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### FOCUS ON THE NONPROFIT SECTOR

## First-Ever Leadership Long Beach Grads Reflect 28 Years Later

By **SAMANTHA MEHLINGER**  
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**N**early 30 years after they became members of the first graduating class of Leadership Long Beach, seven people gathered at the Business Journal office to reflect

upon their experience with the nonprofit, how it had helped shape them and how it continues to inspire local leaders.

The graduates included: Gayle Clock, retired, who was a human services consultant and the career development instructor at Long

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Members of the first class of Leadership Long Beach gathered at the Business Journal to reflect on their experience. They are pictured here with a key to the city bestowed to the nonprofit organization. From left: Tonia Reyes Uranga, consultant and former Long Beach 7th District councilmember; Rich Kerlin, owner of a marketing agency; Judy Ross, former executive director of The Nonprofit Partnership; Jerry Westlund, owner of a string of national nightclubs; Gayle Clock, former human services consultant and career development instructor at Long Beach City College; Henry Walker, president of Farmers & Merchants Bank; and Rosemary Voss, owner of Voss Consulting. (Photograph by the Business Journal's Pat Flynn)

## Utilizing Genetic Medicine To Prevent And Treat Disease

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**T**he study of human genetics is not a new concept or practice, having its roots in the early 20th century. Applying the study to medicine came about more recently but can still be traced back to just after World War II. Today, medical genetics has advanced to the point that it is possible to treat genetic diseases, identify if individuals have a predispo-

sition to cancer, and even edit the human genome.

"I think we are part of the revolution," Dr. Donald Kohn, professor at the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine and member of the UCLA Broad Stem Cell Research Center, told the Business Journal. "For all these genetic diseases – and there are a couple of thousand single-gene defects in humans – if we can get the genes fixed, we have treatments right at the root

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## Talking Tariffs

### Port Executive On Trade Trends

By **SAMANTHA MEHLINGER**  
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**P**resident Trump is moving ahead with proposals to impose tariffs on China and Western allies. On May 29, Trump announced that he would pursue an earlier promise to impose 25% tariffs on \$50 billion worth of Chinese goods in order to address the trade imbalance between China and the United States. Two days later, he went through with a plan to implement tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from Canada, Mexico and the European Union.

Tariffs have not yet gone into effect on Chinese imports. A White House announcement indicated that a list of affected imports

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## Alzheimer's Local Physicians Brainstorm Preventative Measures

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**A**lzheimer's Disease, which results in progressive mental deterioration, is on the rise, according to statistics from the Alzheimer's Association. About 5.7 million Americans are living with it, a number that is expected to increase to almost 14 million by 2050. Local physicians agree that making an effort to lead a healthy lifestyle is the best course of action to prevent the disease.

Dr. Susan Sklar, the founder and medical director of the Long Beach-based Sklar Center for Restorative Medicine, attributed the-

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## MILLENNIAL PULSE

### Can Millennials Save Local News?

By Editor Samantha Mehlinger

Millennials are known as localists. One of our more pleasant stereotypes is that we prefer locally sourced goods to conglomerate wares, locally owned restaurants to big chains. I'd like to think,

for example, that it is in part thanks to our generation that Long Beach has become a local coffee shop and roaster island of sorts, putting a teensy dent in Starbucks' mar-

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