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## Keeping Schools Safe

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Story and photos by Jacqueline Fox
SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) Just days prior to the mass shootings in Las Vegas that left 59 dead and more than 500
wounded, Bob Erickson was prewounded, Bob Erickson was pre-
senting a day-long training for educators and staff in the San Juan Unified School District that could not have been more timely. "Basically, we were talking about things that were done right and others that could have been done differently during the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings," said Erickson, a retired sergeant with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, now managing San Juan Unified's Safe Schools rogram.
the backbone of the district's campus safety and security system, which covers all poli-
cies and procedures for initial cies and procedures for initial assessments and, if necessary,
responses to myriad issues and evponses to myriad issues and vents that can go on at any one
of the district's 65 campuses in a single day, including bullying, a single day, including bullying, weapons found in back packs or
lockers, drug and alcohol-related lockers, drug and alcohol-related gang activity, suspected child abuse, and, sadly, the very real possibility of a student suicide on campus.
Established in 1988, Safe Schools operates through a partnership with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. to select, train and assign offduty officers to serve as School Resource Officers (SROs) who
(C our trainings are not to scare anyone, but we need to be prepared. 17

## bob ERICKSON

 MANAGER, SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM, SAN JUANUNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
incidents across five designated school zones that include all 64 campuses in the district. SROs are assigned to roughly 5 schools each, but if needed, they will cross out of their districts to sup-
port other SROs in crisis. port other SROs in crisis. In addition, the Citrus
Heights Police Department
also participates with the provision of two, full time SROs at Mesa Verde and San Juan high schools, which sit within the SJusd also wir cover insis if neede at other schools in Sacrament County's unincorporated areas. that are not initiated through a 911 call for police are filtered through a Safe Schools dispatcher at the district offices in Carmichael. And, while the majority of dispatched calls for an SRO response are not lockdown or high-level emergencies like Sandy Hook or Vegas, as unlikely as they are to occur, according to Erickson, trainings for campus shootings are necessary and, in the recent case, involved the keen eye of

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## Welcome Back Coach Lee Elliott



Taxes,

## Taxes and

 More TaxesBy Robert Gutierrez, CTF

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - This year, California lawmakers proposed increasing taxes and ally - a staggering amount that would cause rampant unemployment by forcing many businesses to close their doors, leaving taxpayers wondering if the "California dream" is finished.
The California Tax Foundation recently released the 2017 edition of "Tax
Watch: Major Taxes and Fees Introduced in the California Legislature," identifying all measures that proposed a new or increased tax or fee, and showing which became law, which failed, and which remain alive for conside
next year. The cumulative sum of the proposals identified in Tax
Watch is the highest since this annual report was first pub lished in 2015.
While some proposals are dead and the fate of others remains up in the air, the report notes that taxpayers will have to pay $\$ 8.75$ billion a year more in higher taxes and fees under legislation approved by the Legislature and signed by the governor this year.
Even proposals that were rejected this year have a negative impact on the state's jobs climate. Attempts to eliminate Proposition 13 property tax protections, to dramatically increase taxes on employers, or to expand regulatory fees are enough to stifle investment and expansion, because such efforts create uncerperception that California perception that California is a hostile place to do business. Lawmakers sought to increase taxes and fees that would raise the price of basic necessities - housing, health care, child care, groceries and ing individuals and families, ing individuals and families, ers, making it costlier for start-ups, family businesses, neighborhood restaurants and neighborhood restaurants and California's ic
to stay afloat.
Most Californians want to remain in the Golden State California is our home. Yet we all have at least one friend or family member who left California for a better job in another state, or to enjoy a reduced cost of living.
It is no secret that California has costly regulations, a litigious atmosphere and a high tax burden. Legislative leaders often dispoint to California's economic output and job growth - after all, California is the fifth largest economy in the world. But how much better would the state jobs climate be without the job losses that wipe out so many of the Continued on page 4

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## In The Spirit

## UC Davis, Shriners Hospitals Party Down With the Kids

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Children, few would argue, should never have to spend a single day in a hospital bed, hooked
up to life-saving monitors and up to life-saving monitors and
medications, undergoing treat medications, undergoing treat-
ments for things like cancer, head ments for things like cancer, head
trauma from accidents and the myriad things that can go wrong. But, sadly, many do.
To make things feel a little better, to normalize the experience to some degree for the children admitted as patients (and their families) at UC Davis Children's Hospital and Shriners Hospitals the process of keeping kids' spirits high
most cases, the scariest time of their lives.
for Children in Sacramento, staff and supporters delivered the "spirit" of Halloween, literally and figuratively, and threw them all a big fat party Oct. 18 and 19. It's an annual event, says
Shanda Pierce, who, alongside Shanda Pierce, who, alongside her husband, Kirk own mor than 20 Spirit Halloween popup stores across the Central
Valley, as well as Sacramento,
as far north Yuba Counties, and ar far north as Redding, CA. For the last six years, the Helces and several of their Spirit Halloween store employees have brought costumes, backpacks, toys, face paint, photo booths, "actors," along with a boat-load actors," along with a boat-load Children's Hospital and organized a Halloween bash for the children a Halloween bash for the children
admitted as patients and their visiting family members.
In addition to the parties, in the weeks prior to Halloween, Spirit Halloween stores across the region organize a range of fundraisers, including the company's


Vampire Ball, a purple pump kin painting contest, as well as in-store outreach to Halloween customers to benefit UC Davis programs. And, last year, Spirit of
Halloween fundraisers expande Halloween fundraisers expanded
to include support for Shriners to include support for Shriners
Children's Hospital next door and Children's Hospital next door and now both facilities are recipi
of the company's program. "Spirit Corporation our
"Spirit Corporation, our parent
program for children's hospitals brogram for children's hospitals we began participating in 2011", said Pierce. "We start planning for the Halloween party and raising funds in all of our stores right fter we open in early September, and we don't stop until we close the doors November 2,"
To date, the Pierce's stores have raised roughly $\$ 360,000$ for UC Davis Children's Hospital, and the company, via the generosity of its customers and other fundaising channels, generated just under $\$ 50,000$ for Shriner's the first year of participation, Pierce said. "Every penny, 100 percent of what we raise in the stores and through fundraisers goes to fund the two facilities' children's programs now." For William Banks, 5, of Chico, CA and his mother, Amanda, the Halloween "spooktacular" brought a welcome
respite from the day-to-day rourespite from the day-to-day rouince he was diagnosed with lymphoma in August. Banks' wore a phoma in August. Banks' wore a spent the afternoon painting his face and head, crafting and mingling with other kids and their families-doing everything a kid should be doing this time of year, never mind the cart of medcations and monitoring devices he had to push around the party. Those things are just part of life right now.
"This is so great," William said, freezing for selfies with his mother, taking in the attention
from staff, media representafrom staff, media representaives from this paper and others, ncluding local TV reporters, and feel really happy today" he said, and then went off to paint the top f his head tiger style. paint the top of his head tiger style.

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Lisa and Jason Chandler from Cottonwood, CA, joined their daughter, Anastacia Reynolds, 12 for the fun at UC Davis. Anastacia is recovering from a near-hanging accident on a swing set that has 1 eft her with a traumatic brain injury, from which she is recovering at a pace that has even astonished her doctors, according to her parents.
"This place is amazing," said Lisa Chandler, wrapping her arms around her daughter who must currently use a wheel chair to stay mobile. "We can't believe how awesome all this is. She's and this is really a great way to give her and all the kids a chance to socialize and just be kids for little while. This facility is

Shanda Pierce (left), Franchisor
Spirit Stores and sponsor Spirit Stores and sponsor of
the party, and William Banks, 5, a Chico resident undergoing
treatment at UC Davis. treatment at UC Davis.
donations. The program helps coordinate the Halloween party, as well as other events throughout the year, including a holiday with Santa at Christmas. But its core services provide an ongoing menu of programs and services for patients and their parents through the work of child life specialists, as well as music and art therapists, among others, who deliver a range of powerful coping strar egies and educational information
for the patients and their parents. for the patients and their parents. program at UC Davis, said the program at donations and party made possible by Spirit Stores is a vital part of the process of keeping kids' spirits high as they go through what is, in most cases, the scariest time of their lives.
"We do everything we can to help minimize fears and normalize the hospitalization experience for the children," said Sundberg. "By throwing the kids a Halloween party with costumes and games, we give them something they can recognize from home, be a part of, and a little bit them while they are going through them while they are going through their treatment or in the recovery
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## Keeping Schools Safe

 "The seminar was called 'Lessons Learned From Sandy Hook,' and I started out by saying the chances of
a school shooting happening on one of our campuses are very slim," says Erickson. "We are constantly aware Erickson. We campus or workplace shooting can happen anywhere, but
statistically, the odds are very low statistically, the odds are very low like Sandy Hook. That said, someone always wins the lottery. Our trainings are not to scare anyone, but we need o be prepared."
District-wide staff trainings like these, as well as a regular review of policies and procedures for handling an entire range of campus emergen-
cies are held roughly every three cies are held roughly every three
months for teachers and staff, along months for teachers and staff, along with SRO representatives an
Safe School team members.
Safe School team members.
All schools in the district are required to have a "Comprehensive School Safety Plan" in place that should be made available for public
review at any time. In the case of Sandy Hook, says
Erickson, many teachers and students exposed themselves to the gunman by trying to run first rather than hide, following a previously standardized policy of run, hide, fight, which today winds counter to the tactic advocated by many Safe Schools teams, including San Juan's. "Here in the San Juan School
District, we look at it as hide run, District, we look at it as hide, run, fight," says Erickson. "If you can
run to safety, do it. But if you are run to safety, do it. But if you are
not sure, we advocate hiding first. At not sure, we advocate hiding first. At Sandy Hook, you had teachers who
hid kids in cupboards and other places hid kids in cupboards and other places thing to do. In other instances, however, teachers heard shots and went killed. So if you hear something that sounds like a shot, it's probably a shot and you should hide.
In addition, first responder protocol has also changed, according to Erickson, since the Columbine school shooting in Colorado in 1999. "Before Columbine, law enforcement A Benefit for the Alzheimers Association \& Carmichael Chamber of Commerce October 31, 2017 • 5-8pm

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Members of the Baha'i Faith, representing virtually every country and territory on the planet, see humanity as standing on the cusp of just such a great societal shift - one that will be global in scope.
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from the unique cultural and religious heritage each brings to the whole. Humanity has passed through the stages of its infancy and childhood and now stands at the threshold of its collective maturity. The conflict, turbulence, and confusion we are experiencing today are features of a transitional period that can be likened to adolescence. Old and outmoded attitudes and habits of thinking are being swept away and new patterns of thought and action are gradually taking root.

Baha'u'llah revealed a profound spiritual vision revolutionary principles, and practical approaches to lead humanity through its treacherous adolescence into maturity. Centered on the fundamental principle of the oneness of humanity, His teachings offer us hopeful new ways to view our place and purpose in the world. Baha'u'llah's life and writings have given rise to a worldwide Baha'i community committed to learning how to put his teachings into practice. Above excerpted from "The Baha'is", a publication of the Baha'i international Community.
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## Railroad Museum to Showcase a "BIG Weekend of Small Trains"



For the "BIG Weekend of Small Trains". Iocal organizations and devoted enthusiasts will set up shop in the
Museum, filling the Roundhouse with delightful model and toy train layouts of every description while being surrounded by impressive full-scale locomotives. Photo courtesy California State

By Iraci Rockefeller Cusack
SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) California State Parks and the California State Railroad Museum \& Foundation have exciting plans to dazzle and "BIG Weekers with a specia S Weekend of Small Trains Sunday, November 5, Ner 4 and Typically held the weekend after Thanksgiving, this family favorite small train extravaganza month and will serve to help to kick off the holiday season this year. The special event showmagical assortment


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## The Human Trafficking Battle Continues

## FBI Announces Results of Operation Cross Country XI

FBI Special Release SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - The Federal Bureau of Investigation, along with the National Center for Missing \& Exploited
Children (NCMEC), announced October 18th, that 84 minors were recovered and 120 traffickers were arrested as part of Operation Cross Country XI, a nationwide effort focusing on
underage human trafficking that underage human trafficking that
ran from October 12-15, 2017. ran from October $12-15$, .
Within the FBI Sacramento Within the
field office's 34-county area of responsibility, the FBI and its duced operations in the four metropolitan areas: Chico, Fresno, Sacramento, and South Lake Tahoe. Local recoveries of
minors and pimping arrests during Operation Cross Country are as follows:
Thursday, October 12, 2017 Sacramento County Sheriff's Department recovered one
minor
Friday, October 13, 2017 FBI and Chico Police Department
one minor
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Saturday, October 14, 2017 Porterville Police Department arrested an adult male on felony pimping charges.
In addition to successful recovery of two minors and the arrest of a pimp, more than 23
arrests were made for a variety of charges including prostitution and probation violations. The and probation violations. The
following agencies participated in Operation Cross Country XI. Butte County District
Attorney's Office, El Dorado District Attorney's Office,
El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, Fresno County District Attorney's Office, Fresno Police Department, Hanford Police Department, Placer County Sheriff's Department, Porterville Police Department,

Sacramento County District Attorney's Office, Sacramento Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, Sacramento Police Department, South Lake Tahoe Police Department, and Tulare County District Attorney's Office.
This is the 11th iteration of the FBI-led Operation Cross Country (OCC), which took place this year in 55 FBI field offices and involved 78 state and local task forces, consisting of hundreds of law enforcement nated operations took place with nated operations took place with several international partners,
including Canada (Operation Northern Spotlight), the United Kingdom (Aident 8), Thailand, Cambodia, and the Philippines. "We at the FBI have no greater mission than to protect our nation's children from harm. Unfortunately, the number of traffickers arrested-and the number of children recov ered-reinforces why we need to continue to do this important work," said FBI Director
Christopher Wray "This Christopher Wray. "This operation isn't just about taking
traffickers off the street It's traffickers off the street. It s and a way out to these young vic tims who find themselves caugh
in a vicious cycle of abuse," in a vicious cycle of abuse."
As part of Operation Cross
Country XI, FBI agents and Country XI, FBI agents and
task force officers staged oper task force offers staged opertruck stops, as well as on street corners and Internet websites. The youngest victim recovered during this year's operation was 3 months old, and the average age of victims recovered during the operation was 15 years old. Minors recovered during Cross Country Operations are offered assistance from state protective services and the FBI's Victim Services Division. Depending
on the level of need on the level of need, victims health counseling as well
number of other services. "Child sex trafficking is happening in every community across America, and at the National Center for Missing \&
Exploited Children, we're wo ing to day," said NCMEC Presiden day, said NCMEC President proud to work with the FBI on Operation Cross Country to help find and recover child vic tims. We hope OCC generates more awareness about this crisis impacting our nation's children."
Operation Cross Country XI Operation Cross Country XI is
part of the FBI's Innocence Lost part of the FBI's Innocence Los National Initiative, which began in 2003 and has yielded more and locations. For additional information on Operation Cross Country XI and the Innocence Lost initiative, please visit www. fbi.gov.
Examples of stories from various cities that took part in Operation Cross Country XI: On October 13th, FBI Denver recovered two minor girls-one 3 -month-old and one 5 -year old. The subject, a friend of the children's family, offered an undercover officer access to the two children for sexual purposes in exchange for $\$ 600$. The FB Services to conduct a forensic interview and secure safe place ment of the children. The subject was placed under arrest.
Also on October 13th, a 16-year old female victim was
recovered by FBI El Paso, after an undercover agent called an online advertisement for entertainment. Shortly thereafter, the agent met with a 21 -year old female, who offered a fee of $\$ 200$ to engage in sexual intercourse with her and another
female, the 16 -year-old victim Further investigations revealed that a second adult female drove the minor and themale o the undercover's location. Both female subjects have bee arrested on federal charges.

DTSC Inspections Lead to Enforcement Action Against Sacramento County Electronic Waste Recycler

By Russ Edmondson, DTSC

SACRAMENTO CA (MPG) Th Sacramento CA (MPG) - The Court has entered a judgment against California Electronic Asset Recovery (CEAR), an
electronic waste recycler in Mather, for hazardous waste Mather, for hazardous
management violations. management violations.
Under the terms of the judgment, the company will pay the
Department of Toxic Substances Control a total of $\$ 390,000$.
The judgment follows a series of DTSC inspections over a
three-year period (2012-14) three-year period (2012-14)
that found multiple violations of the state's Hazardous Waste Control Law. DTSC has
in recent years and has found no violations.
"Compliance with the hazardous waste law is very important
in protecting public health and in protecting public health and
the environment, and DTSC appreciates CEAR taking the steps necessary to comply with the law," said Keith Kihara, Chief of DTSC's Enforcement and Emergency Response Division.
CEAR operates an indoor treatment machine that shreds electronic devices and metal components into small pieces items rorts them. Among the iems recycled by CEAR are
computer equipment. The company's violations included the illegal treatment storage and disposal of haz-
ardous waste containing lead, ardous waste containing lead cadmium, copper and zinc, among other compounds, and failure to operate its facility in manner to minimize the release of hazardous waste
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and tools over the next several and tools over the next several
years. "SMUD is a model to utilities across the country for their and customer satisfaction," said Simple Energy CEO Yoav Lurie. "We are very excited o help them deliver a seamess way for customers to take meaningful, energy-wise actions."
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HEROIC "ONLY THE BRAVE" FIGHTS THE BATTLE OF MOTHER NATURE

| Film Review by Tim Rile | SEAL of firefighting.They don |
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| ONLY THE BRAVE (Rated PG-13) | with fire, digging lines, down trees, lighting back |
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| pa counties. Of course, the | Brid |
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supervisor Marsh, the 20 -year vet-
eran who is very much aware of
his own imperfections.
The emotional core of the
movie is the relationship between movie is the relationship between
a troubled, very young novice
and a more senior man who has already come to term who has weaknesses in his life and aspires o build the kind of man who is
more a credit to the team than a
hero. Another key character i Another key character is
Marsh's wife Amanda (Jennifer Connelly), a strong-willed woman off fighting fires while also tending to her own business of caring Fire also burns in the relationship between Marsh and his wife Amanda, a couple very much in They share a love of the outdoors, but the demands of his job
dependable right-hand man Jess hotshots, the Granite Mountain $\begin{array}{ll}\text { dependable right-hand man Jesse } & \text { team is challenged to fighting } \\ \text { Steed (James Badge Dale), who's a } & \text { several sequences of wildfires }\end{array}$ $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Steed (James Badge Dale), who's a } & \text { several sequences of wild hires } \\ \text { force of nature in his own right, it's } & \text { that are quite stunning with great }\end{array}$ hard to flesh out the remaining crew visual impact in their combustible $\begin{array}{cc}\text { members in a memorable sense. } & \text { intensity. } \\ \text { More than most action films } & \text { Still, the Yarnell Hill Fire, the }\end{array}$ More than most action films
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committed three additional armed robberies in the same park. Forensic DNA testing conducted by the Sacramento County District Attorney's Crime Lab conclusively linked Latrale Way to the rape

## Former Baseball Coach

Convicted for Child Sexual Assault DATE: October 18, 2017
CASE: Steven Erickson (Case

## 16FE003051)

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Catrina Skor, Special Assault \& Child Abuse Unit
Steven Erickson was convicted by a jury f 19 counts of child sexual assault on a child age 13 to 15 years old.
Steven Erickson is a former baseball coach who also ran a traveling baseball
academy in Sacramento County. The vicacademy in Sacramento County. The vicacademy. Erickson knew the victim since he was 9 years old.
Erickson faces a maximum sentence of 37 years, 8 months in prison. Sentencing is set for November 20, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in Department 13 before the Honorable James Arguelles.

## Former Teacher Pled to Multiple

 Child Sexual Assault Charges
## DATE: October 23, 2017

CASE: Eric Echols-Gollas (Case
\#16FE017839)
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Brian Morgan, Special Assault \& Child Abuse Brant
Eric
Eric Echols-Gollas pled no contest to six felony counts of lewd and lascivious acts against a child under the age of 14 and one misdemeanor count of annoying or molesting a minor.
Between June 1, 2015 and July 24, 2016, while employed as a paraeducator at Prairie Elementary School, Echols-Gollas sexully abused seven girls within the classroom setting
Echols-Gollas faces a stipulated sentence of 11 years in prison. Sentencing is set for December 21, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.
in Department 61 before the Honorable Michael Sweet. $\quad \star$ Michael Sweet.

Engines Ready for Maiden Flight of NASA's Space Launch System


By Mary Engola, Aerojet

## STENNIS SPACE CENTER, MISS. STENNIS SPACE CENTER, MISS.,

 (MPG) - Aerojet Rocketdynerecently announced the four RS-25 engines slated to fly on RS-25 engines slated to fly on
Exploration Mission-1 (EMExploration Mission-1 (EMSpace Launch System (SLS), are ready for integration with the rocket's core stage.
EM-1 is a three-week mission in which the SLS rocket will launch the Orion spacecraft into a distant retrograde orbit around the moon farther than a human-rated vehicle has traveled before, and also will deliver 13 small satellites to deep space.
The Space Launch System epitomizes our nation's legacy of ingenuity and our spirit of exploCEO \& President Eileen Drake CEO \& President Eileen Drake. eclipse the performance of any rocket flying today or currently under development."
All four of the RS- 25 engines that will fly during EM-1 also flew during the Space Shuttle Program; however, they have been outfitted with new controllers and adapted
for SLS. Each engine provides half a million pounds of thrust, pounds of thrust, for the first stage of the SLS rocket. of the SLS rocket. have a rich and storied his tory," said Dan Adamski, RS-25 program director at Aeroje Rocketdyne. "Together, they've powered 21 shuttle flights with the most experienced engine E2045, having flown on 12 separate flights."
Aerojet Rocketdyne will store the four engines for EM-1 at its facility located at NASA' Stennis Space Center until they are ready for integration with the core stage, which is curMichoud Assembly Facility i New Orleans. In addition
In addition to the core stage propulsion for the debut SLS
flight, Aerojet Rocketdyne is also providing an RL10B-2 engine fo the rocket's upper stage, which is called the Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage (ICPS). The RL10B-2 produces 24,750 pounds of thrust and is the main propulsion once the rocket has
reached outer space; it gives the Orion spacecraft the final boost to complete its mission around the Moon. Earlier this year, NASA Moon. Earlier this year, NASA
delivered the completed ICPS delivered the completed ICPS
to Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Florida, in preparation for integration with the rocket. "The propulsion for SLS just one example of how all the pieces for Exploration Mission-1 are starting to come together. It is remarkable that our nation will soon debut this new capability that will enable humans to explore deep space," added Drake. Aerojet Rocketdyne is an
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$\begin{aligned} & \text { This time of year church foyers } \text { SQUASH? After all } \\ & \text { offer tables of free produce brought } \\ & \text { children in America }\end{aligned}$ in by Christian gardener's want ing to share the abundance of God's ounty. One ubiquitous vegetable on those church
ZUCCHINI.
It's not that gardeners let these grow to the size of dachshunds on purpose, rather it's usually an accident perpe trated by a beginner gardener. (Have you ever noticed zucchini has camouflage skin so it can hide under their big leaves!) Many a gardener has share giant, green, squash monster suddenly exposed by hoeing.
There are no warning labels on zuc-
chini seed packages and there should be! chini seed packages and there should be!
WARNING!!! Eternity is the attempt to consume the zucchini that will come from this package of seeds. Be prepared to lose friends, seek counseling over guilt of wastefulness, and become bored over the endless zucchini meals ou'll be compelled to make.
Seasoned gardeners tend to avoid
planting zucchini like gigolos and planting zucchini like gigolos avoid
lurking around trailer parks. It's the lurking around trailer parks. It's the innocent prospect of taking part in an innocent prospect of taking part in an
organic dance with vegetables from her garden to table that is stunned by the shameless obesity of the zucchini. Often these wanna be gardeners are disorganized and don't realize gardening requires a chore chart of daily, weekly, and monthly duties (mostly daily!'). My advice as a reformed slob turned professional organizer is: if you don't do well with caring for houseplants forget about a garden and be very nice to your friends who have gardens. When you live in a country commu-
nity, you're surrounded by gardeners nity, you re surrounded by gardeners
and commerce does everything it can and commerce does everything it can
to market to them. Merry-go-rounds of to market to them. Merry-go-rounds of seed packets sprout up right after New
Year's, sales on garden tools pop up in early spring, live, hot house plants lure the green thumbers off their property just in time to plant for summer's sun. A zucchini plant looks innocent in its little $1 / 4$ cup-sized container, but
inevitably during the harvest inevitably during the harvest sea-
son the question pops up, WHAT son the question pops up, WHAT I disconered inere. of a big verses a little zucchini. 1. Food contain recipes out there. for the lid. all) after it's through blooming. 3. Skinny Jack-O-Lantern tall and skinny zucchini. very nice swan. for the event.
pes for zucchini of all sizes. I've heard from more than one really good cook, that there's not a difference in the taste

Rather than add to the glut of reci-
pes (okay I'll share one) I've thought pes (okay I'll share one) I've thought up some ways to use those big ones for

1. Food container with lid for tak-
ng a dish to the church potluck ing a dish to the church potluck. Cut
a side long wise out of the resting zucchini, being careful to keep the piece intact. (This piece will be your lid.) Gut the squash of its seeds using an ice cream scoop. Gut the meat out using a melon baller. Save the meat after absorbing moisture with paper towels. Freeze for use in one of the kazillion
Pry the stem off the end and with a foothpick or two attach it as a handle
2. Hostess Gift. Cut the butt end off, about seven inches. Gut making a small plant (basil is a great sift for the mall plant (basil is a great gift for the can keep it in her kitchen or if you plant an outdoor perennial in the gift, she can plant it (squash container and Use an orange zucchini to match the pumpkin jack-o-lanterns. It's very funny to see a plump pumpkin next to
3. Centerpiece If you happen to have zucchini that s curved, it il make a
4. Canoe In the same way you cut
a lid out of a zucchini lengthwise to a lid out of a zucchini lengthwise to
make a serving dish, this time just make a serving dish, this time just
use the bottom and gut it. Fill it with food for birds and fish and send it off down a river or creek. Take the kids
5. Vase You can make various sizes of vases depending on how far from the end you cut. When I made a zucchini jack-o-lantern, I just used the op half after I made a vase. The vase holds water and the center makes it easy to arrange a group of

ROASTED AND SPICED ZUCCHINI SEED The spicing is adapted from pumpkin seeds. You need a large zucchini. The seeds of small zucchini are soft and juicy and will not work here Seeds from a giant zucchini $1 / 4$ teaspoon ground ginger 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin Dash cayenne
Salt to taste (about half teaspoon) 1 tablespoon sugar, or more to tast xtra-virgin olive oil
To remove the seeds from your gian zucchini, scrape out the fleshy, seedriddled center portion of the vegetable with a melon baller. Separate the large,
woody seeds from the flesh. Soak woody seeds from the flesh. Soak in a bowl of water for a few minutes to
remove more of the flesh and strings. remove more of the flesh and strings.
Bring salted water to a boil, add the Bring salted water to a boil, add the
seeds, simmer for 10 minutes, drain. seeds, simmer for 10 minutes, drain.
Preheat the oven to 250 F. Spread Preheat the oven to 250 F. Spread
the drained (but still wet) seeds on a baking sheet. Bake them for about 15 minutes until they are somewhat dry. Meanwhile, combine the spices, salt and sugar. When the seeds are no longer soaked, remove them from the oven. Turn the oven up to 325 F. Drizzle - but don't douse - the seeds with olive oil to
coat, sprinkle the seeds with the spice coat, sprinkle the seeds with the spice mixture (you may not need all of it) and
mix thoroughly. Bake for about 15 min mix thoroughly. Bake for about $15 \mathrm{~min}-$
utes until the seeds are nice and toasty, utes until the seeds are nice and toasty,
stirring occasionally. Watch carefully as stirring occasionally. Watch carefully as
they can burn easily they can burn easily.
they will get crispier as they cool, Store the treat in a sealed container. So the cry, this time of year, from folks in rural communities is, "Lock your cars! It's zucchini time! Hopefully I've taken some of the fear
out of this year's harvest. If you'd lik out of this year's harvest. If you'd like to see the one garden I attempted, yo can see it in this video:
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kitchen preparing delicious meals, videos on how to get organized, lose weight and get your finances in order, all from
a reformed SLOB's point of view


What's the difference?

## Dear Dave,

What's the difference between a credit union and a bank?
-Jake

Dear Jake,
A bank is owned by stockholders. When the bank makes a profit - and they should make a profit - the
stockholders, who are ownstockholders, who are own-
ers of the company, get that ers of the company, get that
profit. It can be dispersed in the form of dividends, or the value of their stock is increased. A credit union is run more like a cooperative. Technically speaking, it's operated not for profit, and the owners are the credit union members, who are also customers.
As a customer of a credit union, whatever you pay into the credit union - the "profit" in the form of increased in the form of increased serSometimes, you actually get Sometimes, you actually get
check from the credit union check from the credit union.
A lot of banks don't like A lot of banks don't like
credit unions, and say they have an unfair advantage because of their non-profit

## Dave Says

status. This really isn't true. Credit unions, with whatever "profits" are made, put
that money right back into creating cheaper checking accounts, better interest rates on loans, or higher interest rates on savings.
A bank could do the same thing, if it were willing to make less profit. So, there's
no disadvantage. They're no disadvantage. They're just trying to keep stockholders happy and sell stuff to cus-
tomers. But really, that tomers. But really, that al'
means nothing if you don't means nothing if you don get good sern
organization!
-Dave

## Time to leave the day job?

 Dear Dave, I make about $\$ 25,000$ year in my day job, but I haveside jobs as a personal traine side jobs as a personal trainer
and a DJ. I'll make about and a DJ. Ill make abou
$\$ 10,000$ this year as a trainer $\$ 10,000$ this year as a trainer, and $\$ 25,000$ to $\$ 30,000$
working events as a DJ I've working events as a dej. ve
almost got all my debts paid almost got all my debts paid
off, and I love both of my off, and I love both of my
side jobs. I was wondering how to tell when I'm ready to how to tell when I m ready to trate on personal training and my DJ work.

Dear Steve
Dear Steve,
I always tell people to first get to a point where their side hustle is generating almost job. I want the boat pulled as job. I want the boat pulled as
close to the dock as you can get it, so that when you make the jump from the dock to the boat you don't hit the water. In your case, I would want the $\$ 10,000$ you earn from personal training to look more like $\$ 20,000$. When you reach that level, combined with what you're making as a DJ, it would create a pretty safe situation for you to quit you
day job. day job.
Maybe Maybe you could cheat a little on the personal traine money, because you're mak-
ing as much or more as a DJ ing as much or more as a DJ J. as you are in your day job
Otherwise, you're giving up $\$ 25,000$ for $\$ 10,000$ and only hoping the personal training gig will grow. That's not good idea. I'd like to see that hope proven a little bit more before you walk away from a day job.

## Good luck, Steve -Dave

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