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Bumpy road ahead for Kensington street repairs

The Kensington Property Owners Association is calling for Contra Costa County to live up to a 1992 agreement and do a better job of maintaining Kensington streets.

In September the association met with Supervisor John Gioia and Department of Public Works Deputy Director Julie Bueren to push for better maintenance of streets following news that the county planned to postpone road repairs until 2005 because of budget constraints.

Should the county hold to that plan, many roads in Kensington will go 12 years without receiving maintenance.

Kensington is the only community in Contra Costa that pays a special assessment for roads. In 1992 residents began paying a \$109 parcel tax to repay a 19-year

bond for road re-construction, repair and sewer modifications.

In the agreement that led to the establishment of the assessment, the county said it would "continue fully funding a preventative maintenance program that will prevent any roads from once again deteriorating to a condition that is not responsive to preventative maintenance."

Road repair and maintenance is funded through the \$12 million a year the county raises through gasoline and transportation taxes.

"We are not getting our fair share," said Gail Feldman, president of the Kensington Property Owners Association, a non-profit education and advocacy group focused on Kensington property issues. "They are using that money in other parts of the county, they are just not using it Kensington."

The Department of Public Works since determined that while most streets in Kensington were in better shape than average streets in the county, some scored significantly below average.

Gioia said plans are not finalized, but the county is looking into fixing the low scoring streets now and accelerating the scheduled maintenance to 2004, rather than 2005 as currently planned.

"The residents raised a good issue. They said, 'If we are going to look at assessing ourselves for other things like drainage, we want to make sure the county is going to follow through on its commitment,'" said Gioia. "They are exactly right. If the community has assessed itself, the county has to live up to its bargain and the goal is to have the county do that."



Road Warrior: KPOA president Gail Feldbaum



Mechanics Bank branch manager Tony Kallingal uses Marvin Gardens Real Estate owner Todd Hodson as a model for an early entry in this year's pumpkin carving contest at the KCC Open House and Parade. The event is being sponsored by Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens is sponsoring the pumpkin carving contest.

Smashing Pumpkins

Kensington tradition revived for annual party

Sharpen your knives, scrape out the seeds and get ready to carve one smashing looking pumpkin for this year's pumpkin contest.

Kensington's Marvin Gardens Real Estate will be offering a limited supply of pumpkins beginning Oct. 13 until the Kensington Community Council's annual Parade and Open House Sunday, Oct. 19. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. and the festivities run until 3:30 p.m.

Pick up a pumpkin, carve a masterpiece and bring it to the party for a chance to win a prize. At press time, prizes were still being determined.

The Mechanics Bank is sponsoring the parade and open house this year. It will kick off with the a parade that begins at the corner of Arlington and Amherst Avenues and winds its way to the community center. Participants assemble at noon and the parade begins at 12:30 p.m.

John and Lois Hoagland, longtime active members of Kensington community

groups, will serve as this year's grand marshals.

At the community center there will be live music courtesy of the El Cerrito High School Marching



Kallingal's Hodson leaves the competition wide open

Band and the El Cerrito High School Jazz Band, as well as barbecued lunches.

Lunch tickets can be purchased in advance at The Mechanics Bank in Kensington from Oct. 6 through Oct. 17 at a 50 cent per ticket discount.

This year the bank is holding a poster contest for kids around the theme "Let Freedom Ring." Stop by the bank to pick up an entry form and a chance to win a \$50 United States Savings Bond.

Size matters in Kensington when it comes to buses



A group of Kensington residents are calling on AC Transit to restore the use of vans rather than full size buses on a Berkeley-Kensington route that cuts through narrow streets here.

More than 80 Kensington residents signed a letter asking AC Transit to reinstate the vans on the 67 bus line after the agency replaced them last summer with diesel buses. The 67 route loops through Kensington along Beloit, Purdue, Kenyon and Trinity Avenues. Residents at the end of August met with Supervisor John Gioia and representatives of AC Transit in the

hopes of resolving their concerns while maintaining bus service.

"Those of us along the bus routes here watch that large bus struggle down our narrow street and really feel it's an accident waiting to happen," said Cheryl Katz, a Trinity Avenue resident who has been active in the issue. "It's not a good situation."

AC Transit is in the process of phasing out the vans throughout the system because the agency said they are too costly to operate.

"They were a maintenance nightmare," said Robin Little, AC Transit manager of

See Bus Page 8

It's hammer time



KRON TV's Jan Wahl reprises her role as auctioneer at this year's Garden Party

An appeal for support to Kensington residents from Kensington Community Council President Don Specter

Dear Neighbors,

I am writing to ask that you support the Kensington Community Council's annual fundraising drive.

Many of you know the council through the Kensington After School Educational Program and the Summer Day Camp. It also publishes this newspaper, which keeps us all informed about community issues and activities.

In the last few years, KCC has expanded the Kensington After School Enrichment Program by constructing Building E. It also purchased the equipment for the Tot Lot. In short, KCC provides critical services to the community that benefit us all and helps make Kensington a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

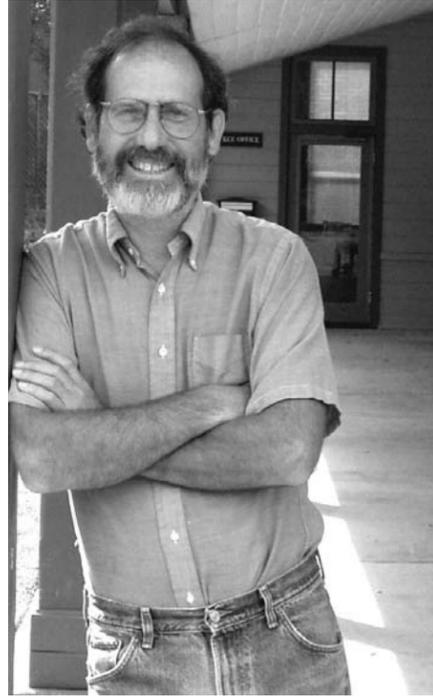
KCC needs your help this year. For the first time in memory, KCC is projecting a budget deficit of \$9,000. This is due to large increases in Workers' Compensation fees and insurance premiums. We also need money to finish work on Building E and to provide more scholarships for underprivileged students in our after-school program.

Your support for KCC will help the community and especially our kids. Please use the enclosed envelope on in the middle of the paper to send us your donation today.

Sincerely,



Don Specter
KCC President



KCC President Don Specter outside the KCC office made possible through the generous donations of Kensington residents.

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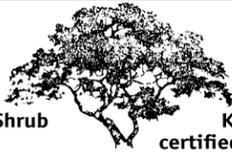
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KEF Readies for Garden Party

Annual Fall bash is a critical fundraiser for elementary school

Kensington Education Foundation is busy seeking guest chefs, fine art, vacation getaways and other donation for its upcoming Garden Party.

The annual event, which celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year, is a critical fundraiser for the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School.



Last year the event raised \$88,000, KRON-TV's Jan Wahl which is used to fund such programs as science, music, and art among others. The event accounts for more than half of all the money raised each year by the foundation.

"For our school, it makes a difference in a lot of the programs that we wouldn't otherwise have at all," said Christy Wise, Garden Party co-chair.

KRON-TV's Jan Wahl will serve as celebrity auctioneer for the second year. Among the items Wahl auctioned was one of her trademark hats, which fetched \$500 for the school. Donations of items for both the live auction and the silent auction are still being sought, as are donations of food and drink.

The foundation is still seeking guest chefs from local restaurants, delectable edibles and donations of goods and services for both the silent and live auction. People interested in donating auction items can contact Barbara Wansick at 528-2407 or Laurie Ushigusa at 559-8825.

The event will be held Nov. 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Kensington, It is open to everyone, not just parents of school children. Tickets can be purchased for \$45 in advance by calling Christy Wise at 558-1842 or at the door for \$50.

Rep. Ellen Taucher among invitees for improvement club's annual meeting

Kensington's congressional representative Ellen Tauscher and supervisor John Gioia are among a list of leaders invited to speak at the Kensington Improvement Club annual Town Hall Meeting.

The meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kensington Community Center. The organization is Kensington's oldest civic group and is dedicated to the improvement and beautification of the community.

Police chief Barry Garfield will report on the accreditation process the department is currently undergoing and fire chief Mark Scott has been invited to update the community on Fire Department matters. Glen Price, West Contra Costa County Unified

School District board member will discuss class size reduction, the recent guidance counselor crisis, the impact of Measure C and a parcel tax for the schools.



In addition, local District and Board representatives will be afforded time to report on their current projects and issues.

This year, the board will report on the status of its beautification and commemorative projects, which are in various stages of planning and development.

Kensington Municipal Advisor Council seeks candidates to fill openings

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council is seeking applicants for two expiring terms and a vacant second alternate position.

The advisory body is charged with making recommendations to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors on land-use, planning, zoning variance applications, code enforcement and code changes.

In addition, the council has a broad charge to advise the board on county services, to provide input to the Board and county staff on issues of concern to the community and to serve as a liaison between the community and the district one supervisor John Gioia.

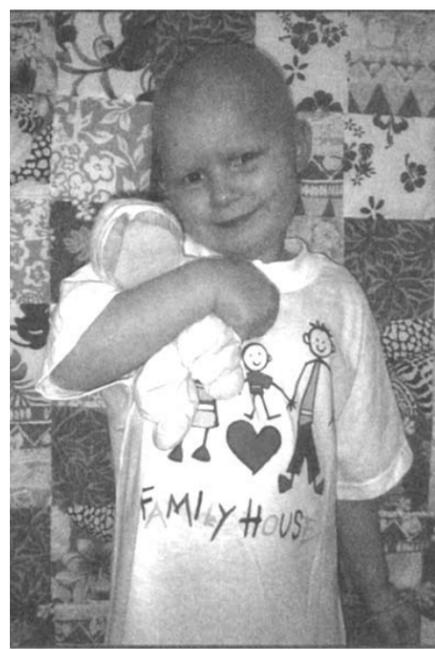
It's five members and two alternates serve staggered four-year terms. Councilmembers David Jenkins' and Catherine Reeds' terms both expire at the end of this year. Neither have announced whether they will seek

reappointment. Members are expected to review cases in advance, interact with the community and the County Community Development Department on issues that concern the council, perform other council functions outside of regular meetings, and occasionally attend hearings in Martinez.

For more information about the council, call its chairman James Carman at 526-5546.

Applicants should be property owners and residents and demonstrate knowledge of the community and its land-use issues. At present, there is a five-year residency requirement. However, Gioia has been considering reducing this requirement. Otherwise qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available from council members, the Kensington library, or the supervisor's office. Completed applications should be received in the Supervisor's office no later than Oct. 31.



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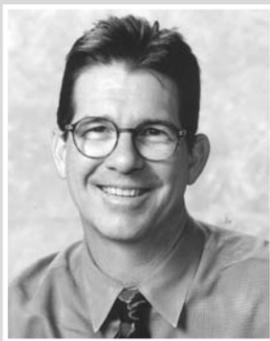
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Neighborhood Notes

Friends of the Kensington Library Ready for Fall Sale

As part of the Kensington Community Council's Open House October 19, the Friends of the Kensington Library will hold a book sale.

There will be many new and gently used books available in a wide ranges of genres in the area behind the Kensington Library. Audio materials are also available. The sale runs from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Information a click away

Librarian Barbara Ferguson shared a list of 26 sources of useful information and services such as the QandA Cafe, which is a joint program of the Contra Costa County Library and the Golden Gate Library Network.

The QandA Cafe allows you to ask questions, such as "How and when did 'Geronimo' become the thing to yell as someone jumped from an airplane?" Or, "Where can I get information on overseas adoptions?"

Answers to such questions will be researched and the answer e-mailed to you. Other sources include those that provide biographical materials, book summaries, information for kids, for students working on research papers, for investors, and full text access to many newspapers as well as many other sources. You can access the full list by going to the Contra Costa Library Site at <http://ccclib.org/> and then clicking on "Databases."

Laurien Jones to conduct Kensington Symphony

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra opens a new season Oct. 25 under the baton of guest conductor Laurien Jones.

The orchestra will perform music of Beethoven, Vivaldi, and Cesar Franck.

Now in its 26th year, the symphony is comprised of local professional musicians and accomplished amateurs.

Guest conductor Laurien Jones is a former concertmaster and violin soloist for the Kensington Symphony Orchestra.

Jones serves as Artistic Director and Conductor of the New Millennium Strings Orchestra.

The Saturday, October 25 concert will be held at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, across from El Cerrito High School. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10; \$8 seniors; and children free. For more information, call (510) 524-4335.

New Play about the lives of men to be performed at UUCB

Man Talk, a new play about men's lives, created from works by Edgar Lee Masters, Jane Martin and others, will be performed at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington.

Twenty men from this church have spent the summer studying acting in preparation. They are creating an ensemble that tells the stories of forty American men who lived in the 19th and 20th centuries. Some voices speak from the graveyard and some from modern cities. All speak of yearnings, joys, challenges and regrets common to every time and place.

Directed by Donna Davis, the performances will be held Saturday evenings: October 4 and 11 at 8 PM and Sunday October 5 and 12 at 3 PM. The church is located at 1 Lawson Road. For tickets, call 510-223-7721 or buy them at the door. There is a suggested donation \$10.

Daniel Ellsberg to speak at church on abolishing nukes

Daniel Ellsberg, a Kensington resident best known for leaking the Pentagon Papers to the press, which helped end the Nixon presidency and the Vietnam War, will be the 2003 Lawrence Lecturer at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley in Kensington.

Ellsberg will speak on how to end the cycle of violence and abolish nuclear weapons on Friday October 10 at 8:00 p.m. at the church at 1 Lawson Road.

On Saturday, October 11 from 9:30a.m. to Noon, there will be a follow-up seminar with Ellsberg.

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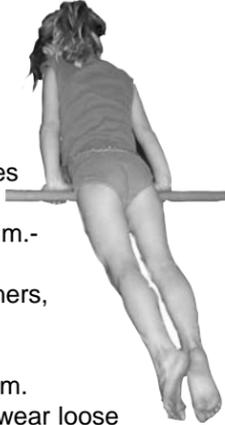
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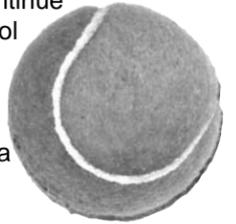
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Thursday, October 2
The Kensington Senior Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Program to be determined. Blood pressure by paramedics, German Conversation Group and Therapeutic Massage by Jessica (\$8, 15 min). Potluck lunch. Bring food for 4-6 people, or pay \$3. Info: 526-9146

Friday, October 3
Spanish Classical Guitarist Jaime Torrent holds a Master class sponsored by New Millennium Strings 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Participants: \$20; Public: \$5. Registration and info: 528-4633



Saturday, October 4
New Millennium Strings presents the second concert of its 2003-2004 season at 8 p.m. at University Christian Church of Berkeley, 2401 Le Conte Ave., at 8 p.m. Featured guest soloist Spanish classical guitarist Jaime Torrent. Suggested donation \$10 adults and \$7 seniors. Kids free. Info: 528-4633

Sunday, October 5
Personal Theology Seminar: Explorations in Unitive Consciousness and the consequences for our lives with psychologist Abraham Levitsky, graphic artist Linda Brandon, physician Steve Berkov and political scientist Walter Anderson 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302

Sunday, October 5
New Millennium Strings presents the second concert of its 2003-2004 season at 8 p.m. at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd., Berkeley, at 3 p.m. Guest soloist Spanish classical guitarist Jaime Torrent. Suggested donation \$10 adults and \$7 seniors. Kids free. Info: 528-4633

Monday October 6
Information Literacy: How to do your own online medical research at the Kensington Library 6:55 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat or for info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 7
The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. in Building E at Kensington Park. Call 525-0292 to confirm.

Tuesday, October 7
Family Storytime at the Kensington Library at 7 p.m. Info: 524-3043

Wednesday, October 8
The Kensington Fire Protection District Board will meet at 7:30 at the Kensington Community Center. Call 527-8395 to confirm.

Thursday, October 9
The Kensington Senior Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Slideshow with Jackie Hetman, German Conversation Group. Lunch \$3. Info: 526-9146

Thursday, October 9
Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in room 3 of the Kensington Community Center. Call 526-4141 to confirm.

Saturday, October 11
El Cerrito author Shelly Rivoli reads from her novel "I Was a Vacuum Cleaner Salesman" 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Ave. Info: 559-9184

Sunday, October 12
Personal Theology Seminar: Explorations in Unitive Consciousness and the consequences for our lives continues at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302

Monday October 13
Information Literacy: How to find articles in back issue s of magazines and newspapers online at the Kensington Library 6:55 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat or for info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 14
Family Storytime at the Kensington Library at 7 p.m. Info: 524-3043

Thursday, October 16
The Kensington Senior Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2

p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. History of Chocolate with Marina Gutierrez, German Conversation Group. Potluck lunch. Bring food for 4-6 people, or pay \$3. Info: 526-9146

Saturday, October 18
Fighting for Democracy not Just Democrats, the El Cerrito Democratic Club's 2003 dinner 6 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. hear Assembly member Loni Hancock and state senator Tom Torlakson. Tickets \$20 for adults and \$10 for children in advance or \$25/\$12.50 a the door. Info: 527-2194



Loni Hancock

Sunday, October 19
Personal Theology Seminar: Queen of Heaven with Barbara Hamilton-Holway, co-minister with Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302

Monday October 20
Information Literacy: How to do business and investment research online at the Kensington Library 6:55 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat or for info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 21
Larry Lee, horticulturist at the University of California Botanical Garden and owner of Fantastic Foliage, will speak on Unusual Foliage at the Berkeley Garden Club, Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Meeting at 1p.m. and free program at 2 p.m. Info: 524-4374

Tuesday, October 21
Family Storytime at the Kensington Library at 7 p.m. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 21
 Learn about Esperanto, a language spoken round the world, from members of the Esperanto League of North America at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Info: 526-7512

Wednesday, October 22
Andrea Irvin, president of the UC College Republicans speaks on the Political Climate at Berkeley at the Kensington Area Republican Women's Club noon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd. Reservation deadline Oct. 15. Lunch \$15. Info: 524-5689

Thursday October 23
The Kensington Senior Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Protect Yourself from Identity Theft with Angela Escobar, German Conversation Group. Lunch \$3. Info: 526-9146

Friday, October 24
Pat Welch, author of the Helen Black mystery series, reads from her book "A Day Too Long" at 7:30 p.m. at Boadecia's Books, 398 Colusa Avenue at Colusa Circle. Info: 559-9184

Sunday, October 26
Personal Theology Seminar: A. Philip Randolph: Black Christian Humanist with Cynthia Taylor, professor of American religious history at community colleges at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Info: 525-0302

Monday October 27
Information Literacy: How to use the computer mouse. Kensington Library 6:55 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. To reserve a seat or for info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 28
Wings in the Night with live bats presented by Patricia Winters of the California Bat Conservation Fund at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Library. Tickets required. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, October 28
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Call 526-5546 to confirm.

Thursday October 30
The Kensington Senior Activity Center 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Program TBA. German Conversation Group. Lunch \$3. Info: 526-9146

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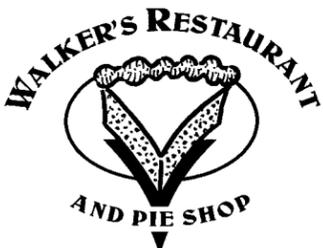
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Retired professor Jessie Rabinowitz dies at 78

Jesse C. Rabinowitz, a University of California at Berkeley, biochemist and expert on how the body uses the essential B vitamin folic acid, died Sept. 9 of cancer at his Kensington home. He was 78.

A professor emeritus of molecular and cell biology at UC Berkeley, Rabinowitz spent his career tracking down, identifying and characterizing the enzymes that require folic acid to function.

Rabinowitz also was an avid photographer and a member of the Berkeley Camera Club. He frequently showed his work at galleries around the Bay Area.

Rabinowitz left his extensive collection of color slides, numbering in the thousands and meticulously organized, to the Special Collections Department of the McHenry Library at the University of California Library, Santa Cruz.

A native of New York City, Rabinowitz was born April 28, 1925, and obtained his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn in 1945.

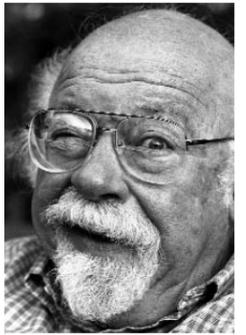
Following graduate studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he earned a PhD in biochemistry in 1949,

he took a post-doctoral position at UC Berkeley before joining the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases as a chemist in 1953.

He returned to UC Berkeley in 1957 as a member of the biochemistry department faculty, from which he retired in 1991. He served as chair of the Department of Biochemistry from 1978 to 1983.

Rabinowitz was a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a fellow of the American Society for Microbiology.

Rabinowitz leaves no survivors, and there are no plans for a memorial service. Donations in his memory can be made to the Division of Biochemistry, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, 597 Life Sciences Addition #3200, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720-3200.



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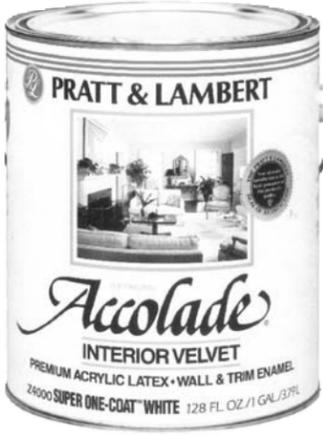
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Events in August

○Police responded to complaints of loud talking on Anson Way at 2:30 a.m. A man who appeared to have been drinking explained he was speaking on his cell phone to clients in Europe and that he would stop.

○A woman believes she scared off a burglar attempting to break in through the skylight of her home on Colusa Ave. After she screamed, she heard a car speed away.

○Police cut the lock off the gate of a Kenyon Ave. home after a neighbor's house-sitter placed it there.

○A Rincon Road resident reported the theft of a 1992 Acura Integra valued at \$3500 along with a \$1,700 laptop computer inside.

○A woman on Stratford Road complained about telephone calls from a former tenant that was angry and yelling over clean-up fees charged for an apartment.

○Police notified animal control after a Coventry Rd. resident called about the presence of a dead deer in his back yard. He sold the house and was concerned that children of the new owners might see the deerly departed.

○A Kensington resident reported possible fraud that occurred in Essex, England. While travelling, he rented a camper and was told he hadn't pre-paid the \$2,500 in insurance. He paid with travellers checks, but returned home to find the \$2,500 charge on his credit card.

○A Coventry Road resident reported water noises. He feared a water main broke. It was a leak from the his own fountain.

○A sex offender re-registered with police as required annually.

○Police resolved a civil dispute between a resident on St. Albans and a worker who agreed to fix a sidewalk for \$450. When the work was completed, the man demanded \$700 and threatened to tear up the sidewalk if not paid. Police explained that wouldn't be a good idea since the county considers the sidewalk belongs to it. The man settled for \$450.

○Police contacted people sleeping in the back of an SUV on Garden Dr. The people were residents and said they spent the night in the vehicle, but offered no explanation, not even the mention of rich corinthian leather.

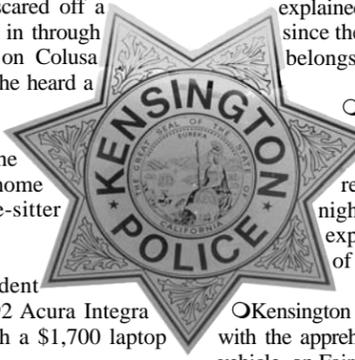
○Kensington Police assisted El Cerrito Police with the apprehension of the driver of a stolen vehicle on Fairmont Ave. after a brief chase.

○Police assisted a woman on Arlington Ave. who locked herself out of her home. Police removed the pins on her door and suggested she leave a spare key with them.

○An Ardmore Road resident reported the theft of \$500 worth of decorative rocks and slate. Be on the lookout for strong criminals.

○A woman on Windsor Avenue was robbed of \$260 at gunpoint while getting out of her car outside her home. Albany police later arrested a suspect believed to have committed similar robberies in the surrounding areas.

○A resident on Beverley Rd. complain about a broken sewer pipe from a neighbor's property that was leaking onto his. The neighbor contacted a repair service and was awaiting workman. Comes the Spring, the grass will be greener on the other side of the fence.



BUS: Residents want to exact change

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special projects.

AC Transit is considering an alternative smaller vehicle, but Little said it would take between two to three years at minimum to put it into operation. The agency is looking into leasing a smaller vehicle as an interim solution, but has made no decision to do so yet.

At supervisor Gioia's request, the county will see if any of the streets the bus travels on should be deemed too small to accommodate full size buses and bar them from operating there, but some residents are concerned that such moves could lead AC Transit to eliminate the route. About 35 people ride the Kensington loop on any given day.

AC Transit has operated on these streets since the 1960s. A standard transit bus is 102 inches wide and 40 feet long. The buses AC transit is currently running along the 67 route are 102 inches wide and 30 feet long. That compares to the vans, which were 96 inches wide and 24 feet long.

"I think a lot of it is perception," said Little. "The vans look like a van in the front and have a big bulbous back on them. By the time they put the mirrors on the front, it is almost as wide as the 102 inch bus."

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