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## OC News

### Sex Trafficking Arraignment

STAFF REPORTS

**Santa Ana** – Two men were arraigned last week on charges of sex trafficking two minor girls under the pretense of taking a road trip.

Michael Wayne Greer, 24, and Jaylin Juwan Marshall, 20, both of Sacramento, are each charged with two felony counts of human trafficking,

see Trafficking Page 10

## IE News

### Getting To Know L.E.A.F.F.

BY: JENNIFER MADRIGAL

**Eastvale** - The City of Eastvale is home to the only organization of Law Enforcement and Firefighters in the entire nation. Law enforcement AND Fire Fighters (L.E.A.F.F.) is a group founded in April of 2010 by local Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters who wanted to ensure that Eastvale remained a great place to live. According to L.E.A.F.F. President, Rigo Arrellano, "We

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## City Of Walnut Slow Down Measures

BY KIMBERLEY SANDER

**Walnut** – Make sure to slow down Walnut residents now that the City Council recently voted to decrease the speed limits for six segments in Walnut.

The California Vehicle Code requires speed limits on roadways to be reviewed every five years in order to maintain radar accuracy and uphold court rul-

ings in regard to traffic violations. It is also a matter of safety, and limits on roadways are often studied to help minimize traffic accidents and to help protect motorists and pedestrians.

On July 24, the City Council recommended the approval of a Citywide Speed Survey to

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## DB Annual Project Repairs Roads

STAFF REPORTS

**Diamond Bar** – While in the second year of the residential program and the seventh year of the arterial program, the City of Diamond Bar's annual Road Maintenance Project will continue to treat and repair several miles of Diamond Bar residential and arterial roadways.

The residential area where streets will be repaired this month is bounded by SR57/60 to the north, Grand Ave. and Diamond Bar Blvd. to the south, and the neighborhood surrounding Quail Summit Elementary School, according to the City of Diamond Bar. The arterial roads are Golden Springs Dr. between

Lavender Dr. and Brea Canyon Rd. and Diamond Bar Blvd. between Brea Canyon Rd. and Brea Canyon Cutoff.

The City of Diamond Bar informs the community that the type of repair each street will receive depends on the severity of

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## 60 Freeway Lanes Closed This Weekend

STAFF REPORTS

**Rowland Heights** – Three lanes of the 60 freeway will be closed again this weekend.

Caltrans have issued a press release last month stating that the Pomona freeway (SR-60) will be closed periodically for pavement rehabilitation work between Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St.

The "55 Hour Weekend Lane Closure" as Caltrans are calling it, states that on the weekends of August 9 and August 23, up to three lanes will be closed for maintenance.

The roads will be under construction due to the heavy weight of cars and trucks over time, requiring a more than two feet deep replacement of pavement and

concrete base. Caltrans say the new surface will provide a smooth, safer drive for motorists, reduce time required for maintenance and minimize the need for further lane closures. Work is expected to be complete in late 2014.

During the following week-

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## LA County Fair Just Around The Corner

BY KIMBERLY SANDER

is shaping up to be one of the best.

The very first L.A. County Fair opened on October 17 back in 1922 and ran for five days featuring harness racing, airplane wing-walking, and chariot races. This year's 31 day event, attracting well over a million visitors, highlights over 600 vendors with one-of-a-kind shopping,

more than 300 culinary delights to tantalize your taste buds, 20 nights of concerts, and let us not forget the Pig Races! There truly is something for everyone.

Diamond Bar residents have a special offer extended to them. September 5 has been officially

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## BUSINESS FEATURE

### Vision Arts: Local Artist Creates Valuable Art

BY SARAH ARMIJO

**San Gabriel Valley** – Vision Arts believes that the most valuable and priceless art are the ones that are original, one-of-a-kind, and created from the



Mathew Sanchez standing next to some of his artwork. View more of his art at [www.matsanchez.com](http://www.matsanchez.com) or on Instagram @Visionarts.

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## BUSINESS FEATURE

### Budget Rooter Plumbing

BY SHANNON HIGGINS

**Chino** – It's hard to find a plumber who does good work, but Dave Holt has been in the business for 35 years and promises to fix it right



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## The Secret To My Success

By MICHAEL ARMJO

There's an old story that's about success that involves a man and, of all things, a chicken.

This man and this chicken went out into the world to sell a product. They tried and tried to market their creation, but to no avail. Many have said that they received over a thousand "no's" when they asked people to carry their line of merchandise.

But instead of giving up, these entrepreneurs continued until someone said yes. But the man and the chicken didn't continue

to just ask until they received a "yes," and they didn't change what they were selling. Instead, they changed the WAY they were selling, thus changing the way people perceived the benefit of what they represented. Instead of taking "no" for an answer, they simply changed their presentation until they found their "yes."

Well, as you may have guessed, this man is Colonel Sanders of the infamous Kentucky Fried Chicken franchise, and his partner was the contents of the bucket, a bunch of fried chicken.

are in on the plan with the pictures of potentially abducted children looming 20 feet high.

The AMBER Alert program was established to honor 9-year old Amber Hagerman. Back in 1996, this young girl was riding her bike in Arlington, Texas, when abducted, and was later found murdered. AMBER has also become the acronym for America's Missing: Broadcasting Emergency Response.

According to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's website, AMBER Alerts have contributed to 656 Successful Recoveries. The program is a voluntary partnership between law enforcement agencies, transportation agencies, broadcasters, and the wireless industry. They activate an urgent notification via roadway signs, billboards, televisions, radios and capable cellular devices to alert specific areas based upon

Although this story is a lesson in success, I have to ask the most important question of all: What is success?

I believe success isn't always financial, material, and tangible, but instead, success is accomplishment. A goal we set, a quest we seek, a mission we reach. I believe success is a place inside all of us, a place filled with pride and content. A place that's filled with truth. Success is to know that we believed in something, and when we're successful in making it work, it verifies that what we believed in was the truth.

For Colonel Sanders, success was to market the product

he believed in, and his ultimate success was, finally, after a thousand "no's," to land that hard-earned "yes."

So my success in life is to be content. To enjoy the many successes I hold dear to my heart. To place myself in a position where I can impact my world. Never to give in to the angry and hateful people in life. Never to let the judgment of others interfere with the dreams in my soul. If I can accomplish this, I will live peacefully. And when I feel the overwhelming presence of happiness, when I smile uncontrollably, then I'll know the ultimate truth of the secret to my success.

## Amber Alert Goes Cellular

By Kimberley Sander

If you have a mobile phone, you may have noticed that an AMBER Alert text for the suspected abduction of a 16-year old girl and her 8-year old brother flashed across your screen on the evening of Monday, August 5 (along with a high-pitched siren to get your attention). In fact, it was the first of its kind state-wide cellular alert. WEA, or Wireless Emergency Alerts, is part of the National Emergency Alerts System that allows authorized senders to activate cellular towers for emergencies such as missing children, weather, or presidential issues.

In some respects, this is an amazing way to help facilitate law enforcement in the cessation of child abduction. Think of the millions of people now in on the details, looking for license plates, searching the faces of children in crowds. Even digital billboards

are in on the plan with the pictures of potentially abducted children looming 20 feet high.

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their proximity to the emergency. The system is used in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

With the addition of cellular texts broadcasting for AMBER Alerts, there are even more opportunities to save lives. If you

think you have seen a missing child or have knowledge about a possible abduction, you can contact the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, 24/7, via their CYBER TIPLINE: 1 (800) 843-5678 or [www.cyber-tipline.com](http://www.cyber-tipline.com).

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# Suzanne Students Score Top Math Awards

By KELLI GILE

**Walnut** - Students from Suzanne Middle School's Math Club were among nearly 150,000 worldwide participants in this year's Math Olympiad program.

From November to March, the number wizards vied in a series of five monthly contests consisting of five math problems each.

During weekly practice sessions, math club members geared up for the contest with the help of teacher/coach Amy Erickson and Walnut High Math Club members.

Congratulations to the following Math Olympiad winners:

In the 6th grade category, Oscar Chou was awarded the 1st Place trophy. Tiffany Chang, Felianne

Teng and Derick Tseng tied for 2nd Place, scored in the top 10% and received silver pin awards. Sylvester Yue won the 3rd Place award. He also scored in the top 50% along with Ying Lin, Brandon Young, Jerry Guo, Jonathan Wang, Phillip Leung and Sheldon Zhu. These proud winners received embroidered patches.

In the 7th grade category, Bernard Yu was awarded the 1st Place trophy. Dylan Han took 2nd Place and Charles Gu tied with 6th grader Alice Zhang (from the Math Counts Team), who enrolled in the 7th grade category, for the 3rd Place award.

In the 8th grade category, Sophia Ding was awarded the 1st Place trophy. 7th grader Erica Chang, who enrolled in the 8th

grade category, won 2nd Place.

Awards and trophies were presented to the winners on May 1, 2013 during an after school ceremony and banquet attended by Math Counts team members, Math Club members and Walnut High School Math Club student coaches.

Math Counts team members 8th grader Ayesha Ng and 6th grader Aaron Chang were also acknowledged for their 1st Place finish in the AMC 10 (American Mathematics Competition) held at Suzanne Middle School on February 21, 2013. Both students received pins and Young Student Certificates of Achievement for placing in the top 50% as students in grades below grade 10.



PHOTO COURTESY: KELLI GILE

Suzanne students show off their awards from the Math Olympiad contest. Shown with coaches Amy Erickson and Walnut High student Jessie Chan.

## Mt. SAC Student Trustee Sworn In

### Mt. SAC RELEASE

**Walnut** - Mt. San Antonio College student Karina Maureira was sworn in as the new student trustee for the 2013-14 academic year during the Mt. SAC Board of Trustees' meeting last month.

As student trustee, Maureira, 20, will present the student perspective on policy issues before Mt. SAC's governing board. She will have only an advisory vote, which does not count toward the passage or failure of a motion. The advisory vote helps

the board know how the student trustee stands on issues and strengthens the student role in the college's shared governance process.

Maureira, a resident of San Dimas, is a communications major and carries a 3.7 GPA. She has served as a senator with the Mt. SAC Associated Students (student government) for the past two years. She is an honors student and has held membership in the campus chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Community College scholastic

honor society. Off campus, she works for her family's business management company. After she graduates from Mt. SAC, she plans to transfer to UCLA as a communications major.



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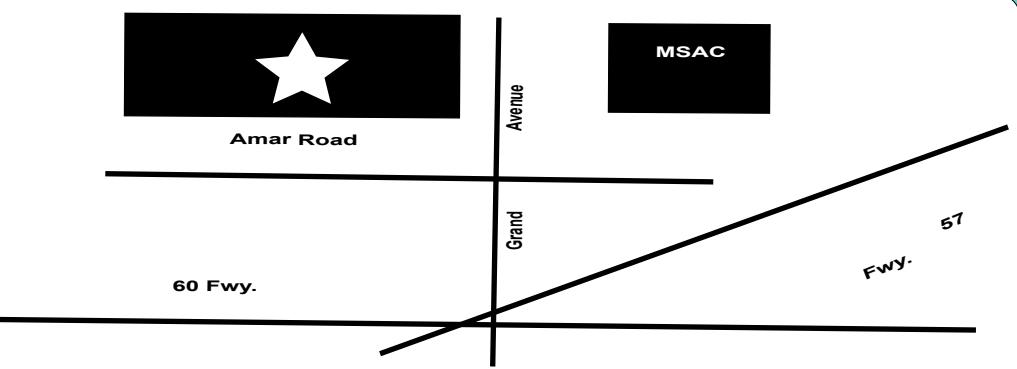
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# Baby Boy Safely Surrendered In Pomona

## STAFF REPORTS

**Pomona** – On Aug. 5, 2013, a newborn baby boy was safely surrendered at a hospital in Pomona, due to the Los Angeles County's Safe Surrender Program. The newborn is in protective custody and will be placed with families approved for adoption by the Department of Children and Family Services.

"I'm thankful that this mother, despite her desperate situation, decided to surrender her

baby, and give him a second chance at life," said Supervisor Knabe in a press release. "As word continues to spread about the Program, other moms in similar situations can make the right choice for their babies and themselves, because of Safe Surrender."

This is the fourth time a baby has been safely surrendered in LA County this year and the 107th time since the program began over twelve years ago, according to Supervisor Knabe.

## LA County fair just around the corner

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designated as "Diamond Bar Day", and City residents pay only \$5 for admission to the fair on that day. They also have multiple events honoring them including a business expo, community hero awards ceremony, parade, high school marching band competition, and other entertainment.

To make this year's trip to the fair easy, here are the highlights. You can also check out the Fair in detail by visiting [www.lacountyfair.com](http://www.lacountyfair.com). There is even a Mobile App you can download.

#### Hours:

Opening Weekend:  
Friday, Aug. 30, 3:00pm to  
Midnight

Saturday, Aug. 31, 10:00am  
to Midnight

Sunday, Sept. 1, 10:00am to  
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September 5: Diamond Bar  
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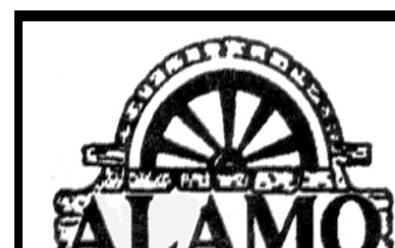
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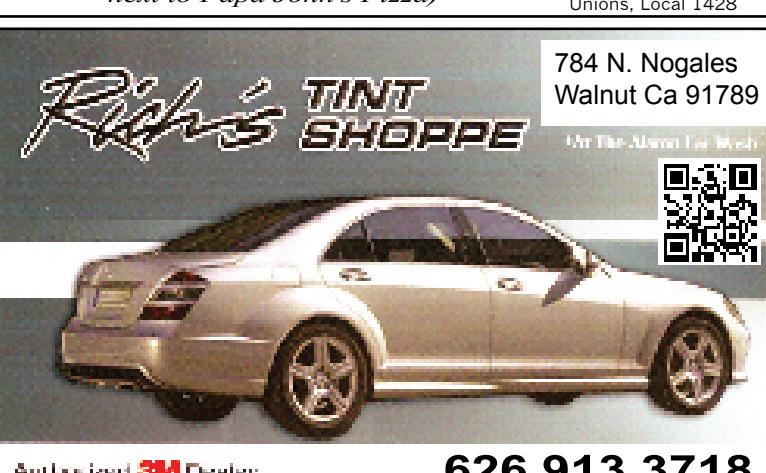
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# Crime Recap

STAFF REPORTS

**LA County** - This week in crime includes a hit and run, a truck vs. train crash, two freeway accidents, and a robbery.

On Aug. 1, a skateboarder was struck in a hit and run accident at a shopping center in Rowland Heights. After the vehicle hit the skateboarder, the vehicle sped off. The crash occurred at around 1:30 p.m. in front of Baja Fresh Mexican Grill located at 17420 Colima Road, west of Albatross Road and east of the Puente Hills Mall. The victim was brought to the hospital in stable condition, according to the L.A. County Fire Department.

Also on Aug. 1, a truck vs. train collision occurred on Nogales St. between Gale Ave. and San Jose Ave., causing the entire street to be shut down for 24 hours. The driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital.

On Aug. 2, an accident occurred on the I-10 freeway causing four victims to be airlifted to a local hospital, two of whom were children. The crash occurred on the westbound side of the I-10 freeway near Kellogg Dr. Two vehicles were involved, one of which overturned and ended up on its roof. Two helicopters landed on the Kellogg exit ramp of the I-10 freeway to pick up the four patients, which prompted all of the lanes to be shut down.

On Aug. 4, an accident involv-

ing a vehicle and a light pole occurred. The crash occurred at 18325 Valley Blvd. and was reported at 10:41 a.m.

On Aug. 5, an overturned furniture truck caused an accident on the I-10 freeway, causing the eastbound lanes to be shut down for a brief time. No injuries were reported in the crash.

On Aug. 6, a strong arm robbery occurred on the Cal Poly Pomona campus. Cal Poly released a statement on their

Facebook which read: "Pomona Police are investigating a strong-arm robbery that occurred this afternoon on Valley Blvd. near Kellogg Drive. The crime did not occur on campus."

The victim, who had just exited a bus, said his attacker approached from behind, struck him on the head, and took his wallet and cell phone before fleeing. Members of the campus community are urged to be vigilant and aware of their surround-

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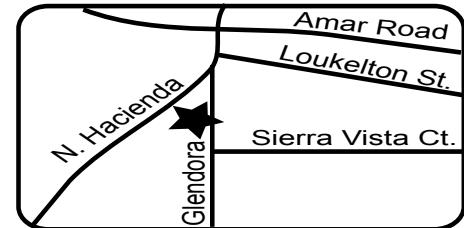
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By SARAH ARMIJO

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## City of Walnut slow down

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initiate the revision of speed limits on certain streets, and appropriate \$15,000 of City funds to complete the project. The 2013 state-required survey was completed, measuring 67 areas

of traffic for road characteristics, accident history, environmental factors, pedestrian activity and developments in the vicinity. As a result, Ordinance 13-05 was approved, and speed limits have been lowered on six street segments within the City of Walnut.

The following street segments will receive new signs and pavement markers:

- Amar Rd – Nogales St to Sunset Bluff Rd; Reduced from 50mph to 45mph
- Amar Rd – Sunset Bluff Rd to Grand Ave; Reduced from 45mph to 40mph
- Camino de Teodoro

– Valley Blvd to Calle Baja; Reduced from 35mph to 30mph

- Lemon Ave – Amar Rd to Creekside Dr; Reduced from 40mph to 35mph
- Mountaineer Rd – Grand Ave to Sundowner Ln; Reduced from 35mph to 30mph
- Pierre Road – Cardin Street to Vejar Road; Reduced

from 35mph to 30mph

The speed reductions are anticipated to help lower accident rates (Amar Rd and Lemon Ave both have a history of high accident rates); and help contribute to the safety of children around Suzanne Middle School and Walnut High School on the Pierre Road segment.

## 60 freeway lanes closed this weekend

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ends, Caltrans will replace the No. 3 and No. 4 eastbound SR-60 lanes between Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. These weekends include:

From Fri., Aug. 9 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 12 at 5 a.m., three lanes of the eastbound 60 will be closed and the following on-

ramps will be closed: Hacienda Blvd., Azusa Ave., Fullerton Rd., and south Nogales St. The following off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St.

From Fri., Aug. 23 at 10 p.m. to Mon., Aug. 26 at 5 a.m., two lanes of the eastbound 60 will be closed and the same on-ramps will be closed: Hacienda Boulevard, Azusa Ave., Ful-

lerton Rd., and south Nogales St. The same off-ramps will also be closed: Fullerton Rd. and Nogales St. However, the SR-57 and SR-60 connector will remain open.

Full freeway closures in the eastbound direction between Nogales St. and Fullerton Rd. will be in effect on Sat., Aug. 24 from 1 a.m. to 5 a.m. and on Mon., Aug. 26 from 1 a.m.

to 5 a.m. for concrete barrier removal.

Caltrans recommend planning a different route using their map app at [quickmap.dot.ca.gov/](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/). If you know you will be traveling on the 60 freeway during the construction, Caltrans encourage you to bring water, snacks, medications, and entertainment for children because the delay is expected to be

long. As a reminder, a reduced speed limit of 45 mph is always in effect within construction work zones. If traveling through the construction, remember to slow down, pay attention, and watch for signs advising of traffic shifts and other important information.

If you have any further questions, please contact Public Affairs at (213) 897-3656.

## Vision Arts: local artist creates valuable art

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heart.

Mathew Sanchez, creator of Vision Arts, expresses his creativity through every art piece, even if it's as simple as a portrait of relatives, friends, or a family pet.

For five years, Sanchez has been painting his thoughts, feelings and emotions on canvas. He decided to start Vision Arts to share his love of painting with others.

Mathew Sanchez recently won Pomona's Visual Artist of the Year at RAW Artists' RAWards last year. At the show, his artistic work was highlighted and he was awarded with the prestigious honor.

There were six categories involved in the RAWards, including visual art, fashion, photography, make-up, hair and music. Each nominee had their work set up for an audience in-person vote and to be evaluated by a panel of qualified judges. The winners were picked for each category based off both the in-person vote and the judges' evaluations.

After winning in the Visual Arts category, Sanchez said, "I'm very thankful to have been voted

Pomona's Visual Artist of the Year. From this accomplishment, I'm inspired to continue my dream to becoming a well-known and respected artist throughout the world."

Vision Arts provides a variety of different art created by Sanchez himself. "Whether it's a special request or simply just a piece of art my client is interested in buying, my art drifts to many different items and types of art," says Sanchez.

Sanchez specializes in custom clocks, hand-painted vinyl figures, abstract paintings, scenery paintings, graphic design, and black and white portraits. The portraits he paints aren't just pictures of people, they are black and white painted portraits with a few highlighting colors that convey an artistic spin.

Sanchez has also done spray-

painted art, pen and pencil sketches, pop art, hand-painted skateboards and custom animation characters. Sanchez said he can paint on almost anything, if given the opportunity.

Painting is not only Sanchez's hobby, but it's his passion. "I love seeing my art put a smile on a customer's face. I take every painting or project to its fullest potential. So when my customers are happy, it's a very rewarding feeling," says Sanchez.

What separates Sanchez from other artists is his diversity of art and his ability to take special requests. "Most artists don't take requests, but I'm open to any project and am willing to work with my customers to achieve their satisfaction."

Something really interesting about Sanchez is that he has never taken one art class in his

life. All of his artwork is self-taught through observations and experimentation. "God blessed me with this gift and all I want to do is to show the world my thoughts and feelings as I splatter them on a fresh white canvas."

To introduce his vision of art, Vision Arts is selling black and white clocks for \$40 (originally \$60). Pick your favorite celebrity,

character, or picture and have a one-of-a-kind custom clock painted for only \$40.

Visit Sanchez's website at [www.matsanchez.com](http://www.matsanchez.com), his Instagram: @visionarts, or his ad on page 11 to see more samples of his work. For more information or for a custom work, you can email Sanchez at [Matartistic7@yahoo.com](mailto:Matartistic7@yahoo.com).

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# Watch Your Words

By MARK HOPPER

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Someone said that the book of James is like the book of Proverbs in the Old Testament. It has many insightful and practical instructions for daily living.

One memorable verse says, "Be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger" (1:19). This one verse is filled with wisdom! If we could only follow its instructions, we would be considered wise beyond our years.

Many of us have a hearing

deficit. We don't listen to what others have to say. We don't give our full attention to their words and opinions.

Teens don't listen to their parents. Adults don't listen to the advice of others. We would avoid a lot of problems if we would only listen better.

We don't do much better when it comes to talking. James says we should be "slow to speak".

How many times have you wished you had not said what you did? How many times do you wish you could take back

the things you said in haste? How many times do you wish you had not sent that email or posted a comment on Facebook?

Words can do a lot of damage. We need to think before we speak!

Anger can get you into a lot of trouble, too. We can do a lot of harm to ourselves and others when we act or react in anger. James says "be slow to anger".

If you are looking for some practical ideas that can help

improve your life, let me invite you to attend one of our Sunday services this summer as we study the book of James.

If you already have a church home, let me encourage you to read the book of James for yourself. Read it slowly, thoughtfully and repeatedly. You will be glad you did!

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# Influences On Our Lives

By NANCY STOOPS

There are so very many things that have influence on our lives. The way we are parented, our families, our friends, the media, God, our good and our bad experiences and many other things can influence our lives and who we are. How does one stay true to who they are intended to



be with so many outside influences?

I believe people that are raised to be strong minded and confident human beings are less influenced by the bad in this world. I don't mean to imply that confident and strong minded people don't get hit by the hard pieces; they just are equipped with better tools. These tools come from really effective parenting or at least having somebody that was really there for you when you were growing up. We all need to believe that we good enough

and that we can fly if we believe in who we are.

Don't let anybody steal your possibilities. Don't let anybody steal your dreams and cut off your wings. Don't be your own worst enemy and allow bad influences into your life. Try to find the courage to let people that influence you in a negative way leave your life. Decide to get help instead of allowing drugs and alcohol influence you in a damaging way. Work hard to be a good influence on your own life and then in turn influence others in a

positive and helpful manner.

We need to live strong within our personal convictions and not allow the media to make us feel inferior and dictate what we should be or have to be good enough. We must learn to love ourselves and celebrate in our uniqueness. I'm here to tell you that you can stop second guessing yourself and I have faith in all of you!

This article was written by Nancy Stoops M.A., M.F.T. Nancy is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Nancy is now

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# Straight Talk With Danice

DEAR DR. AKIYOSHI

I was unable to attend my friend's expensive destination wedding in Alaska. She was really angry at me and disappointed. I am having some really personal health problems that I didn't want to share, so I just said my schedule would not allow for me to be gone a week. She felt I should have been able to plan my vacation for that time like all our other friends did, because we had nine months of notice. I still did not want to share my health secrets, and accepted that she was going to stay mad.

Two weeks before the wedding I sent a very generous check in a



card, and I know it was cashed. It has been four months and I have never received a thank you note or a message. We have had no contact. Does this mean our friendship is over? I have still been keeping to myself as I recover, but now I wonder if I did permanent damage. I feel sad. What do you think?

Mai

**Dear Mai,**

I am sorry you are having health problems. I'm also sorry that you have to wonder about your friendship status when you obviously have some big issues to contend with.

I don't know your friend, but I have a feeling she is immature. If you're wondering whether or not to call and see if she received the gift, I say no. You already know she cashed the check, and has decided to be rude. It appears

you are being snubbed, and I'd be willing to bet it is in retaliation, as she most likely thinks you snubbed her first. It could be an oversight, but I doubt it. Stay open minded if that's what feels best to you.

Mai, if you were my patient, I would work with you to release your negative relationships. Believe me, they have the ability to affect your physical and emotional health in a major way. Continue to tuck in and care for yourself; this is what you need most. You showed your kindness and generosity through your gift, and she showed you a thing or two as well. I say move on, and keep working on getting well. Keeping your priorities straight

right now will help you heal faster.

Best wishes,  
Danice Akiyoshi ND

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Code, where she helps people literally get rid of their emotional baggage. She also offers personal coaching services relating to all types of issues and concerns. This is a letter she received from an anonymous reader. To send a question to Danice, email her at [straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com](mailto:straighttalk@candidcoachingservices.com). You can also visit her website at [www.candidcoachingservices.com](http://www.candidcoachingservices.com).

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Holt said he enjoys his job

because of the gratification he gets out of helping people that appreciate him. He returns the favor by offering a personal warranty on his work.

"My personal warranty is if it ever needs repair, just give me a call," he said.

For Budget Rooter Plumbing's coupon on a Free In Home Estimate, check out page 11.

## DB annual project repairs roads

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its wear-and-tear, and will involve a treatment of, or combination of, asphalt patchwork, crack sealing, asphalt grind and overlay, and slurry and chip seal application.

Construction hours will be from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the end of August. Depending on the type of road repair, it may be necessary to close streets for several hours during the day. However, all streets will be reopened the same day by 5 p.m., according to the City.

The City's Road Maintenance Project divides the city into seven areas and seven arterial zones, and treats and repairs sections of roadway on a rotating seven-

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# Sex trafficking arraignment

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two felony counts of pandering a minor over 16 years old by procuring, one felony count of pimping a minor for Jane Doe #1, and one felony count of attempting to pimp a minor for Jane Doe #2, with a sentencing enhancement for human trafficking by coercion, deceit and fear. Marshall has a prior conviction for a 2011 residential burglary in Sacramento County. If convicted on all counts, Greer faces a maximum sentence of 30 years to life in state prison, and Marshall faces a maximum sentence of 60 years to life in state prison.

Greer and Marshall are accused of being pimps/modern-day slave owners who exploit women and/or children for financial gain. Pimps often establish rigid rules that their victims are expected to follow including requiring victims to turn over all payment they receive for sex acts from sex purchasers to their pimp.

Months before July 2013, Greer is accused of befriending 17-year-old Jane Doe #1.

On July 29, 2013, Greer and Marshall are accused of meeting Jane Doe #1 and 16-year-old Jane Doe #2. They are accused of convincing the victims to go away with them with the intent to

traffic them and sexually exploit the girls for a commercial purpose under the pretense of going on a road trip. Marshall is accused of posting sexual advertisements featuring Jane Doe #1 on Internet websites known for prostitution. The two defendants are accused of driving the teen victims to San

Jose and then to Orange County. During this time, Marshall is accused of forcibly instructing Jane Doe #1 to perform lewd sexual acts in exchange for money.

On July 31, 2013, Greer and Marshall are accused of putting both girls in a Santa Ana hotel room to engage in commercial sex. The defendants are accused of setting up two encounters with

sex purchasers; one of them was an undercover officer from the Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD). The defendants were arrested that day.

This case was investigated by SAPD. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Anaheim

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# Getting to know L.E.A.F.F.

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run our organization like a union with a President, a VP and a Board to ensure that everything runs smoothly."

In 2010, the estimated number of Law Enforcement and Fire Fighters living in Eastvale was 1500 and in 2013 that number of L.E.A.F.F. members has grown to around 2500. With the large number of Police Officers and Fire Fighters who call Eastvale home, the group started small and grew to include representatives from virtually every department in four counties and includes: Deputy Sheriffs, Police Officers, Corrections Officers, Parole Agents, Highway Patrol Officers, INS Agents, FBI Agents, Paramedics, as well as all assignments in the various Fire Departments.

The Mission Statement of L.E.A.F.F. is a simple one: To maintain a high quality of life within this community, with the goal of Eastvale achieving the status of #1 safest city. L.E.A.F.F. achieves this by supporting proactive law enforcement, fire safety and code enforcement. They support the community as a whole, especially as it relates to the safety of its citizens. In fact, you will find L.E.A.F.F. members all over the community: starting Neighborhood Watch Programs, calling in suspicious activity, helping raise funds for fallen firefighters or families in need, etc. L.E.A.F.F.

tries to help the community out whenever possible and as a non-profit group they have been able to raise funds through donations and fundraisers that have helped local schools, athletic programs and scholarships for individuals interested in law enforcement or fire fighting. Its members also try and help out by backing up the City Council, Mayor and State encouraging a "pro-active" approach to community.

"While members do not engage in doing the actual police work or investigations, their training helps them to keep an eye out for the community and their neighbors," Arrellano states. Many L.E.A.F.F. members are subject matter experts and lend their expertise to helping the City with everything from traffic to reporting incidents, helping out with scene security and effectively reporting suspicious activity directly to local law enforcement.

New L.E.A.F.F. President, Rigo Arrellano, wants to let the community know that L.E.A.F.F is here to help out the community and to make Eastvale an even better place to live. "We believe in being present and active members of the community. I like to get out there and shake hands, pound the pavement and make sure people know who we are and why we are here."

Arrellano also brought up the City of Simi Valley. While it was voted one of safest cities to live

in California, partly due to the fact that it is home to a large number of Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement, imagine how great it would have been if those Fire Fighters and Police Officers would have formed a group together. When State, City and local agencies all unite toward a common goal and have a common mission in mind, the possibilities are endless.

To find out more about L.E.A.F.F., visit their website at [www.eleaff.org](http://www.eleaff.org) or email them at [info@eleaff.com](mailto:info@eleaff.com)

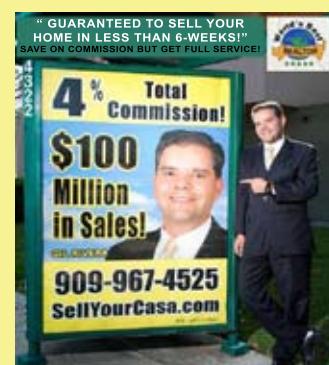
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