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November's Garden Party – Online, Live, Lively

This year's Garden Party benefit was held at the fabulous Mira Vista Country Club on November 13th. As always, it was a party not to be missed – and from the looks of things not many Kensington residents missed it! Live- and online auction items ranged from restaurant gift certificates and “Kids and Teacher Treasures” to an original Chagall lithograph.

Almost 600 revelers attended, and many were there to catch the “sunset moment” as the sun ducked behind the mountains and this year's soiree began – a 20% increase over previous years. Others stayed to enjoy the live auction excitement with the *Heads & Tails* game and the *Stock the Cellar* raffle – two new and welcome wrinkles at this year's event.

A big thank you goes out to Ralph Freightman and the Mira Vista Country Club for generously donating the use of their gorgeous facility.

While final numbers are still being tallied, including revenue from over 100 online bidders – a first this year. Organizers report that they exceeded their fundraising expectations, all to the benefit of Kensington Education Foundation and the children of Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. *Good job, Kensington!*

3 New Directors for KPPCSD Board

Semi-official results have been reported for November's election of three new board directors to the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District – an election replete with mud slinging and possible misrepresentation and ethical complications – involving two of the incoming directors as well as a current board director.


At press time, the County of Contra Costa Elections Division still had a few days to finish processing 11,000 provisional ballots (county-wide) to provide a final official vote tally (due November 30th). As of November 15th, Linda Lipscomb looked assured to have garnered a seat on the KPPCSD board of directors with 20.18% of almost 6,000 ballots. Also apparently elected were Mari Metcalf with 16.92%, and Richard (Tony) Lloyd, with 16.54%. Runner up Paul Dorroh was a close fourth with 15.25%, followed by Kim Zvik, hot on his heels with 14.22%, along with Eyleen Nadolny (8.85%) and Nicki Kaiser (7.71%).

The three top vote getters, Lipscomb, Metcalf, and Lloyd, will replace retiring directors, Bill Wright, Pat MacLaughlin, and John Stein, beginning December 2010.

The election was marred by 1) Allegations of misrepresentation on the part of incoming director-apparent, Tony Lloyd, by current KPPCSD director, Cathie Kosel; by 2) The appearance of possible ethical complications due to a pre-existing professional relationship between Kosel and another of the prevailing candidates, Mari Metcalf, who appears to have acted as Cathie's attorney in a complaint lodged by Kosel with the Contra Costa District Attorney over matters pertaining to the recent ballot Measure G, without Mari having made clear that professional relationship with someone with whom she would be sitting on the board were she to be elected, as she ultimately was; and by 3) Cathie Kosel having served as an election official at the Youth Hut polling

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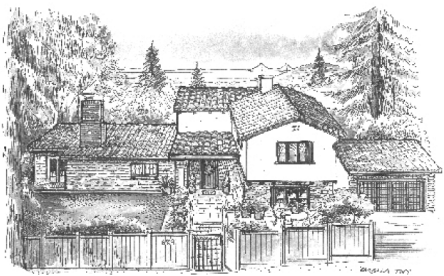
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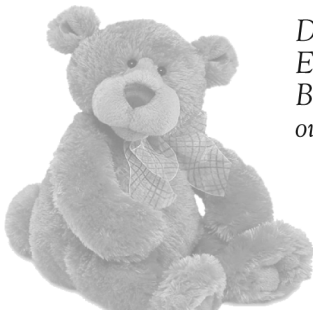


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voters Deceived?

Dear Editor,

The October *Outlook* had an ad for three candidates for our town’s main governing body. Recently I was told that one of these candidates lied on the resume he posted for the article. A day before the election he confirmed what he had written was untrue.

We, as voters, have been deceived. I don’t know if the other two candidates knew about these untruths but either way it is not okay. If I had been included as an endorser I would be furious.

It is a violation of trust – in this case public trust – to say you have degrees and experience you do not have. While the accuracy of his claims may not have been important to the candidate, they were not insignificant. This is a dangerous precedent to set for our community.

Integrity and accuracy are important.

Thank you,
Cindy Kimball

New Board for Farmer’s Market; Chris Hall Back

Dear Editor,

We are so pleased to let you and the community know that we have resolved all concerns and contention between the two groups interested in running the Kensington Farmers’ Market at Colusa Circle on Sunday.

Last Sunday, with the help of Joan Gallegos and the editor of our favorite local newspaper, the vendors voted and selected the Kensington Community Market Board to manage the market, based on competing 12-month proposals on how to run and improve the market.

We are pleased to report that Chris Hall, aka “El Jefe,” is now back at his post as Market Manager, with the new board in place, as of Sunday, November 21st.

Both boards are working together for a seamless transition and an even better market in the future. We’re grateful for the professionalism and graciousness everyone has shown in the transition process, and look forward to a program of continuous improvement, added vendors, and exciting community events to come.

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This Just In: Kensington Voters Pleasant & Patient

Dear Editor,

I would like to acknowledge and thank the voters of Kensington who came to the precinct at which I was an Election Officer. Almost unanimously, each was pleasant, patient and understanding of the process and the efforts of the poll workers.

As most voters know, poll workers are ordinary citizens who volunteer. We go through considerable training, but sometimes can’t remember or figure out “What to do if...” So please be considerate. (I will admit that we do get paid. In my case, I spent about 4 hours in training sessions before Election Day, was at the polls by 6 am, took 15 minutes for lunch, did final closing procedures from 8-9:30pm, and, after going to the Depot in Richmond with the ballots and other material, was home by 10 pm. The pay for this was a little over \$100.)

As Election Officers we take an oath to uphold the law. We accept the mission to be helpful and courteous, and that “No voter is turned away.” ID is not required in nearly all cases, but it is enormously helpful to us if the voter brings to the polls the card that comes with the sample ballot and other material, which gives the voter’s name, address and precinct number. Frequently, the place where one has “always voted” is not be the right precinct for the current election, for reasons not known by the poll workers.

Under certain circumstances, a voter may not be allowed to cast a “regular” ballot, but will have to cast a *provisional ballot*. This requires filling out a form and placing the ballot (which is identical to the regular ballot) in a pink envelope, and the envelope in the blue ballot box. If the County Election Division determines that the voter was qualified to vote in the precinct and had not already voted, the entire ballot will be counted. Rarely, only part of the ballot may be counted – for example, if a registered voter from El Cerrito marked the recent Kensington District contest, it would not be counted, but other contests would ...If an Alameda voter casts a Provisional Ballot in a Contra Costa precinct, it will not be counted at all).

Again I thank you, and I think I do so for my fellow poll workers as well.

Ann Stevens

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RECREATIONAL
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WILD CRAFTED WREATHS
Join us on Friday December 3rd, 6-8 p.m., for a hands-on wild crafted wreath making workshop at the Kensington Community Center!

We will be using a diverse array of evergreen cuttings, as well as eucalyptus and succulents to create the wreaths. We’ll have everything you need to create a unique, festive and long-lasting wreath to complement a front door or any room of your house. Wreaths will be bound with raffia ties and will be completely compostable.

Please bring pruning shears (if you have them), as well as accents and ribbons to personalize your wreath (if you want).

Cost of \$30 includes all materials. You will be able to select evergreen boughs and boughs of contrasting foliage and accents from a diversity of those that we will provide.

Taught by two experienced floral and event designers, Catherine Johnson and Ondine Boulter. Please call or email Catherine at csings2faye@yahoo.com, or (510) 367-7977 with questions.

To register, please call the KCC office at 525-0292 or e-mail kccrec@yahoo.com, or mail a check to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.

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ONGOING ADULT YOGA
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Please feel free to contact yoga teacher Cricket Johnson with questions at 510-367-7977 or csings2faye@yahoo.com.



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Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of Hoop Power. She is also a clinical social worker who has been working with children, teens, and families for over 15 years. A lifetime student of music and yoga, and a lover of dance, Kaye discovered hoop-dance in 2007. A certified hoop-dance teacher through HeroHoops, Kaye teaches both children and adults in Berkeley and beyond.

Questions: kayelcsw@hotmail.com or 919-2783. Registration: kccrec@yahoo.com or 525-0292.



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Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He has over 17 years experience

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Maximum 18 students. Please sign-up early to guarantee a space. Call 525-0292, drop by KCC Office to register (M-F 10-4), or send checks payable to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington 94707.

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

Office: 59 Arlington Ave., Building E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. Email: kccrec@yahoo.com.

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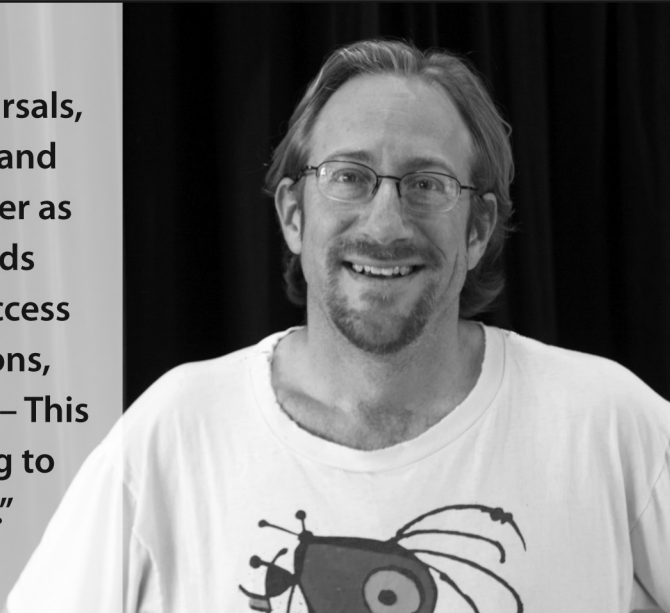
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New Reserve Officers Sworn In – Current Officers Commended

On Thursday, November 11th, Reserve Officers Christopher Turner (pictured, with proud father, at right), Christopher Armanino, and Theodore Foley were sworn in during the KPPCSD Board meeting. According to Chief of Police, Greg Harman, the department now has a total of seven reserve officers... Detective Keith Barrow received a Blue Commendation for his arrest of a bank robbery suspect out of San Jose, and Officer Juan Ramos received a Blue Commendation for locating a lost child. *Thank you, officers!*

Children Perform “Nutcracker” December 7th at Hilltop

Kathryn Roszak’s Children’s Dance Performance Group presents an abbreviated version of Tchaikovsky’s well-loved Nutcracker Ballet, performed by local children. For ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, 90 Highland Blvd. 6:30pm. Free. Info: 524-3043 or dlkdance.com.

Farmers’ Market Turns Over a New Pod

Kay Reed, of the Kensington Community Market Board and Alexandra Eisler, of the Kensington Farmers’ Market Association, collected ballots that ultimately ushered in a new management team (KCMB, by a narrow margin) for the Kensington Farmers’ Market, and the return of popular market manager, Chris Hall. Both boards are currently working together for a smooth transition to an increasingly fantastic market. Sundays, 10am-2pm at Colusa Circle.

Three Small Steps for Mankind

The first KIC stair building work party at Yale Avenue is done. The drizzle parted just long enough for eleven stalwart volunteers to learn the technique and place the initial steps. Nearby residents will be happy to know that utility pipelines (most notably the 3” gas main) were successfully avoided. Thanks so much to all who helped, and especially to Charlie Bowen of the Berkeley Path Wanderers Association (www.berkeleypaths.org), who kept everyone – and the steps – on the ‘straight and level.’ Three steps were placed, bringing the grand total to roughly 17, out of the 100 steps planned. For information, or to join in, contact Bryce Nesbitt at 558-8770. Contributions welcomed at KensingtonCalifornia.org/Kensington-Improvement-Club.

Wild Land Elves Strike Again

On Sunday, Nov. 21st, over forty “Woodland Elves” and “Friends of the Elves” gathered at the wild land interface at the Grizzly Peak trail head, to celebrate the end of fire season and their working partnerships with the Kensington Fire Protection District, Diablo FireSafe Council, East Bay Regional Parks, and PG&E. The self-identified Elves, in cooperation with the DFSC and EBRP, constitute the first and only resident/government “Right of Entry” partnership with the East Bay Regional Parks. This agreement allows local residents, with some restrictions, to clear brush and reduce the fuel along the “wild land” interface between Kensington and the park. This “right of entry” now extends along the entire eastern border of Kensington, from Berkeley to El Cerrito. The Elves have worked to reduce the height and break up the continuity of fuels with the goal of reducing the fire hazard to local residents and the town of Kensington. *Go Elves!*

INTERVIEW

New Minister at Arlington Community Church

Last year, the Arlington Community Church, located across the street from the Kensington Library, began a national search for a new minister. Out of over two hundred applicants they have selected one, and, from talking to him briefly on two occasions, he sounds great. That is, if you like a pastor with a sense of humor and his head screwed on right. (They're not all like that, you know.)

We were introduced at the recent Garden Party by Nina Harman, President of the Kensington Fire District board of directors and church member. In the course of our conversation, we found out that Tony was once planning to be a veterinarian. When it was pointed out that he had gone from veterinarian to seminarian, he added that he had also considered being a vegetarian. So we could tell right away that he's smart and he's got a sense of humor. Off to a good start!

We caught up with Tony on the phone the other day and continued our conversation.

KO: What was it about this congregation that intrigued you?

TC: The fact that they've embraced the arts as an entrance into spirituality. I also liked that they've been great stewards of their endowment – they're saving for the future. The openness, friendliness, ability to blend heady thought with social justice and deep faith; The fact that it's close to a premier university, and the graduate Theological Union – a consortium of seminaries in Berkeley.

KO: What do you see as the biggest challenges inherent in this position?

TC: The opportunity is to begin thinking toward the future – faith needs to be future-looking so we can look toward where God is pulling us, and the new people who are going to be coming and how they'll interact with faith.

KO: What differences have you found between here and Minnesota? (Tony relocated to take his new position.)

TC: I'm constantly amazed by the ongoing green. I'm finding that this area of the Bay is easy to get around. I was expecting to get lost in the hills. The people in Minnesota, there's a mentality – they'll protect you and help you to survive, but they don't want to know too much. It's not that Minnesotans aren't friendly, it's just that they're more reserved. There's an open-

ness and a friendliness here; there's a difference in the way people approach each other and start conversations. In Minnesota you really do have to talk about the weather, because it does guide your life. Talking about the weather there is like talking about a person that just left the room. You have to be prepared for snow – it really can endanger your life if you're not. Rain here is an inconvenience, but it's not life threatening. There's a different sense of fragility – of how prone to destruction you can be out there.

I also find that you can get the best of culture right here. It doesn't feel like there's a better place to go. You don't feel like you have to go to Chicago or NY to see the best of what's available.

KO: How long have you been a minister?

TC: I was ordained in 2007, so it's been about 3 ½ yrs.

KO: What do you like best about your job?

TC: There are so many wonderful things. I'm really enjoying getting to know this congregation, and who has different strengths and abilities. It's really an honor and a privilege to be with people through life's transitions. I also really enjoy worship and planning worship. I'm grateful that I get to do those every week.

KO: What has surprised you most about being a minister?

TC: The deference that people give to me. The inherent power and reverence that are given to the pastor. It's strange to think that I'm (assumed to be) more connected to God or that I have better ideas than anyone else. It's more than just a spiritual leadership, it's more like, "Well what do you think, pastor?"

One of the other surprising things is that I didn't really have to change who I am to be a pastor. It's not like I suddenly become more holy or less humorous or less snarky, or enjoy certain things less. I've been able to integrate the fun parts of my life and the work part of my life in ways that have been really surprising to me. I like ironic things, I like silly things. I didn't have to give up Scooby Do to be a pastor.

Which, as we understand it, was exactly what the congregation was looking for in a new minister!

EC Garden Club Cookbook Now Available

The El Cerrito Garden Club has collected the best recipes from group members, family, and friends and compiled them into an attractive keepsake cookbook. The cookbook contains 198 well-loved recipes, including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name, enabling you to find the recipes of family and friends. Cookbooks may be purchased from any club member. The cost is \$10. All proceeds will go to conservation and beautification efforts. For more information contact Marion Kent at 236-4421.



Soprano Emma McNairy performs with the Berkeley West Edge Opera's, Songs from the Edge, at the Freight and Salvage Coffee House. Sunday, December 5th at 2 pm. See Calendar, Page 10.

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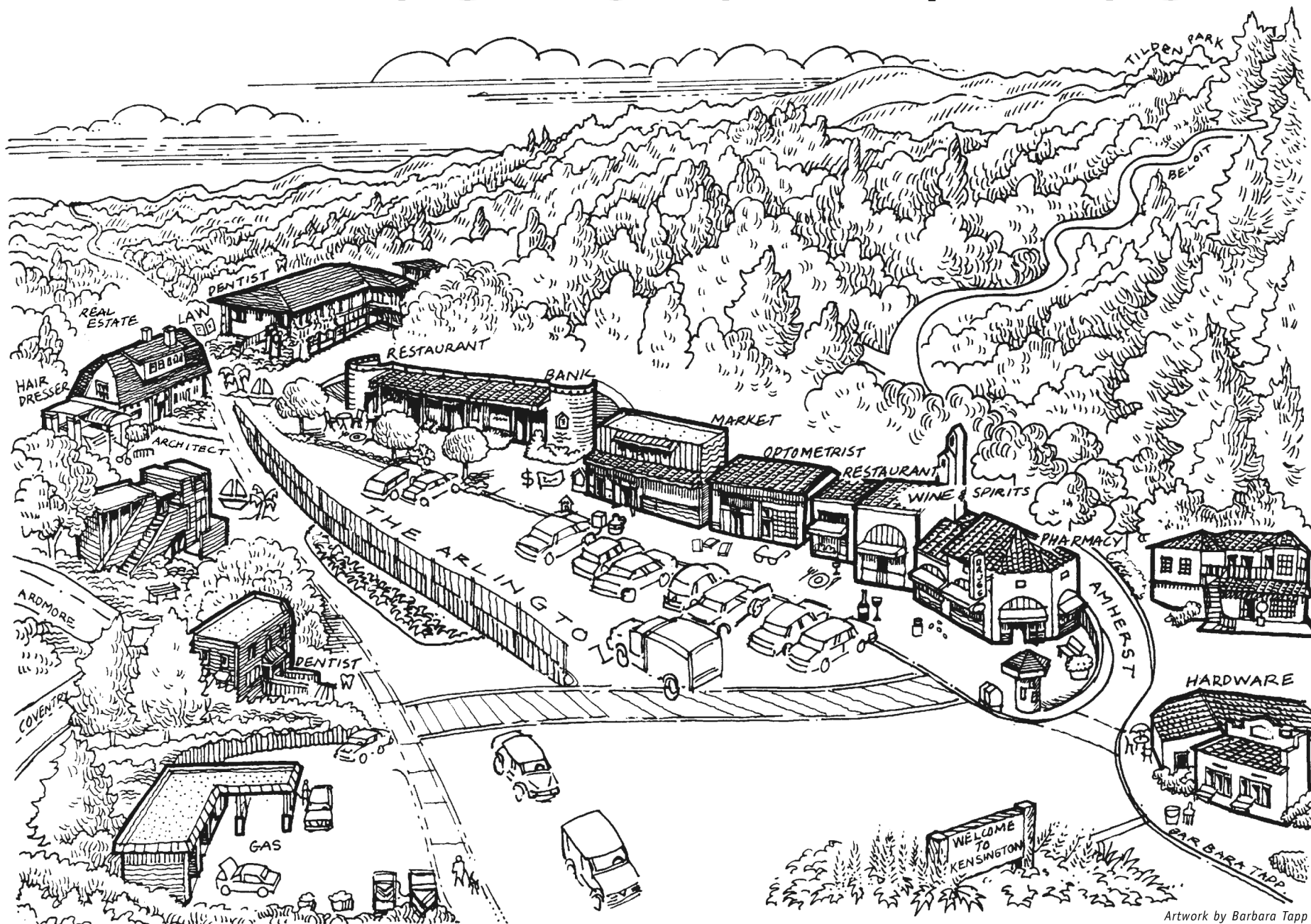
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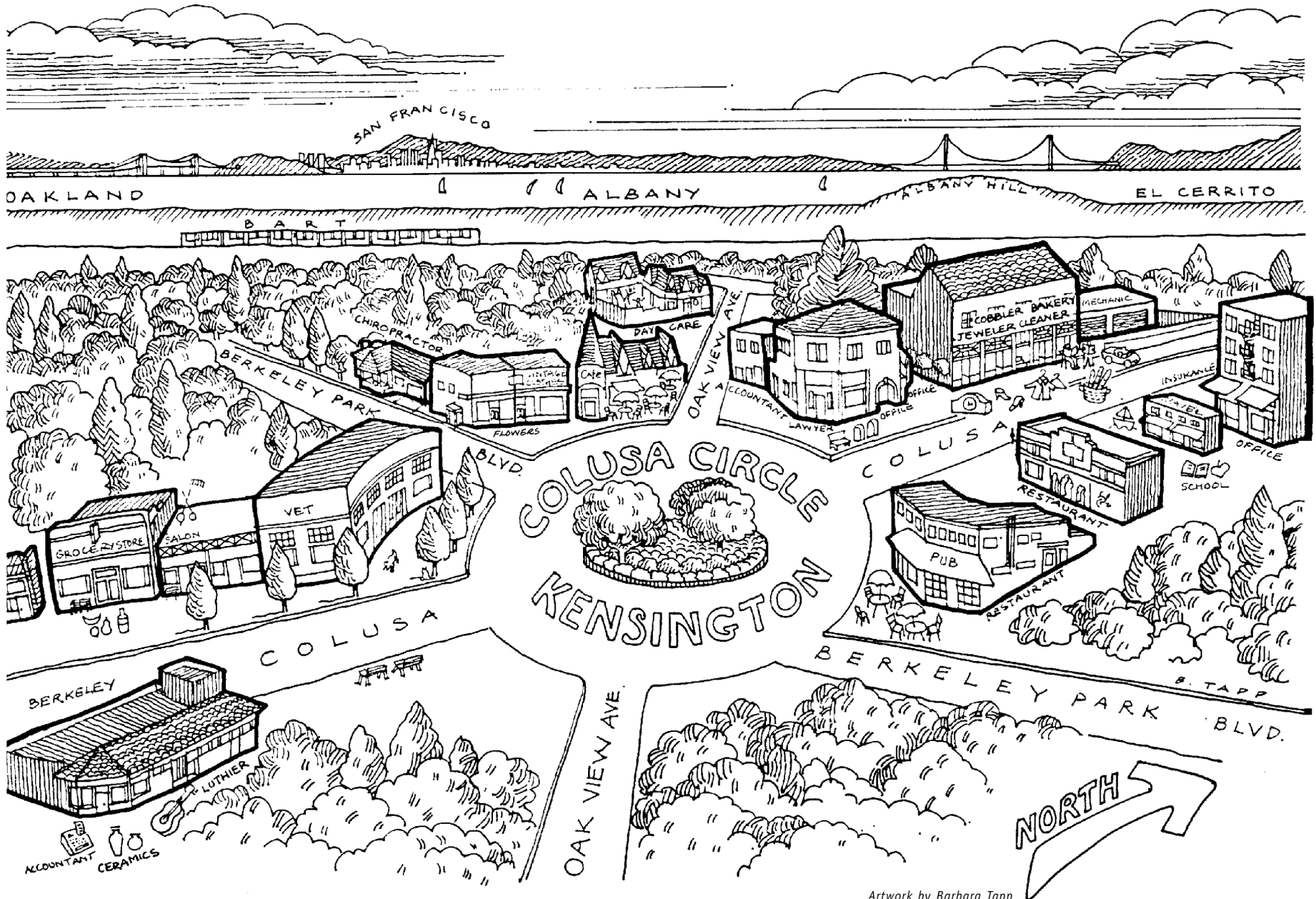
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•2010-5004 – On 10-1-2010, Officer Medina responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of trespassing. The suspect was not located.

•2010-5013 – On 10-1-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the 700 block of Wellesley Ave. to a civil dispute between neighbors over obstructed views. (*Well that's more like it!*)

•2010-5020 - On 10-1-2010, Officer Medina responded to the 100 block of Ardmore Rd. to a dispute between mother and adult son. (*"But Mom, Happy Meals are still legal in Kensington!" "Eat your broccoli."*)

•2010-5151 – On 10-8-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Amherst Ave. to a report of residential burglary.

•2010-5227 – On 10-12-2010, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Kingston Rd. on a report of petty theft from a vehicle.

•2010-5299 – On 10-15-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to a report of commercial burglary.

•2010-5302 – On 10-15-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to a report of vandalism to a vehicle.

•2010-5308 – On 10-15-2010, Officer Medina responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of petty theft.

•2010-5319 – On 10-16-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of arson. A suspect, unknown at this time, attempted to set fire to District property. (*A local resident offered, "It was either arson or the neighbors'son."*)

•2010-5421 – On 10-21-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Colgate Ave. to a report of theft from the bed of a truck.

•2010-5427 – On 10-21-2010, Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Highgate Rd. to a report of domestic violence. The primary aggressor was arrested and taken to County Jail.

•2010-5476 – On 10-23-2010, Officer Martinez issued a parking citation for parking in a handicap parking space in the unit block of Arlington Avenue. Ticket recipients became upset that Kensington residents were being cited. (*Well we're*

all aware of the sense of entitlement for which Kensington residents are notorious, but should we really be entitled to immunity from parking tickets, too?)

•2010-5521 – On 10-26-2010, Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Arlington Ct. to a report of fraudulent use of a credit card.

•2010-5052 – On 10-3-2010, Officer Hui responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. to a report of attempted suicide.

•2010-5078 – On 10-4-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 300 block of Colusa Ave. to a report of a civil dispute between an employee of a business and a customer. (*Kensington – where the disputes are civil.*)

• 2010-5095 – On 10-5-2010., Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of a vehicle collision.

•2010-5101 – On 10-5-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 100 block of Ardmore Rd. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

•2010-5104 – On 10-5-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 200 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

•2010-5119 – On 10-6-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 300 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. to a report of vandalism.

•2010-5225 – On 10-12-2010, Officer Wilson responded to the 700 block of Coventry Rd. to a report of tampering with a vehicle.

•2010-5236 – On 10-12-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 100 block of Ardmore Rd. to a report of theft from a vehicle.

•2010-5260 – On 10-13-2010, Officer Hui responded to the 300 block of Berkeley Park Blvd. to a neighbor dispute over an unleashed dog.


•2010-5351 – On 10-17-2010, Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to a report of arson to District property.

•2010-5356 – On 10-18-2010, Officer Stegman took a phone report of a Hit & Run in the unit block of Arlington Ave.


•2010-5365 – On 10-18-2010, Officer Wilson responded to the 500 block of Coventry Rd. to a report of identity theft.

•2010-5366 – On 10-18-2010, Officer Wilson responded to the 200 block of Colgate Ave. to a report of brandishing a firearm. A citizen's arrest was completed. (*Once all the citizens have been arrested, we should be able to cut patrols and other such expenses significantly.*)





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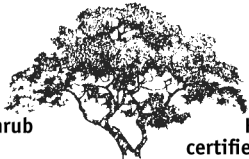


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place – which, given her hands-on management and partisan participation in the campaigns of Eyleen Nadolny and Mari Metcalf, as well as her status as an incumbent board member, struck many residents as inappropriate. Cathie is also alleged to have, in the course of her duties as an election official, harassed and intimidated one of the KPPCSD board candidates who, reportedly in compliance with the laws governing such behavior, was talking to voters at the polls on Election Day.

Tony Lloyd
Cathie Kosel questioned the five following statements of Tony’s, included in the resume he posted on his candidacy’s website: 1) The listing of a “BS from WSU – Michigan;” 2) His claim to be a “Senior Moderator of Arlington Church;” 3) His claim to have “manag(ed) billions of dollars in assets; 4) His listing of himself as a “corporate director of a public utility for 35 years;” 5) His inclusion of “Post Grad – Northwestern University.” (Tony’s resume appeared on his candidacy’s website, but did not appear in the materials sent to voters by the Registrar of Voters.)

Tony responded to the allegations:

1) Note [Ms. Kosel’s] comment does not state that Wayne State University states or claims it has no record of (my) graduation. Had this information been provided by WSU, where I attended undergraduate studies in the School of Management and Business Administration from 1967-1972, it would have verified my dates of enrollment. In 1972, as a senior...I was allowed to take a postgraduate-level course curriculum while waiting for two prerequisite undergraduate courses to be offered that I needed to take to complete my degree requirements. In June of 1972 I was also offered an employment opportunity with AT&T in their accelerated management development program, which I accepted. I participated in continuing education for the next 30 years, which provided me with credits exceeding those required for graduation but have never taken the time to have the credits applied. I am currently in discussion with WSU to have this oversight corrected.

2) Arlington Church implemented the co-moderator position in 2003. The term of office is two years. Since the implementation of this policy there has been an incoming moderator (“junior”), and the incumbent moderator who, in their second year becomes the senior moderator. The senior moderator has overall authority for lay leadership of the church council and congregation. I began my year as senior moderator in January 2010. Ms. Kosel is neither a member of the church or attendee (see church membership directory) and mistaken in her claims.

3 & 4) Joined AT&T (Michigan Bell in 1972) as Sales Manager, transferred to AT&T (Pacific Bell in 1976) Sales Man-

ager, promoted to Director Strategic Marketing Planning 1983, promoted to General Manager Marketing Sales 1987 (200 employees, \$10 M budget \$160M Revenue Base); 1988 promoted to Executive Director Telemarketing Services and Customer Education/310 employees/\$119 M Budget, \$600 Million revenue contribution base. Early Retirement August 1990. President of I.D.M.G., Inc. 1991-1996 (consulting practice). Recalled to AT&T 1996 to 2008, retired as Director Regulatory & Public Policy AT&T Network Operations; responsible for revenue asset protection and development of \$1.2 B.

5) I attended the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, where I completed The Executive Sales and Marketing Certification program, Evanston Campus in 1988.

Mari Metcalf
On May 25, 2010, on behalf of Cathie Kosel, Mari sent a letter to the Contra Costa District Attorney, Robert Kochly and Contra Costa Grand Jury/Deputy District Attorney, John Cope, regarding alleged Kensington Police Department actions promoting Measure G.

In apparent conjunction with the filing of a sworn complaint with the Fair Political Practices Commission by Cathie, Mari stated in her letter that she had been asked by Cathie to contact them, and that she had “...assisted Ms. Kosel in analyzing her concerns that the Kensington Police Department appears to be engaging in campaigning in favor of Measure G...Ms. Kosel and I would like to meet with you to discuss this situation.”

In the letter, references were made to possible violations of government Codes 8314 and 54964, the Federal Hatch Act, “as it ...is contained in Sections 1500 et seq of Title 5 of the United States Code,” and other such legal references and descriptions (e.g., “Also see Stanson v. Mott 17 Cal3d 206 [1976],” etc.) Along with Cathie’s signature, the letter was signed “Mari Metcalf, Esq.” (For the record, the FPPC formally dismissed the complaint

see Election, Page 13...

Disaster Preparedness

In November, 50 Kensington residents attended an informative presentation by the Berkeley Fire Department’s Office of Emergency Service’s volunteer trainer, Pam Grossman. Co-sponsored by the Kensington Public Safety Council and the Kensington Police Department, the one-night workshop also included a talk by the County Sheriff’s Eve Ridgers, speaking about the Community Warning System in Contra Cost County...To be part of a comprehensive, integrated, county-wide system that will notify you of imminent threats to life or health, call 925-313-9622 or go to <http://cws.cccounty.us>.

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INTERVIEW

Sugar Cone Cafe Now Open in Kensington

There’s a brand new café in town, though it’s been an ice cream store for more than 20 years. New owners, Andrea Tung and husband, Ken Brunetti, told us they’re going to offer something new and different in addition to ice cream to help make their shop a success, including desserts made by Alfred Schilling – gourmet chocolates, cupcakes, cookies, tarts, and Parisian macaroons (almond- as opposed to coconut-based). And who ever heard of a macaroon without coconut? That’s the sort of stuff you learn about when you open up an ice cream cafe!

“We live close by (a ‘cone’s throw’ from the store’s front door) and we’ve always thought it would be fun to run the ice cream store, which we’ve been watching. The opportunity came up when the previous owners decided to close, and our landlord was willing to help us. The previous owners agreed to sell their equipment. We’ve aligned ourselves with people who know a lot about the business, and have done a lot of research. Many people in the community have offered us a lot of support.”

The first thing we asked Andrea was how she was going to maintain her lithe figure while running an ice cream shop.

“I anticipate doing a lot of running around, that’s for sure. I’ve lost weight already since I started doing this business. I also have two kids.” (Enough said!)

“We’re going to serve Double Rainbow ice cream and those great desserts,” she continued, “– I really believe in Alfred,” Andrea waxed enthusiastically. “Despite having lived here only two years, we both grew up in Albany and we’re very much a part of the Kensington community already; we have lots of connections to people here. I think we can market the cafe really well. We want it to be a place that families, adults, and teenagers all feel comfortable and want to come. All our desserts are organic, and we’ve got good quality ice cream that everyone can enjoy.

“I want it to be a fun, comfortable place for people; a community destination. We’re open to suggestions from the community about what they’d like this business to be.”

We asked one last question: *You just opened and it’s November. How do you market ice cream in the Bay Area in the winter?*

“It’s probably easier to market in the winter, ’cause it’s colder in the summer. And that’s why we have other things to offer, like desserts and hot coffee.”

Sounds like Andrea and Ken have got it pretty well figured out!

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Dec. 2 Reading Garden Book Club for Kids in grades 1-3. First Thursdays, monthly. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4pm. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 2, 9, & 16 Baby & Toddler Story Time. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am and 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

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Dec. 4 Preschool Story Time & Craft. Meets one Saturday per month – please check schedule for dates. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30am. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 5 Pancake Breakfast benefitting the El Cerrito High School Music Program. 9am-11:30am, Kensington Community Center. Live music. \$10 adults; \$6 for students and seniors.

Dec. 5 Benita Gaudier shows her paintings of domestic and barnyard animals at RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Avenue, EC. 356-4233 or www.rabbitears.org. Opening reception 2-4pm. Exhibit ongoing through December. 20% of sales donated to RabbitEARS to benefit their animal rescue efforts.

Dec. 5 Berkeley West Edge Opera introduces a new song recital series, “Songs from the Edge.” Sopranos Nicolle Foland and Emma McNairy and tenor Thomas Glenn, accompanied by pianist Steven Bailey. 2pm, Freight and Salvage, 2020 Addison St., Berkeley. www.berkeleyopera.org or 841-1903

Dec. 5 Personal Theology Seminar: Storyteller Carolyn West presents “Journey into the Heart of Story.” Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

Dec. 5, 12, 19 The Kensington Farmers Market 10am-2pm at Colusa Circle. Information: bambooking@sbcglobal.net, or 847-0801 (No market 12/26)

Dec. 5, 12, and Jan. 16, 23, 30 Youth Bell Choir. Ages 8 and up, 11:30am, by permission of the director. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington, 526-9146

Dec. 6 “Castoffs” Knitting Group. All levels welcome and some help provided. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7pm. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 6, 13, and Jan. 17, 24, 31 Adult Bell Choir. Arlington Community Church, UCC, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 7:45pm. 526-9146

Dec. 7 Power of Myth at the Movies IV: *Finding Neverland*, led by Richard Stromer. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington. 7:30-9pm. Suggested fee: \$7.50. Please watch the film before class. 682-6302.

Dec. 7 The Nutcracker: Children’s Dance Program. Kathryn Roszak’s Children’s Dance Program, featuring Kensington Hilltop school children, performs a free “Nutcracker” sponsored by Friends of Kensington Library at Hilltop School Auditorium, December 7th at 6.30pm. 233 5550 or dlkdance.com

Dec. 7, 16 and Jan. 11, 18, 25 Family Dinner and Spirit and the Arts Young People’s Dance Theater Company. Dance and theater training with values, Grades 3-8. 6-7:30pm, Arlington Community Church. 673-5150.

Dec. 9 El Cerrito Garden Club Annual Catered Christmas Luncheon with live music. EC Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. \$20/person. Guests welcome. Reservations by Friday, December 3 at 237-4192.


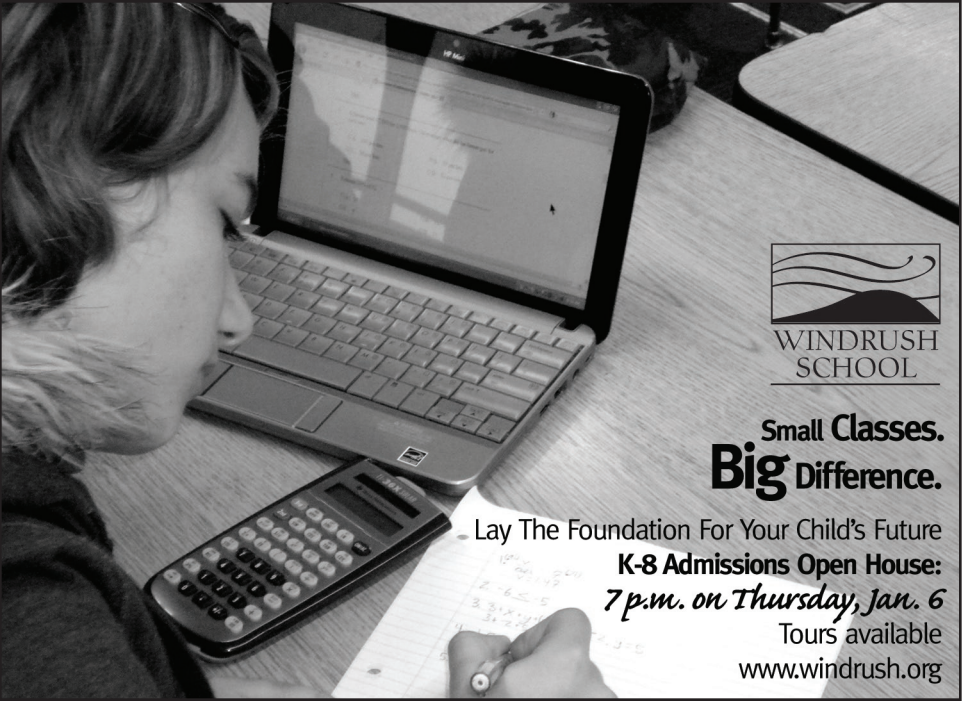
Dec. 11 No Bunny Left Behind Special Fundraising Reception with Melissa Bay Mathis, 3-6pm, reading from her book, *Animal House*. At RabbitEARS. 684-6502

Dec. 12 Personal Theology Seminar: Rev. Rebecca Parker, President of Starr King School for the Ministry, will speak on her latest book, *House of Hope: The Promise of Progressive Religion for the Twenty-first Century*. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington.10-11am. Free. 525-0302.

Dec. 13 Scrabble Club. All levels welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 3 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 13 Author Joy Totah Hilden presents a slideshow and discussion of her book, *Bedouin Weaving and its Neighbors*, about Bedouin textiles and weaving crafts. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

Dec. 14 Bell Choir Holiday Music. A short collection of holiday music for ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

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based on its review of the evidence, and the D.A./Grand Jury chose not to pursue the matter.)

Some Kensington residents have expressed a concern that Mari appears to have been acting in a legal capacity, and that such a professional legal relationship between a candidate for the KPPCSD board and a sitting board director, especially as it pertains to formal legal challenges to the actions of employees of the District, whom the candidate – and now apparent director-elect – will be supervising, should have been made clear to voters in the course of the campaign.

Analysis

Cathie Kosel has thrown down a serious challenge to Tony Lloyd’s credibility. Whether that challenge holds water, or Tony has laid to rest any concerns about his resume, or the alleged lapse is perceived as minor, remains to be seen. In any event, it could prove challenging for these two directors to work together.

Tony stood for election as a member of the *Kensington First* slate of three. A reasonable person might assume that slate members share a point of view and would likely vote in alignment on many issues. At minimum, knowledge of Mari’s

relationship with Cathie Kosel, and their apparently shared views of the role of the board in its oversight of those who are supervised by the board, would have been similarly valuable information for voters to have had when making their selection of new board members.

Cathie’s participation as a board director, partisan campaigner, apparent legal client of one of the candidates in matters before the board, *and* election official speaks for itself.

Prior to this election, Cathie found herself in the minority on many board votes. We now know that Cathie and Mari see eye-to-eye on at least one important issue. Should they comprise an enduring voting block, it could prove even more difficult to pass anything at all with the required majority.

And so, on the eve of the installation of three new KPPCSD board directors, we are brought back to the immortal words of Rodney King – beating victim, alcoholic, thief, abuser, celebrity boxer, and hip hop record producer, previously quoted in these pages: “*Can we all get along?*” – Ed.

Tony Lloyd’s responses to Cathie Kosel’s allegations, above, are excerpted from his candidacy’s website. The full text is available at <http://kensingtonfirst.com/update.html>.

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