

# K E N S I N G T O N O U T L O O K

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## Stege tells homesellers to pour money down the drain

Stege Sanitary District has imposed new rules that could delay homesales and require homeowners to spend thousands of dollars on replacing damaged pipes before they can sell their homes.

The new ordinance from the district, which collects wastewater in Kensington, El Cerrito and parts of the Richmond Annex, takes effect September 6.

It requires that prior to the close of escrow on the sale of a home in its service area the owner of the property obtain a certificate of compliance for their sewer line. The homeowner must pay a contractor to perform a video inspection of the line to show it is not damaged and submit it to the district for review.

If the district finds the line is out of compliance it would require repair or replacement of the line, which could cost thousands of dollars.

The district said the measure is needed to reduce the amount of rainwater that enters the system through broken pipes.

"The main goal is to stop all of the infiltration of rainwater into the system and reduce our overflows during rainy season," said Arvin Gonzales, engineer and tech inspector for Stege. "It's a big problem and a lot of agencies are looking to doing this."

The new ordinance from Stege follows similar measures already instituted by sanitary districts in Albany and Alameda. Other districts are considering taking similar steps.

The sewer lateral that the homeowner is responsible for begins at the connection at the home and runs all the way to the point that it connects to the sewer main, beyond the homeowners property. That means to do a full replacement could require permits to tear up public streets at the property owner's expense.

Most homes in the district predate 1950 and still rely on their original sewer laterals. These pipes, often made of clay, can crack and become disjointed and damaged by a variety of causes from the ground shifting to tree roots intruding. Many of these lines are without cleanouts that provide access for clearing blockages.

Stege said certificates of compliance issued to sewer laterals that have been replaced will be honored for ten years in most cases, even if the property is sold or there are major improvements or the owner makes major improvements to the home.

The real estate community is lobbying Stege to alter the new rule to provide buyers and sellers the flexibility afforded by other jurisdictions to negotiate who will take responsibility for the work or allow proof of a contract with an approved contractor to satisfy the requirements

so a sale could close escrow.

Todd Hodson, co-owner of Marvin Gardens Real Estate said if the purpose of the ordinance is to reduce the output of water from the system into the San Francisco Bay there are more effective means of accomplishing that.

"If it's so important, why make it so haphazard?" said Hodson, who thinks the district could use a more methodical approach to addressing the problem than just tying it to the transfer of property.

There is also a question of how effective the new rule will be, particularly if the housing market remains hot and sellers are willing to close on escrow without the certification from the sanitary district. The ordinance contains no penalties or enforcement measures.

"It's too early to tell how it will all play out," said Hodson.



**Something to celebrate:** Construction workers at the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School at a breakfast to thank them prepared by the The Kensington PTA and the Kensington Education Foundation at the end of July to thank them for their efforts to get the school finished in time for the new school year.

## Making the grade

The West Contra Costa Unified School District has made its deadline for completion of the \$17 million reconstruction and expansion of the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School.

Though some finishing touches were expected to be needed at press time, work on the school is substantially completed and it allowed students to return to the campus in time for the start of the new school year Aug. 23.

"Kensington is our most successful project in terms of finishing on time and staying pretty close to our budget," said Bill Savidge, engineering officer for the school district. "It looks great and the teachers are quite happy we're moving in."

Kensington was one of 17 school constructions under way in the school district.

Savidge offered high praise for the project's contractor JW & Sons of Petaluma, construction manager Lew Brauer of the Seville Group and the architectural firm Arthur Tam Associates of Oakland.

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## New administrator tapped to ready KASEP for Hilltop return

The Kensington Community Council named Esther Hill, known within the community for her volunteer work at the school and library, as the new administrator of the Kensington Community Council.

Hill fills the vacancy created by the departure of Helen Horowitz, who left the post to become secretary of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District. Horowitz had been in the position for ten years and is credited with doing much to build up the KCC Summer Camp program as well as expand the Kensington After School Enrichment Program.

The change in leadership comes after a difficult year when the temporary relocation of the Kensington Hilltop Elementary campus to

portable classrooms at Portola Middle School cut demand for the program and forced a sharp reduction in the number of classes offered.

With construction of the school now complete and students returning to the Hilltop campus for the 2005-2006 school year, the program expects to offer a full slate of classes.

Hill, a former president of both the Kensington Education Foundation and the Friends of the Kensington Library, most recently served as the administrative direc-

tor of the Oakland Heritage Alliance, a nonprofit advocacy group focused on preservation and revitalization of architectural, historic and cultural resources. Prior to that she held positions with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oakland Public Works Agency.

Hill said she would like to expand the cultural and educational offerings to the community by reaching out to the talents of residents. She will also be making an effort to expand the Kensington Community Council board by performing outreach to potential new members.

Registration for the Fall session of KASEP will be held September 13.



Esther Hill

## Parade to honor bank



Representatives of The Mechanics Bank wave along the parade route in 2004.

The Kensington Community Council's Annual Parade and Open House is set for Sunday, October 2. This year the council honors the event's sponsor The Mechanics Bank, which is celebrating 100 years. Groups participating in the parade line up at noon at Ace Hardware. A barbecue with live music follows at the community center.

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## School: community grateful to workers

Delays caused by rain during the spring led the district to consider postponing the move-in date for the project, but work crews managed to make up for lost time and avoided the need to have teachers move their classrooms from the portables on the Portola Middle School campus after the start of the new school year.

The most striking addition to the Hilltop campus is a two-story, 11,000 square foot building that replaces two former portable classrooms and houses the library, computer, science and art rooms.

The construction work, financed through measure M bonds in 2000 and some state matching funds, included the complete renovation of the main building on the campus. It also required more extensive-than-expected work on the storm sewer systems.

Parents, teachers and students, grateful for the effort made to complete the school in time for the start of the new school year, hosted a breakfast this summer to honor workers on the project.

## School celebration planned

A group of parent volunteers will host a "Hilltop Homecoming" to celebrate the opening of the newly renovated elementary school September 24.

The event follows a reunion held at the school prior to the start of construction. The affair drew former students throughout the school's nearly 50 year history.

At this year's event, which will run from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. former Hilltop teachers will be honored guests and there will be tours, live jazz music and an exhibition of memorabilia. Light refreshments will be served.

Any former teachers interested in attending are asked to send email to HilltopReunion05@aol.com, with your name, phone number, address, email address, and period of time spent at Kensington. You can also call Esther Hill at 524-3713.

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## Supes approve amended event ordinance

The Contra Costa Board of Supervisors approved a proposed events ordinance that is expected to bring to an end the ongoing dispute between concert promoter turned philanthropist Danny Scher and neighbors over fundraising concerts at his Kensington home.

The board of supervisors in August approved the ordinance 4-1 with several amendments. Because of the amendments, the ordinance must be sent back to the Planning Commission and then return to the board of supervisors for a final vote.

Supervisor Gayle Ukilkema was the only opposing vote because she believed the ordinance would permit commercial events in residential areas.

If the Planning Commission approves the changes and it wins final approval with the board of supervisors, the ordinance

would limit the number of events to three in any 12-month period Scher or any other person in an unincorporated area in the county could hold.

Schools, churches and public property are exempted from the ordinance, which means events such as the KCC Annual Parade and Open House and the Kensington Education Foundation's Garden Party would be free from the permit requirements of the new law.

Among the restrictions that would be put in place are limits on the number of people able to attend a given event. Residents who opposed the legislation were disappointed that the board failed to adopt more stringent measures than the 300 people for one event and 200 people for two events per year the law allows.

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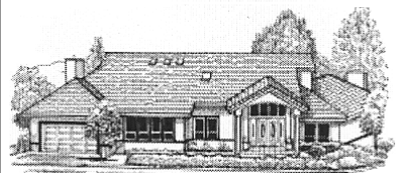
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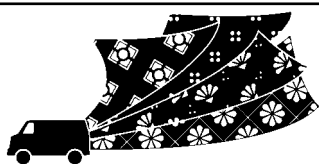
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# Neighborhood Notes

## KCC Annual Parade and Open house set for Oct. 2

The Kensington Community Council Annual Parade and Open House will honor The Mechanics Bank, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

The annual Parade and Open House, a Fall tradition in Kensington, will take place Sunday, October 2.

Participants in the parade should line up at noon in the parking lot of Ace Hardware. The parade begins at 12:30 p.m. and will wind its way down Arlington Ave. to the Kensington Community Center to the sounds of the El Cerrito High School Marching Band. The festivities at the com-

munity 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 pumpkin carving contest. Pick up a pumpkin from Marvin Gardens starting the week before the event and bring the finished product to the community center for judging. Marvin Gardens will award prizes in several age categories.

Volunteers are needed. If you can help with the event please call KCC at 525-0292.

## Arlington Pharmacy offering flu shots

As flu season gets underway the Arlington Pharmacy has arranged to provide flu shots.

A nurse from Test-Med Services will administer vaccines at the pharmacy Saturday, October 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, October 6 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The cost is \$25.

Traditional Medicare patients will pay nothing provided they have their Medicare card with them. HMO Medicare (Kaiser, Secure Horizon, etc.) will pay the \$25 fee and be given a receipt for submission to their insurance company for reimbursement.

This year Test-Med will get its vaccines from Aventis and not Chiron, the Emeryville-based biotech that triggered a vaccine shortage last flu season after regulators shut its plant in England down after finding contaminated vaccines. Info: 526-6414.

## Local Boy Scout earns rank of Eagle; two others may follow



FLYING HIGH: New eagle Joshua Dean Mangrum

Joshua Dean Mangrum, a member of Kensington's Boy Scout Troop 100, earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Only 2 percent of Boy Scout 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.

Two other scouts, Tom Caruthers and Steven Davenport, have completed the advancement requirements and are awaiting their Boards of Review.

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## Plans underway to celebrate library's 40 years



The Kensington Library, which opened in September 1965, celebrates its 40th anniversary this month, but patrons will have to wait until next month to celebrate. Plans are in the works to mark the occasion in October.

### Teen Reading Program

The Contra Costa County Library's Teen Reading Program, "Like the Movie? Read the Book!" will begin on September 26 and run through November 5. Teens in grades 6-12 can earn prizes for reading. Finishers will also be entered into a countywide drawing for a chance to win even more exciting prizes including a \$125 shopping spree at the store of their choice. Teens can pick up their reading record at the library or download one from the

Contra Costa County Library teen website at <http://ccclib.org> beginning Monday, September 26th.

### New Bookclub

The first meeting will be on Monday, October 24th at 7:00pm and will meet every fourth Monday of the month thereafter.

The inaugural book will be Ethan Canin's well-crafted novel, *Carry Me Across the Water*, a poignant story about intergenerational family issues, war, love, and simple domestic pleasures. Please come to participate in book discussions and give us ideas for other books you would like to read! Limited copies of Canin's book will be available for check-out at the circulation desk beginning in September. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

-- Amy Collen



# Kensington Community Education

## Youth Classes

### KCC

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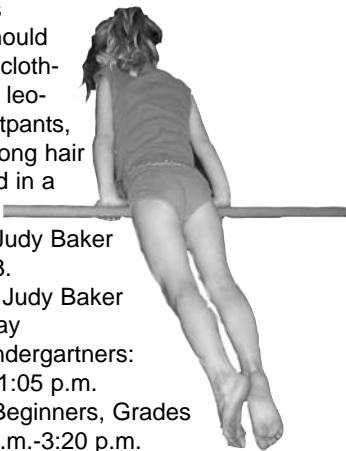
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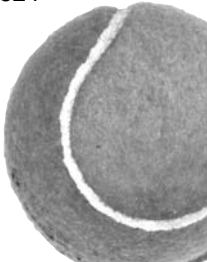


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**Time to register for KASEP**  
Registration for the fall session of KASEP will be held in the Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., on Tuesday, September 13 at 7 p.m. for kindergartners and at 7:15 p.m. for first through sixth graders. Registration packets be sent home with Kensington Hilltop School students on Thursday, September 8, and be available in the Kensington Library and the KCC office beginning Friday, September 9. Classes will begin on Monday, September 26. For more information call the KCC office.

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# Kensington Calendar

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Suhaila Dance Company will be among the many groups performing at this year's Solano Stroll

The 31st Solano Avenue Stroll, the Bay Area's biggest blocok pary, will be held Sunday, September 11. The mile-long street festival beings at 8 a.m. with its traditional pancake breakfast at Veterans' Memorial Park in Albany. The official kick-off starts at 11 a.m. with the "Don't Rain on My Parade" themed parade this year. More than 100 entertainers, 65 food booths, 130 crafts makers and 200 community organizations will participate. For the youngsters, there's Kidtown, featuring a Monkey Calling Contest, dunk tanks, giant slides, pony rides, carnival games, clowns, stilt walkers, face painters, jugglers, and much more. If you get tired of walking, catch the free shuttle that runs all day on Marin Ave.

**Sunday, September 4**  
**Personal Theology Seminar: Walter Truett Anderson**, author, political scientist, syndicated columnist: Religion after God, Science after Certainty at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306.

**Monday, September 12**  
**The Kensington Community Council** meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Info: 525-0292

**Tuesday, September 6**  
**The Kensington Unit of the League of Women Voters - West Contra Costa County** meets at 1:15 p.m. at the home of Sheila Lichtman, 21 Camelot Court in Kensington. The meeting will feature an update on the Kensington Library Renewal. To confirm and for additional information call 527-1332.

**Tuesday, September 6**  
**Auditions for the Arlington Children's Choir** begins and continue Wednesday September 7. Children with a love of singing ages 8 -14 may try out. Rehearsals begin the following week. Info: Shanti 843-7745.

**Tuesday, September 6**  
**Family Storytime** at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

**Wednesday, September 7**  
**Adult choir** begins regular Wednesday night rehearsals at 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: Shanti 843-7745.

**Thursday, September 8**  
**The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District** meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

**Sunday, September 11**  
**Personal Theology Seminar: Huston Smith**, author of World Religions, long term Professor of Philosophy and Religion at MIT, Syracuse University and UC: Christianity for Unitarian Universalists at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

**Sunday, September 11**  
**Friends of Roman Cats** slide presentation and discussion about the Torre Argentina Roman Cat Sanctuary, Italian Cat Rescue and Volunteer Tours from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington. Donaton \$10. Info: 525-6155.

**Monday, September 12**  
**Psychotherapist Jill Lebeau and professional organizer Stephanie Barbic** help you get rid of the physical and emotional clutter in your life at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Enjoy a fun evening filled with good ideas and smart tips. Info:524-3043.

**Monday, September 12**  
**Bell Choir** begins rehearsals at 7:45 p.m. - 9:00p.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. New ringers welcome. Info: Shanti 843-7745

**Tuesday, September 13**  
**Family Storytime** at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043

**Wednesday, September 14**  
**Kensington Fire Protection District** meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

**Thursday, September 15**  
**The 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. Our yearly propagation program is featured this month. Bring rhodie or azalea cuttings to share. Newcomers welcome. Info: 223-0443.

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Children of all ages** and their families are invited to the El Cerrito Library, at 6510 Stockton Ave. at 11 a.m. to listen to some tremendous tales told by a real giant. Walter Mayes, aka Walter the Giant Storyteller, is really six feet, seven and a half inches tall. Walter has spent most of his adult life entertaining and enlightening both children and adults with stories, as well as with his message of the importance of books and the power of stories in all our lives. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. Info: 526-7512.

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Loose Leash Walking** at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington. \$40 in advance or \$45 day of class. Info: 525-6155.

**Saturday, September 17**  
**Meet the Bunnies** at 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington. Arrange a playdate for your whole family with a new bunny, or introduce your existing bunny to a new bunnyfriend for a lifelong romance. Find answers to all of your bunny questions. Free. Info: 525-6155.

**Sunday, September 18**  
**Personal Theology Seminar: Donna Lerew**, concert violinist, artist, church member: Odyssey: My Spiritual Quest and the Violin at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

**Sunday, September 18**  
**Shamanic Journeying: Meeting your Spirit Animal Allies**. Communication with spirit allies in animal form in unseen worlds offers a bridge to communicating with embodied animals in the myriad ways that animals speak. \$60, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington Info: 525-6155

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Artist Amy Gitelman

In September, the works of two local artists will be displayed in Kensington. Marvin Gardens' Kensington office at 289 Arlington Ave. will feature "Wearable Art" by Keiki Fujita, a textile artist/designer. Fujita hand paints the clothing using the ancient technique known as musen yuzen. Amy Gitelman's pastel paintings of Kensington will be on exhibit at the Kensington Library at 61 Arlington Ave. from September 9 through October 31. Gitelman paints on location with pastels and is a resident of El Cerrito.

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**Tuesday, September 20**  
**Family Storytime** at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Info: 524-3043.

Tuesday, September 20  
Join Germar the Magician for an evening of comedy and magic at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Info: 524-3043.

**Thursday, September 22**  
**The fall series of Lapsit storytimes** (formerly known as Babytime and Toddler time) at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave, begins and continues through November 17 on Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories. No registration is required Info: 526-7512.

**Saturday, September 24**  
**Come, Spot, Come!** Get an absolute recall every time no matter what the distraction, \$40 in advance, \$45 day of class, 2 p.m to 3 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington. Info: 525-6155

**Sunday, September 25**  
**Personal Theology Seminar: David Lingenfelter**, Ph.D. in Chemistry, Associate Director of Quality at Arriva Pharmaceuticals, Odyssey: Probing the Interface Between Science and Religion at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington. Info:525-0302 ext. 306

**Sunday, September 25**  
**Meet the Guinea Pigs and Hamsters and Rats!** Learn about basic small critter care and plan for a new adoption in your family. Free. 2 p.m to 4 p.m. at RabbitEARS, 303 Arlington Ave, Kensington. Info: 525-6155.

**Monday, September 26**  
**Learn strategies and tips for the SAT College Entrance Exam** in a free program provided by the Princeton Review at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. The program is recommended for high school students and their parents. Seating is limited and registration is required. To register please call 524-3043 or stop by the information desk at the library.

**Tuesday, September 27**  
**Readers Anonymous**, the El Cerrito Library's book club, meets at 7 p.m. to discuss Plainson by Kent Haruf. The event is open to all. No registration is required. Info: 526-7512.

**Tuesday, September 27**  
**The El Cerrito Democratic Club** meets at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The group will present its precinct walking project followed by two speakers on: What's wrong with Prop. 73? Heather Hoell from Planned Parenthood and another speaker from the ACLU Northern California Campaign for Teen Safety will each give their slant on this burning topic. All are welcome. Info: 527-2194.

**Thursday, September 29**  
**The League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa County join Concilio Latino**, East Bay Peace Action, Richmond Vision 2000, Richmond Progressive Alliance & Friends of the San Pablo Library in sponsoring a community forum entitled: The Patriot Act, Civil Liberties and You at 7 p.m. at the San Pablo Library, 2300 El Portal Drive, San Pablo (between Castro and Mission Bell). Representatives from the Contra Costa County Library Commission, The American Civil Liberties Union, The U.S. Attorney's Office, Contra Costa County Sheriff's Homeland Security Office, The Mechanics Bank and the Arab Anti-Discrimination League will be participating. Info: 233-0199.

**Friday, September 30**  
**Arlington Community Church Fall four concert mini-series** begins at 8 p.m. with Latin Jazz with Anthony Blea Y Su Charanga at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Tickets are \$15 at the door or \$40 for the entire series, which includes performances October 28 featuring Contra Costa Chorale with John Montenero conducting, November 11 featuring David Glass, Pianist performing Liszt's Transcription of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony and December 9 featuring Distant Oaks, a Celtic music ensemble. Info 525-9146 or 843-7745.



## Obituaries

### Jean Bales, 43-year Kensington resident, dies at 89

Jean Bales, a 43-year resident of Kensington, Calif., died June 20, 2005. She was 89.

A native of Minneapolis, she and her husband Roger lived in Lake Park Retirement Center on Lake Merritt in Oakland for the past two years.

Bales was an active member of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, being involved in the Book Club and the Church Mariners. Her affiliations also included the Berkeley Camera Club and Berkeley's Sakai, Japan Sister City Program. Her Husband, Roger, retired as Chief

Boy Scout Executive. Over the years, the couple traveled by plane and ship cruises throughout Europe and Asia.

Bales is survived by her husband of 69 years, Roger L. Bales, Oakland; daughter, Lois Shane, Macomb, IL; son, Lee C. Bales, Castro Valley; daughter, Jeane K. White, Sacramento; and brother-in-law, Bruce Bales, San Rafael. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

The family held private services.



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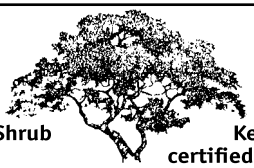
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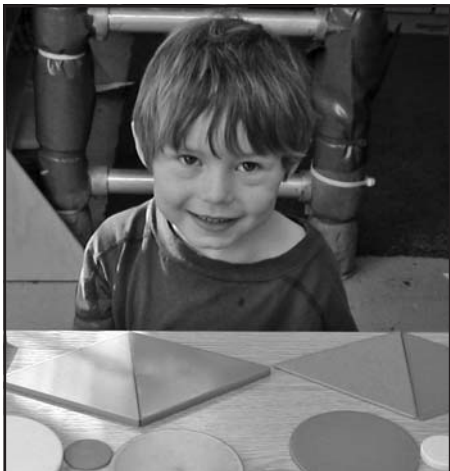
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# From the case files of the KPD

*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 June and July

○A Purdue Ave. resident called to report his daughter was getting annoying calls on her cell phone. Police advised her to change her number.

○A Kensington Court resident reported the theft of more than \$5,000 in electronics and other property stolen from his home during a burglary that occurred while he was away on vacation. The mailbox was stuffed full of mail and the thief is believed to have entered through a sliding back door, which is often not locked.

○BBs fired from a BB gun shattered the window of a Subaru parked on Sunset Drive. It was the first of several similar incidents.

○An Arlington Ave. resident became involved in a verbal dispute with the driver of an SBC truck. He refused to move the vehicle, which was blocking the man's driveway. The man called police, but the driver left before they arrived.

○A 17-year-old female called police after a strange man rang the doorbell to her Ardmore Rd. home. She didn't answer the door because she was alone, but the man went around to the back of the house and broke a basement window. It is believed that when he heard her on the phone he realized someone was at home and fled the scene.

○A Wellesley Ave. man called police to report his wife was missing after she left following a dispute. The wife returned home an hour later.

○Police arrested a 39-year-old Berkeley man on Kenyon Ave. for auto theft, possession of a controlled substance and for an outstanding warrant.

○Roommates on Colusa Ave. were involved in an argument when a conservator for their landlord served them with an eviction notice.

○A woman on Kingston Rd. called police to report a neighbor's sprinkler system that had been on for 12 hours was flooding her back yard. Police found no one home at the house with the sprinkler system and shut the water off.

○Police responded to a report of two residents of Colusa Ave. involved in a verbal argument. Two days before they had been served with an eviction notice from their landlord.

○Police responded to a complaint of two males involved in a verbal argument on Colusa Ave. five days after they had received an eviction notice from their landlord.

○A sex offender re-registered with police as he is required to do annually.

○A Kingston Rd. man who started his car and went into his home momentarily returned to find a man trying to enter the vehicle. He yelled at the man, who fled with an accomplice in another vehicle.

○A Highland Blvd. resident who reported the theft of his 1988 Taurus discovered police towed the vehicle because its registration had expired.

○A woman who was in her backyard with her infant called to report young boys throwing apples from a neighboring yard into hers. The boys' mother had stopped the boys and they apologized to the neighbor.

○A cement truck turning into the Hilltop Elementary School hit a fire hydrant on Arlmont Dr. sending water rushing into the street and causing damage to a nearby lawn and garage door.

○An Arlington Ave. resident found a note on her car from a neighbor telling her not to park her car in front the neighbor's home. Police said people have no claim to parking spaces outside their home in public streets.

○Police responded to a disturbance caused by a former resident of Colusa Ave when he tried to gain entry into the home from which he was evicted. The man was gone when police arrived.

○An Arlington Ave. resident upset about a neighbor parking her car in front of her home called police asking that the vehicle be impounded. It was not.

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