



## THIS WEEK

Speaker: Manny Pacheco  
Topic: Forgotten Hollywood  
Program Chair: Harry Borak

Author Manny Pacheco has enjoyed a growing acclaim through his ForgottenBook Series. He's currently in production to turn his literary work into a Forgotten Hollywood Documentary. A So. Calif. radio personality for over 30 years, Manny was on NBC's Santa Barbara, co-hosted the daytime In Studio on KCOP, and he currently hosts Forgotten Hollywood, a weekly syndicated radio program on the Financial News and Talk network. He is also a Cypress resident.

How many of you remember the nightly Fruit Frost Warnings on KFI. It was critical for the growers in Covina to be prepared to light their smudge pots to protect the orange groves when the temperature dropped below freezing. The curtains in our houses were blacked by the smudge smoke in those days. The sun never came out after a long cold spell.

## NEXT WEEK

Covina Councilman Walter Allen will be here to discuss a wide range of topics which will be very timely for all of us.



### **2015 Dan Stover Music Awards contestants**

- 1st place - Elizabeth Fung, SHHS, Flute (center)
- 2nd place - Steven Calbert, NorthviewHS - clarinet (left)
- 3rd place - Heidi Jaurequi - piano, vocal (rt.)

Our thanks to Mike Hendricks for chairing this contest and Brian Akers for MC-ing it.

Elizabeth will compete with other winners in our group then we hope at the District Conference for \$5,000.00.

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### **PRAYER**

I want to thank you, Lord, for being close to me so far this day. With your help I haven't been impatient, lost my temper, been envious of anyone, grumpy or judgemental. But, I will get out of bed in a minute and I think I will really need your help then. AMEN

### **"In the Day"**

The Mission Days of California lasted slightly more than half a century. In 1837, Governor Alvarado granted the greater part of the Pomona Valley to Dons Palomares and Vejar. It later included Pomona, LaVerne, Claremont, eastern Covina and Charter Oak. The second rancho was Rancho Rancho Azusa, granted to Don Luis Arenas. It stretched from the mountains to San Bernardino Road from the San Gabriel River to San Dimas. Arenas sold this huge property to Henry Dalton in 1844 for \$7,000. In the 60s and 70's, Uncle Billy Rubottom formed a new town and called it Spadra. He liked to hunt raccoons and imported some from his native Arkansas. Possums were unknown in the area so James Dougherty imported a pair of opossums from Texas for the children of his family to enjoy. The animals soon escaped and their offspring are seen almost every day in Covina.

In 1887 Eugene Griswold opened a store-meeting house at Cypress and Citrus. The Badillo brothers from Costa Rica tried unsuccessfully to grow coffee. In 1881 Joseph Phillips bought 2000 acres from John Hollenbeck, a Los Angeles banker for \$30,000, payable in 5 years. In 1884, Fred Eaton, an engineer and later Mayor of Los Angeles, was hired to plan and lay out Covina. He noticed that the town site was located in a cove and had lots of vines left over from some German Baptist farmers- hence the name Covina. Rowland Avenue was made 99' wide, anticipating that it might later be a major thoroughfare. 1st & 4th Sts were a narrow 50'. Citrus and all others were 66' wide. Street names are fun: Dexter after Eaton's son, Workman, Rowland, Puente, Badillo, the east-west streets named for the early settlers, Center was the middle of the 160 acre town site. Barranca named because it ran alongside a picturesque arroyo or barranca. Lots 60x175 sold for \$50.00. The first orange grove was planted in 1886 by John Madden.

