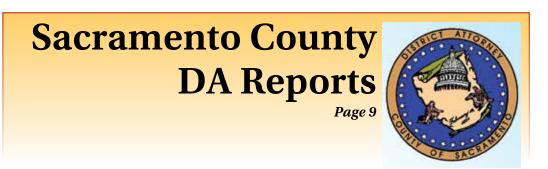


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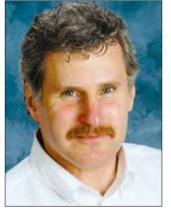
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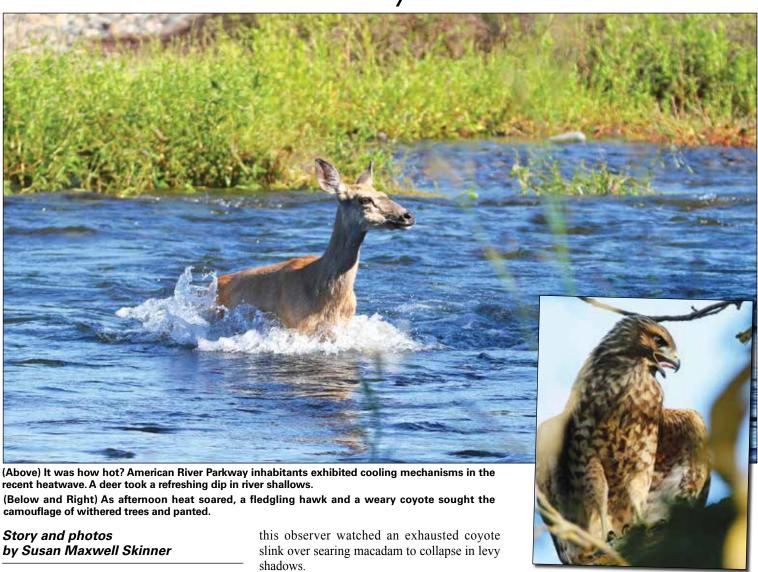
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Oh Deer, It's Hot Out There

American River Parkway Sizzles in Heatwave



(MPG) - Recent triple-digit days challenged species that endure without air conditioning or on-tap water. Already taxed by drought, American River Parkway animals slunk into the shade and waited for cooling nights.

River rafters observed deer swimming near Ancil Hoffman Park; fawns and wild turkey waded in ponds. Squirrels flattened bellies on parched earth. Newly fledged birds panted in parkway trees. Near Jacob Lane,

Though parkway inhabit ants have endured drought and heatwaves over millennia, they still suffer dehydration. The worst heat often occurs when their babies are at their most vulnerable and when creeks and vital food supplies have dried up.

But wild animals have instinctive behaviors for survival. "We often find deer and turkey cooling their heels in our pond," reports Effie Yeaw Nature Center staffer Betty Cooper.

'Coyote find shady spots and scratch the soil down to a cool layer; they hunker down and stay as still as possible. Rattlesnakes coil up tightly under logs to prevent moisture loss. Birds sometimes find little breezes up in tree branches. If they're near an irrigated area, like a golf course, they can stay in cooler spots."

An animal that appears heat-stressed is best left alone. "Wild animals are pretty good at finding a drink," Cooper advises. "If they're heading towards water, stay out of their way. Raptors and reptiles usually absorb enough moisture from what they eat.

"Nature has ways to sort out the strongest animals to survive," she cautions. "Some will die from the drought. That's part of nature, too."

Join the Sons of the **American** Legion Squadron

FAIR OAKS, CA (MPG) - Join the American Legion family! You can make a difference! The Fair Oaks American Legion, Post 383, has chartered a Sons of the American Legion (SAL) Squadron with 23 new members. These new charter members vary in age from young to old, but all have one thing in common: they are the direct descendants of someone who served in the U.S. Armed Forces, even if they are not a Legionnaire. If your parent or grandparent is a veteran, you, too, can join the Legion family.

Membership is now open to males of all ages who would like to make a difference by helping support our local veterans, participating in patriotic holiday observances and other civic functions, and fostering a true spirit of Americanism.

Although Sons has its own membership, the organization is not a separate entity. Rather, SAL is a program of the American Legion. However, SAL Squadrons can determine the extent of their services to the community, state, and

Meetings are on the third Thursday each month, 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1658, 8990 Kruitof Way, Fair Oaks (off Hazel Avenue). For more information, please contact SAL Commander Josh Baker at joshjbaker@msn.com or Dominick Damore, SAL member, at 49dom@comcast. net or (916) 726-9462.

Source: Sheila LaPolla ★

Freedmen's Bureau Project to Make African American Records Available

By Margaret Snider

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - When Linda Bradley of Sacramento got together with her sister and cousins to plan their family's first reunion in the 1990s, she told the others that at family reunions someone always presents family history. They looked at her and said, "Okay, that will be your assignment."

That was the beginning for her. "It went beyond just researching for the reunion," said Bradley. "I'm still researching today. It became like a legal addiction."

Bradley is a member of the African American Genealogical Society of Northern California, Inc., and is instrumental in the annual Sacramento African American seminars that take place every March at the Sacramento FamilySearch Library on Eastern Avenue. In June, she was there to attend the broadcast of a press conference from the California African American Museum in Los Angeles. The broadcast

announced the launch of the Freedmen's Bureau Project for the indexing and online publishing of records of an estimated four million African Americans from the Civil War era.

In 1865, the government-created Freedmen's Bureau gathered information to help with the transition of newly freed men and women and created over a million documents that when indexed can facilitate genealogy and family history research. FamilySearch, a nonprofit organization sponsored by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, purchased copies of these records from the National Archives and Records Administration, "which has carefully preserved and protected them for the American people," said Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Church's Quorum of the Twelve Apostles.

'What one also sees in these records is triumph and hope and resilience," Christofferson said at the conference. "What a great

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This historic photo is of a freed family at a southern plantation in the Civil War era. Photo courtesy of Intellectual



In 1865, the government-created Freedmen's Bureau gathered information and executed documents such as this marriage certificate to help transition newly freed men and women into the community. Photo courtesy of Intellectual Reserve, Inc





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- California's highways are crumbling. It's a simple fact that we need to send more funding toward fixing our transportation infrastructure.

Sacramento Democrats believe that funding must come from increased taxes on fuel and fees on drivers. But the kneejerk reaction to go back to the public tax trough is unconscionable when multiple reports continue to show high levels of government waste. Consider the following facts:

•A recent report by the California State Auditor Report found that Caltrans approved the timesheets of an engineer who played golf for 55 workdays from August 2012 to March 2014.

recently reported that the government email addresses of dozens of California state workers were included in the hacked list of users of Ashley Madison, the online dating site for married people, including employees from Caltrans.

• A report by the nonpartisan and independent Legislative Analyst's Office recommends eliminating 3,500 redundant positions at Caltrans. The report found that this would generate \$500 million annually for road repair, without impacting current construction projects.

If we can afford to pay 3,500 redundant employees to do things such as play golf and seek illicit affairs, we can afford to

pay to fix some potholes!

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The majority party put crumbling roads in the back seat while they pushed forward with fast-lane new spending programs during this year's budget planning. Assembly Republicans have offered a nine-point plan to provide \$6.6 billion to fix our roads without raising taxes, but Democrat leadership has stalled on the plan. It's long past time for the majority party to come to the table to discuss... or maybe they're just stuck in traffic.

For more information. please contact the Assembly Republican Caucus at (916) 319-2012.

Source: Assembly Republican Communications

Almond Heights Senior Living Set to Open

ORANGEVALE, CA (MPG) -Everyone has been watching the construction at 8685 Greenback Lane for the last year, wondering what that big building is going to be and when it is opening. Well, that day is here. Almond Heights Senior Living started welcoming residents at the beginning of September and will have a grand opening event for the general public on September 18th from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

"It has taken a bit longer than we anticipated, but it has been worth the wait," said Bob Harwood, community relations director. "We have built a stateof-the-art building with features that no other building in the Sacramento area has."

The building consists of two distinct areas. The senior living portion is two floors and encompasses 84 individual apartments ranging from studios all the up to two bedroom with two bathrooms. There is also a Memory Care Community with its own separate entrance in the back side of the first floor. It will accommodate just over 30 residents.

There are more common areas in this building than are usually found in a senior living community. When walking through the building, you will see an activity room, movie theatre, living room, great room, wellness room, library, and computer lab, as well as a beautiful, bright dining room that has 30 foot ceilings and serves food all day. There were also a number of smaller sitting areas throughout the building to be enjoyed by residents and their guests.

When we spoke with Enrichment Director, Michele Tsihlas, she gave us a very different view of a senior living enrichment program. "At Almond Heights, we believe in enriching the entire resident and with my background in yoga and fitness, it is like giving every resident a personal trainer in addition to the usual activities you find in a building like ours."

Executive Director Chad Mundy said, "We have technologies at Almond Heights that you simply will not find anywhere else. From QuietCare to

Eldermark, we have systems that keep our residents more independent while giving residents and their families a blanket of security while maintaining their independence."

Another distinction of Almond Heights is their Diabetic Program. 'We have nursing staff 16 hours a day, seven days a week," said Nishi Chand, LVN and health services director. "It's just another way we better serve our community."

"When you add it all up, what vou really have is a boutique community for the value-minded resident," said Harwood. "Deposits are very brisk and we expect them to increase dramatically between now and opening. We are still offering our Founders Club benefits that include a freeze in monthly rent until January of 2018. This has been incredibly popular for residents as they are comforted by knowing their rent will remain the same for so long. What people really need to do is stop by, take a look, and make our community yours!"

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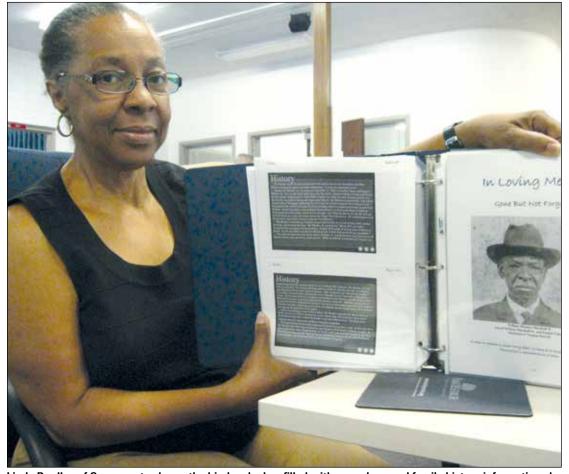


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Freedmen's Bureau Project to Make African American Records Available



Linda Bradley of Sacramento shows the binder she has filled with genealogy and family history information she has collected through years of work. The lines at the bottom of the page on the right say, "A man or woman is never truly dead, so long as a single person has some knowledge or remembrance of them." Photo by Margaret Snider

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testimony to the sheer will and determination of this generation of people who had so little, yet rose to freedom and dignity."

For Bradley and others, the indexing will facilitate use of Freedmen's Bureau records. Researchers will only need to put the name into the search field in FamilySearch to bring up all records related to that name. Indexing will be done largely by African American researchers nationwide. The goal is to complete the work in time for the opening of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture in late 2016. The Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society and the California African American Museum are also collaborating with FamilySearch and the Smithsonian for this project.

Bradley delights in learning about her family members as individuals. She has created a large binder with the stories and records she has discovered, and she has more materials waiting to be organized. She considers it a living project with no end, a fascinating obsession.

"I have the 1865 marriage certificate for my grandfather's grandfather," Bradley said. "I also got where he initially bought one acre of land in Louisiana." She has found microfilmed documents as far back as 1853 for the same person. "I got his parents, him with his siblings, in an 1853 estate probate record for the estate of one of the slave-holders. They listed the family valued at \$4,900."

African American researchers will get first chance to index records. Technical assistance is available at the Sacramento

FamilySearch Library at 2745 Eastern Avenue, located behind the LDS Church. According to Gordon and Janet Orchard, associate directors of the Library, in 2014 there were 7,600 visits and the site has over 80 trained volunteers to help patrons. "When you do indexing, it makes you on fire and it makes you excited to do it," said Janet Orchard.

Besides the voluminous resources available at the Sacramento FamilySearch Library, the LDS church has family history centers at individual meeting-houses located throughout the Sacramento area. For more information about the Freedmen's Bureau records and project, visit http://www.discoverfreedmen.

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Disabled veterans (from left) Dick Brink, Wayne Austin, and Dennis Modin are among volunteers who will assist visiting veteran advisors on September 10th.

Story and photo by Susan Maxwell Skinner

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) -

A Carmichael program promises straight answers regarding benefits and rights earned by disabled veterans.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter # 35 will host a clinic to supply advice to those challenged in health and daunted by bureaucracy. "Veterans of all ages have health problems that relate to their service," explains

Chapter Commander Dennis Modin. "Our event aims to get them started in finding help within the VA system."

A van sponsored by the DAV's National Service Office will bring Oakland-based representatives to the September 10th clinic at the Carmichael Veteran's Memorial Building located at 5750 Grant Avenue. These advocates will supply free advice from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Veterans from all local areas are welcome and DAV membership

is not required for participation.

Visitors should bring their Social Security number, existing claim documentation (if applicable), and records relevant to military service and health condition.

DAV Chapter #35 hosts regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Business convenes at 7 p.m. For information regarding the Chapter or the September 10th program, call (916) 489-6408. ★

FAIR OAKS COMMUNITY UPDATE



By County Supervisor Susan Peters

Through the generosity of the American River Messenger, this column serves to provide an update about matters affecting the unincorporated community of Fair Oaks.

Parkway Labor Day Weekend Alcohol Ban

This Labor Day weekend, there will be a complete ban on alcohol consumption and possession both on land and in the water within the American River Parkway between Hazel and Watt avenues. An exception exists for Ancil Hoffman Golf Course.

In past years, summer holiday weekends had become major problems along the American River, making the parkway less of a family-friendly outing because of fights, public nudity, profanity, and littering.

After the Fourth of July in 2006 when hundreds of rafters and partygoers consuming excessive amounts of alcohol converged on the parkway, the Board of Supervisors restored decorum beginning with the 2006 Labor Day weekend, and the ban is also applicable for Independence Day as well as Memorial Day. As a result, families I have talked to have expressed appreciation for making the American River Parkway a much more enjoyable—and safer—experience for everyone.

Fall Concerts in the Parks

During the summer there were plenty of great free outdoor concerts held in Fair Oaksand the fun will continue with two encore performances in the Foothill Farms area.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19th at Foothill Community Park, 5510 Diablo Drive, for the "Dog Days of Summer," which will feature family fun for everyone including pet adoptions, food trucks, and big trucks. Music will be provided by the band The 8 Tracks. Be sure to catch the fun from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. that afternoon.

Another Concert in the Park will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Pioneer Park, 5100 Verner Avenue near Pioneer School. There will be information booths and children's activities beginning at 1 p.m., with the concert featuring

the John Skinner Band from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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For more information, please visit www.sunriseparks.com.

Visiting with Neighbors

During July, I continued the tradition of holding "Office Hours" by being available to chat with residents prior to the free concert in the park performed in Fair Oaks Village. Before the show. I visited with folks about county matters as they arrived with their blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to enjoy the music.

Last month I participated in a number of neighborhood gatherings during "National Night Out" on August 4th, including visiting with residents at an event organized by the Lake Natoma Heights Neighborhood Association and at a gathering of the West Fair Oaks Neighborhood Watch Group.

I also held my Community Coffee during the morning of August 19th at the headquarters of the Fair Oaks Water District. County Executive Brad Hudson was the guest speaker. I hold these community gatherings five times throughout the year and the next one will be in October. For a listing, please visit my website at bos.saccounty.net.

Susan Peters represents the Third District on the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. She can be reached at susanpeters@

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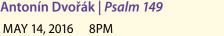
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Dealing with People Who Don't Like You

by Bryan Golden

You could be the nicest, kindest, most considerate person and yet there will be people who don't like you. Being disliked can be disconcerting, especially when you don't understand why.

You want to be the best you can. You want to be liked and appreciated. You want to make people happy. All of these are normal emotions. Encountering people who don't like you is upsetting.

If there is a legitimate reason for someone disliking you, you have an excellent opportunity for self-improvement. When someone has a problem with you, they may provide you with blunt criticism. Where this is the case, don't get defensive. Be thankful for the honest feedback. Strive to correct the offending behavior.

There are many causes for someone disliking you that have nothing to do with you. They may be jealous, insecure, angry, malicious, negative, have personal problems or a poor self-image. You'll drive yourself crazy trying to figure out what their problem is. Don't let them get to you by filling you with self-doubt.

No matter what you do, you'll never please everyone. If you try, you will get extremely frustrated. The human tendency is to focus on and attempt to mollify those people who don't like you. This is a distraction, since you concentrate on pleasing a select few who will never be happy. While you are trying to please the few who

don't like you, you are ignoring those many others who do like you. Additionally, the time you waste responding to inane comments is time taken away from the pursuit of your goals.

Ironically, the harder you try to please these people, the worse they get. There's nothing you can do to win them over. Whatever explanation you offer, they will have a retort to justify their position. Logic, facts, and reality have no bearing on how they feel.

Regardless of how you are being treated, don't react in kind. Becoming, nasty, rude, or inconsiderate, brings you down to their level while compromising your position.

So how do you deal with people who don't like you? Allow their criticisms to roll off your back. Don't let them get the better of you. Often, they are looking to set you off, make you feel bad, or demoralize you. You may be offended, angry, upset, bitter, resentful, or depressed by their comments. Let go of these negative emotions. They are harmful to you while encouraging those who don't like you.

Life is filled with challenges. Dealing with people who don't like you is one of them. Nothing is accomplished by getting annoyed. As your accomplishments grow, so do the number of people who don't like you. Highly successful people have become very adept at dealing with

You will become better at dealing with people who don't like you by visualizing your response to these troublesome individuals before actually encountering them. Visualization is a powerful mental technique where you rehearse potential scenarios over and over. Then when you are actually faced with a similar situation, you won't be caught by surprise.

Watch accomplished people who are in the news. Virtually every one of them is constantly dealing with detractors. Learn from what they do right while avoiding any mistakes they make. Whenever a public figure reacts nastily, it invariably backfires, causing him or her to be considered the offending party.

Welcome people who don't like you as an opportunity for selfdevelopment. This approach will improve your attitude when dealing with them and assist you in responding appropriately. Stay calm and collected while remaining on track. Don't be dragged down by people who don't like

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Praise



By Marlys Johnsen Norris, **Christian Author**

Praise opens the doors to heaven! There is a tremendous power in the action of praise. When praise is used, it does many things. It honors the God of creation and it closes doors to the work of His enemy. Praise warms the heart of God when it is spoken. When praise is spoken, it changes a negative situation into a positive one. The power of praise is magnanimous and touches everything as God's love moves into any situation.

So when something bad

happens to you, instead of breaking out with some negative or curse word, begin praising God who knows all about it. When you do He will move into the situation and change its course. Stop being a part of bad situations and move into action with God who wants to help you capture and encounter a positive resolve.

Haven't we all found ourselves trapped in some kind of situation and remained there because we didn't know what to do? Never let sin trap you. Remember the story in the Bible when Paul was put in prison. Then, when he prayed that an earthquake would happen, the prison door swung open. Yes, first pray and talk to God about your situation and end your prayer with faithful praise that you know God is with you. You may want to break into a song of praise as well. He will change the situation as you continue to fervently praise Him.

God called David a man of His own heart. David was an ordinary but very spiritual man who

acknowledged his wrongdoing when he sinned often. Yet, he believed his sin required accountability to God. He regularly went to God and repented for every sin he committed. God was pleased with David's devout and personal love for Him and David's desire to make things right. God knew the sincerity of David's heart just as He knows yours and mine by the fruit of our lips (Hebrews 13:15). God's dealings with David caused him to love God with his whole heart and soul, so David praised God often and scripture records this. David wrote, "Seven times a day I will praise You, because of Your righteous judgments" (Psalms 119:164). David walked close to God and kept short accounts. How many times a day to we remember and praise the Lord of our salvation?

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In our house, we have a rule that has enabled us to live at peace with one another for more years than I can remember. That rule is simple, "Don't mess with my space and I won't mess with your space."

I must admit some rather close calls have challenged that relationship during those years. I will not say from which side of the house it came from; just that it was not

someone like the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage whom. I must confess is a neat freak, and I am just a plain old messy freak.

My wife cannot relax if something is out of place. On occasion, I will catch her glancing in the direction of "my space" and I know exactly what she is thinking. I do not always know what she is thinking, because that would be very taxing on my thinking machine. But here, I know exactly what she is thinking. She wants to clean up my mess. "Do you need any help tidying up your office?"

I know it is a ploy for her to get her organizing paws on my things and arrange them so I cannot find anything I want, when I want it. Although it may not look like it to her, I am quite organized, thank you.

I guess we have a different idea when it comes to organization.

When I go to the cupboard in the kitchen, I know everything will be in its place. In the bathroom, the same thing goes. Everything is neatly put in its place. She knows where everything is and everything is where she wants it. Well, maybe not quite everything. There are those issues with me.

To make matters worse, she has this idea of cleaning the house on a regular basis. Do you know how

annoying it is to hear the vacuum cleaner running when trying to take a nap? Like clockwork, "our" vacuum cleaner takes its weekly, if not more frequently, run throughout the house. Do you know how much electricity it takes to do that on a weekly basis?

If I had to choose between dirt and electricity, I would choose dirt every time.

My space is just a little bit different. I like to think of my space as actual living/working quarters. It must be quite difficult for It may look like a mess to some Philistine, but I can assure you everything has a place and everything is in its place. I can find what I want when I want it, which is the only thing that really matters. If I cannot find what I need when I need it, then I do not really need it. Life is that simple when you accept "messy" as a lifestyle.

Just recently, my wife suggested that perhaps she could help me organize my office space. I just scowled at her and said, "Don't mess with my space and I won't mess with your space."

She smiled one of those sympathetic smiles she gives everyone she thinks does not know what is going on in the world. Quite frankly, I do not need to know what is going on in the world. All I need to know is what is going on in my world and I have several piles in my office I can consult on that topic.

All offers to help me tidy up "my mess" go unheeded. I like my mess because it is my mess. I made it, I'm proud of it and I love it.

I have grown quite uneasy as of late. Every time I go away, I come back to find some new remodeling project completed in our house. I am starting to believe she sees too much of "This Old House."

I spent a week in California once, only to come home and find the kitchen completely remodeled. Now, I think the plan was for me

not to know where anything in the kitchen is. All the old cupboards have been replaced by newer and bigger cupboards.

I am afraid at this point to raise any kind of an objection. After all, we do have that "my space/ your space" policy and I really do not want to jeopardize that in any

My basic concern is this; I fear when I go for a week and come back "my space" will be so completely remodeled and organized that I will not recognize it and will not be able to find anything I need. What, then, would I do?

If I compliment her on her remodeling jobs, it might make her confident about doing more remodeling jobs which may spill over into "my space." Can you imagine how awful it would be?

It would be a sad day if I came home from some trip and found "my mess" completely gone. What would I do with my life? I would have to start life all over again and you know how expensive that is.

It is tough married to a fix-up guru; then again, I suppose it is harder to be wedded to a mess-up

I have one concession in this area. David said it so well, "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (Psalms 51:7

God specializes in cleaning up messes and preparing people like me for heaven. That's what really

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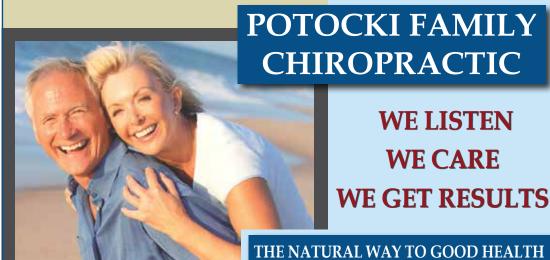
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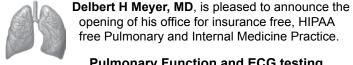
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Upward Sports First Annual Recreational Coach Clinic

SACRAMENTO REGION, CA (MPG) - On September 19th, Upward Sports will host the first annual coach clinic at Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in the Family Life Center. Wellknown college and high school coaches will hold sessions that will assist you in getting the best performance from your players in both practices and games. Below is a sample of the instructors for the clinic.

Danielle Viglione is one of the most energetic and talented skill-development instructors in the basketball world. She played at Del Campo High and holds 10 California state scoring records plus five national records. She broke former USC standout and WNBA player/coach Sheryl Miller's state record for most points in a season. Viglione played at the University of Texas and professionally for the Sacramento Monarchs, as well as overseas. She was also just inducted into the Sacramento Sports Hall of Fame and is currently co-owner of Sacramento Skills Academy.

Bill Baxter is the Assistant Coach Sacramento State Women's Basketball. Before joining the Hornets, Baxter developed a strong winning reputation in the Sac-Joaquin Section with a record of 601 career wins. His teams have won many league titles and championships including a perfect 36-0 en route to a CIF state championship. Baxter has also coached for UC Davis Consumes River College men's basketball team from 1974-1976.

Matt Davis has been coaching 28 years at both the high school and collegiate levels. Currently, he is the Associate Head Coach at CSU Maritime in Vallejo, CA and has also coached at American River College and Menlo College, as well as taking a team abroad to play in other

Ruthie Bolton did her college



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career at Auburn University. She participated in the World University Games in 1991, the FIBA World Championships for Women in 1994 and 1998, and the Olympic Games in 1996 and 2000, where she earned two Gold Medals. Ruthie was

When: September 19th Time: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Price: **\$30** Register: **Online at** upwardstarssacramento.org Space is limited.

selected by the Sacramento Monarchs in 1997 and played for the Monarchs until 2004. Ruthie Bolton is the only Monarch with a retired jersey hanging in Sleep Train Arena. She is currently coaching at Vacaville Christian High School.

Tom Henderson has coached in almost every venue of high school sports, including both boys and girls basketball, varsity football, soccer, and baseball. Henderson was assistant basketball coach at UC Davis from 1975-1978. During that time, UC Davis were the Far West Conference champions from 1976 to 1978. He was assistant basketball coach at UC Santa Barbara for 1980-1983. Tom has 38 years of coaching

experience at both high school and college level.

Chet Kammerer is tentatively scheduled to instruct. After garnering more than 30 years of experience as a coach at many levels and developing an incredible eye for talent, Chet Kammerer begins his 17th year with the Miami Heat and his 10th in the role of vice president, player personnel. Prior to joining the HEAT, Kammerer was an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Lakers from 1992-1994. Following his time with the Lakers, he served as head coach of the Division 1 Professional Basketball Team of Braunschweig, Germany. Kammerer also served as head coach for 27 years in the collegiate level and compiled a remarkable 542-256 (.679) overall record. He coached for 10 years at Grace (Ind.) College and then for 17 seasons at Westmont College where his teams compiled a sterling 359-156 (.697). On March 13th, 2000, Chet was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame for his coaching achievements at the collegiate level.

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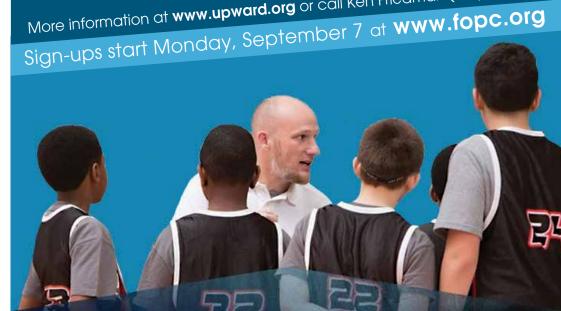
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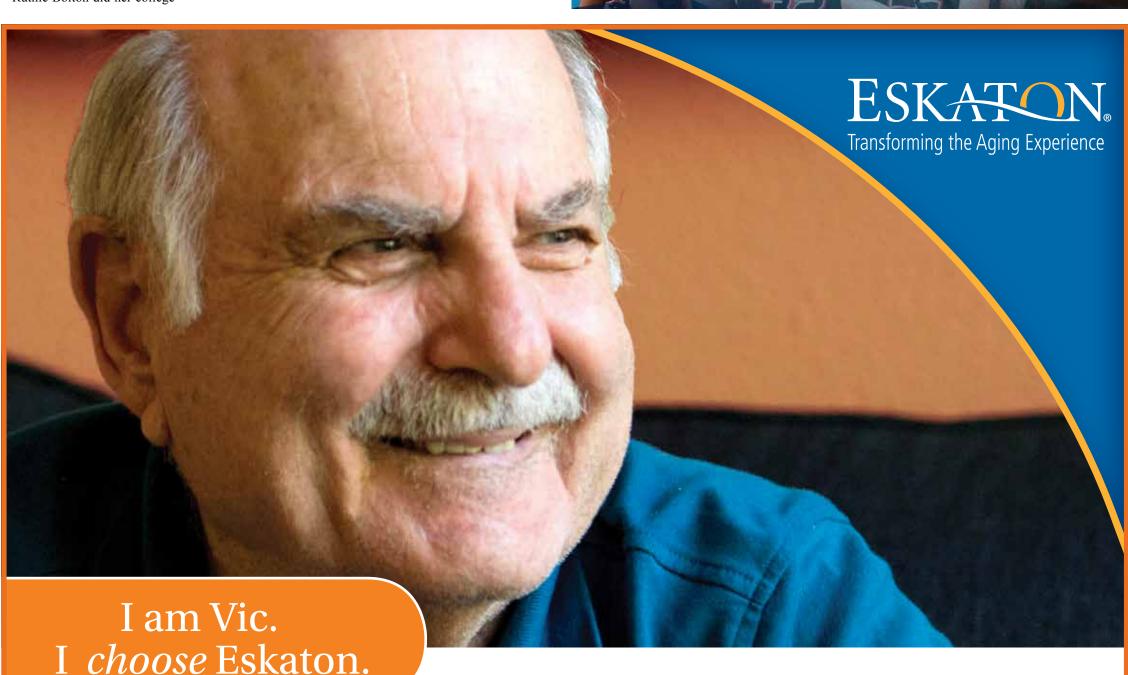
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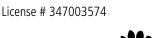
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The victim received a phone call informing him that he missed a jury duty summons. He informed the caller of his permanent waiver due to health reasons and that he is not required to perform jury duty. Undeterred, the scam artist pressed on.

"To fix this problem right away without further action against him, he would be required to pay \$500 right now. If he refused, the authorities would be by his home the following morning to take him into custody," his caretaker recounted to BBB

The resident became suspicious of the call when he was pressed to make payment immediately, and hung up the phone. Following a web search, the would-be victim found a report by Better Business Bureau warning consumers about

jury duty scams. The Sacramento Superior Court also warns residents of scams like these, and on their website advises that if you receive a telephone call from someone identifying himself or herself as a court employee or an employee of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department regarding a failure to appear for jury service, this is a scam. Do not provide any personal information or pay them any money.

Avoid being the victim of a jury duty scam and remember:

- Watch out for the red flags. Courts almost exclusively contact consumers about jury duty by postal mail, not by phone or email. If you receive a phone call in the evening or late at night, it is also likely that it is a scam. Courtrelated calls should come during normal business hours.
- You cannot always rely on caller ID. Scam artists often spoof phone numbers of legitimate organizations to gain the victim's

trust. If you think you are being contacted by a scam artist, ask what their name is and where they are calling from. Hang up, and do a general web search or contact your local BBB to find the phone number yourself to verify.

- Never send money to someone you do not know. Court officials or police departments will never shake you down for payment or personal information over the phone. Requests for payment via wire transfer or prepaid debit card may also be signs of a scam.
- Think you may have missed a jury duty summons? Contact your local courts directly to find out if you missed a jury duty summons.
- Contact your local BBB. If you think you have been contacted by a scam artist, or are unsure how to contact your local court, contact your local Better Business Bureau at bbb.org.

Source: Better Business Bureau ★

Sacramento County DA Reports

Recent cases of interest

CASE: Anthony Junkin

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Darren Goodman, Domestic Violence Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that Anthony Junkin was convicted by jury of premeditated attempted murder, and the allegation that he personally discharged a gun causing great bodily injury was found to be true. He was also convicted of two counts of making criminal threats, one count of witness intimidation, and one count of being a convicted felon in possession of a gun.

Junkin and his girlfriend shared a home in North Highlands. Junkin's friend, Jason Hill, moved in with them for a short time. Junkin became jealous of his girlfriend's relationship with Hill and started threatening them. His girlfriend attempted to break up with Junkin, but he would not leave her alone. He then threatened to kill her and Hill. On November 11, 2014, Junkin shot Hill in the back of the head. Hill survived the shooting, but the bullet lodged into his skull.

Junkin bragged to his girlfriend that he shot Hill. He later threatened she would be next if she went to the police. When he was arrested, a loaded .45 handgun was found in his possession.

Junkin faces a maximum potential sentence of 40 years to life in prison. Sentencing is set

for September 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. in

Department 22 before the Honorable Russell Hom.

CASE: Wade Stevenson
PROSECUTOR: Deputy District

PROSECUTOR: Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, Major Narcotics Unit

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert announced that Wade Stevenson was convicted by jury of manufacturing concentrated cannabis and recklessly burning an inhabited structure.

On January 22, 2014, firefighters responded to reports of a loud explosion and fire at an apartment on Mills Tower Road in Rancho Cordova. Law enforcement located an illegal butane honey oil extraction lab in the bathroom of a ground floor apartment. The blast blew out a neighboring apartment's wall and window.

Stevenson was set on fire during the explosion and taken to the UC Davis Medical Center's burn unit. As a result of the structural damage caused by the explosion, the apartment complex's electrical, gas, and water supply had to be discontinued. As a result, 146 tenants were displaced from their homes.

Stevenson faces a maximum potential sentence of eight years in prison. Sentencing is set for October 2, 2015, in Department 20 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.



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HITMAN: AGENT 47 (Rated R) A Film Review by Tim Riley

Eight years ago, Timothy Olyphant had the starring role of a humanoid killing machine in "Hitman." He's since gone on to better things, such as playing a determined U.S. Marshal in the long run of the TV series "Justified."

Now, I can't exactly remember if the original "Hitman" was good enough for a sequel, but somehow, in the back of my mind, the anticipation of "Hitman: Agent 47" to deliver the action goods at the end of summer seemed to be a reasonably justifiable expectation.

In this new "Hitman," Rupert Friend comes along as the supposedly new and improved model known only as Agent 47, with a barcode tattooed at the back of his neck, which may come in handy when checking out the large stash of weapons he routinely needs for his assignments.

Much like his genetically engineered assassin predecessors, who apparently all used the same tailor, the baldheaded Agent 47's indistinct style is that of sporting a crisp dark suit, a neatly starched white shirt and bright red necktie.

With his sartorial style accented by a colorful cravat, there's no way that Agent 47 will inconspicuously blend into the scenery while running through the Berlin subway system or the streets of Singapore.

Whether intentionally drawing notice to himself or not, Agent 47, armed with an assortment of guns and knives, is on the hunt

Riley Reviews

EVEN WITH HIGH BODY COUNT "HITMAN" MISFIRES ON ACTION FRONT

for a mysterious woman named Katia von Dees (Hannah Ware), who has become the object of attention for nefarious purposes.

Another person on the trail of Katia is the suitably-named John Smith (Zachary Quinto), another secretive man. His intentions initially appear honorable, but he does have a curious interest in Katia's obsession with searching for a mystery man for reasons unknown even to her.

Katia's shabby apartment in Berlin includes a giant wall map covered in post-it notes and newspaper clippings, while large scrapbooks contain scribbled writings and renderings. She suffers a lot of flashbacks and exhibits signs of a heightened awareness of her surroundings.

We have no idea if Katia is suffering from trauma or a mental breakdown, but whatever it is, she is taking enough medications that one hopes she has decent health insurance. Of course, a good health plan is the least of her concerns once the shadowy John Smith and Agent 47 converge on the scene.

What are we to make of Agent 47, a supposedly cold-blooded killing machine absent conscience and human feelings? Is John Smith, a capable fighting force in his own right, really empathetic when he volunteers an escape route for Katia?

At the heart of the mystery is the reclusive Dr. Litvenko (Ciaran Hands), the man who engineered the Agent program years ago and now regrets his invention. Nefarious bad guys are looking for him to get the program refined to create even more insidious killing machines.

The question that won't be fully answered here, lest a

certain amount of surprise is removed from the equation, is who is mostly responsible for wanting to create more mayhem in an already chaotic world?

There are signs pointing to an organization called Syndicate International, based in a gleaming Singapore high-rise, complete with the obligatory helicopter pad required for the criminal mastermind's inevitable escape.

Note to self: any time the word "syndicate" is used to describe an organization, it's an excuse to default to understanding this to be a criminal enterprise. After all, this was the case in the most recent "Mission: Impossible" film

A good candidate for supreme leader of the forces of evil is Le Clerq (Thomas Kretschmann), if only because he is surrounded by machine gun-toting bodyguards and never leaves his fortified high-rise lair, even to mingle with his own staff.

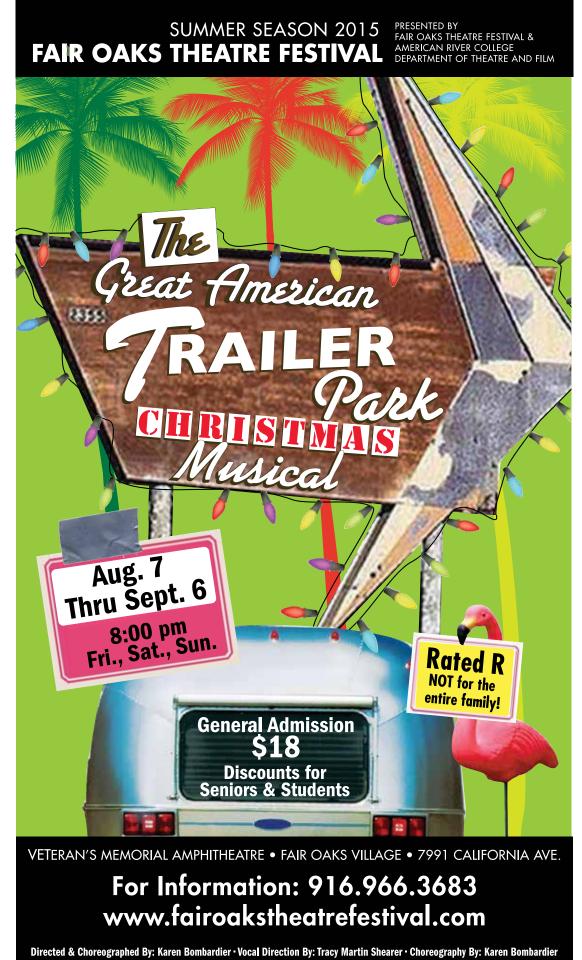
As the story moves along, Agent 47, an unstoppable killing force of nearly inhuman skills, exhibits traits of humanity beneath the surface. But mostly, he's just an indestructible machine capable of wiping out platoons of armed assailants.

Strip "Hitman: Agent 47" of its precious few moments of human interaction, and what you get is an orgy of gratuitous violence that is not surprising for a film originally adapted from an eponymous videogame.

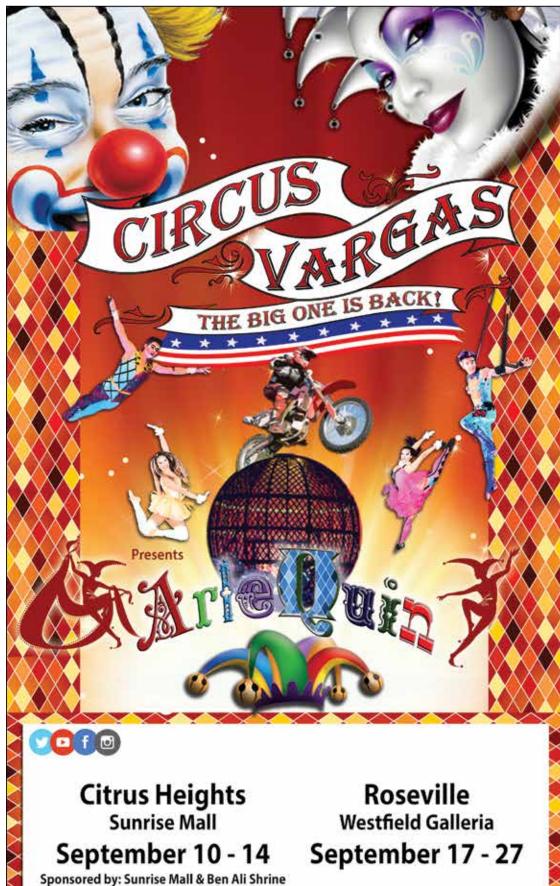
The body count is so high in this film that it is easy to imagine that Agent 47 probably killed more people in the opening minutes than James Bond ever did in the entire span of the last 50 years of the 007 franchise.

In the end, it takes more than a plethora of shootings to make an action picture truly memorable on all fronts.

"Hitman: Agent 47," with its moments of suspense, comes up short on character development. But who has time for that when gunplay and violent mayhem take up almost the entire 96-minute running time?



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The Divide

It will reach into the hearts of many of us who have had regrets in our lives and who wish they could make up for it. The movie is called The Divide and is being shot in Cool, California. The Divide is the dream of veteran actor Perry King. You will recognize him for so many Hollywood movies like The Lords of Flatbush and Slaughterhouse Five, but perhaps the most recognizable names would be Detective Allen Cody from the

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iconic 1980s TV series Riptide and the made-for-TV movie The Cowboy and the Movie Star in 1998. It was after Cowboy that Perry decided he wanted to be his character. That's when he purchased a 500-acre cattle ranch in the Sierra Nevadas, the King Ranch. He splits his time between the craziness of La La Land and the serenity of Northern California. But he had a dream a dream to film a western on his own land. Now his dream has become a reality as he is shooting The Divide in the heart of Gold Country known as "The Divide." So the movie is called The Divide.

The movie script was actually written to fit his ranch life. He and Janet Brown made it come together. I got to visit with

Perry on the set of his production, and he told me that a successful movie must make a promise. He told me that the script should make you get involved with the story and take away something that resonates in each of us. In The Divide there are three separate people who need help and redemption, each crushed by the weight of life. Sam Kincaid, Perry's character, is in great pain. He is estranged from his daughter, his wife is dead, so what is left? I can't tell you the ending, because you have to see the story itself. I can tell you it will relate to all of us who have dealt with loss and found a resolution.

Perry is also directing this movie, and I asked him if he doesn't get a bit schizophrenic acting and directing



simultaneously. He laughingly said, "It's like riding a horse and leading a horse at the same time." But he loves cowboys and westerns and added that westerns were created here in the U.S. It's a form of black and white, good versus bad. They have a purity of nature. He is less than pleased with so much—as he put it—"empty cartoon violence." It might make money for the studios, but it has no redeeming

I also have to add that I have never met an actor like Perry King. He has character and is so willing to share his talents with others. That was verified by many, including Bryan Kaplan who stars in the movie. It's nice to know actors like these still exist with all the nonsense we hear about in Hollywood these

The movie shoot will be completed by the end of September. Perry's intent is to premiere

The Divide at the State Theatre in Auburn sometime next year. Guess what? That's where I broadcast from—AM-950 KAHI, the noon news, and POPPOFF Radio Show. By the way, Perry will be joining me on POPPOFF after the filming is done. I really

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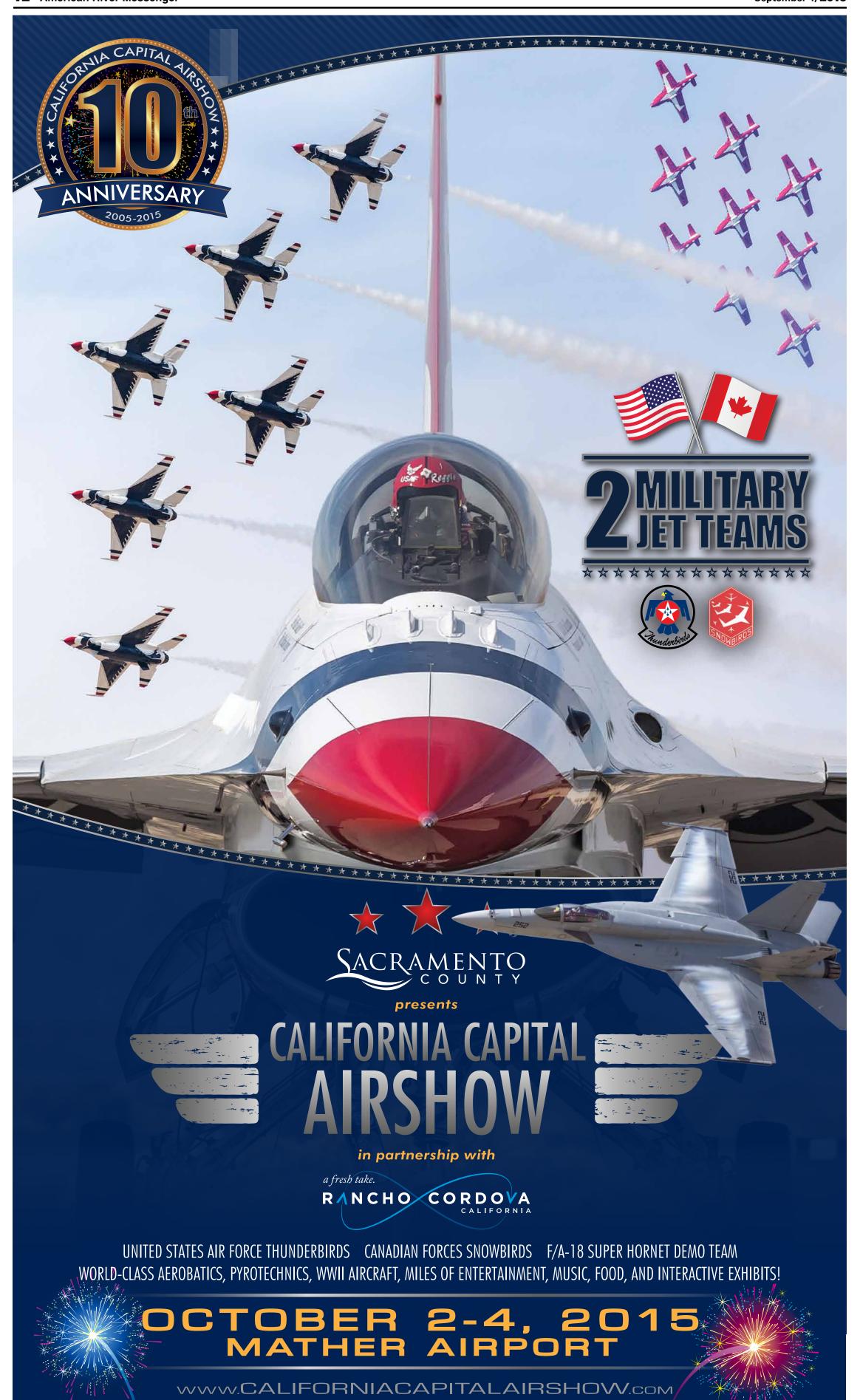
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