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NEWS FROM ABOVE

California Capital Airshow Lands Thunderbirds

The United States Air Force (USAF) recently announced that the Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron will perform at the California Capital Airshow as part of Air Force Week 2007. Sacramento County is one of only six locations in the country that will participate in Air Force Week. The other regions are Phoenix, St. Louis, New England, Hawaii and Atlanta.

The second annual California Capital Airshow is scheduled for June 9-10, 2007.

"Considering this is the 60th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force, it is an honor to be included in the Thunderbirds' 2007 demonstration schedule and be selected as an Air Force Week region," said G. Hardy Acree, California Capital Airshow Board Chair. "Landing this prestigious event serves as recognition of the region's rich aviation history including the roles played by former Air Force bases: Mather and McClellan."



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SMF Passengers - Need Last Minute Gifts?

Travelers searching for last minute gifts need look no further than Sacramento International Airport. Ticketed passengers in Terminal A can shop at any of seven stores featuring toys, golf attire, Sacramento souvenirs, electronics, books and more. On the lower level of Terminal B, the CNBC Stores are open to all airport visitors. Upstairs, Terminal B-1 passengers can browse for travel related items at Capital Travelmart.

As a special holiday gift, several stores at Sacramento International Airport are offering a 30% discount to all active duty military personnel through December 24, 2006. Participating stores are Capitol Marketplace, Capital Travelmart, CNBC News, Details, Hometown Favorites, KidZoo, and the PGA Tour Shop.

For a guide to the stores and restaurants at Sacramento International Airport, please visit the [Terminal Guide Web page](#).

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Frequent Flyers Arrive at SMF's Terminal B

Nature's frequent flyers are featured in the latest art exhibition in Terminal B at Sacramento International Airport. Early this month, the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission installed a selection of digital photo prints of birds from California's Central Valley.

Since 1998, local artist Jim Dunn has been capturing images of wild birds in their native habitat. His work has been published in numerous domestic and international publications, field guides, reports, and in Time Magazine. In addition to photography, Dunn has developed camera and telemetry systems for spacecraft, including Voyager and the Space Shuttle.

The exhibition, which includes images of an egret, a red-shouldered hawk and more, is on display throughout Terminal B until March 8, 2007. For more information on the artist and his body of work, please visit www.avian-images.com

The Sacramento International Airport Gallery is a public space dedicated to showcasing local and regional artists. The gallery is facilitated



Great Egret - Cosumnes River Preserve © Jim Dunn

December 2006 - This photo of a Great Egret is on display at Sacramento International Airport through March 8, 2007.

through the Art in Public Places Program of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, a City/County Agency, and in cooperation with the Sacramento County Airport System. For further information on programs and opportunities available through the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission go to: www.sacculture.com

New Water Facility Now Open at SMF

Sacramento International Airport recently celebrated the opening of its new domestic water connection facility. Operations at the facility began in November, ending Sacramento International Airport's dependency on well water. The two storage tanks located South of Interstate 5 hold 2.8 million gallons, enabling the airport to continue potable water delivery for up to 24 hours after an interruption of service.

"By ending our use of well water, we are preparing the airport for future development," said Director of Airports Hardy Acree. "This is the first of many projects that will improve the infrastructure of the airport, enhancing service and enriching the potential of the region as a whole."

Each 23-foot-tall tank is 110 feet in diameter and holds 23 million pounds of water. The weight of the water is almost six times that of the concrete used to construct the tanks. Nearly four miles of pipeline support the new facility, which is monitored collaboratively by Sacramento County's Airport System, Water Resource Agency and Construction Management and Inspection Division, and the City of Sacramento.

Flight Numbers		November 2006	November 2005	Last 12 Months 2006	Last 12 Months 2005
Passenger traffic at Sacramento International Airport was up 3.3% in November 2006 compared to November 2005.	International Airport				
	Passengers	871,952	844,069	10,326,240	10,185,377
	Air Freight (Tons)	6,237	5,319	69,745	67,300
	Aircraft Operations	13,508	14,264	171,367	167,763
	Executive Airport				
	Aircraft Operations	7,876	9,437	109,494	118,145
	Mather Airport				
	Air Freight (Tons)	6,187	5,731	68,254	63,587
	Aircraft Operations	6,110	7,121	78,698	85,520