25 PM	12:20 PM	10:42 PM
28	6:08 AM	5:10 PM	1:04 PM	11:16 PM
29	6:45 AM	6:05 PM	1:45 PM	N/A
30	7:21 AM	7:03 PM	12:00 AM	2:21 PM

The Q-Line

Let go of the railing.
Last week, the City Council agreed to purchase more than 104,000 square feet of land currently owned by Sears Roebuck and Co. for a cost in excess of \$35 million. The downtown real estate has been highly coveted by the city with its proximity to the Promenade, the Pier and the Civic Center redevelopment plans along Main Street. It's also no secret the city envisions the parcel as a possible site for a Light Rail terminus that would connect Santa Monica to Los Angeles.

So this week Q-Line wants to know:
Would the viability of easy transportation to and from downtown Los Angeles be a good thing in light of our city's homeless population?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking a hike in the name of profit

Editor:

In the past, Mr. (Bill) Bauer and I have had many differences of opinion, most dealing with homelessness and its causes and effects; but in his most recent column “Rent hikes help wealthy and put screws to the poor” (SMDP, 6/19/06, page 4), I must agree with his assessment of this situation wholeheartedly.

The poor have been taking it in the keester for years, if not decades, so that the wealthy upper-crust can keep their “quality of life” intact. Within the past decade, it has been at the cost of low-income housing. The debacle in Venice Beach (Lincoln Place apartments) is but one of many instances where low-income housing has been squeezed out, or outright taken away. This is one of the major causes of homelessness, which is a huge issue with many of you in Santa Monica.

Some of you gripe and complain about it, but you sit and let the rent soar through the roof. I am thinking that most of you who do the most complaining are the ones who pay this high rent and are, in some way, shape or form, profiting from the real estate market or the upscale business which has all but driven out the small businesses from the area. Now the rent will be hiked for the poor, while the rich reap the benefits. Sooner than later, the effects of this will be felt — then those who stand on the backs of the poor will eventually get bitten.

Charles Springer
Santa Monica

The views in SM are just breathtaking

Editor:

Now that there are cameras on the Third Street Promenade, I was wondering what would come next for Santa Monica residents. How about house inspection, or just putting a chip in all those who visit Santa Monica? Or maybe we should just put cameras in the house of all the City Council members — this way we could keep an eye on them.

Vincent Garofalo
Santa Monica

Go figure, a crime committed by a transient

Editor:

That Santa Monica has evolved from the “People’s Republic of Santa Monica” to the “Home of the Homeless” saddens me. The time is long overdue for our City Council to put out the “closed” sign to the area’s homeless.

Using the crime report in the Santa Monica Daily Press as one barometer — of the crimes listed during April and May, where the information was available, fully 19 of the 40 crimes listed made reference to the arrest of a “transient” (read homeless). This small snapshot reveals that nearly half (47.5 percent) the crime in Santa Monica (is committed by transients). It’s time for the City Counsel (sic) to invite the “transients” into their own homes so that the citizens of Santa Monica can enjoy a better quality of life.

Ron Yukelson
San Luis Obispo

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Second opinions can really byte



ICONOCLAST
BLAST
BY SETH BARNES

Becoming a medical professional used to be the highest calling a young man or woman could aspire towards. Only after years of toil in the elite echelons of academia could one even consider embarking upon this storied path. A rigorous medical school admissions process would then whittle the truly gifted from the merely brilliant and set them upon an arduous journey covering all facets and functions of medicine. And that was just the beginning. After school, the true training began in residency: Sleepless weeks turning into years, the sharpest minds of a generation learning all the physical complexities of the human body in a living, breathing laboratory. Only then could one be called “doctor.”

Alas, things have changed. Now, any old nobody can become a doctor in 0.40 seconds. That’s how long it takes a birdbrain like me to enter “weird skin rash” into Google and retrieve about 1.8 million results. And when you have information like that at your fingertips, it becomes a lot more difficult to justify hopping into the car just to run your medical condition by some over-credentialed “expert.”

I’m not saying this is a positive development. It certainly is not. It’s just a fact. With the advent of the search engine lifestyle, we’ve all become (in our own minds) legitimate medical sleuths.

And it’s making us 100 percent certifiably bonkers.

These days, the slightest nick, scratch or hiccup sends us running to the Internet. Is that funny cough after running on the treadmill symptomatic of something? What about that lumpy thing in my elbow? Could it be smallpox? We’ve all begun employing the Internet as a first responder for medical concerns big and small. I’ve even anecdotally heard stories of people retrieving health advice from the World Wide Web in the midst of a heart attack or stroke. Picture telling any educated person 50 years ago this positively science-fictional scenario: In the future, when you have a splitting pain down your chest, you’re short of breath and your vision is blurry, instead of phoning the family physician or calling for a loved one, you actually will start typing out questions in front of a large, colorful electronic box —

although there’s no word on whether the flying ambulance is on the verge of being invented.

Anyhow, I think you’re getting the gist of my argument that we’ve become a herd of drooling, uninformed medical dilettantes who are driving real medical professionals batty with the unsubstantiated malarkey we’re retrieving off the Internet. I myself have become wrapped up in waves of paranoia and premature grief over my own impending demise on several occasions. By the time you get to the doctor, you’ve already made funeral arrangements and said goodbye to friends and loved ones.

Ask any doctor out there and I’m sure they’ll tell you they’ve seen an increase in people showing up their office after a few hours bouncing around on WebMD utterly convinced that they’re suffering from “Avascular Necrosis of Bone,” “H Simiae Encephalomyelitis,” or “Xeroderma Pigmentosum.” Remember, these are people whose reading level doesn’t stretch much beyond a celebrity baby edition of People Magazine. But after a few hours on the Internet they’re dropping lingo that would send world-class surgeons scurrying for the archives of the New England Journal of Medicine. Makes sense, right?

If you put your mind to it, the reasons behind this Internet self-diagnosis epidemic become clear. The old adage that “if you have your health, you have everything” really is true. Ask anybody who’s been through a serious medical condition. That fact coupled with our nation’s unstable healthcare system make folks especially jittery these days. If that sore throat or bout of dizziness really is serious, will my health coverage take care of it? What if I don’t have healthcare? Ultimately we only have so much control over our well-being. It’s a game of chance inherent to everyday life. And when the world’s information is just a few keystrokes away, it’s natural to attempt to gain control over the sometimes uncertain enterprise of living.

But we should all try to get a grip. Just a little. We need to let the professionals do their job. That’s what they’ve been trained for. They also spent about half-a-million bucks getting their education, so it makes them feel good when they can put it to good use. Humor them.

And as for that “weird skin rash” I mentioned earlier, let’s just not talk about it.

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GUEST COMMENTARY BY ELAN JOURNO

Striking a deal is rewarding aggression

After decades of chasing nuclear weapons, North Korea is on the brink of success. Worse yet, it may already have the means of mounting an attack against us. According to news reports, North Korea is about to test-fire a powerful long-range missile capable of threatening not only South Korea and Japan, but also the continental United States.

To end this nuclear stand-off without bloodshed, many people believe that we must restart the stalled negotiations with North Korea and engage in diplomacy. Pitched as levelheaded and practical, this approach would culminate in a supposedly win-win deal: The North promises to halt its nuclear program in exchange for a combination of economic and diplomatic concessions from the West.

But such a shameful deal, like all previous ones, would reward the North for its aggression and strengthen it into a worse menace. North Korea has become a significant threat precisely because we have appeased it for years with boatloads of oil, food and money.

Some 20 years ago, North Korea's nuclear ambitions became glaringly obvious. The West pretended that this hostile dictatorship would honor a treaty banning nuclear weapons. To get its signature took years of Western groveling and concessions. The North's promises to halt its nuclear program were predictably hollow. By 1993, after pre-

The United States and its allies must abandon the suicidal policy of appeasement.

venting required inspections of its nuclear facilities, Pyongyang announced its intention to withdraw from the treaty. Our response? More "diplomacy" — in the form of the "Agreed Framework," brokered in 1994.

For agreeing to freeze its nuclear program, North Korea was offered two light-water nuclear reactors (putatively for generating electricity) and, until the reactors were operational, 500,000 metric tons of oil annually (nearly half its annual needs). The United States, along with Japan and South Korea, paid for the lavish gifts. During the years of apparent tranquility, our hand-outs and assurances of security buoyed North Korea as it furtively completed two reactors capable of yielding weapons-grade fuel. By 2003 — when the North actually did withdraw from the nuclear treaty — it was clear that Pyongyang had continued secretly to develop weapons-capable nuclear technology.

The pattern of America's suicidal diplomacy is clear: The North threatens us, we respond with negotiations, gifts and concessions, and it emerges with even greater beligerence.

Without economic aid, technical assistance and protracted negotiations affording it time, it is unlikely that the North — continually on the brink of economic collapse — could have survived. It is also unlikely that it could have built the fourth-largest army in the world. The North is believed to have sold long-range ballistic missiles to Iran, Yemen, Pakistan and Syria. By some estimates, North Korea already has the material to create eight nuclear bombs. As it doubtless will continue engaging in clandestine nuclear development, the North may soon be wielding — and selling — nuclear weapons.

What made this cycle of appeasement possible — and why do our political and intellectual leaders insist that further "diplomacy" will work? Because they cling to the amoral fiction that North Korea shares the basic goal of prosperity and peace. This fantasy underlies the notion that the right mix of economic aid and military concessions can dissuade North Korea from its nuclear ambition. It evades the fact that the North is a militant dictatorship that acquires and maintains its power by force, looting the wealth of its enslaved citizens and threaten-

ing to do the same to its neighbors. This abstract fact, the advocates of diplomacy believe, is dispensable; if we ignore it, then it ceases to exist.

Notice how, in preparing the way for renewed talks, the Bush administration ceased describing North Korea as part of an "axis of evil" — as if this could alter its moral stature.

What the advocates of diplomacy believe, in effect, is that pouring gasoline onto an inferno will extinguish the fire — so long as we all agree that it will. Thus: if we agree that North Korea is not a hostile parasite, then it isn't. If we pretend that this dictatorship would rather feed its people than amass weapons, then it would. If we shower it with loot, it will stop threatening us. But the facts of North Korea's character and long-range goals, like all facts, are impervious to anyone's wishful thinking. Years of rewarding a petty dictatorship for its belligerent actions did not disarm it, but helped it become a significant threat to America.

There is only one solution to the "North Korea problem." The United States and its allies must abandon the suicidal policy of appeasement.

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Waiting on the Big One may not take long

BY ALICIA CHANG

AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — New earthquake research confirms the southern end of the San Andreas fault near Los Angeles is overdue for a Big One.

The lower section of the fault has not produced a major earthquake in more than three centuries. The new study, which analyzed 20 years of data and is considered one of the most detailed analyses yet, found that stress has been building since then, and the fault could rupture at any moment.

"The southern section of the fault is fully loaded for the next big event," said geophysicist Yuri Fialko of the Scripps Institution of

Oceanography in La Jolla.

Predicting exactly when that might happen, however, is beyond scientists' ability.

The analysis was published in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Experts have estimated that a quake on the southern San Andreas of magnitude-7.6 or greater could kill thousands of people in the densely populated greater Los Angeles area and cause tens of billions of dollars in damage.

It was the 800-mile San Andreas fault, which runs down California like a scar, that caused the 1906 San Francisco earthquake that led to about 3,000 deaths.

But scientists know very little about the 100-mile dormant southern segment, which

slices through Southern California from San Bernardino, east of Los Angeles, to near the Mexican border.

The section last popped in 1690, producing an estimated 7.7-magnitude quake, but caused little injury or damage because hardly anyone lived there at the time.

Using satellite radar and global positioning data, Fialko measured the movement of the southern San Andreas between 1985 and 2005. Small movements along a fault can relieve strain. Calculating those subtle motions allows scientists to figure out how much strain is building up.

Fialko found that the southern end of the fault has shown little movement and that significant strain is building up. The fault's

slip rate, or average annual movement, was measured to be about an inch a year — similar to previous estimates.

Surprisingly, Fialko found the two sides of the southern San Andreas behaved differently, with one side showing more flexibility than the other. This could help scientists understand potential earthquake risks, he said.

Ken Hudnut, a U.S. Geological Survey geophysicist in Pasadena, who had no role in the study, said the latest research reaffirms the need to study the mysterious southern San Andreas more closely.

In the fall, Hudnut will head a \$240,000 project that would conduct tests on the southern segment to get a better idea of the threat it poses.

California men face fraud charges in Grand Canyon permit case

By The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Two California men have been charged in federal court with using the identities of dead or fictitious people to get permits to raft the Grand Canyon.

Stephen E. Savage, 61, of Diamond Bar, Calif., made an initial appearance in federal court in Flagstaff Tuesday and was ordered held on 11 counts of fraudulently obtaining rafting permits.

Savage was arrested by National Park Service agents at the Grand Canyon River

Orientation Center at Lee's Ferry on Sunday. Lee's Ferry is where most rafters begin their trip down the canyon.

Timothy J. O'Shaughnessy, 45, of Whitewater, Calif., was arrested in California on Monday and turned over to the U.S. Marshals Service on the same charges, all misdemeanors. He was scheduled for an initial appearance Tuesday afternoon, according to the U.S. attorney's office in Phoenix.

Permits to float the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park without a guide are very difficult to obtain, with waiting lists of 10 to 15 years. The list system

was abandoned earlier this year in favor of a lottery system.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the criminal complaint, an investigation was launched against Savage in March 2004 after the Park Service received an anonymous letter from a person who said Savage bragged about getting permits illegally. Investigators identified O'Shaughnessy as being involved during the investigation.

According to the affidavit by Special Agent David Sandbakken and the criminal complaint, in one case a Lomita, Calif., man died while on the waiting list in 2000 and

O'Shaughnessy and Savage called the permit office, accepted a raft launching date and had the permit mailed to them. They took that trip in June 2001.

The court documents detail several other instances involving Savage and O'Shaughnessy between 2001 and 2004.

"Over 7,000 people are on a waiting list for private river permits," said Joseph Alston, the Grand Canyon National Park superintendent. "Those who abuse the system do so at the expense of those who have gone through the process and have waited many years to take a trip."

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BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Elk Grove, Calif., wasn't even incorporated six years ago, and now it's the fastest-growing city in America.

Bigger, older cities are losing ground.

The Sacramento suburb grew by 11.6 percent last year, to 112,000 people, typifying the nation's appetite for open spaces, affordable homes and suburban living. Once a rural farming community, Elk Grove has given way to sprawling development, fueled by a short commute to Sacramento and local employers such as Apple Computer.

"Ten to 15 years ago is when the housing started coming in. That was followed by the businesses," says Janet Toppenberg, president and CEO of the Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Americans have been moving west and south for decades, and last year was no different. All but three of the 50 fastest-growing cities from 2004 to 2005 were in those regions of the country, with many in California and Florida, according to Census Bureau estimates Wednesday. The estimates were for cities with populations of 100,000 or more.

Elk Grove was followed in the top five by North Las Vegas, Nev.; Port St. Lucie, Fla.; Gilbert, Ariz., and Cape Coral, Fla.

All five are suburban, and all have fewer than 200,000 residents.

"We have a pattern that is consistent across the country," said Hans Johnson, a research fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California. "Families choose to move to areas where they can buy more housing for less money and often with better schools."

Los Angeles kept its position as the second most populous city, behind New York, with 3.8 million residents in 2005. The metropolis added 150,345 residents between 2000 and 2005 — more than any other city.

Suburban towns in surrounding counties added large numbers of newcomers, making

them some of the fastest growing in the nation. Moreno Valley, Rancho Cucamonga and Irvine were all in the top 10.

"People like the location and the opportunity to build homes here," said Barry Foster, Moreno Valley's economic development director. "We've got room. You can get a good-sized home and all the amenities that you get in Orange County or Los Angeles counties for a more affordable price."

Americans also are moving away from many of the nation's biggest cities, though the reasons vary with the cities.

People are following jobs out of struggling Midwestern cities. Others are leaving expensive Northeastern and Western cities in search of more affordable homes. And people are fleeing big cities everywhere in search of better schools.

New York remained the nation's largest city, with 8.1 million people. The city has added 135,000 people since 2000, but it lost 21,500 from 2004 to 2005, more than any other city.

Detroit, with its struggling economy, has lost 65,000 people since 2000, the most of any city. Philadelphia, which has lost about 50,000 manufacturing jobs since 2000, has lost 54,000 people during the same period.

San Francisco, with the highest real estate prices in the country, has lost 37,000 people since 2000, according to the Census Bureau. Nearby Berkeley, Oakland and Vallejo were also among the nation's fastest shrinking cities.

The bureau issues annual population estimates based on building permits, housing units and other changes since its 2000 headcount.

States sometimes dispute those estimates based on their own calculations. For example, California officials estimate that San Francisco has grown by 22,000 people since 2000, rather than shrunk.

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COURT UPDATES

Betances enters plea for murders

BY MICHAEL J. TITTINGER

Daily Press Staff Writer

NEWPORT BEACH — The former civic leader charged with strangling a woman and dumping her body in a Santa Monica parking lot in 1975, pleaded not guilty to murder charges on Tuesday at the Harbor Justice Center.

John Whitaker Betances is being charged with the murders of two women — 36-year-old Bodil Rasmussen, who was found dead in the parking lot of the old Sea Castle at 1725 Appian Way, and 26-year-old Patricia Ann Carpenter, whose partially nude body was found dumped along the road in Laguna Canyon in 1983.

Betances was ordered to appear for a pre-trial hearing on Oct. 20, more than 30 years after he allegedly took the life of his first victim.

John Whitaker Betances, 57, was arrested in Oregon in 2004 and subsequently extradited to Orange County after DNA samples ultimately linked him to the murders. According to the Orange County District Attorney's office,

Betances was a suspect at the time of Rasmussen's murder, but there was insufficient evidence to charge him with the crime.

The Santa Monica Police Department had left the unsolved case open for investigation and preserved evidence for more than three decades in the hopes that technology would eventually aid in the apprehension of a suspect.

Betances, who was also known as John Laurence Whitaker, was said to have been living a double life in Pasadena. He reportedly ran for a seat on the Pasadena City College board of trustees in 2001 and was involved in the local school district as a recruiter for a program that trained fathers to volunteer in schools.

On May 3, 2004, sufficient evidence linked Betances to both of the murders. A DNA sample from underneath Carpenter's fingernails and a semen sample found on Rasmussen led to his arrest. According to police, Betances' DNA had been in law enforcement databases since 1994, when he was released from a California prison after serving 10 years for rape.

Rubin awaits his sentence at home

BY EMILIE PHELPS

Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN LA — Thomas Edward Rubin, convicted on Monday of bilking tens of millions of dollars from clients of his former media placement agency, can await sentencing in the comfort of his own home, a judge decided Wednesday.

In the wake of his 25 felony convictions on counts of conspiracy, mail fraud, wire fraud, bankruptcy fraud and money laundering, Rubin faces several hundred years in federal prison.

The 58-year-old Malibu resident will be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Feess on Oct. 23.

Despite arguments by the U.S. Attorney's office that Rubin posed a flight risk, the court ruled on Wednesday that he could remain out on bail. According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul G. Stern, Rubin is subject to home detention and additional electronic monitoring.

Rubin is the former chairman and CEO of Focus Media Inc., which was once located in Santa Monica.

Rubin was arrested on June 2, 2005, and subsequently released on a \$2 million bond.

SF unveils city health care plan

BY LISA LEFF

Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — City officials unveiled a plan Tuesday to make San Francisco the first in the nation to provide health care to all its residents through contributions from the municipal government and private employers.

The proposal, aimed at 82,000 uninsured San Franciscans who earn too much to qualify for federally subsidized health care under Medicaid, would offer access to a doctor and hospital network to any adult who lives in the city, regardless of immigration or employment status, said Mayor Gavin Newsom. The city already provides universal health care for children.

"Rather than lamenting about the fact that we live in a country with 45.8 million Americans that don't have health insurance ... San Francisco is doing something about it," Newsom said. "San Francisco is moving forward to fulfill its moral obligation."

Newsom stressed that the so-called Health Access Plan was not meant to take the place of private health insurance, but rather provide a way to consistently treat people without insurance so they don't end up seeking medical care in hospital emergency rooms.

Unlike health insurance, for example, the city's plan would not cover the cost of any medical services its participants seek outside San Francisco, and it would not be open to people who work but do not live in the city.

What it would provide is comprehensive preventive and catastrophic health care, covering everything from checkups,

prescription drugs and X-rays to ambulance rides, blood tests and surgeries.

Residents would be able to enroll despite any pre-existing medical conditions, and they would be able to choose from 400 doctors who participate in the San Francisco Health Plan, an HMO for low- and middle-income clients.

The city estimates the plan would cost \$200 million a year, an expense that would be borne by taxpayers, businesses that don't already insure all their workers, and participants themselves.

Residents would pay both monthly fees and service co-payments on a sliding scale depending on income. A person with annual earnings at the federal poverty line would pay \$3 per month, while someone who makes between \$19,600 and \$40,000 — or up to 400 percent above the poverty line — would pay an average of \$35 per month.

Details of how the employer contribution would work were scheduled to be presented Wednesday to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, which must vote on the plan. Approval is expected, though the details of the plan could change.

The most recent version, sponsored by Supervisor Tom Ammiano, would require every business with more than 20 employees to pay \$1.60 an hour into the system for all employees not already covered by a health plan, no matter how few hours they work.

Laurie Thomas, owner of three restaurants in San Francisco, fumed Tuesday as officials congratulated each other on the plan that was hammered out by a council Newsom appointed.

Irvine's sister-city pact thrusts it into a political maelstrom

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press Writer

IRVINE, Calif. — Representatives of this growing commercial hub signed an international pact that requires the city to formally disavow the existence of Taiwan, putting it at the center of an explosive political conflict.

The recently signed sister-city agreement with Xuhui District in Shanghai includes promises not to send official city delegations to Taiwan, not to fly the Taiwanese flag and not to play the Taiwanese national anthem or attend National Day celebrations.

It also bans the use of the terms "two Chinas" or "one China, one Taiwan" and stipulates that Irvine recognizes "that there is only one China."

The pact has created an uproar among the estimated 10,000 Taiwanese who live in Orange County, who say it "violates freedom and democracy" and threatens Irvine's sister-city relationship with a Taiwanese town, Taoyuan. The details of the agreement were first reported on a blog on The Orange County Register Web site.

"This is not just one incident, this is a continuous threat from a dictatorship country trying to overtake a free and democratic nation," said Stan Yang, president of the Orange County chapter of the Formosan Association for Public Affairs. "The whole world should just stand up and say, 'What's going on?' to this bully China."

Yang, who says he has received dozens of angry calls and e-mails about the pact, wrote a letter Monday to Mayor Beth Krom demanding that the city "rescind the agreement immediately."

Krom said she was unaware of the controversial language until late last week, although the city delegation returned from Shanghai on June 2.

Krom said she signed a routine sister-city agreement at an official ceremony in the Xuhui District and was unaware another employee had signed a memorandum that contained the hot-button language.

The employee, who was new to her position, had no authority to sign the document and it is not binding for the city, Krom said.

"She did not make me aware of it. Had I been aware of it in China, I certainly would have sorted things out there," Krom said Tuesday in a telephone interview.

"She very well may not have read it as well as she should have," the mayor said.

Krom said she will mail a letter to Xuhui officials this week explaining that the memorandum portion of the agreement was unacceptable because "it appears to constrain the relationship between the city of Irvine and the city of Taoyuan."

The city council will also discuss the matter at their meeting next week, she said.

Yang said his group plans to attend next week's council meeting to voice their anger and get more information about how the gaffe occurred. He said he hoped it was the result of a simple misunderstanding.

"If that's not the case, the situation can be more serious," he said.

"China is trying to manipulate the domestic affairs of the city of Irvine and China is trying to overturn Taiwan's government," Yang said. "The only reason that China would be interested in signing this agreement is because Irvine has a sister-city agreement with Taiwan and it's been doing well. They're jealous."

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lic's needs at City Hall.

"I appreciate the confidence expressed by Council that the budget addresses community priorities and gets us back on track with funding core services," City Manager Lamont Ewell said Wednesday morning. "We hope the public will begin noticing enhanced improvements in street repairs, tree replacements, sidewalk repairs, graffiti removal and a more rigorous effort in addressing our homeless challenges as we begin the next fiscal year."

The budget was approved without any major changes by the Council, something Ewell said was gratifying. However, the Council did approve a series of additional expenditures, including \$5,000 for a flag pole at the Veterans Memorial in Palisades Park.

There were also more expensive items, including an additional \$120,000 for the Community Forest Renewal program and \$150,000 to help implement the first phase of the Sustainable City Plan, adopted in 1994 to develop environmentally friendly policies that emphasize conservation.

In all, the Council approved \$180,000 of continuous funding and \$231,000 in one-time funding.

The additions will be easily covered by money saved on salaries for 10 new staff members in City Hall, positions which have been put on hold because of the possible loss of \$12 million from the elimination of the User Utility Tax, or UUT, on phone and wireless services. Current legal challenges involving the telecommunications industry and municipalities may reduce the amount the city receives under the UUT — a 10-percent tax on electricity, natural gas, cable and water/wastewater services.

To deal with the possible loss in funding, city staff recommended, and the Council approved, setting aside \$8.2 million to fund a reserve. That money is coming from the transferring of excess funds in other accounts.

"I am gratified that Council adopted the budget as presented, with very few additions," Ewell said. "We still are challenged by not knowing the eventual scope of the UUT loss, if any, but the workshop we'll hold in late summer or early fall will give Council and staff a good opportunity to grapple with that and other policy issues that affect the bottom line."

The Council spent more than three hours discussing the budget, during which time several members presented lists with priorities they would like to see funded. Some came from previous discussions with the City Manager and city staff, residents and other community stakeholders, while some requests came as the result of emotional testimony during the budget hearing.

Council members were warned by Ewell not to stray too far from the proposed budget, which could have dismantled the tightly prepared spending plan.

The Council's requests were approved. However, \$350,000 to speed up the traffic signal synchronization project was put on hold for six months while staff looks at alternatives for accelerating the project.

Mayor Bob Holbrook said he was pleased with the way the Council conducted itself.

"I would have liked to see us hold the line and not pass any extra spending outside of what was proposed by staff, but I thought the level at which we did was OK," said Holbrook, who did not make any requests for additional spending. "I think the budget turned out great and will help Santa Monica recover from five years of ignoring infrastructure. We're now going to be able to plant some new trees, fix alleys and pave streets."

"The budget hasn't been focused on these things for quite some time."

Councilman Ken Genser, who made several requests, including \$120,000 for the expansion of the tree replacement program, said many of the additional expenditures are necessary.

For instance, Genser pushed for \$50,000 in bridge fund-

ing for the Infant Family Support Center, which was funded by St. John's, but has since fallen on hard times and needs money to remain in operation. The program provides early childhood education and teaches non-violent parenting techniques to help in the development of the city's youth.

"They need this funding to get them through for a few months so they can decide on what next course of action to take and how they can secure more funding elsewhere," Genser told the Council.

Councilman Bobby Shriver had to fight for \$4,500 to help the Red Cross purchase community disaster supplies, and another \$30,000 in grant money to the 18th Street Arts Center.

Kevin McKeown lobbied for \$150,000 for the Sustainable

City plan, which he said was identified as a top priority by residents, but did not have adequate funding in the budget. During the budget hearing, McKeown asked staff if funding the plan would be possible, and within an hour, staff came back with a funding formula that would satisfy the Council.

"I think the councilmembers' requests were serious requests and are things they feel are important to this city and that's what preparing the budget is all about — meeting the needs of the community," said Steve Stark, City Hall's director of Finance, whose staff helped prepare the budget. "It was a typical process, a good process and one I think that will put us in a good financial position heading into the next fiscal year."



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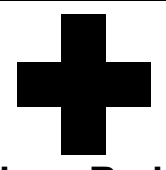
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Ewell calls for accountability

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money requires a simple majority vote, according to Assistant City Clerk Beth Sanchez.

Ewell, City Hall's chief executive officer, said the reforms are necessary because the civil service system is outdated and hinders the swift removal of managers who perform poorly. In some extreme cases, it has taken as long as two to three years to fire someone under the system's lengthy disciplinary process, Ewell said.

The charter changes proposed — four in total — would create greater accountability on all levels of government, while modernizing the civil service system to bring about more efficiency in operations, according to Ewell, who made the request for the amendments at a June 13 City Council meeting.

"(These changes) will send a strong message that the city expects excellent performance from its executives and expects them to be held accountable for their performance," Ewell said in his report. "Fortunately, the city's current management team would have no problems meeting such expectations ... (being) composed of experienced and able professionals."

All department heads, except for the chief of police, could be affected by the proposal. The City Attorney, council members and the City Manager — all of whom are already considered at-will employees — are not covered under the civil service system, according to the city charter. The City Council, which is an elected position, hires the City Attorney and the City Manager. The City Manager hires the police chief.

Department heads have been consulted by Ewell about the proposed charter reform. Ewell also is discussing his plans with the Personnel Board at the direction of the Council. The five-person personnel board, which serves as an advisory panel to the City Council and City Hall's human resources director, is a quasi-judicial review body for employee appeals of disciplinary actions. It consists of individuals who neither hold public office nor work for City Hall.

The personnel board recently was in the spotlight after it denied the appeal of the city's funeral director who was fired in 2005 after three audits revealed the management of Woodlawn Cemetery's finances was not in line with general accounting practices. In addition, city officials believe Michael Steen was acting unethically by promoting and benefiting from his domestic partner's monument-making business at the cemetery.

It was years before the mismanagement of the cemetery was discovered and months before Steen's performance was put under scrutiny. Several more months passed before he was terminated and the case was closed. The Steen case is an example of how city employees are protected under the civil service system.

Those interviewed said they are in support of the changes, even if it means a greater chance of receiving a pink slip.

"I don't think it will affect any department heads that are doing their job and being responsive to the community and very committed to working in Santa Monica," said Barbara Stinchfield, director of City Hall's Community and Cultural Services. "I personally have no problems (with the proposed changes.) I feel I'm doing the work that has been asked of me."

Stinchfield said change naturally creates concern about the unknown, but as long as there is a fair review process, she has confidence in the City Manager's request.

Steve Stark, City Hall's Finance director, said he too is not concerned with the proposed charter amendments because he is confident in the work he and his staff do daily.

"These changes are really standard," Stark said. "Everywhere else I've worked I've been an at-will employee, so this is nothing new."

THE TIME SEEMS PRIME

Ewell's predecessors are said to have wanted to make the

Vacating the seat of power



Debra Young Krizman/Special to the Daily Press

Outgoing Franklin Elementary School principal Patricia Samarge is serenaded at a recent school assembly in her honor. Samarge is retiring after 43 years with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

charter changes, however, some chose to focus on other ballot measures, such as the hotel tax and other priorities.

"Because it's a charter amendment it takes some effort, and when you have many priorities to balance, you have to make a decision on what you think is best at the time," said City Councilwoman Pam O'Connor, who supports the charter changes. "Lamont is coming from the outside and had a chance to look objectively at our organizational structure, and evidently, he believes this is something important that he wants to accomplish this election cycle"

City Councilman Herb Katz, an architect who has at times been a harsh critic of the city's Planning Department for being unresponsive to customers, said the changes are "long overdue, and something residents have been talking about for quite awhile."

Katz said voters should pass the measures overwhelmingly, having complained about the need for reform during the last city election.

"I think (voters) really want to have a say in this," Katz said.

THE TIMES HAVE BEEN A-CHANGIN'

The charter reforms have been implemented in other cities, including Beverly Hills, Culver City, Burbank, Long Beach, Pasadena and Thousand Oaks.

Cities have made the switch because of the expanded duties and responsibilities of the department heads, and the realization that, if their performance is substandard, a lengthy removal process would not be acceptable to the public, Ewell said.

The same holds true for Santa Monica, which has seen some department heads' responsibilities increase since the charter was adopted in 1946. The opposite also is true, with some department heads no longer deserving of the title since their duties have diminished over time.

Currently, the City Manager must obtain the approval of a board or commission for the hiring of certain department heads. Those include the Personnel and Library boards, Recreation and Parks and the Airport commissions. The Personnel Board hires the human resources director; the

Recreation and Parks Commission hires the director of community and cultural services; the Library Board hires the library services director; and the Airport Commission hires the director of the resource management.

Susan Cloke, chair of the Recreation and Parks Commission, said the proposed charter changes make sense, however, the work can't end with their passage. Cloke said Ewell must continue to stress accountability at all levels of government and work to change attitudes in City Hall around customer service.

"One of the main concerns I hear from the public is that they feel like outsiders," Cloke said. "People have complained they have a hard time being heard. I think that in a small city like Santa Monica, we shouldn't feel like outsiders. We should all be insiders."

Ewell said since he is held solely accountable to the City Council for the department heads approved by boards and commissions, it only makes sense for him to have sole authority over their hiring. One of his proposals would require the City Manager to seek input from boards and commissions on what traits are desirable in the next department director, but the City Manager would not need to seek their approval when selecting the final candidate.

Ewell is asking for the charter to be changed so that the City Manager could re-classify a position if necessary. Some examples of positions designated in the charter which no longer serve as department heads include city engineer, street superintendent, city controller and building officials.

Ewell also is calling for changes to the so-called "rule of three names" to a "rule of three ranks" for non-promotional appointments, which would increase the applicant pool when directors are looking to fill staff vacancies and there are not enough qualified candidates in-house. Ewell also would like to eliminate the 90-day limit on temporary appointments to permanent positions, however, the City Council has asked that some limit be placed.

That limit is being debated as city staff prepares what will most likely be two ballot measures for the council's approval.

"This is not a power grab," Ewell said. "This is about facilitating more accountability. That's why I was hired."



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Landlords pay to settle suit

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to pursue civil litigation against the landlords, said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky.

"It got to our office because the tenant filed a complaint, complaining about harassment," he said.

The tenant also retained a private attorney, Gary Rhoades of Los Angeles, and brought a private lawsuit against Burnett and Kolodziejski. The two civil cases were consolidated for trial in the Santa Monica Superior Court. The settlement was approved in March.

The lawsuits alleged that Burnett and Kolodziejski placed Belton as the manager in the apartment next door to the tenant's for the sole purpose of frightening and intimidating her into leaving. City Hall alleged that Belton routinely pounded on the tenant's walls and slammed doors late at night; broke into her private locked storage area; called her profane and insulting names; threatened to burn down the building while the woman was inside; flooded her kitchen floor with a hose from outside; and stood outside her door or window for long periods of time.

None of the allegations were proven since the case was settled out of court.

Burnett and Kolodziejski denied any wrongdoing. Their attorney, Will Lieb, declined to comment.

Burnett and Kolodziejski, both licensed

realtors on the Westside, sold the property in November 2004 to a new owner, who reportedly lives on the premises with other tenants, including the disabled woman, who has lived in her apartment for 25 years.

The two lawsuits were settled at the same time after a mediation before Judge Patricia Collins of the Santa Monica Superior Court.

Under the terms of the settlement, Burnett and Kolodziejski paid the tenant \$45,000; paid City Hall \$15,000 in attorneys' fees; and each will attend an eight-hour training program in apartment management approved by the city.

City Hall's lawsuit was brought under the local Tenant Harassment Ordinance, which is designed to protect renters from landlords who harass or intimidate them in an attempt to force them out so rents can be raised to market rate.

The City Attorney's Office can either file criminal or civil charges against landlords under the ordinance.

"The Tenant Harassment Ordinance goes both ways," Radinsky said. "We can go either criminal or civil ... most of the filings are civil."

Since the ordinance went into effect in 1995, dozens of landlords have been taken to court for harassment, and more tenants' rights have been protected,

"That is what the ordinance is designed to do," Radinsky said.

No more worries, mon



Fabian Lewkowicz/Daily Press

Peg Schumacher, a Santa Monica High School parent, lends a hand painting the set for the upcoming SAMO Graduation Party, 'Cruise to Jamaica.' Samohi seniors will take part in tonight's 16th annual Grad Nite, an all-night party thrown by parents, district teachers, staff, local businesses and the community.

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Stop to ponder what's in portfolio



MIND YOUR BUSINESS

BY KIRK G. AGUER

When professional security analysts evaluate a stock they usually focus on a number of considerations, two of which are fundamentals and underlying valuation. You may wish to take into account those evaluation methods when considering a stock for your portfolio. You can find the information you need from annual or quarterly company earnings reports, from reading the newspa-

pers or by asking your financial advisor for more information.

Fundamentals include the outlook for the company and for its industry. In looking at a company's fundamentals, some of the criteria you will want to consider are:

- Earnings growth history and outlook
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- Industry conditions in general
- The company's balance sheet — cash and debt levels

Valuation refers to the market price of the company's stock in relation to its fundamentals. Even if you locate a company with solid fundamentals and a bright outlook for the

future, the stock may not be attractive if it is "too expensive."

How do you determine whether or not a stock is too expensive? One common measure of valuation is the price/earnings ratio (P/E). This tells you how much investors are willing to pay for each dollar the company earns. The P/E is the price of the stock divided by its earnings per share. If a hypothetical stock's P/E ratio is 15, it means that for every \$1 in earnings, investors are paying \$15.

The significance of the ratios is determined by comparing them to those of the stock market in general or of comparable companies. For high-growth stocks, the P/E is often measured against the projected earnings growth rate. In such a case, a company

with hypothetical earnings growth potential of 30 percent per year might have a P/E ratio of 30 times earnings or more. When this ratio falls below that of the market or a peer company, a stock may be attractive for purchase. On the other hand, sometimes there are reasons for a stock's P/E ratio to be depressed, such as deteriorating company fundamentals.

Fundamentals and valuation are just two of a number of considerations on which professional analysts focus. You can use the two basics to help identify stocks that may be suitable for your portfolio. Your financial advisor can tell you more.

(You can reach **Kirk G. Aguer** at his Morgan Stanley office in Santa Monica at (310) 319-5220.)

A mediocre career will only beget a mediocre life

BY JOE FRODSHAM

Special to the Daily Press

A recent study sponsored by the Society of Human Resource management showed that up to 80 percent of employed adults are somewhat to totally dissatisfied with their job and career.

As someone who has helped people shape their careers over the last decade, the study supports my own observation that most adults are in the midst of a mediocre career — with some ups and some downs. During the down times, many deal with their career angst by looking outside their company, often uprooting their families and moving to a more promising job and company. Inevitably the issues they were escaping in their previous company re-emerge in their new one. At one point most people feel trapped, knowing that if they leave their company they are walking away from financial security (401k, pensions and the like) and friendships. They become unwilling to move into the uncertainty of a new career and or company. So they put in their time, often treating their job as a nine-to-five necessity and going through the motions until retirement.

Given that the majority of our productive hours are spent in the workplace, a mediocre career leads to a mediocre life. Nobody wins as people are robbed of the career happiness and fulfillment that they seek, and employers are left with a less engaged, less productive, and less resilient company. It's clear that employees and companies need a different way to look at careers.

In our book, "Make it Work: Navigate Your

Career Without Leaving Your Organization," we introduce a powerful concept that is helping thousands of people re-engage and find sustained success in their company. This concept is called "passionate core" or "core needs." Simply put, each of us has two or three unique needs that have to be met in our job. Those core needs are really the source of our motivation. When those core needs are being met we have exponentially more mental and physical energy. When the core needs are not being met, we go through the motions, not really satisfied with our work regardless of the money or recognition that our company throws our way.

Given that everyone's core needs are different, uncovering them requires some introspection. By introspection we're not talking about delving into childhood experiences or taking a pilgrimage to Tibet. What we do mean is that you need to uncover the needs that your passions are helping fulfill. Let me explain.

Each of us have some activities we are passionate about. Whether it be sailing, chess, golf, movies, reading, playing with your children, swimming, jogging or cross stick, we love doing it. You know it is a passion if you think about the activity a lot, and you use your discretionary time and money to pursue the activity. You may even dream of making a living through your passion, but instead find yourself "stuck" in your job and company.

Now here is the critical yet largely unknown truth — you are passionate about certain activities because the activities are helping you fulfill your unique core needs. For example, your passion for travel, fixing old cars and skiing may be fulfilling core

needs you have for challenge and experimentation. And another's passion for gardening, reading and cooking may be fulfilling core needs they have for learning, and experiencing new tastes and textures. Once you know what your core needs are, you gain incredible insight into what makes you tick — the source of your motivation. And, you will know what needs must be met in your work to be fully engaged.

You can uncover your unique core needs by listing the activities you are passionate about, and for each one asking yourself: What does this activity do for me personally? In completing this exercise you will notice that each of your passions are meeting a couple of the same core needs.

This exercise may reveal that the accountant's engagement in local politics and international travel is fulfilling their core needs for self-expression, and understanding different perspectives. The manager with a passion for playing basketball and baseball, and volunteering as a youth councilor, is fulfilling their core need to challenge and stretch them self and others. And the school teacher who is constantly fixing old cars and completing crossword puzzles is fulfilling their core need to solve problems. In each case, discovering their core needs provides powerful self-awareness, and greater flexibility when finding and shaping roles in their company. For the accountant it is easier to find and shape a role that allows for self-expression and exposure to different people in her current company than a role solely focused on politics and international travel. Similarly, the manager and school teacher will better be able to find and shape roles in their organizations

that fulfill their core needs.

Looking at my own life, at times I have been passionate about carpentry, writing and painting. Each of those activities was fulfilling a common need to create something that lasts. When finding a way to make a living, if I simply looked at what I was passionate about at a given time, I might have felt I needed to build homes, write mystery novels or paint murals to get excited about going to work. However, understanding the underlying need allowed me to choose from a wider variety of work options, ultimately finding roles in my company where I was successful and engaged while creating something that lasts — new programs and processes. And, knowing my core needs ensures that I can always be in a job that I find motivating. This is great for me and the company.

Do you know anyone who has been engaged and successful in their company for years on end? Those people are rare, but if you do know one take a few minutes and ask them about their approach to their career and work. You will notice that they have unique clarity on what their needs are. They probably won't call them "passionate core needs" but it is the same thing. You'll see that uncovering your core needs is requisite to knowing yourself, and taking control of your career and life.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

PR firm gets media coverage

By Daily Press staff

While it's rare to make it in showbiz, one local PR consultancy has been doling out the good news as of late. Tom Brennan Media, a small local business, has landed some highly sought publicity for their clients in the past week.

Brennan's client Ana Forrest, a voice for the healing power of yoga, appeared in a self-penned column for The New York Times' "Frequent Fliers" in the Business Section in the June 21 issue.

Another client, Tom Fenaughty, author of "How To Stop Suburbia From Killing America," and LA attorney Ralph Saltzman, are appearing tonight on KCET's "Life And Times" at 6:30 p.m. The subject deals with megastores such as Wal-Mart, and their services and disservices to a community in terms of basic free enterprise and effective land use. This booking was conceived by Tom Brennan Media in attempts to return meaningful debate to TV.

Client Lisa Coffey, one of the voices on behalf of utilizing Ayurveda — the Indian lifestyle sister science to Yoga — will be appearing on NBC's "Today Show" on Thursday, June 23, between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Lawyer gets lauded

By Daily Press staff

When was the last time you heard about a likable lawyer? Well, this one is a favorite, at least among his coworkers and clients. Darren Kavinsky, founding partner of The Kavinsky Law Firm, has been named a Southern California Super Lawyer Rising Star by Los Angeles Magazine for the second year in a row.

Each year, Los Angeles Magazine announces the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in Los Angeles and Orange counties. In order to determine which lawyers will qualify for the awards, a ballot is mailed to all Southern California Super Lawyers asking them to nominate lawyers who they've personally observed. In addition, the candidates are interviewed and evaluated for professional achievements and peer recognition, and their professional records are reviewed to verify good standing with the State Bar of California. Top candidates from each category are selected as Rising Stars.

Kavinsky stresses that his success is due, in large part, to the other attorneys at his firm. Kavinsky personally recruited each lawyer and trained them to work together on cases. Every case that comes through the door is reviewed by at least three attorneys.

"It's important to review and re-review cases in order to really find every possible defense for each client," said Kavinsky. "Teamwork is the reason the firm has such an outstanding success rate."

He attributes some of his accomplishments to client satisfaction and open communication between attorneys and clients. He feels that these are largely-overlooked areas in the legal field. At Kavinsky's insistence, each client receives the personal cell phone number of the attorney representing him or her. "The clients love getting cell phone numbers," said Kavinsky. "I get several calls a week from clients thanking me for actually communicating with them."

In addition to gaining renown for his Rising Star status, Kavinsky has defended numerous high-profile clients, developed key relationships with media leaders and earned public support for clients through effective television and radio appearances. He has provided commentary regarding various legal issues on "The Today Show," "Larry King Live" and "Prime Time Justice," as well as many local television news and radio programs.

Giddy graduates gearing up to enter the real world

Tips for kicking off a successful and rewarding career

By Daily Press staff

This summer, 1.4 million new college graduates will be flooding into the job market after receiving their diplomas. The good news is that it's the strongest job market we have experienced in five years. The bad news is that many of those graduates will be unprepared to begin careers successfully.

"Career counselors on campus don't necessarily give graduates the tools they need to build rewarding careers," said Wendy Adams, a career coach. "Some predict that we will have the most unskilled, unprepared workforce in professional history. If the individuals entering into our workforce do not feel personally empowered and equipped for success, both they and the organizations they support will suffer."

Adams, with co-author and husband Gene Pometto, penned the recently released book, "The Coach Compass, Navigation Tools for Career and Life Success." She makes the point that recent grads need to formulate some kind of strategy before embarking on their careers.

Her book provides sound strategies that could potentially set today's graduates on a rewarding career course by breaking down the career lifecycle into 12 potential positions. It gives abundant examples of how each of those positions can be comfortably navigated in positive, growth-promoting ways, and conversely, how the lack of self-knowledge and motivation when overcoming obstacles may eventually lead to apathy, stagnation and disappointment.

"You can really choose how successful you want to be by clearly defining who you are, what you do, and what you want. It's what you make happen."

Adams advises graduates to pursue a career that makes the best use of their talents and passions.

"As you ponder the next big step in your career, weigh it

in terms of how it satisfies you both personally and financially," she said.

She offers some suggestions for recent graduates:

■ Decide what you want out of your career and draw up a plan "on paper."

■ Articulate and map out what you have to offer potential employers.

■ Use your personal connections with professors, business associates, and even your parents' friends in order to promote your value and expand your reach.

■ Continually emphasize your potential.

To the question "how successful do you want to be?" Adams and Pometto say: "You decide." The future is literally in the hands of graduating students and it will be up to them to decide where they want to go from here.

"While parents, peers, teachers and mentors may have had to opportunity to encourage you, you are ultimately the one that will need to address the barriers that prevent success from happening," Adams said.

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N. Korea wants to talk it out with U.S. over apparent missile test plans

BY BURT HERMAN
Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea said Wednesday it wants direct talks with the United States over its apparent plans to test-fire a long-range missile, a day after the country issued a bristling statement in which it declared its right to carry out the launch.

Tensions in the region have soared following intelligence reports that the North was fueling a ballistic missile believed capable of reaching U.S. territory. The U.S. and Japan have said they could consider sanctions against the impoverished country if it goes ahead, and Washington was weighing responses that could include attempting to shoot the missile down.

On Wednesday, a spokesman for former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung cited the missile crisis as the reason for canceling a trip next week to the North that could have offered a rare chance for talks to soothe tensions.

North Korea said in comments published Wednesday that its self-imposed moratorium on testing long-range missiles from 1999 no longer applies because it's not in direct dialogue with Washington, suggesting it would hold off on any launch if Washington agreed to new talks.

"Some say our missile test launch is a violation of the moratorium, but this is not the case," Han Song Ryol, deputy chief of North Korea's mission to the United Nations, told South Korea's Yonhap news agency in an interview from New York.

"North Korea as a sovereign state has the right to develop, deploy, test fire and export a missile," he said. "We are aware of the U.S. concerns about our missile test-launch. So our position is that we should resolve the issue through negotiations."

Pyongyang has consistently pressed for direct dialogue with the United States, while Washington insists it will only speak to the North at six-nation nuclear talks. The North has refused to return to those nuclear talks since November

because of a U.S. crackdown on the country's alleged illicit financial activity.

On Wednesday, the U.S. ambassador to Japan, Thomas Scheiffer, called on Pyongyang to return to the six-party talks but did not address the possibility of bilateral negotiations.

"They have the opportunity to do that through the six-party talks," he said. "They don't have to undertake bad policies in order to talk to the United States."

He also said the United States has means of responding to a North Korean missile test that it didn't have the last time Pyongyang carried out a launch in 1998, and is considering "all options."

Scheiffer didn't specify what those options were, but defense officials in Washington told The Associated Press that the White House was weighing responses to a missile launch that could include attempting to shoot it down while in flight over the Pacific. However, such a move was considered unlikely.

On Tuesday, North Korea asserted its right to test-fire missiles in a sharply worded statement to Japanese reporters in Pyongyang.

"This issue concerns our autonomy. Nobody has a right to slander that right," the Kyodo News agency quoted North Korean Foreign Ministry official Ri Pyong Dok as saying.

A year after it shocked the world by test-firing a missile over northern Japan, North Korea imposed a missile moratorium in 1999 amid friendlier relations with the United States. During a 2002 summit with Japan, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il signed an agreement to extend the moratorium until at least 2003 and reaffirmed the launch ban at another summit in 2004.

Japan disputed the North's position on lifting the moratorium.

"If the missile is launched, it is clear the act will violate" the 2002 agreement, Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzo Abe said in Tokyo. "It will also breach promises with the international community."

Japan signs off on U.S. beef, to keep looking

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — Japan agreed Wednesday to lift a ban on U.S. beef imports, pending inspections of U.S. meat processing plants to dispel concerns over mad cow disease, the Agriculture Ministry said.

The breakthrough resolves a thorny, long-running trade dispute between the allies, and gives U.S. ranchers access to what was once their most lucrative export market.

"Japan agreed to resume U.S. beef imports on the condition that we find no further problems during onsite inspections," said Agriculture Ministry official Hiroaki Ogura.

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schieffer welcomed the conditional agreement, saying he was hopeful the outcome would lead to an import resumption.

American beef shipments to Japan were halted in January after Japanese officials found a veal shipment that contained backbone, which Asian countries consider at risk for mad cow disease. The cuts are eaten in the United States and other countries, but Japan's rules are stricter.

Opposition party leaders and consumer groups criticized Wednesday's decision as hasty. The Japan Consumers Union said it was reached for political reasons without regard for food safety or consumer health.

Social Democratic Party leader Mizuho Fukushima characterized the decision as "a souvenir" for Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to give President Bush when he visits the U.S. later this month, according to Kyodo News agency. The two leaders are scheduled to meet in Washington on June 29 and travel to Memphis, Tenn., the next day.

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Zeta-Jones gains Appeal

By The Associated Press

CARDIFF, Wales



ZETA-JONES

Welsh-born actress Catherine Zeta-Jones has visited a children's hospital in Cardiff that she helped raise money to build.

Zeta-Jones is a patron of the Noah's Ark Appeal, which raised funds to build the Children's Hospital for Wales, the first hospital solely for children in the principality.

"I'm very proud that we now have our dedicated children's hospital in Wales," the 36-year-old actress said Tuesday. She was accompanied by her husband, Michael Douglas.

Zeta-Jones won a supporting actress Oscar for her role in 2002's "Chicago." Her screen credits also include "The Mask of Zorro," "Traffic," "The Terminal" and "Ocean's Twelve."

SYDNEY, Australia

Checking in for bud's nuptials



WATTS

Naomi Watts has jetted into Sydney for the wedding of her long-time friend Nicole Kidman to Keith Urban. The ceremony is widely expected to be held this weekend.

Watts, who was born in Britain but raised in Australia, arrived Wednesday on a flight from New York wearing a gray sweater and black pants, her hair pulled back with a purple headband.

"I'm very excited for my friend," Watts told

reporters after saying she wasn't "at liberty to discuss" any details of the event. She and Kidman met when they were young actresses in Sydney.

Watts was expected to attend a bachelorette party for Kidman later Wednesday at the home of Kidman's sister, Antonia, local media reported.

The guest list for the wedding, expected to be held Sunday, reportedly includes Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman, Rupert Murdoch and his wife, Wendi Deng, and Murdoch's Sydney-based son Lachlan and his wife, model Sarah O'Hare.

Kidman celebrated her 39th birthday Tuesday with a dinner at her parents' home in the northern Sydney suburb of Greenwich. Kidman and Urban arrived in a black Aston Martin and were greeted by a handful of fans.

It is the 38-year-old country music star's first marriage, but the second for Kidman, who ended her 10-year union with Tom Cruise in 2001.

Kidman was born in Hawaii but raised in Australia. Urban, who is based in Nashville, Tenn., was born in New Zealand but also raised in Australia.

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Heidi Klum and Seal are expecting their second child together.

The couple, who were married last May, have a 9-month-old son, Henry Guenther Ademola Dashtu Samuel. Klum also has a 2-year-old daughter, Leni, from a previous relationship with Formula One manager Flavio Briatore.

"It gives me great joy to announce that Heidi, Leni, Henry and I are expecting a new addition to our ever increasing family," Seal said in a statement Wednesday. "We all feel both excited and fortunate to be able to share this experience once again."

The 33-year-old German supermodel, host of Bravo's "Project Runway," and the Grammy-winning singer, 43, began dating in February 2004.

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WILLIS

Victor Willis, a member of the 1970s disco group The Village People, says the "nightmare of drug abuse" is being lifted from his life.

Willis, 54, the original policeman in The Village People, has been undergoing in-custody substance abuse counseling since his arrest in South San Francisco in March for drug possession and giving false identification to a police officer, he said.

At the time, Willis also faced a bench warrant for failing to appear at his October sentencing hearing on separate drug and weapons charges.

Willis has pleaded not guilty to the drug and false identification charges.

"The nightmare of drug abuse is being lifted from my life," he said in a statement Monday.

Willis, who co-wrote hits such as "YMCA" and "In the Navy," left The Village People in 1980. After allegedly jumping bail last fall, he was featured on a December episode of the TV crime show "America's Most Wanted."

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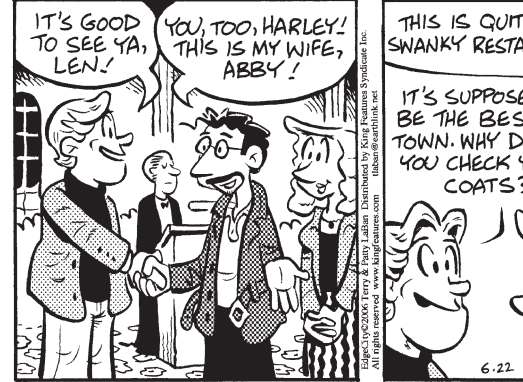
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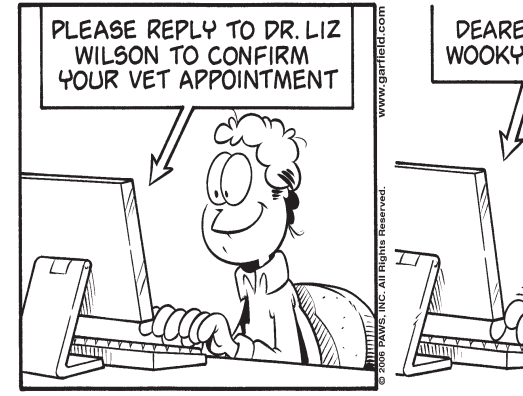
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