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Twenty-Second Annual Kensington Community Council's Spring Celebration

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Town Hall Forum: Police Assessment

This Town Hall meeting will provide an opportunity to ask questions of the KPPCSD Board members regarding the proposed increase and options for the community.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR —

Street Sweeping

Regarding the piece in the March *Outlook* about street sweeping, I think the ... response from Supervisor John Gioia's office misses the most important point about the street sweeping program – it is not thought out and fails to recognize the parking situation in Kensington. From the mailing, it appears that alternate sides of the streets will not be swept on alternate days and since most of the streets in most neighborhoods only have parking on one side and there doesn't seem to be an E-W/N-S alternating schedule either, there is no place nearby to move vehicles. I contacted Charmaine Bernard with the County's Public Works Department, who acknowledged that there is not an alternating street schedule and that there are problems with the program, but informed me that residents had insisted on having street sweeping occur in all neighborhoods. I think the money would be better spent upgrading the storm drain system and re-grading and re-paving the streets, which would then result in a long-term solution as opposed to an on-going struggle to keep up with Mother Nature. There has been minor work done in the past with little impact, as it appears as though there has been little system design performed before streets are dug up and patched.

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Coventry Road

Thank You KCC Donors!

Many of our generous community members helped support last month's KCC-sponsored *Spring Celebration* fundraiser by donating auction items for the event.

KCC would like to thank the sponsors: *Andronico's Market, Marvin Gardens Real Estate* and *The Mechanics Bank*;

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Thanks to all for their generous support!

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Reducing the Spring
Sting of Yellow Jackets

Contra Costa County has four types of yellow jackets – two that nest above ground and two that nest below ground. All yellow jackets sting repeatedly. The *Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District* provides free inspection and service for the below-ground nesting type.

These are the yellow jackets that make their homes in old rodent holes or underground voids. Most often these nests are found by accident – usually while doing yard work.

Yellow jackets are active during daylight hours, exiting and returning to the nest as they search for food. These steps can reduce the risk of yellow jackets: 1) Keep garbage cans covered with tight-fitting lids to prohibit the insects' access to the garbage; 2) Pick up fallen fruit that will attract yellow jackets late in the summer; 3) About 15 minutes prior to a picnic or

See Yellow jackets, page 13...

Hayward, Land
of Milk and Honey

In the interview with Officer Manny Ramos in the March issue of the *Outlook*, we quoted Manny as having been surprised by the number of murders in Hayward, which he pegged at 100 in a year. Apparently Officer Ramos was referring to the number of murders on his LA beat, rather than those in Hayward. The *Outlook* regrets the error. (An eagle-eyed, straight-shootin' reader was also surprised at that figure and, with some research, found that during the period mentioned there were 4 murders there.) *Rest easy, Hayward!*

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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

Located in the East Bay hills, at 59 Arlington Avenue, the Kensington Community Council’s After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) spring session continues through Friday, June 4th. KASEP classes will not be held during the school break on April 5-9. If you’re interested in looking at the current list of classes, please go to www.aboutkensington.com/kasep.html.

We can be reached at 525-0292 Monday-Fri., 10 am-4pm. or kccrec@yahoo.com.

Summer Camp Counselors Wanted!
We have openings for camp counselors for summer 2010. If you are a senior in high school or older, enjoy working with children, and want to be part of a fun, energetic team, please submit an application to the KCC Summer Day Camp, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707. Applications are available in our office or at www.aboutkensington.com/kccdaycamp.html.



KASEP Yoga Class – Now *that’s* exercise!

KCC SUMMER CAMP

KCC Summer Camp Registration continues...

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2010. The camp runs June 14 through August 20, 2010, Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 6-9, \$160). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, a head counselor, eight counselors, a tennis instructor, and a “specialty consultant” each week to work with the campers. The camp director and head counselor also provide extended day care 8-9am and 5-5:30pm for an additional fee of \$7 per day.

Each week the campers will enjoy: Field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as *Scandia*, *Water World*, the *Exploratorium* and the *Jungle*; Special activities such as carpentry, drumming, dance, cooking, and golf; Tennis instruction three days per week; Games, arts and crafts, hiking, and fun!



- Week 1: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/14-18; Field trip to The Jungle
- Week 2: Carpentry w/Sandy Thacker 6/21-25, Field trip to Lake Anza
- Week 3: Environmental Art with Chris Lack 6/28-7/2: Field trip to Oakland Zoo
- Week 4: Golf with Alex Brown 7/6-9: Special Activities at Camp
- Week 5: Drumming with Mark Rosenthal (Olympics Week) 7/12-16: Field Trip to Scandia
- Week 6: Cooking Outdoors with Vicky Brodt; 7/19-23: Field Trip to The Exploratorium
- Week 7: Hip Hop with Tati Argue 7/26-30: Field Trip to Lake Temescal
- Week 8: Sports & Games with Kim Roots 8/2-6: Field Trip to Waterworld
- Week 9: Art with Elaine Chu 8/9-13 (also Olympics Week): Field Trip to Pier 39/Alcatraz/Aquarium
- Week 10: Yoga and Movement with Catherine Johnson 8/16-20: Field Trip to The Jungle

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances. Registration continues during office hours, 10am-4pm, in the KCC office in the Recreation Building (just beyond the tennis courts in Kensington Park).

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Level Two is about building endurance and increasing power and control of movement. It is a little faster paced and more challenging than Level One, yet involves many of the same principles.

Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He presents a less stressful way of learning Pilates, and has sixteen years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. If you want to get stronger in a way that reduces the chance of injury, give his classes a try. Private sessions are also available. Adams@bodyinaction.com, or 510-619-9223. www.bodyinaction.com.

To register for the class, contact the KCC office at (510) 525-0292. 7-student min. Classes are held in the Kensington Recreation Bldg (‘E’), located in Kensington Park at 59 Arlington Avenue.

Yoga for Health
Tuesdays 9:15-10:30am

Harmonize your body, mind, and spirit. This class involves basic Yoga poses, correct body alignment, breathing techniques, and relaxation. Develop strength, flexibility, endurance, and grace. Therapeutic concerns such as wrist, knee, neck and back pain, and stress reduction will be addressed. No prior experience required – all ages welcome. Please bring a mat to the class.

Classes held in the Community Center.

Fees for residents: \$15 for drop-in; \$75 for a series of 6 classes. Nonresidents please add \$1 surcharge. To register, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

Acrylic Painting
Wednesdays, 9:45am-1:30pm

Stan Cohen (533-3003) leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning adult artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited. Instructor approval required.

Fees: \$32/month (\$36 for non-residents) Held at the Community Center.

REGISTRATION

Class Registration: Please call the office at 525-0292. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they can’t be accommodated.

Tennis Court Reservations: Reservations are for weekends and holidays only; the earliest is 9am. Call the KCC office at 525-0292 for tennis court reservation information. Tennis Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonres: \$5.

Kensington Community Center Rental Information: Please call KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District) at 526-4141.

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Annual Picture
of
High School Seniors
in
Kensington

Each June, the *Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students who will be graduating from high school. Please note that the picture will be taken in Kensington Park on Sunday, May 2, at 3pm in the afternoon. Please contact the KCC office at 525-0292 if you’re a parent who can help with this event.

Sunday, May 2nd • 3pm

Maybeck Estates Walking Tour Returns

In the subdivision named *Berkeley Highland Terrace*, the Bernard Maybeck family owned a large piece of property which they subdivided and where they began to sell individual lots after World War II. On this walk, the privately owned part of Purdue Avenue will be explored. An original and current homeowner, Bob Shaner, will narrate the walk and share personal experiences of building his own home and working with the Maybecks. Bob will be assisted by Paul Grunland, leader of several East Bay historical walks.

Save the Date – Saturday, May 22, 10am-Noon • \$10

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Neighborhood Notes

Hilltop School's Annual Spring Carnival Coming May 8th

Join the festivities! Kensington Hilltop Elementary School's PTA and the Dads' Club are hosting the school's 63rd Annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 8th, from 11am to 3pm. The Carnival will include fun games for all ages, a great selection of prizes, a *White Elephant Sale* filled with treasures galore, a superb lunch cooked by Dads' Club chefs, delicious treats from the bake sale, and a quilt raffle featuring *The Kensington Spirit Quilt*, designed and crafted by self-described “Closet Quilting Queens,” Romy Douglass, Rachelle Sherris-Watt, and Marie Plette Streshinsky. Given the recent state budget cuts to education, community support is needed more than ever before. Hilltop Elementary has been able to provide a top-notch education for years thanks to the generosity and involvement of our entire community. Revenue generated by this tremendous fund raising event will support Kensington Hilltop's educational programs and provide much needed school and classroom supplies. Info: 526-5670 or felicia@alumni.ggu.edu.



Calling All '85 El Cerrito High Grads!

Andrea Lum graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1985 and, along with some of her classmates, is planning the 25th reunion of her graduating class on September 25th. They're inviting additional classmates to contact them directly (andrealum@yahoo.com) or visit their class website (www.elcerritohigh1985.org). Many of their classmates lived in Kensington – Amy Ream, Mark Streshinsky, Amy Barker, and Allison Gosard among them, and they're hoping to find others – or to hear from their classmates' parents. *Go Gauchos!*



Turkeys in Kensington?

Kensington resident Ron Wizelman saw a flock of turkeys “fearlessly walking up Ocean View Avenue...not too interested in letting a car pass, or running when (he) approached them.” What could a guy do but whip out his camera phone and start snapping away?



White Magnolia Tai Chi Grand (Re)-Opening/Now on Colusa Circle

White Magnolia Tai Chi School was located on top of Young's Market for the past seven years, and in January, moved to 445 Colusa Ave., Kensington, next door to Catharine Hiersoux's Pottery Studio, where street-level access better meets the needs of the seniors in their Restorative TaiChi Program, and high ceilings accommodate the long weapons of their growing number of advanced students. WMTC's Grand (Re)-Opening Celebration took place last month at their new location, and they currently count more than 50 enthusiastic students. Joining Director, Miriam Marsolais on staff are Yadollah Moghaddam, a master-level kung fu, tai chi, and *push hands* practitioner; two senior students, Kensington's Peter Binkley and Albany's Peter Seibel, now mature practitioners and teachers in their own right; and the recent addition of three yoga teachers. 525-0244 or www.WhiteMagnoliaTaiChi.com. *(And please check your long weapons at the door!)*



KASEP Quilt for Katrina Victims

In the fall of 2005, many members of the Kensington community responded to the Katrina Hurricane disaster with different forms of assistance. Kids in the KASEP sewing class made squares for a quilt to send to the victims. Four years later enough squares had been completed to create the quilt. Several students designed the layout for these squares or “blocks.” The teacher, Lynn Crook, added lattice to the blocks, sewed them all together, added a border to the top, and machine quilted the piece. By fall 2009 the quilt was completed. This spring, on April 10-11, the quilt will be displayed at the East Bay Heritage Quilters show, *Voices in Cloth*, in downtown Oakland. EBHQ, with a membership of almost 600, meets monthly at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. This quilt show is their major fundraiser to support their programs. After this show the quilt will travel to Baton Rouge, LA, where it will finally reach the Katrina victims.



Young People's Dance Theatre

Last month instructor Michael Mansfield demonstrated that there's more to dancing than you can do standing up. Here he introduces his students to the concept of empathy for their next piece, *Hard Times*. Coming soon: *Good Times*! Ages 7-14, Thursday nights at the Arlington Community Church.



Neighborhood Notes

Beds & Bones for U.S. War Dogs: Operation Military K-9 Care

Colusa Circle’s *RabbitEARS* is sponsoring an on-going campaign and asking for public participation on behalf of our U.S. Military Canine Teams who have been deployed to the Middle East. You can participate by sending letters and care packages of beds, bones and other necessities for both the dogs and their handlers (*as appropriate – lots of the handlers already have their own favorite bones*).

During all the wars since World War I, including the terrorist attack on 9/11, dogs have been there. They have worked selflessly and without reward. Many lost their lives in the line of duty. After Vietnam, many dogs were simply left behind, unattended, like the mustangs of World War II in Europe. Presently, the dogs that survive the trenches come home with their handlers for rehabilitation and re-homing. Many enter into local law enforcement as Police Dogs.

Donations are starting to come in from some very interesting places! Harvest Home Farm Sanctuary, a nonprofit farm animal rescue and sanctuary in Stockton CA, has offered to make tied fleece blankets for the dogs; The students of the Rocket Shop Cafe who operate the Good Dog Bakery at the California School for the Blind, in Fremont CA, have offered to make dog biscuits for the war dogs; Pugcafe.com has donated hundreds of dog calendars for individuals who donate money. Contact RabbitEARS at www.rabbitears.org, or 525-6155 for additional information.



Baby & Toddler Storytime

Most Thursdays, Mary French reads stories, sings songs, & shares action rhymes with young children and their caregivers at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. More fun than (and somewhat similar to) a barrel of monkeys! Two identical sessions 10:15 & 11:15am. Free. More information at 524-3043, or www.cclib.org/programs.



Supe. John Gioia’s ‘Defensible Space’ Fire Prevention Workshop

Last month at Supervisor Gioia’s workshop at the Serra Adult School in Richmond, fire-conscious attendees found out that the concept of *Defensible Space* is not an area, but a set of conditions.

Fire Inspector George Laing of the *Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*, El Cerrito Fire Marshal Battalion Chief, Michael Bond, and *Diablo Fire Safe Council*’s, Cheryl Miller, emphasized that it’s important for residents living in a wildland/urban interface such as ours to understand how structures ignite – and how, if needed – they are defended. Attendees found out that the most important person protecting a house from wildfire is not the firefighter, but the property owner. Maintaining defensible space is the single most important thing a homeowner can do. *What* is planted, *where* it’s planted and most importantly, how those plants are maintained, have a lot to do with how quickly – or *if* – a structure will ignite in a wildfire. Roofing is usually the single largest surface of a home. If it’s combustible (wooden shakes, for instance), and fire strikes, you’ve got a problem. Burning embers carried in the wind can rain down and ignite the roof, and your house will likely not survive.



Contra Costa County Supervisor, John Gioia

Eight things to remember:

1) Keep vegetation away from the base of your house so that a fire doesn’t have enough available fuel to ignite your house or break windows from the heat; 2) Have your address prominently displayed on the house so firefighters can find it; 3) Control the fuels (weeds; shake roofs, etc.) available to the fire; 4) Prevent fire ladders – areas where fuels (plants/weeds) on the ground are adjacent to taller shrubs and trees, which would allow a ground fire to climb quickly up into the trees, where additional oxygen only serves to feed the fire, and allow it to move easily to your vulnerable roof; 5) Remove dead and flammable vegetation within a 30-foot zone around your home; 6) Select specimens and maintain your plants so they are spaced and well pruned, and create a condition that avoids the spread of fire to other vegetation or structures. You don’t need to keep only single shrubs. You can create groups of shrubs that are separated from each other by less flammable materials, such as ground cover, a stone patio, rock mulch, etc; 7) Maintain both the native and the ornamental plants, as all plants can be fuels; reducing the fuel also provides a safe working environment for firefighters who may be protecting the structure. 8) When remodeling, consider replacing combustible structural elements with ignition-resistant materials.

You can find more information about creating Defensible Space around your property – and Safe Plant lists – at the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District website, www.cccfpd.org (and, in particular, www.cccfpd.org/exhazard/intro.html), or 925-941-3300.

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1. KCC Vice President, Anne Forest, President, Bruce Morrow, and member, Jeanette Dey...2. New KCC member, Arne Brock-Utne, past Board President, John Vlahos, and Betty Anne Engel...3. Former KCC member, Scott Burbank, and Eileen Burbank, and Kensington Improvement Club member, Jaima Roberts...4. KCC Co-Secretary, Danielle Power and daughter, Cara Marasco, placing their bids at the Silent Auction...5. John & Monica Sullivan, Grant Power, his fiancé, Ilana, and friend...6. KIC President, Janet Hittle and husband, Russ...7. KCC Spring Celebration Committee Chair, Vida Saffran, sponsor, Dee Andronico, and Financial Secretary, Vida Dorroh...8. "I Can't Believe it's Hummus," donated by The Arlington ...9. Todd Hodson and KCC Treasurer, Ted Blanckenburg, diffuse another bottle of spirits at "The Drink Locker"...10. Vida Dorroh and longtime KCC supporter, Bill Hardijzer...11. Marvin Gardens Real Estate co-owner and KCC donor, Ron Egherman...12. Marvin Gardens Real Estate co-owner, sponsor, and KCC board member, Todd Hodson,



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CIL'S SPRING CELEBRATION 2010

never met a good cause he couldn't get behind. Here, he's selling the flowers off the tables to people as they're walking out at the end of the night. Way to hang in there, Todd!... 13. The food – and the calla lilies – looked fantastic! Tempting as they were, we didn't try the flowers, but the food was delicious!...14. KCC Administrator, Esther Hill and Todd Hodson...15-16. Thanks to two sponsors of the KCC Spring Celebration – Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Andronico's Market, and to donor, Semi-freddi's Bakery...17. KCC Spring Celebration Volunteer, Debbie Hayakawa serves up some mighty fine cookin' to Espresso Subito owner and donor, Gary Goldstein.... 18. Here's something you don't see every day – the Presidents of the KPPCSD (Chuck Toombs) and the KFPD (Nina Ramsey) talking to each other!...19. Some of the KCC Spring Celebration volunteers who put it all together: Laurie Ushigusa, Debbie Hayakawa, Vida Sarrafan, Danielle Power, Betty Anne Engel, Vida Dorroh, Jeanette Dey, and Tony Lloyd. *Great party!*



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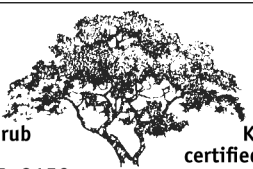
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Obituaries



PHILIP LAWRENCE BALOUSEK, JR.
June 18, 1945 – February 28, 2010

Born in Oakland, CA to Philip Lawrence Balousek and Barbara Claudine (Salmon) Balousek, Phil's early years were spent in Oakland and Walnut Creek. In 1955 he moved with his parents to Santa Ana, CA where he graduated from Santa Ana Valley High School in 1963. Phil attended Santa Ana College for two years and moved back to Oakland in 1965 where he joined the United States Naval Air Reserve.

In 1966 Phil married Penny Wharton and in 1972, he and Penny were blessed with a daughter, Kimberly Ann Balousek.

Inquiring minds may wonder how it happens that Phil's mother has the same last name as his first wife. Subsequent to Phil and Penny's marriage – and the widowing of Phil's mother and Penny's father, Phil's and Penny's surviving parents married each other. While too complicated for us, according to Phil's wife, Nita, that union made Phil's former father-in-law also his step-father, his ex-wife his step-sister, and his own daughter, his niece! (A favorite saying around Phil's house: "It's all relative.") A full life; too short, but well lived. Bon voyage, Phil!


Also in 1966, Phil joined the Oakland Police Department as a dispatcher and later became a Reserve Police Officer. In 1968 Phil became a sworn Oakland Police Officer.

After a twelve-year union with his first wife, in 1982 Phil married Nita Gabrielle Scheingart and their home was blessed with two daughters, Laura Noradine Balousek and Julia Gabrielle Balousek. Phil retired from the Oakland Police Department in 1995 and in 1998 joined the Kensington Police Department. In April 2005, he was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and officially retired in April, 2009.

Phil was a lifelong baseball fanatic. His favorite teams were the Los Angeles Dodgers, the Oakland A's, and later the San Francisco Giants. The highlight of his love for baseball was throwing out the ceremonial first pitch at AT&T Park during "Strike Out Cancer Day" sponsored by Genentech and the S.F. Giants for the benefit of The Wellness Community, on Father's Day, 2009.

Phil succumbed to pancreatic cancer on February 28th. He is survived by his mother, Claudine (Salmon) Wharton, his loving wife Nita, his three daughters; Kim, Laura and Julia; grandson Nickolas, and numerous extended family.

Services were held on Sunday, March 14th, at the Pleasant Hill SDA Church at 800 Grayson Rd., Pleasant Hill.



JAMIESON BITZER BATES
Sept. 25, 1933 – Jan. 31, 2010

Jamieson (Jamie) Bates, a Bay Area native son and life-long resident of Contra Costa County, passed away at his home in Kensington on January 31, 2010. He was 76 years old.

Jamieson was born in the old Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley on September 25, 1933. It's rumored that Alta Bates (no relation) was present at the birth. He was brought home by his parents, Beryl and Richard Bates, to the family home on Lenox Road in Kensington, where they lived with Jamieson's grandmother, Hettie Bates. He attended Kensington Hilltop School in 1938 and eventually El Cerrito High. In 1949 he and the family moved to a house they had built in El Cerrito.

At the age of nine, Jamieson found the Berkeley Yacht Harbor and made friends with Mr. Hanson, the owner of an Elco Motor Yacht in the harbor. Mr. Hanson taught Jamieson how to maintain and run a motor yacht, starting him on a life-long love of the sea. When Jamieson was 11, Mr. Hanson introduced him to Archie Beckett, the owner of the sailing vessel, *Pajara*. Jamieson recounted many great sailing memo-

ries on the *Pajara*, which lead to other sailing opportunities and adventures on San Francisco Bay and up and down the West Coast.

In 1951, Jamieson met Carlotta Earlene Hollis through a mutual friend. Their relationship was temporarily put on hold when Jamieson joined the Navy in 1953. He did his basic training and then attended sonar school in San Diego. With thoughts that he would be shipping out to Korea and the War, he would share the story of hearing of the cease-fire while sitting in a San Diego movie theater just prior to leaving for a tour of duty in the Far East.

Jamieson returned from his service in 1955 and married his high school sweetheart, Carlotta. The couple had Wendy, their first child, in 1955, Steven, their first son in 1958, and their youngest daughter, Victoria, in 1961.

In 1965, Jamieson and Carlotta moved their family from Richmond CA to Walnut Creek, followed by Alamo, Moraga, and then finally back to Kensington in 1985.

Jamieson spent much of his professional life working on, running, and selling boats. Besides sailing and being on the water, Jamieson was an avid reader, enjoyed researching family history, and loved long discussions. He was most proud of his involvement in *The Sons of the American Revolution*.

Jamieson is survived (and will be missed) by his wife of almost 55 years, Carlotta, son Steven and Steven's wife, Pamela, of Kensington, his daughter, Wendy Tunnessen and her husband, Jim, of Walters OK., his daughter, Victoria Hoffmann, and grandson Bryon Hoffmann, of Las Vegas NV., his mother Beryl Bates, and his brother Harry Bates of El Cerrito.

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From February 2010

•10-476 On 2/1/10 at 0937 hrs. Officer Wilson took an auto burglary case on Highland Blvd.

•10-507 On 2/2/10 at 2344 hrs. Officers Stegman and Hui arrested a subject at Arlington Ave. and Coventry Rd. who was in possession of a deadly weapon – and a long criminal history.

•10-563 On 2/7/10 at 0900 hrs. Officer Ramos investigated an attempted residential burglary on Windsor Ave.

•10-567 On 2/7/10 at 1501 hrs. Officer Ramos contacted a juvenile and young adult in a vehicle on Norwood Ave. A search of the vehicle yielded a small amount of marijuana. The marijuana was seized for destruction, the young adult was admonished, and the juvenile was turned over to his parents.

•10-605 On 2/10/10 at 0856 hrs. Officer Wilson took a petty theft report from a teacher at the Kensington Hilltop School.

•10-606 On 2/10/10 at 1224 hrs. Officer Ramos took a petty theft case of plants stolen from a yard on Norwood Ave.

•10-648 On 2/15/10 at 0805 hrs. Officer Wilson took an auto theft report from a resident on Cowper Ave.

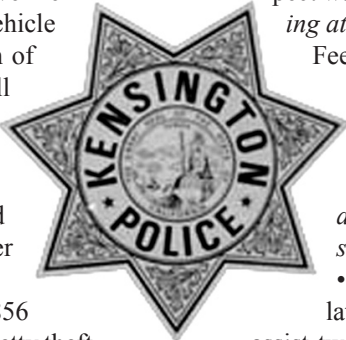
•10-651 On 2/15/10 at 1530 hrs. Officer Ramos took an auto theft report from a resident on Coventry Rd.

•10-653 On 2/15/10 at 1749 hrs. Officer Ramos took a petty theft report where a plant was stolen on Anson Way.

•10-532 – On 2-4-2010, at approximately 1615 hours, Officer Martinez responded to the 00 block of Arlmont Dr. to a report of residential burglary. A rear sliding glass door was found unlocked which is believed to be the suspect(s) point of entry. The victim did not want fingerprints checked for, due to the mess the fingerprint powder would leave. The suspect stole several items of jewelry.

•10-0540 – On 2-5-2010, at approximately 0023 hours, Officer Medina responded to an attempted residential burglary in the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. An unknown suspect broke tempered glass adjacent to a door locking mechanism to gain entry into the residence under construction. A neighbor heard the alarm sound and summoned police assistance. The residence was searched but no suspect was located and nothing appeared to have been stolen.

•10-0620 – On 2-11-2010, at approximately 1810 hours, Officer Medina responded to a report of arson in the amphitheater behind the Kensington Community Center. Officer Medina located evidence of bamboo, twigs, and leaves that had been stuffed inside a soda bottle and a 16oz. frosting container and ignited. There was no damage to the amphitheater or the Community Center located. *(An all-points bulletin has been*



issued, however, for a large adult panda bear that eats shoots and leaves.)

•10-0629 – On 2-12-2010, at approximately 0601hours, Officer Martinez was dispatched to a report of burglary at a business in the 300 block of Arlington Avenue. An unknown suspect stole 60 packs of cigarettes and left the interior of the business in shambles. A resident may have seen the suspect but could not see clearly because the suspect stood in the shadows of the trees where they stared at each other for a short time when the suspect waved. *(The suspect was smoking at the time so details are hazy.)*

Feeling uncomfortable with this encounter the resident returned home and phoned for police. The suspect was not located by KPD. *(They are currently still trying to smoke him out.)*

•10-59 Restraining Order Violation Arrest. After stopping to assist two people arguing on the side of the freeway, Det. Barrow arrested a male subject for a suspected restraining order violation. The case was filed with the Richmond District Attorney, who declined to prosecute.

•10-595 Outside Assist/Parole Search. Members of the Kensington Police Department assisted Oakland Police Department Officers in the surveillance of a Kensington residence. The Officers were acting on information that they had received concerning a wanted murder suspect from the City of Oakland. The two-day operation ended without the apprehension of the suspect. The suspect is not at present, nor believed to ever have been, a resident of Kensington. During the investigation, two subjects were identified as parolees staying at the residence. Det. Barrow checked with California State Parole Agents who informed him that the two subjects were out of compliance and their paroles were to be revoked in the near future. Weeks later six West-NET Detectives, Sgt. Khan, Officer Ramos, and Det. Barrow conducted a parole search of the residence for the two parolees. They contacted the resident who was alone, but a search of the residence yielded illegal weapons that were confiscated. This case is to be submitted to the Richmond District Attorney for the filing of charges.

• On 02-25-2010, during the late evening hours, six West-NET Detectives, Sgt. Hull, Officer Medina, and Det. Barrow conducted surveillance throughout Kensington and the El Cerrito Hills. The officers were driving marked and unmarked police vehicles, looking for potential auto burglary and vehicle theft suspects. They made several traffic and pedestrian contacts with no arrests made. In the days following the operation, Kensington has not experienced these types of crimes. More of this type of criminal suppression operation is planned in the future.

For police NON-emergencies (any non-life-threatening event or in-progress crime): Contact the Dispatch Center at 236-0474 and not the KPPCSD business line (526-4141), which is only monitored 6 hours a day during the week and should not be used to report police matters. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: CALL 911

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Town Meetings

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(Unless otherwise noted)

KCC - April 5th
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

FKL - April 6th
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KPPCSD - April 8th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KPSC - April 12th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6:30pm. 501-8165

KFPD - April 14th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KIC - April 26th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays, 7:30pm. 558-1123

KMAC - April 27th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm. 273-9926

KARO/ECHO - MAY 10th
Amateur Radio Operators
Provides assistance to community emergency response teams in the case of natural disasters. Actively soliciting new members interested in operating amateur radios as a community service. 2nd Mondays of odd months. 7:30pm. 524-9815

KPOA
Property Owners Association
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Online Neighborhood Newsgroup
<http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en>

Kensington Signboard Coordinator: To reserve signboard space for your event, call Jaima at 525-8902.

April 1 *The Tender Land* at the Berkeley Library – a noon concert featuring the opera’s highlights. 12:15-1pm, Berkeley Public Library Main Branch, 5th floor Art & Music Room, 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Director, Elkhannah Pulitzer will speak and singers will perform selections from the opera. Free.

April 1 CERT Training: CERT Organization. El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 1 Holy Thursday, Last Supper Celebration, Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 7pm. 526-9146

April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs, & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

April 1-30 Art Exhibit sponsored by Friends of the Library: Christopher Castle, multimedia environmental artist. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Call library for hours 524-3043, or email castle.art@sbcglobal.net

April 2 Good Friday, Meditation Time. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Noon-3pm. 526-9146

April 3 Make Mine Chocolate Easter Bunny Adoption Day. Meet Tica and Twinkie, Flip, Charlotte, and Hurricane and learn what you can do for rescued rabbits at Easter: Don’t buy, don’t breed – adopt! Make sock bunnies to take home, enjoy wine and chocolate tasting, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave., 525-6155

April 4 Easter Sunday, Through the Eyes of Mary Magdalene. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 10am. 526-9146

April 5 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

April 7, 14, 21, 28 Young People’s Choir. Learn sight-reading, voice training, and the basics of music. Small fee. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave. 6:15-7pm. 526-9146

April 8 CERT Training: Disaster Psychology. El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 8 El Cerrito Garden Club Meets. from 9:30am-Noon, El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Glenys Johnson of Sebastopol’s Sweet Pea Flower Farm speaks on *Enchanting Sweet Pea*. Visitors \$3. 233-9365.

April 8, 15, 22 Young People’s Dance Theatre. Ages 7-14 create dances and songs. Small fee. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Avenue. 6:15-7:30pm. 526-9146

April 10 Forum About the Community Service District June Ballot Issue (the proposed increase in the police tax assessment). Representatives from the Service District board will explain the issues and answer questions from the community. Presented by the Kensington Improvement Club (KIC). 9am-Noon at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 558-1123

April 10 Friends of the El Cerrito Library Spring Book Sale. Large selection of children’s books, fiction, nonfiction, & videotapes. Everything 50¢! (Book sales are used to raise funds to purchase new books and to benefit children’s programs and other activities of the library.) 10am-4pm, El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. EC. www.ccclib.org (click on Friends/ click on El Cerrito.)

April 10 Rabbit Adoption Day. Meet Tugboat, Tank and Tater, learn from the experts about habitat, grooming, and health, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave, 525-6155

April 10, 16, 18 Berkeley Opera’s 31st Season Continues with Aaron Copland’s *The Tender Land* on 4/10 and 4/16 at 8 pm, and 4/18 at 2 pm. El Cerrito Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Avenue (at El Cerrito High School). \$65, \$50 & \$25 general; \$32, \$25 & \$15 youth (17 & under); \$15 student rush; with ID. 841-1903 or www.berkeleyopera.org

April 13 Puppet Art Theater presents its puppet show, *The Tale of the Dragon’s Tail*, featuring marvelous king, dragon, princess, and wizard puppets. Ages 3 and up; sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

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April 15 CERT Training: Terrorism Awareness. El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 17 Watch Loma Prieta Revisited (Produced by KCRT with narrator Karen Grassle, star of "Little House on the Prairie") Hear local residents recount their Loma Prieta earthquake experiences, learn how you can better prepare for a disaster, and hear about how you can get involved with the Community Emergency Response Team Program (CERT). Win a 24-hour Emergency Starter Kit and other prizes. Free. 11am, Rialto Cinemas Cerrito, 10070 San Pablo Ave, EC. www.kensingtonfire.org

April 17 Free Pharmaceutical Drop-Off. The Kensington Fire Protection District will be accepting unwanted/expired medications from Kensington residents from Noon-4pm at the Fire Station, 217 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. KFPD will not be able to accept controlled substances (narcotics and those with the potential for addiction/abuse). See the USDEA's website at www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/alpha/alphabetical.htm for a list of unacceptable items. Info: 527-8395

April 17 Small Animal Adoption Day. Meet the rescued rats, hamsters, guinea pigs and bunnies and learn all about habitat, health, and playtime for small critters, 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 377 Colusa Ave., 525-6155

April 17 Choral & Orchestral Favorites From Opera, & More. Kensington Symphony Orchestra and Luminescence Chorus present opera favorites and more. 8pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. \$20; No-one turned away for lack of funds. Wheelchair accessible. www.uucb.org or 525-0302

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April 19 Portuguese Fado Music Program, featuring Singer Ramana Vieira. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043

April 20 Berkeley Garden Club Meeting. Leslie N. Piels, owner of Oakland's Toads Potted Plants, demonstrates outdoor and indoor container arrangements. 2pm, Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. \$8. www.BerkeleyGardenClub.org

April 22 Carole Terwilliger Meyers, author of *Weekend Adventures in San Francisco and Northern California*, speaks about her latest finds and shows slides of favorite getaways; 7pm at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., EC. Free. 526-7512

April 24 Town Hall Meeting. Discussion of the Community Center remodel project, presented by Kensington Community Council. 10-11:30am, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292

April 24 CERT Training: Simulation/Drill. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 24 CERT Training: Simulation/Drill. El Cerrito Community Ctr, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. 6:30-9pm. Free. Reservations: 215-4450

April 24 Love Your Digital Camera taught by Michael Mejia. Learn to get the most from your digital camera. 10am-2pm, Nan Phelps Photography Studio, 398 Colusa Ave, Berkeley. \$95. Register at: <http://NanPhelps.com> or 528-8845.

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April 25 Victor Romasevich and Friends. String Quartet with guest artists playing clarinet, trumpet, and piano. Arshak Andriasov, Iosif Andriasov, Khatchaturian, and Mozart. Crowden School, 1475 Rose St., Berkeley, 7:30 pm. \$15/\$10 seniors and children. Wheelchair accessible. Info: 409-2416

April 26 Book Club. Discussion of *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043

April 27 El Cerrito Democratic Club, Meeting. Members vote to endorse candidates on the June 8 primary ballot, 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall, El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., EC. Light refreshments and pizza on sale. panterazero@gmail.com or 527-5953

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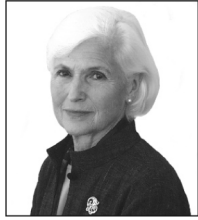
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- Adult recreational programs – on-going yoga and *Pilates* classes, and occasional art workshops and swing and salsa dance classes are offered to the community.
- Community events and programs – the *Fall Festival and Parade*, a holiday performance for children, the *Spring Celebration* community fundraiser, annual meeting of Kensington organizations, *eco-talks* co-sponsored with the Kensington Library, and walking tours of Kensington neighborhoods are some of the events and programs organized by KCC.
- KCC is the publisher of the *Kensington Outlook*, which covers local news, issues and events in ten issues per year. It is mailed free of charge to every Kensington residence, made available to every business in the commercial districts on Arlington and Colusa, and posted on the www.aboutkensington.com website. The Outlook is funded by classified and display advertising, and by the KCC’s annual fund drive.
- Past improvements in the park funded by KCC include the renovation of the Recreation Building (Building E) in 1999; new nets for the tennis courts; \$33,000 raised toward installing a new public bathroom in the park; new water-efficient toilets and better outdoor lighting for the Recreation Building; and the addition of the park address to the signboard across from the library. The KCC pays for the continued maintenance of the Recreation Building – it repainted the exterior in 2008. KCC also contributes \$12,000 annually to the

KPPCSD for park maintenance.

This summer, KCC is planning to begin a remodel of the Community Center. Capital reserves allowing, the improvements will include a new kitchen, refurbished bathrooms, replacement of the heating system, and opening up of the west wall of the center to the outside garden area. KCC has pledged up to \$200,000 towards the remodeling.

KCC is also soliciting Kensington residents – including expertise, labor and, particularly at this stage, financial contributions, to help with this initiative. If you are in a position to be of assistance, please contact KCC at 525-0292.

The public is welcome to join KCC for an Open House on Saturday, April 24th, from 10-11:30am to discuss the progress being made with the Community Center project.

There exists a great deal of talent in our town, as well as a strong commitment, past and present, to participating in community improvement projects. KCC invites all Kensington residents to get involved. Regularly scheduled meetings are on the first Monday of the month in the Community Center.

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outdoor barbeque, place a plate with samples of everything on the menu in the furthest corner of the yard to attract the yellow jackets away from the picnic. They will typically stay loyal to the plate and leave the cook-out alone; 4) If yellow jackets have been a persistent problem, pheromone-baited traps, available at hardware stores, can be installed following the last hard freeze of winter to capture the queen and minimize the establishment of new colonies. More information is available at www.ContraCostaMosquito.com or 925-771-6184.

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