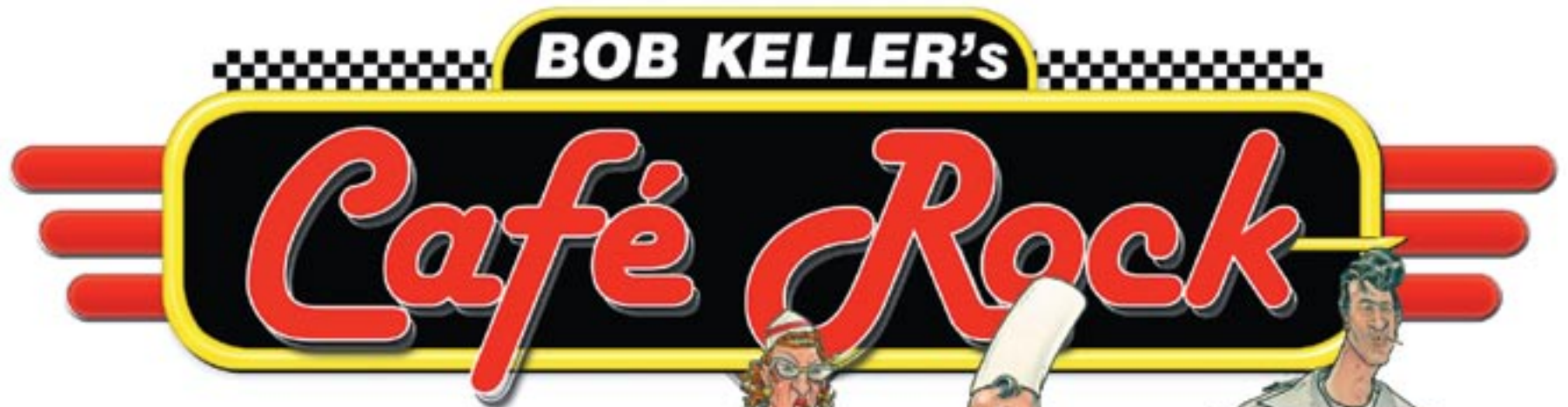


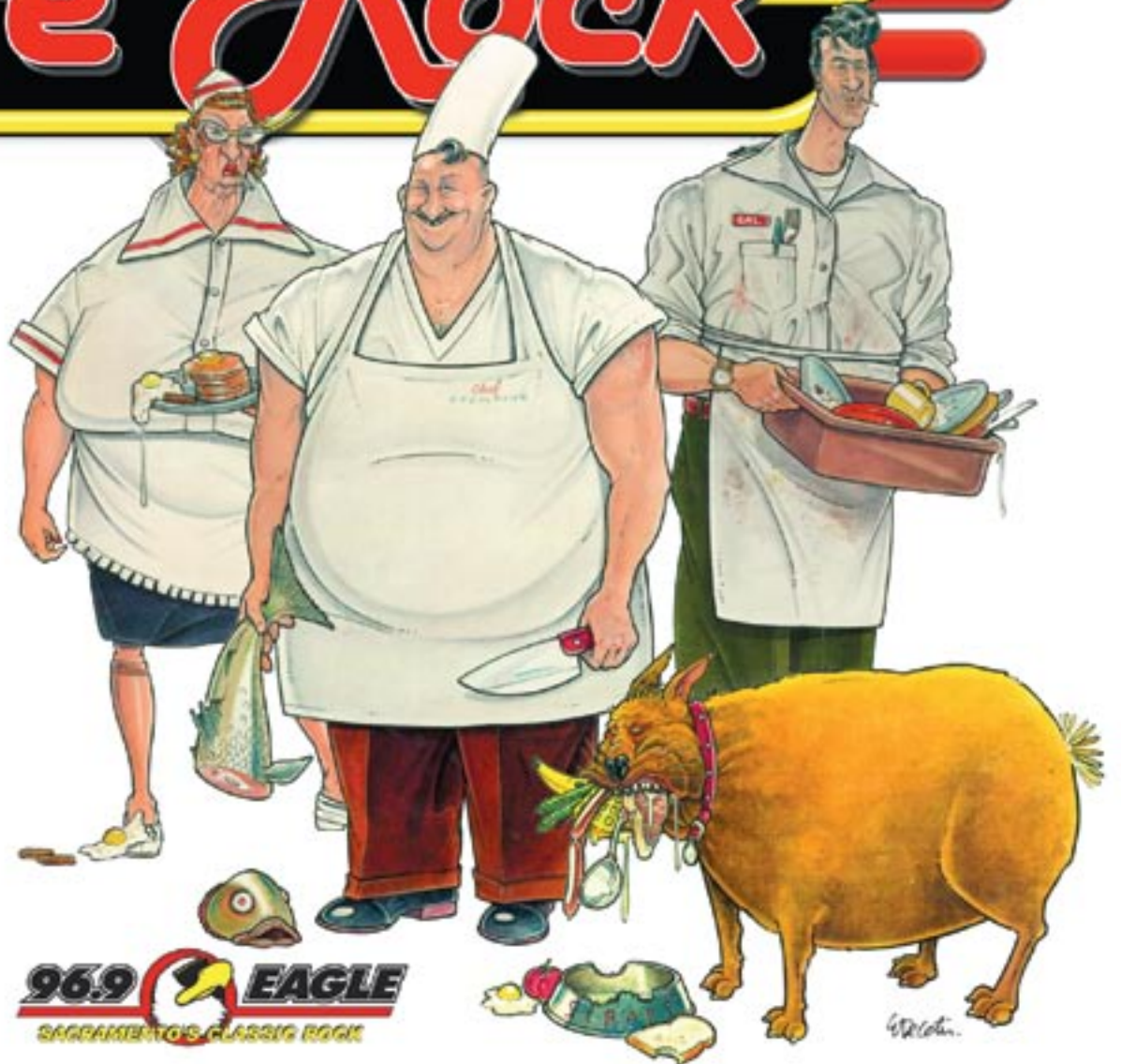
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Art in the Park:  
A new biweekly FREE program this summer may be coming to William Land and McClatchy parks

By CLEO CARTEL

In almost all the great cities in our country the summer youth programs are set and ready to go. Youth programs are the key to growth and enrichment in our children's lives. The summer experiences that are created with art and social interaction become memories and experiences that positively impact their decision process as young adults.

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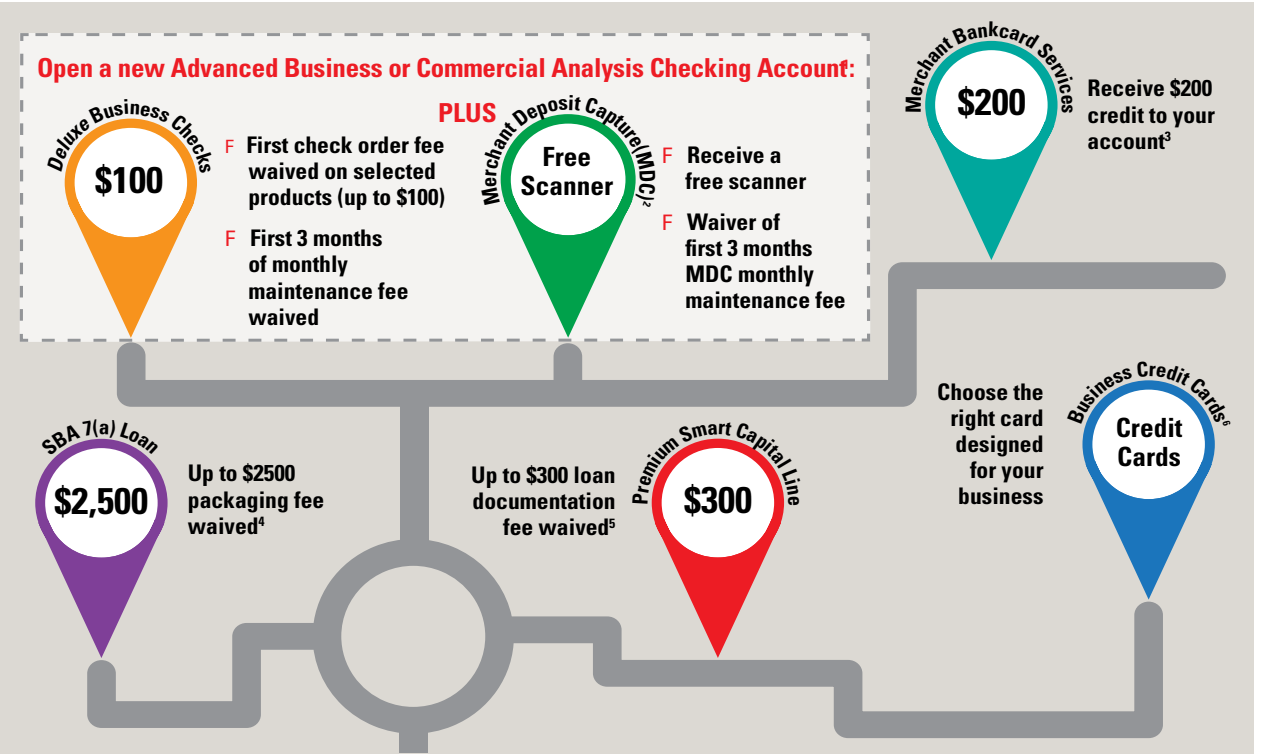
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# Money Matters:

## Low-income women get a financial advice from local Soroptimists

By MONICA STARK  
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Recycle. Renew. Those are the themes for Soroptimist International of Sacramento's mammoth garage sale to be held starting at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 20 at the Folsom Boulevard Flea Market at 8521 Folsom Blvd. between Howe and Watt avenues. The recycled household items of Soroptimist members and friends will be sold to raise funds needed to help renew young people's lives.

The proceeds from the sale will go to fund services, which help women and children improve their lives. One such program is the Soroptimist's Money Matters Program, which teaches low income, at-risk parents and teenagers how to make their money "go further and last longer." This is the fifth year of the Soroptimist members teaching the classes, which have assisted hundreds of young adults in effectively managing their modest incomes. They are taught to clients from different agencies, including My Sister's House and The Salvation Army. Previously, classes were taught at Women's Empowerment and Soroptimists are hoping to teach the classes at the Boys and Girls Club over the summer. Proceeds to fund the Money Matters program specifically go toward purchas-

ing items like calculators, pens, and pencils for the students.

Items for sale will include appliances, collectibles, linens, clothing, games and sports equipment. The sale will begin at 7 a.m. and will last until mid afternoon. Parking is free. Sale display will be in the back of the property on Row 10 on the backside (northside) of the big red barn. Call the Soroptimist hotline at 709-6748 for more information, and visit the website at www.soroptimistsacramento.com.

Valley Community Newspapers spoke with Nancy Wolford-Landers, a member of the Soroptimists who has been teaching the Money Matters classes since their inception. "We're teaching them how to effectively manage their own money. A lot of people come from families that (those skills) haven't been stressed. We find people drowning in debt, so we try to help them take control of their financial situations," she said.

Proceeds from the June 20 sale will fund expenses such as the cost of the workbooks filled with financial tips and recipe books that go hand-in-hand with instruction on shopping wisely. Students can keep the workbook for future reference. "They might not be buying a car yet, but they can get information on car loans. (The workbook) is meant for them to keep."

The courses are comprised of four 60- to 90-minute sessions. Before the first session gets underway, the Soroptimists provide them with an initial survey to learn about the strengths and weaknesses of the students' financial knowledge. A similar survey is provided at the end of the class. "We don't keep track of names, but as a group and we've seen a quite bit of improvement."

Sessions stress the need for financial planning and how to take control of one's own money - very powerful skills that for many of the participants are victims of domestic violence. "They relate to that," Nancy said. "So, a lot of important is planning. We talk about financial plans and financial dreams. (On a worksheet) they identify what they want to purchase and how much it will cost them. Then, they turn the sheet over and see if it's achievable based on their income. "We don't want them to be set up for failure. It's very personal. Each person has different dreams. Many of them want to move into their own apartment, but they don't know about deposits - first month's, last month's. They don't think about that. We bring them into reality. For a lot of them, their biggest expense is their groceries. We show them how to make money last when you cook at home. I put a big 10 pound bag of rice down on the table and tell them that it's 10 cents a meal. We give

them real tools. We give them cheap shopping lists. We tell them to shop together and split up economy size bags. We also stress the planning and how to take advantage of the season."

A big part of the training program deals with the needs versus wants. "Do you need name brand athletic shoes? What about fresh fruit? We have them think more rationally. We teach them that when you are in charge, you don't let peer pressure or an advertisement (influence) you. You decide what's a need, and what's a want. You have to be committed to work the plan. When you are in charge, you are more powerful"

Soroptimist Sacramento has about 60 members and meets every Friday at noon at Casa Garden Restaurant (2760 Sutterville Road) except during the months of July and August.

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# Under-the-freeway farmers' market to celebrate 35th anniversary

By LANCE ARMSTRONG  
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best market in Sacramento County," Greg said.

The oldest of the county's Certified Farmers' Markets is about to reach a milestone in its history, as this summer that market will reach its 35th year of operation.

Located under the freeway at 8th and W streets, adjacent to Southside Park, this year-round market was established in August 1980.

In tribute to that market, the Land Park News paid a visit to this local attraction last weekend.

During that visit, a portion of the market's vendors shared details about the businesses they represented.

Information regarding some of those businesses is presented, as follows:

### Beals' Orchard

Greg Beals, owner of Beals' Orchard in Placer County, has the notoriety of being one of the original vendors of the 8th and W streets farmers' market.

The 42-year-old, 53-acre Beals' Orchard, which was established in 1973, was only 7 years old when Greg began selling at the market.

With a smile on his face, Greg said, "I have a few more gray hairs now."

In sharing a bit about his business story, Greg said, "I'm the plum man by trade, because I have so many varieties, and the customers made me the plum man. But I've diversified into peaches, nectarines, pluots, persimmons, pomegranates, figs. That's the main products."

"This is my passion. This is what I always wanted to do. So, I started in 1973 and started planting an orchard. I retired 15 years ago, but this is what I prefer to do. I also do a few other things, but this is the main thing."

Greg also had kind words to say about Dan Best, coordinator of Certified Farmers' Markets in Sacramento County.

"Dan Best, the market's manager, keeps making (the market) better by bringing in a diverse variety of vendors that add to the ambience of the market. It's the

### Kelsos' Black Gold Ranch

For regulars of the 8th and W streets farmers' market, another one of the most familiar faces at that market is that of Citrus Heights native Paula Kelso, co-owner of Kelsos' Black Gold Ranch, in Oroville, with her husband, Richard.

In speaking about the longevity of her business at the market, Paula, a 1957 graduate of San Juan High School, said, "There were three of us that stood on the corner (of 8th and W streets) for about three years (during the market's early years). I came (to the market) in 1984, but I've been doing it on the ranch for 40 years. I bought this old orange ranch for a hobby."

Susan Kelso Kibbler, Richard and Paula's daughter, mentioned that many generations of her family have worked as citrus farmers.

"My family has been in the citrus industry in California for five generations," Susan said. "At one time, we had four generations on the farm. There are three of us now. In (Rialto, Calif., on the longtime citrus ranch of Richard's family), they lost all their trees to the smog. We have 17 acres of citrus, 2,000 trees, a lot of different varieties of citrus."

Susan added that people have learned a lot about buying fruit at this farmers' market, since its early years.

"(Early on), it was more like, 'Why does this stuff look weird,'" Susan said. "But this is the way they grow on the trees."

Paula mentioned that people from some parts of the world do not need to be educated about farmers' markets.

"There are some countries where they have shopped like this," Paula said. "They don't have to go to (grocery stores). They get them fresher, cheaper and better (at the farmers' market)."

In further commenting about the market, Paula said, "It's really a fun thing for families, and we try to make everybody happy."

### Bodega Bay Oyster Company

The Bodega Bay Oyster Company, of Petaluma, began selling its products at this market in about 2000.

Jim Ingegneri, a vendor for that company, commented about the business, saying, "Bodega Bay Oyster Company has been in business for 30 years. They always sell oysters in Tomales Bay. We harvest three times a week. We deliver to wholesale fish companies in San Francisco. We deliver all over the city to the restaurants and stores, and we also have a retail store on Valley Ford Road (in Petaluma), where you can come in and buy oysters. They're fresh. We also have clams and mussels."

And in commenting about the 8th and W streets market, Ingegneri said, "There are a lot of people, (and) it's under the freeway. No tent, no nothing. And I enjoy all the vendors in my immediate area."

### Lucky Dog All Natural Beef

David Karetala, a vendor of Lucky Dog All Natural Beef, of Dixon, said that the business was established about five years ago to supply Lucca Restaurant at 1516 J St. and Roxy Restaurant at 2381 Fair Oaks Blvd.

In commenting about that business's product, Karetala said, "We've got the best beef that you're going to taste anywhere, in not just California. The ground beef is mind blowing. The rib-eyes and filets, you can't buy steaks that taste this good. It seems steep, some of the prices, but you're supporting a local business, somebody from the local area. It doesn't get any better than that. That's the idea. You don't want the factory farms' sick cows. You want the real way, and that's the price you pay for it all. Yeah, all natural."

Karetala also mentioned that he enjoys meeting the regulars of the market and learning about their cooking experiences, and taking their requests.

"It's kind of a community (at the market)," Karetala said. "You get used to seeing the same people. We get a lot

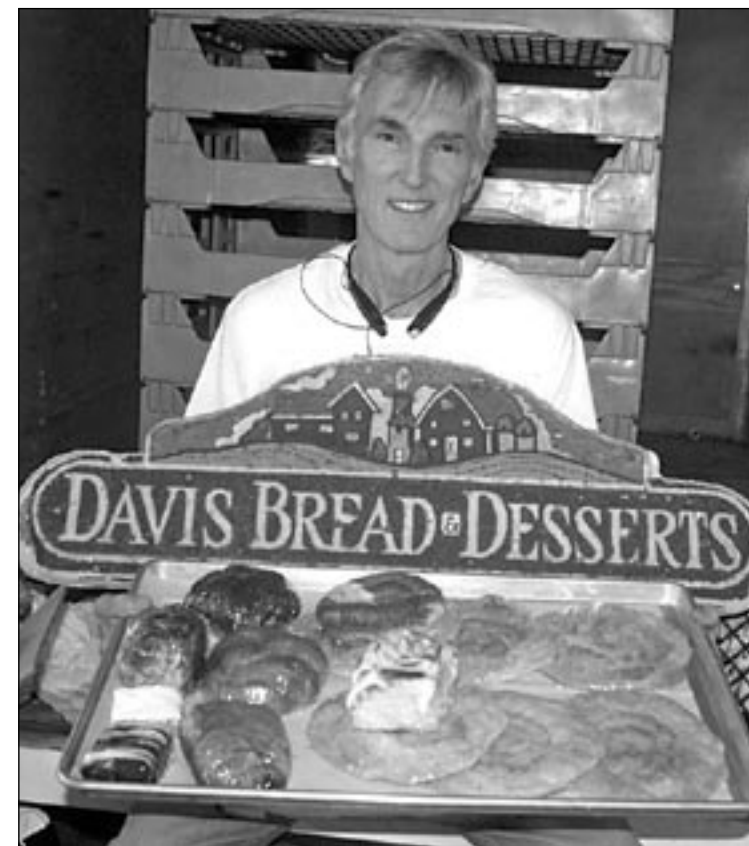


Photo by Lance Armstrong  
Tom Kilbourn, shown holding a tray of pastries, owns the Davis, Calif. business, Davis Bread & Desserts, with his wife, Rachel.

of regulars. They come here every week and they ask (such things as), 'Hey, I'm going to a barbecue, can you hang onto some tri-tip for me?'"

### Nai's Berry Farm

Nai Meng of Nai's Berry Farm, of Antelope, began operating his business in 1994, and he became a vendor at the market about a year later.

Among the products offered by this business at various times of the year are strawberries, blackberries, green beans, eggplant and squash.

After being asked why he enjoys coming to the market, Meng replied, "Because I like people."

Meng said that in addition to his work as a farmer, he is also employed as a blackjack dealer at Cache Creek Casino.

### Watanabe Farms

Little Pocket resident Heidi Watanabe, co-owner of West Sacramento's Watanabe Farms, with her husband, Clark Watanabe, is a regular vendor at the 8th and W streets farmers' market.

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# New children's book explores a child's journey through yoga

By MONICA STARK  
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Sacramento lawyer and founder of Willow Tree Roots, a nonprofit that provides business operations, management and income-generating skills to women in developing nations, Tiffani Sharp recently released a children's book titled "The Yoga of You: A Child's Journey to Self Through Yoga."

About a little girl who sets off on a lotus flower floating down a sparkling river and, through yoga and the elements of nature, she learns that within herself she possesses the power for happiness, majesty, confidence, strength and gratitude. This is a great book for children ages 2-12, as well as parents and caregivers of children.

Tiffani wrote into Valley Community Newspapers about how she came to write the book as follows:

"I have been doing yoga with my (5-year-old) daughter Willow since she was in the womb. And like most children, she was a natural yogi since birth. As she got older, she really loved to practice sequences with me and we started to make up our own routines together. I found it easy and fun to remember our 'flow' by making up stories to go along with the poses. And adding a story to the routines also helped maintain her at-

tention. Soon we began incorporating other aspects of our lives into the routines, such as mindfulness and gratitude. Because my daughter is a rainbow of cultures, I really wanted to make a book with a main character that looked like her and could be an inspiration to other children, especially little girls that looked like her as well."

Tiffani started working on the book in November of 2014, at a time when she and Willow were doing the pose sequence that is illustrated in "The Yoga of You" on a regular basis. "One day as we were congratulating ourselves how proud we were for completing a great routine, my daughter Willow suggested that we make it into a book. At 5 years old, she is quite the aspiring author herself. So we sat down at the computer and typed it up," Tiffani said.

A few weeks later, Tiffani met with illustrator Penny Anderson and shared her thoughts with her and from that first meeting, Tiffani said she knew that she would be the perfect artist because she understood the goal behind the book.

The inspiration behind the book came when Willow was 1 and a half years old and was upset because she was having a hard time doing something and she said "I can't do it." In



Shown here is local author Tiffani Sharp with daughter Willow, the inspiration of a new children's book titled, "The Yoga of You: A Child's Journey to Self Through Yoga." Photo courtesy

response, Tiffani told her "you can do anything!"

"A few hours later she was playing and running as fast as she could shouting 'I can do anything!' It was then that I realized how important it would be to make sure she understood who she is and all that she is capable of doing. It was also at this time that we began practicing various forms of meditation, mindfulness and gratitude together. This book celebrates and reminds us of some of the many wonderful aspects of who we are," said Tiffani.

While this is Tiffani's first book that has been published, she has been working on a separate book for over a year called "Vegan Body Care Recipes" which aims to give everyone in every community the

tools and knowledge they need to make their own healthy affordable vegan body care products. "This book, 'The Yoga of You,' came together so naturally and easily that I couldn't wait to share it with other children as soon as I could," Tiffani said.

In speaking about her own parents and her upbringing, Tiffani said her father was a B-52 pilot in the Air Force and her family moved to Sacramento County when she was 5 years old. "My parents are originally from the South (my mother is from Texas and my father is from Alabama). Our family so loved it here that my parents made every effort to keep us in Sacramento County despite my father being in the military," Tiffani said. Tiffani attended California State University, Sacramento, where

she obtained a degree in Business Marketing and she attended the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento where she obtained a Juris Doctor with a specialization in International Law. "For over 35 years Sacramento has proudly been my home," she said. All of Tiffani's immediate family lives in Sacramento County. "In fact, my parents and both my brothers and all three of my nieces live within 10 minutes of my home!" she said.

All of the proceeds from this book are donated to the nonprofit Willow Tree Roots. You can order the book either through the Willow Tree Roots' website under "Shop" and "Books & Videos." The book is also available on Amazon and Kindle.

## Farmers' Market:

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Pocket News newspapers may recall Heidi's father, Roy Watanabe, a former writer for those papers.

In regard to the 7-acre Watanabe Farms, which was established in 1997 and began selling at the market in about 2002, Heidi said, "We're actually known for our tomatoes. There are several (tomato vendors) out here, but I would like to say that we have the best tomatoes. We have such a big variety, and our quality control is very high."

Heidi said that the farm has grown tomatoes as heavy as four pounds, but that they are not sold at the market.

"They taste like cardboard," Heidi said.

Watanabe Farms, which also grows such produce as nectarines and a variety of squash, offers all organic products, with the exception of its tree fruit.

established in 1977, and grows more than 50 varieties of flowers year round.

Becky Ramos, a 1970 graduate of C.K. McClatchy High School, mentioned that she is a regular customer of the business.

"I come out here every Sunday to get flowers for my (deceased) family members at the burials at St. Mary's (Cemetery at 6700 21st St.). The flowers are for my son and my two sisters. Every week I bring them fresh flowers. And I like it to look colorful and we clean the burial (plots). It's a family tradition. They're always in our hearts. They always have beautiful flowers. So, I just need to get flowers every week."

## Lienert Quality Honey

Sacramento native Frank Lienert, Jr., a 2002 graduate of Jesuit High School, shared details about his family's business, Leinert Quality Honey.

"My dad (Frank Lienert, Sr.) started (the business) 52 or 54 years ago," Frank, Jr. said. "He was born in Woodland. He grew up on a dairy. We live in the Tahoe Park area, but the hives are all out in the country. Our facilities are out in the rural area."

"We have honey. We also have pollen. We sell honey sticks, which is our honey packaged in plastic straws. The honey we have is all different va-

rieties, whatever nature will provide. There's orange flower (honey). There's wildflower (honey) that people take for allergies. There's eucalyptus, sage, alfalfa, safflower (honeys)."

Frank, Jr. was asked about the health benefits of consuming honey.

He replied, "It's twice as sweet as sugar, so if you were to use it as a sugar substitute, you would use half as much. It also has pollen in it, so it has nutritional benefits, as well as (it) helps with allergies. We have a lot of customers who buy it to help with seasonal allergies. A lot of people swear by it."

In speaking about the market, Frank, Jr. said, "I grew up coming here. The farmers like it. It's a buyers' market. People come here and they want to buy. People are here looking for the freshest (products) they can get. This is the biggest, most comprehensive market in the Sacramento area. So, you see lots of people here and they come to buy. It's a fantastic market all around, whether you're buying honey (or other products). If you're looking for anything that's grown in California, odds are you're going to find it here."

Many other vendors fill grounds each week at the under-the-freeway farmers' market at 8th and W streets, as they offer a variety of products.

The market is open every Sunday throughout the year from 8 a.m. to noon.

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### Saturday Sleuths Book Club

**Saturday, June 13 at 2 p.m.:** Discuss popular and classic mysteries. The June selection is "Wife of the Gods" by Kwei Quartey.

### Baby storytime

**Tuesday, June 16 at 12:30 p.m.:** Come to the library for nursery rhymes, fingerplays, simple stories, and songs designed to encourage a range of early literacy skills. This program is for children up to about 18 months old or until they are ready for toddler storytime.

### Noni's Knit-Wits (Adult)

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## Top rated radio personality, a Land Park resident, reminisces on his lengthy career and his famous Café Rock

By GREG BROWN  
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"I told the guy in Wisconsin I gotta get out of here. Help me. How about anything on the West Coast? Anything."

Nineteen-eighty was the year and that's when radio personality Bob Keller packed his bags and landed a gig on-air at the legendary free-form Sacramento radio station, KZAP.

From Key West, to Madison, to Sacramento – most of Bob's radio success has been here in Sacramento, first in the 1980s at KZAP, then a morning stint at KQPT The Point, and now at The Eagle where he's done middays for over 20 years.

Bob resides in Land Park with his wife Shelly and his faithful dog Maggie.

He's lived in the Land Park neighborhood for more than 30 years. You may see Bob swimming laps at the YMCA, jamming on his fiddle at Old Ironsides with his jam band, or playing golf in William Land Park.

"I'm all about three things," Bob said. "Doing the best radio I can at this price range. I'm about golfing. And I'm about fiddling. Those are the three things that interest me."

Bob also loves his home and neighborhood.

"It's a great neighborhood; it's a real neighborhood. People walk around it. You see the eyes of pedestrians walking by my house on the sidewalk and they say 'hello.' There's a lot of people walking their dogs, that's cool.

"Plus you live in Land Park, I mean, three blocks away is the best park in town," he said.

Bob might just be the best radio deejay in town. You can hear Bob Keller Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 96.9, The Eagle. He hosts the Café Rock at noon. Before there was a Hard Rock Café, there was Bob Keller's Café Rock.

The Café Rock is theater-of-the-mind radio with kooky characters like Chef Pro-maine, waitress Betty Varicose, busboy Sal Monella, as well as wacky sound effects with Bob Keller smack dab in the middle of it all, like an orchestra conductor. It's like Bob is broadcasting live from a local Sacramento greasy spoon, but he's really just in the Eagle studio on Madison Avenue.

I met with Bob at New Helvetia on Broadway. He came wheeling up on an old vintage bicycle wearing a WIND youth services sweatshirt and beige cords. Bob is definitely not pretentious. If he showed up in bike regalia from REI, I would have been disappointed.

We ordered a couple of pints and sat down at a table next to the big window that looks out onto Broadway. I asked the very stereotypical question: "What's the typical workday for you?"

"The workday for me, Greg, and this is one of the reasons I'm still doing it, is because I've streamlined my job to absolutely only what I need to do and what I need to do is

be on the air. That's all I need to do."

He went on to say, err tout, "I'm a specialist. I get ratings. That's what I do."

This is classic Bob Keller. It's why he has lasted so long on the air.

Also, Bob has good reason to be confident. He recently snagged a 16 share! That's Nielsen ratings gold.

It's easy to see why Bob gets the good ratings.

Coming out of Kiss's "Rock and Roll All Nite," Bob opens the mic and wisecracks, "As long as I get a nap in, I'm good to go."

Bob's witty, off-the-cuff remarks about the music is what makes him and the Café Rock unique.

Bob told me his best two years in radio broadcasting were at The Point with Ken. Bob was the morning host and Ken Shuper was the newsman/sidekick. KQPT The Point was a little upstart station back in the early 90s in Sacramento.

"It was completely new, Ken was a great sidekick, and I could play a vast variety of music. Bands you couldn't hear anywhere else. That was fun, I could do anything and say anything and I had a great following of people. The people who followed the program were hip."

I spoke to his old radio sidekick and Land Park golf buddy Ken who said, "those were the days" at The Point.

Ken had been doing news in the morning for two or three years and the station had "gone through a couple morn-



Photo by Greg Brown  
Shown here is legendary deejay Bob Keller at New Helvetia Brewery on Broadway.

ing guys," and they told him, "We're bringing in Keller."

They hit it off right away.

The first day he was on the air at The Point, Bob did a live remote broadcast from Tower Café with special guest comedian, Jack Gallagher. "Another Land Park denizen," Ken said. Ken was back at the studio doing the news and he could tell right away, even on that first day, that he and Bob had chemistry. Ken said, "Even without seeing each other or having met we just hit it off. And I thought, 'This is gonna work.'"

Ken added, "Bob came in the next week and we just rolled...it was a lot of fun.

"We would do this thing where every Friday morning 'The Fish Patrol' would go out to a local coffee shop and broadcast live. They'd set up and people would come up and sit, talk and just hang out."

If you wonder why Bob Keller gets the ratings and

why people love his show, the suits don't mess with him.

"Here's the strange thing about radio to me," Bob said.

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Dedicating the second of 10 bike racks to be installed in District 5 are artist Jason A. Silva (left), Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission Executive Director Shelly Willis, and Council Member Jay Schenirer.

## New bike racks unveiled at Sierra 2 Center

New bike racks have come to the Sierra 2 Center and people are taking notice. Filling the racks on a recent Saturday evening, people are enjoying the racks created by artist Jason A. Silva, who grew up in and now lives in the neighborhood. Silva describes his approach to design – and to architecture – as “performance-based.” As a leader in communication and environmental design, he envisions a world that can engage in discussion leading toward a reality that is greater than perception. This philosophy is evident in the bike rack he designed for the project. Titled “Anamorphosis,” the rack includes three separate racks that, when viewed together from a specific vantage point, form the stylized image of a cyclist riding a bike.

On May 29, about 12 people attended an unveiling of the racks at Sierra 2, including Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission staff, commissioners, Sacramento City Councilman Jay Schenirer, Jason's family, and people from the neighborhood.

There are other racks similar to this one installed at the following locations: Colonial Heights Library, Reichmuth Park, Lawrence Park, Chorley Park, Belle Cooledge Park, and Magnan Park, said Zelia Gonzales, an intern from Schenirer's office. Additionally, more are planned for the neighborhood. So be on the lookout at William Curtis Park, which will be a dedication to Rex Babin, The Sacramento Bee editorial cartoonist who passed away in 2012 and Gunther's Ice Cream will have one installed outside of their Franklin facing side soon as well, explained Zelia.



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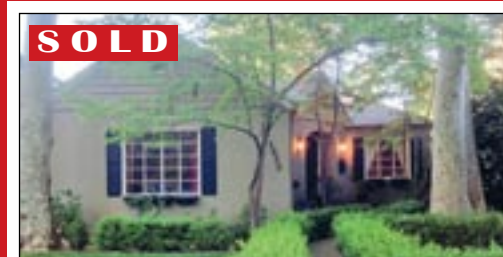
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# What's new at the zoo? Summer events are heating up

## Member Evening

**June 11:** Mark your calendars for the free members only evening at the Sacramento Zoo 5:30 to 8 p.m. You will have a chance to roam around the zoo after hours. There's no need to make a reservation, just show your membership card and ID at the entrance to get into this exclusive event. Activities will include a Wildlife Stage Show, discounted rides on the Zoo Train and Conservation Carousel, free raffle and a special

20 percent discount in the Zoofari Market gift store. Kampala Cafe will be open if you would like to purchase dinner, or bring your own and have a picnic. Back by popular demand, we will offer animal enrichments so you can watch as keepers deliver the treats (funds benefit the American Association of Zookeepers). There will be a limited number of enrichments available per animal, so come early to make sure you can pick your favorite! Call the Member-

ship & Visitor services office at 808-5888.

## Twilight Thursdays - Zoo open late!

**From June 18 to July 30:** During Twilight Thursdays the Zoo will be open extended hours for summer enjoyment until 8 pm. Stroll the Zoo in the evening and enjoy local bands on the Reptile House Lawn stage. New this year - Jazz with Giraffes Beer and Wine Garden featuring live jazz near the giraffe ex-

hibit with local craft beers and wine. Dinner specials will be available for purchase in Kampala Cafe. Visit the Twilight Thursdays page to find out more. Admission is FREE to Sacramento Zoo members!

## Estate Planning Safari

**July 11:** From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., join the zoo for a free informative seminar that will navigate through a jungle of topics presented by local attorney Mark S. Drobny, California State Bar Certified legal specialist in estate planning, trust and probate law. Mr. Drobny is widely regarded as one of the top experts on estate planning, providing information on a variety of topics in an entertaining manner that will help you design a plan that fits your needs. Seating is limited. Call 916.808.8815 or email to RSVP by July 3 to guarantee your seat.

## Wells Fargo Wednesdays

**On July 15, 22 and 29,** thanks to Wells Fargo, up to four kids (ages 2-11) will be admitted for free with a paid adult on Wells Fargo Wednesdays! Each child will also receive a ticket to ride the Zoo Train or Conservation Carousel. PLUS, on July 29th, the famous Wells Fargo Stage Coach will be at the Zoo too!

## Kids inside the Wells Fargo Stage Coach

The Wells Fargo stage coach will be at the Zoo on July 29.

## Ice Cream Safari!

August 15 from 4 to 8 p.m.: Join the Zoo for the 31st annual Ice Cream Safari where you can enjoy Baskin Robbins Ice Cream in cones, sundaes and floats along with Coca-Cola beverages. Other activities include face painting, an ice cream dance party and live entertainment. Don't forget to enter the GiRaffle for the chance to win some fun prizes. Buy your tickets in advance and save! Early bird tickets for zoo members purchased through Aug. 12 are \$15 for adults and \$11 for kids (ages 2-11). Starting Aug. 13, tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids, no discounts. All proceeds from Ice Cream Safari will benefit the general maintenance and animal care at the Sacramento Zoo. Call 808-5888 for more information. Note: The zoo closes at 1:30 p.m. to prepare for the event.

## Bingo Night

**Aug. 25:** From 5 to 8:30 p.m., enjoy a fun night of bingo and have a blast raising funds for the zoo at the Florin Road Bingo Hall! Your ticket includes a delicious dinner, non-alcoholic drinks and eight rounds of bingo with the chance to win cash prizes. You can also imbibe at the no-host bar, enter the raffle for fabulous prizes and even meet some of the Sacramento Zoo's Animal Ambassadors.

Seating is limited so call 808-8376 to make your reservation now! Early bird tickets for Zoo members purchased before Aug. 22 are \$35 each (\$40 for non-members). Starting Aug. 23, tickets are \$45 each, no discounts. Participants must be 18 years of age or older. Visit the Bingo Night page for more information.

## Where are the flamingos?

You may have noticed a painted mural in front of the flamingos on your recent visit to the Zoo. The wall is there temporarily to give the flamingos some privacy during their courtship and breeding season. Hopefully we will see fluffy gray flamingo chicks through the viewing holes this summer!

## Passing of the Yellow-backed Duiker Calf

The zoo is saddened to announce the death of the female Yellow-backed Duiker calf born in November 2014. She was discovered by zookeepers on the afternoon of June 3, already deceased and preliminary examination at the Zoo's Murray E. Fowler Veterinary Hospital suggests that her death was instantaneous. Duikers are shy by nature so it was a treat to see this youngster when she would venture onto exhibit, making this a difficult loss for the zoo staff and community.

**African Lion Cubs:** The trio of African Lion cubs born in October 2014 is growing fast! These cuties are most active in the cool mornings and evenings - be sure to check them out during evening events this summer!

An African Lion Cub Zoo Parent package is the perfect gift for Dad this Father's Day. Special packages which include a cuddly plush lion are available for a limited time. Call 808-5888 to purchase one today!

# Art in the Park:

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coached on how to price and sell their art, and waahhhllll-laaaa! Now they have college money or candy money. Hey, organizers will let the parents decide that one! They do, however, need YOU, the people to help raise the funds for supplies for this 2016 summer "Art in the Park" kickoff.

Your contributions will go towards all art supplies, permits, insurances and art show to ensure that the youth in Sacramento have a great summer. ART in The Park will begin on July 25 and every other Saturday after that until Saturday, Sept. 12, which will be the art in the park art show! Art in the Park will be at the following park locations: William Land Park (our core park) and McClatchy Park.

We are who we have been waiting for. We as the citizens of this fine Sacramento city have the ability to produce, form and create the socially conscience and cultural events and programs for our communities youth to thrive in! If we wait for government agencies to do this programing, we run the chance of some of our beautiful chil-

dren missing out due to years of waiting for funding! We are Art in the Park rocks the world, and we as community artists have decided to take over the parks in the summer session to rally for art in the parks for our youth and any age that would like to learn or how to be creative with acrylics and paintbrushes. And guess what, it's all free. We have designed a great summer session of creative expression and what we need from you the community is to rally behind us in donations, attendance, volunteering and spreading the word!

Without our donations we will not be able to pull off a free day of activities! Remember all donations will go towards permits, insurance, all art supplies, t-shirts, media and marketing (websites and social media)! Let's make this a great summer for the next generation of creative leaders! Donate, support and volunteer today! Thank you in advance.

Art in the Park can be found on Twitter and Facebook. To donate, visit <https://rally.org/f/3eY8hW8lfQh>

*Cleo Cartel is a local artist, activist, master builder and stylist. She is organizing these events.*



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### Free Young Adult Bereavement

#### Counseling:

The UC Davis Hospice Program and UC Davis Children's Hospital Bereavement Program will offer an eight-week Young Adult Bereavement Art Group for individuals 17 to 24 who are coping with the recent loss of a loved one. The sessions will be held on eight consecutive Monday evenings from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17. Each session will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the UC Davis Home Care Services Building, 3630 Business Dr., Suite F.

### Sacramento Zoo needs wheelchairs

The Sacramento Zoo is looking for a few "gently used" wheelchairs, 808-5888. Your wheelchair can be a tax deductible donation, and four zoo tickets will be offered as a thank you.

### Support group for alienated grandparents

Meeting is the last Friday of each month at 217 Cottage Way, suite 4. Meeting is at noon. 761-9121.

### Register for city of Sacramento's technology program for adults age 50-plus

The winter/spring 2015 session of TechConnections, a comprehensive technology literacy program designed specifically for Sacramento's residents age 50-plus, will begin at the Hart Senior Center and selected community centers in late January. Class descriptions, dates, times, and locations will be included in the "TechConnections Winter/Spring 2015 Class Catalog" on the city of Sacramento's Older Adult Services website. Offerings range from one-on-one assistance sessions to six-part classes, with start dates through late April. Registration day for all offerings is at 1 p.m. on Jan. 16 at the Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. Continuing registrations will be taken weekdays at Hart Senior Center until all classes are full. For inquiries, call 808-5462 or visit: <http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/ParksandRec/Recreation/older-adult-services/Programs/TechConnections>

### Run with a Recruiter

Every Friday at 6 a.m., the public is invited to join the Sacramento Police Department. This provides a unique opportunity for potential police candidates and those in the hiring process to run together.

### Emotions Anonymous

Meets regularly Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. Meeting information is available at [www.emotionsanonymous.org](http://www.emotionsanonymous.org). Free 12-step program/support group for those who desire to become well emotionally healthy. Acquire a new way of life, sharing experiences, and learning to live with unsolved emotional problems. Meets Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parks Community Church 5700 South Land Park Dr.; Tuesday 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Sierra Arden Church of Christ, 890 Morse Ave (at Northrup), Room F-4. Thursday 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, 1615 Morse Ave. (at Arden Way) left of choir room. An optional newcomer orientation occurs on Saturdays from 1 to 1:30 p.m. at Wellness Recovery Center, 9719 Lincoln Dr. Ste. 300. Also on Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., there will be a topic for discussion at WRC, 9719 Lincoln Dr., Ste. 300.

### Mahogany Urban Poetry Series

**Queen Sheba - poetry readings**  
Each Wednesday from 8-11 p.m. at Queen Sheba in Sacramento, local talent makes it way to the restaurant for weekly open-mic events. \$3-\$5. 1704 Broadway.

### Youth Connections Unlimited announces fundraising campaign

Did you know that one Sacramento organization can reduce recidivism for crimes committed by youths by up to 70 percent? Youth Connections Unlimited has been providing mentoring and other services to incarcerated and probationary youth for over ten years that gives youth tools for staying outside the juvenile justice system. YCU works with the Sacramento County Probation Department with a focus on re-entry

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mentoring and preventative programming with a commitment to the principles of Restorative Justice. The support youth get from YCU and its volunteers gives hope to Sacramento County youth, make communities safer and save taxpayers money. For more information, call David Taft at 835-1147 or visit <http://www.sacycu.com>

### Brain Gymnasium

Exercise your mind and have some fun at this on-going Brain Gymnasium class! Inviting all seniors to Eskaton Monroe Lodge, 3225 Freepoint Boulevard, 9:20 a.m. Thursdays, \$6 per class. Call 441-1015 for more information.

### Women with Good Spirits monthly meeting

Each second Tuesday of the month at Revolution Wines at 6:30 p.m., Women With Good Spirits invites a community non-profit to present on its mission work. The presenter will start their presentation promptly at 7:15 p.m. and will last 15-20 minutes with an open question and answer forum after. RSVP is appreciated as well as a \$5+ donation per person that will go directly to the non-profit presenting that month. 2831 S St. Visit [www.womenwithgoodspirits.com](http://www.womenwithgoodspirits.com) or find the group on Facebook.

### The Community Housing and Services Coalition monthly meetings

Originally created by the Sacramento Community Services Planning Council, the Community Housing Coalition (CHC) was created as a vehicle to provide information and educate community leaders and decision makers regarding housing for low income, disabled and older adults. CHSC monthly meetings are free and open to the public; they are held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Sacramento Sheriff's South Area Office Community Room at 7000 65th Street, Sacramento (the Sacramento County Voters Registrar Building). At each meeting a guest speaker is invited to attend and give a 30-minute presentation with 10 minutes for Q&A. Speakers are selected for their expertise and knowledge in their respective fields, and agencies/organizations. The speakers are encouraged to provide handouts, fliers, and other informational materials to the 15 to 30 attendees. If you have any questions, please contact either: Alex Eng at 424-1374; email [xeng916@sbcglobal.net](mailto:xeng916@sbcglobal.net); or Cindy Gabriel at 916/732-6189; email [cynthia.gabriel@smud.org](mailto:cynthia.gabriel@smud.org).

### Gentle Qi Gong

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### Soroptimist International of Sacramento South meetings

A service organization dedicated to insure the status of women and girls, the group meets at Aviator's Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. for lunch and to discuss the day's topic. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 12:15 p.m.

### South Sacramento Rotary club meetings

Every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m., South Sacramento Rotary meets for lunch at the Iron Grill located at 2422 13th St. (near Broadway). Rotary is one of the largest service organizations serving local, national and inter-

national charities through community service and good fellowship. For more information, contact Michael DiGrazia at 396-7244.

## JUNE

### Crocker-Riverside Spring Jubilee

June 12: End the school year with a fiesta! Back after a few year hiatus, you will not want to miss this event! Ride your bike over to Sierra 2 for a taco dinner, music, and dancing with all your friends. No host bar, 6 to 10 p.m. Price is \$40 per adult and includes donation to Crocker-Riverside Parent Teachers Association. It includes dinner and dancing.

### Film showing about Sutter's birth place, Kander

June 12: At 7 p.m., Peter Volker from Kander will be in Sacramento at the Turn Verein to show a film about Kander, which is not only the birthplace of General Sutter, but in 1848 there was a fight at Kander where the first "Republicans" (i.e. students etc) were demanding and fighting for establishing a "Republic of Baden." When they were defeated many of them fled across the Rhine-river and then to the USA. They founded many "Turnvereine" in America. After the film, Peter will have a discussion and answer questions. This is a project of a partnership between Sacramento and Kander. Those interested in this project are invited to join the meeting at the [www.sacramentoturnverein.com](http://www.sacramentoturnverein.com)

### Fire Station 12 Open House

June 13: Fire Station 12, located at 4500 24th St., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Art and Photography Book Sale

June 13: Sacramento Fine Arts Center and the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library will be having an Art and Photography Book Sale Saturday, June 13th. It will be held at 5330 Gibbons Drive, in Carmichael. It will last from noon till 4 p.m. Prices will vary from 25 cents to \$30. The books have been donated FSPL and by members of SFAC. All the proceed will go to the Sacramento Fine Art Center.

### Free! Riverside Concert Series at Camp Pollock

June 18: Come Relax at Camp Pollock! Concert will feature a relaxing musical experience on Sacramento's American River Parkway. Concerts start at 6 and continue until 8 p.m. Bring your own picnic basket and blanket. Bring your leashed dog. Enjoy S'mores compliments of Sierra Service Project! The events are hosted by the Sacramento Valley Conservancy. For more information, contact [sacramentovalleyconservancy.org](http://sacramentovalleyconservancy.org) or call 731-8798. Camp Pollock is located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.

### Planning for seniors workshop

June 18: Tom Nakashima, along with Deborah Short and Eddie Fong of Planning for Seniors, LLC, will be hosting an informational get-together for Boomer with Aging Parents. They will be talking about important issues such as funding option for elder care and asset protection in California, so bring your questions. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be starting at 7 p.m. at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 530-671-3308.

### Family Campout at Fairytale Town

Friday, June 19 5:30 p.m. through Saturday, June 20 at 7 a.m.: Spend the night in Fairytale Town's storybook park. This exciting overnight adventure includes a theater performance, arts and crafts activities, a scavenger hunt, bedtime stories and a sing-

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### Fire Station 7 Open House

June 20: Fire Station 7, located at 6500 Wyndham Dr., will have an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Meet firefighters and possibly mascot Sparky.

### Learn summer safety at ACC

June 25: Increase your awareness so that common occurrences don't leave you vulnerable to crime. This training addresses simple things you can do to make yourself less of a target. We will also talk about scams that are directed toward seniors. Free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

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### Learn how to plan ahead for the inevitable

June 25: A 25-minute presentation on why everyone should pre-plan funeral arrangements. Eliminate stress and relieve your family of the burden, know all available choices, get what you want, ensure every detail is covered and save money! Free lunch and free of charge. Pre-registration is required. Class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 25, 2015 at ACC Senior Services, 7334 Park City Dr. For details, call 393-9026 ext 330, [www.accsv.org](http://www.accsv.org).

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# Parents supported teachers at Teacher Appreciation Day

Tuesday, May 5 was Teacher Appreciation Day, and Land Park Infant Center and Preschool teachers and staff were treated to a special dinner by parents of the school.

The event was spearheaded by parent Sarah Scheeline. The day started with a delivery of sunflowers in a pencil vase created by Kelly Fugina and her 4-year-old daughter, Karly. Kelly also created take-home flower arrangements that adorned the dinner table. When the school closed, parent helpers came into the school decorated and set an elegant dinner table. They selected a variety of music, enhancing the evening.

Parent and chef Jessica Rooker prepared and catered an amazing four-course dinner that included the following menu: tomato and basil bruschetta with aged balsamic vinegar, focaccia crostini, fresh mozzarella with extra virgin olive oil and basil, kale and romaine Caesar salad with homemade lemon-garlic dressing and

crotons, braised beef in burgundy wine sauce, basil pesto alfredo over pasta, grilled vegetable platter, mini funnel cakes and homemade strawberry ice cream with chocolate ganache and a signature mocktail.

The teachers and the school chef were served each course by moms and dads from the preschool. The dinner, wrapped and carefully selected gifts, were made possible by donations from LPICP parents.

Miss Mary and Miss Regina (directors of the school), in a joint statement, said: "We felt such an outpouring of appreciation and love from our school community; we always feel honored to have such supportive, involved and loving families at Land Park Infant Center and Preschool."

Land Park Infant Center and Preschool is located at 5250 Riverside Blvd. They offer care to infants from 6 weeks old to age 2. Additionally, they offer care to preschool/prekindergarten for ages 2 to 6.



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# Bob Keller:

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"I have pretty much done the same thing all the time I've been in radio. There's not much that's different about my show and my approach. I've never been told what to say or what I can't say in terms of content."

And that's why Bob Keller gets the ratings and why people love his show. The suits don't mess with him. It's pure Keller.

He also has insight about radio. "Radio is now a sonic service that you have on in the room. My show is for people at work each day. They're working, the songs are on, and then I come on with my little screwball stuff. It's really not about me, it's really about a music service, he said."

"The difference between me and Jack FM, which doesn't have any real people there, or Pandora, which doesn't have anybody there, is that it's got a live human being at the other end of the line. So, I love having contact with people's voices on the air. There's a connection to the city, you know?"

Just then a young woman named Mallory strolled across the brewery, came up to Bob, and said, "Hey man. Hi. I heard you say Fishhead Friday after I recognized your voice."

"Oh my God, there's no hiding," he said. Bob was being his sarcastic self because he enjoyed the attention from the young redhead. I asked Mallory what she liked about Bob's radio show and she told me, "He makes the music personal and that's why I listen to him everyday."

Bob, who grew up in San Francisco, is a big San Francisco Giants fan. They used to have "Sacramento Day" at Candlestick Park once a year against the Los Angeles Dodgers. The reps from the Giants came to the Eagle radio station and wanted to advertise Sacramento Day. They also asked Bob to throw out the first pitch at the ballgame. What a thrill!

Bob came up with the idea of having Sacramento folks singing the National Anthem. The radio station decided to have auditions. People were sending and calling in their renditions.

Bob only wanted them to sing the really hard part of the national anthem. You know, "ANNND the rockers red glare..."

"Just send that part in. That's all I wanna hear," Bob told his listeners.

He found a state worker with an operatic voice to sing the National Anthem at the game. They were in the Giant's dugout with Will Clark, Kevin Mitchell, Robbie Thompson — all waiting to line up for the National Anthem.

"We all line up for the National Anthem on the field and this woman goes to the mound, 'And from Sacramento please welcome so and so who won a radio station contest to sing the National Anthem.'"



Bob in the KZAP studio with legendary promoter Bill Graham.

Photos courtesy

"She nails it. The crowd freaked. They were was falling out of the upper level; they were so happy. It was a cool experience."

Bob also threw out the first pitch to Gary Carter. "I threw a strike," he said. Bob asked Gary if it was a strike and he said, "Yeah. It was a 26 mph strike."

It was Bob's change-up.

Bob also told me a story about golfing with Alice Cooper in Granite Bay. Once they finished golfing, Bob drove him back to the Clarion from the golf course. Alice had a gig that night at the Memorial Auditorium. On the drive home, they played trivia, "Alice, remember the name of the band that 'blah blah blah' ... Oh yeah. I met those guys. Remember this, remember that?"

They got along famously. "Alice is a great conversationalist," Bob said.

Bob told me he has three or four moments that will absolutely be with him for the rest of his life. One was throwing out the opening pitch of the Giant's game. Another was hosting the Jerry Garcia memorial at Capitol Park on the day of his death. Also, when he broadcasted live from San Francisco for the Bill Graham Memorial in Golden Gate Park.

Another big moment for Bob was broadcasting live from the Grammy's in New York City all week long. Five days of broadcasting. "I interviewed so many people that week. It was amazing."

Bob thinks the time that may have capped it all was in Copenhagen at an outdoor barbecue that Budweiser had sponsored. The Rolling Stones showed up in two beat up white Volkswagen vans.



Bob Keller in Golden Gate Park at the Bill Graham Memorial.

Bob said, "A guy announced the Stones are here and would like to meet you guys. No pictures. They'll be here for 10 minutes then they have to get ready for the show."

Barbecue, beer and the Rolling Stones under a tent with Bob. Bob told me Keith Richards comes up to him and asks, "So when did you guys get in town or something to that effect."

Bob, who's interviewed plenty of famous musicians, was star struck. "My tongue got caught in my throat. I couldn't talk. And after I choked for about two minutes, Keith finally just said, 'What the F is wrong with you, mate?' And walked away. That wasn't right. He didn't have to hurt me like that."

Bob was almost physically hurt when Jimmy Buffet came to town. Bob knew Jimmy from his Key West, Florida radio days back when Jimmy was just starting out. But once Jimmy Buffet became big, he had bodyguards. Backstage at the Jimmy Buffet concert at the old Cal Expo Amphitheater Bob was walking up to Jimmy to say "hello," and as soon as he got about 10 feet away, one of Buffet's body guards puts Bob in a choke-hold and dragged him off before Jimmy could even see him.

Bob's got a lot of good stories. Some can't be printed, though.

If you'd like to hear more of Bob's stories they can be found from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 96.9, The Eagle.

# Matias Bombal's Hollywood

## I'll See You In My Dreams

The MPAA has rated this PG-13

Bleeker Street Media is a relatively new movie production company out of New York City which has for the past year offered well made films by adults for adults, which in the current movie market of the target demographic of teen girls and boys, not only is refreshing, it is remarkable. They won big points with me earlier this year with the Al Pacino movie "Danny Collins" and now they offer "I'll See You in My Dreams", a story that brings talented actresses back to the screen you may have not seen in a while, including Blythe Danner, Mary Kay Place and Rhea Perlman. Sam Elliot and delightful June Squibb, who was so wonderful in "Nebraska", are also featured.

This is a story of a recent widow, played by Blythe Danner, who suffers an additional personal loss in the first few moments of the mov-

ie, the death of her most recent sleeping companion, her dog. She keeps engaging with friends, with whom she plays Bridge, who are always ready to offer advice whether she wants it or not, especially from Mary Kay Place, who I loved in the 1977 Martin Scorsese film "New York, New York" where she played opposite Robert DeNiro singing "Blue Moon". Her other great movies included "Private Benjamin", "The Big Chill" and "Terms of Endearment". Blythe Danner's character's strong spirit guides her through tough times, and an encroaching loneliness. She strikes up conversations with her kind swimming pool service man, and continues to visit with her girlfriends until one day she encounters Sam Elliot in a vitamin store. She's intrigued. Eventually they have a date, and he takes her out on his boat. Elliot offers that classic Gary Cooper stalwartness in bringing his role to life, a man of few words, but when he says something,

it carries weight. He's always had a presence in the movies, since we first saw him playing cards in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" in 1969.

Ms. Danner has already begun to receive many accolades for her work in this picture, and she's worked fairly consistently since the early 1970s in such memorable movies as "1776" where she was Mrs. Jefferson, "Hearts of the West", "The Great Santini", and of course, "Brigh-

ton Beach Memoirs". She is also the mother of actress Gwyneth Paltrow.

I found Danner to be marvelous in this- fragile, yet firm. In one scene, she has a chance to sing Arthur Hamilton's 1953 song "Cry Me a River" at a Karaoke Bar. The song had been written for Ella Fitzgerald to sing in the movie "Pete Kelly's Blues", but it was dropped and became a hit for Julie London, who made the definitive recording. Danner's rendition has the depth of the later ballads of Sinatra, and really resonated with me. I almost cried a river at her per-

formance. I was delighted to enjoy a movie without a loud and obnoxious soundtrack, where Rob Givins' camera work lingers on the subjects allowing you to see the depth of the performances.

Interestingly, the film's title has nothing to do with the famous ballad of the same name, written in 1924 by bandleader Isham Jones. However, a song with that title, and different melody and lyric is performed near the end of the movie by the kind pool man, played by actor Martin Starr. This movie is directed by Brett Haley.

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# International Kids Festival brought 15,000 people to William Land Park for free festivities

By MONICA STARK  
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About 15,000 people enjoyed the 11th annual International Kids Festival on Saturday, May 23 in William Land Park. Not only did the festival have almost 100 business vendors, it also included major attractions like pony rides, rock climbing walls, bungee jumping, jumbo inflatables, and miniature train rides combined with professional stage performances of different cultures such as Hawaiian, Polynesian and Mexican. The event had almost 600 volunteers, including the children who performed on stage.

For what started as a family picnic with only 200 people 11 years ago, over the years it has become more successful and more people started attending. "We believe the international part contributes to the growth of the festival," stated Margret Okunev, one of the festival's coordinators and director of operations for Russian American Media, the event's primary sponsor. Margret helped checked in business vendors, volunteers and the stage performers.

Margret said the goal of the event is to promote diversity and to show children the different cultures beyond what they are used to seeing at home. "We want to teach them that we have to embrace our heritage and be accept-

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## Kids Fest:

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able of other cultures. We truly believe that children should value their own heritage, that way they can appreciate and accept other people and their different heritages - This way we can have a brighter future!"

Russian America Media started 17 years as a newspaper and has grown to a full spectrum media company. "Not only do we have printed publications, but we also want to engage the community by partnering up with local non profits in our area to be able to put on these community events," Margret said.

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