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Fire closes down Arlington

A residence on Arlington Avenue was saved from total destruction due to the quick response of the fire department and the fact that it was only five houses away from the fire station. Five engines from Kensington, El Cerrito, and Albany responded, blocking Arlington Avenue in both directions. It was Veterans’ Day, so many people were at home, including children, who gathered around to watch. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, which had blown out the top-floor windows and was reaching up into the sky. Apparently the fire was started when the resident dropped a cigarette butt into a wastebasket. One neighbor said the fire was so fierce that if the fire department had not arrived when they did, the house would have burned down. No one was hurt.

Arlington Baking Company to close

Deborah Brown has owned and run the Arlington Baking Company for two years at 273 Arlington Ave. Recently the building’s owner declined to renew her lease, but her plans are to continue with everything else she has been doing. “I want to thank all my regular customers,” said Brown. “I have made a lot of lovely friends in Kensington, and I will miss them all.” She has been working with two very industrious part-timers, Marlee Fry and Loren O’Hanrahan, who are both students at El Cerrito High.

The Arlington Baking Company has been a regular participant at the Kensington Farmers’ Market, has offered free cookie decorating on each public holiday, and has made a lot of cakes and pastries for parties and special occasions. Last Christmas, Brown made many beautiful buche de Noel (Christmas logs) cakes for families in and around Kensington. She will continue with her custom orders, cookie parties for kids, the Farmers’ Market, and her cooking classes, which have been very successful. Brown can still be contacted at 528-2253 and orders can also be made at her Web site at www.arlingtonbakingcompany.com.



ELECTION RESULTS DELAYED

Latest absentee ballots change totals but not winners

The election for the three positions on the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board is still uncertified. The first wait was for eight days while Contra Costa County counted the absentee and mail-in ballots. Of the five sitting board members, Ciara Wood decided not to run again, Paul Haxo and Joan Gallegos have another two years to serve, and Pat McLaughlin and Bruce Morrow were running for reelection. Newcomers Cindy Kimball, Danny Scher, and Bill Wright were also in the race. There has been only one contested election in the past 10 years, and that time the incumbents won easily. This election was more mainstream, with a public candidates’ forum conducted by KPOA and KIC, yard signs, ads in the *Outlook*, people campaigning

outside the pharmacy and the school parking lot, and candidates walking the community, knocking on doors, and introducing themselves.

As of November 16, Morrow was defeated by 18 votes and Sher by 53. The election will be officially certified by December 5th. The provisional numbers are: Bill Wright 1,410, Pat McLaughlin 1,178, Cindy Kimball 1,043, Bruce Morrow 1,025, Danny Scher 990.

The election was very cordial and respectful, with the exception of people out to stop Danny Scher from being elected. Yard signs promoting Scher were continually removed from yards, and a person distributed flyers into mailboxes (in itself a crime) which contained many untruths about Scher, his family, and the *Outlook*. The flyers may have unfairly influenced the election. The flyer accused members of the Scher household of being a nuisance and the cause of police visits. According to the police and the county, Scher has not once been a nuisance in Kensington, and police have never been called to his home.

Most successful Garden Party ever

The Kensington Educational Foundation’s Annual Garden Party was once again a memorable event. This year’s affair raised more money than any previous Garden Party over the past 23 years. KEF relies on the money raised at this event for more than half of its annual expenditures.

About 500 people attended, a few in tuxedos and evening gowns, others in more casual dress. The attendees were not only parents and exparents of Hilltop but also school alumni, local businesspeople, and other members of the community.

Guests enjoyed a lovely array of foods, much of it graciously served by middle school and highschool alumni of Hilltop School. The hors d’oeuvres, sandwiches, and desserts were created by Karen Shebek and Debbie Polito, assisted by Jeffery Douglas and Lisa Kirkby, who made the most outrageous éclairs. Their efforts were supplemented by those of many other parents.

More than 400 items were offered in the silent auction. Some of the most spectacular were the works of art created by Hilltop students. The very talented Hilltop art teacher, Karla Clement, helped the students to produce some outstanding pieces. Some of the children’s paintings and ceramic art fetched high prices, as did the artwork donated by Alex Adelman, which included a work by Picasso that raised \$6,200. Adelman, of Masterworks Fine Art, donates art each year, and this time his much-appreciated donations brought in over \$12,000. Students created



wonderful Christmas gift baskets, with names such as “Cal Bears,” “I Love Coffee, Tea & Chocolate,” “Parent’s Night Out,” and “Your Royal Highness.” Other offerings included vacations and spa treatments, art materials, an iPod, and enough additional items to fill three rooms. As people wandered around bidding on the auction items, they ate delicious food donated by guest chefs from Beauregard’s California Bistro, Hidden City Café, Larry LeFebvre of Kensington Fine Foods, Kim Cartmill of the Dinner Source, and Alexandra Eisler. Musical entertainment was provided by the Garden Party Jazz Ensemble: Frank Mercurio, Matt Willis, Cyril Guiraud, and Fred Hyer.

Hilltop teachers hosted the friendly bar of sparkling champagne, wines, lemonade, and beer. After everyone was sated from the sumptuous walking banquet, a rousing live auction, hosted by Larry Polito and Tony Wise, introduced

more wonderful items for bid, and bidding frenzies raised considerable money for the kids at Hilltop. The annual Dads’ Club work party raised \$3,000. Two more bidders became the proud owners of two additional paintings from Masterworks Fine Art, bringing in \$3,750, and a fierce bidding for a personally conducted tour of Pixar Studios for six children garnered a total of \$10,000 when the sponsor provided winning tickets to both bidders at the end.

Ruth Frassetto and the Grubb Company once again stepped forward to help Kensington fundraising, contributing to cover the cost of printing invitations, posters, and catalogs for the event. Other businesses that kindly contributed to this very successful evening included Kensington Bistro, Inn Kensington, Arlington Bakery, Arlington Wines, Kensington Circus Pub, Lola’s, 6 Degrees (on Solano), Edoko, Semifreddi’s,

Espresso Subito, Trader Joe’s, Colusa Market, and Acme Bread, who all provided food and beverages for the event. The successful evening could not have happened without the 10 months of hard work donated by Catherine Mercurio, the KEF members, and many parents. Once again the Dads’ Club stepped up and did a lot of the setup for the event, provided uproarious entertainment during the live auction, and cleaned up after it was all over. The Dads’ Club was organized by co-presidents, Rodney Dunican and Stephen Godfrey, vice president Walt Gill, and parent Alan Steinheimer, who created and worked with other dads in the planning and implementation of the lighting for the event.

In charge of the auction solicitations were Debbie Reed, Barbara Wansick, Betsy Quayle, Elise Lusk, Jackie Lucas, Kate Bloomer, and Katherine Zapata. Basket donations and communications were handled by Beth Thomsen; data management by Peter Tait, Cynthia Capone, and Cherry Normington; event preparation and decoration Janet Curl, Tre Curran, Jenny Parks, Heidi Rosenthal, and Renee Hoyer-Nielson. Nette Barry did invaluable work organizing volunteers, among many other things. The finances were skillfully managed by Christy Wise and Marco Vanderlaan.


Kensington Education enriches the Hilltop environment in many ways, including funding art courses and programs, the science lab, the music and computer lab for primary grades, the important Read Naturally course, as well as contributing to the library and helping the faculty and staff—all programs that are not funded by the county.

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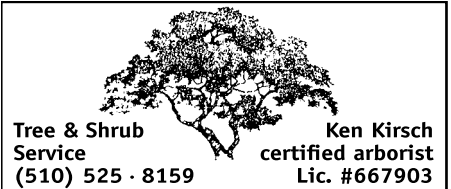
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LETTERS

KPPCSD minutes

Editor—At a recent KPPCSD meeting, a suggestion was given to charge a fee for printouts of the minutes of the previous meeting or meetings. I am adamantly opposed to this idea. Kensingtonians already pay taxes for community service district services and getting minutes is certainly a service! Access to minutes from the previous meeting gives folks a chance to see what has transpired.
Gretchen L. Gillfillan, resident for 49 years

Editor's note: A similar letter was sent to the KPPCSD Board, and in their November meeting they decided to place this on the agenda for possible action for the December minutes. General Manager Taylor said that due to the increased use of photocopies during this year, the copying contract has risen by \$700. It was not clear how much of this rise is due to the public obtaining copies of public documents, and what percentage related to police and board usage. A suggestion was made that the public should be asked to contribute at the rate of 10¢ a page. Most of the requested documents are also available in the library, where the photocopy machine costs 15¢ a page.

September Fire Department stats

In September, the Kensington Fire Department responded to 22 incidents in Kensington. Half of these were for medical emergencies, and four were for assisting invalids and other residents. The others were for public service calls and for false alarms or people smelling smoke when no fire was found.

Police Department stats

October:
Investigations 39 Noise 2
Alarms 15 Lost and Found 6
Assists 6 Casualties/illness 9
Assist Other Agencies 8 Sex and Drugs 1
Traffic 9 Other 11
Accidents 7
Year-to-date: (last year)
Homicides 0 (0)
Rapes 0 (0)
Robberies 2 (0)
Assaults 8 (3)
Burglary—residence 20 (20)
Burglary—other 0 (1)
Burglary—auto 26 (23)
Petty Theft 26 (40)
Grand Theft 14 (14)
Auto Theft 15 (23)
These are the 10 categories that police departments use nationally to assess community crime. For the years 2001 through 2004, the Kensington average score (per 1,000 residents) for these crimes was 170. Neighboring communities averages over the same period were:
Albany 346.8 El Cerrito 506.3
Piedmont 154.2 Moraga 92.7
Currently the national average is 327.2.

October 911 stats

Of the 43 calls answered:
Under 10 seconds (the state performance standard) 21
10–20 seconds 8
Over 20 seconds 14
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Average response time since July 23rd 12.9 seconds

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Block captains then and now

In the past, a well-organized system of block captains would coordinate community involvement in disaster preparedness, Neighborhood Watch committees, and other local events. They usually had a list of phone numbers, and they knew where the elderly and infirm lived and would even look in on them from time to time, help with their shopping, and so on.
Recently the block captains have become less organized, with fewer people taking on the role and less awareness of disaster preparedness, be it fire or earthquake. However, a few diligent people continue with the effort. They meet monthly for an hour in a Police Community Committee at the Community Center. The next meeting will be December 11 at 10 a.m. The meetings, open to everyone, are chaired by Interim Chief Brown Taylor and are usually attended by about 10 people. Although there is an agenda and a report from the Chief, the conversation is always friendly, informal, and informative. If you attend a meeting, don't be surprised if you are asked to help organize your neighborhood, or at least talk to your neighbors.
Block captains sometimes organize a Neighborhood Watch group, a gathering on National Night Out, or just an email/ phone tree to keep people informed of emergencies. If you would like more information about setting up a group on your block, street, or neighborhood, you can get much helpful information by calling Officer Martinez at the police station: 526-4141.

DONATIONS

The Kensington Community Council thanks all of the recent contributors to its annual fund drive. The generosity of community members provides critical support for Kensington’s recreation and education programs as well as the *Kensington Outlook*. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, please send it to the

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December Offerings

- December 2
11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

“Seasons of Light” Holiday Boutique & Luncheon with Aesop’s Fables of Peace, Children’s Choir, & Handbells
- December 3
10:00 a.m.

Advent Celebration:
Stand Up for Peace
- December 8
8:00 p.m.

Bach B-Minor Mass
(Bella Musica with Arlene Sagan)
- December 10
10:00 a.m.

Advent Celebration:
Grow Up for Peace
- December 17
10:00 a.m.

Advent Celebration:
Speak Up for Peace
- December 24
10:00 a.m.

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Leap Up and Dance for Peace
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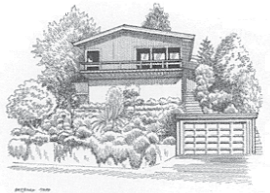
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Neighborhood Notes

KPPCSD meeting date change

The next meeting of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District will be held on December 6th at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. The date was changed because of the impending holidays. The meeting will include the swearing in of the new board members.

Control your pooch



Despite the new signs that are displayed all around the Kensington Park, people continue to let their dogs run off-leash, especially in the evenings. This

has been the cause of several unhappy scares for children and adults and of the dogs leaving messes around for others to unexpectedly find. Please keep your dog on its leash. The Kensington police will now be monitoring the parks for off-leash dogs.

Holiday luncheon

The Season of Light Holiday Boutique and Luncheon will be held on December 2, at the Arlington Community Church, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. There will be a sale of handmade boutique items, jewelry, baked goods, jams, jellies, hand-knitted items, and other gifts. The noontime lunch is \$10, which includes performances by the Arlington Bell and Children's Choir, and the church's Youth Drama Group. Reservations 526-9146.

Thank you for your service



The day before Veteran's Day, an anonymous person placed a beautiful red rose on the doorstep of a WWII veteran, with an unsigned note saying, "Thank you for your tremendous sacrifice in World War II." The recipient would like to thank the donor. It meant a great deal to him. He too asked not to be named.

Looking for the chief

The ad hoc committee of the KPPCSD, which is responsible for organizing the process for finding a new chief of police and general manager, has identified two executive search firms from a field of five companies to conduct the search. Both firms will be interviewed by the board at a special meeting in mid December for selection of a finalist to conduct the executive search process. The two firms are Bob Murray and Associates of Roseville, California; and Ralph Andersen and Associates of Rocklin, California. Both companies have extensive experience with a wide variety of positions in communities throughout the country. The district board has authorized \$25,000 for the executive search process.

Police action commendations

Officer Martinez is being officially commended for his exemplary performance in the management of an incident on Coventry Road that included apprehending masked males with weapons. The investigation determined that the males were engaged in a prank and the weapons were replica air guns. Officers Stegman and Barrows are also being commended for their management of a runaway/missing juvenile. This incident had significant potential for a protracted "amber alert" application. Their actions were swift and professional.

Glasses for Guatemala



Last month we reported that the Lions Club is collecting eyeglasses. Over the past 10 years, the doctors at Kensington Optometry have traveled almost annually to Guatemala, bringing hundreds of pairs of donated spectacles to people who would otherwise have no vision correction.

"Native residents travel on foot, sometimes for days, to receive urgently needed medical care," said Russell Cotteral of Kensington Optometry "Patients leave with smiles and an improved quality of life."

Donations of spectacles are tax deductible, and the doctors at Kensington Optometry welcome your donations of used, unwanted spectacles. They are located at 291 Arlington Avenue.

KMAC meeting date changes

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC) usually meets on the last Thursday of each month, in the Community Center. But due to the holidays, there will be no December meeting, but there will be two in January, on the 2nd and 30th, at 7 p.m.

Sandbags for winter storms

The KSD has arranged for over 9,000 sandbags to be delivered to the parking lot below the community center. These are for residents to use to mitigate for any flooding that may occur this winter. The sandbags will also be used to protect the community center and other buildings in the park. These will be on a first-come basis and will be delivered to the Library/Arlington Church parking lot on Friday, December 1st. The public is asked to limit the bags they take to five per household.

Christmas toy donations

The Richmond/El Cerrito Firefighters Toy Program is now in its 17th year. This wonderful program exists to collect and distribute new toys to economically disadvantaged children in West Contra Costa County. Run as a nonprofit organization, the firefighters provide toys to children aged 12 and under. They collect donations, toys, and cash at all area fire stations, including the Kensington Fire Station. The distribution is made, with the aid of the Richmond police, just before Christmas. The program also distributes food baskets so families can enjoy a holiday dinner. Sponsors include the Mechanics Bank, Target, the YMCA, Richmond Firefighters Local 188, and the Kensington Police Department. Each year they give children small bicycles, cases of toys, and an opportunity to meet Santa Claus.

For many of these children, these are the only toys they receive for Christmas. If you would like to donate, you can bring new, unwrapped toys to the fire station at 217 Arlington Avenue or any other station in El Cerrito or Richmond. You can also make donations online at www.firefighterstoyprogram.org. For more information, call 307-8031.

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Where: At the Kensington Tennis Courts

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When: Monday, 6:15–7:15 p.m.
Thursday, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Fees: Residents—\$12 for drop-in. One-month pass (4 classes) for \$40. Nonresidents—add 10% (\$13.20/class—\$44 or \$88 for monthly pass)
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When: Tuesday 9:15–10:15 a.m.
Fees: Residents \$12 for drop-in, \$40/4 weeks (1 class/week), \$80/4 weeks (2 classes/week) Nonresidents add 10% (\$13.20/class; \$44 or \$88)
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When: Tuesday, December 12, 7–8 p.m.
Fees: \$35. Pre-registration is required. Contact Esther Hill at the KCC office at 525-0292 to register and reserve your space.
Where: Kensington Community Center (KCC) 59 Arlington Ave., in Room A in the Recreation Building (Building E)

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When: Thursday, Jan. 11, 7–8 p.m.
Fee: \$35. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Esther Hill at the KCC office at 525-0292 to register and reserve your space.
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Tennis court fees: Kensington residents—\$2/45-minute reservation (singles); non-residents—\$5.

Community Center rental: For information on renting the Community Center, call Helen Horowitz at the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, 526-4141.

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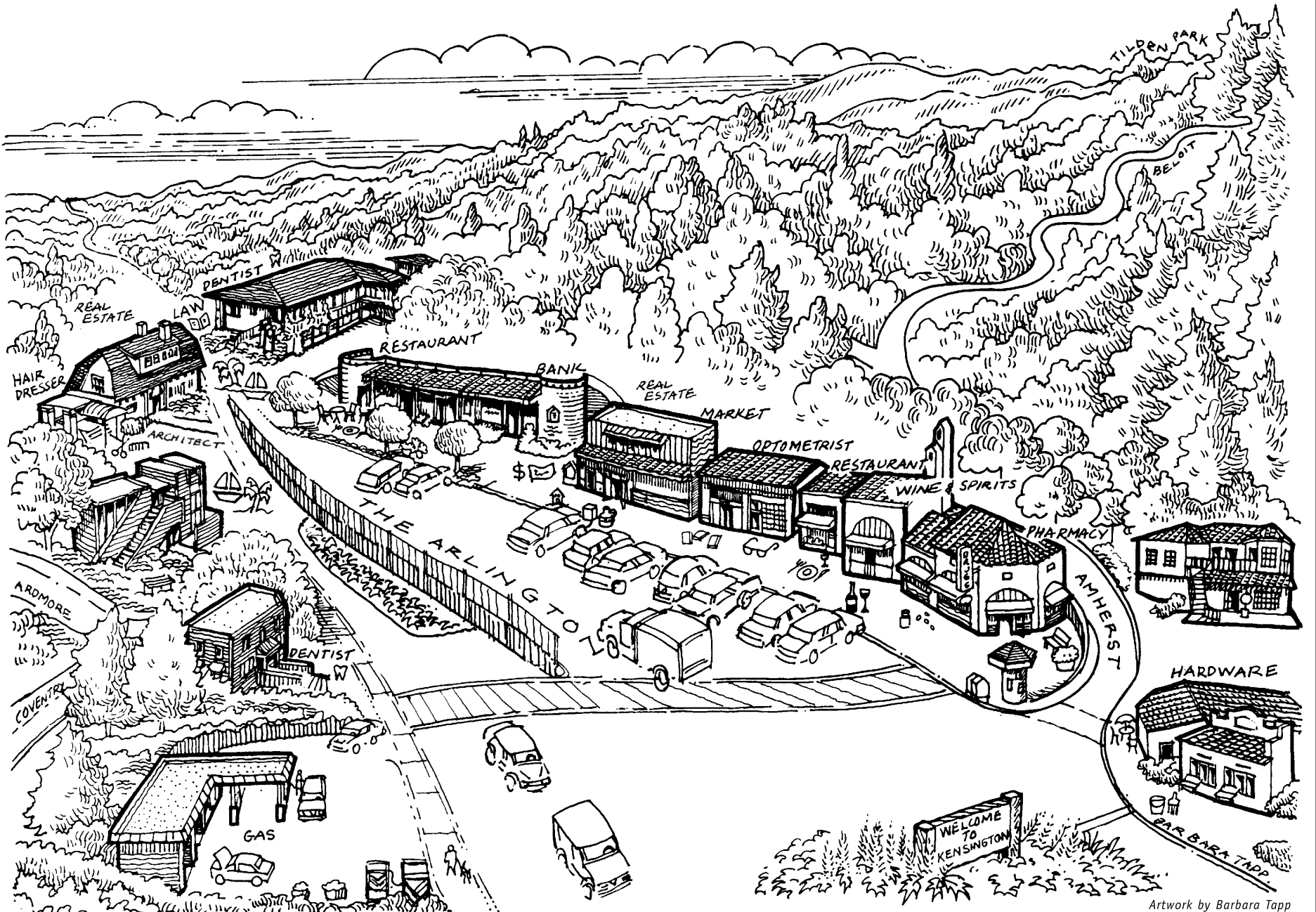
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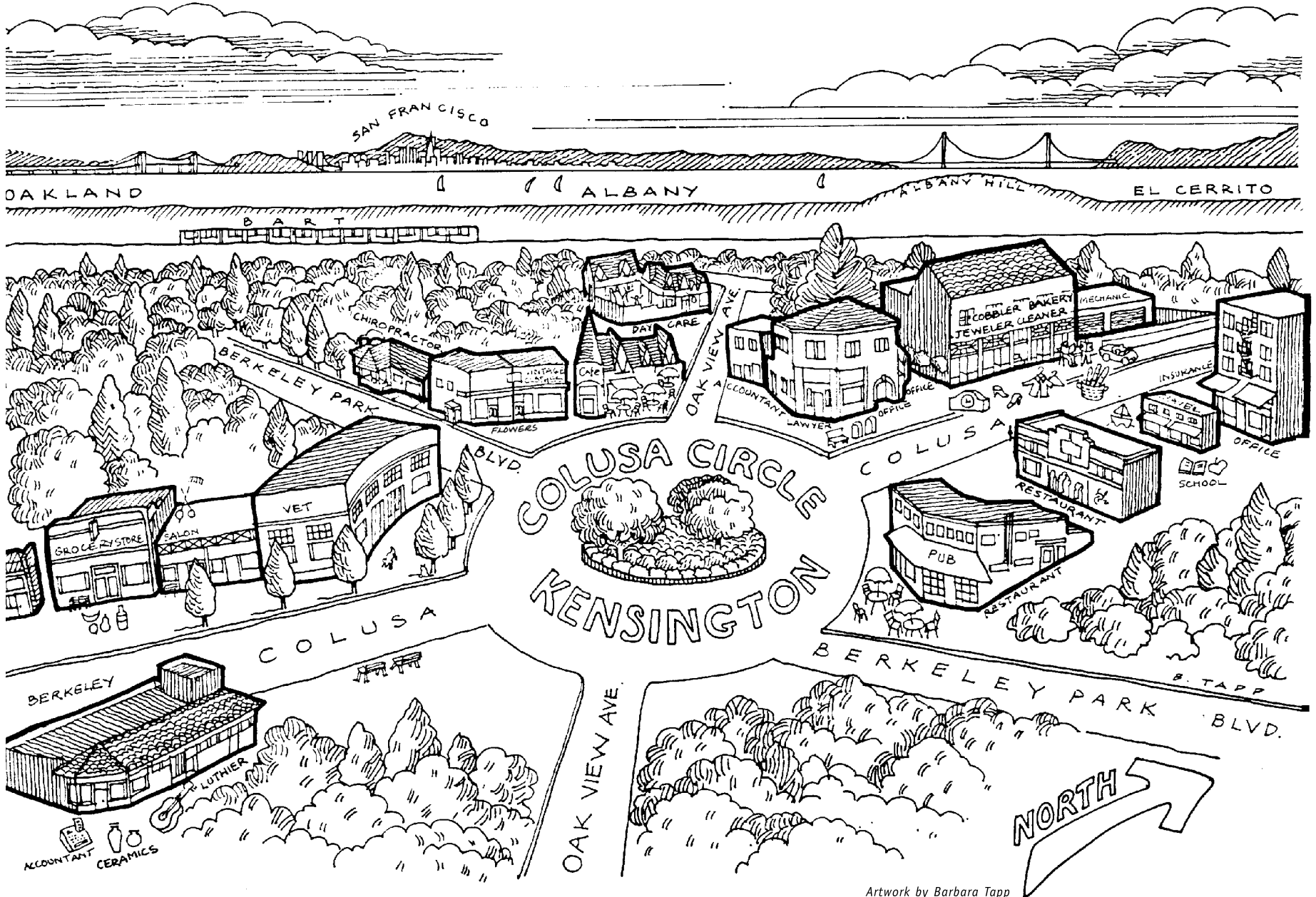
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Two days to recycle e-waste

The Community Service District has arranged for two days of collection of electronic waste to keep your hazardous "e-waste" out of landfills. This includes computers, monitors, televisions, stereos, VCRs, copiers, fax machines, and answering machines. Universal Waste Management of Oakland will coordinate the pick-up events and will staff and equip the loading and hauling. A flyer will be sent to Kensington residents giving details. The staffing for the event will be done by volunteers from the community, including the neighborhood watch groups. To volunteer for this important project, please call 526-4141. The drop-off days will be Saturday, January 27th, and April 28, 2007 at the Kensington Library parking lot.

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The students at Hilltop School have not forgotten their friends in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, who suffered so much from Hurricane Katrina over a year ago. This year the children have produced a series of beautiful cards, as they did last year. They are ideal for Christmas and other occasions. The kids are selling them through the school and by volunteering their time at the Sunday Farmers' Market.

Kensingtonian author publishes

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Author Brad Marshland says he never really wanted to grow up, but he managed to go from Kensington Elementary and Kennedy High School to Harvard. He imagined he would be a writer, and so he became one.

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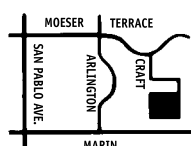
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From County Supervisor John Gioia

Welcome to the first of what will be regular columns I'll be writing for the *Outlook* on county issues of interest to Kensington residents. I'm excited by the opportunity to touch base with one of the most impressively community-run areas in the county. Even though, as an unincorporated community, Kensington is largely governed by the county, in many important areas it's self-governed, thanks to a hardworking network of local organizations and special districts, run mostly by volunteers. I've enjoyed a productive history of working with them.

Kensington is a wonderful example of governance by teamwork between the county and the community.

In this column, I'll elaborate on various county matters relevant to Kensington. I'm also open to suggestions, ideas, and answering your questions. Contact my office at 374-3231 or via email at dist1@bos.cccounty.us.

You can also visit www.co.contra-costa.ca.us/depart/dis1.

Let's start with Doctor's Medical Center in San Pablo, which you've probably heard, seen, or read about in the media these past months. I also talked about it at the recent town hall meeting. It's a situation worth watching, since Doctor's is one of two hospitals used for medical emergencies in Kensington. The other is Kaiser Richmond.

Faced with an escalating budget shortfall, Doctor's last month declared bankruptcy, cut services, and faced closure.

The hospital formerly known as Brookside is owned and operated by the West Contra Costa Healthcare District, a public agency (with an elected board) covering all of West County, from Crockett to Kensington.

A 2004 study by Contra Costa County Health Services concluded that the closure of Doctors' would quickly overwhelm Kaiser, leading to extraordinary treatment delays. Also, ambulances would be diverted to other hospitals, such as Alta Bates in Berkeley, subjecting patients to longer ambulance transport times.

The closure of Doctors' Hospital would also decrease the region's intensive care unit (ICU) capacity, which is already insufficient.

Doctor's closing is not a situation I want for West County.

Since the drastic news, I've worked hard with a team of healthcare leaders to develop a lasting solution to keeping the hospital open.

And we're almost there.

We've come up with a plan where the County Health Department will team with the Healthcare District to run the hospital.

Under this plan, which is making good progress in the official approval pipeline, the county and the district will establish a Joint Management Board, with the county having majority representation. This new board, of which I will be a member, will be responsible for making future decisions over hospital operations.

The finances are complex, but basically the county will advance \$10 million to the hospital, which will receive an additional \$10 million grant from the federal government. This cash infusion will prevent closure. The county will be paid back through the district's property tax revenue over the next three years.

At the same time, the county, Doctor's, and the new Joint Management Board will immediately work on restructuring hospital operations with a viable financing strategy. At this point I'm optimistic this plan will be approved, giving the hospital a solid future. It's a relief for all of us West County residents to have medical care close by.

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Healing Circle for Animals with Delphine Hano. 4-5 p.m. \$25, with portion to local animal rescue, RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. 525-6155.

Sunday, December 3

Personal Theology: Anna Matt talks on the Divine Feminine in the World's Religions. Part 1: Indigenous Religions, Hinduism, and Buddhism. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

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Monday, December 4

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Bell Choir 7:45-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Tuesday, December 5

Arlington Children's Choir, ages 12-16. 4-5:45 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146

Acting and Voice Classes for Teens and Adults. 7:30-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Wednesday, December 6

KPPCSD meeting (Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District). The Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Chancel Choir, 7:30-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Thursday, December 7

Red Cross blood drive. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. UCB Fiji Fraternity, 2395 Piedmont Ave., Berkeley. Appointments: 415-531-8554.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People (ages 10-16). 5:30-7 p.m., Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Dance Company for Young People. Ages 8-16, 6-7:30 p.m.; ages 16-106, 7:30-9 p.m. \$40, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

What is Your Story? 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Ballroom Instruction and Circle Dances for Young People and Adults, 7:30-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Friday, December 8



Bach B-Minor Mass (Bella Musica with Arlene Sagan), 8 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Saturday, December 9

Young People's Chamber Orchestra: Classical and holiday music played by young musicians ages 8-12. 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Library. 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Teen and Tween Advisory Council. 11 a.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-304.

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Family Story Time: Penguins, Polar Bears and Snow. Songs and stretches, and each child can make a waddling envelope penguin to take home. 11 a.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

One on One Animal Communication, with Delphine Hano, 5-6 p.m. \$25. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. 525-6155.

Kensington Symphony. Geoffrey Gallegos, conductor. Handel, Johann Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Telemann, others. 8 p.m. Donation: \$15 general; \$12 seniors; children free. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 524-9912.



Sunday, December 10

Personal Theology: Anna Matt talks on the Divine Feminine in the World's Religions. Part 2: Judaism. 9:30-10:30 a.m. See December 3.

Kensington 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair, sponsored by Easy Going and Kensington Farmers' Market. Free cider, holiday snacks and fun for the whole family, arts, crafts, music, food and author signings. More than 40 vendors. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Arlington and Amherst Aves. Info:kensingtonfm@yahoo.com

Farmers' Market, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3.

Monday, December 11



The East Bay Youth Band celebrates its 6th anniversary featuring chamber group ensembles and a sing-a-long. 7 p.m. Valley Center for the Performing Arts, Holy Names University, 500 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. 444-4857.

Beginning Computer Classes. See December 4.

Bell Choir. See December 4.

Tuesday, December 12

Network High School Choir from First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley sing songs for the holidays! 7 p.m. Kensington Library. 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Local author Neva Carpenter reads her book *Harem Scarem in El Cerrito*, a memoir of growing up in El Cerrito during the 1930s. 7 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Arlington Children's Choir and **Acting and Voice Classes.** See December 5.

Thursday, December 14

Holiday Tree Trim. Easy crafts for children ages 4-10. Tree provided by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 3-5 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Eth-Noh-Tec. A program of Asian American dance, music, theater and storytelling at the Kensington Community Center. 7 p.m. Sponsored by the KCC and the FKL. 59 Arlington Ave.

Sparks for Growth. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People and **Ballroom and Circle Dances.** See December 7.

Friday, December 15

Kol Hadash Humanistic Judaism Pot-Luck Chanukah and Menorah Lighting, led by Rabbi Jay Heyman. 6 p.m. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Potluck assignment and info. 428-1492.

Saturday, December 16

Non-Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for Cats and Dogs, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$45. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. Appointments, 525-6155.

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Sunday, December 17

Personal Theology: Anna Matt talks on The Divine Feminine in the World’s Religions. Part 3: Christianity. 9:30-10:30 a.m. See December 3.

Holiday Pageant and Craft Party, Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Farmers’ Market 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3

Monday, December 18

Beginning Computer Classes. See December 4.

Bell Choir. See December 4.

Tuesday, December 19

Special Holiday Story Time with stories, treats and crafts. 7 p.m. Kensington Library. 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Arlington Children’s Choir and **Acting and Voice Classes.** See December 5.

Thursday, December 21

The Radiant Center: Spiritual practices for modern life, part 1. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People and Ballroom and Circle Dances. See December 7.

Sunday, December 24

Personal Theology: Giving Birth to God, or What I Wish the Apostles Had Taught. 9:30–10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Christmas Eve Pageant for All Ages: A Peace Unlike Any the World Has Ever Known. 3 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. Family Service, 5 p.m.; Late Service, 10 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3

Thursday, December 28

The Radiant Center, part 2. See December 21.

Sunday, December 31

Farmers’ Market closed for the holidays.

Personal Theology: Further Thoughts Toward a Unified Theory of Religion: The Idea of the Human. 9:30–10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3.

JANUARY

Tuesday, January 2

KMAC meeting (Kensington Municipal Advisory Council). The Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 273-9926

Thursday, January 4

What is Your Story? 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., 525-0302.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People and Ballroom and Circle Dances. See December 7.

Sunday, January 7

Personal Theology: Poet Sandra Gilbert: Modern Death, Millennial Mourning, and the Challenge of Grief. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Farmers’ Market, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3.

Monday, January 8

School starts.

Local author Phyllis Taper discusses her novel, *On Kelsey Creek*. 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Beginning Computer Classes. See December 4.

Tuesday, January 9

Acting and Voice Classes. See December 5.

Thursday, January 11

New! Story Time for Babies and Toddlers. Children attend with a parent or caregiver. No registration required. 10:30 a.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

Sparks for Growth. 7:30 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People and Ballroom and Circle Dances. See December 7.

Saturday, January 13

Non-Anesthetic Teeth Cleaning for Cats and Dogs, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. \$45. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. Appointments, 525-6155.

Sunday, January 14

Personal Theology: Sterling Newberry talks on Learning the Power of Presence. 9:30–10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, 525-0302.

Farmers’ Market 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3

Tuesday, January 16

Acting and Voice Classes See December 5.

Thursday, January 18

The Radiant Center, part 3. See December 21.

Story Time. See January 11.

Acting and Voice Classes for Young People and Ballroom and Circle Dances. See December 7.

Saturday, January 20

Winter Healing Circle for Animals, with Delphine Hano, using guided meditation. 6–7 p.m. \$35, with portion to local animal rescue. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave. 525-6155.

Sunday, January 21

Personal Theology: Barbara McGraw discusses the founding fathers and the “right vs. left” religious cultural wars. 9:30–10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Farmers’ Market 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3.

Monday, January 22

Kensington Library Book Club: *Love in the Time of Cholera*, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Beginning Computer Classes. See December 4.

Tuesday, January 23

Acting and Voice Classes. See December 5.

Thursday, January 25

Unitarian Universalist Roots and Branches. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Story Time. See January 11.

Ballroom and Circle Dances. See December 7.

Sunday, January 28

Personal Theology: with Barbara McGraw. The founding fathers and the “right vs. left” religious cultural wars. 9:30–10:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Farmers’ Market, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

Buddhist Meditation. See December 3.

Monday, January 29

Beginning Computer Classes. See December 4.

Tuesday, January 30

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Acting and Voice Classes. See December 5.

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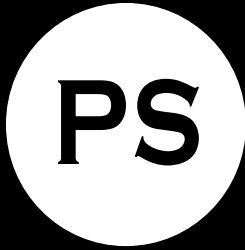
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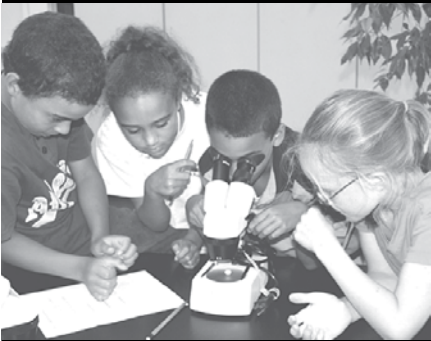
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