

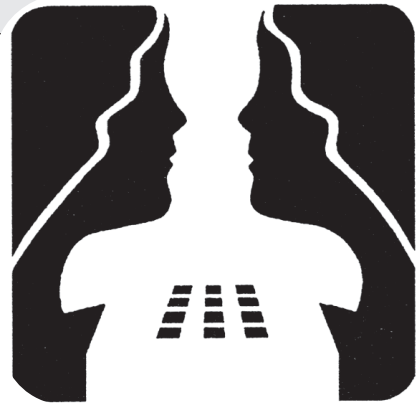
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## Rape Crisis Intervention & Prevention

Adults who experienced sexual violence as a child are not alone. No matter what, the abuse was not their fault.

Adult survivors live with these memories for a long time. Some survivors keep the abuse a secret for many years. Often when people are in recovery, experience partner abuse or if their perpetrator dies, all of these unwanted feelings come flooding back. They may have tried to speak to an adult or felt there was no one they could trust when the abuse occurred. For these reasons and many others, the effects of child sexual violence can occur many years after the abuse has ended. There is no set timeline for dealing with, and recovering from, this experience.

If someone you care about suffered sexual violence as a child your reaction can have



a big impact on the survivor. It is not always easy to know what to say, but you can help the healing process begin.

Rape Crisis intervention and Prevention is the perfect resource and are always there to help and listen.

Open and affirming to all; regardless of gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.



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## Chico's Premier Property Management Company

Blue Oak Property Management is a full service residential property management company that has deep roots in the Chico community. Owners Michael Roth, Cameron Goehring, and Chris Herbert, lead their team of experienced real estate professionals in helping many small business owners and property investors. The majority of their team are graduates of Chico State and all are dedicated to making our community a better place to live.

Blue Oak is small enough to provide hands-on customer service but large enough to meet all your management needs. They understand that owning and managing your investment properties is time and labor intensive. From late night



maintenance calls, showings and lease signings to inspections, bill paying and keeping up with California tenant laws, the amount of time spent managing your own property can be exhausting to say the least. These services Blue Oak provides take all of this off of your hands making life a whole lot easier. BRE # 01882206



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Maurice Huffman, owner of Swiss Link Military Surplus, plans to permanently move operations to Chico.  
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## Big move

Paradise military surplus business  
re-establishes presence in Chico



The stench of the Camp Fire permeated the cold warehouse in south Chico.

It was a month after the fire destroyed Maurice Huffman's military surplus business in Paradise, melting 40,000 square feet of merchandise, including priceless items collected over decades. It was back to square one for Huffman and the roughly 12 employees who stuck around. No computers. No inventory. Just phones.

There also was the fear of being left in the dust. Huffman said only four companies do what his Swiss Link Military Surplus does—importing military surplus and selling at wholesale—"and we are the tiny one."

"I could have been wiped out right there and then from the competition—easily," Huffman said. "I've been a thorn in those big companies' back for a long time."

Huffman said he and his crew at Swiss Link, which was founded 25 years ago, took a beating but are on the upswing. They've been operating out of a warehouse on Hegan Lane and have plans to

move to a new building nearby on the Midway by April. Continuing operations in Chico is an exciting prospect, Huffman said, but the road to recovery has been arduous.

"We had to call all of our customers and tell them that we're still alive and we're still in business," Huffman told the CN&R. "Everything was just smelling bad, and everything was still chaos. Traffic. People. ... The first six months and [the] whole year—it's the craziest I've ever experienced."

Huffman—perhaps best known locally as the frontman of Big Mo & The Full Moon Band—lost much in the fire, including his family home and rental properties, music equipment and master recordings, and some of his soul. A prolific songwriter, Huffman said the melodies vanished after the blaze (see "Post-fire blues," April 11, 2019).

In those early months, Huffman tried coping by staying busy. He flew to Europe to meet with vendors, finding pallets of old military gear to ship back to Chico for repurposing. He also devoted much of his energy to making sure those around him were OK. It got to the point where, Huffman said, he'd become physically exhausted, but couldn't sleep. Performing helped.

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