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Fire dept. wanted sprinklers for Hilltop

The West Contra Costa School District's just completed expansion and reconstruction of the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School does not include a fire sprinkler system despite recommendations from the Kensington-El Cerrito Fire Department that it should.

Fire chief Mark Scott said the decision does not likely put the safety of students at greater risk, but increases the danger that a fire at the school could become catastrophic.

"We are not losing students to occupied classrooms in fire. What we lose is unoccupied classrooms under the cover of darkness. People in charge of maintenance in schools are putting every dollar they can toward the pupils in the seats," he said. "They make trade-offs. One of the challenges of fire marshals in this state, if not nationwide, is to try to reorient that thinking."

The disagreement in Kensington reflects a broader dispute between school districts and fire marshals. Fire departments routinely make recommendations to school districts about schools, but are without authority to impose them on the districts.

Kevin MacQuarrie, principal with WLC Architects and master architect for the school district, said under state law Hilltop was considered a "modernization project" and as such did not require fire sprinklers.

He said the fire marshall for the Kensington-El Cerrito Fire Department signed off on the Hilltop plan in March and agreed to exclude fire sprinklers.

"We met with them several times and received preliminary and final approval for the project," said MacQuarrie. "They approved the plan without fire sprinklers and they were aware of it."

MacQuarrie said the financial reality is that once a project moves beyond building to minimum requirements in the code, it escalates costs.

"Usually with school districts across the state of California we do what we feel is prudent and meets the letter of the code," he said. "Usually there's not a lot of extra money to spare and fire sprinklers cost additional funds."

MacQuarrie estimates the cost of sprinklers could have added about \$200,000 to the estimated \$17 million Hilltop project.

Chief Scott, however, is concerned about the possible disruption to the community if there is a major fire at the school and believes the additional investment would have been well spent.

"We don't think it's too onerous to have schools do that," he said.

Slain man's family offers \$20K reward

The family of a 20-year-old Albany man who was shot and killed in his car on Moeser Lane is offering a \$20,000 reward for information that results in the conviction of those responsible.

Remo Mario Reggi, 20, was shot on Moeser Lane at Sea View Drive around midnight September 11 where police said multiple assailants approached his car on foot. At least one was armed with a handgun.

The shooting was the third murder in El Cerrito this year. In August Waleed Elahi, a 32-year-old Vallejo resident was shot and killed at 3 a.m. after an altercation in the parking lot of Nation's Restaurant on Central Ave.

Khalid Maqsood, a 40-year-old clerk at Super Stop Gas on San Pablo Ave. was shot and killed just after midnight in an attempted robbery January 9.

Police do not know what the motive for the shooting was and at press time were without suspects, but said they believe it may have been an attempted carjacking.

Reggi reportedly grabbed the gun barrel when one of the assailants approached his window and tried to drive off when he was shot.

His vehicle rolled downhill and collided with a parked car near the intersection of Galvin Drive where it came to rest in a residential driveway.

Police said a 19-year-old woman who was a passenger in the vehicle was injured when the car smashed into the other vehicle. Reggi was pronounced dead at the scene.

"We're hoping someone from the public comes forward," said detective sergeant Shawn Maples. "Somebody knows who did this."

Anyone having information about the crime is asked to contact Maples at (510) 215-4423.

Sister Act

A group of Hilltop Elementary School families will hold a rummage sale to raise money for a sister school in Louisiana as part of the Kensington Community Council's Annual Parade and Open House.

The sale in Building E in Kensington Park beyond the tennis courts will help support New Orleans students displaced by hurricane Katrina now attending school in Baton Rouge.

The parade will honor Mechanics Bank, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Several branch Kensington branch manager from throughout the years are expected to return for the event.

The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. and winds its way down Arlington Ave. to the community center to the sounds of the El Cerrito High School Marching Band. Participants should line up in the parking lot



Relief pitchers: Hilltop students organize goods donated for a rummage sale to support Katrina Victims. Hilltop School is adopting a sister school in Baton Rouge that many displaced students are attending. Pictured (left to right) Derby Gill, Gloria Waxman, Kate Thomsen, Zodie Waxman. (Back) Anna Thomsen.

of Ace Hardware at noon.

The festivities at the community center will feature the El Cerrito High School Jazz Band and barbecue lunches will be served. The event is sponsored by The

Mechanics Bank.

Marvin Gardens Real Estate, which is providing additional financial support for the event, will be holding its annual pump-

See "Parade" page 3

Katrina a reminder to prepare for worst case scenario

The devastation wrought by hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast is a reminder to Kensington residents to be prepared for natural disasters.

Though hurricanes and floods might not pose a high risk here, earthquakes and wildfires certainly do.

At a minimum, Kensington Police Chief Barry Garfield suggest people be prepared with enough supplies to last for three days, keep flashlights, batteries and an AM radio on hand.

Garfield also suggested that people get to know their neighbors and said there is an opportunity to do this through the department's crime prevention program.

Earthquake Preparedness

- First aid kit with essential medications
- Canned foods and opener
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- Protective clothing and bedding or sleeping bags
- Battery powered radio, flash lights and batteries
- Special items for infants, elderly, disabled or pets
- Written instructions for how to turn off utilities
- Flashlight and sturdy shoes by your bed
- Crowbar near bed in case doors jam

Source: ABAG Home Quake Safety Toolkit
www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/eqmaps/fixit/fixit.html

Though some residents have in the past pushed the police department to mark evacuation routes in case of a disaster, he said because the community is small an earthquake or fire

could block any evacuation route.

Instead, he said, residents should learn all possible routes out of the area.

Dave Gibson, battalion chief for the Kensington-El Cerrito Fire Department said people need to prepare their structures as well as themselves. He also suggested they participate in training offered by the department.

The Community Emergency Response Team program provides emergency training to citizens through a national certification program. It replaced an older program known as NEAT and the department is currently reaching out to former neighborhood captains trained under that program to help organize for a possible disaster.

KIC Town Hall meets



Assemblywoman Loni Hancock

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock headlines a list of community leaders who will speak during the Kensington Improvement Club's Town Hall meeting Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kensington Community Center.

see story on page 3

An appeal for support to Kensington residents from KCC President Ted Blanckenberg

Dear Friends,


As many of you know, the Kensington Community Council provides important services to our community. It operates the KASEP and KCC Summer Day Camp for our children, provides adult education programs and brings the community together in our semi-annual events at the community center. It also publishes this newspaper.

Our youth programs continue to provide our children safe, fun and educational activities at an affordable price. Our Day Camp sold out for the entire summer and attracted families from neighboring communities as its reputation spread.

Our education program also continued its tradition of providing excellent after school classes and sports to our elementary school students.

While we look forward to another great year, KCC faces some significant challenges. KASEP enrollment was down sharply last year because of the temporary relocation of the elementary school to the portables at Portola. Now, with the reopening of Hilltop Elementary, we are reenergizing the program.

To continue with all these important activities, we need your help. We appreciate any contribution you can spare so that the KCC can continue to improve the quality of life in Kensington. Please send your donation to KCC, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington CA 94707. You can use the enclosed envelope in the middle of the paper to send make your contribution today.

Sincerely,


Ted Blanckenberg
President
Kensington Community Council



KCC President Ted Blanckenberg.

Letters to the Editor More limits needed in proposed events ordinance

Editor:

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors is expected, for the second time, to review Supervisor John Gioia's proposed Temporary Event Ordinance Oct. 11.

This permit process is designed to define and govern land use for the purpose of holding events on residential properties in the unincorporated areas of the county.

Generally there is not disagreement with

the need for clarification of county code that would allow residents to hold fund raising events on their property.

However, there are two critical points that those opposed to this ordinance disagree with; it allows too many events, and too many participants.

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council has recommended that there be no more than two events per year with no more than 125 participants at each event. The Coventry Neighborhood Group and the Kensington Improvement Club agree with KMAC. The Kensington Property Owners Association recommends two events with 150 participants each.

Despite these recommendations, Supervisor Gioia continues to insist that there should be three events per year with between 200 and 300 participants per event.

Consider the impact upon your neighborhood should a neighbor choose to host events for 200 to 300 participants three times a year.

I ask you to contact Supervisor Gioia and the county's Community Development Coordinator, John Osborne either by letter or email soon, urging them to reconsider these numbers.

J Folger-Brown
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Community leaders featured at town hall

Assemblywoman Loni Hancock will speak about the California Clean Money and Elections Act, a bill she introduced that aims to take the money out of politics by making public financing available for all statewide elections.

Hancock, a Democrat who represents Kensington, will headline a list of community leaders who will speak during the Kensington Improvement Club's Town Hall meeting Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kensington Community Center

The annual event offers Kensington residents an opportunity to meet with local leaders in an informal setting and ask questions and express concerns.



John Gioia

In addition to Hancock, Supervisor John Gioia, Kensington Police Department's Sgt. Hussein Khan and representatives of the Kensington Fire Department will be among the participants.

A short annual meeting of the membership of the Club will precede the invited speakers' portion of the program. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided, and copies of KIC's recent book, "Kensington, Past and Present" will be available for purchase at the meeting.

KMAC seeks applicants to fill openings

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council is seeking applicants to fill three regular terms expiring at the end of this year.

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.

Its five members and two alternates serve staggered four-year terms. Terms of Councilmembers Ray Barraza, Pamela Brown and Catherine Reed expire at the end of this year. All three have indicated they plan to 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.

Applicants should be property owners and residents and demonstrate knowledge of the community and its land use issues. There is also a three-year residency requirement. Qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications are available at the Library, by calling the KMAC hot line at 273-9926, or from Kate Rauch of Supervisor Gioia's office, 374-3231. Completed applications are due in the Supervisor's office no later than Friday, October 28. Interviews will take place in November or early December, and the Supervisor will make appointments by the end of the year.

County seeks election officers for November special election

The Contra Costa County-Elections Department is seeking voters registered in California to serve as election officers to staff polls for the statewide special election Nov. 8.

The county will provide necessary training to volunteers and pay a stipend of \$75

for the day and \$10 each for two training sessions. The county also needs election officers who speak both English and Spanish.

For additional information on serving as an election officer, call 925-646-4599.

PARADE: Band has its marching orders for Oct. 2



El Cerrito High School Marching Band plays at 2004 KCC Parade and Open House. The marching band will be joined by the El Cerrito Jazz band for festivities at the community center.

kin carving contest. Prizes for the best pumpkin creations will be awarded in several age categories.

The sister school project grew out of conversations between Hilltop school teacher Janet McKnight and parent Tre Curran.

The effort will raise money to provide books, school supplies and other needed items. It is also hoped students here will correspond with students at the sister school and expose Kensington students to cultural differences and help them understand that the slow rebuilding process will go on long after news of Katrina fades from the front pages of newspapers.

"We want them to make a connection that when its out of the media the problems haven't necessarily gone away," said Curran.

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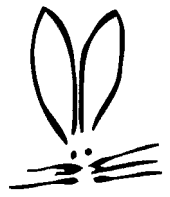
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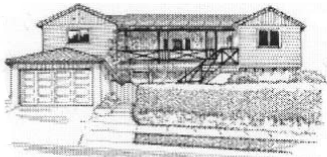
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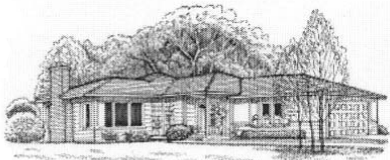


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Neighborhood Notes

Bubba Paris tackles Garden Party auction

Former San Francisco 49ers tackle and three time Super Bowl champion William "Bubba" Paris Jr. will serve as this year's auctioneer for the Garden Party, an annual fundraiser for the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School.

The event, the single largest fundraiser for the school each year, will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Kensington November 5 at 5:30 p.m.. The proceeds support the school's science, computer, art, and music programs and provides classroom supplies.

Tickets are \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door. For tickets call Christy Wise at 558-1842.

To donate live or silent auction items call



Bidding is closed when he says so. Karen Shebek at 525-1539.

Additional information can be found online at www.kensingtonschool.org.

Barbara Wansick at 528-2407 or Debbie Reed at 235-5249 to donate. People interested in being a guest chef or making a food donation should call

Kensington woman seeks donations to aid displaced New Orleans family in the Bay Area after Katrina

A New Orleans man and 20 of his relatives stranded at the Houston Astrodome after escaping the devastation of hurricane Katrina, have made their way to the Bay Area with only the clothes on they were wearing.

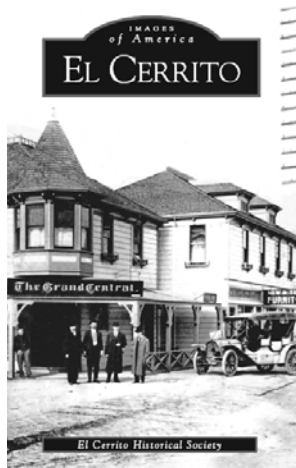
Arthur Rothschild, 43, made it to California with four related families that included 13 children. Rothschild, 43, is a member of Stationary Engineers Local 406 in New Orleans and an employee of the New Orleans Convention Center.

After two hellish nights in the Astrodome the families drove for three days to the Bay Area in two vans rented by a relative in San Francisco with the help of an anonymous donor. They came to the Bay Area after a stranger Karen Talton of Hercules learned of their plight on television and offered to help them.

El Cerrito Historical Society book now available in town

The El Cerrito Historical Society delved into its photographic archive to put together a collection of images that traces the history of the city from its roots as a cattle-grazing enclave known as Rust to the 23,000-person community it is today.

"Images of America: El Cerrito" is part of Arcadia Publishing's series on local history. The book is available from local merchants including the Arlington Pharmacy in Kensington.



El Cerrito book

The three other families have since found housing in San Francisco's Hunter's Point, but Rothschild and his wife and three children remain at Talton's home.

The outpouring of help from friends and strangers has provided the four families with clothes and some food, household goods and money. But they need help finding jobs, vehicles and money for future relocation deposits and expenses.

Kensington's Wendy Cheit is trying to assist the families and she asks that people send checks directly to Karen Talton, 1285 Promenade, Hercules, CA 94547. Gift cards to Albertson's and Target are also needed.

If you have vehicles, furniture or household furnishings to donate, please contact Cheit at wcheit@yahoo.com or at 693-5332.

Troop 100 completes 62-mile trek on annual adventure



Troop 100 at Philmont High Adventure

Seven scouts and three adult advisors of Kensington's Boy Scout Troop 100 took part in a 12-day, 62-mile back pack trek in the wilderness of New Mexico's Philmont High Adventure Scout Ranch in August. The trip, which began at a trailhead at 6,600 feet and had the scouts climb over the 11,790 foot summit of Mount Phillips, included a conservation project to thin out the forest to improve the area's fire tolerance. Crew members were: Tom Caruthers, Adam Zimmerman, Steven Davenport, Daviddean Diaz, Julian Guadagne, Jeromy Guadagne, Ryan Burghardt, Joe Guadagne, David Diaz, and Ed Burghardt.

Library brings murder mystery to life for anniversary



The library will celebrate its 40th anniversary with a murder mystery Sunday, October 30th at 2p.m.

County Librarian Anne Cain, Supervisor John Gioia, and other well-known members of the community will play some of the suspects in "Murder in the Library." Tom and Penny Warner wrote the funny, tongue-in-cheek play.

and will eventually be available at most Contra Costa County community libraries.

Through use of a captive portal, users will be required to agree to the acceptable use agreement and to accept disclaimers releasing the library from any liabilities. For more information about the Contra Costa County's Wi-Fi service, contact Cathy Sanford, Deputy County Librarian, Support Services, at 925-646-6423.

Ruhland Returns

Liz Ruhland will be returning to the Kensington Library on Monday, October 24. Amy Collen's last day will be Friday, October 21. She will be returning to the Danville Library as the Youth Services Librarian. Amy has very much enjoyed working with the dedicated library staff, the Kensington Library Renewal Project Committee, and the Friends of the Kensington Library.

--Amy Collen

Kensington Community Education

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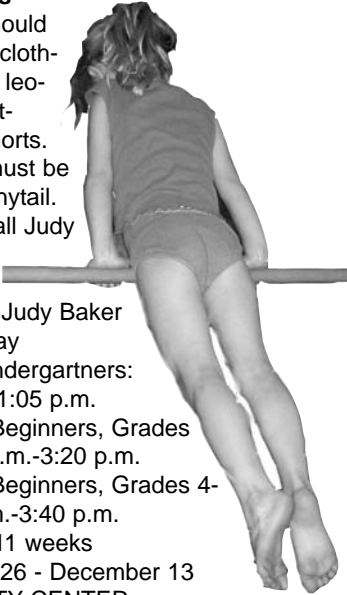
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Gymnastics
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Kensington Community Council seeks additional members for its board

The Kensington Community Council is seeking its current board and invites residents interested in serving to contact the council.

The council provides the Kensington After School Enrichment Program or KASEP, the community's summer camp, adult classes, the annual Kensington Parade and the annual Spring Celebration. To find out more, call the KCC office at 525-0292.

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Saturday, October 1
Blessings of the Bunnies and Pet Liturgy with Pastor Jim Stickney for Saint Francis of Assisi Feast Day 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

Sunday, October 2
Personal Theology Seminar: Christopher Craethnenn, Minister of Religious Education at UUCB, presents "Shaped by the World's Religions." He explores his spiritual growth and evolution at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Monday, October 3
The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Info: 525-0292

Sunday, October 9
Personal Theology Seminar: Barbara Hamilton-Holway, co-minister at UUCB speaks on her spiritual odyssey at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Sunday, October 9
Meet the Bunnies: Meet prospective bunnies, arrange a playdate for your whole family with a new bunny, or introduce your existing bunny to a new bunnyfriend for a lifelong romance 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave. Kensington Info: 525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

Monday, October 10
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents. Come learn from medical and legal experts and each other as we consider the best ways of managing the care of elderly parents while handling the ongoing demands of life at 7 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146

Monday, October 10
Professor Tom Acord from the Cal State Hayward Speaker's Bureau leads a discussion of popular music today at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Demonstrations will be included. Info: 524-3043.

Wednesday, October 12
Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Thursday, October 13
The El Cerrito Garden Club meets in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Miriam Leef, from San Francisco's Strybing Arboretum speaks on ferns. Cost \$3. Info: 526-2976.

Thursday, October 13
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

Saturday, October 15
A Community CPR class will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 401 Grizzly Peak in Berkeley. The class will cover adult, child, and infant CPR, choking rescues and a demonstration of the Automatic External Defibrillator. Attendees will receive American Safety and Health Institute and American Heart Association certification. Cost: \$50 Enrollment for the class closes October 7. Call 524-8281 or email Pat Hillard at office@sothb.org.

Sunday, October 16
Personal Theology Seminar: Norbert Bischof, retired professor of philosophy at Merritt College speaks on the contributions of Socrates and Plato to ethics and political philosophy at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Sunday, October 16
Chinchilla 101 with California Chinchilla Rescue.Learn how to care for them. Meet the rescued chinchillas looking for homes. FREE! From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

Monday, October 17
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents. Come learn from medical and legal experts and each other as we consider the best ways of managing the care of elderly parents while handling the ongoing demands of life at 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146

Tuesday, October 18
The Berkeley Garden Club presents "Creating a World Class Plant Collection in Your Backyard" by Paul Licht, Director, U. C. Berkeley Botanical Garden, 1 p.m. at Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Berkeley. Cost \$8. Info: 527-5641.

Tuesday, October 18
Feng Shui for a Healthy Home: Nadine Oei offers simple ways to apply Feng Shui principles so your home and work environments can be a source of health and inspiration in your daily life 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. Info: 526-7512.

Thursday, October 20
Living the Questions. Potluck dinner, video, and discussion of an "unapologetically liberal" faith at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146

Thursday, October 20
American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakeside Park Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave. on Lake Merritt near Children's Fairyland in Oakland. This month's speaker is Mike Bones from Oregon whose topic is "Rhodies 101." Info 223-0443.

Friday, October 21
Singer and social activist Holly Near speaks on Demystifying Activism One Breath at a Time" at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road in Kensington. Suggested donation \$20. No reserved seats. Doors open at 7 p.m. Info: 525-0302



Holly Near

Saturday, October 22
Come, Spot! Come: Get an absolute recall every time no matter what the distraction, \$40 in advance, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Cost \$45. Info:525-6155 www.rabbitears.org.

Doing it by the book

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

The El Cerrito Library continues its Lapsit story-times Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. through Nov. 17 at 6510 Stockton Ave. This is for toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers and lasts about 20 minutes each. No registration required. Info: 526-7512.

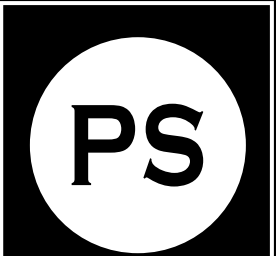
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Kensington Calendar Continued

Sunday, October 23
Personal Theology Seminar: **Bill Hamilton-Holway**, co-minister at UUCB speaks on "Embodied Theology" at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

Monday, October 24
Kensington Library Book Club holds its first meeting at 7 p.m .to discuss Ethan Canin's "Carry Me Across the Water." Subsequent meetings will be held on the fourth Monday of every month at the library at 61 Arlington Ave. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Info: 524-3043

Monday, October 24
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents. Learn from medical and legal experts and each other about how to best manage care of elderly parents and the ongoing demands of life at 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Tuesday, October 25
The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Tuesday, October 25
Readers Anonymous, the El Cerrito Library's book club, meets at 7 p.m. to discuss Easter Island by Jennifer Vanderbes. The event is open to all. No registration is required. Info: 526-7512.

Wednesday, October 26
The Kensington Area Republican Women's Club holds its monthly meeting at noon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. The group will hold its annual elections of officers. Tickets \$15. Reserve by Oct. 22. Info: 524-5689.

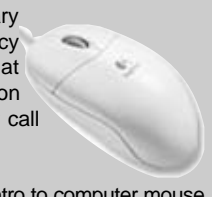
Thursday, October 27
Living the Questions. Potluck dinner, video, and discussion of an "unapologetically liberal" faith at 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146

Friday, October 28
Batapalooza! Check out the Halloween Hijinx of the bats from Batopia! Find out the truth about bats with conservationist Maggie Hooper. Enjoy bat cookies and blood-sucking fruit drinks. Fun for all school age and up. From 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 525-6155 or www.rabbitears.org.

No need to fear mice

The Kensington Library offers computer literacy classes every Monday at 7 p.m. at 61 Arlington Ave. To reserve a seat call 524-3043.

Monday, October 3: Intro to computer mouse.
Monday, October 10: Special program-no class.
Monday, October 17: Basic online searching.
Monday, October 24: Online library records.
Monday October 31: How to set up a free email account accessible from any online computer.




Friday, October 28
Arlington Community Church Fall Mini Concert Series continues at 8 p.m. with Contra Costa Chorale with John Montenero conducting at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. This is the second concert in a series of four Mini concerts this fall at the church.Tickets \$15 at the door. Info: 525-9146.

Saturday, October 29
Russian Romantics: The Kensington Symphony performs 8 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. in El Cerrito. Geoffrey Gallegos, Conductor. Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Laidov, Borodin. Suggested Donation: \$10; Seniors, \$8; Children free. Info: 524-9912.

Sunday, October 30
Meet Bunnacula: Enjoy the Halloween Hijinx of the rescued bunnies needing new homes noon to 4 p.m at George, 1829 Fourth Street, Berkeley. Info: 525-6155.

Sunday, October 30
Personal Theology Seminar: **Joel Ben Izzy**, internationally known story teller: "Tales of Grief and Gratitude," celebrating the period from the Day of the Dead to Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306.



Joel Ben Izzy

Monday, October 31
Support Group for Children with Aging Parents. Come learn from medical and legal experts and each other as we consider the best ways of managing the care of elderly parents while handling the ongoing demands of life at 7 p.m. at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 526-9146.

Obituaries

Ronald Mock, clinical child psychologist, dies at 78

Ronald Mock, a former clinical child psychologist for Alameda county who lived 37 years in Kensington, died August 19. He was 78.

During the last two years Mock lived at the Salem Lutheran Home in Oakland.

Mock graduated from the John H. Francisco Polytechnic High School in Los Angeles in 1944 and served as a seaman first class in the U.S. Navy from 1945 to 1946. He earned a PhD. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1968 and went to work for the county. He retired in 1985.

He was also a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

Mock is survived by his wife of 42 years Kathleen Ranlett Mock of Kensington; daughter Denise Francesca Mock and her husband Sean Vitali of Oakland; and sister

Susan Moran of Cameron Park.

A private interment was held at Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito. Memorial services will be held Sunday, October 23, at 3 p.m. at Berkeley Friends Meetinghouse, at Walnut and Vine streets in Berkeley.

Memorial donations may be made to Berkeley Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, 2151 Vine Street, Berkeley, CA 94709.

Memorial planned for Roberta Ghertner

A memorial for Roberta Ghertner will be held at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, on Sunday afternoon, October 23 at 3pm. Ghertner, who died September 11, lived in Kensington for many years. She was 90.

Raymond Jewell, Admin Law Judge, dies at 95

Raymond Jewell, a 55-year resident of Kensington, Died August 4. He was 95.

A native of Nevada City, Jewell graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1931. He worked as an administrative law judge for the state of California.

Jewell is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary Jewell of Kensington; son, Peter Jewell of Lancaster; and a granddaughter.

Private services were held at Sunset View.

Randi Mason McNab, day care provider, dies at 42


Randi (Renee) Mason McNab, a day care provider and mother of four, died after a two-year battle with cancer. She was 42.

Born in Richmond, McNab loved music and sang with the San Jose Symphonic Choir.

McNab is survived by her husband of 16 years Greg; her children Naomi Mason, Ella, Bryce and Baily McNab; her father, Fred Ramsey; mother Linday Ramsey, stepmother, Jane Ramsey; brother, Chris Ramsey; sisters Lisa Simpson, Elizabeth Novak. She is also survived by her in-laws Bill and Gloria McNab of Kensington.


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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 August

○A Cambridge Ave. woman trying to sell her vehicle over the Internet was talked into issuing a \$5,000 check to a third party in exchange for a \$20,000 advanced payment for her vehicle. The check was fraudulent and she is out \$5,000.

○Police arrested a 22-year-old Albany man after he fled from a routine traffic stop. Police tackled the man when he stopped to pull an object from his jacket. The object, a loaded and cocked 9 mm gun with the safety off, fell to the ground. The man was charged with possession of a concealed weapon, brandishing a weapon, resisting arrest and possession for sale of a controlled substance. Were that not enough, the man was driving with a suspended license.

○Police, at the request of a motorist, removed a spring-loaded knife from his car and destroyed it. Police found the knife during a routine traffic stop after the driver granted an officer permission to search his car. He explained he had found the knife while working and asked the officer to take it.

○Police investigated a report that a woman providing in-home care to senior citizens on Highgate Ct. Was doing so in violation of probation conditions imposed on her. She previously was arrested for elder abuse relating to theft from people she was providing care and is barred for five years from working with elderly people.

○Police found a juvenile male from Albany in a car on Edwin Dr. Smoking a cigarette with a certain homemade quality. The youth initially identified the burning plant matter as tobacco, but upon further discussion and the discovery of a small baggie of another crop form admitted it was marijuana. Police called the youth's mother, who drove him home and confiscated the marijuana for destruction.

○An unidentified man stole a check from the Arlington Church and attempted to cash it for \$4,500. He was unsuccessful.

○Police arrested a 32-year-old El Cerrito woman on Terrace Dr. For driving under the influence.

○A woman detained a 14-year-old girl outside the police department offices charging that the girl had kicked her own golden retriever while walking it. The woman said she was concerned for the dog's safety. The girl said the dog was not hurt and that she was just playing with it. Police called the girl's mother to discuss the matter.

○Police arrested two 25-year-old men for possession and being under the influence of a controlled substance after a routine traffic stop on Colusa Ave.

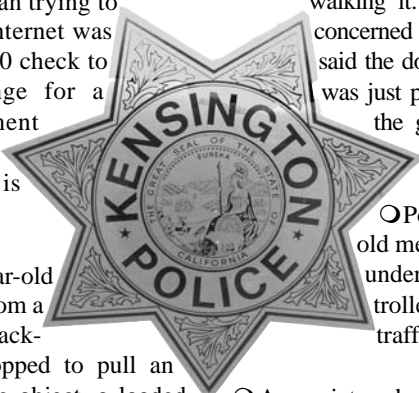
○A registered sex offender living in Kensington reregistered with police as he is required to do annually.

○A Cambridge Ave. Resident reported a small white and tan dog somehow entered her fenced backyard and was barking. Police, apparently disappointed to find the animal fled, said dog gone.

○An Arlmont Dr. Woman flagged down police a 10:25 a.m. to report that she woke at 3 a.m. to the sound of her car alarm going off and saw a few people running from her driveway. The suspects appeared to have made their way out of the immediate area during the seven and a half hour period between the time the incident occurred and it was reported.

○A Kensington Rd. resident reported that someone sprayed green, day-glo confetti on his 2005 Toyota. The man believes the act may have been a response to a lawn sign featuring a peace sign and declaring "Another neighbor for Peace." The man told police he believed in "free expression." It was unclear whether he was referring to his sign or the green confetti.

○Police arrested a juvenile for battery on her mother and on a police officer. The woman called police at 1 p.m. saying her 16-year-old daughter was out of control. She kicked and elbowed and hit the officer in the groin while he was trying to arrest her. The woman had woke at 1:30 a.m. to find the girl with a group of her friends drinking in her room. She confronted her then, but retreated saying she was scared and confused.



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