

More delay in resolution of Petrovich legal disputes

By Viewpoint Staff

The *Viewpoint* last reported that the lawsuit filed against the City of Sacramento, SCNA, Andrea Rosen and Eric Johnson was scheduled to be heard on the merits on May 12. Instead, the Court hearing on this date was devoted to ongoing wrangling over documents sought by Petrovich

as his side seeks to enhance the administrative record on which the suit will be decided. The parties also disputed the scheduling and scope of the four depositions allowed by the judge.

Briefly, at earlier hearings the Court reviewed detailed declarations submitted by city officials, including

(Please see Hearing, Page 8)



Norm, far right, and his popular band, will take the stage June 25.

Norman and the Boyz to open summer's Music in the Park

By Faith Johnstone,
Sierra 2 events coordinator

Jazz and R&B by Norman and the Boyz will kick off the neighborhood's wildly popular Music in the Park season on Sunday June 25 in Curtis Park.

The free, three concert season is held from 6-8 p.m. on the final Sunday in June, July and August.

On these nights neighbors and their friends gather in the park to relax, enjoy the program and sometimes dance. Many bring a picnic dinner, blankets and low, folding chairs. Councilmember Jay Schenirer

Music in the Park line-up

June 25: Norman and the Boyz

July 30: Bad Catz

Aug. 27: On Air
(After Curtis Fest)

plans to scoop up three flavors of ice cream for free.

Dogs on leashes and children abound. Each concert also features Mr. Cooper, a favorite children's entertainer.

The concerts are among the programs paid for by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association.



All-district bike ride

More than 40 bicyclists joined councilmember Jay Schenirer May 13 for an all-district ride to celebrate Bike Month. The ride was designed to emphasize Sacramento's efforts

to make the city more bike friendly. The cyclists made a pit stop at the Oak Park Farmers Market, which is in McClatchy Park and part of Schenirer's District 5.

New senior club

Challenging games and art keep brains fit and healthy

By Katie Byram
Sierra 2 staff

A new activity aimed at stimulating senior minds starts this month at the Sierra 2 Senior Center. Led by Program Assistant Doug Lovelace, the Memory and Mind Club will meet from 11:40 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. Thursdays in Room 12, except on the third Thursday of each month. This new club features a variety of fun activities intended to strengthen memory, cognitive skills, neuroplasticity, problem-solving and creativity. The first club meeting on June 8 will include a short online brain assessment test followed by a competitive round of the memory game Concentration.

The Memory and Mind Club is an idea Doug has thought about for a quite some time. Witnessing memory

decline firsthand, Doug thought this kind of activity could help many seniors.

Doug firmly believes the idiom, "If you don't use it, you lose it." While it is true that memory and cognition change with age, the brain is actually capable of producing new cells at any age, so significant memory loss is not an inevitable result of aging. Just like other muscles in the body, the brain must be exercised to stay strong and sharp. Lifestyles, health habits and daily activities can have a huge impact on the brain's health. The Memory and Mind Club will help seniors engage their brains in fun and different ways while, it is hoped, inspiring them to be more "mindful" on a daily basis.



Senior Center file photo

The first meeting of Memory and Mind Club is June 8.

Club activities will change weekly and may include drawing, painting, photography and sculpting, which tap into creativity, nurture problem solving skills, and promote brain plasticity. Similarly, there will be physical exercise like aerobics and dance to boost cognitive health and hand-eye coordination.

The club will also use computer and video games to enhance brain boosting activities. Finally, game days with a spread of word games such as Scrabble, Boggle and Bananagrams offer an opportunity for socialization, which can delay memory loss in seniors.

All are welcome to participate in this new activity. There is no set fee to join the Memory & Mind Club, but donations are always appreciated. Please call 455-6339 with questions.

Call for grads

The July *Viewpoint* will run a shout out to the high school, college and graduate school graduates in our neighborhood. Parents can submit their grad's photo and this critical info: name, home street in Curtis Park, name of school, degree (college or post-graduate), plans for travel, college or profession and name of parents.

We also need one parent's phone number and email to use for verification and if we have questions. Neither of these is for print.

Our deadline is June 15. Please meet the deadline.

Please send the high resolution photo and information to Carol at carolxo@comcast.net. Photos and info can also be left at the Sierra 2 office during business hours. Please be sure to put the graduate's name on the back of the picture. — Judy Scheible

Chocolate Fish

For months we've been teased by the sign on the former lawn mower shop on Freeport Boulevard that Chocolate Fish is coming. Okay, but when?

According to owner Edie Baker, the opening is about four months away. The contractor is still working on plans and has yet to file for permits.

Dog Days of Summer cancelled

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Dog Days of Summer event has been

cancelled. Please stay tuned for a rescheduled/new craft beer event in the near future.

Notes from May 3rd meeting

SCNA’s first \$1 million budget includes theater renovation

Home and Garden Tour recap

Tour Committee Chair **Lori Harder** thanked Executive Director **Terri Shettle** for securing sponsorships, which added to this year’s success. Homeowners and front yard gardeners did a great job. More than 1,000 tickets were sold, fundraising goals were met, the weather cooperated and everyone had a good time. Board members thanked Lori and the home tour committee.

Budget development updates

Terri reported that SCNA has its first ever \$1 million budget — \$200,000 more than last year with \$140,000 going toward the 24th Street Theatre updates. The project will be finished in phases with seating and carpeting first. The budget reflects changes in overall income, instructor fees, and rental income from Sierra House tenants, with \$12,000 additional income this year. Two spaces that formerly contributed to the revenue were vacant this year. The budget reflects a small increase in membership, no increase in *Viewpoint* income or expenses, and continuation of all current programs and activities.

Expenses include marketing, membership and development. **John Mathews** commented that SCNA income has doubled since Terri was hired. Sierra House is now

updated and is rented on an hourly basis. Board members enjoyed a lively discussion regarding what the city expects from SCNA regarding the facility and what to do with the reserve fund. President **Eric Johnson** asked **Dan Pskowski**, an arborist, to advise SCNA at the next board meeting if our investment to treat the trees in Curtis Park is worth it.

Big Day of Giving

Terri thanked board members for their contributions. Neighbors and anonymous sources have left checks in the office. Our goal is to reach \$10,000 to help fund the theater improvements. (Story on Page 5.)

Action Items

Neighborhood Concerns Committee approved a letter to the city regarding the Crocker Village design. Andrea Rosen credited Nancy McKeever for early analysis of the project. Design/development guidelines from NCC were adopted by the city. The concerns listed in the letter were to avoid the suburban style development model such as huge numbers of parking spaces which create a heat island; to increase safe routes for pedestrians and bicycles through the parking lot; and to place doors facing the street to encourage people to enter the buildings from Crocker Drive.

The current architecture looks like a typical stucco suburban strip mall. Homes on Crocker will be facing the backs of commercial buildings and fire exits unless they are designed differently. The original drawing of Curtis Park Village had a meandering drive similar to Pavilions.

May 10 was the deadline for the letter to the city. Neighbors are urged to also write and encourage the city to stick to the spirit and guidelines of the original design agreement.

President’s Report

Curtis Park tennis courts will be used by McClatchy High School for two hours a day during summer while the high school undergoes repairs.

Executive Director

Prospective new employee Rose Browne will hopefully start at the end of May as the booking specialist.

Terri said the city will be finishing Americans with Disabilities Act work on the Castro Way parking lot.

Terri continues talking to the city regarding the interpretation of our lease, which has six years to go.

Finance Committee

A huge surge in revenue, the successful home tour and rentals put SCNA back on track with its original budget.

Facilities

Replacing solar panels to help with electrical costs was discussed.

Development

During the budget discussion, **Andi Liebenbaum** mentioned the activities that generate income and what the committee could contribute to the budget. It was debated whether to fundraise on a limited basis or expand on existing ideas. For the strategic plan meeting, it was suggested we should revisit the idea of the facility as a revenue generator and SCNA as revenue spender because this aging

facility will need reinvestment.

The \$30 a month from a vending machine may pay for a ping pong table or pool table.

Neighborhood Concerns

Land Park neighbor **Stephanie Duncan** attended the last NCC meeting regarding homeless concerns.

Dan Pskowski reported “illegal dumping” about a pile of trash on 24th Street to the city. The piles are endless and should all be reported when spotted. Regarding the Castro Way project, Dan recommended a setback so trees can be planted.

Personnel

The committee did not meet, but its members reviewed the first exit interview. **Angela Mia** reported feedback from the employee was positive. The committee will formulate a way to report feedback to the board.

Senior Center

Angela reported a three-year AARP employee has been working at the Senior Center. The Federal AARP Program is on the chopping block, so decisions need to be made regarding creating a position for him. The seniors like him, and he is there four days a week. He helps with the My Story projects, which are family-based Story Corps projects. New volunteers are needed to keep the program going, as current volunteers have health issues.

— Submitted by
Kate Van Buren, board secretary

Next meeting

The next meeting of the SCNA Board will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 7 in the Garden Room at Sierra 2.

President’s message

Let’s remember what sport is all about

There’s a lot of talk about basketball and soccer in the City of Trees. It ranges from stadiums and arenas to tentative deals and the “ch-ching” of millions of dollars.

But let’s get back to what it’s all about when it comes to sports. Entrance is free; the participants are enthusiastic and excited about every play, despite being compensated in corn dogs and a small drink. Coaches don’t curse at the umps, mainly because much of the time, the coaches are the umps. And the priciest item at the concession stand is a Taco in a Bag, which will set you back \$3.50 (\$4 if you want extra chili.)

Yes, I’m writing from the third-base stands at Dooley Field in Land Park. The sun is behind the trees by game time, and despite the stands being mostly full (it’s the final regular season game for the AA Orioles), I won’t blow smoke and say the quality of play is fantastic. I don’t see a whole lot of called strikes, and most fielders will run the ball in instead of taking a chance on an errant throw. Nonetheless, there’s something magical about seeing the huge grin after a fly ball lands in a glove

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or the bat makes surprising contact with a pitch.

Even though these 8-year-olds will be done for the year in three innings, there’s still a chance for you to take in a game or two.

The AAA and Major players still have playoffs, and the winner of the Land Park Pacific Little League gets to play in the Tournament of Champions.

Some of the Majors players are really impressive: double plays, home runs over the Six Flags banner in center field (earning the batter a Suzie Burger), and a visceral “thwack!” as a fastball comes straight down the pipe. Games are just six innings — Dooley has no lights, so the games have to end before sundown.

Most importantly, the Snack Shack will be open. Burgers (\$2.50) and dogs (\$1.50) fresh off the grill, tater tots and fries (\$1) hot from the fryer, sodas bubbly from the fountain (\$1.50 for a large), and more candy than you can shake a licorice rope at. Finish out spring by letting some wonderful boys and girls, including several from Curtis Park, remind you what sport is all about.

And go ahead, shell out for the extra chili.

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The *Viewpoint* appreciates neighbors who submit news about their babies, new neighbors, milestones and special events. This includes letters to the editor.

Please send them by the 15th of the month to jgscheible@hotmail.com.

Annual home tour nets \$19,000

By Lori Harder
Special to the Viewpoint

Nearly 1,000 tour goers from as far away as Stockton and Chico took in the Sierra Curtis Park Home Tour on a sunny day on the last Saturday in April.

“We really enjoyed it very much,” one guest commented. “We loved the houses, the old cars, and the people in vintage clothing. We have never seen such beautiful older homes. We did not know that Curtis Park was so nice — just loved it!”

The tour featured five lovely and diverse homes and gardens, and four front yard landscapes.

A community festival atmosphere prevailed at the north end of Curtis Park with expanded arts and crafts for sale, along with food and live music, vintage cars, and informational displays.

The event netted \$19,000, helping



Photos/Rudy Calpo

This year’s tour featured five lovely homes and four front yard gardens.

fund SCNA programs and the Sierra 2 Center.

We owe great thanks to the homeowners who generously prepared and opened their homes and gardens to tour goers. Thanks also to those who put finishing touches on their renovated front yard gardens, sharing information about their landscaping projects, water use and maintenance.

The organizing committee— Lori



Home Tour Chair Lori Harder’s nephews Desmond, 4, and Sawyer, 6, are both long-time Model T and Model A fans. Sawyer has participated in the Curtis Park tour annually since he was two years old. This is Desmond’s 2nd year.

Harder, Janice Calpo and Connie Noble — recognize the dedicated and professional SCNA staff, dozens of volunteers who monitored the homes, Sacramento A’s Model A Club, the Sacramento Art Deco Society,

Northern California Arts, Inc., and sponsors including SMUD, Joseph Eschleman, and Steffan Brown for their commitment and support of this important neighborhood fundraising event.

What’s new at Sierra 2

Meditation focuses on wholeness

Whether new to meditation or experienced, this meditation class allows participants to explore at their own pace while learning and sharing insights and experiences with a group. The class is for anyone who is looking for connection within herself or himself and with others in a gentle community.

Class meets the first and third Mondays of each month in Room 10. The door opens at 5:30 p.m., and the class is from 6-7 p.m. A \$20 contribution is suggested.

More information is available at 678-0458 or divinesparkrenewal.com.

Connecting with your loving self

The Divine Spark Sanctuary is a space for guests to have direct connection and communication with the Universal Presence within themselves. The Sanctuary is comprised of a Circle of Practitioners who engage with the Universal Presence within each person, to bring their lives in alignment. These alignments are gentle, powerful and joyful; they guide each person to their center with new, expansive awareness for their lives.

Class meets from 6:30-9 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays in Room 10. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., opening meditation begins at

7:15 p.m. and the clinic is from 7:30–9 p.m. The suggested fee is \$20.

More information is at 678-0458 or divinesparkrenewal.com.

You’re never too old to Zumba

Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults looking for a modified Zumba class that recreates the original moves at a lower intensity. The class introduces easy-to-follow choreography focusing on balance, range of motion and coordination. It emphasizes all elements of fitness: cardiovascular, muscular conditioning, flexibility and balance.

No experience is necessary. Participants need to wear supportive sneakers, bring a towel and water. They should anticipate sweating and feeling empowered and strong.

The instructor is Lisa Renee. Classes are from 4:45–5:45 p.m. Wednesdays through August in Studio 2. The fee is \$40 per month. To register, visit rivercitytaps.com.

Learn the art of Burlesque

Dancer Meoww Wowie will teach an eight week Burlesque dance class that focuses on musicality, theatricality, and dance techniques. This class is open to all levels, from beginner to seasoned performer. Each class will include stretching, strength training warm up, technique

drills, choreography, and cool down.

Classes are held from 7:30–8:45 p.m. on Wednesdays from June 7-July 26 in Studio 1. The series cost is \$120. For more information and to register for the series, email instructor Jessica “Meoww Wowie” Carter at MovementWithMeow@gmail.com.

A positive, nonjudgmental fitness atmosphere for moms

Baby Boot Camp is a 60-minute full body workout for prenatal and postpartum women instructed by nationally certified fitness professional Heather Osoy. Classes are held from 5:45-6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays in Studio 1. The class environment is supportive, positive and inclusive, acknowledging each woman’s individual journey to better health and wellness. Classes incorporate music, games and team building exercises. Students also get together for social events outside of class. It’s optional to bring your little ones.

The first class is free, but registration is required. Subsequent classes are a \$10 drop-in fee.

For information, contact Heather at 842-4583 or heather.osoy@babybootcamp.com.

To register, visit babybootcamp.com/locations/california/sacramento-oak-park-ca.

— Valerie Burrows, facility administrator



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1st and 3rd Mondays
5:30-7 p.m., Room 10
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502-6773, GoodShepherdCommunity.org
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Schenirer's message

Thank you Joe Devlin, welcome Allison Joe

When I decided to run for the City Council nearly eight years ago, I called around for suggestions of who I could recruit to work with me on the field portion of my campaign. I knew I was the underdog — I had no institutional backing from labor or business — and that to win I would simply have to outwork my opponent. From various folks the answer came back: Joe Devlin. I clearly remember our first meeting at the old Temple coffee on 10th Street. He had done his homework on me and laid out a winning strategy for the campaign. I hired him on the spot.

For the next 21 months, we spent more time together than we did with our families. Knocking on doors, attending events, raising money, and strategizing about the campaign pretty much filled our lives. During that period, I got to know Joe well and decided that if I won, I would offer Joe the chief of staff job. I could not have made a better decision. It did not hurt that Joe lived in Curtis Park, served on the SCNA Board and understood the neighborhood.

Over the past six years, our district office has been aggressive and pro-active in attempting to meet the needs of the many neighborhoods we represent. Clearly, our work in Curtis Park is no exception. From our initial involvement in saving heritage trees in Curtis Park Village and rescuing the funding for the Curtis Park Court Senior Project to dealing with the



City Councilmember
Jay Schenirer

Curtis Park/Crocker Village project, Joe has been with me every step of the way. His counsel and support have been invaluable.

Joe's combination of skills covers policy and practice. Now he is transitioning to a new position in the city, chief of Cannabis Policy and Enforcement. While Joe's leaving is a loss to the district and the council, I believe he will be a great asset to the city in his new position. As we sort through the complexities of cannabis, it is imperative that the city have someone in the lead who can balance the issues of public and neighborhood safety on the one hand and potential city revenues and jobs on the other. I know Joe will be successful in his new role. On behalf of myself and the District, I cannot thank him enough for his work.

Replacing Joe is no easy task, but I am excited to welcome Allison Joe to the district. She comes to us after serving six years as deputy director of the California Strategic Growth Council, under the Governor's Office. She worked on affordable housing, transportation and health equity policies. Her previous jobs included stints as a senior planner at the Governor's Office of Planning and Research and at the California Department of Housing and Community Development. Allison earned a master of planning from the University of Southern California and a bachelor of arts at Claremont McKenna College. Locally, Allison served two terms as a commissioner on the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, and she is an active volunteer with several housing, community development and arts organizations. She'll make a great addition to the team. Please help me welcome Allison to District 5.



Allison Joe



Joe Devlin

Craft House restaurant permit was denied

By Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Plans were announced earlier this year to convert the building formerly used by the Society for the Blind into a restaurant and beer garden called The Craft House Restaurant. The building at 2750 24th St. is across from Sierra 2. The building has been vacant since the Society for the Blind moved several years ago.

The property is zoned R-1 (residential) and requires a conditional use permit to re-establish commercial

use. A public hearing was held May 11 by Zoning Administrator Joy Patterson.

The hearing began with a short staff presentation about the project. The city planner described plans by owners Larry and Dayle Rodenborn to mitigate neighborhood concerns of noise, traffic and parking. The Rodenborn family resides on Third Avenue, near the planned restaurant. They previously held two meetings with SCNA and neighbors about the proposed site.

The owners' architect described the planned mitigation factors to address neighbor concerns. These

include a seven-foot-high sound wall along the alley adjacent to the restaurant. Business hours would be limited to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Bike racks were planned to encourage bicycle use. The number of on-site parking spaces in the plan are the same as the nearby Café Dantorels. The city planner recommended approval of the conditional use permit.

More than 20 neighbors attended this afternoon hearing. Six spoke about their concerns in opposition and one spoke in support of the permit. The limited parking impacted by events at Sierra 2, additional noise in a very quiet area and delivery trucks were the concerns often repeated by neighbors. One neighbor from Third Avenue presented a five-page petition signed by 110 people opposing the restaurant.

At the hearing's conclusion, the request for the conditional use permit was denied. After the hearing Dayle Rodenborn wrote an email message that she and Larry have no plans to appeal the decision and are uncertain about their plans for the property.

Neighbors show generosity for Sierra 2

By Terri Shettle
Executive director of Sierra 2

With the 24th Street Theatre improvements as the focus of the 2017 Big Day of Giving campaign, SCNA received 105 donations totaling \$14,031. About half of that is designated specifically to the theater renovation per donor requests. The rest will go toward Sierra 2 Center,

Senior Center programs, and general SCNA neighborhood and community activities.

The 2017 results are double any previous year's donations. Thanks to all neighbors and friends of Sierra 2 Center who contributed. A special Thank You to Gunther's Ice Cream, Gerre Beuhler, Carrie Sage and Paul Miller, Joe Larrea and Mike Miller, Richard Walters and Fran Coletti.



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11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 2nd Monday

June 12: "My Life on the Road"

by Gloria Steinem

July 10: "Suite Francaise"

by Irene Nemirovsky

Nonfiction Book Club

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday

June 15: The Boys in the Boat

by Daniel James Brown

July 20: "Empire of the Summer Moon"

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Popcorn & Movie

1:30–3:30 p.m., 3rd Tuesday

"The Fall"

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11:40 a.m.–12:25 p.m., Thursdays

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Beginning Drumming

1-2 p.m., Tuesdays, Studio 1

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My Story Project meeting

1-3 p.m., 2nd Monday of the month

Life History Writing

1-4 p.m., Wednesdays

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Noon–3 p.m., Friday, Room 11

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Trees of Curtis Park

All about mulch: What kind to use and how thick to apply it

By Dan Pskowski
Viewpoint staff writer

Summer is upon us and if you haven't already done so, now is a good time to apply an organic type of mulch around the trees, shrubs and other plant material in your yard.

Just what is mulch and why is it important? Mulch is any material such as straw, leaves, wood chips, plastic film, or compost spread on the soil surface to cover and protect it. Mulches such as plastic or rock over plastic are not recommended around trees or other plant material. Plastic mulches do not allow water to penetrate the soil and can also interfere with gas exchange below the soil that encourages root diseases.

Organic mulches can be effective in controlling annual weeds. They exclude light from weed seeds, which inhibits germination. The coarser the material, the deeper the mulch must be to prevent light from filtering down to the soil. Mulching is a beneficial treatment. It reduces surface evaporation and the soil stays moist longer which reduces water use. Soil erosion and water loss are reduced because the mulch breaks the impact of rain and sprinkler drops and slows down the movement of water. Organic mulch cools the soil temperature by as much as 10 degrees. Conversely, the use of rock

Where to get mulch and free wood chips

Organic mulches can be purchased at garden centers. Sacramento Municipal Utility District offers free wood chips, which can be picked up at the SMUD Yard at 6100 Folsom Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Monday–Friday; telephone 732–5854. Be sure to bring your own tools to load

chips and bags to carry them or tarp to cover a pickup load.

Free wood chips are also available through a new app that helps arborists get rid of wood chips and gardeners get cheap mulch. It is Chipdrop.com.

over plastic will increase the soil temperature by 6 degrees.

Soil is a living organism made up of earthworms, soil microorganisms, bacteria, and fungi. Organic mulches are a benefit to these organisms, especially earthworms which feed on live and dead organic matter. Earthworm activity aerates and mixes the soil and is conducive to mineralization of nutrients and their uptake by trees and vegetation.

The application of mulch is one of the best things you can do for your trees, especially young trees. Grass growing around young trees can significantly reduce tree growth by as much as 65 percent. Keep the grass at least three feet from the base. Organic mulches benefit mycorrhizae,

which is soil fungi that colonize the tree's absorbing roots. The mycorrhizae help the tree with mineral absorption and play a protective role in keeping harmful pathogens away. When applying mulch, don't pile it around the base of the trunk; keep it six inches away which will prevent diseases.

Mulch should be one to three inches deep for finer materials such as saw dust, grass clippings, or composted manure. It should be three to six inches deep for bark, wood chips, or straw. If you have a slope, shredded cedar is recommended because it knits together and doesn't easily slough off or wash away. Laying down a weed barrier or landscape fabric before you apply mulch isn't recommended because it's a barrier for earthworms and soil microorganisms.



Photo/Mike Scheible

Tree surprises neighbors

Shirlee McKibbin got a rude awakening at 4 a.m. Sunday, May 7 when a mature American elm tree fell over across the street from her home at 22nd Street and 4th Avenue. The tree clipped the neighbor's house and caused an electrical fire. Shirlee called 911. The firemen arrived quickly and so did the city tree crew.

SMUD restored electricity to the few homes that were affected. Arborist and SCNA board member Dan Pskowski inspected the downed tree and found no obvious reason for its failure. He suspects it fell because its root system was unable to support the uneven distribution of weight of its limbs.

Sunday Street draws crowds to ride and play on Broadway

Broadway was transformed into playgrounds, walkers and runners in the middle of the street on Sunday, May 21. From 8 a.m. to noon the city

closed Broadway from Riverside Boulevard to 26th Street, then south to Second Avenue, turning left (east) and extending to Broadway in Oak Park.



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Broadway was closed to regular traffic for the morning of May 21. The street was filled walkers, runners and people playing games in the street.



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COMMUNITY CORNER

Four years of sleuthing gave author plenty for murder mystery

By Rosanna Herber
Viewpoint staff writer

Anne Da Vigo is inviting neighbors to celebrate the launch of her novel, “Thread of Gold,” on June 11 at the Brickhouse Gallery & Art Complex at 36th Street and Broadway. The event is from 3–5 p.m. A former feature writer for the Sacramento Union newspaper, Da Vigo has lived on Ninth Avenue for the last 17 years with her husband, Tony, who is an attorney.

Anne’s novel is a murder mystery that involves three generations of women caught in a web created by greed. The spark for the story came from a news article about mysterious deaths in New York State’s Finger Lakes region, where Da Vigo’s immigrant ancestors settled more than 160 years ago. Her book is published by Quill Driver Press, a small independent press.

“It was fun to research this book because I learned several secrets about my family,” Anne said. “How often do you get to live out your ideas and solve a mystery from the past?”

Da Vigo spent four years digging into the history of the small town near her ancestors’ farm. She wove much of what she found into the story, which pivots on unexpected twists and turns.



Photo/Will Carlton

Anne DaVigo will introduce her novel from 3–5 p.m. June 11 at the Brickhouse Gallery in Oak Park.

Da Vigo said she enjoys living in Curtis Park because the people are friendly, and the location is convenient to schools and the downtown. Her daughter graduated from McClatchy High School and is a practicing attorney in San Diego. Da Vigo said she enjoys walking around the track at Curtis Park because she can enjoy the trees and visit with longtime friends.

“I hope neighbors will come to the celebration,” Da Vigo said. “We will serve wine, and I’ll read passages from the book. Everyone is welcome.”



Photo/Judy Harper

My Hunh, Barry Broad with her sons Quan and Minh at home on 26th Street.

A new family adds enthusiasm to our Curtis Park community

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

Maybe it was the appeal of ice cream within a short walk when Barry Broad, his fiancée and her sons combined households with a recent move to 26th Street.

Barry, a labor lawyer and lobbyist, and his fiancée, My Hunh, a dentist who practices in Stockton, share their home with her sons Quan, 14, Minh, 12, and their two dogs. Barry previously lived on Castro Way while My and her family were in Elk Grove. The blended family now has many kitchen utensils and garden tools but

never enough toilet paper. Barry and My didn’t waste any time after they settled into 26th Street. They took out the swimming pool and made plans to build a greenhouse, a fountain and plant some fruit trees. “We love the wonderful sense of community in Curtis Park. People are out walking and gardening,” Barry said. “Visually, it’s spectacular with the trees, beautiful houses and flowers.” The boys like the basketball hoops at Sierra Green, a short walk around the corner from their home. And our local ice cream shop. As Barry emphasized, “Walking to Gunther’s. Walking to Gunther’s — it bears repeating.”

Music camp aims to chase those summer blues away for ages 8 to 11

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

A week of music camp may be just what a youngster needs after six weeks of vacation. From July 24-28 musician and vocalist Casey Lipka will lead a program at Sierra 2 geared to children ages 8-11 years old. According to Casey, the campers will have fun while singing, learning about their voices and musicianship, along with participating in musical

activities, games, creative writing, songwriting and art. Participants will also learn about music theory and use some rhythm instruments for the performance at the camp’s conclusion. A concert for the community will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday, July. 28. Casey has taught music classes at several local elementary schools, including William Land Park Elementary School and Crocker Riverside Elementary School. She also


conducts a 60-member youth choir. She has received high praise from one student’s parent, Cath Mascall of Land Park. “My daughter has greatly enjoyed her weekly choir sessions at school,” said Cath in an email. “I think Casey is an excellent role model for the students as she is clearly passionate about music.” Casey was classically trained at Concordia University in Montreal and later finished her music degree at Sac State in jazz voice and improvisation.

She’s currently in a band called Cave Women, a group of five women who play and sing original music. Besides voice and piano, Casey plays the stand-up bass and mbira, an African thumb piano. Casey’s music camp will run from 9-5 p.m. in Sierra 2’s Garden Room and Room 9. The cost is \$300. For information and registration, visit www.SacChoirCamp.com.

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Bret Harte news

Students learn to cook and eat healthy food in Food Literacy program

By Adriana Gonzalez
Viewpoint staff writer

Food Literacy
after-school program

AmeriCorps provides food literacy to students at Bret Harte’s after-school program through Food Literacy Center. Kindergarteners through sixth graders participate in this wonderful program, which inspires children to eat fruits and vegetables. Every Wednesday afternoon, students receive a new healthy recipe to read, discuss and prepare, with help from AmeriCorps’ Food Literacy Center Service members. Students can taste new fruit and vegetables, learn to follow recipes and read nutrition labels. The program gives kids the confidence to prepare their own healthy snack. For a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, swap out the peanut butter for sunflower seed butter, white bread for whole wheat, and the jelly for fresh seasonal fruit.

The after-school program’s aim is to



make kids educators by taking home what they’ve learned and assist their households in making healthier food choices. Most importantly, students have fun gaining cooking skills and learning about the environmental impact of their food choices. You can learn more about the Food Literacy Center program at foodliteracycenter.org.



AmeriCorps volunteer talks to students about healthy snacks and guides them on how to prepare them.

Family Night at Bret Harte

Last month’s Bret Harte Family Fun Food Literacy Night was a huge success. Thanks to all the Bret Harte families and sponsors who came out and made this a wonderful and lively event. Sacramento Kings Dancers were on site to meet families and sign posters. The famous Sacramento Kings mascot, Slamson the lion, also made an appearance and danced with the kids. Way Up Sacramento and the Sacramento family food bank were on site distributing fresh carrots and strawberries. Local farmstead, Yisreal Family Farms, was also present and shared their food literacy passion for urban farming.

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Hearing: No need for Schenirer deposition

(Continued from page one)
Councilmember Jay Schenirer, regarding their disposition of texts and emails concerning city business conducted on their private emails or cell phones. Due to a change in the law announced in March 2017 by the California Supreme Court requiring public agencies to produce some of these private emails and texts as public records, the Court has allowed some depositions to see if these witnesses can recall the content of any of those emails or texts that were deleted prior to the change in law. Judge Michael Kenny resisted the mighty efforts of Petrovich’s lawyers to order the

deposition of Councilmember Jay Schenirer, noting that Schenirer’s declaration and production of emails and texts were satisfactory. The fact that Petrovich has filed two lawsuits against the city (one for damages and one seeking to overturn the city’s denial of the permit to build the megafuel center) has complicated the deposition scheduling. After the judge declined to micro-manage the scheduling conflict, both parties agreed to move forward. The hearing on the merits of the case challenging the city’s denial of the fuel station permit was tentatively set for Oct. 13.

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