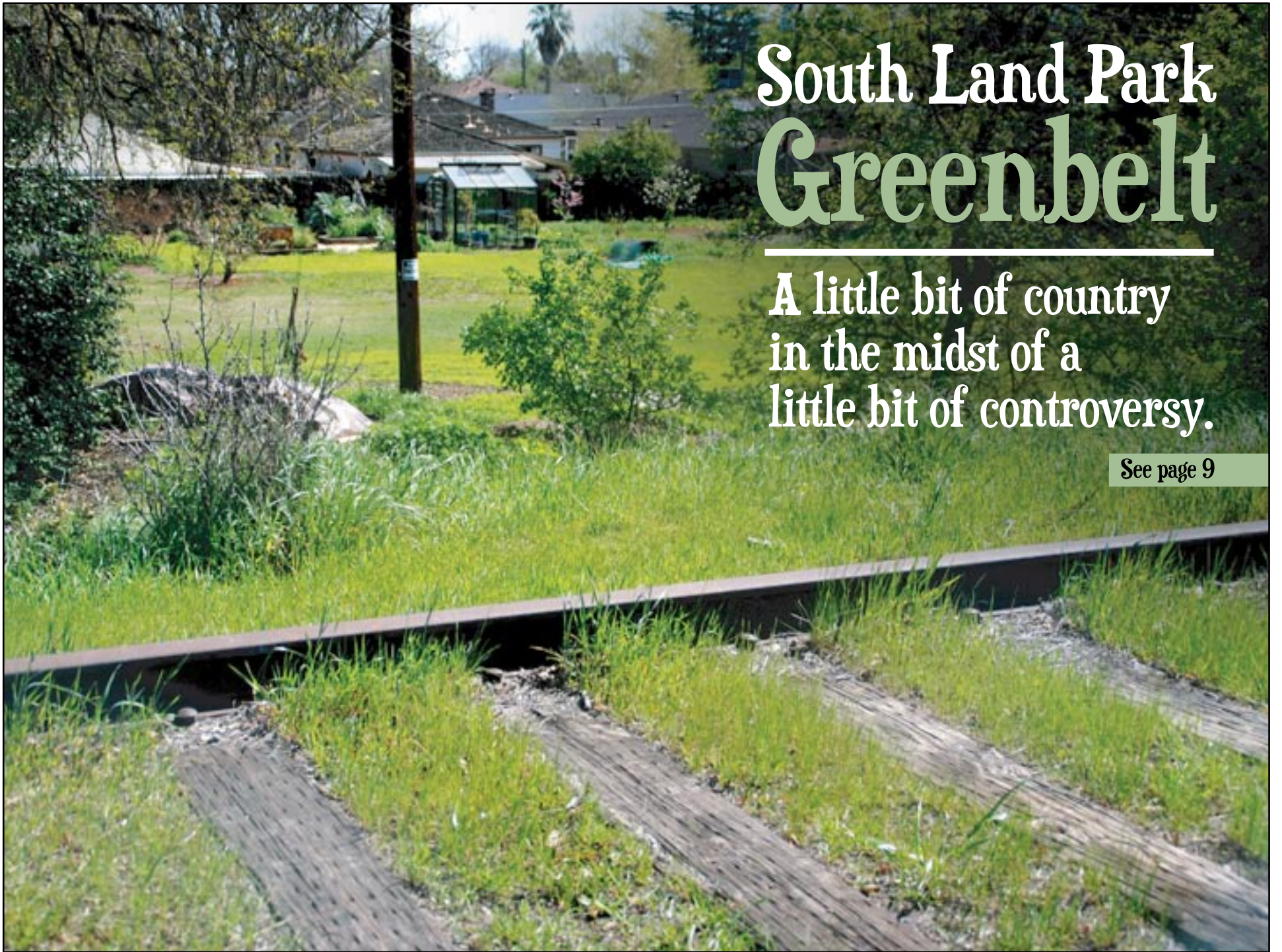


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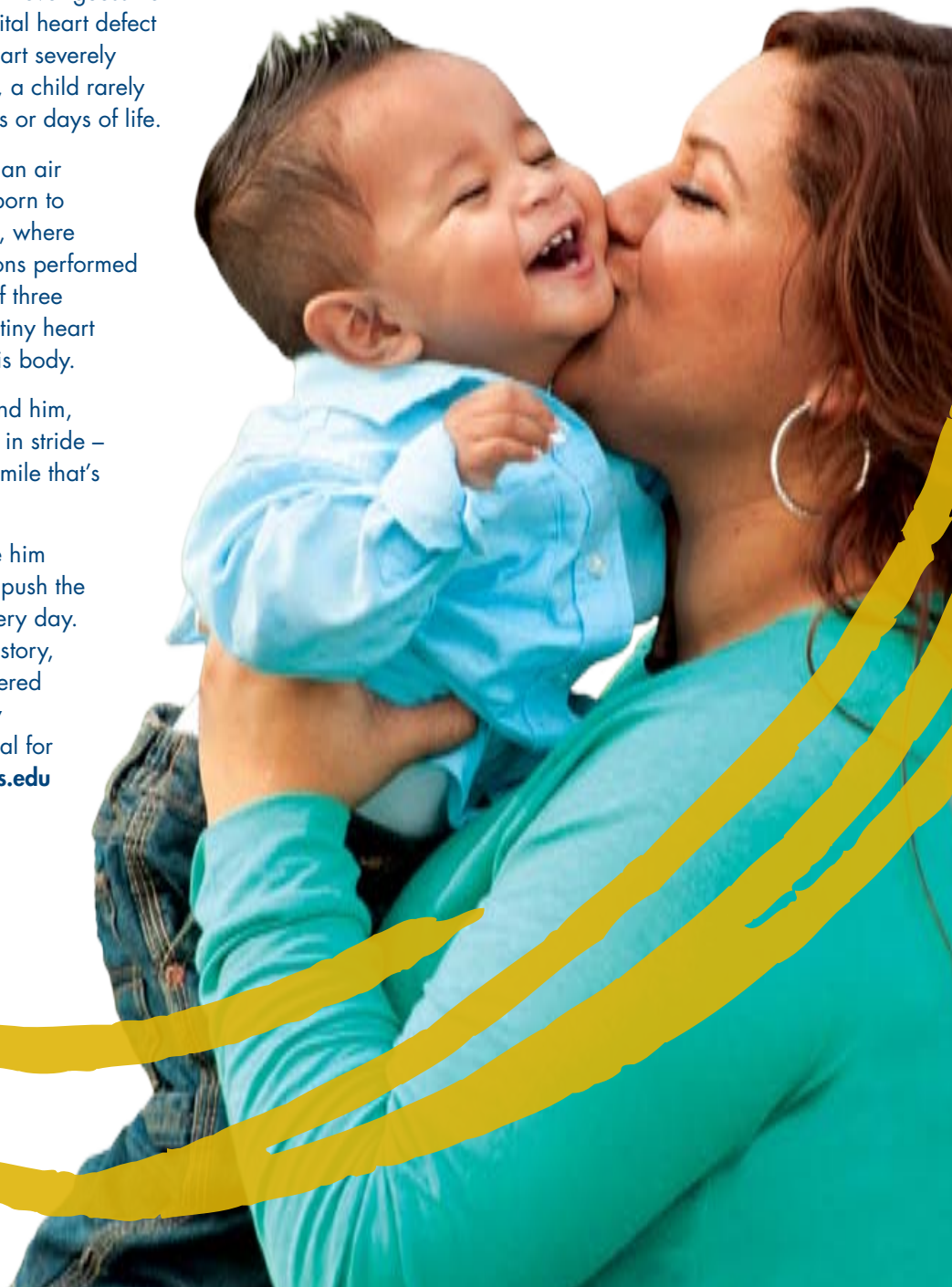
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The Capsity gallery hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The exhibition is up now through June. Capsity is located at 2572 21st St. For more information, call 426-6008.

Home tours in your neighborhood

Curtis Park's 28th annual home and garden tour set for April 26

A unique neighborhood of large canopy trees and early 20th century homes, Curtis Park is the place to be on Saturday, April 26 for the annual home and garden tour. Everyone is invited to stroll through this neighborhood anchored by the Sierra 2 Community Center for the Arts and an 18-acre park, touring seven residences in Tudor revival, Monterey and foursquare styles. Interiors vary from contemporary to traditional, from neutral tones to rich red, coral and turquoise hues. For chefs, there are several Epicurean kitchens in a variety of sizes and color palettes. Outdoor spaces range from serene gardens and patios to striking entertainment areas, fountains and swimming pools.

The Curtis Park Home and Garden Tour is one of the few in the Sacramento region that offers a range of authentic and historic architectural exteriors with equally diverse and artfully designed interiors. The homes are not specially decorated to reflect a given theme or holiday, instead, the tour allows visitors to see how people live in these exquisite homes day to day—how they have adapted their homes for their own enjoyment while maintaining and appreciating original craftsmen features and fine materials.

Plein air artists and musicians have been invited to share their craft during the event, both in the park and at the homes on tour. Paintings will be offered for sale with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Senior Program at the Sierra 2 Center.

SCNA's Heritage Committee will present an architectural design walking tour brochure with a focus on South Curtis Oaks (bounded by Sutterville Road, Franklin Blvd. and East Curtis Drive). Resident historian Dan Murphy will give a presentation on the development, first families, architect-

tural styles and unique qualities of the area including the Sacramento Children's Home.

The program for the 28th Annual Curtis Park Home Tour kicks off at 10 a.m. at the north end of Curtis Park. Throughout the morning and afternoon visitors will enjoy live music by Virginia Lights Duo and Midtown Jazz, food from Mama Kim Cooks, Wicked 'Wich, and Sacatomatoes, historic home displays and information on home restoration. The Capitol A's Sacramento Car Club will delight again with vintage cars touring the neighborhood. Those who visit all sites will log just over two miles. Bicycling through the neighborhood is an option and bike racks are provided.

SMUD returns as the major sponsor with Joseph Eschelman with Wells Fargo Advisors as a supporting sponsor. The event raises funds for the Sierra 2 Center SCNA community events and programs.

Advance tickets are \$20 (\$15 for SCNA members) and will be available in late March. On tour day, tickets will be \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members). Call the Sierra 2 Center at 452-3005 for updates, or visit their website at www.Sierra2.org



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What: 28th Annual Curtis Park Home Tour

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When: Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost: \$20 (\$15 for SCNA members) in advance; \$25 (\$20 for SCNA members) day of the event.

Tickets: Online at www.sierra2.org, at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791 – 24th Street, Collected Works at 4524 Freeport Blvd. and Haus at 5601 H St.

Location / Where to Start:

On tour day, purchase tickets at the Sierra 2 Center at 2791 – 24th Street, or at the north end of Curtis Park at 26th Street and Donner Way. Curtis Park is bordered on the north by Broadway, the south by Sutter-

ville Road, the east by Highway 99, and the west by 24th Street and Freeport Blvd.

Food, Refreshments and Music: North end of Curtis Park, Donner Way and 26th Street

Information: www.sierra2.org

Land Park Garden Tour and Tea

The 16th annual Land Park Garden and Tea Tour will showcase several residential gardens in the Land Park neighborhood on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Land Park Garden Tour and Tea benefits the Holy Spirit Parish School art program and local charities such as the Mustard Seed School at Loaves and Fishes.

Our Fine Arts Festival is located at Holy Spirit Church

from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., featuring local fine art, artisans, jewelry makers, sculptures, paintings and more. Come find something special for your home and support our local artists and businesses that make our community so unique. If you are interested in renting a booth to sell your art, please contact Doug Konovaloff at dkonovaloff@comcast.net

If you are inspired to have your garden on the tour for 2015, please contact Liane Quirk 549-1329 or at quirkyli@yahoo.com.

If you would like to help decorate a table this year, please contact our tea table hostess Jennifer Jeffers at 448-6200 or at jenjeffers@comcast.net.

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Cal Middle School to hold farewell reception for long-time administrators

A farewell reception to honor the administrators of Cal Middle School will be held on May 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. The event, for Principal Elizabeth Vigil and Vice Principal James Eder will be at Cal Middle School, 1600 Vallejo Drive, Sacramento.

Ms. Vigil has been in education for 25 years, nearly half of that time at Cal Middle. She was Cal's Vice Principal for two years and has been Principal for ten years. During that time, she has overseen a significant growth in both the school's test scores and its student population. Mr. Eder has been Cal's Assistant Principal for 3 years, after serving in several other positions in the Sacramento district.

Both have accepted positions at Rosemont High School, the 10-year-old high school located at Keifer Boulevard and Bradshaw Road. Vigil will become Rosemont's principal and Eder will be a vice principal.

The reception is sponsored by Cal Middle PTSA. Those who wish to make a donation toward a gift may write a check payable to Cal Middle PTSA and mail it to Melinda Shapro 1177 Larkin Way, Sacramento. Cal graduates who wish to say farewell by video may email their short video message to goodbyemsvigil@yahoo.com

City Council District 5 candidate forum set for May 5

The Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association invites you to a candidates forum featuring the candidates in the Sacramento City Council District 5 primary election. The candidates forum will be held on May 5 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will take place in Curtis Hall at the Sierra 2 Center, 2791 24th St.

The District 5 City Council race will be on the ballot for the June 3 primary election. The forum is sponsored by the SCNA with the program conducted and moderated by the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County.

This candidates' forum is offered to give the voting public an opportunity to see and meet the candidates and hear their position on a wide range of topics. The attending public is given the opportunity to ask questions and examine each candidate's platform in order to cast a more informed vote in the Sacramento City Council election.

Seating is limited and the forum will start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Cramer's Bakery was among city's most popular bakeries

By LANCE ARMSTRONG
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Throughout its history, Sacramento has been home to popular bakeries, and many longtime residents recall some classic local bakeries of the past such as Philipp's Bakery and the Muzio Baking Co. in East Sacramento. And certainly, Cramer's Bakery was once one of the city's most popular bakeries.

The roots of Cramer's Bakery date back to about 1952, when Leonard Dee Cramer (1905-1984) began working as a baker at Philipp's Bakery, which operated at 3300 Folsom Blvd. for 82 years.

In 1955, Leonard, who was then residing with his wife Rosaleen at 1328 Rodeo Way, near East Portal Park in East Sacramento, opened Cramer's Pastry Shop at 2726 Broadway.

The 141-foot by 151-foot building, which housed the bakery, was constructed during the same year by the Erickson Construction Company of Sacramento.

Working as the original clerks of Cramer's Pastry Shop were Rosaleen and Patricia A. Cramer.

In 1958, the bakery was purchased by Arne and Kamma Ahlberg of 2721 V St., Apt. #1, and renamed Broadway Pastry Shop. The Cramers were then living at 2810 V St.

Three years later, C.D. Tindel, who resided with his wife Betty Tindel at 2865 58th St., became the bakery's new owner.

It was around that time that Leonard opened Cramer's Bakery at 4321 Arden Way.

By 1963, Cramer's Bakery was under the proprietorship of Arthur D. and Arvid W. Krein. The Kreins renamed the business, Krein's Arden Way Bakery.

Carol A. Jones purchased the bakery in about 1976 and renamed it the Arden Plaza Bakery.

Janice's Cake Box, which was owned by Michael Young, occupied this Arden Way business spot from about 1979 to at least 1982.

The site's current business, The Mandarin Restaurant, was opened by Steve and Kay Lee Helmrich on Dec. 27, 1983. The business is pres-

ently owned by their son, Michael Helmrich.

In returning to the story about the former Cramer's Pastry Shop site on Broadway, Broadway Pastry Shop was sold once again in 1966, as Preston E. Lee of 5625 Laurine Way and James E. Lee of 5464 48th St. became its new proprietors.

It was also around the same time that Leonard acquired a job as a baker at Bill's Pastry Shop. He worked there for about one year.

Preston E. and James E. Lee continued to operate the Broadway Pastry Shop until about the early part of 1970, when 2726 Broadway became vacant.

A year earlier, Leonard opened a new Cramer's Bakery at 4960 Freepoint Blvd.

Leonard sold Cramer's Bakery on Freepoint Boulevard to George Premock, Sr. in 1972.

George Premock, Sr.'s granddaughter, Shonna (Premock) Martin, explained that Cramer's history included a major fire in the 1980s.

"An electrical short in another business caused the complex (with the bakery) to burn down, except for (a) bank and (a Thrifty Drug and Discount Store at 4980 Freepoint Blvd.), and I'm unsure of the other businesses affected," Martin said.

She added that Cramer's was rebuilt, then reopened one or two years later.

Following the death of George Premock, Sr. at the age of 70 on June 26, 1989, the bakery was left to his wife, Elnora Premock (1924-2000), and their sons, George Premock, Jr. and James Premock. The latter two named family members took over the operation of the bakery.

James Premock, who died on July 27, 2004, one day prior to his 59th birthday, left the Cramer's Bakery partnership in about 1990 to establish Rosemont Bakery at 9131 Kiefer Blvd., between Watt Avenue and Bradshaw Road, in the Rosemont Plaza shopping center with his daughter, Shonna Premock, who had not yet become Shonna Martin.

In commenting about the establishment and short existence of that bakery, Mar-

tin said, "We left [Cramer's Bakery] around 1990. It took about a year to find a location, equipment, permits, etc. So, we opened (Rosemont Bakery at the former site of New York Bagel Boys) in 1991 and closed (it in) 1992."

Martin added that there were a variety of reasons why the Rosemont Bakery closed, including "not enough money coming in to continue."

George Premock, Jr. continued the operation of Cramer's Bakery until about early 2000.

Martin presented the following list of Premock family members who worked at Cramer's Bakery: George Premock, Sr., Elnora Premock, George Premock, Jr., Janet Premock, James Premock, Shonna (Premock) Martin, Georgie Premock and Jeff Premock.

And although she could no longer recall their last names, Martin said that the following non-family members worked at Cramer's Bakery: Betty, Clark, Irene, Kim, Mark, Norene, Roy, Tes and Ziglinda.

As for Cramer's offerings, Martin said, "We baked everything from a small item to a large item - cookies, cupcakes, scones, doughnuts, Danish (pastries), coffee cakes, pies, all kinds, breads, all kinds, tea cakes, loaf cakes, cakes and wedding cakes. Martin said, "We baked everything from a small item to a large item - cookies, cupcakes, scones, doughnuts, Danish (pastries), coffee cakes, pies, all kinds, breads, all kinds, tea cakes, loaf cakes, cakes and wedding cakes. The specialty (items were) the fruit basket cake, sponge cake and our butter cream icing that wasn't too sweet. Beehive (cake) was another specialty item."

Cramer's Bakery was open Mondays through Saturdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

But Martin noted that that schedule changed one time per year.

"We took two weeks off - closed the bakery during the summer for family time," Martin said.

She added that the annual two-week closure was important, considering the many hours that her family dedicated to the business.

In commenting about her father and uncle's dedication and hard work at Cramer's Bakery, Martin said, "I missed my father presence (at home). He worked six



Photo by Lance Armstrong
A Japanese restaurant now operates at the former site of Cramer's Bakery at 4960 Freepoint Blvd.

to seven days a week (and) about 12 to 14 hours a day. We had to be super quiet during the day, so he could sleep, which was very hard to do. I have learned no one appreciates or values the labor involved in a product when you make everything from scratch and you do not use equipment to do the work for you. His feet, legs, hands were in pain all the time. My uncle (George Premock, Jr.) had back injuries from lifting heavy bowls."

Martin fondly recalled Cramer's customers, noting, "(Cramer's had) dedicated daily customers, even if it was for a cheap cup of coffee. We had two sets of numbers ranging from one to 100 people. (Customers) would have to take a number, go shopping and return to pick up their items, especially during the holidays. We had people traveling from San Francisco, Reno, etc. to purchase items. A lot of our customers were state workers taking items back to the office."

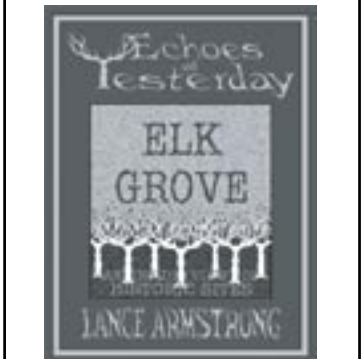
Sacramento native Lois (Herbert) Lindstrom, 86, who moved to South Land Park in 1958, fondly recalled her regular visits to Cramer's Bakery on Freepoint Boulevard.

"There was nothing to equal the food that you bought there," Lindstrom said. "It was just outstanding, and my very favorite thing

was the beehive (cake). They had the greatest beehive in Sacramento. It's almost made like a Boston cream pie in layers with the filling, but it's called the beehive. Oh, my God, it was so delicious. And the doughnuts were beyond compare, and they had homemade biscuits that were heavenly. They would just float away. It was a wonderful bakery and when it closed everybody was heartbroken."

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A little bit of country in the midst of a little bit of controversy

By MONICA STARK
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Habitat to local fauna Regional Transit's tracks between Sutterville and Pocket roads are overgrown with lush greenery and natural beauty. It's just a little bit of country in our backyard. The South Land Park refuge attracts neighbors who enjoy taking walks with friends and family, and, of course, the family dog. With signs like – "You forgot to pick up your dog's poop? Oh, my gosh, really?" – or landscaping with plants like golden poppies, and cacti, the greenbelt is a beacon of neighborly do-goodery – one that has been saved, at least for the time being, from having trains run on the tracks again.

At an Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan meeting, which was held Tuesday, April 15, inside the Stanford Gallery, 111 I St., representatives from the department clarified an important piece of information. The part of the proposal to use the RT tracks has been cut from the plan, which will be voted on by the California State Park and Recreation Commission on Friday, May 2 at 10 a.m. at the State Natural Resources Building auditorium, 1416 9th St. What remains in the plan now is the potential use of the rail line right-of-way from Old Sacramento to the Sacramento Zoo and from Pocket/Meadowview roads to the town of Hood, with views along the way of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

In an interview with this publication hours before the April 15 community meeting, project manager Steve Musillami said the plan will include improvements to the railroad museum, depots, as well as the rail yards and "some property state parks owns around the Sacramento River. It's a visionary plan for next 20-plus years, but all proposals are based on funding issues. As far as between The Zoo and Pocket Road – we don't own (the railway). That's up to Regional Transit. It could be reintroduced as another rail line again. It could be paved a trail line. It could be a rail trail."

According to RT spokesperson Alane Masui, RT acquired said property in the 1980s from Southern Pacific and there have been no recent discussions about selling the land, though RT is open to the idea because of on-

going maintenance costs. "It was purchased at the time because RT didn't know where the lines were going to go, but we expanded the lines (south to Meadowview) running on Union Pacific tracks."

Councilmember Steve Hansen told Valley Community Newspapers removing the RT right-of-way from the Old Sacramento State Historic Park General Plan "seems to be an appropriate response to neighborhood concerns." Hansen said the project still needs to be studied in detail, which would happen when, and if, the General Plan is adopted. "We are following the process closely and will continue to do so," he said.

Hansen said that since this issue was initially brought to his attention, he has advocated for better outreach to the community and appropriate opportunity for public input.

But, during the interview before the meeting, Musillami expressed some frustration about the public's confusion regarding the proposed plan.

"A lot of people are commenting on things without reading the plan, without gathering information from State Parks. We've had three public workshops, three commission meetings. We sent out mailings to about 2,000 people in the area. Unfortunately, people are still confused. We have tried to do the best we can. We have met with neighborhood organizations, including The Land Park Community Association in 2010. At the time, we did not meet with South Land Park organization. We thought they were all working together, but we found out they were not. (The April 15) meeting (was to give) the public another opportunity to voice concerns," Musillami said.

However, prior to the meeting, neighbors were rightfully concerned about that land they feel so strongly about, especially since the State Parks website still as of Friday, April 18 hadn't been updated to inform them that wasn't part of the plan anymore.

So, while the meeting's purpose was to inform the public about the scope of the entire general plan for the Old Sacramento State Historic Park, the South Land Park community has been focused on the section of the rail line owned by RT.

During the public comment period, which followed Musillami's presentation, Julie Morengo, a resident of



Photo by Monica Stark
 This bit of natural beauty surrounds the old railroad tracks, owned by Regional Transit, between Sutterville Road and Fruitridge Road/Seamas Avenue. Many people enjoy walking in the serenity of this greenbelt, which has been saved from the once-proposed notion that trains would run from Old Sacramento to Hood. State Parks had to ditch the section shown here because they don't own the land, RT does. RT has no current plans to sell it either.

South Land Park Terrace, said she was appreciative of the promise by State Parks to remove the RT property from the language written in the General Plan proposal, however, she expressed her dissatisfaction of the process of how neighbors were notified, as well as the environmental impact it could have in the neighborhood, including the uses of pesticides, asphalt, and other potentially hazardous materials. "I was disturbed by the secretive and exclusive nature (of the process. Don't confuse history with the current condition. You could achieve the same things with other options," Morengo said.

Terry Oehler, a homeowner in Park Village, an upscale 2000s subdivision located south of 35 Avenue near the tracks, described the nature of his neighborhood in juxtaposition to the images shown during Musillami's presentation. "This is a beautiful, pristine neighborhood. Your pictures don't show houses. The track is 46 feet from my master bedroom. This proposal is not a situation of a compelling government need; it's just for leisure. When we bought our homes, we did not think they'd pave over the tracks and have trains on them."

Neighbor Adele Ose agreed, adding that the lien benefits tourists and not any of the neighbors. "Many ecosystems have developed into an urban woodland enjoyed by many. Additional rail crossings would further impact local intersections, and there's no demonstrated financial benefit."

Summing up how many South Land Park neighbors felt about the idea of trains running on those tracks again, Janet Gaithre said: "My father is a veteran and deserves peace and quiet. He is 89 years old and deserves to have peace in his old days. This is different from when trains ran on the levees and (con-

ductors) threw candy; no more trains behind our homes, please."

Upon discussing the speed of the excursion trains that are part of the proposal, Musillami told the *Land Park News*, "If you go up on the levee in Old Sacramento, the trains run so slow. These aren't big freights. They've only got four or five cars and they'll be historically designed. They're only going to go 15 miles an hour. This would be better than having a light rail go through here because they have to run at the posted speed limit. Because it's a historic train line, the intent is to link a real significant time in history. It was called a Walnut Grove Branch line and we'd like to link the line with Railroad Museum, which is the most popular (railroad museum) in the country. A lot of people come to Sacramento to come to the Railroad Museum. The Polar Express gets sold out in hours and the ones in the spring, summer, and fall are very popular also. They fill up very quickly."

During the interview and at the meeting itself, Musillami explained the importance this plan has for the furthering of the State Parks' mission to reenact the history of the Gold Rush era. "The Gold Rush era and interpretation is very important to this plan as well, but, all elements and proposals are based on funding. The grassy area in Old Town – we have a proposal to reconstruct 1849 buildings in that area. New structures will be historic replications of what was there at the time. It was a city block and there were different buildings (over the course of the) different eras. In 1849, the city was 8 feet lower than it was today. There were buildings at one level and higher levels in 1860s and 1870s, which varies with the era. But there were stables, and a hotel. As funding comes available, we'll do more detailed studies."

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Casa Garden Restaurant celebrates 40 years

By MONICA STARK
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Tucked back from the hustle and bustle of traffic on Sutterville Road rests a hidden landmark that's celebrating its 40th anniversary – the almost entirely volunteer run Casa Garden Restaurant.

It's a typical Friday morning. A few are working in the garden, watering the beautiful trees and tending to the flowers and fauna, as one of the regular, long-time volunteers, Carol Williams takes a look around inside to see if the dining room is set up for the day before supervising the wait "staff" and telling them what to do – a task she takes as much pride in, as doing the laundry, or greeting and seating the guests.

Today, Casa Garden Restaurant has 250 volunteers, including 60 active ones, like Carol, who provide a range of tasks, including: gardening, serving, bartending, organizing the pantry, preparing food, and ringing up receipts. All of that is done not just for the weekday lunches, but for special events, like anniversaries, retirement parties, weddings, and memorials.

Forty years ago, the Casa Garden was just a fundraising idea from two Sacramento Children's Home board members, yet, with a rubber stamp of approval from the others on the board, the restaurant was designed so that if it failed it could become one of the cottages for the Children's Home.

Far from ever becoming a cottage, the restaurant has raised nearly \$3 million for the next-door Sacramento Children's Home.

"That's a lot of lunches," giggled Carol, who, along with her good friend, and also longtime volunteer, Susan Scotland, reminisced about the restaurants' transformations over the years and the initial impression by board members that the restaurant wouldn't last very long at all.

"That's what they expected us to do – fail, but 40 years later, it's still the restaurant. And so that was a big undertaking to have that sort of energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to do that," Susan said.

In the early days, organizing meetings took place inside volunteers' homes, which Carol remembers quite well. "We originally had many, many coffees in people's homes and so forth to recruit members. We decided we needed membership to make this work – a volunteer group," she said.



Photo by Monica Stark

Shown here, Casa Garden Restaurant volunteers have been instrumental in raising funds for the Sacramento Children's Home. The restaurant is celebrating 40 years with a week full of events, starting on Monday, May 5.

One paid person in the kitchen wasn't going to cut it, so the volunteers got the menus going with the formation of a menu committee, which decided which recipes were appropriate to serve.

"And that's how our menu evolved," Carol said. "Now we don't have menu committees but the kitchen manager selects the recipes."

Susan recalls being on the menu committee – "Many years ago, I was on the menu committee and we would taste recipes and rate them" – to which brought back memories to Carol: "Some of them were great; some of them were really flops!"

There were no hurt feelings; nobody made a big deal, though Susan remembers the oxtail stew. "I remember they made oxtail stew and I remember Betty Werner, another early member, talking how they would serve it in the dining room and people sat there and they couldn't figure out how to cut this piece."

Suffice to say, as Carol said: "(The oxtail) deleted quickly from the menu."

So over the years, the menu has become more sophisticated and updated, though Susan was quick to point out the Casa is somewhat limited in what they can accomplish because they're all volunteers. "We

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–Susan Scotland

have to have recipes that people with a variety of skills can do and so it's not like Kurt Spataro's downtown and whipping out wonderful things or whatever. So we have to be mindful of that when we are planning, but we try to stay up to date with choices," Susan said.

"That's one of the big things that has changed since we opened – we have a weekly menu and it changes every week. So when (Casa Garden Restaurant) first opened you only had that menu, now we have the hot entry, the salad entry, and a sandwich entry. We have done that so we can be more flexible and people can have some choice," she said.

A year or two after Casa was opened, Carol remembers the board being approached by a woman who sat on the Children's Home board who asked if she could have her granddaughter's wedding reception at the restaurant. "We had never done a wedding reception, so our

volunteers got together and looked up a menu and hors d'oeuvres and they did all the cooking and everything and we were scared to death that we were going to make a big mistake, but it went off beautifully. So that launched us into doing wedding receptions. Everyone was quite nervous. We wanted to please this family and I believe this family owned a florist shop in Sacramento so there was an enormous amount of gorgeous flowers. It went off well, so we thought, well, there's another avenue for revenue."

The Children's Home has been at its location since 1905 when all around the premises was beautiful country where the children got to grow their own food and where staff lived. Fast forward 109 years, the Children's Home is still fortunate to have this huge piece of acreage in the middle of

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the city. Staff works in shifts. There are only 30 kids on the grounds, as most of the efforts are going into preventative services, which arguably makes a greater impact, serving families through crisis nurseries, resource centers, and after school programs, improving the lives of more than 5,000 kids.

Many of the long-time volunteers have been pretty lucky in life and nothing feels better than giving back to children who haven't had a good start. Susan explained the longevity of the volunteerism at Casa as follows: "Everybody's lives have ups and downs and we're all fortunate to have good families and a good start to life and I think that makes us feel like we can help children that haven't been that lucky. (The restaurant) is one step removed, but your efforts are going towards them."

Carol explained how former residents come back and tell Casa volun-

teers what they've accomplished in life. "Some of it is very impressive – how they've started out as a child with so many serious problems, and then now a couple of them are attorneys."

To celebrate the milestone of 40 years fundraising for the Sacramento Children's Home, the Casa Garden Restaurant has a week full of events, starting on Monday May 5 with a luncheon recognizing its sponsors. Tuesday is the popular, often sold-out monthly wine social. Then, on Wednesday, they will honor past presidents and have a fashion show featuring members wearing original server uniforms from the past 40 years. On Thursday, there will be a craft show in the meeting center where Casa volunteers will have their crafts for sale, and on Friday, Casa will celebrate the Children's Home by inviting former employees and board members to join the volunteers for lunch.

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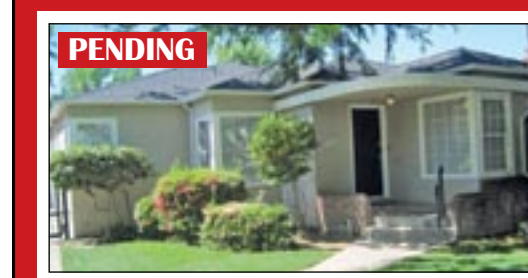
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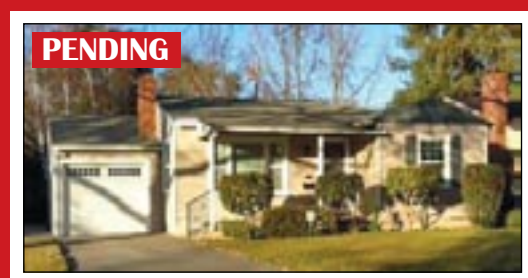
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Despite his thriftiness, his wife managed eventually to persuade him to build an ornate mansion in 1875, at the top of Nob Hill in San Francisco, close to the mansions of other Central Pacific founders. However, by then he was having health problems and died aboard a company train near Yuma, Arizona, in 1878. The house was not yet completed. Eventually finished and occupied by his wife, the structure burned to the ground in a fire caused by the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. The Mark Hopkins Hotel (currently InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco) was built in its place in 1926.

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1818 – 1875



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The stress of all of his work took a toll on Crocker. He suffered from a stroke in June 1869, retired from his other pursuits and took up less stressful hobbies. Crocker and his family traveled throughout Europe and collected art. His family renovated their home to include an art gallery. Their home and the art that they had acquired would eventually become the Crocker Art Museum. After his stroke, Crocker's health never fully recovered.

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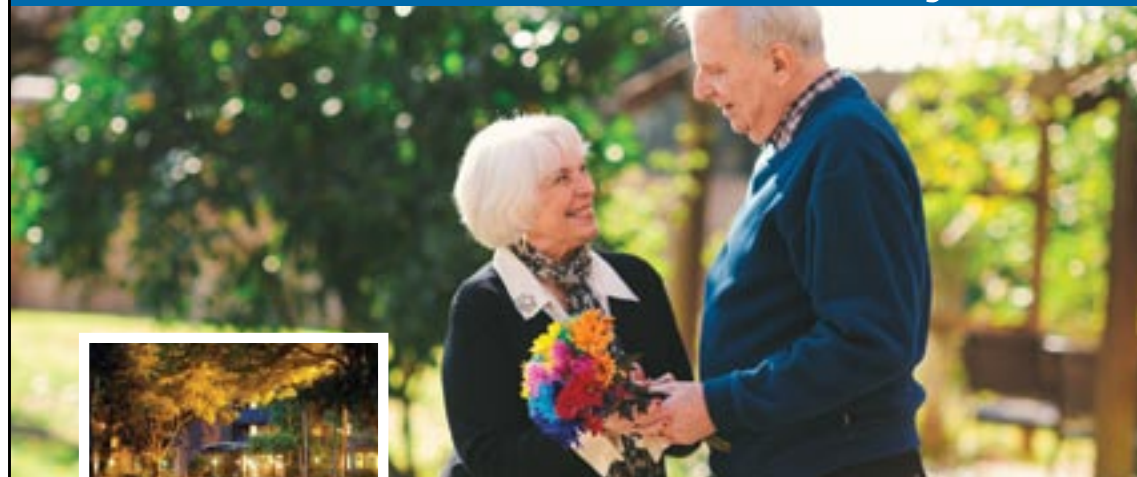
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ACROSS

1 Drink like Lassie
6 Quick cut
10 Give and take?
14 Pointless
15 White House worker
16 Pirelli product
17 Like some substances
19 Charitable gift
20 Embed one plant into another
21 What's-his-name
23 Draw conclusions
25 Prefix w ith night or day
26 Carrying cargo
29 Go ashore
34 Genesis follow er
36 Pub crawl ler
37 Money of China
38 Give a hand
39 Seagoing one
42 Casino cube
43 Sprawl ing story
45 "Goodfellas"
46 Say the Pledge, say
48 Like some candidates
51 Nautical hazard
52 Vacation rental
53 Fill w ith joy
55 Free from slavery
59 Purported
63 Protection (var.)
64 Playground snitch
66 Adjust a Steinw ay

DOWN

1 Head parasites
2 Soon, poetically
3 Gut feeling?
4 Never tested
5 Every year
6 Word on a peanuts can
7 Zip
8 Time to bew are
9 Walker's counter
10 Cheap w ay to fly

11 Jokers, sometimes
12 Prepares for war
13 Cozumel coin
18 Bug spray brand
22 Draw a bead on
24 Humorous
26 Car dealer's offering
27 Kind of symmetry
28 Legendary western city
30 Chip off the old block
31 Part of a TV signal
32 Indian yogurt dip
33 Prepare to be dubbed

35 Roadside helper in a parable
40 Scottish hero Roy
41 Antsy
44 Defendant, w ith the
47 Fastest feline
49 Tasseled hat
50 Happy as a clam
54 Tennis term
55 Illegal drug, briefly
56 Malarial fever
57 Low card in pinochle
58 Bit of folklore
60 Big blow
61 Ultimatum w ord
62 Letter starter
65 Little dipper?

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 May 17-18: Deane Dance Center's spring production is coming up on Saturday, May 17 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 18 at 2 p.m. The center is located at 2300 Sierra Blvd., 95825. The ballet is entitled, "The Story of Noah's Ark." Original music by Henrik Jul Hansen. Adults \$15, Seniors and Students \$12 and children \$10. Tickets are available at the door or by calling 453-0226. Visit deanedancecenter.com for more information.

Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K,
 May 24: Buzz Oates No Excuses 5K, 7 to 11 a.m., Village Green.

International Kids Festival
 May 24: International Kids Festival, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Land Park Amphitheater

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Doggy Dash
 June 7: Doggy Dash, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, Village Green.

Women of Life Picnic and Songs,
 June 7: Women of Life Picnic and Songs, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Land Park Amphitheater.

A Taste of Land Park
 June 8: VIP Member Hour, 3 to 4 p.m.; general 4 to 7 p.m., 14th Street between Valjejo and Markham ways. Neighborhood eateries, live music, wall of wine, regional wineries and breweries, artist's corner. 21 & Over only. Check LandPark.org for tickets.



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