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CITRUS HEIGHTS - Mark your calendars for the 13th Annual Citrus Heights Red, White and Blue Parade on Saturday, June 23rd. This popular community event marks the 15th anniversary incorporation of the city. Come and enjoy all that the parade has to offer including floats, vintage cars, live animals and marching bands. Participants include the Wells Fargo Stagecoach, Sacramento Kings' Slamson, dance teams and many of Citrus Heights' local businesses. The musical highlights this year are the 59th Army Marching Band, the Caledonian Club of Sacramento consisting of the Scottish Color Guard and Pipers, the Capitol Pops Concert Band and the local Citrus Heights Community Marching Band.

From 8am to noon enjoy a \$5 pancake breakfast sponsored by the Rotary Club of Citrus Heights in the Sunrise Mall northwest parking lot. After the parade, in the northwest Sunrise Mall parking lot there will be face painting, music and



Citrus Heights Police Chief Chris Boyd rides in last year's Red, White and Blue Parade. Photo courtesy of S. Plescia.

a chance to view many of the parade entries as they stage in the viewing area.

The parade starts at 9am and proceeds along Sunrise

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Source: City of Citrus Heights.

### **Program to Direct More Business to Small** and Local Businesses

SACRAMENTO COUNTY -Sacramento County just changed its small/local business preference program to not only increase opportunities to buy and sell to the County but to streamline the process and make it easier to navigate.

Dollar thresholds were raised from \$250,000 to \$1 million and the local business preference percentage was raised to 5%. These changes will increase the number of contracts that will be eligible for the incentive program.

For the County program, "small business" is defined as a State designated micro-business that is independently owned, not dominant in its field operation, and is a service, construction, or non-manufacturing firm with 25 or fewer employees and has average annual gross receipts of \$2,750,000 or less for the previous 3 years.

The changes were previewed with the Sacramento Public Agency Consortium (SacPAC). and the Asian, Hispanic, and Black Chambers of Commerce with favorable reviews. The County purchases more than \$100 million each year in goods and services with about half of that going to small and/or local businesses. Increasing local business participation can have a positive impact on the local econ-



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Luis Palau preaching at a past festival. Photo courtesy of Craig Chastain, Communications Director, Luis Palau Sacramento Festival & The Season of Service

SACRAMENTO REGION - Luis Palau Festivals, the free, family-friendly celebrations which have drawn more than 8 million people since 1999 from south Florida to South America, are bringing The Luis Palau Sacramento Festival to Cal Expo Grounds on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, 2012. Activities are scheduled from 1:30-10 PM daily and admission will be FREE.

First conceived and produced in Portland, Oregon in 1999, Palau festival events have since changed the face of contemporary faith celebrations around the world (www. palau.org).

Expanding on a community service component that has long been a part of Palau festivals, the Luis Palau Sacramento Festival will team with Sacramento-area service agencies and churches under the banner "Season of Service" to provide volunteers and resources to hundreds of projects that serve homelessness, hunger, families in need, schools, health and wellness, neighborhood revitalization and existing programs. By festival weekend, thousands of volunteers are expected to have served in Season of Service projects.

The Oregon-based Luis Palau Association has brought a message of hope through faith to more than a billion people through radio, television, the Internet, books and articles, including 30 million people face-to-face in 75 countries. Luis Palau's daily radio broadcasts are heard by tens of millions of listeners on 3000+ radio stations in 48 countries. He is the author of close to 50 books. and his counsel on issues of faith has been shared with political leaders and heads of state around the world.

Recent festivals have attracted massive crowds, including 900,000 in Buenos Aires, Argentina; 250,000 in Houston, and 300,000 in Fort Lauderdale. The 2012 festival schedule includes Haiti, Jamaica, Paraguay, Australia, Tanzania and the United Kingdom: Sacramento Festival is the only U.S. event this year.

The action sports area will feature top pro/am athletes from skateboarding, freestyle motocross and BMX biking. The Amazing Wonders Experience will include high-energy programming for kids and families and a large collection of NASCAR racecars.

The Palau Sacramento Festival will showcase some of the top artists in contemporary Christian and gospel music, including

• TobyMac: one of the most honored singer/songwriters in the genre, his blending of hiphop, rock and gospel generates high album sales and an energetic stage show http://www.tobymac.com

• Mandisa: the Sacramento native made her mark on American Idol and is currently nominated for multiple Dove (Gospel Music Association) awards including Female Vocalist of the Year http://mandisaofficial.com/home

• Thousand Foot Krutch: the Canadian rockers have produced 8 best-selling albums since 1998 including the just-released The End Is Where We Begin http:// thousandfootkrutch.com

• Skillet: known for their powerful live shows, ardent fans ("Pan Heads") and 8 successful albums, this quartet has been a major force in CCM for more than 15 years http://www.skillet.com/

• Lincoln Brewster: considered one of the elite guitar players in contemporary music, Lincoln Brewster is also a singer/songwriter with 8 albums and an extensive touring schedule http://www. lincolnbrewster.com

• Phil Wickham: equally at home on stage or in the studio, this singer-songwriter has produce 7 albums of original music and contemporary Christian standards http://philwickham.com

• Marisol: known for her powerful vocals and unique styling, this bi-lingual performer has sung throughout North and South America https://www.facebook. com/marisolmusic

For further information on the Luis Palau Sacramento Festival and the Season of Service visit www.sacramentofestival.com or call the festival offices at 916-259-2165.

omy and help create more jobs.

The new program will become effective June 22, 2012 and the County will conduct training classes for business. Details can be found at under Local Vendor Preference at http://www.saccountybids.net.

# **RT Launches Real-Time Bus Tracker**

SACRAMENTO REGION-The Sacramento Regional Transit District (RT) now offers customers the ability to track the location of RT buses in real-time. Recently installed GPS technology allows RT to track buses on routes, display their locations using online maps, and provide estimated arrival times at any bus stop. Customers can also use text messaging to receive estimated arrival times or sign up to be sent automatic email or text alerts. The real-time system, called RT Tracker, can be accessed at www. sacrt.com/rttracker.

"This technology provides RT riders greater flexibility in using public transportation," Mike Mattos, Chief of Facilities and Business Support Services, stated. "While on-time performance is high, some delays are unavoidable. Customers can track the locations of buses and adjust their travel plans accordingly."

RT Tracker users will be able to spend less time waiting, leaving more time for other things. Real-time tracking of light rail vehicles is not yet available, but is included in plans for RT Tracker expansion when funding becomes available.

For route, schedule and fare information, call 916-321-BUSS (2877) or visit www.sacrt.com.

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# **Touching Hearts at Sylvan Cemetery**



The annual Memorial Day Service was held at the Sylvan Cemetery on Monday, May 28. The event was hosted by The American Legion #637 and The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Photo courtesy of Cyndi Price.

#### By Leslie Carrara

CITRUS HEIGHTs - It was a sight to behold. Donated flags adorned the avenues in the Sylvan Cemetery for those upon arrival to see for the Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 28, 2012 and fresh flowers were placed at all grave sites. The warfallen were symbolized by crosses and smaller flags, totaling 1,325 grave sites, all put in place by Boy Scouts.

City dignitaries addressed the crowd and the Harmony Express of Folsom sang patriotic songs including "God Bless America," "Amazing Grace" and "This Is My Country."

The new commander of the Citrus Heights American Legion Post 637 Paul Reyes was the first

to address the crowd and he said to remember these three words-"Duty, honor and country." He said that the Legion has lost 1.5 million members recently as most from World War II have passed on, and that they are always looking for new veterans of war to join.

County Supervisor Roberta MacGlashan then gave a history of the holiday, stating that in 1868, General John A. Logan made a proclamation that Memorial Day should be a national holiday. The end of May was chosen as it is between spring and summer.

Next was Citrus Heights' Mayor Jeff Slowey, who said, 'This is the day we are here to honor those that give their lives for their country."

Nearly 1 million men and women have made the ultimate sacrifice for this country, starting with the Revolutionary War up to Afghanistan at the present. The largest losses occurred during World War II, with approximately 405,000 casualties.

One noticed that the first row of seats in the gazebo were empty, and Vice Mayor Steven Miller explained that these seats represented the missing in action. "I pray for their souls," he said.

A few speakers reminded the crowd that this day is not for barbecues and to kick off the summer season, but that there is real meaning to this holiday as we all remember the heroes of war.

# Leading Experts Offer Free Irrigation and Landscaping Advice

Activities, Workshops and Exhibits to Promote Water Efficiency

SACRAMENTO REGION -San Juan Water District and the City of Folsom will host a How to Landscape Day on Saturday, June 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. offering advice, demonstrations and exhibits from leading experts and organizations in water efficient landscapes and gardens.

Lifetime UC Master Gardener Fred Hoffman, aka Farmer Fred, who hosts KFBK's Garden Show, will debunk common garden myths at 10 a.m. Don Smith, Water Conservation Coordinator for the City of Folsom, will provide helpful tips and information about smart irrigation at 11:15 a.m. Aquatic biologist and educator, Holly Crosson, will present information about the spread of invasive plants in waterways and how to use aquatic plants in garden design at 12:15 p.m.

With outdoor irrigation accounting for about 70 percent of water use in the summer, it is important to use water efficiently. The How to Landscape Day will demonstrate to homeowners how to have an attractive



landscape using less water. Attendees will learn about design and maintenance of water efficient landscapes from Master Gardeners, professional landscape designers, eco-friendly organizations, nurseries and water agencies. Exhibitors will showcase new products, services and techniques with hands-on demonstrations.

Don't miss this informationfilled event! The full schedule is available at sjwd.org. Call 791-2663 for more information. The event is open to the public and will be held at the San Juan Water District office: 9935 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay. Admission is free.



### What's Coming Up In Citrus Heights

#### By Leslie Carrara

JUNE 23 – Red, White and Blue Parade, Sunrise Blvd. between Madison Ave. and Greenback Lane, 9 a.m.

JUNE 30 - Self Defense, Self Awareness and Self Esteem free workshops presented by the Domestic Violence Intervention Center, 6060 Sunrise Vista Dr., Citrus Heights. Girls 13-17, young women 18-25 and women 25+. Age 13-17 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 25+ from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

JULY 7 through AUGUST 4 - Saturdays only

Youth Summer 2012 Flag Football presented by the Citrus Heights Police Activities League and Sunrise Recreation and Park District. For boys and girls, grouped by age. Mesa Verde High School Gym 7501 Carriage Drive, Citrus Heights. Fee is \$35. For more information, contact Brady at 599-9993 or SRPD at 725-0186.

JULY 14 - 15 – Citrus Heights Community Campout, Registration open now, space is limited. \$7 per person. To register, visit www.sunriseparks. com or call (916) 725-1585. Presented by SRPD, REACH and the City of Citrus Heights.

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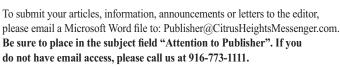
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# **Capitals Announce 2012 Schedule** Also Names New General Manager



Coco Vandeweghe returns to the 2012 Capital Team. Photo courtesy of Sacramento Capitals.

CITRUS HEIGHTS Seasoned Sports Management **Professional and Former Capitals** Owner, Jayna Osborne, to Head Caps Management Team.

The Sacramento Capitals have named a new general manager to head the team's operations in preparation for their 27th season in the World TeamTennis Pro League presented by GEICO, which begins on the road July 9.

Jayna Osborne, former coowner of the Capitals from 1993 through 1999, has been tapped to assume the role of General Manager for the team, which was recently vacated by Matt McEvoy.

Osborne is no stranger to the demands of the job, having previously served as General Manager for the Capitals from 1993 to 1999 while then a co-owner of the team.

"Jayna brings a wealth of sports management experience to the position of General Manager for the Sacramento Capitals. Having previously served in this capacity for a number of years, she has hit the ground running in her new role. We are expecting a seamless transition for our staff, players, sponsors and fans," said Ramey Osborne, Capitals Managing General Partner.

Jayna was instrumental to the success of the team in the early years, helping the franchise to bring home three of their League record six championship titles. We are looking forward to bringing home a seventh WTT Championship title under her direction," he added.

The Capitals also have also announced their 2012 management team. The experienced team includes, Bill Cho, player services manager; Gracie Ryan, marketing director; Tenette Cho, season ticket manager; and Blayde Bynum, sponsorship manager. All team members have experience managing tennis events and are avid tennis players.

The Capitals begin the season on the road against the Boston Lobsters on July 9, followed a second match on the road July 10 against the Philadelphia Freedoms. The Capitals home opener on Thursday, July 12 against the Kansas City Explorers will feature world-renowned tennis star Mardy Fish as the Caps marquee player. Fish will also be featured the following night, Friday, July 13, versus the Orange County Breakers.

Sacramento Capitals individual match tickets and three match packages are now available at www.saccaps.com. Prices for individual tickets start at \$25 and three-match packages begin at \$60. Children's tickets will be available for \$15. All matches are played at Sunrise MarketPlace Outdoor Pavilion at Sunrise Mall in Citrus Heights. Doors open at 6pm for Happy Hour, Match time is 7:35pm.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, visit www.saccaps. com or call 916-859-0058.





# **Sacramento County DA Reports**

Recent cases of interest

#### CASE: Felisha Mock (06/06/12)

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Amber Hawk** 

Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully announced that 26-year-old Felisha Mock pled no contest to three counts of pimping (one count for each named victim), and was sentenced to 8 years, 8 months in state prison.

Mock targeted young, at-risk, run-away girls for prostitution. She was charged with multiple counts of human trafficking related to pimping and pandering three female victims in 2011. The victims were ages 15, 16, and 20 years old at the time.

District Attorney Jan Scully states, "Sex traffickers prey on the most vulnerable members of our community. I remain dedicated to pursuing those who sexually exploit young women and children and holding them accountable for these crimes."

#### CASE: Larry Paul Gregory (06/06/12)

**PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Kevin Jones** 

Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully announced that 68-year-old Larry Paul Gregory was convicted by jury of eight counts of felony child sexual assault.

Gregory was considered a good friend to the 5-year-old victim and her family. In the months leading up to the assaults in 2009, Gregory inappropriately exposed himself to the victim on several occasions while playing soccer and swimming with her in the backyard. Additionally, Gregory sexually assaulted the victim in her bedroom and living room.

Gregory has previous felony convictions involving child sexual abuse crimes. In 1998, he was convicted by a Sacramento County jury of molesting a 9-year-old girl.

Gregory faces a possible maximum sentence of 480 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set for June 29, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in Department 33 in front of the Honorable Lloyd G. Connelly.

#### CASE: Saul Isidoro-Ausencio & Francisco Delgado (06/01/12) **PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Donell A. Slivka**

District Attorney Jan Scully announced that Saul Isidoro-Ausencio and Francisco Delgado were convicted by two separate juries of three counts of first degree murder for the killings of Robert Corpos, Jamir Miller, and Richard Ward. The juries also found true that the defendants shot the victims from a motor vehicle with the intent to kill, and that they committed multiple first degree murders. Isidoro-Ausencio's jury also found true the allegations of the personal and intentional discharge of a firearm, and that the crimes were committed for the benefit of the Sureno Street Gang. The jury for Delgado was unable to reach findings on the gang and firearm allegations.

The victims were shot as they were riding their bikes on Malaga Way in Rancho Cordova because Isidoro-Ausencio was seeking revenge for a beating he suffered at the hands of rival gang members. When he was unable to find the gang members who had assaulted him, he and Delgado drove up behind the victims and shot them instead. They believed that the victims were gang members, even though they had nothing to do with the assault on Isidoro-Ausencio.

Both defendants are scheduled for sentencing on June 22, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Department 27 in front of the Honorable Judge Helena Gweon.

#### CASE: Ryan McGowan (06/01/12) **PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Michael Blazina**

District Attorney Jan Scully announced today that an arrest warrant was issued for Ryan McGowan (31), a deputy with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. McGowan has been charged with two counts of selling large capacity magazines (Penal Code section 12020(a)(2)), two counts of illegal possession of an assault weapon (Penal Code section 12280(b)), and one count of illegal possession of steroids (Health and Safety Code section 11377(a)). The maximum possible sentence for these charges is five years, eight months in state prison.

Last summer, the Sacramento Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives began a coordinated investigation into McGowan for violations of federal and state firearms laws. On July 15, 2011, McGowan sold to an undercover agent a 9mm pistol with several illegal large capacity magazines. On August 4, he sold the undercover agent a .22 caliber pistol with an illegal large capacity magazine. On November 3, while serving a search warrant at McGowan's residence, investigators located two illegal assault weapons and steroids.

Concurrent with the filing of these state law violations, McGowan is being charged in federal court with federal firearm violations. Please contact the U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of California for additional details regarding the federal charges.



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# San Juan Teachers Reach Agreement to help address possible state funding shortfall

Officials announced June 4th. that a tentative agreement has been reached between the San Juan Teachers' Association (SJTA) and San Juan Unified School District. The two-year agreement addresses the impacts of continued state budget cuts on the District's operations and includes two furlough days with the possibility of up to 11 additional furlough days depending on final state funding and the outcome of November's initiatives to raise funds in support of education and other essential public services.

"State funding cuts are destroying public education and damaging the future of California's children," said SJTA President Shannan Brown. "The continued underfunding of education in California has resulted in larger class sizes, fewer teachers, fewer counselors, and shorter school years. Voters must

initiative in November."

San Juan Unified faces a \$35 million budget gap heading into 2012-13. The District has taken action to reduce that gap by \$11 million through realignment of programs and services. In a worst-case scenario, the tentative agreement with SJTA will provide an additional \$12.3 million in budget savings leaving \$11.7 million in solutions needed from one-time reserves and on-going discussions with the District's other employee bargaining groups. Non-represented employees including management staff and the Superintendent's Cabinet will automatically take the same number of furlough days as other employees.

The tentative agreement comes after six months of ongoing discussions and formally creates a budget review committee to make recommendations

SACRAMENTO COUNTY- approve the Governor's funding to the Board of Education and SJTA for future consideration in addressing the District's fiscal health.

> "Our economy and our state leaders may have created our fiscal crisis but once again our teachers, counselors and other dedicated credentialed staff have stepped forward to be a part of finding solutions," said Superintendent Glynn Thompson. "While we haven't always agreed, SJTA's leadership has spent the last several months actively engaged in analyzing our fiscal problems and collaboratively developing answers that allow us to continue the implementation of our community-developed strategic plan as our reduced resources allow." SJTA members will vote on the agreement by Friday, June 8. The Board of Education will vote on the agreement June 26. Source: SJUSD



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A Case in Point

# The Case of the Prison **Sweethearts**

The necessity defense and its close relative, duress, are strategies used by criminal defense attorneys. The attorney concedes that the defendant committed the acts alleged by the prosecution, but then argues that the defendant was reacting to some imminent and grievous threat that left him or her with little choice.

To illustrate the necessity defense, let's examine the case of U.S. v. Lopez (1987). We pick up the story not in a courtroom, but in a jewelry store in Citrus Heights.

On November 15, 1986, the employees of Merskamer Jewelers, located in the Birdcage shopping center off Sunrise Avenue, noticed that a man and a woman had returned to the store. The couple wanted to know if the wedding rings they had ordered were ready. It was their third appearance at the store within a few days. Their behavior aroused the suspicion of store clerks — they purchased more than \$5,000 of jewelry in less than 15 minutes, were unsure of their address and had no telephone. Fifteen federal marshals closed in and the couple was arrested. Inside the man's briefcase were a 9-mm Browning and a .357 Magnum.

The federal marshals arrested Samantha Dorinda Lopez, 37, and Ronald J. McIntosh, 42. Ten days earlier, McIntosh helped Lopez escape from a low-security federal prison in the East Bay town of Pleasanton., where Lopez was serving time for bank robbery. McIntosh, who had been convicted for running an \$18 million financial swindle, was also being sought by authorities after going AWOL during an unescorted prison transfer. The two felons met at the Pleasanton By David Graulich, Esq.

prison, which contained facilities for men and women.

McIntosh and Lopez said they were deeply in love – although both were married to other people. McIntosh, who flew helicopters in Vietnam, chartered a private helicopter in San Jose, posing as a real estate developer who wanted to inspect some property. He hijacked the helicopter at gunpoint, released the frightened pilot, and landed the helicopter at the recreation yard of the Pleasanton prison, where Lopez ran out to join him. The two flew away as prison guards watched helplessly and inmates cheered. There was no trace of the fugitives until they surfaced at the jewelry store in Citrus Heights.

"He was just blind in love," U.S. Marshal Arthur F. Van Court said of McIntosh. "Women have been the downfall of a lot of great men – and even some not so great."

At trial, Lopez's attorney wanted to present the necessity defense to the jury. Lopez, he claimed, was being abused and threatened by the warden and prison guards. Lopez feared that she would be murdered and her death made to look like a suicide. She had no choice but to escape, the lawyer asserted, and McIntosh gallantly offered to rescue her. Federal prosecutors sought to prevent the necessity defense from being included in the jury instructions (what the judge reads to the jury members just before they go into deliberations). The issue went before a federal court.

The court reasoned that the necessity defense "requires a showing that the defendant acted to prevent an imminent harm which no available options could similarly prevent." The court ruled in favor of Lopez, saying that the necessity defense could be considered by the jury on all counts. As to McIntosh, the court allowed the necessity defense against the charges of aiding and abetting the escape, but blocked its use in relation to air piracy and use of a gun to commit a crime.

It is one thing to gain the right to make an argument, and another thing to get a jury to buy the argument. This jury was not persuaded. Both Lopez and McIntosh were found guilty as charged. Lopez was sentenced to an additional five years in prison, on top of her 50-year sentence for bank robbery. McIntosh was sentenced to 25 years in addition to his sentence for fraud.

**Epilogue:** Merksamer Jewelers is still in business in Citrus Heights. Many prisons have placed wires and netting over outdoor areas to prevent similar airborne escapes. These wires are known as "chopper stoppers."

Regarding the two defendants, I checked the Inmate Locator on the Web site of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. According to the data, Samantha Dorinda Lopez, aged 62, was released on April 20, 2010. There was no information on the status of Ronald J. McIntosh.

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2) PERMIT MISTAKES: Give your children the message that they can make mistakes. Let them know that mistakes are part of being human. Affirm they can fall at times without becoming a failure.

3) CELEBRATE VICTO-**RIES**: Celebrate achievements by taking your child for an ice cream or a pizza slice. Don't run immediately to the next dilemma. Take time to enjoy what's been

4) MONITOR YOUR INNER **CRITIC:** If we grew up with an inner critic telling us all the things we're doing wrong in life, chances are high we will give this inner critic to our children.

5) C H O O S E YOUR **BATTLES**: There are times when we need to relinquish our need to be right in our conversations with our children, and choose closeness instead. We can choose to be close by identifying with our children's struggles and listening to their feelings.

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6) BE CURIOUS: Be interested in your children's lives. Ask them how they are doing and what's new with them. By being curious, you give them the message they are important and you're thinking of them.

7) CONFER REGULARLY WITH YOUR INNER CHILD: When our children struggle, stop and think about what you wanted to hear from your father at that age. Let that compassion shape what you say and how you say it.

The good news that, as fathers, we received distorted messages in our own childhoods. But we can give our children the healthy messages denied to us. Tom's father gave him the message that if he made enough money, all his problems would disappear. Yet, in adulthood, he never understood why he felt so sad when he witnessed a dad playing with his son, and why this created such sadness within him as an adult. He was grieving a childhood he never had, and he didn't want his children to be deprived of the childhood they deserved. As an adult, he learned to give his

kids what his own father hadn't been able to give to him...their hero. He supplied guidance to his children when they needed it, but he also gave them a shoulder to cry on and an ear to hear their feelings and thoughts as well. Heroes can cry too, even if society tells them real men don't cry. Heroes let their children explore who they want to be, instead of imprisoning them in predefined roles...roles that we as parents want them to play.

The feats of the heroes he describes won't make the front page of the newspaper. But what love can equal the love and admiration seen reflected in the eyes of your own child? Thomas Gagliano sees that love and admiration in the eyes of his own children. Wouldn't you like to see the same thing? His book is called "The Problem Was Me." Have a wonderful Father's Day!!!

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#### By Ronnie McBrayer

"The kingdom of God is like kudzu planted in a field." Would Jesus have ever said such a thing? Yes, I think so. You see, he once compared God's work in this world to a growing "mustard seed" and like "yeast mixed in with the dough." Making the jump from mustard and yeast to kudzu is not as far a leap as you might think.

The mustard of first century Palestine overgrew and consumed everything around it. A farmer who planted mustard in her garden could not turn her back on it for very long. If she did, it would overrun every other vegetable or herb in the field. Yeast worked the same way. Mysteriously, inexplicably to those living before the understandings of microscopic science, yeast took over the bland, tasteless flour and transformed it.

Illustrated in the mustard seed and the yeast, Jesus makes clear that God can overwhelm and transform the very nature of this world with a steady, unstoppable, persistent, invasive force. Honestly, I don't know much about mustard seeds or yeast fungi; but as a native of Georgia, I do know a little bit about kudzu.

Kudzu was introduced to North America on the United States' hundredth birthday. The

# The Kudzu Conspiracy

Asian plant was quickly loved by gardeners, what with its large green leaves and purple blooms, and nurseries began selling seedlings through the mail.

But it was the Dust Bowl years that really rooted kudzu in the American soil and psyche. The US government was seeking an effective way to conserve soil, and kudzu fit the bill perfectly. The vine was touted as a "wonder plant," and the USDA used the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930s to distribute and plant the seeds everywhere especially the South.

They thought, once the soil was healthfully restored, that farmers could just plow over it and return to planting cotton, soybean, or corn. Little did anyone know that the Southeastern United States was the perfect environment for kudzu to grow, and grow and grow and grow. Kudzu has now climbed, coiled, and slithered its way all over the Southeast, changing the landscape while becoming a central characteristic of Southern culture.

Kudzu overtakes the environments into which it is introduced. It transforms the landscape in which it is planted. From just a few little seedlings, a few sprouting vines, it explodes and cannot be stopped. Such is the kingdom of God and the rule of Christ in today's world.

Let it have its start - in people's hearts, in people's lives, in the midst of this planet's pain and suffering - and the world will in fact, change. It will be redeemed, as slowly and steadily the God Movement invades this

world with the love of Christ. Certainly we understand that people are still hungry. Wars are still fought. Injustice is still tolerated. There is suffering, anxiety, evil, and grief. But we believe that the kingdom is growing, inch by inch and foot by foot. This causes us to throw ourselves into a fractured world, not only because we care, but because we believe God isn't finished with this world yet. He is making it new, making everything right, and he has chosen to do this through you and through me as we share his love.

No, we can't take in every single orphan, but we could all take in one. Your Bible Study class can't drill wells for every person dying for water in this world, but it could drill a well for one village. Your mission team can't treat every AIDS patient in Africa, but it could provide medicine for a few of them. Your church can't build a house for every homeless person, but it could go build at least one house. We can't rescue every refugee or child of prostitution, but we can - we must - save some of them.

All these acts - and a million more just like them – make a real difference because we are not only helping people, but in Jesus' name, we are joining God's divine plot to revolutionize a society.

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#### By Rev. James L. Snyder

Celebrating another Father's Day without my father I cannot help thinking how much has changed since he died. If he were to return today, he would find things quite different.

In all reality, this is not my father's world anymore.

I might just as well say it. This is not my father's country anymore, either.

The country my father loves seems to have all but disappeared. During his time, a deepseated patriotic pride permeated throughout our country. We were proud of what our forefathers had accomplished and we were willing to die to preserve that heritage.

Today, it seems the past is simply the past and has no bearing whatsoever on the present. This may be why history books are being rewritten today. This, however, is a fallacy encouraged by those who do not know the right hand from their left hand. In our country today, you are either far right or far left and nothing in between. Whatever happened to people with common sense?

Perhaps that ancient anonymous philosopher was right when he said the problem with common sense was that it really was not that common anymore. Perhaps the demise of the common man explains this phenomenon. Or it could be that most people today have been educated be on their common sensibilities.

There was a time in my father's country when people were proud of what they did. A few tried to get money without working for it. In my father's country, there was a great deal of pride in working for what you had and not depending upon somebody with a handout. In my father's country, there was a deep sense of accomplishment in earning what you had by the sweat of your brow.

The only people sweating these days are politicians up for reelection.

was no such thing as arbitrary handouts but plenty of hands out. It was considered our patriotic duty to help our neighbor when they were in trouble. Nobody looked to Uncle Sam to solve his or her problems. It was a community affair not a government mandate. In fact, if the truth were known, and an evidently it is not, they stayed as far away from Uncle Sam as possible only communicating with him once a year on April 15. In those days, they saluted the

It's Not My Father's World Anymore

In my father's country, there

flag, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and were right proud to do so. Not one of them could imagine anybody ashamed of doing that in public.

Today a lot is being said about the separation of church and state. My father would not understand the way some people are interpreting it. According to what is going on today they are trying to keep the church out of the state but make good and sure, the state runs the church. Isn't that why we had a revolution in the first place?

In my father's country, there was a separation between government control and people pursuing life, liberty and happiness. Oh, for those good old days.

Also, in my father's country baseball was a national sport not a business. I am not quite sure when it became a business but my father never thought it was. He often took me to the ball field on a Saturday afternoon to have fun, enjoy the game and eat the world's most delicious hotdog. At least he said they were the world's most delicious hotdogs.

Our purpose in going was just to have fun. He did his share of making fun and harassing the other team's fans but it never crossed his mind to physically beat one of them nearly to death. If I remember correctly, wedgies were the order of the day.

When our team won we celebrated and high-fived everybody around us. When our team lost, we determined with everything within us to slaughter them the next week on the field. When we said "slaughter," we were talking figuratively.

Credit was something my father's generation frowned on. As a young person, I had in my

mind to buy a bicycle. I took my father to the store to look at that prized bike.

"Well," my father stammered, as he looked the bike over. "How much money you've got saved for this bike?" I knew the lecture that was to follow. If you could not afford to buy something, you could not afford to have it. How many times have I heard that?

Perhaps if my father could come back for a day we could send him to Washington DC and explain to them this whole idea that if you cannot afford something you cannot afford something. It seemed to make sense to me and I was only I young person at the time. I guess when you get older you lose a lot of that good common sense. Then if elected and go to Washington DC, you leave all of that good common sense back home with your constituency who wonder what they elected you for.

The verse of Scripture that was very important to my father was, "And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psalms 90:17 KJV).

It may not be the same country my father loved, but I can still operate on the same principles that made him a patriotic father, and pray, "Establish thou the work of our hands."

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God's Marvelous Light is forever surrounding desiring everyone to become His child as He draw us into Himself. Some people dance around the truth of

# God's Light Makes **One Shine**

touch a nerve within them.

They appear to be like a doubting Thomas needing proof like sticking their finger into the wounds on Jesus hands. They seem to always exemplify the absence of any faith at all. They actually honor "doubt" and will not even recognize the magnificent creation of a single created cell, that there is real evidence of the existence of God. Scientific proof exists within one tiny cell that God is real and He created everything. It did not happen with just a big bang or progressive changes for us to become human beings! Those things would need even more proof for any doubter. God has a divine plan for everyone, and by His mercy and grace, He proved His unconditional love for the world and all who live in it.

it especially if one happens to not find out, but without much inspection you can determine that there is a secret sin in their lives, that has not been exposed. They are not ready to become responsible and they are not ready to reveal it to anyone. Sin never wants to be exposed, but when a person is willing to see its destructive factors, they will be ready to accept and let the beautiful Light of God into their lives. When they do, Life begins! The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my



# What Do You See?

you were given a set of physical you? What do you see yourself senses — hearing, taste, touch, doing for God? God wants you smell, sight. Everything you to see as He sees, because He experience in life comes from wants to use you in the world those five senses. When you are today in a significant way. You born again spiritually, you get know you are created for far spiritual senses. You get spirimore than you've experienced to tual eyes to see what God wants date. Many people never achieve to do...you get spiritual ears to their full potential because they hear God's voice. can't see themselves as God sees The Bible is full of examples them. They miss God's plan for their life because of self imposed of people seeing with spiritual eyes. In Genesis 13, God takes limitations. They can't see themselves as a leader, as a dynamic Abraham up on a hill and says, Christian, as a person who influ-Look as far as you can see. Anything you can see, you can ences others in a significant have. This will be the Promised way. Land. If you can see it, you can You may not be living up to your potential because of the have it. He saw with spiritual eves. (Genesis 13:14-17) way you're viewing yourself or In Numbers 13, we have an your situation. My challenge to example of an entire nation failyou this week is to get a new ing to realize their potential view of you. See your potenbecause they could not see with tial as God see it. God says, eyes of faith. Because of the way "You can be more than you are they SAW themselves, the way right now, you can be something they SAW their obstacles they you never thought you could be underestimated what God could before." do through them. "And there we Pastor Ray saw the giants...and we were in New Community our own sight as grasshoppers." Christian Church Numbers 13:33 (KJV) YOU'RE INVITED, As you look into your future, Sunday service at 10am what do you see? What do you "We Do Church Differently" see God accomplishing through www.YourNewChurch.org **NEW COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** "A Community Church Your Entire Family Will Enjoy"

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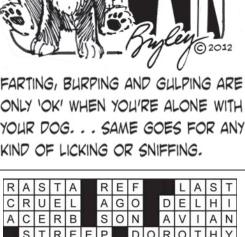
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17 county law enforcement agencies have arrested 137 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In 2011, 74 DUI arrests occurred during the same holiday weekend. No DUI deaths were reported during the four day enforcement period. Last year there was one alcohol related death during this same time.

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# **Sacramento County DA Report**

CASE: Costco Wholesale Corporation (06/04/12)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Doug Whaley, **Consumer Environmental Protection Unit** 

Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully joins Alameda County District Attorney Nancy E. O'Malley, and 28 other California district attorneys in

announcing the settlement of a civil law enforcement action against Costco Wholesale Corpo-ration. The civil action was filed in Alameda County Superior Court, and the settlement resolves allegations that Costco violated California laws for the safe storage, handling and disposal of pharmaceutical, and pharmacy waste as well as other hazardous waste.

The Alameda County District Attorney's Office teamed up with the other DA offices as part of a joint investigation and prosecution to address statewide violations of law after San Joaquin County inspectors found evidence of improper storage, handling and disposal of hazardous waste, and pharmaceutical waste products at Costco stores. Upon notification of the investigation, Costco officials cooperated with prosecutors and quickly came into compliance with hazardous waste management regulations.

The violations occurred over a five-year period at numerous Costco stores and distribution stores statewide, including 5 stores in Sacramento County.

District Attorney Jan Scully states, "Improper handling and disposal of hazardous waste creates a health and safety risk to the citizens of Sacramento County and our environment. The District Attorney's Consumer Environment Protection Unit remains aggressive in pursuing businesses that violate the state's environmental laws."

Under the final judgment, Costco must pay \$3.6 million in civil penalties and costs. It also funds supplemental environmental projects furthering consumer protection and environmental enforcement in California. The retailer will be bound under the terms of a permanent injunction prohibiting similar future alleged violations of law. Sacramento County will receive \$23,250 in costs and penalties.



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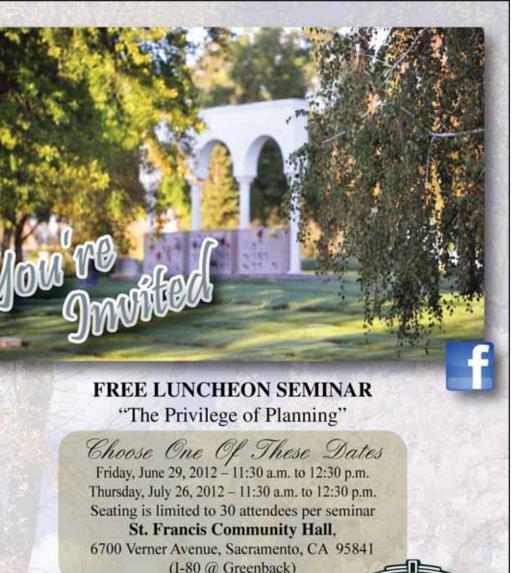
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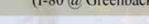
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Amazingly, the inevitable, unwanted brown spots that appear in our lawns are seldom the result of insects. More often improper lawn care, ill-timed watering or a grass variety not suited to your yard are the causes of unhealthy areas. Many problems can be eliminated by performing routine maintenance on sprinkler heads, evaluating mowing practices and using care when applying fertilizers. In order for a lawn to thrive, it must have a strong, vigorous root system. Lack-luster root growth can often be traced back to an irrigation issue or compacted soil. Contact your water agency to schedule a free irrigation system evaluation.

When water puddles or runs off

without soaking in, increase water movement down to the roots by aerating during the cool spring months. At each mowing, cut only 1/3 of grass height and keep the mower blades sharp. Mowing too low removes too much of the food producing area. As the grass literally starves, the lawn thins and looks poor. Incorporate grasscycling; the natural recycling of grass by leaving clippings on the lawn. The clippings decompose quickly and release valuable nutrients back into the soil, reducing your fertilizer requirements. This simple practice will also eliminate a large amount of green waste from going to our landfills.

If feeding is necessary, use a slow-release fertilizer when grass is actively growing and apply no more than the recommended rates. Too much or improperly applied fertilizer can injure lawns and may contribute to water pollution through runoff. If excess nitrogen is applied too frequently, shoots will continue to grow yet root growth will slow, leaving the turf vulnerable to insects and disease.

Healthy Lawns: www.ipm.ucdavis. edu/TOOLS/TURF. Master Gardeners are available at 987-6913, to assist you with lawn care questions. The result of investing a little time evaluating the sprinklers and mower, plus using care with fertilizers and pesticides will result in a lawn that is both attractive and environmentally friendly. For more tips on how to make vour vard environmentally friendly, visit www.riverfriendly.org.

Source: County of Sacramento

# **Citrus Heights Police Department Traffic Safety Parent / Teen Workshop** Saturday, June 16, 2012 9AM – 12PM

CITRUS HEIGHTS - On Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Citrus Heights Police Department will be hosting a parent/teen workshop focused on the importance of traffic safety. Statistics show that there is a strong relationship between age and driving behavior. It is generally acknowledged that the greatest risk of traffic crashes is among teenage drivers. Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for teenagers across the United States. For both men and women, drivers aged 16 to 19 years of age have the highest average annual crash and traffic violation rates of any other age group.



The Citrus Heights Police Department is taking a proactive approach on the topic of teen traffic safety and will be offering a free workshop open to parents and teens. The purpose of this event is to provide education regarding driver safety, rules of the road, distracted driving, DUI and safety statistics. We invite parents and teens to help us in our effort to address this important teen safety concern. The CHPD Traffic Safety Parent/ Teen Workshop will be held at the Citrus Heights Community Center located at 6300 Fountain Square Drive, Citrus Heights, California. To register for this workshop contact Sgt. Jason Russo at 916-727-5578.

Funding for this event comes from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Source: Officer Chad Morris (PIO)

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# Nobody's Perfect, but Keep on Trying

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"We may not be perfect, but heaven knows we try "But all around even our old

friends put us down

"Let's drop the big one and see what happens"

I don't know what music the Miami Heat's "Big Three" listen to in the locker room, but, taken out of context, they might appreciate this opening snippet from a 1969 Randy Newman special.

With vilified super-duper star LeBron James leading the way, along with co-stars Dwayne Wade and Chris Bosh, the Heat are on the verge of dropping the big one, the first of those seven NBA championships LeBron promised when he so ceremoniously joined the team last season. James (31 points, 12 rebounds), Bosh (19, 8) and Wade (23, 6, and six assists) dropped the hammer on the resilient, but aging Boston Celtics in the fourth quarter of the Heat's 101-88 victory in Game Seven of the Eastern Conference Finals, Saturday. That effort followed up James' dominating epic performance (45, 15, 5) in a Game Six victory (98-79). They will now take on the youthfully exuberant Oklahoma City Thunder for the title.

The Heat have evolved into the antithesis of baseball's Chicago Cubs — The Lovable Losers. The Heat are perceived as The Unlikeable Winners (though they came up short in last year's finals). Beyond Florida, they are viewed with disdain for a number of reasons, warranted or not.

James' "promise" is always a talking-point in conversations

"No one likes us — I don't about why he and the Heat are so reviled. But I would gladly take that boastful guy with lofty goals on my team, rather than a bunch of losers happy to cash their checks and watch the NBA draft unfold to see who might be coming after their jobs the next season (shoutout to the Kings and Warriors).

Other issues have been wellchronicled over the past two seasons. Televising "The Decision" by LeBron to "take his talents to South Beach" hurt some people's feelings. Remember, though, the proceeds went to the Boys and Girls Clubs of America charity. Indeed the exodus from Cleveland and the Heat's overproduced presentation of their new "Big Three" were excessively elaborate. It's called marketing. But it all rubbed the majority of NBA fans the wrong way, apparently.

As former NBA coach and current TV analyst Jeff Van Gundy suggested, hasn't the statute of limitations run out on all that.

When James entered the league out of high school he was immediately a huge fan favorite. Already an incredible physical specimen and great player, he carried an otherwise weak Cavaliers team - if not the entire city of Cleveland ---on his broad shoulders for seven years. He instantly brought new life, excitement and energy to the NBA. But even with LeBron, the Cavs were not about to win any titles. So when the opportunity arose, he left for greener pastures.

Wade was a marvel since being drafted by the Heat fifth overall in 2003. He was roundly admired when he teamed with Shaquille O'Neal for Miami's first NBA title

in 2006, and was named Finals MVP.

Bosh was "Mr. Basketball" in high school in Texas. He was drafted fourth in 2003 by Toronto, was a five-time All Star playing there and became the team's alltime leader in several categories while eventually taking the Raptors to their first division title.

But, put them all together and you suddenly have The Three Faces of Evil... Get over it and just watch them play — not perfect, but great. And if the Heat win it all they can ask, "How do you like us now?"

On the other hand, maybe OKC's three-time scoring champion Kevin Durant is the perfect player. After all, at the end of games he goes to the sidelines and kisses his mom! (The perfect son, at least?). This quiet leader and unassuming superstar is all about working hard and getting better — good enough for his team to win a championship. He has led the Thunder since they were 3-29 during his first season to where they are today. Some flaws will just have to be forthcoming.

When it comes to perfection in basketball you must look at the original Dream Team of 1992, assembled to win gold at the Olympics, now celebrating its 20th anniversary. Eleven eventual Hall of Famers were on the roster: Michael Jordan, Scottie Pippen, John Stockton, Karl Malone, Magic Johnson, Larry Bird, Patrick Ewing, David Robinson, Charles Barkley, Clyde Drexler and Chris Mullin.

The twelfth player was a token collegian, Christian Laettner of Duke, chosen over LSU's Shaquille O'Neal, a certain Hall of Famer.

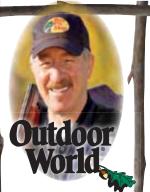


# Riley **Reviews** A DARKER SPIN TURNS

THE "SNOW WHITE" LEGEND MORE GRIM

Foretelling the doom that awaits. the Queen's fabled mirror, a shapeand Snow White into a magical fairyland, where cute animals and sprites frolic in a lush green forest. After our duo hooks up with Prince

William (Sam Claflin), the action then shifts abruptly to a medieval battle scene with a full-scale assault on the Evil Queen's island fortress. Snow White, dressed in a suit of armor like Joan of Arc, suddenly abandons her blank-eyed look and takes on the steely determination of a fierce warrior similar to that of her



#### **CLAY SHOOTING**

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pehind the target and accelerates hrough the target triggering the shot at the beak or front of he target

John Winters is a Certified NSCA clays instructor and "AA class" NSCA clays competitor. For more tips, log onto

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#### A Film Review by Tim Riley

#### **SNOW WHITE AND THE HUNTSMAN** (Rated PG-13)

The legend of Snow White has been revived this year in a TV series and two movies, the previous one in late March. What accounts for this phenomenon is a mystery that defies explanation, at least from my vantage point.

As far as movies go, it is clear that Snow White has slipped from the grasp of the Walt Disney kingdom. Earlier this year, "Mirror Mirror" proved an amiable, comedic take on the timeless fairytale.

"Snow White and the Huntsman," elevating a warrior to co-equal status, is a darker, foreboding tale, where the cruel Queen is the ultimate incarnation of villainy. Again, no Disney magic found here.

But first, a prologue sets the stage. Snow White is a young child when her widower father, King Magnus, defeats an army and rescues the beautiful Ravenna (Charlize Theron) from supposed captivity.

Sad and lonely, the King is smitten by Ravenna's beauty and quickly decides to marry her. On their wedding night, Queen Ravenna reveals her true colors, and it isn't pretty.

On the marital bed, the King, for reasons to be left unexplained, demonstrates a lack of staying power. Thus, the evil Queen Ravenna promptly seizes the throne, tossing Snow White into a cold, damp cell in the palace tower.

To keep her status as the fairest beauty in the land, the Queen talks to her magic mirror, takes milk baths and in vampire-like fashion sucks the life out of every fair maiden she can find.

The Queen's loyal sidekick is her wretched brother Finn (Sam Spruell), whose unfortunate blond page-boy haircut and pale skin apparently render him a pliable henchman serving her every twisted whim.

shifting device, warns that the kingdom is running out of fresh virgins and the sacrifice of Snow White is the Evil Queen's only salvation.

Not surprisingly, Snow White breaks free of the castle and runs to the Dark Forest, a really grim place that is nicely realized by blackened trees, slithering snakes, and a monstrous troll. It's dark enough that it should give nightmares to very young kids.

The Queen possesses numerous supernatural powers, including the ability to turn black ravens into an army of warriors, but she's not keen on pursuing her stepchild into the forbidding forest.

Thus, the Huntsman (Chris Hemsworth), a fierce warrior reduced to a bitter drunkard as the result of the death of his wife, is enlisted to hunt down Snow White by a false promise given by the Queen.

Knowing the tricky terrain of the Dark Forest, the Huntsman takes little time in finding the princess and then precious little more time to be entranced by Snow's plucky resolve.

Eluding the Queen's brother and his gang, Snow White and the Huntsman end up seeking refuge in a camp where the only residents are women who have disfigured themselves as protection against the Queen's ravenous appetite.

On the run once again, they end up being captured by the proverbial dwarves, this time all of them played by recognizable actors like Ian McShane, Nick Frost, Bob Hoskins and Ray Winstone.

A nice cinematic trick has miniaturized full-grown men into little people, the effect of which is so jarring that one ponders more how this was accomplished than to pay attention to the unfolding story.

As it should be, the dwarves add some much-needed humor into this bleak fairytale, but in the end they don't provide as much comic relief as the story requires.

The dwarves serve a meaningful purpose of leading the Huntsman

savior the Huntsman.

Of course, as to be expected, there is a showdown between Snow White and Queen Ravenna, where at first the princess is tossed around like a ragdoll.

"Snow White and the Huntsman," with elements of fantasy, romance, adventure and intense action, seems calculated to appeal to a wide-range of audiences. Indeed, it succeeds on several levels.



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# Poor Reception by AV installer, BBB Told BBB warns of Impact Audio and Video

consumers allege a Lincoln-based business is collecting deposits for electronic installation, but failing to deliver completed projects, Better Business Bureau warns.

BBB is urging consumers to be cautious when paying deposits for electronic projects to Impact Audio and Video after four consumers complain the company did not complete electronic installation jobs.

"He asked for money upfront for supplies and never completed the job," said an Elk Grove woman who has been waiting over three months for his project to be completed. "I paid all this money for a home theater system I can't use."

A Vacaville man claimed his home theater system stopped working the day after the company installed it. "He did sloppy work, did not clean up after himself, and once he got the money he was completely unavailable," said the consumer. "He is totally fine with accepting money for something he did not deliver, and accepting money for terrible work."

A consumer in Lincoln claimed the company offered to consign his television and receiver after completing an installation job for him. "He sold the television for \$1,099 and has never given me anything for it," he said.

Impact Audio & Video, also

SACRAMENTO - Several area known as "AV Pros", currently has actions reported on the license. an "F" rating with Better Business Bureau for failing to respond to four complaints in a 36 month period. The company responded to one complaint by stating he would complete the job. Two consumers claim they won judgments against the company in small claims court, but have not received the awarded amounts.

> While the company does have a Bureau of Electronic and Appliance Repair license, it is BBB's understanding that the company may require a Contractors State License Board license for the performed installation jobs totaling more than \$500. BBB was unable to locate a valid license for the company.

> "Background checking is number one when you agree to do business with anyone," said Gary Almond, president of BBB serving northeast California. "Know who you're dealing with, whether they have the proper licensing and the laws pertaining to the line of work being performed."

BBB offers the following tips on selecting an installer of electronic products in your home:

When hiring for a repair or installation job costing more than \$500, ensure the company is licensed by California Contractors State License Board.

• Check out the company's license with the CSLB. Look for any

If the contractor has employees, make sure the company has worker's compensation insurance.

· Ensure the contract includes an estimated start and finish date, a schedule of payments to be made and a detailed description of work to be done.

· A down payment should typically be no more than 10 percent of the total price or \$1,000, whichever is less. In some cases, a contractor may have obtained a Blanket Performance and Payment Bond which allows them to charge more than the aforementioned. If a company has obtained this, it can be found on their license.

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# **Railroad Museum Celebrates** "Diesels & Dads" on Father's Day

### Seven Rarely Seen Diesels from Museum's Impressive Collection to be on Display Inside and Outside the Museum for One Day Only

fornia State Railroad Museum is gearing up to celebrate "Diesels and Dads" on Sunday, June 17 (Father's Day), by showcasing seven rarely seen diesel locomotives that will be on special display from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The locomotives on display will include two stationed inside the Museum itself: Foley Bros. No 110-1, a pioneering 1929 diesel locomotive, and Southern Pacific No. 6819, a 1970s "Tunnel Motor" hood unit. On the turntable outside the Museum, the unpainted Southern Pacific No. 6402, a F7A Cab unit, will be displayed with open sides exposing the Southern Pacific No. 5208, a 1949 Baldwin road switcher, and Sacramento Northern No. 402, a 1939 switcher originally owned by the Western Pacific Railroad will also be available outside the Museum on Father's Day.

In addition to viewing the special diesels on display, dads will also enjoy taking a relaxing train ride aboard a historic locomotive along the Sacramento River! Weekend excursion train rides are up and operating as usual, departing hourly from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. General admission weekend excursion train ride tickets are available in-person on a firstcome, first-served basis starting

SACRAMENTO - The Cali- interior mechanical components. at 10:30 a.m. the day of the train ride at the Sacramento Southern Railroad ticket office, located on Front Street between "J" and "K" Streets in Old Sacramento. Train ride tickets cost \$10 adults; \$5 youths ages 6-17; free for children ages 5 and under (\$15 for first class tickets aboard the first class El Dorado). Advance tickets to ride the first-class El Dorado are available online at www.californiastaterailroadmuseum.org

> For more information about the California State Railroad Museum or any of these special activities, please visit the website or call (916) 445-6645.

# Jobs by the Hundreds at Sacramento HIREvent

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For best results, job applicants should dress to impress and arrive early enough to talk with every recruiter, because all the employers will be eager to fill immediate openings.

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### by David Dickstein

#### **Family Films**

#### "Brave" Opens June 22, rated PG disney.go.com/brave

After its first misstep with "Cars 2," Pixar and Disney hope to get back on track with this Scotland-set computer-animated epic centered on a princess whose archery skills and bravery are put to the test when faced with saving her kingdom. Audiences will be treated beforehand to the gorgeous and poetic "La Luna," an Oscar-nominated short about a young Italian boy who accompanies his dad and grandpa to work for the first time. Films and DVDs for the Whole Family

David Schwimmer, Jada Pinkett Smith and Sacha Baron Cohen.

#### "Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection" Opens June 29, rated PG-13

madeaswitnessprotectionmovie.com A 7-year-old son who wishes his father was around more and a teenage daughter so spoiled she's beyond hope are just two members of a dysfunctional family from Connecticut as concocted by the mildly off-color, considerably comical mind of Tyler Perry. When the family is put under witness protection due to death threats from the mob, the kids, their parents and a senile grandma find themselves in the care of Aunt Madea (Perry in usual drag). After one night with



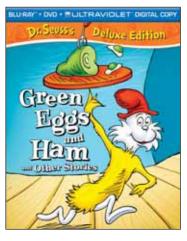
"Madagascar 3: **Europe's Most Wanted"** *Opens June 8, rated PG* madagascarmovie.com It's time to go wild again with Alex, the soft-pawed lion, Marty the sassy zebra and Melman, the neurotic giraffe. And with the first two movies each earning about \$600 million worldwide, why not? This time New York's best-known zoo escapees head to Monte Carlo and then are forced to go on the run with a traveling circus. The scene-stealing penguins are back along with voice-lenders Ben Stiller, Chris Rock,

Madea, chances are good the family will wish they are found by the bad guys.

#### Family DVDs

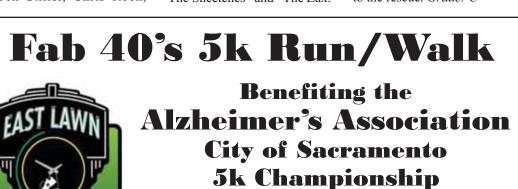
**"Dr. Seuss's Green Eggs and Ham and Other Stories"** (ages 2-6, released June 26, not rated): Can't blame Sam for not liking his green eggs and ham at first sight, but even he would agree right away that enjoying Dr. Seuss TV specials remastered on disc is better than watching them on VHS tape. Available on DVD and Blu-ray for the first time are the featured story along with "The Sneetches" and "The Zax."

The 2-disc set comes in a box, but please don't watch it with a fox. You will like them in your house; you might not, though, with a mouse. *Grade: A*-



**"Journey 2: The Mysterious** Island" (ages 7-14, released June 5, rated PG). When Brendan "Furry Vengeance" Fraser turns down a movie, you know it's a stinker. Skunk-like, indeed, yet still a worldwide box office hit is this sequel to the inexplicably popular 2008 3-D adventure. Dwayne Johnson plays an overbearing Navy vet stepfather who hopes a trip to the South Pacific will help him bond with his bratty brainiac stepson (Josh Hutcherson). Bring on the CGI. Predictable as a PB&J and far less satisfying. Grade: D

**"Big Miracle"** (ages 6-13, released June 19, rated PG): Its heart is in the right place (who doesn't want to save the whales?), but perhaps clubbing audiences over the head with eco-messaging hurt at the box office last winter. The true-life drama centers on the effort to save three gray whales trapped by ice off Alaska. A small-town TV news reporter (John Krasinski) and his Greenpeace volunteer ex-girlfriend (Drew Barrymore) are the first to come to the rescue. Grade: C



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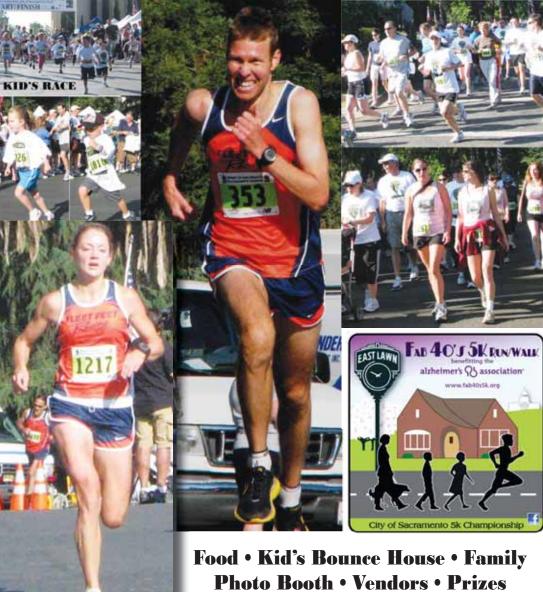
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