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The Heart Quilt

The quilt to end the war



Once again the quilt that will be raffled off at the Spring Carnival is being made by local landscape designer Sarah Ray. When not busy designing new landscapes for local gardens for her company, the Strada Design Group, looking after her two kids, Lauren and Owen, and moving homes, she is busy sewing together another beautiful quilt. This one is called the Heart Quilt, and it was designed to send a message of love to the world to counteract the wars and disharmony that are so prevalent at present. “I made this quilt in the hope that it would bring forth a commitment to love as a solution,” said Ray.

In addition to sewing the quilt, Ray is moving to a home in Albany. She says she loves Kensington very much and will maintain her contacts and many friendships in the community. Because she is moving out of Kensington, a new quilter or group of quilters is needed for the 2009 quilt.

The quilt has been a major feature of the Spring Carnival for 26 years and the quilt raffle has always accounted for a large part of the money raised by the carnival. The quilt will be displayed inside the entrance to Hilltop School prior to the carnival. The Spring Carnival is a major source of revenue for the Dads’ Club and the PTA.

Aerial spraying over Kensington and Bay Area

Several bills introduced to stop pesticide spraying scheduled to start this summer

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) has plans to perform aerial spraying of a farm pesticide-like substance called Checkmate over western Contra Costa County, western Alameda County, urban San Francisco, and Marin County, in an attempt to eradicate what is said to be a potentially destructive moth. The light brown apple moth *Epiphyas postvittana* (LBAM) is a native of Australia and New Zealand and has been occasionally found in California in the past three to five years. LBAM breeds on and around citrus, in nurseries, and on farms that grow flowers. LBAM larvae can scar fruit, particularly oranges, and cause fruit drop. In Australia the populations are normally kept under control by the many natural predators and by the fact that the commercially grown citrus trees are not considered ideal breeding grounds. There have been numerous moths found in traps in the Bay Area.

The USDA considers LBAM’s presence in California an “emergency” because of its classification as a voracious invader. Giving the infestation an emergency status means that the CDFA does not have to run a full environmental report, which is said to take more than a year to complete.

The chemical in question, Checkmate is termed a pheromone mating disruption product. It imitates a female moth’s pheromone, attracting males to the spray residue, and not to the female moth. The spraying, which is done at night by airplane, is due to take place this summer. The spraying will continue until two breeding periods have passed with no further specimens turning up in the many collection boxes the CDFA has in the area. The permit for spraying is for 10 years. There is no way to control reinfestation from imports.

With virtually no warning, Santa Cruz and Monterrey counties have already been sprayed in rural and urban areas.

Opponents of the spraying have already had meetings in Santa Cruz and throughout the Bay Area, and it is suspected that more will happen soon. In January, the Albany City Council voted 5-0 to oppose aerial spraying. Albany mayor Robert Lieber called the CFDA plan “a public health issue.”

State senator Carole Migden is trying to get a resolution passed in Sacramento to place a moratorium on any pesticide spraying until it can be shown to be safe and effective.

As we are going to press California assembly people are formulating a collection of bills to address LBAM spraying. John Laird (D-Santa Cruz) is asking the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) to create a list of invasive animals, plants, and insects that have a reasonable likelihood of entering California for which an eradication program might be appropriate. For each invasive on the list, the department would prepare a written assessment on the most appropriate **Aerial spraying** *Continued page 2*

Generous gift for FKL

Money to be put aside for significant project

Three years ago, George Spatz moved from his home on Arlington Ave., near the fire station, to Rossmoor, a retirement community in Walnut Creek. Spatz was born on the east coast, studied chemical engineering at the New Jersey Institute of Technology, and worked for many years at Johns-Manville in San Francisco. After his retirement, Spatz would go every morning to the Kensington Library to read the *Wall Street Journal* and check on his equities. At the library he befriended William Olivito, who also was a regular visitor. Spatz was a very private person with few friends and no living relatives. He loved tennis and played regularly.

When Mr. Spatz passed away last August, he bequeathed \$25,000 to the Friends of Kensington Library (FKL). This was part of a \$3 million legacy that he left to a variety of causes, including \$1 million to his alma mater and \$500,000 to the American Heart Foundation.

FKL has set aside this money for future Kensington Library capital improvements. The money will be earmarked for a special project and not used for the many events they organize each month.

FKL is looking for new volunteers and contributors. FKL is always in need of donations of whatever size and appreciates everyone who gives, no matter the amount. Members were recently introduced to a young girl who has been generously donating to the library from her weekly allowance. She is five years old.

New police aide is Kensington resident

Don Miller to assist with community outreach

Don Miller has lived in Kensington for 35 years. He was a BART police officer for 26 years, the last few of which he was a sergeant in Internal Affairs. He retired in the spring of last year and now he has come to work part-time with the Kensington Police Department. Miller’s hiring heralds the next phase of the resurgence of the Kensington Police Department. Chief Harman is revisiting procedures, individual tasks, schedules, training, and reporting, in his restructuring of the department. Miller is an essential part of this effort, being tasked with community outreach, emergency planning, maintaining records, calculating police statistics, and managing police property and evidence. He will also be a liaison with the school and Kensington businesses. He says he wants to bring people closer together and said, “We should get back to being a close-knit community.”

Miller will have his hands full. In his 20 hours a week, he will also be the main contact person with the block captains, National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, and general emergency preparedness as it relates to the police. The Fire Department will still run the CERT training, but Miller will almost certainly be encouraging residents to get trained.

At a meeting during his first week on the job, Miller spoke of wanting to meet the diverse groups in Kensington and maybe even helping different groups hold joint meetings once in a while, so people can find out new approaches and learn what else is happening in the community.

Miller was born in Jamaica and came to the United States as a very young boy. He is a graduate of Berkeley High School, Contra Costa College, and Sacramento State. He has a teenage son who is a graduate of Hilltop, and he lives with his family on Coventry Road.



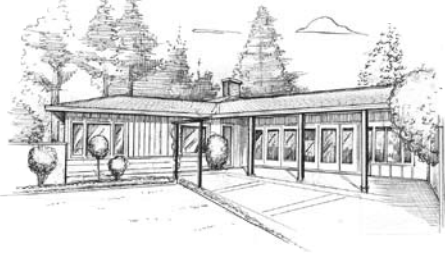
Miller and Chief Harman share an anecdote at recent meeting.

If your group would like to invite Miller to a meeting, would like to know more about the new professional face of the Kensington PD, want to set up a neighborhood watch group, or become a block captain, he would love to hear from you. Miller can be contacted at the police main telephone number: 526-4141.



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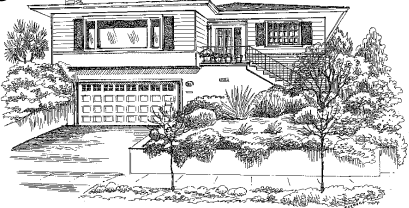
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Editor—At the last KPPCSD meeting, January 10, 2008, Brown Taylor presented a summary of his tour of duty as Kensington’s Interim General Manager/Chief of Police (July 2006–August 2007). Brown’s summary of over 100 pages represents a blast from the past and a little too late. There’s a new chief in town, Gregory Harman, and it’s time to move forward. I choose to support our new GM/COP Gregory Harman and the officers who choose to follow suit.
Val Paola



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Keith Barrow
named Officer
of the Year

Officer Keith Barrow was named the Kensington Police Officer of the Year for 2008. In February the local West Contra Costa County police officers had a dinner to honor the local officer of the year from all the local departments. The three sergeants in the Kensington department nominated Barrow, and Chief Greg Harman said, “Luckily they selected my first choice.” Present at the awards dinner were KPPCSD director Joan Gallegos; Sergeant Rickey Hull; Sergeant Angela Escobar; Chief Harman and his wife, Yolla; Helen Horowitz, Barrow’s sister-in-law; and another friend. The El Sobrante Elks Club, where the event was held, presented Barrow with a plaque bearing a credential of appreciation. He also received a certificate of gratitude from supervisor John Gioia. Previously the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District commended Officer Barrow for the distinction.

Aerial spraying *cont’d from page 1*
method of eradication. The department would have to hold public hearings. Loni Hancock (D-Berkeley/Oakland), introduced a bill to prohibit the Secretary of Food and Agriculture from approving the application of a pesticide in an urban area, unless the governor has proclaimed a state of emergency. Jared Huffman (D-San Rafael) has a bill that will limit the

emergency powers of the DFA. It requires a public hearing to examine alternatives to aerial spraying prior to any decision to spray. It also bars emergency spraying in urban areas unless there is full disclosure of all product ingredients. The bill authored by Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) requires an Environmental Impact Report be completed before the state DFA can apply pesticide in an urban area for the eradication of the LBAM.



Pets of the month
SAHARA and GOBI

A dynamic brother and sister duo that make the Energizer Bunny seem like a couch potato! Sahara invented an ice skating technique called the SpinTop when she used her front paws as an axial while spinning her back-end in the air. Gobi easily won the Bunny 500 in last year’s BunFest Race. If you’re interested in sharing your home with them, please introduce yourself to them at RabbitEARS, open 7 days a week, 303 Arlington Ave. 525-6155.

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Supv Gioia meets with local groups

K groups discuss community issues and priorities

In February supervisor John Gioia held a meeting with representatives of many Kensington community groups. Gioia invited the groups to present their wish lists and enumerate those projects they are presently working on.

Present at the meeting were the Fire District, KPPCSD, Kensington Improvement Club, Friends of the Library, Kensington Property Owners Association, and others. Each group had the opportunity to voice its concerns and goals, short- and long-term. Many of those present stated that they needed to raise money to accomplish their objectives. There was much talk about issuing bonds and other ways to raise the sometimes large amounts of capital needed. Representatives of KPPCSD, including Kensington general manager and chief of police Greg Harman, spoke of the need to have a balanced budget and to hire two extra officers. It was pointed out that the extra income needed for balancing the budget would be about \$8.50 a month, equal to a couple of lattes per household, or an amount well below many people’s cell phone bills. The previous park assessment was made without a cost-of-living adjustment; if this had been done when first instituted, there would be no need for an increase at this time.

Among the many other needs identified were completing the ongoing work on the emergency water and hydrant plans; ownership of, maintaining, and improving footpaths; undergrounding electrical power lines; work in the park, including the installation of the bathrooms; ADA bathrooms in the library; emergency preparedness; a gymnasium for Hilltop kids; the ongoing Kensington Gateway project; bus shelters; and better communications between the groups in Kensington.

Participants tacitly agreed that the needs of the police should be the first priority in raising funds. Some projects would be extremely expensive and would take years to finance (such as undergrounding utilities) and others, such as removing the steps in the car park shared by the library and Arlington Community Church, would

be much less expensive. Val Paola asked for community volunteers to become involved as block captains, explaining that such efforts need not take up much time and can target as few homes as the applicant wished.

Gioia brought reports compiled by county staff, one of which detailed the costs that could be associated with building or rebuilding a Kensington path. It is not clear if anyone owns the paths; they were laid out when the original subdivisions were allocated in Kensington. They are considered important disaster egress routes in times of fire and earthquake.

For a typical 250-foot length of path, without including lighting and landscaping, the cost would be about \$232,500. The average path length is approximately 235 feet. There are 12 viable paths in Kensington, 2 that are blocked by resident’s fences, 7 considered too steep to be practicable, and 2 that have been posted by neighbors as “private road.” To fix the 12 paths would cost approximately \$2.8 million, and maintenance and future upkeep would amount to \$30,000 a year. Similar but more numerous and longer paths in Berkeley are maintained by a volunteer Path Wanderers Association.

Another report on upgrading the drainage system in Kensington estimated that the work would cost about \$12.3 million, although reports from the Fire Department stated that there were very few calls this year concerning drainage.

The last report concerned with the undergrounding of utilities in all Kensington streets (Arlington Ave. has already been undergrounded) estimates the cost to be about \$47 million, at a cost per linear foot of \$520. It is thought that if undergrounding is ever done, the cost would be borne by individual homeowners over a period of many years.


The informal group of organizations decided to meet again in the future and to include more groups than were present at the February meeting. This future meeting would be to communicate with Gioia and for the communities to have a forum to share plans, concerns, and intentions.

Farmers’ Market to relocate

The Farmers’ Market has outgrown its location in the parking lot of Ace Hardware. They were never allowed to go beyond one third of the lot, and coupled with the fact that the area is on a fairly steep hill, the founder of the market, Judy Hardin, has been looking at possible alternative locations. Eventually she settled on the lower portion of Oak View Avenue. The plans call for the road to be blocked from Colusa Circle to Santa Fe Avenue. The Farmers’ Market would take place in the street on this block each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The process of relocating the market has gone on for several months, and Hardin says it has already received a green light from the planning department and Supervisor Gioia.

The block of Oak View Ave. that the farmers’ market will occupy is due to become a one-way street as part of the redevelopment of the adjoining block surrounded by Oak View, Colusa, and Santa Fe Avenues.

Hardin is also in negotiations to relocate her RabbitEARS store to the Colusa Circle area. RabbitEARS places rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, and other pets that are brought from different animal pounds in the area. They also sell pet food and other pet supplies.



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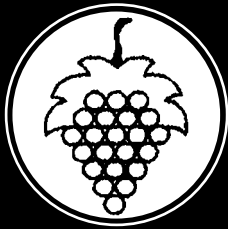
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Fire department news

The Kensington Fire Protection District elected a new slate of officers for the coming year. Janice Kosel was elected president, Helmut Blaschczyk was elected vice president, and Nina Ramsey was elected secretary. They were each adopted by a unanimous vote. Their terms of office will run until the first meeting in 2009.

The Kensington / El Cerrito Fire Department conducted a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training with a group of 40 seniors at El Cerrito High School. The students are doing the course as part of their community service program, and there are plans for the class to be held at the high school every year.

A CERT class will be taught at the Kensington Community Center this fall starting September 3. The class consists of eight 2 1/2-hour sessions covering fire suppression, search and rescue, disaster medical procedures, disaster psychology, terrorism, ending with a simulation drill at the fire station in Richmond.

For those that feel they cannot manage the 20-hour training, there is a CERT Boot Camp. These noncertified, one-day trainings will be held at the El Cerrito

Senior Center in May and in Kensington in October. More details can be obtained by contacting the El Cerrito/Kensington CERT team at 232-4919 or by checking their Web site: www.elecerritokensingtoncert.org.

Many people have done NEAT training in the past, and the department will hold catch-up classes. Being trained will not only help you and your family but will assist you in being able to aid others in your immediate neighborhood. Another good thing to do for yourself and the community is to join the active Kensington Amateur Radio Operators (KARO), who will be on hand to establish a community emergency communications network for use when a disaster befalls. This group meets on the odd-numbered months. Members not only have radios in their homes but also maintain and run radios at several public buildings in the area.

Among the calls the fire department made in Kensington in January were 1 vehicle fire, 23 medical emergencies, 7 service calls (distress water/smoke/odor problems), 2 calls cancelled en route, and 5 false calls.

Fire Captain Doug Brown, who works at the Kensington station, plans to retire this fall.

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The Contra Costa County Library is pleased to introduce four new databases of streaming audio and video selections, delivering music and theatrical content directly to customers via the Internet. These easy-to-use databases—Classical Music Library, Smithsonian Global Sound, African American Song, and Theatre in Video—are accessible online from home or office computers and at all Contra Costa County community libraries. Library cardholders can simply browse, search, and click to listen to selected music or watch live-recorded theatre. Customers can also choose to download (for a small fee) selected works to play on any portable device.

Classical Music Library is the world's largest multi-label database of classical music recordings for listening and learning in libraries. This is an ever-growing, collection of fully searchable classical music, which includes tens of thousands of licensed recordings available to library customers via the Internet. The audio selections are cross-referenced to a database of supplementary reference information. <http://ez.ccclib.org/login?url=http://ccclib.classical.com>

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House fire on Arlington Court

In early February, a homeowner living on Arlington Court started cooking some food and then lay down for a rest. In a short while, the cooking food caused a fire, which traveled up the kitchen wall and entered the attic. A neighbor, Jeanne Lageson, noticed the fire and immediately telephoned the resident, woke them up, and told them to get out quickly.

Shortly thereafter passerby Neil Bobo saw the fire and ran to help. Lageson gave Bobo fire extinguishers, which were unable to quench the flames, so Bobo pulled a garden hose onto the roof and was able to control the flames until the fire brigade arrived.

The phone call from the neighbor certainly saved the homeowner's life, and Bobo's firefighting efforts saved a substantial portion of the house.

Firefighters had to treat a 3-inch cut on Bobo's arm. Bobo will be honored at the next board meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District on March 12.

The fire is being investigated by the El Cerrito Fire Department.



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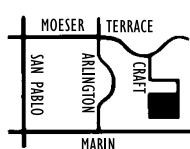
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Each week the campers will enjoy: a field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area, such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium, and the Jungle (no field trip Week 3 due to July 4); special activities, such as carpentry, gymnastics, dance, and drama; tennis with Kim Roots, three days per week; games, arts and crafts, hiking, and fun!

Special Activities Schedule*

Week 1	<i>June 16–June 20</i> Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 2	<i>June 23–June 27</i> Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 3	<i>June 30–July 3</i> Sports and Games with Kim Roots
Week 4	<i>July 7–11</i> Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 5	<i>July 14–18</i> Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 6	<i>July 21–25</i> Sports and Games with Kim Roots
Week 7	<i>July 28–August 1</i> Hip Hop with Jackie and Jenna
Week 8	<i>August 4–8</i> Drama with Kelly Donahue
Week 9	<i>August 11–15</i> Drama with Kelly Donahue
Week 10	<i>August 18–22</i> Cooking with Janet Martorano

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

Field Trip Schedule*

<i>June 18</i> The Jungle
<i>June 25</i> Lake Temescal
<i>No field trip (4th of July!)</i>
<i>July 9</i> The Exploratorium
<i>July 16</i> Scandia
<i>July 23</i> Lake Anza
<i>July 30</i> Oakland A's game
<i>August 6</i> Waterworld
<i>August 13</i> Pier 39/Alcatraz/Aquarium
<i>August 20</i> The Jungle

The cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$205 per week (with the exception the 4th of July week at \$155). This fee covers all transportation costs, snacks, entrance fees, activities, and a KCC Summer Camp T-shirt for field trips. A limited number of partial scholarships will be available. All fees must be paid and all forms completed by June 1, 2008, for the first five weeks of camp, and by July 1, 2008, for the last five weeks of camp.

Registration

Thursday, March 12, 7 p.m.: Kensington residents & camp alumni at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Monday, March 17, 10a.m. to 4 p.m.: Open registration begins and continues through spring at the KCC Office (just beyond the tennis courts in Kensington Park)

For further information, please call Esther Hill at the Kensington Community Council office at 525-0292. The KCC office is located at 59 Arlington Ave. KCC office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Sandy Thacker, *Curriculum Coordinator* (482-1258)

Sessions: **Registration** for spring classes will be held in the community center on Wednesday, March 5, starting at 6:45 p.m. for kindergarten students and 7:15 p.m. for grades 1-6. Winter classes continue through Friday, March 21, and the spring session begins on Monday, March 31, following spring break Please visit www.aboutkensington.org for more information on classes.

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To register for class: Please call the office unless otherwise specified. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they cannot be enrolled.

Tennis court reservations: Reservations are for weekends and holidays only; the earliest is 9 a.m. Call Esther Hill (525-0292) for tennis court reservation information.

Tennis court fees: Kensington residents—\$2/45-minute reservation (singles); Non-residents—\$5.

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

YOUTH & ADULT CLASSES



Tennis

Kim Roots offers classes for youth and adults. To register, call Kim at 526-6730.

Fees: *Adult classes:* 5 classes \$40 per resident; \$45 per non-resident
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Where: Tennis Courts (West Court)

ADULT CLASSES

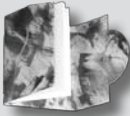
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When: Saturday, April 19, 2–4 p.m.

Fees: \$30 class + \$10 materials (paid separately to instructor)

Where: Recreation Bldg. (Bldg. E)



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When: Tuesday, April 22, 7:30–9:30 p.m.

Fee: \$30 class + \$10 materials (paid separately to instructor)

Where: Recreation Bldg. (Bldg. E)

Elaine Chu loves teaching art and book arts and has exhibited in various craft shows. She has worked as a graphic designer and piano instructor internationally. She has a B.A. in music from Yale University and a B.F.A. in graphic design from University of Arts in Philadelphia. Elaine currently teaches in our KASEP program.

Acrylic Painting



Stan Cohen (533-3003) leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited. Instructor approval required.

When: Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Fees: \$32/month (\$36 for nonresidents)

Where: Community Center

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Instructor Nicole Becker, a registered yoga teacher, was trained in Anusara Yoga and has studied acupressure and qigong. 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 information, contact Nicole at 527-6443. To register, call the KCC office at 525-0292.

When: Tuesday 9:15–10:30 a.m.

Fees: Residents–Drop-in, \$15; \$75 for a series of six classes.

Nonresidents please add 10% (\$16.50/class; \$82.50 for six classes)

Where: Community Center

Monday Night Hatha Yoga 6:30–7:30 PM

Join a three-week session; a new session begins each month. Begin or deepen your yoga practice with a supportive group. Please bring a mat to class.

When: Class series—Mondays 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Fees: For residents: one-month pass—3 classes or \$30. Nonresidents: add 10% (\$33).

Where: Recreation Bldg., Room A (Bldg. E)

Thursday Hatha Yoga 5:30–6:30 PM

An ongoing class that will calm, restore, and revitalize you. Classic yoga postures and quiet attention to the nuance of movement help create a satisfying personal practice. Yoga postures, breathing techniques, and philosophy are covered. All levels of experience welcome. Please bring a mat to class.

When: Class series—Thursdays 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Fees: Residents—Drop-in, \$12. One-month pass (4 classes) for \$40.

Nonresidents please add 10% (\$13.20 for drop-in and \$44 for month pass)

Where: Recreation Bldg., Room A (Bldg. E)

Instructor Claire Lavery is an experienced teacher who has been practicing and teaching yoga to all ages and abilities. Her studies have included Ashtanga, Iyengar, Integral, and Yin yoga; adaptive yoga; and yoga philosophy. She focuses on breathing, alignment, and adjustment to help students enjoy a deeper practice.

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KPD revitalized



The new Kensington police car, right, has no roof light bar, making it difficult to identify in rear view mirrors.

Chief Harman's restructuring continues

The Police Department is becoming more proactive, with the assistance of the new police chief, Greg Harman. Two Kensington police, working in plainclothes on an ongoing robbery investigation, were able to identify a Kensington youth who is under investigation for aggravated assault in Berkeley. They stopped him and found him in possession of a ski cap with eyeholes cut into it. It was rolled up to look like a simple cap but could be unrolled in a moment to hide the identity of the wearer. The youth surrendered the cap to the police officers. Kensington police know about his activities and received photographs of the youth from their ongoing cooperation with Berkeley police, being carried on by Detective Sergeant Escobar, as she follows up on outstanding cases. Chief Harman showed the cap at a recent KPPCSD board meeting.

The Kensington Police Department has a new police car, which is distinctive, in that it does not have a light bar attached to the roof. This makes the car harder to identify, especially when it is following you, and gives police a little more time when following criminals, be it thieves or people speeding in the community. The lights are there, but they are in the area usually reserved for the visor. The car has the distinctive black-and-white markings and is immediately obvious to those seeing it from the side.

Police officers are now routinely spending time with other crime initiatives around the county, including the West-

Net drug enforcement initiative, the sex-predator tracking team, and other agencies. They are also being very proactive in their training regimens.

As part of the newly reorganized department, they have conducted an investigation involving an airline ticket fraud that occurred in October 2006. The victims, Kensington residents, purchased four round-trip tickets for a trip to France, totaling approximately \$3,200, from Christian Chaubard, who is now a lead suspect in the investigation. When the purchasers arrived at the airport to catch their flight, they were advised by the airline that the tickets were invalid, and they would need to purchase new tickets totaling \$14,000. Chaubard is presently under investigation for a similar airline ticket fraud involving an El Cerrito couple. With the aid of the Kensington PD, the Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office investigators located and interviewed a suspect in this case. The police ask for anyone who has had contact with the suspect to please contact Sergeant Escobar at 526-4141.

In more proactive police news, the department conducted an investigation of a report of a kidnapping that occurred in France. The parents of a 50-year-old man were contacted by email by their son who was vacationing in France. The email was sent by the son and stated that he had been kidnapped and held for a ransom of \$2 million. After working with the numerous local, state, and international agencies, as well as the FBI, the Kensington PD were able to reveal that there was no basis for believing that a crime had been committed.

Trash scofflaws to be targeted

Once again the KPPCSD, in conjunction with Bay View Refuse, is targeting the people who do not have garbage collection at their homes or have an exemption to not have to pay the regular garbage fees. The Contra Costa Environmental Health Services has a mandatory subscription ordinance that stipulates that each home gets garbage collection at least once a week. Those opting for an exemption must undergo a history check for past complaints, pay a yearly fee, and are subject to inspection by a Contra Costa Environmental Health technician. They must also show that they have approved containers and proof of garbage removal to an approved facility. The approximately 100 Kensington residents who disregard these fees and processes will shortly be finding the charges added, with significant processing costs, as a lien on their property tax bill. They will also be called to hearings in Martinez to explain their nonpayment.

Girl rescued from tree

In early February a 12-year-old girl climbed a redwood tree behind the library. She got up to about 35 feet from the ground and then became frightened by the height and had difficulty getting down. The Fire Department was called, and two engines and two ladder trucks arrived to assist her descent. One of the larger trucks was maneuvered into position, and firefighters were able to extend a ladder up to reach the youngster, who was brought safely to the ground.

Magic By Alex filming in the library

International illusionist and a national champion magician Alex Ramon Gonzalez is bringing his magic routine back to Kensington Library for a surprise visit. Gonzalez perfected his Magic By Alex show after his first public performance at Kensington Library. He started doing magic tricks when he was 15, and now, in his early twenties, he is a star on Disney TV, has won many awards, and has starred in an international Disney Magic tour. A native of Richmond, Gonzalez got his start at Kensington library and is returning on March 11 to make a film of his well-honed magic show. The public is invited, but all present must sign a release to appear on TV (parents must sign for their kids). This should be a stunning performance, by a highly competent magician. Tickets and releases can be obtained from the library.

Kensington TIPS goes online

Community group starts in Kensington

A new online newsgroup will allow Kensingtonians to keep in touch with each other. The group is the brainchild of Carolyn Carlstroem, a Kensington resident who says the group is a good place to “share news and information, get and give recommendations, exchange ideas for improving our community, and be connected to your neighbors. Got a recommendation for a great handyman? Need a tailor, a babysitter, a caterer, a piano teacher? Thinking about drainage? Having a concert? Looking for a workout buddy? Need feedback on your latest haiku?”

Already, in the few weeks since the group got started, there have been postings about pet sitters, locksmith recommendations, sidewalk repair, tax preparers, and a request for a housemate.

The group is located on the Internet at <http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips> and is open for anyone to join.

Joining takes a few moments and can be done from your home computer or from one of the computers at the library. If you have questions, feel free to call Carlstroem at 657-9392.

Jazz greats play with local future jazz stars

Jazz Explosion, Portola Middle School’s signature jazz concert, will be held this year at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club on Thursday, March 20, at 7 p.m. This is the concert that brings together professional musicians with middle school students. The young performers get an opportunity to play with some world-famous jazz stars, who this year include Wayne Wallace, on trombone, who has played with many greats, including Sonny Rollins and Stevie Wonder; Marvin McFadden, on trumpet, who has played with jazz and rock legends Ella Fitzgerald and Ray Charles; Larry De La Cruz, on saxophone, who recorded with Bobby Hutcherson and the San Diego Symphony; and Jeremy Steinkoler, on

drums, who teaches master classes in the U.S. and Europe. Jesse “Chuy” Varela, music director at KCSM Jazz 91, will be the master of ceremonies. All three of Portola’s jazz bands will perform with these stars in a long-standing tradition of established stars fostering young musicians.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students 6-18, and free for those under 6. Tickets are available from Karen Pfeiffer at 417-5896.

Some Portola alumni have gone on to join the Berkeley Jazz School band, which also includes graduates from Hilltop Elementary and has recently been accepted to play in the Monterey Jazz Festival’s 4th Annual Next Generation Festival. The band recently traveled to the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho, during the Presidents’ week break.

Gioia meets with locals at Arlington Café



John Gioia, center, at the Arlington Café talking with constituents.

About 50 people turned out on a damp Saturday morning in February to attend Supervisor John Gioia’s breakfast. Each month Gioia holds these breakfasts in different parts of his west county district in order to stay in touch with his constituents. In February the breakfast was held at the Arlington Café.

All the attendees had time to voice their concerns and Gioia responded to them all from a county perspective. There were residents and elected officials from Richmond, El Cerrito, and even San Diego joining the Kensingtonians. Matters discussed varied from the need for an increased bus service, planned developments at Colusa Circle, the view

ordinance in Kensington, raising taxes for Kensington and the county, an event at Kennedy High School, fostering children, the likely budget cuts, possibilities of an ordinance requiring people to trim tall trees, Doctors Hospital, and traffic congestion around Central Avenue. The topic that got the largest response from the collected citizenry was the issue of leaf blowers and their noise. As usual, Gioia bought the coffee, and the conversation was cordial but impassioned, and a lot of useful information was shared. Arlington Café owner Marc LeJoie and his staff were busy providing for the event, keeping the coffee flowing and cooking warm breakfasts.

Annual grad photo

As graduates are preparing to leave high school and seek new adventures, this is the time when seniors are invited to gather together for a group photograph. The photograph will be printed in the *Outlook*.

The event will take place on May 10 at 2 p.m. at Building E in Kensington Park. All seniors are encouraged to attend. This includes seniors who currently or previously lived in Kensington and all those seniors who attended Hilltop Elementary for some or all grades, regardless of where they live. There will be a \$10 charge to cover pizza, drinks, fruit, and dessert, as well as an electronic version of the photos. Parents and others are welcome to bring dessert and/or help on the day of the event. For more information, please contact Gail Bateson, batesong@gmail.com or Gale Berkowitz, gberkowitz@lmi.net. Last year some students turned up late for the photo and did not get included, so make sure you get there on time, and remind your friends.



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~ **Good Friday, March 21, 3:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. ~**

Good Friday Concert—Pope Marcellus Mass by Palestrina
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~ **Good Friday, March 21, 7:00 p.m. ~**

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Neighborhood Notes



Dream Dinners fundraiser a success

Last month the Hilltop School KEF, Dads' Club, and the PTA held a fundraising event at Dream Dinners in El Cerrito Plaza. This event was well attended by parents from the school, and the event not only got a lot of parents some quick, inexpensive meals to put in their freezers, it also raised \$1,600 for the school.

Hilltop helpers needed

Hilltop Elementary School now has an after-school Math Club, which is available two times a week for those who want or need a little extra time focusing on mathematics. The school is looking for some extra help with this program, and Principal Judy Sanders says, "This is a wonderful way to get to know more of the children at school and work with them in small groups on their homework and math skills." This paid position is for an hour each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 2:30. The school is also looking for someone to assist students in the third grade classrooms during their math instructional time. If these positions interest you, please contact, Anne Forrest at the school.

The school still has a need for lunchtime supervisors or those who would like to lead lunchtime activities. These activities can be sports, games, chess, art, crafts, or anything you think you would like to share with kids. If you are interested, please contact principal Judy Sanders.

There will shortly be a new computer in every classroom, new physical education equipment, and some fine new outdoor furniture for kids to use. The March 13 PTA meeting will be discussing Portola and the issues of changing school for sixth graders. There will be a panel of students present to answer questions. The event has been delayed a week to allow sixth graders to attend. They were previously double-booked with camp. The meeting will take place in the school library.

Monterey Market film sets record

The library's recent screening of the documentary about Monterey Market, *Eat at Bill's*, got the largest audience of any event in the library's recent history. Seventy people turned up, enjoyed tangerines grown by the filmmaker, and asked questions of the owner of the market, Bill Fujimoto.

The PTA wants you

The Hilltop PTA is also looking to fill several positions for the upcoming year. These include president, vice president of communications, membership chair, and carnival chair. Most of these do not involve a large time commitment; there is one meeting a month, which usually lasts just over an hour. The carnival happens once a year. To get more involved or ask questions, contact Renee Hoyer-Nielsen at 215-0551.

One up—one to go

In April of last year, we published a letter from a Mr. Fleming, who informed us that a light pole had been knocked down in front of Arlington Community Church. His letter stated that it was down for more than seven months before the letter was sent. After letters from Mr. Fleming and phone calls and personal requests by the *Outlook*, the pole has recently been replaced by public works.

Unfortunately, in the intervening months, the pole directly to the south was also knocked down, but this pole has not been replaced. The missing pole is the one that illuminates the crosswalk that is used by children going to and returning from Hilltop School and the nearby nursery schools. It was knocked down last summer.



Kiehn's art in library

The Friends of the Kensington Library are sponsoring a new art exhibit, which will run through March and April. Artist Sally Kiehn is showing a collection of work concentrating on water lilies and lotus blossoms. She has been exploring the idea of plants growing out of water and the imagery and reflection of light on water. She says, "The plants are profuse and explode with life." She works with many mediums, including watercolor, pastel, and oil paint. She is a member of the Pastel Society of the West Coast and the East Bay Women Artists group.

Celebrate Albany's birthday

The Rotary Club of Albany is sponsoring an Albany Centennial Celebration on Saturday evening, March 1. The party, commemorating Albany's 100th birthday, will include a casino, live music, dancing, live and silent auctions, cocktails, bistro dining, and desserts. It will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Tickets are \$35 per person, 558-1534.

The proceeds from the event will benefit the Albany Rotary Club's Community Fund, which provides scholarships to Albany students and serves to assist those in need locally, regionally, and globally. Proceeds from the silent auction will benefit the Albany Education Foundation.

Bryn Samules resigns from county

The Kensington Solid Waste Committee is a small group that meets each month with a representative from Bayview Refuse Service, and another from Contra Costa County. The county representative until last month was Bryn Samules, who has recently left her position as conservation planner for CCC Community Development. Samuels was a keen advocate for recycling and establishing a greener Kensington and Contra Costa County. She was well organized, very informed, and a creative thinker. She will be missed both in Kensington and in the county.



Looking for a fun summer job? KCC needs you!

KCC is looking for some dynamic summer camp counselors. If you are a student who has completed your junior year in high school (or higher), enjoy working with kids, and have patience and enthusiasm, then this is the job for you. Parents, don't want your

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Soccer team fundraiser—March 16



The U14 Avalanche Girls Soccer team is raising money to compete in the Hawaiian International Soccer Tournament this summer. Players come from Kensington, El Cerrito, Albany, Berkeley, Richmond, and Pinole.

To help raise funds for the trip, Manish Dosi is

sponsoring a fundraising day of golf, food, drink, and fun at Tilden Park Golf Course in Berkeley on March 16. The day kicks off with a Shot Gun Start at 7:30 a.m. The field is limited to the first 120 players. Arrival and check-in are at 6:30 a.m. The \$125.00 donation is tax deductible. There will also be a putting contest, free food, a silent auction, and a raffle. For details contact Doshi at 301-1747.

OBITUARIES

Oppenheimer pioneered engine technology



Antoni Kazimierz Oppenheim, a professor emeritus of mechanical engineering at UC Berkeley and a leader in the field of high-speed combustion processes, died of cancer at his home in Kensington. He was 92.

Although retired, Professor Oppenheim's latest research dealt with efforts to improve the design of automobile engines, with the goal of reducing pollution while increasing efficiency. Oppenheim helped explain detonation, developing high-speed photography using lasers. During World War II, he worked to improve the engines of Britain's fighter planes.

Oppenheim was born in Warsaw in 1915. He studied aeronautical engineering at the Warsaw Institute of Technology and left for England after the Nazis invaded in 1939. He then

joined Free Polish army and taught himself English. He earned a doctorate in mechanical engineering from Imperial College in London.

Moving to the U.S. in 1948, he became an assistant professor at Stanford University and moved to Cal in 1950, where he remained until retirement in 1986 at age 70. But he continued working in his lab until one year ago.

He is survived by his wife, Lavinia (Min), of Kensington; a daughter, Terry Cort, of El Cerrito; and two grandchildren.

Donations in his memory may be made to Cal Performances,

Kenneth Lamar Kipp lived in Kensington for 60 years



Kenneth Lamar Kipp, 86, passed away on February 3, following two recent strokes. Kipp was born in Folsom, CA, in 1921, where he graduated from high school. He then moved to Sacramento with his sister to attend junior college. He transferred to UC Berkeley, where he earned his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

Kipp married Betty Atchison in 1943 and served in the Navy for three years during World War II. After the war, he worked for Chevron Oil for 35 years. The couple lived in Kensington for 60 years. Kipp was an avid golfer and a member of the Mira Vista Country Club for many years.

The Kipps moved to Fort Collins, CO, in 2006 to be closer to family. He is survived by his wife, Betty; their three children, Kenneth Kipp Jr. of Lakewood, CO, Leila Kipp of Seattle, WA, Donald Kipp of Fort Collins, CO; and four grandchildren. He will be missed.

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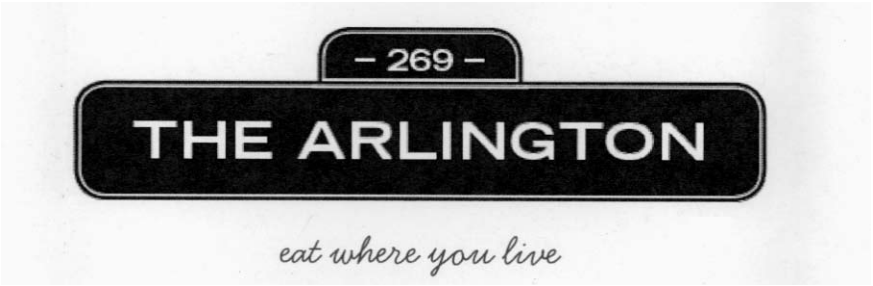
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Saturday March 1
Dr. Seuss’ Birthday. An annual celebration featuring *Green Eggs and Ham*, games with prizes, and actual green eggs and ham to eat. Limited number of free tickets available. Kensington Community Center, 11 a.m. 59 Arlington Ave. 524-3043. *Sponsored by Friends of the Kensington Library.*

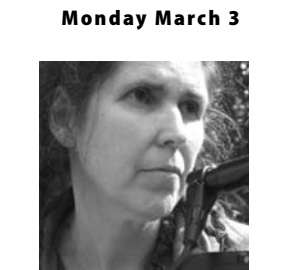
Albany Centennial Celebration. 7–11 p.m. \$35. Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. 558-1534. *Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Albany.*

Workshop: Jeremy Taylor, **Dreamwork**, 9:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. \$45. 528-3417. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Sally Kiehn art exhibit: Water lilies and lotus. Through April. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043. *Sponsored by Friends of Kensington Library.*

Sunday March 2
Personal Theology: biblical scholar Norman K. Gottwald: *Whose Bible is it Anyway?* 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Education Hour: UU Bible Study, led by Rev. Lisa Sargent. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.



Caring for the Dying: the Art of Being Present, a film screening followed by a discussion with Kensington resident filmmaker Dr. Michelle Peticolas. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Tuesday March 4
Family Storytime. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.

Wednesday March 5
Mindfulness Meditation. Led by Donna Davis. 9:30 to 11 a.m. \$60 526-0671 Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.
Kensington League of Women Voters. 10 a.m. 21 Camelot Court. 527-1332.

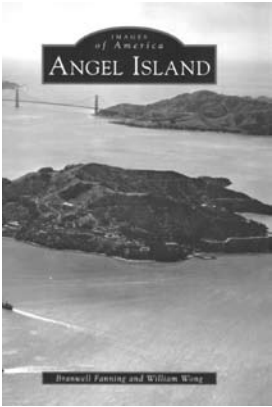
Lenten Book Study on the book *Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*. 1:30 p.m. Fireside Room, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Thursday March 6
Kensington Seniors Activity Center. **Tai Chi Chih** with Yachiyo. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers. 10:15 & 11:15 a.m. (identical sessions). Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Spirit and the Arts, interfaith arts and drama program for children 7-14, and **The Faith Club** book discussion for adults. 6–7:30 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

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Slide lecture on **Angel Island History.** Author William Wong discusses his book and shows rare photographs and the island’s role in Chinese American history. 7 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Saturday, March 8
Write for Your Life: Turning Points. Beth Glick-Rieman. 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. \$40. Bring a bag lunch and snacks to share. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302. Register: 524-2858.

Sunday March 9
Personal Theology: Khalil Rahmany, director, Community Mental Health in Fremont, former Imam of the Concord Mosque: *The Muslim Experience in America*. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Education Hour: Walking our Talk: Dialogue to Live the Vision. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Cats in mid-life crisis adoption day. Homeless adolescent cats who need guardians 10am-1 p.m. RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave. 525-6155.



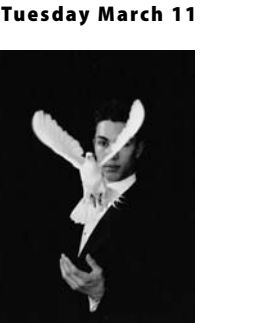
Sounds New, 10th Anniversary Concert. Contemporary American classics. 7:30 p.m. \$15 and \$10. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 524 2912.

Monday March 10
Kaplan SAT vs. ACT Workshop. 7 p.m. Free. Registration required at www.kaptest.com/college (event code SKBK8009) Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Amateur Radio Operators (KARO) bimonthly meeting. 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.



El Cerrito Green Party monthly meeting presents **Cindy Sheehan**. 7:30 p.m. Trevino’s Mexican Restaurant, 11795 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. 526-0972.



Magic Show by Alex. National champion magician Alex Ramon Gonzalez performs for ages 3 and up. 6:30 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.

Wednesday March 12
Kensington Summer Day Camp registration for camp alumni and Kensington residents 7 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292

Book Study. See March 5.
Meditation. See March 5.

Thursday March 13
Kensington Seniors Activity Center. Travels with Jackie. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Spirit and the Arts and **The Faith Club.** See March 6.

Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers . See March 6.

Friday March 14
Reiki Training, Level II. 6–10 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302. Register: Ramona Young-Grindle (707) 426-4700.

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Saturday March 15

Hands-on Art Class: Box Sculpture: Miniature Altars and Memory Rooms. Emily Kuenstler. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$45. Bring a bag lunch and snacks to share. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. Register: Emily (415) 451-1884



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March 16

Education Hour: Queer Theologies, led by Donna Sequeira. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

Personal Theology. See March 9

Monday March 17

Kensington Summer Day Camp open **registration** starts. 4 p.m. KCC Office, Recreation Building (Bldg E). For further information, please call Esther Hill 525-0292 at the Kensington Community Council office, 59 Arlington Ave. KCC office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Tuesday March 18

Berkeley Garden Club meeting. Idell Wydemeyer of California Rare Fruit Growers talks on grafting scions and pruning fruit trees. 1:45 p.m. Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. 845-4482.

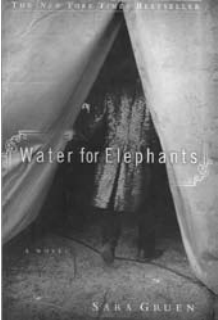


The Flying Calamari Brothers, an award winning comedy magic team! Ages 3 and up. 6:30 p.m. The Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043. *Sponsored by Friends of the Kensington Library.*

Mindfulness Meditation. See March 5.

Thursday March 20

Kensington Seniors Activity Center. CSI Kensington with Sgt. Escobar. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.



Afternoon Book Club. *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. 1:30 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

Potluck supper and celebration of Maundy Thursday, **Spirit and the Arts**, interfaith arts and drama program for children aged 7-14, and **The Faith Club** discussion group for adults. 6:15 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Portola Jazz Explosion, Berkeley Jazz School Band. 7 p.m. Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. 417-5896.

Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers . See March 6

Friday March 21

Meditation in the Sanctuary. 3–5 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Palestrina's Mass of Pope Marcellus with early music group Vox Flores. Free. 7 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Sunday March 23

Easter Festival Celebration. 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Family Service followed by **Egg Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. **Easter Sunday:** And Resurrection for All: Universalism and the Call to New Life. Cathleen Cox Burneo. 10 a.m. **Education Hour:** Unitarian Universalist Heritage and Tradition: led by ministers and seminarians. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

Monday March 24

Spring recess at Hilltop Elementary School.



Kensington Library Book Club discusses *Absalom*, *Absalom* by William Faulkner. 7–8 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

Jon Carroll and **Leah Garchik**, columnists for the *SF Chronicle*, in conversation. Fundraiser for Park Day School. 7 p.m. \$25. Berkeley Rep's Thrust Theater, 2025 Addison, Berkeley. 653-0317.

Tuesday March 25



Readers Anonymous: Evening Book Club. *Into the Forest* by Jean Hegland. 7 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

El Cerrito Democratic Club presents candidates for the Assembly and State Senate seats, discussion on June primary ballot, and endorsement of candidates and propositions. 7:30 p.m. El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton St. Onsite childcare 375-5647.

Family Storytime. See March 4.

Wednesday March 26

Mindfulness Meditation. See March 5.

Kensington Area Republican Women's Club monthly meeting. \$20 includes lunch, reservation by March 21. 12:30 p.m. Mira Vista Country Club, 7901 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. 524-5689.

Red Cross Mobile Blood Drive. Noon–6 p.m. Maple Hall, 13831 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo

Thursday March 27

Kensington Seniors Activity Center. The Tomato Story with Ann Marks. 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Storytimes for Babies and Toddlers . See March 6

Friday March 28

Mini Concert. In Boca al Lupo, early music chorus with instruments, Renaissance and English music, directed by Shira Kammen. 7:30 p.m. \$15, \$12/seniors, \$5/children. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

Sunday March 30:

Personal Theology: Alex Pappas: Vedanta, Yoga, Gita—How They are Related to Each Other. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302

UU Education Hour: See March 23.

Wednesday April 2

Mindfulness Meditation. See March 5.

Sunday April 6

Personal Theology. See March 30

UU Education Hour: See March 2



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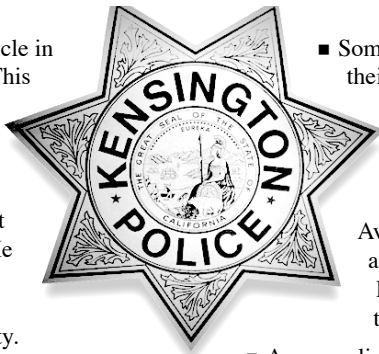


From the case files of the KPD

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

Events in January

- This month marks a new cycle in the life of the police blotter. This is the first done without the assistance of Sergeant Hussain Khan. Sgt. Khan has, for many years, been the Blotter’s source of contact with the police department. He has consistently contributed wisdom, counsel, humor, and an affection for the community. He will be missed.
- A person living on Beloit Ave. discovered \$1000 taken out of his credit card account.
- Neighbors on Cowper Way got into a dispute about trimming trees.
- An ongoing landlord-and-tenant argument has had the police visit a house on several occasions. The landlord has not obtained the correct papers to evict the tenants and, rather than rectify the paperwork, continues to call the police in an attempt to have them evict the tenants.
- A fallen tree branch fell, causing an argument between neighbors on Lam Court. The police explained that there was no crime involved.
- During a January storm, people experienced cable TV outages. The cable company installed a generator on Oberlin Ave. They chained it to a pole and left it running. Many people complained to the police about the noise.
- An unknown male telephone caller serenaded someone on Ardmore. The singing calls have since stopped.
- Someone on Kingston Dr. called the police during a power outage. The only way they had to enter their home was by using the garage door opener.
- Several people called the police about doors and windows being blown open by high winds. They were unsure if a person had opened the orifices.
- Someone on Stanford Ave. got phone calls of a sexual nature from a man calling himself Dan.
- Some graffiti artist/vandals sprayed gang insignia on the backboard at the tennis courts.
- A spouse called police about threatening calls from an expartner. Unfortunately the threats happened when the parents met in the school parking lot. It is not known if the child was present during the altercation.
- Four ladders left leaning against a sidewall of a house were stolen. The ladders were worth more than \$400.
- Police were called when a resident noticed a wire down on Kerr Rd. The police officer called the appropriate company.
- A man from Richmond was stopped driving a car registered to someone in San Mateo. The car had no registration and the driver had no license. The car was towed and the man arrested.
- A family on Franciscan Way reported \$133.65 in charges on their credit card. All the charges were for access to Internet porn.
- A black replica gun found on the corner of Arlington and Amherst Aves. was found to be a BB gun. It was turned over to the Berkeley Police Department, which is investigating a robbery with a similar weapon.
- An air compressor was making an antisocial noise, and nearby neighbors on Arlington Ave. complained. The police located the owner, who agreed to turn it off.
- A family on vacation had given their babysitter the keys to their home so she could feed pets and water plants. The sitter decided it was a good time to have a party. Quickly the house filled up with youngsters from other towns, and the police were called. The partygoers were dispersed, and the contrite babysitter went home.
- A resident of Cambridge Ave. reported that someone had emailed her asking for her online password. She did not give it to them.
- Someone on Highgate Rd. complained to the police that their neighbor was dumping grass clipping on their lawn. Police could find no evidence as to the origins of the clippings.
- Tools valued at about \$1000 were stolen from a house under construction on Norwood Ave.
- A juvenile skateboarding on Arlington Ave. was told to desist.



- Someone heard pounding outside their home and discovered the plate covering their lug nuts had been removed from their car.
- A homeowner on Windsor Ave. was sure that they heard an animal in their basement. Police were unable to locate the noisemaker.
- A person living on Arlington Ave. noticed a plant knocked over upon returning home. They immediately called police, fearing an intruder might be present. The miscreant was a cat.
- A car abandoned on Ardmore Ave. for more than 72 hours was towed. Several locals had complained to the police about the vehicle.
- Several times in January the police were called to deal with bands of out-of-state solicitors who were distributing political literature.
- A woman was seen shoplifting in Kensington. The storeowners decided not to prosecute. The woman apparently returned the next day and purchased some tea.
- An El Sobrante man was discovered driving with a suspended license. The car was towed and the driver retained.
- Someone reported that their license plate was stolen when their car was being worked on at a garage in El Cerrito. Someone else reported a front license plate being stolen while the driver was away.
- A Kensington resident turned in 400 rounds of shotgun ammunition and 60 rifle bullets to the police. Police say they were old and were sent for disposal.
- A drunken man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Colusa Ave. He was taken into custody.
- A woman on Canon Dr. let her daughter’s boyfriend into the house while the daughter was not there. Later the mother noticed her purse and wallet were missing. She declined to file a report.
- Two people were going door-to-door begging for money on Sunset Dr. Police moved them on to another jurisdiction.
- A vet and a dog owner argued over the animal’s treatment. The dog owner demanded the dog’s records and took the animal elsewhere.
- A police officer observed a very small dog attempting to bite a passerby near the stores on Arlington Ave. The passerby declined to issue a report against the vicious beast or its owner.
- A teenager lost control of their car on Franciscan Way and collided with several cars. No one was hurt.
- A man driving an EBMUD truck had a medical condition that caused him to collide with two cars in Berkeley and two in Kensington on Colusa Ave.
- A car with no plates was pulled over, and an Oakland resident who was driving also had no license. The car was towed, and the man went to jail.
- A white male appearing to be aged about 33 was seen stealing pipes from a fence on Sunset Dr. The residents called a couple of days later to report that either the thief stole more pipes than originally reported or came back for more. This happened after local police apprehended another professional copper crook.
- A resident of Kingston Dr. was arrested for an outstanding warrant. This person has an ongoing relationship with Kensington police.
- Someone backing out of a parking place in front of the stores on Arlington Ave. was rear-ended by a passing motorist.
- An inebriated lady from Oakland hit three parked autos with her sedan; she was transported to jail, where no one would make bail, so she still remains in the can.

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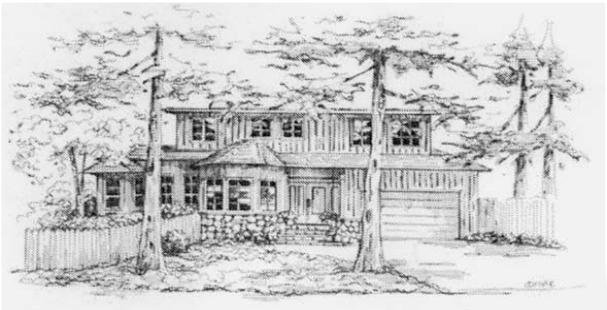
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