



**GERARDO (VALENTIN)
“JERRY” GARCIA**

February 20, 1928–April 24, 2011

Written By Daughter Yolanda Garcia

On Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, our lives were forever turned upside down. My Dad, Gerardo (Valentin) Garcia (also known to many of his friends as Jerry), was brutally murdered at his residence/farm on Carpenter Road in Stockton, California. He was 83 years old.

My Dad was a very dedicated and hard working man all his life until his last breath. Each evening he would go out to the barn area and feed his horses and sheep. It was during this routine chore when he was confronted by an assailant(s) and was brutally beaten to death; cowards took his life from his family and friends. He leaves behind his beloved wife, four (4) children, twelve (12) grandchildren and seven (7) great grandchildren.

Throughout his life, he was a devoted husband and loving father. He was kind and giving, helping many people with employment opportunities. He would give the shirt off his back. At 83 years of age, his smile was as big as his heart. His brutal and senseless murder is so devastating to all who knew him.

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**Our
Next Meeting
will be on
Sunday,
September 13,
2015**

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CITIZENS AGAINST HOMICIDE

Who We Are

The majority of the board members of Citizens Against Homicide have had a family member murdered. They are surviving the devastating loss of a loved one and still suffer the continued emotional trauma of coping with our criminal justice system. We have joined together to create a voice for the survivors and friends of murder victims.

CAH Objectives

- Assist families through the complicated criminal justice system.
- Provide trial and courtroom support to victims.
- Accompany victims to parole hearings in their endeavor to keep the convicted murderer in prison.
- Provide information on pending crime legislation.

Protecting Your Own Interests

You can't prepare for the event that makes you a victim. You can only react. You need to know how to deal with the subsequent trial, sentencing and unavoidable parole hearings. CAH helps you take action to protect your own interests.

If you have friends or family who may be in need of our assistance, please pass along the information regarding our organization.

Location for Meetings

We hold monthly meetings on the second Sunday of each month at 302 4th Street, San Rafael, CA. The monthly meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. We encourage anyone interested to attend meetings.

Words from Jan

Here we are in the middle of Summer and one would hope that all would be right with the world. Yet, recently in my world, it appears chaos abound. Each new day brings another issue needing my attention; just one more thing to add to my already overflowing plate. Then, it is time to head off on our annual family vacation to Lake Tahoe; a family tradition since 1981. This year was different, as some of our attendees were absent and, with a heavy heart, their absence was noticed. It seems so many things have changed in my life over the past 12 months. I found myself reflecting amid all the natural beauty of Tahoe. The trees stood majestically; tall and straight with every shade of green. The sky was as blue as I have ever seen. One afternoon, dark clouds billowed in with the accompanying roll of thunder. Rain poured for well over an hour followed by the fresh scent of evergreen. However, as quickly as this storm arrived, it

departed and we found ourselves, once again, outside enjoying the warmth of the sun. The lake was absolutely breathtaking; the usual twenty shades of blue... yet for me, there was still a great feeling of loss. It just wasn't the same—such is life.

One particular morning, I was sitting with four of my grandchildren, who were painting pottery. I found myself lost in a quiet moment, relaxing and enjoying their youthful enthusiasm and their many differing talents. I, of course, was in the middle of my own art project (a little turtle soap dish), when one of them notices my work and says with great gusto, "Noni, you are doing a great job"! No one could know just how far those few words could pull me out of my somber thoughts. For some reason, the sun appeared a little brighter and more positive thoughts lifted my spirits; this was going to be a better day! Later in the week, a comment was made that perfectly summarized

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For advice regarding your individual murder case, 1-209-728-2873
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Words from Jan—*cont. from page 2*

our lives here on this earth... **We make plans and God just laughs.**

I look forward to seeing all of you at our CAH fund raising golf tournament—Friday, August 7, 2015.

You do not want to miss the fun and, at the same time, helping CAH continue to be the success it has been.

—Hugs,
Jan

Governor Brown Reverses Parole Grant for Jose Gonzalez

By Gary Effron

My sister and I extend our thanks to the many members of CAH who sent letters urging Governor Brown to deny parole to Gonzalez. Those letters had an impact. In his decision, the governor stated, “I note that... many members of the community have written to oppose parole.”

In cases like this, where the governor has reversed the parole board’s grant of parole, the board sets the inmate’s next parole hearing for a date approximately 18 months after the date of the last one. Since Gonzalez’s last hearing was in February 2015, the next one will be in about August 2016. Consequently, we may be calling upon CAH members again soon to request that they sign a petition or send letters asking that Gonzalez again be denied parole.

—Thank you,
Gary Effron

Unclaimed Restitution

English

Were you the victim of a crime and the court ordered you restitution? The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation may have collected money for you. Contact the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services to inquire if you have unclaimed money from a direct order of restitution. To update your address or to obtain additional information, call us toll free at 1-877-256-6877.

Spanish

Si usted fue victima de un crimen y la corte le otorgo restitucion, es posible que el Departamento de Correcciones y Rehabilitacion haya recibido dinero a su favor. Llame a la oficina de Victimas y Sobrevivientes para preguntar si usted tiene restitucion que no se haya reclamado. Para obtener mas informacion, llame gratis al 1-877-256-6877

Gerardo Garcia—*cont. from page 1*

This horrific murder has changed the lives of everyone who loved him and we continue to hold him deeply in our hearts. If anyone has any information or knowledge of the person or persons involved in this cowardly act of murder, please contact Stockton Crime Stoppers at (209) 946-0600. There is a reward for information leading to the conviction of the murderer(s). My family is desperately needing answers and my Dad deserves justice.

We Will Continue To Be YOUR VOICE in the search for JUSTICE!!!
Love & Miss You DEEPLY DAD!!!

—Thank you,
Yolanda Garcia

How can you request compensation for travel costs to a parole hearing?

As of May 2010, the Office of Victim and Survivor Rights and Services has funds available through a federal grant which allows for reimbursement, up to \$200, to victims and next-of-kin for costs associated with travel to parole hearings. For information on how to apply for travel reimbursement contact OVSRS at 1-877-256-6877.

Stop the Merry-Go-Round

By Gene Cervantes

Another killing/killings committed by a gunman who purchased the weapon illegally. I paraphrase the President of the United States for these words as an introduction to his message on gun control. These are headline-grabbing words that our politicians, police chiefs, county sheriffs and other law enforcement personnel also chime in on, because of the many headline-grabbing homicides. Headline-grabbing, it



seems, is the only time we hear from our political leaders and the hierarchy of our law enforcement agencies. “We must take the guns out of the hands of the criminal”. Again, words spewed from those with self-serving reasons. Never mind the countless murders of our loved ones, whose deaths were not headline-grabbing.

“Gun control is what America needs”. “Gun control will eliminate unnecessary and senseless killings”. REALLY? Question for the “headline grabbers”—If convicted felons are able to buy guns or, somehow, obtain them by other

means today, how will gun control effectively work tomorrow?

If you have not yet guessed where I am going with this article, here is some breaking news... gun control does not work. Black market gun sales in the United States is a multi-million dollar business. The penalties for illegal weapons sales and/or possession are ineffective.

We can increase penalties, however, this would simply be wasted ink on a page of the penal code. Too many prosecutors are too willing to plea bargain weapon-related offenses, which diminishes the effect of punishment. The benefit vs. loss is significantly skewed in favor of the offender.

I am sure most of you have heard of “truth in punishment”. For those who have not, simply put... truth in punishment means “do the crime, do the time”. Stop releasing convicted felons earlier than their sentence term. Research Assembly Bill 109 for an eye-opening education. Governor Jerry Brown and the California Legislature have conspired to release thousands of convicted felons (this includes hundreds of convicted murderers) to our communities prior to completion of their required term.

Incarceration works! Our governor and legislators must stand up and do the right thing. They must return

to respecting the rights of victims and the families of victims. They must place a greater value on their rights over the rights of the convicted felon (murderer). The commitment offense of murder cannot be used as a reason to find a convicted murderer unsuitable for parole. The rationale used is that the murder occurred so long ago, it is unlikely to be repeated. Here is a news flash... the death of the murder victim also happened a long time ago, however, the victim remains dead and will be dead forever. No second chance for the dead mother, father, daughter, son, sister, brother, husband, wife, dear friend... and so on. “Dead Forever”. What is it about these two words that is confusing? Why then should the convicted murderer be afforded the privilege of a second chance? Guarantee that your loved one is not the next victim of a murderer released early simply because they completed 3 or 4 self-help group programs, was disciplinary-free, did not use drugs while in prison, etc.

It is imperative that we become more proactive and demand our legislature take the necessary steps to reverse the practice of releasing convicted murderers early; prosecutors from plea bargaining in weapons-related offenses and educate yourselves on legislation that adversely affects victim rights. Vet your legislative representative and others running for office to guarantee they are in support of victim rights. Remember these persons when you cast your next vote. Change begins here!

“Quarter Craze”

CAH Fundraiser

By Angie Bushnell Gillam

On September 19, 2015 I will be hosting a fundraiser called “Quarter Craze”; all the proceeds will benefit Citizens Against Homicide., for which I am a Victim Advocate. CAH helped me so very much when I was going through the loss of my 29 year-old daughter, Jennifer Alyson Bushnell, who was murdered by her boyfriend of 5 months on 2/20/07. CAH helped me with getting official reports, going through the trial and much more. I am doing this in memory of Jennifer Bushnell and all the other victims out there!

There will be a spaghetti dinner, desserts, drinks, raffle and of course the Quarter Craze auction.

Each quarter craze might be a little bit different, but here is a short version of what to expect:

A Quarter Auction is a cross between a raffle and an auction. It’s also a mix between a charity fundraiser and a direct sales vendor event. You purchase a ticket and that gets you in the door and gets you a numbered bidding paddle. Your paddle will have a corresponding numbered chip that will go into the drawing basket. Home-based business people bring items to put up for “auction.” Those items are on display for an hour before the event begins. When the auction starts, the emcee will hold up the item, give a brief description of it, and tell how many quarters it will cost to bid. The bids ONLY COST between \$0.25–1.00. You need to bring a roll or two (or more) of quarters. If you are interested in a chance to win that item, you will



put the required number of quarters in the bowl at your table and hold up your bidding paddle. For example, if an item valued at \$15 is offered, it would require a .25 bid. If you want it, you toss a quarter into the bowl and raise your paddle. The emcee then draws numbers to find a winner. If your number is drawn, you win that item for a quarter! If you did not bid and your number is called, you call out “no bid!” and numbers continue to be drawn to find a winner. You can also buy a second (or third) paddle and double or triple bid to increase your odds. It sounds potentially complicated if you haven’t been to one before, but once you’re there and see it in action, it makes sense and it’s a blast!

The fundraising comes from sales of the tickets and from money raised

from one auction item per vendor. Please bring all your quarters, and there will be additional rolls for purchase at the event.

The event will be held at the Redway Elementary School, 344 Humboldt Ave, Redway, California 95560 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.

The theme is Sunflowers, so if you wear any sunflower clothing, or bring anything with a sunflower on it, you will get an extra raffle ticket!

Please, if anyone has something they would like to donate for our auction or raffle (a gift certificate, gift basket, etc.) that would be so very much appreciated, and I would like to thank you in advance! If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call me at 707 923-4119. Thank you so very much for taking the time to read this and hope to see some of you there. Thank you for all your support to Citizens Against Homicide.

—Sincerely,
Angie Gillam



Jenny Lin Foundation

Annual Summer Youth Concert

Quote of the Month



Courage doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is the quiet
voice at the end of the day
saying, "I will try again tomorrow."

—Mary Ann Radmacher

Childhood is everyone's chance to enjoy life, grow, and learn to contribute to society. For Jenny Lin, however, this time was tragically and brutally cut short. Jenny was mysteriously stabbed to death in her own home, located in a peaceful community in Castro Valley, California on May 27, 1994, two days after her fourteenth birthday.

Although the detectives in the local Sheriff's department have worked relentlessly on this case, there has been no breakthrough and no positively identified suspects. The motive for the murder remains unknown. The killer committed such a flawless crime that there was very little information for the investigators to work on. The local police even brought in the FBI to help them with several aspects of the investigation. Specifically, the FBI did several laboratory tests and analyses to try to piece together the profile of the killer. But so far they have not been able to close in on anyone. There are still many unanswered questions—who and why would anyone commit such a brutal crime to such a kind and innocent child in a peaceful home in community? Was the person jealous of Jenny's outstanding accomplishments or her parent's successes? Was the person attracted by her beauty? Was it a hate crime committed against a successful immigrant family? Or, was it simply the act of a serial killer? These are some of many questions that constantly circle through the minds of Jenny's parents and the detectives.



Throughout her life, Jenny maintained the most vibrant, vivacious, and easy-going personality. Her big eyes and big smile always welcomed a good time; she loved to play around and be silly whenever she found the chance. Even at her young age, she knew the secret to a happy and fulfilling life and helped others around her to discover the same.

Jenny's family has embraced the worst day of their lives to help make the lives of others better with the Jenny Lin Foundation Annual Summer Youth Concert in Hayward, CA, which was held on July 31, 2015. A beautiful evening filled with music, inspiration, enthusiasm and thoughts of Jenny.

The Jenny Lin Foundation—Dedicated to Promoting Child Safety and Youth Music Education. www.jennylinfoundation.org

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Free Concert by East Bay Students

Life in Color

July 31, 2015



7:30 pm

Chabot College
Buffington Visual and Performing Arts Center
25555 Hesperian Blvd. Hayward

Conducted by

Greg Conway
Symphonic Band
Cary Nasatir
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Help Save the Next Girl

<http://www.helpsavethenextgirl.com>

August 2015 Missing Person Case
Paiglynn Raymond

Paiglynn Raymond has been missing since running away April 17, 2015

It has been more than three months since she walked out of Sabine High School, Gregg County, Texas and thumbed a ride on Interstate 20. The family has offered a \$5,000 reward for information regarding her whereabouts.

Paiglynn is described as 5-feet, 6-inches tall with brown hair and eyes (although those features may be disguised) and a slim, athletic build (approximately 135-pounds).

Any leads in the case can be passed on to Gregg County Sheriff 's Office Investigator Jon Fulghum at (903) 236-8400. Gregg County Crime Stoppers accepts anonymous tips at (903) 236-STOP (7867).

http://www.kilgorenewsherald.com/news/2015-07-22/Local/Family_ups_reward_for_info.htmlhtml

<https://www.facebook.com/FindPaiglynn>

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