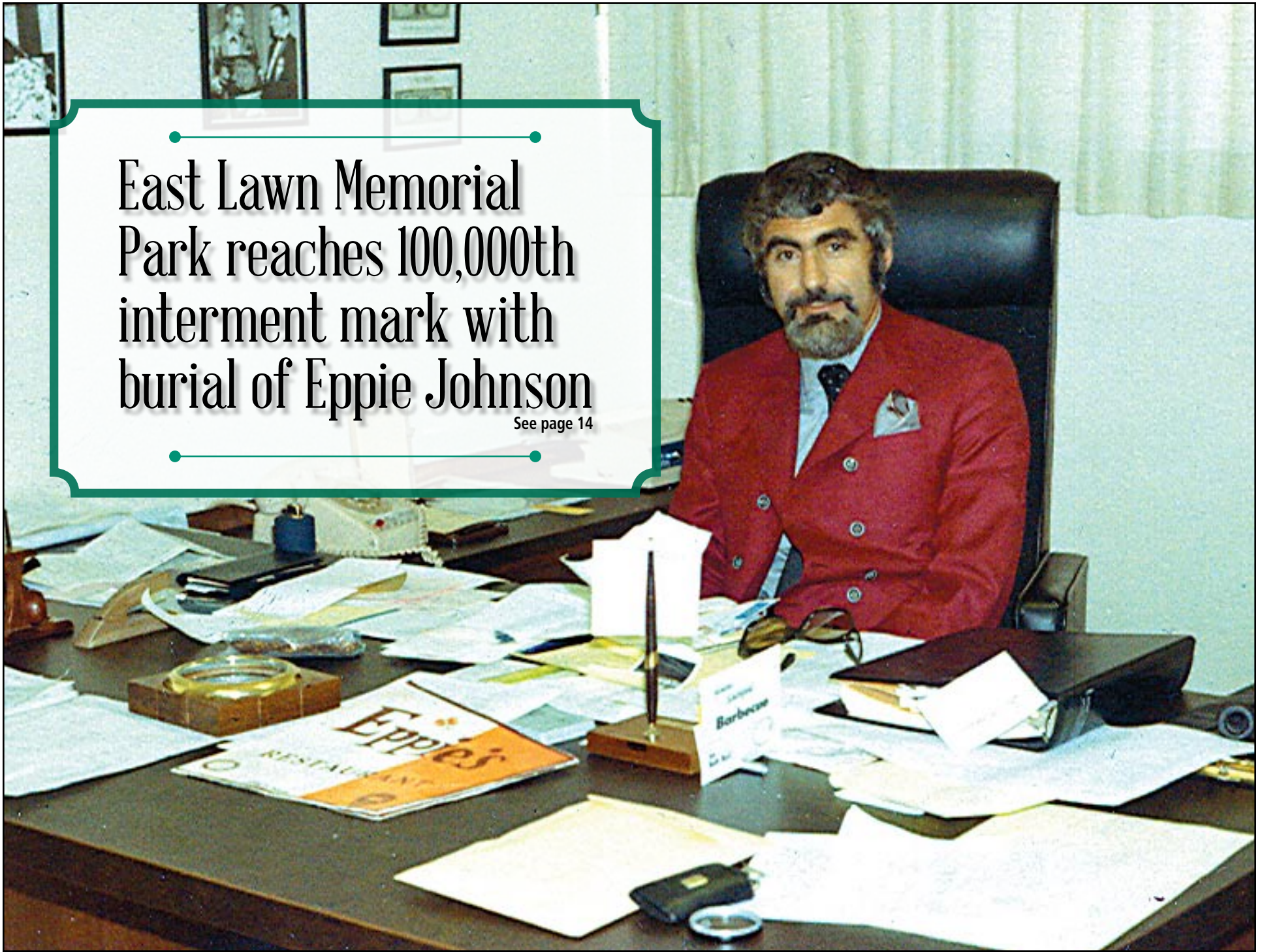


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# Wickedly funny, ARC presents Alan Ball's "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress"

By **MONICA STARK**  
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"Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," a hilariously honest comedy, opened Nov. 22 for a three-week run at American River College's Stage Two Theatre. Alan Ball wrote the play a decade before winning an Oscar for writing "American Beauty," and even longer before creating HBO's "True Blood" and "Six Feet Under," but his hand at comedy-with-a-twist was clearly already well-honed. Irreverent and touching, "Five Women" is a celebration of the women's spirit and a fascinating look at the intricacies of friendship.

Set at a society wedding in Knoxville, Tennessee, the action of the play takes place during the ostentatious wedding reception when the five reluctant, identically clad bridesmaids attempt to hide out in an upstairs bedroom. As the afternoon wears on, these wildly different women joyously discover a common bond.

Initially that bond involves a universal frustration with the bride whom they've all been called to serve. Ultimately, though, the women develop a cautious respect for one another and even come to have each others' backs when plot twists turn matters dark. From the small-town Christian, to the cynical outsider, to the outspoken lesbian and the world weary man-eater, each woman brings wit and wisdom to the table to share for the greater good. In the end, even the cameo of a handsome groomsman won't keep these women from being there for one another.

Directed by theater professor Nancy Silva, the show features a six-person cast of student actors, sets and lights by Elly Award-winner Kathy Burleson, and costumes by Gail Russell whose work can also be seen on local stages from Sacramento Theatre Company to Capitol

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## Five Dresses:

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Stage. "Five Women..." contains adult language and subject matter.

"It's amazing that the first thought I had is that a man writing a play gets to the heart for what women yearn for or desire but he really does," said Silva who likened the script to "Sex in the City" for its youthful and sassy touch.

Unlike the darkness found in "American Beauty" or "Six Feet Under" there are a few moments of darkness in "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress." For a good 80 percent of the play it's very light-hearted," Silva said, who added that she's found it interesting that all five women could be parts of the same woman.

When they're all wearing the same dress and all look alike, you can put them together and create a woman who embodies all the traits that are important to us.

The following actresses spoke to the Arden-Carmichael News about the characters they play and about their own dreams and aspirations.

### TARA MILLS as GEORGEANNE

Actress Tara Mills of Carmichael plays Georgeanne, a married woman in her 30s who feels her marriage is not going the way it should. It's not loving or romantic, and, so she tries to find love and affection elsewhere, putting herself in an emotional pickle.

A "potty mouth" with a lot of lines, Georgeanne who says at one point af-

ter speaking with her Christian friend Frances about the perfect man, "I think I might like a date with Jesus," the character always gets a reaction from people watching the rehearsal, said Mills.

Mills said she has enjoyed working with her fellow castmates. "We always have something to laugh about. Hanging out with these talented, beautiful women has been my favorite (part)." Being her first production, it's been a huge learning experience for Mills who enrolled at ARC originally for a criminal justice degree, which she is still pursuing, but has since added theater. Mills hopes to use theater and criminal justice to work under a probation program that uses people's energy for positive things like singing and dancing. As she said: "I don't want anything I do in school to go to waste."

### MICHELLE POLLACK as MEREDITH

A wealthy daughter of a southern family, Meredith is a very outspoken and rebellious 22 year old. The black sheep of the family, she curses, smokes marijuana and lives up to that reputation on purpose. The kicker of her personality surrounds the jealousy and insecurity she has over her older sister. As actress Michelle Pollack describes: "She puts on a mask of being rebellious" and that rebellious wit comes out in such lines as: "My mother told me there is an art to wearing a gown. She says I should just float down the aisle like a swan. And I want-

ed to say, 'momma have you ever seen a swan walk. Anyone can float on a lake.'"

After graduating from high school, Pollack decided to get a part time job working as a Main Street hostess in Disneyland on the weekends. Her main source of income went under. Because of that and the fact she missed her family, she decided to come back to Sacramento where she could focus on school again. Being in theater at ARC reminds her how much she loves being on the stage.

Similar to her character Meredith, Pollack is also very opinionated. "I was angry like she was when I was younger," the actress said. Her parents divorced when she was a young age and her mom didn't decide to remarry until her daughter was a teenager. "My step dad adopted us and it was one of the best things that happened to us. I respected and loved him very much once I got a hold of the real dad thing." Like Meredith who carries guilt around, Pollack blamed herself for her parents' divorce. "I had to learn it wasn't my fault. In this play, Meredith is still trying to cope with what happened to her. It still haunts her." And her only defense is acting out.

### ASHLEY ROSE as FRANCES

Frances is a 21-year-old naïve Christian girl who has not known anything else besides the church and her family and who experiences a bit of a culture shock in Meredith's room with all the smoking, drinking and talk of sex. By spending just this one day with

four women who come from all walks of life, Frances opens up and realizes she has this point of doubt, whether she believes in what she is saying. By the end of the show, she has come to the place of mind where other women have rubbed off on her, completing her sense of self.

"She's 21, but so naïve," described Rose. "Her snarkiness comes out. You touch a little chord and the attitude comes out right away. She is how I was when I was 13. I went to church every Sunday. Then I sort of questioned why this was the way it was."

Rose, who performed in St. Francis plays all four years, plans on pursuing acting as a profession.

All performances of "Five Women..." will be at the American River College's Stage Two Theatre, 4700 College Oak Dr. On Saturday and Sunday, parking is free in Lot D. Thursday and Friday parking is \$1. Ticket prices are \$12 for general, and \$10 per student/senior/sarta. For information, visit ARCtheatre.org or call the ARC Box Office at 484-8234.

### "Five Women..." performance days and times are as follows:

Friday, Nov. 29 at 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 30 at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7 at 8 p.m.  
Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.

# The SPYGLASS



BY J.J. MILLUS

*No warmth, no cheerfulness,  
no healthful ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member—  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies,  
no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves,  
no birds--  
November!*

So goes the last stanza of this melancholy poem, "No!" by the English poet Thomas Hood. And, therefore, it shouldn't feel to be anything out of the ordinary that we find ourselves possessed with this strange feeling: that there is very little or nothing this November to say about Arden, except that it is getting

colder. The promise of spring has led to a marvelous summer in Sacramento—give or take a few heat waves. Also, we have become a grandfather, and although the new parents have confessed that tending to dear little Ryder James Millus is, to quote, "... no joke", yet life goes on. As it always has—and we're forced to get our minds around it.

The leaves and certain flora are once again displaying their variegated autumn selves; the air, which the first Spanish explorers to the region described as "breathing Champagne", is exactly that. But roses, camellias and gardenias continue impudently to bloom, much to the astonishment of this transplanted New Yorker, who would normally be shopping for heavy

woolen socks and a new North Face parka at this time of year. As we type these words, we are reminded that exactly three years ago to the day—nay, to the very hour—Southwest Airlines Flight 1409 was on its approach to Sacramento Airport, to deposit lady friend Roxie and this writer in Sactown. "Lotusland," we are tempted to call it, after our happy experience of this lovely place, where people smile and greet, and it seems to be always afternoon.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness..." the poet Keats called it, in his poem "Autumn", experiencing only twenty-eight of these seasons in his short lifetime. However, in that brief span, he did find one particular one to compose upon immortally. Not many of us are poets, but some of us find time to stop, at least, and take a picture of the stunning fall foliage before it slips into the dimness of the past.

Pumpkins and gourds and many varieties of apples, grapes and pears colorfully fill the produce sections of markets, reminding us of the great harvest which is our blessing. Cranberries and pecans make us think of Thanksgiving, present, past and—hopefully—future. Next to the produce departments, Halloween candies are offered at half-price, the sometimes frenzy of that holiday mercifully over. And next to Savemart in Loehmann's Plaza a Christmas store has opened. This in contrast to the dozens of retail vacancies visible all along Folsom Boulevard and elsewhere. We make a note to drop in and chat with the new owners.

People with yards and frontage can't wait for the torrent of autumn leaves to stop. Thousands of roof-edge gutters sit glumly, waiting their turn to be cleaned. Piles of firewood, now advertising "crackling" features, sit patiently outside the Savemarts and Safeways, waiting to be snapped up. One hundred years ago—perhaps even less—this would be a time for splitting firewood or pressing cider, among myriad other fall chores. Nowadays they are just another mundane purchase—luxuries, by no means vital. The late Ronald Reagan would no doubt cast a disapproving eye on

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the ubiquitous plastic and cardboard bundles as he honed his axe and dreamt of pioneer days.

And just think of all the words and terms which didn't exist in that distant time—"app," "website," "cell phone," "Internet." The list goes on and on. And we can't live without 'em! Seasons change and, we reckon, so do the times. Change and yet remain the same. Native Sacramentans remember 'way different varieties of weather from earlier years, making the newcomer grateful for the mildness and moderation we enjoyed, such as has been, in 2013. Not to mention the peace we experienced as a nation, while the news media brought so many reports of chaos and confusion in other parts of the world.

Readers of our last Spyglass report, about Hurricane Sandy, got a hint of

the misery that can descend in the form of Mother Nature's wrath. We're all glad that nothing like that happened here. Let us hope that, come New Year's, we'll all look back and say that it was a good year to be alive in Sacramento!

Over in Lyon Village, our good friend Richard Frank CFP, of Edward Jones & Company, had a successful one-week business trip to Chicago recently. He offered this optimistic advice to investors: "The American stock market has always recovered and gone on to new highs. Why would you ever sell a diversified mutual fund when it is down?" Thanks, aptly named Richard.

Arden residents and twins Sara and Cynthia Brideson, authors of a wonderful, entertaining and dare we say scholarly book about supporting actors and actresses called "Also Starring," have several writing proj-

ects in the works. We caught up with them recently outside the pet store in Loehmann's Plaza, promoting yet another tasty project—a dessert baking operation which shows great promise. Another book which we're putting on our wish list, if only for the wild cover art of a cereal box, is David Kulczyk's "California Fruits, Flakes, and Nuts: True Tales of California Cra-zies, Crackpots and Creeps". Some readers might have seen a hilarious promotion for the book on Channel 31 in weeks past.

Dawn Byers of the Mona Mia shop in Lyon Village, along with husband Eric, has recently returned from a long weekend trip to New York City. Taking in "Kinky Boots" in the Times Square theater district, sampling lobster pasta in a restaurant near Central Park, and enjoying some unusually warm and sunny October weather, they shopped to their hearts' content on Fifth and Madison Avenues

and reported a pleasant, if brief, New York experience. We urge readers to check out Mona Mia for charming, often funny, and always moderately priced gifts—monogrammed and otherwise—in this classy new addition to Lyon. The proprietor of the Greek Village restaurant in the Safeway shopping mall, former Chicago hero cop Leo Lagesse is happy to be getting out of the biz and into retirement. He says that now his only business is "driving the wife to Nordstrom's."

Pert and pretty manager Ashlee Tierney, assisted by the energetic and capable Phil Smith and others, is justly proud of the two framed awards she has received for increased sales at the ever-popular Noah's Bagels in Loehmann's Plaza. Mid-October, she disappeared for two weeks on her honeymoon. We wish bride and groom much success, love and happiness!

# SPORTS

## JMG Tennis Player from Arden Hills Wins National "Little Mo" Title in Texas

Eight-year-old Priya Nelson of Sacramento -- who trains as part of the JMG Academy at Arden Hills -- won the 16th Annual Rogers Wealth Group "Little Mo" Nationals title in the Girls 8 Division at the Austin Tennis Academy in Texas that took place October 18-21, 2013. She dominated the tournament winning every match in straight sets. In the finals, she defeated Susanna Maltby of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, 6-2, 6-0. Open to players of different age groups, the prestigious "Little Mo" tournament is presented each year by the Maureen Connolly Brinker Tennis Foundation, Inc.

Priya Nelson lives in Sacramento and has been training with the JMG Tennis Academy since the age of five. "Priya is both highly dedicated and highly talented which is unique at her age," said Joe Gilbert, Director of JMG Tennis Academy at Arden Hills. "I've been fortunate enough to coach her from the very beginning, and I just love catching talented young players

early like that. It's easy to see Priya's headed for lots of future success and it will be very exciting to watch her journey."

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## Rio Americano band boosters lobby for new performance space

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The Rio Americano Band Boosters (RABB) board has launched a mission to build our dream, with the support of SJUSD and the Rio community. Rio alum and architect Dennis Greenbaum created a conceptual drawing and floor plan for a 350 person instrumental performance space, pro bono. The theater would adjoin the existing band room, which would be upgraded with new practice spaces and instrument storage.

Fortunately, with the passage of Measure N, SJUSD will have signifi-

cant funds for school improvements district-wide. We must now make our case for the "Rio Americano House of Music" to the wider Rio community, our local elementary and middle schools, and the SJUSD community at large. In the coming months we will be asking you to help out in various ways, including voicing your support of this project in community meetings where public opinion will be measured.

RABB has already collected over \$20,000 in seed money, donated by community members, friends far and wide, and even Jazz great Pat Metheny, in memory of Niko Winchell, our sophomore guitarist who passed away in the fall of 2012. The time has come to make this vision a reality for our own and future generations of young musicians. Please join us in this rare opportunity to make one of the country's finest band programs even better.

In other Rio band related news, the school held its 33rd annual playathon, a 17-hour musical marathon as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

Elementary and middle school musicians joined the Rio Americano High School Band on Friday, Nov. 8 for Playathon, a 17-hour musical marathon. The 33rd annual celebration featured each of the school's seven jazz



and concert bands, as well as combos from its unique small ensemble class. Playathon benefited Rio's nationally recognized band program, serving all levels of musicians. Donations to the Rio Americano Band Boosters (Federal Tax ID# 680018985) will help support band throughout the school year.

The RAHS band program, under the direction of Josh Murray and Max Kiesner, has been widely recognized for providing excellent high school music education. In September 2013 Rio Band's A.M. Jazz Ensemble performed at the Monterey Jazz Festival, Rio's 17th appearance. The honor is awarded to the top three bands participating in the Monterey Jazz Next Generation Festival staged the previous spring. In May 2013, Rio's A.M. Ensemble also was among a small number of finalists se-

lected to perform at New York's Jazz at Lincoln Center's annual Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Festival. The event, dubbed the "Super Bowl of high school jazz", attracts entries from across the U.S. and Canada. After several years of participation in the Manhattan School of Music's Mingus Jazz Combo event, a Rio group, "The Minguys", received top honors. RAHS's Honors Concert Band was the first high school performing arts course granted official honors status in California. Rio bands have performed in Japan, China, Australia, Argentina and Spain, and are planning a tour of Italy in the summer of 2014.

For more information about Rio's band program, contact Band Director Josh Murray at 971-7512, jomurray@sanjuan.edu.

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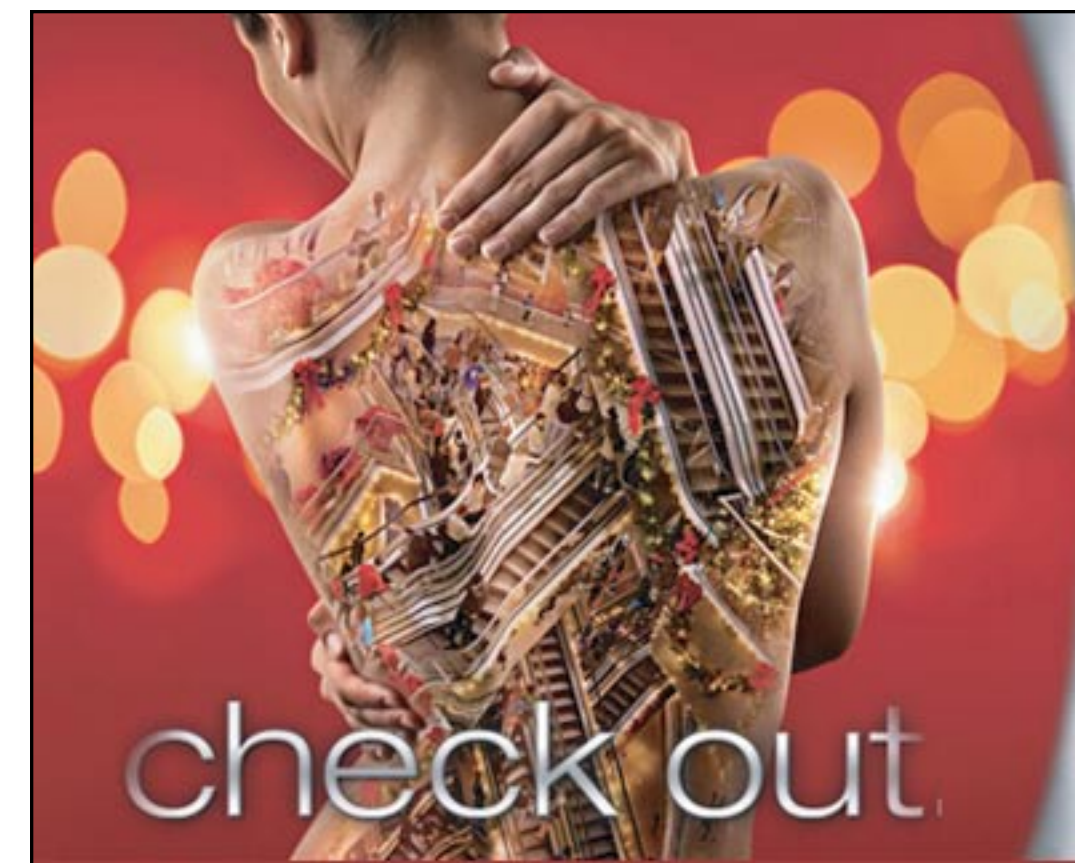
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# Sacto's "Disco King"

## competed in dance competitions at Country Club Plaza

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*Editor's Note: This is part one in a series about former Sacramento disco king, Paul Dale Roberts.*

Sacramento area resident and California native Paul Dale Roberts has lived an eventful life, which includes his recognition as Sacramento's only two-time "disco king" during the 1970s.

Roberts spent the first nine years of his life residing in Fresno, and due to his father's work as a tax investigator, his family relocated to other parts of the state. Among those places were San Bruno, Monterey, Stockton and Visalia.

A 1973 graduate of Oceana High School in Pacifica, Calif., Roberts has had a lifelong love of music.

In recalling some of his earlier memories about his connection to music, Roberts said, "Before disco was popular, I was really heavy into rock and roll. So, I was seeing bands, going to concerts (featuring) Santana, Tower of Power, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Buddy Miles. Oh, I went to the Monterey Pop Festival, and at (that festival), I snuck in. And I saw Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin and Otis Redding. That was a famous concert. So, I went to the Monterey Pop Festival and I was so happy and proud that I got there. I wanted to do Woodstock, but I didn't make it."

In response to the question of how he became involved with disco, Roberts said, "I learned how to do disco dancing when I was in the Army. So, from 1973 to 1976, I was working under-

cover narcotics in Germany. I was working with CID - Criminal Investigation Division. I would watch all these dancers and before I knew it, I was picking up on their moves. And I had to hang out at a lot of discothèques in Germany. And disco wasn't really big yet in the United States, but it was really big in Germany. In 1976, when I got out of the Army, the very first job I landed was with Arthur Murray's Dance Studios (at 1422 K St.). So, I became an Arthur Murray's dance instructor, and I became really, really proficient in dancing. Anyway, someone told me, 'Paul, you ought to enter some of these dance contests, because they give you money.' And I said, 'Yeah, maybe so.' So, I went to this dance competition at the California Steam & Navigation Co. (at 914 2nd St.), which we referred to back then as Steamboat Navigation, in Old Sacramento in 1977. The judge for that contest was Monti Rock III, who played the disc jockey in (the 1977 disco film), 'Saturday Night Fever.' I placed third in the contest."

In March of 1979, Roberts entered another dance contest, which was held at Country Club Plaza and (the famous disc jockey) Wolfman Jack (1938-1995) was the judge. I came in second place. It was the beginning toward my dancing career as the disco king."

After placing second in that contest, Roberts was approached by the California Steam & Navigation Co.'s disc jockey, Bill Lawley, who had noticed that he was out dancing nearly every night of the week.



All photos courtesy of Paul Dale Roberts

In recalling that moment, Roberts said, "The only night I didn't go out was on Monday nights. (The disc jockey) said, 'Paul, you have so much energy. You're always dancing and you're really good.' He said,

'Have you ever thought about breaking the (mark in the) 'Guinness Book of World Records' (now 'Guinness World Records' book) in disco dancing?'"

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All photos courtesy of Paul Dale Roberts  
The two-time "disco king" of Sacramento, Paul Dale Roberts won many dance contests and dancing disco dance marathons, one for 79 hours which generated a new record for disco marathon dancing. Dancing 205 hours of disco, allowed him to have the Guinness Book of World Records for a period of one month. The collection of photos shown here is just a small collection of his time as the disco king. His 205-hour disco dance marathon record was broken within one month by 329 hours, nevertheless, Ripley's Believe it or Not went ahead and published Roberts in one of their comic strips, indicating he danced for 205 hours.

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ing?' But come to find out, there was no record for disco dancing in the 'Guinness Book of World Records.' So, I attempted (to establish a) 'Guinness Book of World Records' (mark). The very first time was 79 hours. And I accomplished it, and there were a lot of paparazzi there. There was even (a photographer from) a disco magazine from Germany that was there taking pictures. And come to find out that the 'Guinness Book of World Records,' they said, 'No, you don't have a record, because your breaks were too long.' But because of that, I got other people excited. They wanted the 'Guinness Book of World Records' (mark), because I made national news with that. So, some other person did it and they had like 185 hours. So, I had a local television news reporter, and he goes, 'This guy has the 'Guinness Book of World Records' (mark) for disco dancing for 185 hours. Can you beat him?' And I said, 'Yeah, I can do it.' So, I said, 'I'll dance for 205 hours - eight and a half days.'"

Roberts said that to make the mark official, Guinness sent their own representatives to observe him, and

that these witnesses monitored his eating and bathroom breaks. And he mentioned that he had to dance while he was eating.

Roberts explained that he had an assistant who occasionally aided him in his quest to set a new Guinness record.

"They had this incredibly big German woman there," Roberts said. "She was a weight lifter (with) huge muscles, everything. You would think she was on steroids. And there was a couple times where I was ready to fall out, and she was there to hold me and dance with me slow, so I wouldn't fall out. So, as soon as I got my energy, I said, 'I can do it on my own now. You can let me go.'"

Roberts eventually completed his goal of dancing for 205 consecutive hours, partially at Country Club Plaza and partially at the Sacramento Community Center. He was transferred from one venue to the other, while continuing to dance inside of a van.

In further speaking about his successful efforts to achieve that then-new record, Roberts said, "I was hallucinating, because I was dancing so much and everything."

Since Roberts' 205 consecutive hours of dancing generated money for Easter Seals, his dancing



was televised live on the Easter Seals telethon.

Roberts would only hold onto his record of 205 consecutive hours of dancing for one month, as a man from South Africa beat Roberts' record with a mark of 329 hours.

But his short-lived record was recognized by Ripley's Believe It or Not!, which presented a comic strip featuring drawings of Roberts.

Roberts said that although he had planned to break the South African man's disco dancing mark by dancing for 400 consecutive hours, he later became discouraged to do so.

"So, I had another reporter, and he goes, 'Paul, are you going to (dance for) 400 hours and beat this guy?' Roberts said. "And I said, 'Yeah.' The only thing is, disco died."



# Carmichael couple dedicated to race cars, other hobbies



Photo by Lance Armstrong

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When it comes to hobbies, Roger and Rosemary Andriese are not the average couple.

For instance, with a look inside their garage, one can quickly understand that automobiles are more than just a passing interest for these Carmichael residents.

Inside the garage is a 1965 Lotus, a 2001 Mercedes, a 2012 Mini Cooper and framed photographs of race cars and car-related posters and certificates.

In speaking about his passion for automobiles, Roger, who is an Australian native who became an American citizen in 1995, said, "Back in (the 1960s), in Australia, I grew up with a bunch of guys who were gearheads. (There were) about eight or nine of us and literally two cars in that group would always be apart, and so we worked on cars. Then we decided we wanted to go and do a little bit of car racing, and the first car I took racing was a 1961 Porsche 356B. I did relatively well with that doing hill climbs, then graduated from that with the Porsche to road racing on a track. I was very unsuccessful, then I had an opportunity to buy a car called a Lotus-Cortina, which the best way to describe it is it was called the original fast Ford."

In 1965, Roger came to the United States and for 35 years he pursued another one of his passions – sailboat racing. During that time, he won two U.S. national championships.

While residing in the South Land Park area in 1997, Roger met Rose-

mary, whose father, Lou Spasovich, had owned a Ford dealership.

A year later, Roger and Rosemary purchased a 1966 Mustang race car, restored it and began racing it. They raced open track at various California locations, including Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, Sears Point Raceway (now Sonoma Raceway) in Sonoma, Laguna Seca Raceway (now Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca) in Monterey and Buttonwillow Raceway Park in Button Willow.

Roger and Rosemary were married on March 24, 2001.

In 2004, Rosemary bought Roger a 1965 Lotus-Cortina race car, which was nearly identical to the car that he raced in Australia from 1963 to 1965.

Roger started racing the car at various California tracks, and in November 2005, the car was stolen and only its shell was recovered.

Not to be discouraged, Roger and Rosemary were motivated to rebuild the car.

That project began with a motor being built in England to the same specifications of 1966 factory race cars.

With the rebuilt car, Roger was racing again by May 2006.

It was also in 2006 when Roger introduced Rosemary to Europe, and while there, they attended the prestigious Monaco Grand Prix Formula 1 motor race.

Roger has continued to race his car each year at tracks across the United States, including at Watkins Glen International at Watkins Glen, N.Y., Laguna Seca Raceway, Schenley Park in Pittsburgh, Pa., Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lex-



Photo courtesy of Roger Andriese

(above) Roger and Rosemary Andriese stand in front of Roger's 1965 Lotus-Cortina race car.

(left) Roger Andriese participates in a race at the Portland International Raceway in Portland, Ore. in 2009.

ington, Ohio, Pacific Raceways in Kent, Wash., Portland International Raceway in Portland, Ore., and Road America in Plymouth, Wis.

At the latter named track, in 2008, Roger, at the age of 65, had his only first place finish in his life.

Unfortunately for Roger, he had his first major race car accident in 2012. The car was rebuilt and Roger was once again racing.

Roger said that he was proud to have his car accepted to race at the most prestigious vintage race event in the nation – the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca.

In speaking about that event, Roger said, "I'm honored to have been accepted for (that race) for the last four years. Typically, 1,000 to 1,100 people apply to race at this event and only 500 are accepted, and what makes it more special is that this Lotus-Cortina is the only one to have been invited (to compete in the race) four times."

With a new year approaching, Roger and Rosemary have already select-

ed the racing events that they plan to attend in 2014.

After being asked to describe his dream road and racing cars, Roger said, "The road car would be a 1979 Ferrari 512BB. This car is really the first mid-engine, 12-cylinder Ferrari road car. This may sound unusual, but my dream race car is a 1934 MG ND Magnette. This car is one of 16 factory, aluminum body race cars built that year."

Another passion of Roger and Rosemary is raising and training service dogs.

In describing how he and Rosemary became involved with puppy raising and training, Roger said, "About 10 years ago, a speaker came to our (Point West) Rotary Club to speak about an organization called Canine Companions (for Independence), which provides dogs for people that need assistance. A couple of years later, both my dog and my wife Rosemary's dog died.

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So, we were thinking about getting another dog and I said, "Well, would you consider we raise the dog for Canine Companions?"

Shortly thereafter, Roger and Rosemary began raising and training Dana, who was a mixture of 75 percent Labrador retriever and 25 percent golden retriever.

Roger said that this breeding mixture, on average, is the most successful for Canine Companions service dogs. But he added that that is not to say that a pure Labrador or golden cannot be a successful service dog.

And when asked to summarize the Canine Companions dog training program, Roger said, "You basically get a dog when its seven weeks old and you have it until it's a year and a half old. In that time, you socialize it, you basically teach it its first 20 commands. Once a week, you go to a group class where they review what you taught it in the last week and give you what you should do with him the next week. At 18 months old, you return the dog to Canine Companions, and it then goes into six months of intensive training with professional trainers. At about 2 years old, if they graduate,

they'll go out and be one of four types of service dogs. There is the service dog that goes with typically a handicapped child or adult. The next one is called the skilled companion dog and these are for developmentally or physically disabled children, and they are to be a true companion. The third type of dog is what's known as a facilities dog and they work in hospitals, schools, rehab centers. And the fourth ones are hearing dogs for the hearing impaired."

Roger also described various capabilities of service dogs, noting that they can pull wheelchairs, take laundry out of a dryer, retrieve food and beverages from a refrigerator, turn lights off, alert its owner about the sounding of a fire alarm or an oven timer's buzzer, grab and deliver a phone, pick up dropped keys and other items, open doors and drawers by pulling on cords and go to the bathroom on command.

Rosemary said that she takes great satisfaction in the idea of giving up a dog she has raised and trained to children in need.

And with a chuckle, Roger added, "If you are a male college student – and a lot of these dogs are raised in colleges – (a dog training to become a service dog) is the world's greatest 'chick magnet.'"

People who raise and train puppies for CCI do not own the dogs, but are simply their trainers and caretakers for 18 months.

In cases in which the dogs do not graduate, CCI either sends the animals to other places such as law enforcement facilities and rescue organization sites, where the dogs would work, or the puppy raiser takes the dog as a pet or nominates someone to adopt the dog.

People who adopt such a dog pay an adoption fee, and a lot of puppy raisers, including Roger and Rosemary, request that a substantial donation be made for one of these dogs.

"They're getting a fully trained Lab and just to get a good Lab puppy is \$1,500, with no training," said Roger, who specializes in raising funds for CCI.

Thus far, Roger and Rosemary have trained three other dogs. Those dogs were a pure Lab named Julann, a 75 percent Lab and 25 percent golden dog named Hamika, and Miwa, who is half golden and half Lab.

Although Roger and Rosemary have yet to have a dog graduate from the program, Roger noted that only about 50 percent of the dogs graduate.

CCI, which was founded in Santa Rosa in 1975, has its own internal breeding program and

all the breeding is done within 100 miles of Santa Rosa.

The national headquarters and the Northwest Regional Center is located in Santa Rosa, and the region covers Northern California, northern Nevada, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and Wyoming.

Roger and Rosemary are members of Gold Rush Champions, the local chapter of CCI.

Roger emphasized that CCI is "always looking for puppy raisers" and anyone who is interested in raising and train-

ing a CCI dog should visit the Web site [www.cci.org](http://www.cci.org).

The Andrieses also became involved with a very Sacramento activity, raising camellias.

Although Roger said that his participation in this project is limited to digging holes, he has kept fairly active in that area, as during about the past seven years, he has dug about 20 holes in his yard for Rosemary's camellia bushes.

Rosemary, who is a member of the Camellia Society of Sacramento board, enjoys showing blooms at the capital city's annual Camellia Show.



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After more than a century of serving the public, East Lawn Memorial Park recently reached a particular milestone with its 100,000th interment – that of Eppaminondas George “Eppie” Johnson, who gained much notoriety for his chain of Eppie’s restaurants, and who founded one of the city’s better known annual events, Eppie’s Great Race.

In speaking about the fact that his late father became the 100,000th person to be interred at the cemetery, which was established in October 1904, George Eppaminondas Johnson II said, “First of all, it blows my mind that so many people are (interred) there. I thought that was remarkable. Probably from the standpoint that it’s

like, yet again, it’s sort of another achievement, you know, notch in the wall for my dad. It’s obviously sheer, absolute luck that it happened to be him (who became the 100,000th interment). He would have loved that (trivial fact). He would have told everybody about it, and he probably is (telling everybody), just upstairs. So, I just think that’s sort of neat. It’s just part of who he was. If it was going to happen to anybody, it would happen to him, so he could brag about it.”

George II, his sister, Lisa (Johnson) Mangels, and many other people who knew Eppie well recognized him as a charismatic character who enjoyed interacting with others.

As an example of his father’s showmanship and what he referred to as a “generously sized ego,” George II explained part of the reason why his father

maintained his Eppie’s restaurants for so many years.

“For (Eppie), one of the things that kept him from selling the restaurants and had him hang on to them longer than he probably should have was (the restaurants) were him,” George II said. “It was his identity. His name was up in lights, so to speak, with all these signs or whatever.”

And Eppie’s own physical identity was great, as well, as he attracted attention for his colorful, flashy clothing; thick, wavy hair; stylish facial hair; blue eyes; and outgoing demeanor for many years.

In his latter years, Eppie was still a man who never shied away from the limelight.

Long before Eppie became a well known figure in the Sacramento area, he had spent many years living on the East Coast.

Eppie’s life began on May 7, 1928, when he was born to his parents, George Eppaminondas Johnson I (1898-1979) and Anastasia “Fotini” (Mousmoules) Johnson (1904-1962). He was raised in the Astoria neighborhood of Queens, N.Y. and had one sibling, Paula (Johnson) Alexander (1925-2000).

Eppie’s parents divorced in the 1940s, and Eppie was

raised by his mother, who brought income to her family through her work in a millinery shop.

Eppie’s father, who was a native of Broussa, Turkey, relocated to Reno and he later moved to Sacramento.

George I was a well-known businessman, who gained much notoriety in Sacramento through his Del Prado Restaurant, which was located at 5500 Stockton Blvd. He was also recognized in other circles, as he was an essential member of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Sacramento and a nationally-known figure in Democratic politics.

While growing up in Astoria, Eppie was involved in lifeguarding and in the Boy Scouts. He eventually became a Life Scout, which is one rank below Eagle Scout, the program’s highest attainable rank.

Eppie later attended New York University, and the University of Nevada, Reno, where he was active in the ROTC. And following his graduation from the latter named institution, he served in the Army.

In 1950, Eppie moved to Sacramento to assist his father at Del Prado Restaurant.

Last week, George II spoke about the moment that led to his father’s solo venture in the restaurant field.

“After my dad got fired for the second time by his dad,



Photo courtesy of Eppie Johnson  
Eppie Johnson sits in his former office at the Imperial 400 Motel – Econo Lodge as of Oct. 30, 2013 – at 30th and N streets.

that’s when my dad said, ‘Forget this, I’m going off on my own.’ His father said, ‘You’ll never make it on your own without my help.’ And so, of course, that fueled the fire even more to say, ‘I’m going to prove you wrong.’”

Eppie ultimately established his own catering business, and he catered to many functions, including store openings on the K Street Mall.

In 1964, Eppie made a major career move when he opened Eppie’s Restaurant and Coffee Shop at 3001 N St., where an IHOP restaurant now operates.

From that point, Eppie began establishing other Eppie’s locations, including sites in Las Vegas, Cameron Park,

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**East Sac Rotary**  
Nov. 27: Meets at 6 p.m., Evan's Kitchen, 855 57th St. Sacramento. www.eastsacrotary.com.

**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
Nov. 28: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freepoint Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Rotary Club of South Sacramento meeting**  
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**Rotary Clubs of Arden-Arcade, Carmichael**  
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**Soroptimist International of Sacramento North meeting**  
Dec. 3: An organization for the betterment of women and children meets at the atria El Camino Gardens at 2426 Garfield, Carmichael. Call Sheila at 624-4643.

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**Tickets and information at [www.cathedralsacramento.org](http://www.cathedralsacramento.org)**

**Calendar:**

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**Rotary Club of Pocket/Greenhaven**  
 Dec. 5: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 7:30 a.m., every Thursday. Aviators Restaurant, 6151 Freeport Blvd. (916) 684-6854.

**Rotary Club of South Sacramento meeting**  
 Dec. 5: Guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. Every Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at Iron Steaks Restaurant, 2422 13th St. Sacramento, CA 95818.

**Bi-Polar Anonymous**  
 Dec. 6: Free 12-step program/support group, for people who have Bi-Polar and those who love them. Meets every Friday, 7-8:30 p.m. 4300 Auburn Blvd., Room 106. (916) 889-5786.

**Kiwanis Club of East Sacramento-Midtown**  
 Dec. 6: Visitors Welcome, weekly breakfast meeting on first, second and third Fridays at 7:00 AM and Dinner meeting on fourth Thursday at 6:00 PM. Topical weekly speakers and first meal for visitors on us. Meet at The Kiwanis Family House, (at UCDC Med Ctr/ 50th St & Broadway) 2875 50th Street Sacramento, CA 95817. www.eastsacmidtownkiwanis.com, Meeting/Membership info: 916-761-0984, volunteers always welcome!

**Santa's East Sac Adventure at Theodore Judah**  
 Dec. 7: Santa's East Sac Adventure at Theodore Judah Elementary will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Visit with Santa and his petting farm; get your picture taken and partake in a gingerbread house making workshop and holiday boutique featuring local businesses!

**Eppie:**

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Turlock and other Sacramento area locations such as 6341 Florin Road, 4600 Madison Ave., 2525 Watt Ave. and 4657 West Capitol Ave.

Adding to his accomplishments with Eppie's restaurants, Eppie also had several restaurants, called Eppaminondas. These restaurants, which opened in the late 1970s, were located at Cal Expo, in Rancho Cordova and in Stockton.

Eppie, who was married to Nancy C. Johnson for 29 years before their marriage ended in divorce in about 1983, also purchased tennis clubs in Davis and in the south area at 6000 South Land Park Drive.

Although Eppie no longer owned any restaurants or tennis clubs at the time of his death, the old Sacramento Eppie's continues to operate under a different ownership that has no association with the Johnson family.

As for his aforementioned founding of Eppie's Great Race, George II said, "How Eppie's Great Race came to be was (Eppie) and a good friend of his who happened to be a K2 ski rep were skiing. They were chitchatting and (the friend) said, 'You know, Eppie, we ought to do a triathlon.' (Eppie) said, 'What do you mean?' And he said, 'We ought to ski from the top of Alpine Meadows down to the bottom, run out to the Truckee River and kayak down the Truckee River into Truckee.' My dad said, 'That sounds like a great idea, but I don't have any restaurants up in Tahoe.' So, that planted the seed and two or three weeks later, my dad thought, 'Aha, I know what we can do.' He was a promotion guy and he wanted to promote his restaurants. He said, 'We'll start out at the Eppaminondas - which is now Hooters - at Zinfandel (Drive) and (Highway) 50 (in Rancho Cordova), winds through Rancho Cordova and Sacramento to wind up at the Eppie's - which is now the Outback Steakhouse - on Howe Avenue. So, that is where the idea was born."

Eventually, the race, which originally supported the Aquarian Effort (today's WellSpace Health), was relocated to the American River Parkway.

The nonprofit race, which is billed as "The World's Oldest Triathlon" and is recognized as the nation's largest paddling event, celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.

It consists of a 5.82-mile running stage, a 12.5-mile bicycle stage and a 6.35-mile kayaking stage.

The current primary benefactor of the event is Sacramento County Therapeutic Recreation Services. The race has raised more than \$1 million for that organization.

Eppie passed away at the age of 85 on Sept. 16 and was interred at East Lawn Memorial Park eight days later.

In understanding both the importance of East Lawn, "which stands as a guardian of history from generation to generation by preserving individual, family and community heritage," and the impact Eppie made on the community, East Lawn President Alan Fisher said, "It may well be fitting that the person with this household name in Sacramento became our 100,000th interment at East Lawn Memorial Park."

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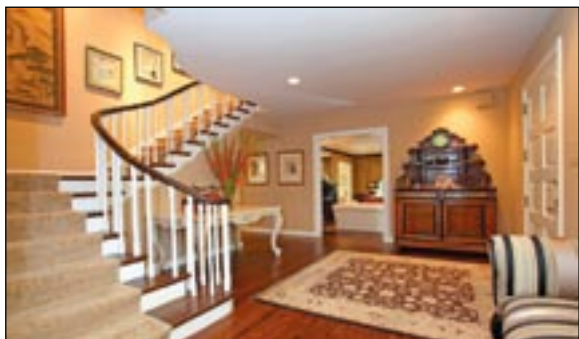
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