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## KCC gears up for Flush Fund drive

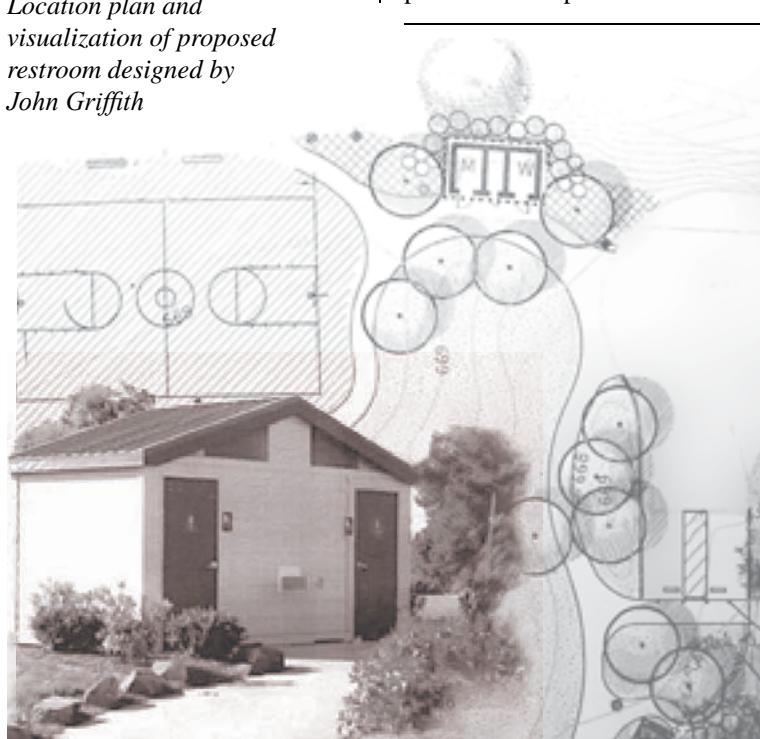
Donations to park restroom matched by KCC

Kensington Community Council has established a Flush Fund to help raise money for a self-locking, public bathroom in Kensington Park. KCC has put forward \$15,000 as a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to help the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District raise the necessary funds to build the community bathroom. The newly completed Kensington Park is looking better than ever, and many families are taking advantage of the renovated tennis and basketball courts, the new playground, and the picnic area. However, on the weekends, with no other buildings in the area open, there is one vital building needed to complete the picture—a restroom!

The Flush Fund is off to a great start with very generous donations from Joan Gallegos and other members of the community. KCC is now asking others in the community to step up and contribute to make this much needed resource possible.

Please send or deliver checks to KCC, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707. Checks should be made out to "KCC" with a note that the contribution is to go to the Flush Fund.

*Location plan and visualization of proposed restroom designed by John Griffith*



*Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor and Sergeant Hussain Khan speaking with Grizzly Peak Neighborhood Watch block party*

## Kensington National Night Out a success

Multiple parties bring neighbors together to support crime prevention and welcome new interim police chief and police and fire departments

National Night Out is designed to address crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, foster police-community partnerships, and send the message to criminals that neighborhoods are on watch for suspicious or illegal activity. Last year, more than 34 million people participated in National Night Out events. This year's event, on August 1, was reportedly even more successful.

In Kensington, 13 different parties took place. Festivities

ranged from potluck diners in peoples' homes to barbecues and full street parties. The new Interim Police Chief, Brown Taylor, donned his uniform and visited many of the gatherings, where he and other officers were warmly received at each stop and offered a variety of delicious food. Many participants said how pleased they were to meet Chief Taylor and the rest of the department in an informal setting.

At some events the Chief was asked to give a speech to all present, and he informed them of the very high morale in the police department, the efficient procedures he found on his arrival, and the ongoing investigation being conducted by a person he has hired to audit the department. Recommended by KPPCSD's attorney, Kurt Franklin at Hanson Bridgett, she has experience in such matters and has had no connection with the police department and its personnel.

Nearly the whole police department turned out to tour the different events, and they were accompanied to some parties by the fire department, who gave out hats, pencils, and flashlights to the kids and showed them the inside of the fire truck and its equipment.

It is estimated that well over 300 Kensington residents attended National Night Out. The event was organized by Sergeant Angela Escobar and Officer Ricky Martinez, with the aid of local Neighborhood Watch groups and disaster preparedness block captains. If you were unable to attend one of these get-togethers and would like to receive the various information sheets that were available, please call Officer Martinez, and he will arrange for a police officer to come and tell you about crime prevention, home safety, and other local initiatives.

## Interim Chief Taylor

Brown Taylor sworn in as new Interim Police Chief and General Manager

On July 20 the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District swore in Brown Taylor as Interim Police Chief and General Manager. Taylor is the former Chief of Police for Mountain View and Los Altos. He was previously an interim chief in Millbrae and Atherton, an interim director of public safety in Sunnyvale, and an interim director of emergency communication in Monterey. Taylor holds a BSc in Administration of Justice. He will remain in the temporary position until a permanent chief has been recruited. Taylor has been hired as an independent contractor, not as a full-time employee.

He is tasked with auditing the police department and the district's affairs, finding a permanent chief of police, and running the department and being general manager of the Kensington Services District.

Sgt. Hussain Khan, describing Taylor as a "sharp shooter and the right person for the job at hand," said he has every confidence in his abilities, knowledge, understanding, and professionalism.

The KPPCSD board officially commended Sergeant Rickey Hull for his exemplary performance as Acting General Manager and Police Chief prior to Taylor's arrival. Sgt. Hull was thrust, without prior notice, into running the department and helping to finalize the annual budget.

## KPPCSD news

Five vie for three positions; board accommodates large audiences

The two-year terms of three of the five directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District are up at the end of this year. Two directors, Pat McLaughlin and Bruce Morrow, are running for reelection. Cindy Kimball, Danny Scher, and Bill Wright are also running for the board. Ciara Wood has decided not to seek another term.

In other KPPCSD news, in order to accommodate the larger audiences that have been attending meetings, the directors have changed the day for their meeting so they can use the large room in the Community Center, which previously had been unavailable on their regular meeting day. Microphones and loudspeakers will be available.

The board of directors in conjunction with the interim chief have started the procedures for the search for a permanent replacement for chief of police; additionally they are starting to look at the Policies and Procedures Manual with discussions to bring this document into line with new legislation.



*Brown Taylor taking the oath of office for Interim Chief and General Manager*

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## LETTERS

### KPPCSD and the Police Department

**Editor**—Mending Kensington's ailing Police Department will be neither cheap nor quick. Budgeted estimates for attorney fees, investigations, and the Interim Chief's consulting fees already exceed \$200,000.

That's the bad news. The good news is that an internal investigation and an operational audit are underway. Additionally, the KPPCSD board is taking welcome steps to prevent costly mismanagement fiascoes in the future.

At the KPPCSD meeting on August 16, Board President Paul Haxo essentially agreed to chair an ad hoc committee that will include citizen volunteers. This committee will be tasked with revising the District's Policy & Procedures Manual.

The five-member board of directors is responsible for ensuring that Kensington's police department is well managed and provides our community with high-quality police protection and other services. In carrying out its responsibilities, the KPPCSD board relies on a manual that outlines responsibilities, policies, and procedures. A thoughtfully updated version of that manual promises to provide more effective guidelines for establishing goals and measuring the Police Chief/General Manager's performance.

Kensington's citizens have much to offer this project, including professional expertise in human resources administration, financial management, and general management. Kensington has a long and proud history of volunteer participation, and we are pleased to see the Board now taking advantage of this valuable resource.

Kathy Stein and John Stein

**Editor**—As a Kensington resident and taxpayer I would like to express my gratitude to the Kensington Police Department (KPD) Interim Chief, Brown Taylor, and all of our KPD officers working overtime and double shifts to ensure our public safety. I'd especially like to recognize Sergeant Escobar and her essential and uncompromising recruiting efforts and Officer Martinez for his exceptional community outreach with National Night Out and our KPD Web site. ([www.kensingtonpolicecsd.org](http://www.kensingtonpolicecsd.org))

I'd also like to put a challenge out to our amazing community. Walking out on our police officers and our district, Barry Garfield left us with a very costly mess. We are currently experiencing several investigations, including an audit of the KPD and the District by Interim Chief Taylor. Please contact the KPD and share your experiences (positive and negative) with our Interim Chief. You can call 526-4141 or email Brown Taylor at [KPDChef@aol.com](mailto:KPDChef@aol.com). As the investigations move forward, your input is valuable and important.

C. Kimball

### Pets of the month



Sarafina and Zazu are dwarf-sized lionhead bunnies. They are only 14 weeks old, but Zazu is already the big sister (outgoing and independent), and Sara is the smallest in the family (timid and a little fearful). Lionheads are rarely abandoned and are valued for their feisty and fun-loving nature. Visit them at RabbitEars, open 7 days a week, 303 Arlington Ave., 525-6155.

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**Editor**—The current Kensington Police Protection Community Services District (KPPCSD) board members do not reach out to the public with open arms. Rather than seeking citizens' input, it seems that they would rather conduct the community's business as if the board were a private club. Just attend the next board meeting, currently scheduled for September 21, 2006, and see for yourself.

Three board positions are coming up for election in November. We now have a candidate who promises to encourage public awareness and actively seek participation from residents.

I whole-heartedly support the candidacy of Cindy Kimball for the KPPCSD board of directors. It is time for a change!

Valerie Paola

## OBITUARIES

### Jack Weigel

John Edward "Jack" Weigel died on August 4, 2006, in Oakland. He was born July 30, 1916, in Eveleth, MN. He earned a BS in mechanical engineering from the University of Washington and served in the U.S. Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. He worked for Shell Development, BART, and the San Francisco Municipal Railway. In his free time Jack enjoyed woodworking, downhill skiing, traveling, attending musical and theatrical performances, and crossword puzzles. A 56-year Kensington resident, Jack was active with the Friends of the Kensington Library. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marianne, and daughters Alice and Frances. No services will be held.

### Julian White

Julian White died of heart failure on June 23, 2006, at his home in Kensington. He was 76. He was a mentor, teacher, and friend to many musicians around the world. In life and work, he reflected the fullness and apparent contradictions of the human situation. He leaves behind many students, friends, and colleagues who cherish the memory of this artist and man. White wrote, "The composer stays home and writes his music, and the music is like his diary. The heart tries to pour out a lot of its feelings."



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## Neighborhood Notes

### KMAC revises noticing procedure

### Kensington Police Dept. Web site

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council (KMAC) recently revised its noticing procedures. Now KMAC hearings on development plans must be noticed to nearby neighbors at least 34 days in advance. This will allow neighbors a longer period to assess a development's potential impacts on their properties. Call KMAC at 273-9926 if you have any questions.

### New food co-op coming

A group of local East Bay residents is launching a food cooperative, the Cooperative Grocery (CoG), in early 2007. Their mission is to serve residents of the Bay Area by offering reasonably priced food and products that are sustainably sourced, while retaining quality and affordability. The average grocery often marks up organic items as much as 100% above wholesale and spends about 70% of revenue on labor. The CoG plans to sell the same brands at a much-reduced markup. Members will be required to work approximately 2½ hours a month with a one-time \$25 fee. For more information, call 684-8041.

### Green Mower

The Contra Costa County Community Development is offering Contra Costa residents a discount of \$70 when they purchase a Craftsman electric mulching mower. These will emit no harmful pollution, are very quiet, and do not generate grass clippings, as all cut grass is returned to the lawn as mulch. Using this discount, the mower will cost \$199; they are available from certain Osh stores until the end of October. For more information and the mail-in rebate, call 925-906-1806 or visit [www.wastediversion.org](http://www.wastediversion.org).

The Police Department has a new informative Web site, [www.kensingtonpolicecsd.org](http://www.kensingtonpolicecsd.org) where you can contact individual police officers and Helen Horowitz, who handles among other things the park and renting the Community Center. Other services include KPPCSD minutes, information on recycling, hazardous waste, robbery and burglary prevention, Neighborhood Watch, registering an emergency contact, and setting up vacation checks. Additionally, there are a variety of photographs of police events and soon a daily log of local crimes.

### Kensington Library

The Kensington Library is presenting three programs on health this fall, plus a documentary by a local filmmaker. The series begins on Monday, September 11, with Catherine Kessler, registered dietitian, who will give nutritional recommendations for optimal health. On Monday, October 9, Beverley Tracewell, Director of Programming for the Foundation for Osteoporosis Research and Education, will discuss risk, detection, prevention, and treatment of this common disease. Monday, November 13, will feature a cardiologist from Kaiser on the risks, diet, and therapy pertaining to heart disease. These free programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. On Monday, October 16, Ann Marks will give a sneak preview of her film on the benefits of a gluten-free diet *The Shocking Truth About Gluten: Why Bread Eaters Get Sick*, featuring Dr. Rodney Ford, a pediatric gastroenterologist. All programs begin at 7 p.m. The Kensington Library is located at 61 Arlington Ave. For information, call 524-3043.



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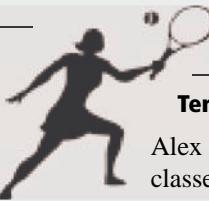
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Registration will take place with KASEP on Tuesday, September 12, starting at 7 p.m., and classes will begin on Tuesday, September 26. Call Judy Baker at 233-1833 for more information.

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Advanced Beginners, Grades 1–3:

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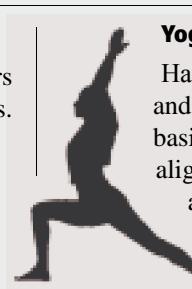
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**Sessions:** Registration for the fall session of KASEP will be Tuesday, September 12, starting at 7 p.m. Fall classes will begin on Tuesday, September 26.

**KCC KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL** Esther Hill, Administrator, 525-0292 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Monday–Friday.

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## Kensington After School Enrichment Program

The Kensington After School Enrichment Program (KASEP) offers a large variety of classes to students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Registration for the fall 2006 session of KASEP will be held at the Kensington Community Center on Tuesday, September 12, starting at 7 p.m. The fall session begins Monday, September 25, and runs through Friday, December 22, the last day of school before winter break. Winter session begins when the students return to school on Monday, January 8.

Classes for kindergarten students are held in the morning before school begins for those enrolled in the afternoon kindergarten class and are held immediately after school for those students enrolled in morning kindergarten classes at Hilltop.

KASEP teachers walk kindergarten students to and from Hilltop School.

### How do I enroll?

A brochure with class information will be sent home from school during the second week in September. Please fill out the lottery slip in the packet and turn it in to the KCC office (59 Arlington Avenue) by 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12. A lottery drawing mid-day will determine the order of registration. By 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, all the names in their order for registration will be posted at the community center and recreation building. Registration for classes begins at 7 p.m. that evening in the community center.

### What types of classes are offered?

KASEP offers athletic and movement classes (tennis, sports and games, karate,

dance, and basketball), art and craft classes (sewing, pottery, carpentry, drawing/painting), music classes (keyboard and recorder), and other enrichment classes (creative writing, cooking, book club, and girls' "serendipity").

### Where are classes held?

KASEP classes are held in the Kensington recreation building, community center, and park, all just west and downhill from Kensington Hilltop School. KASEP teachers walk kindergarten students to and from Hilltop School. Students in first through sixth grade walk down from the school to their classes at KASEP.

### How do I find out more?

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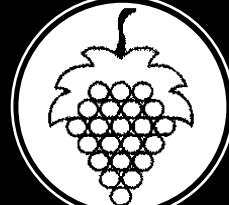
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**Sunday, September 3**

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**Farmers' Market,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Ace parking lot. [kensingtonfm@yahoo.com](mailto:kensingtonfm@yahoo.com).

**Labor Day Celebration** with Northminster Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 546-9146.

**Wednesday, September 6**

**Open House: Kensington Physical Therapy,** 12-8 p.m. 303 Arlington Ave., Suite A, 527-7737.

**Sunday, September 10**

**Farmers' Market**, see Sunday, Sept. 3.

**Solano Avenue Stroll & Parade.** Booths open at 10 a.m. parade at 11 a.m. Solano Avenue in Berkeley. 527-5358.

**Workers at Ground Zero—A Glimpse Behind the Scenes.** Black-and-white photos by Bonnie Woods. Free. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A conversation with the artist at 1 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

**Discussion: What to Do When God Is Wrong.** 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 546-9146.

**Peace Singers rehearsals** All children 7 and up. 11:15 a.m. Free. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Monday, September 11**

**An interfaith candlelight vigil for 9/11** 6-8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd. 525-0302.

**Catherine Kessler**, registered dietitian, will give nutritional recommendations for optimal health. 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of Kensington Library. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Kensington Community Council meeting.** 7 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292.

**Bell Choir rehearsals.** 7:45 p.m. Free. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Tuesday, September 12**

**Castoffs Knitting Club.** Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

**KASEP enrollment.** 7 p.m. KCC, 59 Arlington Ave. 525-0292.

**Elderhostel:** Adventures in Lifelong Learning. Margaret Hankle, Elderhostel Ambassador, presents a video explaining the programs. Unique vacation adventures in more than 90 countries for adults 55 and over. 7 p.m. Free. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., 526-7512.

**Wednesday, September 13**

**Kensington Fire Protection District** meeting 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 527-8395.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** 7:30 p.m. Free. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Thursday, September 14**

**El Cerrito Garden Club** monthly meeting, discusses "How Does Your Garden Grow?" with information exchange. El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. 9:30 a.m. \$3 at the door. Refreshments served. 526-6827

**Friday, September 15**

**Art exhibit** by Lorraine Bruce sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Till October 31. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

**Saturday, September 16**

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# CALENDAR

**Bill McKinney**, President of Pacific School of Religion, is guest speaker on contemporary Christian education. 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 546-9146.

**Peace Singers rehearsals** see September 10.

**Peace Child Music Camp** performance with 24 children. 3 p.m. Free. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Monday, September 18**

**Bell Choir rehearsals** see September 11.

**Tuesday, September 19**

**Arlington Children's Choir rehearsals** 4 p.m. For children aged 8-14, 5:45 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 843-7745.

**Wednesday, September 20**

**Bell Ringers rehearsals** children 8 and above. 2:30 p.m. Free. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 843-7745.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** see September 13.

**Thursday September 21**

**Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District** meeting. 7:30 p.m. Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. 526-4141

**Sunday, September 24**

**Hike Lafayette Ridge**. 8:30 a.m. Berkeley Hiking Club. 925-283-2266.

**Farmers' Market**, see September 3.

**Michael Mansfield** presents "Welcoming Children into our Lives." 10 a.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 546-9146.



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**Monday, September 25**  
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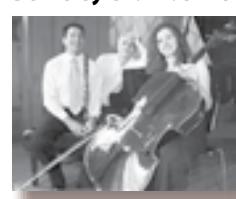
**Kensington Library Book Club** discusses Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain. 7 p.m. The Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 524-3043.

**Bell Choir rehearsals** see September 11.

**Tuesday, September 26**

**El Cerrito Democratic Club** meeting, 7:30 p.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. El Cerrito. 526 4874.

**Berkeley Chamber Performances.**



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**Wednesday, September 27**

**Kensington Area Republican Women's Club** meeting. 12 noon. Mira Vista Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd. El Cerrito, 524-5689 for reservations.

**Bell Ringers rehearsals** see September 20.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** see September 13.

**Thursday, September 28**

**SAT strategy** session with instructor from the Princeton Review: an overview of the SAT plus test-taking strategies and opportunity to go through sample problems. Advance registration required 526-7512. Free. 6:30 p.m. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave. 526-7512.

**Friday, September 29**

**Mini Concert Series:** Broceliande—Celtic, Medieval, and Renaissance Music. 8 p.m. \$36 for four-concert series through Dec 8. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. 526-9146.

**Saturday, September 30**

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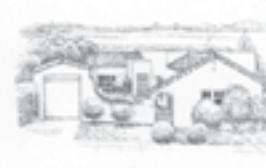
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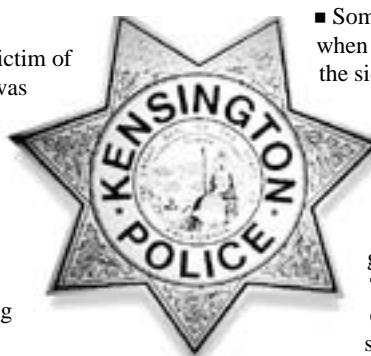
  
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## From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the many reports in 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 woman reported being a victim of a hit and run cyclist while she was making an illegal U-turn.
- Someone reported suspicious people on his property; they later were discovered to be building contractors he had hired.
- A resident on York Ave. being followed home by a man in a Cadillac phoned police, who told her to drive to the police station. Instead she drove home. The car sped off when she tried to make a note of the license plate.
- An illegal homemade gun silencer was handed into the police station.
- A resident of Kensington Rd. took a Glock handgun to investigate three people who entered his house. It turned out they had come to intimidate the homeowner concerning a real estate deal. The police defused the situation, and no one was hurt.
- A woman was observed crawling up a hillside on Highgate Court. She was looking for her father who lived nearby. The woman was escorted to a local psychiatric ward.
- A police officer observed rubber balls hitting the ground like small mortar shells, near Windsor Ave. The source of the bombardment was youths shooting from their back deck with a homemade air canon. Police ended the salvo.
- Police were asked to check on a resident on Arlington Ave. The resident had died six months previously. The new owners of the house were surprised by the police visit.
- An 18-wheeler attempting to navigate down Beloit and Perdue (what was the driver thinking?) broke branches of a tree, which fell onto power lines.
- Police and firefighters were called to a smoking TV on Arlmont Rd. The fire department moved the TV to the back garden.
- A suspicious man wearing an orange vest and a hard hat knocked on a door on Highland Blvd. and asked the owner to flush some tablets down the toilet. The homeowner complied, then called the police. The man was never located.
- A vacationing resident on Kenyon Ave. lent their car to a friend but failed to tell the house sitter, who reported it stolen.
- Someone on Norwood Ct. reported \$10,000 in coins stolen from their room in their parent's house. The coins were due to be deposited in a bank deposit.
- Many construction tools were stolen: \$4,000 worth from a work site on Sunset Dr., \$90 worth from a Mazda on Ardmore Rd., \$3,485 worth from a home under construction on Stratford Rd., \$900 worth from a building site on Coventry Rd., and \$80 worth from an unlocked Subaru on Kensington Ct.
- Someone reported a man dumpster-diving on Arlington Ave.
- A thief made off with a bike, a camping chair, and a TV from an open garage on Trinity Ave.
- An unlocked bike worth \$150 was stolen from in front of a house on Santa Fe Ave. A \$2,400 mountain bike was taken from an open garage on Yale Ave.
- A realtor showing a house in Martinez was scared by her client's advances. She reported the matter to the police two days later, yet continued to show the man property.
- A woman was locked out of her house with food cooking on the stove when she walked out and the door locked behind her. Police found an open window, and the supper was saved.



- Someone summoned the police when they saw a tractor breaking the sidewalk outside their home. It was a maintenance crew replacing cracked sidewalks.
- A Kaiser doctor tried to call a patient who had been given the wrong medicine. The search for the patient continued for three days, when she was located on vacation in Oklahoma and advised to go immediately to a hospital.
- A group of unlicensed solicitors were escorted out of the area in their van, which had a New York registration.
- A transient campground was reported in the woods surrounding Summit Reservoir. After a long hike and careful investigation, it was found to be built and occupied by local teenagers as a place to hang out. They were informed of private property and trespass laws.
- While working in his yard, with all the home doors open, a St. Albans Rd. resident was burgled of a TV and jewelry. He was unaware of the burglary until his wife returned home to a ransacked house.
- Residents and their gardener have been in an ongoing dispute involving bills, threats, and arguments on Amherst Ave. Police have warned the participants in this urban squabble to take their claims to court, rather than dealing with them in physical confrontation. A somewhat similar altercation occurred with a gardener and residents on Coventry Rd.
- Teenagers were seen leaving playing cards depicting naked men in mailboxes on Arlington Ave. They told police they bought them in Berkeley. Police confiscated the remaining cards and destroyed them.
- A gardener called police after construction workers placed a one-inch orange marker dot on her fence.
- Chocolate brownie cake mix was spread on the hoods of a Mercedes and a Honda on Beloit Ave.
- Bees swarming in a garage on Ocean View Ave. were removed by a local bee expert.
- An unlicensed driver was identified on Colusa Ave. She became a pedestrian when her car was impounded.
- A man complained to police about inappropriate spam emails being sent to his daughter.
- A resident complained about suspicious calls from someone trying to sell retirement plans.
- Voice mail messages were left by a drunk on an answering machine on Garden Drive.
- A Highland Blvd. resident complained to the police three times about a fire pit in a neighbor's garden. The fire department was called, who declared the fire completely safe, yet the neighbor continued to complain and called the fire department to put out the fire. Apparently the resident has an ongoing situation with the neighbor.
- A person was observed sleeping on a bench on Arlington Ave. at a bus stop. He was sleeping off a night of intoxication. The police assisted him onto the next bus.
- A drunk driver rear-ended an attorney sitting in her parked car. She screamed continuously but was declared uninjured in the hospital report.
- CD players and stereos were stolen: a \$300 Sony CD player from a Mercedes on Berkeley Park Blvd., a \$200 CD player from an Accord on Arlington Ave., \$200 stereos from a Camry on Coventry Rd. and from a VW on Yale Ave.
- A motorcycle was vandalized on Franciscan Way, in what appears to have been an incompetent attempt to steal it.

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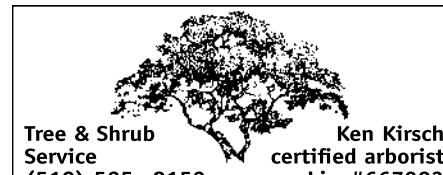
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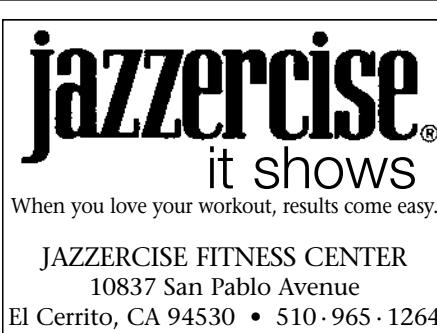
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