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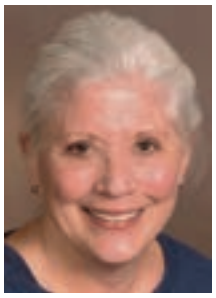

THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

Gender-Neutral Household Chores

I always aspired to be my mom. I thought she was perfect. The perfect mother, perfect wife, perfect seamstress, perfect .. everything.

Problem. Mom was a traditional 'girly girl'. I was not.

When I had Mike, I – who nearly flunked Home Ec – presented her with the first cross stitch I'd ever done:

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Her eyes went wide. (Mom made quilt tops by hand. Tiny neat perfectly aligned stitches.) I laughed and said, "Don't look at the back."

Neat? Not hardly. A big tangled mess, but the front (a miracle) looked fine. I framed it.

She hung it by the stairs and, after Mike and I went back to Denver, she called her sister. "You have to come over," she said. My Aunt Mabel told me mom took her by the hand, pointed to the cross stitch and, eyes soft, a little moist, she said, "Carol doesn't do that." Pricked fingers, tangled knots, who cares. My mom was happy.

I'd never been a 'typical' little girl. As soon as I could walk, I liked 'boy' stuff. Climbing trees. Catching snakes. Not wearing shoes. Or dresses. Or clothes at all. I liked running around in my underwear ('Spanky' pants and T-shirt).

Mom, watching for dad's car at end of day, admonished my pre-teen self: "Run upstairs and put some clothes on. Your dad's home!" If I didn't, he'd roll his eyes and say. "It's a good thing we live on a farm. You act like you were born in a barn."

Dishes. Mom didn't have a dishwasher. Dishes were done by hand. Doing dishes was not my strong suit. When we had company, my mother made me. She washed. Grumbling mightily, I dried.

Aunt Mary (my father's brother's wife) on holidays helped clear the table. She was critical of this. "Carol doesn't like doing dishes," my mom would shrug. "Who does!?" snapped my Aunt Mary. (I never much liked Aunt Mary.) Mom told me what she said. I frowned. "Dad and Keith don't help," I pointed out. "They just watch football."

All this came to mind when I read a plug for Melinda Gates' updated book, The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World. She said, prior to her own enlightenment, her sons took out the trash. Her girls did dishes.

My mother knew it was easier to just do such chores herself than try to make me do them.

Which is not to say that I did nothing. If she wanted something fresh from dad's garden for dinner, I trotted off to pick peas or corn. Dad had a big pile of cut firewood delivered. Without complaint, I stacked it neatly in the barn. Never complained about mucking my 4-H horse's stall or hauling water to the barn. Or help with the mowing. And pick cherries for mom's pie.

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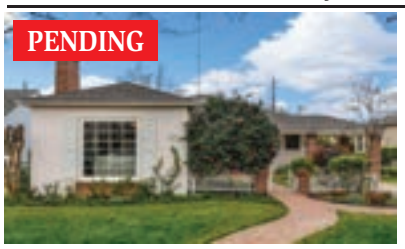

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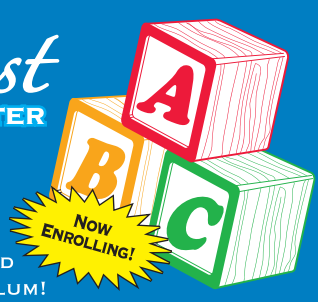

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Doing dishes. Still not my favorite.

She made all her pies from scratch. I have mom's pie plate. I've yet to make a pie.

One year I told mom I wanted a model train for Christmas. Her response: "Girls don't play with trains." It shocked me. I'd never heard 'girls don't' before. Allowed to be a tomboy; it hadn't occurred to me there were things I couldn't do.

In college in 1970, I decided I'd be a TV news reporter, even though I'd rarely to never seen a 'girl' reporter.

Getting my foot in the door. That, I knew, was everything. So, I worked as a receptionist at a radio station and kept looking for my big break. I got it. Newsroom secretary at the NBC O&O (Owned and Operated station) in Cleveland. Its investigative reporter recommended me to a guy he'd worked with ("who you know"). The friend, a news director, hired me as a reporter/producer/weekend anchor.

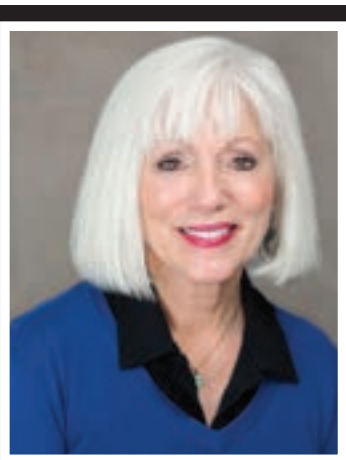
Back when I was getting started, stories weren't done on private family issues – such as 'disciplining' children, or anything involving animals.

I fought to do them. In that first job, I won a First Place Community Service Award for my self-assigned child abuse series. A 4-year-old had been beaten to death by his step-dad. Later working in Chicago (WLS-TV), the Humane Society of the United States recognized me for my story on a dog shot by an arrow. Pennsylvania now has a Child Abuse Reporting Hotline.

The dog lived. His adopters named him 'Bogie' – my Chicago nickname.

A voice for the voiceless. That's what I aim to be. Have I 'changed the world'? I don't know, but I'm still trying.

Interested in 'The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World' by Melinda Gates (philanthropist and wife of Microsoft founder Bill Gates)? Buy it online at www.thriftbooks.com. Questions, comments? Contact Carol at carol@bogartonline.com.



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This Land Park cottage has been owned by the original family since 1945. There is a large entry, spacious breakfast room with a charming fireplace and a copper hood, beamed ceiling and stained-glass windows. Original cabinets in kitchen, tiled counters and newer white appliances including a dishwasher, cooktop and built-in oven. The water heater and HVAC were recently replaced. There are new engineered wood floors throughout. The formal living and dining rooms have shutters on windows. Living room has additional fireplace with built-in sconce lighting, plus a single French door to patio and backyard. There are two bedrooms (one larger) with two closets and a large bathroom between these rooms. Large yard with beautiful mature dogwood trees, a two-car garage with a built-in closet. Additional storage building behind garage. **1615 8th Avenue • $605,000**



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Old World Charm is showcased throughout this beautiful Land Park Tudor. Vintage fixtures and hardware, Portuguese tiles, beamed ceilings and random plank floors have been treasured and preserved by the homeowners. Amenities include 3 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms, 3 fireplaces and a 3-car garage. Both the formal living and dining rooms have beautiful original built-in cabinetry. Spacious kitchen has wood cabinets, tiled counters and built-in appliances. The upstairs study has built-in office cabinetry and a French balcony with a copper awning. The upstairs master bedroom has a spacious walk-in closet with separate water closet and master bath. French doors open up to a large brick patio for outdoor dining with friends. The private yard has a lemon, orange and camellia trees, a fountain, all accented by a vintage city street lamp. Lots of storage in home and garage. A Real Gem! **2761 13th Street**



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Chinese WWII vet honored with congressional medal

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

South Land Park resident Dr. Herbert Yee, a retired Sacramento dentist, on Jan. 23 was presented with a congressional gold medal recognizing his service as a Chinese American in World War II.

This award was created through bipartisan legislation with the passage of the Chinese American World War II Veteran Congressional Gold Medal Act, on Dec. 12, 2018. It was signed into law by former President Donald Trump eight days later.

A 1942 graduate of Sacramento High School, Herbert enlisted in the Army at the age of 20 at the Presidio of Monterey. He served stateside in active duty in the Army Dental Corps from April 5 to Oct. 7, 1944, before being honorably discharged.



Photo by Lance Armstrong

Freeman Lee presents the medal to Dr. Herbert Yee during the Jan. 23 ceremony

Herbert currently serves as the commander of Gung Ho American Legion Post No. 696.

With 75 years passed since the end of World War II, Herbert is one of only about 200 surviving Chinese American World War II veterans in the United States out of the 20,000 Chinese Americans who served in that war.

While observing COVID-19 restrictions, a small group of Herbertís mask-wearing, socially-distanced family and friends gathered for a small ceremony in his backyard. The event was presented live through the Zoom application for those who did not attend this in-person gathering.

Among the attendees was Chiling Tong, president and CEO of the Sacramento Asian/Pacific Islander American Chamber of Commerce and Entrepreneurship, and Joel Szabat, former U.S. assistant secretary of transportation.

Freeman Lee, vice commander of Gung Ho Post No. 696, presented the congressional medal to Herbert during the ceremony.

ìToday, Iím honored to present this congressional gold medal to Pvt. Herbert Yee on behalf of a grateful nation and the Congress of the United States and former President Trump of the United States,î he said.

Following that presentation, Herbert described the medal as very meaningful to himself and his family.

ìWe will cherish it forever,î he said. ìWe will guard it, love it, and pray for it. And I thank everybody here for your kindness, for your loyalty to our country and Iím very happy. May God bless all of us forever and forever.î

As part of the event, Herbertís grandson, David Yee, stood before the small crowd and described the prestige of the congressional gold medal.

ìBestowed by the United States Congress, the congressional gold medal and the Presidential Medal of Freedom are the nationís highest civil awards; awarded first to Gen. George Washington by

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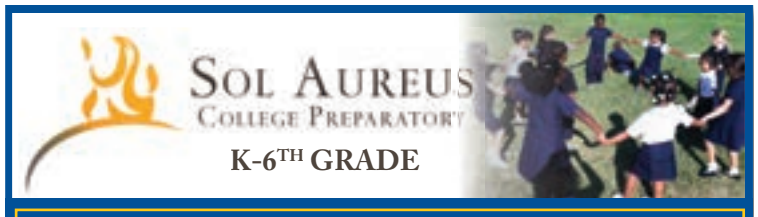

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the Second Continental Congress in 1776,î he said.

ìThe congressional gold medal seeks to honor those who have done a remarkable achievement, that has impact on Americaís history and culture. During World War II, Chinese Americans displayed their patriotism, loyalty and courage, despite the inequity of the Chinese Exclusion Act, which was in place at that time.î

This act, which was signed into law by President Chester A. Arthur on May 6, 1882, denied any Chinese, except the relatives of American citizens, from entering the United States.

This federal law was extended for 10 years in both 1892 and 1902 and was made a permanent law in 1904. Its status remained the same until President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Magnuson Act to repeal the Chinese Exclusion Act on Dec. 17, 1943.

However, the Magnuson Act was subject to guidelines in the Immigration Act of 1924, which placed a low percentage quota on the number of immigrants that would be allowed to enter the United States per year.

Chinese immigration would later increase following the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Services Act of 1965.

David told the attendees that during World War II, nearly one of every five Chinese living in the United States at that time served in the U.S. armed forces.

He added that an estimated 40% of those Chinese who served America in that war were not U.S. citizens, because of laws that denied citizenship to people of Chinese descent who were residing in the United States.

ìThese veterans served with honor and distinction and received many recognitions for their heroism, including even the congressional medal of honor,î David said. ìTheir service helped overcome preconceptions by their fellow countrymen and helped pave the way for their descendants.î

David also presented an overview of his grandfatherís life activities and accomplishments.

He mentioned that at the age of 6, Herbert arrived at Angel Island, where tens of thousands of immigrants entered the West Coast of the United States.

As a Stanford alumnus, Herbert graduated as a dental surgeon from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1948.

Hebert eventually spent more than 50 years in the dental profession. During that time, he served as the official dentist for the staff of two California governors: Edmund Gerald ìPatî Brown Sr. and Ronald Reagan.

His other leadership roles have included serving as president of the International College of Dentists, president of the California State Board of Dental Examiners, counselor of the American Dental Associationís Council on Dental Education, regent of the University of the Pacific, district governor of Lionís Club District 4 C5, and president of the Sacramento Chinese Benevolent Association.

In addition to his most recent award, Herbert was also recently named as the California Dental Associationís Humanitarian of the Year, and he was honored by the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation.

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Photo courtesy of Yee family

Herbert Yee is pictured during his World War II Army days.

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First-of-its-kind health clinic for foster children opens in Sacramento

Clinic is a joint partnership between UC Davis Health and Sacramento County Health Center

UC Davis Health has partnered with the Sacramento County Health Center to open a first-of-its-kind clinic in Sacramento to provide medical care for children in the foster care system.

Located in the Sacramento County Health Center, it's called the CIRCLE clinic, which stands for Comprehensive Integration of Resilience into Child Life Experiences. The clinic opened last November at 4600 Broadway.

The Sacramento County Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center that provides primary care and behavioral health services to low income residents of Sacramento County.

The purpose of the CIRCLE clinic is to:

-offer a medical home for the children and adolescents of Sacramento County involved in child welfare

-offer primary pediatric care from UC Davis pediatricians

-coordinate specialty care

-coordinate and provide mental health services in partnership with the UC Davis CAARE Center

-screen and refer for any behavior and developmental concerns in partnership with providers at the UC Davis MIND Institute

-connect the child and family with appropriate resources in the community

-offer appropriate follow-up and communication to close the loop with child welfare providers

"The key part of this model is to provide care coordination, not only with child welfare but also with those involved in the child's life in a child-centered manner. We have integrated general pediatricians, mental care professionals, behavioral therapists and child psychiatrists, along with public health nurses and the county's child welfare," said UC Davis volunteer clinical faculty member and pediatrician Katy Carlsen, who has helped spearhead these efforts and donated funds to make this clinic possible. A UC Davis endowment has also been established to generate funds.

UC Davis pediatrician Albina Gogo has been part of a workgroup for the past three years to create this clinic and works there part time.

"Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), including being in the foster care system, can create trauma and impact the health and wellbeing of children. The CIRCLE clinic provides comprehensive, trauma-informed, culturally-sensitive health care to help instill resilience into these children's lives, resulting in better long-term health outcomes and more stable foster home placements," Gogo said.

So far, the team has seen about a dozen pediatric patients.

"I was super excited when I heard about it," said Monica Foote, a former foster child who is now a foster parent, who came to the clinic for the first time this month. "I experienced a lot of trauma in the system and it did affect my physical health. I'm glad that there is a clinic like this. It's really touched my heart."

The Sweetest Kind of Community Service

By Devin Lavelle

Something is missing at our shopping centers this year. Usually, we would see tables set up with a stack of colorful cookie boxes, staffed by cheerful, diligent young ladies. It is a time of year many of us look forward to – let's be honest, we all have a favorite cookie and we inevitably buy a few too many boxes each year (Carmel de'Lites are this author's guilty pleasure). But this year, with COVID, in-person sales like that are out the window.

With schools online and so many social activities canceled, however, the kind of constructive, interactive experience that kids get through activities like scouting is all the more important – which means fundraising needs to continue.

Luckily, girl scouts in our community have found new and creative ways to help us all satisfy our sweet tooth.

One local girl, Olivia Tafoya, found a way to promote her sales that, as your Parks Commissioner, I found particularly motivating. I met Olivia and her mother, Natalie Paus-Tafoya, at a local park to discuss her strategy.

Devin: Hi Natalie, thanks for talking to me today. How long have you been a girl scout?

Olivia: Hi! I've been in Girl Scouts since I was 5 when I started Kindergarten. I am 6 years old now and this is my first year in Girl Scouts as a Daisy.

Devin: That's great! What is your favorite part of girl scouts?

Olivia: My favorite part is when we do activities like paint, dance, and seeing the other girl scouts and troop leader on the computer.

Devin: You're selling cookies? Can you tell us about that?

Olivia: Yes! This is my first year selling cookies and I know people love Girl Scout cookies like I do. Our troop 28 will use the funds toward membership fees, patches, and uniforms. We also hope to take a few virtual field trips and hopefully in-person ones too. Eventually, it will cover day trips and camping.

Devin: So I hear you have a really great way to encourage people to buy cookies?

Olivia: For every box of cookies I sell, I pledge to pick up a piece of trash from our community parks.

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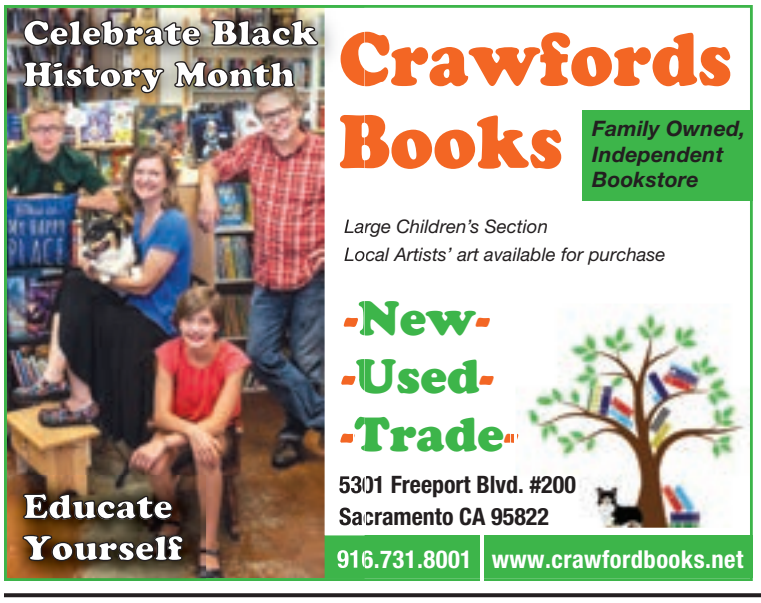

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Regarding his humanitarianism and philanthropy, David mentioned that his grandfather funded the construction of a school near his hometown of Taishan. That institution opened in 1981, and a cultural center and library in China was named after himself and his father, Henry Yee (1897-1979), in 2007.

Herbert, who is a descendent of Gold Rush pioneers, also helped fund the restoration of his great-grandfatherís herb store in Fiddletown. The old store is now a museum, and Fiddletown is a registered California Historical Landmark and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Herbert was married to Inez Yee for more than 70 years, and they had four sons. He currently has nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Darren Yee, one of Herbertís grandchildren and the son of Herbertís since-deceased son, Douglas Yee, praised his grandfather on the day of his ceremony.

ìIím so proud of him for this accomplishment,î Darren said. ìTo be able to see him win this award, it just means a lot to me and I know (Douglas) would appreciate it, too.î

Summarizing his grandfatherís life, David said, ìHis life exemplifies the American dream.î

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Devin: That's great! I spend a lot of time cleaning up our parks too! Why did you choose to clean up parks?

Olivia: To help animals like the squirrels that live there from getting sick from the trash. Animals might think it is food. The parks are beautiful when there is no trash there.

Devin: You are so right! So what's your favorite park? What is your favorite thing to do there?

Olivia: My favorite park is this park right by my house. I like to go for walks and look for bugs like rollie pollies, ladybugs, flowers, and daisies. I also like to play soccer and play on the playground.

Devin: OK, back to business. What's your favorite cookie?

Olivia: Anything with chocolate! Like thin mints are my favorite.

Devin: Yum! Alright, I'm hungry, how do we order?

Olivia: There are two ways! One option is having the cookies mailed directly to you and the other is where we may be able to deliver to you based on location. Please email my mommy at tafoyafamily2011@gmail.com to order.

Devin: Mom, you must be pretty proud?

Natalie: We (along with Dad, Chase Tafoya) are proud that our daughter, Olivia, is gaining a sense of community service and being a Girl Scouts is the perfect platform to serving our community by keeping our parks beautiful while fulfilling our neighbor's Girl Scout cookie cravings.

Devin: That is great! Thank you so much for helping keep our parks clean. Your daughter is a great example, showing that anyone can help contribute to beautifying our community. It just a few minutes and a trash grabber. Thanks for your time today, I've ordered my cookies. Can't wait!

If you have any stories you'd like to share about neighbors spreading positivity, please email me at devin@devinlavelle.com.

From Lovely Specials, Tasty Treats & More, Midtown is a Real Sweet Spot for Valentine's Day

A dynamic district in the heart of the city known for its 'Midtown Love' all year long, Midtown Sacramento is a real sweet spot for special gift ideas and lovely activations to treat that special someone. Committed to fostering a center for culture, creativity and vibrancy in Sacramento's urban core, the Midtown Association is pleased to present a number of lovely Valentine's Day themed activations that include the following:

Midtown Farmers Market – offers fresh and fun gift ideas for the someone special, such as beautiful flowers from Contreras Farms, jewelry from Emily B Miller, hot chocolate from Luchador Coffee, plants from The Rustic Garden, vegan chocolate from Delectables, macarons from Love and Macarons, and more;

Sweet Spot on J – a new marketing theme introduced last fall, four dessert shops are located on one block in Midtown within easy walking distance, making it a real "Sweet Spot on J," that include Babes Ice Cream & Donuts (2417 J Street), Ginger Elizabeth Patisserie (2413 J Street), Icing on the Cupcake (2416 J Street), and Rick's Dessert Diner (2401 J Street);

s– a special Instagram giveaway will be offered on three Midtown social media channels (@exploremidtown, @wednesdaysatwinn, and @midtownfarmersmarket) that includes farmers market goodies from the Midtown Farmers Market and Wednesdays at Winn, gift cards to local Midtown restaurants, and a free reservation of the VIP Winn Table at the Wednesdays at Winn market. The coveted giveaway will be posted on Friday, February 12 and end on Sunday, February 14 then announced the following day.

In addition, many amazing Midtown merchants and restaurants/eateries are offering especially sweet specials just in time for Valentine's Day, a sampling of which includes the following:

Babes Ice Cream & Donuts (2417 J Street – Sweet Spot on J) – some of the sweet flavors for the month of February include Strawberry Shortcake ice cream and Chocolate Strawberry donuts;

Burger Patch (2301 K Street) – plans to launch a new Spring menu on Valentine's Day which includes the highly anticipated return of their vegan 'Mac & Cheeze';

The Colour Bar (2314 K Street) – offers 'Love is in the Hair" Sale with 20 percent off $125 or more in products or services;

Fort Sutter Hotel & Café Bernardo (1308 28th Street) – the spectacular new boutique hotel is a great in-town getaway with rooms still available over Valentine's weekend (with limited capacity and availability) along with Café Bernardo that is open for outdoor seating and take-out;

Ginger Elizabeth Chocolates (1801 L Street with the new Patisserie at 2413 J Street as part of "Sweet Spot on J") – offers their popular 12-piece Heart Collection which includes three of each of these: Blackberry Violet Hearts, Orange Roasted Milk Hearts, Rose Caramel Hearts, and 75 percent Bittersweet Hearts, Madagascar;

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Winery operated at 15th, R streets a century ago

Establishment was founded by Italian immigrant

By LANCE ARMSTRONG

Although few Sacramentans are aware of its history today, a thriving winery was once located at 1800 15th St., between R and S streets.

Known as the Roma Winery, the establishment was founded, owned and managed by Alfredo "Alfred" Simi Sr. (1863-1937). His home was also located on the grounds of that winery, which began its operations in the early 1900s.

The Roma Winery was established as an immigrant success story.

A native of Lucca, Italy, Alfred Simi Sr. immigrated to the United States in about the mid-1880s, and after completing necessary requirements, he obtained his American citizenship on the testimonies of Italy natives Pietro Antonio "Peter" Galgani and Martino "Martin" Morrelli on Feb. 25, 1891.

Morrelli, who immigrated to the United States in 1869, and Galgani, who came to America in 1888 and owned a groceries and provisions business at 1801 M St. (now Capitol Avenue), both testified that they believed Alfred Simi Sr. was an honest man who would be a good American citizen.

An article in the Feb. 26, 1891 edition of The Sacramento Union notes that, during the previous day, Alfred Simi Sr. "renounced his allegiance to King (Umberto I) and the Italian government in the presence of Judge (Amos P. Catlin)."

Alfred Simi Sr. was the son of Paulo "Paul" and Altamira (Picasso) Simi, who were also natives of Italy.

His wife, Maria "Mary" Simi, who he married in 1898, was also an Italian immigrant, having emigrated from Lucca to the United States in 1890.

The couple would eventually have three children: Alfred Jr., Libero and Giusto Simi.

During research for this article, it was found that prior to establishing his 15th Street winery, Alfred Simi Sr. owned a winery at 1722 2nd St. His home was also located at that address.

The first city directory to recognize the existence of the 2nd Street winery was the 1902 directory.

It is noted in the 1893 city directory that Alfred Simi Sr. was then working as an employee of the Southern Pacific Company, and was then residing at 416 10th St. Other city directories show his positions for that company, at separate times, as locksmith, machinist and brass finisher.

The 1901 city directory lists Alfred Simi Sr. as a Southern Pacific employee and his address as 1722 2nd St.

Although the following year's directory lists Alfred Simi Sr. as the proprietor of a winery at that address, the 1903 through 1905 city directories once again list him as a Southern Pacific employee.

It can be speculated that Alfred Simi Sr. maintained his 2nd Street winery while also working for the Southern Pacific Company, considering that the 1906 directory recognizes him as the proprietor of that winery.

In July 1906, Alfred Simi Sr. officially asked the city for permission to have a railroad

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spur extend to his 2nd Street winery.

A brief summary in the Feb. 3, 1907 edition of The Union refers to this winery as "one of the thriving institutions engaged in spreading the fame of this section."

The summary also describes the Roma Winery as having a capacity of about 30,000 gallons and "enjoying a large trade."

Continuing, the summary notes: "The wines are made from the best grapes obtainable, and bear the reputation of being among the purest and highest grade on the market."

It was also in 1907 that the then-new city directory listed Louis Simi as a winemaker at the Roma Winery. The following year's directory refers to him as a laborer for the Southern Pacific Company.

The Roma Winery is once again praised in an article in the Nov. 26, 1908 edition of The Union.

It is recognized in that article as a "thriving institution" and one that is "helping to spread the name and fame of Sacramento abroad, and placing our city in a class second to none in California."

Other details in that article include that the winery used domestic and foreign grapes, and had vaults with high concrete walls and floors.

The winery is briefly mentioned in the Nov. 10, 1908 edition of The Sacramento Bee as follows: "A. Simi was granted permission to sell liquor by the quart at the Roma Winery, 1800 Fifteenth Street."

A 1912 listing of members of the Sacramento County Winemakers' Protective Association includes the Roma Winery.

Alfred Simi Sr. was also a trustee of the Italian Bersaglieri Society No. 3, of Sacramento, and a member of Sacramento Druids No. 12.

The following words appeared in an advertisement for the winery in the Nov. 25, 1912 edition of The Bee: "Thanksgiving and Christmas. For these two holidays, we will deliver to you in any part of Sacramento WINES of the finest quality at the most reasonable prices. Buy direct from the winery and get the special price for the holidays. ROMA WINERY, Fifteenth and R sts. We deliver. (Telephone:) Main 1668L."

The aforementioned mother of Alfred Simi Sr. – Altamira Simi – died at the age of 74 on Oct. 29, 1915. At the time of her death, she was living in Alfred Simi Sr's home at 1804 15th St.

An article in the March 7, 1916 edition of The Bee refers to an accident in which Curtis E. Metcalf Sr. ran into a stationary team of horses of a Roma Winery wagon at 15th and R streets. Metcalf suffered a broken arm and various bruises in the accident.

Although the issue made its way to police court, Police Judge John J. Henderson dismissed the case, because it was brought before him under the wrong ordinance. However, Henderson advised Metcalf to pursue a civil court case, if he so desired.

No evidence was found during research for this article that Metcalf sought civil damages in the matter.

Alfred Sr. and Mary Simi suffered the loss of their 17-year-old son, Libero, on March 5, 1917. His funeral was held at his former residence at 1804 15th St., and he was interred at East Lawn Cemetery – today's East Lawn Memorial Park.

That year's city directory recognizes Roma Winery's owners as Alfred Sr. and Giusto Simi, and the 1918 directory lists the same information, with the exception of the addition of Alfred Simi Jr. as one of the proprietors.

By 1920, the Roma Winery no longer existed, and Alfred Sr. and Giusto Simi had formed Simi & Son tomato conservers at 1800 15th St.

Although Giusto Simi was no longer involved in that operation by the following year, Al-

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The Iron Horse Tavern is among the businesses that occupy the former site of Roma Winery at 15th and R streets.

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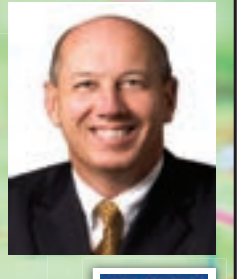

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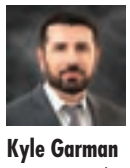
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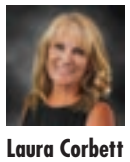
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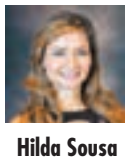
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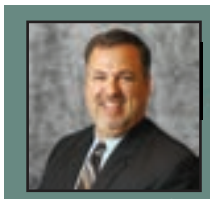

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fred Simi Sr. is mentioned as a tomato conserver in the 1921 city directory and a farmer in the 1922 city directory.

The 1923 city directory lists Alfred Simi Sr. as simply a resident of 1804 15th St. Giusto Simi is referred to in that directory as a mechanic living at the same address.

When he was 12 years old, Alfred Simi Jr. made news on Oct. 7, 1925, as The Union reported that he swallowed a copper coil.

During his examination by Dr. Gustav Henrickson at his office at 902 J St., an X-ray was taken to determine the location of the coil. No further details pertaining to this situation was found during research for this article.

Alfred Simi Jr. obviously survived that incident, as on Sept. 12, 1933, The Union reported that he graduated from the University of California, Berkeley's College of Pharmacy.

On July 17, 1937, Alfred Simi Sr. died at the age of 75, and he was interred at East Lawn Cemetery. His wife, who died in San Francisco at the age of 81 on April 8, 1960, was buried alongside him.

Giusto Simi died at the age of 41 on Feb. 28, 1943, and was survived by his wife, Mary Simi, and their daughter, Corrine Isola (Simi) Gibbert (1926-2020). He was interred at Odd Fellows Lawn Cemetery on Riverside Boulevard, following his services at the Palm Chapel of James R. Garlick, at 20th and P streets.

According to the obituary of his grandmother, Rose Picasso, in the May 3, 1946 edition of The Bee, Alfred Simi Jr. was then residing in San Francisco.

Through further research for this article, it was found that Alfred Simi Jr. died in that city at the age of 54 on Dec. 18, 1966.

During a visit to the former Roma Winery site for this article last week, the block was occupied by several businesses, including the Iron Horse Tavern, the European Wax Center, Mas Taco Bar, and the law offices of attorneys Desmond, Nolan, Livaich & Cunningham.

Kayla Courchaine, a manager at Iron Horse Tavern – one of several businesses that share the historical address, 1800 15th St. – said she was excited to learn that this bar and restaurant sits on the former winery's property.

"That's awesome," she said. "I had no idea. Yeah, I think it's phenomenal. And we just grow on top of it. It makes this land and this area seem more valuable. I think everybody should know that. I'm going to be telling everybody it used to be a winery, too. That's amazing."

After explaining that Iron Horse Tavern was named after a historic term for early locomotives, Courchaine referenced the R Street train tracks that border the tavern.

"I believe they may have brought the grapes in on the trains and then exported the wine on the trains," she said.

While visiting that business with two of her friends, Elk Grove resident Monique Figueroa also commented on the site's history as the location of a winery.

"I think that's really neat (that) it was part of a winery," she said. "You're here [at Iron Horse Tavern] enjoying spirits and having a good time and when you go to a winery [it is the same concept]."

After also learning about the history of the Roma Winery last week, Sean Kinlock, a 2005 graduate of Christian Brothers High School, told this paper that he hopes that a marker will one day be placed on the site to recognize its winery history.

"It's hard to believe there was a winery here," he said while standing near the tracks, just west of 15th and R streets. "I would like to see the past incorporated with the present. I'm bummed there is no indicator that a winery was here. It would be nice if they put a plaque at this site to recognize the old Roma Winery."

Fallen trees in the neighborhood

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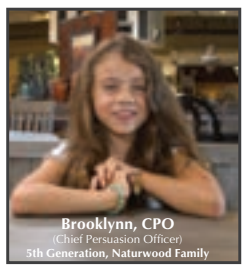

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