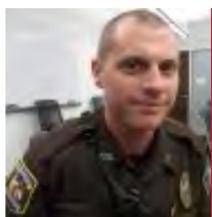




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# CENTENARIANS HONORED BY SUPES



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Solano County Supervisor, Erin Hannigan (left), breaks out in laughter as Percy Klimisch, 100, of Vallejo, responds to her question about if he still drives a car. Klimisch was one of 15 centenarians honored on Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors in Fairfield during a Centenarian Commemoration on Tuesday.

## Fifteen recognized for their longevity and contributions

By Kimberly K. Fu  
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With a soft but sure voice, Reta Wills of Vallejo sang a few bars of "Amazing Grace" on Tuesday and brought the house down.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors chambers, that is, and gained a rousing round of applause for her performance.

Wills, 104, was one of 15 Solano centenarians honored by

the Supervisors for longevity and community contributions.

"This is one of the most wonderful things we do at the Board of Supervisors," shared Chairwoman Erin Hannigan.

Supervisor Linday Seifert agreed.

"To honor our oldest citizens in Solano County, this is so important," she said, explaining that the event brings home the value of life and provides invaluable insight to people of

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Delsie Diller, 100 (left), of Vacaville, visits with Reta Wills, 104, of Vallejo, after they were honored by the Solano County Board of Supervisors.

## HISTORIC VISIT

# Pope Francis arrives in America

By Nicole Winfield and Rachel Zoll

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Pope Francis arrived Tuesday on the first visit of his life to the United States, bringing his humble manner and his "church of the poor" to a rich and powerful nation polarized over economic inequality, immigration and equal justice.

According to a rare honor to the pontiff, President Barack Obama and his wife and daughters met Francis at the bottom of the stairs on the red-carpeted tarmac at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland after the pope's chartered plane touched down from Cuba. Presidents usually make important visitors come to them at the White House.

Emerging from the plane to boisterous cheers from a crowd of hundreds, the smiling 78-year-old pontiff removed his skullcap in the windy weather and made his way down the steps in his white robes.

He was welcomed by a military honor guard, chanting schoolchildren, politicians, and Roman Catholic clerics in black robes and vivid sashes of scarlet and purple. Joe Biden, the nation's first Catholic vice president, and his

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## 'OUR FELLOW ANGELINOS'

# L.A. panel proposes homelessness emergency

By Christopher Weber

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES » Los Angeles officials said Tuesday that they would declare a state of emergency on homelessness and proposed spending \$100 million to reduce the number of people living on city streets.

City Council President Herb Wesson, members of the council's Homelessness and Poverty Committee and Mayor Eric Garcetti announced the plan outside City Hall — as homeless people dozed nearby on a lawn.

"These are our fellow Angelinos," the mayor said. "They are those who have no other place to go, and they are literally here where we work, a symbol of our city's intense crisis."

An emergency declaration and the funding will require action by

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## FAIRFIELD

# Suspect in slaying claims uncle molested him

By Jessica Rogness  
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The trial for a Fairfield man charged with attempted murder

of his uncle and murder of his half-brother continued on Tuesday with a video in which the defendant told police he was sexually abused by his uncle as a child.

A large part of Tuesday's proceedings consisted of playing videos recorded of the suspect German Lopez, 33, of Fairfield, as he was interviewed by Vacaville Police Detectives Chris Le-

chuga and Nate Benevides.

Just after midnight on Nov. 6, 2013, Lopez arrived at the Fairfield Police Department Investigations Bureau office be-

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## SILENCE BROKEN

### Hillary Clinton opposes Keystone XL pipeline

Hillary Clinton says she opposes construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, breaking her long silence. PAGE A7



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