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DAD’S CLUB TO THE RESCUE

On Saturday, January 31st, an email from Judy Sanders, Principal of Kensington Hilltop School alerted Mark DeVito, Rob Dunn, and Jim Thomson to the fact that some vandals had entered the school grounds the night before and had painted crude graffiti in various places around the schoolyard. Judy thought it best to try and cover it up as soon as possible before school resumed on Monday. Within hours of hearing the news Jim quickly put “Dad’s Club Work Party” flyer together and emailed it to the Dad’s Club members. The time was set for the next day - Sunday, February 1st at 9:30 a.m. to meet with the many volunteers that came to help climb the roofs; cover the graffiti and repaint the school.



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Over 20 volunteers came with rollers, paint brushes, extension poles, tarps, but more importantly the determination to erase all traces of the offending graffiti. The moms, dads, kids, and members of the community all pulled together with a tremendous sense of community. They all expressed gratitude to be a part of such a dedicated group of individuals who recognize how important it is to get involved and be part of the solution.

Even though the crime was committed on a Friday night within 18 hours the damage had been corrected. Problems may arise, but when a community pulls together most problems can be resolved. The police have leads, and are working on the case with the same dedication as community members showed with their quick action. If you have any information on any individuals that may have been involved, please contact the Kensington Police Department.

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KCC Welcomes in Spring with the 21st Annual KCC Spring Celebration

This year the Kensington Community Council will be holding its Spring Celebration on Saturday, March 14th. This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome in Spring with neighbors and friends, and to help support the many recreational and educational programs that the KCC provides for the community. The Community Council is pleased to announce that Andronico’s Market, Marvin Gardens Real Estate, and the Mechanics Bank are generously sponsoring this year’s event. The festivities are from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on March 14th at the Community Center (Youth Hut). The tickets are \$25 at the door. There will be food and drink to enjoy while bidding on silent auction items at the celebration. A free children’s party with games, movies and food is provided for attending families with children between the ages of 3 and 11. Many of our talented community members over the years have helped to support this fundraiser by donating auction items for the event. If you wish to donate an item for KCC’s Spring Celebration, please contact Danielle Power at 524-6737.

Kensington’s Architectural Gems

Dave Weinstein, author of Signature Architects of the San Francisco Bay Area, will talk about Kensington’s architectural heritage – and about Bay Area architecture in general, while showing photos of some of Kensington’s most unique buildings. Kensington has a wealth of fine homes designed by such architects as John Hudson Thomas and Roger Lee, both of whom are profiled in the book. The town is rich in mid-century modern homes and quaint storybook cottages, and even has the occasional log cabin and steel-framed home. Yet Kensington’s architectural gems are often overlooked.

Please attend this event Monday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. and be prepared to tell us about your favorite local homes.

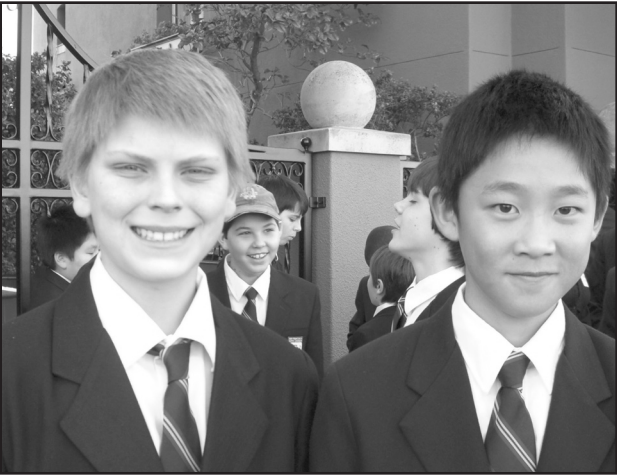
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KENSINGTON RESIDENTS PERFORM AT INAUGURATION

Few people have had the pleasure of participating in a Presidential Inauguration. Zachary Pedersen and Kevin Luan, two teenagers who sing with the San Francisco Boys Chorus, share their first hand experience of performing at the January 20, 2009 inauguration.

Kevin, currently a 7th grade student at Prospect Sierra School and a Kensington resident, has sung with the San Francisco Boys Chorus for four years. Kevin shared his



Zachary Pedersen and Kevin Luan

exciting experience with the *Kensington Outlook*.

Prior to the event Kevin said “performing before a multitude of over a million people watching intently made me nervous. To be able to sing at the inauguration of President-Elect Barack Obama, the United States’ first African-American President, was an honorable and rare opportunity that I absolutely can’t miss”.

“On Inauguration Day we could see people start to fill up the Capitol Mall, starting early in the morning. More than one million people came to the event. As we strode towards our bleachers, I knew that this was going to be one of the biggest moments of my life. I represented the Boys Chorus as well as the children of the nation. It was amazing to have world-famous Yo-Yo Ma, Itzhak Perlman, Anthony McGill and Gabriela Montero right next to us. I even shook hands with Yo-Yo Ma! After his Inauguration Speech, President Obama waved to us several times. I hope he will remember us!”

Zachary Pedersen is in the 8th grade at Albany Middle School and has been a member of the San Francisco Boys Chorus for five years. His many exciting opportunities

“It was an experience that I will never forget,” says Zachary Pedersen.

through the S.F. Boys Chorus include singing in 5 operas with the San Francisco Opera. However, this topped it all! Here are Zak’s comments about the trip.

“Attending the inauguration was a lot of fun. I was able to sing to the largest audience that I had ever seen! When I looked at the vast crowd filling the National Mall, it amazed me how many people had shown up to see our 44th president. It was very cold and I was uncomfortable on the bleachers, but it didn’t make any difference because I was making history. Our chorus was positioned above President Obama and next to the quartet. It was amazing to hear our voices on a top of the line sound system with a 20 second reverberation! I shook hands with Yo Yo Ma after the event which was incredible”.

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New Art Exhibit in Kensington

Marvin Gardens Real Estate in Kensington is proud to announce their new art exhibit, featuring oil paintings by local artist Audrey Kral. These beautiful paintings have a mysterious, beckoning quality, often evoking the impression of a landscape. They are atmospheric, creating

a sensual expression of timelessness and emotion. They lead the viewer into worlds the artist calls “dreamscapes, where the only time is now.” Ms. Kral’s bold compositions use vibrant, saturated colors and soft brushstrokes to capture the emotional resonance and the deep, transformational qualities of nature in her paintings.

The exhibit opened January 23rd and will continue through April. The public is invited to come in and view the painings during business hours. “At Marvin Gardens we are happy that we can provide a low-key space to see art. We love people to come in to the office to enjoy original work done by artists in our own community,” says Ron Eggherman, co-owner and art collector.

The show is open to the public Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and weekends from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sundays.

Please come celebrate with us at the opening reception Thursday, March 19th, 5:00 to 7:00pm. 20% off any purchase during the reception.

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Children's Dance Program

Kathryn Roszak's Children's Dance Program performed *The Nutcracker* at Kensington Library in December. The performance included a dozen children from Hilltop School. The program was so successful that the children will return to

perform at the library again this year and they have been invited to perform this spring at Yoshi's Jazz House in Oakland. To participate in the program contact: 510-233-5550/kdance@sonic.net or visit dlkdance.com



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Vandalism/Graffiti LAWS

California law allows the courts to suspend the drivers license for two years of a person convicted of engaging in vandalism, including graffiti. If you are con-

victed and do not have a license, the courts can delay the issuance of a license for up to three years from the date you are legally eligible to drive.

DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY PARTY

A Super Fun Special Event at the Kensington Community Center

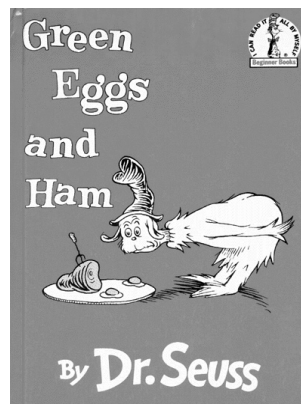
On Saturday, March 7th, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the Friends of the Kensington Library and the Kensington Library present Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party, complete with a dramatization of *Green Eggs and Ham* and a tasty meal of real green eggs and ham. The event takes place at the Kensington Community Center, located just up the hill and across the street from the library at 59 Arlington Avenue. This popular annual event cel-

brates the March 2nd birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss). If Dr. Seuss were still alive today he would have been 105 years old this year.

This marvelous event got its start several years back when a long-time member of the Friends of the Kensington Library, Gretchen Gillfillan, suggested the idea. "The Dr. Seuss Birthday Party has been a brainchild of the Friends of the Kensington Library from the start," notes Youth Services Librarian Pamela McKay. She says that, "the Friends initiated the party, organize it, pay for it, prepare the food, decorate, and provide prizes."

For the third year in a row Roxanne and Miranda, daughters of Kensington Library's clerk Monica Tilley, will humorously act out one of Dr. Seuss' most well-known stories, *Green Eggs and Ham*. The party also includes a storytime of Seuss-only books read by Youth Services Librarian Pamela McKay, and a tasty snack. A teenage library user will visit in full Cat in the Hat costume, and there will be games and drawings for prizes (Dr. Seuss books and Dr. Seuss balloons, of course!).

This program is recommended for ages five and up. Due to the popularity of this event, tickets are required for attendance. The tickets are free and will be available at the library starting Saturday, February 28th. The Kensington Library is located at 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. The library is open Mondays and Tuesdays 12 to 8 p.m., closed Wednesdays, open Thursdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (510) 524-3043 or visit the website: <http://ccclib.org> for more information.



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KASEP

The winter session of KASEP began on Monday, January 5, and will continue through March 20. Registration for the spring session of KASEP will be held on Wednesday, March 4, in the Kensington Community Center starting at 6:45 pm for kindergarten students and 7:15 pm for grades 1-6.

KCC office hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We can be reached at 510-525-0292 or kccrec@yahoo.com.

KCC Summer Camp

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in Fall 2009. The camp runs June 15 through August 21, 2009, Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. Cost per week is \$205. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 62 children



per week. We employ one director, a head counselor, eight counselors, a tennis instructor, and a “specialty consultant” each week to work with the campers. Extended day care is available 8-9 am and 5-5:30 pm each day for an additional fee paid to our camp director.



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- *Special activities such as carpentry, gymnastics, golf, dance and cooking.
- *Tennis with Kim Roots, three days per week.
- *Games, arts and crafts, hiking, and fun!

Our brochures for summer day camp will be mailed out and available in the KCC office starting in late February. We'll hold registration for camp on Wednesday, March 11, 7 pm, in the Kensington Community Center.

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Sarah Torney has been a preschool teacher in the Kensington Community for over 16 years. She has a background in children's music and literature. With over 25 ECE units, CPR current, and 2 children of her own (9 yr old girl and 5 month old boy) she has embarked on a new venture doing what she loves.. working with children and music!

When: Tuesdays 8:45 - 10:15 a.m., starting February 3
Fees: \$15 for drop-in or \$50 for a series of 4 classes. Siblings are a 15% discount.
Where: Kensington Recreation Building (Building E)
Contact: Sarah at 525-2811 or KCC at 525-0292

ADULT CLASSES

NEW CLASS!

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When: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m., March 4 through April 15. Current session running through February 25; please call instructor if interested.

Where: KCC Recreation Bldg, Room A
Seven class series starting on Wednesday, March 4
Minimum of 7 students required for class; drop-in allowed only for first class on March 4

Cost: \$84 for seven classes for residents; \$93 for seven classes for nonresidents
Please register with KCC

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For more information about the class, please contact Ernie at 510-619-9223 or adams@bodyinaction.com. Website is www.bodyinaction.com.

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Instructor Nicole Becker, a registered Yoga teacher, was trained in Anusara Yoga and has studied acupressure and Qi Gong. She describes her teaching style as light-hearted and welcoming and strives to make each student feel cared for in his or her practice of yoga. For more information about the class, please contact Nicole at 510-527-6443.

When: Classes are Tuesdays, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Fees: For residents: \$15 for drop-in; \$75 for a series of 6 classes. Nonresidents please add 10 percent (\$16.50 per class/\$82.50 for six classes). To register, call the KCC office at 510-525-0292.

Where: Classes are held in the Community Center.

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For questions about registration or location, please call KCC at 525-0292.

Classes are held in Room A in the Recreation Building (Building E).

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When: Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Fees: \$32/month (\$36 for nonresidents)
Where: Community Center

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"We stayed for four nights at the Henderson Marine Barracks on cots in the gym in Arlington, VA. We had a police escort with lights and sirens to get to and from the Capital building. We went right to the airport after the Inauguration. We made it home by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday Jan 20th. It was an experience that I will never forget," says Pedersen.

Parts of the choruses' Inaugural performances can be heard at www.sfbc.org and at www.sfgirlschorus.org. Both websites



President Obama

have also posted moving photographs of the event.

Laurie Swiadon, who works at Marvin Garden's Kensington Office, also had the rare pleasure of attending the inaugural events. She accompanied her niece Sofia, who sang with the San Francisco Girls Chorus. Laurie said "I had never appreciated the song 'America' as I did that morning listening to these children sing it in perfect harmony, at the National Mall, at this moment in history".

At 10:00 a.m. the Boys and Girls Choruses were announced by an appropriately booming professional voice, and they sang in clear, strong, and pure angelic voices for about twenty minutes in the freezing air to the crowd of almost two million people. The wind was blowing, their hats and scarves covered their ears, and everyone in the crowd was wearing thick gloves, so the choristers, as Laurie's niece Sofia later told her, could only hear a muffled thudding ("kind of a long thump") instead of applause. Despite that small disappointment, the few hours they slept the night before, and the bone-chilling hours throughout the day on the Capitol steps, both Laurie and her niece said it was an amazing experience for all of them.



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Nan Phelps, whose portrait studio is at 398 Colusa, is passionate about silver gelatin prints. In addition to showing her own work, Nan wants to create a home-gallery for other silver gelatin printers that are still hand crafting in their darkrooms.

Kristin Satzman, who does wonderful treescapes and still lifes, showed her work in October at Nan's studio. Now our own Kensington resident, Jim Stipovich, will be showing his work from March 5-15. He is renowned for his beautiful landscapes and female nudes and will exhibit prints of black and white nudes photographed from 1971 through 2008.

Jim processes his own film according to the zone system principle, and adds his interpretation of the image to each print.

Beginning as an apprentice to professional photojournalists in 1963, he mastered the skill of "available light" photography, using no flash at all, ever.

Entering Cal with technical training Jim developed his present style under professors Margaret d'Haemer and Rueben Samberg. "Printing is competitive as well as demanding. I always had to be the best printer. You have to ask yourself: 'Is this the best I can do, or can I do a little bit better?'" Jim said "Ansel Adams isn't actually my favorite photographer - he couldn't photograph people - but he had the highest standards for prints."

Berkeley offered the whole spectrum: "I studied everybody, all the classic photographers, everything I could see, and I gravitated to landscape and the nude."

"Photographing women was always fun, and I found out I was really good at it. That's how I met my wife!"

Jim's skill translated into NaturalLight-Photography.com, a wedding photography business with his children Vale and Cole.

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KPPCSD AGENDA

A Regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District will be held Thursday, February 12, 2009, 7:30 P.M., at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, California.
Note: All proceedings of the regular meeting will be tape recorded.

- Roll Call
- Public Comments
- Board Member/Staff Comments

- APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR
- a) Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 18, 2008
 - b) Minutes of the Regular Meeting January 8, 2009
 - c) Minutes of the Special Meeting January 17, 2009
 - d) Minutes of the Special Meeting January 18, 2009
 - e) Profit & Loss Budget Performance Reports for January
 - f) Board Member Reports
 - g) Correspondence
 - h) Police Department Update
 - i) General Manager Update
 - j) Monthly Calendar
 - k) Recreation Report

DISTRICT – OLD BUSINESS

- 1. None

- DISTRICT - NEW BUSINESS
- 1. Discussion for adoption Resolution 09-01 authorizing the application for local grant funds in the amount of \$258,358 from the East Bay Regional Park District Measure WW Park Bond Extension. Board Action.

- 2. Discussion for adoption Resolution

09-02 authorizing the expenditure plan in the amount of \$100,000 from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund for fiscal year 2008/2009 Enacted State Budget. Board Action.

3. General Manager Greg Harman will recommend that the Board approve the contract as proposed by John Feld, an independent contractor, to provide the Board of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the General Manager with general public relations services. Board Action.

4. Ito Ripsteen of Gordon Realty, a commercial real estate service, will present the board with a proposal for services to identify possible uses and lessees for the Annex Building. Board Action.

5. Board President Bill Wright will announce the 2009 Committee assignments, Task Force formations, and have the first reading of the revision of the Policy Manual Policy Number 4060.3, eliminating the Emergency Preparedness Committee and forming the Executive Committee. Board Action.

6. General Manager Greg Harman will present the proposed lease agreement between the Kensington Fire District and the KPPCSD for the lease of the Public Safety Building to the board for review and discussion. Board Action.

7. General Manager Greg Harman will present a Mid-Year Budget Review to the board for discussion and review. Board Action.

ADJOURNMENT

KENSINGTON AL-ANON MEETINGS


Wednesday mornings from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. family members and friends of alcoholics meet in the Fireside Room at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington. Wake Up to Al-Anon is the only Al-Anon group in the Kensington/Berkeley/Albany/West Contra Costa district that meets in the early morning. It is also the only Al-Anon group meeting in Kensington. Al-Anon has helped many friends

and family members of alcoholics find serenity whether or not the alcoholic continues to drink. Wake Up to Al-Anon first met on January 14, with three members. The following week, four people met. The third meeting, ten people met. For information about other Al-Anon meetings in the district call 510-528-4379, or check the online schedule posted on www.ncwsa.org/d26.

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Processing Fee: \$23 for CPR & \$46 for CPR/First Aid

2009 CPR/First Aid Class Schedule

February 21st	Station 72, 1520 Arlington Blvd, El Cerrito
March 21st	Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave, Kensington
April 18th	Station 72, 1520 Arlington Blvd, El Cerrito
May 16th	Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave, Kensington

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THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

Members of the Dad’s Club want to thank all those who were involved, and to Judy Sanders for her devotion to our school and our children. To the Dad’s Club members and the various mothers, children and to everyone who came to clean up, we couldn’t have done this without you and we thank you for the work, and most of all, we thank you for the feeling of community. Thank you to the teachers for all you do for our children and for the wonderful food that was brought to the Dad’s Club general meeting, in appreciation of our efforts. The Dad’s Club would also like to thank the following individuals that signed in for the work party: Anastasia Garrison, Brian Hill, Rob Dunn, Chris Foscett, Glen Flinchbaugh, Hanson Quan, Jeff Friedman, Jeff Nalle, Jiri Minarik, John Garrison, Juan Carlos, Soto Kim Morimoto, Mark DeVito, Mark Wijsen, Marty Lewallen, Mike Elsbury, Patrick Godfrey, Paul Gilbert-Snyder, Ray Touriel, Stephen Godfrey, Suzanne Nalle and Tom Earley.....and to anyone else we missed that got involved!



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OBITUARIES

Inge Polese
October 29, 1929 – November 28, 2008

Inge Polese passed away on November 28, 2008, the result of an aggressive form of renal cancer.

She was born on a farm in Lolland, Denmark, on October 29, 1929. Independent and adventurous, Inge left home at the



Inge Polese

age of 20 to travel the world after training in business administration. Her skill with languages led her to work as a translator and an executive assistant in England, South Africa, Canada and eventually San Francisco, where she met Andy Polese. They married and moved to Kensington in 1960, where they built a home and raised two children, John and Kim.

Inge was a vibrant and talented person who loved life and brought abundant and cheerful energy to whatever she undertook. She was a skilled photographer, a superb chef, a world traveler who spoke six languages, an active volunteer in many organizations, a consistent supporter of the arts and the environment, and a wonderful mother. Inge's family and friends will remember her for all these things, and for her unwavering courage, grace and optimism. She is deeply missed by all who knew her.

A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, at 4 p.m. February 22, 2009.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Landmark Heritage Foundation in Berkeley (510-883-9710), of which she was a member, or to a favorite charity.

Ingrid Louise Tobiassen
January 20, 1954 – December 8, 2008

Kensington resident and loving mother, awesome sister, and an unbelievable friend to those who knew her, Ingrid Louise Tobiassen passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her children and friends.

She was born and raised in San Francisco, graduated from Lowell High School and went on to earn a degree from San Francisco State University. Ingrid is pre-



Ingrid Louise Tobiassen

deceased by her sister Kristine, her mother Sue, and her father Toby. She is survived by her sons Erik and Christian, her daughter Josephine, her brothers Toby (Arthur), Richard, and Ronald.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made payable to the Ingrid Tobiassen Memorial Fund. Checks may be sent to

Bank of America, 10422 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Fred Wolff

Fred Wolff, a longtime lower Coventry Road resident well known by many by his daily brisk walks up to the Arlington and back, died November 13 at the age of 89. His daily walk took just 33 minutes.

When he retired in 1986, Mr. Wolff was senior mechanical superintendent at the University of California's College of Chemistry. Prior to that he was employed at Hallikainen Instruments in Richmond.

A native Berliner, Fred first came to the United States as a German prisoner of war captured by Patton's Third Army in Normandy. After the war he was returned to Germany, where he stayed briefly before emigrating to Canada via England. From Canada he and his wife, Hilda, soon headed for California, and eventually settled in Kensington. They became United States citizens in 1963. Hilda died in 2004, leaving Fred to learn housekeeping skills for himself.

He was beloved by his neighbors and many friends. Because he could build or repair almost anything, and was ever will-

ing to help others, he was often involved in building projects up and down the street. His German accented storytelling and sly wit were legendary.

Battling cancer, Fred died just four days after a party thrown by friends at his house marking his 90th birthday. He was in his usual good spirits.

Roger Abadaya Docto

Laid to rest on Jan. 29, 2009, at the age of 59. He died of heart failure and complications from diabetes, and he went in peace. A longtime resident of Kensington, he was an artist, musician and wonderful cook, always full of humor and good cheer. He cherished his family and many close friends, and they loved him dearly. He will be missed by all.

He is survived by his wife Mimi and their children, Mia and Erik, who brought him much joy. The son of the late Cris and Sally Docto, he also leaves four brothers and a sister, many cousins, a family of close in-laws, and much-loved nieces and nephews.

All are invited to a memorial on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 2 p.m. at Tara Hills Mobile Manor, 16401 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo.

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KENSINGTON CALENDAR

- Feb. 1 Natalie DaSilva, family therapist, Personal Theology Seminar on mindful parenting, 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. 525-0302, ext. 306.
- Feb. 2 Castoffs Knitting Club, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Beginners welcome. 524-3043.
- Feb. 2 Uprooting Racism, 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Facilitated by intern minister Lynn Gardner. Also February 16 and 23. To register, call Lynn, 847-1634.
- Feb. 3 Family Story Time, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Best for preschool and up. Continues February 3, 10 and 24.

- No story time February 17. 524-3043.
- Feb. 3 The Power of Myth in Movies II, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, led by Richard Stromer. Repeats on first Tuesdays through May. Cost: \$40. To register, call Martha Helming, 528-3417.
- Feb. 4 School Board Meeting, West Contra Costa Unified School District, 6:30 p.m., 3400 MacDonald Ave., Richmond. Discussion on school closures and consolidation. 231-1102.
- Feb. 4 Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters, 1:15 p.m., 28 Camelot Court. Discussion of local issues. Visitors welcome. Call 527-1332 to confirm.

- information, 10-11 a.m., El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.
- Feb. 7 “Let’s Talk About It: Jewish Literature” book discussion group, 2 p.m., Kensington Library. Discussion of Franz Kafka’s *Metamorphosis*. 524-3043.
- Feb. 8 Victoria Lee, clinical psychologist, 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Lee is the author of *The Rumi Secret: Spiritual Lessons of History’s Most Revered Poet*, 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. 525-0302, ext. 306.
- Feb. 9 “Poetry from the Heart,” annual poetry reading and open mic with Maggie Morley and friends, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 524-3043.

- Feb. 10 Family Story Time, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Best for preschool and up. Continues February 24. No story time February 17. 524-3043.
- Feb. 11 School Board Meeting, West Contra Costa Unified School District, 6:30 p.m., 3400 MacDonald Ave., Richmond. Final approval on school closures and consolidation. 231-1102.
- Feb. 11 Wake up to Al-Anon. 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. On #7 and H bus lines.

Feb 14 Valentine’s Day!

- Feb. 4 El Cerrito High School Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m., Yoshi’s Jazz Club, Jack London Square, Oakland. Tickets \$15, or \$10 for 10 p.m. show. Proceeds benefit school music program. 525-2131.
- Feb. 4 Seeking the Sacred Within: Personal Myth as Credo Story, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Led by Richard Stromer. Wednesdays through March 11. Suggested fee: \$45. To register, call Martha Helming, 528-3417.
- Feb. 5 Babies and Toddlers Story Time, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., Kensington Library. For youngsters and their caregivers. Repeats February 12, 19 and 26. 524-3043.

- Feb. 5 Unitarian Universalist History, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Led by intern minister Lynn Gardner. Repeats February 19 and 26. To register, call Lynn, 847-1634.

- Feb. 6 Human Rights Night, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Talk on “Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Where Do We Go From Here?” 525-0302.
- Feb. 7 Crab Feed, benefit for El Cerrito High School sports programs, including soccer. Social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. All you can eat. Salesian Boy’s and Girl’s Club, 2801 Moran Ave., Richmond. Cost: \$40. Tickets available from junior varsity or varsity boys soccer players, or through Rosaline Soneda, 409-8816.
- Feb. 7 Free Internet Class, focusing on how to find health and medical

- Feb. 15 Victoria Lee and master violinist, Donna Lerew, 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. 525-0302, ext. 306. Seminar on Rumi’s poetry.
- Feb. 16 Uprooting Racism, 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Facilitated by intern minister Lynn Gardner. Also February 23. To register, call Lynn, 847-1634.
- Feb. 17 Master Storytelling, 6:30 p.m., Kensington Library, with Kirk Waller presenting his award-winning program, *Quack, Gabble, Squawk and Other Animal Tales*. For ages 3 and [See Calendar on Page 11]

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- up. Program in celebration of African American History Month. 524-3043.

Feb. 17 ChamberBridge Piano/Voice Duo, *Crossing Cultural Bridges*, 8 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave. Messiaen, Lin, Roussel, and Wolf. Cost \$20, students via high school, free. Call 525-5211, or visit www.berkeleychamberperform.org.

Feb. 17 Jeremy Taylor Dreamwork, 7:30-9:30 p.m., an introduction to productive dreamwork. Continues for six Tuesdays through March 24. Suggested fee: \$120. Saturday workshop on February 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for suggested fee of \$45. To register, call Martha Helming, 528-3417.

Feb. 18 Wake up to Al-Anon. 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. On #7 and H bus lines.

Feb. 21 Kensington Symphony, 8 p.m., Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road. “Romance and Reformation.” Geoffrey Gallegos conducts. Richard Andaya of the San Francisco Symphony is cello soloist. Gade, Mendelssohn, and Schumann. Cost \$15, seniors \$12, children under 12 yrs. free. Call 524-9912 or visit www.kensingtonsymphonyorchestra.org. Wheelchair accessible.

Feb. 21 Mardi Gras Celebration, 6:30 p.m., St. Jerome Catholic Church, 308 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito. Buffet dinner 7 p.m., \$22, and dance to Don K. Big Band at 8:30 p.m., \$12. Contact Judy at 526-8947.

Feb. 21 Free Internet Class, focusing on how to share photos online, 10-11 a.m., El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Feb 21 RabbitEARS Small Critter Adoption Day with rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits! From 1:00-5:00 p.m. at 377 Colusa, 510-525-6155

Feb. 22 David Lingenfelter, doctor of chemistry, 10 a.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. 525-0302, ext. 306. Talk and slide show on dark matter and dark energy, and their significance for the spiritual.

Feb. 23 Uprooting Racism, 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church. Facilitated by intern minister Lynn Gardner. To register, call Lynn, 847-1634.

3Feb. 23Kensington Library Book Club, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Discussion of *The History of Love* by Nicole Krauss. 524-3043.

Feb. 24 Family Story Time, 7 p.m., Kensington Library. Best for preschool and up. 524-3043.

Feb. 24 El Cerrito Democratic Club, monthly meeting, 7:30-9:30 p.m., El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton St., near Richmond Ave. The meeting is open to the public and convenient parking is available. Pizza (including vegetarian and vegan options) will be available at 7 p.m. for \$4. For more information contact club president Hilary Crosby at homehilary@comcast.net or 375-5647, or visit www.ecdclub.org.

Feb. 25 Kensington Area Republican Women’s Club Meeting, noon, Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd. Cost: \$20, includes lunch. Reservations due February 20. 524-5689.

Feb. 25 Wake up to Al-Anon. 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. On #7 and H bus lines.

Feb. 26 The Beatles, 7 p.m., El Cerrito Library. Richie Unterberger will present rare recordings and film clips of the Beatles from throughout their career. 526-7512.

Feb 27 Grand Opening, El Cerrito High School Campus, 8 p.m. Dance, music, drama and debate groups present “A Review of the Decades.” 525-0234.

Feb. 28 Open House for the Public, El Cerrito High School, 10 a.m., opening ceremonies at noon. Lunch will be a fundraiser for mountain bike club. Sit-down dinner. All proceeds support student groups. 521-2131.

Feb. 28 Rotary Club’s “Annual Albany Celebration,” 7-11 p.m., Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Includes casino, auction, cocktails, bistro dining and music. Tickets \$35 through <http://AlbanyCaRotary.org/party>, sending an email to party@AlbanyCaRotary.org, or by calling 558-1534.

Feb. 28 Free Internet Class, focusing on how to create personal documents, 10-11 a.m., El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

COOL PLACES IN KENSINGTON

There are plenty of cool places in the immediate area. Here are two that are in Kensington proper! Send us your favorites!

A favorite cool place is Tilden Park. It’s a treasure trove of activities for adults and kids alike. Year-round you can enjoy the Animal Farm and Environmental Education Center, the Botanic Gardens and hiking and biking. All summer you can enjoy Lake Anza and the Merry-go-round and Steam Trains. The trains and Merry-go-round are also open on weekends after Labor Day.

Kensington’s other cool place of note is the University of California’s Blake Gardens. Located at 70 Rincon Road, this beautiful 10.6 acre garden is used as a teaching facility for the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. It is the official residence of



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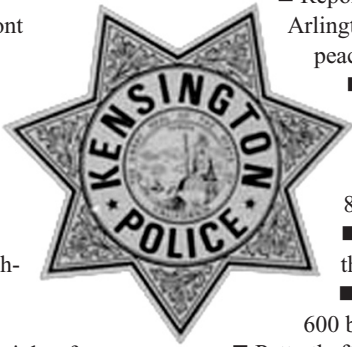


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From the case files of the KPD

Events in January

- A disturbance was reported of a landlord and tenant argument on the 200 block of Trinity.
- Auto theft reported on Arlmont Drive.
- Items were reported stolen from locked vehicle on the 200 block of Arlington Ave.
- A car was hit on the 100 block of Santa Fe Ave. by an unknown vehicle.
- A suspicious vehicle on Highgate Rd. was cited for parking violation.
- There was a dispute over the right of way on Cambridge/Wellesley Sts.
- A minor traffic collision – a non injury hit and run – occurred on Colusa Ave.
- Contact was made with a resident on the 300 block of Colusa Avenue to assure her safety.
- Unstable light post reported on the 100 block of Arlington Ave. PG&E contacted.
- Possible fireworks reported on the 100 block on York Avenue – area was checked and noise abated
- A vehicle was marked on the 200 block of Colgate Ave. for 72 hour parking.
- Responsible party on 100 block of Arlington Ave. requests a walk through and re-setting of chronic alarm.
- Firearms were donated from owner on 200 block of Lexington Dr. to the KPD for destruction.
- Traffic follow-up reported on the 200 block of Colgate Ave.
- Vandalism on Arlington Ct. resulted in smashed auto window with items taken.
- An outside assist was requested by Orinda PD on the 200 block of Los Altos Drive.
- Auto burglary on Norwood Ave. resulted in smashed car window and items taken.
- Assisted resident on Edgcroft Rd. with sign off/inoperable vehicle.
- Extra patrol conducted throughout the shift on 1600 block of Ocean View Ave.
- Mechanical error on a panic alarm.
- Suspicious person reported on the 500 block of Coventry Rd.; 1600 block of



- Oakview Ave.; and Beverly Rd. Solicitor contacted and was told to leave the area.
- Report of a LOUD PARTY on Arlington Ave. that was disturbing the peace.
 - Two suspects were arrested on Arlmont Rd. and are in custody for property crimes.
 - Residential lockout on the 800 block of Coventry Rd.
 - Disturbance over parking on the 100 block of Lawson Dr.
 - Solo bicycle accident on the 600 block of Canon Dr.
 - Petty theft of mail reported on Highgate Rd.
 - New restraining order filed – Arlington Ave.
 - Red light violation and unlicensed driver on Arlington Ave@Arlington Ct. Vehicle towed.
 - Outaided. 2500 Block of Columbia Ave. in the city of Richmond. Checked area for suspects involved in shooting.
 - Driver lost control of speeding vehicle on 100 block of Anson Way. Injuries occurred.
 - Stereo stolen from unlocked vehicle on Ardmore Rd.
 - Residential Burglary on the 700 block of Coventry Rd.
 - Attempted auto theft on the 100 block of Purdue Ave. Neighbors scared suspects away.
 - Auto burglary – stereo taken from auto on Kingston Rd.
 - Afternoon residential burglary on the 600 block of Oberline Ave.
 - Missing Person - 00 block of Edgcroft Rd. Elderly female wandered away on foot and was later found.
 - Vandalism at 90 Block of Highland Blvd. at Hilltop Elementary School. Graffiti
 - Officers responded to numerous faulty alarm systems.
 - Dog attacked and killed a deer on the 100 block of Colusa Ave.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH HELPS IN APPREHENSION OF 2 SUSPECTS

On Saturday, January 10th at 7:30 a.m., Kerrin Paige Lambert, a white female adult from Livermore, and Wayne Jeffrey Smith, a white male adult from Livermore, were arrested on the unit block of Arlmont, after a resident noticed that the suspects were going through the mailbox and had attempted to gain entry into the home.

A search of the suspect’s vehicle located several pieces of stolen mail from El Cerrito, and various types of electronic equipment in the trunk of the vehicle.

During their interview, the suspects made statements that they had been in

Napa the day before. Officer Keith Barrow’s follow up investigation with the Napa County Sheriff’s Department, identified that the electronics equipment recovered in the suspect’s vehicle had been stolen during a burglary from a residence in Napa County on January 9th.

Detective Sergeant Rickey Hull will be working with investigators from the Napa County Sheriff’s Office, El Cerrito PD, Livermore PD, and the District Attorney’s Offices in both Napa and Contra Costa Counties to determine the extent of the suspect’s criminal activity and their prosecution.

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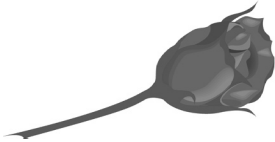
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