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Gala reception to benefit cash-strapped Effie Yeaw Nature Center

Special to the East Sacramento News

On Saturday, May 15, the American River Natural History Association and Carmichael's Sacramento Fine Arts Center will present an all-day fiesta of painting, topped by an evening gala with light supper, music, and a silent auction of award-winning paintings. Called, "Painting Where the Wild Things Are," this event is a fundraiser for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, which may be forced to close its doors this summer due to budget cuts.

"Painting Where the Wild Things Are" will take place at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center, located at 2850 San Lorenzo Way in Carmichael (off Tarshes Drive). The evening gala is from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets for the gala reception are \$30.

Art competition

Prior to the big day, the Fine Arts Center will request hundreds of artists to submit paintings of the American River Parkway. Interested artists should contact the arts center at (916) 971-3713.

The submitted artworks will be judged by the nationally renowned artist Gregory Kondos, and the 70 chosen paintings will be on display and for sale at the Fine Arts Center, located at 5330-B Gibbons Dr. in Carmichael, from April 27 to May 8. Special awards will be made to a few of the most outstanding paint-

ings. A portion of any sales will be shared by ARNHA for the Effie Yeaw Nature Center.

On Saturday, May 15, the paintings will move to the Effie Yeaw Nature Center for the gala event and may be browsed during the day. Additionally, many more artists will be creating plein air paintings throughout the Nature Area, and these paintings will be available through a silent auction in the evening.

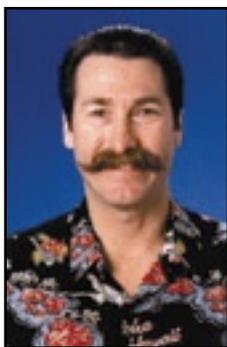
Visitors may come and watch the artists at work. A children's painting program will offer families the opportunity to purchase paper, paints, and brushes, and each child's finished product may be offered for sale with proceeds split between the child and the Nature Center.

Gala with live, silent art auctions

The evening gala event will feature music, food, wine and beer, and both silent and live art auctions. Gregory Kondos will donate a large print for live auction, and Jian Wang will donate an oil painting. ARNHA is requesting sponsorships/partnerships for "Painting Where the Wild Things Are." Sponsors and donors will be acknowledged in event publicity:

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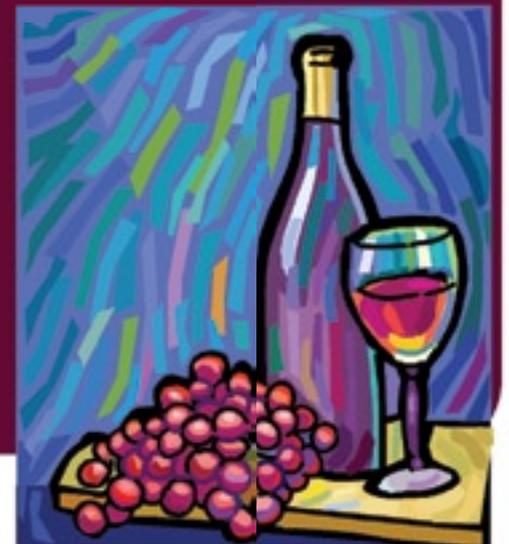
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Janey Way Memories



The Dalton Children



By **MARTY RELLES**
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The Dalton children, Carolyn, Wayne, Donna, Bonnie and Wiley, lived with their grandmother on N Street. Their parents left them in her care early in their lives. All went fine until their grandmother died suddenly in the early 1960s. That left them without parents or a guardian. Consequently, the local Child Welfare Department contacted their Aunt Mary who lived on Janey Way. They asked her to take the five children. She agreed.

To accommodate the kids, Mary and her husband Richard built a dorm-like room on the back of their house. They installed bunk beds in the room where the Dalton children slept. All five children moved in and began their long path to adulthood. This must have constituted an enormous burden to Mary and her husband. They had two children of their own: Nancy and Dick. Instantly transitioning from a family of four to a family of nine must have been earth shattering. But they seemed to make the transition almost seamlessly. The entire family ate at a large dining table in the living room. They all shared one bathroom, but somehow they managed. Mary's son Dick, who is my friend, noted, "During my whole time at Sacramento High School, all I ate for my daily lunch was a baloney sandwich and a piece of fruit. We were probably poor, but we didn't know it, so there you go."

The Dalton kids fit right in on Janey Way. Carolyn, the oldest, hung out with Joan Ducray; Wayne befriended Lou Viani and me. The girls, Donna and Bonnie, spent time with Mary Puccetti and Josie Tomassetti. Wiley, the youngest, played with Tom Hart and the Tomassetti boys. We all accepted the Daltons as full-fledged members of our gang. I remember all of us in the summer, sitting in the shade of the Puccetti's lawn, making the kind of racket kids make when they interact. The Dalton kids had survived the death of their grandmother and fallen gently into their Aunt Mary's loving arms.

One by one, the Dalton children grew up and moved off Janey Way. Carolyn got a job and found an apartment. Wayne obtained student loans and graduated from UC Davis. Sadly, he died of cancer in his thirties, one of the early losses for our gang. The younger girls moved away and married. Dick tells me they live in Portland, Ore., near the parents that had abandoned them years ago. Finally, Wiley, the youngest boy, moved out. I have heard he works and lives in Elk Grove.

The story of the Daltons remains one of the most touching memories of growing up on Janey Way. When they lost their grandmother, they could have ended up in the foster child merry-go-round. Instead, their Aunt Mary took them in and raised them as her own. This kind of thing happens rarely in these times. This is truly an uplifting Janey Way memory.



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Indian Museum plans to relocate, expand in West Sacramento by 2016

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Sitting in his office at the California State Indian Museum last week, Rob Wood spoke about the current California Indian Heritage Center project, which would eliminate the necessity of the longtime East Sacramento museum on the grounds of Sutter's Fort.

The new center is scheduled to open in the summer of 2016, following the completion of the 50,000-square-foot first phase of the project at its selected 43-acre West Sacramento site, across from Discovery Park and overlooking the confluence of the American and Sacramento rivers.

Revisiting history

Although the museum has continuously operated between its adobe walls that were built in the likeness of the fort 70 years ago, Wood, who serves as the heritage center's project manager, said that the museum's size has always been a problem.

"From the date (the museum) was built, it was inadequate in terms of its size," Wood said. "This (museum) is probably about 4,000 square feet and we're projecting that at final build-out, (the new center) will be 125,000 square feet."

Wood added that the vastness of the museum's off-site collections, which he endearingly, yet unofficially refers to as "tribal



Rob Wood, who serves as the heritage center's project manager, has played an integral role in the efforts to bring the new center to West Sacramento by 2016.

treasures," is so great that only about 5 percent of the entire museum archives are currently on display in the museum, which for the most part consists of displays created in the mid-1980s under the direction of the museum's former curator, Mike Tucker.

Further emphasizing the magnitude of the inadequate size of the museum, Wood said, "We have about 3,500 baskets (in storage) alone."

But looking forward, Wood shared details about the future heritage center, which he has so passionately devoted his time to helping it become a reality.

"(California) State Parks has been trying to make this (center) happen probably since about the 1970s and it is part of the relationship that State Parks has with the Native American community," Wood said. "This project is ex-

tremely exciting. It gives us an opportunity to do what we haven't been able to do in terms of telling the story of California Indians. Mostly what's shown here (at the museum) are things from the North Coast and there are some dabblings from some other stuff from throughout the state. The idea of this (future) facility, too, is to take a greater state-

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Museum: 'It's a huge attraction for the city'

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wide look of what we're able to do there."

Wood added that it is also an important element of the project to create a place where California Native Americans can "tell their own story in their own way."

"It's been a big deal throughout this project through consultations with native folks to have them involved in this project, so it speaks with what we call the 'native voice,'" Wood said. "There was an interpretive document created in consultation with Indian advisors and academic advisors to accomplish that."

The new museum

Although Wood recalled seeing concepts for a new State Indian Museum in Folsom as early as 1978, it was not until this century that much progress was made on this endeavor.

With the 2002 legislation through SB 2063, the center's task force was established for the purpose of assisting in the development of the center and seed money was acquired for preliminary planning.

From 2003 to 2007, the task force conducted a statewide site search with the Folsom Lake area being held as the backup plan for the project's site.

During a large portion of this search, the Richards Boulevard area was considered, but the land acquisition, Wood said, "got too complicated and too expensive."

In 2007, West Sacramento came forward with the now-selected site, which was offered as a donation.

A 20-acre parcel, which is owned by an Alaskan native corporation and located just north of the Broderick Boat Ramp, may also be incorporated into the overall project.

Additionally, the project consists of a secondary site in the Natomas area, just across from the Richards Boulevard area and near Camp Pollock, a Boy Scout camp located at 1501 Northgate Blvd.



Photo courtesy of the California State Indian Museum
The future California Indian Heritage Center will be located on a 43-acre site, along the Sacramento River in West Sacramento.

Cathy Taylor, district superintendent of the Capital District for California State Parks, said that the (Natomas area) site was once considered as a main site for the project.

"For quite a long time, we had negotiated with the city of Sacramento about locating the facility out in (the Natomas) area," Taylor said. "The American River Parkway, however, has a lot of restrictions about what can be built (there). There are limitations in the parkway about how large a facility can be and so we looked at the Natomas area as really more of an outdoor, interpretive space that could be used for large events. We aren't going to do a lot of huge overnight gatherings in the West Sacramento site, where the center is itself, but we can certainly do that at the Natomas site."

Taylor added that the parkway plan is limited to about 30,000 square feet of interpretive space and as a gathering area, it could include such amenities as an amphitheater, a stage and an outdoor,



Photo courtesy of the California State Indian Museum
The now-70-year-old California State Indian Museum is shown in this 1950s photograph.

shaded interpretive programming site.

"It would be more of an outdoor type of facility than a (large) interpretive center," Taylor said.

The center, which is projected to be paid for through one-third state funds and two-thirds private funding, is in its general plan stage for about the next 18 months and once this stage is completed, work on the project's preliminary plans and working drawings will begin.

Taylor said that when the working drawings are completed – which may be about a two-year pro-

cess – actual construction on the project can proceed.

Although it is uncertain when the project will be completed in its entirety, Taylor said that the center will be a world-class facility that will be well worth the wait.

"The California Indian Heritage Center has been a long time coming," Taylor said. "It's important for California Indians, but it's also important for this community to have a project of this importance with this subject matter in the capital city. It's a huge attraction for the city."

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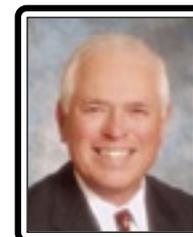
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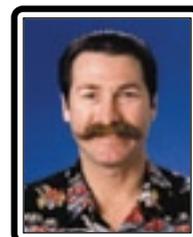
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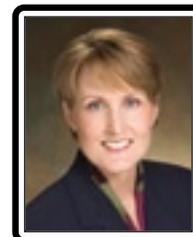
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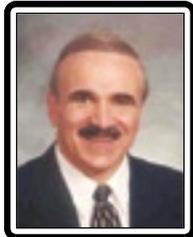
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Growing goodwill worldwide, one flower at a time

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A rose can mean any number of things to any number of people. It can symbolize love, friendship, appreciation and myriad other feelings. But what does it mean to have the best rose garden in the United States? The capitol rose garden in Sacramento hopes to find out come July.

But before the bells and whistles of competition, knowing what this rose garden is about is more important.

Odds are you've been there and seen the garden. It is a Sacramento landmark. But why is it there? Certainly many are glad that it is, but what is the real reason behind it?

If you were to ask people on the streets of Sacramento why the rose garden is part of the grounds of the Capitol Building, many would answer that it's a war memorial. Others might say that it's there just because it's pretty. Both good answers, but the message this garden conveys is on an even grander scale.

The full name of the garden is actually the State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden.

Why world peace? Simple, according to Sylvia Villalobos, former Sacramento resident and co-creator and President of International World Peace Rose Gardens.

"There's nothing more meaningful than peace and love," she said. "We wanted to try to unite people from all nations and religions."

T.J. David, Pocket area resident and co-creator and chief financial officer of the afore-

mentioned group, talked about how these roses came to be in our own backyard.

"We got the concept in 1995," he said. "We wanted to create a garden for the community that would honor the diversity of California and the world."

The dedication of the garden took place in May of 2003, showing that the process was an arduous one.

The first step was to get permission to revitalize the pre-existing rose garden on the capitol lot. The idea was put before both houses of the state legislature, and was eventually passed by the senate and the assembly. Then it was a matter of coming up with fundraising programs and pitching presentations to a number of local groups.

This all took time. Not to mention the fact that the plan was delayed further after a truck slammed into the capitol building back in 2001. Before the dedication, the roses were transplanted from a location where they had been growing for two years prior in 50-pound pots. David said that the total weight of the transplanted roses weighed an astounding 16 and three quarter tons.

Villalobos called the whole ordeal "a million dollar project."

The peace garden project

The garden is one of five world peace rose gardens in the world. The first of which was The Gandhi World Peace Memorial in Pacific Palisades, California in 1984. Since then there have been gardens erected in Atlanta, Ga.; Mexico City, Mexico; Assisi, Italy and the one here in



Photo courtesy Sylvia Villalobos and TJ David, co-creators of the International World Peace Rose Gardens, stand among the roses at the State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden.

Sacramento. There are proposals in place for gardens in Vietnam, Brazil and China as well, according to Villalobos.

Throughout the Sacramento garden, there are messages of peace from children all over the area. Thirty-four local schools participated. There are also benches that were sponsored by different groups around Sacramento including the Muslim, gay/lesbian and Hmong communities.

All of the peace gardens are spectacular in their own right, but ask David or Villalobos what they think is the best-looking rose garden in the world and they'll tell you it's the one just down the street.

"We believe ours is tops," Villalobos said. "It is elegant,

well-maintained and has meaning to the community."

"Some gardens may be larger than ours, but none of them have our amenities," David said of Sacramento's half-acre spread. "It's like no other garden in the world. It's architecturally stunning."

Sacramento's garden has 165 different varieties of rose, according to David, and at any one time there can be as many as 700 blooms.

The contest

The chance for the Sacramento garden to prove it grows the best blossom comes in the form of a contest put on by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), an organization that annually names official roses

of the year. This year, however, a new contest has arisen to name the best rose garden in the United States.

The "America's Best Rose Garden Contest" is an online contest that is open for voting now through July 1. There are 134 accredited gardens in the country; 14 of which reside in California according to Villalobos.

"It's a contest about beauty, but also about meaning," Villalobos said.

If you think Sacramento's garden deserves to win it you can go to www.worldpeace-rosesgardens.org and follow the directions therein. For more information about Sacramento's garden, go to the above Web site of call 1-800-205-1223.



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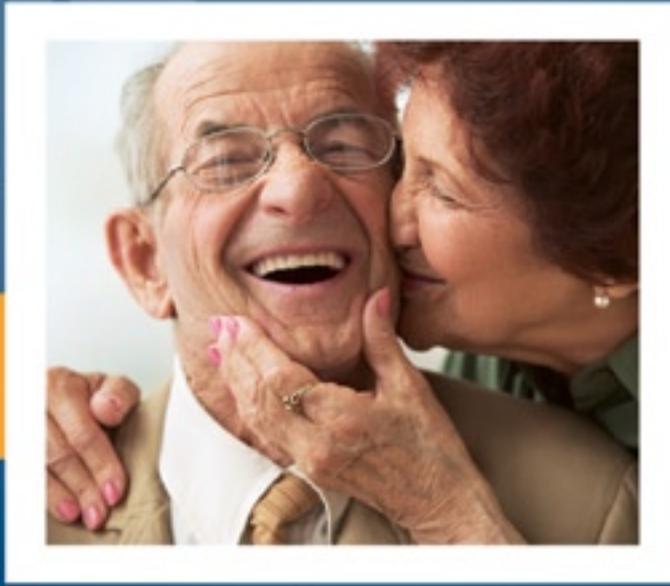
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Know your neighbor: Label with local flavor

East Sacramento winemaker has award-winning record

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Sometimes the allure and novelty of trying out a Tempranillo is to travel to the Rioja region in Spain where it was made and get the whole experience of the *terroir* there. The same could be said for going to Chile for Carménère, or to the Bordeaux region of France for a good Bordeaux wine.

Assuming that international travel for wine tasting is not in the cards at the moment, many are convinced that, regionally speaking, good wines are made in Napa or not at all. The Shenandoah Valley south of El Dorado Hills seems to be getting some great reviews lately, especially with Zinfandels and other wines made from grapes that do well in warmer climates. But making wine at home? Most people still shake their heads in disagreement. "It can't be done," they say.

I have to disagree. My evidence: Michael Cardenas, a River Park resident.

Cardenas has been making wine since 1992 and, in my opinion, his wines can really compete with most of the good wines I've tasted – and if you don't trust my opinion, one need only inspect the awards, medals and ribbons Cardenas has received as further proof of my claim. Among his fans are the judges at the El Dorado County Fair, the Orange County Fair, the Santa Cruz County Fair, the Los Angeles County Fair and the California State Fair.

It's been a journey to his award-winning status, and Cardenas said he's learned a lot over the years to help him improve his craft.

What sparked his interest: Some of his neighbors, Troy Armstrong and Joe Kramer, were making wine, so he started asking them questions, got involved

helping out whenever possible, and learned what he could. He considers them his mentors, and said he learned most of what he knows from them.

"My wines are good," he said, "but when I go to Joe Kramer's house and taste his wines, I'm still humbled by his gift."

When he first started out, he really enjoyed entering competitions at fairs throughout California. After winning "Best of Show" in Orange County and Amador with his Petite Sirah, he decided he'd rather just focus on winemaking.

Cardenas said that one of his best critics has been Darrell Corti, a friend, neighbor, local wine connoisseur and the owner of East Sacramento's Corti Brothers grocery store. He would stop by, try the wine, and say, "Better check the acid," or "What was the pH on this supposed to be?" then pour it out on the grass. Kramer, Cardenas' mentor, would often do the same. It meant a lot to Cardenas when these guys finally took a sip of his wine and gave a nod of approval. He credits his wife Denise for helping him to improve his wines too, with her refined palate and ability to identify imperfections in the wine.

Over the years, he's experimented with several different varietals such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Zin-

fandel, Petite Sirah, Pinot Noir, Tempranillo, Syrah, Sangiovese and Nebbiolo. These days, he tends to prefer making Petite Sirah, Zinfandel and Tempranillo blends. His favorite wines to make are called "Spanish Dos Amigos," Tempranillo blends made with Tempranillo/Cabernet or Tempranillo/Cab Franc.

Although Cardenas' Tempranillo blends were previously my favorite, I was sipping on some of his 2008 Petite Sirah while I was interviewing him, and I have to say I have a new favorite. The Petite Sirah is bold with berry flavors and a rich, complex taste; I am in love with this wine. I'll be the first to admit that I'm no wine connoisseur, but as with art, when it comes to wine, you like what you like, and in my opinion, this wine is among the best I've had.

Making wine is a labor-intensive hobby, and nobody can do it alone, so when it is time for picking up grapes, the crush, or bottling, Cardenas has his right hand guys like Wayne Alamo and Jim Truso to help him out. Bottling the wine is the part he enjoys most. When the bottling is done, his wife Denise puts on a big meal, and it's all about good friends, good food, and, of course, wine. In the end, it's having the camaraderie and the friends and family to enjoy it with that makes the work all worthwhile.



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Local winemaker Michael Cardenas and his wife Denise in the wine cellar of their River Park home.

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Baker for a day

East Sac News writer's introduction to Ettore's European Bakery

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In the life of a journalist, no day is ever the same and certainly there are those days that are much more unique than the others. And Sunday and Monday, March 14 and 15 was undoubtedly a pair of these more unusual types of days.

Invited to celebrate Ettore's European Bakery and Restaurant's 25th anniversary by stepping into the role of a baker for a day, I was intrigued by the idea of receiving a crash course in bakery science from the business's owner and Swiss native, Ettore Ravazzolo.

And those who question whether creating bakery goods is a science have likely never spent a single day as a baker.

After arriving at Ettore's at 9 p.m. for my graveyard shift – by far the most common shift for a baker – Ravazzolo gave me a quick tour of the bakery before explaining to me why he refers to baking a science.

"Baking is a science," said Ravazzolo with his endearing Ar-

nold Schwarzenegger-like accent. "If you do cooking, for example, and you make a sauce and the recipe says a half of cup of tomatoes, a cup of celery, a half of cup of onions or whatever, if you forget the onions, it's still okay. It maybe doesn't taste the same, but you don't have to throw away the sauce. In baking, you have to follow all the steps. If you have 10 steps, every step has to be perfect. Even if you forget one step, the whole product is shot."

So, talk about pressure going into the first day on the job.

With this science lesson, I was undoubtedly determined to not miss a single baking step.

But as a rookie baker working alongside one of the city's finest professional bakers, I felt confident that I would fair well.

This confidence was enhanced by the fact that I was presented with a traditional, white baker's apron that made me look the part of a baker, thus giving me perhaps a false sense of security that in the appropriate baker's uniform, learning to work in a bak-



Photo by Scott Kent

Ettore's European Bakery and Restaurant owner Ettore Ravazzolo and East Sacramento News writer Lance Armstrong show off some of the baked goods that they prepared and cooked at the popular, local eatery.

ery would suddenly become much easier.

I would soon gain a strong understanding, however, that baking is not only a science, but also an art.

A dash of wisdom

My first lesson was learning how to roll dough in a rolling machine – one of the few processes that I would see

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during my time at the bakery that was not performed by hand.

Having never prepared anything in a kitchen that required about a 5-foot-long by 2-foot-wide strip of dough, I knew that I was in for an interesting experience.

After placing a few ingredients on a counter, Ravazzolo said, "We're going to make cinnamon rolls."

He then taught me to brush a light layer of a buttery-like spread on the dough and add the correct amount of ingredients.

Next, I tightly rolled the dough and its contents together to arrive at a product that looked somewhat like a very long burrito prepared to serve a small army. I then cut many 2-inch

sections from the main roll and placed them on cooking trays.

This entire act was repeated again, since with Ravazzolo's assistance, I made both raisin and fresh apple cinnamon rolls.

Among my other training, I learned how to make plain, ham and cheese, and turkey and cream cheese croissants.

I also had the opportunity to participate in an experiment to create a new bakery product – various flavors of bread puddings with different ingredients such as cinnamon rolls, croissants, brioche, chocolate and fresh berries.

Ravazzolo said that creating new products that are enjoyed by his cus-

tomers is one of the most satisfying parts of his job.

After placing the cinnamon rolls and croissants in proof boxes that combine heat to develop the yeast and moisture so the product does not dry out, we then put them in the oven.

One of my most delightful experiences at the bakery was smelling the wonderful aroma of the freshly-baked and very large cinnamon rolls as they were being glazed.

But even more delightful was tasting the very goods that I took part in creating.

Of course, it is always an important part of the job at a bakery to taste test for quality assurance and since I was new on the job, I figured that it was

the right thing to do to volunteer to do the "dirty work."

Visiting Ettore's

The cinnamon rolls and croissants are certainly worth a trip to Ettore's, but furthermore it is a good idea to visit the Web site www.ettore.com to preview descriptions of many of the business's other tasty treats.

Following a long night of baking, I sat down with Ravazzolo to discuss the history of his business and other interesting elements of his life and soon afterward it was 4 a.m., marking the end of my seven-hour shift at the bakery and one of the more interesting and memorable experiences of my career.



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APRIL 17

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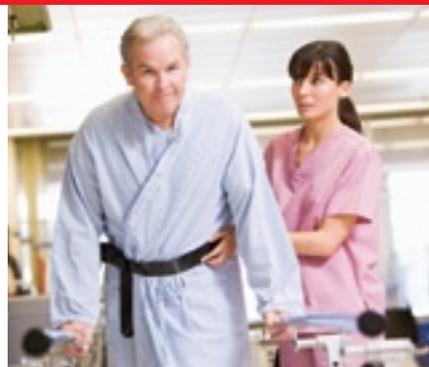
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APRIL 18

Thrift Store Spring Boutique Sale

The SPCA's Thrift Store is holding a Spring Boutique Sale at The Marketplace at Birdcage as well. The Boutique, located at 5925 Birdcage Center Lane, will be open daily through April 18 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The Boutique Sale features designer clothing and purses, real, costume and estate jewelry, pet-related items, collectibles and more. Proceeds from the Sacramento SPCA book sale and boutique will benefit the more than 12,000 abandoned, abused and unwanted animals cared for by the SPCA annually. For more information: Call the Sacramento SPCA special events office at (916) 383-7387, ext. 9102 or e-mail azablah@sspca.org.

APRIL 19

EG Concert Band

Come join the Elk Grove Community Concert Band presented by the Cosumnes Community Services District on Monday, April 19, at 7:00pm, at the Wackford Center, 9014 Bruceville Road, Elk Grove, 95758. There is no admission charge but a donation benefiting the Elk Grove Community Band and the CSD, would be gladly accepted. For additional information please contact the Cosumnes Community Services District at (916) 405-5600 or search the CCSD's Web site at www.yourcsd.com.

APRIL 21

Genealogical meeting

The Genealogical Association of Sacramento (G.A.S.) will have its April meeting at the Colonial Heights Library (4799 Stockton Blvd) on Wed. April 21 at 1 p.m. Due to the remodeling at Belle

Coledge Library we will hold our meetings at Colonial Heights Library through June. April 21, Sandra Harris speaking on "When Was That Picture Taken" at Colonial Heights. Sandra is a professional photographer who conducts genealogy research for her personal family and for people all over the U.S., Canada, Scotland, Ireland, New Zealand and Australia. She has found that clothing may not be the best indicator of the time frame a picture may have been taken.

APRIL 22

Legacy planning

Learn ways to protect your assets and create greater value for your heir, and some gifting strategies that will not create gift taxes for you or your beneficiaries. Workshop held on April 22, 2010 from 10-11 a.m. Presenter is Jennifer Corona, LPL Financial. Free of charge but pre-registration is required. Contact Lucy Chao at 916-393-9026 Ext. 322.

APRIL 23

Flavor at Hart

Heart disease is a major health concern among older adults. Whether you have symptoms such as high blood pressure or cholesterol, heart healthy eating can be deliciously rewarding! Registered dietitians Rhonda Gabaldon and Shannon Guthrie will share ways to make simple changes and discover new foods for a heart-healthy life. Heart healthy recipes will be demonstrated during this class. The class is Friday, April 23 from 1:30-3 p.m. Free. RSVP required. Space limited Held at Ethel Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St. For more information, call (916) 808-5462.

APRIL 24

E-waste Recycling

Saturday April 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 6207 Riverside Blvd at the Cabana Club North in Greenhaven - All residents and businesses are invited to help the Sacramento Stingrays Swim Team by donating their E-Waste (PCs, Monitors, Televisions, Notebooks, Small Electronic Equipment, Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines etc.) Please come to drop off your unwanted E-Waste but please no Microwaves, chemicals, batteries or other non e-waste items. Help the planet and help the Sacramento Stingrays too. The more TV's, Monitor's and PCs the better. For more information, please call Rob at (916) 549-7404.

"Our Life Stories"

"Our Life Stories," a cross-generational writers' conference sponsored by Hart Senior Center and Cosumnes River College (CRC) takes place on Saturday, April 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CRC campus. Keynote speaker is Albert Garcia, a nationally recognized poet and Dean of the Language & Literature Division at Sacramento City College. Workshops on autobiographical narrative, memoir, poetry and publishing will be led by locally and nationally recognized experts. The conference is designed for adults 50 years and older who are writing or interested in writing their life story, however, aspiring writers of any age are welcome. Registration fee is \$30 and includes lunch. Space is limited so register early. For more information, call the Hart Center at (916) 808-5462 or visit the website www.hart-crcwritersconference.org.

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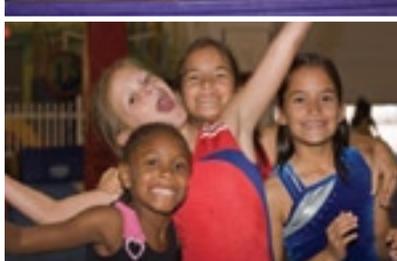
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