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Dimple music stores to close

Sale on inventory to continue until at least August, says owner



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The Dimple store at 2433 Arden Way is shown on June 19, during the first day of the store's closing sale. The announcement of the planned closure of all seven Dimple stores was made during the previous day.

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

The longtime operating Dimple music stores are calling it quits.

John Radakovitz, the business's founder, explained his recent decision to close all seven of his stores, which include two locations at 16th Street and Broadway and another store on Arden Way.

"I've been selling records for 53 years, 40 of which have been under the Dimple name," he said. "It's just time. I want to go work in my garden.

"Another factor for my decision is there is also the aspect of declining sales. A lot of the artists aren't even releasing (their music) in the physical world. Online sales are another issue that's big."

In an attempt to sell the remainder of their inventory of CDs, DVDs, vinyl records, games, books and other items, Dimple stores will remain open until at least August, John noted.

All Dimple stores began running a sale of 20% to 40% off their merchandise on June 19, the day after it was publicly announced that the stores would be closing. John said that greater reductions in prices will occur as the sale progresses.

In addition to inventory stored inside Dimple stores, the business also maintains merchandise in three warehouses.

John, 74, told this publication last week that he believes his retirement was well earned, given that he has been selling records since the days of the British Invasion of the mid-1960s, when such bands as The Beatles, The Rolling Stones and The Who were introduced to America.

The birth of a career

In 1966, following his four and a half years of service in the Navy during Vietnam, John launched his career in the record selling industry as a distributor for the Pasadena-based wholesale/retail record business, Canterbury Records. The company had established a northern branch store at 1715 Arden Way in the Arden Fair Mall.

John recalled his work for Canterbury Records.

"I was delivering records to various drugstores and super-

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markets up and down the San Joaquin Valley in small towns (and other areas)," he said. "I put in records by (Herb Alpert and the) Tijuana Brass, (and) whatever (else) was popular at the time."

John said that his second career venture began in January 1969, when he was hired as a distributor for the Emeryville-based wholesale record business, Pic-A-Tune, which had a store on Del Paso Boulevard.

"I was a salesman for them on the road and (traveled to) Redding, Chico, down south to Modesto, Lodi, Stockton," he said.

John's earliest stores

In about 1971, John began his own wholesale record company, called River City Record Distributors, and his own retail store, called Cordova Records. Both operations were located at 10653 Folsom Blvd. in the Rancho Cordova Shopping Center.

One of that wholesale company's accounts was the Raley's supermarket chain.

Three years later, John sold Cordova Records and opened Roseville Records (later renamed The Record Shop) at 1022 Douglas Blvd. in Roseville.

That store would later be moved three separate times to other Roseville locations: 212 Harding Blvd. in 1979, 1701 Santa Clara Drive in 1986 and to its current 15,000-square-foot location of 1129 Roseville Square in 2017.

The first Dimple Records store

With its relocation to Harding Boulevard, The Record Shop was renamed Dimple Records.

Regarding that name change, which occurred when the business was incorporated, John noted that music has and continues to bring smiles to the faces of many people, resulting in many "dimples."

Other Dimple stores

About 14 years after the establishment of the Dimple Records name, John expanded his business to include a second store at 313 East Bidwell St. in Folsom.

He opened a third store at 2433 Arden Way in about 1996, and a fourth store at 6099 San

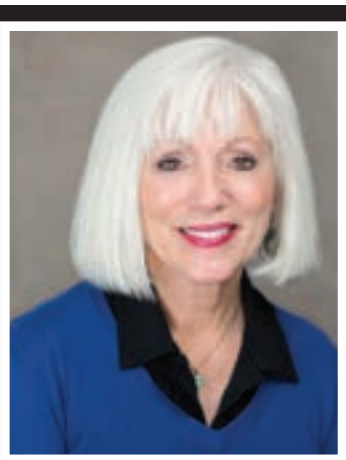
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Exterior of Queen of Sheba burned, owners expect to reopen soon



A fire burned the exterior of Queen of Sheba on Monday, June 24 around 4:30 a.m., but was quickly contained by firefighters. Firefighters are treating the case as arson, whereby the fire started at the door, fanned up to the ceiling, and was stopped before it was too late or spread to other buildings.

According to a post on the restaurant's Facebook page, structural damage was minimal and greatly restricted to the exterior of the building. "Witnesses reported seeing rolling fire billowing out, and called 9-1-1. Thank the Angels for watching over us! Our hearts are heavy with shock and sadness that someone would do this to our beloved restaurant. We don't expect to be closed for long. Police are treating this as a case of arson. A GoFundMe has been set up here: https://www.gofundme.com/f/queen-sheba-emergency-fire-restoration-fund



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Moments in time

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• On **July 14, 1099,** during the First Crusade, Christian knights from Europe capture Jerusalem after seven weeks of siege and begin massacring the city's Muslim and Jewish population.

• On **July 11, 1656,** Ann Austin and Mary Fisher, two Englishwomen, become the first Quakers to immigrate to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Their liberal teachings enraged the Puritan colonial government and they were arrested and jailed. After five years in prison, they were deported.

• On **July 12, 1862,** President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor. The previous December, Lincoln had approved a provision creating a U.S. Navy Medal of Valor. To date more than 3,400 men and one woman have received the Medal of Honor.

• On **July 8, 1951,** Paris, the capital city of France, celebrates turning 2,000 years old. However, the City of Lights was most likely founded around 250 B.C., when a Gallic tribe known as the Parisii settled an island (Ile de la Cite) in the Seine River, which runs through present-day Paris.

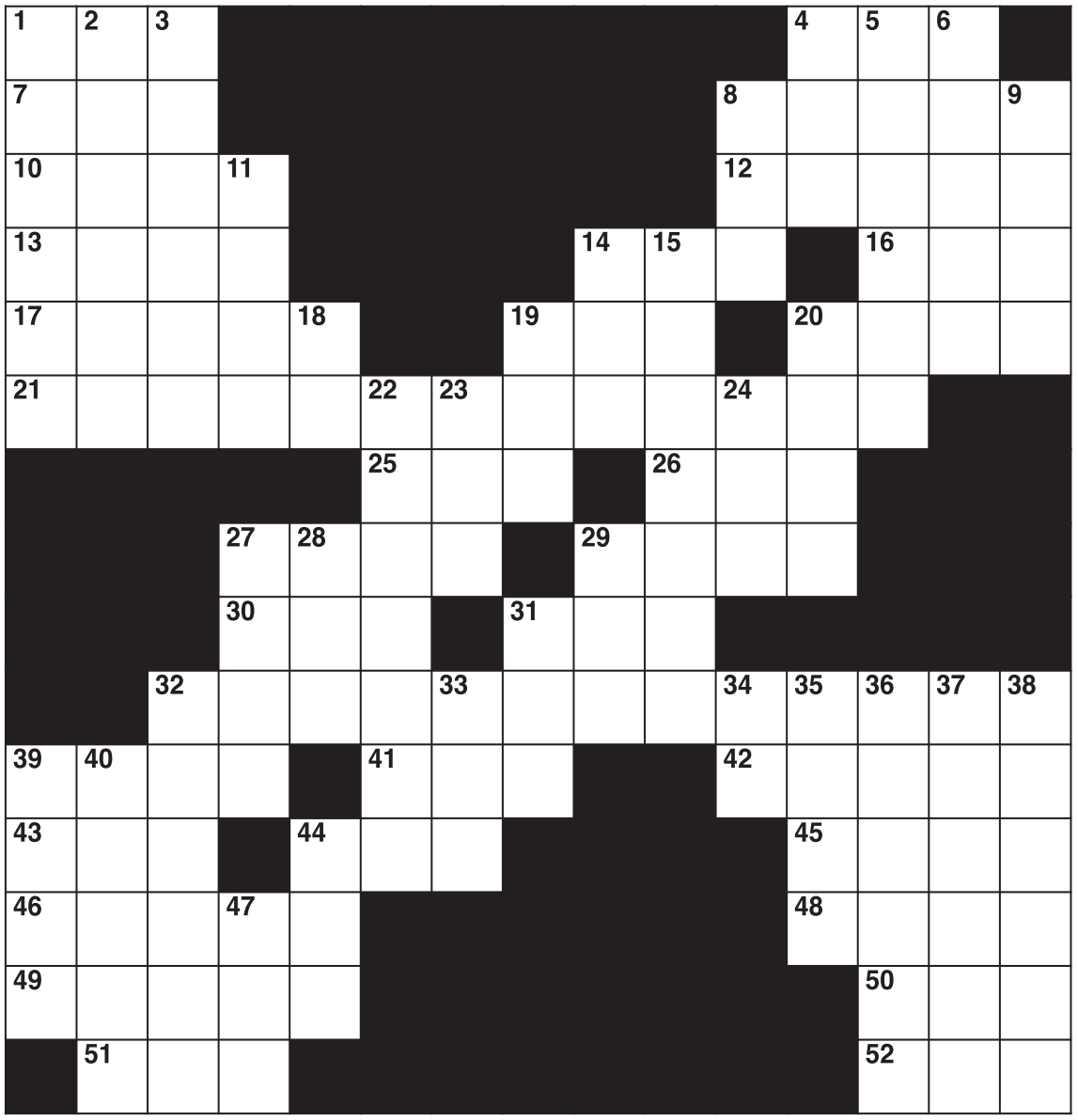
• On **July 9, 1962,** Bob Dylan records "Blowin' in the Wind," although it wouldn't be released for another year. The most well-known version was done by Peter, Paul and Mary, which became a hit.

• On **July 10, 1985,** in Auckland harbor in New Zealand, Greenpeace's Rainbow Warrior sinks after French agents in diving gear plant a bomb on the ship's hull. Although French authorities denied responsibility, a British newspaper later uncovered evidence of French President Francois Mitterrand's authorization of the bombing plan.

• On **July 13, 1990,** the romantic-thriller "Ghost" opens in theaters. The film, about a woman who communicates with her murdered husband through a sassy psychic, was a box-office hit and received multiple Academy Award nominations.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Doctors' group
4. One millionth of a gram
7. Contrary to
8. Oohed and __
10. Popular sandwiches
12. Construction site machine
13. Variety act
14. Fall back
16. An electrically charged atom
17. Mountain lakes
19. Japanese classical theater
20. Pesky insect
21. Natural wonders
25. Design file extension
26. Genus of grasses
27. Container for shipping
29. Theron film "__ Flux"
30. Get older
31. Chinese surname
32. Edith Bunker actress
39. Natives to Myanmar
41. Soda comes in it
42. Counting frames
43. Where some get their mail (abbr.)
44. Having ten
45. Assn. of oil-producing countries
46. A type of cigar
48. World's longest river
49. Single-celled animal
50. Decay
51. General's assistant (abbr.)
52. Pigpen

CLUES DOWN

1. __ and Costello
2. Islamic teacher
3. Clothing
4. Disfigure
5. Irons
6. NW Italian seaport
8. Play a role
9. A reduction
11. Short poem set to music
14. Pain unit
15. Get in form
18. Junior's father
19. To the __ degree
20. Wild or sweet cherry
22. Content
23. Earn a perfect score
24. Korean surname
27. Herb __, San Francisco columnist
28. Ottoman military commander
29. Satisfaction
31. Kids' TV channel (abbr.)
32. Poke quickly
33. Pouch
34. City of Angels
35. Dark olive black
36. Nocturnal hoofed mammals
37. Wild cat
38. Fine detail
39. Prevents harm to creatures
40. A city in Louisiana
44. Everyone has their own
47. Basics

South Land Park residents look to current Zoo site, Bing Maloney for future botanical garden

By Monica Stark

Bruce Ritter and Linda Ching live in a tropical South Land Park Shangri-la. Sunshine filters through the palms, as their dog Kiwi frolics among the cycads, the palmettos and the leucospermums. A pond sits nestled in the back as gingers and staghorn ferns dot the landscape.

A garden 10 years in the making, and the pair wants to push the limits and give back to Sacramento with a public, large-scale botanical garden that they hope will not only be a place of respite and enjoyment for locals but a destination for travelers, as well.

Bruce, a botany major turned optometrist, met Linda in optometry school at SUNY College of Optometry in New York City years ago, but never lost his love for Linda or for plants. As they lived cross country from each other, Bruce spent much of his free time working in his own yard and at a local arboretum. He even built his own 500-square-foot greenhouse with a 16-foot peak, cold running water, and banana trees inside.

"I loved all the tropical stuff, especially in New York where you don't see any of that stuff. And then I got here and I said, 'wow, I can do all these cool things.'"

A fairy tale come true in the decades-long courting, they reunited and Bruce moved from Mt. Sinai, New York to sunny Sacramento about 10 years ago. And Linda finds it quite ironic that it took a New Yorker to get a botanical garden started in Sacramento.

Replies Bruce: "It's in her blood, she just didn't realize it."

Growing up on South Land Park Drive, Linda's father had 17 fruit trees, grafted oranges and convinced the then-city council to use the land behind the retaining wall on his back property line to grow long Chinese beans, giant melons and an almond tree.

After two marriages, she met Bruce on 24th Street and Park Avenue in Manhattan and suffice to say he wasn't going to let her go this time. Meanwhile, he's never lost his love for plants, and now, they've been at this botanical garden planning for about a year, Linda says.

But really, she would be the first to tell you that's she's generally not all that interested in plants. And yet, despite her ambivalence, she is all in. She sees having a botanical garden in Sacramento as a gift to the community and also to visitors. She is particularly thrilled with the idea of creating a Chinese garden, similar to the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland, which will recognize the great contributions of the Chinese to our city.

Relatively new on their radar, the idea of a botanical garden first surfaced over a good meal with friends who asked Bruce, "Why doesn't Sacramento have a botanical garden?" And they went on, and on dreaming about what kinds of plants and exhibits they'd have, as well as the events they'd hold. An orchid ball? Weddings? Intimate concerts? Field trips? Giant waterlilies? Tactile gardens? A ceremonial cutting of the "stinky plant"? Seemingly endless, plans for the world-class botanical garden feature a half-acre solar-powered conservatory with an orchid collection, palms, a farm-to-fork gourmet restaurant, a gift shop featuring work of local artists and craftsmen, an annual "art in the garden" event,

water features, a formal garden, demonstration garden, a plant nursery, and as Bruce said, all those "amazing things you'll see in Hawaii or Burma but not here."

To facilitate the materialization of their vision, in February, the couple formed a board of directors, including a financial director, Jesse Avitia; a landscape architect/head of American River College's Horticulture Department, Cielo Sichi; and Marlene Simon, the "Plant Lady," from Good Day Sacramento. They have formed a non-profit and have received federal non-profit approval and have started a website, www.SacBo.org, and a Facebook

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Photo by Monica Stark

Bruce Ritter peaks through the palms in his tropical backyard garden.



Save the Date for My Sister's House 2019 Art with a Heart

Every summer, My Sister's House Friends puts on Art with a Heart, an event for all who love art or who simply have a heart for changing lives. This year's Art with a Heart takes place on Wednesday, July 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Sierra 2 Center (2791 24th St.)

Here, one can listen to live music while enjoying food, drink and a variety of art work. Attendees also have the opportunity to engage in art work themselves, as well as a silent auction. This is a mixer where local Sacramento artists share with My Sister's House the proceeds from art their art sales.

A featured artist for this year's Art with a Heart is Ash Prakash, who is a Mehndi Henna artist. Ash will be creating her beautifully intricate henna artwork on





interested attendees. Whether it's abstract painting or henna, these artists come because they all believe in the mission, the "heart," of My Sister's House.

My Sister's House is a local non-profit whose mission is to serve the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander and other underserved women and children affected by domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking. We provide a culturally appropriate and responsive safe haven and community services, ranging from job training to legal help. All of these services are provided at no cost to clients largely in part of faithful donors. Art with a Heart is just one of many fundraisers where you can have fun for a good cause.

There are many ways to purchase tickets for Art with a Heart. Tickets are $25 if payment is received by July 3, and $35 after July 3. Ways to purchase tickets include: Online at artwithaheartmsh.bpt.me (Brown Paper Tickets), My Sister's House office at 916-930-0626, My Sister's Café at 916-475-1864 (455 Capitol Mall, #110) or Will Call at 916-930-0626 (pay at the door).

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page (Sacramento Botanical Gardens).

Now, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation, donations to The Sacramento Botanical Garden will pay for the building of the garden and structures as well as the acquisition of plants.

"Listen," Bruce says, "I like plants, I want a botanical garden, but I also look at it as they're always talking about making Sacramento a destination city. We need destinations... We want to create a place for tourists, for them to see and for people who live here to have a place to go and enjoy themselves and maybe go try and grow it in their own backyard."

It's only fitting the Camellia capital of the world since 1910 will have a botanical garden someday. Members of local garden clubs are drawn to hear Bruce and Linda speak about their vision. They spoke to a crowd of 33 members of the Land Park Garden Club and were invited to a South Natomas Urban Greenery meeting at former mayor Heather Fargo's house.

Their original excitement was fueled by an article in the Sacramento Bee which stated that the nine-hole Land Park Golf Course was not turning a profit. Because it already had rolling hills, big trees, parking, water, and a well, they began to envision a garden paradise in the perfect spot. Linda was running into gardeners on the streets, at the elementary school where her children had attended.

Bruce and Linda believe the fate of the Sacramento Botanical Garden is tied to that of the Sacramento Zoo. As the Zoo considers sites like the old King's arena or Bing Maloney Golf Course for its relocation, Bruce and Linda are raising funds so that when the time comes for the Zoo to move, they'll be ready.

They said if the Zoo moves to North Natomas, they hope to end up in the current Zoo spot, but if the Zoo moves to Bing Maloney, they hope to share the acreage, giving them about 40 acres, a much larger lot than if they took over the current Zoo location.

Asked if he had a preferred location, Bruce said, "The reality is I want the place the city is willing to give me. Where the city wants to put it, that would be my favorite place. The zoo is great because it's got all the buildings, it's got the restaurant, the restrooms, a canopy of trees. But at 14 and a half acres it's relatively small. Most botanical gardens are 30 to 100 acres, and some are 300 acres."

While there would be more acreage at Bing Maloney, the current Zoo location features a restaurant, landscaping, multiple buildings, and its own well on site which combined would save millions of dollars. They estimate if they moved to Bing Maloney, they'd have to raise $50 million for the construction of needed buildings. On the other hand, an estimated cost for opening the garden at the current Zoo location would amount to $25. "Some unnamed sources have said we could do it for a lot less than $25 million (at the current zoo location) but if we keep a budget for $25 million, we could make this phenomenal garden," Bruce says.

A major cost saving measure would be to tap into a volunteer gardener powerhouse. Bruce points Whangarei Quarry Gardens, a subtropical oasis created by volunteers in the remnants of a former quarry in Northland, New Zealand. "Volunteers built that garden into a really nice botanical gardens. They had to get money for its structures, but otherwise all volunteers," he said. "The City does help pay the salaries for the employees. Admission is free. And it only has six employees; everyone else is a volunteer and it works."

Garnering grassroots financial support they hope with the thousands of gardeners in our city, people will contribute to latte a month club, whereby $5 gets taken out of your account each month and goes to the general fund. "If we get 10,000 people doing that, that amounts to real money. I figured at the end of the year that they get a coupon for coming into the coffee shop and getting a free latte," adds Bruce.

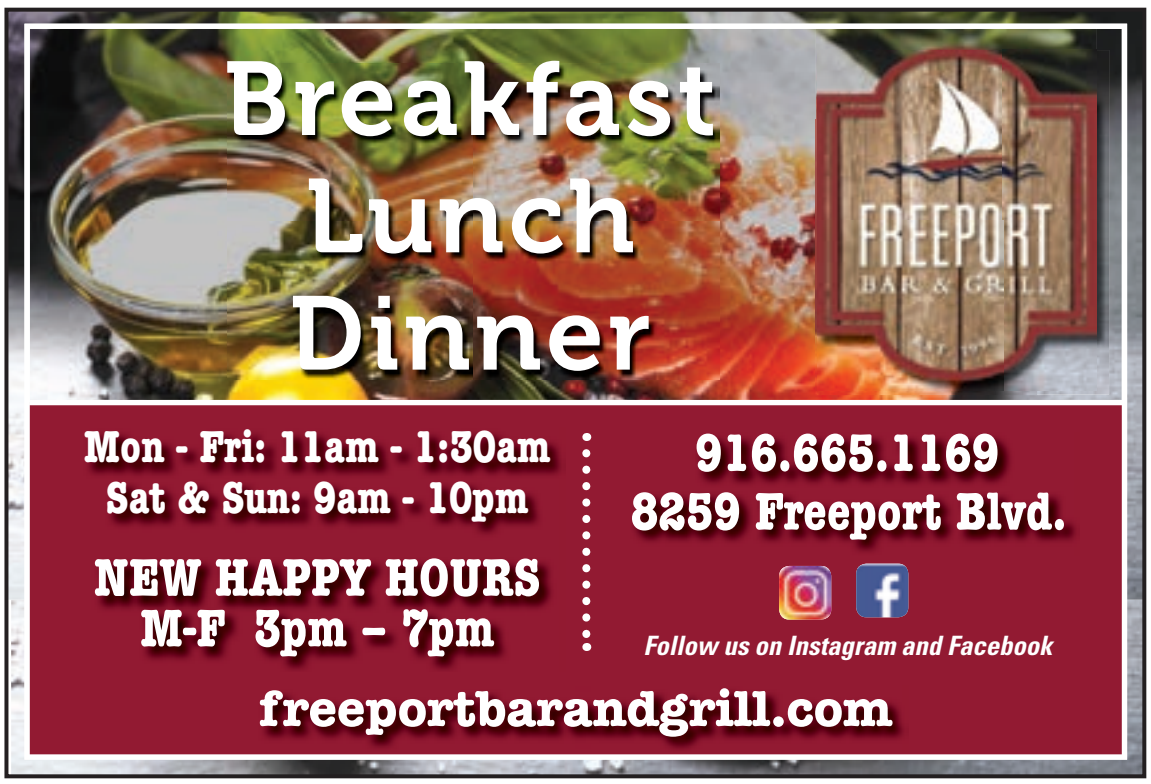
Financials aside, the biggest hurdle is finding a place to put in a breathtaking garden. In conclusion, as Linda says, "99% of the people we have talked to are supportive of the concept of bringing a botanical garden to Sacramento. We hope that your office will become our advocate to turn our dream into reality."

Payments are accepted through Pay Pal if you're interested in donating to the Sacramento Botanical Garden nonprofit 501(c)3. For more information, visit www.SacBo.org or email info@sacbo.org.



Photo by Monica Stark

Linda Ching and Bruce Ritter relax in their backyard with their dog Kiwi.



Close:

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Juan Ave. in Citrus Heights about two years later.

A Dimple store was located at 9692 Elk Grove-Florin Road in Elk Grove from about 2005 to 2017.

Following the late 2006 closure of Tower Records, John Radakovitz closed the San Juan Avenue Dimple store, and in March 2007, he opened a store in the old Tower Records building at 7830 Macy Plaza Drive in Citrus Heights.

He also opened a Dimple store in the former Tower Records site in Davis in the summer of 2007. That store remained in operation until the summer of 2012.

During that same summer, Dimple Books (aka Dimple Books & Records) opened in its own building at 2499 Arden Way.

That store also features a mostly used vinyl records section, which was previously housed at the north end of the main Arden Way Dimple building. Dimple Vinyl was established at that site on Record Day on April 17, 2010.

On May 26, 2014, Dimple Outlet opened in the former Dimple Vinyl site.

The first Dimple Books were established in the Folsom and Citrus Heights stores, and other locations followed.

Dimple currently has four stores in Sacramento and one each in Citrus Heights, Folsom and Roseville.



Photo courtesy of John Radakovitz

Dimple founder John Radakovitz is pictured with his wife, Dilyn. They were married at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church on Feb. 25, 1967.



Photo courtesy of John Radakovitz

John Densmore, former drummer of the band, The Doors, is pictured at a book signing at the Dimple store on Arden Way on May 16, 2013.

A family affair

In addition to John, his wife, Dilyn, and their sons, Oliver "Ollie" and Andrew "Drew," are also involved in the daily operations of Dimple.

John and Dilyn, who currently reside in Loomis, were married at the Carmichael Presbyterian Church on Feb. 25, 1967.

The couple met following John's service during the Vietnam War and his subsequent arrival in Sacramento.

After graduating from Mira Loma High School, Dilyn – who was then known as Dilyn Dearing – was a candidate for Miss Sacramento in 1965, while she was attending American River Junior College, as American River College was then known. She was also a song leader at that institution.

John said that Dilyn was working in the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. building at 2277 Watt Ave. when they met.

Ollie currently serves as Dimple's chief financial officer, while Drew is the business's human resources manager.

Celebrity visits: Robin Williams, Prince, Merle Haggard, others

John mentioned that one of the joys of having operated music stores for so many years was the occasional, random, in-store visits by celebrities.

He recalled that on one such instance in about 1998, comedian-actor Robin Williams stopped by his Roseville store.

"(Williams) just came in one day and I think he wanted to buy a Pink Floyd album," he said. "We had a line at the cash register and the little girl standing in line with her mother behind Robin Williams recognized his hairy arms and then she looked at his face and she pulled on her mama's dress and said, 'Mama, Mama, that's Robin Williams.'

"So, Robin Williams turned around, picked the little girl up, danced around the store with the little girl. He was ready to go with a moment's notice. He's off and entertaining and running. He was great and he obviously liked little kids."

It was also at the Roseville store where country music star Merle Haggard arrived to purchase a few CDs, John recalled.

"Years ago, I was opening the store out (in Roseville) and there was a big RV out in front with the diesel engine running and out pops a pretty girl who was driving the RV and then followed by Merle Haggard," he said. "I opened the store, of course, and let them in.

"He (asked), 'Where's my Merle Haggard section?' So, I took him over there and said, 'What are you doing buying these CDs?' He said, 'Well, I've got a concert down in Stockton tonight and between now and then I forgot some of my lyrics and I want to brush up on some of the lyrics of my old songs when I'm going down there.'"

Another famous musician who stopped by the Roseville store was Chubby Checker.

As for Dimple's Broadway store, which previously housed Russ Solomon's Tower Records and R5 Records, John said that Prince once visited that store and browsed its recorded music selection and chatted with some of the employees.

In addition to random, unscheduled celebrity appearances at Dimple stores, scheduled celebrity events at Dimple stores have included a performance and autograph session with guitarist Joe Satriani and a book signing by John Densmore, former drummer of the band, The Doors. Both of those events were held at the Arden store.

John recalled a time when the band, The Smashing Pumpkins, visited the Arden store and performed a publicity stunt in that store's parking lot.

"They rented a 90-foot tall lift out in back and they had a bunch of pumpkins out there and they just kept dropping the pumpkins down on the parking lot," he said. "That was kind of fun."

A big thank you from John and Dimple

While pondering his decision to close his Dimple stores, John expressed his gratitude for his many customers throughout the years.

"I thank all the customers from all the communities, primarily because of their loyalty," he said. "And I love them all, because of their love for music."

H.A R T. Is Working to Make a Big Difference in our Communities

By Jan Dalske

Have you heard about the H.A.R.T. organization? It is a coalition of many local FAITH communities, non-profits, businesses, agencies, and individuals, who are committed to finding solutions to homelessness in our local communities. They are a collaboration between community members, religious organizations, and local non-profits who are all striving to end homelessness.

HART has many goals. They work to coordinate a winter shelter program. They work to advance their initiatives regarding advocacy, youth homelessness and affordable housing. They work with transitional housing programs. In Carmichael, they are an Advocate for a Navigator to assist the homeless and can connect the homeless to the resources they need.

In suburban communities like Carmichael, resources are largely, if not completely, absent. Carmichael HART is a local response that addresses these realities by developing programs that will help homeless men, women, and children. Their HART is a coalition of faith communities, non-profits, businesses, agencies, as well as many individuals who are all committed to finding solutions to homeless in their community.

HART leader, Scott Young, shares: "How do I like to describe Carmichael HART? We're a diverse group of local people seeking local solutions to a local problem. One of my favorite things about HART is the way it unites communities, by bringing together a diverse group of locals all working together to find solutions to homelessness. Many of our participants are affiliated with a faith community, and because of HART we've seen the churches of Carmichael working together in unprecedented ways. A local HART group brings people together…it unites a community".

The HART organization in Citrus Heights has a mission to provide the resources that will enable at risk people who are experiencing homelessness in their area and adjacent areas to become independent, self-sustaining and participating members of the community.

In the City of Folsom the HART group helps those who are experiencing homelessness in their area to move toward self-sufficiency and greater independence.

The Elk Grove HART organizations was founded in 2010. Since that time they have worked to provide local services to the growing number of homeless in Elk Grove. Their goal is to assist those who are experiencing homelessness in their area to be self-sufficient and have greater independence.

The Sacramento Self-Help Housing group is another non-profit that is working to help those that without a home. They are dedicated to assisting individuals as well as families that have insufficient resources. Their goal is to help people who are homeless, in crisis, or may have special needs.

They want to help them find safe and sustainable affordable housing. Their goal is to eliminate homelessness. They have a "housing first" model which states: "We effectively eliminate homeless with our innovative "housing first" model, whatever financial, social, or medical problems that someone may have getting them housed first makes dealing with the other issues easier and increases their chances of long-term success".

To find a local HART group, go to HART Help for the Homeless online. Select the area that you are in and see how they can help you.

Headwaters Science Institute completes Cal Middle School program

On May 31, 21 students from Sacramento's Cal Middle School joined educators from Headwaters Science Institute for a three-day overnight program at the Clair Tappaan Lodge on Donner Summit.

The students learned concepts related to the water cycle in the sierra, as well as snow science, in light of record snowfall this winter. They devised their own research projects, asking questions like: What are the sound muffling properties of snow? Do we find more invertebrates where there are fewer birds? In a post-program survey, 100 percent of students reported overcoming a challenge with their projects and the percentage of students who responded as "very confident" in their ability to apply the scientific method increased by 30 percent.

Headwaters Science Foundation, a Truckee-based 501(c)(c) non-profit, creates inquiry-based science programs for students at schools and field sites throughout California. Its mission is to cultivate engaged, curious citizens, through science education. Headwaters programs build curiosity by empowering students to create their own research.

Funding for Headwaters' programs is made possible through generous donations, grants, and key community partnerships. Headwaters would to thank the Sierra Club for providing lodging for this overnight trip.

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Girl Scouts Unveil Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace in Central California





Photos by Stephen Crowley

On Tuesday, June 18, Girl Scouts Heart of Central California unveiled a Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace, the newest high-tech example of its commitment to providing hands-on and inspiring instruction for girls in science, technology, engineering and math. There are only a handful of such mobile centers nationally.

The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace is housed in a customized 30-foot RV and features equipment allowing girls to work in areas such as engineering, robotics, astronomy and computer programming projects. It also includes virtual reality as well as solar panels on the roof to power most of the equipment. It is wheelchair accessible.

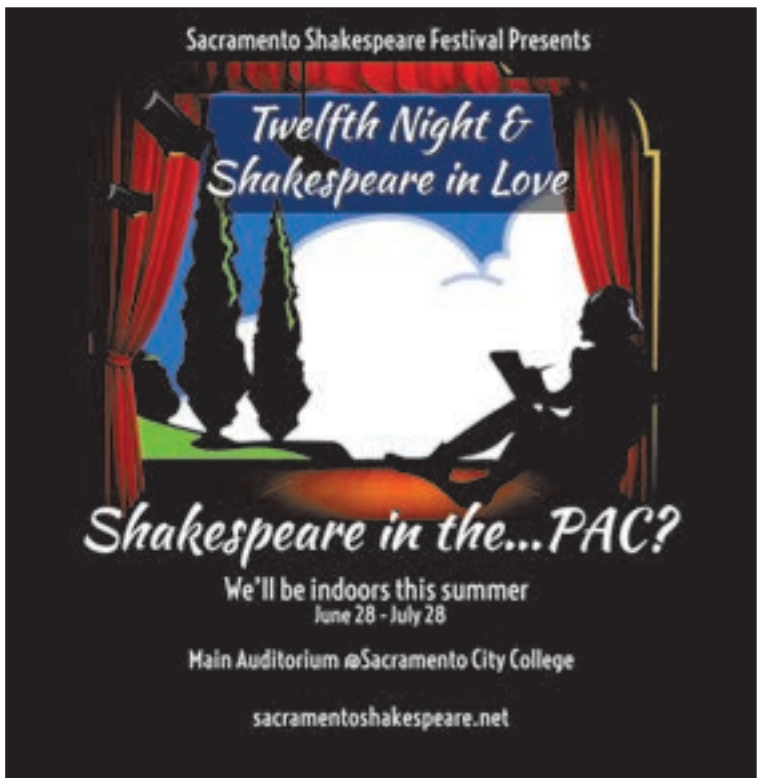
The mobile center enables the Girl Scouts Heart of Central California to reach even more Girl Scouts in its 18-county territory, which stretches from Yuba to Merced counties, including the Sierra foothills and major cities such as Sacramento, Stockton and Modesto.

The mobile center will augment STEM-related programming already available at the permanent STEM centers in Sacramento and Modesto that have opened in the past two years.

"The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace is an investment in the next generation of Go-getters, Innovators, Risk-takers and Leaders (G.I.R.L.s.), and will allow us to serve as a hub for girl innovation, exploration and discovery for Girl Scouts," said Dr. Linda E. Farley, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of Central California. "We are proud and excited to make this amazing and important STEM experience available to girls in our region."

The Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace will be on the road starting at the end of June, serving Girl Scout troops in all areas of its council, with a focus on serving the underserved populations and rural/remote locations. Closing the STEM gender gap—especially the low-income gender gap—requires innovative solutions and community collaboration. Through partnerships with after-school providers and support from funders, the Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace will bring STEM curriculum to girls most at risk for failing in school as identified by Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The mobile center will serve more than 2,100 girls in its first year.

Girl Scouts Heart of Central California is grateful to SMUD (GSHCC is one of the 2018 recipients of SMUD's Shine Award), the County of Sacramento, and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous, who were the largest contributors to the Mobile STEM Center + MakerSpace. GSHCC also extends our gratitude to the many local community and individual donors who made this project possible.



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On Sunday, June 23, Crocker Art Museum celebrated the Transcontinental Railroad's 150th anniversary with live music and dance performances, storytelling, and hands-on activities that honor the people and cultures who helped build and shape the West we live in today. This special event opened the exhibition "The Race to Promontory: The Transcontinental Railroad and the American West", and "Chiura Obata: An American Modern". The event invited visitors to explore a model railroad from the Sacramento Valley Garden Railway Society, enjoy traditional songs by the Black Irish Band Official Site, and get down with the Dirty Chops Brass Band, then be delighted by shadow puppetry master Sean Powers, Chinese Lion Dancers of the Honor Kung Fu Academy, the Flow Crew Chinese Folk Dancers got guests moving will get you moving, too! Shanghai-born fine artist Ning Hou painted portraits of Chinese railroad workers to honor those who built the railroad. The event also featured Strauss Festival dancers inside the Crocker ballroom.











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As part of this nostalgic exhibit, a number of iconic cars will be on special display, including: a 1952 Dodge 2-door Sedan, 1964 Ford Falcon Deluxe Wagon, 1953 Kaiser Traveler, 1956 Chevy Bel Air Wagon, 1959 Shasta Airflyte trailer, Custom 1972 Toronado RV, 1972 Oldsmobile Vista Cruiser Wagon, 1966 VW EZ Camper with tent canopy, 1955 Harley-Davidson Panhead, 1976 BMW R100/7, 1930s home-built tear-drop trailer and 1962 Ford Falcon Squire Wagon.
The Hitting the Road exhibit is free with Museum admission: $10 for adults; $5 for youth ages 5 to 17) and free for children ages 4 and under. For more information about the special exhibit or the California Automobile Museum in general, please call 916-442-6802 or visit www.calautomusem.org.

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SOL KIDS DAY! EVERY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: From 2 to 4 p.m., families are welcome to enjoy a day of cultural arts, crafts, and music., Sol Kids Day provides different hands-on arts and health activities every Second Sunday like nature creation labs, healthy snack assembly stations, yoga for kids and everyone's favorite, slime-making. Engaging performances for kids include hip hop theatre production, beat-making workshops, and guest appearances from some local unicorns and magicians. Sol Kids Day also hosts a gently used toy/clothing exchange every month as well! Sliding scale donations. No one ever turned away for lack of funds. Funded in part by the Cultural Arts Award Program of the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission with support from the City and County of Sacramento. Sol Collective is located at 2574 21st St, Sacramento, California 95818.

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