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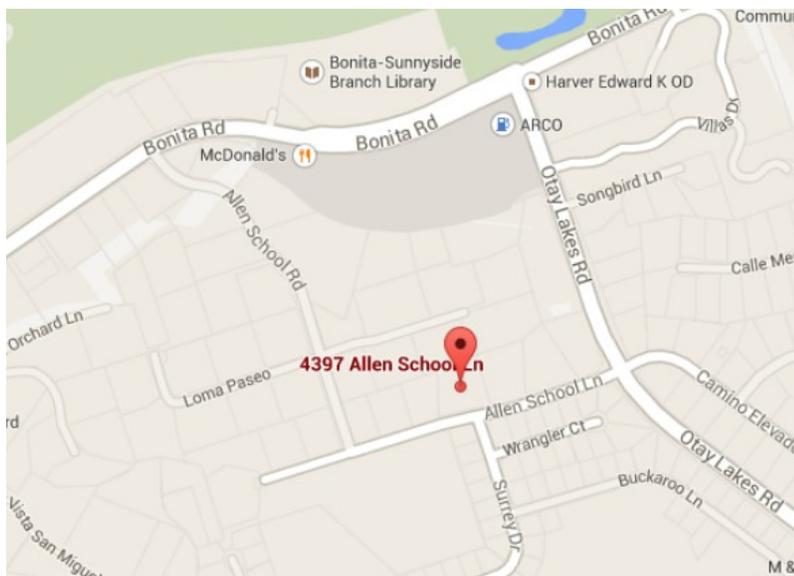
SATURDAY, June 27th ANNUAL PICNIC

from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At Home of Gary and Wanda Brock (4397 Allen School Lane, Bonita)

Attendance is free but we ask that you bring a dish as a potluck item and a \$5 donation to cover cost of hotdogs, brats, fixings, plates and beverages furnished by the society. Please contact Jo Ann Bonner (jabonner13@gmail.com, 421-3628) or Ana Castro (crcastro@cox.net, 781-8441) to coordinate your potluck contribution.

The theme will be "**Coming To America - Immigrant Stories**" and will include a large display board with a timeline where you can place a profile form (supplied) of an ancestor to show their place in time. A display table will also be available for you to show family artifacts. Attendees may present their material with explanations and stories.



Parking will be available on the property with assistants to help you park. No need to park on the street. Golf cart service will be available to transport you and your belongings to and from the parking area if needed. Tacoma, the retired racehorse, will make an appearance so bring your carrots and/or apples and you'll be his friend for life. In support of the Salvation Army's year-round toy drive, members might also consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to donate.

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President's Message – by Virginia Taylor



As I write this I am only three days away from going to Jamboree 2015 in Burbank. This is a conference I look forward to almost every year. There have been a few years that, due to circumstances beyond my control, I had to miss. The years I didn't go the year just did not feel complete.

Jamboree is a time to make new friends, shop in the exhibit hall, renew old friendships, shop, attend sessions on a variety of subjects, shop, take your chances on the many, many door prizes, and did I mention shopping.

It is just a fun and educational week-end. I encourage all of you to attend at least one Jamboree and/or another genealogy conference. Considering you don't have to get on an airplane Jamboree is fairly inexpensive. Think about it for next year.

Don't forget our annual picnic is coming up June 27 at the home of Gary and Wanda Brock. You need to contact JoAnn Bonner (jabonner13@gmail.com, 421-3628) or Ana Castro (crcastro@cox.net, 781-8441) with what dish you plan to bring to share with everyone. Since we are featuring our immigrant ancestors it will be nice if you can bring an ethnic dish from your family. Also remember we are collecting new toys for Salvation Army. They are always in need of toys, not just at Christmas time. We will also be collecting \$5.00 for each person to help pay for the hot dogs, brats, hamburgers, buns and anything else the society will need to buy.

We gave out two scholarships again this year. They went to Ailed Robles a \$500.00 scholarship and \$250.00 to Tiffany Tamayo. They are both seniors at Chula Vista High School. Jane Strawn and I made the presentations last Thursday. Both girls were very happy to receive them. Our scholarships are funded by our annual paid seminar and donations.

Who's Due to Pay Dues?

Now that we are using the Wild Apricot service for our website, the program will keep track of our due renewal dates automatically. For example, if you paid your 2015 dues on December 12, 2014, you will get an email on or near December 12, 2015 reminding you to pay your dues. Be on the lookout for these reminders.

If you are curious about when your dues will be due, just fire an email to me (Karen Smith) at freelady72000@me.com and I will give you the date.

Stay up-to-date on CVGS Activities

Visit the CVGS Website: <http://www.CVGenealogy.org>

Visit the Chula Vista Genealogy Cafe blog: <http://CVGenCafe.blogspot.com>

The Board Meeting and Program Meeting minutes are now posted on the CVGS website. Check them out at <http://www.CVGenealogy.org> on the Resources tab.

July 11th Saturday Workshop

The Saturday, July 11th Workshop at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) is in the Community Room from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop will be on “**Brick Wall Solutions**,” presented by CVGS members to assist members and community guests in need of assistance. A Brick Wall is when you are stopped and need to break the Brick Wall down.

Next Computer Group Meeting – June 17th 2015

The next Computer Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 in the Computer Lab at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library (365 F Street in downtown Chula Vista, Calif.). Shirley Becker will lead this group and will visit some free genealogical resources.

Lemon Grove Research Group News

The Lemon Grove Research Group now meets once a month at the Lemon Grove Branch Library (location is 3001 School Lane in Lemon Grove) from 6 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. Contact Susi Pentico (619-690-1188, SusiCP@cox.net) for more details. All are invited to attend. Beginners are welcome! Upcoming programs include:

- **Wednesday, June 17, 6 to 8 p.m.:** Program will be “**Brick Wall Solutions**” by CVGS members.

Save the Date: Saturday, November 7 for CVGS Seminar

The CVGS Fall Seminar will be on Saturday, 7 November at the Bonita Golf Course from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a catered lunch. Please keep this date open. The seminar planning is in the final stages and we hope you will really like the event. The speakers, topics and registration fee will be set soon.

Please Note: Chula Vista Auditorium Closed May Through September

The Auditorium at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library will be refurbished between May and September. Therefore, the July 29th and August 26th General Meetings will be held at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road) starting at 12:30 p.m.

Ancestry.com Announces New Website Design

The [Ancestry.com blog](#) posted "[Announcing the New Ancestry Website](#)" recently (see the introductory video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o64ANeaQ8mA>) and "[Ancestry LifeStory: The Life Lived in the Dash.](#)" These two posts introduce the new Ancestry.com website, and the main new feature, the “LifeStory” to all US-based users. In the “LifeStory,” historical events are woven into the vital record events for the person profile.

Ancestry noted that the rest of the world will be able to experience it in the coming months. The previous website design will disappear in several months.

Randy reviewed the new LifeStory and the redesigned Ancestry.com website in <http://www.geneamusings.com/2015/06/the-new-ancestry-experience-is-active.html> on 2 June 2015.

Do You Ever Wonder Who Else Might Be Researching Your Ancestor?

I think that we all have that question in our heads - and this one: "If there are other genealogists who are researching this ancestor, why haven't they contacted me?" But then I realize, "You know, I haven't tried to find them either!"

I decided to see how many other persons have researched my 4th great-grandfather, Humphrey White (1757-1814), whom I profiled in my post [52 Ancestors in 52 Weeks - Week 73: #88 Humphrey White \(1757-1814\)](#) (posted 22 May 2015). If someone Googled [[Humphrey White Gloucester](#)], they would likely see several of my family tree and blog post contributions to the online genealogy library. After using the Google results, I also looked at:

1) **Geni.com** (<http://www.geni.com>) - the Humphrey White profile in this collaborative tree is managed by three persons, myself and two others.

2) **WikiTree** (<http://www.wikitree.com>) - the Humphrey White profile in this collaborative tree is managed by myself, and no one has asked to be on the Trusted List.

3) **MyHeritage Trees** (<http://www.myheritage.com>) - the Humphrey White profile in my tree has 17 Smart Matches - 10 other persons have him in their tree (there are some folks with more than one duplicate tree). All of them seem to have essentially the same information about birth, death, marriage, spouse, parents, children. I have confirmed all 17 matches, but only one other person has confirmed the match with me.

4) **Ancestry.com** (<http://www.ancestry.com>) - There are 129 Public Ancestry Member Trees (including mine) and 21 Private Ancestry Member Trees with a Humphrey White (1758 MA-1814 RI), with wife Sibel Kirby, profile. I know that some users have more than one tree here.

5) **RootsWeb WorldConnect** (<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com>) - There are 22 different trees on WorldConnect that have Humphrey White (1758 MA-1814 RI) with wife Kirby; some submitters have more than one tree. I don't have a tree here.

6) **FamilySearch Family Tree** (<https://familysearch.org/tree/>) - the Humphrey White (1758-1814) profile in this collaborative tree has many additions and changes - FamilySearch added many events back in 2012, and I have added and edited quite a few items. One other person merged two profiles of one of the daughters of Humphrey White.

7) **There are probably other online family trees** with a profile for Humphrey White, but the ones above are the biggest separate and collaborative family tree websites.

There may be websites created by researchers that include Humphrey White, and those can be found using a web search. There may be Rootsweb message board and mailing list posts, which are usually found in a Google search. USGenWeb County sites with information about a person may be available.

8) **In conclusion, there are about 100 other researchers who have Humphrey White in their online family trees.** Now, not all of those persons are descendants of Humphrey White, so they may not have much information about him. But my guess is that there's at least 10 and perhaps as many as 40 researchers with online tree data who are descendants of Humphrey White.

Family Tree Webinars – Quality Genealogy Presentations

Family Tree Webinars (www.FamilyTreeWebinars.com) continues to provide FREE webinars with presentations on genealogical topics every week. Some are free for only one week after their live presentation, and others are free to view at any time. A year's subscription to FamilyTreeWebinars is \$9.95 per month or \$49.95 per year.

You can register to view an upcoming webinar at <http://familytreewebinars.com/upcoming-webinars.php> The Archived webinars (over 240 of them!) are listed at http://familytreewebinars.com/archived_webinars.php.

“Genealogy on Facebook” List

Katherine R. Willson has compiled a list of groups on Facebook that pertain to genealogy. You can download the 158 page PDF file containing 5,100+ links (updated on 21 April 2015). There is a Table of Contents with:

- US States and regions
- Many countries
- Facebook Genealogy Specialty Sites such as:
 - US states and regions
 - American Indian
 - African American
 - Cemeteries
 - DNA
 - Hispanic
 - Lineage Societies
 - Maps
 - Military
 - Newspapers
 - Podcasts
 - Surnames
 - International countries
 - Adoption by state and country
 - Bloggers
 - Conferences
 - Education & Professional Organizations
 - Jewish
 - Magazines
 - Mayflower
 - Native American
 - Photos
 - Royal Houses
 - Misc.

The complete list of Facebook genealogy groups is online at <http://moonswings.files.wordpress.com/2015/04/genealogy-on-facebook-list-toc.pdf>

You can visit Katherine's website for other items at <http://socialmediagenealogy.com/>

Mocavo Has FREE U.S. Census Record Images Online FOREVER

Mocavo recently announced some welcome news – they have provided FREE search capabilities and FREE access to U.S. census record images forever – see their blog post: [U.S. Federal Census Images & Viewer Now Free for Everyone Forever](#) .

The link to the census search fields for 1790 to 1940 is <http://www.mocavo.com/1790-1940-United-States-Census/126199>.

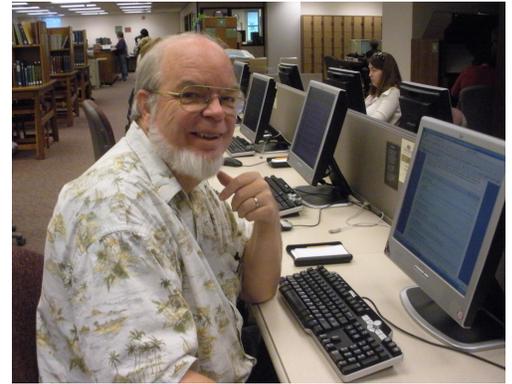
Randy's blog post demonstrating this is at <http://www.geneamusings.com/2015/05/mocavo-has-free-us-census-images.html>

Research Group Meeting Review – 13 May 2015

We had 20 eager genealogists at the May 13th Research Group meeting at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library.

In the first hour, Randy discussed the following items:

* **CVGS Member Barbara Zaragoza** published Dorothy Alvord's memoir on living in San Ysidro on her website, [Friends of San Ysidro](#). See Dorothy's memoir and photos at <http://friendsofsanysidro.org/photogallery/dorothy-norgaard-alvord-collection/>. Ralph Munoz mentioned that he also has a photo gallery on Barbara's website at <http://friendsofsanysidro.org/photogallery/rafael-munoz-collection/>



* **Pinterest (www.pinterest.com)** is a free social media website where members can upload their own photos, or can "pin" images from websites. The images can be put into "boards" which are collections. Randy's Pinterest boards can be seen at <https://www.pinterest.com/randyseaver/>. This serves as a photo backup service and a way to save interesting images. He collects "genealogy stuff" in addition to photo boards for several family groups. Several other attendees had Pinterest accounts.

* **Find A Grave (www.findagrave.com)** is a free genealogy site with over 120 million memorials for deceased persons added by volunteers. The memorials include vital information, cemetery information, biographies, obituaries, and photographs of gravestones. The site can be searched, and registered users can create memorials and upload photographs and other information. We found that Glen Abbey Memorial Park was 90% photographed.

* **DearMYRTLE (Pat Richley-Erickson)** has a YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/user/DearMYRTLE>) that archives her Hangouts On Air with panelists on various topics. Pat has weekly free-to-watch Hangouts On Air called Mondays With Myrt, Beginning Genealogy, Genealogy Game night, Mastering Genealogical Proof Study Group, etc. Viewers can watch these videos at any time.

* **MyHeritage** has introduced Instant Discoveries for users with a MyHeritage Family Tree. The system searches other trees for the same person, and suggests a number of family members to the user. By accepting an Instant discovery, more persons are added to the user's family tree.

In the second hour, the attendees shared:

* **Diane** went to the Mission Valley FamilySearch Library with the CVGS group and found information on her Michael surname family. It took her uncle's line back 10 generations.

* **Lorrie** asked about the DNA Tribes website. The link is <http://dnatribes.com/>.

* **Karen S's** mother had a baby sister named Sarah who died as an infant. The family had a locket with the baby's picture. Karen has been researching Sarah, and realized that she named her own daughter the same name without knowing her aunt's name. Psychic?

* **Jane** subscribed to Ancestry.com, and found her father's father's death certificate. It said his father was born in Naples, Italy. She also watched in amazement at the NBC Today show segment shown on 12 May about the family story hologram made of a Holocaust survivor answering questions about his life. The hologram looked very real - she thought it was "a way to talk to the dead" in the future. Watch the video segment at <http://www.today.com/series/are-we-there-yet/holograms-add-new-dimension-holocaust-survivors-story-t20511>

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May 27th Program Review – Randy Seaver on “Probate Records”

Over 40 members and guests attended the CVGS program on 27 May 2015 at Bonita-Sunnyside Library to hear "**Probate Records - My Favorite Record Type**" presented by CVGS member **Randy Seaver**. This talk covered three main topics:

1) Why do you want to obtain Probate Records? Randy noted that they help define family relationships in an official court document, they may provide death dates and locations, they may provide married daughters' surnames, they may provide insight into literacy, belongings and real property, and they may provide occupations and signatures.

2) What are Probate Records? He said that they are court records created after a person's death for the purpose of distributing the real and personal estate to heirs and creditors, usually filed in a county court, according to state law at the time of the event. Estates are either testate (there is a valid will) or Intestate (there is no valid will). Randy described the proceedings required for both testate and intestate cases, the widow's dower rights, inheritance guidelines for intestate cases, guardianship proceedings, etc. Each event in a probate case may generate one or more pieces of paper, each submitted to the court for approval, and these papers make up the estate case file.

Randy showed and read text from three wills of his ancestors to illustrate the content and variety encountered in colonial and more modern wills. He also described and showed several of the papers that might be in an intestate case file.

3) Where can you find Probate Records? Indexes of probate records may be found online, at a library or repository in published or periodical form, and in local courthouses. Actual probate records - the estate case files - are usually in the county probate court or in a state archive. Court clerk transcriptions of some of the original documents are also in the county probate court. Microfilms of probate court records for many counties are available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, and can be borrowed at a local FamilySearch Library. Other repositories may have microfilms also. He worked through finding an ancestor's will in Norfolk County, Ontario on FHL microfilm.

FamilySearch has digitized probate court records for about 30 states from the microfilms, but these record collections have to be browsed - think of them as "digital microfilm." To use them, the records are "way-pointed" by county, then by the case numbers or by the court volume numbers. The key is to use the Estate Index" to find the name of the deceased, note the proceedings index volume and page, search the proceedings index for the deceased name, note the record type, court volume numbers and page numbers, and then access the court volumes and find the records on the pages. Randy worked through one example from Pennsylvania probate records on FamilySearch.

Ancestry.com also has probate and estate databases, but has few actual probate case papers. Other online sites may have case file indexes and, in some cases, digitized probate case files or court volumes.

In conclusion, Randy noted that:

- * Probate records are really valuable genealogical records,
- * Not all probate records are available on microfilm or online - you may have to visit a courthouse or archive to access them
- * It is important to know the state probate laws at the time of the deceased's demise.
- * It is important to know the jurisdiction - state or territory, county, town, etc. - at the time of the deceased's demise.

Randy has a page on his Genea-Musings blog with his transcriptions of probate and other records of his ancestors – see <http://www.geneamusings.com/p/amanuensis-monday-posts.html>.

Research Group Meeting Review – 13 May 2015 (concluded)

- * **Ann** passed around the newly received *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer* book that CVGS recently ordered. She brought two books that she obtained during her research trip to Germany in 2014. She found a Drollinger cousin on Facebook before the trip, and visited him, and ate in the family restaurant. He gave Ann the two books, one on the Drollinger family and one on the hometown. They are in German, of course, and Ann needs a way to translate phrases in the book. Sam noted that the Translate mobile app will translate text in one language to another from a screen image.
- * **Gary** noted that Ancestry.com uses modern place names for their records and maps, not the historical place names. He wondered how to find historic place names. FamilySearch has the FamilySearch Place Research tool at <https://familysearch.org/int-std-ui-research/>. A user puts in the modern location and the historical place jurisdictions and years involved are returned.
- * **Karen Y.** is collecting WW I and WW II military records of her family. A great uncle filmed the flag-raising on Iwo Jima and died there. She has copies of that movie film. Karen found a book at a Coronado book store with a photo of the uncle. There was also a first hand account in the book about the WW II "Marianas Turkey Shoot" which her father was in and has described in his autobiography.
- * **Hazel** asked exactly what *Evidence Explained* is. Randy showed features from the book on his computer as a PDF file, and Elizabeth Shown Mills' website, www.evidenceexplained.com.
- * **Gary** noted that the new CVGS website has a Forums feature where members can ask questions, answer them, or provide useful information to society members. See the Forums section on www.cvgenealogy.org.

The next CVGS Research Group meeting will be on Wednesday, 10 June 2015 at 12 noon in the Chula Vista City Council Executive Conference Room #103 (Bldg. A). The offices are located across the street (4th Avenue) from the Library. See the map at <http://www.chulavistaca.gov/residents/city-government/city-hall-complex-map>).

Google Power Search: How to Search Just One Web Site

There's a lot more you can do with Google than just search the Internet. Instead of searching the entire Internet, you may be more interested in seeing search results from just one web site. To do this, go to <http://www.Google.com> and enter the word "site:" followed by a colon (:) followed immediately (with no space) by the web site's address. Next, add a space and then the word(s) you wish to search for. It should look something like this:

[site:xxx.com search-term]

Notice the web site's address is given without the letters "http", without the colon, without the slashes and without "www." For instance, perhaps you only want to search the web site of the Indiana Genealogical Society at indgensoc.org to see what databases the society has for Pike County, the county where your ancestors lived. To do so, go to <http://www.Google.com> and enter:

[site:indgensoc.org "Pike County"]

Note in the above example I placed the words "Pike County" inside quote marks. That isn't absolutely necessary but does tell Google to narrow the search down and to display only web pages on the www.indgensoc.org web site that contain the word "Pike" followed by a space and then followed by the word "county." No other variations are allowed (upper and lower case is ignored, however).

Read the full article at: <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/05/05/google-power-search-how-to-search-just-one-web-site/>.

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Welcome New Members

Current Membership (as of 6/1): 88

Karyn's Caring Corner

Cards were sent to:

Helen Thompson

Meeting Host Volunteers

July 29th: Carole Sobke, Bethel Williams

Contact Jo Ann Bonner to sign up!

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CVGS Society Officers

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Research Group/Queries	Randy Seaver
Seminars	Susi Pentico
Ways and Means	Bethel Williams
Webmaster	Gary Brock

San Diego Genealogy Events

Tuesday, June 9th, 9 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOCIETY COGG

Speaker: Connie Moretti on “Sharing Your Family History With Family Members Who Couldn’t Care Less....”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
contact: Pam Boyle (boylepam@gmail.com)

Saturday, June 13th, 10 a.m.

SAN DIEGO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Speaker: Hal Horrocks on

“Road Trip” and

“Resettling Your Research”

at St. Andrews Lutheran Church
(8350 Lake Murray Blvd., San Diego)

contact: 858-279-7347

Saturday, June 20th, 9 a.m.

COMPUTER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO

CANCELLED

at UCSD-Robinson Hall
contact cgssd-board@ucsd.edu

Tuesday, June 23rd, 9 a.m.

NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY GEN. SOC.

Speaker: Randy Seaver on

“Probate Records – My Favorite Record Type”

at Carlsbad City Council Chambers
contact: Jean Tempke

(jtempke@roadrunner.com)

See all upcoming San Diego genealogy programs online at

<http://www.cgssd.org/events.php>

GENEALOGY DAYS IN CHULA VISTA

- **Wednesday, June 3, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Conference Room
- **Saturday, June 6, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. – CVGS Workshop: Shirley Becker: “Mac Reunion Genealogy Review”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, June 10, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at CV City Council Chambers
- **Wednesday, June 17, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- **Saturday, June 27, 11 a.m. – Annual Picnic**: at Gary and Wanda Brock's home
- **Wednesday, July 1, 12 noon – CVGS Board Meeting**, at CV City Council Chambers
- **Wednesday, July 8, 12 noon – Research Group Meeting**, at C City Council Chambers
- **Saturday, July 11, 1 p.m. – CVGS Workshop: CVGS Members: “Brick Wall Solutions”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)
- **Wednesday, July 15, 12 noon – Computer Group Meeting**, at CVCCB Library Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, July 29, 12:30 noon – Program Meeting: Gabe Selak of San Diego History Center: “Panama-California 1915 Exposition Centennial Celebration”** at Bonita-Sunnyside Library (4375 Bonita Road)

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All CVGS Program Meetings are held, unless otherwise noted, at the
Chula Vista Civic Center Branch (CVCCB) Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista
 Contact Jane Strawn (jstrawn2@cox.net) for program details.
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