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KCC to issue challenge to community to develop park

Kensington Community Council expected to finalize challenge grant to spark development

The Kensington Community Council is planning to issue a challenge grant to spark fundraising efforts to raise money needed to develop the southwest portion of Kensington Park.

The Kensington Community Council is expected to finalize plans for the challenge grant at its next meeting in December. The group expects to commit an undetermined amount of money to the park development if the community can meet an agreed upon figure.

The move comes following the group's October meeting when board member Vida Dorroh proposed the idea to an eager response.

Residents got a first glimpse of the Kensington Community Services District's plans for the southwest portion of the park during the KCC annual parade and picnic October 17 when Barry Garfield, general manager of the community services district unveiled preliminary plans. Garfield was the grand marshal of this year's parade.

"KCC has played a critical role in the development of the park in the past and we see this as an important project that will benefit the entire community," said Ted Blanckenburg, vice president of the council. "We're willing to put our money where our mouth is and spearhead the fundraising effort."

The Kensington Community Services District is in the process of securing \$220,000 in state funding to develop the

southwest portion of the Park. The funding is available under Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.

Though the plans for the park are preliminary, the development of the lower portion of the park behind the tennis courts and along the bay side would transform an under-utilized portion of the park that is dominated by broken asphalt into a tree-lined area with winding paths and elevated terrain.

The evolving plan, which conforms to the 1997 master plan for the park, includes a reconditioned basketball court and a practice tennis area with a backboard. The plan would lay grass in the remaining portion with a footpath that would connect the southwest portion of the park grounds to

the picnic area on the other side of the tennis courts. It would also add new swings, picnic tables and benches with bay views.

A separate footpath below the parking spaces at the end of the driveway would connect the upper field to the picnic area.

Also under consideration is the creation of two handicapped parking spaces at the southwest end of the park to improve accessibility to people who have difficulty walking. The district would need county approval to do that.

One other addition that could be included in the project is the construction of bathrooms. Though there are bathrooms in the Community Center, the Kensington Library, The Neighborhood School and Building E, they are only accessible when those structures are open.



PAVING THE WAY: A work crew from CPM lays down slurry on the parking lot across from the Arlington Community Church.

Smooth move

The basketball courts at Kensington Park and the parking lot adjacent to the Kensington Library have gotten a face lift, thanks to a little old fashioned horse trading.

California Pavement Maintenance Company Inc., the Sacramento-based contractor retained by Contra Costa County to resurface Kensington's streets, needed a staging area to pile dirt and gravel and fill its slurry trucks.

When the company approached Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District general manager Barry Garfield about finding a staging area for the work, Garfield proposed a trade. In exchange for using the blacktop by the tennis courts, the company would resurface it and the parking lot at no charge. The deal is expected to save the community several thousand dollars.

"This was what I considered a real good exchange," said Garfield. "Use our property for two weeks and put it down. We need this and you need that."

Drugs, not kidnapping, is charge against Richmond man

Hilltop student walking home from school flees from motorist, but ECPD says kidnapping was not intent

A Kensington Hilltop student who fled from a motorist who stopped him on his way home from school, triggered a search for an attempted kidnapper.

The fifth grade boy grew concerned when a ragged looking man stopped his car on Moeser Ave. and reversed his vehicle to yell to the elementary school student. The student fled yelling "help" after the man called out to him afraid that he was going to be abducted.

Another motorist, who saw the distressed child, offered him use of a cell phone, but the boy made his way to a nearby home where he knew the family. The homeowner drove with the boy to see if they could find the man who had stopped him.

The two located the man and called police, who found him on the front lawn of a property on Terrace Drive.

El Cerrito police arrested the man, Kenneth Wayne Thorton on an active warrant charging felony drug violations. According to police, the 46-year-old Richmond resident agreed to a search of

his vehicle where a substance believed to be heroin was found.

But police said the kidnapping allegation proved to be unfounded. They booked Thorton on his warrant and new drug charges.

Tales of an attempted kidnapping quickly spread through the Kensington Hilltop School, which is being temporarily housed on the blacktop at Portola Middle School during construction work in Kensington.

Following the incident, the school sent a notice home to parents reminding them of the need to take precautions to ensure their children are always safe.

Making the grade



Incumbent George Harris and challenger John Cruger-Hansen during recent candidate forum

Candidates for the two open seats on the West Contra Costa County Unified School District squared off during one of five candidate forums held in recent weeks. Seven people are vying for two seats on the board, which must tackle ongoing financial problems, poor performing schools and violent campuses in the district.

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Seven Candidates fight for two spots on school board

Budget woes, failing schools and campus violence have West Contra Costa School Board candidates looking for not just a job, but an adventure.

This election day, seven candidates will fight for two seats on the board. George Harris, III is seeking reelection, but Patricia Player, whose term also expires, is not seeking another term.

At a recent forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters at El Cerrito High School, five of the candidates squared off to respond to a series of questions submitted by audience members. David Barbour, who was traveling, and Raquella Thaman, who was ill, did not participate.

Though the forum lacked the theater of recent presidential debates, candidates addressed a wide range of concerns from fiscal problems to an administration that people complained was unresponsive and not properly supervised by the board.

What emerged during the night was a picture of not only a financially-troubled district, but one of divided concerns between the rich and poor communities it encompasses. As some candidates spoke to community worries over the financially-troubled district to provide a rich offering of academic and other programs, others spoke about the need to address violence in the schools, failing performance and disparate treatment of schools in the flatlands.

Though the candidates often provided sharp criticism of the administration and spoke of a lack of leadership at the district, incumbent George Harris and other board members never seemed to become the target of direct criticism as much as superintendent Gloria Johnston.

Dave Brown, a former student, teacher and coach in the district who worked as a budget and policy analyst for the Oakland Unified School District, provided the clearest responses of the night demonstrating a command of issues and a plan centered on investment in teachers, literacy and programs. He argued better management of the budget would provide needed savings.

Willie Cobb, a parochial school teacher provided the most passionate moments of the evening in his talks about the inequities between the district's schools and the need to provide students with a safe environment and equal opportunity.

During the evening Harris demonstrated a more nuanced understanding of the district's condition than his challengers and commented on his status as incumbent.

"I've been there. If you feel that's valuable, vote for me," he told the crowd and then smiled. "If you don't, talk to me afterwards and I'll try to convince you."

WCCUSD Candidates

David V. Barbour
Software Engineer
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Dave Brown
Businessman/Youth Coach
Priorities: Invest in teachers, schools and programs.

Willie Robert Cobb, Jr.
Teacher
Priorities: Make schools safe and competitive for all students

John Cruger-Hansen
Public Works Manager
Priorities: Encourage community involvement improve board efficiency and communication with district staff and parents.

George Harris, III (incumbent)
Attorney
Priorities: Raise academic performance and it will solve the district's other problems.

Karen Pfeifer
Registered Nurse
Priorities: Restore trust between the community and the board by cutting waste, clarifying priorities and addressing funding inequities between this and surrounding districts.

Raquella Thaman
Teacher
Position: Make students and teachers a spending priority and strengthen relationships between schools and communities.

Don't rain on my parade



HAIL TO THE CHIEF: Kensington Police chief and grand marshal Barry Garfield rides in style down Arlington Ave. during the Kensington Community Council's annual parade and picnic. Though rain threatened to dampen the event, skies cleared in time. The event was sponsored by The Mechanics Bank with additional underwriting from Marvin Gardens Real Estate. The Mechanics Bank awarded \$50 savings bonds to Alina Zulch (age 9), Joe Scarpa (age 8) and Marika Zulch (age 7) in its coloring contest. Marvin Gardens awarded gift certificates to Andrew Wizig (1st) Joe Scarpa (2nd) and Kaiya Levine (3rd) in the age 7-12 category in its pumpkin carving contest. In the 6 and under category, Penelope Gould took first place with Star (2nd) and Sara (3rd). No last names were provided for the second and third place winner.



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Neighborhood Notes

Fine foods in Kensington? Moooooooooooooooooooo

The former executive chef of Berkeley's Ginger Island restaurant has taken over the the meat counter within Young's Market to launch Kensington Fine Foods.

Larry Lefebvre and his wife Jessie said they will offer organic and hormone-free meats from Harris Ranch and Niman Ranch, as well as fresh fish from Monterey Market, fresh pasta from Phoenix pasta and a variety of salads made with fresh, seasonal ingredients prepared on the premises.

Kensington Fine Foods occupies the space that previously housed Arlington Meats, which closed at the end of August when its owner Gordon Napalitano retired.

"I've always worked for someone else," said Larry Lefebvre. "My wife and I have always talked about doing something for ourselves."

Patrons of Kensington Fine Foods may



FRESH MEAT: Larry and Jessie Lefebvre notice the Lefebvre's seven-year-old son Patrick running around behind the counter from time to time.

Kensington Fine Foods is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sundays from noon to 5 p.m.

Designer wants Garden Party to be a strapping success



BAG LADY: Nancy Nodelman

Hilltop parent Nancy Nodelman, who runs Kensington-based n.a.n. handbags. The bags make use of color and skin trends while maintaining functional shapes for everyday wear.

Alex Adelman, president of Masterworks Fine Art, Inc. and a regular contributor to the event, donated seven works of fine art including a Picasso print, a colorful Chagall lithograph depicting an angel descending from the heavens, and a Kathe Kollwitz self portrait.

Among the local restaurants preparing food for the event are Inn Kensington, Beauregard's Bistro, Nancy's Florentine Puffs and Crab Cakes, Lola's and many more. The French Patisserie is donating its award winning Petit Raspberry Minicakes with Toot Sweets, The Bake Shop and Virginia Bakery donating other deserts.

The event will be held on Saturday November 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington and everyone is invited. Tickets to the Garden Party are \$45 in advance (\$50 at the door) and can be obtained by calling Laurie Ushigusa at 510-559 8825 or Patty Coluse at 510-527 8903.

Exotic travel, fine art and designer bags are some of the inducements to bring people to this year's Garden Party, an annual fundraiser held by the Kensington Education Foundation to fund programs at Hilltop Elementary School.

The event, which is open to everyone, raised \$90,000 last year to support arts, music, computer and other programs at the school. Grubb Co. Realtors is sponsoring the event.

In addition to fine food and live music and a silent auction, there will be a live auction with KRON-TV's Jan Wahl on the gavel.

Among the items being auctioned this year is a group of handbags designed by

Friends of the Kensington Library receives memorial donations

The Kensington Library recently benefitted from several memorial gifts given to the Friends of the Kensington Library.

The gifts, which totalled more than \$1,000, included one in memory of David Tucker, a professor of music at the University of California at Berkeley and the father of Friends president Debbie Hamati. It also included donations in memory of Al B. Capron, as well as long time member of the Friends of the Kensington Library Board Sally Kissinger Wilt.

The Sally Kissinger Wilt Children's Fund has raised over \$800 for badly needed children's materials.



FKL Treasurer Larry Sullivan, daughter of Sally Wilt Laura McClemon, FKL president Debbie Hamati

Ruhland named head librarian

The Contra Costa Library named Liz Ruhland as Kensington branch librarian. Ruhland has worked as interim branch librarian since the retirement of her predecessor Barbara Furgason in March.



Liz Ruhland

Before coming to Kensington, Ruhland worked for five years at the Central/Pleasant Hill Library as a reference librarian, where she focused on staff training, helped establish the Contra Costa County Library's first Teen Reading Program, and participated in AskNow, an online "chat" reference service.

Greenwood joins Kensington PD

Mark Greenwood, formerly an officer with the El Cerrito Police Department, has joined the Kensington Police Department.

Greenwood spent more than two years with the El Cerrito Police Department, which included time on motorcycle duty. Prior to joining the El Cerrito Police Department, Greenwood spent 12 years in the military where he served part of the time as a drill sergeant.

"I'm happy to be here," said Greenwood. "I'm enjoying it and I'm looking forward to a long career here."



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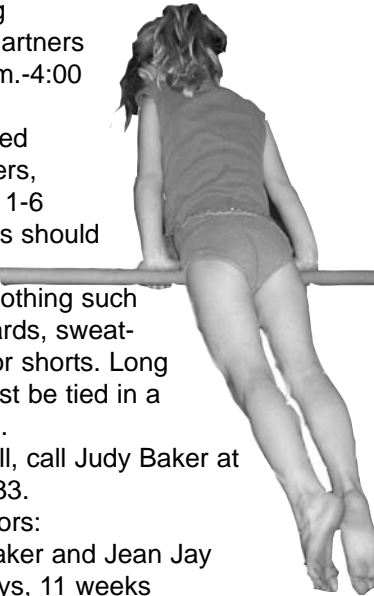
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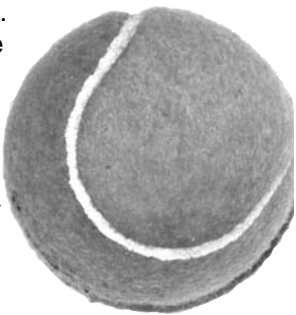


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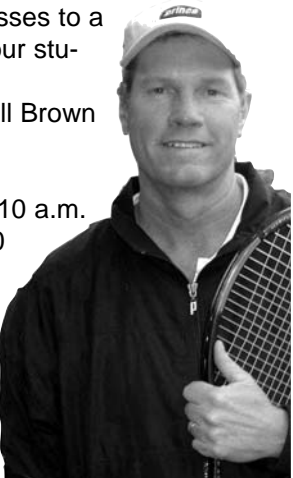


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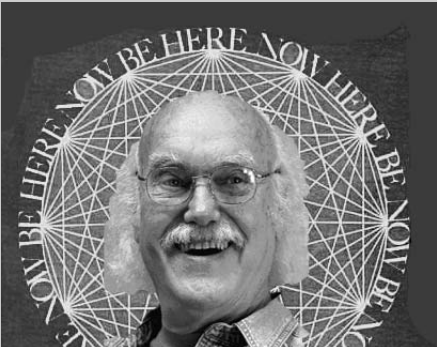
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- Monday, November 1**
Computer Literacy: How to set up a free e-mail account that is accessible from the library or any on-line computer at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info :524-3043.

Tuesday, November 2
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, November 2
Election Day - Vote early and often

Saturday, November 6
Meet Jan Robitscher and her seeing eye dog Christmas, who was trained by Marin Co. Guide Dogs for the Blind at 11 a.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

Sunday, November 7
Personal Theology Seminar: Jurgen Schwing, Unitarian Universalist Minister, Chaplain,

- Kaiser of Walnut Creek, Spiritual Healing at the End of Life, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302
- Monday, November 8**
The Kensington Area Republican Women holds its annual fashion show at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Boulevard, El Cerrito. Social hour begins 11:30 and lunch at 12:30. Fashions provided by the Clothes Barn, El Cerrito Plaza. Tickets \$30. Reservations 526-2221
- Monday, November 8**
The Kensington Library presents College Planning 101: Saving for College, with Jarrett B. Topel, CFP, of American Express Financial Advisors at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Mr. Topel will discuss the costs of a college education, the best ways to save for college and how to determine financial aid eligibility. Info: 524-3043.
- Tuesday, November 9**
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.
- Tuesday, November 9**
Growing Up in a Bay Area Orphanage for Chinese Youth, a narrated video of historical photos that tells the story of these orphanages founded in the 1920's at the height of anti-Chinese feelings and exclusionary laws will be presented at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. At that time, they were the only group homes in the United States that accepted Chinese children. A panel discussion will follow featuring former residents of Chung Mei Home for Chinese boys in El Cerrito and Ming Quong Home for Chinese girls in Oakland and Los Gatos. Info: 526-7512.
- Wednesday, November 10**
Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395
- Thursday, November 11**
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

- Friday, November 12**
The Contra Costa Chorale presents the Mozart requiem accompanied by the New Millennium Strings at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. The concert will include the overture to Mozart's Don Giovanni and an a cappella piece by Eric Whitacre. Tickets \$15, (\$12 for students, seniors and disabled.) Youth 16 and under free. Info: 524-1861
- Saturday, November 13**
The Garden Party, the annual fundraiser for the Kensington Education Foundation that helps fund critical programs for Hilltop Elementary not provided by the West Contra Costa County School District, begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. The event features food, music and a silent and live auction with travel packages, fine art and more. KRON's Jan Wahl serves as auctioneer. All welcome. Tickets \$45 in advance (\$50 at the door) Call: 559 8825.
- Sunday, November 14**
Personal Theology Seminar: Crystal Lukoff, story teller, hospice social worker in Petaluma, Folktales as Spiritual Care at the End of Life, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302
- Monday, November 15**
Computer Literacy: Word processing basics using Microsoft WordPad at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info:524-3043.
- Tuesday, November 16**
The Berkeley Garden Club presents "Don't Plant a Pest," a talk by Doug Johnson, Exec. Dir. of CA Invasive Plant Council at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Berkeley. Meeting at 1 p.m. and presentation begins at 2 p.m. Guests \$2 Info: 524-4374

- Tuesday, November 16**
Celebrate Children's Book Week with Pamela Brown at a special storytime with crafts called "Sheepish Delights" at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Children will hear stories about sheep and then make a sheep puppet. Children should be at least 4 years old to do this independently. The event is sponsored by The Friends of The Kensington Library
- Thursday, November 18**
The El Cerrito Garden Club holds its annual fund-raiser at 9:30 a.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Sale includes white elephants, home-made baked goods, herbal products and crafts. Members and guests will enjoy tea-table refreshments followed by a "Program of Flower Arrangements" presented by Fusako "Seiga" Hoyrup, president of Wafu School of Ikebana. Raffle, door prize and silent auction too. Guests welcome. \$5 at the door. Info:525-1669.
- Thursday, November 18**
American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. at 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland on Lake Merritt near Children's Fairyland. Ted Kipping of Treeshapers will speak on "Rhododendrons and trees: Toward a floriferous Coexistence." All welcome. Info: 223-0443
- Friday, November, 19**
The California El Cerrito Congress of Republicans holds its monthly meeting at the Hacienda Restaurant, San Pablo Ave. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. A speaker will talk on the election and its consequences. Dinner is \$16 per person. For reservations call 524-5689.
- Sunday, November 21**
Personal Theology Seminar: Dody Donnelly, author, Professor at the Fromm Institute and Holy Names College, "Age-ing" as "Sage-ing": A Wisdom Spirituality, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302

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Monday, November 22
Computer Literacy: Word processing basics using Microsoft WordPad at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, November 23
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.


Tuesday, November 23
The El Cerrito Democratic Club holds its November meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. After a short business meeting, writer David McPhail speaks on the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, formerly known as the notorious "School of the Americas." Everyone welcome. Info:527-2194.

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Monday October 25
Computer Literacy: Introduction to the library catalog. Learn how to find books, check your library record and request items from other branches at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info:524-3043.

Sunday, November 28
Personal Theology Seminar: **Ann Weiser Cornell**, author of *The Power of Focusing*, Past President of the Association of Humanist Psychologists, *A Spiritual Journey with Focusing*, 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info: 525-0302



Monday, November 29
Computer Literacy: How to do your own online medical research at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Sign up for a seat. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, November 30
Family storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info:524-3043.

Tuesday, November 30
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Obituaries

Student peace activist Rebecca Feiler dies at 22

Rebecca Feiler, an activist who sought to unite students on opposing sides of the Palestinian and Israeli conflict in a common fight against war, died of a rare blood cancer Sept. 26. She was 22.

Feiler, a Kensington native, was in her senior year at the University of California at Berkeley where she was a dual major in Middle East Studies and an independent studies program she created on conflict resolution through the literature of oppression. Her illness forced her to stop attending the university.

Feiler served as an intern at U.C. Berkeley's Emma Goldman Papers Project and tutored inmates at San Quentin.

In 2003, she joined with some friends with whom she attended El Cerrito High School to work as a counselor at a camp for underprivileged British children.

A funeral was held September 27 and she was buried at Tel Shalom in Richmond.

She is survived by her parents Deborah and Michael; sister Sarah; and grandmother Dorothy.


In lieu of flowers, the family requests donation be made to either The Emma Goldman Papers, U.C. Berkeley, 2872 Ellsworth St., Berkeley, CA 94720; Alta



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

Events in September

○An Ardmore Rd. resident discovered someone had placed nine tub and shower sets in a storage shed on his property. The man is a homebuilder and occasionally people drop materials off at his home, but he called around to his contacts and could find no one who did it.

○Police responded to a report of a man lying on the road on Eureka Ave. The man, who was known to police, was severely intoxicated and transported to a hospital.

○A Kensington reserve officer assisting San Pablo police with a DUI checkpoint noticed a plastic bag containing marijuana fall from a man's pants pocket. Police confiscated the marijuana and cited the driver.

○An Arlington Avenue reside reported the theft of an automobile cover valued at \$100 stolen from his Lexus.

○Police responded to a report of fireworks near the community center. The officer could only find a man with his two children playing ball. The man said he saw no one, but one of the children said there had been someone launching model rockets. The father reprimanded the child for telling the truth to the officer.

○A Wellesley Ave. resident reported the theft of a 1988 Toyota Land Cruiser valued at \$10,000. He said he heard the engine start at 5:49 a.m. and when he looked out his window it was gone.

○A Canon Drive neighbor complained about noise from a neighboring property where the homeowner was working on an earthquake retrofit. It was after midnight and police told him to knock it off.

○Police noticed a suspicious man on Arlington Avenue at 4:30 a.m. The man said he was looking for his cousin's house, but couldn't remember the name of the street. The man was from Richmond and had several Toyota keys as well as a small pair of binoculars and a propane torch. Police gave the man a ride to Bart.

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○A resident reported the theft of \$235 in goods including an Alpine car CD and a Fastrak.

○Kensington Police assisted Albany police to respond to a bank robbery on Solano Avenue.

○A man called to report that his soon to be ex-wife removed furniture, CDs and a painting valued at \$20,000 from the home they had shared. Police advised it is a civil matter.

○A nursery school at the Arlington Community Church reported a suspicious person hanging around the facility. Police arrived to find the man gone.

○A man who's soon to be ex-wife recently removed furniture, CDs and a painting valued at \$20,000 from the home they had shared, got a restraining order against the woman.

○Police received a late report that pit bulls killed a cat on Arlington Ave. the previous week.

○Police arrived in advance of the fire department to a call from a Kingston Rd. resident-worried about fumes and heat from her oven after she followed a friend's advice about using an oven cleaner for the first time. The woman was not familiar with the oven's self-cleaning mechanism, but everything was okay if a bit hot and smelly.

○Police arrested a man, who previously asked for a ride, when he was discovered by a pickup truck with a hose out of its gas tank. The vehicle had been stolen and the man admitted to having driven it.

○A bicyclist suffered dizziness and a stiff neck after he lost control of his bike on Canon Dr. He told police he was not sure what happened.

○A Grizzly Peak resident who reported the theft of cushions and pillows called police back to say he found them.

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