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Door to Door

with PAT LYNCH

Roots

Six of us spent International Women's Day in Ireland and were reminded of the day by an American poet of Irish descent, Tom Lynch. On a cold, drizzly night in Limerick we trooped into a room to hear him speak. "Happy International Women's Day," he began, and it struck me that this was the first time I'd heard a man introduce himself by noting this particular anniversary.

He was tall, had a medium-full white beard and had long white hair pulled back. "I swore I wouldn't cut my hair until we had a woman president," he said. This, plus his name, was enough to establish appreciation, and, because of DNA research, I already knew we were distant relations. He began to read. A review from Prairie Schooner encapsulated his presentation that night: "a splendid melding of language, vision, voice and agape love… tinged with rascally humor."

Ireland is beautiful, and cold in March. After Limerick we went to County Clare and its high cliffs. The wind slaps you around. Below the Atlantic rumbles. The wild, high sprawl of green seems infinite and so does the cold. This is where our errant, elusive paternal grandparent, Eugene Lynch, (Bad Grandpa)came from. Here we went to tea at a remote, rebuilt house up a narrow road. "Tea" in Ireland means a heaping tray of quartered sandwiches, tea, and a dessert, in this case, cookies.

This is Tom Lynch's house where he lets poets stay for free. The tax write-off keeps him from supporting the Trump policies he abhors. We are honored to be invited. We sit around the fire in our fat down jackets, our host a man who won the American book award and was featured on Frontline. Eileen asks questions, her voice almost comically hoarse and squeaky: laryngitis. Three of us have head colds, but Eileen, our leader, sounds the worst. Tom Lynch says, "In the old days the cure for a cold was lemon, honey and whiskey. I don't have any lemon or honey, but---"

He brings forth a nice whiskey and we drink it from teacups, glasses, jars.

Our niece, Angela, who owns the Plant Foundry on Broadway, says this is the way to visit a country, talking with people who live there and love it.

In our company, besides the six travelers, are Irishmen Paddy Waldron and Michael O' Connell. Waldron is a statistician and famous genealogist, O'Connell a historian. These men provide information and speculation vital to our search for the origins of the Eugene who abandoned his wife and children months before our father was born. They understand our quest. The lilt in their talk charms us and I wonder what our American accent sounds like to them.

We have a dinner date with Clair Carmody and her sister, Pat. DNA says they are paternal (Lynch) second to third cousins, but we don't need data to authenticate the instant great connection we feel to these women. We laugh alike, share perspectives, have a giddy, good time.

My sister, my niece, and I travel with Joan and Ellen Cochrane and Kim Tierney, and don't expect them to be fascinated by our quest for relatives. The next day they head off to the Cliffs of Moher while we go into Galway where our maternal grandfather (Good Grandpa), Tom Kennedy, was born. Eileen has arranged for us to meet with the Donelon family. These are the descendants of Sarah Donelon, Grandfather Tom Kennedy's mother.

The Donelons are everything you could want your family to be, warm, smart, funny, sweet-natured, hospitable. Fran Murphy (a Donelon) and husband, Tony, live in a big, lovely house on a country road. They took us to cousin Mary's even bigger house. Out came the bountiful tray of sandwiches, tea, and today a grand tin of chocolates. Here we meet Mary Roscommon, with her ready laugh. I like these Mary's and the Irish tradition that names the first-born daughter after the mother.

Next we went in a caravan to Flaskeg Beg, overgrown, deserted fields of green where small farms once stood. The plots are marked. The Kennedy house was at the end; next to it the Donelan house. So maternal great grandfather Patrick Kennedy lived next door to the woman he would marry. Down the road on the same side stood the wind-and-rain-battered remains of their schoolhouse, part of one crumbling wall still standing. Fran, captain of this expedition, trudged across wet earth to have her picture taken on the Donelon parcel. I followed, in tennis shoes that were soon soaked. That's when I noticed everyone else wore boots. You can't navigate the Irish countryside without them. When, wet and exhilarated, we got back to

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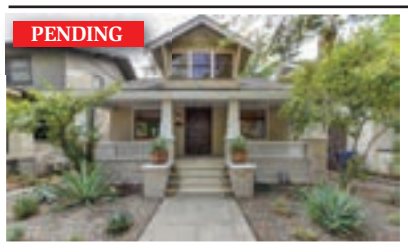


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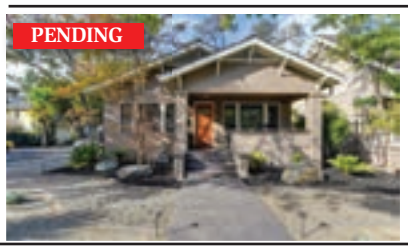
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No bull…RUOFS sent to pasture

Sacramento furniture business bids farewell to its locally famous, fiberglass bull

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

After 37 years in business, Ruland's Used Office Furnishings is moving from its original location at 215 North 16th St., and it does not plan to take along its most famous possession: a red-and-white, fiberglass bull known as RUOFS – pronounced Rufus.

For more than three decades, this life-size, yet larger-than-life figure has grabbed the local spotlight for its presence on the sidewalk in front of Ruland's.

On a daily basis, commuters pass by RUOFS, who is known by many people, including those from Land Park who have their own famous fiberglass bull, which stands above the doorway of the Riverside Clubhouse – formerly The Hereford House – on Land Park Drive.

A significant part of RUOFS' attraction along North 16th Street is that his sides have for many years been used as a billboard for many types of messages, including those related to holidays and current events, and thought-provoking ones such as "Humankind. Be both." RUOFS has also been used as a billboard for marriage proposals.

On one occasion, an extra, extra large pair of boxer shorts with hearts on them lied at the bottom of RUOFS' hind legs, and one of his sides bore the message, "Party your pants off."

Ruland's, which will close its current location by the end of this month, and reopen at 1624 North C St. early next year, has shipped RUOFS off to the south part of the county. His new home is at the 9-acre Fog Willow Farms in Wilton.

RUOFS has become part of a very rural scene with thousands of pumpkins (this month only), goats, dogs, chickens, a duck pond, unique structures, a footbridge and more.

Steve Ruland, owner of Ruland's Used Office Furnishings, spoke about his donation of RUOFS.

"We got to talking to (Fog Willow co-owner Joe Cates) about what he was doing (at Fog Willow), and I had been racking my brain trying to come up with a retirement program for him. So, something for him to go and do.

"And so, we got together with them and made the offer to donate him to (Fog Willow). We're telling everybody we put him out to pasture. So, he's out at the pumpkin farm."

RUOFS traveled to Fog Willow on Oct. 6, with much fanfare, noted Joe Cates, who owns Fog Willow with his wife, Stacey.

"It's really funny, because it went on a flatbed trailer and we were driving down the road

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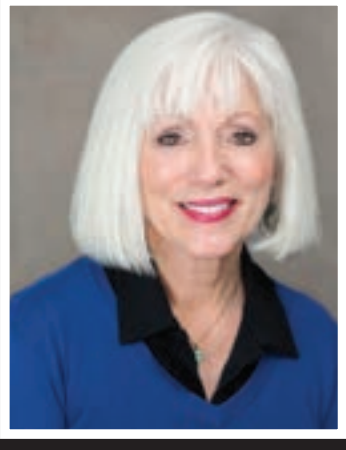
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Mary's house, Fran gave me a pair of dry socks while I put my shoes by the fire. It felt like family.

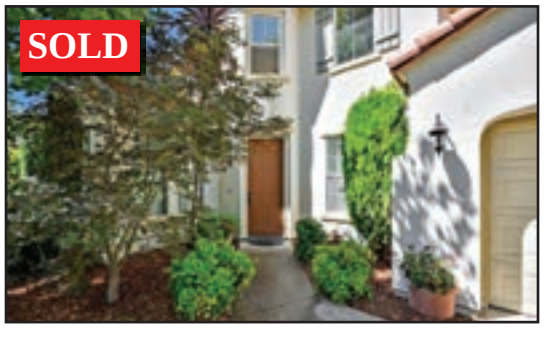
Back in Ennis (a picturesque, friendly town) we celebrated the Donelon experience. There might be a chance that our Donelon (or originally O'Donnell) relatives might be part of a genetic "star cluster"—a Y-chromosome type common in Donelons who descend from a powerful, early medieval Irish royal family. It's exciting to imagine you might be part of a star cluster and the Donelons we met were super achievers and kindly as well, so I decided to further explore our connection.

I was about to break the star cluster news when Eileen got a phone call from genealogist Waldron. Her stunned expression while listening was so compelling I took a picture. Here we were, basking in the warm vibe of the of the Good Grandpa Kennedy-Donelon visit, when a new Lynch theory emerged. Bad Grandpa Eugene may well have been a serial bigamist. He may have been born a Corey, adopted his mother's maiden name (Lynch), changed his first name from Owen to Eugene, gone to America, married a woman named Bridget Kelly, abandoned her and their daughters, done who knows what in the interim before he eloped with our California grandmother, Annie Moore. He abandoned Annie in 1910 and possibly met and married yet another woman.

We may have more siblings than we ever knew. Bigamy. It seems such a creepy, heartless crime, especially in the old days when abandoned mothers couldn't get work. So we like knowing that Eugene Lynch's Sacramento sons grew up to be faithful husbands and fathers. There's a lot of genetic research ahead, in America and Ireland. From a star cluster noble leader to a cheating scoundrel, good and bad, it's our unique inheritance and we want to know it. If you're curious too about the people who donated to your specific humanity, you carry the answers around with you; you carry answers everywhere in your living .



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EAST LAND PARK VILLAGE

This stately home with Spanish flair sits on a large lot in a Tim Lewis development. The property features high ceilings, a tiled turret entry, living room, dining room, office / den, full bath and downstairs wood floors. The family room with fireplace opens to the kitchen featuring a large tiled island, pantry, gas cooktop, built-in oven and dishwasher, ample storage and views of the exceptionally inviting backyard. Upstairs features a sitting room in the upstairs turret, laundry room, two bedrooms and a full bath. There is a desk area at the upstairs landing which leads to the master suite complete with sitting area and large bathroom with dual sinks, large tub, shower and walk-in closet. The backyard comes with covered patios, built-in BBQ island with refrigerator, fruit trees and landscaped gardens. Home is on a street with no outlet and at the end is a small park and playground. This shows like a model home!
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and so many people honked at us about it," he said. "And it's because they recognized it. They really did recognize it. He is famous."

Cates added that RUOFS will be well taken care of at Fog Willow.

"I'm going to build a little pen around him, so nobody vandalizes him," he said. "We have to put a little Bondo on him. He's got a broken nose a little bit, and we'll do a couple repairs on him, which won't take very long.

"But I have to make sure nobody jumps on him and hurts him, because he's made of fiberglass, even though he looks like a 1,600-pound bull. And then we'll put him up in a very prominent spot, and we're going to write something very fun on the side that will work great for the kids and the families, and it will be something where people come take their picture with it."

"You'll see a lot of older people – (the kids') grandparents – they'll recognize that thing. They know exactly who RUOFS is."

Ruland, who is a 1968 graduate of West Sacramento's now defunct James Marshall High School, recalled acquiring this fiberglass bull in Elk Grove in 1989.

"I got (a) call to go out to Elk Grove Meats to buy their furniture and they took me out to a barn that had this rusty, old (furniture)," he said. "You know, 35 years ago, used office furniture isn't what it is today. It was some old, clunky metal (desks). We called them tank desks – Army issue stuff, the old, steel (desks).

"Anyway, they had several pieces of it out in the barn. But standing out in the barn behind them was this bull. So, I talked him into throwing that in with the purchase."

During his years in Sacramento, RUOFS has had many adventures from meeting Sacramento mayors and drawing much attention from children to being vandalized, stolen and hit by a truck.



Photos courtesy of Ruland's

RUOFS is shown during his time as both the furniture company's mascot and a billboard along North 16th Street.

He has also made appearances around the city, such as at Sacramento City Hall, and at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Golden 1 Center.

Ruland spoke about RUOFS' visit to City Hall.

"(Then-Mayor Heather Fargo) actually gave (Ruland's) a proclamation, invited us to City Hall," he said. "(RUOFS) and I showed up down there and we couldn't get through the door, because they had a post in the center of the doorway back in those days. It wasn't wide enough for him to go through."

On one of his most unique adventures, RUOFS was rented to a group that took him skydiving.

Ruland mentioned that despite making his donation to Fog Willow Farms, he maintains a small herd of fiberglass bulls that he will keep at the new location of his business, which like his bulls, will have the new official color: purple.

Recalling his acquisition of the business's second bull, Ruland noted that a man ran through the front entrance of the store and presented a newspaper from Downieville with a photograph of a fiberglass bull.

"(Someone) owned this (fiberglass) bull up there and they didn't know what to do with it, so it kept moving around from the library to the police department to the school," he said.

"I contacted them right away and told them I was interested and told them who I was and what I did."

Ruland added that because this fiberglass bull was owned by a school district and could not be sold, he traded office furniture for it.

The most recent member of the herd came from the Riverside County city of Temecula through a Facebook post.

With its relocation, Ruland's will maintain its name and expand its online presence, while operating a much smaller show space, Ruland noted.

"We're moving around the corner," he said. "We're not going to have a big presence like we have (on North 16th Street). We're mostly going to be online, but we're trying to come up with some kind of a small showroom, but not until after the first of the year."

Ruland mentioned that his decision to relocate his business and downsize his show area came as a result of significant revenue losses.

"For the last 30 years, we were probably the largest used office furniture dealer in the area," he said. "But with COVID(-19) and the business turndown and everything, we've decided to go through some changes. We've sold our property. We had a couple of blocks (on North 16th Street).

"Now we're in the clear-out stage and that's what brought the owner of Fog Willow to us."

Ruland added that the property's new owners plan to open about 250 low-rent apartments at the site.

For additional information about RUOFS and Ruland's Used Office Furnishings, visit www.Rulands.com or the business's Facebook page, which includes RUOFS' skydiving video.



Safe & Super Halloween returns to Fairytale Town

Photos by George Young

On the weekends of October 16-17 and 23-24, Fairytale Town held their 34th "Safe & Super Halloween with a Ghostbusters theme, just in time for the November 19th release of the newest film in the Ghostbusters series: "Ghostbusters: Afterlife". This year, the Sacramento Ghostbusters protected the grounds of Fairytale Town for the first Ghostbusters themed "Safe & Super Halloween" while a 30 foot tall Stay Puft Marshmallow Man watched over everyone. There were 15 Trick or Treat Stations throughout, themed photo-ops including the giant Stay Puft Marshmallow Man, the Sacramento Ghostbusters & the Ghostbusters' Ecto-Mobile. There was a Kid's Nightly Costume Parade, live entertainment, games, arts & crafts, food trucks, themed vendors, and more.











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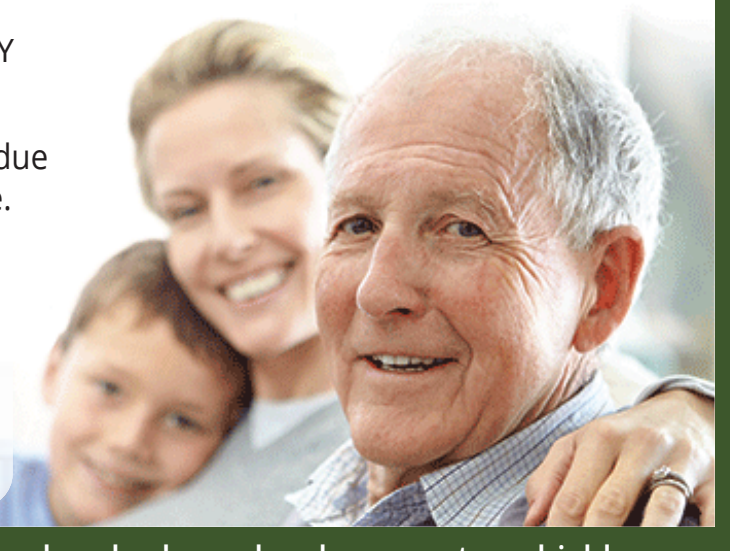
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Elks 6 Lodge Updates







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Shown here are photos from a previous craft fair.

The annual Sacramento Elks Lodge, No. 6 Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 from 9 to 3 p.m. Craft vendors will be located inside the John Carvalho Ballroom and outdoors in the parking lot. There will be a large variety of vendors available; it is the perfect time to start your holiday shopping. Vendor applications are being accepted for indoor and outdoor space and can be downloaded from the website or here: http://www.elks6.com/img/events/ep-10-23-21.pdf. Drewski's Food Truck will have food available for purchase. Drewski's menu items can be found here: https://drewskis.com.

Trunk or Treat Candy Donations: Donated bags of candy are needed for Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31. Please drop off your donations at the Lodge office or lounge. Sunday breakfast also falls on October 31st. If you are having breakfast at the Lodge, what a convenient way to make your donation!

Lunar New Year Dinner: Volunteers are needed for the Lunar New Year Dinner planning committee. This dinner event will be held on February 4, 2022 with a DJ, dancing, and games. Contact Allison Owyoung-Fong at aaajfong@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Raffle Prize Donations needed: Donations of raffle prizes are needed for upcoming events. Gift baskets, gift certificates, and gifts of all shapes and sizes will be accepted! Please drop off your donation in the office or message Jan Wilson at sacramentojan2@yahoo.com if you have questions. Every donation counts and is very much appreciated.

Now through November 11th - Veterans Drive: The Lodge has launched a sock, dental hygiene kit (toothbrush/toothpaste) and 2022 calendar supply drive for our unhoused Veterans. Collection bins are available in the Lounge and in front of the office. Donations of new or gently used socks, hygiene kits, and 2022 calendars will also be accepted through November 11, 2021.

Elks 6 Fall Fling Event - November 13th: The Elks 6 Fall Fling event will be held on Saturday, November 13th at the Lodge. No host cocktails at 5:00 p.m.- dinner at 6:00 pm. Dancing to the FBI Band (Motown music and more). This event is being hosted by the Preventive Maintenance (PM) Crew. A delicious meal of pork tenderloin, orzo pasta with mushroom demi-glaze, Caesar salad, and strawberry cheesecake will be served. Meal tickets are $35 for Elks Members and $40 for non-Elks members. Tickets are available now. Raffle tickets for gift baskets and other prizes will be available for purchase.

Lunar New Year Dinner and Dance - February 4th: Save the date! Mark your 2022 calendars! The Lodge will host a Lunar New Year dinner raffle and dance on February 4, 2022.

Meal Ordering: If you are attending any of the meal events above, please pre-pay your meals with your secure credit card transaction by calling (916) 422-6666, extension 2 during regular office hours, or stop by the office during regular business hours to pay in person. (The 8.75% sales tax for Sacramento is included in the price of your meal.)

An advanced purchase of your meal will help with pre-planning the menu items, reducing food waste, as well as unnecessary costs. Extra meals may not be available for purchase after the ordering deadline. An additional cost will be added to the price of each meal ticket if it is purchased after the deadline date.

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Flag retirement receptacle at Elks Lodge

Andrew Van Wagner of Boy Scout Troop 136, presented his Eagle Scout project to Sacramento Elks Lodge #6 on Sept. 22.

Andrew designed and built a flag retirement repository box that is residing in the Elks Lodge lobby at 6446 Riverside Blvd.

The intent of the Eagle Scout project is to comply with U.S. Flag Code, Title 4, which states, "The flag when it is no longer a fitting emblem of display should be destroyed in a dignified way preferably by burning."

Lodge members and the public are encouraged to deposit their torn, faded, and soiled U.S. flags in the box for honorable and respectful retirement. The Lodge annually conducts a Flag Retirement Ceremony in June with the cooperation of Boy Scout Troop 259.

Shown here are Exalted Ruler Rebecca Icarro, Scout Andrew Van Wagner, and Scout Liaison Bob Van Gundy.

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FACES AND PLACES: DIRTY KID RACE



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The 3rd annual Dirty Kid Obstacle Race was held on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Adventure Playground, Address: 3301 37th Ave., Sacramento. Youth raced in a small endurance course with obstacles, including MUD! Obstacles varied, but do not have a high degree of difficulty. This event is a fundraiser for the Adventure Playground. 100% of the funds go towards sponsoring the Adventure Playground. For more information visit sacadventureplay.org or call (916) 222-3831.



















East Sacramento's Little Italy Historic District celebrated

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

With its recent city designation as the Little Italy Historic District, a section of East Sacramento was celebrated on Oct. 9 through a recognition event held at the bocce ball courts at East Portal Park.

The designation became official on Sept. 21, when the Sacramento City Council unanimously voted to officially recognize this area as a historic district.

During that meeting, Council Member Jeff Harris, whose council district includes historic Little Italy, highlighted the area, bringing attention to its past and present.

Current Italian businesses in that designated district, which lies within the boundaries of 48th to 59th Street and from J Street to Folsom Boulevard, include: Corti Bros., Talini's Nursery, Culjis & Herberger Funeral Home, Allora Italian seafood restaurant and bar, and Mattone Ristorante.

Beyond the long history of Italian presence in East Sacramento – one that began with its earliest settlers a century ago – Italian history in the capital city dates back even earlier – to the Gold Rush, noted Harris during the Sept. 21 meeting.

"Italian roots run deep in the history of Sacramento, right from the Gold Rush days forward," he said.

Sacramento's earliest Italians congregated along the waterfront in the area of present-day Old Sacramento, in the 1850s through 1870s.

By the following decade, Italians began to concentrate in other areas, including Oak Park, Southside and downtown. They also established homes in East Sacramento and Land Park.



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Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, far right, and Council Member Jeff Harris, standing next to Steinberg, are shown at the event with members of the Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento.

At the center of much of the Italians' activities was the Italian Catholic church – Chiesa di Santa Maria (St. Mary's Church) – which dedicated its first structure on N Street, between 8th and 9th streets, in 1907, and was relocated to 7th and T streets in 1914.

Following major fundraising by its members, a new St. Mary's Church was constructed at 58th and M streets in East Sacramento and was dedicated with about 900 people in attendance on Aug. 1, 1948.

The church's relocation to East Sacramento increased Italian presence in the area, and many Italians still reside in that area today.

Bill Cerruti, executive director of the Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento, told the East Sacramento News that several hundred families on the society mailing list live in East Sacramento.

"That gives you some indication that there are a lot of Italians still there (in East Sacramento)," he said.

Cerruti, who grew up on 48th Street in Little Italy and graduated from Sacramento High School in 1959, said that efforts to establish a City Council-adopted Little Italy Historic District date back to 2018.

In addition to Cerruti, another active advocate for bringing this special designation to East Sacramento's historic Little Italy district was Fabrizio Sasso, a resident of East Sacramento and the executive director of the Sacramento Central Labor Council.

Harris acknowledged Cerutti and Sasso as the people who "brought this (Little Italy Historic District) idea to me."

Cerruti told this paper that the inspiration for pursuing this city designation came from some of the newer Italian residents of East Sacramento.

"What happened was (in 2018), not only did some residents in the area approach me and say, 'We're fairly new to the area, but it's so Italian.' And they were Italian Americans, so they said we should do something to recognize the area.

"At the same time, at the Italian Center (in Carmichael), we have children's classes – preschool and elementary school classes, plus a children's dance troupe. So, we get a lot of the young, Italian American families with kids in our program.

"In talking to the mothers that live in (East Sacramento) or have lived here, they were saying they just didn't feel empowered like they should be for their families, and they were starting to move out of the area more and more. So, that motivated me to get something going, to make the people in this area finally be recognized and feel like they were accepted and belong here."

Cerruti noted that he next recruited two East Sacramento residents with "some influence" with the City Council.

"I put them on my team and we approached Councilman Harris (and then) I met him for coffee at a local coffee shop (for) just a brief start," he said. "(Harris) said, 'Yeah, that's a good idea.'"

Cerruti added that the COVID-19 pandemic created delays with this project until earlier this year.

With the Little Italy designation finally approved by the City Council, about 50 people participated in the invitation-only event at East Portal Park on Oct. 9.

The gathering included a presentation of a Little Italy resolution from the city, speeches, traditional Italian dancing, Italian food, cake and mingling among friends, followed by games of bocce.

Included in the resolution are the words: "Generations of Italians have grown up and lived in the historic Little Italy, and longtime residents and businesses play an integral role in the cultural and economic landscape of the area. The story of East Sacramento's Little Italy neighborhood and the Italian people that made that story should be preserved."

Mayor Darrell Steinberg told this paper that recognizing Little Italy was a "beautiful moment for our city."

"The Italian American community has been and continues to be such a big part of Sacramento, and to

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recognize history is vital," he said. "And, you know, we need more reasons to celebrate, and this is a great celebration.

"It's a great moment. Congratulations to Bill (Cerruti) and the Italian American community that made this happen. This will last for generations."

As part of this designation, signs will be posted by the city in various places in this area to recognize the historic Little Italy district.

Bill Cerruti's wife, Patrizia Cinquini Cerruti, who immigrated to the United States from Italy in 1982, also shared her thoughts on the designation.

"I think it is just so amazing," she said. "When I first arrived in Sacramento, I noticed there were so many old Italians from my region, Lucca, and so many of them are gone now. And I think it's so important to understand what they've done and how much they gave to this community. So, to me, it's wonderful."

Luigi Alfredo "Lou" Talini, the owner of Talini's Nursery, also celebrated the Little Italy designation at the event.

"I think that's quite an accomplishment because it will preserve part of the past history," he said. "I think it should have been done a long time ago."

Talini told this paper that he was fortunate to grow up in the area and witness earlier years of Little Italy.

"When I was growing up, my father and all the older Italians that were in the neighborhood (were) getting together all the time and everybody knew everybody; doors were unlocked," he said. "They would come down to (East Portal Park). I remember this park before the (current) bocce ball (courts were) in. There were Italians all over."

Ottavio Luchini, 96, recalled earlier times in the area.

"I remember when you walked around (Little Italy) they (spoke) Italian, 50% (of the people or more)," he said.

Luchini, a member of Sacramento's Dante Club for about the past 70 years, added that he and Luigi's father, Pietro Talini, became partners in the nursery business at 5025 J St. in East Sacramento in the early 1950s.

Irene Brown, director/choreographer of the Balliamo! Italian cultural dance group, entertainers at the event, mentioned why she appreciates Little Italy's official designation.

"My family has lived in East Sacramento for many years," she said. "You know, we've all been here forever, so it's about time we get some recognition."

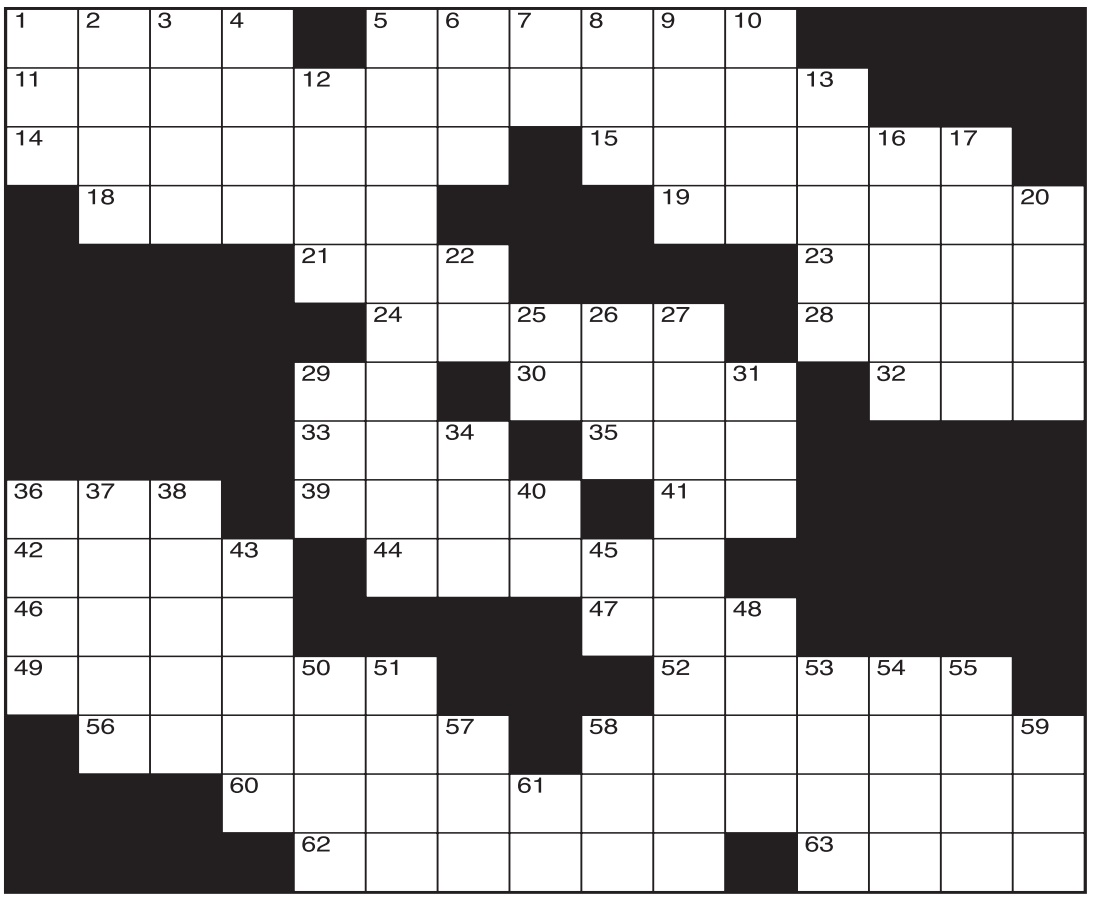
Brown added that her great-grandfather, Ernesto Guido Galli, was one of the organizing members of the Giacomo Puccini Lodge No. 1352, Order Sons of Italy in America, and the Dante Club in Sacramento during the 1920s.

Another one of her relatives, her maternal grandfather, Vittorio "Victor" Galli, was born in Sacramento in 1911, and served as president of the Dante Club in 1971.

While standing next to her mother in her festive dancing attire, Brown's daughter, Sami, noted that the Little Italy designation serves as a significant tool to further Italian culture in East Sacramento.

"It's just really cool to see, especially this whole area, just become a part of that culture," she said.

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5. Move upward
11. Admiration
14. It's useful for serving food
15. Kidnap
18. One of the Greek Muses
19. A type of media
21. Sunscreen rating
23. Former Michigan coach Brady
24. German town devastated in WW2
28. Gasteyer and Ortiz are two
29. Leave
30. Forearm bone
32. Very fast airplane
33. Helps little firms
35. Defunct economic organization
36. Science-based students organization (abbr.)
39. Feels ill
41. Indicates position
42. Beverage containers
44. Assists
46. Science accreditation organization (abbr.)
47. Purpose
49. Group of elected officials
52. Hebrew prophet
56. They help you drink
58. Lawmaker
60. Charitable
62. Doctrines
63. Footwear

CLUES DOWN

1. Where wrestlers work
2. Dueling sword
3. Practice fight
4. Genus of clams
5. Fear of heights
6. What some tell their dog
7. The Golden State
8. When you expect to get there
9. Pointed ends
10. Extinct flightless bird
12. Feeds
13. Nape of neck
16. Descendant
17. Small boats found in Turkey
20. To avoid the risk of
22. Athlete with no contract (abbr.)
25. 13th letter of the Greek alphabet
26. Brew
27. Feeling of anxiety
29. Young girls group
31. Perform on stage
34. White clerical vestment
36. Popular musical awards show
37. Bumpkins
38. One who acts on another's behalf
40. Direction
43. Look at with fixed eyes
45. One who helps professors (abbr.)
48. A large number of
50. Type of powder
51. Large jug
53. __ Christian Anderson, children's author
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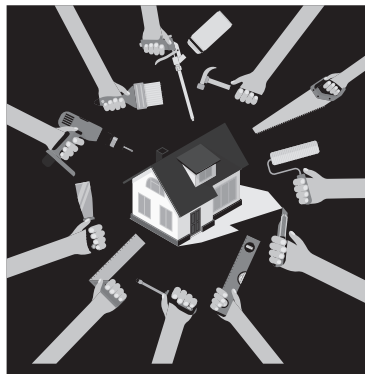
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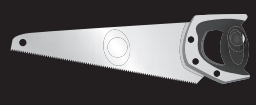
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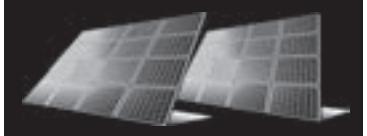
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Revere Court hosted their annual senior resource fair







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Revere Court is focused on educating the public about Alzheimer's disease & other forms of dementia, as well as other informative topics. They have presented and partnered with various church organizations, Sutter Health System, UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center and has offered continuous medical education for families and caregivers in the community at large. Revere Court supports the Alzheimer's Association, Alzheimer's Aid Society, Del Oro Caregiver Resource & UC Davis Alzheimer's Disease Center.

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