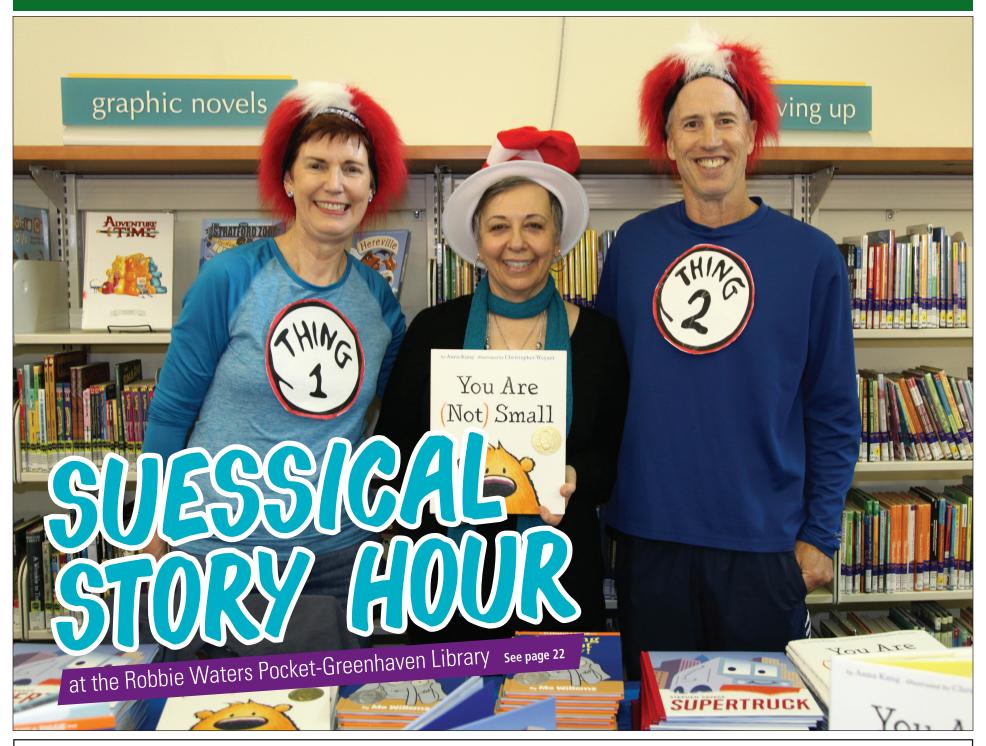
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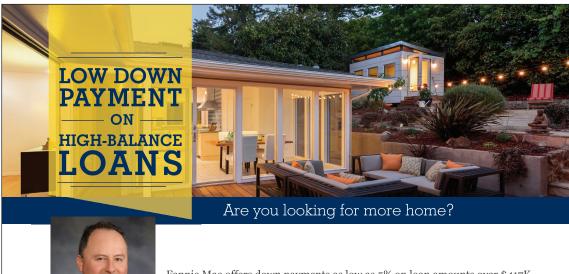
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Congratulations to Nick Nishikawa (17) for making it to this year's Masters Wrestling Tournament this coming Friday and Saturday! If you know high school wrestling, you know this is a really big deal!

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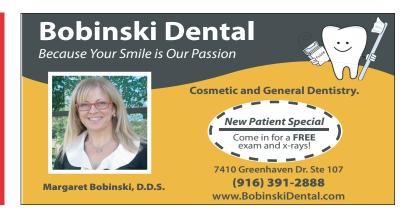
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Faces and Places:

Carnaval at the Old Sugar Mill

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Brazilian band SambaDa and dancers/percussion by Brazilian Dance Company entertained folks in the spirit of Carnaval on Saturday, March 5 at the Old Sugar Mill.















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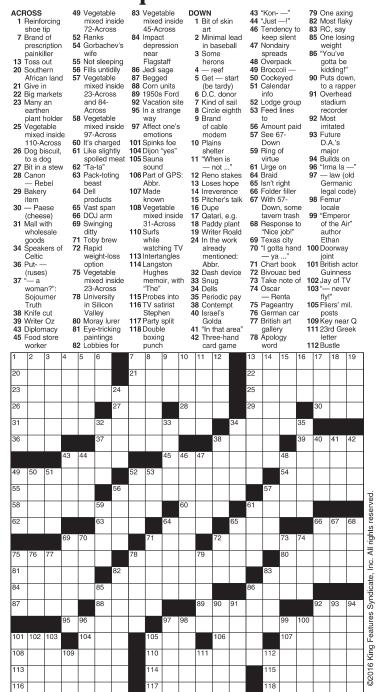
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Billy Rico: Lifelong lover of baseball remembered

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 nonprofessional 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 expe-

"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

In a remembrance article about the team 25 years later, 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/present 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 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



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

"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. 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

"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

Brothers School at 2535 21st Street Redding Tigers of the Sacramenat Broadway. Redding Tigers of the Sacramento Valley League, which also included the Marysville Giants and the Chi-

> In 1944, Rico played a half-a-season for the Pacific Coast League's Oak-

Residing in Sacramento once again, Rico, in addition to his time with the Carmichael Firemen, played and managed the Ed Sparkssponsored 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 nowlate 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 was held at Holy Spirit Church at 3159 Land Park Drive on Monday, March 14.

Pocket area students ask hard and soft questions to mayoral candidate **Darrell Steinberg**

By MONICA STARK editor@valcomnews.com

Students from West Campus, the School of Engineering and Sciences and John F. Kennedy high schools, as well as students from Sutter Middle School partook in an hour in which they got to ask mayoral candidate Darrell Steinberg their choice questions. From the role he thinks Sacramento should take on an international level to a question he's never been asked: "What's your favorite Zoo animal?" Darrell seemed to keep the students' attention.

Introducing Darrell Steinberg to the 30 or so folks at Caffe Latte was friend and fellow Pocket area community organizer Kathi Windheim, who stated the following: "These are people who are interested in what you're about." And about Darrell, she said, "he is one of my favorite people on the planet." To wit, toward the end of the event, Darrell said: "Kathi: If she were running for mayor, I'd back out."

While there have been many a meet and greet with the mayoral candidate here in the Pocket, "We do it a little different," said Kathi.

Encouraging travel, he told students that he has visited probably 25 countries and for instance has enjoyed learning how other countries educate their students. "We have five or six sister cities and we receive visiting delegations. We travel to China and Russia as well and Sacramento is the capital of the most important economy of the country and we're right on the edge of the Pacific Rim.'

Asked about how he will help provide housing for the homeless, Steinberg,

the author of the Mental Health Act, Prop 63, which taxes on million dollar earners and sets aside \$2 billion for mental health services, said he's been working with State Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) to take 7 percent of that money and instead of giving to counties, they'd set it aside in a repayment fund for Sacramento and create a permanent fund for housing. "As mayor, (Sacramento) would get more than our fair share. We'd work with landlords with vacancies. We're not curing anything, but we will make a significant dent with this problem. As to the youth: This is tragedy and there needs to be a focus on young people on the street. A lot of their parents are dealing with mental health.

"Homelessness doesn't have to be hopelessness," he said.

A supporter of the construction of the new Kings arena, when Steinberg was the Senate President Pro Tem, he introduced legislation that would help prevent legal obstructions to its building.

Though actively involved in government in a government town, Steinberg told the students at Caffe Latte that "not everyone wants to go into government," that we need to be more of a tourist mecca. Why isn't Sacramento a destination? From a climate change perspective, we should encourage more smart growth because if we don't, it will expand to El Dorado Hills in Placer ... The arena is a good thing. The arena connects the dots."

Curious why, while Sacramento sits at the confluence of two rivers. there's not more attention on that geographical fact.



"How come we only hear of the San Antonio River walkway? Why not the Sacramento River walkway? Economic growth is necessary if we're going to invest in parks, kids and our neighborhoods... We need to build a tax base, spend the city budget on kids." From career-themed academies and free preschool for 4 year olds to a more active parks and recreation and better schools, Steinberg wants more focus on youth. "We need that vitality if we are going to afford to do things. Yes, I favor the arena, but for a broader reason than basketball. I do know the Kings won two games in a row."

As for the serious questions of the day, Amy Toy, a volunteer at Sacramento Zoo, asked "What's your favorite zoo animal?" and "How is your day going?" For the first, Steinberg responded, "The flamingoes because when my daughter was 21 she loved the flamingoes."

As for his day thus far, Steinberg said it had been going great. "This is my third coffee today." Starting the day in Land Park at a resident's home, he then ventured to the artist lofts on 10th and R streets. Following Caffe Latte, he had to return to Land Park for another coffee to meet with residents. "I am working hard

but this isn't work. I never complain. Sometimes I get a little tired. But I am a middle aged man and every morning about 50 yards that way I go work out at 24 Hour Fitness. I do my workout and get energy for the day."

Jacquelyn Da Vila, the editor-in-chief of yearbook at SES, said the following regarding the answer to his question she had regarding the city's role on a global level: "I think Sacramento is diverse and we should take a more important role in the world. I didn't really understand what he was going to do. He said he was going to increase business and make (Sacramento) an international mecca and encourage artists to thrive in Sacramento, which will improve from a cultural stance. He clarified the answers with the answers from other people's questions. I think he has really great policies, but I would want to get more information on other candidates.

"This was my introduction to politics ... I don't go to a very big high school; I don't get outreach from politicians."

Brianna Davis, who will turn 18 before the next election, similarly said she would like it if more outreach was done to youth, especially ones of voting age. "It's good to know

where everyone stands and what they think about the candidates."



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Matias Bombal's Hollywood

New in theaters: The nation of Columbia's Oscar submission "Embrace of the Serpent"

EMBRACE OF THE SERPENT

This film has not been rated.

Oscilloscope Laboratories has a studio logo not unlike like the classic Toho-Scope logo of the Golden Era. In glorious black and white, it sets the stage for remarkable cinematography to follow that will show you a world that you literally have never seen before: the Amazon River in Colombia. The movie's Spanish language title is "Abrazo de la Serpiente" ("Embrace of the Serpent") You've never seen the Amazon in this way: lyrical, poetic and mysterious in rich black and white tones. In this captivating visual experience, we are told a story of the Amazon in an entirely new way. From the perspective of a native Colombian of the Amazon, Karamakate.

Karamakate is played by two men over different periods in time, yet in both, he leads a white man as a guide in search of flora and fauna of the Amazon, and in particular the rare health restorative plant "Yakruna" a hallucinogen vine, epiphyte of the rubber tree. The sap of trees on which it grows is of higher purity. Karamakate the younger is played by Nilbio Torres, a 30-yearold actor who speaks little Spanish as he mostly speaks Cubeo. This is his first movie. He had previously worked in agriculture. The elder Karamakate is played by Antonio Bolívar Salvador. Bolívar in real life is one of the last survivors of the Ocaina people. Besides playing one of the main characters, he also served as interpreter for the Tikuna, Cubeo, Huitoto languages and even English, as he became a teacher of the international actors.

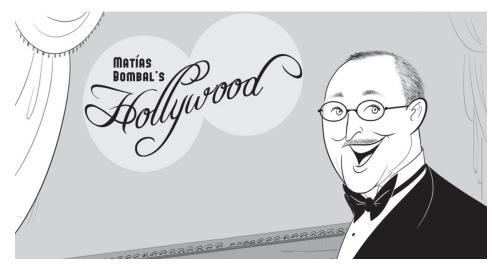
The "white men" of the movie visit the famous snake shaped river as have others in movies past, with in interest in rubber or natural history. The movie cuts between the two tales set apart by many years. This gives you the non-traditional sense of timelessness of the Amazon and how the indigenous folks that live there view time and space; not at all as in western thought. It becomes clear in the narrative that the natives view both white explores as one man, one spirit and not two.

The movie begins to tell of a 1909 Illness of Thedor von Martius, (Jan Bijvoet) based on real life German explorer Theodor Koch Grünberg (1878-1924). "Martius" was snagged by this illness while trekking through the Amazon. One native begrudgingly agreed to help him search for a special plant to help him.

The real Koch-Grünberg wrote: "It is impossible to know if the infinite jungle has initiated in me the process that has taken so many others to total and incurable insanity If that is the case, it only remains for me to excuse myself and ask your comprehension, for the display I witnessed in those enchanted hours was such that I find it impossible to describe in words of its beauty and splendor. All I know is when I came back, I was another man."

This is a movie of three personal journeys against all odds and nature and the wonder that is the Amazon. David Gallego's photography is a character in the movie, just as timeless and complex as the river and its now lost peoples.

After the main title appears on screen, our second "white man" (Brionne Davis), also German and a student of Martius appears with reflex 1950s camera offering a clue to the time period of his part of the story. He is Evan, and based on the real



life person Richard Evans Schultes (1915-2017). He meets the meets older Karamakate, who sees in him the same soul of the man that he had taken through the wilds so many years earlier. They revisit spots seen in the earlier journey with startling differences that have occurred over time. In one such case, the initial visit was to a Catholic mission. The later visit shows it overrun by cannibals in a harrowing and remarkable sequence.

In one scene of profound Karamakate wisdom of the jungle, Martinus's compass is stolen by natives, and he insists on keeping it. He'd not escape with his life if he were to persist, and is advised to just leave as Karamakate says: "You can't forbid them to learn. Knowledge belongs to all men."

The travel diaries of Theodor Koch Grünberg and Richard Evans Schultes are recognized today as the only known records of large portions of Amazon cultures. The movie was nominated for Best Foreign Film at this year's Academy Awards, but lost to "Son of Saul". The film's director, Ciro Guerra, risked life and limb with cast and crew by taking motion picture film cameras on lactation in the real Amazon. He released this statement:

"Whenever I looked at a map of my

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This movie is a stunning and remarkable experience into another world and time reality so unlike our own. Beguiling, yet hard to comprehend, I was fascinated and horrified, enchanted and frightened. I'd never had the desire to see the Amazon in person, the snakes alone would make me expire at their mere sight. Yet this was a remarkable look at a life so foreign on our own planet and the famous river that has lured adventure since it beckoned discovery to the first intrepid souls that tried to unravel her mysteries.

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Award-winning, Sacramento band for kids, launches contest to bring more music to schools

Winning school gets a free concert by The Hoots!

Far more the Beatles than Barney, The Hoots, an award winning kids music band from Sacramento, are running a nationwide contest to win a free concert for a school or youth organization and a cash prize of \$250 to support the music program for the winning school or organization. The Hoots will also be playing a free concert for the surrounding Sacramento community at Bertha Henschel Park on March 26th in East **Sacramento**. The contest can be found on their Facebook page or website TheHoots. com, the school with the most nominations from parents will

win the contest. The winner will be announced Wednesday, April 3. In addition to bringing cool music that kids and parents can enjoy to schools, The Hoots will release an interactive music app later this year that parents know is safe and kids will love. Joel Daniel, member of The Hoots band says, "Music allows a level playing field for young kids, it strengthens their creative muscles and helps them think outside the box, many schools are doing away with music programs or have limited resources, we want to do a small part in inspiring young people and parents to keep finding creative ways to bring music to their schools.

Joel Daniel kindly answered some questions about the band and the current contest for Valley Community News-

VCN: Tell me more about the contest and how it came

Joel: We thought a school contest would be a great way to give back to the community we are from. We want to see more music in elementary schools. The school that gets the most entries by their community will win \$250 and a live concert by us, The Hoots! Families can enter at our website,



The Hoots will play a free show at Bertha Henschel Park on Saturday, March 26.

TheHoots.com or follow us on Facebook, The Hoots and enter the giveaway there, the contest ends March 26th and we will announce the winner April 3rd, just in time to book us for a spring assembly, Spring festivals, preschool graduations or schools can wait til the fall for some of the great activities that happen at the beginning of the school year.

There is a trend to bring more music into the school day and we want to be part of that movement. Music is an opportunity for different types of students, some who may not shine athletically can shine playing the violin, kids that want to build confidence can try song writing with ukuleles, and finally music brings a community together, school concerts are some of the most cherished memories by parents and builds great confidence in kids.

In addition, we have been working on a few projects the

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The Hoots:

last few years and are nearing their completion that we can share with families. One is a video project starring the band and Oliver t. Owl, the puppet owl you see in some of our social media posts. You can find a bit more information about that here: http://www.thehoots.com/ pages/hoot-quarters-the-show. set the show itself in Sacramento since that is where we are from, and soon we will be looking to reach our Hoots Community so that we can get some feedback on our various projects.

We are also working on an interactive app for kids that works as a music player and safe environment for young viewers, for watching the videos and listening to our music. A bit more about that can be found here: http://www.thehoots.com/ pages/hoot-quarters-the-app.

Further, as mentioned in response to your question about why we love music, we love sharing it and the experience of a live show with folks. We thought it would be fun to generate some buzz and share a concert as a thank you for the community's support over the years.

We are excited to wrap up this contest with a concert at Bertha Henschel park on March 26th at 10:30 a.m. for the Greater East Sac community. Come on how and jam with us and your little ones!

VCN: What's your story?

Joel: The Hoots, started by accident (really!) in 2007 when the first of my friends to have children had twin girls (Madison and Ella), and a mutual friend asked him to write a song as a gift to the newborns. I had no previous experience in kids music, and felt a bit of trepidation. At that point I really associated kids music with Barney and I was not into writing that kind of stuff. My friend insisted it didn't have to be that way, and I finally relented. I wrote three songs for the girls and realized it was fun to write them. I really tried to write songs that I would like to listen to, but with themes that kids could relate to. Once we finished the project I kept going. My then-bandmate, Charles (who has now moved to Nashville, TN to work as a Professor of Biomedical Engineering), joined in the project and eventually we had 10 songs. We recorded these over a series of a few years. In 2011, we finished the record, which went on to sell about 1,000 copies via word of mouth and win several awards.

VCN: How did you guys find each other and decide to make kids music? **Joel:** The folks in the band have tended to play with each other in other projects and bands over the years. Playing kids music is definitely not for everyone. I have asked people over the years and been turned down, but the ones that join up for a show almost always have a good time and want to do it more. The main members presently are Samantha Arrasmith, Cozy Gazelle, Kevin Shakur, and myself. Though, other

of our friends will substitute in and out depending on the show.

VCN: What do you like most about playing kid music?

Joel: We can be home and in bed by 8 p.m.! Also, the songs are really fun to write and play; they are like puzzles because we really do try to make them work on multiple levels. Finally, the shows are really fun. It is nice to watch the kids get into the songs, and have a good time hanging out with their parents.

VCN: What are some of your songs. Tell me about one in particular, its inspiration, significance and meaning. Joel: On the first album we have a song called "Harv". It was the first song I wrote. It's about a Hippo that makes some questionable life decisions. On a hot day, he forgets to wear his sunscreen and gets burned. The message being the importance of sunscreen. We have a song called "Oh Oh" about the importance of trying new things. Even if you think you won't like it, you won't know unless you try.

VCN: What schools have you performed at?

Joel: The last few we have played are Rose Elementary in Milpitas, Sunrise Elementary in Kancho Cordova; we've played at a few of the Merrryhill schools and a few schools in San Marcos. While not schools, we've played a lot of local libraries, festivals (Davis Music Festival,

Pow Wow Days, etc...), and places like Fairytale Town, Shriner's Hospital.

VCN: Tell me about yourself, your love of music and why you think music is important for children and relate that to why you make kid music.

Joel: I love music. I think I might be the last human that still buys records on a regular (at least weekly) basis. I think there is something about folks that write songs (and I don't include myself in this category) that somehow are able to touch upon things that all humans experience, but can succinctly define it in a way that people can relate to, and sometimes can really bring people together and make a difference.

Over the years, it's been something that has comforted me in sad times, and brought a smile to my face for no reason at others. I would like to be able to share that with kids. I think there is always the possibility of having a friend in music and someone that is going through whatever they might be going through in that particular moment. Further, while I love recorded music, I think it is important to experience it live as well. It is really the best way to get that communal experience.

VCN: Who's in the band and what do each of them play? **Joel:** Kevin Shakur – Drums/Vocals Cozy Gazelle – Guitar/Vocals Joel Daniel – Bass/Vocals Samantha Arrasmith - Keyboards/

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Camellia Society of Sacramento presented 92nd annual camellia show

By MONICA STARK editor@valcomnews.com

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 honor. 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 personali-



ties 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 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

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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 Luther-

an 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 (wwww. camelliasocietyofsacramento.org) to get the detailed breakdown of dues. Make checks to Camellia Society of Sacramento and mail to Patty or come by meetings 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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Upcoming events at Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

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Watercolors (Adult)

Friday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m.: TBA; Registration is required.

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Baby/Toddler Stay & Play (Early Childhood (0-5))

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Baby/Toddler Storytime (Early Childhood (0-3))

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Introduction to Computers: Windows 7

Tuesday, March 22 at noon: Ready to take that first step and learn about computers? This course will introduce the new user to computers, beginning with the components that make up a computer system and how to use a mouse and keyboard. This course also covers basic Windows 7 skills including starting programs and working with the desktop and windows. This is a one-session course. Advance Registration is required.

Job Coach (Adult)

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Thursday, March 24 at 6 p.m.: A meeting of the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library Board to discuss programs, funding and projects related to their work as supporters of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven branch library. All community members are welcome to join the discussion.

Watercolors (Adult)

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Tuesday, March 29 at 11 a.m.: A family-friendly performance by local singer/guitarist Mr. Ken Cooper. This program is made possible by the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library.

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Tuesday, March 29 at 11:10 a.m.: SES 7th and 8th grades are invited to join a book discussion in the Teen Room at the library during lunch period (11:10-11:40). (Homeschoolers are welcome

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Watercolors (Adult)

Friday, April 1 at 9:30 a.m.: A 6-week introductory course on watercolor painting taught by local artist Kathy Waste. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and interest. Please note that registration is required. for this program as space is limited. Attendees should plan on attending all 6 sessions. This program is funded by a donation from Robbie Waters. Registration is required.

Knit Together (Adult)

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CALENDAR

Send your event announcement for consideration to: editor@valcomnews.com at least two weeks prior to publication.

Matsuyama Elementary School will have a Mobile Clothing Drive **Fundraiser**

There will be a Mobile Drop Box on campus at 7680 Windbridge Drive, Sacramento from March 8-21. Donations can be dropped off 24/7. This fundraiser promotes recycling, gives back to the local community AND raises money for our school. ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF: Usable clothing (all sizes), shoes, jewelry, belts. purses, backpacks, bedding and linens, toys, DVDs, and other small non-breakable items.

Sutter's Fort looking for volunteers

Do you have an interest in early Sacramento history? Do you get excited at the idea of dressing up in Pioneer clothing, churning butter, or making barrels? If so, volunteering at the birthplace of the city of Sacra-

mento may be just for you! Sutter's Fort will soon begin Docent training classes for those interested in interpreting pioneer California history to the public. For more information about training dates and requirements, please contact volunteer coordinator Llonel Onsurez at (916) 323-2015 or llonel.onsurez@parks.ca.gov.

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Sons In Retirement (SIR) Branch #93

Luncheon programs are held on the third Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Elks Lodge No.6. SIR is a luncheon club with 141 branches and a membership of 18,000 men who are retired from full-time employment. Activities included weekly golf tournaments and bowling league teams. For more information or an application call Chairman Dick West at 919-3858.

Free Yoga Night at Sacramento State

Sacramento State's The University Union UNIQUE Programs is pleased to announce an evening of relaxing yoga with fitness instructions from The WELL at Sacramento State on Thursday, March 17, 2016 starting 7:30 p.m. in The University Union Ballroom. The event is free for Sac State students and the general public. The first half hour will be an introduction to yoga for beginners. Immediately following will be yoga appropriate for all fitness levels. Yoga will develop inner and outer strength, increase stamina and flexibility and help you get centered through a blend of different yoga traditions. This class links body, breath and mind with focus on alignment. Co-sponsored with Group Fitness at The WELL, the campus recreation and fitness facility at Sacramento State. For more information, please visit www.SacStateUNIOUE. com or call the University Union Info Desk at 278-6997.

The Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society (STJS) monthly music event

Every second Sunday of the month, STIS has music at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., from noon to 5 p.m. Each month STIS has a different bands, there is three different rooms to listen to music. Nominal fee for members is \$8; non-member price is \$10.

Nar-Anon meeting for families and friends

The group meets to learn about drug abuse, share problems, encourage the addict to seek help, replace despair with hope, improve the family attitude, help regain your self-confidence. For more information, call the First United Methodist Church at 446-5025, ext. 101. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., 2100 J St.

Rotary Club South meeting

The Rotary Club of South Sacramento meets at noon for lunch every Thursday at Aviators Restaurant at Executive Airport,6151 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95822. Rotary is one of the largest service organizations in the world dedicated to community service both locally, and internationally. Please call JR Springer at 425-9195 for additional information.

Beginning tai chi gong

These exercises use the principle of chi flowing properly throughout the body to maintain the equilibrium of vin and vang. Regular practice of these forms will develop better balance and flexibility, gain strength, promote deep relaxation, and improve health. This beginning class will also learn the 24 Yang Style Tai Chi and Yi Jing, a traditional Health Qi Gong. Pre-registration and prepayment required or \$7 drop-in fee at the door. Class will be held on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm at ACC Senior Services 7334 Park City Drive. For more details, call (916)393-9026 ext 330, www.accsv.org.

Soroptimist International Sacramento South

Meets the second and fourth Tuesday at Executive Airport, Aviators Restaurant at 12:15 p.m.

Widow persons monthly buffet and social

Widowed Persons Association of California. Newcomers' Buffet and Social is open to any and all widows and widowers, the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The buffet will be held in the private dining room at the Plaza Hof Brau, corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue, cost varies as the choice is from a no-host buffet menu. There is no charge to attend the social other than the meal chosen. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Widowed Persons Association of California, Sunday Support, is open to any and all widows or widowers, every Sunday from 3 to 5 p.m. in the meeting room of the WPAC office, 2628 El Camino Avenue, Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information, call 916 972-9722. Saturday, Nov. 7, Widowed Persons Association of California Workshop, "Coping with the Holidays," 2 to 4 p.m., the doors open at 1:30 p.m.. A second session will be held Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. The workshops will take place at 2628 El Camino Ave., Ste. D-18. Enter from the back parking lot. For more information or to register, call 972-9722.

March

Giant garter snake topic for **Audubon meeting**

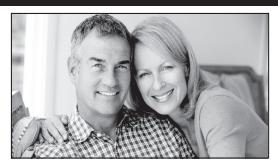
March 17: The Giant Gartersnake, one of America's largest snakes, will be the topic at the March 17 meeting of the Sacramento Audubon Society. Once abundant in the Central Valley, the big snake has lost most of its historical wetland habitat to farming and development and is now found mostly in the rice fields of the Sacramento Valley, according to speaker Eric Hansen, a herpetologist who has studied them for many years. The public is invited to the 7 p.m. meeting at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center in Ancil Hoffman Park (For directions, see sacnaturecenter.com.) There will be no charge for the program, and no park entry fee.

Fresh, Hot Crab at West Campus **Crab Feed!**

March 19: Support one of our premier local high schools by attending the West Campus Crab Feed and Silent Auction coming up Saturday, March 19 from 5:30-10 p.m. at Giovanni Hall of St. Mary's Church. Tickets are \$60/person, available at www.westcampus.scusd.edu or in the school office at 3022 58th St. The evening will feature:

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Capella Antiqua Baroque Orchestra and Soloists

March 19: Starting at 7:30 p.m., experience a deeply moving concert combining music, word, and contemplation at the Cathedral of The Blessed Sacrament, one of Sacramento's most powerful and evocative spaces, located at 11th and K streets. This somber music will explore the lamentations and gravity of human nature. Discover the soaring melodic lines and intensely personal setting of Francois Couperin's Leçons de ténèbres pour le mercredi saint. Listen to the beautiful counterplay between violins in Jean-Marie LeClair's Sonata for Two Violins. Enjoy the mournful and moving sound of the Baroque bassoon in Darious Castello's Sonata No. 10. Featuring the Capella Antiqua Baroque Orchestra, and soprano soloists BrieAnne Welch and Liisa Davila. Tickets are \$15 general and \$10 for students, seniors, and under-employed.

The Sacramento Guitar Society presents a Young Artists Showcase Concert

March 20: The Sacramento Guitar Society presents a Young Artists Showcase Concert at California State University, Capistrano Hall, Room 151, on March 20 at 3 p.m.

We will have Olivia Chiang, a seasoned guitarist at age 15, from Los Angeles and 18-year-old Gianfranco Baltazar from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Donations are accepted.

The Shepard Garden and Arts Center Spring Sale

March 19-20: Sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Over 20 clubs that meet at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center and over 18 craft vendors will participate. Plants, pottery, garden decor, jewelry and craft items will be for sale. Food will be available for purchase. Free admission and free parking. Proceeds help support the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. For more information contact: Therese Ruth, 916-457-0822 or tgrcom@aol.com.

Music at noon

March 23: Free music programs, offered at Westminster Presbyterian Church at noon on Wednesdays. This week enjoy silent movies with Theater Organist Dave Moreno.

Music at noon

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KVIE Public Television Presents KVIE Uncorked, An Evening with Frankie Moreno

March 31: Las Vegas Headliner of the Year Frankie Moreno, accompanied by his band mates and back-up singers, will perform at KVIE Uncorked, on Thursday, March 31, 2016, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the KVIE Studios in Sacramento. Open to the community, KVIE Uncorked, An Evening with Frankie Moreno, is a special night benefiting KVIE Public Television and celebrating food, wine, beer, and music. Guests can enter a raffle for wonderful prizes, enjoy delicious refreshments, and experience the fun sound of Frankie Moreno - all while supporting local public television. General admission guests will enjoy the studio concert and a dessert reception. Tickets are \$75 for general admission. VIP guests can enjoy a pre-show reception, meet and greet with the band, studio concert, and post-show acoustic set in the courtyard. VIP tickets are \$150. The VIP pre-show reception opens at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets, or for more information, visit kvie.org/uncorked.

APRIL

Yee Fow: Chinese Pioneers: The Old City Cemetery Committee presents a tour that explores Sacramento's Chinese pioneers

April 2: The Chinese immigrants to California endured more discriminatory laws and taxes than any other ethnic group, but managed to maintain their community in the face of tremendous organized opposition, legal and otherwise. Old City Cemetery Committee will introduce you to Chinese doctors, merchants, boxers, baseball players, church-goers and gangsters. The cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway, Sacramento. There is ample free street parking on surrounding streets, with limited parking within the cemetery. Tours are free; however, donations are appreciated and benefit cemetery preservation. For more information, call 448-0811. The mission of the OCCC is to join hands with the community to restore, beautify, preserve, and protect the Historic City Cemetery, while maintaining access by descendants of the deceased, and to provide educational services to all visitors to the Historic City Cemetery of Sacramento. The tour starts at 10 a.m.

Over 100,000 "Gently Used" Books Available at Friends of Library Book Warehouse Sale

April 2: An ever-changing inventory of more than 100,000 "gently used" books, videos, and audio books will be offered for prices from 50 cents to \$2 at the warehouse of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library. The warehouse is at the rear of the Friends' "Book Den" store at Suite E, 8250 Belvedere Ave., just south of 14th Avenue between Power Inn and Florin-Perkins roads. Plenty of parking is available, but visitors should be careful not to park between the "No Park-

ing" signs on the south side of Belvedere. Sale hours on Saturday will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a preview and sale on Friday April 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for Friends members only (You can join at the door for \$15). Income from the sale helps pay for programs, equipment, and materials local libraries need but can't afford. With more books constantly needed, the Friends will be glad to have yours, too. See a staff member on how to donate. The book store will also be open during the sale as well as weekly on Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Items there are priced from \$1 up. For more information, call 731-8493 or go to bookden@saclibfriends.org.

Healing Arts Festival Supporting Sacramento SPCA at Their First 2-Day Event

April 2-3: The Healing Arts Festival will be holding its first of two events this year - this time a 2-day event. They will be collecting donations and fundraising for the Sacramento SPCA. The Healing Arts Festival, a metaphysical, spiritual, and holistic expo has been a staple in the Sacramento community since 1999. After changing ownership in late 2014 the event continued to expand. Now, for the first time, it will be a 2-day event allowing people to come to both days with one admission. The Sacramento SPCA has been a favorite fundraiser for the attendees and exhibitors of the Healing Arts Festival. This will be the third spring in a row they will be collecting donations for this cause. Last year the event added the SPCA mobile adoption van so that people may see who they are supporting and maybe adopt a friend. This year the mobile pet adoption will be available on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Healing Arts Festival will take place at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center at 6151 H St. On Saturday, April 2, the event will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The attendance fee is \$5 for the weekend or free with an item donation. The Sacramento SPCA's wish list is available on the Healing Arts Festival's website (www. healingartsfestival.com/fundraising-community-support) Financial gifts above the \$5 entrance fee are always welcome. For more information about this fundraising event, please visit the Healing Arts Festival website at www.healingartsfestival.com.

Ching Ming celebrated at East Lawn cemeteries

April 2-3: Ching Ming is an important time of ritual and honor for the Asian culture. In celebration of Ching Ming, all three East Lawn cemeteries will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, in each park from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. there will be raffle prizes and free giveaways. At East Lawn Elk Grove Memorial Park on Saturday only, there will also be a Buddhist Monk officiating from Sacramento True Buddhist Temple. Guests are welcome to ask the Buddhist Monk questions. This is a free service. Please come and honor your loved ones on these two special days.





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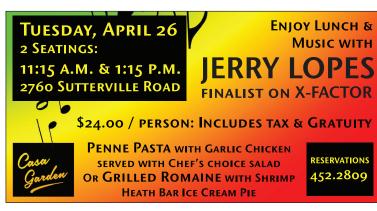
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Faces and Places:

Seussical story hour at Pocket Library

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Dr. Seuss fans celebrated the birthday of famed children's author Theodor Seuss Giesel with a dedicated story hour at the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library on Saturday, March 5. Seuss's birthday is March 2. Celebrity readers included: former councilmember Robbie Waters, former Senate pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, vice-mayor Rick Jennings, county supervisor Patrick Kennedy and chief of staff Susan McKee. Cookies and games following the storytime was also a big hit for the young readers.



















POLICE LOG

The information provided allows for a snapshot of significant events in our community. The crimes reported here are preliminary investigations, taken in the field by patrol officers, and may or may not be assigned to a detective for further investigation. The information provided may be found after further investigation to be incorrect or false. Certain details of these incidents have been removed due to potential follow up investigation into the incident and/or for privacy rights.

Reporting date: Thursday, 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: Sunday, March 6 (Traffic Stop): 7200 block of Gloria Drive at 11:56 p.m.

Officers were patrolling the area when they conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle. They contacted the occupant and discovered he had two warrants for his arrest. He was arrested without incident.

Reporting date: Monday, March 7 (Burglary): 5600 block of Freeport Boulevard at 9:52 a.m.

Officers responded to the location regarding a report of a burglary and determined that property was taken. Follow-up will be conducted and a report was generated.

Reporting date: Tuesday, March 8 (Robbery): 7900 block of Deer Lake Drive at 11:08 p.m.

Officers responded to the area on reports of a robbery

that occurred at this location. The victim had arranged to meet with the unknown suspects after posting a for-sale ad online. The two adult suspects robbed the victim at gunpoint and fled in an unknown vehicle. A report was generated and follow up will be conducted.

Reporting date: Wednesday, March 9 (Domestic Violence): 6400

Block of Gloria Drive at 2:24 a.m.

Officers responded to the area on reports of domestic violence. The suspect caused non-life-threatening injuries to the victim and fled prior to the arrival of officers. Officers were able to locate the suspect at a location in North Sacramento and arrested her for domestic violence and assault.

Reporting date: Friday, March 11 (Outside Agency Assist): 6100 block of 13th Street at 2:47 p.m.

Officers responded to the above location at the request of an outside agency regarding an attempt pick-up of a probationary subject who was in possession of firearms. Officers arrived at the residence and contacted the wanted suspect who was safely detained and arrested.

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