

Transcript of edited excerpts.
ZERILLI, ROBERT

"Hi, I'm Robert Zerilli, and I've been working here at the bakery, my family business, for the last thirty-three years, and I enjoy what I do. I love it.

We'd walk to Veniero's, my mother holding my hand, just seeing the city. Grab a pretzel. The smells of a city for a kid—and remember, coming from the suburbs, it even was more. It hit you, the senses, and it was scary, because everything's going fast. But I as a kid I loved it. I had this, not ADD [attention deficit disorder], but I had adrenaline. Something going in me, a lot of energy. So of course, more sugar. I get to the bakeshop, and I had a routine. They'd give me a rainbow cookie, and we all love it—all the grandkids in the family today. There's eight grandkids. Most all of us love the rainbows, because it's a marzipan-laced sponge with the raspberry jam. I think they put apricot when I was a kid, but it was a good cookie, with the chocolate around it. Soft, and just almond, like sweet as hell.

So, imagine a young little kid who's hyper, and I'm on an espresso bean, nibbling, plus the sweets. I think I flew until I just burned out. Yeah, it was fun."