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KMAC member calls county's answer to Scher "bad law"

Contra Costa County is considering legislation intended to allow concert promoter-turned-philanthropist Danny Scher to legally hold fundraising concerts at his Coventry Road home amphitheater.

The Contra Costa Community Development Department drafted a proposed amendment to the county code that would allow events that are connected with a non-profit or charitable organization on residential properties, but would require an administrative event permit of a land use permit if certain thresholds are exceeded.

The proposal comes as a result of a bargain struck between county officials and state senator Don Perata, D-Oakland. At Scher's behest, Perata introduced legislation last year that would have prohibited local land use agencies anywhere in the state from adopting ordinances that require

land use permits for events held on residential properties that are to benefit non profit or charitable organizations. Perata withdrew the bill only after county officials assured him that it would address the issue at the local level. But Perata, now considered the second most powerful man in the state as president pro tem of the senate, is keeping the heat on the county and is threatening to reintroduce the legislation.

The legislation, which will be considered in April at a County Planning Commission meeting, received a chilly reception from Kensington residents who attended a special session of the Kensington Municipal Advisory Council Feb. 1. The audience of about 30 people unanimously rejected the ordinance, including Scher himself.

"This is an imposition from the highest levels of state government on us," said Kensington resident Tim Hoyer.

KMAC councilmember Richard Karlsson condemned it as "bad legislation." He said the legislation is 'vague' and expanded rather than limited the use of residential properties. He also said it was also unusual because it placed the onus on the county to prove a permit should not be issued rather than requiring the landowner to make a case for why a permit should be issued.

A number of residents, many who have been active in the fight to get the county to halt the Scher concerts, complained that the legislation weakened the county's residential code and also included no means for enforcement.

"Basically, this is a permission slip," said Jack Walker, a Kensington resident whose said his deck is now like a balcony

to Scher's amphitheater.

The county has taken a firm stance that Scher's concerts violate zoning laws and that he must obtain a land use permit to hold them. He has been fined a total of \$800 for three of his concerts after prolonged lobbying efforts from a neighborhood group drove the county to take action.

Scher has sought to frame the issue as one of free speech, has argued he is doing nothing many other homeowners have done by using his home to raise money for charitable organizations. He has also noted that the events are held to benefit worthwhile causes and not for personal gain.

Neighbors that oppose the events, however, insist they are commercial in nature with Scher selling tickets to the public at large, brining more than 200 people to his backyard

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CRAMPED QUARTERS: Kensington head librarian Liz Ruhland stands by some of the library's 40,000 piece collection, twice what the 40-year-old structure was designed to house.

Building Dreams

Kensington Library eyes possible \$600 million pool tied to June Ballot measure for expansion, renovation or new construction

The Kensington Library is reaching out to the community for ideas about expanding, renovating and rebuilding the 40-year-old library as it hopes to position itself for a piece of \$600 million in library construction funds heading toward the ballot in June 2006.

The library will hold a town hall meeting with supervisor John Gioia and Contra Costa County Library Director Anne Cain to gauge community interest and discuss options for the library at 7 p.m. March 21 at the library.

"We are really in the beginning stages," said Liz Ruhland, head librarian for the Kensington Library. "Applications wouldn't be due for about three years, but it's a pretty lengthy process. You can't start this

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Fire Protection District signs 10-year pact with El Cerrito

The Kensington Fire Protection board approved a new contract with the city of El Cerrito that will provide fire fighting services to the village until 2015.

The ten-year contract renewal, approved by the El Cerrito City Council in December, comes after a two-a-half-year process of negotiations.

"We think we provide extraordinary fire and medical service at a very reasonable cost and we think it allows El Cerrito to also provide that service," said Janice Kosel, member of the Kensington Fire Protection Board. "By having that third station El Cerrito responds better within El Cerrito and by using El

Cerrito employees we keep the cost down significantly."

A Kensington Fire Protection study of fiscal 2004 found that its cost of operation stood at \$1.4 million, below the \$1.7 million per station average for El Cerrito and significantly less than the \$3 million Albany spent on its single station system.

Kensington began a volunteer fire department in 1928. In 1937 it formed the Kensington Fire Protection District and hired a staff of professional firefighters.

Though Kensington still maintains its own firehouse, equipment and fire board, it has contracted with the city of El Cerrito since

1995 for fire prevention and emergency services. The current contract with El Cerrito is set to expire July 1.

The new contract will allow El Cerrito to provide fire, vegetation maintenance and medical services to Kensington. It doesn't carry specific dollar values for services, but instead assigns a percentage of various costs to Kensington. The actual dollar amounts are determined with El Cerrito's annual budget process and then negotiated if necessary.

With maintenance of a firehouse in Kensington the department has been able to respond to a call with an average 4.5 minute response time.

Fine Art, food and drink



Partygoers attend the 2004 Spring Celebration. Artworks created by local artists will be featured in a silent auction during the Kensington Community Council's annual Spring Celebration. The annual fundraiser for the council is an opportunity for residents to have a night out and meet their neighbors.

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Kensington Community Council continues annual fund drive



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March 15 deadline looms for applicants for KCC job opening

The Kensington Community Council is seeking a new part-time administrator for its community education program to fill an opening that will be created by the departure of Helen Horowitz at the end of June.

Horowitz announced she would step down to take the job of district secretary of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District July 1.

Administrative and organizational skills and experience are required as duties include hiring KCC instructors; scheduling programs, classes and events in the Community Center, coordinating KASEP 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

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and references to KCC, Administrative Job Selection Committee, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707. The application deadline is March 15. For further information call 525-0292.

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KCC Spring Celebration to feature auction of works from local artists

Fine works of art by local artists will be featured at a silent auction at the Kensington Community Council's Spring Celebration.

The festivities kick off at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17 at the Kensington Community Center and will feature music, a silent auction and beer, wine and finger foods.

Tickets are \$25 per person and available at the door. Marvin Gardens Real Estate and Andronico's Market will sponsor this year's event, which benefits the Kensington Community Council's education and recreation programs.

Among the works for sale will be photography from Joseph Holmes (with framing

services provided by The Glenn in El Cerrito), a painting by Carla Van Slyke, a color etching from Elizabeth Kavalier, pottery by Ann Stewart and jewelry by Dena Fredrick.

Other items being auctioned range from a pie a month from Nation's Giant Hamburgers to college consulting service from Jim and Dorothy Walker.

Children of people attending the party are invited for pizza and a movie and more at no charge during the event. Call Helen Horowitz at 525-0292 to reserve a space.

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

To donate an item to the silent auction, please call Danielle Power at 524-673.

LAW: big thumbs down for county effort

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amphitheater and using amplified sound.

Scher, who told attendees at the KMAC meeting that he is opposed to the county's legislation, reached out to his neighbors and invited them to meet with him to find a peaceable solution. He also stated he was willing to make his amphitheater available for community fundraising events.

"Let's put down our swords and talk," said Scher, who added that he was tired of avoiding eye contact with neighbors as he walked around Kensington. But he also warned that if neighbors didn't want to talk peace he was also willing to wage war.

KMAC passed a resolution saying it finds

the fundraising ordinance fails to meet the community concerns, but said the council was willing to work with the county on a more appropriate response in the future if needed.

At press time, supervisor John Gioia had brokered a meeting between Scher, representatives of various community groups and several of Scher's neighbors who have been vocal opponents of the concert. The meeting was set to see if some agreement could be reached about an appropriate solution.

Gioia said the county has never prohibited fundraisers, but the question centers on the nature of an event. He said an ordinance could help make clear to property owners and neighbors what's allowed and what is not.

LIBRARY: bond sparks dreams of new building

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process too early now."

Though Kensington has the highest per capita use of its library of any in the Contra Costa library system, the 40-year-old building, was designed to house a collection half its current size of 40,000 items. The 5,000 square-foot building suffers from outdated electrical and telecommunications, a heating system that's grown unreliable and bathrooms that do not conform with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Last year Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed legislation that will put \$600 million in bonds for library construction. Half of those funds will be set aside for projects that qualified for a previous \$350 million bond measure in 2000, but failed to get funded because the demand far outstripped the available money. A total of about \$500 million worth of projects are still awaiting funding.

The new funds will likely fail to meet demand. The bond act was originally introduced as a \$2 billion measure, but political realities pared it back to its current level. Nevertheless, it was the only bond act to emerge from Sacramento the legislative session ended in September.

The other half of the funds -- \$300 mil-

lion - will be set aside for new projects. Projects that qualify require the community to put up 35 percent of the cost with the balance coming from the bond money.

Because the projects are intended to meet community needs for the next 30 to 40 years, Ann Cain, director of the Contra Costa County Library, said it is unlikely Kensington would win approval to simply rebuild its library without a significant expansion because the current building is inadequate to meet the village's needs.

She said not only is it too small to house its current collection, but there is no children's area, a lack of comfortable seating, no teen area, no computer training labs or homework assistant rooms - features that are now common at other libraries.

She said the cost of new construction would likely be between \$250 and \$275 a square foot with total project cost ranging from \$450 a square foot and \$600 a square foot based on the cost of other projects recently done.

It's highly competitive and I expect it will be just as competitive for this bond," said Cain. "Projects that are competitive are the projects that the community spends years on and it's important that the whole community -- parents, teachers, kids and seniors -- are involved."

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Neighborhood Notes

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Kroll Realty, launched at the end of 2003, has moved to new offices at Colusa Circle.

The business, founded by the former owner of the San Francisco Hang Gliding Center Bodhi Kroll, occupies the space formerly home to women's shoe store Feet of Dreams.

Kroll said he currently has four agents and expects to increase that to between ten and 12 this summer.


Kroll, who began investing in real estate about six years ago, said he's expecting his first child and hanging up his glider, at least for now.

"I won't say I'm swearing it off. I've yet



Bodhi Kroll outside his new Colusa Circle office. to break a bone and come to the conclusion with my first child 60 days from being born, I'm more excited about raising my own daughter than jumping off cliffs."

Library seeks volunteers for "Stories to Go" program



For volunteers seeking more than predictable jobs of mending or shelving books, the library has some challenges and rewards.

The "Stories to Go Program" pairs interested adult readers with low-income preschools or daycare classes to read with children.

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The purpose of these outreach efforts by the library is to foster an early love of books and improve the reading readiness of

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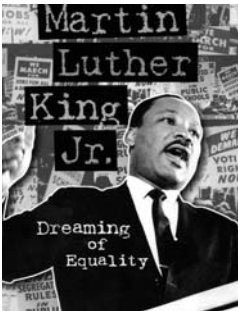
To take part in this program all you need is enthusiasm and an interest in this young age group. Volunteers must be 18 or older, provide their own transportation, and take a TB test. Locations of the program are in the San Pablo, Concord, Pittsburg and east county areas.

To find out more please call Lyn Palme, Contra Costa County Library, (925)-927-3288. The Kensington Library also has short-term volunteer projects available for those needing to complete community service requirements. Volunteers should be 12 years or older.

Local author wins recognition

The National Council for the Social Studies and the Children's Book Council named *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Dreaming of Equality* by Ann Manheimer a Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young Readers for 2005.

Manheimer is a frequent substitute teacher at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School, as well as other schools in the West Contra Costa Unified



Writing coaches sought

WriterCoach Connection, which pairs trained volunteers with students in Berkeley schools to help them master writing and critical thinking skills, seeks volunteers.


The organization will hold a two-session training for new volunteers March 8 and 15 at 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Coaches commit to a regular, 2-hour per week assignments and meet weekly, during the school day, to work one-on-one with students in their English classes.

The program serves 8th grade students at King, Longfellow and Willard Middle Schools and 9th grade students at Berkeley High.

Additional info and volunteer registration can be found at www.writercoachconnection.org

The Bard lives, but pretty much everyone else dies

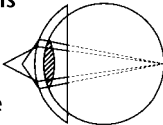


Kensington Hilltop Elementary School fourth and fifth grade students of Jim Aiken during the final scene of a modified version of William Shakespeare's Hamlet. Griffin Kamm (Laertes) (left) battles with Tahryn Smith (Hamlet) as Jennifer Welden (Claudius), Laura Lewis (Gertrude) and Michael Hutcherson (Horatio) watch. Horatio minutes later would be the sole survivor as poison swords take out Laertes, Claudius and Hamlet and Gertrude does herself in with a glass of poison wine. The four deaths bring the play's body count to six, not counting the murder of Hamlet's father, which starts it all.

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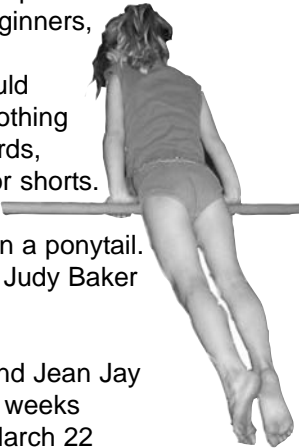
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JOB OPENING

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Session I: Sept 16 - Oct 28
Session II: Nov 4 - Dec 23
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Next session begins April 6
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Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro, offers classes to a minimum of four students. To register, call Brown at 524-5495. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m.
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Registration for KCC Summer Day Camp set for March 17 at Kensington community center

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in the fall 2005. The camp runs from June 13, 2005 through August 19, 2005, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 63 children per week. We employ a director, a head counselor and eight counselors, and a "specialty consultant" for each two-week specialty session to work with the campers. Drop-ins are not permitted.

Day Camp Staff Returns
Director Jessica Smith is returning for this year's camp along with counselors Valeria Fike-Rosales, Lauren Aczon and Matt Houser. KCC is delighted that they have chosen to work again at its camp.

Fees
The cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$185 per week with the cost prorated for July 4th week to \$148. This fee covers all trans-

portation costs, snacks, entrance fee, activities and a KCC Summer Camp T-shirt for field trips. Fees must be paid 10 days before each week begins. Children whose fees have not been paid may not attend until fees have been paid to the KCC administrator. Registration, waiver and emergency forms must be submitted prior to the start of each week. Forms must accompany the appropriate fees. A nonrefundable deposit of \$25 per child per week requested is required with the application. The \$25 deposit is deducted from the balance due of camp. If a week is full and space is not available, applicants will be notified immediately. We cannot refund fees if a child drops out after a session begins.

Registration
Registration will take place as follows:
Thursday, March 17th, 7 p.m.
Community Center
Kensington residents & camp alumni

Friday, March 18th, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
KCC Office
Kensington residents and camp alumni

Monday, March 21st, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Open registration. Parents may register their children on a space available basis during KCC office hours.

Brochures available
For more information or a brochure, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

*Special Activities Schedule:
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 1 June 13 - June 17
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 2 June 20 - June 24

Golf with Alex Brown
Week 3 June 27 - July 1
Golf with Alex Brown
Week 4 July 5, 6 7 & 8 (July 4th holiday)
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 5 July 11 - July 15

Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 6 July 18 - July 22
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker

Week 7 July 25 - July 29
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 8 August 1 - August 5

Sports & Chess with Kim Roots
Week 9 August 8 - August 12
Sports & Chess with Kim Roots
Week 10 August 15 - August 19

+Tennis with Alex Brown, three days a week

*FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE:
June 15 The Jungle
June 22 Exploratorium
June 29 San Francisco Zoo
July 6 Scandia
July 13 Lawrence Hall of Science
July 20 Jelly Belly Factory & Bo
July 27 A's Baseball Game
August 3 Waterworld
August 10 The Jungle
August 17 A's Baseball Game

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.

Kensington Calendar

Hello Muddah, Hello Faddah



KCC campers summer 2004 campers ride the bus during a field trip

Summertime may still seem far away, but registration for KCC's summer day camp begins March 17 at 7 p.m. for Kensington residents. The camp will run from June 13 through August 19 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. More detailed information can be found on page 5.

Tuesday, March 1
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Friday, March 4
The Berkeley Forum presents Prof. George Lakoff, UC Berkeley: "Reframing the Progressive Movement" at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. A book signing and refreshments follow his talk. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Reservations and Info: 525-0302 ext. 376

Saturday, March 5
Dr. Seuss Birthday Party at 11 a.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Play games, hear stories, see a performance of a Dr.Seuss story, eat real green eggs and ham, and stick around for a prize drawing. Free tickets will be required and will be available on Monday, February 28. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Saturday, March 5
New Millennium Strings opens its Spring season with Laurien Jones, Conductor. Christa Pfeiffer, soprano soloist. Humperdinck, Wagner, Strauss, Ravel. at 8 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Suggested donation: \$20; seniors/students, \$10. Wheel chair accessible. Info: 528-4633.

Sunday, March 6
Personal Theology Seminar: Martha Helming, UUCB member since 1961, has had a career in psychiatric social

work and psychotherapy, Journeying with Easter at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Monday, March 7
The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center.

Monday, March 7
Computer Literacy: How to set up a free e-mail account that is accessible from the library or any on-line computer at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, March 8
The Kensington Study Group of the League of Women Voters meets at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Betty Brown, 44 Beverly Road, Kensington.

Tuesday, March 8
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Wednesday, March 9
Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Thursday, March 10
The El Cerrito Garden Club meets at 9:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Rose Loveall-Sale, Horticulturist and Co-owner of *Alex Gonzalez* Morningsun Herb Farm, will present a program on "Hillside Gardening." Refreshments will be served. Guests welcome and may pay \$3 at the door. Info: 525-1669.

Thursday, March 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

Saturday, March 12
The Contra Costa Chorale conducted by John Montanero performs selections from Brhams, Mozart and Bach at 2 p.m. at the El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 3860 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets \$15, students \$12, under 16 free. Info: 524-1861

Sunday, March 13
Personal Theology Seminar: Marlene Aron, artist whose works have been exhibited throughout the United States and Europe, published poet, lecturer on Van Gough, "My Work as an Artist and my Spiritual Journey" at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Tuesday, March 15
The Berkeley Garden Club presents "Propagation for the Home Gardener" a talk by Kathy Echols, instructor at Diablo Valley College, 1 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Berkeley. Info: 524-4374.


Tuesday, March 15
Magic with magician Alex Gonzalez at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Free tickets will be required and will be available March 7. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Tuesday March 15
Author Alice Wilson-Fried discusses her book "Menopause, Sisterhood, and Tennis: One Woman's Personal Journey through Menopause" at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Info: 526-7512.

Thursday, March 17
The American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. at 666 Bellevue Ave., on Lake Merritt near Children's Fairyland in Oakland. This month's speaker is Gordon Wylie, past ARS president who will present a talk and slideshow entitled "Scotland Revisited" featuring his visit to the privately owned Colonsay Isle.Newcomers welcome. Info: 223-0443

Friday, March 18
Concert featuring award-winning harpist Olga Ortenberg-Rakitchenkov and Sergei Rakitenkov, violist, at 8 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

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Sunday, March 20
Personal Theology Seminar: Joel Ben Izzy, internationally known story teller, A Tale of Curses, Blessings, and Miracles at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Sunday, March 20
Palm Sunday Service at 10 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave, Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Monday, March 21
Town Hall meeting with County Supervisor John Gioia and Contra Costa County Library Director Anne Cain to discuss the possibility of a new or renovated building for the Kensington Library at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, March 22
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Monday, March 28
Computer Literacy: Word processing basics using Microsoft WordPad at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Thursday, March 24
Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. with communion and a simple meal with soup and bread donated by Ajanta Restaurant. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Friday, March 25
Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington opens its sanctuary for meditation from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Good Friday. At 7:30pm there will be a concert featuring Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle" with video accompaniment. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunrise Service near Kensington Hilltop School at 10 a.m. held by the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Easter Morning Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. Info: 526-9146.

Sunday, March 27
Easter Sunday pancake breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. followed by service and an Easter egg hunt at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, March 27
Personal Theology Seminar: Marilee Baccich, founder of the Udana Institute for Spiritual Studies and the Pursuit of Peace, Sufi teacher, Interfaith Minister, member of UUCB, The Gnostic Christ at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302 ext. 306

Tuesday, March 29
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Tuesday, March 29
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Obituaries

Rosa Jaeger, long-time resident of Kensington, dies at 93

Rosa Jaeger, a 52-year resident of Kensington, died January 17. She was 93.
Born August 19, 1911 in the small mountain village of Altenberg, Austria, Jaeger moved to Vienna in her twenties where she became acquainted with University of California at Berkeley professor Charles Gulick and his wife, Esther. The Gulicks invited her to come to America with them for a year or two to help with translations and to help Esther around the house.
When Rosa's return ticket to Austria was rendered useless by the invasion of Poland in 1939, she embraced her new life in the U.S., read as many books as possible to master the English language, and eventually enrolled in citizenship classes.

She met her husband Alois "Lew" Jaeger through a blind date set up by his cousin, a fellow member of those classes. They married in June 1945 during Lew's 45-day leave from his tech support position with the Army Air Corps in India.

Lew and Rosa moved to their home on Willamette Ave. in 1952. As they raised their family, Rosa quietly supported the community through activities at Arlington Community Church, by stints as a Cub Scout and Camp Fire leader, and by joining other Kensington PTA mothers in cooking and serving hot dogs on the school's weekly "hot dog day."

Rosa is survived by her husband of 59 years, Alois "Lew" Jaeger; her son, Mike Jaeger and his wife, Susan, of Walnut Creek; her daughter, Leslie Jaeger Perrin and her husband, Ken, of Seattle; and two grandchildren.

Dorothy Muller, registered nurse at Alta Bates, dies at 83

Dorothy D. Muller died February 9 at her home in Kensington after a two-year battle against colon cancer. She was 83.
Born June 21, 1921 in Pennsylvania, Muller moved to California and settled in Kensington after her marriage to Rolf Muller in 1962.

She worked for ten years as a registered nurse, first in West Virginia, then at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. After the birth of their children, Muller was active in the PTA, at the library and with all her children's academic and social activities.
She is survived by her husband, Rolf; son, Will; daughter, Alice; son-in-law, Erik; brother, Don and sister-in-law, Ellen.

A service was held at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley. Donations may be made to a favorite cancer charity.

Patricia Freeman, active in civic organizations, dies at 86

Patricia C. Freeman died at her Norwood Ave. home November 30. She was 86.
An long-time active member of many local civic organizations, Freeman participated in organizations including the Kensington Hilltop PTA, the Girl Scouts, the Kensington Community Council, the Kensington Democratic Club and the local branch of the NAACP.

A private memorial was being planned. Donations would be welcome to the Patricia and Keith Freeman Memorial Scholarship Fund, The Young Musicians Program, 19 Morrison Hall, U.C. Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720-1204.



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our life in the Spirit.



Service of Palms
~ March 20, 10:00 a.m. ~

Communion and simple meal with
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~ Maundy Thursday, March 24, 7:00 p.m. ~

Sanctuary open for meditation
~ Good Friday, March 25, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. ~

Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle" Concert
with video accompaniment
~ Good Friday, March 25, 7:30 p.m ~

Sunrise Service
(Near Kensington Hilltop School)
~ Easter Sunday, March 27, 6:00 a.m ~

Easter Worship
~ Easter Sunday, March 27, 10:00 a.m ~

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From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.

Events in January

○Police discovered an unconscious woman slumped over the steering wheel of a parked car at 3 a.m. New Year's Day on Amherst Ave. The car was off, but the key was in the ignition. An officer woke the woman, who had a strong smell of alcohol, and took her into custody. She was released to another adult.

○Police arrested a 24 year-old male on outstanding misdemeanor warrants after he ran a stop sign. The man had a history of stolen vehicle thefts and the two passengers in the vehicle were in possession of blank keys.

○A Lake Drive resident called police to report a dead deer in his backyard. Police contacted animal control and they confirmed that the deer was indeed dead.

○A woman reported the theft of a QVC box containing a \$108 jacket delivered to her front door. A witness saw a woman take the box and drive off. Albany police recovered the box, but it was empty.

○Kensington police assisted El Cerrito police with crime scene security after a robber shot and killed a store clerk during a hold up at a mini-mart on San Pablo Ave.

○A Lam Ct. resident reported a case of identity theft after American Express called to tell her it would deny future charges on her gold card because she was late with her payment. The resident didn't have an account with American Express, only a \$19,749 debit balance in her name.

○A Purdue Ave. resident reported a suspicious person walking into driveways as if they were "casing" properties. A man who made the report contacted the man, who said he was lost and on his way to the Department of Motor Vehicles. Police stopped the man, who said he was on his way to his cousin's house. The man had a history of theft, robbery and narcotics charges. Police checked him for weapons and sent him on his way.

○The Arlington Chevron contacted police because a customer who had damaged a pump after driving off with the nozzle still in his gas tank had not been heard from as promised. Police advised the gas station that it would now have to pursue the matter through the civil justice system.

○Police arrested a 29-year-old San Pablo man outside a Highland Blvd. house for possession of methamphetamine for sale, burglary tools and drug paraphernalia.

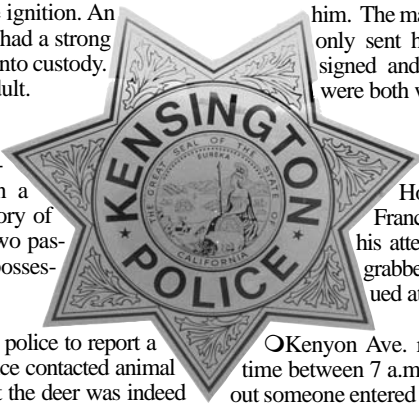
Kensington PD hires new officer from El Cerrito force

The Kensington Police Department has hired Dominic Boutain, a three-year veteran of the El Cerrito Police Department.

Boutain, 32, fills the vacancy created by the departure of officer Shelly



Dominic Boutain



○Police responded to a report from a Rugby Ave. resident who found a two-foot crack in his front door. Police said it was unclear whether the incident was the result of vandalism or a failed burglary attempt - or a really, really strong wind.

○A Rincon Rd. man called police to report forgery after one of his sons called him to complain that the man had sent a \$100 check to his brother, but not to him. The man told the upset son that he not only sent him a check, but that he had signed and cashed it. Apparently they were both wrong.

○An unidentified man smashed the window of a Honda Civic parked on Franciscan Way. The thief failed in his attempt to remove the stereo, but grabbed other audio equipment valued at about \$1,000.

○Kenyon Ave. residents reported that sometime between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. while they were out someone entered their home through a connected garage door and stole several hundred dollars worth of items including clothing and jewelry.

○A Coventry Rd. resident reported the theft of \$1,400 in property from her unlocked 2005 Pontiac Sunfire.

○A parked BMW on Arlington Ln. was pelted with eggs. The owner washed them off and there was no permanent damage to the vehicle, however the eggs were beyond repair.

○A youth who had brought over his Mac G4 computer valued at \$1,600 to a friend's house on Amherst Ave. for a party reported he had left it there and when he returned later it was gone. There was a time kids bobbed for apples.

○A Highgate Ct. resident reported the theft of a \$100 bicycle after seeing a suspicious male outside her home. A neighbor reported that she saw a man fitting his description riding a bike.

○A big rig delivering I-beams to the Kensington Hilltop elementary school construction site became wedged on Purdue Ave. and was unable to maneuver. A fork lift was brought to the scene and the back of the truck was lifted to allow the truck to turn.

○Police responded to an anonymous call of a woman screaming in the backyard of a home on Windsor Ave. They found two 14-year-old boys in a hot tub with the lights out. The boys had heard an animal noise and feared they were going to be attacked.

Police Phones

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency officer response: 233-1214
Other police business: 526-4141

Crain and will serve as the department's crime prevention officer.

Prior to becoming a police officer Boutain worked as a teacher. He said he was attracted to the Kensington Police Department because of its high morale and the opportunity to work with the community.

A father of three he is currently expecting his fourth child.

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