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Jack Maguire, then age 3, examined the car that crashed through the gate to his home

Calm the Traffic, Calm the Neighbors

January 22nd, 2010...3:30pm – the day after little Jack’s 3rd birthday. Kathy Maguire and her two children had just come home through this gate to their home at 46 Arlington Avenue an hour earlier, and the kids were taking their afternoon nap when the accident happened – just one of several serious accidents, and numerous less serious accidents, at this same location over the past decade.

In a letter a year ago to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, County Public Works Dept., the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District, and Chief of Police, Greg Harman, Jack’s mother Kathy, and father, Patrick, said, “While we have sustained sub-

stantial amounts of property damage and endured countless inconveniences as a result of the accidents, we feel lucky that our family and the drivers were able to avoid injury and death. We are fearful and quite confident that serious injury or possible death is an imminent threat to our immediate community unless effective traffic-calming measures are implemented as soon as possible.”

There is little doubt that something needs to be done to prevent future accidents at the curve in the road in front of 46 Arlington Avenue. Meetings with the police department and County traffic control engineers in early 2010 resulted in the purchase of a flashing radar-imbedded sign informing drivers along that stretch of road (00-59 Arlington) of their

speed, with the intention of slowing traffic in the straightaway as it heads south toward the apparently dangerous curve at 46 Arlington.

According to a petition distributed to Arlington neighbors by the Maguires, it’s especially critical to slow down traffic in this area as these sidewalks and crosswalks represent a high pedestrian traffic area. Each of the four most recent car accidents occurring at 46 Arlington Avenue has resulted in a speeding car jumping the sidewalk. Near schools, the library, the park and community center, and Arlington Church, pre-school and

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gioia Sets Record Straight

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to clarify my position and actions in response to recent quotes by Cathie Kosel (in last month's *Outlook* interview) that misrepresented my position with regard to a complaint that was filed with the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) regarding Measure G campaigning.

During the campaign, my office did respond to inquiries from several residents about the placement of signs. After checking with the County's planning division, we informed them that County code prohibits the placement of campaign signs on the public right of way.

I have never stated that any Kensington Community Services District personnel committed any campaigning violations, nor did I ask for, or join, any request for an investigation.

Thanks for the chance to correct the record on this issue.

Sincerely,
John Gioia

John Gioia is the Contra Costa Supervisor for District 1.

Tony Lloyd on Dir. Kosel

Dear Editor,

KPPCSD – Director Kosel in her comments in the February *Kensington Outlook* continues to make unprovoked, untrue and defamatory comments about aspects of my personal and professional life. In November I addressed her allegations prior to the election on my candidate web site which was re-printed in part in the January *Outlook*. Until the election process I had never met or had any interaction with her. To my knowledge there is no rational justification for her continued vilification of my person.

My attitude and commitment toward public service, though more enlightened as a result of the negativity of these accusations, continues to be that of affirmative contribution towards our city government and to each and every citizen's right to representation.

I want to thank the overwhelming numbers of community members that have come forth in response to the *Outlook* article that have presented me with e-mails, phone calls, and in-person words of encouragement, wisdom, and support.

Sincerely,
Tony Lloyd

Tony Lloyd is a newly elected director of the KPPCSD.

Prune Sidewalk Vegetation

Dear Editor:

We are a great community and many of us enjoy walking in our neighborhoods.

Please, let's keep our sidewalks open for couples walking arm in arm, people with baby buggies, people with disabilities and everyone. Our streets are narrow and stepping out on the street can be quite dangerous.

Please prune and/or cut back your vegetation to clear the whole sidewalk. It makes it safer for everyone, especially personnel responding to emergencies.

Let's keep our town safe and beautiful for all.

C. Kafitz

Preserving Natural Habitats – for ALL Creatures

To the Editor,

As owner of RabbitEARS, I strongly favor the maintenance of existing pathways in Kensington, and the re-opening of others. RabbitEARS is dedicated not only to the care of animals as pets but also to the preservation of natural habitats for all creatures. We have hosted expert birding classes, and bat and spider watching on the Kensington pathways, attended mostly by individuals from Oakland, Berkeley and surrounding areas who knew nothing of the quiet beauty of our township, let alone the quaint restaurants and shops. Many of those people are now regular and frequent patrons of RabbitEARS, Inn Kensington and The Arlington, the Circus Pub, Post Meridian and the Kensington Farmers' Market.

I envision an even broader appeal when Kensington CA becomes a Sister City to Kensington UK, under consideration now. I have proposed naming a pathway after Beatrix Potter, who was born in Kensington UK. RabbitEARS would then officially "adopt" the pathway and voluntarily maintain it, much like the Adopt a Highway system currently in place all across the nation.

I enjoy the use of the hidden pathways both for the beauty and the convenience, and hope more people might appreciate the accessibility of this open space. I applaud the efforts of the KIC in taking up this cause.

Sincerely,
Judy Hardin, owner
RabbitEARS Adoption Store

What is Gender Equity?

Dear Editor:

Gender equity and gender discrimination in the Kensington Police Department

Gender equity is a set of actions, attitudes, and assumptions that provide opportunities and create expectations about individuals. In my definition of gender equity, gender is never separate from race, ethnicity, language, disability, income, or other diversities that define us as human beings. It is a framework for employment in which all females and males are treated equally. Gender equity is a value of our great democracy.

There has been no female patrol officer in Kensington for approximately two years. Prior to that, the well-respected Sgt. Angela Escobar served our community for 10 years. Chief Harman "encouraged" her to leave. I believe that the current management of the KPPCSD may be guilty of gender discrimination; the lack of a single female on patrol probably supports my assertion. This discrimination is not subtle, and it is a significant deficiency for our community in the management of any issues involving females. Our police department administration should be held accountable for what appears to be discrimination. To have only one woman on the force for the entire decade of 2000-2010 is indefensible in itself. To now have ZERO female officers is just not acceptable.

I placed a resolution on the KPPCSD agenda for the February meeting asking the directors to affirm their commitment to gender equity. It was removed by our male president. I have asked that it be placed on the agenda for March 10th. If you would like to support this resolution, please plan to attend and/or email the directors with your thoughts.

Cathie Elaine Kosel

Cathie is a Director of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) - Ed.

K E N S I N G T O N C O M M U N I T Y E D U C A T I O N

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL

The winter session of KASEP began on Monday, January 3, and continues through Friday, March 18. Registration for the spring session will be held on Wednesday, March 2. If you're interested in looking at our current classes, the brochure is posted at the www.AboutKensington.com website, under "Children's Services."



KCC FlowerPower Class plants tulips and daffodils at the Youth Hut.

RECREATIONAL CLASSES FOR ADULTS

New Class!
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Weekly Morning Hoop Dance Class

Tuesday Mornings, 8:45 – 9:45am
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Kaye Anderson is the founder and lead hooper of Hoop Power. She is also a clinical social worker who has been working with children, teens, and families for over 15 years.

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

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Ernie Adams is a Pilates Instructor and Feldenkrais® Movement Educator, with an extensive background as a professional dancer. He has over 17 years experience collaborating with physical therapists to treat orthopedic, neurological, dance and sports related injuries. Taking a class with Ernie can help you have more fun while getting fit! Private sessions are also available. For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact Ernie at 619-9223, adams@bodyinaction.com, or www.bodyinaction.com.

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

Class meets at the Kensington Recreation Building, (next to KCC Office, south of the playing field).

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

REGISTRATION

Class Registration: Please call the office at 525-0292. Some classes have enrollment limits; those registering will be notified if they can't be accommodated.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for information. **Court Fees: Residents – \$2 for a 45-min. singles reservation. Nonresident: \$5.**

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

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

High School Seniors in Kensington



Each June, the *Outlook* publishes a picture of Kensington students who will be graduating from high school. Please note the picture will be taken at the Recreation Center, Sunday May 15th, at 3:30pm. Contact Karen Whittemore, parent contact at karenwhittemore@yahoo.com.

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Sunday May 15th

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KCC SUMMER DAY CAMP 2011

KCC Summer Camp Registration on Wednesday, March 16th 7:00 pm at the Community Center!

Located in the East Bay hills at 59 Arlington Avenue in Kensington, the Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Camp is for children entering first grade through sixth grades in fall 2011. The camp runs from June 13th through August 19, 2011, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis.

The price for one week of camp is \$205 (except Week 4, July 5th- 9th, \$160.00). Our camp has a maximum of 62 children per week. We employ one director, eight counselors, a tennis instructor and "specialty consultants" who work with campers each week on special interest activities. Extended daycare 8:00 - 9:00 am and 5:00 - 5:30 pm is available for an additional fee.

Each week campers will enjoy: Field trip by private bus to points of interest around the Bay Area such as Scandia, Water World, the Exploratorium and the Jungle. Special interest activities include carpentry, art, golf, engineering and cooking.

Registration

Registration will take place as follows:
Wednesday, March 16th, 7pm
at the Community Center.

Thursday, March 17th, 10am to 4pm
at the KCC Office.

Monday, March 21st, 10am to 4 pm.
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:

Week 1: June 13 – June 17

- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
- Field Trip to The Jungle

Week 2: June 20 – June 24

- Dynamic Engineering with Lance Akiyama
- Field Trip to Lake Anza

Week 3: June 27 – July 1

- Art for Fun with Jeanne Rehrig.
- Field Trip Oakland Zoo

Week 4: July 5, 6, 7 & 8

- (July 4th holiday)
- Golf with Alex Brown

- No field trip

Week 5: July 11 - July 15

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to Scandia

Week 6: July 18 - July 22

- Gymnastics with Judy Baker
- Field Trip to The Exploratorium

Week 7: July 25 – July 29

- Cooking with Vicky Brodt
- Field Trip to Water World

Week 8: August 1 - August 5

- Sports & Games with Kim Roots
- Field Trip to Lake Temescal

Week 9: August 8 - August 12

- Recycle sculpture with Jeanne Rehrig
- Field Trip to Pier 39 /

Alcatraz/Aquarium

Week 10: August 15 - August 19

- Wearable Art with Marge Essel
- Field Trip to The Jungle



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...Traffic, from Page 1

elementary school students and parents, senior citizens, joggers, church members, and other pedestrians depend on the sidewalks in this area.

After extensive research by the Contra Costa Department of Public Works and the Kensington Police Department, including surveying of the road curvature and banking along Arlington Avenue and installation of a temporary radar trailer, it was determined that a combination of the following traffic calming measures were necessary to help reduce the dangerous condition on Arlington Avenue: Re-striping of the road prior to the dangerous “S” curve near Cowper Ave., police monitoring and ticketing of speeders on Arlington Avenue in the area between the north and south Rincon Road intersections and Arlington Avenue, and installation of a permanent solar radar speed sign prior to the dangerous ‘S’ curve.

The first two traffic-calming measures have been implemented, and the solar radar speed sign is ready to be installed. The radar speed sign was pre-approved, then funded by the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD) in June 2010, and purchased soon thereafter. The pole that will hold the sign was installed in December 2010. The sign’s installation has been delayed by Kensington resident, Samane Nili’s concerns over the conclusions of the traffic study, her claimed lack of proper process and neighborhood notification, and concerns that her view will be obstructed by the sign.

Samane and her husband moved to Kensington in March of last year, and maintain that they never received notice of the neighborhood meetings regarding the traffic problem. They recently returned from vacation to discover that a tall pole had been installed directly across the street from their house – a pole installed for the purpose of hosting a flashing radar speed sign – with what is anticipated to be dramatic negative impact on their view of the bay.

At last month’s KPPCSD meeting,

Samane gave what appeared to be well-researched presentation, backed by photos, charts, and graphs, showing why the County proposal is, she claims, not the best solution to the problem.

According to County traffic engineer, Jerry Fahy, the pole, along with its proposed radar speed sign, was not placed arbitrarily, but rather at the location along the road at which traffic management principles indicate it would do the most good. Other signage, speed bumps, etc., were also considered, and the radar speed sign judged to be the most effective for this application. He says there is not a lot of history for situations like this, however, as it is rare for such a major thoroughfare to pass through a residential neighborhood.

Samane, an architect, has researched the topic, only to arrive at a different conclusion.

“(While) our view was the initial motivation for my research,” she says, “...the proposed solution has far more impact than disturbing our view and the light pollution that we (would) get from it; it is against the code and scientific research; it is a costly solution for our neighborhood, (which can be expected to have) minimum effect.”

According to Samane, “(t)he County has not followed the legal procedure for adding

this element in this neighborhood; the proposed solution should have been reviewed by the planning department in a public meeting; and public notification should have been sent out.

“We have never been notified about any meetings pertaining to the installation of the 25-foot post in front of our house (a *fait accompli*). We see the post and the sign from our bedroom, living room and dining room, and it intrudes on the limited view we have of San Francisco. The light pollution from the (proposed) sign constantly flashing will also be very disturbing. (The Maguires state that flyers were distributed to all Arlington neighbors prior to each meeting that was held to address the traffic safety problem.)

Samane goes on to assert that “(t)he



Recently installed sign pole on the southwest corner of Arlington Ave. and Rincon Drive

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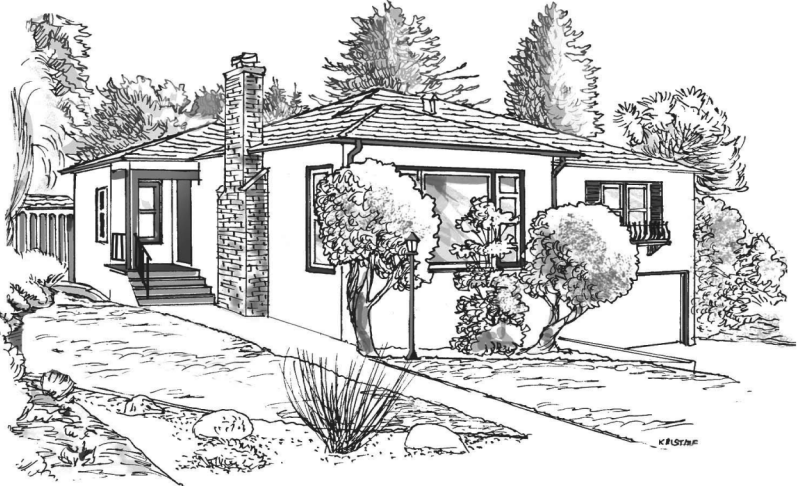
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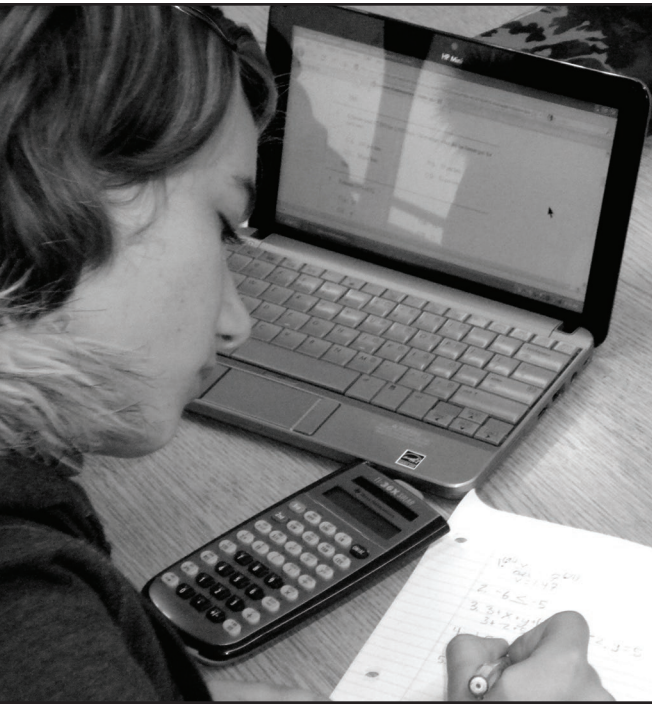



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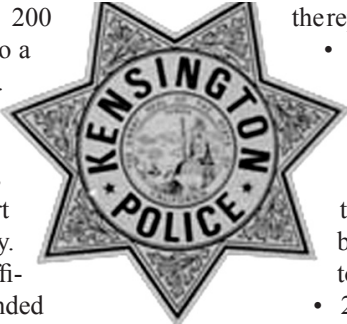
Barbara Barnes (aka Bobby Deicke)
December 16, 1926 – February 11, 2011

Kensington resident Barbara Barnes (aka Bobby Deicke), 84, died peacefully in a care facility in Davis, CA on February 11th. Born in Westerly, RI on Dec. 16, 1926, she graduated from U.C. Berkeley in 1947, married Walter Deicke that same year, and began a family. Mother of three, she attended evening classes and earned a MA in Special Ed. from SFSU in 1965. She taught Special Ed. in the Richmond School District from 1965 until she retired in 1981. Her children moved her from the Kensington family home to a care facility in Napa in 2000, and she was later transferred to dementia facilities in Fairfield and finally in Vacaville. She suffered from dementia throughout the last decade of her life. Survivors include daughter Barrie Colbath, son Tom Deicke, daughter Carla Deicke Grady, and grandchildren Nathan Chenea, Sara Nichols, and Alison Grady. The family welcomes contact from old friends: barrie@myfairpoint.net; tdeicke@yahoo.com; and cgrady@santarosa.edu.

From the Files of the KPD

Excerpt From January 2011

- 2011-0006 - Sergeant Hull responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave. to a landlord tenant dispute.
- 2011-0024 - Officer Stegman and Reserve Officer Colon made a warrant arrest on the 600 block of Colusa Ave.
- 2011-0036 - Officer Wilson responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. on the report of a robbery.
- 2011-0044 - Officer Martinez responded to the 100 block of Purdue Ave. to a report of tampering with a vehicle.
- 2011-0045 - Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Willamette Ave. to a report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-0046 - Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Los Altos Dr. to the report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-0047 - Officer Stegman responded to the 200 block of Cambridge Ave. to the report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-0048 - Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Jessen Ct. to the report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-0050 - Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. to the report of an auto burglary.
- 2011-0051 - Officer Stegman responded to the unit block of Norwood Ave. to the report of (-guess what?) An auto burglary!
- 2011-0096 - Officer Hui responded to the 600 block of Wellesley Ave. to the report of a vandalism. (For a change!)
- 2011-0151 - Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to the report of a suspicious event (surveillance camera hanging from a fence). (What, someone is bored with only 100 channels on cable?)
- 2011-0159 - Officer Martinez responded to the 600 block of Coventry Rd. to the report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-0172 - Officer Media responded to the unit block of Franciscan Way to the report of a water main break.
- 2011-0177 - Officer Martinez responded to the 200 Yale Ave. to the report of a landlord/tenant dispute.
- 2011-0206 - Officer Martinez made a DUI arrest on the 200 block of Cambridge Ave.
- 2011-0246 - Officer Stegman responded to the 1600 block of Oak View Ave. to the report of a traffic collision.
- 2011-0264 - Detective Barrow and Reserve Officer Turner responded

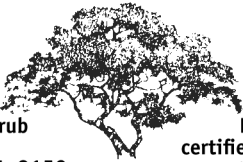


to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to the report of a traffic collision.

- 2011-0270 - Officer Hui responded to the 200 block of Arlington Ave. to the report of trespassing.
- 2011-0296 - Officer Hui responded to the 100 block of Highland Blvd. to the report of a water main break.
- 2011-0298 - Officer Hui responded to the 600 block of Coventry Rd to the report of an identity theft.
- 2011-0312 - Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to the report of tampering with a vehicle.
- 2011-0315 - Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to the report of vandalism.
- 2011-0333 - Officer Martinez responded to the unit block of Franciscan Way to the report of mail theft.
- 2011-0343 - Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to repair damage to District property.
- 2011-0389 - Officer Medina responded to the unit block of Edgcroft Dr. to the report of a person in need of medical assistance.
- 2011-0406 - Officer Hui responded to the unit block of Highland Blvd. to the report of a residential burglary.
- 2011-0422 - Officer Stegman and Reserve Officer Armanino responded to the 200 block of Yale Ave. to the report of annoying phone calls. ("Look, lady, we're on our way!")
- 2011-0424 - Officer Hui responded to the unit block of Ardmore Rd to the report of tampering with a vehicle.
- 2011-0488 - Officer Martinez responded to the 200 block of Grizzly Peak Blvd. to the report of tampering with a vehicle.
- 2011-0495 - Officer Ramos responded to the unit block of Arlington Ave. to the report of a traffic collision.
- 2011-0503 - Officer Martinez responded to the 400 block of Beloit Ave. to the report of a vehicle theft.
- 2011-0526 - Officer Martinez towed a vehicle from Los Altos Dr. at Grizzly Peak Blvd. (Now that Jack LaLanne's gone, somebody's got to step up to the plate! But please, Officer - the jump suit has got to go.)
- 2011-0558 - Officer Martinez and Reserve Officer Armanino responded to the 600 block of Oberlin Ave. on the report of a hit and run traffic collision.

No Kidding!

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March 3rd



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KENSINGTON CALENDAR

March 3, 10, 17 & 24 Baby & Toddler Storytime. Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15 am & 11:15 am. Free. 524-3043.

March 3 Reading Garden Book Club for Kids in grades 1-3. The book club meets monthly on the first Thursday of the month. No registration required. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 4:00 pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 5, 9, 11, 12 Berkeley West Edge Opera continues its 2010-2011 season with “The Carmen Fixation,” a new adaptation of Bizet’s Carmen, by music director Jonathan Khuner and artistic director Mark Streshinsky. Saturday, 3/5 at 8 pm, Wednesday, 3/9 at 7:30 pm, Friday, 3/11 at 8 pm, and Sunday, 3/13 at 2 pm. El Cerrito Performing Arts Theater, 540 Ashbury Ave. (El Cerrito H.S.). Free pre-performance lecture by Mark Streshinsky 45 minutes before curtain in the ECHS library. \$15-52. www.westedgeopera.org or 841-1903.

Town Meetings

at the
Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington
(Unless Otherwise Noted)

FKL - March 1st
Friends of the Kensington Library, 7pm at the Library, 61 Arlington Avenue. 1st Tuesdays.

KCC - March 7th
Kensington Community Council
7:30pm • 525-0292 • 1st Mondays

KFPD - March 9th
Fire Protection District
2nd Wednesdays 7:30pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD - March 10th
Police Protection and Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7pm. 526-4141

KPSC - March 14th
Kensington Public Safety Council
EQ & Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays 6:30pm. 501-8165

KIC - March 28th
Kensington Improvement Club
4th Mondays 7:30pm. 527-3062

KMAC - March 29th
Municipal Advisory Council
Last Tuesdays 7pm.

KARO/ECHO - March 14th
Amateur Radio Operators
Provides assistance to community emergency response teams in the case of natural disasters. Actively soliciting new members interested in operating amateur radios as a community service. 2nd Mondays of odd months. 7:30pm. 524-9815

KPOA
Property Owners Association
One annual general spring membership meeting; Board of Directors meets quarterly. 559-8232

Online Neighborhood Newsgroup
<http://groups.google.com/group/kensingtontips?hl=en>

March 6, 13, 20, 27 Farmers’ Market, every Sunday rain or shine. 10am-2pm. Colusa Circle at Oak View Ave. Live music and live produce. 847-0801 or KensingtonFarmersMarket.org

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

March 8 Xtreme Science Magic. Optical illusions, smoke, static electricity, a genie in a bottle, rocket balloons, and more. Be entertained and learn science facts. Ages 3 and up. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 8 Award-Winning Soccer Film Screens. Pelada, a family-friendly film about pick-up soccer in 25 countries, plays one night only at 5:30 and 7:45pm. Partial proceeds to benefit El Cerrito and Albany H.S. Boys’ soccer. \$15 at the Pacific Film Archive Theatre, 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. www.pelada-movie.com

March 10 El Cerrito Garden Club meets 9:30 to Noon at the Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, EC. Author/broadcaster Bob Tanem of The Neo Native Garden in Novato will speak on The New American Garden. Visitors \$3, payable at the door. 233-9365.

March 12 Breakfast with County Supervisor, John Gioia. Informal discussion of County issues, 9-10:30am at the Arlington Cafe, 269 Arlington Ave. Free coffee. No purchase required. Walking tour of the Kensington paths w/Scout Troop 100 follows. 374-3231 or www.cocobos.org/gioia

March 12 Digital Photos, Help! with Mark Altenberg. Learn good organizing & editing techniques, methods for printing snapshots, posters and books, how to share your photos on the web, and more. At Nan Phelps Photography, on Colusa Circle, 10am-1pm. \$95. www.NanPhelps.com or 528-8845

March 12 Preschool Storytime & Craft. The story time & craft will take place one Saturday per month – please check the schedule for dates. No registration req’d. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 10:30 am. Free. 524-3043.

March 12 Small Critter Adoption and Spa Day. Rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters galore. Bring your own pet for free grooming! 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

March 14 How the Civil War Changed America Forever: A Sesquicentennial Perspective. Slideshow and talk by CSUEB Emeritus Professor, Gerald Henig Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 15 Berkeley Garden Club: “Growing Succulents in the Bay Area” by Ernesto Sandoval, Botanical Conservatory Director, UC Davis. 2pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins Street, Berkeley. Free. berkeleygardenclub.org

March 17 Craft Corner for kids in grades 1-3. Come create a fun craft to take home with you. Craft Corner meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 3pm. Free. 524-3043.

March 18 Junior Bach Festival 2011. Three performances at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, on Fri., 3/18 at 7:30pm, and Sat., 3/19 at 2pm and 7:30pm. Featuring Jennie Walstrom, soprano (16) of Kensington and Albert Bellefeuille, organ (15), performing the aria, “Ich folge dir gleichfalls” from JS Bach’s “St John’s Passion” at the Sat. 7:30pm concert. Tickets sold at the door. www.juniorbach.org

March 19 Love Your Digital Camera Michael Mejia teaches you how to get the most from your digital camera. Understand how to capture what you see and prepare files for print and web use. At Nan Phelps Photography, on Colusa Circle, 10am-1pm. \$95. www.NanPhelps.com or 528-8845

March 18 Skytown Parent Coop Pre-school Spring Open House. Play and Arts ’n’ crafts for the whole family. Visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and member families. 10am-1pm, rain or shine. Free. Ages 18mo-5yrs. One Lawson Road, Kensington. 526-8481 or www.skytown.org

March 19 Small Critter Clicker Fun. Learn to train your pets with “behavior markers,” using a clicker and verbal cues. Reinforce the positive and reshape desired behavior from your dog, cat, bunny, guinea pig, or other pet. Interact with your pets in ways you never imagined possible. Ages 9 to 99. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave., EC. 356-4233

March 22 Magic Show by Alex, San Francisco Bay Area’s Best Stage Magician. At the Kensington Library, for ages 3 and up. 6:30 pm. Free.

March 26, HAMSTERAMA! World’s Greatest Hamster Adoption Fair. Meet rescued, dwarf, and Syrian hamsters. Learn about feeding, playtime, training and grooming from expert hamster handlers. 1-4pm, RabbitEARS, 7523 Fairmount Ave, EC. 356-4233

March 28 Book Club. Discussion of *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolf. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 7 pm. Free. 524-3043.

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problem for this stretch of Arlington really stems from the lack of proper signage and conformance to the standards recommended by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). According to the widely accepted research that was done nationally, the costly radar speed sign solution which has been proposed (has a) minor effect in reducing speed in residential neighborhoods, except school zones, and is usually applied only as a temporary solution in problem areas. Bringing the curve up to the current code and MUTCD standards by installing adequate signage (orange and black warning signs for a turn) would be the first and necessary step for controlling the speed and improving safety at this stretch of Arlington.”

Meanwhile, during the preparation of this article, the Outlook received a call from the Maguires; there had been another accident in front of their house. Also today, the sun is out, the sky is blue, and the views of the bay from Kensington homes along the Arlington, spectacular.

According to Jerry Fahy, the decision about whether to install the radar sign rests with KPPCSD. The issue will be discussed further, and possibly decided upon, at March’s KPPCSD meeting on Thursday, March 10th, at 7pm at the Community Center, public welcome, as always.— Ed.

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