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City Hall finds violations at Arboretum

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL One by one they alleged unsatisfactory living conditions, with some claiming mold contamination in their units, others retaliation and discrimination by the management company.

All spoke with slight hesitance.

Almost nine months after a group of working poor and Section 8 residents addressed the City Council about problems at The Plaza at the Arboretum, City Hall has released a report outlining the results of an investigation into the apartment complex, finding violations involving unqualified tenants living in low-income designated units.

City Hall issued a corrective action plan to the Arboretum, outlining several steps that need to be taken before another audit is conducted in about six months, including moving the current tenants who exceed the income qualification to moderate and market rate units and providing the missing documents.

The tenants spoke of a number of issues during the council meeting in late April of 2008, complaining about everything from mold to unattended broken utilities, some alluding to feeling threatened by the management company. A few tenants also claimed that several of the units that were designated for low-to-moderate income residents were occupied by those with higher earning levels.

"The tenants do still have problems regarding the management, how they treat the low and moderate income tenants and some of the business practices they have been engaging there that I don't think

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Byron Kennerly *news@smdp.com*

ROOTING OUT POLLUTION AT SMO: **Long the target of criticism for air pollution, the Santa Monica Airport could serve as the basis for stronger federal regulations over lead emissions as the EPA is expected to conduct a study on lead particulate from propeller aircraft starting this summer, using the results to develop a model that will help federal officials form new regulations for emissions.**

EPA to study lead emissions at airport

BY MELODY HANATANI
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The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to conduct a study on lead particulate from propeller aircraft at SMO starting this summer, using the results to develop a model that will help federal officials form new regulations for emissions.

The proposed study was presented to the Airport Commission on Monday.

The agency, which for years has been pressured by environmentalists to study the health impacts of leaded fuel, selected the airport because there are no stationary sources — such as plants or factories — within a mile that could alter results. SMO was also an attractive candidate because it was already the subject of a South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) study that looked at ultra-fine particles and lead at the airport, giving the EPA a foundation.

"This is an opportunity for the city to help in the process of redefining regulations on aircraft because these aircraft are federally regulated," Rod Merl, the senior analyst for Santa Monica Airport, said.

EPA researchers will be out in the field doing some preliminary work in February

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Recovery advocate Ken Schonlau dies at 79

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Ken Schonlau, a longtime Santa Monica resident who helped found the CLARE Foundation and the Sober Living Network, helping legions kick their addictions, passed away Jan. 22 at Saint John's Health Center from acute respiratory arrest. He was 79.

Schonlau, a resident of The Shores, was born on March 22, 1929 in Chicago, the son of an accountant.

While serving in aviation in the U.S. Navy from 1948 to 1952, Schonlau was stationed in Panama. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1957 with a bachelor's degree in electri-

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Kiwanis Club weekly meeting
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 6th St., 12 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club for its weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

Walk the labyrinth
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Come to the Simkins Hall at First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica to walk the labyrinth, an ancient form of meditation where one follows an inlaid path in quiet contemplation. Call (310) 393-8258 or e-mail Mary Garbesi at mary.garbesi@santamonicaumc.org for more information.

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Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009

What's new this week?
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Join us for a free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad. Subjects cover politics, the economy, society and culture. Discussion moderator, Jack Nordhaus, is a former college history professor. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Laugh it up
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway, 11 a.m. — 11 p.m.
Certified laughter yoga leader Kim Selbert guides an all-ages group through a body-mind exercise routine appropriate for all fitness levels. For more information, call (310) 849-4642 or contact Selbert via e-mail at kimselbert@mac.com.

Preschool story time
Montana Ave. Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
The Montana Avenue Branch Library presents stories for children ages three through five.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.

Big names on music's biggest night

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

PICO BOULEVARD Paul McCartney and Radiohead top the list of performers for next month's 51st Annual Grammy Awards, both of them nominees.

They will join a collection of performers that includes Kenny Chesney, Coldplay, Jennifer Hudson, the Jonas Brothers, Lil Wayne, Katy Perry and Carrie Underwood.

Radiohead will be making its first live U.S. television performance since 2000. Rapper T.I. and Justin Timberlake will perform together, and hip-hop mogul Jay-Z will be joined on stage by T.I., Lil Wayne and Kanye West in a special performance of their hit single, "Swagger Like Us," according to a state released by the Academy.

Jay-Z and West each have six nominations. Jay-Z is up for Album Of The Year as a featured artist on Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter III"; Best Rap Solo Performance for "Roc Boys (And The Winner Is)…"; Best Rap Album for "American Gangster"; Best Rap Song for "Swagga Like Us" with Lil Wayne, T.I. and West; and has two nods in Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group for "Mr. Carter" with Lil Wayne and "Swagga Like Us."

West is nominated for Album Of The Year as a producer on Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter III"; Song Of The Year for "American Boy" with will.i.am, Keith Harris, Josh Lopez, Caleb Speir, John Legend and Estelle Swaray; Best Rap/Sung Collaboration for "American Boy" with Estelle; Best Rap Song for "Swagga Like Us"; and has two nominations in Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group for "Put On" with Young Jeezy and "Swagga Like Us."

Radiohead has five nods: Album Of The Year and Best Alternative Album for "In Rainbows," and Best Rock Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals, Best Rock Song and Best Short Form Music Video for "House Of Cards."

T.I. is up for four awards: two in Best Rap Performance By A Duo Or Group for

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Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

FEELING THE WINTER SPIRIT: **Starbucks Coffee, which sponsored ICE at Santa Monica, reported that more than 20,000 ice rink admission wristbands were brought back to the company's local stores for a complimentary holiday beverage.**

ICE a popular attraction

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN More than 56,000 skaters — nearly twice as many as last year — visited ICE at Santa Monica this holiday season before the outdoor rink closed Jan. 19, said officials at the Bayside District Corp., a public-private nonprofit that promotes and manages Downtown.

Helping to boost the numbers was a larger rink that handled as many as 425 skaters at a time and more days to skate than the previous year.

"I am thrilled with the turn-out and that we were able to provide that extra special holiday cheer for our visitors as well as draw more people to the area" said Debbie Lee, Bayside's marketing director.

"We are so fortunate to have such amazing support from the community and our team at Bayside is already looking forward to the next winter season," Lee said.

On the final day, Bayside also drew the names of the three winners of the HomeAid Los Angeles/Ventura Project Playhouse custom-designed playhouses.

The playhouses were raffled to benefit HomeAid Los Angeles/Ventura, the leading national non-profit housing provider. Thousands of individuals participated in the raffle, Bayside officials said.

Starbucks Coffee, which sponsored the event, reported that more than 20,000 ice rink admission wristbands were brought back to the company's local stores for a complimentary holiday beverage.

"Partnering with this anticipated annual event has made our team feel a part of the community fabric," company officials said in a statement released Monday.

The complimentary beverages helped raise funds for RED, a nonprofit co-founded by U2 frontman Bono and Councilmember Bobby Shriver that contributes to AIDS programs in Africa.

Construction of the rink began in early October when crews laid down the frame filled with truckloads of sand.

Construction crews then laid hundreds of feet of coiled tubing and covered the entire surface in visqueen plastic sheeting.

The tubing was then hooked up to two giant refrigeration units which were concealed behind a screen behind the rink. This year the chillers were powered by green, renewable energy.

The Santa Monica Daily Press co-sponsored the rink.

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No more funnies

Editor:

What's the deal? Where are the comics? One of the big reasons I pick up your paper every day and read the whole thing, including the ads, is that I love your comic page. Please put them back!

Judi Jensen
Santa Monica

How to pick a new councilmember

Editor:

I suggest that each council member nominate one individual from the community at large, and that nomination be made in a blind format where no one knows who nominated whom.

The City Clerk would contact the nominees in a pro forma manner and they would then be directed to appear before the council to state why or why they would not accept the nomination.

In the event a nominee is nominated more than once, their name will be dropped entirely. If someone were to decline to be nominated, their name would remain on the roster regardless. This is not a popularity contest, this is a call to service, as the nation and the city face perilous times when "many are called but few are chosen."

If a nominee opted to decline the nomination and be called to serve regardless by majority vote of the council, the nominee would be afforded a 72-hour period to reconsider the affirmed nomination and thereby giving the people the opportunity to give good council to the nominee to accept or decline the office. In the event the nominee still declined, the council would cast yet another vote excluding the aforementioned nominee from the roster.

Choose your nominee based on their collective lives-long commitment to the city from all walks of life regardless of political persuasion or faction, or lack thereof.

Listen to the voices of those who come to accept your nomination, and heed the words from those who may not accept, for there in you may find where true wisdom resides.

Stewart Resmer
Santa Monica

Transit funding needs protection

Editor:

Increases in traffic, population and auto emissions are making our health and quality of life suffer. This is when we need better transit as shown by the passage of Proposition R. Sacramento is working on a budget that will eliminate state funding for public transit, which will affect not only Los Angeles Metro, but municipal bus lines as well, such as San Gabriel Foothill Transit, Santa Monica Big Blue Bus, Long Beach Transit, etc. Once the budget is passed, it will be too late to stop cutbacks in service. The time to act is now! Please contact the Metro board members and Sacramento to voice your outrage.

Donna Gooley
Valley Village





Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Stimulating the economy one baby bottle at a time

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO SAY, "I TOLD YOU so." Besides, I don't really have to because events eventually end up doing it for me. If you've been reading this column, you know by now that I called the Obama presidency in April of 2007 — and was the first writer in America to do so.

Hillary Clinton was still "inevitable" back then and the country wasn't ready to elect a fresh, green, black president — or so "they" said. I also correctly called the Obama inauguration as the "cultural, social, and political event of a generation; like Woodstock meets the march on Washington" in April of 2008, before the rest of the talking heads and elite opinion makers had even called the Democratic primary. If your friendly neighborhood columnist was the kind of guy who patted himself on the back, my elbows would be dislocated by now.

This year, I'm not waiting until April to make my Official Groundbreaking Prediction. My OGP of 2009 is that starting this fall, America will experience a baby boom the likes of which the country hasn't seen since the years following World War II, with the most popular baby names being Barack, Michelle, and Obama, or some variation of the three.

I make this statement with the same confidence with which I made my OGP's in 2007 and 2008 because, luckily for me, I was there on the National Mall for the Obama inauguration. I also got there a few days early and stayed in Washington, D.C. for the rest of the week; walking, talking, eating, drinking (and drinking, and drinking), and being on the ground among the people — though I never made it to Southeast.

So I can tell you the feeling that we're all in this together, which kept two million people warm as we stood outside in the bitter cold for the better part of six hours, didn't dissipate when the ceremony and the balls were relegated to memory and YouTube (by the way, I challenge anyone to watch the video of Kanye doing "Love Lockdown" at the Youth Ball and tell me with a straight face that he should be trying to sing — seriously).

The best way to describe the feeling we all felt leading up to, during, and after the event is love. Nothing else does it justice. We really loved each other and, from what I hear, it could be felt from D.C. all the way out to Santa Monica.

With love in the air from coast-to-coast and a bitter cold gripping large parts of the country (where it isn't 70 degrees and sunny every day like it is here) and keeping people indoors, what do you think grown men and grown women are going to be doing? I'd draw you a picture, but I only have so much space to work with.

As I walked the streets of our nation's capital last week, I couldn't help but notice how much Obama merchandise was available for sale.

And when I passed the "Everything Obama" store on U Street (which has a 310 area code for some strange reason), it hit me: if the president would just copyright his name and image and license it for sale, he could single-handedly end this Great Recession. If a couple of cents of each dollar spent on Obama stickers, posters, buttons, hats, ties, pins, water bottles, bags, jackets, sweatshirts, watches, bracelets, throw blankets, puzzles, calendars, and even action figures could go into the U.S. Treasury, we'd be in the black (no pun intended) in no time.

... AMERICA WILL EXPERIENCE A BABY BOOM THE LIKES OF WHICH THE COUNTRY HASN'T SEEN SINCE THE YEARS FOLLOWING WORLD WAR II, WITH THE MOST POPULAR BABY NAMES BEING BARACK, MICHELLE, AND OBAMA, OR SOME VARIATION OF THE THREE.

Even if he doesn't, he's still going to get us out of this financial pickle — whether the Republicans in Congress go along with his stimulus package or not — because of the impending baby boom.

The people are going to stimulate their own packages (sorry, I couldn't resist) and consumer spending, the Great White Whale of economics will pick up significantly when all the Barack Obama Smiths and Baracka Michelle Stevensons start being born in late September.

Because any parent will tell you that children (with their incessant need to eat, sleep indoors in comfortable beds, wear clothing and shoes, and carry the latest "Iron Man," "Hello Kitty," or "High School Musical" backpack to school) are expensive. Not to mention the cost of sending them somewhere while Mommy and Daddy go off to work to earn the money to pay for all that stuff.

That magical animal, "growth," that every business depends on for survival and that our ailing economy needs just to get back to zero isn't going to come from an act of government; it's going to come from an act of love. And it's that love, in the form of beautiful American babies, that will get us out of the hole we've dug for ourselves.

Remember where you read it first.

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Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen
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Danger: Free speech zone

MY LOVELY NEW BRIDE AND I TOOK A tour in Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino" over the MLK birthday weekend. I had only heard snippets of Eastwood's cantankerously anachronistic portrayal of Walt Kowalski, an aging, widowed, Korean War hero, hunkered down in his "Archie Bunker" mentality with the ghost of "Dirty Harry" for company.

I sat amazed, though, that after Eastwood launched into his "All in the Family on Steroids" tirade that the crowd of self-help New Agers, with their kids, just roared with jollity. There were no murmurs of contempt from the Kumbaya Crowd.

There were no ululations of indignation of this alleged assault of racist language that has been deemed "politically incorrect" from the self-appointed intelligentsia of the "Third Way."

Now compare this scenario to a recent cancellation of a benefit concert by comedian Carlos Mencia for the Edison Language Academy at the behest of the Association of Mexican American Educators thought police with the concupiscence of the local school board. Is it just me or does it seem a tad pretentious to sit in the safety of a darkened movie theater to snicker and guffaw at the white guy in "race-spew-mode-alpha" and then boldly go out into the daylight and prison punk the brown guy for the same behavior?

I didn't see Oscar de la Torre protesting outside of the Mann Theater on the Third Street Promenade over any egregious insensitivities to which he may have taken offense that were depicted in "Gran Torino," some of which Mencia employs as a regular cudgel in his comedic "shock and awe" resume. Additionally, it probably didn't occur to members of the AMAE that while they were piously protesting and protecting their kidlets from the maniacal Mind of Mencia that their precious little urchins were at home disabling the V-chip on their PC to watch clips of him on YouTube in their absence!

Mencia went to Iraq in 2007 to entertain the troops. He spent more time there than President Obama. Did anybody from the AMAE or the school district do a tour? If a teenager can pack a gun in combat it stands to reason that he/she can weather a little blue streak chatter from scary old Carlos Mencia. There's a "thank you" video on the Web from the troops attesting to Mr. Mencia's patriotism. Speaking for myself as a Navy veteran, Mencia has earned his wings in my flight log.

Carlos Mencia carries the mantle of First Amendment Titans Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor and the late and fabulously great George Carlin. I may not like everything that they have said but damn are they funny! As a courtesy, I am fully committed to employ my Second Amendment rights against vocabulary fascists in order to protect Mr. Mencia's right to the First.

Mencia, like Eastwood's Walt Kowalski, doesn't mince invectives because, well, he just doesn't give a damn. Carlos, like Walt Kowalski, suffers no prissy illusions about race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation or being sensitive to your feelings. Since one's feelings aren't mentioned in the Constitution one should just butch up or shut up. Mencia bodyslams the notion that Americans, as a class, have gone from being top dog capitalist red meat predators [his riffs on why we are in Iraq is dead on] into a nation of warm and feely vegetarian wusses. The Kowalskis of the world just look out there and wonder, "What in the hell is the matter with people these days?"

The Kowalskis of the world liked to drink beer, mow the lawn, hang out with their dog and tell jokes that would make Larry Flynt blush. I imagine that Mencia likes to do the same.

The First Amendment is the eponymous "two-way-street." If you don't like what someone has said then you should consult a dictionary to whet your verbal claymore and wade back into the thicket of ideas. No words should be "off limits." The legal doggerel of "hate speech" just keeps ACLU lawyers employed and buying condos in Tahiti. Make "hate speech" illegal and then it goes underground. I'd rather have it out in the open so I can bag it, tag it and then mount its antlers in my foyer. Never let political correctness interfere with free speech.

I have been called every racial epithet except a "white man" except, of course, until recently when I have been compared by my detractors to Ann Coulter, Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh. I guess I'm an honorary white boy now although I think my legs are better than Ann's but I do have trouble squeezing into a size 0 black mini-dress.

I consider the fictional Kowalskis and the real Mencia as fellow travelers where the only obscene words are the ones left unspoken.

STEVE BREEN thinks that you are entitled to your own wrong opinion and is still the "best looking mailman at the U.S. Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com

The Q Line

Council searches

The passing of City Councilman Herb Katz recently has forced his colleagues on the dais to search for a replacement. It will be difficult to replace the esteemed Katz who dedicated much of his life to civil service.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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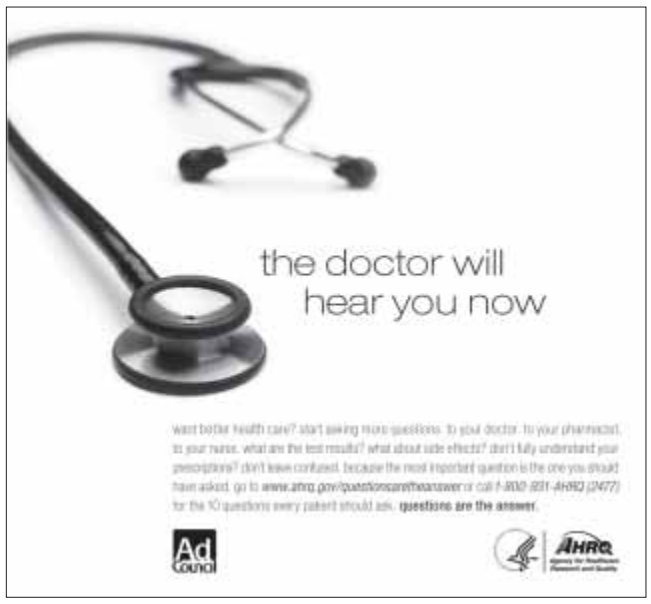
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Add style to strategy

IF YOU'RE JUST GETTING YOUR FEET WET IN THE WORLD of investing, stocks may seem to be the best way to get started. While financial advisors will likely suggest that a certain portion of your portfolio contain stocks, it is important to realize that there are two primary styles of stock investing — value and growth.

At any given time, one style or the other may be the best bet for you. Oddly enough, at times you may even be better off employing both styles. Even if you start off with one style, changes in your lifestyle or the market may lead you to make a switch to the other or use both styles at once.

VALUE INVESTING

Value investing involves choosing stocks that may have an unappreciated potential — those that may not be the most popular in the market at the moment but that have sound fundamentals and might be poised for a turnaround. Value investing involves searching for a company that appears to have a good financial future, but that the market either doubts or has not yet noticed. It includes buying stock in these companies before the market fully recognizes them, and then waiting for the market to see their true value.

To help identify a value stock, look for some of these characteristics:

• Value stocks generally trade below their intrinsic value (private market value per-share). In other words, their stock price does not reflect what the company actually would be worth if all its assets were sold.

• Value stocks often have higher dividend yields. These companies can be more oriented toward paying a dividend rather than reinvesting for growth.

• Value stocks may have hidden value such as land, assets, property, patents or other investments that investors may overlook.

• Value stocks often have a lower growth rate than growth stocks.

• Value stocks may be more sensitive to the economy than growth stocks. An improving economy may spur higher earnings and drive up a value stock's price. Thus, value stocks often outperform growth stocks early in an economic cycle.

GROWTH INVESTING

Growth investing focuses on stocks that experience faster-than-average growth and are expected to continue such positive trends. Past performance, however, is no indication of future results.

When deciding whether a certain stock is a growth stock, you may want to look for the following characteristics:

• A growth stock usually shows higher revenue and earnings growth potential relative to its industry.

• Growth stocks are often industry leaders in sales and profits and often have the highest price-to-earnings ratios.

• Growth stocks usually have low or non-existent dividend yields because the profits are generally reinvested back into the company as opposed to being paid out as dividends.

• Growth stocks' earnings often compare best when the overall economy's growth begins to slow. Thus, growth stocks have tended to outperform value stocks later in the economic cycle.

Before deciding on what style is best suited for you, and to avoid some of the volatility any particular investment may offer, you may want to use a more defensive technique by combining both these types of investments.

This strategy would allow you to capture blended returns with blended risk. Your financial advisor will also be able to help you decide the best investment style for your needs.

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Real Estate 101

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Cut heartache, add value

UNDERSTANDING CURRENT FINANCING requirements will save anyone interested in rehabbing real estate foreclosures a great deal of heartache down the road.

Let me explain, I had a client contact me looking for a residential loan officer because he wanted to refinance a single family home that he purchased as a foreclosure about six months ago. I asked my client why he wanted to refinance and he said that he had gotten a great deal on the property, purchased it with hard money, completed a rehab and was now ready to rent the property. However, he discovered, attaining conventional financing was problematic because banks were not loaning on actual value, but rather on purchase price within 12 months of closing. Banks wanted to see a minimum of one year of seasoning or ownership.

Here is my client's situation:

Lien at time of foreclosure: $150,000

Market value at time of foreclosure: $200,000

Winning bid at time of foreclosure: $150,000

Hard money loan: $150,000 — 75 percent of market value

Rehab costs: $50,000

Value after rehab: $350,000

My client, who will be called Fred, appeared to have purchased the foreclosed single family residence with a zero down payment. However, the numbers are misleading once you understand the structure of the financing.

Fred attained what is known as a hard money loan. A hard money lender will base the dollar amount they are loaning off of the actual value of the property not the purchase price. Like a bank, the property acts as the collateral for the hard money lender. Since this was a foreclosure, the first lien holder — a bank in Fred's case — was only able to recapture their debt on the property, which amounted to $150,000. The property, although run down, still had a market value of $200,000. Since the hard money lender based the loan to value off the market value, Fred was able to get a $150,000 loan or a 75 percent loan to value.

The problem is that Fred has to pay six points, or percent, of the loan amount up front, along with a 15 percent rate, amortized over 20 years due in 12 months. The hard money lender takes the first position should they have to foreclose on the property. Fred has to pay $9,000 in points to the hard money loan upfront along with a payment of $1,975 each month. If we compare that to traditional market financing today, you will see that Fred is paying a ridiculous amount of money each month in debt service.

At the time of this article, a prime borrower with an excellent credit score and strong assets can obtain a conforming 30-year fixed loan, amortized over 30 years at a rate of 5.25 percent. In terms of payment, that translates to $828 a month at a $150,000 loan amount. If you do the math, you will see that Fred is paying a $1,147 premium a month for the hard money loan. However, Fred sees it as an opportunity to purchase a house under market, rehab it and make money renting the property.

Fred rehabbed the property for $50,000, which took six months. Now Fred has a total of $67,850 ($1,975/mo/payment times six months equaling $11,850 plus $6,000 loan points plus $50,000 rehab cost) of carrying and rehab costs in the project and is looking for conventional financing. In theory, it seems like a safe a bet because the value of the property is $350,000 after rehab costs, but Fred has run into one small problem — market timing.

CONVENTIONAL LENDERS ARE MAKING IT DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR INVESTORS TO ATTAIN FINANCING ON NON-OWNER OCCUPIED PROPERTIES. FURTHERMORE, LENDERS, SPECIFICALLY BANKS, ARE NOT LENDING ON PROPERTIES THAT HAVE BEEN SEASONED FOR LESS THAN A YEAR.

Conventional lenders are making it difficult, if not impossible, for investors to attain financing on non-owner occupied properties. Furthermore, lenders, specifically banks, are not lending on properties that have been seasoned for less than a year. This puts Fred in a precarious situation because he has a hard money loan that is due at the end of 12 months. The longer Fred keeps the hard money loan, the higher his carrying costs, which go up to $79,700 after a year.

Fred has a couple of options. He may choose to sell the property and forego placing a tenant in the house. Regardless, if Fred finds a buyer and sells the property at 12 months of ownership, the numbers above are used and he gets $350,000, Fred will only achieve a profit of $120,300 ($350,000 sales price — $150,000 purchase price — $79,700 carrying costs). Now that is not a terrible profit after a year, but that is making one large assumption in this marketplace — that Fred finds a buyer.

If Fred does not find a buyer the hard money lender could foreclose and he will be left out in the cold with a $79,700 loss. However, Fred's story has a happy ending. In reality, Fred is lucky and actually has enough money to payoff the hard money lender.

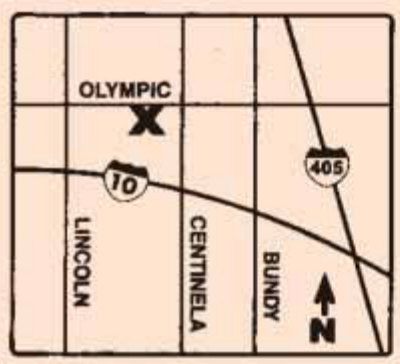
In today's market, unless you have a lot of money, a clear exit strategy and know exactly what you are doing, now is not the time to try to make money in rehabbing foreclosures, with the hope that a bank will be able to refinance you out of a hard money loan a few months down the road. Understand what you are doing and what kind of financing is available. Investor mistakes are not forgiven in today's real estate market.

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Airport could be used as basis for stronger federal regulations

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before commencing the monitoring in the summer. The study is aimed for completion by January 2010, Merl said.

Merl added that the agency is looking at strategies to remove or phase out lead from propeller planes.

The AQMD study, which is still being drafted, monitored lead levels in and around the airport, finding the highest concentrations next to the runway. The data were collected from November 2005 to March 2007.

"The good news was that the very highest levels of lead were lower than the health standards set by the EPA for lead," Sam Atwood, spokesman for the AQMD, said.

The agency recently strengthened their lead standard by a factor of 10. The results of the AQMD study still fell below the newly-set threshold.

The Friends of the Earth, an environmental organization, based in Washington D.C., petitioned the EPA in 2006 to study the impact of leaded fuel, focusing on aviation, the largest remaining mobile sources of lead.

"You can fly a propeller aircraft with or without lead and there is certain technology available," said Danielle Fugere, the regional program director for Friends of the Earth. "What needs to happen is the EPA to push the industry to move away from leaded fuel."

Aside from hurting the environment, lead has known harmful impacts to children, causing neurological problems, Fugere said.

"I'm glad to see that they are moving forward and really starting to assess the problem," she said.

One of the largest critics of SMO in recent years has been Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, an organization made up of residents from West Los Angeles and Sunset Park, specifically focusing on jets.

Marty Rubin, the president of CRAAP, said that he was pleased that the study was moving forward.

"Anything that looks more closely at the potential health risk from the operations at Santa Monica Airport onto the community is certainly well received by the community considering how close it is to the perimeters of the airport," Rubin said.

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Schonlau helped people sober up

FROM OBIT PAGE 1

cal engineering and joined Hughes Aircraft as an aeronautical engineer, where he was known for his ability to diagnose structural and mechanical problems in developing aircraft prototypes.

After marrying Maria Doordan in 1969, Schonlau turned his attention to helping others in the Santa Monica community. The two started the Felicity House, the first recovery home for women on the Westside, and he became the founder and executive director of the CLARE Foundation Community Recovery Program for 17 years and founding president and executive director of the California Association of Recovery Homes.

The CLARE Foundation began with a group of community-minded individuals who distributed food and literature to the homeless and indigent alcoholics gathering on the beaches of Santa Monica and Venice. In 1970, Schonlau and his partners rented a small storefront on a quiet stretch of Pico Boulevard, where they began providing education, resources, referrals and a place to detox.

In 1971, they were joined by Dr. Jokichi Takamine, who provided public health services.

"It is impossible to calculate how many human lives Ken Schonlau has touched in a positive way," Takamine said.

Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who represents Venice, said, "The CLARE Foundation stands as a living memorial that will shine for many years to come."

Schonlau was one of the founding board members of the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing; founder and project director of the Sober Living Network; member of the Association of Halfway House Addiction Programs; founder of the L.A. County Sober Living Coalition; recent founder of the Venice Recovery Center; and a commissioner on the county Commission of Alcoholism. He also served on Santa Monica's Housing Commission.

The Sober Living Network provides information, training, technical assistance, and advocacy for over 500 sober living homes in Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego Counties.

While living at The Shores, Schonlau served as treasurer of the residents' association for roughly 12 years. The association is unique in that it was formed by residents for the benefit of all tenants who do not own their units, said Arleen Hendler, president of the association.

"Ken's contribution has been invaluable and he will be sorely missed by all," Hendler said.

Schonlau is survived by his niece, Jennifer Hennen of Elmhurst, Ill., and his nephew, Frederick Meng of Capitola, Calif.

The family has requested that donations, rather than flowers, be sent to The Sober Living Network, P.O. Box 5235, Santa Monica, 90409. A memorial service will be held in late February. For more information visit: www.soberhousing.net.

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Tenants say problems with management persist

FROM **VIOLATIONS** PAGE 1

have changed significantly," Denise McGranahan, an attorney with the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles, said.

The nonprofit organization and Bet Tzedek, which works with low-income seniors, have been assisting the Arboretum tenants in their claims against the company, Riverstone Property Management.

The Arboretum, which opened in 2001 at 2200 Colorado Ave., has 350 total units, approximately 97 of which are deed-restricted for low-to-moderate income residents. About 51 of the units are designated for Section 8 tenants, who receive subsidies from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

City Hall requested documentation for tenants of all deed-restricted units, asking for information related to their income eligibility, move-in date, and initial and current rent. City staff then thoroughly audited 15 of the non-Section 8 units, finding that while nine of the households met the income requirement, two went over the threshold and another four lacked sufficient documents.

The audit also revealed that three leasing agents employed by Riverstone Property Management, which has been overseeing the complex since November, were sharing one of the designated low-income apartments and exceeded the income requirement.

Metric Properties was the previous management company.

The investigation also found that only eight of the 15 sampled tenants received preference for living or working in Santa Monica while only one was found to be selected from City Hall's affordable housing waiting list. There was no documentation as to whether the tenants from the other units came from the waiting list or if the management company found them on their own.

"It's not clear how they came to arrive at the Arboretum," Barbara Collins, the housing manager for City Hall, said.

All Section 8 tenants were appropriately selected from the Housing Authority's wait list, the report stated.

Inspectors also interviewed 13 tenants about the company's customer service, all of whom reported that they had no issues and found the manager to be responsive to their requests for maintenance. City Hall also found no health or safety code violations.



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TAKING A SECOND LOOK: **The company which manages the Arboretum apartment complex on Colorado Avenue must make changes to how it treats its low-income tenants or face action by the City Attorney's Office. Residents first complained to city officials in April of 2008.**

Some residents have complained that their units are located in less desirable locations because they are low-income. The report stated that the placement of deed restricted units was determined during the planning approval process, allowing the developer to place the market-rate apartments in more scenic locations.

The staff report also addressed discrimination complaints that were filed by 14 disabled tenants against the Arboretum, finding that only one case actually dealt with discrimination. The remaining complaints pertained to requests denied for reasonable accommodations.

Following a meeting with the City Attorneys' Office, Riverstone agreed to fulfill nearly all of the requests.

City Hall plans to conduct a follow-up investigation later this year and could pursue enforcement with the City Attorney's Office if no corrective action is taken.

"We are working with the appropriate agencies to resolve any issues," Valerie Covarrubias, the spokeswoman for Riverstone, said.

Covarrubias said the company had no further comment.

The Legal Aid Foundation and Bet Tzedek continue to receive cases from residents though Collins said City Hall does not have any outstanding complaints.

McGranahan said tenants are concerned that the property management company will not change unless they are forced by City Hall.

"We are hopeful that whatever remedial plan they came up with will be effective and benefit the tenants who badly need affordable housing in the city," McGranahan said.

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West earns six nods

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"Wish You Would" with Ludacris and "Swagga Like Us"; Best Rap Song for "Swagga Like Us"; and Best Rap Album for "Paper Trail."

McCartney has two nominations: Best Male Pop Vocal Performance for "That Was Me" and Best Solo Rock Vocal Performance for "I Saw Her Standing There."

Timberlake is nominated for Best Pop Collaboration With Vocals for "4 Minutes" with Madonna and Timbaland.

Perry will perform as part of this year's "My GRAMMY Moment" segment on the telecast.

Produced in partnership with CBS.com, "My GRAMMY Moment" allows music fans to upload a 30- to 60-second video of themselves singing along to a portion of Perry's "I Kissed A Girl" to www.cbs.com/grammys through Feb. 6. Videos will be voted on by fans and the public-at-large, and the most popular videos will be shown as part of Perry's performance on what has been dubbed "music's biggest night."

The awards show will be held Feb. 8 at Staples Center and be broadcast on CBS from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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Citigroup holds off on new jet

BY STEPHEN BERNARD
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NEW YORK Pressured by the Obama administration, Citigroup Inc. reversed course and said it will not take delivery of a corporate jet it previously planned to purchase.

The canceled deal comes amid a chorus of concerns from politicians who are worried about how banks that have received federal funds are spending the money. Citigroup has received $45 billion in capital from the government in recent months amid the ongoing credit crisis.

"Citi has no intent to take delivery of any new aircraft," the New York-based bank said in a statement Tuesday.

An official in President Barack Obama's administration reached out to Citigroup on Monday to reiterate Obama's position that such jets aren't "the best use of money at this point," and are "an outrageous use of funds" for a company getting taxpayer dollars, said a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to more freely describe private conversations.

In a statement late Monday, Citi said it had placed a deposit in 2005 to acquire a new corporate jet, and said it didn't plan to use government funds for the purchase. The New York-based bank noted that any cancellation of the deal would likely lead to millions of dollars in penalties.

On Monday, the New York Post reported that Citi was set to take possession of a new corporate jet, and was still planning to receive it even after it received the government funding.

With the cancellation of the deal, a deposit on the jet will be lost, but is recoverable once the jet is sold, according to a person familiar with situation. Citi was in the process of purchasing a Dassault Falcon 7X for $50 million, the person said.

Aside from not taking control of a new jet, Citi is also planning to cut the number of corporate jets in its existing fleet to two from five, said the person, who asked not to be identified because those details haven't been made public.

Corporate jets have become a hot-button topic amid the ongoing credit crisis as the cost of owning and operating them has come into question, especially for companies receiving financial support from the government.

In November, executives of automakers Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC were roundly criticized for flying on corporate jets to Washington to ask Congress for federal bailout money.

Obama criticized the automakers during the transition, and White House press secretary Robert Gibbs told reporters at his daily briefing on Monday that that view applied in the Citi case as well. So an official from the Treasury Department relayed this privately to Citi, saying it was the feeling of not just the president but also lawmakers on Capitol Hill and the public, according to the White House official who spoke anonymously.

Citi has been among the hardest hit banks by rising loan defaults and souring investments, and been one of the biggest receivers of government support.

The bank has received $45 billion in capital from the government as part of the U.S. Treasury Department's plan to directly invest in banks. The government is also providing guarantees on hundreds of billions of dollars of Citi investments in mortgages and other troubled investments.

Amid the struggles, Citi has been working to streamline its operations and shed assets in an effort to regain profitability. The bank has posted five consecutive quarterly losses, including a fourth-quarter loss of $8.29 billion.

Earlier this month, Citi reached a deal to sell a majority stake in its Smith Barney brokerage unit to Morgan Stanley. Citi has also announced plans split its operations into two units, separating its traditional banking businesses from its riskier operations.

It might take a while for Citi to recover its deposit on the canceled jet deal, as the market for corporate aircraft has softened with the economy.

Before the jet market cooled last year, speculators sometimes placed orders with no intention of taking delivery of the plane. They would sell their position in line.

"There was such a backlog — three or three-and-a-half year waits — people could buy positions and flip them for a profit," said Robert F. Agnew, president and chief executive of aviation consulting firm Morton Beyer & Agnew. "Selling a slot today is probably very difficult."

Agnew said buyers typically pay a few percentage points of the purchase price when placing the order, then a series of payments as production begins and other milestones are reached. They might pay about 35 percent of the cost before taking delivery, then pay the balance when taking the plane, he said. At that rate, Citi could have already spent $17.5 million on a plane it will no longer receive.

Agnew did note that upfront costs can be much lower where a strong relationship exists between buyer and seller, but said he was not familiar with Citigroup's arrangement with Dassault.

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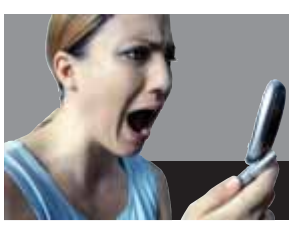
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Bill Clinton cashes in on foreign gigs

BY MATTHEW LEE
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WASHINGTON Former President Bill Clinton earned nearly $6 million in speaking fees last year, almost all of it from foreign companies, according to financial documents filed by his wife, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The documents obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press show that $4.6 million of the former president's reported $5.7 million in 2008 honoraria came from foreign sources, including Kuwait's national bank, other firms and groups in Canada, Germany, India, Malaysia, Mexico and Portugal and a Hong Kong-based company that spent $100,000 on federal lobbying last year.

Executives at many of the firms that paid honoraria to Bill Clinton have also donated large amounts of money to the Clinton Foundation, according to documents it released last year as part of an agreement with Congress on Hillary Clinton's nomination as secretary of state. That agreement was aimed at preventing the appearance of any conflict of interest between the ex-president's charitable organization and his wife's new job as the United States' top diplomat.

In addition to Bill Clinton's income from speaking fees, Hillary Clinton reported joint holdings of between $6.1 million and $30.3 million in a blind trust as well as cash, insurance and retirement accounts worth between $1 million and $5.2 million.

Hillary Clinton made between $50,000 and $100,000 in royalties from her 2003 memoir "Living History." Bill Clinton earned between $100,000 and $1 million in royalties for his 2004 autobiography "My Life," the documents show. The Clintons reported no liabilities.

All senior officials in the Obama administration are required to complete a detailed disclosure of their personal finances, including spouse and children, which is updated yearly.

The two men selected to serve as Hillary Clinton's deputy secretaries of state, Jacob Lew and James Steinberg, also filed financial disclosure forms.

Lew, a former Clinton administration official who recently headed Citigroup's Alternative Investments unit, reported 2008 salary income of just over $1 million along with numerous investments, including between $50,000 and $100,000 in State of Israel bonds.

Steinberg, another former Clinton administration official who recently was a professor at the University of Texas, reported receiving $35,000 in 2008 for foreign speaking engagements, including three before Japanese media firms and one before the Confederation of Indian Industries in New Delhi.

The most Bill Clinton got from a foreign source was $1.25 million for appearing at five events sponsored by the Toronto-based Power Within Inc., a company that puts on motivational and training programs around North America, according to Hillary Clinton's submission.

For one Power Within speech alone, delivered in Edmonton in June 2008, Clinton was paid $525,000, the most for any single event that year. For one event, he got $200,000 and for three others he received $175,000 each, the documents show.

The Hong Kong firm, Hybrid Kinetic Automotive Holdings, paid Clinton a $300,000 honorarium on Dec. 4, 2008. Twenty five days later, on Dec. 29, a man listed as the company's chief financial officer, Jack Xi Deng, made a $25,000 cash donation to the Virginia gubernatorial campaign of Clinton confidant Terry McAuliffe, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, the Hong Kong firm paid at least $100,000 in 2008 to lobbyists on immigration issues.

The other foreign honoraria Bill Clinton received in 2008 are:

— $450,000 from AWD Holding AG, a German-based international financial services company.

— $350,000 from the state-owned National Bank of Kuwait. The Kuwaiti government donated between $1 million and $5 million to the Clinton Foundation, according to the foundation's disclosure.

— $300,000 from Value Grupo Financiero SA de CV, a Mexico-based financial holding company, whose chief executive officer, Carlos Bremer Gutierrez, is one of the Clinton Foundation's leading donors. Gutierrez donated between $250,001 to $500,000 to the foundation, according to foundation's documents.

— $250,000 from Germany's Media Control Gmbh, which bills itself as the world's leading provider of entertainment data and was founded by Karlheinz Koegel, who contributed $100,001 to $250,000 to the Clinton foundation.

— $200,000 from Malaysia's Petra Equities Management on behalf of the Sekhar Foundation run by Malaysian multimillionaire Vinod Sekhar who donated between $25,001 and $50,000 to the Clinton Foundation, according to its documents.

In addition to the foreign earnings, Bill Clinton made just over $1 million from domestic speaking engagements, including $250,000 from MSG Entertainment, $225,000 from the National Association of Home Care and Hospice, $200,000 from the United Nations Association, $175,000 from the ING North America Insurance Corp., $125,000 from the Rodman and Renshaw Capital Group and $100,000 from the Hollywood Radio and Television Society.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 57°

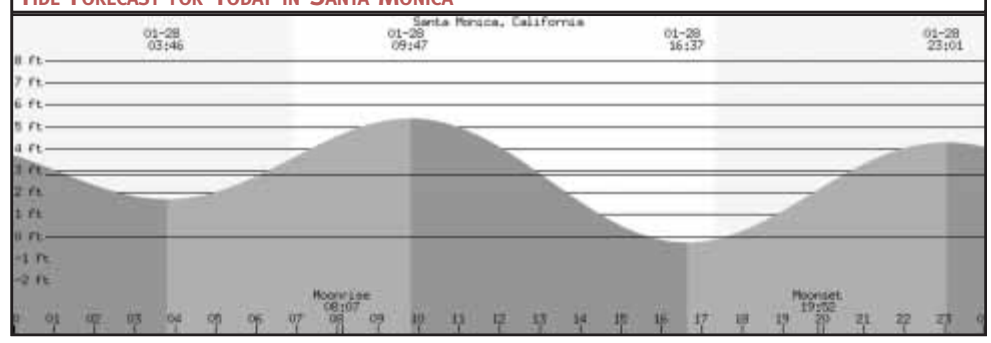
Swell Forecast (3-5 FT)

The WNW swell will back down. Waist to chest is all west facing breaks are looking at -- smaller at south facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

THURSDAY THE 29TH SIZE SHOULD BACK OFF FURTHER, PERHAPS WAIST HIGH ON THE BETTER SETS AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS, AND ONLY KNEE HIGH AT BEST AT SOUTH FACING SPOTS.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **January 20, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 22
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 10 / 21

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisos creeks	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach	A+	B
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	D
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	D	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	D	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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The Birds (NR) 2hrs
7:30

Psycho (1960) (R) 1hr 49min

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-1506

The Unborn (PG-13) 1hr 28min
2:00, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40

Yes Man (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50

Notorious (R)
1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2hrs 48min
1:15, 4:45, 8:15

My Bloody Valentine 3D (R) 1hr 41min
2:00, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Bride Wars (PG) 1hr 30min
2:10, 4:55, 7:30, 9:40

Inkheart (PG) 1hr 46min
1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Defiance (R) 2hrs 17min
1:35, 4:35, 8:00

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:25, 4:10, 7:10, 9:55

Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (R) 1hr 32min
2:20, 5:05, 7:40, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Revolutionary Road (R) 1hr 59min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50

Last Chance Harvey (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) 1hr 27min
12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

Gran Torino (R)
1:20, 4:30, 7:40, 10:30

Valkyrie (PG-13) 2hrs
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:20

Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Marley & Me (PG) 2hrs
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50

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Get some rest, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ On some level, you might feel as if you are acting out or doing exactly what you don't want to do. In order not to get upset, try to realize that many of your habits are coming from an unconscious level. Tonight: Do get some extra R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A nurturing approach saves the day, no matter what comes up for you. Investigate new possibilities with an eye to handling problems in a more dynamic manner. Success will seek you out if you are spontaneous. Tonight: Others want to be with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ How you handle certain situations might have more to do with some instinctive, early episode that you are no longer mentally connected to. Investigate your options; be a leader. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ If you allow yourself to wish and give others space, the end results could be most interesting at best. Others might not know the reasons they act the way they do, but you can see the motivation behind their behavior. You don't need to say anything. Tonight: Opt for a new experience.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Let others make the first move, even if you are slightly uncomfortable with what might come up. The unexpected plays a role in a personal relationship. The real issue remains — can you handle it? Tonight: Visit with a pal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others knowing what needs to happen. When someone is ready to step up and express his or her feelings, the timing will work. Continue a nurturing approach with others. You will see a difference in how they handle you, too! Tonight: So many invitations to sort through.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Approach a daily issue with new eyes and a willingness to look at where your reactions stem from. As you get on top of your game, you will discover just how vivid your life can be. Express your caring. Tonight: Clear off your desk.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Once more, your libido energies boil up. How you choose to use these ideas or creative energy is your call. Some will add to romance, while others infuse their work. A child is full of fun and, maybe, mischief! Tonight: Say yes to living.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Dig into a problem, refusing to let go until you feel satisfied. As you get to the bottom of a security or domestic matter, you feel much better. Be willing to follow another's lead. Tonight: Relax at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your ability to move through a problem has to do with a learned response. Try not to be so surprised by others' reactions. They might be coming from a similar place. Understand rather than criticize. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your instincts come through in an unexpected manner. Listen to that inner voice and understand your limits more clearly. Spending might appear to be the issue, but its root is more significant than you realize. Study the situation. Tonight: Pay bills, then treat yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Don't take a friendship for granted, no matter how long you have hung out together. People cannot stay the same forever; change is natural. Be understanding and open. Others will respond to your energy and efforts. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

Happy birthday

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Stay in touch with what you have to offer this year. Your innate talents and abilities add much to the mix. Don't always think in terms of finances, as essential as they might be. Your instincts come out when dealing with people in general. You could (1) become cynical, or (2) learn when to be more nurturing. If you are single, carefully check out new people. People always try to put their best foot forward, not revealing what they consider to be negative. If you are attached, the two of you gain through secluded getaways. How nice! Plan one ASAP. PISCES can have some harebrained money schemes.

Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

5	6	8	2	3	4	1	7	9
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3	1	9	8	6	7	5	2	4
8	2	3	6	9	5	7	4	1
9	7	1	3	4	8	6	5	2
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Hand over
5 Diving duck
9 Sports setting
11 Make baskets
12 Farm machine
13 Put a spell on
14 Buckeyes' sch.
15 Broadway event
17 Overall feel
19 Maiden name label
20 Get more out of
21 "How I Met Your Mother" role
22 Command to Fido
24 Young one
26 Oryx's cousin
29 Writer Follett
30 Cantab's rival
32 Ranges
34 — -Magnon man
35 Pol's concern
36 Wield
38 Lenders' take-backs
39 Hamper
40 Chopping tools
41 Unit of force

DOWN

1 Labrador explorer
2 Pencil part
3 Posh
4 Compass pt.
5 Spotted
6 Con-gress-woman Waters
7 Made level
8 Doorstop shape
10 Kindle
11 Coaster rider's cry
16 Ostensi-ble reason
18 Grass cluster
21 Com-pared with
23 Store door sign
24 Spicy cuisine
25 Like some books
27 Distinction
28 Actor/ singer James
29 Knightley of "Atone-ment"
30 Wallet bills
31 — Dame
33 They may clash
37 Crossed out

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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Saudi Arabia is host to several camel beauty pageants each year (condemned as religiously fatuous by Muslim clerics), but the country's first goat beauty pageant was held in September in Riyadh, with the distinctive Najdi breed, featuring high nose bridges and silky, shaggy hair, taking top prizes. In fact, most of the goats in the competition had the same father, Burgan, whose progeny typically fetch the equivalent of $25,000 and up. Still, prize-winning show camels can bring 10 times that amount for the greater status they convey to their owners. Burgan himself did not appear at the pageant, according to a Reuters dispatch, because his owner feared that a jealous competitor would have an "evil eye" cast upon him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1853 Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

1909 the United States withdrew its forces from Cuba as Jose Miguel Gomez became president.

1916 Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President Woodrow Wilson to the Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member.

1945 during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

1969 a major oil spill off Santa Barbara, Calif., occurred as a Union Oil well blew out, sending oil and natural gas into the Santa Barbara Channel.

1973 a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

1978 fire swept through the historic downtown Coates House hotel in Kansas City, Mo., killing 20 people.

1986 the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven of its crew members: flight commander Francis R. "Dick" Scobee; pilot Michael Smith; Ronald McNair; Ellison Onizuka; Judith Resnik; Gregory Jarvis; and schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe.

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EXPOSITION CORRIDOR TRANSIT PROJECT—PHASE 2

Distribution Date: January 28, 2009 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NO. 2007021109

Project Description and Location: The Exposition Corridor Transit Project—Phase 2, located in Los Angeles county, would extend transit service for a distance of approximately 7 to 8 miles within the Exposition Corridor starting at the Phase 1 terminus currently under construction at the Venice/Robertson station in Culver City, to a planned terminus near Colorado Boulevard and 4th Street in Santa Monica. The following project alternatives are evaluated: No-Build, Transportation System Management (TSM), and four Light Rail Transit (LRT) alignment alternatives (see map). The project would provide high capacity transit service in an area currently under-served and experiencing high levels of travel delay and congestion.

Summary of Significant Environmental Impacts: The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) was prepared by the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority, the lead agency, to satisfy the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). It examines the potential impacts to the environment that may result from adoption and implementation of the proposed alternatives and identifies recommended mitigation measures. Implementation of the proposed project would result in potentially significant impacts in nine resource areas: traffic, circulation, and parking; visual quality; cultural resources; paleontological resources; noise and vibration; parks and community facilities; safety and security; water resources; and construction. Incorporation of mitigation measures would reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level except in three areas: traffic, circulation and parking; visual quality; and construction. In addition, portions of this project are included on the lists enumerated under Section 65692.5 of the Government Code. It is anticipated that CEQA Findings and Statements of Overriding Considerations and a program for monitoring and reporting on mitigation measures would be prepared before the Expo Authority would approve the project.

Availability of the Draft EIR documents: The DEIR for this project may be reviewed online at BuildExpo.org.
A hardcopy may also be reviewed at the following locations.

Location	Address
Exposition Construction Authority Office	707 Wilshire Blvd, 34th Floor, Los Angeles 90017
Los Angeles Central Library	630 W. 5th St, Los Angeles 90071
Culver City Julian Dixon Library	4975 Overland Ave, Culver City 90230
West Los Angeles Regional Library	11360 Santa Monica Blvd, Los Angeles 90025
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Review Period: The comment period on this DEIR will extend for 45 days beginning **Wednesday, January 28, 2009 and ending Friday, March 13, 2009**. Comments that will be addressed and included in the Final EIR must be submitted in writing to one of the following addresses on or before the end of the public comment period or submitted at the public hearings described below. Comments cannot be accepted by phone.

Mail: Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority
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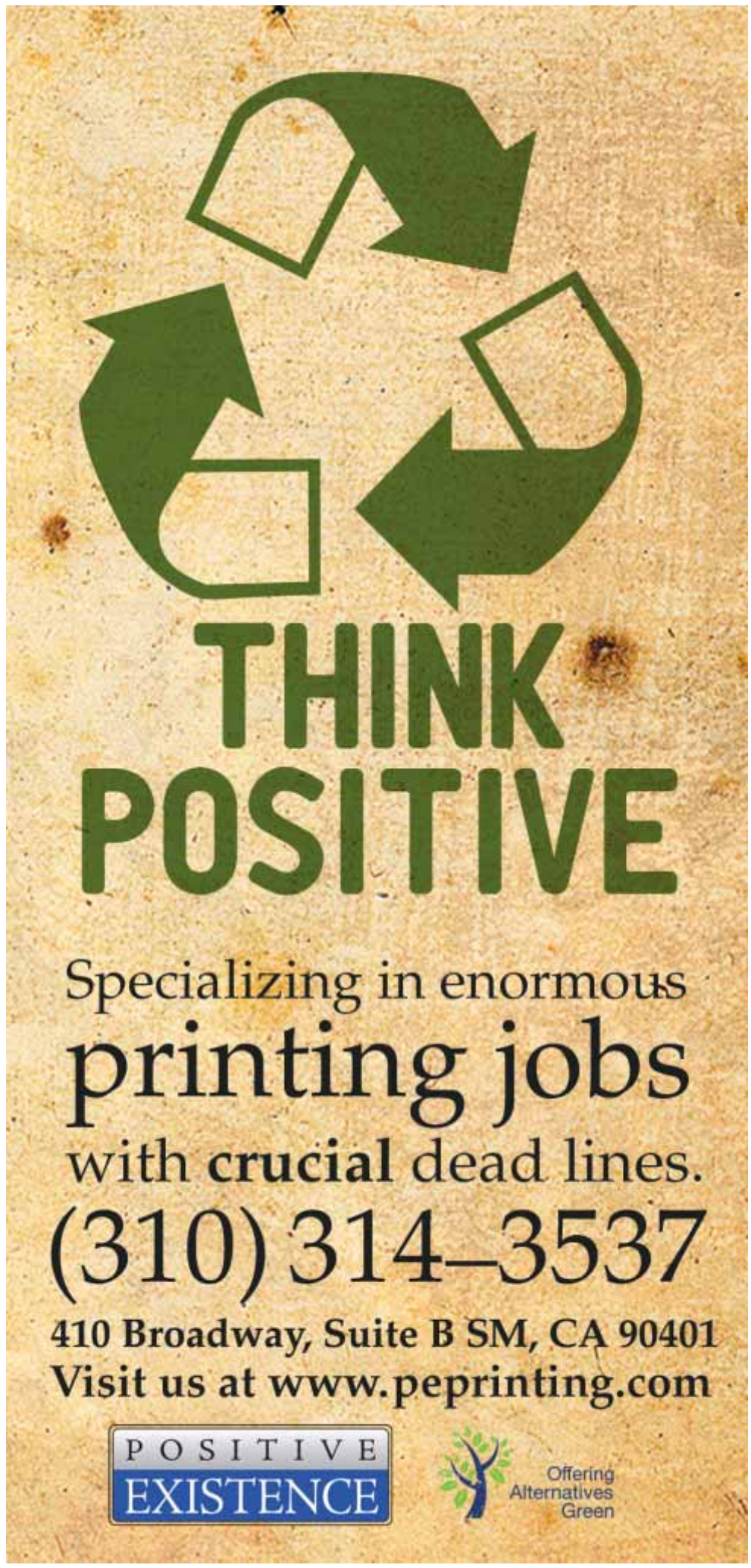
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Public Hearing Schedule: The Expo Authority will also accept comments on the DEIR at the following dates, times, and locations (please note that there will be a time limit per commenter):

Date	Time	Location
February 18, 2009	5:00 to 8:00 PM	Santa Monica High School, Cafeteria 601 Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles 90405
February 23, 2009	5:00 to 8:00 PM	Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services, Gymnasium 3200 Motor Avenue, Los Angeles 90034
February 25, 2009	5:00 to 8:00 PM	Webster Middle School, "Daniel's Den" 11330 W. Graham Place, Los Angeles 90064

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