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Chamber of Commerce

"Welcome to the new year, Eastvale Chamber of Commerce! We have great things in store for 2015. For those of you able to attend the Chairman's Gala, you got to see firsthand some of the new and exciting things coming our way, and I am very excited to see these things come to pass. For those of you that were unable to attend, we missed you! The new Chamber logo (as pictured above) represents an all new growth and vision for the Chamber. I am hoping that with the direction of the current Board of Directors, we will be able to continuously impact our City in the most positive way. I welcome any and all suggestions and look forward to serving you this year."

- Michael Offutt, President

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Police/Fire

The Evolution Of Our Police Departments

BY WARREN PULLEY

Since the early 1700s, populations in the United States have had some form of "Night Watch", "Town Watch" or Constable to help provide gaps in protection that the locally

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1st Annual Chairman's Gala

BY CLAIRE LEWIS

Eastvale – This year, the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce decided to do things a little differently to show their

appreciation for their local business members. Rather than having the regular Installation Dinner, the Chamber hosted its First Annual Chairman's Gala. Held on Thurs., Jan. 22, at

the Eastvale Community Center, the Chamber transformed the room into a sparkling, el-

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Eastvale's Miracle Dog - Roxy



PHOTO COURTESY: ERIKA ALLIS AND JACLYN SIVERWRIGHT

Roxy, the day she was found after her incredible journey (L); and now, a month later (R).

BY JENNIFER JESTER-MADRIGAL

Eastvale – Back in July 2014, Roxy was accidentally let out of her home by carpet cleaners. Her family, who adopted her from a shelter after she was abandoned in a garbage can, was devastated and searched everywhere for her. Meanwhile, Roxy - a German Shepherd mix - wandered around Eastvale and

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Eastvale Estates Annexation

BY JENNIFER JESTER-MADRIGAL

Eastvale – For the second time, a group of Eastvale residents have filed a petition to become annexed by the

Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) as opposed to the Jurupa Valley School District they are now a part of. Their goal is to have their children attend Eastvale's highly

rated schools. According to Bree Pressler-Dennis, a resident of one of

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What's Up With Walmart?

BY K.P. SANDER

Eastvale – If you're up on your social media sites in and around the City of Eastvale, you may know that as far as the proposed Walmart coming to Eastvale goes, some citizens can't wait, and some citizens think it is a concern for the reputation



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Aerial view, looking north on Archibald

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"People of Eastvale"

BY RANDI HAUSER

Eastvale – For the next several months, the Eastvale Community News would like to bring attention to the heroes and "good-deed doers" of Eastvale! Whether it's your child's coach, the neighborhood barista, or a friend that goes above and beyond, great people deserve to be

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City Council

City Council Meeting Recap

BY CARISSA HERB

Eastvale – The first City Council meeting for 2015 was held at Rosa Parks Elementary on Jan. 14. The meeting began promptly at 6:30 p.m., with council members Ike Bootsma, William Link, and Adam Rush present.

During the Presentations/Announcements, former Planning Commissioner, Fred Valentine, was presented with an award by Mayor Ike Bootsma, Bill Link, and Adam Rush. There was a presentation given for the Western Riverside Council of Governments' (WRCOG) activities, and updates regarding City boundaries and

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Eastvale Town Hall Recap

By JENNIFER JESTER-MADRIGAL

Eastvale - Eastvale's first Quarterly Town Hall meeting of 2015 was held on Tues., Jan. 27, at Rosa Parks Elementary. The meeting was sponsored by the Eastvale Community Committee and was an opportunity for the various organizations that call our City home to update residents on the latest news.

Mayor Ike Bootsma updated citizens with a positive forecast for the City this year. CERT training has been completed by another group of 36 people. The Leal property Master Plan is still on track. Businesses are doing well overall; and road construction throughout the City is progressing.

Tyler Madary, Field Representative from **State Senator Richard Roth's Office**, spoke on behalf of our Senator and informed us that the legislature has just come back to session. The Senator is focusing on increasing healthcare access for the Inland Empire and hopes to increase public and private funding. He is also hoping that State Bill 22 will pass, which will award money to recent graduates to practice in local hospitals with a high number of Medi-Cal patients. SB25 is another bill that the Senator's office hopes to pass. This bill will basically rewrite the failed Vehicle License Fee bill, excluding annexed areas, which would make the bill more likely to pass.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department presented another new Assistant Chief of Police



PHOTO COURTESY: EASTVALE NEWS
Mayor Ike Bootsma makes a presentation at the Town Hall Meeting.

for Eastvale, Lt. Scott Forbes. Forbes has been with the Sheriff's Department for over 20 years. He provided an update on statistics for the last quarter of 2014. There was one fatal traffic collision; 22 injury collisions; 86 non-injury collisions; and 36 hit and run/property damage reports. The Department issued 420 hazardous violations and over 2,000 parking violations. Most accidents occurred on Hamner Avenue, Schleisman Road and Chandler Street. For Crime, there was an increase in mail theft, construction theft and tailgate theft. There was also a spike in arson, but Cal-Fire made an arrest and that number has since dropped. Pot houses remain an ongoing battle, but some are "legal" and are difficult to prosecute.

Corona-Norco Unified School District (CNUSD) reported that construction on Ronald Reagan Elementary is going smoothly and Principal Susan Helms says that everything is on track for the July

2015 opening. They are currently registering students and hiring teachers. JCSD hopes to have a Kids-Zone in place to open with the school.

The District has purchased AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) which will first be placed in CNUSD high schools. Over 230 district employees have been trained in administering these devices.

The idea of adding "Eastvale" to CNUSD has been put on the radar and is being discussed.

The next school to be built in Eastvale – Rondo Elementary – is being planned for completion in 2018. An offer on a 10-acre parcel of land on the corner of Hellman Avenue and Walters Street has been made, and if accepted, the school will begin the long planning and construction process.

The District has also refinanced a group of Community Facility District (CFD) bonds, bringing savings to over 350 homes in Eastvale. This is the fourth refinance that CNUSD

has completed, and the District hopes to do more to help lower the residents' tax burden.

CNUSD Superintendent, Dr. Michael Lin, was awarded recognition of being the top County Superintendent in Riverside County.

Residents raised questions on the need for more intermediate and high schools in Eastvale. Middle schools are projected to be adequate for the City, but with the only high school at 4,000 students - with projections of 4,700 in the next few years - another school is necessary. CNUSD Board Member, Bill Newberry, discussed the STEM Magnet School that will be placed on the softball field behind Eleanor Roosevelt High in the next few years. The softball field will be removed and the service road behind the school expanded. Start and end times for ERHS and the new school would be adjusted to help ease traffic. The STEM school would focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, and would initially be open to Eastvale students only.

Jurupa Community Services District (JCSD) has just released their newly updated website. Movies in the Park will be coming soon and will provide entertainment through August. Construction of Phase II of the Eastvale Community Park - with four new softball fields and two soccer fields - will begin soon. In addition, the rehabilitation of the old fire station site at Cedar Creek Park will begin soon.

City of Eastvale Code Enforcement

Officers, Travis Engelking and Allyn Evans, gave an update on City violations. The most common are regarding trash cans and RVs. Feb. 9 is the deadline to remove holiday lights. In 2014, 5,235 signs were removed and 5,642 inspections were completed. Refer to the City website (www.eastvaleca.gov) to update yourself on City codes and rules for posting signs.

Animal Control Services Officer, Mark Visyak, gave an update on animal control in the area. He spends about four hours each day in Eastvale. In 2014, Visyak made 3,475 calls in the City: 382 animals were impounded (four were turned in by residents); 177 animals were deceased and 1 livestock was deceased; 25 animals were quarantined for rabies; 35 stray dogs were captured; 106 citations/infractions were written; 11 potentially dangerous animals were contained; and 93 animal welfare issues were completed.

Sharyn Link, from the **Eastvale Community Foundation**, made a presentation that the Foundation will be re-hanging some of the previously damaged military banners, at about six banners per month. Banners remain in place as long as the individual is active in the military, or has served for 20 years or more. The Foundation plans on having a booth at this summer's Picnic in the Park, and will host their annual golf tournament. As always, they are looking for volunteers to help with their many events.

City council meeting recap

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improved energy efficiency.

The Public Safety Commission update discussed programs for safety preparedness within the community, along with upcoming safety classes taking place in order to be more prepared for a disaster.

During the Public Comments section, Kathy Walker discussed her

change in position. Michael Offutt from the Chamber of Commerce mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony for Griggs Mutual Realty & Management, and the First Annual Chairman's Gala. Cesar Morales shared his opinions on Shop Eastvale Pride and how there needs to be more positive promotion for shopping in Eastvale.

The consent calendar was passed 3-0. The Public Hearings passed 3-0. There was no Old Business.

In the New Business section of the

meeting, there were no public comments. David Flores was sworn in as incoming Commissioner. There was no City Manager's Report.

During Council Communications, Councilman Rush brought up Police Department service hours, traffic shifts, hot spots throughout the area, financial statutes, robberies, and better animal control services. Councilman Link spoke about the clarification of mandatory street sweeping.

The meeting was concluded and



PHOTOS BY: ADRIANA AGREDANO
Eastvale's City Council posing with the Eastvale Queens

adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

The second Council meeting of the month was held on Jan. 28, and began at 6:43 p.m. with all council members present.

There was no invocation and the meeting went straight into the presentations and announcements.

The Eastvale Community Foundation update was given by Alexandra and James Rush (no relation to Adam Rush). They discussed upcoming events and efforts taking place regarding Picnic in the Park, youth scholarship programs, and the golf tournament taking place later this year.

Eastvale Police Chief Horton introduced new Assistant Chief of Police, Lt. Scott Forbes.

The Interim Finance Director, James Riley, was also introduced.

The Student Liaison Report was given by ASB President, Jakob Rivera, who elaborated on a recent fundraiser by the local elementary schools in order to raise money for the Stacy Family, who has three children in need of special care. The money raised went toward a new handicap van for the family.

Public Comments were brief, with discussion of the Eastvale Pageant that took place, and the introduction of the new court.

The Consent Calendar passed 5-0.

In the Public Hearing section, a presentation was given on Project No. 13-0632 (Schleisman Road and Sumner Avenue). The presentation discussed whether to turn the open lot on that corner into residential or retail. After the vote it was decided that further discussion will be needed.

The Old Business section included ideas for the Limonite/I-15 bridge design. The design decision passed 5-0.

In the New Business section of the meeting, Items 10.1 through 10.3 passed 5-0. New appointments were discussed, including Anwer Khan, as the new Public Safety Commissioner, and Howard Feng, as the new Planning Commissioner.

In Council Communications, Clint Lorimore and Joe Tessari discussed the Public Safety Realignment Conference they attended in Sacramento.

The meeting was concluded and adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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WOLFF Holds Ceremony For Fallen Heroes

BY JENNIFER JESTER-MADRIGAL

Eastvale - On Fri., Jan 9, WOLFF (Wives of Law Enforcement and Firefighters) held an event to honor the memory of the 118 Peace Officers killed in the line of duty in 2014.

The public gathered at Eastvale's Fire Station #27, where 118 American flags were placed in front of the station. In addition, Eastvale Firefighters displayed a blue light at the firehouse to remember the men and women who have sacrificed their lives.



This event coincided with a national movement to support law enforcement officers as they serve and protect citizens in the United States in the hope of bringing communities together and awareness to a worthy cause.

During the ceremony, Bagpiper, Terri McCarthy - a retired Los Alamitos Police Officer - played taps and other signifi-

cant music, while members of the community, Police Officers, and Firefighters took turns placing a flag along the sidewalk in front of the station.

It was truly a community event, and WOLFF would like to give a special "Thank You" to the City of Eastvale and the surrounding communities that have been supportive of our fallen Heroes.

WOLFF will be putting on many future events to support our Law Enforcement and Firefighter families, as well as the Eastvale community.



PHOTO COURTESY: WOLFF

Citizens line up in front of Eastvale's Fire Station #27 to honor our fallen heroes on Jan. 9.

The evolution and downfall of our police departments

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armed citizenry could not do. Early Americans did not depend on their police departments to protect them from each and every ill in the society of the day; they instead wanted their police officers to maintain the class systems that were in place with early settlers and help with the protection of private property when the citizenry could not.

The use of police-type organizations such as the Pinkertons, the Mint Police, US Parks Police, and U.S. Marshalls helped establish law and order in the early days, and provided the established respect for law enforcement officers and the dangers they faced in our untamed early country and westward settlements.

Fast forward to the 21st Century, and take a long and hard look at any police or sheriff's department in this country and you will find it under siege. And when I say under siege, I mean just that. They have constant

pressure applied to them by race-baiting attorneys and news organizations that fail to do their due diligence and seek the truth of any given police situation. Internal Affairs departments – that in their haste to calm what is seen as racial tension - go after law abiding, policy minding police officers with a vengeance for the sake of perceived fairness, along with the Monday morning quarterbacking public that gobbles up the downfall of one of its protectors with a pizza and a soda.

I spent the better part of 12 years patrolling the streets of Los Angeles in the divisions of Rampart and Southeast, and constantly walked the line of being a perceived racist cop. Although I was a black police officer, I watched untold numbers of officers adopt the drive and wave approach to police work due to the harsh, unbalanced and out of whack internal investigations that could and did derail their careers - often times based on a misperception of a police officer's authority and the department's lack of ability and unwillingness to explain such to

the general public.

The downfall of our police departments will be swift and permanent, and will leave a whole class of people defenseless and unprotected if, as Americans, we don't collectively take steps to defend our officers when they are in the right. They have the absolute authority to conduct the kind of policing they are sworn to do, and call out any officer that is failing to protect and serve citizens with the zeal that they would protect their own families with.

Let's get something straight, not every black person shot by a white officer is a victim. There are black males that carry guns illegally on our streets, and they do fight with police officers when confronted with arrest - and then look to illicit the sympathy of the general public by crying foul when injured or killed by the police for their aggressive and illegal actions. This exact chain of events occurs in the white community also, but the visceral, negative reaction to the same events in different neighborhoods is the main cause of the downfall of our police departments.

1st annual chairman's gala

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egant evening to remember. New President for the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce, Michael Offutt, said, "The 1st Annual Chairman's Gala was a huge success! I was so excited to share my vision with our members, and I feel that it was embraced and much appreciated. I look forward to many more events such as this, which not only get important information out to our members, but also give them a chance to get together and interact. With a brand new vision and a new set of core competencies directing our path, 2015 is sure to be an exciting and successful year for the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce."

On top of dinner and the evening's festivities, the Chamber recognized some impor-

tant businesses with special awards, as follows:

- Large Business of the Year: Waste Management
- Small Business of the Year: Eastvale Community News
- Philanthropic Award: Eastvale Community Foundation
- Ambassador of the Year: Kay Trotman
- Most Valuable Partner for 2014: Goodman-Birtcher

Business Professional of the Year: Michele Nissen, Assistant City Manager of Eastvale

With such a successful event, no doubt there will be a 2nd Annual Chairman's Gala early next year. For more information on the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce, visit www.eastvalechamberofcommerce.com, and see Page 17 of this publication.



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Chamber President, Michael Offutt, presents awards to Eastvale businesses at the 1st Annual Chairman's Gala on Jan. 22.



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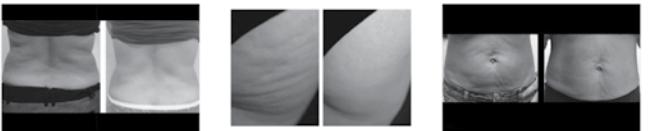
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How Distracted Is Your Driving?

By K.P. SANDER

Eastvale - I was recently listening to a favorite radio program, and the DJ made mention of a man who was pulled over by police and cited for eating a hamburger while driving.

At first I thought, really? What's next? But as I was driving down the freeway attempting to put hot sauce on my taco*, I began to think, perhaps eating while driving is as much of a distraction – if not more – as texting.

Years ago, a friend of mine was on the road for work and had grabbed some drive-thru lunch on her way to an appointment. As she attempted to merge her little pickup from the onramp to the travel lane – simultaneously picking up freeway speed and taking that first bite of a juicy burger – her tires caught in the grooves of the shoulder. Not willing to sacrifice the burger, she one-handedly over corrected her steering and flipped her truck. The burger didn't make it. Without the grace of God, she wouldn't have made it either.

After a couple of weeks in the hospital, she thought twice before ever eating while driving again.

Distracted driving includes a variety of activities, the very popular texting, phones (laptops!), eating, talking to passengers, grooming (if I had a nickel for every time I saw someone applying mascara at a traffic signal...), reading, using navigation, watching videos – you name it; if it takes your visual, manual or cognitive attention away from your driving, it's a distraction. And by the way, texting requires all three skills...at once.

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTS) revealed from a survey that only one out of five young drivers thinks that texting makes no difference in their driving performance. The average text takes your eyes off the road for about five seconds. Combine that with traveling 55 miles per hour; that's enough time to cover the length of a football field – blindfolded. A frightening visual (pun intended) that I

would venture to say might make a difference.

A National Occupant Protection Use Survey showed that at any given daylight hour across the nation, more than 660,000 drivers are manipulating electronic devices – the lion's share by texting. NHTS says that in 2012, 3,328 people were killed and 421,000 were injured in distraction-affected crashes – depending on how you look at it, more than 60% of those distracted while driving, crashed.

71% of teens surveyed admit to composing and sending a text while driving. Coincidentally, nearly 70% of California drivers surveyed in 2013 said they had been hit or nearly hit by a driver who was talking or texting on a phone.

These are all statistics that just scream, STOP! Do you really want to drive in an environment where you are surrounded by – maybe you are one of them – individuals creating a crash risk 23 times greater than driving while not distracted? I'm visualizing a group of friends in a car:

they just hit the drive-thru on their way to a party, and they are having a great time texting back and forth with other friends heading to the same party...they are all engaged on everything, except the road. How often do you think this happens? Exactly.

Whatever takes your eyes from the road – even for a second – has the ability to alter your life forever. The outcome is rarely a good one. Don't learn from experience, take statistics to heart. That call, text, burger or ? can wait until you are stationary and safe.

We lived quite comfortably for thousands of years without the immediate gratification of iPhone/Android technology. There is nothing worth the risk of a precious life – yours, or someone else you may affect, by being impaired in some way.

A vehicle can be a symbol of success or poverty, a well-loved

member of the family (good, old Bessie), or simply the thing that gets you from A to B. I can also be a lethal weapon when operated outside of the law.

Lt. Scott Forbes from the Eastvale Police Department gives us this sage advice, "In the short time it takes to read or respond to a text, your vehicle can conceivably travel hundreds of feet. Please don't gamble with your safety or the safety of other motorists. The risk is just too great."

Be safe. Don't drive distracted. Ever.

Visit www.distracted.gov to learn more. Educate yourself, your teens, your friends, all those you care about.

*An embellishment for entertainment purposes. No tacos were harmed in the writing of this article. Oh, c'mon! How many times have your knees done the steering for you?

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Navigating The 'Main Street Squeeze'

STAFF REPORTS

Corona — If you are one of the local commuters who travel into the perfect storm of the 15 and 91 Freeways merging with the influx of vehicles entering from Main Street on your way to work, there might be some relief in your near future.

The Corona Police Department is offering five tips to help you navigate the traffic, and perhaps make for a more enjoyable drive.

1. Allow extra travel time. Do yourself a favor and leave for work or school a little earlier. That will help you relax and be more patient as your drive through this area.



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Construction progresses at the Main St onramp at the 91 freeway.

2. Make good driving decisions. When the road narrows, move over and get behind the car in front of you. Please

don't try to go around that car and then get stuck at the K-rail (cement barrier) up ahead. There are "No U-Turn" signs at Third St. and on Grand Blvd, so don't try and make a U-turn. Please follow all rules of the road and be patient during this time.

3. Pay attention. Travel conditions will be changing during the next two years. K-rails will be shifting. There may be some additional lane closures at night. Follow the signs, put down your cell phones, and please be respectful with other motorists and contractors.

4. Know alternate routes. The eastbound on-ramp of

Main Street will be closed, so use Lincoln Ave., Magnolia Ave., McKinley St. or Hidden Valley Pkwy. instead.

5. Watch for workers and equipment. Although crews will be primarily working behind K-rails, there are exceptions. Please keep an eye out for crew members and their vehicles. Safety is paramount and we want everyone to make it home safely.

The Corona Police Department would like to reiterate that this is a temporary inconvenience that will ultimately benefit all commuters in the long run traveling through this area. Please remember that we're all in this together.

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STAFF REPORTS

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Harrington Street in Corona. You can also check out the bachelor and bachelorette photos by downloading the City of Corona Mobile App in the App Store for Apple iOS devices, or the Google Play Store for Android devices.

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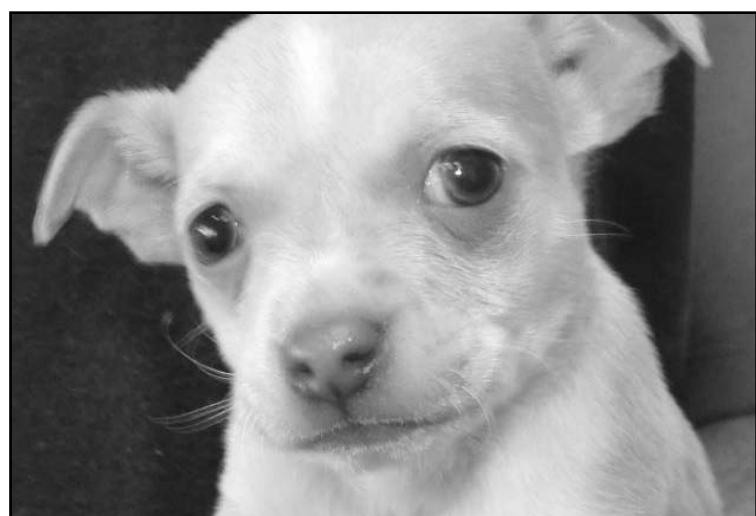


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"Please be my Valentine." This little pocket-pup is available in Corona.

Eastvale estates annexation

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these communities, "We live in Eastvale and it makes sense that our children should have the same rights as others to attend these schools. I was initially told when I moved here, I would have to send my children to a Pedley school with scores in the 300s instead of the highly rated schools here."

A resident from the Eastvale Estates, who wished to remain anonymous, agreed with this

statement and added, "As a parent, why would you want to send your child to a low-rated school when you could send them to higher scoring school that is in your city?"

The second petition, which was filed on Nov. 13, 2014 and includes 117 valid signatures, was made up of only those residents from the 244-home Eastvale Estates tract. According to the Riverside County Department of Education, the petition has enough valid signatures and will move forward.

Bill Newberry, CNUSD Board

Member, spoke briefly about the annexation request at Eastvale's Town Hall meeting on Jan. 27. Newberry said that there were about 100 students involved in this petition, about 50 of which are already in Eastvale on inter-district transfers. If the petition passes, Newberry doesn't expect it to really impact Eastvale schools too severely.

A public hearing must now be held by the Jurupa and Corona-Norco school boards within 60 days of Jan. 8. If this petition is accepted, it can then move forward to the next step which

will most likely occur in mid to late February, according to the Riverside County Department of Education.

Eastvale schools are part of CNUSD, but a small percentage of Eastvale residents - east of Hamner Avenue and west of Interstate 15 - are actually not

inside CNUSD and are thus not eligible to attend schools within the district. These communities include Eastvale Estates, Swan Lake and Homecoming at Eastvale; however, the latest petition was submitted on behalf of Eastvale Estates residents only.

Eastvale's Miracle Dog Roxy

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was frequently seen hiding in the bushes along Hamner Avenue; however, every attempt to catch her failed.

Finally, on Dec. 30, 2014, a group of kind Eastvale residents: Keleigh Angelo, Hope Seibert and Ericka Allis, were able to rescue Roxy near Rosa Parks Elementary and put her picture up on the "Eastvale Lost and Found Pets" Facebook page - a page run by Allis, Julie Rogan and Kate Haynes.

When the group rescued the dog, they nicknamed her "Hope" and asked the public for help in

identifying her. What they didn't realize was that "Hope" was really the Sivewright family's beloved Roxy. Thanks to her microchip and some investigating by these dog lovers, Roxy was reunited with her family.

According to Allis, "As soon as Roxy saw her owner she started crying and wagging her tail uncontrollably."

Sadly, Roxy was far from healthy and was immediately taken the vet. During her time as a runaway, Roxy became severely malnourished and was most likely hit by car. The vet was able to fix her dislocated hip, and after a five day stay, she was able to go home to her family.

Now, a month later, Roxy has gained 23 pounds, her hip is healed and she is walking great. She readjusted immediately, and her family is grateful. Owner, Jaclyn Sivewright, and her family are "so absolutely thrilled to have her home."

From a shelter dog that survived being left in a trashcan behind a store, to surviving being away from home as an accidental runaway for four months, Roxy's incredible journey is over. She is truly a miracle.

The County of Riverside requires that all pet owners microchip their dogs and cats, and as you can see in this incident, it makes all the difference.

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ERHS Students Donate Blood

By EMILY AGUILAR

Eastvale – Many students are beginning to realize the importance of giving back to their community: they volunteer,



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ERHS student and blood drive volunteer, Jackie Camuy

they host fundraisers, and they try to promote philanthropy.

When the American Red Cross offered to let ERHS students donate blood on Jan. 23, over a hundred students - mostly upperclassmen - rolled up their sleeves to donate their blood in the school cafeteria.

Donating blood is necessary for patients who have been in traumatic accidents or have health related issues, but the drawing of blood isn't as simple as it seems. Eligible donors have to be over 100 pounds, cannot have health-related issues such as diabetes, must be at least 16, and must face the risk of feeling immense fatigue afterwards. Even after signing away their consent, nurses must ask the donors a series



PHOTO BY: EMILY AGUILAR

The American Red Cross vehicle/blood lab on the ERHS Campus

of questions to ensure that they are physically prepared to undergo the rigorous process.

In spite of these barriers, students still stand by the belief that their half hour of discom-

fort is worth saving someone's life.

Included in the ERHS donors, was Jackie Camuy, an avid volunteer who has donated blood numerous times. Despite the anxiousness that she felt while having a nurse draw her blood, she has never been hesitant to take advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life.

"I feel like it is my responsibility to contribute to society in any way possible. I specifically chose to donate blood because I want to give somebody a better chance to live." Camuy stated.

For those interested in donating blood or volunteering in the medical field can visit <http://www.redcross.org>.

Mustang Mayhem

By TARA LANNING

Eastvale – Here at Eleanor Roosevelt High School we have a team on campus called Renaissance, who recognizes students for their achievements. One of the things we love to recognize is school spirit.

Along with Renaissance, ERHS does different activities to get kids pumped up about our

school. We call these activities, "Mustang Mayhem".

Recently, we had a "Planks for Pizza" competition at lunch. The competition was simple... whoever held a plank position for the longest amount of time won a box of pizza.

The students raved about this Mustang Mayhem competition, and everyone had a great time.



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Sports Parents' Role

By MIKE GREEN

To determine your role as a sports parent, you first have to ask yourself, what do you want your child to take from their sports experience? Some parents want their child to be active, some want them to learn social skills, some want them to learn how to compete and some want them to achieve something more.

There are many reasons as to why we put our kids in sports.

Most parents would chose the reasons stated above, but then they put pressure on their kid to always win, or be one of the best on the team. This pressure often has a negative impact on the experience for your child, and eventually drives them away from the game.

Your role as a youth sports parent is strictly to support your child. Not to coach them, not to criticize the coach, not to criticize the officials. Unless you are putting in the extra hours to be

the coach, your role is simply to support your child and the coach. Be sure to tell them how much you liked watching them play, regardless if they won or lost.

If you remember that youth sports are for your child, not you, they will have a great experience and get the most benefit from the sport.

Mike Green is a coach for The Sports Family Club, a website dedicated to enriching the lives of children through sports and activities.

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Keeping Your Child Internet Safe

STAFF REPORTS

SGV - We've heard horror stories about bullying, predators, inappropriate websites, and more. We live in a cyber-space world, and it is wonderful to have a wealth of information about the world we live in at our fingertips in a moment's notice. But how do we keep our families safe, and our children aware of dangers on the Internet?

As a parent, it is your responsibility to make sure your child stays safe online. There are many opportunities for pedophiles and con artists to reach children (and adults) through the Web, and our friends at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department have provided the

following tips to help keep everyone safe.

- To get started, set aside time to explore the Internet with your child(ren). Explain that although a person may be alone in a room using the computer, once they are logged on, they are no longer alone. Other people using the Internet can find out who you are and where you are. They can even tap into information in your computer.

- The best tool a child has for screening material found on the Internet is his or her brain. Teach children –as appropriate – about exploitation, pornography, hate literature, excessive violence, and other issues that concern you, so they know how to respond when they see this

material.

- Choose and download a commercial online service that offers parental control features on all your devices. These features can block content that is not clearly marked as appropriate for children such as chat rooms, bulletin boards, news groups, and discussion groups, or access to the Internet entirely.

- Purchase blocking software and design your own safety system. Different packages can block sites by name, search for unacceptable words and block sites containing those words, block entire categories of material, and prevent children from giving out personal information.

- Monitor your children when they're online and monitor the time they spend online.

- Teach your children to let you know immediately if they

find something scary or threatening on the Internet.

- Children should never provide their name, address, telephone number, school name, parents' names, passwords, or any other personal information online.

- Children should never agree to meet face-to-face with someone they've met online.

- Children should never respond to messages that have bad words, seem scary, or just plain weird.

- Children should never agree to purchase goods or services online without your express permission.

- Children should never send a picture of themselves to anyone without your express permission.

- Children should understand that once a picture, message, or post is sent, it cannot be retrieved and will remain on the

Internet virtually forever.

- Children should understand that it is okay to say no, and to never let anyone pressure them into doing something that feels uncomfortable.

- Children should understand that everything you read or see on the Internet is not necessarily true; people may not be who they appear to be.

- Parents can monitor access to the Internet at their children's school.

- Parents can set reasonable rules for computer use and discuss it with children. Investigations have shown that children will likely have a social media page whether you approve or not, so it is imperative that they learn about Internet safety.

- Know your children's friends and their parents. Talk to the parents to see what rules they have established for Internet access, monitoring and safety.

- If your child receives threatening emails or messages, or pornographic material, save the offensive information and contact your local law enforcement agency and the Internet service provider.

- If you come across sites that are inappropriate for children, or become aware of the transmission, use or viewing of child pornography while online, report it to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.



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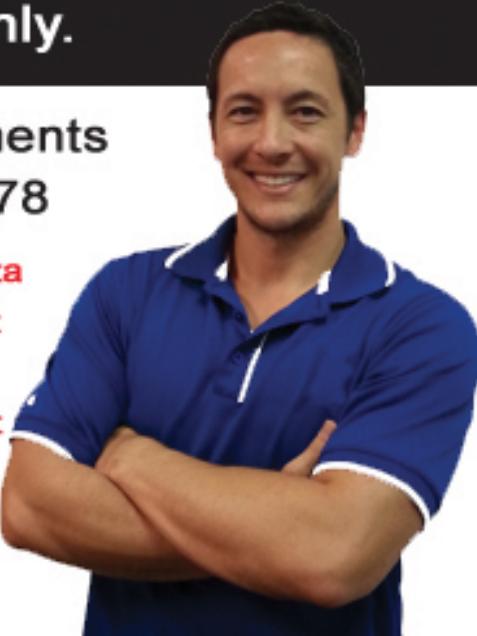
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One Year Of Love

By MICHAEL ARMJO

There's a song by Queen called, "One Year of Love," that brings me peace. The lyrics say, "Just one year of love is better than a lifetime alone."

I've chosen to apply this song and this philosophy to my life and to the passing of my friends. At times, I have chosen to sulk and miss those who were close to me, but are now gone. Now, I reflect on how lucky I am to have had many years of love, instead of "a lifetime alone." I am very fortunate to have such beautiful memories when others have none.

Today marks the anniversary of the death of one of my closest and most loving friends. I can cry about missing our past, or I can remember how fortunate I am to have had so many years of love and friendship. I choose the latter.

It's during these trying times

that our abilities and our philosophies are tested. I believe that how we spend these times of pain and reflection is a testament to how appreciative we are for that love and friendship. I also believe if we do sulk and wallow in pain, then we are, in a way, insulting that friendship. We are ignoring that love. The people that we love throughout our lives are placed there for a reason. We are fortunate to have such experiences and wonderful memories.

So today, I will not insult the love I received from these individuals. Today, I will appreciate that I was fortunate enough to have such valuable and priceless relationships given to me. It's just like giving a gift to someone. When you receive a gift, like a jacket or a warm scarf, you wear it and it comforts you when you're cold and alone. You have that feeling of warmth and memory of their thoughtfulness

with you. When that person is no longer in your life, do you throw out that jacket or scarf? Or do you keep wearing it and using it for as long as you can?

My friendships and loving memories should be the same. I will not discard them and throw them out by being hurt and feeling sad. I will not sulk and wallow in selfishness. I will not abandon those wonderful and priceless times that enhanced my life and contributed to the success that I worked so hard to achieve and deserve. I will remember those precious gifts that were given to me and I will continue to wear them to warm my heart and comfort me during cold and lonely times.

So, today I smile. Today I enjoy. Today I remember and cherish those wonderful gifts of friendship that were given to me. And I will be thankful that I will, once again, have "one more year of love."

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Ten Things They Don't Tell You About Marriage

By SARAH SANCHEZ

I married my best friend this past June, and I believe I've settled into the routine of my new married life. I can look back over the last year and honestly say that no one prepared me and my husband for marriage. Even though we took a pre-marital course and were given advice from family and friends, there are still things that no one told us about.

Now don't get me wrong, I love my husband and I love our marriage. This is not a complaining session, but an informative piece. If I had been given this list before the wedding, I don't think I would have been so shocked with the changes. So pass this along to any engaged or newly married couples you may know, and you'll save them a few surprises.

#10 - Develop And Maintain Certain Household Roles: My husband and I see marriage in the old fashioned way, so I went into this union expecting to be 'wife of the year' by doing all the cooking, cleaning, and laundry. And whether he knew it or not, I expected my husband to do the dirty work (i.e. taking out the trash, cleaning the patio, killing any and all insects inside the house, etc.). In the first year of marriage, you will discover what your roles are and you will learn what to expect of each other. The nice part of this is that if either of us switches roles for a day – I come home to a clean house, or he comes home to a clean patio (bug-free!) - it becomes a nice treat.

#9 – Practice Makes Perfect When Learning Your Role: So, after burning and cutting almost every finger, getting bleach spots on clothes, shrinking my husband's t-shirts, and forgetting to dust the house, I can now say I finally got used to my wife-role. Whoever is in charge of maintaining the house in your relationship, try to learn all of this before you get married. Trust me. I have the battle wounds to prove it.

#8 -- Beware Of Becoming Your Parents:

Parents tend to have certain habits that were easy to complain about. Well, beware, because you will find yourself executing those same habits without even realizing it. I got the chills the day I started banging all the pots as I was cleaning the kitchen, the same way my mom used to late at night when we were trying to go to sleep. And the day I uttered my dad's famous answer to everything, "I'll make it work," was the day I realized I was becoming my parents. We grew up watching their habits and hearing their phrases, so naturally, we will repeat them. If you would rather avoid this, then just be aware of your actions throughout your marriage and remember to take your parents' good habits and leave the bad ones.

#7 – Communication And Compromise Are Key: Marriage is about becoming one unit, and this "all for one, one for all" mentality can be a little tough to get used to. You will be making sacrifices throughout your marriage, mainly because it's not just about you anymore; it's all about the "we". You are a team now and you need to constantly be on the same page. But if you communicate and compromise with one another, then both of you can be happy with the decisions that are made.

#6 – You Will Become One; But So Does Your Bank Account: If you and your spouse put all your money into a joint bank account, all of it now belongs to both of you and you have to learn to budget EVERYTHING. This can be tough because budgeting your money makes you realize how much you need to cut down on going out to eat, and how much groceries and gasoline really cost. My suggestion is to print out a budget sheet online, fill it out every month, and – oddly enough – actually follow it by writing down every expense you make every single day. Dave Ramsey has an awesome book and class you



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can take that will benefit you as well.

#5 – Men And Women Are Wired Differently:

This particular point actually became quite clear to us after reading a daily devotional called, "The Love and Respect Experience," by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. We learned that men and women are very different in almost every aspect: emotionally, physically, sexually, etc. As expressed in the book, a way to look at it is that women wear pink glasses and hearing aids, and men wear blue glasses and hearing aids. When you are in a disagreement, men occasionally need to put on the pink glasses and hearing aids, and women occasionally have to put on the blue glasses and hearing aids, in order to understand how the other is feeling. Sometimes it's just about perspective.

#4 -- When You Say 'I Do', You Marry The Family Too: When you get married, it's a package deal, meaning the in-laws come along with the spouse. Therefore, it's better to put your differences aside and try to be civil with one another. A trick my husband and I use is that we confront our own families, and not our in-laws. For example, if the problem is with my side of the family, then I will be the one to confront the family member. But if the problem is with my husband's side of the family, then he will be the one to confront the family member.

That way, the relationships with our in-laws aren't jeopardized with the confrontation. The bottom line is to try to find a way to keep the peace and don't let the little things bother you. Also, remember that every family is different, so the way your in-laws act may be very different than the way you grew up. It's not wrong, just different; keep that in mind.

#3 – Pick Your Battles:

There is a difference between a disagreement and a fight. From my experience, disagreements are more about bickering, while fights are the escalated form of a disagreement that usually includes some form of yelling at each other; perhaps a slammed door or two. My advice is to pick your battles, otherwise you'll fight about the most ridiculous things. Our first fight as a married couple was about boxes. No underlying issues. Just boxes. Everybody is entitled to their opinion, and there will be conflicts in your marriage; so aim for disagreements, not fights.

#2 – Learn to Embrace Your Spouse's Differences:

You have to remember that you are two very different people who grew up in very different homes. There are certain habits, flaws, and pet peeves your spouse will have that may be very different from what you are used to. As long as their habits aren't hurting anyone, life will be much easier for you if you learn to accept your spouse's

differences instead of trying to change them. You know how hard it is to change your own behavior, even when you want to. The pressure increases significantly when someone else wants you to change a behavior that you'd rather not. Refer to #3.

#1 – Your Spouse Is Not - And Will Never Be - The Same Person You Married:

This is the number one thing that they don't tell you about marriage. It sounds bad, but it doesn't have to be. One of the most common reasons people get divorced is because their spouse is "not the same person they married". Every relationship has phases. For example, you start with the person you date (on best behavior); then comes the person you're engaged to (you still know the person, but the façade starts to crack a bit); and finally, you end up with the person you marry (where, oh where, is my fiancé?). So if you go into the marriage knowing there will be changes, your expectations will be better balanced. I've only been married to my husband for eight months, and I can honestly say we both have already changed since the day we got married. I learn new things about him every day, even with dating him for four years prior. He has new dreams, new goals, and new personality traits I've never seen before. He's noticed the same in me, too, and that's okay, because we married each other for who we were to become, not the people we were at that moment. You can be very different, and still grow together, which is the goal anyway.

Marriage is an amazing experience and I wouldn't trade it for anything. Yes, by the list above, it is tough and there is a lot of learning you have to do. But once you get it down, it's so wonderful to have someone who cares for you, who loves you, who supports you, and is there by your side through all of life's adventures. For better or worse..."The best is yet to be, come marry me."

Gotta Get That Root

By JENNIFER JESTER-MADRIGAL

One the chores I hated the most when I was a kid was pulling weeds.



We had a large slope behind the pool and my mom would have us help her pull weeds when they got out of hand. Of course, I'd be in a hurry and try to just rip the tops off so I could finish as fast as possible and move on, and my mom, of course, would tell me to slow down and make sure I "got the root".

She'd always point out that if you didn't get it at the root then it would just grow back right away.

Most individuals who suffer from addiction, depression, anxiety, etc., will eventually get to the point where they will have to look the cause of their issues in the face and see what it is that brought them down the path. It could have been a failed relationship with a parent, abuse, or maybe even a traumatic event that was never dealt with.

Whatever the "root" is, it eventually must be dealt with because these things have a

way of continuing to come to the surface until they are finally handled.

Years later – and probably because I am a writer and somehow always manage to find the "deep meaning" of simple sayings – this phrase has a deeper significance to me. I now apply this to my own life and try to remember when times get tough, that in order to make progress, I have to make sure that I attack the issue at the root.

I've learned that if you don't take the time to really find the root cause of the issue, then all your surface work will do

very little to actually solve the problem.

Face your issues, your demons, and your insecurities head-on, and do something about them. Talk to someone,

get help, get out, make a plan, or whatever it takes to finally attack that root and move toward fixing whatever is keeping you from being the best version of yourself.

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MARY KAY

What's up with Walmart?

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of the City.

Whatever your position on this subject is, the reality is that a Walmart is coming to town. And not just your average Walmart; a 177,000 square-foot, 24-hour Super Walmart "Green Store"! According to Walmart, they are proposing that part of their environmental plan be directed to boost energy efficiency, cut down on waste, and reduce greenhouse gasses tied to global warming. The mega discount retailer has plans for this particular Walmart as a nationwide pilot store. It could also potentially provide about 100 jobs for the community.

The 2014 Grand Opening of Eastvale's Walmart – which was projected in early 2013 – has come and gone due to delays on and around the 40-acre property located on the southeast corner of Limonite Avenue and Archibald Street. If you have traveled in that vicinity lately, you know that the gauntlet on Archibald Street north of Limonite Avenue is a bit of a challenge – from the new Park Place housing tract under construction, up toward the 60 Freeway.

Initially, the 120-foot electrical transmission towers that grace the property were going to be moved elsewhere because they affected the street widening needed to accommodate the higher volume of already congested traffic that Walmart would bring to that area. The cost to move the towers was reportedly about \$1 million, not to mention the liability issues absorbed by the new location – possibly in Ontario or Chino. And then, of course, there was the "who" in the payment department...Walmart or Southern California

Edison, who would have to mastermind the relocation? As a solution, there was initial talk of placing concrete barriers around the towers. SCE recently stated that they have agreed with Walmart that conceptually, the transmission towers will not need to be relocated.

According to SCE, they sent a letter to Walmart on Jan. 22, 2014, requesting detailed engineering plans in order to proceed with the planned review. Walmart representatives informed SCE that the project – at that time – was too early in the planning phase to draft the plans, but they would be forwarded as soon as they were complete. At this time, SCE has not received anything from Walmart, so there is currently no action for them to take.

"Walmart purchased the property and they came to the City of Eastvale and asked for an application to build," said Eastvale's former City Manager, Carol Jacobs, last year. "So this was all initiated by Walmart."

Some cities make an effort to try and draw Walmart in, and after that initial contact, Walmart usually asks the city for money to help build the store, with the promise of sales tax revenue in return. According to City officials, Walmart owns the property and they have not asked for anything,

and Eastvale has not offered anything.

"This could bring over \$1 million in sales tax revenue to the City," said Mayor Bootsma early last year. "Residents will have an opportunity to review plans and offer opinions at City Council meetings before the project breaks ground."

While the project has been quiet for some time, there is a bit of movement. A Scoping Meeting held during the Planning Commission Meeting on Jan. 21 included a presentation for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) being prepared for the proposed Walmart. Eric Norris – Planning Director for the City of Eastvale – is accepting comments and/or suggestions for topics to be examined in the EIR until Feb. 16. Those comments will be considered in the Draft EIR, and related agencies and the public will have a chance to review that draft when it is completed.

As Eastvale heads for the groundbreaking of the barren lot at Limonite and Archibald – dubbed "Eastvale Crossings" at this point – citizens can look forward to assorted retail pads, fast-food restaurants, and a drive-through gas station, all anchored by Walmart...coming "soon".

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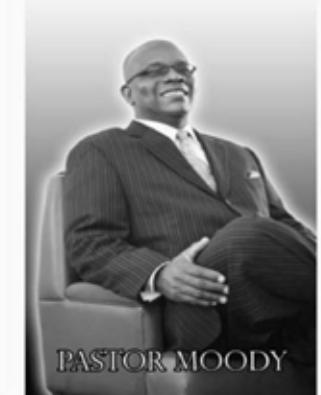
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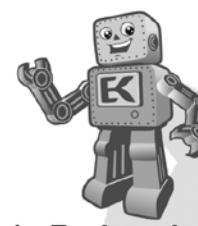
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Love ACTually

By PASTOR TIM EATON

"People do crazy things when they're in love."



This quote from Disney's "Hercules" may make you think of a time when someone drove you crazy in love. Maybe you couldn't think straight, or string more

than a word or two together in their presence. Or maybe you simply lost all sense of good judgment.

The quote reminds us about the connection of love and ACTION. But more than losing your mind when you are overcome with love, it's really about finding motivation and courage to do things you otherwise wouldn't do.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is known for his passion to help

make a better life for others. He said this in a speech about life and love: "I say to you this morning...that if you have never found something so dear and so precious to you that you aren't willing to die for it, then you aren't fit to live."

Wow. That is a powerful love that motivated him to do all he could for his people. Tragically, he did give his life for what he loved, but the

greater challenge that he accepted, was to live his life for something every day.

What about you? What do you love? What are you living for? What do you spend your time, money, and energy on? Measure your love with this question: Can anyone else tell what it is that you love? Is it obvious? Or are you just drifting?

Find your passion, direction, and hope in Jesus. Jesus

had direction; He lived for something He would eventually die for... You! (Matthew 20:82).

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Edgewater Lutheran Church meets Sundays at 10 a.m., worshipping at Harada Elementary, 12884 Oakdale Street, Eastvale, CA, 92880; www.EdgewaterLutheran.org.

Amazing Love

By PASTOR ROBERT JEWETT

"How precious is your steadfast love, O God!" (Psalms 36:7).



God's love is truly amazing!

His love is poured out on us through his grace, mercy, and patience (Psalm 145:8). Although we are deserving of death, God's love offers us eternal life (Romans 6:23).

My friend, there is no greater love than this! How will you respond to His wonderful love? David responded this

way, "Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands." (Psalm 63:3-4).

When we stand in awe of God's amazing love for us, we will seek for Him to refine us. In response to God's great

love, David prayed, "Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness," (Psalm 26:2-3).

Respond to God's love! It is God's love that will drive you to bring him glory. It is his love

that will keep you fixed on him and able to endure until the end (Matthew 24:13).

Word of Truth Community Church meets Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 7 p.m., at 850 E. Parkridge Ave., #110, in Corona. For more information, visit WordOfTruthCC.com.

Fan or Follower?

By PASTOR MARK LEE

More than 100 million Americans recently gathered around their television sets in celebration of what many consider to be an unofficial national holiday. Whether these viewers were rooting for



the Seattle Seahawks, wearing New England Patriot jerseys, or simply wanted to watch the commercials, they were – if only for Super Bowl Sunday – football fans.

Although the level of devotion varies by individual, a fan is nothing more than an enthusiastic admirer. From the teenage girls who display boy band posters on their bedroom walls to the men who memorize team statistics,

the beauty of fandom is that we receive joy from the objects of our affection and are not required to provide anything in return.

Many of us tend to approach our faith in a similar fashion. We embrace our religion because it makes us feel good. We attend worship services, know the songs, and even place bumper stickers on our cars. We definitely want what God can give us, but rarely consider what we can do

for Him. Instead of becoming the true followers that He desires, we find ourselves more comfortable resting among the fan base.

Luke 9:23 quotes Jesus as saying, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me." But, how do you know if you are a follower or a fan? Ask yourself two questions. First, if none of my life's dreams come true, would

Jesus be enough for me? And second, if I lost everyone and everything I loved, could I still find my purpose in Christ?

Your answers to these questions may help you define your relationship with God or, if necessary, point you in the right direction.

VantagePoint Church meets at Roosevelt High School on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"True Comfort"

By PASTOR DENNIS MORALES

"But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things," (John 14:26).



"Comforter" describes the Holy Spirit of God, which means

in the original New Testament language "to come to the side of another." There is something cool about the word "comfort." We get the word comfort from two Latin words meaning "con" (in company with) and "fortis" (to strengthen).

We just signed my son, Noah, up for his first organized baseball team. Along with that comes my responsibility to

provide as much encouragement as possible for Noah in his development as a player. We were practicing batting the other day and he got a little discouraged and just sat down. I was moved and came along side of him and gave him a few words of encouragement. He then sprang to his feet, and to both of our joy, he hit the ball squarely all the way to the out-

field grass. It would have done him no good for me to take the bat out of his hand and hit the ball for him.

We usually think of "comfort" as soothing someone, consoling someone; and to some extent this is true. But true comfort strengthens us to face life bravely and keep on going. It does not rob us of responsibility or make it easy for us to

give up.

God comes along side of us not to remove the difficulty or hardship, but to strengthen us along the way (Isaiah 41:10, Philippians 4:13).

Calvary Chapel Eastvale meets Sundays, 10:30 a.m., at Clara Barton Elementary (7437 Corona Valley Ave., Eastvale). Visit their website at www.CalvaryEastvale.org.

Near Beliefs

By PASTOR ROB NORRIS

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it," (2 Timothy 3:14).



I'm afraid too many of us Christians don't know what we really believe. Like a cork in the ocean, driven and tossed by the waves, we bounce from opinion to opinion, influenced more by the last book we read than by a lifetime of Biblical study. We've become activity junkies, seldom stopping long enough to decide what really matters to us, too

busy to determine what's really worth living for, let alone worth dying for.

As a result we live our lives based upon "near beliefs." Near beliefs have just enough truth in them to sound strangely familiar to convictions, yet they're too weak to inspire us or our actions. Too anemic to influence us to make a decision that demands a sacrifice.

Near beliefs wimp out when a teenager is pushing you out of his or her life. Near beliefs won't keep a marriage together when romance fades. Near beliefs almost always fall silent on such issues as same-sex marriages and homosexuals adopting children. Near beliefs don't inspire the courage to change a

behavior or to press on against disapproval or opposition from "the herd."

Near beliefs are to blame for a new brand of Christianity that is epidemic in our homes and churches - a faith that has little flavor, little light and little influence. When near beliefs are our only source of motivation, tough stands are never taken, feathers are never ruffled, and absolutes are held very loosely. Without core convictions to help us navigate, we stand uneasily on shifting sand, and we lack the solid footing with which to stage a life of principle and character.

Today is a call to Biblical conviction. A call to spending time studying the Word. A clarion call

to challenge you to determine: What do I believe?

What is needed today is a battalion of believers who follow Christ and stand for Him and His truth.

Live It: If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Pray: Ask God for the courage to stand for that which you know to be true.

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Eastvale Boys In Supercross Challenge

By KIMBERLY LESSING

Eastvale – Two local Eastvale boys competed in the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge at Anaheim Stadium in January.

Mikey Wayne, a 2nd Grade student at Clara Barton Elementary, represented Eastvale and raced the KTM Junior Challenge on Jan. 17; and Jett Lessing, a 3rd Grade student at Rosa Parks Elementary, raced on Jan. 31.

KTM North America, Inc., located in Murrieta, provides an amazing experience for youth racers to compete in the KTM Junior Supercross Challenge (KJSC) Program, the popular intermission show of the Monster Energy AMA Supercross, an FIM World Championship. In order to qualify for the KJSC, the racers were required to have at least one year of racing experience, excel in school, and meet specific height and weight requirements.

The KJSC is an exciting intermission program where 15



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Mikey Wayne and Jett Lessing airborne.

selected youth riders race aboard KTM 50 SXS motorcycles at select Monster Energy AMA Supercross events all over the nation. Throughout the day, the riders got to go on a track walk, participate in two practice sessions, sign autographs for their fans, be introduced during opening ceremonies and race a three-lap exhibition race during

the Supercross night program.

"This was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for the boys and we were excited to cheer for Mikey and Jett as they represented Eastvale!" said Jenna Wayne, Mikey's mother.

Children from all over the world apply to compete in this event, and it is extremely rare that two boys from Eastvale were

able to qualify and be selected.

Mikey and Jett train and race weekly at local motocross venues in Riverside and San Bernardino counties. While the boys battle each other on the track, they are great friends off the track and even train together with legendary motorcycle coach, Kelly Yancey, of Kelly Yancey Motocross Training (www.kellyyancey.com).

With the support of their friends, families, sponsors, and Coach Yancey, the boys were ready to take on Supercross at Anaheim Stadium! And, if you are curious, Mikey came in 9th Place, and Jett came in 3rd Place.

You can follow Mikey and Jett on their exciting adventure on Instagram (@MikeyWayne999 and @JettLessing) or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Mwayne999

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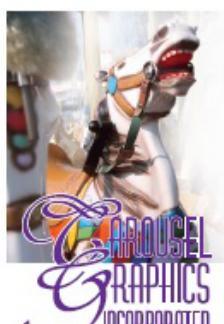
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If the above sounds like you, please email your completed application to Michael Offutt, Director of Public Relations, at michael.offutt@thejoint.com. Applications can be downloaded at www.eastvalechamberofcommerce.com

New Mission Statement

"Our Mission is to provide the businesses of Eastvale and surrounding vicinity an innovative leadership organization that is committed to stimulating a vibrant local economy through business advocacy, economic development, and cultural enrichment."

Core Competencies

Business Advocacy
Economic Development
Innovative Leadership
Cultural Enrichment



Eastvale Chamber Upcoming Events



Thu. Feb. 5
Chamber Connection Breakfast, Buffalo Wild Wings, 7:00AM - 8:30AM

Thu. Feb. 12
After-Hours Mixer, First Bank 5:30PM

Fri. Feb. 20
"Africa Night" with Safari Kay 6:00PM - 8:00PM

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“People of Eastvale”

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Each month we will feature a “Person of Eastvale” on our Facebook page, with both their picture and inspiring story. That person will also receive a certificate of appreciation and gift card from a local

business.

We encourage you to nominate someone who has made a special difference in your life, or the lives of others, by simply putting their whole heart into every moment. Share how your “Person of Eastvale” inspires you, so they can be recognized by the community.

To nominate someone special, visit our Facebook page:

Facebook.com/EastvaleCommunityNews, and send us a “message” with your nomination. The first winner will be selected from all those nominated in February, and featured in the March issue of the paper (online and in print).

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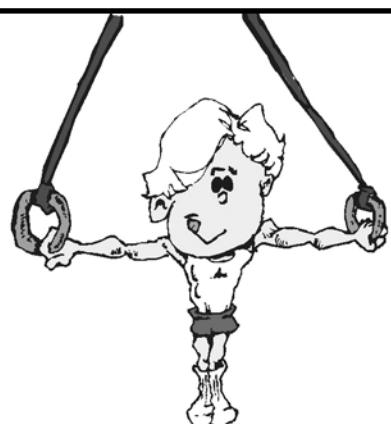
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