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## Techno Tutor Aliyah Earley Brings Her Skills to the Kensington Library



Kensington Library tech tutor Aliyah Earley helps Rosary Matteson with her laptop.  
Photo by Noni Session.

By Linnea Due

You are staring at your laptop, wondering why you can't find the little box to increase the size on your Word program. It was there yesterday! You ask your niece, and she fiddles for three seconds and announces that it's fixed. True, the box is now there, but how did she do it? What will you do if it's gone tomorrow?

Enter the library's tech expert. El Cerrito High junior Aliyah Earley is a computer whiz—and she puts her skills to use to help older patrons navigate their iPads, iPhones, and laptops. “As a freshman and sophomore, I worked with a similar program the high school runs at the El Cerrito Senior Center,” she said in a phone interview. “But my schedule this year didn't jibe with the senior center, so I thought I'd do it at the library here.” Earley attended Kensington Elementary: “I always used to go down to the library,” she reports, so she thought the fit might work.

And indeed, Earley is a hit during her every other Saturday free sessions (10am-1pm, second and fourth Saturdays—sign up by phone or at info desk). “The service through the high school was geared for senior citizens,” she says, “because they need the most help. Sometimes their grandchildren or children don't have the patience to explain, but often technology is the only way that seniors can communicate with their families.”

Earley focuses on Apple brand devices because that's what she knows best. “Most people at the library have iPhone or laptop problems,” she says. “In fact, it's mostly laptops. They don't want to get smart phones. It's too hard to figure out.”

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## Spring Carnival

By Scott Burns

Spring has sprung, which means the 72nd Annual Spring Carnival at Kensington Hilltop Elementary School is right around the corner. This year the festivities take place on Saturday, May 11 from 11am-3pm, rain or shine. Bring your family and your neighbors to enjoy the excitement of this Kensington tradition. Whether you've been attending for years, or are a first-timer, there is something for everyone!

It's a carnival, so of course there will be amazing games and activities for all ages. Face-painting and hair feathers will be waiting for those looking to get into the festive spirit. If you want to hone your aiming skills, the always-popular Water Balloon Catapult and Cheese Toss game are back! Don't miss the Sleeping Pirate, Pick My Nose, and Alligator Outhouse booths for a good laugh. These are just some of the activities to be enjoyed while supporting your neighborhood school.

The Plant Sale is always a huge success with fresh blooms all around. You will be sure to see friends and neighbors picking up a variety of plants, succulent arrangements, and flowering beauties. From those looking for Mother's Day gifts to green thumbs hoping to round out their home garden, there's something for everyone—but come early as it's sure to sell out.

Just as those blooms have been growing, so have our kids! If you find that your child has outgrown her bike you will definitely want to check out Deals on Wheels. This booth offers a wide selection of lightly used bicycles in styles and sizes for all the kids in the family. If you're

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## Letters to the Editor

### A Glowing Tribute

To the editor:

Julie Moore brightened our Colusa Circle neighborhood in a great many ways. We always enjoyed our encounters with her in the neighborhood, and her Circle Salon was a business much loved by her customers. And although she did not secure the funding needed to finance it, her plans to build on the vacant lot across from her shop were beautifully designed and done in a very thoughtful way.

Julie's passing is a big loss for our community. But we were heartened to learn that donations are being made in her memory to permanently light the tree at the center of the Colusa Circle, an endeavor Julie worked on as part of the Colusa Circle Merchants Association.

Completing this work in Julie's name strikes us as a fitting tribute to a person who brought a special glow to the neighborhood where she spent much of her life. Donations in Julie's honor can be made at <http://LightUpColusaCircle.org>.

### Rodney & Sarah Paul

#### Spend Now, Tax Later

Dear Editor,

The idea of increasing property taxes from \$300 to \$1,000 per year was proven unrealistic November 4, 2014. KPPSCD directors tested voter sentiment by putting Measure V (reauthorization of special taxes passed in earlier years) on the ballot earlier than required—ahead of a new police funding measure intended for the June 2015 ballot. Voters must approve new revenue measures by at least two-thirds plus one, but reauthorization only requires a simple majority. Measure V passed by a simple majority but fell short of two-thirds. Since the previous reauthorization measure had passed by 90 percent, the directors got the message and nixed the vote in June.

It is even less realistic to suppose a new police tax measure would pass today, given that Kensington voters may be asked to pass a bond to fund our current retirement benefits to keep us from bankruptcy. The estimate that we pay retirement benefits 10 to 15 years after officers leave the department is low. Officer Foley noted employees are fully vested for lifetime benefits after only five years of employment but failed to note employee retirement and benefits are inheritable. Property owners may be obligated to pay retirement packages thirty or more years. That's the promise previous directors made to our public safety employees through good faith contract negotiations.

By the way, as a special district we are only authorized to provide police services. We are required to employ a general manager but not to employ a police chief or to offer any particular police services. We are part of unincorporated Contra Costa County, and should we go into bankruptcy, the county sheriff's department is obligated to protect us.

Since 2016, the new majority directors have hired a general manager and taken on the task of showing us options. The previous directors, while well meaning, got us into this crisis, with a spend-now-and-tax-later policy that ran into a wall in 2014. I suggest we stop pointing fingers and figure this out. We don't have many realistic options; we may have even less time.

### Anna Shane

#### Why Is Matrix Ignoring Hybrid Options?

The Matrix study has ascertained that contracting out all of our police services appears inviable, unless El Cerrito decides to become more receptive. Given this, many residents have supported looking into a "hybrid" model whereby some but not all services are contracted out. We do this already with dispatch, and it could be done with HR, accounting, and other functions if economically advantageous.

The issue for most residents, however, concerns uniformed officers. Kensington is having trouble recruiting, we are told, for reasons related to salary structure, size, opportunity, and so on. One hybrid model that should be considered is with the county, which could be approached to provide services on nights and weekends. This would not be an "on-call" basis, which would result in unacceptably slow response times, but would be a situation

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## Community Education

### KASEP Kensington Afterschool Enrichment Program

We are halfway into the Spring session. This has been a stellar year with 159 classes taught during this academic school year. KASEP is lucky to have a group of 17 creative and dedicated teachers of which 7 are celebrating over 15 years of teaching in our program. Our long time keyboard teacher, Jan Jones retired at the end of the Winter Session. Jan had worked 20 years with KCC!!

I admire and value their enthusiasm and hard work each day they come to class! As we near the end of the session, thank you families for a tremendous year. Thank you also for your help with understanding and supporting the move to the church and all the details that go with a big move.

#### Our last day of class is Friday, May 24.

KCC Summer Camp 2019- Online enrollments are available now. <http://kensingtoncommunitycouncil.org>

Summer is just around the corner! KCC summer camp is filling up. KCC Summer Camp is for children entering first grade in FALL 2019 up through 6th grade. This year's camp is filled with exciting field trips around the bay such as The Jungle, Oakland Zoo, Lake Anza, and the ever popular Scandia Center to name a few. Each week there is a new place to discover! New this year is paddleboard lessons at 101 Surf Sports in San Rafael and swimming at the pool at McNears Beach.

Camp starts Monday, June 10th and goes until Friday, August 16. You may enroll by the week. KCC camp offers tennis lessons, daily arts and crafts with an afternoon of sports & games along with a themed activity such as carpentry, hip hop dance, golf, STEM science projects, Legos, plus more!

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#### Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30am, Building E, \$10

In the United States, it has been recommended by the Arthritis Foundation and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for its effectiveness in bringing pain relief, improving balance, and significantly reducing falls. This class is suitable for all people, regardless of physical condition. It is however, especially helpful for people who may be experiencing some health difficulties. The exercises incorporate all the health enhancing benefits of regular tai chi, but focuses on movements that are safe and relatively simple to do. **For further information, contact Nobuo at: [nnishi50@gmail.com](mailto:nnishi50@gmail.com) or 510-495-4860**

#### Tai Chi Chuan

Fridays, 9:30-10:30am, Building E, \$10

A gentle martial art, tai chi is a safe, rewarding activity for people of all ages and all levels of health. Tai chi incorporates both mind and body. Nobuo Nishi, instructor, has been teaching for 18 years.

**KCC/KASEP Office:** 59 Arlington Ave., Bldg. E (Across the grassy field above the tennis courts in Kensington Park), Kensington CA 94707. E-mail: [kccrec@yahoo.com](mailto:kccrec@yahoo.com), or call 525-0292. M-F, 1:00-5pm.

Tennis Court Reservations: For weekends and holidays only, beginning at 9am. Call the KCC office for info. Court Fees: 45-min. singles reservation: Residents: \$2; Nonresidents: \$5. Kensington Community Center Rental Info: Please call Andrea at the KPPCSD (Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District) at 510-526-4141.



### HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR 2019 PHOTO

Let the tradition continue! Calling all high school seniors who live(d) in Kensington, or who attended Hilltop Elementary School for all or part of their elementary school years – you are invited to join other alumni for the annual Kensington High School Senior Photo.

The photo shoot is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th at 3:30pm. Location: KCC Office /Recreation Building. Come early to catch-up with old friends! The photo will appear on the cover of the June Outlook. Come early to catch-up with old friends! The photo will appear on the cover of the June Outlook.



### KCC Summer Camp 2019

Online enrollments are available now. <http://kensingtoncommunitycouncil.org>

#### KCC Summer Camp Activities & Schedule 2019

\$310 per week; 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

July 4th (short week): \$248

Field Trips on WEDNESDAY

\*All Specialty Courses and Field Trips are subject to change\*

#### Week 1 June 10 - June 14

- Specialty: Carpentry with Sandy
- Field Trip: Pump it Up

#### Week 2 June 17 - June 21

- Specialty: Art/Cooking with Vicky
- Field Trip: The Jungle

#### Week 3 June 24 - June 28

- Specialty: SkyHawk Sports Medley with Victor
- Field Trip: 101 Surf Sports & McNears Beach

#### Week 4 July 1 - July 5

- Closed July 4, Short Week
- Specialty: Art/Cooking with Vicky
- No Field Trip
- Friday Activity: Jumpy Houses and Obstacle Course

#### Week 5 July 8 - July 12

- Specialty: Skyhawks Sport (Golf) with Victor
- Field Trip: Antioch Water Park

#### Week 6 July 15 - July 19

- Specialty: LEGOs Play-Well Teknologies
- Field Trip: Bladium

#### Week 7 July 22 - July 26

- Specialty: SkyHawk Sports Medley with Victor
- Field Trip: Scandia

#### Week 8 July 29 - August 2

- OLYMPIC Week
- Specialty: Ultimate Frisbee / Cooking with Vicky
- Field Trip: Oakland Zoo

#### Week 9 August 5 - August 9

- Specialty: Contemporary & Hip Hop Dance
- Field Trip: Bladium

#### Week 10 August 12 - August 16

- Specialty: Girls INC (STEM)
- Field Trip: Walnut Creek Clarke Pool
- Friday Activity: End of Summer Jumpy Houses and Obstacle Course

Morning Rotation: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

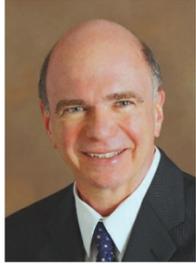
- Art and Crafts led by KASEP Teacher Vicky
- Tennis group lessons with Kim
- Self-Directed Time: camper can play games inside or be outside (soccer, ping pong, card games, baseball, etc.)

Specialty Teacher Activity: 1:00 pm

- Campers are broken into 3 groups, by age. Lesson is 1 hour for 3 days a week (Mon, Tues, & Thurs). When lesson is finished: friend time, tether ball, ping pong, lanyards, and friendship bracelets take over.
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## Treasures Abound at the Annual Not-Just-Books Sale

By Jim Fisher

The annual Spring Book Sale of the Friends of the Kensington Library (FKL) will be held Sunday, May 19 from 10am-4pm. Due to the renovation of the Community Center, the sale will be held behind the library at 61 Arlington Avenue on the weekend following the Spring Carnival—the Sunday after Mother's Day.



FKL Volunteer coordinator Marcia Crawford is flanked by two chaperones for Girl Scout Troop 30189, which helped set up FKL's 2017 Fall Book Sale. From left to right, Lisa Trottier, Crawford, and Elaine Addison. Photo by Esther Hill.

Thanks to a partnership with West County Reads, a volunteer collaboration that works to improve literacy outcomes for young children, the sale will feature an expanded selection of children's books in sparkling condition. The FKL storage shed is stacked to the ceiling with board and picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, and boxes of the popular Warrior Cats, Percy Jackson, and Land of Stories series for young readers.

Also highlighted will be a rich selection of art and music titles sorted and priced by longtime volunteer Maj-Britt Hilstrom, a sculptor and printmaker whose 1991 poster design for the Berkeley Public Library's book

sale has been adapted with permission for this spring's FKL sale. The original poster is now in the Library of Congress.

Hilstrom was recruited in the early 1980s by Eve Lear, then in charge of the FKL book sales. It was also Lear who approached Hilstrom in 1991 to create an original poster for the Berkeley Public Library book sale. "She was very enthusiastic," remembers Hilstrom. "She now lives [on the island of] Guernsey and I still am in contact with her."

Among the treasures that have turned up in donations over the years, one stands out: "It was a Japanese book with writing in Kanji and many watercolor paintings enclosed into the book," Hilstrom says. These handwritten illustrated books of the 17th century are known as Nara ehon (Nara picture books). According to a docent at the Asian Art Museum, such books were commissioned singly as a gift for a special occasion, such as a wedding. The FKL sold the book at auction in 2008 for \$3,000.

An exhibit of Hilstrom's at the American Bookbinders Museum in San Francisco in 2018 featured a collection of one-of-a-kind handmade artists' books, including a large accordion fold-out book representing a fish-eye experience of climbing a fish-ladder. "I include my concern for the purity of our water sources in all my work," says Hilstrom.

Born in Chicago to Swedish immigrant parents, Hilstrom is the founder and director of the Blue Bay Press and a member of the Pacific Rim Sculptors Group and the California Society of Printmakers. Her works have been exhibited nationally and internationally, and are featured in collections throughout the US and abroad.

Hilstrom is exhibiting in the Nordic Light exhibition from March 30 – May 18, 2019 at Think Round Fine Arts, 2140 Bush Street, Suite 1B, San Francisco, CA 94115.

In addition to the art and music books, the sale will feature a special selection of just-published books in mint condition, set apart from the usual tables for easy browsing. As in recent years, the sale will also include vinyl records and hundreds of shrink-wrapped movie DVDs, as well as several tables devoted to food and cooking titles sorted and priced by book shed volunteer Jan Forsburg.

Forsburg moved to Kensington in 1952 when she married Frank Forsburg, who was born and raised in Kensington. At that time Kensington had no library. Her husband's family had horses on Sunset Drive, and they used to ride into the open land area where our current library now stands.

## 350 Reasons to Make Your Home Eco-Smart

By Linnea Due

When Pierre and Jane Delforge purchased their house on Coventry Road three years ago, they intended to do some remodeling. The house already had solar, which was important to the environmentally conscious Delforges. But the two wanted to do something that would impact their carbon footprint in a big way. What they did landed the Delforges' house on 350 Bay Area's Eco Home and Garden Tour, which takes off May 4 to visit five houses in the East Bay.

What is the importance of the number 350? Says 350 East Bay's website, "To preserve our planet, scientists tell us we must reduce the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere from its current level of over 400 parts per million to below 350 ppm. But 350 is more than a number—it's a symbol of where we need to head as a planet."

The Delforges were determined to do their part to power down to 350—as Jane says, "We wanted to walk the talk in our own home." They quickly determined that replacing the natural gas appliances would help a great deal. "We had a gas furnace and a gas water heater," Pierre says. "We swapped them out for a super high-efficiency heat pump. That allowed us to reduce our carbon emissions by about 90 percent and our heating bills about 40 percent."

They run the electric pump during the day when they have plenty of solar electricity. They repurposed the old water heater tank to store hot water produced by the heat pump that can be used during times they don't have solar. "It functions as thermal storage," Pierre explains. "The house is so much more comfortable than it was before. Gas furnaces have intermittent blasts of hot air, with the house cooling down in between the blasts. Now it's quiet, and the temperature is steady."

Jane notes that health was a big gain as well. "Gas combustion creates air pollution within the home," Pierre says. "Often gas is not vented properly. We have much higher air quality." The costs, Pierre says, were not significant compared to much of the remodel—he estimates the heat pump at about \$4,000, and they were able to reuse the water heater tank and the heating ducts.

In fact, reuse has been a big part of their plans. "When we got the house, the whole of the landscape was covered with rubble," Jane remembers, "mainly native stones and concrete, which we've turned it into a whole series of retaining walls. We installed drip irrigation, and we send our shower and dish water out to the garden through a graywater system. We have bamboo, which is a grass, but I don't feel bad about it because the graywater pours right into the bamboo."

The two are looking forward to being one of the five hosts of the eco tour—and Pierre is keynoting the included luncheon. His day job is with the National Resource Defense Council, and he intends to focus his talk on long-term statewide energy policy. "We really love this neighborhood," Pierre says. "Our plans are to stay here for a very long time."

The Eco Home and Garden Tour also visits homes in Berkeley and Albany and runs from 10am-4pm Saturday, May 4. Visit [www.350bayarea.org](http://www.350bayarea.org) for tickets and more information.



## Passings

Julie Anne Moore (October 25, 1959-March 8, 2019) died unexpectedly but peacefully in her home in Kensington. She was born in Oakland and raised in El Cerrito. She graduated from El Cerrito High School and completed cosmetology school before opening her own hair salon in Kensington in 1990. Julie was a single mom to her daughter, Danielle, and in October 2018, she welcomed twin granddaughters into the world, who quickly became the new joys of her life.

Julie exuded vibrancy and strength each day as her contagious smile, generosity, and positive spirit were unmatched in the supportive community she worked tirelessly to build around her. She owned Circle Salon for nearly thirty years and ensured her clients and coworkers were always well taken care of.

Julie embraced challenges with open arms and sought adventure around every corner. Her passion for cultivating breathtaking gardens, remodeling beautiful homes, building an incredible business, and traveling the world were an inspiration to many, but most especially to her daughter. Julie's selfless nature was showcased in the ways in which she gave back both to her friends and family as well as to the world. She was the first to cook delicious meals for those in need or arrive with a glorious home-grown bouquet. Her participation in countless AIDS bike rides from San Francisco to LA, her six-week cycling trip from Seattle to Washington DC to raise money for cancer, the many marathons she ran to support local schools, as well as her work for various fundraisers at Coventry Grove were small examples of her magnanimous nature.

She is survived by her daughter, Danielle Dill; her son-in-law, Spenser Dill; her two granddaughters, Claire and Zoey Dill; her sisters Teresa Cullen and Colleen Moore; as well as her brothers, Dale Moore and John Moore. Gone way too soon, the world lost the most beautiful person who will be forever loved and missed.

Donations in her honor can be made to the Colusa Circle tree-lighting project. See [LightUpColusaCircle.org](http://LightUpColusaCircle.org).



Photo by Nan Phelps Photography

# Officer Joins Force



Interim Police Chief Rickey Hull administers the oath to Kensington's new police officer Tamiko Fodor. Photo by David Bergen.

# KPOA Annual Meeting Hosts a Full Slate

By Gail Feldman

The Kensington Property Owners Association (KPOA) will hold its annual membership and information fair on May 4 from 10am-noon at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 1 Lawson Road, Kensington.

Speakers include fire chief Michael Pigoni and an official from East Bay Regional Parks, updating wildfire prevention plans, and KPPCSD General Manager Tony Constantourous reviewing key findings of the Matrix report. Interim Police Chief Rickey Hull will talk about evacuation plans in case of a disaster. Julie Stein, board president of the fire district and Eileen Nottoli, board president of KPPCSD, will discuss the fire services contract, status of the Public Safety Building rehabilitation, food waste recycling, the Community Center remodel and more. This will be the last meeting KPOA board president Gail Feldman moderates. She is stepping down after twenty years; David Spath is the new board president.

## Tutor

...from front page

Earley is in an elective track at El Cerrito High called the Information Technology Academy. And she's gung-ho on helping people with technology issues. "I'd like to reach out to more senior centers and libraries just to connect with more people. Sometimes I have people say they just need help with one thing. That one thing has been preventing them from communicating or having a good experience. It's really satisfying to solve that problem for them." She also enjoys repeat visits, as she can assess how much success a previous session had and what makes sense for the patron moving forward. And best of all, she doesn't mind taking the time to explain what she's doing.

She reassures those who feel shy about asking for assistance. "Some people say, 'I know this is really silly that I don't know this.' I try to tell them that it's not, no one has ever taught you this. And so many things can go wrong. Sometimes they mess something up, and then they have a new problem. For example, a lot of people, when they're doing the maps on their phones, when the lady reads out the directions, they turn off the voice when they're trying to make it louder, and then they can't figure out how to fix it."

"One lady had turned off the portion of the Japanese keyboard on her laptop, and she couldn't find it again. I had to go on Google to figure that one out, but we did it." She says that often people aren't familiar with using Google to find answers or don't understand the directions.

Earley says that she is likely to go into a STEM program (science, technology, engineering, and math) in college, but she is also an artist who works with paints and colored pencils: "I might try to find a program that combines science and creativity."

In conclusion she offers some advice. "I think people could be a little more mindful of helping their relatives with their technology." But if there isn't a handy niece or nephew around to explain that weird little message that appeared on your screen, you have a proxy in Aliyah Earley, not only ready but eager to be a model of patience.

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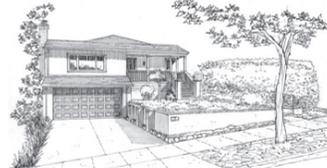
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**Carnival**  
...from front page

looking to free up some space in your garage and give your child's outgrown bike a second life, donated equipment (including tricycles, foot-to-floor mobiles, or anything with wheels) can be dropped off at Hilltop behind the multi-purpose room on Friday, May 10.



Everyone's favorite White Elephant Sale will again be set up in the multi-purpose room. If you've wrapped up your spring-cleaning and have items to donate, they will be accepted on May 10 from 9am-6pm at the MPR located on the circle drive in front of the school (no computers, electronics, or large furniture). Don't forget to come back and shop for hidden treasures, collectables, and the best bargains in town. For serious shoppers, consider coming at 10:30 for our Early Bird presale—a \$20 donation gets you behind the ropes for an extra thirty minutes of shopping before opening to the public!

Be sure to purchase your ticket for the 37th annual Spring Carnival Raffle to be entered to win this year's grand prize, the beautiful "Color Burst" quilt created by a joint effort of Jennifer Ritter, Sherry Garcia, and Kin Foong. The runner-up prizes are also pretty amazing, chock-full of goodness, including offerings from Raxakoul Coffee & Cheese, Young's Market, Ace Hardware, Kensington Nails, Kensington Smog, Benchmark Pizza, Colusa Market, Kensington Fine Foods, Zip Code Eastbay, Kensington Cobbler, Nubo Spa, Inn Kensington, Fuse Fitness, and Kensington Cleaners. We are so grateful to these wonderful local businesses that have contributed to these prizes! Tickets are only \$5 and can be purchased in packs from your neighborhood Hilltop student or at the Raffle Booth on the day of the carnival.

To keep you energized through it all, there is a bevy of sweet and savory carnival classics! From the Dads' Club Grill you can select from meals featuring a hot dog, sausage, hamburger, veggie-burger or the famous tri-tip sandwich—each with a bag of chips and a drink. Snow cones, root beer floats, cotton candy, popcorn, and plenty of sweet treats are to be had. And for those with a real sweet tooth—check out the Bake Sale or try your chances with the Cake Walk and take home a delicious baked good. Thank you to Ruth Frassetto for her continuous support with her sponsorship of the Cake Walk throughout the years.

Remember, all the good times go to a good cause. Kensington Hilltop School's Spring Carnival and raffle proceeds are used to fund PTA and Dads' Club projects such as Dads' Club work parties, earthquake readiness supplies, recreation equipment for the kids, school assemblies, Art Night, and Movie Night. Spring Carnival is a celebration of our school community, and we can't wait to see you and your family there!

**Letters**  
...from page 2

where dedicated officers from the county patrol Kensington just as our regular police do. It would be necessary to cost out such a proposal to see if it is viable.

In most of California, including but not limited to most rural, unincorporated areas, county police are the only law enforcement, and there does not seem to be a crisis in crime. Matrix were asked at the town meeting why they did not explore a hybrid contract with the county. They said they weren't asked to by the KPPCSD board. This doesn't sound right. Do they have no experience or initiative? Residents should insist that the board instruct Matrix to explore this option.

**Kevin Padian**

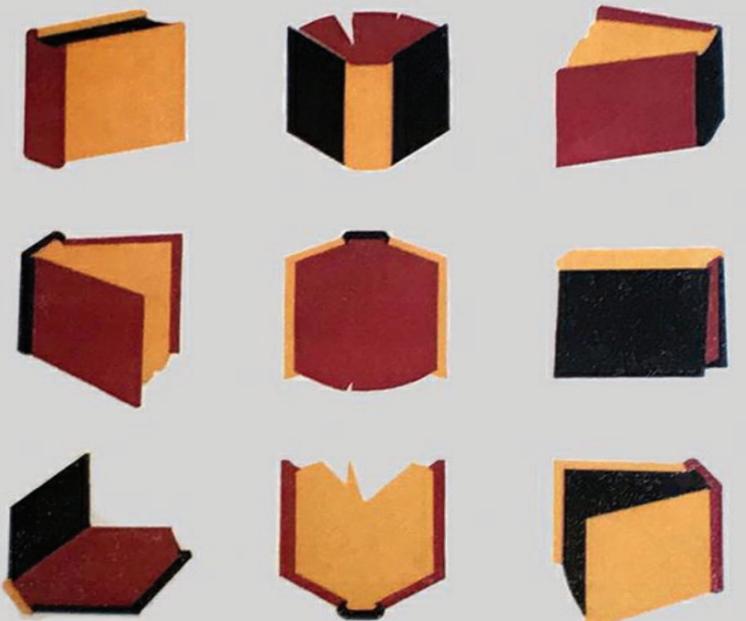
**March Police Log**

- False alarms, medical calls, requests for extra patrols, vehicle stops, etc. not included.
- 1 SUSPICIOUS PERSON/S, York Ave. BFA, blue and red outfit, walking SB down street holding a large battery device. Unable to locate. SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Cambridge Ave. Possibly a vandalized veh. from Richmond.
  - 2 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Franciscan Way. RP concerned his wife was followed by vehicle last seen headed SB on Franciscan.
  - ASSISTANCE TO OUTSIDE AGENCY, El Cerrito Plaza. Report of disturbance between male and female. Vehicle stop conducted on driver coming from El Cerrito. Matter referred to ECPD.
  - COMMUNITY-ORIENTED POLICING, Community Center. Public forum.
  - BATTERY, KPD. Case report taken.
  - 3 SUSPICIOUS PERSON/S, Stratford Rd. Elderly lady putting salt on car. Parties advised.
  - 4 PETTY THEFT, Arlington Ave. Battery pack for cell phone taken from unlocked veh.
  - 5 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Westminster. RP speaking for her mother, who says her computer is hacked and someone is changing her accounts. RP will file report.
  - 6 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Cambridge. WFA 50s left unexpectedly, car, purse left behind. RP has checked her yard.
  - 7 ASSISTANCE TO OUTSIDE AGENCY, San Pablo/Potrero. White Challenger, black stripes, 100mph going southbound.
  - PERSON SEEKING ADVICE, Highland Blvd. Contractor came to do work, left workers, never completed job. RP concerned about subject coming to his home.
  - 8 ASSISTANCE TO OUTSIDE AGENCY, Carlson/580, CHP assistance.
  - 9 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Colgate Ave. Open door.
  - 10 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Santa Fe. Wht sedan or similar idling since 2200 hrs last night, still idling w/front seat reclined unk if occupied.
  - 11 CITIZEN ASSIST, Francis. RP noticed a little girl running in his front yard near his plants. RP saw human feces on his front steps and said a device from his front yard was taken by "young people" when he attempted to transport feces to garbage. Wants police follow-up.
  - 12 ANIMAL CALL, Purdue. Big brown dog named Leo climbed over fence. RP wanted to report in case someone calls about missing dog.
  - CITIZEN ASSIST, York Ave. Husband fell down stairs.
  - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Arlington Ave. Interior basement door found open w/lights on underneath house leading to garage.
  - 13 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Arlington Ave. RP reports that her husband has been physically threatening and gets violent.
  - 15 SUSPICIOUS PERSON/S, Franciscan Way. 4 HMAs w/hoodies unk retired police type veh with a spotlight or similar on the side lighting up the houses on Franciscan above the cemetery, told RP they were having mechanical issues.
  - SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Franciscan Way. Veh w/ police spotlights on side. RP called back because veh still there.
  - 16 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Coventry Rd. 2 persons in car, someone got out with flashlight looking around, driving very slowly up the hill.
  - SUSPICIOUS PERSON/S, Norwood Ave. 2 HMAs, bright colored jackets, walking up and down the street, possibly casing, talking loudly about each house. LS walking toward the Arlington. RP wants contact.
  - 17 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Colusa/Oakview. SB on Colusa, subj stumbling outside of vehicle, got inside and started driving. Child in back. Unable to locate.
  - 18 SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Los Altos Dr. RP stated that white pickup truck drove by a couple of times had a flashlight and believes that they put something in the truck from the neighbor's house. Unable to locate.
  - BURGLARY, Los Altos Dr. Parents' veh. broken into during night, Gym bag and pens taken. RP and parents not at home.
  - 19 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Windsor Ave. RP hears screaming, possibly between husband and wife.
  - 21 ENTER AND OCCUPY W/O CONSENT, Arlington Ave. WFA, blonde hair with black dog on RP's property, refusing to leave.
  - 22 DISTURBANCE OF PEACE, Kenyon Ave. 100 people, loud party.
  - 25 HIT AND RUN, Stanford Rd. Dad's veh. hit while parked yesterday evening.
  - PERSON SEEKING ADVICE, Colusa Ave. Requesting to speak to officer re white fence board cuttings dumped in his yard last night. Stated this is the second time it has occurred.
  - VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Colusa/San Carlos. Veh, onto sidewalk, one occupant.
  - 27 BURGLARY, Amherst Ave. Auto, no signs of entry but iPod, CDs and watch taken.
  - SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE, Ocean View Ave. RP gave drivers' license number, DOB, etc. while placing order for pump. When she went to pick it up, employees had no idea who she was.
  - VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Sunset Dr. Traffic collision reported, unable to locate.
  - 28 PETTY THEFT, KPD. Mail theft from lobby.
  - VEHICLE ACCIDENT, Amherst Ave. Vehicle into parked cars while avoiding a deer.
  - 29 BURGLARY, Franciscan Way. Auto, driver side window smashed.
  - RECKLESS DRIVING, Arlington/Coventry. Silver truck closed back vs smaller sedan, possibly white. Possible road rage.
  - SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Arlington Ave. Vehicle drove into parking lot of library and turned lights off with engine running. Orange box car. Unk occupants.
  - ANIMAL CALL, Coventry, Arlington. Deer with three legs, per RP. Deer in parking lot of dentist office.
  - 30 SUSPICIOUS PERSON/S, Arlington Ave. 12 yo RP reports WMA 50-60's no shirt, gray/blue pants, sleeping ifo business. Unable to locate.
  - SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE, Ardmore Rd. Subaru parked ifo with lights on. RP would like vehicle checked out.
  - 31 PETTY THEFT, Beloit Ave. Garden artifact taken from yard.
  - ANIMAL CALL, Ocean View Ave. RP states dog attacked her. Referred to outside agency.

**Town Meetings**

- KCC-May 6, April Kensington Community Council, 6:30pm. 525-0292 Building E
- KPSC-May 13, Kensington Public Safety Council Earthquake/Disaster Preparedness 2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165
- KARO/ECHO-May 13, Amateur Radio Operators, 2nd Mondays, 7:30pm. 524-9815
- KFPD-May 8, Fire Protection District 2nd Wed., 7pm. 527-8395
- KIC-May 22, Kensington Improvement Club 4th Mondays, 7:30. 524-7415
- KPPCSD-MAY 9, MAY 23, Police Protection and Community Services District 7:30pm. 526-4141
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Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043

Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley (UUCB), 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 525-0302, [www.uucb.org](http://www.uucb.org)

## Ongoing:

**Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention** Bldg. E, Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30am, \$10

**Acrylic Artists** Wednesdays, 9:45-12:30, \$9. Self-directed artists come together to paint. Easels and tables provided. Friendly group.

**Tai Chi Chuan** Bldg. E, Fridays, 9:30-10:30am, \$10

**Jazzercise with Kevin Knickerbocker** Mondays-Fridays, 9am \$20 class or \$55 unlimited per month. ACC.

**Mindful Yoga with Wendy Beckerman** Tuesdays, 9:15am, bring yoga mat. \$18 drop-in or discount for series. ACC.

**Israeli Folk Dance** Wednesdays, \$6, lessons/beginners 8pm, request dance party starts at 9pm. ACC.

## May

**May 1 Kensington Unit League of Women Voters** will meet at 1:15pm at 631 Parkside Court to discuss local issues. RSVP 527-1266.

**May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Baby & Toddler Storytime** Stories, songs, puppets, scarves, shaky eggs, and loads of fun! Kensington Library. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free.

**May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Read to Dogs!** Each week one to three calm & gentle therapy dogs will be at the library, waiting for kids to read to them (or parents of younger kids can do the reading). Call or come by to schedule an appointment. Drop-ins often also work. Kensington Library, 2:30-3:30. Free.

**May 2 First Thursday Fellowship @ 6pm,** ACC. Free. Monthly potluck supper and evening program, all are welcome.

**May 4 Home Composting Workshop** Story on back page. There is a method and style of composting to suit every lifestyle. Learn how quick and easy home composting can be in this two-hour workshop. Presented by the County Department of Composting and Gardening. Kensington Library, 10am-noon. Free.

**May 4 Kensington Property Owners Annual Meeting** UUCB, 10am-noon. See story centerfold.

**May 4 Berkeley Broadway Singers** Spring Concert. UUCB, 7:30pm. Free (donations requested).

**May 5 Rev. Lehel Molnár,** Balazs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry. "The Hungarian Unitarian Church Celebrates 450 Years; Preserving its Archival Heritage." UUCB, 9:30am. Free.

**May 5 Berkeley Broadway Singers** Spring Concert. UUCB, 4pm. Free (donations requested).

**May 6 Kensington Library Knitting Club** "The Castoffs" All levels welcome. Please bring your own needles and yarn. We will provide support, encouragement and help. Learn new stitches, share your talents, and meet new friends. 6:30pm. Free.

**May 7, 21 & 28 Family Storytime** Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals & pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free.

**May 9 Rev. Susan Hendershot,** president of Interfaith Power and Light, will present the compelling story of

this national organization, founded in California in 2000. ACC, 7pm.

**May 11, 18 & 25 Kindergarten Countdown!** Do you have children starting kindergarten in the fall of 2019? If so, join us for fun sessions as we focus on the kindergarten readiness skills of Reading and Writing on May 11, Talking and Singing on May 18, and Playing and Fine Motor Skills on May 25. We will start with group activities followed by activity stations. Come to as many sessions as work; no registration required. Program best experienced without siblings. Kensington Library, 2-3pm. Free.

**May 12 Dr. Bernard Schlager,** Associate Professor of Historical & Cultural Studies and Executive Director, Center for LGBTQ and Gender Studies in Religion at Pacific School of Religion. "Queer and Christian."

**May 13 Cannabis and Aging** Dr. Laurie Vollen will discuss the positive effects of cannabis on some of the ailments that accompany aging, including chronic pain, and the research around cannabis as a possible alternative to opioid treatments. Demystify the controversy around this ancient plant! Kensington Library, 6:30pm. Free.

**May 13 Coloring Celebration!** Come celebrate the fabulousness of colors! Choose from coloring sheets featuring animals, architecture, nature, geometrical designs, mandalas and more. Simple pages for the youngest, and complex designs for older kids & young teens. We will use large sets of colored pencils, crayons, and thin-tipped markers. Let's see what you will create! Kensington Library, 3-4pm. Free.

**May 13 Calligrapher Meredith Klein** at El Cerrito Art Association, 7pm, El Cerrito Community Center. Meredith will talk about the types of callig-

raphy and will demonstrate various tools and scripts. The audience will have a hands-on opportunity to use tools and inks.

**May 14 Learn to Draw Super Heroes** with Illustrator Sam Filstrup Animator/illustrator Sam Filstrup will be at Kensington Library to lead children ages 8-15 through drawing some of their favorite super heroes. Space is limited. Register online or call or visit the library for assistance. 6:30pm. Free.

**May 16 Bridge Night @ 6pm,** ACC. Monthly potluck and bridge play at all levels for ACC'ers and new guests.

**May 18 Contra Costa Chorale** Spring Concert "Out of the Shadows: Choral Music by Women Composers." UUCB, 8pm. \$20 General, \$15 Students/Seniors/Disabled. Children under 12 free.

**May 19 FKL Annual Spring Book Sale,** 10am-4pm in the lot behind the library. See article, centerfold.

**May 19 Dr. Victoria Lee,** licensed clinical psychologist, a couples' counselor and a certified sex therapist. "Sacred Relationships and Sacred Sexuality."

**May 20 Kensington Library Book Club** Discussion of *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Book Club open to all. 6:30pm. Free.

**May 21 Paper Catapult Helicopters** Come by and make a paper helicopter to shoot into the air! Simple folding, taping and cutting should open this to just about any kid (youngest ones with adult help). Kensington Library, 3pm. Free.

**May 30 Movie: From Paris to Pittsburgh** "Paris to Pittsburgh shines a light on the many forgotten communities and people who have been affected by climate change in our country, as well as solutions for how we can fight back and reduce our carbon footprint."—Rachel Brosnahan. ACC, 7pm.

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Shopping at Colusa Circle? Colusa Foods Market has fresh cut bouquets daily from D'Jour.

Shopping on the Arlington? Stop by the Raxakoul Coffee and Cheese Market, where you will find assorted bouquets from D'Jour Floral available.

Have a graduate in the family? I will have prom flowers to wear and Hawaiian leis for graduation available. Please be sure to call Judy at 510-525-7232 to pre-book your flowers in advance.