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Voters weigh \$400 million school construction bonds

The West County Unified School District will ask voters to approve up to \$400 million in bonds to fund renovations and reconstruction of schools throughout the district.

Measure J on the November 8 ballot calls for funding projects for 17 schools throughout the district including four high schools. The funds would be used to repair leaking roofs, decaying walls and deteriorating bathrooms. It will also be used to construct new classrooms to reduce overcrowding and replace portable classrooms with permanent ones.

The use of the bond funds will be restricted to the improvement of school facilities and will be monitored by a citizens' oversight committee. The board of education will also be required to conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure funds are spent only on projects listed in the measure.

If passed, the school district will become eligible for \$40 million in additional state matching funds. Property owners would be required to pay \$31.10 per \$100,000 of assessed value during the first year of debt service. That amount would increase up to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value as the full amount of bonds are sold.

The average cost to property owners during the 30 year life of the bonds is expected to be \$55.50 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

The bond measure follows two earlier construction measures from the school district in recent years. In 2000, voters approved Measure M, a \$150 million sale of bonds to repair and upgrade elementary schools in the district.

In 2002, voters approved measure D, a \$300 million bond measure used to perform

additional construction, which included the \$17 million renovation and expansion of Kensington Hilltop Elementary School completed earlier this year.

Unlike Measure B, the \$8 million parcel tax approved last year to fund the school district, bond measures by law cannot contain a provision for a senior exemption.

Supporters say with continued budget problems in Sacramento Measure J is "well-balanced and sorely needed."

Opponents, though, argue the district's facilities plans have grown to \$1.3 billion from \$500 million and said voters cannot afford the district's "irresponsible and spendthrift schemes."

Detailed information about the bond measure along with arguments for and against can be found on the internet at www.cocovote.us/root1108/ballots/J.htm.

Measure J at a glance

Election date: November 8

Amount: \$400 million in bonds

Cost to property owners: Initially \$31.10 per year per \$100,000 of assessed value increasing up to \$60 per \$100,000 of assessed value.

How will the funds be used: Repair existing facilities, reduce overcrowding by adding new classrooms, replace portable with permanent classrooms.

Schools that will benefit: Castro Elementary, Coronado Elementary, Dover Elementary, Fairmont Elementary, Ford Elementary, Grant Elementary, Highland Elementary, King Elementary, Lake Elementary, Nystrom Elementary, Ohlone Elementary, Valley View Elementary, Wilson Elementary, De Anza High, Kennedy High, Pinole Valley High and Richmond High.

Additional Info:
www.cocovote.us/root1108/ballots/J.htm



Missing Man Formation: The El Cerrito Marching Band struts its stuff during Kensington's annual parade, but an early departure left the honored guests from The Mechanics Bank behind. **Insert:** The Mechanics Bank Crew at the community center after the parade.

Premature Acceleration

When the annual procession of community groups marched their way along Arlington Ave. Oct. 2 for the annual KCC Parade, the honorees were left to eat dust.

This year the parade was supposed to honor the event's sponsor The Mechanics Bank, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. But the group of bank employees who were supposed to lead the parade on a flat-bed truck were waiting outside the bank when the parade marched by them ahead of schedule.

Kensington Community Council President Ted Blanckenberg took responsibility for setting everyone in motion 15 minutes ahead of schedule and leaving the Mechanics Bank group on the curb.

"I was operating on Hawaiian mountain time and the parade left early," said Blanckenberg. "They took it with the characteristic good grace and humor those of us who know them have come to expect."

Xavier Abrams, manager of the bank, said once she realized the parade had started, they raced to get on the truck and fall in line with the parade as it passed by them.

"We piled in and turned around and the parade was over," she said.

Parade photos on page 5

97-year-old woman loses control of car on Arlington Ave.

No one injured in accident involving five cars and property damage

A 97-year-old Kensington woman lost control of her car on Arlington Ave. leaving a trail of damaged cars before crashing through a residential fence and coming to a rest 22 feet up a dirt embankment.

No one was hurt in the incident, which happened September 29 around 4 p.m., but the driver was transported by ambulance to Alta Bates Hospital for evaluation.

The accident began when the woman driving a Ford Thunderbird skidded through a stop sign at Arlmont and struck a green Subaru that was travelling south on

Arlington Ave. The impact spun the Subaru 180 degrees.

The Ford continued on Arlington and struck two parked cars outside of the Arlington Community Church, launching both of them off the street and into the bushes of the church.

As the woman continued down Arlington Ave. she hit a fourth car parked beyond south of Rincon Road.

The woman told police she could not understand why the car would not stop and she decided to exit the roadway by crossing a lane of oncoming traffic and driving up a dirt embankment to stop the car. In the process, the front end of her car crashed

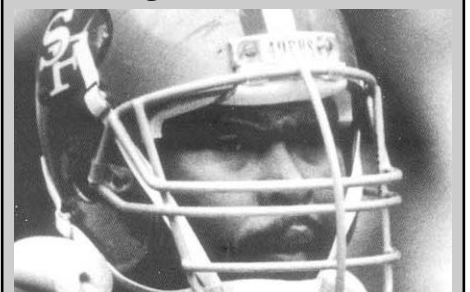
through a fence at 79 Arlington Ave.

Police said they inspected the woman's vehicle and found no mechanical problems that would have caused the accident.

They concluded that she stepped on the accelerator when she thought she was stepping on the brake and continued to accelerate along Arlington causing her to travel at a high rate of speed when she lost control of the car.

Police have forwarded a copy of its incident report to the Department of Motor Vehicles and have recommended that the department require that she submits to a new driving test. Police issued no citations as a result of the accident.

Bidding with Bubba




San Francisco 49'er Bubba Paris

San Francisco 49'er great Bubba Paris will serve as auctioneer at this year's Garden Party, the annual fundraiser to support programs at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School. The event will be held Saturday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road. Tickets are \$45 in advance. Call Christy Wise at 558-1842

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Library group kicks off survey as first step to win state construction funds

The Kensington Library Renewal Project, a community group established to consider alternatives for reconstruction or replacement of the Kensington Library, has launched a community-wide survey.

The survey represents part of an effort by the group to grab a portion of \$600 million in state library construction bond funds that could become available if a June ballot measure is successful.

Though Kensington has the highest per capita use of its library of any in the Contra Costa library system the building, a 40-year-old structure built to house a collection half its current size of 40,000 items.

The current 5,000 square-foot building suffers from outdated electrical and telecommunications, a heating system that's grown unreliable and bathrooms that do not conform with the requirements of



Overdue: Renewal project promotes cause at parade. the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The survey, which seeks community input on about a new or renovated Kensington Library, can be downloaded from <http://ccclib.org/friends/ken.html>. Questions and comments about the future of the library can also be emailed to renewyourlibrary@yahoo.com. Surveys can be dropped off at the library or mailed to Friends of the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue Kensington, CA 94707-1098.



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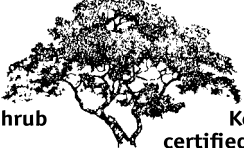
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Neighborhood Notes

From Kensington storefront to online entrepreneur



Thelma Elkins

Kensington's Thelma Elkins, who in February closed her Berkeley travel store Easy Going after 25 years, is back in business online.

Though the online store at www.easygo-

ing.com has been up for sometime, Elkins, 82, is now pursuing a strategy of what she calls "cyberspace in a real place."

Easy Going offers a live presence by phone and customers who visit Elkins' Kensington home can pick up orders there by appointment.

She also plans to soon resume author's talks and other programs within the neighborhood.

"At the store, we primarily supplied local travelers as they traveled to distant lands," said Elkins. "Now with our online business, we serve travelers who call those places home, including Norway, China, Japan and England."

KCC Presents Gary Lapow at its annual Holiday Party

The Kensington Community Council will feature performer Gary Lapow at its annual Family Concert and Holiday Party.

Lapow will mix humor and audience participation to engage children from pre-schoolers through sixth graders Wednesday, December 14 from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center at 59 Arlington Ave.

Full of wit and style, he uses his original compositions and other contemporary and traditional songs in a multicultural winter song festival.

Children are invited to bring a homemade



Gary Lapow

ornament for the Community Center's tree.

For more information, call Esther Hill at (510) 525-0292 during KCC hours.

Two Kensington scouts earn their wings as eagles

Two members of Kensington's Boy Scout Troop 100 earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Only 2 percent of Boy Scouts attain the rank of Eagle. To become an Eagle, each boy must advance through seven ranks, earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions within the troop, provide hours of community service and complete a substantial project benefiting the community.

Tom Caruthers became an Eagle Scout after constructing a path across the upper level of Kensington Park from the current path just below the wooden steps to Highland Blvd. over to the concrete steps leading up to the renovated Hilltop Elementary School.

Steven Davenport, who also became an Eagle Scout, replaced a foot bridge on a trail in Tilden Park.

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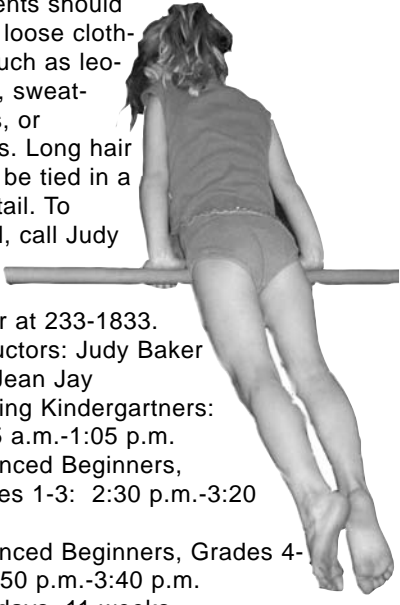
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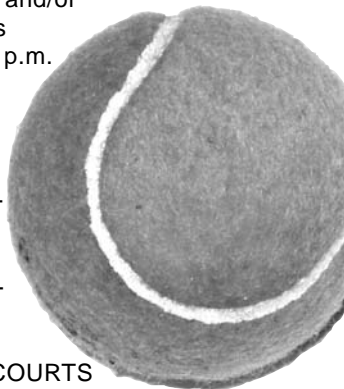


KASEP winter registration set for December 6

Registration packets for the winter session of KASEP will go home with Hilltop students on Tuesday, November 29. Registration will take place on Tuesday, December 6. Kindergarten registration begins at 7 pm, and grades 1-6 registration starts at 7:15 pm. The fall session of KASEP runs through Friday, December 16th. There will be no KASEP classes on the following days: Friday, October 14; Tuesday, November 1; Friday, November 11; Thursday -Friday, November 24-25.

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Passage to India



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

Wednesday, November 2
Kindergarten Information night at St. Jerome Catholic School in El Cerrito at 7 p.m. at 320 San Carlos Ave. Info: 526-9484.

Thursday, November 3
Living the Questions: Potluck dinner, video, and discussion of an "unapologetically liberal" faith. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 6:30 - 9 p.m. Info: 526-9146.

Saturday, November 5
Flower Essence Therapy for Animals with certified practitioner Patricia Leslie at 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info:525-6155.

Sunday, November 6
Personal Theology Seminar: Cathleen Cox Burneo, Community Minister at UUCB: The

Once and Future Goddess: The Feminine Face of the Divine at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Sunday, November 6
Joy of Rats: Learn about basic care and feeding with Debra Mendelsohn and rescued rats ready for re-homing, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 525-6155.

Monday, November 7
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents at 7 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington.Info: 526-9146.

Monday, November 7
Computer Literacy: How to do your own on-line medical research at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library.

Monday, November 7
The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Info: 525-0292.

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

Tuesday, November 8
Learn how to make your own comic book with graphic artists Oliver Chin at 4 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. in El Cerrito. Workshop is for grades 6-12. Info: 526-7512.

Tuesday, November 8
Berkeley Chamber Performances presents Alam Khan performing classical music of North India at 8 p.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. \$20. Info: 525-5211.

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

Thursday, November 10
The El Cerrito Garden Club holds its annual Fundraiser at 9:30 a.m. in the El Cerrito Community

Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The program, "Flower Expressions," will be presented by a trio of designers. Guests \$5. Info: 526-2976.

Thursday, November 10
Living the Questions: Potluck dinner, video, and discussion of an "unapologetically liberal" faith. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 6:30 p.m.- 9 p.m. Info:526-9146.

Thursday, November 10
The Grizzly Peak Flyfishers meets at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. Stu Stewart will speak on fly fishing in the lakes and streams of the Mt. Lassen area. All welcome. Info: 547-8629.

Friday, November 11
Arlington Community Church Fall concert mini-series continues at 8 p.m. with David Glass, Pianist performing Liszt's Transcription of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Tickets \$15 at the door. Info 525-9146.

Saturday, November 12
Come, Spot Come. Get a reliable recall no matter what the distraction with dog behaviorist Sasha Futron at 2 p.m.at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Cost \$45 pre-registered. Info:525-6155.

Sunday, November 13
Personal Theology Seminar: Jon Carroll, columnist for The San Francisco Chronicle: Unitarian Jihad at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306.

Sunday, November 13
Meet the Bunnies! Meet bunnies for your family or introduce your lonely bunny to a new bunnyfriend for a lifelong romance at 2 p.m at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info:525-6155.

Monday, November 14
The Kensington-Area Republican Women's Club will hold its annual fundraiser Fashion Show at the 11:30 a.m. at the Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Fashion

show begins 1:15 p.m. Tickets \$30 Reserve by Nov. 9 by calling 526-2221.


Monday, November 14
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents at 7 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Monday, November 14
The Kensington Library presents the documentary film Zra-reet, a look at the hardships and joy of life for women in rural Morocco at 7 p.m., at the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043.

Tuesday, November 15
The Berkeley Garden Club presents "Careful Gardening Means Care for the Earth" by Christopher Shein, instructor, Merritt College, at 1 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Berkeley.

Tuesday, November 15
Celebrate Children's Book Week with illustrator Philippe Ames at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. Ames will present his book "Meow Said the Mouse." Info: 524-3043.

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Wednesday, November 16
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141.

Thursday, November 17
Living the Questions: Potluck dinner, video, and discussion of an "unapologetically liberal" faith. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 6:30 - 9 p.m. Info: 526-9146

Thursday, November 17
The American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue on Lake Merritt in Oakland. Robert Raabe of UC Berkeley provides an update on Sudden Oak Death. Info: 223-0443.

Satruday, November 19
Party Dog Nail Trimming with vet tech Marilyn Hanson at 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Cost-\$12 per dog. Info: 525-6155.

Saturday, November 19
Holiday Baking for Furry Friends: Learn wholesome, easy recipes and homemade holiday gift ideas for the peaceable kingdom with Patricia Leslie, author of "The Wholesome Dog Biscuit" 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at RabbitEARS Rescue Store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Cost \$20 pre-registered. Info:525-6155

Sunday, November 20
Personal Theology Seminar: Patricia Ellsberg, activist, lecturer, member of the Spirit Rock at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Sunday, November 20
Contra Costa Chorale performs with New Millennium Strings. They will perform works by Handel, Purcell, Warlock at 5 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. \$15; \$10, students, seniors, disabled. 524-1861.

Monday, November 21
Computer Literacy: Learn to use Microsoft Word at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. To reserve a seat call 524-3043.

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

Tuesday, November 22
The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Election postmortem: Ed Lee of Californians for Justice. All welcome. Info: 527-2194.

Thursday, November 24
Thanksgiving Worship and Dinner begins noon service followed by a 1 p.m. potluck Thanksgiving dinner at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Advanced tickets \$6 for adults and \$3 for ages 12 and under; \$10 at the door. Turkey, stuffing and drinks provided; bring a side dish or dessert to serve 8. Info: 527-4644.

Monday, November 28
Computer Literacy: Learn to use Microsoft Word at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library. To reserve a seat call 524-3043.

Sunday, November 27
Personal Theology Seminar: Jeremy Taylor, Author, founder of an internationally known method of dream work: Dreams, Aging, and the Evolution of the Spirit at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

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

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

Tuesday, November 29
Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library's book club, meets at 7 p.m. to discuss Pompeii by Robert Harris. The event is open to all. No registration is required. Info: 526-7512.

Obituaries

Catherine Creighton, Kensington potter, died at 74

Catherine Ann Creighton, an accomplished potter whose works were sold in local galleries, died suddenly from complications of an accidental fall while on a trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She was 74.

Creighton moved to Kensington in 1957 with her husband Thomas Creighton. They moved to the Bay Area following his graduation from Kenyon College.

For more than 25 years she worked at the University of California at Berkeley in both the printing department and then for a long time in the office of the Vice President from which she retired.

Creighton is survived by her sister Eleanor Gordon and brother Robert Borowski of New York, sister Jo Horn of Florida, her Aunt Anne Laskoski of New York, and sister-in-law Anne Fortunato-Darnell of California, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins.

A private memorial service was planned. Memorial gifts may be sent in Catherine's name to the Thomas Creighton Scholarship Fund at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH, or to your favorite charity.



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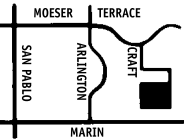
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From the case files of the KPD

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

Events in September

- Police arrested a 58-year-old El Cerrito woman for driving under the influence after she struck a parked car on Arlington Ave. She had a blood alcohol level of more than three times the legal limit. She was released to a friend.
- Police told a teenager on Camelot Ct. it was time to bring her party to a close after noise complaints at 1 a.m. Her parents were unable to attend the party because they were away.

○A Norwood Ave. resident asked police to document that a contractor for the sanitary district dumped toxic chemicals and gravel on his property.

○Police arrested a 58-year old Kensington male for driving under the influence after a hit-and-run incident at Seaview Ave. and Terrace Dr.

○An Arlington Ave. resident reported that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and left grease on the door handle, steering wheel and radio knobs while he was away for two weeks. The perpetrator managed to slip away undetected.

○A 72-year-old woman driving on Grizzly Blvd. struck a pole. An ambulance transported her to Alta Bates Hospital because she complained of pain.

○A Norwood Ave. woman called police after she heard what she believed was the sound of a rodent in her closet. Police performed a security check and found not a creature was stirring - not even a mouse. Police suggested she contact a pest control service.

○A door and playground equipment at the Neighborhood School in Kensington Park was found to have graffiti spray painted on it.

- A Colusa Ave. resident reported the theft of his 10-year-old son's bicycle from outside his home.
- A drug offender registered with police as required by law.
- A burglar entered a car parked inside an open garage on Trinity Ave. and stole a wallet.

○Police arrested a 61-year-old San Francisco woman for driving under the influence after she struck a vehicle on Arlington Ave. The woman was uncooperative and refused to submit to testing. Police forcibly drew a blood sample and she was sent to county jail in Martinez.

○Police escorted a Contra Costa County building inspector who posted a notice on a home that an addition to the structure had been done without permits and was in violation of code requirements. The owners face a significant financial penalty unless they rectify the matter.

○Four women between 18 and 21 were loitering at Hilltop School. An employee discovered her purse was stolen after the women left the property.

○A contractor reported the theft of more than \$5,000 worth of tools from a job site on Jessen Ct.

○Police arrested a man on York Ave. for driving under the influence. He was transported to Contra Costa County jail in Martinez.

○A Beloit Ave. resident reported he heard his car alarm go off and heard a vehicle speed away at 11 p.m. He discovered someone had thrown a large piece of concrete at his car door, which caused concrete damage to his car.

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