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Supervisors approve Kensington property ordinance

Ordinance seeks to strike balance between property owners rights and neighbors

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a new planning ordinance for Kensington, the conclusion to five years of efforts between supervisor John Gioia and the community.

The new ordinance is not without controversy. There was small, but vocal opposition from some people, including architects and owners of vacant lots, who expressed concerns that the ordinance unfairly granted rights to neighbors at the expense of property owners' right to improve their property.

But proponents of the ordinance say it is designed to seek a balance between prop-

erty owners and their neighbors and allow the county to consider the impact of a project on a neighboring property's sunlight, views and privacy while balancing the rights of property owners to improve the value and enjoyment of their property.

The ordinance, which applies to remodels, additions and new construction on all lots in Kensington, takes effect February 17.

"The purpose is to encourage early cooperation and consultation with neighbors but also apply standards so if you have an uncooperative neighbor a project can get approved," said Gioia. "It will establish a clearer process with more certain standards."

Once enacted, the moratorium put into place on construction on vacant lots and properties that would have fallen under the

county's small lot ordinance will officially expire, although the county is expected to begin processing applications put on hold in advance of that.

Under the new ordinance, after anyone in Kensington files an application to expand a building, a new home or an accessory building larger than 120 square feet, notices will be sent to all properties within 300 feet and the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council.

The ordinance uses a floor-area ratio of the total square footage of a project after construction to determine whether a hearing is mandated or not. Even if a project does not cross the threshold, anyone can request a hearing within 34 days after the date of the mailing of notification to raise concerns about impacts within 300 feet of

the project.

Commercial buildings, churches, public buildings, schools, or residential second units that meet all applicable code requirements are exempted from the ordinance.



John Gioia

The ordinance requires the zoning administrator to consider siting, size, bulk, building envelope, height, setbacks, relative scale, off-street parking spaces, window placement, artificial lighting and location of mechanical devices and evaluate them on the basis of their impacts on the neighboring properties and compatibility with the neighborhood with regard to bulk and scale.



Janet McKnight directs traffic as volunteers prepare T-shirts being sold to raise funds for international tsunami relief efforts.

Thinking globally

The earthquake and tsunamis that ravaged parts of southern Asia and killed more than 225,000 people at the end of December have children in Kensington raising money for victims.

Two separate efforts - one initiated by Hilltop Elementary School teacher Janet McKnight and the other by Kensington Cub Scout Pack 82 - have been aimed at involving local children in helping those devastated by the disaster across the globe.

Though the efforts are not expected to generate a significant amount of money to address the tragedy in Southern Asia, they are meant to provide people, particularly children in the community, a small way to participate in the relief efforts and show solidarity with those stricken by the events.

McKnight, a Kensington resident, hit upon the idea of a T-shirt sale to raise funds for international relief efforts and parents, teachers and kids responded enthusiastically. The navy blue shirts, which sell

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Helen Horowitz will leave KCC at end of June for KPPCSD

Helen Horowitz, the driving force behind the Kensington After School Enrichment Program who built the KCC Summer Camp into a day camp sought out by people well beyond the confines of Kensington,



Helen Horowitz

will step down from her post at the end of June.

Horowitz, who has served as the Kensington Community Council administrator since the summer of 1995 will take the job of secretary of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services

District July 1 when Diana Jones retires. Horowitz will continue to hold responsibilities of managing the park and serving as facilities coordinator in her new job.

"It's a good opportunity to still continue with the park and have a full time job," said Horowitz. "I have two grown children and now its time for me to take a full-time job."

During her time on in the post, Horowitz played an active role in the transformation of Kensington Park, participating in the planning and serving as on-site coordinator for the construction of the \$150,000 Education building that houses the KCC offices. She also expanded youth and adult

education programs and nearly tripled the size of the summer camp.

"Flags are at half mast," said KCC president Ted Blanckenberg, who praised Horowitz for her enthusiasm, stability, organization and humor. "She's irreplaceable and she needs to be replaced."

The Kensington Community Council has initiated a search for a part-time administrator for its community education program. Administrative and organizational skills and experience are required as duties include hiring KCC instructors; scheduling programs, classes and events in the Community Center,

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James Carman Dies




James Carman, the former chair of the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council and a driving force behind Kensington's new property ordinance, died at 73.

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The event, sponsored by Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Andronico's Market, marks its 17th year. Following the success of last year's event, it will be held in the evening and offer free childcare featuring pizza and a movie.

The festivities kick off Saturday March 19 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature music and a silent auction. Beer, wine and finger foods will be served. Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the door.

Donations of art, books, jewelry and other goods and services are appreciated.



Revelers at the 2004 Spring Celebration

This is an important fundraising event for the Kensington Community Council and helps support education and recreation programs in Kensington, as well as the publication of this newspaper.

To donate an item to the silent auction, please call Danielle Power at 524-673. If you will be attending the party and would like to take advantage of childcare that evening, please call Helen Horowitz at 525-0292.

County appoints new KMAC members

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors made two appointments to the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council.

The board named Pamela Brown, assistant director of the Office of Planning and Analysis at the University of California at Berkeley to fill the unexpired part of Jim Carman's term that ends December 31.



Pamela Brown

The board also named Christopher Brydon, a senior account executive in technology sales for Sprint, to fill the second alternate post. His term will expire December 31, 2008.

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council is charged with making recommendations to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on land use, planning, zoning variance applications, code enforcement and code changes.

In addition, the council has a broad charge to advise the board on county services, to provide input to the board and county staff on issues of concern to the community and to serve as a liaison between the community and Supervisor John Gioia.



Christopher Brydon

Ted Blanckenberg elected president of KCC

The Kensington Community Council elected Ted Blanckenberg to serve as its president, a position he held prior to Don Specter, who just completed two years of service in the post.

Specter was elected vice president, the position most recently filled by Blanckenberg.

The council also reelected Gale Berkowitz as treasurer and Clif Taylor as secretary.

The council oversees Kensington's education and recreation programs at Kensington Park including the adult and youth programs as well as KASEP and the summer camp. It is still seeking additional volunteers to serve on its board.

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Tsunami: Kids learn the value of acting locally

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for \$10, read in green ink "resilience, perseverance, hope. I Care. In Support of Tsunami Relief 2005."

"Our goal is to raise \$10,000. We really think we can do that. The kids are really interested," said McKnight. "They are owning it. It's giving them an outlet to do something and they've kept up with the news."

McKnight designed the shirt with Patty Coluse and the shirts are being produced at near cost by Steve Lafler of Hey! Activewear in Oakland. So far the effort has grossed about \$5,200. Proceeds will be donated to Save the Children and AmeriCare after expenses. To order shirts, call Patty Coluse at 527-8903.

Separately, Wolf Den leader Phil Stockton decided to organize volunteers to bake cookies, brownies, lemon bars and more and have his troop sell them outside Front Row Video on Solano Ave. on a rainy Sunday afternoon. Stockton also encouraged parents to ask their employers to match contributions. The troop raised \$850 and donated the funds to Save the Children.

In both cases, organizers said the fundraising efforts were boosted by people donating beyond their purchases.

New principal and new boundaries for Hilltop


Jon Stokes, a former captain in the U.S. Army who served in teaching and administrative positions in the Oak Grove Unified School District, began in December in his new post as principal of Hilltop Elementary School.

He replaced Nancy Kawata, who unexpectedly resigned after less than a year in the post.

"I'm impressed with his enthusiasm and willingness to tackle the issues from the get go," said PTA president Cathy Garza. "He seems to interact very well with the kids and jumped right in."

Stokes said after he was offered the job he drove up to see the school.

"I said this is where I need to be. It was



Jon Stokes

the view," he said. "I saw what this place was and I loved it."

Separately, the West Contra Costa Unified School District board voted to change the boundaries for Kensington Hilltop School. Previously some students in the lower portion of Kensington had been sent to Harding Elementary School on Fairmont, but now all residents in Kensington will fall into Hilltop's boundaries.

County Library Launches Small Business Services



The Contra Costa County Library won a \$75,000 grant from the California State Library to develop new and enhanced services for the small business community.

The grant will be used to establish a business-focused web page on the Library's existing homepage www.ccclib.org. In addition, the grant will be used to expand business database services and training and expand the library's business collection at five key libraries.

The library will also establish a Business Advisory of local business people to help plan library services for entrepreneurs and small business owners.

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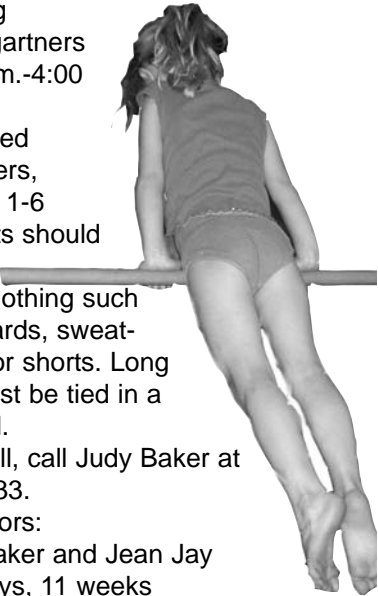
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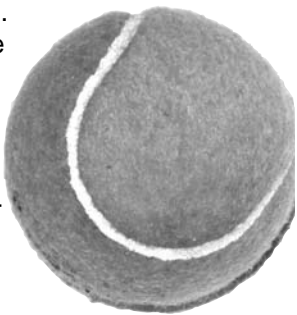
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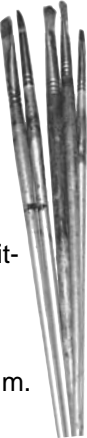
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Maybeck Trio featuring Roy Zajac, Jerry Kuderna and Elaine Kreston

The Maybeck Trio brings its passion for chamber music and a mix of classic and contemporary works February 27 at 3 p.m. to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. Tickets are \$15.

Tuesday, February 1

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center to discuss and accept comments on the proposed County Fundraising Ordinance. The proposed ordinance would be applicable to all unincorporated areas of the County as well as Kensington. interested parties should attend. Info: 273-9926

Thursday, February 3

Kingdom of the West: Yellowstone, Yosemite & Glacier National Parks, a video tour by air, roadway and trail of these three national parks embracing miles of the world's most spectacular wilderness at 1:30 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany. Refreshments provided by the Albany Friends of the Library. Info: 526-3720

Thursday, February 3

Award winning poet Maya Khosla as featured poet for open mic night at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Info: 526-3720

Saturday, February 5

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) 11 a.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Info: 526-3720 ext. 17

Saturday, February 5

Chinese New Year Celebration at 11 a.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The program will start with Chinese folk stories and an origami craft followed by a performance of Chinese Fan Dancing by The Dragon Singers. Guest speaker Jacque Jiang, author of The Astrology Handbook, will give an introduction to Chinese Astrology. Info: 526-7512

Saturday February 5

Get ready for Valentine's Day by making a special Valentine 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. in Albany. All supplies will be provided and cookies will be served. This program is supported by the Friends of the Albany Library. Info: 526-3720 ext. 17.

Saturday, February 5

Mardi Gras Party at 6:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Attire is as "carnival" as you want. The evening features jambalaya, red beans and rice, king cake, Joe Pratt's Jazz Band, childcare and games for kids. \$25 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. Info: 526-9146

Sunday, February 6

Personal Theology Seminar: Bill Garrett, Professor of Religion and Philosophy, John F Kennedy University Liberal Arts Department, The Ancient Mystery Religions, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Monday, February 7

The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in Building E at Kensington Park.

Tuesday, February 8

Berkeley Chamber Performances. Cypress String Quartet with guest clarinetist Scott Anderson. Brahms, Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Suk. at 8 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. \$20. Info:525-5211

Wednesday, February 9

Drop-in poetry workshop led by poet Alison Seevak at 7 p.m. at the Albany Library,1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Info: 526-3720

Wednesday, February 9

Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel at 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Wednesday, February 9

Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Thursday, February 10

The El Cerrito Garden Club meets at 9:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Docents from the Lindsay Wildlife Museum will present a program on "Bats." \$3 at the door includes refreshments. Info: 525-1669

Thursday, February 10

Hamlet, a production of a class of 4th and 5th grade students at Kensington Elementary will be performed at 7 p.m. at the Little Theater at Portola Middle School on Moser Ave. Admission free. Info: 526-7347

Thursday, February 10

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

Friday, February, 11

Hamlet, a production of a class of 4th and 5th grade students at Kensington Elementary, will

be performed at 7 p.m. at the Little Theater at Portola Middle School on Moser Ave. Admission free. Info: 526-7347

Saturday, February 12

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3-5) 11 a.m. at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Info: 526-3720 ext. 17

Saturday, February 12

Jan Robitscher, who is legally blind, and Angie Greco, who is deaf explain how service dogs help the disabled and will introduce their trained service dogs, Christmas and Caritas at 11 a.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Saturday, February 12

West Contra Costa Branch of the American Association of University Women holds a benefit lunch on behalf of the organization's Legal Advocacy Fund at 11:30 a.m. at the Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. The fundraiser will provide financial support for women in academia seeking redress in the courts for gender discrimination. Admission is \$13. Info: 525-5460 or <https://home.comcast.net/~jsjacobsen/AAUWLA.html>.

Sunday, February 13

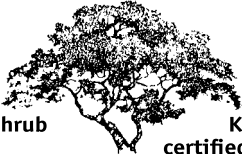
Personal Theology Seminar: Bill Garrett, The Jesus Teachings and the Mystery Religions, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Tuesday Storytime

The Kensington and Albany Libraries offer storytime at 7 p.m. every Tuesday.

Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Info: 526-3720 ext. 17



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Kensington Calendar Continued

Monday, February 14
Poetry Reading featuring Maggie Morley and friends, followed by an open mic at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Light dessert and beverages will follow the performance. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, February 15, 2005
Berkeley Garden Club presents "Aesthetic

Music programs at ACC

Arlington Community Church at 52 Arlington Ave. is offering a variety of music programs.

Children's Choir:The Arlington Children's Choir has begun its spring semester. Children between the ages 8 to 14 are invited to participate. Call Shanti at 843-7745 for information and an audition appointment.

Singers wanted:The Arlington Church Choir and community volunteers have begun rehearsing the Rossini, Petite Messe Solennelle to be performed on Good Friday in Kensington. Singers in the community are invited to participate. Come Wednesday Evening's 8:30 p.m. to 9:30pm. Info: 843-7745.

Mini Concert tickets available: Mini Concert Series tickets are available for the Spring season. Call the Arlington Community Church 526-9146 to have tickets sent to you. Three concerts for \$30.00. : March 18, Russian Harpist Olga Ortensky, April 8, New Millennium Strings, and May 6, Bay Area Classical Harmonies with Andrew Chung directing. Concerts at 8pm.

Pruning" a talk by Bill Castellon, Instructor of Horticulture at Merritt College, 1 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Berkeley. Info: 524-4374.

Tuesday, February 15
The League of Women Voters - West Contra Costa County meets at 11:30 a.m. at El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito. Brown bag lunch and business meeting will be followed by development of a consensus on the Education Study, led by Marilyn Langlois. Info: 233-0199

Tuesday, February 15
Pete Walker, marriage and family therapist and author of "The Tao of Fully Feeling: Harvesting Forgiveness Out of Blame" reads at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito. Walker will discuss healthy ways to learn from our emotional experiences. Info: 526-7512

Sunday, February 20
Personal Theology Seminar: Alex Pappas, teacher of world religions at Alameda College, Hinduism: Theological Roots; Basic Scriptures (Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita), Dualistic and Non-dualistic views, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Tuesday, February 22
Celebrate African American History Month with The Unique Derique, a multi-level clown and performer, who will present a program of magic, comedy, and African American History at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Free tickets will be required and

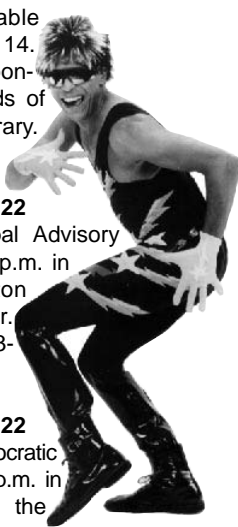
will be available Monday, February 14. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, February 22
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Tuesday, February 22
The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, El Cerrito. After a short business meeting a speaker will discuss"Social Security - Is it really broken?" Info: 527-2194

Saturday, February 26
Kensington Symphony, Geoffrey Gallegos, conductor. Florence Kline and Nancy Hunt, flutes; Dana Kemp, trumpet. Cimarosa. Hayden, Beethoven at 8 p.m. at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Suggested donation: \$10; seniors, \$8. Children free. Info: 524-4335.

Sunday, February 27
Personal Theology Seminar: Alex Pappas, Yoga Philosophy, including teachings of Patanjali, Goals of Life, and Stages of Life, Caste System, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306



The Unique Derique

Workshops at the UUCB

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1Lawson Rd. in Kensington is offering a series of workshops:

Intimacy is a Spiritual Path, Falling Through the Cracks Led by Barbara Reiner, M.A.Mondays, February 7–March 21, 7 to 9 p.m. Suggested donation \$35 Contact: Barbara Reiner 594-4075

Expanding Consciousness in Buddhism Led by Marilee Baccich, L.Ac, M.Div., with Lynnette Delgado, M.A.Tuesdays: Session I: February 1–March 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Session II: April 5–May 24 from 12–1:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$40 per session Contact: Marilee 526-8944

Dream Work Class led by Jeremy Taylor Tuesdays, February 1–March 8 from 7:30 pm–9:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$95 Very limited enrollment Call Martha Helming 528-3417

Meditation as a Pathway to the transcendent led by Marilee Baccich, L.Ac, M.Div Wednesdays, February 2–March 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Suggested donation: \$40 Contact: Marilee 526-8944

Women's Mysteries Revisited Led by Carol Lee Carlisle Saturday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Suggested donation: \$30.00 + \$5.00 craft fee Contact: Carol (510) 528-9310

The Magic Mirror That Never Lies: An introduction to working with your dreams and the dreams of others Led by Jeremy Taylor Saturday, February 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Suggested donation \$45, limited enrollment Contact Martha Helming 528-3417

Obituaries

Jim Carman, force behind property ordinance, dies

James M. Carman, the former chairman of the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council and a driving force behind the recently passed Kensington property ordinance, died Dec. 9 at his Kensington home. He was 73.

A professor emeritus of business administration at the Haas School of Business and a pioneer in economics and the marketing of health care systems, Carman was diagnosed with prostate cancer two years ago.

"Jim really made KMAC what it is today, a reasonably potent force in the community," said Ray Barraza, chairman of the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council. "He's going to leave as his legacy this property ordinance because he more than anyone else made it happen."

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Carman served as a professor at the Haas School from 1962 to 1992. He also twice served as associate dean there and was acting dean in 1983.

Carman's research focused on services management and marketing, distribution channels and health care delivery systems, customer satisfaction and quality management, public policy and strategic alliances, and the transitional difficulties facing central European economies.

He contributed to 25 books and authored "Marketing: Principles and Methods" in 1973. Carman also was the author or co-author of more than 60 articles in professional journals, writing about the Southern



James Carman

Pacific Railroad's survival strategy in the early '90s, reasons for the failure of behavioral modification campaigns such as seat belt use, energy conservation, and adolescent drinking and driving.

He earned a B.S. degree in chemical engineering at Purdue University in 1953 before serving in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. Carman then earned his master's degree in business administration at Indiana University in 1956, and his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan in 1963. At the University of Michigan, he studied marketing, statistics, management science and economic theory.

Carman served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955. From 1953-1959 he worked for the General Tire and Rubber Co. and from 1958-1959 for a division of that company, where he started in an internal management consulting group, advancing to assistant to the vice president.

Carman was a teaching fellow and instructor at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, from 1959-1962 before joining the UC Berkeley faculty.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Kensington; daughters, Barbara Peschiera of Portland, Ore, and Kathryn Fulton of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; son, Paul Carman of Richmond, Calif.; and four grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Sutter Visiting Nurses Association and Hospice, 1900 Powell St., Suite 300, Emeryville, Calif., 94608, or the Berkeley Canterbury Foundation, 2334 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, Calif., 94704.

Albert Mueller, former research scientist, dies at 86

Albert Clinton Mueller, a former research scientist for Shell Development Company, died. He was 86.

Born in Carlinville, Ill. Meuller was an Eagle Scout. He attended Blackburn College, University of Illinois and earned a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Nebraska. In 1942 he moved to Berkeley where he began a career as a research scientist for Shell Development Company.

He was a 42 year resident of Kensington, and a longtime member of El Cerrito United



Albert Mueller

Jean Gaustad, active in Kensington, dies at 82

Jean Gaustad, long active in Kensington social activities, died of lung cancer December 31. She was 82.

Born in St. Louis April 22, 1926, Gaustad made her way to California and eventually attended the University of the Pacific in Stockton.

Gaustad worked at Arlington Variety Shop and Young's Market for more than twenty years. She was active in Arlington Womens club,Catholic Charities, St. Mary Magdelen Catholic Church, School of the Madeleine and various bridge clubs.

She is survived by her children, Stephen,Gail and Grant and two grandchildren.She is predeceased by her husband, Larry and son Jim.

Methodist Church. He loved to manipulate matter from making compounds in the laboratory to building additions to his home.

Mueller built his own solar collecting panels and an electric car in the late 1970s, which he drove for many years.

Plumber, carpenter, electrician, mechanic and fix-it-man, Mueller had a reputation for being able to repair anything.

He is survived by his wife Virginia; brother, Dr. C. Barber Mueller (Jean); his children Joseph (Heather), Barbara, and Betsy Mueller, Karen Alexander, Helen, Susan and Virginia Cardiff; 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.Donations may be made in his name to El Cerrito United methodist church, 6830 Stockton Ave. El Cerrito.

Former assistant fire chief Albert Dryer died in June

Albert Henry Dryer, former assistant chief of the Kensington Fire Department, died in June. He was 77.

After serving as a corporal in the U.S. Army from 1950 to 1952, Dryer worked his way up from a volunteer to assistant chief of the Kensington Fire Department.

He retired in 1983 to move to the North Fork of the Smith River at Gasquet in Del Norte County.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, her daughter Sandra Lamb; his sister Eloise Week; his sons Forrest and Andrew and stepson Daniel Savis and daughter Sherri Yokomizo as well as eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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Events in December 2004 and January 2005

○A Coventry Rd. Resident reported that two black males were knocking on the front door of a neighbor's home and walking around the back apparently trying to gain access. Police discovered there was one black male and one Asian woman and that they were new renters of the property. They were unable to communicate with the house-keeper, who only spoke Spanish, and tried to get into the house through the back door.

○An employee in a dentist office on Arlington Ave. is accused of stealing prescription pads from her employer and forging prescriptions. Police said the woman signed a statement admitting what she had done and police referred the case to the district attorney's office.

○A Berkeley Park Blvd. resident noticed a man in a parked car outside the front of her house taking pictures of her home. She told police in the past month she had seen a similar vehicle following her. She and her boyfriend approached the man, but he drove away. They recorded the license plate and police contacted the owner of the vehicle, who said he is a Realtor and does appraisal and from time to time he photographs. He said he tries to be discreet, but realizes some time people take offense to it.

○A Coventry Rd. resident reported she received a suspicious phone call from a man who told her she won \$200 in free gasoline, but needed some personal information from her before she could collect her prize. She hung up.

○A Sunset Dr. tenant called police to complain his landlord locked him out as part of an ongoing dispute. The man had been living there without rent for nearly a year after his girlfriend moved out. Police told the

landlord he could not lock the man out because he established residency and that he would have to go through an eviction process. An officer told the landlord if he refused to unlock the door they would arrest him. He refused and police arrested him.

○An Arlington Ave. resident reported the theft of more than \$6,000 in property including professional photography equipment. An officer put out a notice of two suspects in an older black Honda. El Cerrito police held two suspects fitting the description and who had a history of burglary. A witness, however, could not identify them and police could find no evidence in the vehicle or at their home to link them to the crime.

○A tenant on Sunset Blvd. reported he found his property destroyed outside his home. The tenant is involved in an ongoing dispute with his landlord, but it is not known who destroyed his property.

○An Ardmore Rd. resident called to report a suspicious person at her home. The man was an electrician and the woman was unaware her husband had called him.

○A woman on Jessen Ct. called police when she arrived home to find her son and his nanny were gone. It turned out there was a miscommunication about timing and the nanny dropped the child home a little while later.

○Police contacted a man spotted drinking water in Grizzly Park at 11 p.m. The man said he lived there and showed the officer his encampment. The officer told him he needed to leave by morning.

○Construction workers at the Hilltop Elementary School site reported the theft of power tools valued at \$3,000 stolen from a storage container. A Rugby Ave. resident reported the theft of a \$900 lady's mountain bike from his open garage.

○A man on Yale Ave. who paid \$850 for a laptop computer over the website Craigslist reported he was defrauded out of his money. The man who is accused of running the scam is pending trial in Dutchess County, N.Y. for similar offenses and the district attorney there is expected to add this incident to the charges.

○Police received reports of a series of incidents involving someone shooting paintballs at a home on Lennox Rd. and Arlington Ave. Police contacted the parents of one teenager suspected of shooting two of the homes.

○A Berkeley Park resident reported the theft of a \$2,000 mountain bike and other property from his garage.

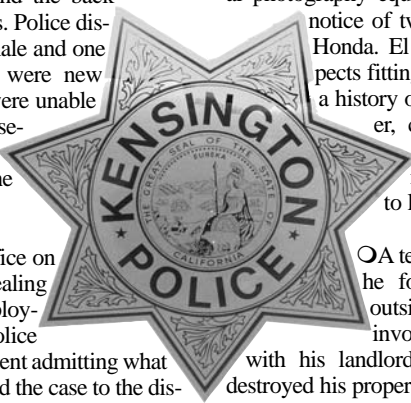
○The owner of a vehicle on Colusa Ave. reported a Bush-Cheney sticker had been removed from his Chevy Suburban and a second sticker had scratch marks and dirt was thrown across the windshield to cover a third on the dash board. There are many, many suspects.

Police Phones

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency officer response: 233-1214

Other police business: 526-4141



KCC begins search for part-time administrator

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coordinating the Kensington After School Enrichment Program and the Summer Day Camp, bookkeeping, publicizing activities and attending the KCC board and KASEP committee meetings. Experience working in the recreation field is preferred. Applicants should send their resumes and references to KCC, Administrative Job Selection Committee, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707. The application deadline is March 15.

For further information about the job, contact the KCC office at 525-0292.

Graduation photo planned

The Kensington Outlook will run its annual photo of Kensington's graduating high school students. To participate in the senior photo please call Irene Wells at 527-0717 or Chris Sorenson at 525-2131.

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