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#### HERE WE GROW

#### Here We Grow Again

STAFF REPORTS

**Eastvale** - Eastvale continues to grow as construction continues, new dining is expected, and military banners are being added. Check out a recap of what's happening in Eastvale below

On Dec. 14, environmental mitigation work began under the Hamner Avenue bridge, in the Santa Ana River bed and along Hamner Avenue in the project area. During construc-

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## New Mayor And Councilmembers Selected

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale - At the Dec. 9 Special City Council meeting, a new Eastvale Mayor was selected and made history in California. A new Mayor Pro Tem was also selected and the two new Eastvale Councilmembers were sworn in.

Jocelyn Yow was selected by the City Council as the new Mayor of Eastvale and Council-

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Photo Courtesy: City of Eastvale

The Eastvale City Council (left to right): Mayor Jocelyn Yow, Mayor Pro Tem Clint Lorimore, Councilmember Ike Bootsma, Councilmember Chrisitan Dinco, and Councilmember Todd Rigby.

## Eastvale Still Thrived in 2020

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale - As we look back on the year 2020, despite the pandemic and all that has happened in the world, Eastvale still managed to thrive throughout the year. New businesses were still scheduled to open, construction continued, and the City obtained various awards over the year. In addition, Christmas was not cancelled in Eastvale, as there were virtual and socially distanced events that took

place this holiday season. There were also some really great decorated houses for community members to view. In addition, the community came together to donate masks and essential items, to find lost pets, and to display various acts of kindness throughout the city.

Bryan Jones, Eastvale City Manager, recently issued a news release highlighting all the wonderful things that happened in Eastvale.

"City staff really showcased their grit and solutions driven approach with their adaptability to better serve the communities in new ways with all the new technologies that were implemented through this pandemic. We now have an electronic check-in system at our front counter along with many other services that

can now be provided virtually, and we are now live-streaming our City Council and Commission meetings.

However the real MVPs this year were you, the Eastvale community! You made Eastvale the priority by shopping and dining local and taking care of your neighbors. This helped keep us

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### OUR FEATURED BUSINESSES

## Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Campaign

RIVERSIDE SHERIFF'S DEPART-MENT CORONER

Eastvale, Norco, Jurupa Valley - This holiday season, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department wants to remind the public about the importance of being safe and sober when you are driving.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department is dedicated to keeping the public safe and urges people to stay at home or use a designated sober driver if you plan to drink.

Starting Dec. 14 and through New Year's Day, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department will have deputies on patrol looking for drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. The enforcement effort is part of a national campaign, Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, intended to show zero tolerance for drunk



Photo Courtesy: Riverside County Sheriff Coroner

driving and keep roads safe.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department reminds the public that impaired driving is not just from alcohol. Prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs and marijuana can also impair, especially in combination with alcohol and other drugs. Do your research and understand how certain drugs you are taking may affect your driving ability.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

## Metz Air Control Voted #1 in Customer Satisfaction

STAFF REPORTS

**Chino** - Metz Air Control has been in business since 1977 and is located in Chino. The family owned, once small company, has expanded to 16 employees. Jon and Bryan Metz are brothers who own the business together. They are dedicated and determined to uphold the values their father taught them about business and life. They pride



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To join a session & find more details, visit engage.eastvaleca.gov!

For more information, contact: Gina Gibson Williams | 951.703.4425 | ggibsonwilliams@eastvaleca.gov

# Speaker Event Schedule



Monday, December 2, 2020 5:00-6:30 p.m. Community Design - Victor Dover

Thursday, January 14, 2021 6:00-7:30 p.m. Diversity and Inclusion - Shawnika Johnson

Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00-7:30 p.m. Housing- The Missing Middle - Daniel Parolek

Thursday, February 18, 2021 5:00-6:30 p.m. Economic Development - Joe Minicozzi



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## Our Life: The Carpenter

MICHAEL ARMIJO

I received an email a while back that has always resonated with me. I find myself thinking about it from time to time, as the words it contained often remind me to work hard and be proud of what I've accomplished. It has encouraged me to continue to keep my heart within my work, as you never know what life will bring you. It is good advice, no matter who you are or what you do, and I share it with you now.

The Carpenter: An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife and extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire.

They could get by.

The employer, who was sorry to see his good worker go, asked if he would build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you for all of your hard work and dedication."

The carpenter was shocked; what a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all

so differently.

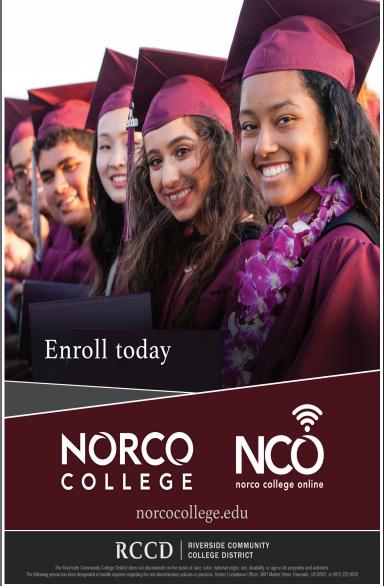
So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we've built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back.

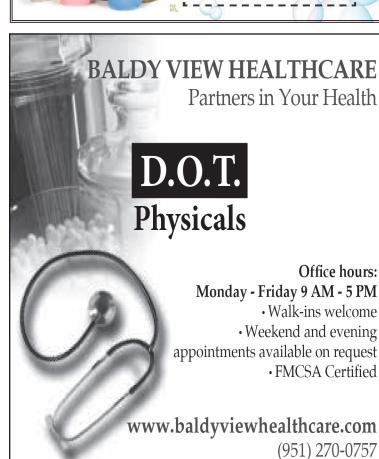
You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone once said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build



the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely, and remember: Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like no one is watching. Enjoy life like it's your last day on Earth.







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tion, two lanes are expected to remain open with possible traffic control and flagging if necessary, according to the City.

"Traffic lanes are subject to close intermittently due to unforeseen construction circumstances or an emergency situation," stated a news release. Construction will take place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. However, nighttime work may occur as necessary from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. For more information on the Hamner Avenue Bridge & Widening Project, visit www. HamnerAveProject.com.

On Dec. 8, the City announced that the Limonite Gap Closure Project received \$9.4 million in State Funding from the California Transportation Commission. "Funding was provided through gas tax revenue authorized by Senate Bill 1," stated the City.

The Limonite Gap Closure Project involves the construction of a "new urban arterial segment of the Limonite Avenue corridor." This segment will connect Kimball Avenue west of the Hellman Ave intersection to the existing portion of Limonite Ave, east of Archibald Avenue.

The City also stated that the project includes the construction of a four-lane roadway along the corridor, multi-use trails/bike lanes along the north and south side of the corridor, a vehicular bridge and pedestrian structures crossing the Cucamonga Creek Channel.

"Special shoutout to West-

ern Riverside Council of Governments and RCTC for their regional support on this important project in our City!"

In addition, new dining options are almost ready to open their doors in early 2021. The City of Eastvale is excited that new signage has been installed for the dining options below.

Fire Wings is coming to the Eastvale Gateway Food Court on the corner of Limonite Avenue and Hamner Avenue. They will offer guests over 20 wing flavors, beer on tap, a Pepsi Spire machine and unbelievable sides to pair with your

JINYA Ramen Bar is coming to the Cloverdale Marketplace located at Hamner Avenue and Limonite Avenue. They will offer a delicious assortment of inhouse broth for ramen, and a

range of different food options that everyone can enjoy. They will have vegan and vegetarian options, and plan to have a full premium bar with an outdoor seating area.

Chick-fil-A is coming to the Station at the Goodman Commerce Center. They will join an already exciting lineup of restaurants and retail options with In-N-Out, Costco, and the soon to come 99 Ranch Mar-

Lastly, on Nov. 22, the City raised seven new military banners along Archibald Avenue. The new banners were raised to honor the following military personnel:

Albert A. Camacho, U.S.

Brandon J. Nikodym, U.S.

EJ Rhod Villanueva, U.S.

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Elochukwu J. Ude, U.S.

Haley Pyne, U.S. Marines Joseph Zapata-Clark, U.S. Coast Guard

Nolan H. Jorgenson, U.S.

"The Eastvale Military Banner Program was implemented in 2014 to recognize and celebrate Eastvale residents and immediate family members who are currently serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces, which include the following branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, and National Guard," according to the City. "The City is proud to showcase these brave men and women along Archibald Avenue. Installations happen twice a year in the Spring and Fall."

## Metz Air Control voted #1 customer satisfaction

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themselves on offering honest and dependable service at a competitive price.

Metz Air Control is well known in the community and they believe their positive ratings are attributed to the relationships they build with their customers. They are a member of the Chino and Eastvale Chamber of Commerce and support local charities and sports teams. Metz Air Control is currently expanding their services as the surrounding communities continue to grow in housing and development. They currently serve San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange and Los Angeles

Metz Air Control has been a Trane Comfort Specialist since 1999; not every dealer qualifies as a Trane Comfort Specialist. Dealers need to meet Trane's stringent standards and demonstrate a commitment to customer satisfaction and continuing education. Homeowners can trust a TCS dealer will deliver a quality installation and superior customer experience.

Every year, Metz Air Control has been recognized by Trane for outstanding customer service based on customer reviews. The communities of Chino & Chino Hills have voted Metz Air Control the People's Choice Award for the "Best Heating and Air Conditioning home with several systems,

Company" for the past 4 consecutive years. Metz Air Control is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau, 5-star YELP Company, has a 5-star Facebook rating and 5-star Google rating.

The office staff has been well trained to provide personal and professional services. Whether you are calling to set up a service call, need maintenance or just need information, they will make sure you are pleased with your overall experience.

When it comes to installation, every technician is background checked and trained to provide an exceptional experience for their customers. From a simple condenser change to a custom zoning and custom grills, Metz Air Control will provide you with a top-quality experience. They also do package units, duct changes, zoning, duct cleaning and much more.

Metz Air Control provides Maintenance Protection Plans to their customers for increased value and service. Customers participating in these plans receive a 24-hour turn-around service as well as discounts for parts and service. Please call the office @ 909-628-9525 for more information about this program.

Seasonal specials include maintenance discounts, manufacturer rebates, and promotional offers that can always be found on their website at http://www.metzaircontrol.com. Metz Air Control offers many financing options to fit your individual needs. They are also a participating contractor for the HERO and Benji Financing programs offered through Renovate America.

Metz Air Control is licensed, bonded, and insured. It is important for homeowners research any contractor you bring into your home to make sure they meet these same standards.

Metz Air Control is proud to say that over 70% of their business comes from referrals. They believe a referral is the best compliment a customer can give them. Check out their ad on page 5 for more information.

## Sell your casa with Gil Rivera

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Rivera sells houses, condos. and two to four unit investment properties in Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, and Orange counties. He just recently sold another home in Eastvale last month. He also does real estate appraisals for banks, estates, trusts, divorces, attorneys, refinances, home purchases, and probate/ inheritance for tax purposes. In

addition, Rivera has assistants that work with him who are fluent in Spanish and Chinese. helping to reach people of different dialects all over Southern California.

Rivera's philosophy is to "treat my clients the way I want to be treated." In fact, Rivera said that he became a Realtor because he did not like the way his Realtor treated him when he was buying his home. Rivera shows respect for his clients at all times. He listens to what they say, so that he can better serve them.

Rivera also does not push his

Buyers into a sale. Rivera said, "I always tell Buyers: 'You will know right away when we walk into the house that's meant for vou'. Whether it takes a week or months, my Buyers will always be satisfied with their purchase and never pressured into it."

Rivera's current promotion is, "We will SELL your house in four weeks at highest value! We only request a listing period of four weeks, while most other Realtors ask for a six month listing." Rivera says that "Buyers need to know that they do not need to pay their Realtor any fees for representing them

on a purchase. The Buyer's agent is paid by the Seller, not the Buver.

Check out Rivera's website at http://www.SellYourCasa. com to see how many different cities Rivera has sold in and for additional information about his company. You can also call the toll free number at (877) 888-SOLD (7653), or cell phone number (909) 967-4525. He also currently has large freeway billboard signs throughout the San Gabriel Valley and Inland Empire.

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## Eastvale still thrived in 2020

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in a strong financial and connected position for the coming year, and for that, we and our local businesses thank you! Love Eastvale! Shop Eastvale!

During these challenging times, we saw true leaders display acts of kindness and lend a helping hand to those in need. We saw the Eastvale Crime Watch page get repurposed into a generosity page for donating essential household

items. We saw the Just Move Campaign with Move Through Motivation bring people together to move and create a healthier more connected community. We partnered with the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce on the COVID-19 Restaurant Relief Fund and 2020 High School Graduate gift cards to local restaurants, which injected tens of thousands of dollars into our local economy, along with the Veterans Day Yard Sign Campaign to recognize our hometown heroes.

We also saw civil unrest in the country back in June, yet in Eastvale we had peaceful protests that we turned into conversations within the community resulting in a community leader driven Inclusionary Task Force with individuals representing our diverse community, including City Hall, Schools, Churches, and Law Enforcement. It's critically important that we have the necessary conversations and take the appropriate actions to allow everyone's voice to be heard, everyone's face to be seen, and everyone to feel welcome and safe in our commU-

Jones also discussed the accomplishments and awards the City were given. "It was great to see Eastvale add to our award-winning organization this past year. Among these recognitions were:

- The Arts Innovation Award, from the Inland Empire Economic Partnership, for our City mural, "Eastvale: We Built this City", created by Rosemary Vasquez-Tuthill and on display at City Hall.

- Three different Polaris communications/community gagement awards from the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) for our "Did You Know Video Series", "We are the City of Eastvale Video" and the "Elysia Matthews & Deputy Myers

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## Eastvale still thrived in 2020

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Story".

- The Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 2nd year in a row.
- The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial reporting from GFOA for the 9th year in a row.
- Recognized as the 2nd least financially at-risk City in the State by the independent California State Auditor."

Jones congratulated the new City Councilmembers and he discussed the many things to come in 2021. "We have many things to look forward to in 2021. We are about to launch our 2nd Community Satisfaction Survey in conjunction with our updated Strategic Plan. This helps us ensure that our priorities for the future, match the priorities of the community. Please keep a look out for the survey launch in early January and share your voice!

In addition, if you haven't signed-up for Engage Eastvale yet, now would be a great time to do so and engage in the Eastvale 2040 community engagement and planning process.

We also celebrated several economic development wins this past year with multiple signed leases from new businesses and groundbreakings. There are several exciting new dining

options opening in the coming months with JINYA Ramen Bar coming to the Cloverdale Market Place, Chick-fil-A coming to The Station, and Fire Wings coming to the Eastvale Gateway Shopping Center. This doesn't include the many other shopping and dining options that are coming to Hamner Place and The Merge! We are excited to see our first hotel. Staybridge Suites, start to

go vertical in 2021. It will be a 4.5 star hotel with a rooftop bar/ restaurant, conference/event center and pool cabanas. Don't forget to connect with us on social media to hear about other new and exciting businesses that are coming to Eastvale.

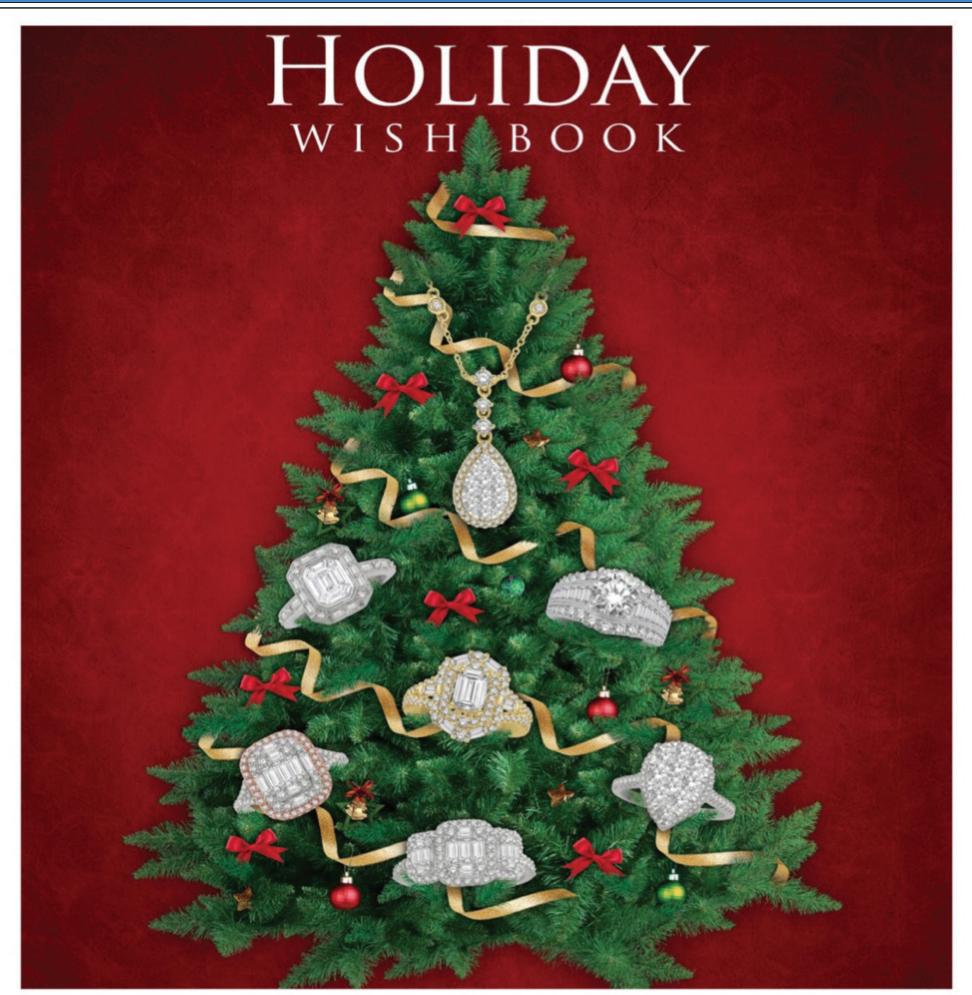
We are also hoping that the Leal Ranch will close with a master developer so that we can begin creating our Destination Downtown, the heartbeat of the community along with a Public Library, City Hall, 3rd Fire Station and Police Sub-Station.

We also have some key infrastructure wins we are excited to work with the community to design and implement, including an \$8 million grant for trails along both Scholar Way and Harrison Way to enhance walkability, and nearly \$9.5

million in state funding for the Limonite Extension across the Cucamonga Creek West of Archibald Avenue, better connecting us to the City of Chino. Speaking of connecting and expanding, the Hamner Bridge across the Santa Ana River will begin the widening construction process to 6 lanes in early 2021 to better connect us to the City of Norco!"







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## Pastor's Corner: The Christmas Train

MARK HOPPER

One of my favorite Christmas toys was my train. I received a Lionel Train set for Christmas when I was a young boy. We have a photo of me and my father and my grandfather playing with my new train on Christmas morning in the early 1960's. We still have the brochure that came with the train. The date on the brochure says 1962.

The train set was lost for many years in a closet in my parent's home. I thought they had given it away after I got married. When we helped my parents move out of their house, my brother discovered the train set. But he didn't tell

anyone. He surprised me on Christmas Day with this mystery box.

Now we have a photo of me, and my children and my father playing with that old train at Christmas in the 1980's. After we moved to Diamond Bar, the Christmas train ended up on a shelf in our garage for many years. Finally, some of our adult children asked me to get the train down and set it up for their children to see.

I was reluctant to do it. I didn't know if the train even worked anymore. But, children and grandchildren can be pretty persuasive. I finally got the box down and set up the train around the Christmas tree. To my surprise it worked! Howev-

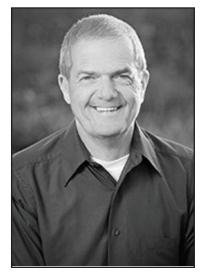
er, the wires that powered the transformer were brittle and the train engine was sluggish. I took the engine and transformer to a model train store in Costa Mesa. The owner was able to clean it up and lubricate the engine and put a new cord in the transformer. My childhood train was running again.

Every Christmas season we set up the train Lionel Train again. When the grandchildren come to our house, I let them help me set up the train around the Christmas tree. I let them help me operate it too. They enjoy it and I do too. Even the youngest ones have become confident in driving the train. It is fun watching them start and stop the train. They like to load

things on the different train cars and deliver their freight to different destinations. There are some train wrecks from time to time but they make the necessary repairs and get the train running again. My wife took a video a few years ago to capture the memory of another generation playing with the train.

I hope that my children and grandchildren will continue the tradition of playing with the Lionel Train with their own families for many years to come. It is one of my most memorable Christmas gifts.

You can find more stories and articles by Mark Hopper at his web site - letmarkencourageyou.com. His book



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## Pastor's Corner: Christmas Isn't Cancelled

**DENNIS MORALES** 

"Let nothing you dismay, Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day, To save us all from Satan's power, When we were gone astray, Oh tidings of comfort and joy, Comfort and joy..."

These are the amazing words from the Christmas Carol "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen." I love these words. Such a reminder of the Heart of Christmas. During this Covid-19 Climate, people have unwittingly said "we have to cancel Christmas." I understand the reason for the

phrase, I understand the fear and the hurt that this year has brought. I also understand not meeting with family because of uncertainty. But the message of Christmas is so much more than a gathering or gifts.

I pray that this Christmas, we don't miss the heart of the celebration of Christmas. We see some in the Gospels who missed the heart of Christmas. We see the innkeeper who missed out on Jesus because he was too busy (Luke 2). We need to make time for the Lord. We see that King Herod was too fearful to let Christ rule his life (Mat 2). Turn to Christ

today. Don't let the pandemic replace Christmas in your heart. May we not allow anything take the place of worshipping Jesus Christ, who is the true meaning. Christmas is the ushering in of hope to this world. The hope of eternal life. This hope was wrapped and placed in the manger.

We remember Jesus wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger (Luke 2:12). In time, your Christmas gifts will mostly be forgotten. But God has given us the ultimate gift—the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. This year lets mindfully peel back the exte-

rior and look at the Heart. Jesus is our gift. May we remember it's God's eternal Gift that cancels out the power of sin and death over us who trust in Him (John 3:16).

Due to school closures, Calvary Chapel Eastvale is temporarily meeting in a "Drive In format" at American Heroes Park at 8:30am and 10:30am. All midweek services can be viewed on Facebook Live at 7pm. All of our services can be viewed on our Facebook Channel (Calvary Eastvale). Download our online bulletin to stay current at calvaryeastvale.org.



## Autism Mom: Twas The Night Before Christmas

MELODY KRAEMER

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Everyone was awake and wouldn't settle down.

With the chaos and madness that was looming in the air

Nothing was being done with care

Due to the excitement for Santa Claus soon to be there.

Mama was going crazy and

growing tired of it all.

Her patience was running

She was about to reach out to Santa with a call.

The kids were running amuck and wouldn't go to bed,

While mama took Tylenol for her aching head.

Mamma and daddy decided on a nightcap

And regretting the afternoon when the kids took a short nap.

When all of a sudden the

house quieted down.

Mama got worried and started looking around.

The kids were playing on

their lpad and not making a sound.

Until one child saw mama and started following her around

To download an app that he just found.

The tiredness and the exhaustion from the holiday bliss,

Mama finally reached her limit and yelled, if you don't go to bed now

Christmas you will surely miss.

So with a twinkle in their eyes and smile on their face

The kids never settled down

and momma asked God for grace!

."Merry Christmas to all and to all a peaceful night.

2 Corinthians 12:9, NIV: "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me."

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## Celebrate You This Year

NANCY STOOPS

As 2020 comes to an end I think we should all be very proud of how we survived. The pandemic changed things this year for everybody. Now the holidays are upon us and we are trying to figure out different and safe ways to celebrate. Many of us will have virtual celebrations but make sure you celebrate. Take sometime to reflect the changes in you and the new found coping skills and courage that seemed to appear in you this year. Be proud that you are still standing.

Make sure that you get out however you can this year and

celebrate. Take sometime to drive in a neighborhood with lovely holiday decorations. Go ahead and make those marvelous holiday cookies and plan a drive by cookie and gift exchange. Remember just because we have to celebrate differently doesn't make our celebration a bad thing. Be creative this year and start some new holiday traditions this year.

Re kind to yourself and make

Be kind to yourself and make the holidays as easy as they can be. Take sometime for yourself to rest and relax and recover from this very difficult year. Think about how adaptable you had to be this year and feel some pride. Just take

sometime to enjoy the season however you choose to celebrate. Remember to be grateful that you are still here and just enjoy being here. Look at the holiday lights, smell those wonderful cookies in the oven, decorate your home to make you smile and do an act of kindness for others this magical season. I wish you all and joyful and very peaceful holiday. I hope you all find amazing ways to celebrate the holidays and to bring in the New Year. May all of you be showered with an abundance of magical holiday blessings!!!!!

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## New mayor and councilmembers selected

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man Clint Lorimore was selected as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Both will serve a one-year term in their positions. In addition, Christian Dinco (District 2) and Ike Bootsma (District 5) were sworn into office as Eastvale City Council Members. Also at the Special Meeting, outgoing Mayor and Councilmember Brandon Plott was recognized for his dedication and service to the City of Eastvale for the last four years.

Yow made California history as she is now the youngest minority woman to be selected as Mayor in California. Yow is 25-years-old and was elected to the City Council in 2018 then she served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2020. The City of Eastvale also provided the following informa-

tion about Yow:

"From an early age, public service has been part of Jocelyn Yow's life and a source of growth and inspiration. Growing up in a working-class immigrant family, her family has always emphasized the importance of giving back and community service. She serves as a Neighborhood Watch Block Captain and is a member of the Lions Club. In 2011, Mayor Yow's family moved to the Inland Empire and settled in Eastvale.

She became involved in advocacy while attending her alma mater Norco College and transferred to the University of California, Berkeley, where she obtained her bachelor's degree. Yow served as a district representative for the California State Senate and an aide for the United States House of Representatives, where she

worked to help seniors, families, small businesses, nonprofit organizations, and children to access valuable government services. She is currently the policy manager for IGNITE, a national nonprofit to elect more women to positions of power."

Lorimore, serving as the new Mayor Pro Tem, was first elected on the City Council in 2014. He was re-elected in 2018 and served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2017. He also served as Mayor in 2018. The City of Eastvale provided the following information about Lorimore:

"Clint Lorimore has a strong track record of public service and a dedication to the region in which we live. Having dedicated himself to actively engaging with the community, He volunteers his time with various local organizations, including Eastvale Rotary. He is a successful small business owner, who has previously worked for the State Legislature, served as a regional appointee of the Governor and has also worked as an analyst on issues relating to national security. He currently serves as 1st Vice-President of Southern California Association of Governments.

Mayor Pro Tem Lorimore graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a degree in Political Science with an emphasis on Public Policy in 2004. He then went on to obtain a Masters of Arts from Claremont Graduate University in 2007. As a recipient of Rotary International's Ambassadorial Scholarship, Clint also studied at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore in 2008 where he graduated with a Masters of Science."

Bootsma is a newly elected councilmember but he previously served on the City Council from 2010 to 2016. In addition, he served as Eastvale's Mayor from 2013-2016. Now, he is back on the council ready to serve after receiving the most votes for District 5. The City of Eastvale provided the following information about Bootsma:

"Ike Bootsma was born third from the youngest of nine children to immigrant parents, Trynje and Jim Bootsma. Ike's family was one of the first to settle in the Chino Valley in 1938 when the dairy's began their exodus from Artesia.

In 1975, Ike started a Calf Ranch in Eastvale. It was a very successful operation until its closing in May of 2007. The Calf Ranch was an important component of the dairy industry, where they raised calves for Dairy replacement. Ike started what became known as "contract" raising. It was a very good enterprise and worked well for the Dairy industry and for his family.

...He is an active member of the Eastvale Kiwanis Club; raising money each year to provide Eleanor Roosevelt High School students with college scholarships and participating in monthly street clean-up events as part of the Eastvale Roadway Adoption Program."

Dinco is also a newly elected councilmember, serving for the first time on the Eastvale City Council. However, Dinco is not new to the city. "Dinco and his wife Judith have been residents of Eastvale for ten years," according to the City. "They have four children, Savannah, Delaney, Connor, and Brady. He holds a Bachelor's degree from California Baptist University in Leadership and Public Administration and has been in law

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Councilmember Dinco has been the President of Eastvale Little League for the last five years and is an active coach in the league as well. He is also a youth soccer coach with Empire Soccer, and Friday Night Lights youth flag football and has also previously coached with Eastvale's Pop Warner football program. Christian is dedicated to community service and is looking forward to contributing to our great City of Eastvale."

Lastly, Brandon Plott is leaving the City Council and his position as Mayor due to personal reasons. He announced his departure earlier this year via Facebook. Mayor and Councilmember Plott served on the City Council these last four years.

"Brandon's sacrifice, dedication, and commitment to the City of Eastvale was evident throughout his time on the City Council and we'll miss seeing him up on the dias!," stated a news release.

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