

Senior housing is taking shape

By Sue Staats
Viewpoint staff writer

Affordable senior housing in Curtis Park Village moved a step closer to reality June 11 when the City Council approved the plan for the 91-unit complex. It will be built and managed by Domus Development.

To be called Curtis Park Court, the complex will launch new housing within the 72-acre Curtis Park Village, according to Domus president Meea Kang. Most of the 91 apartments will have one bedroom, a few will be studios or have two bedrooms. The housing is designed to be affordable to seniors on a fixed income. Rents will start at \$400 a month for studios and top out at \$1,030 for two bedrooms, with one-bedroom space renting for \$450-\$915 a month.

Architect for the project is the Oakland and Davis-based firm YHLA. Domus has worked with them on several senior housing projects, most recently and notably La Valentina project in Alkali Flats.

With over a dozen projects in Northern California, Domus Development specializes in high-density infill projects, focusing on environmentally responsible senior and affordable housing.

Kang is excited about Curtis Park Court, calling



The drawing depicts the housing complex Domus Development plans for Curtis Park Village.

it “a great place for seniors to continue to thrive and maintain independence.” Seniors will enjoy large indoor and outdoor community areas, raised-bed community gardens, and a secure bike room to encourage use of the many planned bike paths. The building entrance will feed directly into the pedestrian bridge that will connect to the Sacramento City College light rail station. A program called “Life Steps” will provide services and programs for the residents.

Cost for the project is pegged at \$20 million, which, according to Kang, will be funded with a combination of \$1.8 million from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency and tax credit allocation. The latter is a government program in which low-income housing projects are awarded tax credits that are then sold to investors to raise equity. Domus will apply for

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Transcribers make and give books to the blind

By Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint Staff Writer

Sacramento Braille Transcribers was among the first tenants at Sierra 2, starting when the facility opened. It rents two rooms that it’s filled with equipment and books. The volunteers transcribe books for visually impaired persons to read in braille. According to the National Braille Association, “Braille is a system of reading and writing using raised dots. It allows people who are blind to read with their fingers.”

The volunteers passed a test administered by the Library of Congress to become certified as braille transcribers. They enter words from books into a computer software program and double check them for accuracy. Then the words are “embossed” in braille by a machine that raises the dots on special paper. Single copies of the books are bound and sent to school libraries, teachers or blind individuals. Donations help fund the costs for equipment and supplies.

Math and science textbooks are the mainstay of their transcribing work. One volunteer also specializes in picture books for very young students, including such classics as “Goodnight Moon” and “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” These books have few words but mostly grand pictures of animals and other subjects. Their depiction in raised outlines in plastic is called “thermoforms.”



Photo/Joan Cusick

Betty Falltrick watches a document run through the Braille embossing machine. Certified by the Library of Congress 43 years ago, Betty has been transcribing materials into Braille ever since.

Often other materials, including sandpaper, are used to enhance the tactile “feel” of the pictures. The graphical images in math books and maps are produced using similar techniques.

The transcribers are looking for additional projects for schools or individuals. Their Sierra 2 office is in Room 7 and 8, and they are open from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays. For more information: Sacramento Braille Transcribers at 455-9121.

SUMMER in Curtis Park

Music in the Park July 28

Versatile musicians with a bold, American repertoire will fire up their instruments for a couple of hours Sunday evening July 28 for the second Music in the Park concert this summer. The band West of Next will be on stage with their new member, Lillian McLeod. She’s an experienced actress and singer who swings from R&B and rock to country, Western swing and other genres.

The official concert time is 6-8 p.m., but neighbors know to come early with blankets, low chairs and picnics. The City ordinance forbids alcohol in the park, so the neighborhood association will set up its beer garden to sell beer and wine.

The concert will include a children’s program of songs and chatter by Music Mike.



West of Next performs July 28.

Get into the swing

Like most events in our neighborhood, Music in the Park runs on volunteer power. Sierra 2 is looking for neighbors to help with the beer garden, serve beverages and act as a cashier.

Movie in the Park July 12

Among the summer movie evenings sponsored by City Councilmember Jay Schenirer is a showing July 12 of “ParaNorman.” This 2012 animated comedy horror film stars a teenage boy who can talk to the dead, a skill critical to his town’s survival. There will be two food trucks. Popcorn at 7:45 p.m., movie at 8:30 p.m. It’s free.

Music in the Park Aug. 25

Maybe the most popular band to play on Curtis Park’s stage, On Air is guaranteed a warm welcome when it returns to the neighborhood stage Aug. 25. If any band can get neighbors on their feet to dance, this is it.

On Air is half way through its third decade. Its show includes classics, ballads, Motown winners. The band’s exciting choreography and superb vocal harmony with screaming horns give everyone plenty of reason to applaud between dances. Music Matt will return with his children’s show.

The Aug. 25 concert is the last one for the season. All the concerts are sponsored by SCNA.

Curtis Fest

Preceding August’s evening concert will be a day of art, music and food

for Curtis Fest. The event often draws up to 50 fine artists, photographers and crafters.

At midday, guests can hear musicians perform near the food truck vendors. Among the musicians are guitarist Jon Merriman and the Mike Justis Band.

Food truck vendors include Wicked ‘Wich, Mama Kims and Local Kine Shaved Ice.

For the children, there will be a petting zoo and the Happily Ever Laughter Fairy. For questions, contact the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.



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Volunteers needed Aug. 10 for park clean-up team

Calling all park parents, a.k.a. volunteers in the Adopt-a-Park program, the next clean-up day is Aug. 10. Work is from 9 a.m. to noon. Sign-ups are encouraged at NCC@sierra2.org so organizers can email a list of items to bring and the meeting place. New volunteers are welcome.

Notes from June 12th meeting

Supervisor updates board on initiatives and discusses issues

Supervisor Phil Serna stops by
Sacramento County
Supervisor Phil Serna came by the June board meeting to update the board on his initiatives and answer questions. The County passed a \$3.5 billion budget June 11 and staved off layoffs in the sheriff’s office. Supervisor Serna started a blue ribbon commission to address the disproportionate African American child deaths in the County. The board of supervisors approved the commission’s recommendations to address the issue and a \$500,000 budget over five years with matching funds from First5.
Serna is also trying to maximize the availability of lifejackets for youngsters on our waterways, especially during the summer. It is a City and County ordinance that everyone under age 13 wears a lifejacket. The Kids Don’t Float campaign sets up lifejacket loaning systems that

The SCNA Board meets at 7 p.m. in the Garden Room on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting is July 10. For more information, call the Sierra 2 office at 452-3005.

operate on an honor system.
Supervisor Serna also spoke about the ongoing possessory tax dispute between Sierra 2 and the County. He is committed to working with both sides to find a solution. He encouraged the board to look at similar organizations operating community centers within the County to see if any others have faced a possessory tax.

Welcome new members
The board added two members this month. **Cara Martinson**, a South Land Park native, has lived in Curtis Park for

four years. She is impressed by the activities the association puts on in the neighborhood and the strong sense of community throughout Curtis Park. Cara looks forward to engaging with the larger community through the board.
Marco Guizar, owner of the Fitsom fitness studio on Franklin Boulevard and Curtis Park resident, was recommended to the board by current member **Joe Eschleman**. Guizar enjoys living and working in Curtis Park, so much he hopes to move his mother to the neighborhood and looks forward to giving back by serving on the board.
Tree treatment under evaluation
With an arborist on the board, **Dan Pskowski**, it was decided to evaluate the effectiveness of treating the elm trees in the park against Dutch Elm’s disease. The board spends nearly \$15,000 every three years on a preventative

treatment that has not proven effective. The Neighborhood Concerns Committee will evaluate more information and bring a recommendation to the next board meeting on whether to pay for the treatment.
Senior Center and Board working on relations
The board approved hiring a facilitator to help with communication and establish procedures to ensure a strong working relationship with the Senior Center. Following last month’s proposal to move the Senior Center, this approach was recommended by the senior committee as a way to move forward effectively. Once the meeting is scheduled, users of the Senior Center and board members will be notified.
— Submitted by Nicole Quinonez,
Board Recording Secretary

Wine Tasting planning in the works for Oct. 5

It’s not too soon to circle Oct. 5 on your calendar for the Wine Tasting, our biggest event of the year. It will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sierra 2 Center.
Officially named the 23rd annual Wine Tasting, Beer Garden, and Silent Auction, the event is sponsored by the Sierra Curtis Neighborhood Association and Cook Realty. Event organizers are already planning for the neighborhood party.
Event aficionados know to expect tasting wonderfully prepared foods by at least 20 local restaurants, sipping samples of wines from 25 vintners and brews in the Belgian & Craft Beer Garden. There also are many opportunities for bargain goods and services in the silent auction and raffle.
No event like this happens without volunteers. This is an excellent way to get involved in the event and make friends with neighbors.
For sponsorship opportunities, contact terri@sierra2.org or 452-3005. To make a tax deductible donation to the silent auction/raffle: mmckenzie55@comcast.net or 396-8490. To volunteer or help support the committee: cari@caconsulting.org.

First Friday resumes in August with food truck

There is no First Friday in July because of the long Fourth of July weekend, but First Friday will take place from 6–9 p.m. Aug. 2 in Curtis Hall. The plan is to have a food truck serve dinners and to have Sierra 2 sell the beer, wine and soft drinks as well as do the s’mores.
No food truck had been secured by press time. Neighbors can watch their emails and the Center’s web site for the menu. Shettle said for sure there will be a kids’ meal available for \$4 (adults will be \$8).

No Viewpoint in August

The Viewpoint staff is taking a summer break, so there is no paper in August. We’ll be back to publish one in September. If you have a neighborhood story or a tip, please send it to us via the Sierra 2 office.
— the staff

Executive Director’s report
Community responds to Calls for Action

In early June, Sacramento witnessed a dramatic response to call for action: Hundreds of volunteers and businesses dedicated time, money and expertise to rebuild the burned-down playground in McKinley Park. Leaders of the ReBuild McKinley Playground project put out the call to action and were overwhelmed by the response. So much so that instead of simply rebuilding the playground, it was redesigned to become a grand attraction for the area. It was and still is the talk of the town.
As SCNA and Sierra 2 Center operate with a large dependence on volunteers and the generosity of donors, members and local businesses, the East Sacramento playground project made me reflect on and appreciate even more the importance of our supporters. We may not make the local news, and we may not see city-wide participation in our efforts, but one thing is certain: People in Curtis Park step up to the task when needed.

Recent examples of neighborhood response include the two park clean-up days in April and June. Both days saw 15 to 20 neighbors participate in the newly adopted Partners in Parks program. When we put out the request for donations to help us restore the Sierra 2 Center lights to more historically accurate lighting, we received enough donations to cover the first phase and start the next, and we benefitted from the work of volunteers. Currently, the Senior Center is operating largely with volunteer efforts while we work toward hiring a new program coordinator. None of these activities could be accomplished without community assistance.
Within Curtis Park we have an obvious sense of ownership and pride. We also have no shortage of projects requiring resources of time and money outside of SCNA’s bandwidth. Those projects include building formalized children’s programming, continuing the Curtis Park clean-up and maintenance efforts and perhaps adopting

TERRI SHETTLE
Sierra 2 Executive Director



Sierra 2 Green, revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch program, and of course, continuing to update and maintain Sierra 2 Center as a viable and trendy gathering venue.
I thank all of the volunteers, donors, and sponsors past and present who have been shining examples of the idea that “it takes a village.” I also extend an invitation to all Curtis Park neighbors and friends to follow in the footsteps of those before them by joining the ranks of the dynamic, engaged volunteers who have gotten us where we are today. As we know firsthand, the accomplishments increase exponentially as the volunteer network grows.

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Neighbors who have an interesting story or event are encouraged to submit ideas or articles to the editor via the Sierra 2 office: 452-3005.

Vintage lighting in your home

By Erik Fay
Special to the Viewpoint

High quality building materials, superb craftsmanship, modern tools, large-scale production and detailed revival style designs all came together in 1920's home construction. Homes built in this period often have highly stylized features that may include rare woods, ironwork, art tiles and decorative lighting. Light fixtures were created and used as architectural elements and highlights for homes in the English, Spanish, French, and Moderne styles.

You can see many original light fixtures on front porches in Curtis Park. The continuous use of these fixtures for 80 years or more reflects the quality of their design and craftsmanship. Additionally, the original light fixtures found

inside many of our homes are design marvels that were specifically chosen and sometimes designed by knowledgeable designers and architects.

Notable interior light fixtures often include sconces on living room walls, foyer ceiling lights and dining room chandeliers. Lighting in the 1920's was not intended to provide the extremely bright white light we often live with today. Light fixtures were meant to convey warmth and provide light for reading, which is why many have orange mica shades

and candle shaped bases for light bulbs. The original light fixtures in our homes were often manufactured in Chicago and New York and came to Sacramento builders via the Incandescent Supply Company in Oakland and San Francisco — then one of the largest suppliers of light fixtures in Northern California.



Cottage-style porch light



English style ceiling light with round bulbs

Bulbs for vintage fixtures are generally intended to be flame-shaped or round. Flame-shaped bulbs are used in fixtures where the bulb is installed vertically. Round bulbs are typically used for fixtures where the bulbs hang below the fixture. Clear bulbs should be used for mica or white glass shaded fixtures. Fortunately, 1920s style bulbs are still available and can be ordered at several local businesses. Lofings Lighting and East Sacramento Hardware are good sources for 1920's style bulbs, including silk-wrapped bulbs.

Vintage light fixtures can be purchased at several local antique shops. Bill Masters of Antique Legacy in the 57th Street Antique Row always has a large selection of rewired indoor and outdoor 1920s light fixtures.

In addition, a couple of companies reproduce vintage fixtures and glass shades.

The restoration of any 1920s home is not complete without some attention to period lighting as it will emphasize existing design features and add new ones to your home.

In the Index box on page one is a Spanish-style wall sconce light with flame shaped silk-wrapped bulb. All three light fixtures featured in this issue are from the late 1920s and are

Photos/Erik Fay

Calling all Curtis Park electric vehicle owners

By Susan MacCulloch
Viewpoint staff writer

While ownership of a hybrid vehicle, in particular the Toyota Prius, is a popular choice in Curtis Park, what about electric vehicles? The Viewpoint is looking for electric car owners or leasees who would like to talk about their cars for a story in the September issue.

Here are our questions:

What happens in congested traffic, i.e., have you stalled out?

Do you have ready access to a charging station at work?

Can you charge your vehicle from your home electric source?



Photo/John Cotterill

John Cotterill's pretty car—a Nissan Leaf.

How far can you comfortably travel between charges?

The cost of leasing vs. owning an electric vehicle?

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What's new at Sierra 2

By Valerie Burrows
Facility Administrator

Join the revolution

Sacramento Self Help Housing is fighting for a revolution in the availability of affordable housing. The 11th annual Let Them Eat Cake Fundraiser takes place from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 in Curtis Hall. As is the tradition at this event, guests are invited to bring their best cake to share with other Self Help supporters. Guests enjoy great food, live music, wine, and cast their vote on who should "Take the Cake." Tickets are \$25 and available at www.sacsselfhelp.org.

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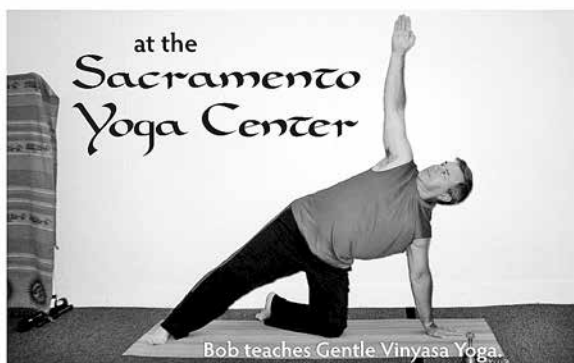
of all ages. The cornerstone of these programs is the Sudarshan Kriya™, a technique that uses the natural rhythms of the breath to release stress, detoxify and energize the body, and center the mind in the present. Independent research shows Sudarshan Kriya™ enhances well-being, reduces cortisol (the "stress" hormone) and boosts immune function.

This first course is offered every other month at the Art of Living Center in Folsom, 98 Clarksville Road, Suite 140; 800 314-7050.

After taking the first course you may join the weekly Sierra 2 Center yogic breathing / meditation group that meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays in Room 11.

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Simply Music® Piano Method returns to senior center

Australian musical educator and Simply Music® founder Neil Moore came to the United States 15 years ago. He picked Sacramento as his American base to introduce his piano method to North America. He now has piano teachers in 25 states. Dane Andrus, who lives in Land Park, is a Simply Music® teacher who was one of the first teachers Moore trained in the U.S. Andrus returns now to Sierra 2 to re-establish his classes for adults. Following a 2-week free workshop, participants can subsequently sign up for weekly Simply Music® piano classes at the senior center.

Results from the Simply Music® method are striking. The method departs from the customary piano lesson which is followed by a student returning home to practice drills and scales. Instead, beginning students use both hands and play quality pieces from their first lessons, an accomplishment normally achievable only after months of traditional piano lessons. After 10 lessons, Simply Music® piano students are playing between 6-8 songs that have a mature sound in pop, blues and classical music.

“I’ve taught this method in private schools, to home schoolers, at local piano stores, Hart Community Center and workshops for the last nine years,” Andrus said.

Workshop attendees are often surprised to discover that Simply Music® works great for new students, retirees, and “failed” pianists.

New pianists develop confidence because they hear musical accomplishments right away. “Practice at home sounds like... well, playing the piano.” That being said, Andrus adds, “It’s not a miracle, it’s a method. I don’t have a magic wand. Students still have to practice.”

Sierra 2 Senior Center in July

The Senior Center is open to all seniors (age 55 and up). It is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in Room 12 of Sierra 2. The center provides opportunities to keep learning, exercise, meet new people and be actively involved with neighbors. Free (donations accepted) and fee-based classes and activities are on the schedule. See the calendar.



Photo/Karen Andrus

Dane Andrus will offer free piano lessons July 16 and 23.

“On the other hand, sadly, there is a long history of discouraged would-be pianists who never enjoyed piano lessons, didn’t succeed, and walked away feeling they had failed. The key here is understanding that reading music and playing the instrument itself are different skill sets. Traditional lessons have new students combining them.

“No wonder most beginning students don’t enjoy the process of playing drills, scales and the Mary Had a Little Lamb-type songs that they are reduced to practicing.

“People ask how it’s done, and free workshops always provide the best answer. This gives them the immediate experience of how musical they could be with the lessons that will be offered.”

Andrus will present the free two-lesson Introductory Workshop from 12:30-2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16 and 23. Advance registration is required, space is limited, and attendance is required for both weeks. It is required that participants have a piano or keyboard at home. To register, call 447-7150; more details at www.pianolandpark.com.

— Valerie Burrows, Facilities Administrator

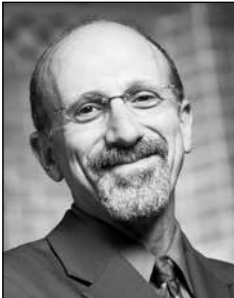
Schenirer’s message

Summer activities help build community

One of the lighter and more enjoyable parts of being a City Councilmember is being able to create and support community events. This year our office is hosting five movie nights and sponsoring several concerts, including some in Curtis Park. While concerts and movies in the park are a lot of fun, they also serve a higher purpose. They help build community. Perhaps for the best example of what these types of events can do for a neighborhood, we need to look no farther than our neighborhood.

Everyone in Sacramento knows that Curtis Park is an historic neighborhood, and its residents, past and present, read like a who’s-who list in Sacramento. But what is difficult to see and understand, unless you live here, is that Curtis Park is a close-knit community. Most residents know their immediate neighbors and also know many, if not dozens, of other neighbors throughout the neighborhood. These relationships are what make Curtis Park more than a neighborhood.

Curtis Park’s continued investment in what might be called social infrastructure is a big part of what makes this such a great place to live. Events and institutions that facilitate connection and interaction between neighbors are central to building community. The Sierra 2 Center, First Friday Dinners, the *Viewpoint*, Music in the Park, the Home Tour, Wine Tasting, Curtis Fest and more, have been built and sustained by Curtis Park residents, and overtime, have transformed our neighborhood into the hamlet we all love and enjoy.



Jay Schenirer
City Councilmember

I think it can be easy to take for granted the amount of time, energy and knowhow it took to build the events and organizations. Not every neighborhood is so lucky to have residents with the available tools and resources to create similar type events. This is why, in addition to being a proud sponsor of Music in the Park and other Curtis Park events, my office has worked to host community building events in many other neighborhoods and develop the capacity of other neighborhood associations.

Sierra 2 took many years to evolve and take its place as a center of community for not just our neighborhood but Sacramento. SCNA is perhaps the single best example of what a neighborhood association can be, and I reference their organizational structure and accomplishments to many other budding associations.

Movies in the Park

This summer, in addition to enjoying the events in our neighborhood, I hope that you and your family will show your support to community building efforts in other neighborhoods by attending some of the other events we are hosting around the district:

- Curtis Park: July 12 – “ParaNorman”
- Colonial Heights Park: July 13 – “The Hobbit”
- Belle Cooledge Library Park: July 26 – “Ratatouille”
- Hollywood Park: Sept. 7 – “Brave”
- McClatchy Park: Sept. 28 – TBD

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Fall Prevention with Pat Shaw
11:30a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Tuesdays/Thursdays
\$20 a month (one class per week)
\$35 a month (two classes per week)

Gentle yoga
Tara Stiles, 454-5526
Beginning September

Tai Chi
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Beginning September

Walking and Polewalking Clinic
9 a.m. Thursdays

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Tara Stiles, 454-5526
Beginning September

LEISURE
Beginning Drawing
Patris, 397-8958
Thursdays 9:45–11 a.m.
(4 classes \$48)

Improvisation acting with Jetta
3–5 p.m. Last Friday of the month

Book Club
11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. 2nd Monday
July: “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce
August: “Gift From the Sea” by Anne Morrow Lindberg

My Story Project meeting
1–2 p.m. Mondays

Everyone Can Drum
1-2 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5) Studio 1
(no class July 30)

Crafts and Conversation *
1-3 p.m. Fridays (except last Friday)

Sierra 2 Jewels *
1–3 p.m. Fridays (except last Friday)

Life History Writing *
1–3 p.m. Wednesdays

Open Art Studio *
10 a.m. – noon Fridays Room 11
Bring projects to work on

CARDS AND GAMES
Mahjong *
10 a.m.–noon, all Mondays except second

Fun Bridge *
1–4 p.m. Thursdays

Ginasta *
9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays

Pinochle *
1-3 p.m. Fridays

EVENTS
AARP Driver Safety Program
July 8 & 9, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Room 11
\$12 (AARP Members) or
\$14 (non-AARP Members)
To register: Jim Finnegan 804-9777

Free Intro to Skype Workshop
Wednesday, July 17, 10-11 a.m.
Chandra Dawson, 208-1907

Potluck
Noon–2 p.m. Room 10
Last Friday of the month

Senior Committee Meeting
1st Monday, 3 p.m. (July 1)

THE GRADS!



Amy O'Neill, J.D. graduated McGeorge School of Law as valedictorian of the 2013 class. She and her husband, Patrick O'Neill, reside on Highland Avenue. Amy will begin work with the law firm of Boutin Jones, Inc. Amy is currently studying for the late July bar examination.



Celia Ringstrom, a graduate of HISP at C.K. McClatchy, is the daughter of Leslie Willson and Paul Ringstrom of Marshall Way. Celia will attend UC Santa Cruz in cultural anthropology. She plans to work this summer and travel for six weeks in Europe and Turkey.

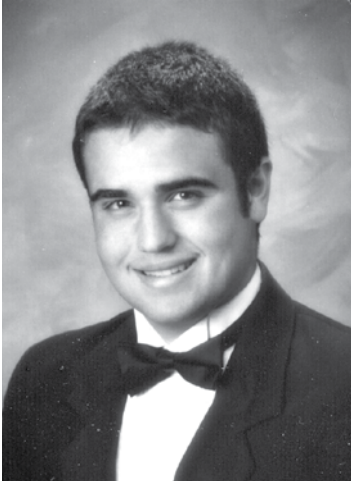


Sara Estroff Bernstein of Curtis Park, received her bachelor of science in criminal justice at Sacramento State University. Her parents are Jill Estroff and Dan Bernstein. Sara is considering crime analyst certification.

Cal Smith-Crowley of Montgomery Way, son of Blane & Shannon Smith-Crowley earned his bachelor of arts from Evergreen College in Olympia, Wash. Cal plans to reside in Olympia.



Chris Paparian graduated C.K. McClatchy. He is the son of Michael Paparian and Kate Sproul of 5th Avenue. Chris will attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall.



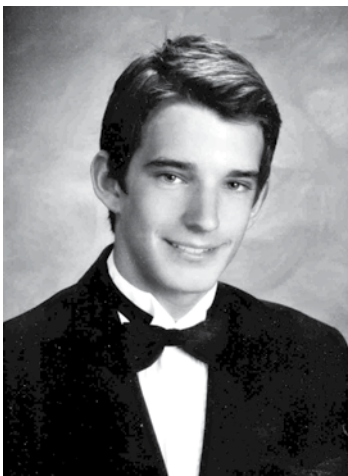
Jessie Dietz of Curtis Way graduated C.K. McClatchy in the HISP program. Her parents are Dustin Dietz and Sally Magnani. Jessie plans to attend San Diego State in the fall.



Jordan Moncrief of 25th Street is a graduate from the CSU Maritime in Vallejo, Calif. He is the son of Jack and Karol Moncrief. After studying abroad in France and Morocco, he will be looking for a job.



Megan McCulloch of 25th Street (parents: Brenda and Craig McCulloch) graduated from Agnes Scott College in Atlanta, GA in with a BA in political science. She has started work in the Atlanta Mayor's Office in Constituent Services. She celebrated with a trip to France.



Marshall Knox, graduated from C.K. McClatchy in the HISP program. His parents are Sally Magnani (of Curtis Way) and Jim Knox (of Coleman Way). In the fall, Marshall will become a student at UC Santa Barbara.

Maggie Anne Hitchings is the daughter of Jenny and Andy Hitchings of 10th Avenue. She is a graduate of C.K. McClatchy. This is her last summer to swim for the Park Terrace Penguins. She will also work there as a recreation leader. Then Maggie will head to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo to major in journalism, and will join her sister, Molly.



Connor Woodruff, son of Kim and Kevin Woodruff of Coleman Way, graduated C.K. McClatchy with the highest honor by the HISP Program. Connor has been accepted by Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. Connor plans to continue his policy debate career there this fall.



Any more Curtis Park Grads?

If your graduate did not appear in the July Viewpoint and you still want to give him or her a shout in print, send us a photo with student's name, name of street and parents, name of school, major if appropriate and plans (college, job, travel). You may drop off this material at the Sierra 2 office. Please put them in an envelope marked Viewpoint. Or, email the info and photo (a high resolution jpeg or tif) to Carol Blackman at carolxo@comcast.net. Your deadline is Aug. 15 for the September edition. If you have questions, call Carol at 456-3352.

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Photo/Carmel Brown

Left to right, Karleen Ward, Susan MacCulloch, Robin Wiens, Bob Ross, Bob Wiens, Carol Conti, Martin Pierucci and Steffan Brown celebrate.

Surprise 75th birthday party

26th Street neighbor Bob Wiens had no idea his wife, Jackie, their daughter and close neighbors planned a surprise 75th birthday party for him in April. Close friends and neighbors joined Bob and Jackie

to celebrate the day. While the couple has their own beloved grandchildren, they are honored with the title of “surrogate grandparents” for more than a few neighbor children whose grandparents live far away.

Pangaea invites neighbors to a block party July 20

By Craig McCulloch
Viewpoint Staff Writer

Pangaea Two Brews Café is celebrating its fifth anniversary in business with a block party from 2 to 10 p.m. July 20. It’s called Beer and Bacon on the Boulevard. Guests will gather in the shade of a huge tent over the street between the Café and Gunther’s Ice Cream on Third Avenue at Franklin Boulevard.

The event is on the last day of Sacramento’s BLT Week, July 15 to 20, sponsored by organizers of Bacon Fest. Many well-known local restaurants will serve their delicious varieties of BLT sandwiches to be sampled and voted on by the audience. Some confirmed entrants include Bacon and Butter, Grange Restaurant and Bar, Mulvaney’s

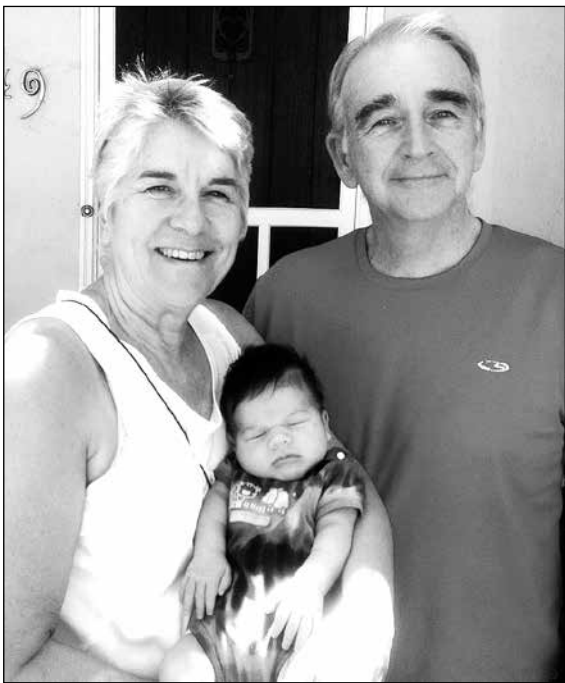
B&L and Formoli’s. Guests will want to look for interesting pairings of food with selected beers.

“The nearby Track 7 Brewery is preparing a special brew for the event,” Pangaea owner, Rob Archie, said. He explained that they are making a triple IPA, fashioned after a highly sought-after craft brew, Pliny The Younger. Other small craft breweries will have some rare and unusual beers for tasting.

Archie also said, “The event will be a kid-friendly community event with games, live music and a silent auction with great prizes.”

Gunther’s Ice Cream is stirring up a flavor for the day, a bacon ice cream with maple-nut flavors.

No admission will be charged, with a nominal fee for food tastings and samples of the beers.



First grandchild

Judy and John Brush of Third Avenue are the proud first-time grandparents of Silas Anthony Brownsey, born June 8. He’s the son of the Brushes’ daughter, Rachel, and her husband, Philip. Silas arrived two weeks after his due date and weighed in at 10 pounds, 6 ounces.

Photo/Rachel Brush Brownsey

Memorable coincidence

When Curtis Park neighbors Sherry Sherry, Kathy Griffin, Melissa McKenzie and Terri Shettle traveled to China this spring, they had an unexpected encounter. The travelers were part of a 250-person tour that included people from all over the world. When the various small groups were cozied up for a cruise on through the Lesser Three Gorges on the Yangtze River, the women met Andrea and David Leonard. Before long they figured out



The travelers in China were, from left, Andrea Leonard, Sherry Sherry, Kathy Griffin, Melissa McKenzie and David Leonard. Terri Shettle, executive director of Sierra 2, is in the front.

they all live in Curtis Park. Andrea and David live on Cutter Way.

Know your watering days and times

We all know the drill. Now that the days are warm, the City’s water conservation ordinance is in effect. We can water up to three times a week on designated days, which are determined by our address.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday are the watering days for odd-numbered addresses; Wednesday,

Friday and Sunday are for homeowners with even numbered addresses.

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Bret Harte News

Bret Harte bids farewell to Mr. Mac and welcomes a new principal

By Char Klassen
Viewpoint Staff Writer

This fall Bret Harte students will begin school with a new principal. She is Ms. Lorena Carrillo. She comes to Bret Harte from Maple Elementary, where she was the principal. Maple Elementary was among the schools that were closed this year.



Before school closed for the summer, Bret Harte families had a chance on June 6 to greet Ms. Carrillo in the school library. She takes over from the interim principal, Michael McDaniel, a.k.a. Mr. Mac, who had worked at the school since 2003. On June 24, he began his job as assistant principal of Rosa Parks Middle School.

Ms. Carrillo received her bachelors of science degree from UC Davis and earned her credentials and masters degree at CSU Sacramento. She also worked for California Department of Education and at Edward Kemble and Cesar Chavez schools. She said she's looking forward to working at Bret Harte. In a letter to school families she wrote, "In my eyes, one of the most important things is building

relationships with students, families, teachers and community members. I am always accessible, and you will find me in the classrooms, outside and in front of the school. Bret Harte is a school that has many things to be proud of."

Mark Your Calendar

SCHOOL RESUMES

Tuesday, Sept. 3

Late night walker forced to disrobe

A robbery was reported in the 2400 block of Fifth Avenue in mid-June. According to witnesses and police, three males in their late teens or early 20s were driving through the neighborhood shortly after midnight on June 13. The car stopped, one of them got out of the car, pointed a gun at a man walking through the neighborhood and demanded his clothing, which he removed and gave to the gunman. The robber got back in the car, and the car took off. Police responding to the robbery report recovered the victim's property nearby. Robbery, defined as the taking of personal property by force or fear, is relatively rare in the heart of Curtis Park, although common in the city. In March, the most recent month for which police have compiled statistics, 309 robberies were reported in the city. Two of them were in the 2700 block of Broadway, but none in the heart of Curtis Park. Police offer recommendations for walkers:

- Never walk alone at night;
- Walk with a friend or a dog;
- Walk along lighted streets, not dark alleys;
- Carry a signaling device, such as a whistle, and pepper spray;
- Never accept a ride from a stranger;
- Don't carry large sums of cash or wear valuable jewelry;
- Don't resist an armed robber. Hand over what is demanded, quickly and quietly.

— Viewpoint staff

Village: Teichert will build streets, storm drains

(Continued from page 1) these this month and find out in September if their application is successful. If all goes as planned, Kang said, construction could start in spring 2014 on land donated by Petrovich Development.

Contract for infrastructure While Curtis Park residents won't see construction activity on Curtis Park Court for a while, they will see big trucks very soon. Teichert Construction has been awarded the infrastructure contract, according to Phil Harvey of Petrovich Development. Harvey said, "Work on the storm drains for the new streets I expect to begin in a few weeks."

Interested? There's a list While they're not yet marketing units at Curtis Park Court, Kang says that they are establishing an "interested" list through Domus Management at www.domusmc.com.

A bridge in stages In addition, the footings for the pedestrian bridge have been constructed and installed. The remainder of the \$11.5 million project is in the final approval stages, according to Project Manager Ofelia Avalos. She added that weather will determine when construction will begin on the bridge. "If there is heavy rain in December, we won't start on the bridge until spring 2014, with a projected completion date of spring 2015."

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