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KPOA Announces Annual Meeting

Public Works Matters and Zoning Ordinance on Agenda

Gail Feldman, president of the Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA) has announced that the group will hold its annual meeting on Thursday evening, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. The meeting is open to members and non-members.

The agenda includes a Q and A with the Deputy Director of Contra Costa County Public Works on roads, sidewalks, traffic studies, street lights, and storm drains. Don Dommer, president of the Kensington Fire Board and a director of the Kensington Police and Community Services Board have been invited to represent their groups. An update on the status of the proposed Zoning Ordinance will be given followed by an open forum and community discussion with members of the Steering Committee, Kate Rauch, aide

to Supervisor John Gioia, county planning staff, and Jim Carmen, chairperson of KMAC.

KPOA's annual membership drive is underway and KPOA directors encourage members to become active on the board. Members are asked to participate in discussions and analysis of issues relating to Kensington.

For more information, call Feldman at 559-8232.

Zoning Ordinance Update

Kate Rauch, District Coordinator for Supervisor John Gioia, said "The proposed Kensington planning ordinance is still being revised, based on community input. These revisions include a thorough review by county counsel and planners." According to Rauch, the household survey on the proposal, to get feed back from all homeowners, has been delayed. Anyone with questions is welcome to call Supervisor Gioia's office at 374-3231.

KPPCSD Reaffirms District Policy and Oath of Office

At the April 10 meeting of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District (KPPCSD), the Board of Directors voted to approve Resolution 03-04 regarding the oath of office taken by the Board Members and the General Manager/Chief of Police and the reaffirmation of district policy.

A member of the audience, Christopher Allen, stated that he agreed in general with the principals behind the resolution, but that he had some broader concerns. He said he thought the agenda item was unclear and that a lot of people did not know what was behind it.

President Pat McLaughlin responded that the item was on the agenda and discussed at meetings for the last two months, including at a special session. "All board members take an oath to uphold

the constitution and to support everybody in their efforts to do that," she said.

Allen said, "I don't mind the pragmatic approach. There is still a symbol missing." He had hoped to see stronger language stating that the community will support police officers' decisions in the future if they incur problems insuring residents' constitutional rights. McLaughlin assured him that the resolution does give the officers such support.

Chief Barry Garfield said, "Every sworn employee has taken the same oath. What this resolution is saying is that the police department already operates in this way."

Garfield continued, "Within the police department, there is a strong feeling that the community is very supportive." The item passed unanimously.

Join the Relay for Life

The Kensington Fire Protection District is coordinating a Kensington team for the American Cancer Society's 24-hour Relay for Life event. This will be the second year in a row that a team will participate representing the Kensington community. The fundraising event takes place on May 17 and 18 at the El Cerrito High School track. If you are interested in walking or running in the Relay, or if you can help sponsor the Kensington team (any amount is welcome), please contact Brenda Navellier at the KFPD office, 527-8395, or drop off a donation for the American Cancer Society at 217 Arlington Avenue (KFPD Public Safety Building).

At the April 9 meeting of the Kensington Fire Protection District Board of Directors, members voted to approve the purchase of a new Smokey Bear costume as part of the public education program. Pictured next are Kevin Janes, firefighter and paramedic, and David Garrett, an El Cerrito firefighter visiting from Station 71, getting a first look at the new costume.



Correction
Officer Shelly Crain of the Kensington Fire Department, was named KPD's Officer of the Year. The officer pictured in the April 2003 issue of the *Outlook* is Officer Angela Escobar.

Auto Thefts On the Rise

On April 17, Kensington Police Chief Barry Garfield initiated the Teleminder system to inform the Kensington community about a series of crimes within the district. Residents are asked to call the Kensington Police Department's 24-hour dispatch number at 233-1214 (Richmond Dispatch) if they observe any of the following, especially in the late night or early morning hours: suspicious vehicles and/or people loitering in the neighborhood, looking into parked cars, or attempting to open car doors. They should notify police if they hear any sounds of breaking glass or car alarms that activate and do not reset.

Sergeant Khan of the KPD said there are many ways to deter auto thieves. He recommends that residents park in their garages and/or set the car alarm. If that is not possible, he suggests parking in a well-lit place with no valuables in site. And always lock car doors. "If they see something inside, they'll break a window to get at it," he said. "If they see the car is alarmed, they'll pass it by."

He went on to recommend that residents keep a record of serial numbers or inscribe their drivers license number on their valuables. This way, if police find stolen items, they can be traced to the owner and returned. Kensington takes part in the Operation I.D. program. Any resident can borrow the department's engraving tool at no charge to mark their personal items.

If you witness any type of crime in progress, call 911 immediately. Remember, if you call 911 from a cell phone, your call will be routed to the California Highway Patrol. Be sure to ask for Richmond Dispatch immediately for a prompt response.

Outlook On Line

Beginning with the February 2003 issue, the Kensington *Outlook* is available online at www.kensingtonoutlook.com. In order to read the electronic version, you will need Acrobat Reader software. Each online issue exceeds 2 megabytes in size. If you are using a standard modem to connect to the Internet, it may take several minutes to download these documents. The *Outlook* would like to thank Aaron Gobler of PagePoint Design and AboutKensington.com for his assistance in making this possible.



KCC FUND DRIVE

KCC and the *Outlook* would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Annual Fund Drive to date. Every donation is important. June 30 is the end of the 2003 KCC fiscal year, and the fund drive is \$1,350 below the \$10,000 that was budgeted to help pay for the *Outlook*, Kensington Park and Community Center maintenance, after school programs, adult education classes, summer day camp and the annual Parade and Open House.

Many thanks to the following donors who recently have sent in their gifts: Ronald and Mildred Chun, Maurice and Roberta Schlatter, Ronald and Adelaide Tolberg, and Berton and Patricia Wilson.

Please take a moment to make your tax-deductible donation payable to: KCC Annual Fund Drive, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.

Kensington Hilltop Class of 1997 Reunion

The reunion of Kensington Hilltop School class of 1997 is scheduled for Saturday May 10, at 2 p.m., at the Kensington Park Recreation Center Building E.

Kensington photographer Cliff Taylor will be ready to take a group photograph of all students at 2:30 p.m. The photograph, which will be published in the July/August *Outlook*, will be taken promptly at 2:45 p.m. If you want to be in the photo, arrive on time. All Kensington students who want to be in the group photo are welcome, whether they attended Kensington Hilltop School or not. Pizza, games, and getting reacquainted will follow. The photograph will be available for purchase at a cost of \$5. For further information or how you can help, contact Marcia Osborn at 524-1114, or Laurie Kemp at 525-5201.



Kensington Community Center
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PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kensington Community Council
Monday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 525-0292 to confirm.)

Kensington Fire Protection District
Wednesday, May 14, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 527-8395 to confirm.)

Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District
Thursday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 526-4141 to confirm.)

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council
Tuesday, May 27, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 526-5546 to confirm.)

Kensington Property Owners' Association
Thursday, May 29, 7 p.m.

Friends of the Kensington Library
Library, 61 Arlington Ave.
Tuesday, May 6, 7 p.m.
(Call 524-3043 to confirm.)

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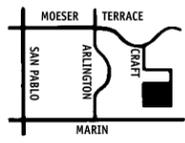
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Basketball in the Park

Dear Editor,

I would like to talk about the poor condition of the basketball courts in Kensington Park. My friends and I occasionally want to shoot some hoops at the park, but sometimes cannot because of all the loose gravel and that the fact that there is only one court to play on. Would it be possible to fix up the courts, so kids like me could have a better place to play? I've seen what has been done with the picnic area of the park and new play structure and that is good for the younger kids, but was wondering if something could be done for the older kids in Kensington.

Steve Erdmann, Age 12
Arlington Court

More Zoning Discussion

Dear Editor

I am a Kensington resident and a professional planner for another East Bay city. I spend most of my days evaluating projects for their impacts on neighboring properties in terms of neighbors' views, access to sunlight and the privacy inside of their homes. By approaching their development proposals with these clear qualitative criteria in mind, applicants are able to submit projects which they and their neighbors can all embrace. I was delighted when Supervisor Gioia began to look at creating a similar "good neighbor" Zoning overlay which will finally protect Kensington homeowners' views, sunlight, and privacy. I can see nothing but good coming from this Zoning overlay, and applaud Supervisor Gioia's prolonged

dedication to this project. I have read editorials from residents who worry that the proposed ordinance will make a grueling development review process even worse, and I am happy to be in a position to allay these concerns: When it is known that projects are reviewed with a regard for specific qualitative impacts on neighbors, homeowners approach their projects with sensitivity to those neighbor impacts. They come up with creative design solutions which meet their needs without provoking absolute dread in their neighbors. In almost all cases, this sensitivity to neighbor concerns will avoid appeals and thereby significantly shorten the process for both applicants and neighbors. In other words, clear qualitative Zoning standards work for both applicants and neighbors. In addition, they allow professional planners, architects and designers to understand and work with very clear instructions on what impacts they must consider in designing and evaluating a project, and these impacts are those which Kensington homeowners have explicitly chosen —through several town meetings, surveys and working groups—as being important to our community. I urge all Kensington residents to carefully review and support this "good neighbor" overlay when it is put forth for our consideration by Supervisor Gioia's office. It will protect our homes while still allowing for the sane development of our beautiful community.

Lucy Armentrout-Ma
Yale Avenue

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**Unitarians
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May Events**

Fiesta Musicale

Fiesta Musicale, a festival of music and fine food, will be held on Friday, May 9, and Saturday May 10, starting at 6 p.m. at UUCB. Operatic favorites, Broadway show tunes, instrumental pieces and choral works will be performed while guests enjoy dinner. Families are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available on Friday. A no-host bar starts at 6 p.m. each evening; dinner and the music start at 7 p.m. Suggested donation is \$35 for adults; \$25 for seniors and students. For reservations, call the church at 525-0302.

May Worship Services

On May 4, the Revs. Barbara and Bill Hamilton-Holway will present "I Have Had Singing: Music Celebration Sunday" Their topic on May 11 will be "Boundless Heart: Mother's Day Celebration." There will be a special Soulful Sundown Service at 5 p.m. On May 18 the Coming of Age Youth will present "The End of All Our Exploring: Coming of Age Celebration" followed by the congregational meeting. A special Memorial Day service will be held on May 25. This service will be led by Nancy Shaffer, a poet, preacher, and author.

Personal Theology Seminars

On May 4 Dody Donnelly, professor at the Fromm Institute and Holy Names College, will address the first of "Three Modern Mystics," Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk. He will return on May 11 to discuss modern mystic Sophia Burnham, an award-winning author. On May 18 Lajos Lorinczi, visiting Balazs scholar from Transylvania, will lead a discussion of "Transylvanian Roots: Then and Now." On May 25 the topic will be "Which presentations had meaning for you?"

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IN MEMORIAM

Ted Streshinsky



March 27, 2003. Ted Streshinsky, a Kensington resident for close to 50 years, died at Kaiser Hospital in Richmond, of complications following lung surgery. He was 80 years old. Mr. Streshinsky was born in Harbin, China, in 1923 to Russian expatriate parents. During World War II, he attended school in Shanghai, one of only 100 non-Chinese students at St. John's University. He also worked as a part-time reporter for the English language *North China Daily News*. After the war, he traveled to the United States to finish his education at UC Berkeley. In 1947, he graduated with a B.A. in journalism, and then two years later, received a master's degree in political science. He was working toward a Ph.D in political science when he discovered that he could make a living at photography, a subject that until then had been just a beloved hobby.

Mr. Streshinsky was a photojournalist whose work appeared in *Time*, *Life*, *Look* and other major publications. As a freelancer, his subjects ranged from authors Aldous Huxley, Linus Pauling, and James Baldwin, to presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Nixon and Reagan to 60s icons Janis Joplin, the Black Panthers,

and Ken Kesey. The stamp recently issued by the U.S. Post Office honoring Cesar Chavez is based upon one of his photographs that appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post*. He documented the Free Speech Movement, Vietnam War protests and the People's Park riots in Berkeley. His assignments took him around the world, from documenting a two-week royal wedding in Tonga to attending a young girl's funeral in Samoa.

In 1989, when he was 65, Mr. Streshinsky founded a stock photo agency called Photo 20-20. In 2001, the agency, which helped distribute the work of more than 70 top photographers to magazines and advertising agencies throughout the world, merged with Lonely Planet Images, a division of travel guide publisher Lonely Planet. Among the seven books he illustrated are *California Wine*, *Rivers of the West*, *Beautiful California*, *Delano* and *The Last of the Mountain Men*.

In addition to Shirley, his wife of 36 years, he is survived by a daughter, Maria Streshinsky, of New York City; son David Streshinsky of Laguna Niguel; son Mark Streshinsky of El Cerrito; and two grandsons.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pacific Center for Photographic Arts, PO Box 8508, Emeryville, CA 94662-8508.

Joan Hexter Warshaw

March 22, 2003. Joan Hexter Warshaw passed away quietly in the presence of her daughter and caregiver at her Kensington home at the age of 78. A native of Dallas and a Kensington resident for 42 years, she was a graduate of the Hockaday School, Allegheny College, and the Coro Foundation Program for Women in San Francisco. Ms. Warshaw deeply enjoyed the wonderful friends who for many years shared with her a love of gardens, architecture, decorative and fine arts, and travels to England, France, Scandinavia, and Japan. She served as a Kensington PTA President, worked in the Volunteer Director's office of the Richmond School District, and was an Art docent at the Oakland Museum of California. She is survived by her daughter, Katherine; son David; daughter-in-law Carol; and grandsons Nicholas, Eli, and Cory Brandon Warshaw. The family wishes that gifts in lieu of flowers be sent to the charity of your choice.

Bernice Arnett Wilke

March 16, 2003. Bernice Arnett Wilke, 89, passed away at her home in El Cerrito from complications of Alzheimer's. Mrs. Wilke was the principal of Kensington Hilltop School from 1952 to 1960. According to her sister Mary Arnett, Kensington School held a special place in her memories. She often spoke of her years there and of the staff, the children, and the Kensington community. It was a special time and place to her. She was committed to a high standard of excellence for all students, and was credited for creating a special program for the gifted and talented during her tenure.

Mrs. Wilke was preceded in death by her parents John and Bessie Arnett of Visalia and brothers John Arnett of Eureka and Louis Arnett of Walnut Creek. She is survived by her husband, Charles R. Wilke of El Cerrito; her sister Mary Arnett of Kensington; and nephews Harley, Joseph, and Steven Arnett and their families.

ACC News

Young People's Chamber Orchestra

New Millennium Strings will team up with the Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO) at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 24 to present a concert for young and old. The performance will be at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Avenue and will feature an arrangement of Handel's "Entrance of the Queen of Sheba," followed by the first movement of Mozart's "Symphony No. 25." Rem Djemilev will conduct this part of the concert. Following an intermission, the New Millennium Strings will perform Bach's "Brandenburg Concerto No. 1" with Laurien Jones as violin soloist. The concert will conclude with Mozart's "Flute and Harp Concerto," with soloists Kara Koffron on flute, and Joffria Whitfield playing Harp. The YPCO, is celebrating 22 years of providing young people ages 8 to 14 with performance opportunities. New Mil-

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Dear Editor,

My husband and I have been involved with our neighbors in three different but troublesome situations in our neighborhood where developers and builders tried to take advantage of the vagueness of the zoning ordinances. In their quest to "improve" the property they "had" to block the light and views of the neighbors. Too bad for the neighbors. In the first incident another zoning ordinance was in force. It was even more vague than the current "improved" version. There was pretty much nothing the neighbors could do to save the quality of their living much less property values even though the matter was taken all the way to the supervisors. The damage was already done. The agencies had at the time and still have no will to enforce change or reversals once a structure is up. Most of the problem was that the ordinance was too open to interpretation. The next two incidents were under the current ordinance and still the process was long and arduous. A new ordinance is clearly needed.

We worked with Mr. Gioia to resolve the last two incidents. My personal experience is that John Gioia is smart and thoughtful. We have not always been so lucky to have such a conscientious supervisor. I find Mr. Gioia to be responsive and helpful to this community and I think he is sincerely trying to make a bad situation better. I think it is a good idea to share the ordinance with the community and I would hope that everyone would spare their opinions until they have read the new ordinance, decided for themselves on that basis and not be swayed by emotional and unsubstantiated claims. Builders need clear guidelines and neighbors of proposed new construction need clear guidelines, too. Contrary to the views

of some of the letters to you (the editor) this new ordinance will NOT prevent anyone from improving their home. It will only prevent builders from taking light and views away from anyone and will also help builders avoid long, drawn out and uncomfortably contentious hearings. All builders want to do is build. All we want to do is let them but also keep our light and views. It's only fair. But wouldn't it be great if we all had license to build our own version of Hearst Castle if we felt like it? Living in a close proximity community carries with it responsibility to our neighbors like it or not. I believe that this new ordinance goes a long way to helping us all live together in harmony.

Renée Benoit
 Ardmore Avenue

Dear Editor,

As a member of the zoning ordinance working group I have watched the development of the proposed law at close hand. Supervisor Gioia and the steering committee members are to be commended for their thoroughness and inclusivity. Approximately twenty individuals from a variety of backgrounds and interests (architects, real estate agents, KMAC, KIC, and KPOA members, county officials, and ordinary citizens) have participated in many meetings over two years to craft an ordinance that is significantly better than what we have now.

The new ordinance will:

1. Give neighbors 34 days notice of a home addition proposal (vs. 10 now);
2. Review all lots (only 70% or so now) for impacts upon neighbors;
3. Provide home addition applicants with specific guidelines regarding lot coverage and allowable living areas. These guidelines have been checked against those found in similar California hillside/view communities as well as

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Kensington Community Education

KCC SUMMER DAY CAMP 2003 STILL HAS OPENINGS

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children grades 1 through 6 in the Fall 2003. The camp runs from June 16 through August 22 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 60 children per week. We employ two directors, five counselors, two or more counselors-in-training, and a "specialty consultant" for each two-week specialty session to work with the campers. Drop-ins are not permitted.

Day Camp Staff Returns

Director Brian Barfield and Assistant Director Jessica Smith are returning for this year's camp along with head counselor Hayley Strandberg, Andrew Erdmann, Valerie Fike-Rosales, Teddy Firestone, Evan Horowitz, Joe Starkey, and DJ McIntyre. KCC is delighted that they have chosen to work again at its camp.

Fees

The cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$165 per week with the cost prorated for July 4th week to \$132. This fee covers all transportation costs, snacks, entrance fee, activities and a KCC Summer Camp T-shirt for field trips. Fees must be paid 10 days before each week begins. Children whose fees have not been paid may not attend until fees have been paid to the KCC administrator. Registration, waiver and emergency forms must be submitted prior to the start of each week. Forms must accompany the appropriate fees. A non-refundable deposit of \$25 per child per week requested is required with the application. The \$25 deposit is deducted from the balance due of camp. If a week is full and space is not available, applicants will be notified immediately. We cannot refund fees if a child drops out after a session begins.

Registration

Parents may register their children on a space available basis during KCC office hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

Brochures available

For more information or a brochure, call the KCC office at 525-0292.

Special Activities Schedule*:

Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 1.....June 16-June 20
Drama with Kelly Marley Donahue
Week 2.....June 23-June 27
Carpentry with Sandy Thacker
Week 3.....June 30-July 1, 2 & 3
(July 4th holiday)
Drama with Kelly Donahue
Week 4.....July 7-July 11
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 5.....July 14-July 18
Gymnastics with Judy Baker
Week 6.....July 21-July 25
Sports & Games with Tristan Stickel
Week 7.....July 28-August 1
Week 8.....August 4-August 8
Week 9.....August 11-August 15
Week 10.....August 18-August 22

*Tennis with Alex Brown, three days a week each session!

Field Trip Schedule*:

June 18 The Jungle
June 25 Oakland Zoo
July 2 Scandia
July 9 A's Game
July 16 Jelly Belly Factory
July 23 Bay Area Discovery Museum
July 30 Fortune Cookie Factory
August 6 Waterworld
August 13 ... San Francisco Zoo
August 20 ... Academy of Sciences
*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected reasons.

YOUTH CLASSES

GYMNASTICS

11:45 a.m.-1:05 p.m./A.M. Kindergartners
2:30 p.m.-3:20 p.m./Grades 1-3
2:50 p.m.-3:40 p.m./Grades 4-6

Students should wear loose clothing such as leotards, sweatpants, or shorts. Long hair must be tied in a ponytail. To enroll, call Judy Baker at 233-1833.

Instructors: **Judy Baker and Jean Jay**

Tuesdays, 11 weeks, March 25-June 10
Kindergartners:

\$135/resident; \$150/non-resident

Other students:

\$110/resident; \$125/non-resident

Administration fee: \$25

COMMUNITY CENTER

TENNIS

In this class for students in Grades 6,7, and 8, Alex Brown teaches the fundamentals of tennis, including strokes, tactics, and sportsmanship. Classes consist of instruction, drills, and play, and continue through the school year. Students must register by the month for one or two days a week.

Instructor: **Alex Brown (524-5495)**

Tuesdays and/or Thursdays

3:40-5:20 p.m.

Fees (payable monthly):

\$10 per class/resident

\$11 per class/non-resident

TENNIS COURTS

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Elma Conley,

On-Site Supervisor 525-0292,

during class hours

Sandy Thacker,

Curriculum Coordinator 482-1258

The Spring session will end on June 11.

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Stan Cohen leads this informal but professional workshop for established and serious beginning artists. Mornings are devoted to developing painting, with assistance available. Afternoons are reserved for class critique. Enrollment is limited.

Instructor approval required.

Instructor: **Stan Cohen**

Wednesdays, 9:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

\$32 per month

Non-residents add 10 percent

COMMUNITY CENTER

PORTRAIT AND STILL LIFE OIL PAINTING CLASS

Beginning and advanced students will paint from live models using the Reiley Method, a process of painting which is broken down into steps. Students will learn how to do a "wash-in" under-painting and how to mix the "controlled palette," starting with a gray scale from black to white, with all other colors mixed and arranged in corresponding value scale. Students will learn to see color and shape in terms of the value pattern of the subject. Materials and paint application techniques will be discussed. For more information, call Barbara Ward at 528-2983. To sign up, call the KCC office.

Instructor: **Barbara Ward**

Portrait: Thursdays, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Still Life: Sundays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

8 weeks: \$200 per resident

\$220 per non-resident

BUILDING E

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Non-impact aerobics; ongoing.

Instructor: **Michele Dorntge**

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Fees per resident (10 weeks):

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COMMUNITY CENTER

DOG OBEDIENCE TRAINING

Handlers must be at least 14 years of age. Dogs must be at least five months old, have had all their shots, and be accustomed to a leash.

Instructor: **Nancy Cuccia (233-4500)**

Wednesdays

Beginners: **7-8 p.m.**

Next session starts June 4

6 weeks: \$36 per resident

\$40 per non-resident

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\$4/class

COMMUNITY CENTER

TENNIS

Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro, offers classes to a minimum of four students.

To register, call Brown at 524-5495

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9-10 a.m.

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Session 5.....August 18-August 22

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There will be a minimum of four students in each session.

For information about rackets, call Alex Brown, 510-524-5495.

Registration is on a first come first served basis at the KCC Office, 59 Arlington Ave., Monday-Friday, 10a.m. to 4p.m. Emergency card, registration and waiver forms must be tendered prior to the beginning of each session.

For more information or an application packet, call the KCC office at 510-525-0292.

Instructor: **Alex Brown 510-524-5495**

Weekdays: 1-3p.m.

\$80/session residents

\$88/session non residents

TENNIS COURTS

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

Office closed: May 26

KCC OFFICE LOCATION

Building E is located across the grassy field from the Community Center Annex that houses The Neighborhood School.

NOTICES

To Register for Class

Call the office unless otherwise specified. Some classes have enrollment limits. Those registering will be notified if they cannot be enrolled.

Tennis Court Reservations

Reservations are taken for weekends and holidays only. The earliest reservation is for 9 a.m. Fees are \$2 per hour for Kensington residents, \$5 for others.

Community Center

Call Helen Horowitz for rental and reservation information.

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county assessor data for Kensington and found to be sensible and fair.

4. Direct home addition applicants to minimize impacts upon neighbor view, light, and privacy (no such language now);

5. Provide more incentive for applicants to communicate with neighbors and design compatible additions.

Come to the upcoming KPOA meeting on May 29 and learn for yourself how the new law will benefit you. Or, wait to receive information about the ordinance and an opinion survey via mail. After your own analysis, I am confident you will agree that the ordinance will allow for compatible home additions that will have less damaging impacts upon neighbor views, light, and privacy than is currently the case.

Andrew Reed
Coventry Road

Berkeley City Ballet Spring Concert

The Berkeley City Ballet (BCB) presents its 30th Annual Spring Concert. This year's performances will feature an original story ballet, "The Dancing Princesses," based on the Grimm fairytale. It tells a magical tale of several young princesses who refuse to give up their love for dance. BCB will also highlight advanced students in selected repertory.

Performances will be held in BCB's Studio Theater on May 10 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., May 11 at 1 p.m., May 17 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m., and May 18 at 1 p.m. The Studio Theater is located at 1800 Dwight Way, Berkeley.

Tickets are \$12-\$7. Call the office at 841-8913 for more information and to make reservations.

Contra Costa Chorale to Premiere Aria

The Contra Costa Chorale will debut "A Te, O Caro," an aria composed by Thaddeus Pinkston based on a text from Bellini's "I Puritani," at their spring concert series. The chorus' spring concert also includes three Brahms motets, plus Bach's baroque "Cantata #106," "Gottes Zeit," and eight lively Shakespeare Songs, by William Mathias. The concerts will take place on Saturday, May 31, 8 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe, in El Cerrito, and Sunday evening, 7 p.m., at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley.

Tickets are available at the door. Admission is \$12.50 for adults, seniors, students and disabled, \$10. Children under 16 are admitted free. For more information, call Marjory Simmons, 524-1861.

Retired Teachers to Meet

The California Retired Teachers Association, West Contra Costa Division No. 58 will meet at noon on Thursday, May 1 at the Masonic Hall of Richmond, 5050 El Portal Drive, El Sobrante. Entertainment will be provided by the Contra Costa College Chamber Orchestra. The cost is \$10. Call 234-3046 for information.

KARO

At the March 10 meeting of the Kensington Amateur Radio Operators (KARO), Jean Stenquist reported that the Kensington Property Owners' Association had made a donation in the amount of \$500 in memory of Kip Meader. The funds are being held until a suitable project is found. The next meeting will be held on May 12 at the Kensington Community Center.

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ABCs of the FKL
By John Gossard

Big Annual Book Sale Nears!
The Friends of the Kensington Library (FKL) spent April and early May getting ready for the Big Book Sale to be held on Saturday and Sunday May 11-12. Saturday's sale will commence at 9 a.m. lasting until 4 p.m., with Sunday's starting at 11 a.m. That day will conclude with another popular bag sale from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. During this last hour you will be permitted to put as many books as you can fit in a bag, and then purchase the lot for \$3. FKL has been busy sorting the generous contributions, both new and used, into the many categories from Children's Books to Records and CDs, via Art, Sci-fi, Biography, How-to, Literature, Science, Humor, Food and Fables. While the bag sale is a great place to pick up a pile of summer reading volumes, it is wise to stop by early on Saturday when things are the most active as special buys and one of a kind books are being hunted and found.

County To Set Library Cuts
As discussed in last month's column, definite reductions in library funding are inevitable with the reduction in state funding already announced. The specific impact on our county and the

Kensington library are still somewhat uncertain, but are scheduled to be discussed and established as a part of the June budget determinations made by our County Supervisors in Martinez. What has been proposed as likely in the way of cost cutting changes is a closure of the county libraries for a one week period in conjunction with the Christmas holidays. Added proposals include increases in fees, as for late return of books or DVDs, and a reduction in the purchase of new materials of about 25% seems fairly certain. Additionally, staffing and ongoing programs can be expected to receive low priorities.

FKL will be doing as much as possible to participate in any meetings and give input to decision makers in the next two months, and has had representation at ongoing activities over the last year, with Board Member Mez Chafe Powle coordinating FKL's outreach activities with participation and attendance at State and County Library related meetings. This involvement of FKL has resulted in Kensington being recognized by Anne Cain, our Contra Costa County Librarian, for having the most supportive Friends group in our county. Your continued donations of funds and materials bears this out.

Library Offers Programs for Children

Special Programs
Jan Robitscher and her dog Christmas will give a special presentation on Guide Dogs sponsored by Guide Dogs for the Blind of Marin County on Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m.

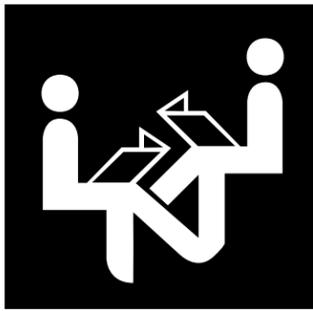
On Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m., children 4 and older are invited to enjoy an evening of fun and music with Bill Nemoyten, The Horn Man as he shares the music and the history of horns from around the world. He will take you on a musical, historical, geo-

graphical and ethnic journey covering 5 continents. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

Regular Family Story Times

Families with children from 3 to 6 are encouraged to come for stories on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. (unless a special program is scheduled) and Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (except May 3).

For details about these events, call youth services librarian Pamela McKay at 524-3043.



ACC May Events continued from page 3
lennium Strings is currently in its 5th season. The suggested donation is \$10, regular admission; \$7 for seniors and children under 12.

May Events

The Arlington Community Church at 52 Arlington Avenue in Kensington invites all to participate in their services of worship as well as special events. Sunday morning worship service is held at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. On May 4, Rev. Joyce Ellis, recently retired Associate Conference Minister in the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ will be the guest speaker. The next Sunday, May 11, Pastor Shirlee Bromley will speak on the topic "Other Sheep." On May 18, Rev. John Hughes will lead the worship service and preach. On the last Sunday of May, the title of Pastor Bromley's sermon will be "Somehow..."

Upcoming Concerts at ACC

On Friday, May 23, at 7:30 p.m. The Burdick Trio will perform in the sanctuary featuring Richard Burdick on the French horn, Dora Burdick, at the piano, and Carol Kessler, soprano. The program will include works by Schubert, Brahms, Richard Strauss. Admission is \$10 in advance; or \$12 at the door.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Souper Center at 165 22nd Street in Richmond serves lunch daily to the homeless. This month ACC is responsible for the lunches on May 13 and May 29. If you can volunteer a few hours of your time, please call ACC at 526-9146.

Science Fun Fair

Children ages 2 to 7 and their parents are invited to Kensington Nursery School's 13th annual Science Fair on Saturday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fair features more than 15 "hands-on" science activities featuring rockets, electricity, magnets, volcanoes, deep sea fishing, bubbles, bones, and bugs.

Admission is \$6 for children, parents are free. For more information, contact Debbie Gano at 524-7963. Kensington Nursery School is located behind the Arlington Community Church at 52 Arlington Ave.

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Garden Events for May

Keeyla Meadows to Speak on the Art of Gardens

Artist, author and designer of colorful and unique gardens Keeyla Meadows will present "Container Gardening and Garden Art" at the Berkeley Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, May 20. The club meets at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Guests are welcome to attend the business meeting at 1 p.m. and the free program at 2 p.m. Call 524-4374 for more details.

Local Color Comes to El Cerrito

The El Cerrito Garden Club invites the public to a Small Standard Flower Show, titled "Local Color." It will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 8, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. The divisions will include: Horticulture, Design, Special Exhibits, as well as an Educational Display. Following refreshments and the viewing of the exhibits, there will be critique by invited judges and Sweepstakes Awards. For more information please call 234-0135.

LVW Study Local Transportation

The League of Women Voters, Richmond Area, will be meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the El Cerrito Royale, 3rd floor meeting room, 6510 Gladys Ave. in El Cerrito. Janet Abelson, El Cerrito Councilwoman, will speak about Measure C, and transportation needs in the Bay Area.

LVW Kensington Study Group

The League of Women Voters Kensington Study Group will meet on Monday, May 12, at 1 p.m. at the home of Lucille Parker, 51 Highland Blvd., Kensington. The group will discuss local issues.

Kensington Senior Center

The Kensington Senior Activity Center meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Arlington Community Church Social Hall, 52 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. The West Contra Costa Adult School and community volunteers provide the Center's program of life-long learning. The Center focuses on holistic programs for body, mind and spirit. Family members, friends and neighbors, and all over 55 are welcome to attend and join in activities and friendly conversation.

Regular Schedule

Morning coffee and tea are available at no charge. The snack bar costs 25 cents. Participants look forward to the regular morning programs which include a German conversation group and the showing of cultural, history, health, or travel videos. On the first Thursday of each month, Jessica, a massage therapist offers massages at \$8 for 15 minutes and the fire department gives free blood pressure checks. Lunch on that day is a potluck. Either bring food for 4-6 people, or pay \$3. Lunch on all other Thursdays costs \$2.

Special for May

On May 1, director Virginia Walker will present a slide show entitled "Gardens of the Huntington" slides, featuring the "Shakespeare and Herb Gardens." Jeanne Walpole presents piano music on May 8. On May 15, a video—"Healing and the Mind"—will be shown. A discussion will follow. May birthdays will be celebrated. Travel with Jackie Hetman on May 22 through a slide presentation of the Rhône and Sônnne rivers of France. There will be a Salad Potluck on this day. On May 29, Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement for Seniors. Contact Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, at 547-1969 for info.

GOP Women

On May 28, the Kensington Area Women's Republican Club will meet for their luncheon at the Mira Vista Country Club at 7900 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Social hour begins at 12 p.m. followed by lunch at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person and reservations should be made by May 24 to Catherine Weeks, 317 Rugby Ave., Kensington, CA 94708.

Marge Orr, a well-known book reviewer, will review *This Just In* by Bob Schieffer. For more information, call 524-5689.

Congress of Republicans

The Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans will meet on Friday, May 30 at Spenger's Fish Grotto, 1919-4th St., Berkeley. Social hour starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Assemblyman and state senate candidate Abel Maldonado will speak. Dinner reservations are available by calling 524-5689. The cost is \$25 per person.

Democrats to Discuss Budget

The May meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club will feature a panel discussing the local impact of the state budget crunch. Glen Price, Letitia Moore and Kate Breslin, (chief of staff for Supervisor John Gioia), will speak, with a question and answer session following. The club will also present the Nancy Gans award to Arthur Schroeder and honor volunteers. This meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31, at 1:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito.



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The Kensington Police Blotter

The following incidents were among those reported by the Kensington Police Department during March 2003.

MARCH 1-7

- ⊗ A resident thought she heard noises in her house.
- ⊗ An audible alarm with an open front door was reported on Coventry Rd.
- ⊗ Someone took a plant stand from an Arlington Ave. residence.
- ⊗ A dog fight took place on Kenyon Ave.
- ⊗ A suspicious male was reported on Colusa Ave. He was allegedly yelling at cars and waving a switchblade. He turned out to be a gardener.
- ⊗ A suspicious male was at the corner of Arlington Ave. and Amherst Ave.
- ⊗ Auto vs. bicycle with injuries on Arlington Ave. at Sunset Dr. The call was initiated when a bystander flagged down a passing Kensington Police vehicle. Because Kensington Engine 65 was on a training call, El Cerrito Fire Department Engine 72, a paramedic unit, responded to the scene in less than six minutes.
- ⊗ A two-year old experienced a seizure on Oak View Ave.
- ⊗ Someone took the rear license plate off a car parked on Lake Dr.
- ⊗ Coronor's case on Columbia Ave.
- ⊗ Neighbors had a property line question. They were told to contact a surveyor.
- ⊗ A student at Golden Gate Apple School was injured when a nail gun cartridge exploded.
- ⊗ Mail was stolen from Norwood Ave.

MARCH 9-15

- ⊗ A resident felt faint.
- ⊗ Someone dumped trash at the cemetery gate on Franciscan Way.
- ⊗ A Colgate Ave. resident was taken to the hospital for observation.
- ⊗ A briefcase was turned in to police.
- ⊗ Officers assisted firefighters with a fire in the rotisserie at an Arlington Ave. business.
- ⊗ A car caught fire on Highland Blvd.
- ⊗ A student walked away from the high school.
- ⊗ A resident suffered a nose bleed and was taken to Kaiser.
- ⊗ A car was stolen from Colusa Ave.
- ⊗ A Kenilworth Ave. resident requested that KPD check on the welfare of a daughter in another state.
- ⊗ Officers recovered a vehicle stolen from Albany on Valley Rd.
- ⊗ An officer witnessed a non-injury property accident on Berkeley Park Blvd.

MARCH 16-22

- ⊗ A suspicious person was reported casing the 200 block of Coventry Rd.
- ⊗ A resident reported hearing noises and seeing a flashlight at 2:25 a.m. near a carport on Stanford Ave.
- ⊗ Someone left a car engine on Rincon Rd.
- ⊗ An Eldridge Ct. resident reported an attempted residential burglary. A back door window was broken. No one entered the home; nothing was stolen.
- ⊗ A set of keys was found on Lake Dr.
- ⊗ A resident requested a security inspection for two ponds located on his Beverly Rd. property.
- ⊗ Officers responded to an alarm on Arlington Ave. The front door was kicked in. The suspects had fled.
- ⊗ A stolen vehicle was recovered on Trinity Ave.
- ⊗ A vehicle was stolen from Lake Drive.
- ⊗ An unreported stolen vehicle taken from Trinity Ave. was found on Lake Dr.
- ⊗ A cell phone was taken from a vehicle parked on Sunset Dr.
- ⊗ A bicycle was stolen.
- ⊗ Auto Burglary on Lake Drive. Someone broke into a Saturn and stole the ashtray and change. The resident heard noise in the middle of the night and was awakened by his animals, but did not call KPD until the morning.
- ⊗ Someone broke into a Honda CRX on Kensington Rd. and took change.
- ⊗ A purse was found on Berkeley Park Blvd.
- ⊗ A Kenyon Ave. resident reported receiving suspicious email from a neighbor.
- ⊗ Officers impounded a truck parked on Colgate Ave. citing an expired registration.
- ⊗ A suspicious vehicle was reported on Coventry Rd. The occupants appeared to be casing parked cars.

- ⊗ A resident slipped and fell in her Berkeley Park Blvd. home.
- ⊗ A motorist was arrested for DUI.
- ⊗ The passenger of a car was arrested for public intoxication.

MARCH 23-31

- ⊗ A resident reported that small neighborhood children were playing in the yard of a deceased neighbor.
- ⊗ A subject was arrested for DUI and possession of narcotics for sale at Arlington Ave. at Amherst Ave.
- ⊗ A woman in her 60's was reported wandering on Cambridge Ave.
- ⊗ A person with a bow and arrow was reported in Kensington Park.
- ⊗ A resident fell on Oak View Ave.
- ⊗ A Willamette Ave. resident called to report loose chickens on her porch.
- ⊗ A bicycle was found near Lenox Rd. and Beverly.
- ⊗ A man who appeared to be disoriented in front of the store group on Arlington Ave. was arrested for an outstanding warrant.
- ⊗ A resident notified police when she saw two males park a dark colored truck near the bottom of Coventry Rd. and then proceeded walking up the hill. Officers caught one of the suspects in a car attempting to steal items. During this period of time, eleven vehicles were entered or broken into.
- ⊗ A car ran over a skunk on Arlington Ave.
- ⊗ A driver under 21 was stopped for a vehicle code violation and had been drinking.
- ⊗ A loud party was reported on Kingston Rd.
- ⊗ Someone took two yard lights from a Rincon Rd. residence.
- ⊗ A garage door opener went missing from a home on Coventry Rd.
- ⊗ A domestic dispute was reported on Coventry Rd.
- ⊗ A Garden Dr. resident was taken to the hospital.
- ⊗ Neighbors argued on Ardmore Rd.
- ⊗ Officers had to close a portion of Westminster Ave. due to a sink-hole.
- ⊗ Officers assisted a resident who was locked out of his home.

Quilt Raffle Benefits School

Kensington Hilltop School will hold its Annual Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 90 Highland Blvd. The community is invited to enjoy food, drinks, games and the White Elephant Sale. For the past 21 years, parents have created a special quilt to be raffled at the event.

This year's quilt theme is "Home-spun." The quilt boasts a wide-ranging palette of color, including biscuit, oxblood, terracotta, sapphire blue, gold, forest green, pink, and yellow. Many moms helped to make the quilt, including Diane Egelston, Betsy Quayle, Laura Lavorando, Beth Gorelick, Gail Bateson, Sadhana Shastri, Pamela Kamesar, and Erika Molnar.

The quilt will be on display from May 5 through 9 at the Kensington Library and at the school during the carnival. Quilt tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The drawing will take place between 2-3 p.m. The drawing will occur between 2-3 p.m., and tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. Contact Meme Collins-Tabuena at 234-0181 or trennis@pacbell.net for more information.



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The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. An elegant dinner, catered by The Hotel Mac, will be served at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per adult and \$20 for currently enrolled students of the district. Tables of eight can be sponsored for \$500. Reservations are due by May 8. For tickets or information about the banquet, call The Ed. Fund at 233-1464.

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Neighborhood News

❖ Irene McPhail writes that between 9:50 a.m. on Monday, March 31 and 9 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, 2003, she and her husband David were blessed with three more grandchildren. Hannah Gabriella was the first to arrive at 9:50 a.m. followed 9 minutes later by her twin sister Sophie Michaela. On Tuesday Miles William entered the world. The twins are the daughters of Ruth Shevelev and John Miller of San Francisco, and Miles is the son of Julia and Richard Bennet of San Leandro. All are home and well, and big brother to the twins, David Eli, seems to be handling the transition well, and will be spending a little more time than before in Kensington with grandma and grandpa, which is no hardship for them.

❖ Patricia and Daniel Sandaval have announced that their daughter Stacie Sandoval will graduate from University of San Francisco, with a B.S. degree in Sociology B.S. Stacie attended The Academy in Berkeley, Kensington Hilltop, Adams Middle School, and St Mary's College High School. She plans to pursue a Masters degree after graduation.

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