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NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS



Planned Parenthood Community Engagement Manager Juanita Salas speaks about the importance of college and the power of being a community leader to Girl Scouts during the Imperial Valley Summer College Summit on Thursday morning at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus in Calexico. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTO

Summit seeks to empower, motivate Valley Girl Scouts

BY KARINA LOPEZ | Staff Writer

CALEXICO — For Juanita Salas, the opportunity to be the keynote speaker at the Imperial Valley Summer College Summit was truly an honor. "I love doing this," Salas said. "This is a mission I am very passionate about."

The purpose of the summit was to bring college awareness to high school girls and create the next generation of leaders in the Imperial Valley.

"I learned a lot," said Alexia Pacheco, a 16-year-old senior at

Imperial High School. "It really helped me think of college and all the deadlines I'll need to stay on top of."

The program is the first of its kind and was funded with the help of Wells Fargo, California Student Opportunity and Access Program, El Centro Rotary and the Imperial Valley Community Foundation.

For four days, about 10 Girl Scouts participated in activities and heard from various Valley women like Salas at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus.

"I reached out to SDSU because I thought it would be a great place for the girls to learn more about college," said Karla Flores, the Girl Scouts' program manager.

Salas was part of a five-women panel, which included a professor, a doctor and a college student who spoke to the Girl Scouts and answered their questions.

"We wanted women from all walks of life and from different careers," Flores said.

Salas, who previously was Congressman Bob Filner's community representative, is now the founding community engagement manager of Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest in Imperial County.

In her speech, Salas encouraged the young audience members to become a leader in their community.

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Planned Parenthood Community Engagement Manager Juanita Salas presents Brenda Favela with a College Summit Series Program certificate of completion during the Imperial Valley Summer College Summit on Thursday morning at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus in Calexico. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTO



Salas presents Xitlalitl Gomez with a College Summit Series Program certificate of completion during the Imperial Valley Summer College Summit on Thursday morning at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley campus in Calexico. FERNANDO ACOSTA JR. PHOTO

OFFICER-INVOLVED

Death is still being probed

Died from "multiple gunshot wounds"

BY CELESTE ALVAREZ
Staff Writer

BRAWLEY — The autopsy for the alleged burglar who was killed after he reportedly traded gunfire with Brawley police officers Sunday night was completed this week, but few details are being released.

Although the official ruling on 47-year-old Ralph Robles' manner of death is still pending further investigation from the District Attorney's Office, the cause of death was said to have been by "multiple gunshot wounds," according to the Deputy Coroner Rodolfo Barron.

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NEW CAREER PATH

Air Force is seeking pilots for drones

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Becoming a fighter pilot is still a hotly coveted goal at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo. But slowly, a culture change is taking hold.

Initially snubbed as second-class pilot-wannabes, the airmen who remotely control America's arsenal of lethal drones are gaining stature and securing a permanent place in the Air Force.

Drawn to the flashy drone strikes that have taken out terrorists including al-Qaida leader Anwar al-Awlaki in Yemen to the terror group's No. 2 strongman Abu Yahya al-Libi in Pakistan, airmen are beginning to target unmanned aircraft as their career of choice.

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'Toddzilla' rolls through Imperial Valley

BY CHELCEY ADAMI
Staff Writer

BRAWLEY — A Georgia man and his son are crossing through the Valley this week as they wrap up their cross-country adventure completed entirely either on foot or bicycle.

Todd Gouge, 42, and his son Colin Gouge, 21, left Georgia on foot Jan. 16, dubbing the journey

"Toddzilla Walks."

Todd, weighing 435 pounds when he began, and Colin, weighing 300 pounds when he started, only walked four to five miles a day in the beginning, later working up to 15 miles a day.

By the time the pair reached Weatherford, Texas, they decided to continue their journey on bicycle, going an average of 30 miles a day.

They hope to reach Mission Beach within a week.

"We started with a foot in the ocean and will end with a foot in the ocean," Todd said.

The pair had trouble finding work in Georgia and felt that they needed an overall shift in their lives. It's a quest of the spirit, mind and body, they said.

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FROM LEFT: Colin and Todd Gouge have been traveling across the country by both walking and biking and stopped in the Valley on Tuesday evening on their way to San Diego. CHELCEY ADAMI PHOTO