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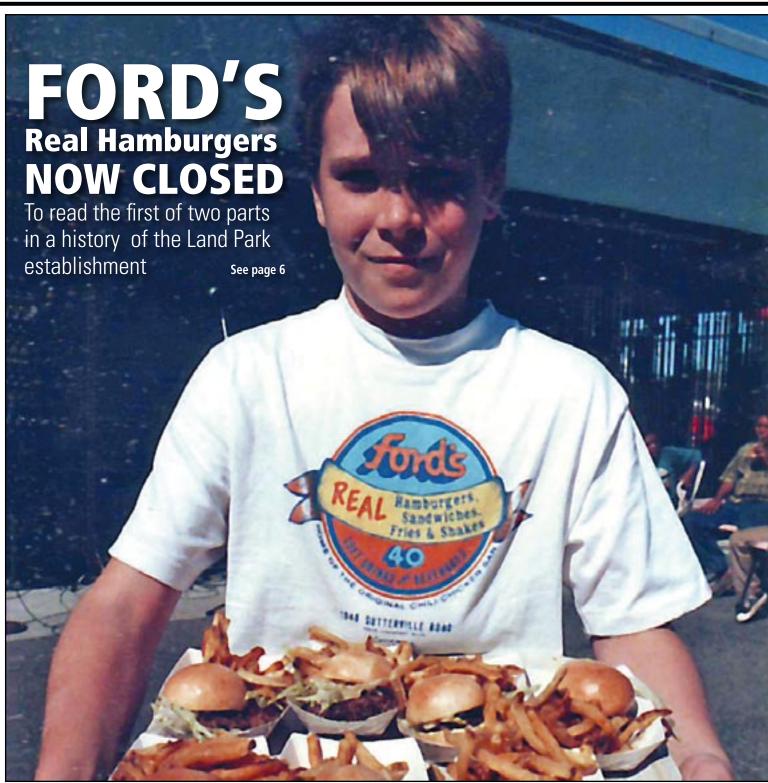


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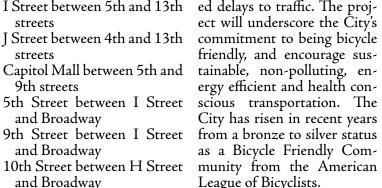
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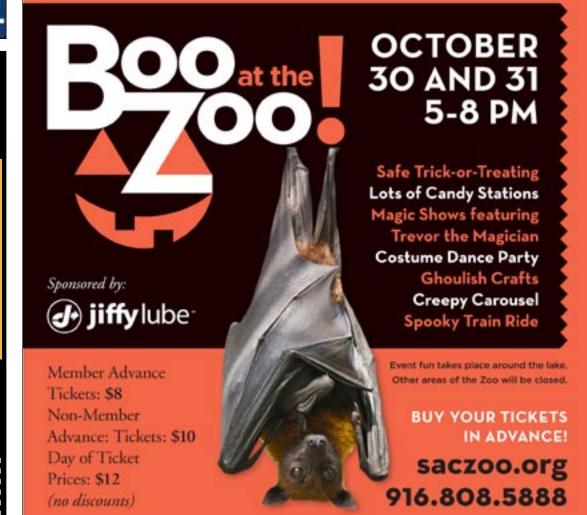


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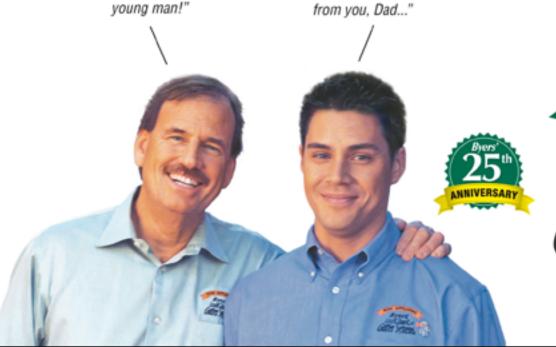
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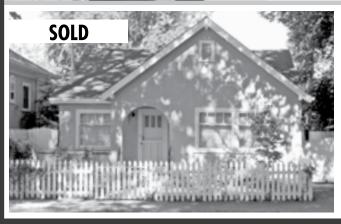
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# Ford's Real Hamburgers was a Land Park institution for nearly 25 years

By LANCE ARMSTRONG Land Park News write

Editor's Note: This is the first article in a two-part series. The second article in this series will feature the story of Ford's Real Hamburgers founder and artist Jim Ford. An exhibit of Ford's artwork will be presented at the Scottish Rite Temple at 6151 H St. on Nov. 23-25.

For many people in the Land Park area and throughout the region for that matter, it can be hard to believe that another landmark Sacramento business – Ford's Real Hamburgers – has folded.

It has been only a week since the doors of this resopened, we had very little taurant closed to the public during what could have been a joyous time in the history lar eatery at 1948 Sutterville Road, next to William Land Park, was about to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

CATERPILLAR

The story of Ford's Real Voe held fast to their com-Hamburgers, which opened mitment to use high quality on Oct. 23, 1987 at the former site of Mr. Taco Drive- rant. In restaurant, began with Jim Ford and his business partner, then-girlfriend and now wife, Karen DeVoe.

Ford, who was born in Sacramento and grew up in the Land Park area, referred to himself as a person who has always been business minded and enjoys becoming involved in projects.

Although Ford's Real Hamburgers was one of his more successful projects, Ford said that the restaurant began with limited funds and little notoriety.

money, so we had a 'Grand Chair Opening, and invited 200 people to bring a vause on the outdoor patio," Ford said.

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could always tell when Ed did not grind the meat, be-"In 1987, when we cause the fat to meat ratio was not correct." Schell, who continues to work at Taylor's on Saturdays, described the qualiof the business. This popuriety of different chairs to ty of meat that was used at said. "Actually, I can't blame on the menu until the res-Despite working with a small budget, Ford and De-

that there was available in this world," Schell said. "It was not already ground once like a lot of stores do now. His stuff came from then ground for him daily. of hours to (grind) it all."

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food products at the restau-

goal was to select the best

hamburger meat he could

He added that this search

"I did my research and

ended at Taylor's Market in

looked for someone to fresh

grind chuck, so that it had a

fat content of 16 to 20 per-

cent," Ford said. "Ed Schell

of Taylor's Market fit the

bill. Éd ground our meat

from the beginning and we

locate in the city.

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Ford's Real Hamburgers founder Jim Ford shows off the first dollar that he received at the restaurant. He acquired the bill from the renowned public relations

And after the meat was usually the young males unby hand.

Schell said that Ford's continued to use ground chuck from Taylor's until only a few months ago.

"(Ford's) stopped using (Taylor's ground chuck), because of the price," Schell (Ford's), if they were los-"(Ford) got the best meat ing money and the business a price of \$14.72 for the was struggling."

most unique burger was its cheese and bacon. "Football" burger.

"The 'Football' burgwhole beef that was cut and er was put on the menu to be unique and give people It was from the best cuts of something to talk about," meat from the shoulder of Ford said. "It was easy to the beef. I would grind 80 to make. We would combine 120 pounds of (hamburger two half-pound burgers. meat) for Ford's a day, and it We were always amazed would take maybe a couple and amused when people ordered and ate one. It was Foods mayonnaise, Heinz

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delivered to Ford's, it was der 25 who would finish eatgently formed into patties ing the 'Football.' It weighed one-pound and was served on a small loaf of bread."

Originally, the 'Football' cost \$6.99 without cheese and bacon, \$8.69 with cheese or \$11.99 with cheese and bacon.

The "Football" remained taurant's closure. It last had regular 'Football,' \$16.57 Ford said that Taylor's with cheese or \$20.41 with

From the opening of Ford's until four years ago, this restaurant used large buns that were made by the Muzio Baking Co. in East Sacramento.

As for the burger sauce, Ford's used homemade Thousand Island dressing that consisted of Best ketchup, honey and pep-

And when it came to this eatery's french fries, Ford said that Ford's was possibly a Sacramento original.

"We used fresh potatoes for our french fries," Ford said. "The only other competitor that used fresh-cut fries that I am aware of was In-N-Out Burger and they were all the way in Los Angeles."

Ford's milkshakes were originally made with Crystal ice cream. This ice cream

Fords: Land Park institution served 'the best hamburger'

"The best burger is the simplest

burger. And it doesn't have to

taste like it was shipped frozen

from Chicago."

frozen from Chicago."

Sylva comically referred

Seven months after Syl-

tion behind Bee restaurant

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was selected due to its high butterfat content.

A bit of trivia that few people know about Ford's Real Hamburgers was that it nearly opened as Jay's Real Hamburgers. The name was selected as a tribute to Ford's late brother, Jay.

But with the then-recent opening of Chevy's Fresh Mex restaurant on the Garden Highway, Ford figured his restaurant Ford's.

Although this Land Park the greasiness, the pale colon it, Ford said that had it totally opposite of that. The not been for DeVoe, Ford's best burger is the simplest opportunity to become to taste like it was shipped nearly 25 years old.

"If it were not for (De-Voe's) daily diligence and to Ford's words as "a sort of operating the heart of ground chuck manifesto." the business - hiring the employees, keeping the va's column was published, scheduling, monitoring Jim Van Nort of Jim-Denfood costs and payroll - ny's hamburger eatery at as well as stepping in as a 816 12th St., retired. cook, I would have closed rant)," Ford said. "She has temporary closure of his eatery each day. been my best friend for the restaurant was the inspirapast 29 years."

for his assistance during Sacramento Hamburger the beginning stages of the Hunt." restaurant.

tal in the first few months the city's best hamburg- abilities Act lawsuit. of operations by showing ers. us the magic of prepping and cooking," Ford said. "As long as we had cold beer in the refrigerator, Ford's did not make Sacra-ily establishment for 21 he came in every morning mento's best hamburgers. years. I appreciated my to help through the lunch rush and then he would ters and some telephone tal joy working there with leave to work for his regu- calls to the publication, my sons (Hank and Sam) lar chef position (at Peter The Bee held another best and it's sad to see it go." B's Freeport Inn).

Also working with the restaurant very early in its history was Land Park resident and Ford's good friend, Jim McGinnis, who aided the business with financial, moral and labor assistance.

The restaurant experienced an increase in its notoriety in December 1987 after Sacramento Bee writer Bob Sylva dedicated an entire column to Ford and his restaurant.

In the column. Ford was quoted as saying, "I have

something that Ameri- hamburgers contest less ca truly wants. America is than two months later. fed up with fast food, rub- Once again, Ford's was deit would be clever to name ber burgers. People are sick termined to serve the city's

restaurant had his name or, the generic factor. We are tests, Ford's popularity grew and the restaurant doubled its number of emwould have never had the burger. And it doesn't have ployees to keep up with the increase in its daily customers.

over its operations.

The popularity of Ford's remained strong for many Van Nort's retirement years, but eventually fewthe doors (of the restau- and what proved to be a er customers dined at this

Many Bee readers wrote the closure of Ford's, Pete letters to the editor voic- said, "We see it as a famiing their opinions that ly loss. We had it as a fam-In response to these let- customers and it was a to-

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of the taste, the Styrofoam, best burgers. As a result of these con-

In August 1991, Ford's was sold to Pete Vereschzagin, who operated the business until last January, when his son, Hank, took

Nonetheless, Ford's re-

mained a notable destina-Ford also recognized reviewer Mike Dunne's tion spot and a local insti-Michael "Poodle" Welch lengthy article, "The Great tution. Ford's folded after expe-

riencing financial difficul-Dunne concluded in the ties and being faced with "(Welch) was instrumen- article that Ford's served an Americans with Dis-

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Shown in this 1987 photograph, workmen stand on ladders next to a sign that they hung at Ford's Real Hamburgers.



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# Gala at the Garden: Event to benefit the Children's Home

Special to the Land Park News

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special event dinners, and weekend weddings and parties in a charming garden setting. The Casa is managed by the Los Ninos Service League, a membership of volunteers who give so much of their time to make this worthy operation such a long-lived the Casa Boutique. An assortment of event for the children at the Sacracharitable auxiliary of the home. All tips and proceeds from the Casa sup-

On Oct. 26 and 27, the League is conducting a special event that will raise additional funds for the home. The Gala will be held Friday evening featuring fine wines and hors d'oeuvres with the first opportunity to shop at row" reinforces the reasons why this local artisans will be available. Tickets miss.

port the home. Over the years, the Casa has donated over \$2.7 million to the home for its many residential, On Saturday, the Casa Boutique will community and educational pro- be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for grams that address the needs of the no entry fee, according to Mary Weavmost vulnerable children in our com- er, the event's chair, "And there will be live, interactive demonstrations by Open Studio at Lakeside."

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Pillow Party:

in the social hall of Central United Methodist Church. Yes, you heard right -- a pillow party.

This is not a typical one. You see, organizer Joan Eddy from Necessities Bags Sacramento, http://necessitiesbagthree to four times a year in the social hall of Central United Methodist Church to work in stations to cut and match beautiful, donated fabrics, pin, machine-stitch, turn and iron the squares, stuff, comfort pillows to be included in a Necessities Bag.

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Typically, dozens of volunteers, both men and women, turn out 100 pillows in A Pillow Party took place an evening. Following the potluck dinner on Sept. 10, a presentation was given by Ally Goi, the 14-yearold daughter of Corlene Goi and Corlene's mother Grace Kotani, who have been volunteering at the pillow parties. Ally solicited sac.org/, gathers volunteers donations to make and present 30 pillows on her own as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She is an eighth grader at Sam Brannan Middle School.

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Ally Goi, 14, gave a presentation at the pillow party. She solicited donations to make and present 30 pillows on her own as part of her Girl Scout Silver Award. She is an eighth grader at Sam Brannan Middle School











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# Longtime Yorozu Japanese gift store owner, **Eugene Hirohisa Okada passes on, leaves legacy**

The longtime owner of the Yorozu Japanese gift store on Riverside Boulevard, Eugene Hirohisa Okada, died in his sleep after battling prostate cancer on Sept. 21. He was 93.

Last May, Okada was placed in hospice care, but despite that, he continued to drive to and operate the Yorozu six days a week. He continued to work fulltime until two weeks before his death when his condition finally prevented him from getting out of bed.

His closest living relative is his older sister, Agnes Kojima, who now lives in Hyogo Ken, Japan. His younger brother Harold Toshihisa died on Feb. 8, 2006. Okada never married.

The Yorozu store was the place in town to buy Japanese gifts, be it magazines, dishware, or origami. The store will be open until all items have been sold and proceeds will go to his estate: Okada's older sister Agnes.

Because the Yorozu store was a landmark in the Sacramento community for almost 100 years, the Okada family quietly donated products and funds to charitable organizations and churches throughout the Central Valley.

After Eugene's death, thousands of appreciation letters were uncovered in the back of the Yorozu store evidencing his lifelong generosity to the community.

Friends have called Eugene a very modest man who never sought attention for his generosity. They said he would give free community event dinner tickets to friends and neighbors. He would even give Christmas gifts to his tenants at his apartments.

A prime example of the unpublicized generosity of Eugene and Harold Okada was when the Sacramento Buddhist Church bell, still used to signal the beginning of a Buddhist funeral, was stolen. Church members began gathering donations for a replacement bell. When they heard of this theft, Eugene and Harold simchurch without fanfare. That same bell now signifies the Bureau of Investigation. beginning of Eugene's funeral. Before Okada's birth on April 3, 1919, his father Kichi

Okada established in Sacramento one of four United States branch stores of the Yokohama Shoji Corporation. The name given to this store was the Yorozu.

In the early 1900s, the Yorozu was a large depart- tomobile accident few months prior to internment ..." ment type store employing many people and located on 13th Street in downtown Sacramento. It sold Japanese products and distributed Japanese reading our home – the only place we call home." materials to the working Issei throughout North America. Thus, Eugene became exposed to the Japanese retail store business from a very early age.

Eugene attended Lincoln Elementary School and Lincoln Junior High School as well as Sacramento High School. After graduating from high school, Eugene obtained his Associate of Arts degree in 1938 from Sacramento City College. In 1940, Eugene began his studies at the University of California at Berkeley. Unfortunately, due to the growing hostilities between Japan and the United States, he was never able to complete his studies at UC Berkeley.

In 1942, because Eugene's father was a Japanese businessman who traveled extensively to and from Japan, took over the Yokohama Shoji. Jiro Okada was seized from his family and transported to a special war camp in New Mexico with Ameri-



Eugene Okada at the Yorozu store on Riverside. Okada died Sept. 21. He was 93. Okada was the last owner of the Yorozu, which has been family owned and operated for almost 100 years

Relocation Center.

That year, in 1942, Eugene wrote a letter to Edward J. Ennis, Director of the Alien Enemy Control Unit for the Department of Justice, stating that he and his family decline "considerations" for repatriation.

According to the letter, which was found in Eugene's home after his death, his father was injured in an autoply ordered a new bell from Japan and delivered it to the mobile accident while en route to the San Francisco's

We understand that his leg was injured and that he finds difficulty in walking. Being that he is in such a condition, and is also aging, we would very much like to have him with us in order that we may care for him and rest assured that he is well. Also, he was injured in an au-

Eugene goes on to say that he bought a home and had intended to establish himself in Sacramento. "America is

According to sister Agnes, the father was never reunited with the family until World War II ended. He was released to Sacramento and met his family there.

But before that, it's known that Eugene and his brother Harold were granted an early release from Tule Lake and relocated to New York due to the efforts of their older sister Agnes, who lived in New York and was able to serve as their "sponsor," While in New York, Eugene began working at a store that sold "Japanese accessories" which cultivated his skill in the retail industry.

Then, in 1946, Eugene returned to Sacramento where he joined his father and reopened the Yorozu as a branch store of Nippon Shinpan Boeki, a company that

Initially, the parent company in Japan was extremely hesitant to re-establish another Japanese cans of German ancestry. Eugene immediately returned retail store in Sacramento. It did not believe that the home to Sacramento to be with his mother and young- Nisei there would buy Japanese products or read

er brother when they were send to the Tule Lake War Japanese language magazines and books. However, Eugene and his father persevered and finally convinced the main company in Japan that there was still a viable market for Japanese merchandise due to the influx of additional immigrants as well as the arrival of thousands of "war brides" from Japan.

Eugene and his father were correct and the Yorozu again flourished. They soon resumed the sale and distribution of Japanese books and magazines throughout North America. The Okada family also began exporting Japanese reading materials to South America for the Japanese farmers and labors residing there.

After realizing their success, Eugene's parents leveraged the stock they owned in Nippon Shinpan Boeki in the early 1950s, and purchased the Yorozu from the parent company. Eugene, who was later joined by his younger brother Harold, continued to operate the Yorozu in Sacramento after their fa-

In 1968, Eugene purchased the land and reestablished the Yorozu in a new building on Riverside Boulevard where it stands today. Even after he lost the ability to walk due to a spinal condition, Eugene continued working at the store full-time in a wheelchair six days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the same business he grew up in.

Eugene's family was very involved in the Sacramento Buddhist Church ever since Eugene and his siblings were children. His parents were officers and elders of the Church both in Sacramento and in Japan.

Eugene was also active in the Sacramento Buddhist church singles group and the YBA. Even while in New York, Eugene served as the president of the New York YBA in 1945. Later, Eugene served as an officer and sponsor of the Nisei and Sacramento Bowling Leagues. Eugene was also the last surviving Charter member of the Senator Lions organization.



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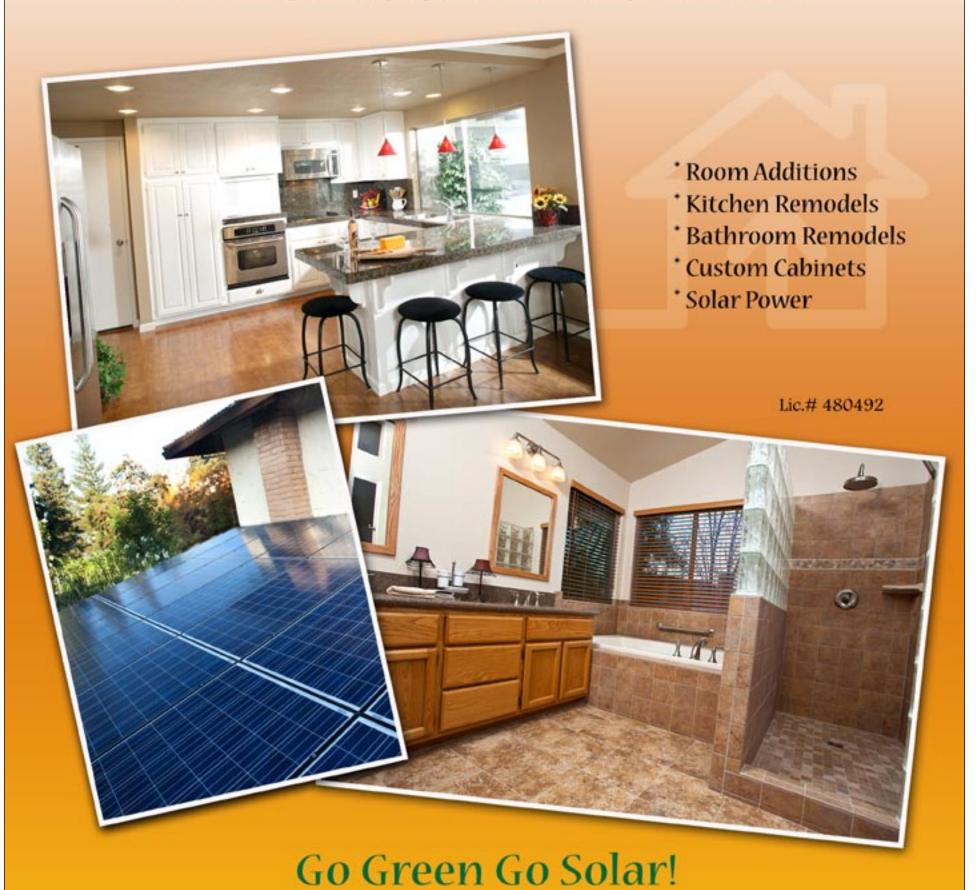
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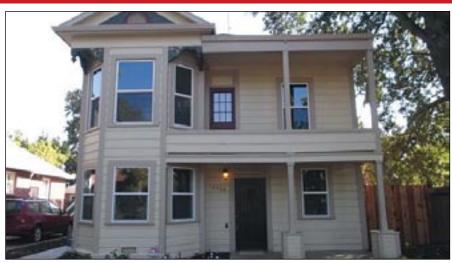




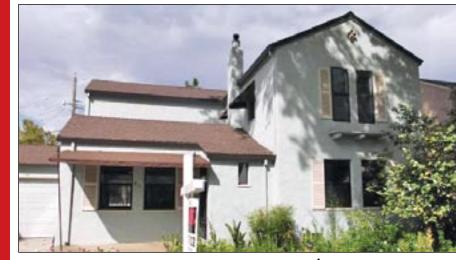








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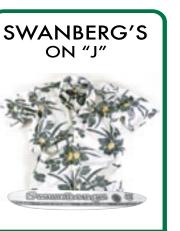
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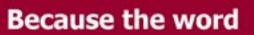




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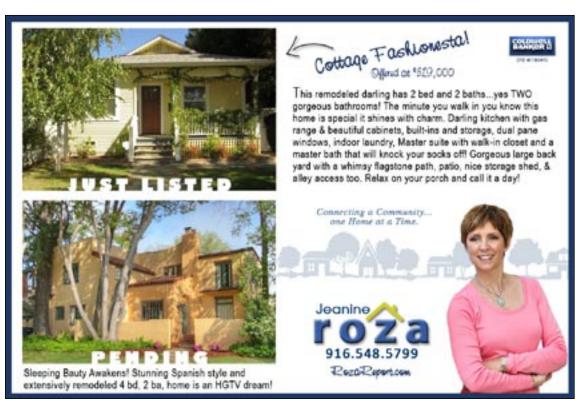
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## **Belle Cooledge Library Quilt Project Knits Community Together**

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On Saturday, Sept. 15, Belle Cooledge Library unveiled a 16-square community quilt. Part of this year's adult summer reading program, the quilt was handmade over about two months by 12 members of the library's surrounding community, according to Vicki Rondeau, branch supervisor of the Belle Cooledge Library.

Rondeau and her staff decided a quilt was the perfect project to commemorate this year's adult program, aptly themed "Beneath the Covers." But, they needed some help getting the project started. "We had never done anything like that here before, I had never done anything like that in my whole life before," Rondeau said.

The library decided to reach out the community to see who would be interested in helping them out and so they sent out proposals to various quilters' guilds in Sacramento. As it turned out, Sandy Lathe, recording secretary for the River City Quilters' Guild, is a frequent patron of Belle Cooledge Library and decided to answer the challenge.

Lathe felt the quilt project was a

great one as it was something anyone could do, and she felt it would bring some art to the library. "I thought it would be a nice addition to (their community room)," she adds. "They have this huge wall with nothing on it, never had anything on it, so I thought a quilt might work perfect there."



After finding library patrons interested in helping with the project, work on each block of the quilt began toward the end of June and participants had until the first week of August to complete them. Rondeau said participants were asked to create quilt squares that represented their favorite book or author. The books depicted on the quilt range from children's books like "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and "Where the Wild Things Are", to well-known novels such as "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Memoirs of a Geisha."

The 12 participants were all females, but they were each a different age and ethnicity, with the youngest an out-of-town college student, Rondeau said. "Her mother was doing a quilt square – (she) heard about it and said send one to me," Rondeau said. "She's the one that did "The Very Hungry Caterpillar."

Additionally, they all came from different sewing skill backgrounds. Because of this, Lathe decided to use a fusible webbing product to make it a limited sewing project. Lathe says the fusible webbing adheres to the fabric by using an iron - you then cut fund this project as part of their mis-

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out the shape you want, peel away the packing of the fusible web, and attach the shape to the fabric square again using an iron. "I thought this would be something anyone could participate and make a book cover that would look pretty good," she said.

#### Sew There

With Lathe overseeing the project, the River City Quilters' Guild decided to sponsor the community quilt project. Lathe says they purchased and donated the quilt blocks, blocking, sashing, outside border for the quilt, and also paid to have the final product quilted, amounting to about \$230 in donations.

Lathe said the Guild decided to

sion is to become involved in the comcan be incorporated into your home (and) business," she adds.

Additionally, the Guild gives back each year by hand-making quilts they donate to local hospitals for sick children. "We do quite a number of them

about 240 members and they meet the tarian Universality Society on Sierra Bouthe room there for years to come."

levard in the Arden area of Sacramento. munity and take part in community New members are always welcome, inactivities. "Part of (our charge it) to cluding those new to quilting. "We have involve the community in our passion a mentor program within our Guild, so for quilting, and to make people aware if I'm having difficulty with something of how quilts can be art and how they there are several ladies that are very experienced that (will) meet with you and help you with your project," she said.

Lathe feels projects like this shows anyone can be involved regardless of their skill or background, and it helped bring together a group with over the course of the year (and) we a shared passion for reading. "It was deliver them on a pretty frequent basis to local hospitals," she said.

nice for us as a group of people who are not acquainted with one another Lathe says the Guild currently has to work on a project and actually see it through to completion," she said. "I third Tuesday of each month at the Unithink it will be a very nice addition to



Community quilt project participants show off their completed quilt. (From left) Vicki Rondeau, branch supervisor for Belle Cooledge Library; Ellen Broms; Sandy Lathe; Sharie Schroepfer; and Eleanor Taniguchi.

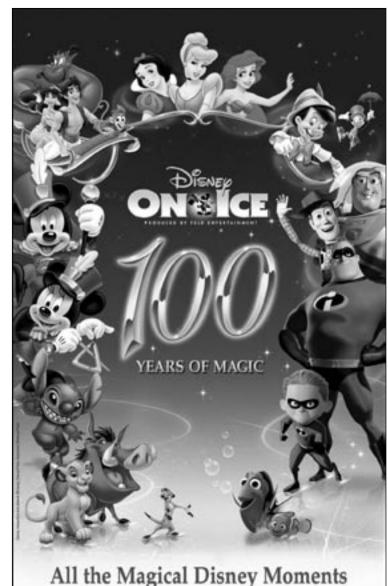




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Cook Realty Broker Trey Bonetti said the event was successful in raising needed funds for many local nonprofits and valuable community assets. "We've recognized now in our 20th year how important these funds are and how many groups have come to rely on our help", said Bonetti. The tournament still awaits a final tally but reports have the funds raised as close to the record level achieved at last year's event. "We are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our agents and the part they played raising money for charity in a challenging econo-

Both Bonetti and Golf Director Ed Daniels know it didn't happen without the help and hard work of literally hundreds of vendors, merchants and service companies from both within and outside the local real estate industry. "Each year we've asked folks to donate time, money or goods and services and they've responded overwhelmingly," says Daniels.

Jocelyn Yap, event treasurer echoes Daniels sentiments, "We are grateful beyond and small that make our event so significant to so many people," says Yap. "It should be noted that over 90 percent of the pro- said Chan Lee. ceeds raised go to our local charities," Yap said. She is in her seventh year of taking the treasurer duties over from the late Charles Covey.

Covey's efforts began the fundraiser in 1992. Éach year an award is given in his hibited selfless work and sacrifice on behalf Covey Award."



Cook Realty's Meena Chan Lee had a large hand in securing ample gifts and prizes for the event dinner that evening. It is estimated the raffle alone helps to bring in as much as half of the money raised. "We have been so fortunate to be surrounded by so many fine business people in our community," she words to the many participants both large said. "Each year they are thrilled with the result of their own participation. Their return on investment exceeds expectations,"

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(top) "Cook Realty Golf" Broker Trey Bonetti (far right) and guests eniov a perfect weather golf day!

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Oct. 12-Nov. 18: A play within a play, with murder and surprising revelations. \$19-\$21. Chautauqua Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael (916) 489-7529 www.cplayhouse.org

#### **Land Park Service Unit Girl Scouts yard sale**

Oct. 13: From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Village Green in Land Park (near Sutterville Rd.)

#### Free electronic waste drive fundraiser

Oct. 13: Participants won't even have to get out of their car. Pop the trunk or open the door and we will unload for you. It's a fundraiser for Earl Warren Elementary School grade level events. 5320 Lowell Street, Sacamento, 382-5930.

#### **Book sale fundraiser for Sacramento Women's Chorus**

Oct. 13: All kinds of books - stock up for fall and winter reading with your blanket, glass, fireplace, peace and quiet. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 913 El Dorado Way in East Sacramento

#### **Golden Valley Charter School's** annual Harvest Festival

 $\mathbf{Oct.}\,\mathbf{13:}\,\,\mathbf{A}$  celebration of autumn bounty with an inspiring day full of children's handcrafts, nourishing food, storytelling, live music and entertainment, archery, petting zoo and other fun activities. This event is open to the general public and all are welcome so bring the whole family, free admission and entertainment. Please bring cash for fee-based activities, food and crafts from our Vendor Marketplace, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 9601 Lake Natoma Drive in Orangevale. www.goldenvalleycharter.org

#### Take Back the Night march and rally

Oct. 13: It will be an evening of remem brance, celebration, and action to stand against all forms of violence against romen and children Resource fair at 5:30 p.m., rally at 6 p.m. and march at 8 p.m. The resource fair will continue throughout the rally to provide information about the crucial services offered in our community. Sacramento Native American Health Center parking lot at 2020 J St. www.sactakebackthenight.

#### Free flu shots

Oct. 13: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Molina Medical is holding a free flu shot event at its Norwood clinic in Sacramento, located at 3946 Norwood Ave. After the first 100, vaccines will be \$15 per vaccine. 564-0521.

#### 'Family tree' climbing

Oct. 13: Learn how find ancestors, or revive a previous search, at the 14th annual Family History Day from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 13, at the California State Archives, 1020 O St., in Sacramento. (916) 653-7715

#### **High Tea fundraiser for My** Sister's House

Oct. 13: 4th annual high tea and silent auction to raise money for My Sister's House, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending domestic violence in the region. The tea is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chinese Community Church, located at 5600 Gilgunn Way, Sacramento, \$45 for individual tickets or \$350 for a table of 10.

#### Fire Station 4 open house

Oct. 13: Come visit Fire Station 4 at 3145 Granada Way, Sac. Free. 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Presentations at 3 p.m. (916) 808-1347

Nov. 2: From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Fairytale Town in Sacramento, there will be a celebration of Francie Dillon with music and other entertainment scheduled to thank Francie for enriching our lives with her talents. The group - Mumbo Gumbo - will perform. Event details will be available at the website - celebratefranice.com. Dillon, an awardwinning children's entertainer and storyteller, as well as a reading educator, has an undiagnosed neurological condition, which has caused some financial hardship. She's keeping a positive attitude as she continues to do some work and has hope for a good outcome.

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#### Who is running for San Juan Unified School Board?

Oct. 16: From 7 to 8:30 p.m. "Families That Can" will present a nonpartisan candidate forum at California Montessori Project, lo cated at La Sierra - Gibbons Room, 5330-A Gibbons Drive Carmichael 95608. Space is limited. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 12 by contacting Rachel Minnick at rminnick@familiesthatcan.org or 529-3435

#### **Soroptimist International of** Sacramento North meeting

Oct. 16: An organization for the better ment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield. Carmichael, Call Sheila at 624-4643,

## Sacramento State's Symphony

Oct. 16: The concert will be held in the Music Recital Hall on the campus at 8 p.m., 6000 I St. Tickets are \$10 general, \$7 seniors and \$5 students, and available at the University Ticket Office, (916) 278-4323 or http://bit.lv/xRmEZ8. Contact: (916) 278-5191.

#### Manga Café: Kokeshi Dolls at Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Oct. 17: At 6 p.m., celebrate Teen Read Week and ARTober with an artistic review of a book you recently read. Turn

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#### 'Freedom of Expression with Art-Works' at Arden-Dimick Library

Oct. 16: At 4 p.m. for children, ages 5 to 12. Express yourself using a variety of materials to create a unique art piece. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento

Oct. 17: At 4 p.m., for youngsters, ages 5 to 18, create mini folk-art presidential wooden figures. 7340 24th Street Bypass, Sac-

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Oct. 18: Adoption trailer will be at Intel 1900 Prairie City Road, Folsom from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Oct. 18: At 3 p.m., create your next artistic masterpiece using duct tape - the most durable medium available Use a variety of solid colors and patterns and get instructions for making wallets, roses, flip-flops and more. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Avenue, Sacramento

#### 'Financially Savvy Seniors'

Oct. 18: The Pocket Area Churches Together, the Asian Community Center and the St. Anthony Senior Club are sponsoring this seminar to discuss identity theft, contractor and phone scams and family abuse of seniors. The seminar goes from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church. 660 Florin Rd., Sacramento.

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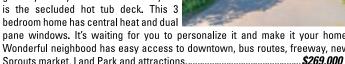
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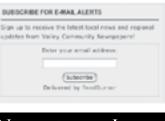
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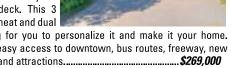
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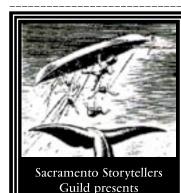
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#### 40th annual Japan night dinner

Oct. 19: Sacramento Senator Lions Club is having its 40th Annual Japan Night Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 6446 Riverside Boulevard. Sacramento. The menu includes terivaki chicken, sashimi, sushi, sunomono salad and miso soup. Ticket donation is \$35. All profits from this event are given back to the community through projects such as the Sacramento Zoo Sensory Garden, Sacramento Zoo's Mobile Zoo Project, My Sister's House, and Christmas Food Baskets for low-income families. Call Teri Panscik at (530) 676-0829, for more information,



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#### 'Camellia City Porcelain Artist 21st

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#### **SPCA Mobile Adoption**

Oct. 21: Adoption trailer will be at Trendsn-Treats, 8929 Madison Ave. from 10 a.m.

#### **Shrinky Dinks at Central Library**

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