



**It's Year 31
For Concerts
in The Park**

PAGE 3

**Budget Focused
on Traditional
City Services**

PAGE 8



Pocket News

VOL 33 • ISSUE 08

Bringing You Community News For Over 30 Years

APRIL 26, 2024

**SEE
INSIDE**

A TRIBUTE TO RADIO'S JOEY MITCHELL



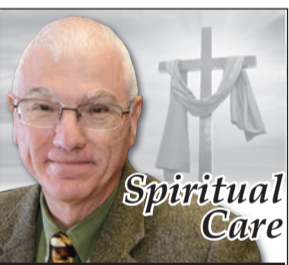
PAGE 4

PROP. 1 HAS PASSED; WHAT NEXT?



PAGE 2

WRONG PANTS, CHAPLAIN



PAGE 6

PRSRD STD.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CARMICHAEL, CA
PERMIT NO. 350
**OR CURRENT
POSTAL CUSTOMER**

Free Car Show Charms in Pocket/Greenhaven

Story and photos
by Kristina Rogers

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - On the first and second Friday of the month, the parking lot at 7485 Rush River Drive turns nostalgic. Fabulous classic cars in bright yellow, cherry red, and shiny aqua blue fill the lot. As I arrive, "A Whole Lotta Shaken Goin' On" by Jerry Lee Lewis is being belted out over the outside speakers at Device Brewing Company.

I walk up to find Ben Valencia and his friends selling tickets for a raffle. It's a "50/50" raffle, which means prize winners receive 50% of the ticket-sale revenue while the other 50% is used to maintain the raffle. This week, there's a table full of bottles of wine, coffee, auto repair kits, and tools. The kids are included, too. Valencia said, "Each kid here gets a free Hot Wheels toy." He grins, "We tell them they win it, but every kid gets one."

While guests relax under the patio, noshing on good grub and chatting with the raffle dudes, others walk the lot and admire the cars. Van Watts told me he only lives two blocks away, and this is the first time he's been. He had his eye on a refurbished 1956 Chevy Impala. He said, "This is just like the one I had when I was in high school in 1962. I worked over the summers for my father, who was a painter, to get that car." He marveled at the interior: "I can't get over



Classic autos sit in front of Device Brewing Company in Pocket/Greenhaven.

how much space is in these cars compared to today! You can sleep in the back; believe me, people did!"

I talked to Everett Pace, who gave me ZZ Top vibes which I found out was pretty close to the mark. He told me about his 1940 Ford Deluxe

Coupe (The band was known for their Eliminator '33 Coupe popular on MTV). It was in bad shape when he got it; the body was pulled apart, and it didn't have any wheels. Being a mechanic, Everette knew precisely

Continued on Page 8

Small Business Week Looks at AI

MPG Staff

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CA (MPG) - Capital Region Small Business Week is April 29 through May 4. The City of Rancho Cordova is a sponsor of SacBiz Connect: Small Business Week Resource Expo and Kickoff on April 29. Sacramento County Office of Economic Development is partnering with the City of Sacramento's Office of Innovation and Economic Development to host "BizX, Leveraging AI Technologies to Stay Ahead of the Curve" on May 1 at The Sophia, Home of B Street Theatre.

Capital Region Small Business Week brings together entrepreneurs, seasoned business owners and business experts from public and private entities from across the Greater Sacramento area to celebrate the region's entrepreneurial spirit.

This year's event will focus on exploring the transformative impact of AI (artificial intelligence) in business, healthcare, education, transportation and beyond. A panel of AI and business experts will examine the broader societal impacts of AI, while highlighting the vast opportunities it presents. Attendees will learn how leveraging AI can drive innovation, sustainability and inclusivity, shaping a more equitable and prosperous future for everyone. Small business resource booths and opportunities to network will be available before and after the formal program.

"BizX is just one of several events held during Capital Region Small Business Week, offering a platform to connect our small businesses with local resources," said Sacramento County Economic Development Director Crystal Bethke. "We are pleased to celebrate the vital role our small businesses play in fostering thriving communities and fueling the economic prosperity in Sacramento County."

Entrepreneurs, small businesses and industry professionals are invited to register for the events at capitalregionsmallbusinessweek.org

Continued on Page 2

California Capital Airshow Presents International Headliner July 13, 14



This year, the California Capital Airshow will welcome the Italian Jet Team Freccce Tricolori. The international jet team is one of several performances that will amaze audiences of all ages. Photo courtesy of California Capital Airshow

California Capital Airshow News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - The 18th annual California Capital Airshow, presented by Sacramento County in partnership with the City of Rancho Cordova, returns to Mather Airport on July 13 and 14. Headlined by the world-renowned

Italian jet team, Freccce Tricolori, the airshow will feature an extraordinary lineup of performers, miles of ground attractions and the anticipated return of nighttime aerial performances with pyrotechnics and fireworks.

The airshow will be part of Freccce Tricolori's first North American tour in more than 30 years and is the only location in the Western United

States where spectators can witness their full performance. Freccce Tricolori consists of 10 high-flying Aermacchi MB-339 aircraft, making it the Guinness World Record holder of the most jet aircraft in a military aerobatic display team.

"It's a great privilege to be able to bring these world-class performers to

Continued on Page 8




SENIOR LIVING

OFFERING SUPPORTIVE INDEPENDENCE, ASSISTED LIVING AND MEMORY CARE

CALL TODAY FOR A PRIVATE TOUR

(916) 395-7579 | accmtv.org

Five Ways Counties Can Prepare Now That Prop. 1 Has Passed

By **Amalia Egri Freedman**

After two weeks of counting votes, California voters passed Proposition 1 by a hair. The proposition, atwo-part initiative aimed at improving equitable access to behavioral health services, provides new funding for treatment facilities and housing support while updating the 20-year-old Mental Health Services Act (MHSA). Millions of Californians who cope with behavioral health conditions — mental illness or substance use disorders (SUD) — rely on services and supports primarily provided by California's 58 counties through MHSA, and increasingly their needs include housing.

Prop. 1 directs the State to borrow \$6.4 billion through bonds to fund new housing and treatment facilities. The State will also reallocate MHSA funds at the state and county levels, with a slightly greater proportion of MHSA revenue shifting to the State. Where 95% of MHSA funds were previously distributed to county behavioral health systems, now they will receive



Amalia Egri Freedman.
Courtesy photo

90% with an additional 5% funding expansion of statewide efforts, including training, evaluation, innovation, and administration. There will also be new restrictions on how funds can be used, thus funding is likely to decrease for some behavioral health services.

Improving equitable access to needed services regardless of race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, or county of residence is a critical step in building a more comprehensive behavioral health system in California. And the challenge to ensure access falls primarily on county leaders. Expectations are high, tensions are high, and the divided voter support may lead to challenging

conversations around the changes that will inevitably raise questions for county leaders and families with individuals facing behavioral health challenges. Still, with Prop 1's ratification, we believe that the answers to five key questions are essential to begin paving the way for the measure's implementation.

How will funds be allocated at the county level?

First and foremost is the process of allocating funds locally. County officials will be required to spend pre-allocated amounts on housing interventions, services, and treatment for adults with severe mental illness, and for behavioral health services. County leaders will need to drive discussions internally and among stakeholders to determine how to implement this spending while expanding community partnerships to extend service provision.

How will programmatic changes resulting from revisions to the MHSA be addressed?

Second, each county must adjust programming from previous MHSA requirements to

correspond to the new Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The BHSA expands programming to address the needs of people living with SUDs. County mental health plans will need to determine the degree to which they will expand SUD service provision and further integrate mental health and SUD treatment. It is possible that in some locales, reallocating funds will necessitate changes to or elimination of some county services.

How will counties balance the provision of behavioral health services and affordable housing?

The BHSA also prioritizes supportive housing for veterans and individuals with behavioral health challenges who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. Decision-makers will need to weigh the impact on existing services while expanding housing options for vulnerable populations based on the new funding requirements.

How will County leaders advise and advocate for effective implementation of Proposition 1?

When MHSA was adopted 20 years ago, it not only changed the flow of funding but also the flow of data. County leaders were instrumental in advising the State regarding these issues. With BHSA, leaders will need to convene stakeholders, including mental health advocates, providers, and community members, to shape policies and programs. They must take the results of these conversations to their colleagues at the County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California (CBHDA) to triangulate opportunities and challenges, and to collaborate with state agencies to ensure the most seamless implementation possible. County leaders and communities will need to balance the new mandates with the unique, local challenges they hope to address.

How will county leaders monitor and measure the outcomes of the new BHSA?

Counties will need to monitor whether new housing interventions are effective. They will likely need to examine how SUD services align with existing mental health services and

any gaps created in their communities. And they will want to look at how the changes in programming affect access. Within a year or so of implementation, counties may want to conduct needs assessments to determine how the changes have affected the clients each county serves as well as needs and gaps in resources to guide adjustments and improvements among providers.

Proposition 1 adds significant funds to support behavioral health and housing. It also calls on county-level decision makers to rise to this moment. The months ahead will require thoughtful planning, collaboration, and strategic choices to enhance behavioral health services and housing support for Californians.

With thoughtful implementation, Proposition 1's new mandates should serve the changing behavioral health needs of Californians.

Amalia Egri Freedman is the CEO of RDA Consulting. RDA is celebrating 40 years of systemic change consulting in collaboration with state, county, local agencies and foundations and CBOs. ★

Small Business Week Looks at AI

Continued from Page 1
[nessweek.org/schedule](https://www.pocketnewsweek.org/schedule).

Day 1, Monday, April 29 is Small Business Procurement Summit from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at The Lounge at Frequency Coworking, 3249 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova. Small Business Week Resource Expo and Kickoff is from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., also at The Lounge at Frequency Coworking in Rancho Cordova.

Day 2, Tuesday, April 30 is Exporting and Importing for Small Businesses online

from noon to 1:30 p.m. The SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Capital Summit is from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Mahany Fitness Center, 1545 Pleasant Grove Blvd., Roseville.

Day 3, Wednesday, May 1, is 1 Million Cups Sacramento from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 6000 J St. Library 1520, Sacramento. The Mentor Sprint is from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Carlsen Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship,

6000 J St. Library 1520, Sacramento. The Webinar: Resources for Your Small Business is from 1 to 2 p.m. The BizX Presents: Leveraging AI Technologies to Stay Ahead of the Curve is from 3 to 6 p.m. at The Sofia, 2700 Capitol Ave., Sacramento.

Day 4, Thursday, May 2, is BBB Sacramento Women's Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Frequency Coworking, 3249 Quality Drive, Rancho Cordova. The May Marketplace Small

Business Pop-Up Fair] is from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Lounge at Frequency Coworking in Rancho Cordova.

Day 5, Friday, May 3, is the SBA Small Business Awards Luncheon and Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Double Tree by Hilton, 2001 Point W Way, Sacramento.

For more information about Capital Region Small Business week, visit capitalregionssmallbusinessweek.org. ★

ESPECIALLY IN TOUGH TIMES, EXPERIENCE COUNTS!

- Husband, father and PAPA to six of the greatest grandkids ever!
- Broker Associate
- Proven Track Record Of Success - 41 Years in The Same Greenhaven/ Pocket Office
- Expert Knowledge Of Local Market And Its Rich And Colorful History
- Certified Residential Specialist
- Senior Real Estate Specialist
- Trust and Probate Specialist
- Bachelors, Masters And Doctorate - University Of The Pacific
- Former Assistant Dean - UOP McGeorge School Of Law
- UOP Athletic Hall Of Fame - Baseball
- City of Stockton Athletic Hall Of Fame - Baseball
- Greenhaven Soccer coach and referee
- Little League manager - Champions District
- 7 All-Stars, TOC and regular season
- Sponsor - Spirit Of The Pocket 4th of July Parade



BERKSHIRE | Drysdale
HATHAWAY | Properties
HomeServices



PRESIDENTIAL
MEMBER

CalDRE# 00842218

Nick LaPlaca
916-764-7500
nick.laplaca@bhhdrysdale.com

Big Day of Giving Greenhaven- Pocket Events MAY 2

Big Breakfast at Café Latte 8:00am-10:00am

Donation Specials!

7600 Greenhaven Drive

916-395-9230

Big Day of Shredding at Meals on Wheels

10:00am-1:00pm

\$10 a box

7375 Park City Drive

Big Day Lunch with Drewski's Food Truck

11:00am-1:00pm

Lunch Specials

7375 Park City Drive

mowsac.org

**meals on
wheels**
by acc

(916)444-9533

It's Year 31 For Concerts in The Park



A previous year's Concerts in the Park show. Photo courtesy of SpencerFields46



A Concerts in the Park poster promotes the season's musical acts. Image courtesy of Downtown Sacramento Partnership

Downtown Sacramento Partnership News Release

SACRAMENTO, CA (MPG) - Downtown Sacramento Partnership has announced the much-anticipated Concerts in the Park series lineup, bringing live music back to downtown Sacramento on Friday evenings, May 3 through July 26, 2024 (except July 5). New this year, Concerts in the Park is expanding its footprint in Cesar Chavez Plaza to cover more than half of 10th Street and

J Street. With this additional space, Downtown Sacramento Partnership has invited community partners to activate within the park, including a vintage market presented by World's Worst Expo, Silent Disco presented by Hall of Fame, an artist collective to produce a community art project, and a beauty bar provided by a local salon. This string of musical events serves as the launch to Northern California's music festival season, offering a fun, free and safe experience for everyone

to enjoy. Filled with local food vendors, artists, musicians and more, Concerts in the Park is the largest and longest-running free outdoor music festival in Northern California and showcases the talents of local and national bands and DJs at Cesar Chavez Plaza (9th and J streets) in downtown Sacramento. "Sacramento has a rich history of being home to up-and-coming musicians and cultivating a rich music scene, and we're proud to be a part of that," said Michael Ault, executive director of Downtown

Sacramento Partnership. "As important as it is to capitalize on the momentum Sacramento is seeing with festivals, it's equally important for us to invest in people. We're excited this year to provide more spaces and platforms for local creatives and create a unique experience for Sacramento." The dynamic and high-energy 31st Annual Concerts in the Park lineup of nearly 60 talented national and local bands and DJs includes sounds from musical artists such as Destroy Boys

(Pop-punk), Michael Marcagi (Folk Rock), Kool John (Hip Hop), Felix Cartal (Electronic) and Arden Park Roots (Reggae Jam) along with popular DJs including DJ Lady Char, Complex and DJ Oasis, just to name a few. A detailed lineup along with more information about Concerts in the Park is available here: godowntownsac.com/events/signature-events/


concerts-in-the-park/ In addition to an expanded footprint, this year, Concerts in the Park will have surprise vendors and guests throughout the season, releasing the news on their Instagram account @cipsacramento May through July. For more information about downtown Sacramento, please visit GoDowntownSac.com. ★

Stephen A. Genus, DMD

Family and Cosmetic Dentistry


- Restorative dentistry including placement of veneers
- Extractions, implant placement and implant restoration

Always accepting new patients
Contracted with Delta Dental
Accepts most insurances



20+ years in the neighborhood

7220 Greenhaven Drive, #5
Sacramento, CA 95831
916 427-8900





LOOKING FOR A COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT YOU, as you care for a loved one with dementia? Join our Caregiver Connections Support Group.

We offer a safe space for caregivers of people with dementia to share feelings of stress, frustration, need, hope and love.

The 1st Tuesday of every month at 1:00 PM
Bruceville Point, a Tenfold Senior Living community
9730 Backer Ranch Road
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Call us at (916) 226-5300, or email us at info@brucevillepoint.com, for more information, or just drop in. You're welcome here.

We are stronger and more resilient together, in community. Please join us.

LIC #342701040



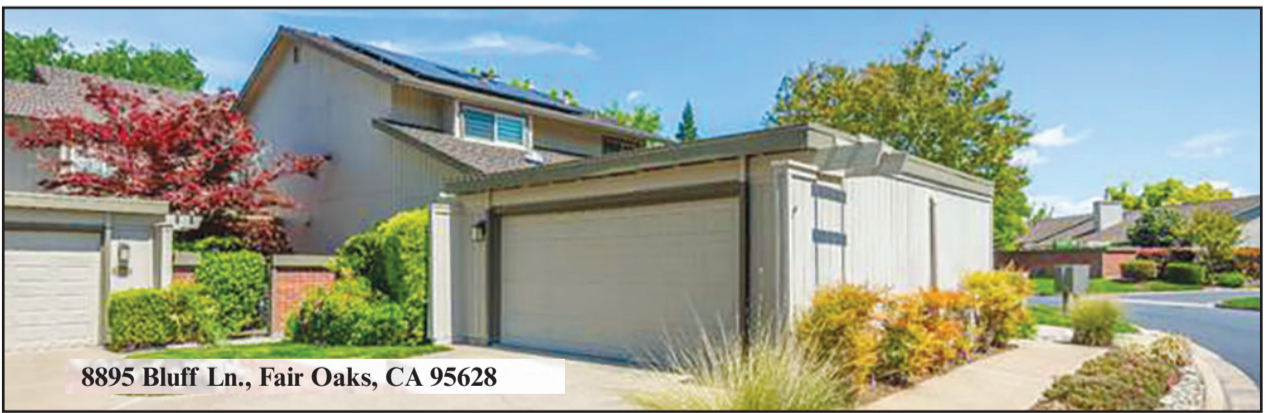


MONA GERGEN


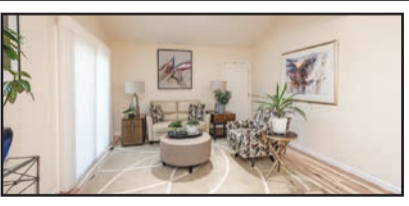

CalDRE# 01270375
916-247-9555
mona@monagergen.com

DUNNIGAN
Realtors

The beautiful Bluffs at Curragh Downs!



8895 Bluff Ln., Fair Oaks, CA 95628

This community offers views of the American River, wildlife, and valley. Nature trails, pool, spa, tennis, pickleball, club house. Across from Lake Natoma. Incredible top quality remodel. Seamless Corian Showers. Kitchen, bathroom, living room, floors, windows, sliding glass doors, decks, AC, tankless water heater, solar (paid off), insulation, whole house fan, solar tubes, garage door opener, closet organizers, lights and more. Way too much to mention all. This private sanctuary of nature, in this unique community of long term residents, can be your paradise. Be on vacation every day. Not many homes come up for sale and this one is perfection. The location is out of this world for nature lovers!

3 Beds | 2.5 Baths | \$649,000 | 2,012 Sq Ft.

Call (916) 619-8189 to advertise with us today!

Pocket News • Messenger Publishing Group



Media Icon Joey Mitchell Leaves a Legacy of Laughter

By Mary Jane Popp

After 50 plus years on the air, an icon in radio signs off for his final journey. But I'm sure if there is a microphone in the clouds, Joey Mitchell will be at the helm with his joyous voice that always made his fans feel that he truly cared about each and every one.

What can I say about Joey that hasn't already been said... talented, dedicated, award-winning personality, a great sense of humor, total love of family and what meant so much to me was that he was genuinely a really nice guy and gentleman. He greeted everyone he met with a big smile and you felt he knew you forever.

Joey was the first on-air radio guy I worked with when I first came to Sacramento in 1977. It was at the hit country music station, KRAK Radio. I would pop in with the news updates, and truly, I never knew what to expect. There were times I would go into the studio and no Joey...until he popped up from under the board trying to scare me with that silly grin on his face. But it was always in fun. He would try to break me up on the air but little did he know I came from doing a television show in Indianapolis with a crew that did all they could to break me up with antics behind the guests so only I could see. But I loved the friendship Joey shared with everyone, including me, for all these many years.

I think I admired Joey most for his caring about the community, especially when we would host telethons to raise money for so many worthy charities from Easter Seals to the Children's Miracle Network and more. Back in the '80s, there were eight or nine telethons on the air and they were the 24-hour ones. But Joey's energy level never waned. Always professional yes, but with a fun competitive spirit as we would compete for on-camera time, with the ultimate goal of raising as much money as we could for charity. Joey was always game for fun too, like when we were asked to host an event for, I believe, the Opera Association. So we dressed in silly opera garb, and we laughed our way through the event, always ready for anything we could do to help the community.

Stories about Joey were so many I had to limit them, or I would need several pages to tell them all. But I had to share this one from Ken Knoll who did lots of film work in Sacramento. When Joey was named Country Music D.J. of the year and hosted names such as Freddy Fender, Loretta Lynn and Merle Haggard at the Lonesome Armadillo in Roseville, he would do TV funny skits to promote his show. Ken still laughs at this one. Wait until you hear what happened. Ken and Joey came up with the idea to do a skit at the Folsom Zoo in the tiger cage, and yes, with a real tiger. The idea was for Joey to first dress up in lady garb, moustache, and all, and pretend that the tiger was going to attack her/him. Then Joey would change back into guy clothes, and with the magic of television editing, come to her rescue. Funny, right? The trainer assured Joey that the tiger was tame and not to worry. To be honest, Joey



was rather nervous and began sweating some. But being the trooper he was, Joey got into the enclosure. Ken was not sure but perhaps the tiger sensed Joey's fear and began to growl and started to get too close for comfort. It was too close for Joey and he began to shout "please get me out of here." But it was hard to hear him above the laughter of the crew. Suffice to say, Joey was not going into a

wild critter space alone for a long time.

Here's one that will give you a laugh but I'm not sure Joey laughed. Ken told me about the time President Clinton came to town on Air Force One, and we don't know how Joey did it but he planted a bumper sticker on the back of Air Force One promoting the Joey Mitchell Show. Sounds funny now but the Secret Service was not amused, and

he actually got arrested. Don't know if he had to spend time in the pokey but leave it to Joey to come up with this stunt and look for more to do.

Another side of Joey was always wanting to help others in the business. Jennifer Steele, executive producer of the morning news at KFBK, had fond memories of him. She worked with Joey at FM 101.5 for 10 years and knew him more than

30 years. Despite his being a celebrity, she said, he was always a real human being, a mentor, teacher and nice to all.

And Big Jim Hall worked with Joey at KRAK Radio for many years. That's where I met them both. Jim and Joey both began working at KRAK Radio together. One did the morning, and one did the afternoon, and their friendship grew over the many years. Jim said he was always fearless and always wanted to support organizations to help the community. Fondly, Jim said, Joey was an incredible co-worker and friend for 40 years, along with having a caring heart and always being super funny. Jim said he was a joy to work with and to know.

There are many stories to tell and perhaps some of the pictures can tell the Joey Mitchell life and his work, but I asked his son, Joe Jr., who sent me so many wonderful pictures to choose of his dad, if he could tell me his fondest memories of "Dad" Joey. I could not end this piece any better. Here is Joe Jr and his heartfelt thoughts about his dad in his own words.

"My dad was just my dad to me, and I never really appreciated all he had accomplished until I grew older. Many people didn't know he had severe and painful scoliosis that would keep him up nights. Getting up at 3 a.m. was a chore for anyone, but for him, it was a daily struggle to get ready for his radio show. Even though he was in pain, he always had a smile on his face and wanted to make people laugh. It wasn't an act, it was who he was. He truly was an amazing man, husband, father, friend and radio legend who will leave a huge void in our hearts. I strive to be like him. He was my HERO!"

What more can be said about this icon and truly good human being?

And so the memory of Joey Mitchell goes on and I'm sure he is wowing them up there behind the mic with his wit and big smile. We will miss you Joey, but our memories will always be with us. Rest in peace, good friend.

Editor's note: Joey Mitchell died March 24 after a battle with a lung condition and pneumonia. Photos provided by Joey's family. ★



Joey ready and eager for retirement.



Joey with the KRAK radio team.



Joey (far right) with Mary Jane Popp (next to him) worked together on local on-air fundraisers to raise money for local causes.

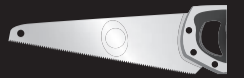


Joey always had a smile and a joke, even if it was on him.

YOUR HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDE



Call a sales representative today for great advertising rates: 916.429.9901



LYTLE CONSTRUCTION INC.
Award-Winning Design/Build Firm
Serving Sacramento for more than 25 years

Remodeling and Design
LIC# 480492

- Additions
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Custom Cabinetry

FREE Consultation
916-422-6639

www.lytleconstruction.com

Spring Yard Clean-up Specials!

- HAULING & YARD CLEAN-UP
- RAIN GUTTER CLEANING
- CONCRETE REMOVAL
- HEDGE TRIMMING /SHRUB REMOVAL
- PRESSURE WASHING

Pressure wash your driveways clean! Your decks, too!
Clean out your garage! Replace that old lawn!
Hard work—not a problem!

SPECIALS FOR SENIORS*/SERVING THE AREA SINCE 1996*

Call **LESTER**
(916) 838-1247
Lic#128758/Ref

Prime Quality Maintenance

- **GUTTER CLEANING** Free Estimates Licensed & Insured
- **Window Cleaning** (inside/out/screens washed)
- **Pressure Washing** (all surface areas)
- **Junk Removal/Hauling**
- **Landscape Maintenance** CSL# 996271

Call or Text Jesse: 916 417-4231

Creature Catchers Wildlife Management
"If it walks, crawls, slithers or flies, we'll remove it"

Humane and non-toxic solutions for both animals & man

- Live Trapping • Humane Removal • Repair
- Dead Animal Location/Removal • Exclusion Work
- Bats • Snakes • Rats/Mice • Squirrels • Raccoon • Skunk
- Opossum • Birds

CreatureCatchers.org | 530-885-PEST(7378)
California State Trapping License #7781 - Insured by Market

NIETO'S TILE & LANDSCAPING
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL

Frank Nieto (916) 480-9512

Sprinkler Systems (Install & Repair) Concrete • Tile Installation
Fencing • Plumbing Granite Fabrication
Electrical • Painting Laminate/Wood Floors

NietosTile@sbcglobal.net www.nietostile.com Lic. #917883

CAPITOL ELECTRIC
Reasonable Residential & Commercial Work since 1960

Repairs, Trouble Shooting
Custom Lighting/FREE Est.
Excellent ref from Angie's List

Cell: 213-3740
Neil McIntire — C.S.L.# 394307

ROONEY'S PLUMBING
FULL SERVICE PLUMBING

456-7777
rooneysplumbing.com

License #683668

FREEDOM HANDYMAN SERVICE
I specialize in all areas of home improvement !
Quality work the first time, guaranteed!

Co2 & Smoke Alarms - Light Bulb Replacement - Door Bells
Grab Bar Instalations - Security Doors - Sprinkler Repair & New Valves
Carpentry Electrical - Plumbing - Sheetrock - Ceiling Fan Installation

Fix leaks of all types
Accepts All Major Credit Cards "Senior Discount"

NO JOB TOO SMALL! Call Eric (916) 470-3488

FUGINA CONSTRUCTION
CUSTOM DESIGNED FOR YOUR SPACE

Design/Build
From entire home remodels, to baths & kitchens
35 Years of Experience
Lic#554663

Start Planning Now
Free Consultation

KFUGINACONSTRUCTION@GMAIL.COM
WWW.FUGINACONSTRUCTION.COM

Grow your business in our
Home Improvement Guide!

SOVEREIGN PAINTING

916-422-4416
Specializing in Older Homes

Dan Sovereign SovereignPaintingCo.com
FOR 3 GENERATIONS CA LIC # 484215

SMOOT LANDSCAPING
LANDSCAPES & DESIGN

DESIGN - RENOVATION - WATER FEATURE - STONE & CONCRETE - OUTDOOR LIGHTING - IRRIGATION SYSTEM

916-454-1300
www.SmootLandscaping.com

Lic#633224; Serving Sacramento since 1982
Recognized in the Sacramento Bee,
Street of Dreams & Garden Tours of East Sacramento

Call **(916) 619-8189** to advertise with us today!

Pocket News • Messenger Publishing Group **MPG**

Need to Advertise?
Let Linda help you get the word out

(916) 619.8189 (o) (916) 524.9184 (c)
linda@valcomnews.com

Arden • Carmichael • East Sacramento
Land Park • Pocket

LEGAL ADS FOR SACRAMENTO COUNTY?

We Can Do That!

Call to place your legal advertising **916-773-1111**

All Legal Ads Published by Messenger Publishing **MPG**

LOCAL ARREST RECORDS

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

Find out what's happening in your local area at...

POCKETNEWS.COM

ARREST LOGS UPDATED DAILY

Pocket News
Serving Arden Arcade and Sacramento County since 1993

It is the intent of the *Pocket News* to strive for an objective point of view in the reporting of news and events. It is understood that the opinions expressed on these pages are those of the authors and cartoonists and are not necessarily the opinions of the publisher or our contributors.

The *Pocket News* is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts or materials. The entire contents of the *Pocket News* are copyrighted. Ownership of all advertising created and/or composed by the MPG is with the publishing company and written permission to reproduce the same must be obtained from the publisher.

Subscriptions should be mailed to *Pocket News*, 7144 Fair Oaks Blvd. Suite 5, Carmichael, CA 95608.

The *Pocket News* is published twice a month. Call (916) 773-1111 for more information.
Call Linda Pohl for advertising or other inquiries at (916) 619-8189.

Publisher, Paul V. Scholl

Pocket News is a member of **Messenger Publishing Group**

To submit your articles, information, announcements or letters to the editor, please email to: Publisher@mpg8.com.
Be sure to place in the subject field "Attention to Publisher". If you do not have email access, please call us at (916) 773-1111.

We are proud members of these newspaper associations.

MPG **ENPA** **CIRCULATION VERIFICATION COUNCIL**

Community Worship

River's Edge Church
6449 Riverside Blvd. • 391-9845
Sunday Worship: 10:00am
www.recsac.org

Saint Anthony Parish
660 Florin Road • 428-5678
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m Monday through Friday • www.stasac.org

Greenhaven Lutheran Church
475 Florin Road (across from Kennedy High School) • 428-8449
Bible Study & Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:15 a.m.
www.greenhavenlutheran.org

Wrong Pants, Chaplain

Whenever I meet fellow veterans, we'll often engage in some good-natured ribbing. I set up the first joke by announcing that I'm an Air Force vet, which inevitably invokes the response, "Oh, you mean you're a 'Chair Force' vet."

I understand that nickname because Air Force members occupy a lot of chairs doing heavily technical work in places like the Space Force and Cyber Command.

I first met those seat-techies in 1994 while on my first active-duty assignment at Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale, Calif.

Declassified that same year, Onizuka was dubbed the "Blue Cube" because of its shape, color and lack of windows. Outside the cube sat three parabolic dish antennas that the chair jockeys in blue



Spiritual Care
BY NORRIS BURKES

jumpsuits used for "flying" military satellites.

A few miles away, I sat in a chair in our chapel offices on Moffett Field, a Navy base acquired by the Air Force that same year. My workday often included planning worship, counseling and meeting with our staff.

In these days before 9/11, chaplains, like most military officers, wore a simple uniform of sky-blue shirt and dark-blue Poly/Wool pants that resemble blue Dockers. We called the ensemble our "Blues." Add the rank,

name tag and a Protestant cross, and I became an instant chaplain.

It was the same uniform I'd worn for monthly weekend duty as a USAF Reservist, so I quickly mastered the routine for daily wear. We had no one inspecting us for proper haircuts, uniforms or shoe shining. We were all friends and "trusted professionals."

With a 7:30 a.m. daily start, I'd often suit up in my darkened bedroom on summer mornings, leaving the exhausted mother of our four children asleep.

Early one morning I decided to bypass office work to make a few visits around the cube. I walked through classified work areas introducing myself and giving an encouraging word. I returned to the office before lunch with a feeling that I had done some good chaplain-type

work. "Good," that is until I was greeted by Janet, our chapel manager and Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC).

Janet was a law-and-order manager, good with regulations and policies. She had a sharp eye for detail that helped her chaplains stay sharp, too.

I knew something was up when she asked, "What are you wearing today, Chaplain?"

Her question sent me inspecting my shirt for uneaten breakfast.

"Look farther down," she said.

Forget the friendly "Chair Force." I was beginning to feel like a recruit standing before his drill instructor.

Finally, unable to hold her snicker, she said, "Those can't be your uniform pants."

"Why?" I asked, still

staring at my well-creased blue pants.

"They look more like Levi Dockers® than official Air Force Blues."

Suddenly I was the picture of patriotism – a red face on a white man wearing blue pants.

She was right. In my haste to dress in my darkened room, I'd donned my Levi's Ultimate Chino Straight Fit instead of my Air Force Poly/Wool pants.

There's no telling how many airmen on my morning rounds noticed Dockers on their new chaplain. But just like the people in Hans Christian Andersen's fable, "The Emperor's New Clothes," they'd said nothing.

But the sergeant, like the little boy of the story, was the only one brave enough to call out her proud chaplain for his "nakedness."

I tried minimizing my

mistake with the adage, "No one's perfect. We all put our pants on one leg at a time."

"Still," she said, "Perhaps chaplains ought to heed the Jesus protocol and 'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect'" (Matthew 5:48).

But, but..." I stammered as she reloaded.

"And I think even Jesus might tell you that perfection begins with first choosing the right pants."

And with that, I returned home to change pants. My argument no longer had a leg to stand on.

Send email to comment@thechaplain.net or voicemail at (843) 608-9715 or 10556 Combie Rd. Suite 6643 Auburn, CA 95602. Order my latest book "Tell It To The Chaplain" by sending \$20 to same address or online at www.thechaplain.net. ★

Purple Perfection rests in the parking lot.



Free Car Show Charms in Pocket/Greenhaven

Continued from Page 1

what to do. "It took me 2 1/2 years to restore it. When I rolled out of the garage, I drove it to the Autorama and won first place that year," Pace said. That was the 60th Sacramento Autorama in 2010.

He's been driving it ever since, putting in around 100,000 miles to visit car shows and enjoy the ride. Everette and his pretty yellow coupe are regulars at this event, which he's been attending for two years.

In the parking lot, owners sit in the camp chairs drinking brews and eager to tell you about their cars. Most have fully restored their autos, while others are okay with keeping the body a bit rough. They tease each other over who's the best at owning the worst. It's all about having fun and appreciating the cars.



A C8 Corvette sits with its scissor doors open.

This crew keeps their sense of humor intact, too. Classic car culture enjoys sharing hard truths with a bit of fun via vanity plates like "OLDNFAT" and "BROKENOW."

Ben Valencia reminded me luxury sports cars from any decade are invited. Feel free to join the group and bring your 1957 Porsche 356, 1960s Jaguar E-type, or your C8 Corvette with scissor doors.

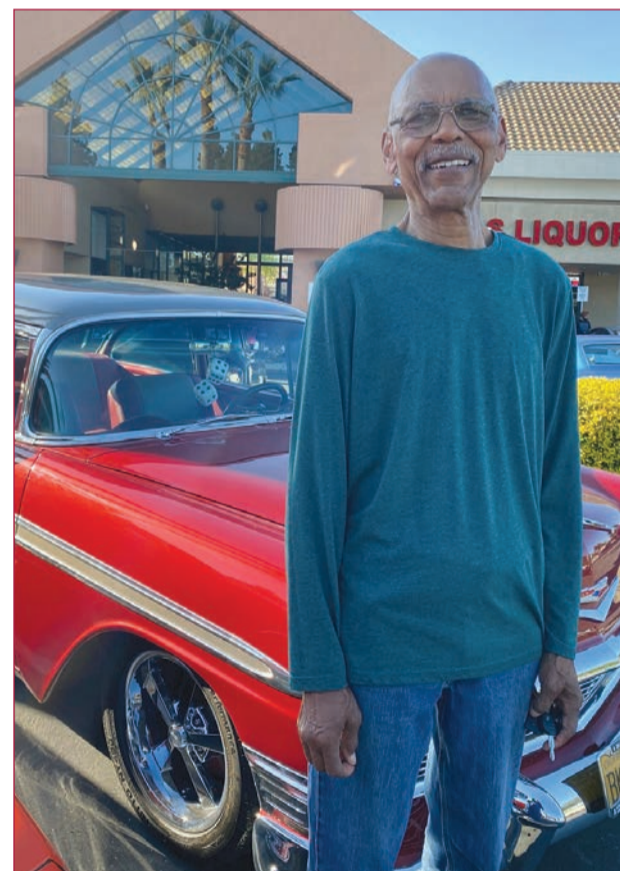
And if you are looking to buy a classic, the lot had a 1960s VW Bug in good condition at a reasonable price.

Guests told me there are two other spots to get a regular "classic car fix." One is Mike's Tuesday Night Cruise in Elk Grove from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (9139-3 E Stockton Blvd), and the other is Burger Junction at 7900 Florin Road on Saturdays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you have a spare afternoon, treat yourself to a good car show. ★



Everette Pace stands in front of his 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe.



Van Watts remembers his own 1956 Chevy.



Fully restored Chevy beauties sit alongside one in need of bodywork.



Erica Tescher
etescher@cfssacramento.org
916 840-2144
Pre-Planning Specialist



Serving Sacramento & Land Park
for over 100 years

GEORGE L. KLUMPP
CHAPEL OF FLOWERS

Ask About Our New
Enhanced Cremation Plan

- Traditional, Green or Natural, and Cremation Plans
- All plans are INTEREST FREE
- Payments Range from 12 months thru 48 months
- Saturday & Sunday Appointments upon request

Call Us TODAY! 916 443-7917

2691 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento 95818 • www.klumppfuneralhome.org



Jessycab Shoemaker
JShoemaker@cfssacramento.org
916 840-2147
Manager of Funeral Services
Funeral Director FDR3709



SAFE Grants \$15,000 to Program Dedicated to Preventing Falls

SAFE Credit Union News Release

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - A \$15,000 community grant awarded by SAFE Credit Union is aiding many residents in the Sacramento region to live safer and fuller lives.

The credit union recently awarded the funds to Rebuilding Together Sacramento's Safe at Home program dedicated to preventing seniors and those with disabilities from experiencing falls at home. The program's volunteers and staff build and install free safety improvements to the homes of qualifying area residents including ramps, railings and grab bars.

"We have an aging population in the Sacramento area that are finding it harder and harder to do the things they love. Much of that is because they can't get in and out of their homes safely," says Rebuilding Together

Sacramento Executive Director Bonnie Patterson. "Donors like SAFE Credit Union allow us to help more and more people. We are very, very thankful to have received this grant."

In 2023, Safe at Home volunteers and staff helped 623 area individuals in 400 homes in El Dorado, Sacramento, San Joaquin counties and in West Sacramento.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in four older adults over 65 experienced a fall in 2020 – equating to an average of 3 million subsequent visits to emergency rooms each year. The CDC also reports that at least one out of five falls can cause serious injuries resulting in adverse quality of life situations for patients, including difficulty getting around, doing everyday activities, and living independently.

"SAFE Credit Union has a long history of helping improve the health of residents through philanthropy



Safe at Home construction volunteers Stan Jones and Dan Ward meet at Rebuilding Together Sacramento's Workshop before going on a job. Photos courtesy of SAFE Credit Union

and Financial Education Rebecca Delmundo. "This grant exemplifies that, and we are so glad to have

been able to support such a time-tested nonprofit."

Founded in 1991, Rebuilding Together Sacramento works to fill the need and enhance affordable housing for older adults and those with disabilities. Along with its Safe at Home program, the nonprofit works with partners to revitalize neighborhoods and reduce energy costs for seniors, as well as works individually with families and children through their programs in addition to seniors and those with disabilities.

"If you go in and install a handrail or a grab bar, a lot of times the folks are just so grateful and so thankful and are just delightful people," says Safe at Home volunteer Dan Ward of Carmichael. "It's good just helping folks out."

Volunteer Stan Jones of the Greenhaven-Pocket area says he has put in hundreds of grab bars in the 12 years he's worked as a volunteer. "The clients are

very grateful for the help that they receive, and our work prevents falls," Jones says.

Rebuilding Together Sacramento's grant was one of two grants selected by a public vote to receive \$15,000. Foster Youth Education Fund also received a \$15,000 grant for its program supporting former foster youth in the Sacramento region with financial scholarships, as well as laptops for students enrolling or attending a college, university or trade school.

SAFE provides grant funding in four cycles each year, including financial literacy. For more information on the latest cycle's focus and application, visit: safecu.org/community/community-impact/funding.

To learn more about Rebuilding Together Sacramento or to volunteer, visit: rebuildingtogether-sacramento.org/. ★

ABOUT TOWN

Your Elks 6 Lodge Needs Your Help!

Help is needed in the office from 9 - 3 Monday through Friday to answer phones, sell event tickets etc.

We also need help in the Rental office to answer the phone.

If you can lend a hand even if it is half a day or one day per week, please contact me and I will get your information to the appropriate person.

For questions or to volunteer call or send text message to Sue Hill 215-327-7712.

Elk's Lodge Calendar of Events Farmer's Market, 9 am-1 pm every Saturday.

Elk's Lodge Sunday Breakfast, 8:30 am-11 am every Sunday. Bring your friends and family; \$15 tax included. Best deal in town. Made to order Omelets or eggs any way you want.. Bacon, sausage, potatoes, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, waffles, coffee large parties should call for reservations. Guests are VERY welcome!

Water Aerobics, Monday 10 am, Wednesday 2 pm, Friday

10 am **Yoga, Monday 12 pm, Wednesday 3:30 pm.** Lodge members free.

Martial Arts, Monday 5 pm
Pickleball, Mon & Wed 9 am-12 pm, Thu 4:30-7:30 pm, Sun 4-7 pm
To sign up or confirm schedule, join playtimescheduler.com

Improv Night, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 6-8 pm
Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30 to 7 pm
See above and elks6.net for weekly menu.

Karaoke Thursday 7 pm Saturday 7:30 pm

Friday Happy Hour, Friday 4-7 pm
Line Dancing, 2nd and 4th Fridays

Friends of Sutter's Fort Announces Discounted Admission Rates

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Friends of Sutter's Fort, in partnership with Sutter's Fort State Historic Park, is proud to present a series of family-friendly events and activations this fall highlighted by holiday themed movies, an all-ages concert, and adventurous self-guided evening tours by flashlight or lantern light.

For those interested in visiting inside Sutter's Fort State Historic Park (that is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily), all Fort admission fees will be waived for the duration of a major roof replacement and seismic stabilization project that is currently underway. Visitors can observe the rehabilitation project firsthand and tour the Central Building, which remains open.

For more information, please visit www.suttersfort.org

Sacramento Area Museums Showcase Region's Farm-to-Fork Roots All Year Long

The Greater Sacramento region is rich with popular museums and destinations that offer diverse and enriching experiences for individuals, families, residents,

and visitors alike. Given the critically important role agriculture continues to play in the region, many local museums offer special exhibits, experiences and activations that highlight ever-enduring Farm-to-Fork connections. A sampling of some of the Farm-to-Fork offerings at local museums includes the following:

California Agriculture Museum – Woodland is home to an entire museum focused on agriculture, filled with a unique collection of harvesters, wheel and crawler-type tractors, combines, trucks, art, artifacts, rotating interactive exhibits and much more.

California State Railroad Museum & Foundation – A Fruit Growers Express refrigerated rail car is on permanent display inside the Museum's Roundhouse. Museum visitors can explore this historic rail car and exhibit, "Farm to Fork: A Public History," and learn about how refrigerated rail cars enabled California farmers, growers, and producers send farm-to-fork freshness all over the country.

Visitors can step inside the historic Fruit Growers Express rail car to see how the ice-cooled rail cars transported produce and built an agricultural system that exports more wealth than the California Gold Rush.

For more information about upcoming activities offered by Sacramento area museums, "like"

them on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/SacMuseums, follow them on Instagram and Twitter @SacMuseums or visit the user-friendly website at www.SacMuseums.org.

Elks 6 Volunteer Opportunities Available

This is just a partial list of ways you can be of service to the Lodge and by extension the community.

- PM Crew - We welcome anyone willing to work but especially if you have experience in mechanical, electrical, general contracting, painting, or plumbing the lodge really needs you.
- Bar Back - Help out the paid bartenders for large events.
- Bartender - Riverside bar for Elks events

There will be a meeting for volunteer bar tenders some time this week. email or text Sue Hill if you want to be on the meeting list

- Sunday Breakfast - Cook, Serve, bus tables
- Wednesday Night Dinners - Help or adopt a night one time or once a month

- Join the membership committee.

Attend events and be available to give tours: Help at membership booth at Farmers Market, Man a membership booth at the Craft Fair or Parking Lot Sale, Make phone calls to members

For more information, call or text Sue Hill 215-327-7712. ★

24 Hours To Give Where Your Heart Is



JOIN THE FUN

Livestream Telethon 3-8pm

An evening of music, cooking demos and community storytelling!

Tune In: accsv.org/bdog2024

In-Person Watch Party

ACC Senior Services
7334 Park City Dr., Sacramento, Ca 95831

Food & Bake Sale

Pre-order accsv.org/bdog2024
Walk-in 12-6PM or until sell-out

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Your generous donation of \$50, \$75, or \$100+ will support programs like ACC Rides Transportation, Lifelong Learning & Wellness, and Caregiver Support.



DONATE TODAY
accsv.org/bdog2024



Start planning now - call to schedule your FREE estate planning consultation today!

WILLS - TRUSTS - PROBATES

PRACTICE AREAS:

- Living Trust
- Advance Health Directive
- Power of Attorney
- Probate
- Conservatorships
- Other Special Planning

UNIQUE TO EACH CLIENT

The incredible team at Yee Law Group's top priority is client satisfaction and serving each client with exceptional professionalism and precision.

Call **916-927-9001** for Free Consultation
4010 S. Land Park Drive, Suite B, Sacramento 95822

mylawyersllp.com

See our awesome reviews on: 



The Budget With a Focus on Traditional City Services



to deliver municipal services, while counties bear the responsibility and funding for social services. Counties receive additional

revenue from state and federal sources, as well as specific taxes, to provide social services. Within this framework, I will apply another layer of scrutiny to guide my decisions: If the City of Sacramento doesn't provide a particular service, who will?

It is clear that if the City of Sacramento does not provide public safety services, both police and fire, no one else will. If the City does not cut the grass in the parks, no one else will. If we do not provide building inspection services nor code enforcement services, no one else will. While public safety and park maintenance

may be more conspicuous, ensuring building safety and proper infrastructure installation is equally critical. These core municipal services demand our foremost attention and allocation of resources.

While my primary focus will be on protecting and improving municipal services, it's important to recognize that the City can still play a role in social services. However, this acknowledgment comes with an understanding that our local government partners are better equipped, both financially and organizationally, to lead in this area. The City can, and

will, collaborate and contribute where appropriate, but we cannot sustainably fund and provide social services that we have neither the resources nor the infrastructure to maintain. In an environment where reductions must be made, we as a council must prioritize funding for services within our sole or primary responsibility, and for me, that means municipal services.

For me, municipal services must have a quality-of-life focus. The City's focus should revolve around ensuring superior public safety, tackling blight in all its forms, and maintaining accessible public facilities.

These priorities align with the feedback we've received from the recent community survey conducted by the city auditor's office, particularly from constituents in the 7th District. This will guide my actions and decisions throughout our budget deliberations.

As we navigate these budgetary discussions, I invite and value your input. Your suggestions and thoughts on where our limited resources should be directed are crucial in shaping the decisions of your District 7 councilmember and of our council. I look forward to hearing your voice on this matter. ★

California Capital Airshow Presents International Headliner July 13, 14

Continued from Page 1

Sacramento for a one-of-a-kind airshow," said California Capital Airshow Executive Director Darcy Brewer. "The return of our night show adds a whole new dimension of excitement to the event. This is going to be an airshow you don't want to miss!"

This unique show features four hours of nonstop aerial performances beginning at 6 p.m. each day. Performers will include the United States Navy F-18 Super Hornet Demonstration Team, U.S. Air Force F-35 Lightning and C-17 Globemaster Demonstration Teams, historic warbirds and highly-skilled civilian performers. As the sun sets, performers will fly with lights and pyrotechnics. The show will conclude with a pyro-musical fireworks show.

Fans are encouraged to sign-up for free as Airshow Insiders on the airshow's website to receive the latest event news and updates. Insiders will receive early access to purchase discounted tickets. Tickets will be available to the public starting May 1. Tickets to this year's event are limited, so those hoping to attend are encouraged to purchase their tickets early.



The airshow will be part of Freccia Tricolori's first North American tour in more than 30 years and is the only location in the Western United States where spectators can witness Freccia Tricolori's full performance. Photos courtesy of California Capital Airshow

generous partners are Sacramento County, the City of Rancho Cordova, Modern Aviation, Keurig Dr. Pepper Snapple Group, Visit Rancho Cordova, Folsom Lake Dodge, Donaghy Sales, SMUD,



Freccia Tricolori consists of 10 high-flying Aermacchi MB-339 aircraft, making it the Guinness World Record holder of the most jet aircraft in a military aerobatic display team.

Thunder Valley Casino Resort, Atlas Disposal, Sunbelt, Teichert, FOX 40, iHeart Media and UPS. In addition, the airshow team is grateful to a long list of committed community supporters, as well

as the teams of law enforcement and emergency services that give their time and energy to keep everyone safe.

Visit CaliforniaCapitalAirshow.com for tickets and event information. ★

New Home New Furniture

Family owned and operated since 1948, Naturwood Home Furnishings is an amazing furniture store providing the absolute best in value, quality, selection, and service. Customers want their home to reflect their personal style; and Naturwood strives to offer as many choices as possible.

The 87,000 square foot showroom has all the most exciting styles and the best brands like Flexsteel, Stickley, Serta and many more. The courteous and knowledgeable staff are ready to help you with all your home furnishing needs. Interior designers are available to visit your home and guide you through a single item design, whole room design, entire house designs, office designs, space planning, furniture selections, fabrics, color coordination, area rugs, accessories and more!

Come to Naturwood today and find your style for your new home!



Martel Club Chair



Jarvis Sectional



Addison Panel Storage Bed



Big Sky Buffet & Accent Mirror

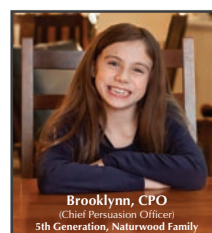


Mon-Sat 10am-6pm • Sun 11am-6pm

12125 Folsom Blvd.
Rancho Cordova
916-351-0227

www.naturwood.com

"Tell 'em Brooklynn sent you!"



Brooklynn, CPO
Chief Revenue Officer
5th Generation, Naturwood Family

Largest Selection of



Products