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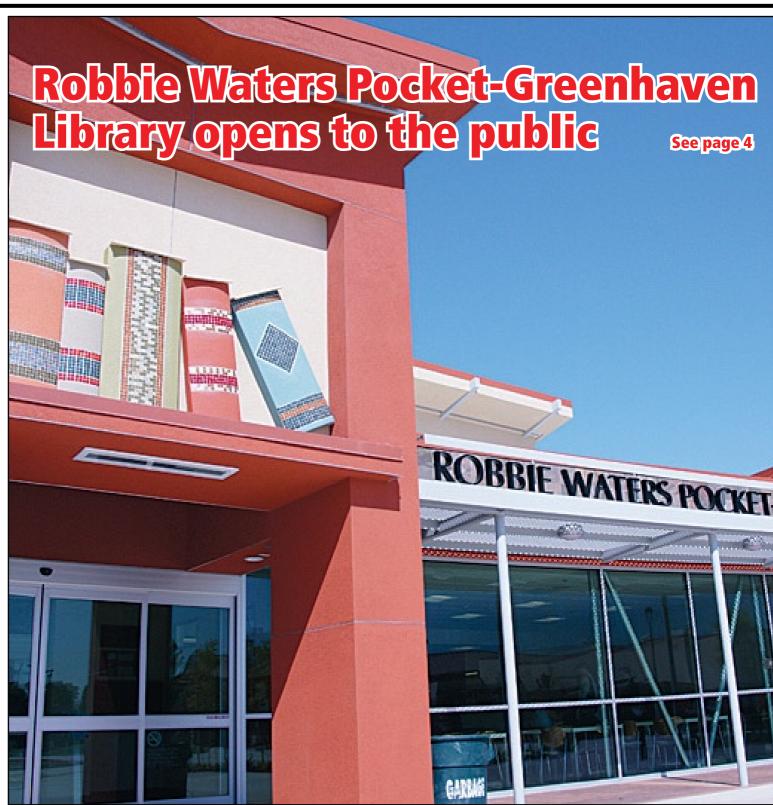
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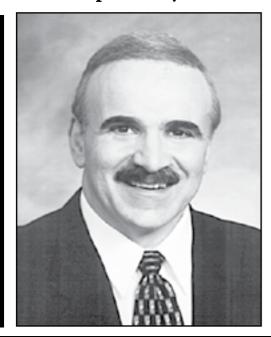
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Robbie Waters Greenhaven-Pocket Library opens to rave reviews

By SALLY KINGPocket News writer

The experience of walking into a modern, energy efficient building, looking down at the soft mint green carpet in patterns of leaves with light gently filtering in through the windows and smelling the aroma of brand new books makes a visit to the new Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library well worth checking out.

Big, round chairs that invite one to sit down and stay awhile are just one of the great features of this new library, where everything is state-of-the-art. So much so, that the library is nominated for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver accreditation.

About 500 people showed up to attend the grand opening celebration that took place Saturday, Aug. 28.

Robbie Waters, Sacramento City Councilmember for District 7, who spent many years helping to plan the library, thanked all who participated in donating their time and money to the construction and furnishing



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Robbie Waters, councilman for Sacramento's District 7, checks out a book from the new library which bears his name.







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Janey Way Memories



Hot summer nights and sleeping out



By MARTY RELLES
Pocket News columnist
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Summer days on Janey Way in the 1960s seemed endless and care free. Even when temperatures reached 100 degrees, we kept busy swimming at Glen Hall pool, skating at Phoebe Hearst School or just hanging out on a lawn in the neighborhood. During the hot months of July and August, temperatures rarely cooled off much even during the evening, but we had a sure fire solution to this problem: we slept outdoors.

As the day came to a close and night began to fall, someone would say, "Let's sleep out at my house." Then, after obtaining parental approval for the sleep out, the gang showed up with their sleeping bags in hand and laid them out in a line on the back lawn.

Of course, very little sleeping ever occurred on such nights.

I often wonder how our parents ever got any sleep.

We played cards and board games by flash-light. We talked too loudly and often snuck out of the yard to go on nighttime sojourns. Sometimes we crept into the pit – the vacated sand and gravel site located behind the houses on the east side of Janey Way. That always turned into an exciting adventure. Other times, we walked over to where the girls slept out and surprised them or walked down to Bossy's Drive In on Folsom Blvd. to buy hamburgers.

However, our favorite place to sneak off to was Shakey's Pizza Parlor on 56th and J streets. There, we pooled our money, bought pizza and brought it back to the yard to eat. I still remember the sound of Dixieland jazz wafting out of the back room bar.

Life couldn't get better.

The Relles household became a popular place to sleep out during the long Janey Way summers. In fact, we slept out in our yard so often one summer that Dad dragged an old mattress out from the garage for us to sleep on. We brought out blankets and sheets from the house to cover the mattress and slept in comfort. We had by far the best sleeping accommodations of any kid on the block; much better than a sleeping bag.

As another warm summer comes to an end in Sacramento, the memories of sleeping out on Janey Way come back to me and remind me of time when life seemed simpler and somehow a lot more fun.

'America's Favorite Cowboy' to entertain at circus at ARCO Arena Sept. 9-12

By LANCE ARMSTRONGPocket News writer lance@valcomnews.com

The 140th edition of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus is coming to ARCO Arena on Sept. 9-12 and among the many features of "The Greatest Show on Earth" will be performances by Andre McClain, who is known in the circus world as "America's Favorite Cowboy."

Those who have never had the opportunity to observe Andre's performances, however, should be advised that Andre is far from a one-dimensional entertainer.

In an exclusive interview with the Pocket News, Andre explained that he is much more than a cowboy perform-

America's favorite cowboy

"Of course, I am America's favorite cowboy," Andre said. "I've done a lot of things around the United States as far as the rodeo, going from kid riding in the rodeo and into performing and being this Roy Rogers-type of guy. Everything I do was selftaught. I do quite a bit of different things. I do trick roping, I do whips, I do fancy gun twirling, action shooting and trick riding. A lot of people out there, a lot of cowboys, a lot of western entertainers;

they do one thing or the other. They either do trick roping or they do trick horses or they do country singing. That's what separates me from everybody else. I do a little bit of everything."

When Andre brings his

Raised in Kansas City, Mo., Andre is part of the three generations of cowboy history in

Self-motivated

In being very self-motivated, Andre taught himself to twirl a lasso as a child by practicing with his mother's clothesline and water hose.

Remembering these days, Andre said, "It's so funny. I would get spanked almost every other week. But it was still worth it."

Andre, 33, said that he also started riding bucking horses during his youth.

act to Sacramento this September, he will also be bringing many years of experience along with him.

When asked when he first rode a horse, Andre responded, "I started riding when I was around four (years old) and I started riding mutton busters – we called it – when I was about seven years old. I was riding small steers, like a kids' rodeo.'

Circus cowboy Andre McClain will be among the featured entertainers at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey FUNundrum!, which will be held at Arco Arena Sent 9-12 "A friend of my dad had first all-black touring rodeo, 37 wild mustang horses and which was founded in 1984 I used to go over to his place by his father, Lu Vason. and help him break mustangs," Andre said. "Back then, Save a car, ride a horse

you wore them out, then you

would get on them and buck

them out. That's one thing

that always encouraged me to

rodeo and ride bucking hors-

Andre, who grew up as one

of six children, received his

first experience competing in

a rodeo in the Bill Pickett In-

es in rodeos."

So connected was Andre to horses during his youth that he even rode a horse to high school, which even in Kansas City was not something that other students would do.

Photo courtesy of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bai

Chuckling after being asked to discuss this experience, Andre explained that he has fond memories about these times.

"It was great," Andre said. "I rode every day (to Pas-eo Academy of Performing Arts). Nobody else in the city did this. The ride from my house to school was maybe three miles. I would get up in the morning, have breakfast, clean him up and get him ready for the ride. My day really started at like 4 or 4:30 in the morning. I would ride him to school right down the city streets and tie him to the soccer fields (at the school). And while everybody had their fancy cars or were riding the bus, I would pull up on my horse. One day, I got written up by the gym teacher for my horse using the bathroom in the soccer field. I still have that write-up. It was crazy. I

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Cowboy: Learned to twirl a lasso by practicing with his mother's clothesline and water hose

walked in (to the gym teacher's) office and said, Come on. You can't be serious."

Following his rodeo days, Andre began training trick horses, an activity that would lead to his employment with the circus.

Ândre said that he attributes a pair of individuals to his drive to achieve high levels as a cowboy entertainer.

"I watched a guy, named (Nathaniel) "Rex" Purefoy, out of Kansas City and he had the western duds, the fancy saddles, he did trick roping and whips, gun twirling and all this stuff. I said, 'You know what? That's what I want to do." Andre recalled.

Additionally, Andre said that he is extremely thankful to his mentor, Kenneth Barrett, who bought him his first rope, so he could retire his mother's clothesline and water hose.

"(Barrett) was always about me pushing myself and telling me, 'You can be anything you want to be' and 'you can do anything you want to do.' That's what I believe and that's what I try to encourage in people and kids. There's no such thing as I can't and I want people to know that you can always do the things you want to do. You just focus and work hard."

Hard work pays off

And Andre's hard work surely paid off, as he was eventually hired by the circus.

But auditioning for Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, in order to obtain his current position, was not a simple task, Andre explained.

"On my way (from Denver, where he was residing at the time) to audition for Ringling, my truck's trailer broke

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down (in Oklahoma)," Andre said. "I called my brother and he came over and picked up the horses and took them over to a friend of his. I rented a car and jumped in the car and drove to Austin, (Texas) to audition. I was so embarrassed. I pulled up and I had no horses. All I had was a rope and a whip and a voice.
"I stood in the middle of

the ring and I said, 'Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages, I'm Andre McClain and this is my horse, Jonas.' It was my invisible horse, Jonas. I had no horse. I sat up on him, I did my tricks, I did my singing, everything. They cracked up laughing through the whole thing and as soon as I finished and explained to them what happened, (the circus' producer Kenneth Feld) just came to me, shook my hand and said, 'Hey, if you want this position, you've got it. We'll send a contract to you."

Nearly eight years after joining the circus - a move that he refers to as "going from the greatest show on dirt to "The Greatest Show on Earth" -Andre said that he continues to enjoy every one of his 500 days per year working at the circus.

"Oh, it's great (working for the circus)," said Andre, whose involvement with the circus also includes various announcing during the show and working with exotic animals such as camels, llamas and even a Watusi cow. "It's a blast for me. I probably have just as much fun as the audience, so it's a fun time for me. I wouldn't trade this in for anything in the world."

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Andre personally invites the community to attend this year's circus, which is being referred to as "FUNundrum!"

"This is truly the biggest show that you'll see and I encourage everyone, anybody to come out," Andre said. "It's truly amazing and it's action-packed through-out the show. We're coming to shut Sacramento down. I love the city of Sacramento. The arena there is great and the area that we play in is great. We just

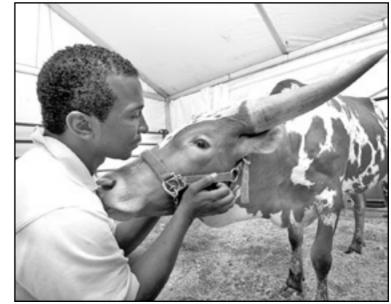


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One of the more unique animals that Andre McClain has worked with is this Watusi cow. He has also worked with such exotic animals as camels, llamas and zebras.

plan on coming there, having a great time and having one big party for all the people of Sacramento. And that's what it's going to be."

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Active and independent former nurse turns 103

By SUSAN LAIRD Pocket News editor susan@valcomnews.com

Dorothy Casalegno celebrated her 103rd birthday with cake, ice cream and a room filled with friends and family members at the Merrill Gardens retirement community on Aug. 23.

Bright, sharp and alert, the centenarian-plus-three smiled and laughed as everyone made much over her.

Née Dorothy Howe in Santa Ana, Calif., she moved to Morgan Hill where she grew up. She received her degree in nursing from San Jose Nursing School in 1929. One of her first jobs was as a member of the medical team that cared for the workers who built Boulder Dam – now known as Hoover Dam.

She worked in the first Sutter Hospital in Sacramento, just two years after it opened.

Dorothy was married for 60 years to the late Alfred Casalegno. Together, they raised three children, Bob Casalegno, Michael Casalegno and Carole (Casalegno) Dell'Agostino. Today, Dorothy has eight grandchildren and 15 greatgrandchildren.

In 2005, she moved to Merrill Gardens at the young age of 98. She still lives independently and loves her make-up, cute outfits, friends, social and physical activities as much as ever. In fact, with her dazzling smile, she could easily pass for a youngster of 75.

When asked the secret to a long life, Dorothy laughed and said that, in addition to having a great family, "I've always been interested in nutrition. I never smoked or drank, either."

At the conclusion of the festivities, Dorothy thanked one and all.

"Everyone has been wonderful to celebrate my birthday," she said.



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Dorothy Casalegno turned 103 years young at the Merrill Gardens retirement community this month. She credits her longevity to "a great family," good nutrition and good health habits.

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Teenage golf trio takes on Pebble Beach – for the second time

By BENN HODAPP Pocket News writer benn@valcomnews.com

An afternoon on the golf course is one of the most relaxing things in the world. The smell of the grass, the birds chirping and a quiet stroll through a landscaped course can be a beautiful experience. Or it can be if you're good at golf, anyway. For most of the people who play golf for "fun," it ends up being a terribly frustrating experience, chock full of humiliation and less-thanappropriate language.

St. Francis High School's Ashley Noda and Briana Mao and former McClatchy High School's Taryn Yee have probably never experienced such consternation on the links as the rest of us, for they are among the very best in the world at what they do. And on Labor Day weekend they will travel to Pebble Beach to put their skills to the test – again.

Noda, 16, was just three years old when she took her first hacks. She received a set of lefty clubs for Christmas that year and was hooked immediately. She demanded of herself that she spend up to three hours a day at the driving range until her hands were raw and blistered. When she was eight years old she began to lap the competition, and at the time the competition was all boys. By the time she turned 12, Ashley was playing 18-hole tourneys – and winning them too.

Mao, 17, waited a little longer to get started. She was the ripe old age of six when she began her career.

"I never thought of it like I had talent (for golf)," Mao said. This coming from someone who qualified for a tournament across the country in Georgia at the age of six. She, too, got bigger and stronger and before long she was winning more tournaments than she knew what to do with.

Yee, 18, was a competitive tennis player before exchanging her racket for a three-iron. She didn't start taking golf seriously until she was 10. She chose

to play golf because it let her spend more time with her father. But as it turned out, she was a natural. With her parents working many hours, the Little Linkers program was something for Taryn to do with her time. It wasn't long before she started dominating too.

Eventually all three girls joined the First Tee program. The First Tee of Greater Sacramento has a tour for boys and girls between the ages of 12 to 18 called the Junior Tour. In 2009, the three girls applied for entry into a Champions Tour event to be played at Pebble Beach called the Home Care & Hospice First Tee Open. Juniors ages 15-18 from across the country applied. Participants were chosen based on "playing ability and comprehension of the life skills and core lessons learned through involvement with The First Tee," according to a press release from The First Tee.

All three of the girls made the cut. They spent a week down at Pebble Beach soaking it all in and playing before a national audience. Pebble Beach is one of the most famous courses in the world, so naturally the immediate reactions were ones of awe and goose bump-inducing wonder for the three youngsters.

Mao recalled her reaction on the Tuesday morning before the event when she played her first practice round.

"Oh my gosh, I'm about to play Pebble Beach," Mao said.

"It was amazing," recalled Yee of her first impression of the course. "It never entered my mind that I would one day play Pebble Beach."

"It is such a magical place," said Noda. "It's so different being on the course as opposed to watching on TV. It was a breathtaking experience."

Each junior golfer was paired with an amateur golfer and a professional from the Champions Tour (formerly the Senior PGA Tour) for the three day event. Noda was paired with Isao Aoki; Yee with Jim Thorpe and Mao with Mark O'Meara. They got to meet a number of the world's most famous golfers such as Hale Irwin, Tom Kite and Peter Jacobsen.

The girls became friends with the golfers throughout the week. They talked about golf, family and everything in

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Photo courtesy of Briana Mao

Local junior golfers from C.K. McClatchy and St. Francis high schools have been selected to play at Pebble Beach in the Home Care & Hospice First Tee Open over Labor Day weekend. Left to right, Ashley Noda (St. Francis H.S.), Taryn Yee (McClatchy H.S.), Briana Mao (St. Francis H.S.).





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Adjusting to your 'staying at home' college student



By STEVE DEBENEDETTI-**EMANUEL** Pocket News columnist steve@rivercitycounseling.com

In my previous articles in this series, I discussed the adjustments that parents need to make when their teen leaves for college, which includes the need to recognize that younger siblings are also having struggles. In this article, I am focusing on how parents can help their family's adjustment when their teen attends college locally and lives at home.

During my senior year of high school I applied and was accepted to a school several hours away. Late in the year, I was badly injured in a car accident, and my plans fell apart. remained at home for year and attended the local community college. It was the right decision, but I was devastated, as I was READY to leave home, be free of my parents, and do whatever first year college students do when left to make their own decisions.

Like me, countless high school graduates continue living at home after high school, rather than go away for school. Be it for financial, medical, or any of many other reasons, community colleges are often the best option for recent graduates.

In spite of this, it's important to anticipate that many of the same difficulties that arise when your teen leaves for college will exist, and your family will go through an adjustment period. Rather than risk unnecessary conflict, it's best to be proactive and have a frank conversation, in which you both share your concerns, hopes and expectations and listen to your teen's responses.

A good starting point is to help your teen make plans and set goals for this year and beyond. Much that you'd hope that he or she would transfer to U.C. Berkeley, it's crucial to recognize that your teen is an adult and needs to make decisions on his or her own. Thus your job is to guide and support him or her in whatever the goals may

your agenda.

On a practical level, it's crucial to discuss changes in your teen's schedule and the impact they will have on the family. With night classes, study groups and social outings, it makes sense that your teen will be coming and going pretty frequently. Although your teen shouldn't have the same flexibility as he or she would have if living in the dorms, it makes sense to extend or discontinue curfew. At the same time, you shouldn't have to tiptoe around the house, as you get ready for work, just because your teen wants to sleep until noon.

Another topic is houseresponsibilities. Even though much of your teen's time will be spent outside the house, it's important that he or she be an active member of the family. If, for example, your teen has always fed the dog and taken out the trash, the responsibilities shouldn't change, just because college has

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> It's also crucial to discuss finances. As much as community colleges are much more affordable than universities, it's important to recognize that your teen's expenses will increase significantly. Regardless of your expectations regarding financial contributions, it's important to discuss the issue honestly. Your teen is now an adult, and this is the perfect opportunity to educate him or her on adult responsibilities.

> Ultimately, your teen's graduation and move into college, regardless of the location of his or her school, will be a period of great transition, and challenges are inevitable. In order to minimize the difficulties and shorten the adjustment period, frank conversations are important. If both you and your teen are able to speak openly and listen to the other, this period will be as easy as possible.





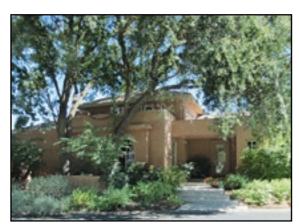
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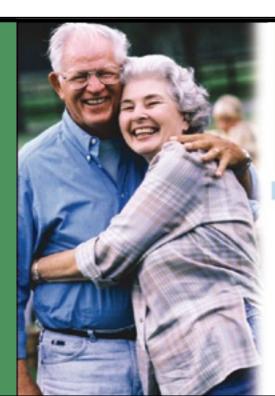
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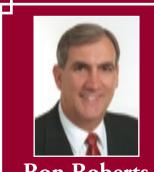
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'Bandit's Buddies' fundraiser a doggone success

By CELIA GREEN Pocket News writer

While other students are scrambling to finish their Senior Projects, Otto Ducey will be at ease, since he finished his Senior Project in late July, before his senior year even began, by raising funds for the Sacramento Police Department K9 Unit.

"Our goal was to raise \$998, to purchase two cooling units and a fan for the dogs," Ducey said. "We ended up with \$1,032."

Money was raised by selling "Bandit's Buddies" bracelets and local businesses Dude, Where's My Yogurt and Subway (both in the Promenade Shopping Center) gave a portion of proceeds from one night to the fund. In addition, many friends and neighbors made cash donations.

Bandit is a four-year-old German Shepherd who was shot in the line of duty in March of this year. He returned to work a month later and served, with his partner Officer Gary Dahl, as Grand Marshal in the Pocket's 4th of July parade.

"Of course, we will always accept donations," Dahl said. "We'll be getting two more K9 officers in September, and possibly a third. That third officer will need a vest. And the vests don't last forever. After about five years the Kevlar doesn't protect you like it should, so new vests have to be purchased.

"I'm really grateful that so many people contributed, and that businesses like 'Subway' and 'Dude, Where's My Yogurt?' were



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Bandit's Buddies in the Pocket successfully raised \$1,000 for two cooling units and a fan for the K9s who protect and serve the community with their human partners. Otto Ducey, left, presents a check to Sacramento Police Officer Gary Dahl and Bandit, his German Shepherd K9 partner. Bandit survived being shot in the line of duty earlier this year. Future fundraisers may go to purchasing Kevlar vests for K9s

able to take part in such a great experience that will benefit the dogs who serve everyday in the police force," Ducey said. "I would also like to give a special thanks to my friends, neighbors, and family, and of course to Kathi Windheim, who came up with the idea and helped me the whole

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Kennedy High's new principal focused on bringing back good campus culture, strong academics

Tall and lean, Chad Sweitzer had a contagious smile on his face as he begins to talk about his new role as principle of John F. Kennedy High School.

"I want to bring back good culture, good athletes and a strong student curriculum," Sweitzer said. "I am going to focus on meeting graduation requirements

Sweitzer was the principal at Sutter Middle School for three years. Prior to that he was assistant principal at Kennedy from 2004 through 2006. He has come full circle and said he is happy to be back.

Linda Okada, office manager at Sutter Middle School, said he will be sorely missed.

"Chad is unique in his administrative style in that he brings the no-nonsense demeanor of authority, the compassion and guidance of a counselor and the common sense of an educator whose experience is such that nothing surprises him anymore," Okada said.

Sweitzer said he enjoys working with the students, getting involved in activities such as sports and rallies.

"I see Kennedy being very competitive this year in sports," Sweitzer said. "We are back to the old metro system and great rivalries.

Sweitzer grew up in Greenhaven, off Rieth-muth Way. He attended Caroline Wenzel Elementary School and Sam Brannan Middle School. He graduated from Kennedy in 1990. Sweitzer lives in Elk Grove with his wife of 13 years, and two children, ages 10 and 6 years old.



Pocket News photo/Sally King

Chad Sweitzer's academic journey has come full circle, from his time as a student in the Greenhaven area to his new job as principal at John F. Kennedy High

Sweitzer remembers his physical education teachers and coaches mentoring him as a young student and from an early age he wanted to work in the field of education.

Sweitzer's career began as a counselor at Luther Burbank High School. He said when the position opened up at Kennedy; he thought this was his chance to be back

"I want a personal connection with the stu-dents," Sweitzer said. "I want students to be able to remember me as someone they can trust and have fun with. I enjoy being silly and goofy.'

Sweitzer said as part of the focus for graduation requirements, he believes early intervention articulation works to help students from dropping out of high school. He said when eighth graders visit high school and become familiar with the layout, the students and teachers, it is no longer a scary place and the transition is

Sweitzer said the school has lost a tremendous amount of money due to budget cuts and will be looking to parents to help with school supplies and needed items like tis-

Kennedy has a staff of 85 people and five school counselors. Sweitzer wants the staff to feel like a family. He said the teachers at Kennedy love to work with the students.

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Old Sutter School building holds many fond memories for former students

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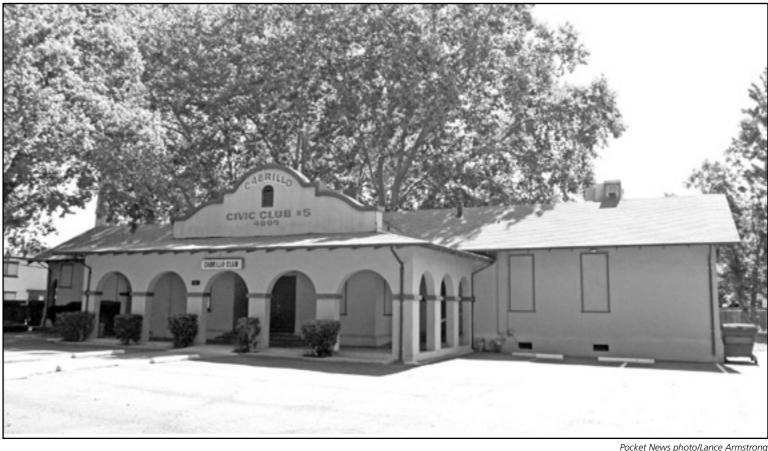
Editor's Note: This is the second of a two-part series about the Riverside area's historic Sutter School.

Through the responses of some of the five former students who were interviewed for this article, it was discovered that the school grounds also included a baseball diamond, teeter-totters and swings. Children also found plenty of spots to play jacks and marbles.

Takata said that there was another feature on the school grounds that she fondly remembers.

"I remember that there was a real big, beautiful rose bush at the front of the school in the yard," Takata said. "If you faced the front of the school, it was to the left, right next to the Machados, who lived next door."

Yager, who mentioned School's annual Sutter Christmas plays among her favorite memories of the school, added that most of the schoolchildren walked to Sutter School, since riding a school bus was not an available option.



Sutter School was located in this Riverside area Spanish mission-style structure, which has been home to Cabrillo Civic Club #5 since 1954.

And for many of these children, walking to school was a social event that gave them additional time to enjoy the company of their friends.

But once at school, the school's first through eighth grade students were required to become more

serious as they concentrated on their studies.

After lining up in front of the school, near the flagpole, the children made their way into three separate classrooms, which were divided based on the grade levels of the students. Originally, however, the school had housed a single classroom for all of its students.

Most former students of the school remember Sutter School teachers, Gertrude Campbell (also the school's principal) and Emma (Fortado) James. Other teachers at

the school at various times were: Miss Blackwell, Leonilda Lewis, Miss Nealis, Miss Baird and Mabel Wakefield.

Like other former students of the school. Powell had nothing but good

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The old Sutter School is shown in its abandoned state in this 1953 photograph.

Sutter School: Children found plenty of spots to play jacks and marbles

teachers.

"Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. James were our teachers and I liked them very much," Powell said. "They really were sweet ladies. They used (a ruler), but I don't remember anybody ever getting hit."

Greenslate, however, said that she remembers students getting tapped on the backs of their hands by the school's teachers as a general warning "to be silent or to calm down."

Takata, who attended the school from 1928 to 1936, named the classes that were offered at the school.

"We had music class every day." Takata said. "Maybe so many minutes, a half an hour maybe. Mrs. Campbell played the piano and I can still (visualize) her playing the piano. And of course, we had geography and history. I don't know how the teachers worked everything in. They must have had some kind of a schedule. I think we had math every day. Well, arithmetic, we didn't call it math. And we had spelling every day and English every day."

The students were also graded on penmanship and participated in physical education and draw-

Takata added that she was very fortunate to have received her elementary

You know, you can't get that kind of education any place else," Takata said. When I went to middle school and high school, I realized how much more I had gotten out of (Sutter School) than people who went to the regular city schools."

Takata said that after school, when most of the students left to Japanese school, the school's janitor arrived at the school.

The Masons also lived next door and (Louise grandmoth-Baggestos, er of Sutter School students, Walter "Ike" and John "Griff" Mason) used to be our janitor," Takata said. "We used to call her Grandma Mason. She was from the old country (possibly Germany), I guess. She spoke with a real strong accent and I could hardly understand her."

Greenslate, who attended Sutter School from 1929 to 1934, said that the school, which sometime between 1925 and 1929 had two additional wings added to its original structure, served as an important bridge between the old Lisbon schools of the Riverside-Pocket area and John Cabrillo Elementary School at 1141 Seamas Ave.

The founders of the private Lisbon schools

things to say about her school education at Sutter of the Pocket were the farmers who settled in the area," said Greenslate, whose mother, Maria "Mamie" Machado joined John "Griff" Mason as one of Sutter School's first two graduates in 1915. 'These schools were built in the mid to late 1800s into the early 1900s. As the population increased from the Pocket area into the Riverside area in farming and homes, it necessitated a need for another school, which was Sutter School, which was a public school of Sacramento County. Eventually, a more modern school with more extensive facilities, including a cafeteria, in the area was needed and the location of Sutter School could not provide this. This led to the construction of John Cabrillo Elementary School at its present site."

Yager said that she is grateful that the old Sutter School building is still standing about a century after it was constructed.

"It brings back old-time memories to see the school today," Yager said. "I think that that's interesting that that place has been around as long as it has. And it has not changed much. They've retained the same structure all of these years. I'm glad that (the old Sutter School building) is still around."

"It brings back old-time memories to see the school today..."







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Sept. 1: Adults, bring a tea cup, sip tea and discuss this month's featured book, "Zeitoun" by Dave Eggers. Free. 10 a.m. Belle Cooledge Library, 5600 South Land Park Dr., Sac. (916) 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org

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Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: All area business people invited to hone their speaking skills. Noon-1:15 p.m., every Wed. River City Speakers Toastmasters Club, Coco's Restaurant, 1830 Arden Way, Sac. (916) 747-8282

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Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Thursdays. 9 a.m. St. Andrews United Methodist Church, 6201 Spruce Ave., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Rotary Club of East Sacramento

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Golfers: 'We can't believe we get to go to Pebble Beach'

between. O'Meara even spent some time during a practice round to help Mao with her bunker play.

"Ever since then I have had no trouble with bunker shots," she said.

One year later, the threesome is ready to go out and do it again. This year, 245 juniors from across the country applied for the event. Altogether, 74 boys and girls were chosen. Once again, the names Noda, Mao and Yee will adorn the scoreboard at Pebble Beach.

"I'm really excited," said Mao. "Ashley and I have been talking all week about how we can't believe we get to go to Pebble Beach again. I can't even concentrate on school right now."

The girls, who have gotten to know each other over the past several years as opponents and friends, are ready for the challenge once more. Who knows if the views will be as majestic and dumbfounding this time around, but regardless of outcome, these three likely won't hook a dozen balls into the Pacific like the rest of us would.

The Home Care & Hospice First Tee Open, which takes place Sept. 3-5, will be televised nationally on the Golf

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Soroptimists of Sacramento

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24: Soroptimist International of Sacramento South, a service club for business and professional women, meets Fridays. 11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. Barbara McDonald, (916) 363-6927

Chalk It Up Sacramento

Sept. 4: Art, kids' creative corner, food, live music, beer garden, crafts, fun for the whole family. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fremont Park, 16th & O streets, Sac. www.ChalkItUp.org

Food Addicts Anonymous

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: 12-Step group for those who struggle with obesity, food obsession or eating disorders. Meets Saturdays. 8 a.m. Mercy General Hospital North Auditorium. 4001 I St., Sac. (800) 600-6028.

Urban Farm Stand

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25: Soil Born Farms' newest urban agricultural project, a farm stand featuring seasonal, local and organic fruits and vegetables. Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. www.soilborn.org

Chrome & Color car show, art exhibit

Sept. 5: If you have a car 1972 or earlier, please join us and enter your car. Vintage automobiles, live music, special lunch deals. Free to enter, free to enjoy. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Artistic Edge, 1880 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 482-2787

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Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Align the body through breathing techniques, postures and deep relaxation. 3 p.m.-4 p.m. Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. (916)808-5462. Meets every Mon. Repeats Wed., Fri.

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Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 11:30 a.m., every Mon. Casa Garden Restaurant, 2760 Sutterville Rd., Sac. www.rotary.org.

Tai Chi & Chi Keung

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27: Chinese exercise combines specific movements and relaxation. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Hart Senior Center, 915 27th St., Sac. Meets every Mon. (916) 808-5462

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Rotary Club of Arden-Arcade

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 12 noon, every Tues. Jackson Catering and Events, 1120 Fulton Ave., Sac. (916) 925-2787, www.ardenarcaderotary.org

Rotary Club of Carmichael

Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28: Hear guest speakers address local, regional and international topics. Visitors welcome. 6 p.m. Palm Street Pub & Grill, 6416 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, www.rotary.org

Watercolor art show

Sept. 7-Oct. 2: "Go with the Flow 2010" juried art show, sponsored by the Watercolor Artists of Sacramento Horizons (WASH). Free. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tues.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Wed.-Sun. Special 2nd Saturday opening Sept. 11 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Sacramento Fine Arts Center, 5330-B Gibbons Dr., Sac. Patty Waggoner (916) 361-3331

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Sept. 9: Celebrate California's 160th birthday with cake and ice cream provided and served by the California State Capitol Museum Volunteer Assn. Enjoy the rousing music of the Sacramento Banjo Band, volunteers dressed in period costumes. Free. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. State Capitol, North Entrance Steps (L St.), 10th and L streets, Sac. (916) 324-0333

Mission Oaks Computer Club

Sept. 9: The Mission Oaks Computer Club will meet from 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Meeting topic will be "The Future of Newspapers," presented by Cosmo Garvin. Problem solving clinic to follow. First-time visitors welcome. Mission Oaks Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Dr., Carmichael. (916) 366-1687, www.missionoakscomputerclub.org

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Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 18, Dec. 9: The nation's largest American Volkssport Assn.-affiliated walking club. Meets second Thursdays, 7 p.m. SMUD Customer Service Center, Forestview 1 meeting room, 6301 S St., Sac. Refreshments served. If you'd like to walk three miles before the meeting, meet at 5 p.m. in front of the SMUD Customer Service Center building. Bring money for dinner after the walk. Gale at 364-5063 or www.SacramentoWalkingSticks.org

Cook Realty Charity Golf Tournament

Sept. 10: 18th annual tournament to benefit local programs. \$50 per person (green fees, dinner & drinks) or \$15 per person (dinner & drinks only). Dinner, auction & raffle at 5:30 p.m. in the Cook Realty Courtyard. William Land Park Municipal Golf Course. Tee times are from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Ed Daniels (916)

Movie Night in the Park

Sept. 10: Annual District 4 Movie Night in the Park. "Toy Story" will be the feature presentation. Bring folding chairs, blankets. Complimentary popcorn, sno-cones. No alcohol permitted. Free. Movie begins at dusk (about 7:45 p.m.). Reichmuth Park, 6135 Gloria Dr., Sac., Visit Councilmember Rob Fong's webpage at www.cityofsacramento.org

Patriot Day Celebration dinner

Sept. 10: Come enjoy a dinner of Yankee pot roast with all the trimmings, Tony rolls, green salad and all-American apple pie as our community honors those who serve and protect our nation and community. Special presentation to follow. No host cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets \$16 at the Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd. (at Florin Rd.), Sac. No ticket sales after Sept. 7. www.elks6.com

Wine, Beer & Food Extravaganza

Sept. 10: Enjoy open tastings from area vintners and craft breweries, along with a bevy of foods and desserts in the Ouad at Christian Brother's High School. 6 p.m.-10 p.m. Outdoors under the stars. For reservations, visit www.cbhswinetasting.com

Bariatric Surgery Informational Seminar

Sept. 11, Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4: Learn all about what bariatric surgery is and is not. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Bruceville Terrace Multipurpose Room, 8151 Bruceville Rd., Sac. Rondi Crowley (916) 423.5909.

Basic vegetable gardening tips

Sept. 11: Urban gardener James Bridges will discuss how to determine a garden site, preparation of the soil, tools needed, watering and fertilizing. He will offer a general overview on biodynamic square foot gardening techniques and answer questions. Free. 2 p.m. Arden-Dimick Library, 891 Watt Ave., Sac. (916) 264-2920, www.saclibrary.org

Food preservation demo

Sept. 11: The Sacramento County UC Cooperative Extension Master Food Preservers will present "All Dried Up!" A basic intro to safe dehydration techniques. Free. 10 a.m.-Noon. Sacramento Cooperative Extension Office, 4145 Branch Center Rd., Sac. (916) 875-6913

Jensen Garden workdays

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4: Friends of the Iensen Botanical Garden garden workday. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring work gloves, hand pruners and your lunch. Come join with other volunteers to keep the garden beautiful all year. 8520 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael. Tracy Kerth (916) 485-5322 ext. 23, tracy@carmichaelpark.com

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Mayor Kevin Johnson said it is an impressive building.

"It feels like a Borders in the middle of the Greenhaven-Pocket area," Johnson said. "It has a big meeting room, public computers, it is kid-friendly and energy efficient. A real tribute to Robbie Waters."

Many Sacramento City Council members attended the event, along with State Senate President Pro Tem

Daryl Steinberg and Nathan Dietrich, district director for Congresswoman Doris Matsui.

Waters said the \$15 million cost to build the library came from the City of Sacramento Community Reinvestment Capital Improvement Project Funds, Freeport Regional Water Authority Mitigation Funds, and City of Sacramento Council District 7 Discretionary

Enhancement funds came from Roger and Carolyn Fong in memory of their daughter, Michele Fong Beam, First Five of California and Friends of the Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

'This is a happy day for Sacramento," Steinberg said. "This is an opportunity to be thankful. For a down economy, three new libraries opened this year. Three things make a library important: It is a place for people of all walks of life to gather, it provides access and exposure to institutions of education and it creates lifelong learners."

"I love this library," said Ian Briggs, an eleven-yearold, who attends Matsumoto Elementary School and was busy using one of the new kids' computers.

Friends of the Library member Kathy Donovan said the new facility is a beautiful, fantastic place for the community.

It is within walking distance for many people," Donovan said. "Another convenience is the Friends bookstore to the left at the entrance of the library that sells used books between 50 cents and a dollar and is open during library hours."

Yvonne Correa, who also said she is very excited that she can walk to the library in eight minutes, is looking forward to bringing her grandchildren here.

"I appreciate the large print books," Correa said. Your eyes don't work as well as you get older."

Many people who attended the opening celebration walked to the library from their homes, bringing kids and babies in strollers. There is a large bike rack for cyclists.

It didn't take but a few minutes, once inside the library, for people, old and young alike to start using the new facilities. Most of the computers in the adult section and the kids sec-

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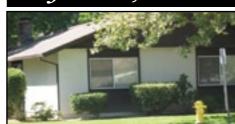




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The LEED-nominated library opened Aug. 28 and cost \$15 million to build.

Pocket News photo by Danny Kam

Waters

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tion were in use. A woman with book in hand sat in a comfy chair, reading in the well-lit room, undisturbed by the lavrge crowds drifting through.

The special features of the library include:

Radio Frequency Identification, a time-saving device where embedded chips in the books and other materials allow the borrower to check out a stack of books all at once, without having to

scan each item individually.

Á 72-seat community room for meetings and events. It has a built-in projector, sound system and a drop-down viewing screen.

Forty Internet-access computers, a Kid's Place where parents and caregivers are able to share stories, a Ready to Read Center that offers computers with early-learning software for children, ages eight years and younger and a Teen Room, with comfortable reading chairs, and computer stations.

Lots of smiling faces could be seen checking out the new library. As they perused the isles, there was a lot of "oohing" and "ahhing" over the many custom features available.

The Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library is located at 7335 Gloria Drive in Sacramento. Library hours are: 12 noon–8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, Closed Sunday and Monday. Learn more by calling (916) 264-2700 or visit www.saclibrary.org.



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