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VC author publishes 4th book on missing and exploited children

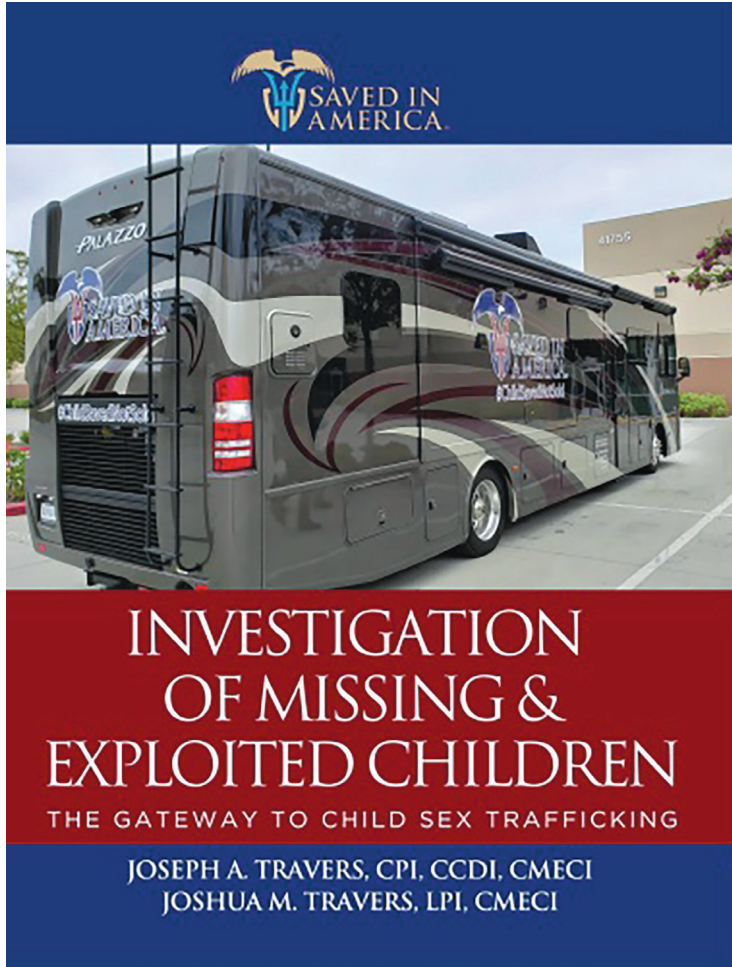
Valley Center resident Joseph Travers, Founder of Saved In America (SIA), and his son Joshua Travers, an active Law Enforcement Officer and Law Enforcement Liaison for Saved In America, have published their 4th book, "Investigation of Missing and Exploited Children: The Gateway of Child Sex Trafficking."

This book is designed to provide the essential knowledge needed to identify and understand the issues and solutions that effectively combat the evils of domestic child sex trafficking in the United States.

It is an instructional guide and resource manual for both the citizen and the government manager. The approach is direct and concise, which facilitates comprehension by novices as well as experienced public servants. The purpose of this book is to fill the existing need for a precise, comprehensive manual detailing the elements to combat the child sex trafficking nexus. According to the There is a lack of professional resources within the field of public and private prevention/ investigation of runaways, and this book will help with prevention and to fill that void.

"Investigation of Missing and Exploited Children: The Gateway of Child Sex Trafficking, 4th Edition" is intended for the private individual with no prior child trafficking prevention experience, and the experienced professional (such as

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The cover of "Investigation of Missing and Exploited Children: The Gateway of Child Sex Trafficking" by VC resident Joseph A. Travers.

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time in 2017. It was a calf that was born that morning at the Kony Dairy on Milky Way in the San Pasqual Valley. "I was so happy!" she recalled. "I decided I wanted to rescue animals and bring people to meet the animals, so they could experience the love and peace that I felt when I met that calf."

She and her husband moved to Valley Center in May 2019 and started to rescue animals. They opened Happy Heart Haven in July 2020 and now have 39 rescues. Right now, they include two cows, seven sheep, four goats, 16 ducks, two mini-horses and three pigs. "People come almost daily to meet the animals," she told The Roadrunner. "We do private tours. It's not like a petting zoo. You get to go in and learn about the animals and have a more intimate experience with them."

She added, "Our mission is to create happier hearts. Everyone gets to free roam on our 2 1/2 acres. The animals are very happy in my opinion. I am very aware of space and who I can care for. My latest rescue was four 4-H goats from a local 4-H group."

A tradition of the Honorary Mayor's race is that candidates will make promises in order to win votes. Cristi Walker's promise? "We promise that everyone in Valley Center will have a happy heart."

Her first responder partner in the mayor's race is Mark Latulippe. In 2017 he lost three members of his family in an accident in Austin, Texas, that was caused by a drunken driver.

"We're actually very good friends," he told *The Roadrunner*. "After my family's crash I—being the public information officer for the Oceanside office—was presenting about DUIs and what they can do to people. I met Cristi, who also tragically lost someone. She guided me and helped me to refine my presentation."

They have been mutually supportive of each other in taking their tragedies and trying to turn them into positives. "Where hopefully we don't have anyone else having to do what we do and prevent the loss due to DUI drivers," said Latulippe.

When candidates were picking first responders, Walker got first pick. "Obviously he was the best!" she said.

For several years, Latulippe worked in Valley Center as the CHP's public information officer, and is now the County's CHP Media Officer. "Now I grab the questions from the media and disseminate them to the PIO's" he said. Daily he appears on Channel 10 as the Traffic Guy at 11. I still speak as often as I can about DUI's to as many people who will listen. He talks to high schools, university students, does interviews and video pieces about drunk driving.

He was involved in producing a documentary about his family's crash in Texas and how it affected the one survivor of that crash, Kiera Latulippe, who Mark Latulippe and his family adopted, and who is now a teenager.

In that 14-minute documentary, entitled "Falling," (available on YouTube), "Kiera put herself out there with the same goal of stopping DUI. "I pushed to get t made and CHP graciously put some fine people on the project. It won an Emmy."

Together Cristi Walker and Mark Latulippe make a powerful combination as Honorary Mayor candidate and her partner.

Just to add a little spice to the contest, we persuaded Latulippe to do some "trash talk" about one of his rivals in the race, the firefighters. "If I were so fortunate to be elected the first three things I would do is paint all the fire trucks black and white, and demand all the firefighters shave their mustaches."

The Happy Heart Haven is located off Cole Grade Road, at 30398 Via Valencia. Find out more by visiting Happyhearthaven.com.

HOW THE MAYOR'S RACE WORKS

From now until June 2, any fundraising event or activity created for each group, will be counted towards the Mayor's Race. Groups will keep track of contributions and set aside 10% for Western Days. Once their total is shared at the "Guns and Hoses" event on June 3 (which takes place at the main fire station), candidates will receive chips based upon their 10% contribution, which will be added to a big bowl.

In addition, candidate's partner (First Responder) will be contributing chips based upon their success at each event, such as the "Closest to the pin" contest which was held a couple of weeks ago. So far, Mark Latulippe (for candidate Cristi Walker) earned 5 chips, Joe Napier who is candidate Lavonne Norwood's partner, earned 4 chips, Jim Emig, who is the partner of Alexa Daria of the Valley Center Pageant earned 3 chips and Levin Annon earned 2 chips for his partner, Michelle Bothof of the Valley Center Republicans. Other similar events, such as a corn hole contest, are planned.

In order to win "Honorary Mayor," all of the chips will be pooled and one chip will be selected and announced at "Guns and Hoses."

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