

# New Boulder Creek library

## 'A dream come true'

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**BOULDER CREEK** — It was borne of community involvement and built with community spirit. On Friday morning, the new Boulder Creek Library was dedicated in the same manner, as scores of residents showed up to view their handiwork.

About 300 persons witnessed the official grand opening of the new library at 13220 W. Park Avenue.

It was a day to bask in glory, even if the skies were overcast.

Backs were patted. Bows taken. Speeches spoken. Songs sung for unsung heroes.

Children held balloons and looked bored as the speechifying ran on. But their time came, too, when the Boulder Creek Elementary School Chorus sang "Up, up with People."

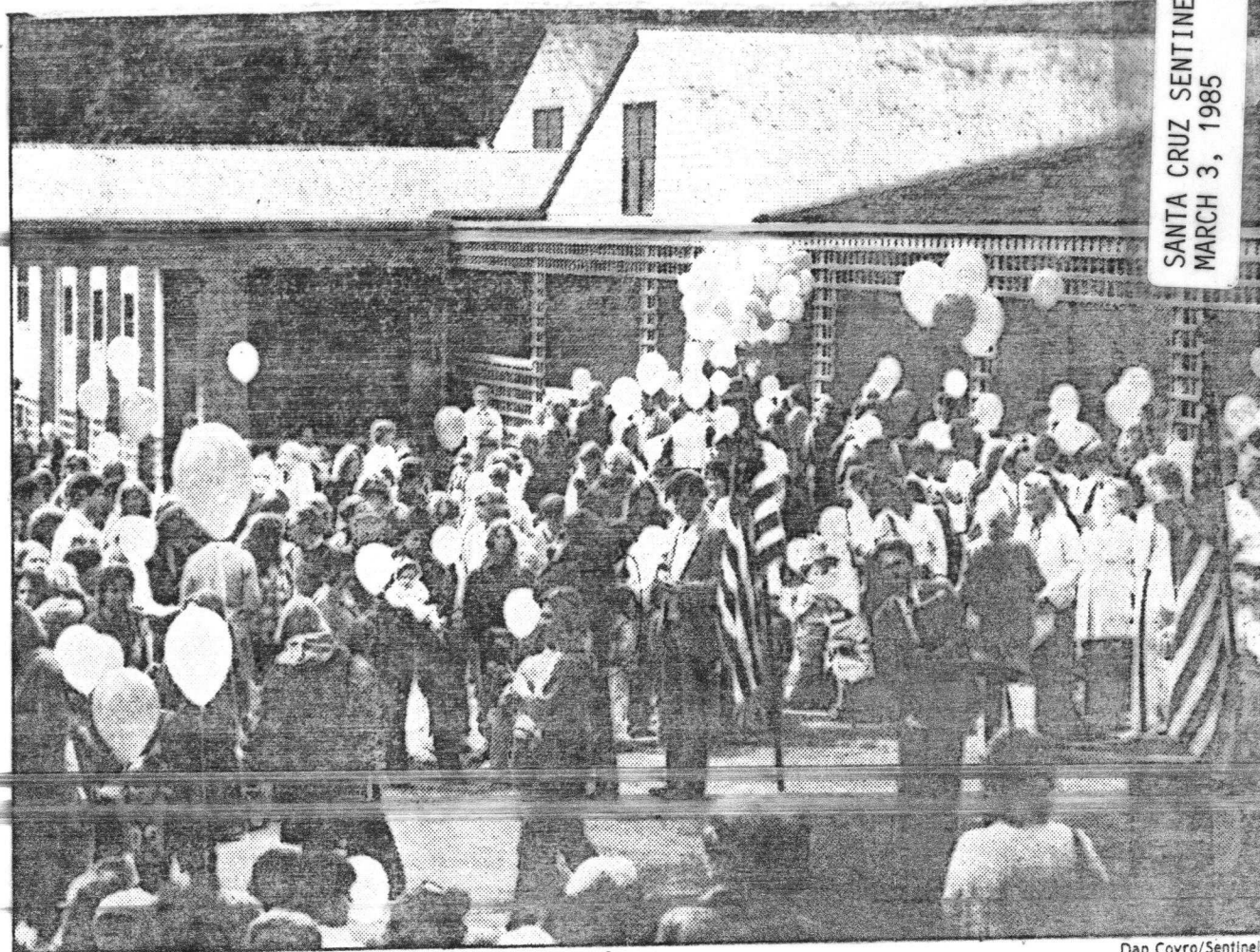
The San Lorenzo Valley High School Marching Band led the procession from the old library next to the fire house.

Supervisor Joe Cucchiara lauded the library as "a dream come true" and "a moment when fantasy and reality merge as one."

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Gary Patton said it was a typical story in Santa Cruz County, one of "unceasing community involvement to achieve a goal, despite every obstacle."

Architects Peter Calthorpe and Jeff Oberdorfer praised the people of Boulder Creek for caring about the design of the building.

Valley residents actually attended vari-



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Crowd gathers for celebration at opening of Boulder Creek Library

ous "community input" meetings helping the architects sketch out plans on butcher paper.

Oberdorfer said he normally has to convince legislators to build energy-efficient, and to include the community in making decisions on how it will look.

With the Boulder Creek Library, Cucchiara wrote these ideas into the architect's contract, Oberdorfer said.

"I only hope this building gives you as much happiness as you have already given me," partner Calthorpe added.

The library, built with money from the county and the city of Santa Cruz, was built on a little more than an acre of land donated by Boulder Creek resident Robert Kuerzei.

The new building is solar-lighted, has a gallery for local artists and a room for

community meetings.

It was dedicated to June Brosios, who was librarian at the former Boulder Creek Library for nine years until she died last October.

The library will be open for business on Monday. Its hours are noon to 9 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.