

COMMUNITY

Local Events

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale - There are several upcoming events coming to Eastvale and the surrounding cities.

The International Food Festival will be held on May 20 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. and May 21 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 7447 Scholar Way, Eastvale. Parking and admission are FREE and everyone is welcome to attend.

The food festival will have more than 50 food vendors and 20 craft booths. They'll have every type of food in-

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Thefts At Eastvale Businesses

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale - Several thefts have taken place at nearby Eastvale businesses. However, the Eastvale Special Enforcement Team (SET) has done a great job investigating these incidents and arresting suspects.

In late 2022, Eastvale SET deputies began investigating

a grand theft from a business located in the 12000 block of Limonite Avenue of Eastvale.

The suspect "walked into the store and grabbed as many items as she could and left the store with approximately \$1,000 worth of product without paying," stated a Riverside County Sher-

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Photo courtesy: Riverside County Sheriff's Department Stolen items recovered by the Eastvale SET deputies.

Recognitions In Eastvale

Eastvale - Several people in local schools and programs were recently recognized in the City of Eastvale.

At the last City Council meeting, Rosa Parks Elementary School Teacher, Michelle Torres, was recognized for her heroic actions of saving the life of one of her students. In class, her student accidentally swallowed a water bottle cap when trying to drink his water, and she conducted the Heimlich maneuver several times to save his life. "Thank you Ms. Torres for your heroism and

being a positive example for your students and the Eastvale Community!" stated the City.

Participants of Eastvale's Volunteer Program were also recognized at our most recent Public Safety Commission Meeting. "It was wonderful to meet the community members serving our city!" stated a City news release. "The great part about the Volunteer Program is that it encourages volunteers to serve in the capacity that they'd like. Some prefer monitoring

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Photo courtesy: City of Eastvale

Rosa Parks Elementary teacher, Michelle Torres, was recently recognized at the Eastvale City Council meeting after saving the life of one of her students.

OUR FEATURED BUSINESSES

Crime Recap

STAFF REPORTS

Eastvale- In the last month, several crimes took place in the City of Eastvale, Norco, and Jurupa Valley. The information listed below is courtesy of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

Incident: Homicide Date: May 9, 2023 Location: Norco

Details: On May 9, 2023, at 3:30 pm, deputies from the Norco Station responded to a report of a juvenile medical aid at the 100 block of 8th Street in Norco. When deputies arrived, they found a female 17-month old juvenile not breathing. Life saving measures were conducted by deputies and Cal-Fire but the juvenile was unresponsive and was pronounced deceased. Investigators from the Jurupa Valley Station responded and believed the death to be suspicious. The Central Homicide Unit was contacted and



Photo courtesy: Riverside Sheriff Jennifer Johanna Allen

responded to assume the investigation. The victim's mother, Jennifer Johanna Allen, a 32-year old female from Norco, was later arrested for murder. During the course of the investigation, evidence was obtained showing fentanyl played a role in the juvenile's death. This is an active investigation and any-

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Family Fun At The Renaissance Festival

STAFF REPORTS

Corona - If you're looking for a family fun day, you do not want to miss the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival in Corona. This annual festival will take place for 5 weekends, starting May 27th.

The Koroneburg Renaissance Festival is one of the only permanently built Renaissance Festivals in Southern California, and is the most interactive Renaissance experience around! They offer tremendous

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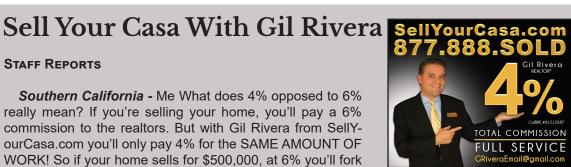
The Koroneburg Renaissance Festival in Corona will be held every weekend starting May 27th. Check out their ad on page 7 for a \$5 off coupon on tickets.

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Mommy Dearest



MICHAEL ARMIJO

She stood in the doorway, her sad eyes, her frail frown. Her clothes were soiled, her heart had an obvious pain. She was a mess, and yet through her fragile simplicity, her tiny eyes expressed her childish innocence that somehow found a secret path to escape.

When you looked at her surface, you could see a meager little child in an irresponsible environment. Her physical appearance was a nauseating sight that would make the average person look away. But for some reason I knew that beneath this vision of pain, sorrow, and suffering, I'd find a warm and shining spirit with a refreshing yearn for love and acceptance.

Yet when I sat there and felt overwhelming combination of sadness, affection, and compassion, I wondered why? Why am I able to sense such feelings within my life? Why was I so sensitive to the needs of love and acceptance? Why do I seek the goodness that sits within the bad; how am I able to look at life with love and forgiveness? I believe that I now know why......

My father pushed, pushed, and pushed again for survival. He wanted us to exist, to make it through this world until we reach the next. But my mother, she had a different agenda. She didn't demand success, she demanded compassion. She made us realize an important factor in life, a factor that stays within our hearts, fueled by love and nurtured by kindness.

You see, I feel that a father gives you tools to survive life, but a mother gives you tools to feel life. I believe that mothers around the world give us the elements of love and kindness, and

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they do this with their actions, not just with their words. They practice what they preach, and they preach with their practice.

they just live.

I am thankful that I do have a mother. Mom has helped me be a kind person. Mom has assisted me in becoming a loving individual. She's taught me to see the light and enjoy its warmth. She's educated me with visions of love and care, and to duplicate those feelings with actions of my own. She has taught me by her warm hugs and her tender concern. With her protective instincts, and her forceful love. She's taught me how to hold hands and comfort my children. She's endured my mistakes and consoled me when needed. Picked me up when I've fallen and held me while I cried. There wasn't a crime in the world that would've kept her from loving me. Mom has given me so many qualities that I hold dear to my heart. With her actions, and her intent, with her love. Yes, mom has been the best, the greatest, the most wonderful, because mommy is the dearest.

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Local community events

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cluding burgers, hotdogs, Caribbean food, BBQ, tacos, donuts, kettle corn, soul food, and more. The festival will also have children's activities, a beer garden, and entertainment. On May 20, an Armed Forces Tribute will take place at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony will include a special military plane flyover and tribute by a guest U.S. Military Veteran. "We are proud to support our Armed Forces and encourage attendees to join us at this special tribute," stated the City. "A very special thank you also goes to the Riverside County

Sheriff's Explorers and Eastvale Boy Scout Troop 251 for their help with the ceremony."

Another event coming up is the Koroneburg Renaissance Festival in Corona. This annual festival will take place for 5 weekends, starting May 27th. The festival will be held at 14600 Baron Drive in Corona and will have a theme with different discounts each weekend. For more information, read the article on page 1 or visit renfestcorona.com. Also check out their ad on page 7 for a \$5 off coupon!

An additional event that we have been waiting for is the Mulch & Compost Giveaway.

This event has been postponed twice due to unforeseen circumstances, but it is now expected to take place on Saturday, June 3 at 13200 Citrus Street. Eastvale residents can visit from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. to receive FREE mulch and compost. Residents are asked to bring shovels and bags as those will not be provided and asked to keep in mind of the ½ yard limit.

One more festival coming up is the EATSvale Food Truck Festival on Friday, June 9 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. This will take place at the New Day Christian Church parking lot, located at 7155 Hamner Avenue in Eastvale. Each EATSvale festival

usually has food trucks, food booths, craft-retail booths, live music performances, a minibeer garden, and children's activities.

If you're looking for a great time with good people, the Riverside Christian Alliance Church is having FREE Boba and lunch after their Father's Day service on June 18. Their service is at 10:30 a.m. then a Bible Study follows at 11:30 a.m. The lunch will begin at 12:15 p.m. Check out their ad on page 8 for more information and to sign up your kids for their summer VBS program.

Lastly, the City of Eastvale will be partnering with the East-

vale Chamber of Commerce to host their 13th Annual State of the City on Thursday, October 5. This event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at VantagePoint Church, 8500 Archibald Avenue. This year's theme is "Community, Pride, Prosperity." These three words are listed at the bottom of the City's seal. "Those three words represent the foundation of our city, and we're excited to spend the night focusing on our roots and sharing how we'll continue to prioritize those values," stated the City in a news release. After the program, the Taste of Eastvale event will take place and feature the best food in Eastvale.

Sell your casa with Gil Rivera

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Commission for Sellers includes 2.5% to the Buyer's Agent and 1.5% to Rivera's office. Most Realtors negotiate a 6% commission because they have to split the fees with their brokerage. But, as Rivera is the Broker, he passes on the savings to the Seller. This will save Sellers thousands of dollars in commission fees. His team offers full service for that discounted rate including high quality flyers, professional photos, open houses (as allowable by Seller), and extended advertising coverage on

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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 you'. 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 Buyer.

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.Call today for a free market evaluation.

Crime recap

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one with information regarding this case is encouraged to contact Investigator Adams of the Central Homicide Unit at (951) 955–2777.

Incident: Illegal Marijuana Dispensary

Date: May 4, 2023 Location: Jurupa Valley

Details: On Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., deputies from the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station Special Enforcement Team (SET) responded to the 1700 block of Production Circle regarding a disturbance. Upon deputies' arrival, numerous subjects attempted to flee, but several were detained. Jurupa Valley SET deputies located evidence of an illegal/unlicensed marijuana dispensary and secured the location. Jurupa Valley SET deputies obtained a search warrant for the property and requested assistance from the Riverside Sheriff's Marijuana Enforcement Team (MET).

During the service of the search warrant, deputies located approximately 115 pounds of processed marijuana, 10 pounds of psilocybin mushrooms, 100 pounds of marijuana concentrate, 2,400 marijuana vapes, and 1,200 edible marijuana items. The estimated value of the seized items was determined to be over \$1,000,000.

The investigation is ongoing, and the Jurupa Valley Station

SET is asking anyone with additional information on this case to contact Deputy Butler at (951) 955–2600.

Incident: Retail Theft Investigation

Date: April 30, 2023 Location: Eastvale

Details: On April 30, 2023, at 1:33 p.m., deputies from the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station responded to a business in the 12000 block of Limonite Avenue, in Eastvale, reference a theft. Witnesses reported four black females, in their 20's, entered the business, filled bags with miscellaneous merchandise such as purses and clothing before attempting to leave the location. Prior to the suspects exiting the business, a bystander attempted to prevent them from leaving, and a physical altercation occurred. Prior to deputies arrival, the suspects fled the location with an estimated \$1500 of stolen property.

Deputies from the Eastvale Special Enforcement Team are investigating the incident. Anyone with information on this case is encouraged to call Deputy Linzey at the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station at 951-955-2600.

As a reminder, "Community Policing" involves partnerships between law enforcement and community members. Business owners and residents are encouraged to report criminal activity directly to law enforcement by calling Sheriff's Dis-





Photo courtesy: Riverside County Sheriff's Coroner

The above items were confiscated after the Jurupa Valley Sheriff's Station Special Enforcement Team (SET) uncovered an illegal/unlicensed marijuana dispensary in Jurupa Valley.

patch at (951) 776-1099, or by calling 911 if the matter is an emergency. Criminal activity can also be reported through the We-Tip Crime Reporting Hotline, (909) 987-5005.

Incident: Major Injury Traffic Collision

Date: April 29, 2023 Location: Eastvale

Details: On April 29, 2023, about 1:02 PM, deputies responded to the area of Archibald Avenue and Fairchild Drive, in the city of Eastvale, regarding a single-vehicle roll over traffic collision with the driver trapped inside the overturned vehicle. After removing the driver from the vehicle, he was airlifted to a local hospital for treatment.

The Jurupa Valley Station Traffic Collision Reconstruction Team responded to the scene and assumed the investigation. The cause of the collision is still under investigation.

This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to contact Deputy Corlew at (951) 955-2600.

Incident: Driving Under the Influence Traffic Collision Date: April 29, 2023

Location: Jurupa Valley

Details: On April 29, 2023, about 5:27 PM, deputies responded to the 9900 block of Limonite Avenue, in the city of Jurupa Valley, regarding a minor injury traffic collision. Two of the parties from one vehicle sustained minor injuries. The first victim a 43-year-old female and her 13-year-old male passenger were transported to a local hospital for treatment.

During the investigation it was determined the second party had consumed alcohol prior to the collision. The suspect 45-year-old, Rafael De La Torre Jr., also a resident of Jurupa Valley was taken into custody and taken to a local hospital for treatment and subsequently booked into Robert Presley Detention Center for 23153 (a) CVC driving under the influence of alcohol resulting in injury.

Anyone with information about this incident is encouraged to call Deputy Medina at

951-955-2600.

Incident: Death Investigation Date: April 22, 2023 Location: Norco

Details: On Saturday, April 22, 2023, at 2:57 p.m., deputies assigned to the Jurupa Valley Station responded to a parking lot located in the 3500 block of Hamner Avenue, Norco, to check on the welfare of a male who was seated in a Dodge van. When deputies arrived, they found a 58-year-old male seated in the vehicle and was unresponsive. Deputies entered the vehicle and determined he was deceased.

Investigators from the Jurupa Valley Station responded and assumed the investigation. During a search of the vehicle, investigators found a suicide note and a revolver. The decedent appeared to have suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound to his chest. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact Investigator Ko from the Jurupa Valley Station at 951-955-2600.

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Family fun at the renaissance festival

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audience-participation content, giving you plenty to do and opportunities to learn about 1450-1600 A.D. history. The festival will have live performers, interactive demonstrations and games, music, German-inspired food, shopping of unique handmade items, and much more!

This festival has been around for 25 years, with the first festival taking place in 1998. "Entertaining families and friends for such a long time is a true privilege and a testament of our fantastic vendors, entertainers, and staff," according to their website.

The Koroneburg Festival is a themed event that traditionally celebrates the artistic and cultural advancements made in Renaissance Europe. "Most festivals focus on England and Queen Elizabeth, but we do things a little differently

Eastvale recognitions

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streets and shopping centers while others prefer volunteering at an event. Wherever you'd like to serve is where we'd love to have you!"

If you'd be interested in learning more about the East-vale Volunteer program, visit https://www.eastvaleca.gov/.../communit.../volunteer-program.

Lastly, the Eastvale Planning Division recently won an Award of Merit from the Inland Empire Section of the American Planning Association for their Eastvale Civic Center and Downtown Plan. The Planning Division team has shown dedication and passion for the future civic center and downtown

Recently, they even welcomed 17 community members to City Hall to kick off a Civic Center and Downtown Community Advisory Committee. The committee is made up of volunteers who share ideas and perspectives regarding the design of the future downtown and civic center. "Feedback provided at these meetings will be heard and considered by the City Council as they make decisions," stated the City. "Key words mentioned by the committee included clean, safe, growth, community, diversity, economic hub, and multi-functional. A big thank you to our residents for dedicating their time to this monumental proj-

CALL 909 464-1200 FOR AD RATES at Koroneburg," stated their website. "In honor of Johannesburg Gutenberg who made literacy and education accessible to all people with the movable type printing press, our event is set on the Rhine river on the border of France and Germany between 1450-1600."

At this festival, you and your family will be welcomed by a community of people who are "passionate about entertaining, educating and creating amazing experiences that you can't get anywhere else." It is also not a requirement to dress in a costume, but some will dress up to join in on the fun!

The Koroneburg Renaissance Festival will be held at 14600 Baron Drive in Corona.

They will be open on the following dates:

May 27-29: Military Appreciation Weekend – This weekend is dedicated to recognizing current and retired

members of the military. On this weekend, there will be a service member flag presentation, staff and organized by veterans in our community. On Memorial Day, Military & Veterans get in for FREE

June 3-4: Market Mayhem
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 to return to the festival (earn 4
 tickets for every \$150 spent)

- June 10-11: Pirate Weekend - Dress up as a Pirate & get \$5 Off your Single Day Pass (Cannot be combined with other coupons or offers)

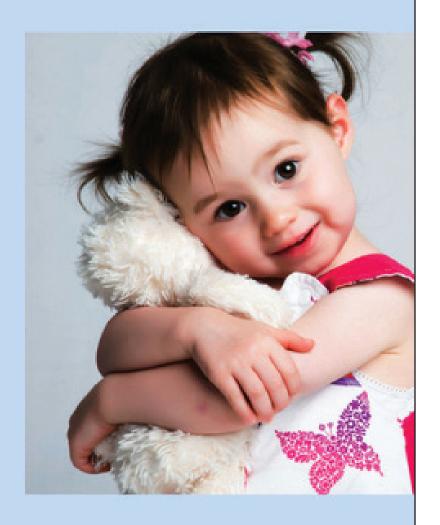
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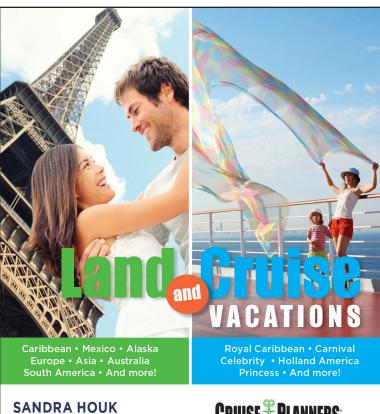












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Time for a Chat?

Reverend Wayne Chu

Proverb 2:6 For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding;

I recently downloaded the latest Bing browser from Microsoft which comes equipped with GPT-4, an Al software used for chat. After I asked it a few questions, I found myself quite impressed. It was able to understand what I asked and was capable of gathering information from the internet and formulating a good answer to my questions. While I feel that it is an excellent tool for learning, I also see that we need to use it with discernment.

Al, if used properly, can increase efficiency by automation and improve decision-making process. Many expect a tremendous change to the world coming, just like the Industrial Revolution or the Information Revolution. However, many worry that it will eliminate a lot of jobs. Even more, the biggest fear of AI is related to its most powerful feature, which is machine learning, meaning it can learn and improve itself. Someone may ask, will there be a day when Al learns everything, it will become so powerful that it can control or even destroy

All of these questions are diffi-

cult to answer but the concern is valid. It is urgent for the authorities and regulators to set up policies and laws to guide and limit the development of Al. We do not want Al to fall into the hands of those who would use it for their own gain without considering the impact on

Another immediate issue I see is that we tend to overestimate the power of AI and assign tasks to it beyond its capability. The biblical sense of wisdom (intelligence) is not just knowledge; it includes the ability to see the connection of things that seem unrelated and combines pieces of knowledge

to make decisions in life. As we all know, life is filled with ambiguity and decision-making is beyond knowledge and calculation.

Eventually, the problem of AI is the problem of humans. How should we use technology and how should we not use technology? It is more pressing for us to seek the LORD as He is the One who gives us this true wisdom and all knowledge, including Al.

Riverside Christian Alliance Church meets on Sundays at 10:30am at 9640 Jurupa Road, Jurupa Valley CA 92509. You can reach them at 951-360-0113 or https://www.riversidecma.org/



A Mom's Kiss

Pastor Dennis Morales

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." 1 Timothy 1:5

When the great painter Benjamin West was a young boy, he decided to draw a picture of his sister. He got out bottles of ink and succeeded in making a mess. When his mother got home, she said, "What a beautiful picture," and kissed him. Later in life he said, "That kiss made me a painter."

Paul writes to his protégé, Timothy, encouraging him as a pastor and faith leader. In doing so, he acknowledges the influence of his grandmother and mother upon his faith. I love how Paul speaks of "sincere faith." The greatest and lasting influence of Timothy's mom and grandmother was their sincere faith. It wasn't forced, it wasn't showy, it was pure. Timothy saw faith through their hardships, and even through the supposed unbelief of his father. Timothy saw it was real because his mom and grandmother knew Jesus was alive and real in their lives.

If, as a mom, you are feeling underwhelmed with how you have been handling your role, or feeling as if you're not making a difference, remember your kids are being shaped by the Lord. So, keep praying for them and never give up praying. My mom never stopped praying for me, despite my fierce rebellion, and I am eternally grateful for her diligence. Moms don't underestimate your influence in this world starting with those whom God has put in your care. Your faithfulness to the Lord, strength, courage, and unconditional love all have good and eternal con-

sequences. You have every reason to be confident because God is using you. (Your impact is greater than you may see right now). Your kiss (of sincere faith) has the potential to make soon to be men and women, men and women of great faith. So, Mama-bears assemble! (A little Marvel humor, sorry). Scripture says "her children will rise up and bless her..." (Proverbs 31).

Calvary Chapel meets at Eastvale Elementary School. Sunday service times are 8:30 and 10:30am. Calvary Chapel Eastvale is moving to the Eastvale Community Center starting July



2. 2023. More details to come. www.calvaryeastvale.org.

Give Grace

Melody Kraemer

The other day I went out to pick up something, and the person didn't have it out for me. Now it wasn't just next door; it wasn't down the street. It was across town. I had packed up my kids and taken them over there, and I was not happy to find out it wasn't left out for me and the person was not home.

I was a little upset that I had wasted my time, especially since we had agreed on a pickup time.

I drove away thinking I was not returning and how rude this person could be.

I didn't care about the item anymore. All I thought why how inconsiderate this person was.

I was halfway home when a text said, "I'm so sorry, my day has been crazy, and I just got home. It's out now; come whenever you want."

I didn't want to go back. I was upset that someone had wasted my time. I was upset that this person didn't do what we agreed on.

At that moment, I felt my heart was being cold. I told myself I'm far from perfect, I forget things, and I live in a crazy world.

What if the shoe was on the other foot? I would want understanding and grace. The word grace kept flowing through my

I turned around and went back to pick it up. It was a heated blanket for my boy; his had

I handed it to him, and he hugged it all the way home with a smile. He plugged it in when we got home, and I had one happy autistic boy.

All it takes at times is to calm our thoughts and give grace because, when we do, the outcome will bless us.

Psalm 103:8: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

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Stop and Smell the Roses

Mark Hopper

walk every day. Sometimes we walk through a park but most of the time we simply walk through our neighborhood. We enjoy greeting other people

sidewalks. We also like to see My wife and I try to go for a the different houses along the way and admire the lawns and landscaping.

> We have noticed more and more people have removed their lawns and installed arti-

walking along the streets and ficial grass. It looks very nice and doesn't require a lot of water or work to maintain. Other homeowners have replaced their lawns with crushed granite and desert succulent plants. These look very nice too.

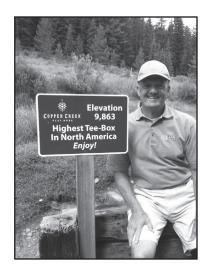
> However the thing that really caught our attention this spring is the number of neighbors who have roses blooming in their yards. I never really noticed how many homes had roses. There are an endless variety of roses with different colors and the blossoms which seem to be unusually large this year. Some of them are huge.

> The rose bushes have dark green leaves and look very healthy. We think it may be the result of the heavy rains we had this winter. The precipitation must have enriched the soil and produced a bumper crop of beautiful roses.

One day as we were walking we saw a woman trimming back some of her bountiful rose bushes. We slowed to admire them and commented on how wonderful they looked. The woman said she appreciated our words and promptly gave us a handful of fresh cut flow-

We carried those with us on the rest of our walk and then put them into a vase when we got home. I am looking at these beautiful flowers in our family room as I type this story. It has been amazing to see how large the blossoms have become and the colors are spectacular. We are thinking about going back and asking for more on our next walk!

There is a verse in the Bible that reminds us God created the heavens and the earth. He created an endless variety of plants, animals, sea creatures and birds for us to observe and enjoy (Genesis Chapter One). Let me encourage you to stop



and smell and enjoy the roses in your neighborhood this spring. You may want to plant some at your house too. You will be glad you did and your neighbors will too.

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Thefts at Eastvale businesses

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iff's news release. For several months, "SET deputies tracked retail thefts and identified the unknown suspect to commit several grand thefts throughout the Inland Empire."

SET deputies later identified the suspect as Gardenia Herrera, 31-year-old resident of Perris, and arrested her on March 5, 2023. Herrera was subsequently convicted and is serving a 4-year sentence.

Eastvale SET deputies continued this investigation working with local agencies and retail loss prevention members. They discovered several suspects linked to organized retail thefts throughout the Inland Empire. One of those suspects was Veronica Damian Estrada, a 39-year-old resident of Moreno Valley. Eastvale SET deputies arrested Estrada on April 26 in Moreno Valley.

Upon arrest, deputies located

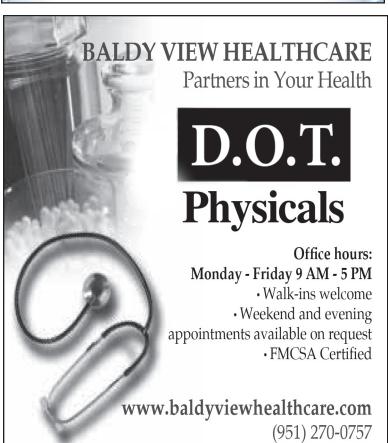
"several thousand dollars worth of stolen items in her vehicle," stated a news release. "Deputies served a search warrant at Estrada's residence and located thousands of stolen retail items estimated at \$40,000 dollars in retail value. Estrada was subsequently booked at the Robert Presley Detention Center for several felony charges related to organized retail theft."

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department wants to remind the community that "Community Policing" involves partnerships between law enforcement and community members. Business owners and residents are encouraged to report criminal activity directly to law enforcement by

calling Sheriff's Dispatch at (951) 776-1099, or by calling 911 if the matter is an emergency. Criminal activity can also be reported through the We-Tip Crime Reporting Hotline, (909) 987-5005.

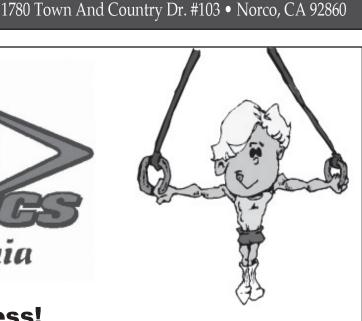












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