

Biography

Jane LeMond-Alvarez



Jane LeMond-Alvarez is a child abuse expert and former crime analyst from the Oxnard Police Department. She is a published author of the true stories : *Blinders* and *Where's Mario*, a public speaker, as well as a wife, mother and grandmother. Jane has dedicated her life to stopping child abuse.

Jane and her husband Leo work as activists to be a part of the solution. They write and speak about child abuse custody issues. They are part of an on-going national campaign to make legislative changes that would end the return of abused children to their abusers.

Abused children nationwide are being returned to their abusive parents on an epidemic level. According to the California Youth and Correctional Agency, more than 120,000 California children are reported abused every year. Authorities estimate that as many as half of all abuse cases go unreported and about half of those reported are not investigated. If we had 120,000 cases of measles, an army of health officials would be on the job to halt the epidemic.

Jane questions why our nation's children do not receive the same attention.

**“Would you give an arsonist a match,
a burglar the key to your home,
your child to a pedophile for baby-sitting?
Then why in God’s name would you return an
abused child to his abuser?”**

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Where's Mario?

From the founder of The Children's Wall of Tears™ Jane LeMond-Alvarez



A true story of Mario Jimenez, a severely abused child, an American citizen, where doctors performed brain surgery and placed Mario on life support, nurtured back to health in foster care, while his biological mother was serving time in jail for felony child abuse. Upon her release from jail she was deported to Mexico. Before Mario's full recovery and adoption into a loving home, Social Services came unannounced to the home, removed and drove Mario to the border of Mexico. He was returned to the mother who nearly killed him.

To this day, no one has been able to find the child who is feared dead at the hands of his abuser. Mario's story exemplifies an epidemic number of children caught in a revolving door policy. A policy where

what is legally correct has taken precedence over the best interests of innocent children. *Where's Mario?* is a must read for the indisputable argument for legislative change, speaking for all children returned to their abusers and suffering repeated abuse and often death.

The attacks are not a rare occurrence but a daily reality. Jane LeMond-Alvarez is a voice for the children who are vulnerable and unable to speak for themselves. Her moral and ethical reasoning will have you asking yourself the questions: Would you give a match to an arsonist? A burglar the keys to your home? Your child to a pedophile to babysit? Then why in God's name would the courts give an abused child back to his abuser?

"Thank goodness for courageous people like Jane LeMond-Alvarez, who expose the ugly truth behind an issue that most Americans would be outraged about... if only they knew. This well-kept secret of returning children to the very people that abused them is an outrage and Jane lays it all on the line in *Where's Mario*. Thank you, Jane for writing this book and leading the charge for change. It's a mountain worth climbing."

***- Gary M. D'Amico
President, Ventura County
Crime Stoppers***

Blinders

The true story of a woman's battle against the system and what really happens to most abused children

From the founder of The Children's Wall of Tears™ - Jane LeMond-Alvarez



Blinders is a true story of a mother who took on the justice system to save three severely abused children - ages 18 months, three and five years. Against all odds, she and her former husband fought the police department, social services and the court system. As Alvarez warns from the start, "This is not a book for the faint at heart."

Blinders chronicles Alvarez's desperate and persistent efforts to rescue her three step-grandchildren from their abusive home in San Diego, starting in 1990. Despite 29 police referrals by doctors, dentists and teachers, the children were left to suffer. The entire time, the courts were trying to unify the children with their parents. After 18 months of fighting the police and the court system, Alvarez and her former husband, Claude LeMond prevailed. Both had worked in law enforcement with over

50 years combined experience and thought it would be easy to rescue these children from their abusers. Not so! It was an uphill battle the entire way. The courts believe so strongly in reunifying children back with their abusers. They were finally permitted to adopt the children in 1991.

Alvarez's first-person account, along with her documentation of the problems, hopes to rip off society's blinders and reveal this epidemic of abuse. Alvarez asks the pointed question, "How many more children will have to die before laws are changed to protect them?"

"In Blinders, Jane LeMond-Alvarez has painted an inspiring portrait of the power one individual can have in overcoming significant challenges to protect children from abuse and neglect. By detailing her struggles with the judicial and human service systems that are too-often overwhelmed by the magnitude of the tragedies with which they are confronted, her story is also a pointed reminder that the best way to truly protect children from abuse and neglect is to prevent it from occurring in the first place."

- Sydney Johnson

- President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America

What they're saying about **Blinders**

"Without whistle-blowers you wouldn't be reading this well written book today."

-Tracy Lehr,

Anchor/Reporter KEYT-TV

(In 2002 Tracy produced a T V broadcast on "Where's Mario?" based on Jane's efforts to find an American toddler taken to Mexico by Social Services)

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-Sydney Johnson, III

President and CEO of Prevent Child Abuse America

"Beyond Belief! Jane's books convey an indisputable argument for urgent legislative change."

-Robert Worthley

President, Ventura County Foster Parent Association

President of Crime Stoppers Ventura County

"Don't just read *American Child- The Injustice Files*, do something!"

-Marianne Ratcliff

Opinion Page Editor Ventura County Star Newspaper

"I encourage health professionals and the general public to read *The Injustice Files*."

-Charles E. Hollingsworth, M.D.

Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc. in both adult and child psychiatry

"No one knows the horror and heartbreaking tragedies of child abuse more than a social worker. I was a social worker in California for twenty years and I would not care to share what I have seen and experienced in terms of abuse. Because of my many experiences, I am qualified to say that *Blinders*, so wonderfully and honestly written by Ms. Alvarez, is a book you must read if you are a person who cares. This book will shock you and inspire you at the same time. I recommend it highly."

-Charlene Hageman

Retired California Social Worker



Jane LeMond-Alvarez Awards, Interviews & Appearances

Founder and President of the National Association Against Child Cruelty

Founder of The Children's Wall of Tears™

KEYT-TV IN FOCUS with Tracy Lehr, child abuse and *Blinders* discussion

KEYT-TV *Where's Mario?* News segment with Tracy Lehr documentary

Adelphia Channel IMPACT with Russ Olney; announcing publication of *Blinders*

Adelphia Channel IMPACT with Russ Olney, *The Horrors of Child Abuse*

Adelphia Channel The Juan Cobian Show, *Child Abuse and the Community*

Adelphia Channel Interview with Richard Senate, *Blinders* and child abuse

Fox News Scariest Places on Earth; La Purisima Mission

Fox News Interview, Juvenile Justice Case

Fox News Interview, *Where's Mario?*

The Ken Hamblin Show: nationally syndicated radio program

Michel Talk with Michel Dresser, Alaska: internationally syndicated Internet-based radio program

The Parent Report with Scot Cooper, WBZ Radio, Boston, Massachusetts

Chicago Street Talk, WLUP Radio, Chicago, Illinois

KABC News Talk Radio, Los Angeles, California

WKZO Radio, The Dave Jaconette Show, Kalamazoo, Maryland

WFTW Radio, The Wake Up Call with Greg Alan, Fort Walton Beach, Florida

KDXU Radio, Last Call with Dan Murphy, Salt Lake City, Utah

WKBN Radio with Robert Mangino, Ohio

Introduction of Assembly Bill AB2172 with Assembly Member, Tony Strickland and testified in assembly committee, Sacramento, California

Assisted in passing SB33 – Incest Loophole Law, Sacramento, California

Numerous editorial commentaries and letters authored by Jane LeMond-Alvarez and published in newspapers throughout America

Interviews on the Richard Senate Show

FOX News 40 Sacramento, California

Recipient of the BRAVO AWARD for Advocate of the Year – presented by NAWBO - National Association of Woman Business Owners

Keynote Speaker for BACA International Convention – St. Louis, Missouri 2011

Keynote Speaker – BACA Inland Empire Southern California 2011

League of Woman Voters – presenter on Ventura County Juvenile Justice System

Featured in Thunder Roads Magazine, Northern California Edition 2011

Featured in Westlake Magazine, Westlake, California 2011

Featured in FHC Magazine, Ventura County California 2011

Featured in 805 Magazine, Ventura County California 2011

Employee of the Year – Oxnard Police Department

Employee of the Year – Ventura Police Department

Featured on numerous KTVA radio interviews (Kelly McKay, Spence, Dr. Bunny)

Featured on BACA Nation Radio

Biography

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Alvarez



- Thirty-three years law enforcement experience with the Oxnard Police Department
- Crime scene investigator
- Fingerprint examiner
- Managed and supervised Oxnard Police Department jail for twenty-five years

- Co-Author of American Child - The Injustice Files *Where's Mario?*
- Chief Editor of *Blinders*
- Co-drafted Assembly Bill - AB2172 and testified in Sacramento, Ca.
- Worked on SB33 - The Circle of Trust Bill drafted by Protect

Author of the following published articles:

Back Room Politics - Ventura County Star 2005

Reprehensible Bill - Ventura County Star 2005

The Rod: Correction, Discipline or Punishment? - Ventura County Star 2005

The Eighth Deadly Sin - Ventura County Star 2003

Where's Mario? co-authored with Jane LeMond-Alvarez - Ventura County Star 2002



- Worked extensively with child abusers and sex offenders
- Certified trainer with California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System
- Coroner investigator
- Vice President of Crime Stoppers, Ventura County
- Volunteer of the Year – Oxnard Police Department
- Co-founder and President of the National Association Against Child Cruelty
- Interview Richard Senate
- KEYT-TV Wall of Tears
- Radio Interview Kelly McKay
- Numerous letters featured in Ventura County Star Newspaper

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