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Fountainhead brewer Daniel Moffatt with co-owner and operations manager Mark Bojescu. Fountainhead, located at 4621 24th St. should be opening in the next few weeks.

Fountainhead Brewing Company nearing completion, to open this month

By MONICA STARK
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This story begins six years ago when Daniel Moffatt began brewing beer at home, gradually perfecting his craft. Hooked almost immediately, he started learning about the science behind the art. A self-taught brewer, he's come a long way; and with co-owner Mark Bojescu, he'll be opening up Fountainhead Brewing Company (4621 24th St.) within the next few weeks. Neighbors: expect a special invitation for a soft opening soon.

Hollywood Park residents might recall an old mechanic shop called Ted's German Auto on 24th Street near Panama Pottery. Well, Ted's son, Mark Bojescu,

and friend Daniel Moffatt have spent the last two and a half years transforming the space into Fountainhead Brewing Company. A mechanic for the last 25 years, "my father (Theodore Bojescu) decided to retire and the right timing was there," says Mark.

The timing was on point. Mark grew up in Sacramento, helping Dad in the shop, pushing the broom, handing him tools and "whatever else that needed to be done to assist in the business." Mechanics just wasn't a passion and he decided to venture off and do other things.

As for Daniel, a Sacramentan for the past 11 years, he hails from New Mexico,

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born and raised in a small town. Having taken a few trips to California, he's always been drawn to the western state, but the Bay Area was too expensive and a friend recommended Sacramento. "I love Sacramento," he says.

An account manager for the Coca-Cola Company, Mark conveniently met Daniel, a manager for Toys R Us, and in the large world of retail, they bonded over good times and beer, chiefly Daniel's concoctions.

Sitting inside Fountainhead for an interview last week, the two friends yelled off each other quite well.

"We've been in retail for a long time. Our retail paths crossed about five years ago. Both of us had bigger goals, and it turned out they lined up with each other. So that's pretty good," Daniel says.

"How about that, huh?" Mark responded lightly.

Asked what his main role in the operations at

Fountainhead, Mark said, "Just the tasting park... I am a supporter of Daniel's brewing abilities. My favorite would have to be the blonde ale. For me, it's a crisp refreshing taste I enjoy consuming."

Fountainhead will be offering six beers to start ranging from Mark's favorite all the way down to the stout. With plans on experimenting and rotating beers as time progresses, Daniel says, that's the "beauty of having a small craft brewery. You can change it up as much as you want."

And, as Mark says, "it's hard to have same flavor as the other guy. We're going after a passion of doing what we love. Drinking beer and hanging out."

Never coming from the point of making money, the pair genuinely comes from a place of passion and general interest in the craft. From an oily messy mechanic shop with heavy equipment in place and grease on the walls, to a clean and modern brewery, the space's transformation will soon be shared with

the public. As for Theodore, "he's still amazed at what it looks like," says Mark.

Without any major contractors with them, Mark and Daniel are just a couple of guys starting a business. They learned the hard way. "You think you're ready, then the inspector comes," Daniel says.

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With a start and finish on Capitol Mall, half marathons don't get much better than this. After the first few miles of just the half marathon runners, you'll join the full marathon course for a beautiful run along the Sacramento River, down towards Land Park, then you'll head back up towards downtown and finish back on Capitol Mall in front of the Capitol Building. This course is USATF certified.

There are four legs to the Pony Express Marathon Relay. Each of these legs vary in length and see a different part of our historic city. Registration is available for teams of two to four. Which leg will you choose?

The 5K distance is a loop that starts and finishes at the full marathon start line. You'll get to see historic Old Sacramento, the Pony Express monument, and the beautiful Sacramento River. This course is not certified.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Sacramento, prices can be found on the event website: ponyexpressmarathon.com/.

The inaugural Pony Express Marathon has chosen two beneficiaries. They also have two other "charity partners" they'd like to help with their fund raising efforts. They have partnered with CrowdRise to help all four of these organizations reach their goals.

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The Rotary Club of Sacramento is one of the largest in the world and has been active for more than 100 years. For most of those years the club has contributed to local and international charities as a result of fund-raising efforts.

Runnin' for Rhett was founded in honor of Rhett Seevers, who passed away at age seven from severe cerebral palsy. In Rhett's short life, he inspired many people with his infectious smile and will to live. After Rhett's death, his parents, Beth and Randy Seevers, dedicated their memory of Rhett to utilizing FITNESS and MOVING to help others – do what Rhett wanted to do so badly but couldn't.

Throughout the year, Runnin' for Rhett offers marathon, half marathon, and 5K training programs, as well as various events. These trainings and events serve as fundraisers for Runnin' for Rhett's Youth Fitness Program, an after-school program where annually 3,000 students from 50+ schools learn about fitness and nutrition as they train to run in a 5K race.

Coffee Garden now closed, but owner has plans on re-opening

By **MONICA STARK**
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Neighbors wanting their regular cuppa at their regular neighborhood hangout were met with an irregular cardboard "closed" sign at the Coffee Garden in Curtis Park. As passersby questioned the shuttered coffee shop, rumors surrounding business dealings surmounted as owner Mike Madsen is optimistic he will revive it.

Jennie Krausse, who opened up ESH Gallery next door just last month in Madsen's former gallery space, wrote the newspaper, stating she tried to get coffee the day the police were inside, closing shop. On March 1, she wrote the following message to the newsroom as a response to our inquiry: "It was super super sad. I was in getting coffee that day and they had police behind the counter, tax men shutting down and reviewing the register and workers had been leaving for days for lack of payment. I have called the owner over and over asking to at least take it over or buy him out, so we could keep it open but he does not return my calls ... The policeman told me that it was the result of trying to 'cheat the system' which makes sense to me cause if you don't pay your taxes and bills due, you close right? So sad, as such a great place to hang your hat and kick off your shoes and relax. Wish we could open it back up."

The crux behind her statement regarding Madsen not paying his taxes or bills does not fall on deaf ears. In fact, it's the gist behind the energy he has to re-open the coffee shop.

"I worked too hard for it. I'm not finished with what I am going to do with it and I'm not going to let someone else take it over," he said in an interview with the Land Park News over the phone from bed-rest after a recent knee surgery.

With \$20 in his bank account, Michael said he's ready to go after the Board of Equalization because he feels they're partly responsible for the mess. "I want to sue the Board of Equalization for unfair business practices. They say sign this paper, and they'll audit you for three years. They did the audit. Stuff was in order, then they watched the register for five days from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. Then, they started watching the register to make sure if we were taxing

correctly. Employees would have to ask (customers) if it's for here or to go. If it's for here, it's taxed ... all carbonated and hot foods are taxed. Muffins weren't taxed. The system is so screwed up; I paid all the taxes I ever collected. I paid them until this audit. I've only been trying to expand. For 10 years, I wanted new tables for the inside and outside. When I opened shop, I bought all used stuff. I was up-to-date on the taxes until the audit, then I fell behind because of it ... Then they want you to start paying in advance and checks started bouncing. Now I owe \$110,000 ... Staff quit because their checks were bouncing."

Michael said he's called his senator months ago, but never heard back. "She's got my case now."

Asked how he intends on re-opening he said he's going to keep going after the board of equalization, remodel the shop and "just re-open."

"I still have my license. Nobody's going to shut me down ... It's going to be reopened. I am re-opening it somehow. I'm not giving up on it. I worked too darn hard for it."

On Dec. 28 of last year, Michael wrote a tribute to the shop in celebration of its 10 years in business. Always the thought of the Coffee Garden being a place where folks could come an enjoy coffee and maybe purchase a plant or garden art, Michael described some of the highs and lows in being in business, as follows: "I also want to do it in a place that we owned. That took a while; I actually found the building myself. It was less than a mile from my realtor's office and was on the market for nine months. I actually got a finder's fee to find my own building. The reason we didn't open until December 2005 because my dad Pat's cancer came back in May of that year, so I spent most of my time there helping my mom and my dad until he passed away in Stockton. My dad Pat never got to finish the project, but he knew I would get it done... Well, I didn't want to get up and get things done after Pat passed away less than 30 days of work, but in the meantime another cop shop opened on the corner of Fifth and Franklin ... They beat me to the finish line. I wasn't really worried ... because I knew mine would be much bigger and nicer. I just felt sorry for him because he put



all this money and energy into it and he closed within two months.

"Well, this last year-and-a-half -- it's really rough. I had minor heart surgery and I split up with my partner of many years. It has just been a rough year. I have been fighting the board of equalization over (an) audit and it's been hard to make ends meet. There has been a lot of new faces at the coffee shop employee-wise, so this is the start of our 11th year. I'm not finished with what I started at the Coffee Garden so hopefully will be around for another 10 years. I just want to thank all my customers and friends for the friendship and seeing baby bumps turn into 10 year olds is kind of cool. I also want to thank my family and friends for sticking by me. All I ever want to do is put out the best product best customer service and have a great place for people to hang out and have fun. We're almost there. I know we'll make it. I do not give up easy, hardly ever and I'm not about to start."

The Coffee Garden truly has been a place for community gatherings, art shows, club meetings. They've hosted the annual bike light parade in December with proceeds benefiting different nonprofits, including the Tubman House and SPCA.

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POLICE LOG

Compiled by:
MONICA STARK

The news items below are collected from police dispatchers' notes and arrest reports. The information in them has often not been verified beyond the initial reports. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Reporting Date: Tuesday, Feb. 23
(DUI): 2700 block of 5th Street at 4:25 p.m.:

Officers stopped a vehicle for an infraction violation. The driver was contacted and arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence.

Reporting date: Thursday, Feb. 25
(Burglary): 6100 block of Wycliffe Way at 7:53 p.m.

Officers responded to a cold burglary report where the suspect entered the house through a back sliding door. The house was ransacked and several items of value were stolen. A report was generated and the case remains active.

Reporting date: Saturday, Feb. 27

(Vandalism): 6100 block of McLaren Avenue at 2:20 p.m.

Officers responded to the residence regarding a report of vandalism. The intoxicated suspect reportedly broke the window of a nearby home and was detained by officers. The man was arrested for vandalism.

Reporting date: Sunday, Feb. 28
(Robbery): 5000 block of Freeport Boulevard at 12:32 a.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a robbery. The victim was confronted by the occupants of a vehicle who took her property and fled from the area. A report was generated.

(Assault): 7300 block of 21st Street at 11:05 p.m.

Officers responded to the residence regarding a report of an assault. The victim was standing in front of the location when the occupants of a vehicle drove by and shot him with a BB gun, causing minor injuries. A report was generated.

Reporting date: Feb. 29
(Suspicious Package): 2600 block of 17th St at 7:49 p.m.

An officer responded to suspicious package that was sent to the above location. The package originated from out of state. The homeowner held on to the package for a few days and went out of town. When she returned, she opened the box and found that it contained marijuana and honey oil. A report was generated, information was relayed to the USPS Inspector and the marijuana booked as evidence.

Reporting date: March 3
(Family Disturbance): 2700 block of 34th Avenue at 8:55 p.m.

Officers responded to the above residence regarding a family disturbance. A despondent family member was reportedly causing a disturbance. Officers arrived on scene and attempted to contact the man, but

he refused. No injuries were reported.

(Assault): 7100 block of South Land Park Drive at 10:58 p.m.

The victim was walking into the above business when an argument reportedly erupted with an unknown suspect. The suspect assaulted the victim causing a non-life threatening injury. The suspect fled in a vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and canvassed the area for evidence. A report was generated and the investigation remains active.

Reporting date: March 4
(Vandalism): 3900 block of Franklin Boulevard at 6:17 a.m.

Two unknown suspects broke a window to a vacant location. Officers checked the area for the suspects. It is unknown at this time if anything was removed from the property. A report was generated.

Reporting date: March 5
(Vehicle Accident): 8th St / X St at 6:39 p.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a vehicle accident. One of the involved parties was evaluated and arrested for suspicion of DUI.

(Disturbance): 2800 block of Broadway at 9:04 p.m.

An officer responded to the location regarding a report of disturbance. Officers made contact with one subject who refused to leave the business. Upon contact, the woman became combative, but was eventually detained following a struggle. She was arrested on multiple charges.

Reporting date: March 6
(Intoxicated Subject): 2300 block of Broadway at 11:05 a.m.

Officers responded to the location on a call for service where they located an intoxicated subject who was causing a disturbance at a business. The suspect was arrested for multiple narcotics offenses as well as public intoxication.



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Billy Rico: Lifelong lover of baseball remembered

Rico was player-manager of Carmichael Firemen's 1946 Canadian-American 'World's Series' champions

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
Special to Valley Community Newspapers

Former Riverside area resident William F. "Billy" Rico died at the age of 93 on Feb. 18, leaving a legacy as a lifelong lover of baseball.

More than a half-century ago, Rico was a member of a locally famous championship baseball team.

In 1946, he both managed and played for the Carmichael Firemen baseball team, which was sponsored by Carmichael Fire Department Chief Dan Donovan and won the first Canadian-American "World's Series" for Non-Professional Baseball.

"We were world champions (of non-professional baseball)," Rico recalled in 2011. "Winning that 'World's Series' really sticks in my mind."

Despite finishing in second place in the 48-team semipro tournament, the Sacramento County League champion Firemen were invited to compete for the international title, since the first place, St. Joseph, Mich. team, which included several former major league players, could not compete in the series because of its need to fulfill league obligations.

The Carmichael team did not disappoint their many hometown fans, as they won the seven-game series, which was held at Lawrence Stadium in Wichita, Kan., in five games.

In the final game of the series — an 8-2 Firemen's victory against a team from Windsor, Ontario, Canada on Sept. 10, 1946 — Rico contributed two hits, scored one run and batted in two runs.

The Wichita Beacon's next day coverage of that final game includes the following words: "Carmichael had two big three-run innings, scoring in the fifth on a walk and a hit,

then Rico's single brought in two runs after two were out. Following the game, trophies were presented both teams. The Coleman, for the winners, went to Bill Rico, manager of the California club."

Rico was named the tournament's most outstanding manager, and Les Lollis, the team's only African-American player, was recognized as the tournament's most valuable player.

Rico, during his 2011 interview, commented about what it was like winning that championship.

"It was really great," he said. "We had a good bunch of guys. It was a great ball club. It was a tough (tournament). You take them Texas ball clubs and the Oklahoma ball clubs, they're tough people. I mean, when they slide into you, you know it. They hit you hard."

Rico said that his return home from the tournament was also a very memorable experience for himself and other members of the team.

After arriving by train to Stockton, the team was escorted by the California Highway Patrol to the state Capitol, where bands were playing and a large crowd had gathered to greet the team.

Rico fondly spoke about that experience.

"Coming to Sacramento and getting the reception that we did was really great," he said. "There were about 2,000 people at the state Capitol and the governor (Earl Warren) was there to greet us."

Following the gathering at the Capitol, a party was held for the team at Donovan's Corner, a business owned by Donovan.

The following year, the Firemen placed fourth in the same tournament, which had been expanded to 52 teams.

In a remembrance article about the team 25 years later,

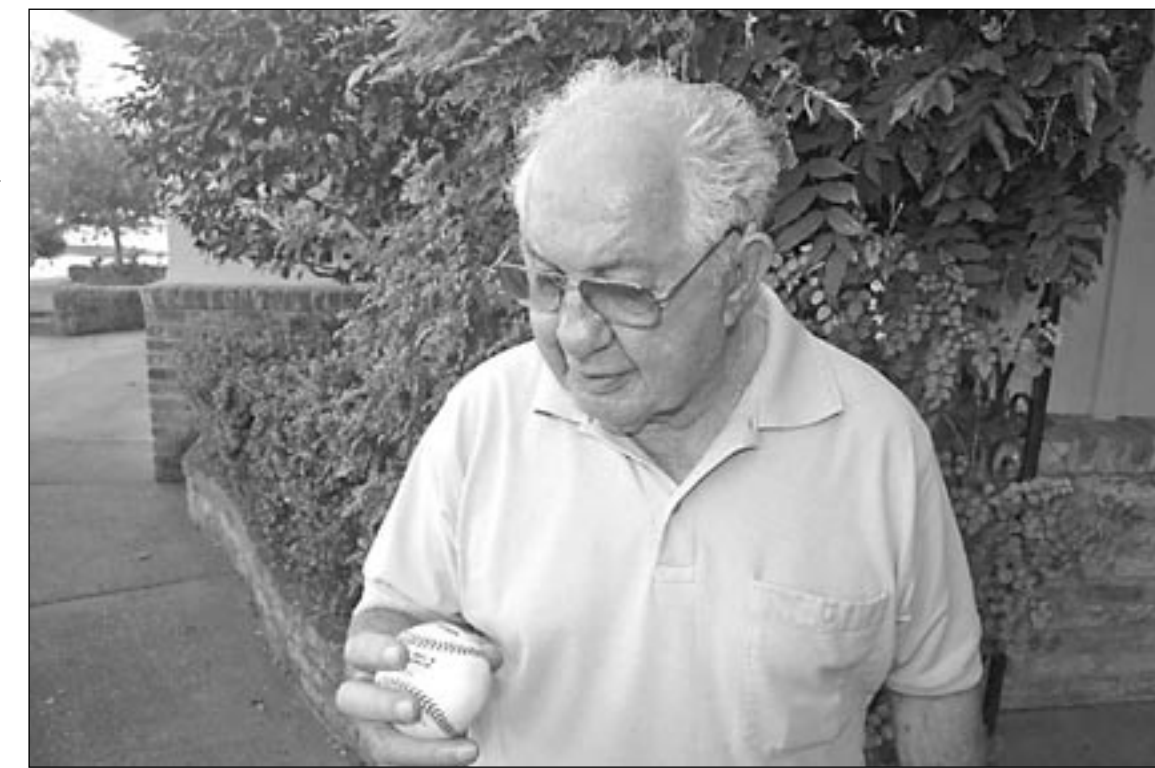


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Billy Rico looks over a baseball in front of his former residence in the historic Riverside area of Sacramento.

Marco Smolich, sports editor of The Sacramento Bee wrote that the Carmichael Firemen "must be considered the most successful bush baseball club in this area's history."

Rico, who was one of the six children of Joe and Delfina Rico, who were immigrants of the island of Terceira in the Azores Islands of Portugal, explained that baseball became a very important part of his life during his grammar school years.

"I first played baseball when I was 8 or 9 years old down on (the old Riverside Road/pres-

ent day Pocket Road) in the school yard at the Lower Lisbon School," he said.

"There was also another place that I played baseball back then. Joe Freitas (who later became the manager of the local Julius Style Shop-sponsored, bush league team), and his brother Jess, they were alter boys in the (St. Mary) Church (on today's Pocket Road) down there and they played in their cow pasture across the road

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The story behind changing the name of Sacramento Junior College

By JIM COOMBS

On a beautiful fall afternoon in 1958 about eight of us from the student government were sitting around the quad at Sacramento Junior College talking about life, sports, dating, and politics. (Dave Alltucker, Gene Breeland, Jackie Mauger-Linn, Janet Rovane, and I are the people I remember being there after 58 years.) Names will not be changed to protect the guilty.

We decided we wanted to change the name of the school and drop the JUNIOR out of the school's name. Our rationale was that the word "JUNIOR" denoted inferiority, and since we would all be transferring to four-year universities with two years of credits, "JUNIOR" should be dropped.

We went to see Dean Russell Azzara, who trying to politely dissuade us, suggested we take a poll of all of the community colleges. So we drew up our petition, explaining our reasoning and sent it to all student governments

of two-year colleges in the state. Most were named Junior Colleges.

Low and behold, back came responses from 90 percent of the campuses with almost every single one being positive. Many said, "What a great idea! We might try to do the same thing."

Back to Dean Azzara with our results and now nothing could hold us back. Our next step was to put our petition before the Faculty Council made up of the faculty chairperson from each department on campus. Our petition called for the renaming of the school to be Sacramento Community College.

The chairperson of the English department was adamant about not changing the name because of the historical significance dating back to 1916 when it was housed on the Sacramento High School campus.

The new school moved to the end of the city on Freeport Blvd in the late 1920s. William Land Park would be built across the street around 1937-38. The Sacra-

mento Executive Airport would also be built around the time of Sacramento Junior College but about a mile even further south of the city in farmlands.

After each letter in the school newspaper against the renaming. I responded with our arguments for the change, and in mid-April, the Faculty Council took their vote after much lobbying from both sides.

Carson Sheets, my U.S. history teacher, Albert Rodda, my European history teacher and newly elected State Senator from Sacramento, Phil Onstott, my anthropology teacher, and even Dean Azzara, supported our position and helped turn members of the faculty toward our position.

When the vote was taken, the students had won, 13-9 and on to the next round with the school administration. President Oliver Stephenson and Vice President Sam Kipp had kept silent about their position, but two weeks later, we again won with a unanimous vote from the school ad-

ministration. Now our last challenge, the school board of the Sacramento City Unified School District, lay ahead of us.

In 1959, the SCUSD guaranteed at K-14 free education for all students with Sacramento Junior College being the last two years. When we reached the board with our proposal, Sacramento Community College suddenly became Sacramento City College. Oh well, the deed was done and JUNIOR was no longer in the name.

In March 1964, the Los Rios Community College District was created and Grant Tech College in North Sacramento was moved and became American River College. Cosumnes River College opened in 1970.

So when you drive down Freeport Boulevard by Sacramento City College, you now know about how the school got its name and even who Rodda Hall was named after, State Senator and former teacher Albert Rodda.

Rico:

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and a short distance northeast from the church.

"I used to go down there and play and do a lot of catching without a mask. I never did get hit though. And some of the grown ups used to play and I used to play with them. That was (about a mile away) from our house and we used to have to walk up there."

Rico attracted the attention of Sacramento Union writer Vincent F. Stanich, who gifted him his first pair of baseball spikes.

In about 1936, Rico moved with his family to 1704 O St., and he eventually began attending Christian Brothers School at 2535 21st Street at Broadway.

"I started there (at Christian Brothers) in grammar school in the sixth grade," he recalled. "I played baseball at Christian Brothers in grammar school and in high school. I played second and third base. We were good in 1939 in my first year (in high school). We had a real good team (that was led by its coach, Bud Hanna, and its top player, Wally Westlake). We only lost two games (to Marysville High School), but we also beat (Marysville High) twice in the same season."

Rico, who also played in summer league games during his youth, related an experience he had with Westlake during a Christian Brothers baseball team practice.

"(Westlake) was a big guy," he said. "I remember throwing batting practice and I hit him one day."

In response, Westlake told Rico that he was going to hit a line drive right at him.

"And he did, too," Rico said. "But luckily I got out of the way. We had a lot of fun back then."

Christian Brothers home baseball games during that era were played at William Land Park and the Stanford Playground - present day Stanford Park - at 28th and C streets.

Rico's father died at the age of 59 on March 9, 1929 after being kicked by a horse and in order to help support his family, Rico opted to drop out of high school prior to his senior year and acquire employment at McClellan Field.

While later working at the Shasta Dam, Rico played a season for the Redding Tigers of the Sacramento Valley League, which also includ-

ed the Marysville Giants and the Chico Colts.

In 1944, Rico played a half-a-season for the Pacific Coast League's Oakland Oaks.

Residing in Sacramento once again, Rico, in addition to his time with the Carmichael Firemen, played and managed the Ed Sparks-sponsored Muir-Acme club in the Winter League until 1951. He also played on championship teams in the city's Recreation Department's Municipal Twilight Softball League during the same era.

After his baseball playing years, Rico, who was married to his now-late wife, Alberta "Bertie" G. (Camillo) Rico, for 65 years, worked as a city park maintenance worker from 1952 to 1984. And more specifically, Rico said that he was mainly in charge of the ball diamonds at William Land Park.

Rico, a longtime, dedicated fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, remained a lover of baseball throughout his life. And he could frequently be found watching televised Major League Baseball games and adding to his rich knowledge of the game and its players. Thinking back on his years as a baseball player, in 2011, Rico, who was a longtime member of Sacramento Elks Lodge No. 6, said, "Those were very memorable times for me. I would never change them for anything. It was the greatest time of my life."

A celebration of the life of Rico will be held at Holy Spirit Church at 3159 Land Park Drive on Monday, March 14 at 11 a.m. Family and friends will also gather following those services at the Elks building at 6446 Riverside Blvd. at 12:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop One to celebrate 100-year anniversary, seek alumni

Sacramento's Boy Scout Troop One will be holding its 100-year anniversary, known as the 100ofOne Celebration, this June. Popularly believed to be the oldest, continuously running Boy Scout troop west of the Mississippi River, Troop One is currently reaching out to alumni to attend its 100-year celebration.

Scouts, scouters, Eagle Scouts and anyone that has ever been associated with Troop One are invited to attend the celebration at The Center at Twenty Three Hundred located at 2300 Sierra Blvd. on Saturday, June 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. Interested alumni are encouraged to join the troop's mailing list to receive invitation information and updates on the event.

Throughout Sacramento's many recent changes, Troop One is one of the few institutions that have endured. The troop held its first meeting in 1916 at the First United

Methodist Church on the corner of 21st and J streets, where its meetings are still held today. In 1955, Troop One nearly folded as membership dipped to only nine scouts. However, by 1976, the troop was back to making history, as Eagle Scouts H.J. and Robert McCurry became the first pair of brothers in the nation to win the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award.

Today, Troop One alumni make up some of Sacramento's most successful business and community leaders. The troop typically rosters 70 registered Boy Scouts from all over Sacramento and the surrounding areas and its Alumni Club boasts 170 former Troop One scouts, comprised of members from as far back as the 1930s.

To be added to the mailing list and for more information on the event, please visit Troop-1.com/100ofOne.









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Second coffee shop in the works at South Hills shopping center

By MONICA STARK
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(Editor's Note: After reading the story about the Mosebys in the Land Park News in the last issue, Sergio Barrios, who has co-owned downtown's Fluid Espresso with wife Melissa Allen since 2006, wrote me stating they, too, plan on opening a coffee shop in South Hills.)

Greenhaven residents Sergio Barrios and Melissa Allen plan to duplicate their successful coffee shop, Fluid Espresso, inside the old Brick Oven Pizza (1188 35th Ave.), igniting another flame of momentum in the revitalization of South Hills Plaza.

With a play on words, the name of the coffee shop will be Barrio, which in Spanish means neighborhood, and Barrios and Allen want the coffee shop to be a cool neighborhood spot where the people can hang out, have coffee and pastry, get a quick bite and have a glass of wine or beer.

Ten years ago, they opened Fluid Espresso downtown, and a couple of years ago, they decided to look for a second location to grow. Slowly but surely, they started looking at more downtown locations, including the R Street Corridor, spots in East Sacramento and even in their own neighborhood, but finally they decided on the South Hills Shopping

Center. "It was a good fit for us. We contacted the landlady of November of last year and hammered an agreement, and we started demo this week," Sergio said.

Now in the process of doing ADA upgrades, renovating the bathroom, creating wider doors for access, the spot now has the gas on and half the electricity. "We're expecting things are sailing smooth," Sergio said.

Hopeful to be open around May, unless they get the best inspectors, however, Sergio said the opening will more likely be in June.

For those familiar with Fluid Espresso, expect a similar menu with the exception that they will add a light fare on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. "We want to have the same principle as Riverside Café, where locals can meet and talk about the community."

So, expect tapas, wine and beer, as well as some entertainment.

As they move into the old Pizza Oven location, Sergio said permits will be less cumbersome than otherwise. Plus, "a lot of stuff that was left can be reused and recycled. They left an antique oven. It's nice. It just needs to be repaired. Everything that you require to open the place is here: Sinks, walk-in refrigerator. All the remodeling is cosmetic. We'll get new counters, and since it's going to



Melissa Allen and Sergio Barrios, owners of Fusion Espresso Bar downtown, will be opening up a coffee shop in South Hills, likely in June. Photo courtesy

be a coffee house, we'll have an espresso machine. A local roaster makes our coffee once or twice a week."

While he doesn't have a picture yet of what he wants the interior of the 2,400-square-foot location to look like, he said he wants materials and fixtures to be modern and reused. So, he's been working with the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, a retail outlet which sells new and used donated building materials, fixtures, and home furnishings at a significantly lower price than retail stores.

With about 38 different drinks, the couple enjoys coming up with different drink varieties on the spot. And, as their love for coffee is unwavering, so is their love for bread, which they bake themselves.

Sergio's father, Santiago, was a baker in Mexico and later had a shop in the old Nut Tree in Vacaville. Afterward, his family ran Greenhaven Bakery in the current Manley's Donuts on Florin Road and Riverside Boulevard. "It opened in the early 1970s when Greenhaven

was a brand new development and a previous owner named Richard sold it to the second owner, and that guy in turn sold it to us. We owned it for the most years from 1979 to 1993."

While Santiago retired in 1990, he still bakes bread for his family on such Mexican holidays as the Day of the Dead (Pan De Muertos) and the Dia de Los Santos Reyes (the sweet bread, Rosca de Reyes, symbolically "becomes" Jesus' godparent), the day when Mexicans exchange Christmas presents in accordance with the

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arrival of the three gift-bearing wisemen to baby Jesus.

During the time this interview was being conducted, Santiago, 86, was vacationing in Mexico. When croissants were a big item at coffee shops and restaurants, he and his son sold their creations to Corti Bros at wholesale, as well as to Danielle's Creperie in the Arden-Town Shopping Center and the Hyatt in Stockton. A continuing family affair, Sergio's daughter dabbles in bakery.

Earlier in life, Sergio attended UC Davis and studied computers. "I used to do computers when they were the size of a big room. Everything you do on your iPhone - we used to do in a room 800 to 900 square feet. That's how old I am."

A McClatchy graduate, Melissa was born and raised in Sacramento, attended culinary school and is mostly self-taught. "I have a lot of input on food, flavor profiles and empanada fillings are all my recipes. I dabble on the baking a little bit. I have a gluten free cookie I came up with it. When we met, we figured we had food and coffee in common and decided to open a business ... I love coffee. I just love coffee... We're very excited (about the new location. We've been waiting for it for so long. It's always scary opening up a new location, but exciting at the same time. I can't wait to have more space."

Acknowledging the talents of his wife, Sergio said, "She's awesome when it comes to flavors. I never cook at home. She's a much better cook. I can make a cookie. I come up with a recipe, the chemical part of it. She says put some cardamom in that. I guess that keeps me around."

Not a huge fan of sweet drinks, Melissa really likes Ethiopia harrar, a heavier and spicy Arabica coffee.

A former student assistant for the state of California, Melissa met Sergio at a coffee house across the street from her employer. "We're a classic coffee house love story," she says.

Concerned about issues surrounding fair trade, Sergio will be offering coffee

that has been added under the fair trade agreement. Meanwhile, tea and chocolate are still two main commodities that are coming into the U.S. "Trying to also bring to the people tea from especially in South East Asia regions and the southern part of India -- those places that are still in need of consumer dollars going to them. When you buy bag of tea for 20, 30 cents and you don't know how much labor goes into going producing it ... People buy 100 bags of Lipton (for cheap). Same thing with the chocolate." He explained how people in Venezuela and Mexico are producing their own chocolate. "You can actually acquire local chocolate from Venezuela. (Our) business is more than just business model. It will bring attention how you as a consumer can help a guy that is 10,000 miles away from you."

Asked further about their business model, Sergio said, "It gets a little complicated, Melissa and I don't have a business model per se. We are foremost foodies. Coffee, we love coffee and we love food. But we usually go into business on skeleton menu and ask customers: What do you want?"

The South Hills location will be nice for them as it will allow them to grow into more products. "We started doing organic and locally-sourced ingredients. We've been using organic wheat flour from a Woodland distributor. We would like to get more local. You can actually go and tell them I want my wheat to be of this grit. I want it extra fine, medium fine. Most bakers just open the bag. This way you can go tell the mill what flour you want."

Sergio said he would like to see groups like the Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates hold meetings at their new South Hills location. "South Land Park has nice avenues; they're fairly wide, the city has been marking bike paths. On Saturdays, we would like to do a bicycle club day, so that every person who comes in with a bike, tricycle - anything with wheels, no motor, will get a discount. I used to be a bike enthusiast, but I've been slowing down a bit.



Just a few of the pastries.

We have a beautiful bike path on the river... Also, our daughter is a dancer, so we have a little connection with Sac Ballet. We would like to invite them (for fundraising events)."

Toward the end of the interview, Sergio was asked to comment a bit about the competition of the Garden Party coffee shop also moving into the center. "We are in contact with landlady, and she's in contact with the other (two shopping center owners). (On Friday, Feb. 26) we found out. I had no idea of the article until the guy who is helping with tenant improvement gave me a

note. I just had lunch with two other owners. They said there was a proposed application. They submitted the application and they don't have contract yet.

"The reasons why we grabbed location we did is that the dirty and expensive work was already in place. (Garden Party is) going to have to do sewer impact fee. They want to be a nice neighborhood hub. I do wish them well. I don't mind if they open, but it could be little too crowded for the two of us, having a similar menu. We'll be in throwing range of each other and I don't think it's fair for either them

or us. That's where a single landlord comes in handy ... Like us they're risking a lot ... It would be better if three sections had diversified tenants ... Who we are: I welcome competition. In this case, it may be a little unfair. We're all putting eggs in the same basket."

In the end, whatever happens will be a welcome change to the neighborhood and hopefully the community can support both businesses. Look at Riverlake Shopping Center. With Starbucks and Café Latte, both businesses appear busy regularly and Café Latte recently got business of the year.

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Camellia Society of Sacramento presented 92nd annual camellia show

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Even though attendance was down at this year's 92nd annual Sacramento Camellia show, about 3,000 blooms graced Memorial Auditorium on the first weekend of March, making the event reportedly still the largest camellia show in the world.

Dedicated to society members Bob and Joanne Logan, the "Best of Show" winner was Junior Prom won by the Lesmeister family of Carmichael. Giving a nod of approval to the winning flower, Joanne said she voted for Junior Prom, explaining its perfect symmetry and its beautiful white color.

Since moving here from Fremont in 2000, the Logans both have served in several society positions. Most recently, Joanne has been treasurer and Bob has been chairman of judges at the society camellia shows. Both have been American Camellia Society accredited judges for many years and judge at all the camellia shows during the show season. Describing their dedication in the show's program was the following: "Whenever something needs to be accompanied, we can always rely upon them. They have set the standard for everyone to follow! Congratulations to both of you!"

By 2 p.m. on Saturday, Joanne had finished counting the votes and took some time over lunch to discuss her hon-

or. At that time, she had only heard about the show being dedicated to her and her husband. After quickly reading the inscription that had been printed in the program, she reacted by saying, "Isn't that nice? That's very flattering, but not quite true. They have set the standard for everyone to follow! I don't think so."

Joanne had her first camellia in Hayward in 1958, bought at Toichi Domoto's Japanese nursery. "He always had signs for somebody's show and he'd say, 'You ought to go to these.' And we'd go. We'd make a list of all the flowers we wanted ... We wanted all these flowers."

Now they make a list of which camellias to enter in the show, and their participation cannot be undermined.

"They're very, very hard workers and have held offices," said Camellia Society President Carol Schanz.

Their son, Alan Logan, a Sacramento resident said this year he joined the society, primarily because of his involvement attending his parents' shows. Showing for the first time, Alan won "best yellow."

"I'm keeping the Logan tradition alive," Alan said. "There are some amazing personalities here. I joined mainly to support my parents."

Carol Schanz who sat down with Valley Community Newspapers to discuss the state of the society and her



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background and love for the flower.

"I grew up with them. Mom and Dad built a small house in Oak Park during the war and a couple gave (camellias) as housewarming gifts."

That sentimental tie to the camellia continued as Carol's father became president of the society and brought young Carol to meetings at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park. "A hundred people would come, and my parents would say, 'Go, sit and be quiet.' We were introduced to camellias. Then, I went to college and got married. My husband got the bug. As much as I love the flowers, I love the people." Spending three hours a day watering their flowers, Gary, Carol joked, "It's a time-consuming hobby. It keeps him off the street."

Today, Carol and her husband Gary Schanz, also members of the Northern California Camellia Society, have been to shows in Fresno, Napa, Santa Rosa and Walnut Creek.

She said a goal for next year is to get more people in the community involved, including those who "don't know what it is but it's growing in their yards. I hope people will enter flowers and get them tagged."

For the last five years students from Will C. Wood Middle School's gardening club have helped with the setup of the camellia show. "I give a lesson on the care and culture of the camellia plant. Many of them come from low-income households and have never seen a camellia before." Special thanks also go to the Assembly of Rainbow

Girls for their help in judging the show.

After being the president of the Camellia Society of Sacramento for nine years, Carol will be handing the position over to Don Lesmeister. "The job as president is demanding but you have so much fun. Everyone's willing to participate, so it's not all on my plate." Carol's next role will be as corresponding secretary for the society.

On Sunday, March 6, watercolor artists came to the show, in what Carol sees as one example of the society's effort of being more inclusive with the community, outside the camellia enthusiasts. "There are a lot of different ways to enjoy camellias." Other examples, include waxing camellias and Ikebana.

Chairperson of the photography contest, Jackie Randall, hopes next year the society acquires more entries, and she explained if contests are open to the public and if there's more publicity surrounding the annual show, they might be successful toward that end.

About the Camellia Society of Sacramento

The society, founded in 1943, meets once a month to study camellia culture, care and growth and share in the enjoyment of raising these beautiful flowers. The meetings are held at the Lutheran Church of the Master, 1900 Potero Way, 95822. There is always an authority on camellias to ask questions. Members bring camellia blooms for display at every meeting. A hospitality break after business and the program is a fun time to meet others who enjoy the art of growing camellias. The dues are \$10 per year, which



entitles you to all the privileges the society offers, or go online (www.camelliasocietyofsacramento.org) to get the detailed breakdown of dues. Make checks to Camellia Society of Sacramento and mail to Patty or come by meet-

ings and give the check to Patty in person. Patty Bonnstetter, 441 34th St., Sacramento, 95816. The last meeting of the year will be held on Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Luther Church of the Master. Then, on April 2, there

will be a pruning clinic in William Land Park at the camellia grove, time TBD, which is located near the pony rides. Carol said at this pruning event the city of Sacramento will be sending volunteers to help out at the clinic.



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Land Park Spring Egg Hunt & Hat Parade set for Saturday, March 19

The Land Park Community Neighborhood Association annual Spring Egg Hunt and Hat Parade is co-sponsored by the City of Sacramento and brings 14,000-15,000 eggs to scavenge in Land Park! This year's event will feature: Hat parade, Easter egg hunt, live music, carnival games, face painting, Mr. Cottontail, and light snacks. Festivities start at 9:30 a.m., the Hat Parade starts at 10 a.m., and egg hunts begin at 10:30 a.m. sharp! Bring your decorated hat and your own basket. The fun happens at William Land Regional Park, between 12th and 13th avenues (west of the playground/wading pool) for this free family event.

Much credit goes to April Meszaros, previous LPCA board member, community activist and volunteer. April has been the inspiration and leadership for previous years of this event. This year, Art Taylor, LPCA Board member and LPCA member is the lead for the event. Wonderful community volunteers who

help make the event a success. The city of Sacramento and Councilmember Steve Hansen have also been instrumental in the planning and logistics of this event. The event continues to grow in popularity and size each year.

The thousands of plastic eggs will be filled with candy by Scout volunteers from Troop 136 and Pack 136, led by Matt Guztis.

Originally, the idea for the hat parade came from the song "In My Easter Bonnet" by Irving Berlin. Each year at the hat parade, people put a lot of effort into the decoration of their hats. It's quite a sight to behold. Both adults and children can take part in the hat parade. There are judges who choose the best hats.

Hunts are staggered based on age range and kids will need to bring their own basket for the egg hunt as well as their own decorated hats for the Hat Parade.

The LPCA egg hunt has excellent volunteer support for this event, especially from stu-

dents at Health Professions High School. The Egg Hunt is in its 21st year and the Hat Parade is a newer addition, being in about its seventh year.

Easter Eggstravaganza at Funderland Amusement Park

March 18-20: Join Funderland for the annual Easter celebration with egg hunts, visits from the Easter bunny, free arts and crafts, and free ride tickets to those who bring in new games or art supplies to donate to River Oak Center for Children. Free ride tickets are offered to those who bring in new art supplies or games for the children at River Oak Center for Children. The amount of tickets given is determined by the item received by River Oak.

Egg hunts are only \$3 per person and are limited to groups of 30 children. We hold hunts every thirty minutes at the top and bottom of the hour, so everyone can get a turn at finding their eggs. Parents may accompany their children in the hunt area, but will need a ticket if they choose to participate in the hunt. The Easter Bunny and Happy the Squirrel will be making visits throughout the day in the park. Free arts and crafts are available to everyone!

Spring Eggstravaganza is free with paid park admission. The eggstravaganza will be held on Saturday, March 26 and Sunday, March 27, 2016 at Fairytale Town from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Weather Permitting



Garden. No matter how few or how many eggs they collect, each child receives a prize when they return their eggs! Hunt areas are separated by age groups as follows: ages 0 to 3 on the Mother Goose Stage Lawn, ages 4 to 6 in Pooh Corner, and ages 7 to 12 on the lawn behind King Arthur's Castle. Puppet Theater Art will also be on hand performing Bunny Bootcamp in the Children's Theater. Tickets are \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers. Show times are at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

Plus, visit with Peter Cottontail on the Mother Goose Stage. Get a printed photo for \$5, or take your own photo. And make spring-themed crafts, including bunny ears.

Spring Eggstravaganza at Fairytale Town, March 26-27

Join Fairytale Town for an egg-citing weekend featuring egg hunts, prizes, spring-themed arts and crafts and more! Daily egg hunts will be held at noon, 1 and 2 p.m., promptly. After each hunt, redeem your eggs for a prize in Mr. McGregor's

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Helpful Tips: Arrive at least one hour early to allow ample time for parking and entry into Fairytale Town. For faster entry, purchase weekend tickets in advance online. The Express Entrance (located to the left of the main entrance) will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for members (with membership card) and ticket holders. Peter Cottontail will be hopping down the bunny trail promptly at 3 p.m. Visits with Peter Cottontail close at 2:30 p.m.

Sierra 2 Spring Egg Hunt set for March 26 There will be a pajama parade at 9:30 a.m.; bunny photos and crafts at 10 a.m.; egg hunt at 10:30 a.m.

This free event includes activities such as a pajama parade, bag decorating and pictures with the Bunny. The egg hunt is divided into two age groups (0-3 and 4-12) so that all children have the opportunity to search for eggs. Photos with the Easter Bunny are 5x7 and cost \$5 (cash only please).

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Zootopia

The MPAA has rated this PG

Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures offers "Zootopia", the latest John Lassiter style animation feature that seems much more geared for adults and teens than children. It's the story of a bunny, Judy Hopps (voiced by Ginnifer Goodwin) who dreams of being a cop in the metropolis of Zootopia, the big city for anthropomorphic animals. She leaves her hick farmland and bunny parents (voiced by Don Lake and Bonnie Hunt) and sets off for the police academy, with the usual and well-worn underdog trying to achieve story elements.

Once graduated, she's assigned parking meter duty by her chief (voiced by Idris Elba) and whilst in that demeaning job trails a fox, Nick Wilde (voiced by Jason Bateman) who she thought was a smooth operator, but trying to be open minded and fair, gives him the benefit of the doubt. As it turns out, he was not to be trusted and her instinct was spot on. A series of adventures ensue in which she eventually teams up with the fox for a greater goal, to discover why the polite and tamed to civilization animals are returning to their native predator instincts. Who could be behind this? The Mayor? A Mobster?

These avenues are explored by bunny and fox as Disney goes the route of noir crime investigation with many inside jokes and visual tributes to classic movies such as "The Godfather", "The Wizard of Oz", and others. Other popular voices you will hear include J.K. Simmons, Octavia Spencer, Shakira, Kristen Bell, and Tommy Chong.

The attack of London was not anticipated by the secu-

Sadly this movie rubbed me the wrong way in that the story line tries to force political correctness to the young viewer. When did Disney take on the responsibility of parenting? Values of life should be instilled in formative years by a parent or parents with love to children, stressing the golden rule. That Disney takes on this responsibility is insulting, especially under the guise of entertainment for children.

That said, the outstanding production values are present that one expects from Disney and the movie has much entertainment value. Fun, but inappropriately preachy. In 3-D with some scenes that jump out at you that may be too scary for the smallest children. They scared me!

London Has Fallen

The MPAA has rated this R

Focus Features offer Millennium Films production of "London Has Fallen", A Gramercy Pictures Release, a big screen action movie in which heads of state of all nations are invited to the funeral of the English Prime Minister. Then, they are targeted by an angry terrorist that destroys a good part of London in killing each of the heads of state, along with a good chunk of the population.

Motivation for this is established in a short prologue where we see U.S. secret operatives, some years earlier, bombing the compound of the evil, middle-eastern insurgent Amir Barkawi (Alon Aboutboul). The bombing took out the guests at Barkawi's daughter wedding, along with his daughter and he's hell bent on revenge.

The attack of London was not anticipated by the secu-



Zootopia may not be ideal for smallest kids. Photo: Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures



Angela Bassett, Aaron Eckhart and Gerard Butler in "London Has Fallen" Photo: Jack English/Gramercy Pictures

time. No dull moments here. Normally I'd complain about this type of movie, but I was highly entertained by Aaron Eckhart's president in this movie; he does a great job. In fact, Eckhart does consistently great work. I wish we could see him in more movies.

It's non-stop action, cars rolling over and mass destruction of famous London landmarks with such punch, that you get the effect of a disaster movie and an action movie at the same

This is not a cinema masterpiece by any stretch, but well-crafted action-adventure that may leave you hoping that we actually might have a US president like Aaron Eckhart as a possibility in the White House in some future day. The movie was directed by Babak Najafi.

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Faces and Places:
Bret Harte Elementary
 celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday
 with festive morning read-in

Each year, schools across the country celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday (Wednesday, March 2) as Read Across America Day, an opportunity for community members to demonstrate the joys of literacy by reading to kids.

SCUSD's official Read Across America party was held this year at Bret Harte Elementary School in Curtis Park. Pajama-clad students were treated to a morning read-in with Superintendent José L. Banda, Assemblymember Kevin McCarty and other volunteers from the community.

The read-in will be followed with an assembly featuring local children's book author Kate David ("Murphy and the Magical Hat") who entertained students with an interactive performance involving a box of costumes. David is married to a Kings executive, and the organization is donating books to Bret Harte's classroom libraries.

"There is no better way to emphasize the connection between reading and success in life than to read to children," says Superintendent Banda. "Adults can serve as important reading role models. And by reading Dr. Seuss, we're showing kids how fun a book can be."



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Land Park art gallery to show photographic art by Bob and Sheila Van Noy

On Thursday, March 10 meet artists at a reception from 6 to 9 p.m. and Second Saturday, stop by at the same time at the Bob Androvich Gallery, located at 3818 West Land Park Drive.

Shimo Center for the Arts to showcase work by Ian Harvey and Koo Kyung Sook

Shimo Center for the Arts is pleased to announce an exhibition of new works, "Works on Paper", by Ian Harvey and Koo Kyung Sook. The individual bodies of work pose a multitude of questions in consideration of a post global society. The artists have skillfully managed the presentation of thought avoiding didacticism and reduction. The two bodies of work establish an intriguing dialogue inviting the viewer into the conversation.

Ian Harvey uses the characteristic of the paint medium to explore and present the struggles of the individual's psyche confronting diverse social situations. The investigation remains non-specific to any one social segment, engaging instead with a more universal question and experience. Harvey

maintains a precarious balance on this very thin line. His work has been exhibited in San Jose, Sacramento, New York City and Seoul, South Korea.

Harvey received an MFA from Columbia University. He was director at Associated American Artists, New York until he received a fellowship from Vermont Studio Center and became director of the Center's press. Harvey taught at Wesleyan University, and currently teaches at California State University in Sacramento, where he lives and works with his partner, Koo.

Koo Kyung Sook's current work examines the topic of view through a complex material process that includes drawing, disassembly, reassembly and embossed woodcut printing. She focuses on the figure, and especially the head as a way of revealing a psychology beyond the physical. Her work has been exhibited throughout the United States and South Korea, and is in numerous permanent collections including: Detroit Institute of Arts; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; Yale University Art Gallery; and

the Seoul Museum of Art in South Korea.

Koo received an MFA from Cranbrook Academy of Art. She was a Professor of Art in the College of Fine Arts and Music at Chungnam National University, Daejeon, South Korea and has been awarded several fellowships including from Vermont Studio Center and Kala Art Institute.

She and her husband, Ian Harvey, have curated exhibitions for the University Library Gallery, California State University, Sacramento, to introduce Contemporary Korean Art to the greater Sacramento community.

If you go:

What: Ian Harvey and Koo Kyung Sook
 When: March 11 through April 2. There will be a Second Saturday reception on March 12 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
 Where: Shimo Center for the Arts, 2117 28th St. For more information, call 706-1162
 Gallery hours: From Thursday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. or by appointment.
 For more information, call: 706-1162 or visit www.shimogallery.com

Panama Art Factory to present Au Courant Group Show

Come celebrate with art and experience the works of the new tenants who have joined the Panama family. Panama Pottery, located on the outskirts of Hollywood Park near Sacramento City College, is more than 100 years old and much has been going on over there. New artists studios and new and up and coming artists! The newbies of Panama have put a call out to performers as they plan on having a performance space inside the old ceramics factory! Look for an in-depth story in a future issue of this publication regarding the ongoing transformation of Panama Pottery. The show will be held today, Thursday, from 6 to 9 p.m. Panama Pottery is located at 4421 24th St.

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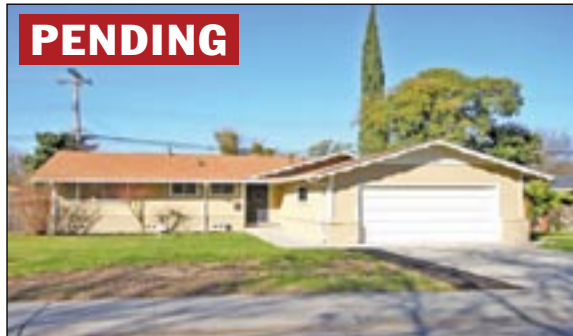
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