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## Weather Wise

## 5-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

<b>Mon:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Tues:</b>	Sunny	H 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Wed:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Thur:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s
<b>Fri:</b>	Sunny	Hi 90s	Lows 70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

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535 So. Lake Ave. Pasadena (626) 792 - 6634  
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Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club's  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST!**

Saturday, Sept. 25, 7-11am

in Memorial Park

\$5 Donation

*Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis**2010-2011 Children's programs*

## Swim Lessons

The Sierra Madre Aquatic Center will be concluding its swim lesson program next week, August 30 through September 3. Swim classes are available in the evening for \$35 per class. For more information on classes and to register, call the Sierra Madre Aquatic Center at 626-355-2356.

BARGAIN BOOK SALE AT  
SIERRA MADRE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Sierra Madre Library will hold a Bargain Book Table Sale inside the Library, Monday, August 23 through Saturday, August 28, during the Library's open hours. This month's featured topics are Fiction, Mysteries, Biographies, Crafts, History, The Civil War and Old West, Specialty and Children's books. Books are replenished daily, and are only \$1.00 each.

If you're thinking of weeding your personal library of books, audio books, and DVDs, please consider donating them to the Friends of the Library. Your donations will help maintain our book sale inventory. Our regular sales provide needed funding for Library resources and programs. Books in bags or boxes may be dropped off at the back of the Library, by the basement door.

For more information call (626) 355-7186, or visit our website at [www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us](http://www.sierramadre.lib.ca.us). The Sierra Madre Public Library, located at 440 West Sierra Madre Boulevard in Sierra Madre, is open Monday through Wednesday from Noon to 9 p.m., Thursday and Friday from Noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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The Brush  
Painting and  
Calligraphy of  
Master Ali Tam,  
Joseph S. Hwang  
and Hsi-Ping  
Lee on Exhibit

Beginning August 28 through October 16, visit the Arcadia Historical Museum to see this refreshing exhibit featuring the local talents of Master Ali Tam, Joseph S. Hwang and Hsi-Ping Lee. These Arcadia local artists are world-renown in the arts of brush painting and calligraphy and have put together this collection of new artwork especially created for this exhibit. The Museum is proud to present these truly magnificent pieces of art.

The Arcadia Historical Museum is located at 380 W. Huntington Drive, immediately behind the Community Center. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is always free.

Senior  
Citizen  
Day at the  
LA County  
Fair

Arcadia Senior Services is having an excursion for individuals age 50 and over to the Los Angeles County Fair. The specially designated day for senior citizens is Wednesday, September 15th. The bus will leave the Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Drive at 11:00am and return at 6:00pm. Cost of the trip is \$8.00, no refunds, and includes admission to the fair and bus transportation. Lunch is on your own. There are limited tickets available and can be purchased at the Arcadia Community Center before September 7th.

For additional information please call Arcadia Senior Services at 626.574.5130.

## The City of Sierra Madre has vacancies on commissions and committees looking for people like you to join!

## COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

The Community Services Commission is responsible for overseeing the City's recreation and community services programs. The Commission oversees the use of park facilities and matters relating to the community's recreational and service needs.

Meets the 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## SENIOR COMMUNITY COMMISSION

The Senior Community Commission is responsible for defining the needs, locating and publicizing available resources, and coordinating and initiating services and opportunities for the senior population of Sierra Madre.

Meets the 1st Thursday at 3:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

The Tree Commission is an advisory body to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission, and City Council. The commission shall make recommendations to the Director of Public Works, City Manager, Planning Commission and the City Council as appropriate on matters involving care and maintenance of City-owned trees and trees on private undeveloped property.

Meets the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm, in the City Hall Council Chamber

## GENERAL PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

The City of Sierra Madre is embarking on an update to its General Plan. The City is seeking resident input and participation on this important community plan, which is a blueprint for what Sierra Madre will be – it sets future City policy decisions for the next twenty years, affecting land use, social, economic and environmental issues. The Steering Committee will make recommendations to various City Commissions and the City Council. Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber

## GREEN COMMITTEE

Provides staff with recommendations to further the City's efforts on "green" practices and programs, such as energy efficiency, waste reduction, recycling, clean energy, sustainability, including monitoring compliance with State and regional statutes. Meeting time and place TBD

## PARKS MASTER PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

The committee will review, amend and develop the adopted Parks Master Plan 2001. The following specific tasks have been assigned to the subcommittee to make recommendations to the Community Services Commission regarding changes to the Parks Master Plan. Meeting time and place TBD

*Additionally, the City continually accepts applications for all committees and commissions including the Planning and Community Arts Commissions as well as the Library Board of Trustees. Applications can be found online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com) or at City Hall, Community Recreation Center or the Library. For more information please call 626-355-7135.*

Saturday Nights at  
Bean Town  
7 to 10pm

Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Ron Ellington Shy. Mr. Shy, nephew of the great Duke Ellington, was inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as a former member of such legendary groups as "The Coasters," "The Drifters, and "Don & Dewey."

**BEANTOWN 45 N. Baldwin  
Sierra Madre (626) 355-1596**

OKTOBERFEST  
GOLF & TENNIS TOURNAMENT

benefiting the Sierra Madre Youth Activity Center

Saturday, October 2, 2010

8:00 A.M.

## Golf Tournament:

Golf will be played as a foursome, best-ball format at Eaton Canyon Golf Course. Sign up with a team or we can place you on one. Win one of three great prizes by participating in our Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, or Putting contests. Concerned about your swing? Purchase a Mulligan for \$5 and ensure a better score in the tournament!

## Tennis Tournament:

Tennis will be played as a round robin doubles tournament with rotating partners in co-ed divisions at the Arcadia-Orange Grove courts located at the corner of Orange Grove Blvd. and Baldwin Avenue. Scoring will be on the honor system. During the first 30 minutes of the tournament test your skills in our serving contest.

## Lunch Reception:

Following the tournaments join us for a reception at the Hart Park House (Sierra Madre Senior Center) located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd. While at the reception enjoy an Oktoberfest-style lunch, participate in the silent auction and raffle, and watch the awards presentation.

Tax-deductible opportunities exist with this event! If you would like to sponsor a Tee or Court Sign at \$100 (includes one registration in the tennis or golf tournament), please indicate on the registration form below. If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction or raffle, please email Kyle Schnurr at [kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com)

Please return registration forms to the Community Recreation Center no later than Friday, September 17, 2010. For additional information call 626-355-5278.

## Registration Form

( ) Golf & Lunch \$70 ( ) Golf Team Registration \$250 ( ) Tennis & Lunch \$50 ( ) Lunch Only \$25  
( ) Golf Tee / Tennis Court Sponsor \$100 (includes one round of golf or tennis entry and lunch)  
( ) I cannot attend but wish to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

For golf players - Please circle mode of transportation: Golf Cart Walking

For tennis players - Please circle playing level: Beginning Intermediate Advanced

I would like to play on a court/golf with (indicate other registered players names): \_\_\_\_\_

## Release Waiver:

Intending to be legally bound, and assume all risk in connection with or in any way related to my participation in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament, I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, my training and health are adequate for me to compete safely in this event. In consideration of your accepting my entry, I assume all related risks and do hereby for myself, executors and administrators, waive and release forever any and all rights and claims or damages I may hereafter occur to me against the persons or organizations affiliated with this event, including but not limited to the City of Sierra Madre, committee members, and any and all supporters of the event, their representatives, successors and assigns, for any injuries suffered by me while participating in the Oktoberfest Golf and Tennis Tournament.

Further to the extent, relevant, I hereby authorize the City of Sierra Madre to film or photograph myself or my child while participating in City- or City Community Service- sponsored events, and to use such films or photographs in television programs (including but not limited to community access television) or any other public forum without compensation to me or my child, and I specifically authorize the City of Sierra Madre to use such photos for marketing and promotional purposes. I hereby agree that in connection with that filming or photography, neither I nor my child will perform copyrighted works or works that are the subject of any trademark without the consent of all copyright or trademark holder or holders. I and my child hereby relinquish any copyright or trademark, or any other intellectual property protections or any right to privacy under any applicable law in connection with any performance filmed or photographed by or on behalf of the City.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT:** "Greater Tuna."  
*The hit comedy.*

**WHO:** Written by Jaston Williams,  
Joe Sears and Ed Howard.  
Directed by Guilford Adams.  
Produced by Christine Soldate.  
Presented by Sierra Madre Playhouse.  
Starring Justin Baker and Dustin Fasching.

**WHERE:** Sierra Madre Playhouse  
87 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.,  
Sierra Madre,  
Ample free parking behind theatre.

**WHEN:** August 20- September 25, 2010.  
Fri. & Sat. at 8, Sun. at 2:30.  
Dark on August 22. Opening  
Night performance on Friday,  
August 20 is preceded by a  
Champagne reception and light  
buffet at 7:15.

**ADMISSION:** \$20. Seniors (65+) and students (13-17), \$17. Children 12 and under, \$12.  
**RESERVATIONS AND INFORMATION:**  
(626) 355-4318. **ONLINE TICKETING:** [www.sierramadreplayhouse.org](http://www.sierramadreplayhouse.org)



## City of Sierra Madre COURTESY NOTICE

To: City-wide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: Congestion Management Program (CMP)  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to review the City's compliance with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Congestion Management Program (CMP) pursuant to California Government Code Section 65089.

DATE AND TIME OF MEETING  
City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Meeting  
Tuesday, September 14, 2010  
(meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.)

PLACE OF MEETING  
City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

PROJECT LOCATION: City-wide

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Development Services Department at (626) 355-7135.

By Order of the City Council

Danny Castro, Development Services Director

## City of Sierra Madre PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

To: Citywide  
From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California Law, that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2010, at 6:30 PM, or soon thereafter, to hear testimony on the User Fee Study.

The City is proposing new and updated fee changes to be effective after approval by the City Council.

The draft copy of the User Fee and Charges Rate Study is available at City Hall and the Sierra Madre Library for the public to review. If you have any questions about this matter please contact Deputy Administrative Services Director Veenita Munoz at 626.355.7135 Ext. 225.

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By Order of the City Council

Veenita Munoz,  
Deputy Administrative Services Director

## Sierra Madre's Woman's Club

# WISTARIA THRIFT SHOP

The Best Little Thrift Shop in the San Gabriel Valley  
Will re-open September 2, 2010

•Location: 550 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
(Shop located on Sunnyside St., parking available)  
Sierra Madre, CA 91024  
626 355-7739

•Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Bring this ad with you and receive 10% off on your entire purchase.

Offer only good on September 2, 3, and 4, 2010

The shop is operated by the Sierra Madre Woman's Club. All proceeds are donated to the many charities the club supports.

## FOOTHILL TRANSIT TO LAUNCH WORLD'S FIRST HEAVY DUTY FAST CHARGE ELECTRIC BUS

**38-seat Ecoliner charges in 10 minutes; zero-emissions**

WEST COVINA, CA (August 26, 2010) - Foothill Transit, the primary public transportation provider for the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys in Los Angeles County, is launching the world's first heavy duty, fast charging electric bus at their Pomona Facility on Friday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Foothill Transit Ecoliner is a lightweight vehicle with heavy duty responsibilities, driving 30-miles without charging, and will be recharged, hands free and in-route, in 10 minutes. This public transportation vehicle is the first of its kind in the nation.

"Recent rapid advancement in battery and vehicle technology has made this bleeding edge project possible," said Roger Chandler, Chair of Foothill Transit's Executive Board. "And the challenges that we face with our environment demand that we expand beyond what's available into what's possible. This is the time and place for

possibility. Excited doesn't begin to describe how we feel. This is history."

The project is entirely funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and will be deployed on Foothill Transit's Line 291, which travels between La Verne and Pomona. The Ecoliners will be recharged in route at the Pomona Transit Center at a drive-in docking station.

During the project's life, both Foothill Transit and Proterra LLC, the Ecoliner manufacturer, will be monitoring the Ecoliner's ability to handle the demands of a regular, stop-and-go transit route over the two-year trial period.

"This project is taking the lead in changing the transit world," said Dale Hill, Chairman of Proterra LLC. "Foothill Transit is leading that change for the nation, and we're excited to be a part of that."

More detailed information about the Foothill Transit

Ecoliner can be found in an online press kit available at [foothilltransit.org/library](http://foothilltransit.org/library).

*Foothill Transit is in its 22nd year of serving the San Gabriel and Pomona Valleys in Los Angeles County. Its 260-bus fleet covers approximately 327 square miles each year, carrying nearly 15 million passengers with 33 fixed-route bus lines.*

*To receive a complete travel itinerary of starts, stops, and transfers to your destination, call 1-800-RIDE-INFO or visit one of Foothill Transit's five Transit Stores located in West Covina, Claremont, Pomona, Puente Hills Mall, and El Monte Station.*

*For the latest news, route maps, job openings, and past press releases, visit [foothilltransit.org](http://foothilltransit.org).*

*Proterra LLC is represented by Seema Kalra at Weber Shandwick. She can be reached at 650.619.8523 or at [skalra@webershandwick.com](mailto:skalra@webershandwick.com).*

## Pasadena

### Chef Roy Yamaguchi at Roy's in Pasadena to Benefit Hillsides

(Pasadena, CA)—Chef Roy Yamaguchi will make a special appearance at Roy's Restaurant in Pasadena during a four-course dinner on September 14 to benefit Hillsides. Donating partial proceeds from the evening to the children's charity, Roy's will take table reservations for seating between 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

"Having partnerships with businesses like Roy's Restaurant in the community is significant to our mission," said Joseph Costa, Hillsides chief executive officer. "Community donations help us offer life-changing programs to vulnerable children and their families and continue creating safe places for them."

The restaurant Founder/Chef Roy Yamaguchi will join Hillsides' supporters for an island inspired benefit while experiencing Hawaiian Fusion Cuisine. The evening's festivities will include entertainment, a lei and Mai Tai welcome.

"We've always tried to partner with children's charities in the community," said Managing Partner Chris Kadohiro. "For us, it's been a partnership with Hillsides and we continue to nurture this relationship as we celebrate our second anniversary in Pasadena."

Guests wishing to make table reservations for September 14 can call the restaurant in Pasadena at 626-356-4066. Roy's is also



giving guests a \$20 gift card to be used at their next visit to the restaurant. Roy's Restaurant is located at 641 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena. Visit [www.Roysrestaurant.com](http://www.Roysrestaurant.com) to learn more about Roy's and its cuisine.

Founded nearly a hundred years ago, Hillsides is a Pasadena residential treatment center and community-based social service agency that serves vulnerable children and families living in Los Angeles County. To learn more about the foster care children's charity, visit [www.Hillsides.org](http://www.Hillsides.org).

## Summer Worship: 10@10!



Join the San Marino Community Church family for 10@10! - ten weeks of summer worship at 10:00 am on Sundays, July 4 to September 5.

Sunday, August 29 Pastor Jeffrey O'Grady will preach

"Best Seat in the House" based on Jesus' teachings about humility and hospitality.

10:00 am Summer Worship  
Sunday school (K-5) and childcare provided  
9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

San Marino Community Church  
1750 Virginia Road, San Marino, CA 91108  
For more information call: (626) 282-4181  
Connect with us online: [www.smccpb.org](http://www.smccpb.org)

## ANTONOVICH OFFERS \$20,000 REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON FATAL HIT-AND-RUN COLLISION IN ALHAMBRA

Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich will be introducing a motion before the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, August 31, offering a \$20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the fatal hit-and-run collision involving Alhambra resident, Shih-Siang Ho, at the Sixth Street undercrossing at Ramona Road in Alhambra.

On Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at approximately 1:21 p.m., Shih-Siang Ho a wheelchair-bound pedestrian was the victim of a fatal traffic collision at the Sixth Street undercrossing at Ramona Road in Alhambra.

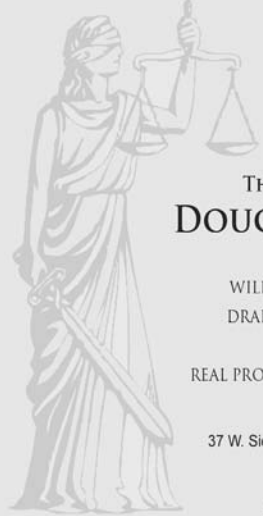
The Alhambra Police Department Traffic Section is investigating this hit-and-run collision and is seeking the public's help in identifying the vehicle and/or driver. The striking vehicle is likely to have had minor to moderate collision damage on the front end, passenger side.

Supervisor Antonovich encourages witnesses of this crime or anyone with information to contact Officer Brandon Cardella of the Alhambra Police Department at (626) 570-5119.

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## New Public Health Director Appointed



Dr. Eric G. Walsh has been appointed as the director of public health and public health officer for Pasadena City Manager Michael Beck announced Tuesday.

According to Beck, Walsh is set to provide overall medical direction and guidance for the Pasadena Public Health Department and will be responsible for enforcing local and state public health orders, ordinances and statutes. As a key coordinator for emergency response planning and operations, he will work with local, state and federal agencies to take preventive measures to protect and preserve the public health Beck explained.

“Dr. Walsh is filling a strategic executive management position and will be actively involved in community health policy development, planning and service delivery,” Beck said. “I am impressed with Eric’s passion for public health and expect Pasadena’s Public Health Department will become a national model under his leadership.”

Before coming to Pasadena, Walsh worked for the Orange County Public Health Department as medical director of the Family Health Division. He served on the President’s Council on HIV/ AIDS and the National Advisory Council on Sexual Health.

“I am excited for the opportunity to work in a city with a rich history, strong civic leadership and a highly recognized heritage of public health work,” Walsh said. “I am sure we will build on the strong foundation of public health in Pasadena and continue to be a beacon of great public health programs and outcomes in California and beyond.”


Walsh and his wife Annette live in Orange County with their children Johan, Jasmine and Eric III. They plan on moving to or near the Pasadena area.

Pasadena’s previous director of public health, Dr. Takashi Wada, became the director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department in March.

Pasadena is one of only three cities in California that have municipally managed public health departments not under the jurisdiction of the county.

For more information visit [www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/publichealth) or call (626) 744-6055.

## Pet of the Week



What a wonderful dog! Ray, an adorable and unique looking, two-year-old pug mix is calm, well-behaved, and loving. Ray went out with our Mobile Outreach Unit and was friendly and personable with all the people he met. He got along with all the other dogs too! Come visit him today!

The regular dog adoption fee is \$120, which includes medical care prior to adoption, spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and a follow-up visit with a participating vet.

Please call 626-792-7151 and ask for A260687 or come to the Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA, 361 S. Raymond Ave , Pasadena CA , 91105 . Our adoption hours are 11-4 Sunday, 9-5 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9-4 Saturday. Directions and photos of all pets updated hourly may be found at [www.pasadenahumane.org](http://www.pasadenahumane.org)

## Recent Bank Robberies Linked



By Dean Lee

FBI investigators now say that a man who robbed a Wells Fargo Bank Tuesday has been linked to at least one other bank robbery in the city, earlier this month, and are now calling him the “Drywall Bandit.”

FBI Public Information Officer Laura Eimiller said an unidentified white male has also been linked to the robbery of a Citibank in the 100 block of West California Boulevard August 13.

In both cases she said the suspect committed takeover style bank robberies and demanded cash with

verbiage, “This is a holdup. Nobody move. Give me all the money.”

According to police they received a 9-11 call at approximately 10 a.m. Tuesday of a bank robbery, possibly still in progress, in the 300 block of Colorado Boulevard. Police spokesperson Janet Pope-Givens said arriving officers secured the area but the suspect had already fled the scene.

“He was last seen running down St. John Avenue,” she said. “We don’t know what that means, he had a car somewhere and jumped in that, fled on foot, or hid in an apartment complex, we don’t

know yet.”

Pope-Givens said according to witnesses the suspect entered the building lobby wearing a mask, took an employee at gunpoint and then entered the bank demanding money. She said the suspect got away with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Eimiller described the suspect as late 30s with a medium build. The suspect wore sunglasses and carried what was described as an automatic handgun she said. He was further described as having worn black gloves and carried a maroon velvet bag. In both cases he also wore a baseball cap and a dust mask covering his face

The August 13 robbery also occurred in the morning. There was no getaway car seen in either case.

Pasadena Police Chief Phillip Sanchez announced that Wells Fargo offered a reward of up to \$10,000 in exchange for information leading to an arrest. “Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Pasadena Police Department Detective Section at 744-4522 and/or FBI at 888 CANT HIDE (888 226-8443),” he said.

And Lyons Pensions Inc. – was filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles. Officials said the scheme allegedly cost the U.S. Treasury at least \$30 million.

According to the complaint, Alexander helps small business owners adopt sham pension plans. He allegedly falsely advises customers that they can claim significant deductions for purported contributions to these sham pension plans in order to reduce or eliminate their federal income taxes. The complaint also alleges that Alexander fraudulently re-characterizes his customers’ non-deductible personal expenses as purported deductible pension-plan contributions.

According to the complaint, Alexander helps customers adopt pension plans that illegally exclude rank-and-file employees. The complaint

cites a letter Alexander allegedly sent to one of his clients, a California physician, in which Alexander explains that the goal is to “exclude the employees from this rich pension plan that I use for the owner.” The complaint further alleges that Alexander tries to conceal his pension-plan scheme by purposely not filing required documents with the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Labor.

Alexander’s promotion of the pension plan and welfare-benefit tax fraud schemes have allegedly cost the government at least \$30 million.

In the past 10 years the Justice Department’s Tax Division has obtained hundreds of injunctions against tax scheme promoters and tax preparers. Information about these cases is available on the Justice Department website.

## Justice Department Sues Pasadena Man to Stop Tax Schemes

The United States Justice Department has asked a federal court to permanently bar a local business man from promoting alleged sham pension-plan and welfare-benefit-plan tax fraud schemes, they announced Thursday.

The civil injunction suit against William Alexander, and his two companies – Retirement Plan Services Inc.

## PCC Receives \$1.5 Million Grant

The Pasadena City College Program for Academic Support Services (PASS), which provides support and preparation for highly motivated, low-income, first-generation, and disabled college students to graduate and transfer to a four-year institution, recently received a \$1.5 million grant from the TRIO/Student Support Services Programs with the U.S. Department of Education. The grant was made possible through efforts by Rep. Adam Schiff (D-29th District).

PCC will receive \$301,692 each year for five years for a total of \$1,508,460. “Receiving this grant means that PASS can continue assisting underrepresented students to retain and persist in higher education,” said Nick Mata, director of PCC’s PASS. “There are

so many barriers out there for students, and programs such as PASS not only provide valuable services, but often times serve as the only advocates and mentors students have when everything else is stacked against them.” PASS has been continuously funded by the U.S. Department of Education since 1990 and serves 200 students annually.

The TRIO Programs were established in 1965 under Title IV of the Higher Education Act. Congress established the TRIO programs to help low-income Americans enter college, graduate, and move on to participate more fully in America’s economic and social life.

For more information, contact Mata at (626) 585-7816.

## Study Finds El Niños Are Growing Stronger

A relatively new type of El Niño, which has its warmest waters in the central-equatorial Pacific Ocean, rather than in the eastern-equatorial Pacific, is becoming more common and progressively stronger, according to a new study released last week by NASA and The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The research may improve our understanding of the relationship between El Niños and climate change, and has potentially significant implications for long-term weather forecasting.

Tong Lee of NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Michael McPhaden of NOAA’s Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory,

Seattle, measured changes in El Niño intensity since 1982. They analyzed NOAA satellite observations of sea surface temperature, checked against and blended with directly measured ocean temperature data. The strength of each El Niño was gauged by how much its sea surface temperatures deviated from the average. They found the intensity of El Niños in the central Pacific has nearly doubled, with the most intense event occurring in 2009-10.

“Our study concludes the long-term warming trend seen in the central Pacific is primarily due to more intense El Niños, rather than a general rise of background temperatures,” Lee said .

“These results suggest

## Altadena Library to Hold Writer’s Workshop

Best-selling novelist, award-winning poet, screenwriter, dramatist, journalist, commentator and creative writing professor at USC, Jervey Tervalon, will be presenting a workshop for writers of all ages and experience levels through the process of telling their story. The workshop is ideal for participants looking to develop their skill at chronicling their life stories, assist others who hold valuable oral histories by preserving their written history, or who want to jumpstart a variety of writing in a supportive and as inspiring environment!

The workshop starts, 2:00 p.m. September 11, in the Altadena Library Community Room. For more information call: (626) 798-0833.

## Climate Change May Already Be Affecting El Niños

climate change may already be affecting El Niño by shifting the center of action from the eastern to the central Pacific,” said McPhaden. “El Niño’s impact on global weather patterns is different if ocean warming occurs primarily in the central Pacific, instead of the eastern Pacific.

“If the trend we observe continues,” McPhaden added, “it could throw a monkey wrench into long-range weather forecasting, which is largely based on our understanding of El Niños from the latter half of the 20th century.”

Results of the study were published recently in Geophysical Research Letters.

For more on El Niño, visit: <http://sealevel.jpl.nasa.gov/>.

## Leaders Gather on 90th Anniversary of Woman’s Right to Vote



About 100 women took part Thursday during a march around city hall signifying 90 years after the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. A gathering in the courtyard after included speeches by Councilwomen Jacque Robinson and Mayor Bill Bogaard among others including former presidents of the league of Woman Voters. Many wore white with purple sashes and a hat to signify the Women’s Suffrage Movement.

## Citizen Journalism Meet-up

*Learn not just how to blog but how to report the news*



The Pasadena Community Network and this newspaper are holding a workshop on Citizen Journalism.

This group is the place where aspiring journalists can learn from trained professionals and support their local community by covering what’s really happening in their neighborhoods.

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the power of video, audio and print along with online social media The next meeting will be September 14, from 6pm to 9pm at the Pasadena Community Network - Studio G, 2057 N. Los Robles Ave.

For more info call 626.794.8585 or visit [pasadenan.ning.com](http://pasadenan.ning.com).

## County Anti-Smoking Efforts Announced

From Staff Reports

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius joined Los Angeles County Supervisors Zev Yaroslavsky and Mark Ridley-Thomas and county Health Officer Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding Wednesday to announce the start of the most aggressive, comprehensive anti-smoking campaign in L.A. County history to reach communities with high smoking rates across the county.

“Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States,” Sebelius said. “The Department of Health and Human Services is committed to helping communities reduce smoking prevalence and decrease exposure to secondhand smoke. We are proud to be working with Los Angeles County, one of the leaders in tobacco prevention and control.”

Sebelius explained, this anti-tobacco effort will include several policy-based initiatives, social services and support for quit smoking efforts, as well as a high-profile and highly targeted media campaign to support a broad range of tobacco control efforts and raise awareness of free and low-cost resources to help smokers quit. These tactics will aim to ultimately reduce secondhand smoke exposure, discourage tobacco use, reduce consumption of tobacco products, strengthen youth smoking prevention efforts, and increase access to and utilization of effective

tobacco cessation services.

According to The Department of Health and Human Services overall smoking rate for L.A. County -- at 14.3 percent -- is substantially lower than the national average, there are still more than one million adults and adolescents in the county who continue to smoke. And smoking rates among certain populations continue to be much higher than the general population, including African Americans, Asian males, LGBT, those living in poverty, and those suffering from mental health and substance abuse problems. Among those racial and ethnic groups with smoking rates higher than the general population are: African American males (32.1 percent) and females (19.6 percent); Latino males (17.7 percent); Korean males (44.8 percent); Chinese males (16.4 percent); Filipino males (17.1 percent) and Vietnamese males (24.8 percent).

The campaign will be funded by a federal stimulus grant from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Communities Putting Prevention to Work initiative. L.A. County is one of 44 communities across the nation to receive funding from the highly competitive initiative and is the largest grant recipient, receiving \$16.2 million for tobacco prevention and \$15.9 million for obesity prevention, for a total of \$32.1 million.



## Sierra Madre Police Blotter

During the week of Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 311 calls for service.

### Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>:

**10:22 PM** – Robbery, 300 block West Sierra Madre Blvd., Three suspects robbed a male juvenile at gun point. One suspect pointed a silver colored handgun and stole the juvenile’s I-Phone and skateboard. The subjects fled westbound on West Sierra Madre Blvd. in a four door burgundy Honda, partial license plate number 6C. The suspects were all described as male whites wearing black “hoodies”. One suspect had blonde hair and freckles. The total loss was reported at \$400.00.

### Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>:

**8:11 AM** – Grand Theft, 00 block Esperanza Ave. Suspect stole gardening equipment from the bed of pick-up truck. The truck was parked in the apartment complex carport area. The crime occurred between 7:30 pm, Friday, 8/13 and 7:30 am, Saturday, 8/14. Stolen were a leaf blower, weed eater, and hedge trimmer. The loss was estimated at \$425.00.

During the week of Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday August 22<sup>th</sup>, the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to approximately 333 calls for service.

### Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>:

**11:08 PM** – Prowling/Peeking in Doors and Windows, 300 block West Montecito Ave. A suspect described as a white man with close cut hair was reported looking into the windows of an occupied home. Officers detained a suspect nearby who matched the description, and they arrested him for an outstanding warrant. The prowling case is still under investigation.

## SMPD Officers Discuss Neighborhood Watch



Photo By Bill Coburn

Sierra Madre Police Officers Dabney (l) and Atkinson (r) take a few moments to discuss the importance of the Neighborhood Watch Program with the Sierra Madre Kiwanis Club.

The Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that teaches citizens how to help themselves by identifying and reporting suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. In addition, it provides citizens with the opportunity to make their neighborhoods safer and improve the quality of life. Neighborhood Watch groups typically focus on observation and awareness as a means of preventing crime and employ

strategies that range from simply promoting social interaction and “watching out for each other” to active patrols by groups of citizens.

All Neighborhood Watches share one foundational idea: that bringing community members together to reestablish control of their neighborhoods promotes an increased quality of life and reduces the crime rate in that area.

There are several Neighborhood Watch Groups in Sierra Madre at this time. If one has not been organized near you, contact the Police Department at 626-355-1414 for help organizing one.

## Arcadia Police Blotter

For the period of Sunday, August 15, through Saturday, August 21, the Police Department responded to 1,001 calls for service of which 132 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

### Sunday, August 15:

1. A traffic stop was conducted at Second and California around 12:22 a.m. for excessive speed. The odor of an alcoholic beverage was detected on the driver’s breath and person, and the passenger initially provided officers with a false name and date of birth. The passenger also advised that there was a gun in the glove compartment, and indeed a loaded handgun was found. A 25-year-old male Hispanic driver was arrested for DUI and carrying a loaded firearm, and a 23-year-old male Hispanic passenger was arrested for obstruction.
2. Around 1:36 a.m., units responded to the 100-to-1 Bar, 100 West Huntington, in reference to an altercation between a patron and an employee. Investigation revealed that a 24-year-old male Hispanic was bothering other patrons and fought with the doorman. The suspect was taken into custody for disorderly conduct/drunk in public and for a \$30,000 outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

### Monday, August 16:

3. Between 4:30 p.m. and 5:40 p.m., an auto burglary occurred at the 24-Hour Fitness parking lot located at 125 North First. Unknown suspect smashed a car window and stole a purse.
4. Loss prevention personnel from Macy’s advised that they had detained two sisters for theft around 6:43 p.m. The juveniles concealed store merchandise while in a fitting room and left the store without making payment. Additional stolen property from American Eagle Outfitters, H&M, and Forever 21 were also recovered. Private persons’ arrests were made, and the 16 and 17-year-old Caucasian suspects were taken into custody for commercial burglary.

### Tuesday, August 17:

5. A commercial burglary occurred between 4:00 p.m. on August 16 and 6:45 a.m. on August 17 at a construction site located in the 00 block of Hacienda. Unknown suspect(s) stole tools and a front door totaling about \$6,490.
6. Shortly after 4:00 p.m., a bank robbery occurred at Bank of America, 180 North Santa Anita. A male Asian, 5’6” to 5’7”, 140 pounds, with a moustache and goatee, presented a demand note and claimed to have a gun. Fearing for her safety, the bank teller gave the suspect money from her cash drawer.

### Wednesday, August 18:

7. Between 3:45 p.m. on August 17 and 7:47 a.m. on August 18, a commercial burglary occurred at the Dana Middle School construction site. Unknown suspect(s) climbed over a chain link fence, pried open a storage container, and stole about \$9,550 in tools and welding equipment.
8. Around 5:19 p.m., units responded to the 800 block of Fairview regarding a murdered victim found inside an apartment unit. A 47-year-old male Caucasian was bludgeoned to death. A few days later, the victim’s 44-year-old brother was arrested for the homicide.

### Thursday, August 19:

9. JC Penney’s loss prevention personnel detained a male juvenile for theft around 6:37 p.m. The 14-year-old Hispanic was seen concealing a pair of tennis shoes in a shopping bag and then left the store without paying. A private person’s arrest was made, and the juvenile was charged with commercial burglary. Additional stolen property from Zumiez and The Scream were also recovered.
10. Units were dispatched to the 100 block of East Haven around 8:23 p.m. The victim claimed that two male Caucasian suspects struck him in the face and midsection. He had visible injuries and was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment. The victim declined prosecution so a report was taken for documentation purposes.

### Friday, August 20:

11. Shortly after 4:30 p.m., a car was found idling in the intersection of Second and Bonita. Officers detected the odor of alcohol in the vehicle and found an unconscious female in the driver’s seat. The 23-year-old Hispanic later awoke and a field sobriety test was conducted. It was determined that the woman was operating the vehicle while intoxicated and was arrested for DUI.
12. A victim came to the station around 5:47 p.m. to report a grand theft that occurred between 4:00 p.m. on August 19 and 8:00 a.m. on August 20. The victim believes that her wallet was stolen at the Foreign Exchange store located at Westfield Mall on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Saturday, August 21:

13. An auto burglary occurred between 8:00 p.m. on August 20 and 8:00 a.m. on August 21 in the 400 block of West Duarte. Unknown suspect smashed a car window and stole a \$2,000 laptop computer.
14. Around 2:33 p.m., units responded to Wells Fargo Bank, 444 East Huntington, regarding a commercial burglary. A male African-American suspect disguised 30 rolls of pennies by placing a dime on the top and bottom of each roll in order to steal about \$140 from the bank.

THE WORLD AROUND US

Looking Up

Cosmic Lens Used For The First Time To Study “Dark Energy”

with Bob Eklund

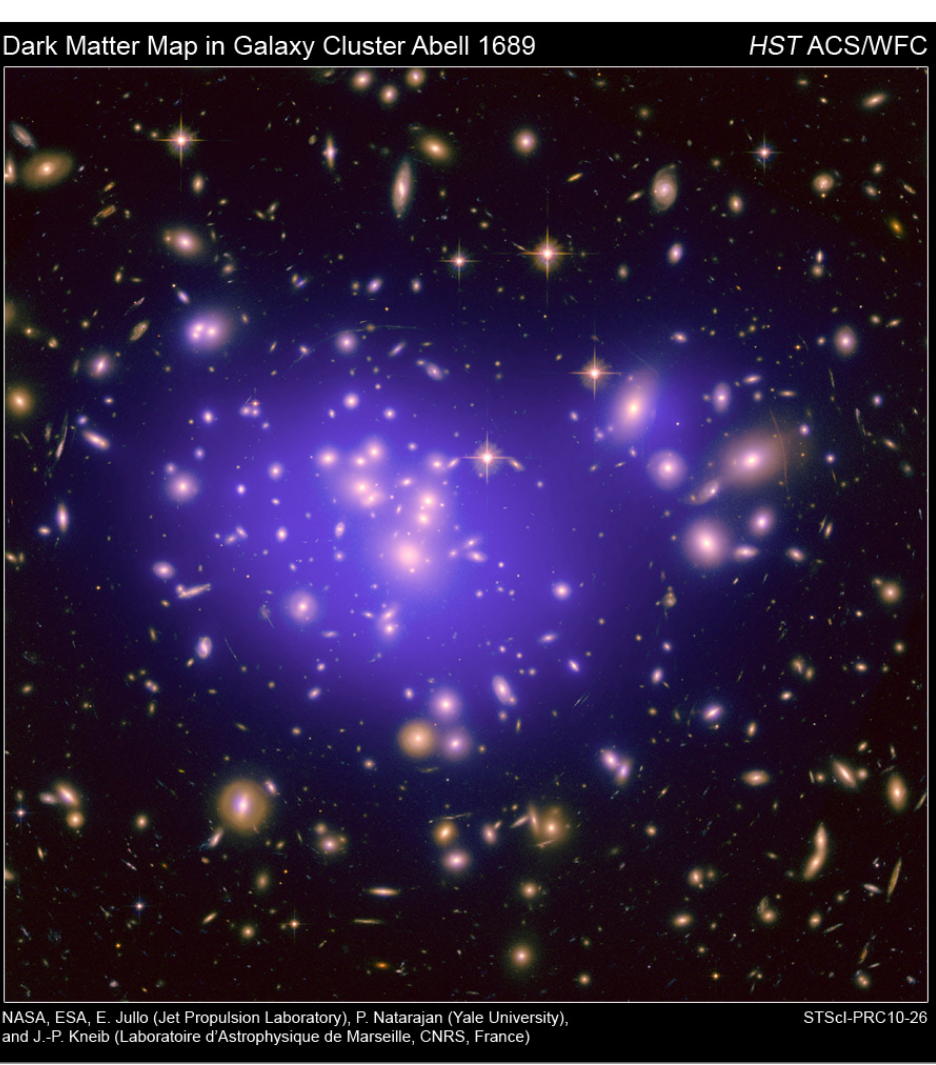
Astronomers have devised a new method for measuring what is perhaps the greatest puzzle of our universe—“dark energy.” This mysterious force, discovered in 1998, is pushing our universe apart at ever-increasing speeds.

Now for the first time, in a study reported in the Aug. 20 issue of the Journal *Science*, astronomers using NASA’s Hubble Space Telescope were able to take advantage of a giant magnifying lens in space—a massive cluster of galaxies—to narrow in on the nature of dark energy. Their calculations, when combined with data from other methods, significantly increase the accuracy of dark energy measurements. This may eventually lead to an explanation of what the elusive phenomenon really is.

“We have to tackle the dark energy problem from all sides,” said JPL astronomer Eric Jullo. “It’s important to have several methods, and now we’ve got a new, very powerful one.” Jullo is lead author of the paper on these findings.

Scientists aren’t clear about what dark energy is, but they do know that it makes up a large chunk of our universe—about 72 percent. Another chunk, about 24 percent, is thought to be “dark matter,” also mysterious in nature but easier to study than dark energy because of its gravitational influence on the matter that we can see. The rest of the universe, a mere 4 percent, is the stuff that makes up people, planets, stars, and everything made up of atoms.

In their new study, the science team used images from Hubble to examine a massive



cluster of galaxies, named Abell 1689, which acts as a magnifying, or gravitational, lens. The gravity of the cluster causes galaxies behind it to be imaged multiple times into distorted shapes, like a fun-house mirror reflection that warps your face.

Using these distorted images, the scientists were able to figure out how light from the more distant, background galaxies had been bent by the cluster—a characteristic that depends on the nature of dark energy. Their method also depends on precise ground-based measurements of the distance and speed at which the background galaxies are traveling away from us. The team used these data to quantify the strength of the dark energy that is causing our universe’s expansion to accelerate.

“What I like about our new method is that it’s very visual,” said Jullo. “You can literally see gravitation and dark energy bend the images of the background galaxies into arcs.”

According to the scientists, their method required multiple, meticulous steps. They spent the last several years developing specialized mathematical models and precise maps of the matter—both dark and “normal”—constituting the Abell 1689 cluster.

“We can now apply our technique to other gravitational lenses,” said co-author Priya Natarajan, an astronomer at Yale University, New Haven, Conn. “We’re exploiting a beautiful phenomenon in nature to learn more about the role that dark energy plays in our universe.”

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## 171 Freshmen Join La Salle as Classes Begin



**Pasadena, CA** – La Salle High School began its school year on August 19 as 171 new freshmen joined the Lancer student body. The Welcome Orientation on August 18 featured small groups of freshmen with their “Senior Class Buddies” on a tour of the campus, video presentations and a run-through of classes. A pizza lunch was followed by a rally.

At La Salle High School, there are 742 students from ninth through twelfth grades; with a majority that live in the San Gabriel Valley. La Salle is dedicated to excellent student performance in academics, arts and athletics. To maintain our Catholic identity, two-thirds of our entering freshmen acceptances are of the Catholic faith. In addition, 15% of our students are from low income families and receive full or partial tuition assistance through the San Miguel and Brother Celestine Scholarship Funds.

The La Salle Lancers field 22 teams on the varsity level. Student Life, visual and performing arts, honor and service societies, student clubs and organizations, and student television broadcasts and publications, provide a healthy and warm community atmosphere for all La Salle students. During the last 5 years 99.5% of our graduates have gone on to college with 88% going to 4-year institutions. La Salle High School is accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association (WECA) and Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

Photos By John Blackstock



### Zumba, Teen Fitness and Y-We-Run Running Club New at the Y This Fall

**MONROVIA, CA, August 25, 2010**

— Zumba, the hot new dance inspired, total body, fat burning workout is coming to the Santa Anita Family YMCA in Monrovia beginning Aug. 31. Zumba fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a dynamic and fun fitness program. Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday 12 noon to 1 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Zumba is just one of the several new classes and activities that the SAFYMCA is introducing for the fall season. Y-We-Run is a new running club that welcomes both beginners and seasoned runners. The eventual goal is for the group to run a 5-K event in a few months. The group will meet three days a week, walking and running through local trails within the community. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Teens in grades 6-10 can drop by The Y and find a variety of opportunities to get moving after school in the Teen Fitness program. Each session provides a variety of group exercise classes for kids to sample including cardiovascular and strength circuit training, core training, yoga, and Pilates. Teen Fitness classes are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Senior Circuit, designed for older adults who want to develop a better understanding of the positive effects of exercise, is another class that will be starting up in September. The class helps to increase range of motion, flexibility, and strength. It also builds cardiovascular endurance and burns fat. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The SAFYMCA offers dozens of classes and activities throughout the week for every age group and ability, including Swimnastics, Cycling Club, Belly Dancing, Multiple Sclerosis Aquatic Program, Yoga, Pilates, Non-Boot Camp for women, 1-on-1 Wellness, Adult Karate, and Hip Hop for Kids.

The SAFYMCA is located at 501 S. Mountain Ave. For more information and class schedules visit [www.ymcala.org/santaanita](http://www.ymcala.org/santaanita) or call (626) 359-9244.

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RICH Johnson    To Mosque or Not to Mosque



What is a shrine? Well, dictionaryDOTcom defines a shrine as, “any place or object hallowed by its history or associations.”

The Alamo is a shrine. You could certainly say that what we call “Ground Zero” is a shrine. In fact it is a shrine for the same tragic reason the Alamo is a shrine. The greatest Muslim shrine is called the “Masjid al-Haram,” which means “The Sacred Mosque.” It is in the city of Mecca which is in Saudi Arabia. All Muslims are required to pray five times a day in the direction of Mecca from wherever they are in the world. They are also encouraged to make at least one pilgrimage to the Holy City in their lifetime.

I have a thought: If we are going to put a Mosque two blocks away from our “Ground Zero” shrine let’s put a Christian Church two blocks away from their “Masjid al-Haram” Shrine in Mecca. What a wonderful mutual display of tolerance. The church could be Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, Baptist. We’ll even let the all the Muslims vote to choose the denomination.

What? We have a problem? We’re not permitted to build a Christian church in Mecca? Wow. And there’s more? You’re saying it would sit empty if built because non-muslims are NEVER permitted to enter the city of Mecca? Okay, how about just outside the city limits? Huh? You can’t build a Christian Church anywhere in Saudi Arabia? It’s illegal? What’s more, you’ll be deported if you’re found carrying a Bible.

And there is another valid concern many have about building a Mosque so close to Ground Zero. Mosques and other Muslim shrines have been lightening rods for acts of terror. And being so close to an American Shrine this Mosque might be considered a too-inviting target.

Hmmm. How should we decide what we should do? A fair question (in my estimation) in considering a decision is to ask how the world of Islam responded to the 911 bombings. How many Muslim leaders condemned the brutal acts of violence as opposed to Muslim leaders who said we deserved it? Check out this link: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactions\\_to\\_the\\_September\\_11\\_attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reactions_to_the_September_11_attacks)

Take a look at the link and make your own conclusions. I’ll make mine.

And now, let’s change gears and look at a helpful remedy for that recently laundered cell phone. The son of my associate James ran his cell phone (tucked away in his jeans) through the washer. Needless to say the cell phone no longer functioned as a cell phone. As father and son contemplated replacing the unit, someone came up with a helpful hint. Get this! They took the battery and sim card out of the phone, and buried all three pieces into a bowl of uncooked rice. (No, they didn’t swing it over their head.) Twenty-four hours later they put the phone back together and it worked!! Apparently the dry, uncooked rice drained all the moisture out of the electronics. I wonder if Martha Stewart came up with this? Or what would she do with the rice afterward?



Save The Internet! (<http://www.SaveTheInternet.com>) bills itself as “a coalition of more than a million people, non-profit businesses and bloggers who have banded together for the purpose of effective action in order to preserve Internet freedom. The coalition believes that the Internet is a crucial engine for economic growth, civic engagement and free speech.” The coalition is working together to urge Congress to preserve Net Neutrality, the First Amendment of the Internet, which ensures that the Internet remains open to new ideas, new voices and innovation.

Charter Members of the Save The Internet! Project include Free Press, the coalition coordinator, Professor Lawrence Lessig, Professor Timothy Wu, Craig Newmark of craigslist.org, MoveOn.org, ACLU, Center for Digital Democracy and hundreds of other prominent civil and consumer rights groups. The list is long and growing daily due the gravity of the situation that now faces proponents of a free and open Internet.

The website itself is designed and organized to educate the public on the issue of Net Neutrality and to give them tools and knowledge about how they can make their voices heard on this issue. News about late-breaking developments can be found on “The Blog” section of the website. Essays from regular contributors announce new developments in the efforts to further the cause of Net Neutrality and highlight new ideas for engaging the

Corporate powers that wish to change the open nature of the Internet. The “Videos” section is well stocked with a collection of video material highlighting the different actions members of the coalition are taking to support their cause in the battle for Net Neutrality. Of particular interest are the interviews of then US Senator Obama stating his support for net Neutrality. At the bottom of the page is a link to the Free Press YouTube channel for additional video material. The FAQ section is a concise primer on the main issue of Net Neutrality. The “Spread the Word” section of the website offers tool for getting the word out about this site and its focus on a more personal level. This page contains a form letter that can be copied, pasted and sent to personal mailing lists as well as an on-line petition available for signing. The Save the Internet! Project is aiming for the lofty goal of 2 million signers of its petition and as of this date they have secured slightly more than 1.9 million signatures. The “Tell Your Story” gives readers a chance to add their personal tales of how the issue of Net Neutrality affects their lives and what they’re currently doing to support their cause. The Save The Internet Project takes no money from corporate sponsors and only accepts donations from individual donors.



Ask jai.....

Ask jai is a weekly column that will strive to honestly answer your job search questions relating to job searching techniques, networking skills, resume writing and interviewing. The employment situation is getting better, however, it is still a challenge finding where the jobs are located and how to get pass the “gate-keepers”. As an Executive Recruiter I was privy to working directly with Corporate Recruiters and understanding their process in selecting which candidates to interview and hire. I will candidly answer your questions, possibly bluntly answering you questions, but I will be totally honest. My objective is to help you achieve your employment goal.

**Q:** I think one of my references is keeping me from getting hired. I am not sure who it is and I don't want to embarrass anyone. I get 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> round in-person interviews from employers. So, I assume they are really interested in hiring me. So, the last step is their request to check my references. Within the week, I usually receive a telephone call or e-mail saying that they have hired someone that they felt was more qualified. I really think that I am not getting a job because I have chosen the wrong people to be on my reference list. What should I do and who do I ask to be a reference? Suspicious

**Dear Suspicious:**

It could be your references that are not helping you get a job. Try asking the employers if you did not get the position because of a bad reference. However, they probably will not disclose that to you. It is very important to select the appropriate people to list as your references. You should choose at least three very outspoken and positive people to include on your reference list.

Start by asking and interviewing at least five or more people who you feel could testify about your skills, accomplishments and personality. Let the intended references know that you are job searching and asking them for a good recommendation. Find out what areas that they would feel comfortable speaking about you to employers. References can include current supervisors or co-workers as long as you feel that you have their confidentiality. Instructors, customers, former supervisors and co-workers, clergy and business executives are also great references. Some employers will even ask for a personal reference. Add to your reference list a close personal friend or family member. Your reference list should include the name, title, company, address, telephone number and e-mail. Tailor your reference list for every position and company. Choose at least three references from your list and submit them only upon request from the employer. Please note that you must include your references, if requested, when filling out Employment Application forms. A general rule of thumb is to never include your references when submitting your Resume and Cover letter. Please do not add “references upon request” to your resume! That will date you. Create a Reference List and submit it separately and only when requested by an employer.

Always let your references know which companies and positions that you have applied. Keep them posted and let them know when they should expect a call from that company and the name of the person. Send your resume to your references so that they become familiar with your work history, skills and accomplishments. It would also be very beneficial for you to give your references information about the position and employer. This type of information will help your references to appropriately tailor their responses and give you a great referral.

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By Peter Dills

Each week I reach into a bag of letters and pull an army of eyewitness experiences. A couple recent letters that placed me in my car were the Market Grill in Monrovia and the Sesame Grill in Arcadia. Both restaurants remind me of why I love food, and my readers.

This week’s letter comes from Tony of South Pasadena.

Dear Peter,

I read your article every Sunday Morning while I am taking a break from riding my bike up in Sierra Madre. I owe a friend a nice dinner and we both agreed on Prime Rib. Oh wise one, where can I get such a meal? (OK, I amended that last part.)

Beckham Grill serves a fighting good Prime Rib. And I have a few others that you can explore as well. But, let’s take a look at what Prime Rib is, besides the obvious, a very delicious slice of meat!

A standing rib roast is a cut of beef from the rib section, which is one of the eight primal cuts of beef. The entire rib section comprises ribs six through twelve of the animal; a standing rib roast can comprise anywhere from two to seven ribs. It is given the name “standing” because it is most often roasted in a standing position, that is, with the ribs stacked vertically and the vertebral processes on the bottom. An alternative is to cook with the rib bones on the bottom and the vertebral processes removed for easier carving. A standing rib roast, if sliced when uncooked, would yield a number of rib steaks. Rib eye steaks result from removing the bones and most of the fat and lesser muscles (tail).

The first place that comes to mind in the local area is **Houston’s** on Arroyo Parkway. I find that they operate on all cylinders and the combination of service and food is seldom surpassed. You didn’t ask about prices, but the Prime Rib will run you (\$30). My second suggestion is **The Barkley** in South Pasadena on Fremont and Huntington Dr. Yes, it’s the sunset crowd, but the Prime Rib is one of their featured items and will run you around (\$26) depending on the size of cut. Lastly, I recommend **Taylor’s** in La Canada. I had the opportunity to eat there last week and the cuts of beef are spectacular. The Prime Rib Dinner Cut will run you around (\$25.95).

Hope that helps, Tony!!!

Let me know what you decide. You can also listen to my radio show every Sunday afternoon at 5 PM on KABC Talk Radio 790 for more tips. Or email me at [thechefknows@yahoo.com](mailto:thechefknows@yahoo.com).

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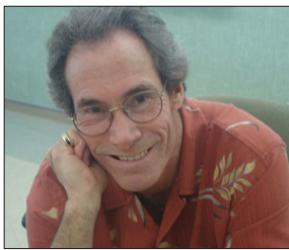
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## HAIL Hamilton



for a philanthropic organization called "California Police Youth Charities." Although I had given small amounts of money to the charity in the past, I told the caller that this year I wouldn't be contributing at all. Nor would I be contributing ever again.

You see, I've since learned that this particular charity, along with a number of others, is being sued by the California attorney general.

For more than a year **Atty. Gen. Jerry Brown** has been pursuing eight lawsuits filed May 29, 2009 against a dozen charities and their fundraisers, alleging they had used false claims to raise millions of dollars and then squandered the donations intended to help police, firefighters and veterans organizations. "These individuals shamelessly exploited the goodwill of decent citizens," Brown said in a statement when he filed the suits. "A shockingly small portion of donations went to those in need, while millions went to pay for aggressive telemarketing and bloated overhead."

The suits are part of the ongoing **Operation False Charity**, a nationwide crackdown on fraudulent charities, and are intended to stop the deceptive practices and recoup funds raised under false pretenses, according to Brown's statement. The attorney general is seeking the involuntary dissolution of eight of the charities.

Fifty-three individuals and 17 telemarketers, among them officers and fundraisers, also are being sued. The targeted charities include the **Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program**, the **American Assn. of Police Officers**, the **Police Protective Fund Inc.** and the **Junior Police Academy**, all based in Los Angeles.

The Sacramento-based **California Police Youth Charities**, along with five charities based in Orange County, one in San Mateo County and one in San Bernardino County, are also being sued. Many of the groups could not be reached for comment or did not return calls requesting responses to the charges, which revolve around deceit, fraud, tax evasion and the squandering of millions in donated funds.

Last year Chris Eaton, executive director

## My Turn Sham Charities Still Scamming

One evening last week I received a phone call from a guy soliciting donations

for California Police Youth Charities, expressed outrage over the Attorney General's allegations. "The allegations that we are fraudulent... it's absolutely untrue," Eaton said. "It's frustrating for us to be lumped in with these other groups. We help tens of thousands of at-risk kids in outreach programs. Nobody is getting rich here. Nobody's doing anything fraudulent."

Eaton said he was a 15-year law enforcement veteran in Southern California and several of his staff were active officers and veterans who volunteered their time. He said all have solid reputations.

The suit against the Law Enforcement Apprenticeship Program, for example, claims the group's directors and fundraisers falsely promised contributors that their financial gifts would be used to operate an apprenticeship program for at-risk youth. But no program ever operated and no students ever enrolled in it, the suit alleges.

Instead, donations were used to pay for fundraising expenses, the personal expenses of the charity's directors and the purchase of a 30-foot sailboat, according to the disclosed charges.

Among the charges in his suit against the California Police Youth Charities, Brown alleges that contributors were falsely promised that 100% of donations would go to support the charity's program to assist at-risk youth. But in reality less than 20% of the \$9 million raised in 2006 and 2007 was spent on charitable programs, the attorney general said.

The suit against the American Assn. of Police Officers, the Police Protective Fund and the Junior Police Academy charges that the groups underreported fundraising and administrative expenses to the IRS and the attorney general's office and overreported its expenditure on charitable programs.

Others named as defendants are **Association for Firefighters and Paramedics**, **Association for Police and Sheriffs, Inc.**, **Coalition of Police and Sheriffs**, **Disabled Firefighters Fund**, **American Veterans Relief Foundation**, **Washington, D.C.-based Homeless and Disabled Veterans**, and **its for-profit fundraiser, Atmost, Inc.**, and **San Bernardino-based California Organization of Police and Sheriffs**, **its directors, officers and its for-profit fundraisers — Civic Development Group, LLC and Rambret, Inc.**

## STUART Tolchin ..... On LIFE NICHE CONSTRUCTION



Ever wonder what is the point of life? We are all running around trying to do something or other but most of the time it's pretty difficult to identify what that

something or other is. Often what we are trying to do seems contradictory. For me, when I went to elementary school and all through high school, the thing I wanted most was to be normal. Just to be like everyone else was all I wanted except for one thing—I wanted to be certain that I was smarter than everyone else. Obviously, I never achieved either goal. Certainly I was never smarter than everyone else, but even more certainly I never achieved being normal.

The business of being smarter was something I could work on. I could study harder, or read more, or rationalize my errors as resulting from carelessness that had nothing to do with my underlying and undeniable smartness. For a long time I sort of fooled myself into thinking I really was smart, until one day I realized that the whole concept was nonsense. It hit me that there was a bunch of different kinds of intelligence that included a certain kind of emotional intelligence, which had nothing to do with academic smarts. Some people know how to get along with other people and actually know how to enjoy their life. They get invited to parties; people ask them to lunch and dinner. They belong to clubs and maintain strong relations with others. These same kinds of folk continually develop new interests and are good at the things they do. They even like taking lessons and profit from these lessons.

Well, let's face it folks. I am not one of these people with emotional intelligence. I rarely get invited to parties and generally have a miserable time when I do go. Every day I eat lunch alone and generally have my nose buried in a book. I do not make a lot of money and drive an eleven-year old car. I have a few close friends but I find myself always criticizing them and wonder if they really like me. Lessons make me feel self-conscious and inferior. Much as I would like to feel and be normal, I've never even come close. My sister says I pretend to be interesting just so people won't know how dull I really am. (I love this concept) The weird thing is, though, I'm generally pretty happy. I

love talking to strangers and waiting in long lines and getting to know people that I probably will never see again. I'm generally happy fitting things into categories and the categories don't even have to be interesting. I love thinking of famous people with consecutive initials. Mine are ST. I am actually proud that my name STU is the only name I can think of that is composed of three consecutive letters. Who cares? I do. Also I love spelling things backwards—MOORPARK is my favorite.

None of this seems very normal, to me but now I have learned that there is no "Normal". An issue of Ode Magazine contained an excerpt from the book "NEURODIVERSITY, Discovering the Extraordinary Gifts of Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, and Other Brain Differences" authored by Thomas Armstrong. The excerpt explains that really there are a whole bunch of different types of human brains with different types of abilities. Depending on the time and place a certain type of brain will be in harmony with what the culture at that particular time and place values. An example given is that for almost all of human history the ability to read was valueless and irrelevant. After the creation of written language this ability was crucial and those without that particular ability were seen as deficient and inferior and their other abilities were ignored. The excerpt also explains that being successful actually has an impact on the brain and makes future successes more likely.

Well, the point of the excerpt that I find really exciting is the revelation that "Success in life depends upon modifying your surrounding environment to fit the needs of your unique brain". This ongoing construction of a niche includes career and lifestyle choices. Positive niche construction modifies the brain, which in turn enhances its ability to adapt to the environment. Do you get the significance of this? No more trying to fit in and always feeling like an outsider. The point of life is to find or construct a space that fits you ---and the better you get at doing this the easier life gets!!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT. (I'm using new and creative punctuation and capitalization because I think this fits my real needs) I have spent nineteen dollars and now own the book which sits unopened right next to me. Now if I can only construct a niche that gives me time to actually read the book.

# Left Turn/Right Turn

## HOWARD Hays



### As I See It

I addressed the subject in my last column. It's been Greg's topic for the past two weeks. Most every talking-head-pundit has been obsessing about it for almost a month. But the real question is: Why are we fretting about this NYC "mosque", anyway? It's one of those things nobody was concerned about until everyone in the media started telling us the American people are concerned about it.

This isn't about a mosque, but a proposed Islamic cultural center with prayer rooms, basketball court and (here's the important part) culinary kitchen. In conducting research for this column, I found that a focal point in Big Apple mosques is the food. For the Masjid Al-Hikmah mosque on 31st Avenue in Queens, one participant offered, "Imagine being invited to an Indonesian potluck, where everything is homemade by cute little hijab-covered Indonesian women." Another concluded, "... get the dessert items! They're great!"

There's concern about the Islamic Society of Mid Manhattan on East 55th Street; "This is the place I go for Friday Prayers (from time to time). It's nice and convenient since it's close to my office, but they need some serious help with cleanliness."

For the Islamic Center at New York University in West Village, the on-line reviewer offers, "Hosts numerous events & classes throughout the week in addition to the normal Friday Jummah service. Very comfortable and inviting environment where everyone gets along really well."

Among the two-dozen-or-so NYC mosques, the biggie is the Islamic Cultural Center of New York on Third Avenue between East 96th and 97th Streets. Although its initial leaders disgraced themselves with anti-Semitism, its current activities include dialogues between prominent imams and rabbis.

What does this mean with the advent of another Islamic center, proposed for the site of an old Burlington coat factory? Following recent coverage, you'd think it's a proclamation of victory for the jihadists behind 9/11, or another step towards imposition of Sharia law over America, or, as Greg warned last week, nothing less than a battle in the apocalyptic "Clash of Civilizations" (now playing in IMAX 3-D).

Here's the real low-down: Republicans don't see "More tax breaks for millionaires" or "Vote for those who got us into this mess" as effective campaign slogans for the 2010 mid-terms. They'd rather go with, "The Muslims are comin' to getcha!" It's not the first time stoking fear and hatred towards an ethnic or religious group has been used as a political tactic.

In mid-nineteenth century NYC, political bosses maintained power by manipulating the gang war between Protestants and more recent arrivals, primarily Irish Catholics. Republican operatives for Herbert Hoover in 1928 and Richard Nixon in 1960 conducted whisper campaigns asking to whom their opponents, Al Smith and John Kennedy, respectively, would owe their allegiance - to the American people or the Pope?

In the 1930s there were efforts to unearth Jewish ancestry for Franklin Roosevelt. "Bolshevik Jews" in his administration imposed a "Communist New Deal", while Jewish bankers brought us the Great Depression and took us to war against peace-loving Germany and Japan. In 1938 Father Charles Coughlin, the Glenn Beck of the era, had two thousand marchers in the streets of New York City protesting a proposed asylum law that would allow more Jewish refugees into the country.

In the wake of passage of civil rights legislation in the mid-1960s, Republicans developed their "Southern Strategy"; warning southerners that northern liberal elites threatened to take away their cherished traditions - like institutionalized racial segregation.

When deficits soared under Ronald Reagan, the culprit wasn't a ballooning defense budget or tax cuts for the wealthiest, but instead that apocryphal "Welfare queen" who drove her Cadillac to pick up the assistance check. Nobody had to identify her race, nor was race mentioned in a 1990 TV ad for Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC): "You needed that job, and you were the best qualified. But they had to give it to a minority..."

Crime rates are down in Arizona, and border enforcement and deportations are up compared to what they were under President Bush, but Gov. Jan Brewer (R-AZ) coasted to a primary victory amid stories of decapitated corpses in the Arizona desert and Phoenix becoming a "kidnap capital". She also asserted their recent immigration law has nothing to do with race; a statement as true as those other stories.

In a recent news account on the thievery of Bell city officials, a resident was asked why she and others hadn't paid more attention to what was happening. She replied that although that's the way things were in the country she emigrated from, she thought here in America it would be different. In New York City, a Muslim resident was asked how she felt about the persecution of a minority religion. She replied that although that's the way things were in the country she emigrated from, she thought here in America it would be different.

Rep. Peter King (R-NY) said Republicans shouldn't lay out an agenda, because it could become a "campaign issue". The two Republican senators from Texas, John Cornyn and Jeff Sessions, said on MEET THE PRESS that Americans knew "what Republicans stand for", but didn't know themselves, as frustrated host David Gregory was unable to elicit a single specific policy proposal from them. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) says Republicans know what they'll do, but won't tell anybody until "late September".

In the meantime, Republicans are exploiting what Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) characterizes as "all about hate and Islamophobia". They're campaigning on fear and ignorance.

A recent Pew research poll found 1 in 5 Americans think President Obama is a Muslim, while 1 in 3 Republicans do - an increase from a year ago. As I see it, the correct answer for an American to the question, "Is he a Muslim?" is not simply, "No, he's not," but rather, "No, he's not. But if he was, so what?"

## Clarifying the Election (Part 2)

Too many Republicans are too confident that the up-coming mid-term election will hand them a substantial victory. In a sense, they are already dancing on the President's political grave, receiving some weird encouragement along the way from the president's own press secretary, who admitted in a public interview that the Democrats might lose the House. I would caution Republicans that winning the mid-term elections isn't the same as winning in the market place of ideas. In short, don't underestimate President Obama.

President Obama has already achieved a certain historic stature for his Presidency. Getting Obamacare passed secured that for him. The bill has fundamentally changed 1/6th of the U.S. economy and put us on the road to national healthcare. Changing that direction will take more than just winning a mid-term election. If nothing else is passed, Obamacare will roll into existence along the multi-year timeline contained in the bill. More taxes, more control over healthcare decisions given to the Feds and lower quality healthcare are our future. As Democratic Senator, Max Baucus, pointed out in a moment of uncharacteristic honesty for a politician, this bill has begun one of the largest transfers of wealth in U.S. history. That is a significant political accomplishment.

President Obama's second major accomplishment has been the financial reform bill, which just passed. It may or may not actually prevent financial meltdowns in the future - given the history of most government "fixes", I wouldn't bet that it's going to be of much help in this area. But the bill has given to the federal government unprecedented power in the financial industry. It's not just the major banks and brokers which are affected; this bill's 2,300+ pages will ultimately affect detailed transactions at storefront cash registers all across America.

Third, this president was able to win an election based on criticisms of the financial profligacy of the previous administration and then turn around inside of 365 days to push through the largest federal budget and deficit in our country's history. Included in this \$1.6 trillion deficit package is a fundamental restructuring of the way budgeting works. Obama's great genius was in specifically increasing the amounts that go to entitlement programs which are on autopilot. These are considered non-discretionary in the sense that Congress doesn't ever have to vote on the expenditures again. As a result, we are quickly coming to the place where there just won't be enough money in the discretionary parts of the budget (the parts the Congress has to vote on each year) to eliminate the budget. Cutting expenses won't work. Unless the entitlements are taken away, we will be forced to impose new taxes.

President Obama has certainly made a lot of enemies in his short months in office. He suffers the lowest approval rating of any President since we started keeping track of approval ratings, and if there were a general election now, I don't think he'd have a prayer of winning. But that's exactly the problem. Obama doesn't have an election now, this year or even next. Members of his

## GREG Welborn



Democratic party in the House and Senate have an election, and many of them will be forced by the voters to fall on the sword because of what Obama has done.

Sadly, for them, it's clear from the actions of this administration that Democrats in the House and Senate were always considered expendable.

If Republicans simply look at winning one or both houses this November as success, or as some sort of repudiation of Obama, they will be committing a fatal flaw. Simply winning and becoming leaders in the old Washington power structure again won't please any of the voters. It won't be what they were elected to do. No, Republicans had better come up with a coherent alternative to the President's vision for America, articulate it consistently and broadly, and then take concrete steps to implement their vision. If they go back to the old "go along to get along" mentality which stalks most politicians, and which was in ample evidence among the last group of Republican leaders, President Obama will be able to take a page out of Clinton's playbook and simply "triangulate" his way to victory with the rest of his agenda.

Make no mistake about it; this president is not finished with his agenda. He needs to cement his 3 early victories, insulating them from future dismantling, and he will push forward agenda items in the energy industry, with environmental taxes, with taking over college education and in granting some measure of permanent amnesty to illegal aliens in this country. Republicans can't afford to win in November 2010 and wait to win again in November 2012. Republicans had better take this man seriously and see a victory this election year as simply the beginning of the battle to take this country back to the principals on which it was founded.

Republicans can't simply be the party of "no" or allow themselves to be portrayed that way in the media. That's what the administration will inevitably try to do, and Republicans must be on guard against it. The best way to do that is to put forth concrete ideas and proposals to move us back toward the prosperity and freedoms we once enjoyed, and allow the administration to rightly be seen as the one saying "no".

Republicans can't be afraid to pass legislation, send it to the president for signature and then have him veto it. Let this president be the one who stands in the way of what 70% of Americans want. The pressure to go along with some sort of "compromise" or "bipartisan" approach will be overwhelming, but it must be resisted.

IF Republicans win in November, it will be because they have articulated a better vision for America than the one presented by Obama. This president is committed to his agenda. His place in history is already assured, and he'll therefore have no qualms about being a one-term president. Republicans had better be willing to commit themselves to their agenda or they may yet see President Obama hanging around in a second term.



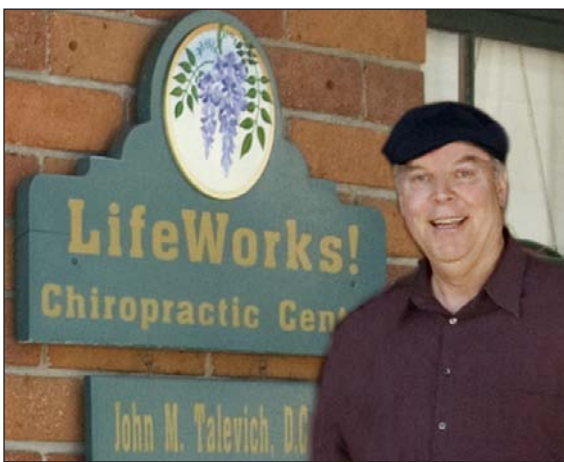




## YOUR HEALTH MATTERS

### Today's Subject:

# Cortisol & The Mt. Wilson Trail Race



Dr. John Talevich, D.C. has practiced in Sierra Madre for thirty years. His clinic, LifeWorks! Chiropractic, offers patient-specific approaches to the alleviation of pain and individually tailored wellness programs.

All who have either run, or supported someone who has run, the Mount Wilson Trail Race know what an exciting, heroic, life-altering experience it is. Many marathoners say that it is more challenging than a 26.2 mile event. In light of all these positives, is it possible that running the trail may cause more harm than good?

While watching the runners come down Baldwin toward the finish line at Kersting Court, you may have wondered at the variety of shapes and sizes in those running shoes. From young kids to seniors, they have found their way to the top and back down again. You may have even thought, "I'm going to do that next year! If they can do it, I know I can!" The narcotic effect of the crowd, the cool morning air, and the look of triumph on the faces of the participants can inspire one. So, what's not to like?

*Cortisol ~ The Good and The Bad*

The rush of cortisol (adrenaline) prior to, during, and following the race is essential to the ability to run up the side of a mountain. As the adrenaline levels rise, the metabolism moves from "conservative" states to "fight/flight" states. This shift allows the body to operate at a heightened level. While we are in this state, there is an increase in the concentration of metabolic waste. As these wastes circulate through the system in the form of free radicals, inflammation with cell damage can occur. The presence of these radicals may remain in the system for days, even weeks, after the race. Because of this stress process, the race (on a purely metabolic level) may have cost the body more than it gave. Other aspects of the race, such as the elation of accomplishment, may offset the stress somewhat.

*What to Do About It*

I know, I know. This is no fun. But think about this: just because you can run the race doesn't mean you should. Without proper training, it amounts to taking your body out for a swift beating. So, here are some considerations:

Train year round. Starting in January may be too steep a climb for many!  
Find a partner or a group who will be more inclined to cooperate than compete in your training.  
Get your cortisol levels checked; there are simple saliva tests that measure these levels.  
Do the race just for the fun of it!  
Use supplements to decrease oxidation and inflammation. Health care practitioners can help you with this.  
Get the right shoes ~ don't change them right before the race.  
Get your body worked on by your favorite body worker. Take care of the ass that bears you.

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## SENIOR HAPPENINGS

### FYI:

**SIERRA MADRE SENIOR EVENTS**

### STAYING COOL

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to drink plenty of water, where loose clothing and visit us at the Hart Park House / Senior Center. The center is air conditioned and open Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm & Fridays 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Come for lunch, use the computer, just relax & read, play Bingo or cards, learn about Wii bowling, work on a puzzle and more. For additional activity information or hours of operation, please contact the senior desk at 355-7394.

### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

***August 19th*** - Sam Maloof House & Gardens Tour (Alta Loma, CA) with lunch before at Walter's Restaurant in Claremont; \$15 per person for tour & transportation. You will need to bring additional cash for lunch (entrees run \$10-\$15). This excursion is limited to the first 12 people to register in person or online at [www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com/online-registration).

***September 16th*** - Long Beach Aquarium & lunch on the Queen Mary. More information on the September trip will be available in the next newsletter or later this month by calling the Senior Services Desk at (626) 355-7394.



### Pasadena Highlands & Accredited Sponsor Bingo Prize

Pasadena Highlands, an independent and assisted living community, is proud to provide a special gift basket on the first Tuesday of each month. Accredited In-Home nursing care will provide a special prize on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Bingo takes place every Tuesday at 1:30 pm in the Hart Park House / Senior Center in Memorial Park. The game begins at 1:30 pm but those wishing to play must arrive 10 minutes before to secure your Bingo cards. Join us on the 1st & 4th Tuesday of each month for your chance to win these special prizes.

### Meals-On-Wheels



Meals are delivered to home-bound seniors by volunteer drivers through the YWCA Intervale Lunch Program M-F (with frozen meals for the weekend.) Call the YWCA at (626) 214-9460 or Darlene Traxler at (626) 355-0256 for more information.

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Please contact Darlene Traxler at 626.355.6220 or (626) 355-0256.

### Recipe of the Week:

### SMOOTHIES

### APPLE CARROT QUENCHER

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups carrot juice  
1/2 cups apple juice  
6 ounces non-fat vanilla or plain yogurt, frozen  
1 banana

#### DIRECTIONS:

Put all ingredients into blender. Blend until smoothie consistency is reached

### APPLE PIE SMOOTHIE

#### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups vanilla low-fat ice cream  
1 cup unsweetened applesauce  
1/4 teaspoons ground cinnamon or apple pie spice  
1 cup fat free skim or 1% low fat milk  
Ground cinnamon (optional)

#### DIRECTIONS:

In a blender container combine low-fat ice cream, applesauce, and the cinnamon or apple pie spice. Cover and blend until smooth. Add 1% low fat milk. Cover and blend until just mixed. Pour into glasses. If desired, sprinkle each serving with additional cinnamon. Serve immediately.

### August Birthdays



Karlene Englert, Juanita Fernandez, Joseph Kiss, Patricia Miranda, Margaret Aroyan, Phyllis Bugh, Phyllis Chapman, Beverly Clifton, Mary Kay Gifford, Rosemary Morabito, Mary J. Perry, Marjorie Peterson, Susan Poulsen, Dorothy Quentmeyer, Genevieve Stubbs, Wilhelmina "Miep" Tulleners

### Activities:

*Unless listed differently, all activities are at the Hart Memorial Park (Senior Center) 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre*

**Lunch Program:** Monday-Friday at the Intervale Café -12:00 Noon-Call (626) 355-0256 to make your daily reservation. Suggested donation \$2.00 for seniors (60+) and \$3.75 for visitors. MENU BELOW

#### Monday:

1:00 pm to 1:45 pm: Strength training with Lisa Brandley. FREE class of stretching with light hand weights while you sit.

#### Tuesday:

2nd Tuesday of each month FREE blood pressure checks by Methodist Hospital; 11 am to 12 noon 3rd Tuesday of each month FREE financial consulting; 10 -12 noon call 355-7394 for an appointment 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: BINGO; cards are only 25 cents each so stop by & play 5:30 pm to 7 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

#### Wednesday:

11 -11:45 am: Balance

Class with Teryl. FREE class designed to improve balance & refresh the joints 2nd Wednesday of the month: FREE Legal Consultations: 10-11:30 am. Appointments call 355-7394

Wii Wednesday - 1:00 pm or call the senior desk at 355-7394 to arrange another time & day to learn how to play. No previous experience or skills required and it is great exercise.

#### Thursday:

1:00 to 3:30 pm: Game Day. Join us for UNO and Poker with Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays; so please call for more information. 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: Yoga; \$7.00 - 50 & over. Please call 355-5278 for more information

#### Friday:

1:00 pm: Ping Pong

#### Saturday:

11:30 am: Senior Club brown bag lunch and BINGO at 12:30 pm

### Dial - a - Ride Tickets

*Tickets can now be purchased at:*  
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## SIERRA MADRE'S FARMERS MARKET

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A BIT OF HISTORY LEAVES THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

Documents signed by Hitler Deposited at The Huntington in 1945 by Gen. George S. Patton Jr. Go To Washington

SAN MARINO, Calif.—The Nuremberg Laws bearing Hitler's signature, deposited at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in 1945 by Gen. George S. Patton Jr., will be transferred to and permanently placed in the National Archives in Washington, D.C., according to Steven S. Koblik, Huntington president. The decision was made at the June meeting of The Huntington's Board of Trustees and following conversations between the archivist of the United States, David S. Ferriero, and the director of The Huntington Library, David Zeidberg. "The National Archives is the appropriate permanent home for this material," said Koblik. "The Archives is the repository for an abundance of U.S. Army records from World War II, including those related to war crimes. These documents comprise an extremely important part of that narrative."

The original four-page typewritten documents (there are two sets at The Huntington), signed by Hitler and dated Sept. 15, 1935, are the only ones known to exist in the United States. The transfer of both sets to the National Archives takes place immediately. Gen. Patton brought the documents home with him to San Marino, Calif., at the close of the war. He deposited them in June 1945 at The Huntington, an institution with close personal ties to the Patton family. (Patton's father owned the property next door.) Shortly thereafter, Patton returned to Europe; he died there in a car accident in December. Patton left no instructions for how he wanted the documents treated. Given the circumstances—that they were not expressly gifted to The Huntington—the documents were never formally accessioned into the collections. In the months before his death, Patton had sent U.S. Army material related to his war experience to The Huntington, as well as a handful of other captured Nazi items. Patton also presented the institution with a confiscated deluxe edition of *Mein Kampf*. In the late 1990s, the Skirball Cultural Center opened in Los Angeles, dedicated to exploring and presenting Jewish culture and heritage. Following a tour of that new institution, then-Huntington president Robert Skotheim determined, along with Skirball president Uri Herscher, that the Skirball offered the most appropriate venue



documents to them. Once conversations ensued between the two institutions, staff at the National Archives located 1944 and 1945 SHAEF (Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force) policy directives issued by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower indicating that captured Nazi Party and German government documents be held for administrative, intelligence, and war crimes trial uses. Since 1947, the Nazi Party and German government records that were used as evidence at the Nuremberg and subsequent trials have resided at the National Archives. Ferriero agreed: The Nuremberg Laws belonged there. "Had Gen. Patton not taken the copies of the Nuremberg Laws back to California, undoubtedly they would have been used as evidence at the International Military Tribunal at Nuremberg and been accessioned by the National Archives with the other IMT records," said Ferriero. "We are very grateful that the Huntington Library is now providing these historically important documents to the National Archives, where they will join other original documents relating to horrors of the Third Reich." The Nuremberg Laws set in motion a legal process that would eventually lead to the systematic extermination of more than 6 million Jews in Europe. The laws comprise three decrees: "Law for the Safeguard of German Blood and German Honor," prohibiting marriage, cohabitation, and relations between "Aryans" and Jews; "The Reichs Citizen Law," defining a citizen of the German Reich as "of German . . . blood"; and "The Reichs Flag Law," defining the flag of the Nazi state. "What my predecessor did was courageous," said Koblik. "He set in motion a process that would bring these documents to light and put them in proper historical context. We are proud to have stewarded and safeguarded them for 65 years. This next step—of moving them to Washington—completes the process, placing them in the nation's most important historical repository."

About The Huntington

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens is a collections-based research and educational institution serving scholars and the general public. More information about The Huntington can be found online at [www.huntington.org](http://www.huntington.org).

The Nuremberg Laws in German (above) and the English translation (below) Images courtesy Huntington Library

for the temporary display of the Nuremberg Laws. Those documents and *Mein Kampf* were loaned to the Skirball in 1999 and put on public view; in late 2009, the Nuremberg Laws were removed from display for conservation analysis; the copy of *Mein Kampf* is still on display there. "Taking them off exhibition gave us a new opportunity to revisit the question of a permanent home," said Zeidberg. "The Huntington had acted as a longtime caretaker, providing safekeeping, but given the national and, indeed, international significance of these historical documents, we felt it appropriate to examine the issue of whether this was the right place to keep them in permanent residency." Staff and members of The Huntington's Board of Trustees concluded that it made sense to explore the prospect with the National Archives of transferring permanent custody of the

TRANSLATION:

15 September 1935

THE REICHS FLAG LAW

The Reichstag has unanimously decided the following law which is herewith made public:

Paragraph 1.

The colors of the Reich are black, white, red.

Paragraph 2.

The Reichs and National Flag is the Swastika Flag. It is at the same time the merchant flag.

Paragraph 3.

The Fuhrer and Reichskanzler orders the form of the Reichs wall flag and the Reichs service flag.

Paragraph 4.

The Secretary of the Interior will together with the Secretary of War issue the necessary law and administration ordinances.

Paragraph 5.

This law is valid at its day of publication.

Nurnberg, 15 September 1935.  
Reichsparteitag der Freiheit.

Der Fuhrer und Reichskanzler  
/s/ Adolf Hitler

Der Reichsminister des Innern.  
/s/ Frick

Der Reichskriegsminister und Oberbefehlshaber der Wehrmacht  
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Homes & Property 11

Mountain Views News Saturday, August 28, 2010

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The painful truth: Sellers who do not price their property competitively are the most likely targets of lowball offers. In soft markets, buyers are more prone to make low offers on listings seen to be priced too high. Listings that don't sell usually require price reductions, which in turn often mean ultimately accepting an offer lower than you could have received by pricing aggressively from Day One.

Since selling your home can be such an emotional and subjective experience, it's easy to understand why you'd be reluctant to counter an offer below your asking price. But rather than feel insulted, try to see it as the beginning of a dialogue that could ultimately produce a sale.

If you feel any of the terms or conditions of the offer are unacceptable, ask your agent to present a counter-offer. Sometimes buyers and sellers don't really know beforehand what price they'll accept until they've begun the negotiations. For example, a buyer might agree to a higher price than planned if interest rates suddenly drop.

If you've received a lower than expected offer, but the buyers have proven their qualifications and commitment by securing loan pre-approval, you have grounds for serious consideration. The process of counter-offering can be swiftly settled or carry on ad nauseam. Be prepared to explore all options and act quickly before letting your negotiations fail.

Luther Tsinoglou has just been named the top producing sales agent in Dickson Podley Realtor's Sierra Madre office for 2009, making the top 10% at the company overall. Luther has been licensed and practicing real estate since 1992. He specializes in residential and income property in Southern California. Luther can be reached at his direct line (626) 695-8650 or at [luther@tsinoglou.com](mailto:luther@tsinoglou.com).

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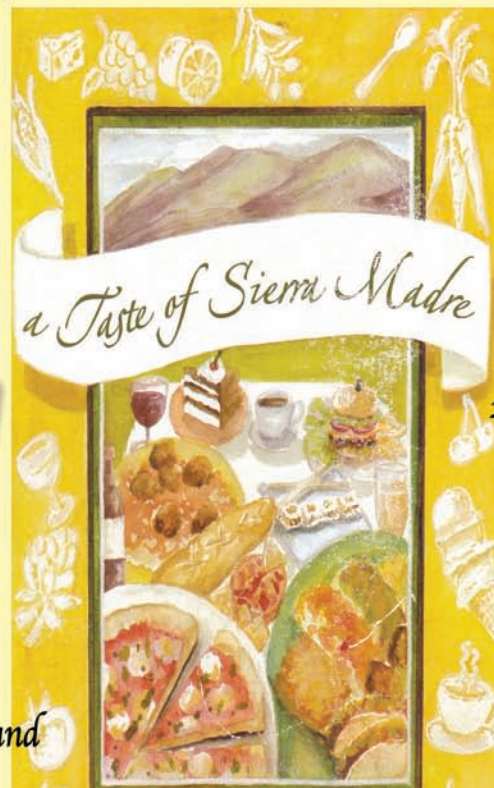
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