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WCCUSD Faces Budget Deficits Impact Would Hit Kensington

With a \$14 million budget deficit projected in the coming school year, the West Contra Costa County Unified School District (WCCUSD) trustees are faced with making deep cuts in their programs. At the May 7 meeting of the trustees, members voted to cut \$6.8 million from the district's 2003-04 budget. A potentially major impact of budget cutbacks on Kensington Hilltop Elementary School will be the loss of small class sizes in the primary through third grades and five teachers. If this occurs, primary grade class sizes could increase from 20 to 31 students. In addition, art, music, physical education, computer, and science classes will face cutbacks. The budget reduction was approved by a 4-to-1 vote of the school board. After this vote, board member Glen Price proposed an amendment that would remove class size reduction from the cut list and fund it out of the School District's reserves. This amendment was defeated by a 3-to-2 vote, with board members Price and Patricia Player supporting the amendment and board members George Harris III, Karen Leong Fenton, and George Ramsey voting against. Board members have discussed initiating a parcel tax to help cover the gap.

Ten PTA groups across the district have united to support what they term a "class room-based budget." According

to Kensington PTA co-president Helen Bean, "Our focus is to preserve lower class size in grades K to 3 and to retain guidance counselors in the middle schools and high schools."

At the school board meeting on May 21, over 500 parents delivered this message to the board. Of the 100 people who addressed the board, parents, teachers, and children spoke passionately and articulately to keep these two important programs and adopt classroom based budgeting, which funds the programs that serve the children first and keeps the cuts as far from the classroom as possible. Parents were clear that they wanted to be a part of the solution.

The groups hope that the school district can find enough money to use 2003-2004 as a "bridge" year while they investigate options for a parcel tax increase. However, history shows that West Contra Costa voters do not support increases to their property tax bills. They have never approved a parcel tax for the schools. Bean encourages all Kensington residents to express their opinions to the board by coming to meetings and writing letters and emails.

On June 4 and June 18, the school board will vote on the final budget. The meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Lovonya DeJean Middle School multi-purpose room located at 3400 MacDonald Ave., Richmond.

Home Alert: Vacation Tips

An empty house is a tempting target for a would-be burglar. By taking the following precautions, you can eliminate tell-tale signs that your house is vacant, create the illusion that the house is occupied, and reduce the chances that your home will be entered by thieves while you are away on vacation.

- **Lights.** Put some of your outside and inside lights on a timer. If possible, put the radio or TV on the timer, too.

- **Deliveries.** Suspend your newspaper and arrange for a relative or neighbor to pick up any other deliveries that might accumulate in your driveway or on your doorstep. Don't leave notes indicating that you are not at home.

- **Garden maintenance.** Arrange to have your garden tended. Overgrown lawns and bushes are a clear invitation to burglars.

- **Lock all Doors and Windows** when you leave. You would be amazed how many people forget this simplest of all precautions.

- **Keys.** If you must leave a key behind for some reason, ask a trusted neighbor to keep it for you. Do not leave it anywhere outside your house. No hiding spot is safe.

- **Notify the police** about your plans, but do not broadcast in advance that you are leaving on vacation. The fewer people who know, the better. Give the police your departure and return dates and tell them where you can be reached. Tell the police if a neighbor has a key. If you have asked someone to water plants, feed animals,

etc., be sure the police know about your arrangements. The police will check your home periodically while you are away. To avoid embarrassing incidents, make sure that anyone who has permission to enter your home while you are away is aware of the police patrol. You can notify the Kensington Police Department at 526-4141 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Be sure to tell them when you have returned, too.

Bound Volumes of the Outlook Now Available

Bound volumes of the Kensington Outlook are available for reference use at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. One set begins with the first issue, published in 1944, and is complete through 2001. The other set begins in 1947 and is complete through 2001. Unbound copies of more recent issues are also available at the reference desk.

The project was brought up-to-date last year when 11 of the books were bound by Pettingell Book Bindery in Berkeley. The cost was covered by the Kensington Community Council (publisher of the Outlook), the Friends of the Kensington Library, and an anonymous donor who contributed in honor of former editor Diane Gossard and former assistant editor Anna-Maria Hertzler. Gossard collated the issues that were bound.

Kensington School Principal Retires

By Pam Porter

On Friday May 16, friends, family, colleagues, and students gathered at the Community Center to celebrate the career of Judy Kantor, Kensington Hilltop School principal since 1996. After 40 years of dedicated service with the West Contra Costa County Unified School District (WCCUSD), Judy Kantor is retiring with the end of this school year.

Kantor graduated from San Francisco State University in 1963, and began her career teaching first and second grades at Coronado Elementary School. She moved on to teach second, fourth, and sixth grades at Tara Hills Elementary School. After earning her master's degree at S.F. State University, Kantor worked as principal at Madera School from 1975 to 1992. She served as shared principal of Madera and El Monte Schools during four of those years. In 1992, she left Madera School to become the principal of Castro School. Her final assignment has been as the principal of Kensington School from 1996 until June 2003.



Kensington Hilltop School principal Judy Kantor (left) and school secretary Pam Porter (right) enjoy a moment together at Kantor's retirement party.

KCC Names New Outlook Editor

Don Specter, president of the Kensington Community Council (KCC) has announced that Daniel S. Levine has been named editor of the Kensington Outlook effective with the July/August 2003 edition. A member of the KCC board of directors since September 2001, Levine is an award winning journalist who covers biotechnology for the San Francisco *Business Times*. His work has appeared in numerous local and national publications including the New York *Times*, *The Industry Standard* and the San Francisco *Chronicle*. He is the author of *Disgruntled: The Darker Side of the World of Work* and holds a Masters degree in Journalism from UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism.

"I feel a little like Charles Foster Kane when he said, 'I think it would be fun to run a newspaper,'" said Levine. "Now all I need is a gazillion dollars, an estate like Xanadu and a good looking mistress and I'll be set."

Levine and his wife Cheryl Brunetti have lived in Kensington since 1992. They have three sons, Jonah, Julian, and Kaiya, who are students at Kensington Hilltop School.

Blakemont Property Owners

The Blakemont Property Owner's Association will hold a general meeting on Thursday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Alan Kropp of Alan Kropp & Associates and Bill Lettis of William Lettis Associates have studied the Blakemont slide area and have produced a Draft Plan of Control. Following the report by the engineers, the homeowners who have been serving as the board of directors will moderate a discussion from the audience about the costs and benefits of the plans.

KPD To Offer Class on I.D. Theft

Officer Shelly Crain has announced that she will be offering another Identity Theft class for Kensington residents on Thursday, July 10 at 6 p.m. at the Community Center.

According to Crain, "Identify theft is rapidly becoming apparent not only in California, but in our community as well. Nationally, Identity Theft claims up to 500,000 people per year, and results in countless hours of phone calls, letter writing, and frustration."

This class will cover: The basics of Identity Theft; How to tell if you've become a victim; What to do if someone steals your identity; How to reduce your chances of falling prey to Identity Theft; Tools for prevention

Attendees will also be provided with

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Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Kensington Community Council
Monday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 525-0292 to confirm.)

Kensington Fire Protection District
Wednesday, June 11, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 527-8395 to confirm.)

Kensington Police Protection and
Community Service District
Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 526-4141 to confirm.)

Kensington Municipal Advisory Council
Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.
(Call 526-5546 to confirm.)

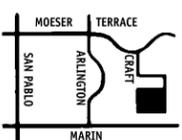
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Dear Editor,

It was my second time visiting the Bay area. My daughter had recently moved from Berkeley to Kensington. I was wary especially after several encounters with Berkleyans including especially rude Telegraph Street vendor selling bumper stickers proclaiming the idiocy of President Bush. Asking him his reason for selling such material elicited a string of obscenities and ended with his correct observation that I must be from Texas.

When my daughter informed me she was moving to Kensington (Norwood St) I assumed the people in your "quaint village" would be of the same ilk. When I arrived, I took off on foot to confirm my preconceived notions. My first encounter was with a lady walking her dogs on the Arlington. I said hello in a pleasant manner assuming she would not respond. What a shock! Not only did we have a very pleasant conversation with her telling me about her life in Egypt, dancing for King Farouk, her respect and admiration for Anwar Sadat (the assassinated Egyptian leader) and her interest in painting. What a fascinating lady...and I told her so. Her response..."no one is uninteresting." I liked that.

So off I went again looking to see if this was just a deviance from the norm. Nope...everywhere I went there were pleasant people. The Wine Shop on the Arlington, Gigi at the gas station, a friendly firefighter at the fire house, the drug store and the post office were full of interesting people...and friendly too. The café was too crowded to sit down that morning but I would have loved to have joined in on some of the conver-

sations. Perhaps next time. You all would fit in very nicely in Texas!

Gary Brown
El Paso, Texas

Dear Editor,

Most Kensington residents will be shocked when they learn how draconian the proposed new zoning ordinance is. Can you imagine that simply enlarging your deck could mean public hearing after public hearing and gross expenditures of County resources not to mention tens of thousands of dollars out of your own pocket before you can even pull a permit?

In the first town meeting organized by Supervisor Gioia on this subject, many residents said they wanted the zoning process to contain objective standards that would help both those wanting to improve their homes and their neighbors to have some idea of what the County would approve. The new ordinance pays lip service to objective standards like floor-to-area ratios and coverage ratios. But these standards are thrown by the wayside if just one Kensington resident asks for a public hearing. At that point the process becomes entirely subjective, leaving approval of your project to the whim of KMAC, the Planning Department, the Board of Supervisors and one's neighbors. Not only will you never know what changes you can make to your house, you will be staggered by the administrative costs.

You may think you know your neighbors and believe they are reasonable people. Just wait until you want to add a bathroom and you have to go to them

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**Summer Forum
Series Announced
at U-U Church**

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB) located at 1 Lawson Road, is offering a Summer Forum series on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. from June 1 through August 31. Due to the positive response to last year's Summer Forum on "Crisis and Opportunity" and the urgency of the current global situation, the topic for this year will be on "Globalization: From Problems to Solutions." Some of last year's speakers are returning to discuss and offer their "solutions" to three basic areas of global concern: population, economics, and politics. Among them are Dick Schneider of the Sierra Club, John Renesch, business futurist and author of *Getting to a Better Future*, and Dr. Roger Kotila of the World Constitution and Parliament Association, who is promoting "Disarmageddon." More speakers from the U-U national office and international peace movement will be added to the roster.

Drs. Frederick Shaw and Lucile Green, both members of UUCB, will introduce the series and emphasize "Solutions, Priorities, and Action" in discussion sessions after each group of speakers.

Sunday Worship Services

On Sundays at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, there is a meditation service at 8:30 a.m. led by lay leaders. At 9:30 a.m. there is the Summer Forum series (see below). The worship service begins at 10:45 a.m. Visitors are always welcome and childcare is provided.

June Worship

Worship services begin at 10:45 a.m. On June 1, the topic will be "Call and Response" led by Acting Director of Religious Education Rev. Sally White.

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IN MEMORIAM

Yvonne Martin Boutell

Yvonne Marin Boutell, 81, passed away unexpectedly on April 22 at her Kensington home of 44 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Professor Emeritus at U.C. Berkeley, Wayne S. Boutell. She will be remembered for her love and devotion to family. She was an enthusiastic world traveler and was always willing to try new experiences and learn about new things. She attended exercise class regularly up to the day she died. Mrs. Boutell was a talented and prolific ceramist. She has taught ceramics classes and sold her pieces around the world. She was an active member of the Arts & Crafts Co-op in Berkeley.

Mrs. Boutell is survived by her four children and their spouses, Peter Boutell of Santa Cruz, Russell Boutell of Martinez, Kim Bludorn of Seattle, WA and Leslie Boutell of Sonoma. In addition, she had 11 grandchildren: Dante, Tai, and Julianna Boutell; Nicole and Natalie Boutell; Aaron, Cody, and Miles Bludorn; Addison, Layne and Kalen Ergas; her only great granddaughter, Tallulah Boutell and her nieces Lynn Tillman, Teri Bailey, and Kaye Johnson. The family asks that donations be sent to The Arts & Crafts Co-op Inc., 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709.

Robert McLure Hansen

Robert McLure Hansen, a decorated World War II veteran who then became the maestro of the Golden Gate Park Band, died May 3, 2003 of pneumonia at a hospital in Hayward. He was 85. For 40 years, he lived in the house he built himself in Kensington. In 1988, his wife Geraldine died, and Mr. Hansen moved to Napa. He later moved to El Cerrito. For many years prior to his move, he led an orchestra for the children of Kensington, which was a favorite attraction at the annual Open House and Parade.

Born in Alameda and raised in Oakland, Mr. Hansen skipped two grades and graduated from Oakland's Roosevelt High School at age 15 and then entered UC Berkeley.

There, he played trumpet with the marching band and French horn with the university symphony. He first played with the Golden Gate Park Band in the 1939 World's Fair at Treasure Island. After graduating in 1939, he entered graduate school to study math. He had a job lined up with the orchestra conducted by Meredith Wilson (of Music Man fame) when he turned 21, but two days before his birthday, he was drafted.

Professionally, he played trumpet with the San Francisco Symphony and Opera orchestra and was a professor of music at both Merritt College and Holy Names College in Oakland. He also taught privately, making house calls. Among his students was Phil Lesh of the Grateful Dead, who credits Mr. Hansen as an influence in The Dead Book.

Mr. Hansen was a colonel in the Army reserves and a member of the Bohemian Club, where he played in the orchestra.

Survivors include his companion, Mary McMullen; a sister, Dorothy Adams of Stockton; three sons, Peter of Berkeley and Eric and Lawrence of Richmond; a daughter, Robin Hansen Bishop of Oakland; and three grandchildren.

Donations may be made to the Golden Gate Park Band at McLaren Lodge, 501 Stanyan St., San Francisco, CA 94117. or UC Berkeley Foundation/Cal Band at 72 Cesar Chavez Student Center #4280, Berkeley, CA.

ACC June Announcements

The Arlington Community Church located 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. Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. there is a quiet service of meditation, prayer, and healing in the chapel. This informal time is open to all. The chapel entrance is just off Rincon Road.

On June 1 Pastor Shirlee Bromley will give the communion meditation. June 8th is Pentecost and Rev. Kyle Lovett will be the guest speaker. On June 15 Rev. William Laurie will speak on "The Gospel in Miniature." Pastor Bromley will be back in the pulpit on the June 22. Her sermon topic will be "Sticks and Stones." On June 29 worship will be led by the Director of Youth, Elena Larssen and the youth group. This will be Larssen's last Sunday with ACC. During the summer the youth group will meet for special service and recreational events. Please call 526-9146 for dates and times.

Kensington Senior Activities

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 neigh-

bors, 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

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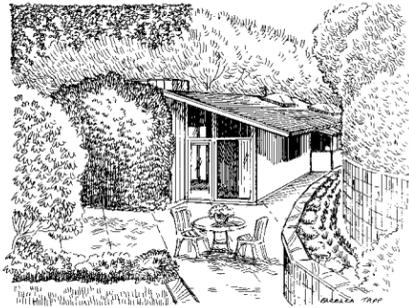
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for permission. This ordinance gives them permission to drag you through an administrative nightmare, requesting expensive shadow studies and asking for draft after draft of costly architectural drawings.

Supervisor Gioia appears predisposed to approving this ill-advised and costly new process. Has he told us how much our property taxes will increase to support it? Has he told us how property values will decline when no one can afford the costs of getting approval for even a small change to his/her home? The community needs to know more before this Byzantine law is enacted.

At the very least, we should be given the chance to vote on the new measure. Ask yourself why the proponents are afraid to let democracy govern the outcome? Can it be because they want to railroad the changes through before Kensington residents realize what hit them?

Lisa Olsen
Coventry Road

Dear Editor,

Having read the somewhat vitriolic letters to the editor on the proposed zoning ordinance in the last several "Outlooks," I was pleased and somewhat relieved to see in the May issue that cooler heads are beginning to prevail and that calmer voices are speaking. I had begun to worry that ranting over the zoning ordinance had become the new pastime of choice in Kensington, replacing the thrill of watching moving vans try to negotiate the narrow streets and tight turns.

The basic issue—expressed in a simplified, and perhaps simplistic, way—seems to be this: Do we have a very specifically worded "one-size-fits-all" ordinance that provides very clear rules but which is hampered by inflexibility, or do we pass a more "qualitative" ordinance

that provides greater flexibility but which might create disputes over what constitutes "good neighbor" planning?

I was very impressed with Lucy Armentrout-Ma's letter describing the good neighbor zoning overlay, but I think the wording of such an ordinance still needs to be very specific and we need County Planning personnel (and elected officials) with sufficient fortitude to enforce the ordinance.

The reason for my concern is the existence of Mean People. Mean

People—yes, they're even here in Kensington—don't care about their neighbors. Mean People want to be able to do anything with their own property, but they will oppose any construction or improvements that their neighbors may wish to undertake. I'm afraid that a "qualitative" ordinance may give Mean People an advantage. Mean People yell louder, they make more and bigger threats, and they believe that intimidation is simply a tool that one uses in everyday life, the same way a carpenter would use a saw or hammer. I have had experience with both Mean People and Good People. Almost 30 years ago, my neighbor undertook construction of a fence that made it impossible for me to see down the street as I exited my driveway in my car. I attempted to speak to her about it, but it was clear she was going to build her fence no matter what. Mean People! More recently, the current owner of the same house came to me to show me plans for remodeling and expanding the house. It was clear from the plans that there would be essentially no impact on my view, and there were no variances required. Later, the County sent me, as a courtesy, the final layout and cross-sections. Construction is currently underway, and everything is going fine. Good People! Even with my misgivings, I favor the implementation of a more-flexible, "qualitative" ordinance, but the new

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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

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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):

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Instructor: **Barbara Ward**

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

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8 weeks: \$200 per resident

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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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COMMUNITY CENTER

TENNIS

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

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5 classes: \$40 per resident

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Session 1.....June 23-June 27

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Session 3.....July 14-July 18

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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

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TENNIS COURTS

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KENSINGTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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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 week-ends 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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ordinance needs to be developed, written, and administered with the understanding that Mean People exist. I have some very specific thoughts on how to deal with Mean People, but I have to go now. I think I hear a moving van coming up the street.

Richard J. Stenquist
Wellesley Avenue

Unitarian Church continued from page 2

She will speak again on June 8 on "Building Bridges." Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway will talk on June 15 about "Men Mentoring." On June 22 the topic will be "Bravest Fire" led by Rev. Sofia Betancourt. On June 29, UUCB member Joan Swift will talk about "Men, Women, and Margaret Fuller."

For more information, call the church office at 525-0302

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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 June

On June 5 there will be a video on "Healing and the Mind" followed by discussion. On June 12, Jackie Hetman will present slides of Copper Canyon and the Tarhamara Indians. Nan and Ray will play and sing in "Love and Harmony" on June 19. On June 26, Jan Stecher leads in Rosen Movement for Seniors.

Contact Virginia Walker, Teacher-Director, at 547-1969 for more information.



Hilltop School kindergartners enjoy a lesson with Kensington tennis pro Alex Brown three times a week while attending the Neighborhood School "lunch bunch" program immediately following morning kindergarten classes. The names of the students are as follows: Back row left to right: Gabriel Cain, Ellen Lavarando, Madeleine Jones, Caroline Lageson, Ariana Hoffman, Isabel Cain and Cameron Thorpe. Front row left to right: Emma Goble, Emily Leung, Ellie Hutson, Stella Van Den Eeden and Hadley Roberts-Donneley

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ABCs of the FKL
 By John Gossard

The Friends of the Kensington Library (FKL) are pleased to report that the Big Spring Sale was a success. We would like to thank all of you who either donated book or bought books. FKL suspects this allows us to thank quite a few people twice, as we know a number of you seem to be giving with one hand and buying with the other. So, thanks and thanks! The sale netted over \$4,000, exceeding the more conservative estimate of \$3,500 which had been used in preparing FKL's 2003 budget. The lower figure was used as it seemed that the nationwide belt-tightening would hit book-belts. However, it seems folks filled them up anyway...with a great number of new books at 1-2 dollars available thanks to a large shipment of remaindered and "hurt" books coming through the business associates of Mike Winton, who has also been generous with his donations to prior book sales. Meanwhile, in the kitchen, volunteers were happy to find a wide selection of bakery items to snack on when a free moment allowed a break. These were given to FKL by

Don Robinson, who is the new manager of the El Cerrito's Safeway on San Pablo Ave.

Summer Reading for Grownups

FKL, in an effort to not neglect the adults of Kensington while Pam is running the Summer Reading Program for kids, will regularly restock the library Book Sale Shelves with a continuous flow of good, and cheap, books for the adult summer reader. Be sure to note that on your left, on entering the library, are paperbacks for sale. And, on your right, you will see a bookshelf divided into fiction on one side and nonfiction on the back side, with an occasional audiovisual item also showing up there. When you can, please pass your books on to the Friends, once read, we'll help them find another interested reader. Besides being able to drop them off during open library hours, there is a drop off in the 5-Star Video area at Young's Market you can use while in that shopping area. Any special assistance or questions on donations may be directed to Adrian Jennings at 524-2508.



Principal for the Day

by Sadbana Sbastri

Last month Deena Mufti, a first grader at Kensington School, was Principal for the Day at her school. When asked how her day had been, a smile lit up her face as she exclaimed, "I loved it!" Deena spent her entire school day with principal Judy Kantor. In the morning, she initiated the fire drill by ringing the special fire drill bell that immediately brought all Kensington students out into the yard. Walking in step with Ms. Kantor, she supervised the drill and learned that after every fire drill "a form had to be filled out" acknowledging the successful completion of the drill. The many duties she enjoyed performing included dismissing each class one by one for recess after lunch, visiting classrooms throughout the course of the day, and helping Ms. Kantor make photocopies and send important e-mails. For Deena, the best part of the day was going to lunch with Ms. Kantor and being able to invite her friend Maddy to come along.

Principal of the Day is one of the most popular items in the silent auction at the Garden Party, the Kensington School's Annual fundraiser held every fall. Principal for the Day is valued as "priceless" by the Garden Party Committee. This year, the event earned \$80,000 for the school's programs.

Summer Reading Program

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Kensington Library's Summer Reading Program, "Wild About Reading." Beginning June 13, stop by to pick up a reading record, which features a safari theme. Participants keep track of time spent reading or being read to, marking off time in twenty-minute increments along the path up to the safari library. At the halfway point, each child will receive a coupon for a free Carl's Jr. hamburger, a pass for a free visit to the Lawrence Hall of Science, and an animal sticker. When the

program is completed, each child will receive a coupon for a free personal Round Table Pizza and a bean bag lion, tiger, or elephant with sound.

The program is free to everyone. Children may read on their own, or listen to stories at home or in the library. The program, runs through August 23. County libraries will also be offering a variety of free programs and events for children throughout the summer. For more information on the reading program, special events visit the library web site at www.ccclib.org.

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El Cerrito Garden Club

Members of the El Cerrito Garden Club will hold their Spring Luncheon and Installation of officers on Thursday, June 5 at the Mira Vista Country Club. Mary Lynn Cox is serving as chair of the event. Mae Ritz will be continuing on as president. Lisa Chilton is the new incoming first vice chair and program chair. The club does not meet in July and August. Regular meetings will resume in September in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane. Guests are always welcome and may call 234-0135 for more information.



The Couple by Roberto Loach.

Open Studios

Pro Arts will once again be holding Open Studios in the East Bay on Saturday and Sunday, May 31, June 1, 7, and 8 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The following Kensington artists have notified the Outlook that they will be taking part in the self-guided tour of studios. Roberta Loach is a printmaker. Her studio is located at 250 Yale Ave., Kensington. She will have various examples of her etchings on view. Traudel Prussin, who creates figures in bronze, resin, and clay, will be holding an open studio at Musia's Studio, 3234 Ettie St. in Oakland.

June Political Meetings

League of Women Voters

The LWV, Richmond Area will hold a brown bag lunch meeting on June 17 at 11:30 a.m. The group will meet at the Rosie the Riveter sculpture at Marina Bay Park, Richmond. All are invited.

The Kensington study group of the League will not be meeting in June.

El Cerrito Democratic Club

The El Cerrito Democratic Club's June meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. It will be at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury, El Cerrito, across the street from the El Cerrito High School sports field.

Retired Teachers Announce Awards

The West Contra Costa Retired Educators Scholarship Fund is awarding a \$1,200 scholarship to seventeen seniors graduating from West Contra Costa Unified School District high schools. The winners and an adult of their choice will be guests at the California Retired Teachers, Division No. 58 luncheon meeting on Thursday, June 5. The event will be held at the Masonic Hall of Richmond, 5050 El Portal Drive, El Sobrante. Recipients from El Cerrito High School include Eliseo Cabrera, Mark Chan, Joshua Forcum, Andrew Franklin, Amelia Gonsalves, Kiyomi Hayashida, Christine Kemp, Joline Price, Jeanette Sanchez, Amy Tsuzaki, and Adam Walukiewicz. Call 324-3046 for reservations. The cost is \$10.

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essential phone numbers, pamphlets, and information on Identity Theft from the US Postal service and the Mechanics Bank.

There is no charge for this class for Kensington residents. Please contact Officer Shelly Crain at 526-4141 by Monday, July 7 to sign up for this course.

Pianist Daniel Glover to Perform with the Kensington Symphony

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra (KSO) presents its Silver Anniversary Celebration Concert on June 7 at 8 p.m. The concert will be held at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito, across from El Cerrito High School.

The program features pianist Daniel Glover performing Gottschalk's "Grand Tarantelle." The program also includes Kodaly's "Dances of Galanta" and Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, "New World." Along with the music, the 25th anniversary concert will have a surprise for everyone, says KSO president and principal flautist Florence Kline.

Founded in 1977, the Kensington Symphony Orchestra includes local freelance musicians and accomplished amateurs. Lloyd Elliott is completing his 13th season as Music Director. An Instructor of Music and Contra Costa College and at Santa Rosa Junior College, Elliott also conducts the Santa Rosa Symphonic Chorus. Tickets are available at the door for a suggested donation of \$10; \$8, seniors; and children free. For more information, please call 524-4335.

Live Oak Park Fair

Berkeley's 33rd annual Live Oak Park Fair showcases 115 distinctive booths of original crafts and fine art, continuous live entertainment and delicious culturally diverse foods. The fair is a benefit for Camp Winnarainbow and KPFA. The fair will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 7 and 8, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Live Oak Park located at Shattuck and Berryman, Berkeley. Free admission. Call 510-898-3282 for more information, or go to www.liveoak-parkfair.com.



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

WEEK OF APRIL 1

- ☉ Chest pains on Norwood Ave.
- ☉ El Cerrito Police Department requests a standby with suspect vehicle on Lake. The Kensington resident was implicated in a case of road rage in El Cerrito.
- ☉ Missing juvenile on Kerr. The child had missed his bus and was located close to home.
- ☉ Computer missing from apartment building on Colusa Circle.
- ☉ Dog found in Koi pond at house on Coventry Rd.
- ☉ Officer stops vehicle for traffic violation. Vehicle towed.
- ☉ Resident finds unlocked door on Lexington Rd.
- ☉ Fall victim on Trinity Ave.
- ☉ Possible mail theft on Franciscan Way.
- ☉ Garbage dumping at Community Center parking lot.
- ☉ Auto vs. wooden post railing at Neighborhood School Pre-school.
- ☉ Lost wallet on Kensington Ct.
- ☉ Vehicle stolen on Highgate Ave. The Toyota pick-up truck was locked and was recovered 3 days later in Albany.
- ☉ Victim reports difficulty breathing.
- ☉ Resident on Ocean View Ave. requests check of her home.
- ☉ Garbage dumped on Edgcroft Rd. Items included a purse, binoculars, and women's clothing.
- ☉ Neighbor dispute over fence on Norwood.
- ☉ 911 disconnect on Coventry.
- ☉ Alarm on Yale Avenue.

WEEK OF APRIL 8

- ☉ Found property (keys) at local restaurant.
- ☉ Citizen needed assistance in wheel chair on Norwood Ave.
- ☉ Alarm on Beloit Ave.
- ☉ Suspicious vehicle on Colusa Ave. A car parked in the same space everyday. It was the owner of a local business waiting until it was time to open.
- ☉ Possible trespassing and target practice at Cemetery. Juveniles had set up a target for B.B. gun practice.
- ☉ Report of Trespassing at Mausoleum.
- ☉ Welfare check on resident on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Parent argues with daughter on Kingston Rd.
- ☉ Runaway on Kingston Rd.
- ☉ Plant stolen on Arlington Ave. The plant was a 5-foot tall palm tree in a planter.
- ☉ Car hits and kills deer on Colusa Ave.
- ☉ Auto burglary on Colusa Ave. Thieves entered a locked Mazda and took the ashtray containing \$5 in change.
- ☉ Missing kids on Highland Blvd. Two second grade girls left Hilltop School. The search team included a county helicopter. They were found at Blake Gardens.
- ☉ Hit and run on Beloit Ave.
- ☉ Fall victim on Norwood Ave.
- ☉ 911 disconnect on Jessen Ct.
- ☉ A rock wads thrown through a front window on Sunset Rd.
- ☉ Stolen vehicle off Highgate. The car was a 1990 Acura valued at \$3,500.
- ☉ Recovered stolen vehicle from Albany. A 1991 Acura was found parked across the street from where the previous car was taken.
- ☉ Recovered stolen vehicle from El Cerrito. The stolen Honda Civic was found parked on Cowper.
- ☉ Residential alarm on Yale Ave.
- ☉ Popping noises on Highland Blvd.
- ☉ Recovered stolen car on Ardmore Rd. The 1989 Honda Civic was stolen from El Cerrito.
- ☉ Verbal argument between parties on Yale Ave.
- ☉ Residential burglary and stolen vehicle on Los Altos Dr.

WEEK OF APRIL 15

- ☉ Recovered stolen vehicle on Avon Rd. the 1987 Honda Accord was stolen from Berkeley.
- ☉ Abandoned dog by library.
- ☉ Non-injury accident on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Report of a dead body in residence on Arlington Ct.

- ☉ Report of a hit and run.
- ☉ Audible alarm on Kingston.
- ☉ Assisted as cover for the El Cerrito Police Department as they delivered a warrant arrest on Everett Ave.
- ☉ Restraining order filed.
- ☉ Fire alarm on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Resident believes he was followed in Oakland.
- ☉ Suspicious persons at Kenyon near Highland.
- ☉ Warrant arrest on Highland Blvd.
- ☉ Damage to vehicle on Highland Blvd.
- ☉ Suspicious vehicle on Coventry Rd.
- ☉ Alarm on Kensington Ct.
- ☉ Suspicious subject near vehicle on Stanford Ave.
- ☉ Suspicious box at pharmacy.
- ☉ Auto burglary and vandalism on Colusa Ave.
- ☉ Non-injury accident on Coventry Rd.
- ☉ Found set of keys on Berkeley Park Blvd.
- ☉ Resident locked out of house on Ocean View Ave.

WEEK OF APRIL 22

- ☉ Welfare check on Lenox Rd.
- ☉ Rocks through window on Lenox Rd.
- ☉ Found property on Purdue Ave.
- ☉ Found scooter on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Coroner's case on Edgcroft Rd.
- ☉ Found wallet in Emeryville turned in by resident.
- ☉ Suicide attempt on York Ave.
- ☉ False alarm on Norwood Ave.
- ☉ Suspicious vehicle on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Suspicious person on Marchant Ct.
- ☉ Resident hears noises on side of house.
- ☉ Subject acting strange on Berkeley Park Blvd. Subject transported home to parents.
- ☉ Fall victim on Colusa Ave.
- ☉ Vehicle towed.
- ☉ Victim fell on Windsor Ave.
- ☉ Suspicious person on Highland Blvd. near Cowper Ave.
- ☉ A hit and run with property damage was reported near Colusa Venue and Berkeley Park Blvd.
- ☉ Parking complaint on Coventry Rd.
- ☉ Unwanted phone message on Cambridge.
- ☉ Cardiac arrest on Franciscan Way.
- ☉ Alarm on Arlington Ave.
- ☉ Chest pains on Kensington Rd.
- ☉ Assist El Cerrito Police Department with a stabbing on San Pablo Ave.
- ☉ Possible water main break on Arlington.
- ☉ Documentation of neighbor dispute over dogs on Marchant Ct.
- ☉ Alarms on Estates Dr., Norwood Ave, Highland Blvd.

White Magnolia Tai Chi School

The White Magnolia Tai Chi School moved into its Arlington Avenue location—upstairs from Young's Kensington Market—in February 2003. Owner-teacher Miriam Marsolais offers classes in traditional Yang-style Tai Chi and in I Chuan-style Chi Kung. Marsolais teaches the Tai Chi classes. Yadollah Moghaddam, head of the Shaolin Martial Arts Studio in Sausalito, teaches the Chi Kung classes.

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For more information call 525-0244. White Magnolia Tai Chi School is located at 281 Arlington Avenue.

Boadecia's Books Events

Suzanne Corson of Boadecia's Books has announced the June schedule of bevents to be held in her Colusa Circle shop. On Saturday, June 7 at 7:30 p.m., Fran Fayden, Director of the Center for

Intuitive Healing, celebrates the release of her new CD "Getting Grounded, Staying Centered." Fayden will demonstrate techniques from the CD, and will be available to answer questions. Karen X. Tulchinsky will visit from Vancouver on Friday, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. to read from her latest book, Love & Other Ruins. Tulchinsky is also the author of Love Ruins Everything, and In Her Nature. On Saturday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. Earthlyn Manuel, creator of the Black Angel Cards, will read from her new book Seeking Enchantment: A Spiritual Journey of Healing from Oppression.

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