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District prepared to OK Kensington Park expansion

The Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District board was expected to approve a plan to move forward with development of the southwest portion of Kensington Park at a May 26 meeting.

"It's right in line with what the master plan called for," said Barry Garfield, general manager of the district. "This is one of the more important parts of the whole park and its going to tie it all together."

Garfield expected the board to approve a \$275,000 plan from landscape architect Jack Griffith of Arbegast, Newton & Griffith of Berkeley. Griffith, a Kensington resident, has long been involved in the planning and design of the park.

A total of \$220,000 for the park will come from Proposition 40, a 2002 measure that earmarked money for parks. The funds, already approved for Kensington,

have started to flow to the district to cover initial planning costs. The remaining funds will come from the district.

The board was expected to authorize the district to draw up construction documents and go to bid on the project. The plans call for the development of the lower portion of the park behind the tennis courts and along the bay side. It would transform an underutilized portion of the park that is dominated by asphalt into a tree-lined area with winding paths and elevated terrain.

The plan, which conforms to the 1997 master plan for the park, includes a reconditioned basketball court and a practice tennis area with a backboard. The district would lay grass in the remaining portion with a footpath that would connect the southwest portion of the park grounds to the picnic area on the other side of the tennis courts.

In addition the plan would add new tot swings in the picnic area and swings for older children on the west side of the tennis courts, handicap accessible picnic tables and benches with views of the playing areas and bay.

The plan also calls for two handicap parking spots on the southwest side of the park. To create those spots the district will need to win county approval.

Garfield, though, said because of the unexpectedly high cost of proposed bathrooms that would add \$73,000 to the total price tag of the project, he planned to present it to the board as a separate alternative.

Though the community center and the education building beyond the tennis courts both contain bathrooms, they are only accessible when those buildings are in use. To fund free standing bathrooms would require a community fundraising effort.

"We're having to put the restrooms as an alternate because it's coming in quite a bit higher than we anticipated," said Garfield. "I think we will eventually get it in there. The plan is to have restrooms up there."

Ciara Wood, KPPCSD board member assigned to park planning and development, thinks it's a mistake to put off the construction of the bathrooms because the cost will only rise and they are needed now. She is launching a fundraising campaign for the bathrooms.

"We need to start thinking about fundraising and solicitation immediately," she said. "The way to get restrooms is to get people send sending the checks now and earmark them for restrooms."

Garfield said he expects construction on the area to be developed to begin this summer and to be completed by the end of the year.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Kensington resident and Albany High School sophomore Sam Kessel climbs the Passo del Bernina (elevation 7339 feet) in Switzerland last year. It is part of a three-country course he will ride this summer to raise money for Heifer International, a relief organization that provides animals to help impoverished communities develop sustainable sources of food and income.

Peddling for a good cause

Kensington's Sam Kessel is going for a bike ride.

The Albany High School sophomore plans to bike 800 miles through the Alps of France, Italy and Switzerland climbing as high as 9,000 feet as he peddles over 15 different Alpine passes.

But rather than just ride, Kessel decided to take a cue from two of his favorite cyclists, Tyler Hamilton and Lance Armstrong, and do the ride as a benefit.

Kessel, 15, is collecting pledges from supporters linked to his ride. The money will be donated to Heifer International a nonprofit organization that donates livestock to poor families around the world. Heifer donates animals that can be used to farm and provide food.

"Unlike other organization it seemed like heifer had a more sustainable method of doing things. They weren't just supplying meals for a month or whatever. They are using a system where they eliminate the problem of recurring hunger and poverty."

Kessel said he will be the sole rider on the trip, but that his family will follow behind him in a car.

Information about Kessel's ride and Heifer International can be found on his website at www.samkesselaltour.homestead.com/.

People wishing to make a donation in support of the ride can do so online by going to www.justgiving.com/pfp/samkesselaltour.

KCC begins a new round in its search for an administrator

The Kensington Community Council said it will initiate a new search for part-time administrator of its educational and recreation programs.

The new search comes after a search for a replacement for Helen Horowitz failed to yield a candidate with which the organization could reach terms.

"It's number one on our dance card right now," said Ted Blanckenberg, president of the council. "The most important thing we need to do is fill this key and vital spot."

Horowitz, who has served in the position for ten years, is leaving to replace Diana Jones as secretary for the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District.

The need to find a new administrator comes at a critical time for the organization. It hopes to revitalize its Kensington After School Enrichment Program after a difficult year when the temporary relocation of the Kensington Hilltop Elementary School caused enrollment to plummet and forced the program to significantly scale back the range of classes it offered.

With the return of students to the Hilltop school in the Fall, the council expects to revitalize the program and restore the full offering of classes.

The continuing search is not expected to affect the operation of the KCC Summer Camp because director Jessica Smith will be responsible for all administrative duties relating to the

camp until a new administrator is named.

The council seeks someone with organizational skills and administrative experience. Duties include hiring KASEP instructors; scheduling programs, classes and events, coordinating KASEP and the Summer Day Camp, bookkeeping, publicizing activities and attending the KCC board and KASEP meetings.

Experience working in the recreation field is preferred. Applicants should send their resumes and references to KCC, Administrative Job Selection Committee, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707. The application deadline is June 17. For further information about the job, contact the KCC office at 525-0292.

Get the low down



Gail Feldman, KPOA president

The Kensington Property Owners Association holds its annual meeting Saturday, June 25 at 10 a.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Come learn about services that impact property owners in Kensington. Sup. John Gioia will discuss several issues including the proposed temporary events ordinance. Other discussion includes fire prevention and vegetation management in Tilden Park, an update on district schools and rodent control. Info:559-8232.

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Letters to the editor

Ordinance is a wake-up call to Community

Every Kensington resident should be aware of the proposed Temporary Events Ordinance that is likely to be put before the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for a vote as soon as July.

Most Outlook readers are probably familiar with Danny Scher's use of his 250 plus-seat backyard amphitheater to put on amplified concerts. This proposed Temporary Events Ordinance as written would permit these commercial-style events.

We are more concerned with the lack of community awareness of the proposed ordinance, which will have an impact far beyond Mr. Scher's neighborhood.

It will require individuals and community organizations throughout the county to get permits for events that have hitherto been routinely held and posed no problem to anyone. It would include events that are universally recognized as legitimate and are essential to the existence of important community organizations.

Despite its broad scope and impact this ordinance has received little publicity and very little opportunity for public comment.

Unlike the recently enacted Zoning Overlay, which took many years of community debate to craft, the Temporary Events Ordinance is being fast tracked with no input from the many organizations whose events it will regulate. Because it has been drafted with little or no input from those who will be most affected by it, it has the look of a law made to order for a special interest.

We ask everyone, especially the members of organizations like churches, clubs, etc., to carefully read the proposed Temporary Events Ordinance. You can find it under Kensington Municipal Advisory Council on the AboutKensington website, <http://www.aboutkensington.com/kmac.html>.

A copy is also available for review at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., or through Supervisor Gioia's office, 374-3231, JGioia@bos.cccounty.us.

After you have read it, send your comments to John Osborne at the CCC Planning Department, jobor@cd.cccounty.us, and Supervisor Gioia. We also urge you to go to Planning Department and Board of Supervisors meetings at which the ordinance will be discussed to make your concerns known.

Unfortunately, the MAC's were given a deadline of May 26th to submit their comments on this draft, so it is important that you make your response to the county soon.

CNG recommends the following basic changes to the proposed Event Ordinance draft:

- 1) That this ordinance should apply

KMAC to hold special meeting on events ordinance

The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council said it will hold a special meeting to obtain community feedback in response to a revised draft of the county's proposed temporary events ordinance.

The ordinance would regulate special events held throughout the county and impose permit requirements and limits.

The group will hold the meeting Wednesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center.

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only to residential properties in residential districts.

2) That to maintain the concept of temporary event, each event should require a separate application and permit instead of a maximum of four events on one permit covering a 12 month period.

3) Reduce the number of temporary events to be held on residential properties, from four to two per 12 month period.

4) Reduce the maximum number of attendees/participants from 200 - 300 participants to a total of 125 per event, including event staff and entertainers, etc.

5) Disallow the use of out door sound amplification equipment on residential properties.

6) Require that CCC and law enforcement shall, not may, be responsible for monitoring and enforcement and that the applicant must pay for additional enforcement and monitoring costs.

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District says Hilltop will open on time

The Contra Costa Unified School District said the \$15 million renovation and expansion of Kensington Hilltop Elementary School will be ready on time for the new 2005-2006 school year.

The district was considering a plan that would have required teachers to leave their classrooms in portables intact for the start of the new school year and then pack and move back up the hill about three weeks after school begins.

"It's amazing but true," said Bill Savidge, the WCCUSD's engineering officer. "There's a ton left to do, but we have two and a half months."

Work on the main structure hit delays because of heavy rains, but Savidge praised the contractor and architect.

Savidge said the district will begin to move furniture into the school in early August weeks before the start of school.

When completed, the project will provide a new 11,000 square foot building to house the library, music, science and art programs. The project also includes the addition of 1,700 square feet of space to the main building, modernization of existing classrooms and renovation of the multipurpose room and kitchen.



RACING THE CLOCK: A Workman lays bricks at the Hilltop Elementary School.

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Quilt raffle raises \$5,500

The Kensington Hilltop Elementary School's annual Quilt Raffle raised more than \$5,500 to support education programs at the school.

This year's raffle exceeded the amount raised last year by more than \$1,500.

The quilt was designed Diane Egelston and Betsy Quayle and was sewn with the assistance of Gesine Cotteral, Amy Kurzer and Laura Lavarando.

Jan Minarik, a second grader, sold the most tickets (\$210). Fourth grader Corey Roehl (\$168) and third grader Matthew Bunker (\$162) rounded top three sales spots.

Gene Millstein of Millstein and Associates Real Estate underwrote the cost of the raffle ticket printing with additional prizes provided by Skyroom Restaurant of San Francisco, Fontinas Ristorante of Berkeley, Inn Kensington of Kensington and Azul Spa of Berkeley.

Former teachers sought

Organizers of a celebration for the opening of the newly renovated Hilltop Elementary School are seeking the community's help to locate former teachers from the school.

The celebration will be held September 24 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Plans for the event include architect-guided tours of the new facility, live jazz music, exhibition of memorabilia, and a cake cutting. Tea and coffee will be served. There will be photo opportunities for reunited classmates and teachers, and time to look at the commemorative bricks incorporated into the new campus.

Any teachers who would like to attend are encouraged to send e-mail to HilltopReunion05@aol.com or leave a message with Esther Hill at 524-3713. Former students are encouraged to RSVP now, so that cake can be shared by all guests and crowd control won't be an issue.

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Diana Jones to retire from KPD and KPPCSD

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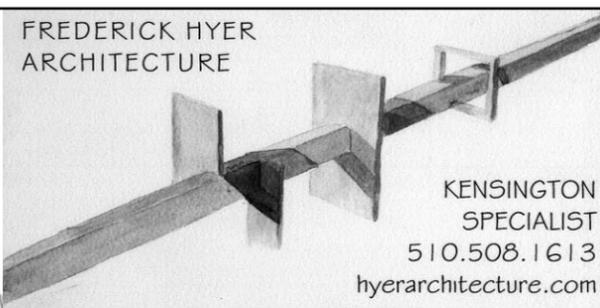
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Neighborhood Notes

Kensington resident opens pet store in old vet office

RabbitEars Pet Supply, a new pet store tucked behind Ace Hardware in the former location of the Arlington Veterinary Clinic, is now serving Kensington's four legged residents.

The pet store, founded by Kensington resident Judy Hardin and her partner Yuri Ito, not only features the usual fare of dog, cat, bird and small animal food treats and toys, but also items to sustain animal habitats, oceans, rivers, streams and economies around the world.

For instance, the store carries shade-grown, fair-trade coffee beans grown to preserve bird habitats in Central America and mountain gorillas in the African nation Rwanda. A portion of the store's proceeds



Judy Hardin

are also put into preserving animal habitats around the world.

In addition to classes that range from dog obedience to bird watching (see Kensington Calendar for listings), the store also offers free pet adoption from animals rescued by local shelters including dogs, cats, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs and more.

"We looked all around and made a decision to be in Kensington," said Hardin. "We like the area and people have dogs and take care of their dogs and they take care of wild animals too."

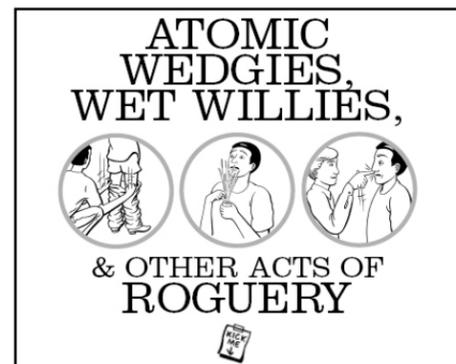
Kensington author offers guide to schoolyard pranks

Greg Tananbaum has an undergraduate degree from Yale University and a masters from the London School of Economics, but don't let that fool you.

Tananbaum, a Kensington resident, has just co-authored with his friend Dan Martin the book Atomic Wedgies, Wet Willies and Other Acts of Roguery (Santa Monica Press \$11.95). The book provides a straight-faced manual for more than 50 of these pranks and scores each one on a scale from one to ten for pain, annoyance, embarrassment and difficulty.

It also provides handy tips for best executions, countermeasures that may prove particularly useful for younger brothers in need of defensive measures and useful illustrations.

For instance, the authors advise when giving a wedgie to grab not just the waist band, but the actual underwear material as well. When defending against such an



attack, they suggest stepping hard on the assailants foot or an elbow to the assailants abdomen, stomach or groin.

Work on the book began after the two authors stopped late one night on the way up to a Tahoe ski trip to change a flat tire. Tananbaum bent over to jack up the car and Martin spontaneously performed the title move of the book. The rest is now literary history.

Danville librarian fills in during maternity leave



Amy Collen, a children's librarian at the Danville Library, will be fill in as acting branch librarian while Liz Ruhland is on maternity leave until the end of October.

Collen will be involved in the initial planning stages of a new Kensington Library, organize the library's 40th anniversary in October and ongoing duties relating to materials and programs.

While at Danville, she has implemented the library's Stories to Go program, hosted the library's annual Summer Reading Program, planned programs, ordered children's materials, and has read many many stories to children. Amy grew up in Whittier, California and lives in Walnut Creek with her husband and her feisty cat.



Amy Collen

5K Fun Run/Walk Fund Raiser

Support your local library by participating in Contra Costa County Library's second annual 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday, July 24, 2005.

Proceeds from the event will go towards purchasing much needed children's books for all 23 Contra Costa County Library branches.

The Fun Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. at the Pleasant Oaks Park, Pleasant Hill. Pre-registration is \$25. Participants can pre-register through the Contra Costa County Library web site at www.ccclib.org, at Active.com, or pick up a registration form at your local Contra Costa County Library branch. Race day registration is \$30 and begins at 7 a.m.



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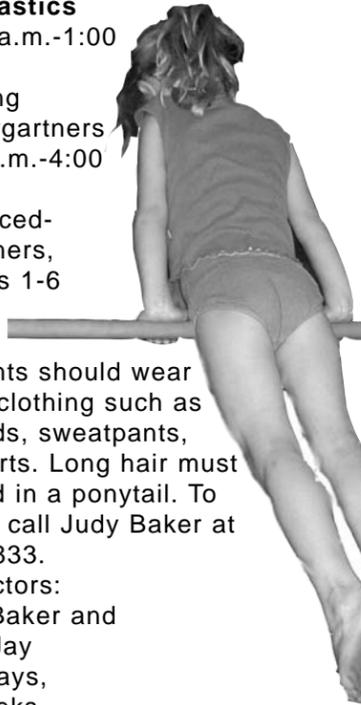
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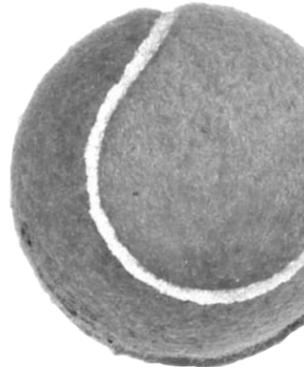
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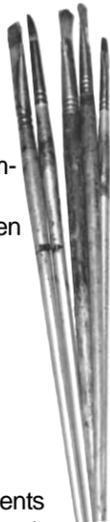
Adult Classes

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Instructor: Barbara Ward
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\$45 per non-resident
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Intermediate/Advanced: 9-9:45 p.m. \$4/class

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Registration now open for KCC Summer Day Camp 2005 -- Join us!

The Kensington Community Council (KCC) Summer Day Camp is for children entering first through sixth grades in the fall 2005. The camp runs from June 13, 2005 through August 19, 2005, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campers may enroll on a weekly basis. To ensure the best experience for each child, our camp has a maximum of 63 children per week. We employ a director, a head counselor and eight counselors, 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 Jessica Smith is returning for this year's camp along with counselors Valeria Fike-Rosales, Hayley Stranberg, Head Counselor Teddy Firestone, Lauren Aczon, Matt Houser and Andrew Erdmann. KCC is delighted that they have chosen to work again at its camp. Joining our staff is Ana Schumacher, Matt Robinson and Kevan Warren.

Fees

The cost for the Kensington Summer Day Camp is \$185 per week with the cost prorated for July 4th week to \$148. 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

Open registration. Parents may register their children on a space available basis during KCC office hours.

Brochures available

For more information or a brochure, call the KCC office at (510) 525-0292.

*Special Activities Schedule:

- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker**
Week 1 June 13 - June 17
- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker**
Week 2 June 20 - June 24
- Golf with Alex Brown**
Week 3 June 27 - July 1
- Golf with Alex Brown**
Week 4 July 5, 6 & 8 (July 4th holiday)
- Gymnastics with Judy Baker**
Week 5 July 11 - July 15
- Gymnastics with Judy Baker**
Week 6 July 18 - July 22
- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker**
Week 7 July 25 - July 29
- Carpentry with Sandy Thacker**
Week 8 August 1 - August 5
- Sports & Chess with Kim Roots**
Week 9 August 8 - August 12
- Sports & Chess with Kim Roots**
Week 10 August 15 - August 19

*Tennis with Alex Brown, three days a week

*FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE:

- June 15** The Jungle
- June 22** Exploratorium
- June 29** San Francisco Zoo
- July 6** Scandia
- July 13** Lawrence Hall of Science
- July 20** Jelly Belly Factory & Bo
- July 27** A's Baseball Game
- August 3** Waterworld
- August 10** The Jungle
- August 17** A's Baseball Game

*Changes in the schedule may be made for unexpected circumstances.



2004 campers on a field trip

Kensington Calendar

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Attendees at a past Live Oak Park Fair

Delicious food and continuous live jazz presented by Berkeley's Jazzschool with a backdrop of a park setting marks Berkeley's 35th annual Live Oak Park Fair. The fair showcases 120 distinctive booths of original art and crafts. A free shuttle will run between the North Berkeley BART station and the park every 30 minutes and will make attending the fair even easier. The fair will be held on Saturday, June 11 and Sunday, June 12, from 10am-6pm, at 1301 Shattuck Ave.. at Berryman in Berkeley. Free admission. For more info call (510) 898-3282 or go to www.liveoakparkfair.com.

Saturday, June 4

The Kensington Symphony Orchestra performs a tribute to French music at 8 p.m. at the Northminister Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. Geoffrey Gallegos, Conductor. Joseph Gold, violin; Olga Chernisheva, soprano, Paul Cheak, baritone; Mark Narins, tenor. Saint-Saens, Debussy, Mackie. Suggested donation: \$10; seniors, \$8. Children free. Info: 524-4335.

Monday June 6
Computer Literacy: Introduction to the computer mouse at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Monday June 6
The Kensington Community Council meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center. Info: 525-0292

Tuesday, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 7
Join author, William Wong, for a slide presentation of historical photos from his latest book, "Oakland's Chinatown" at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave.. in El Cerrito. The priceless photographs span more than 100 years, encompassing the breadth of Chinese life and experiences in Oakland. Wong was born and grew up in Oakland's Chinatown. He has been a journalist for more than 30 years and is also the author of "Yellow Journalist: Dispatches from Asian America." Info: 526-7512

Wednesday, June 8
Kensington Fire Protection District meets at 7:30 in the Kensington Community Center. Call to Confirm: 527-8395

Thursday, June 9

The Grizzly Peak Flyfishers, a group dedicated to furthering the noble sport of fly fishing through education and conservation, invites you to its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave.. in Kensington. Expert, beginning and "wannabe" fly fishers are all welcome.

Thursday, June 9
The Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 526-4141

Saturday, June 11
Kensington Introductory Birding Walk with Western Field Ornithologist Treasurer Robbie Fischer from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$25 includes continental breakfast at RabbitEars pet store, 303 Arlington Ave.. in Kensington. Space is limited. To sign up of for info: 525-6155

Monday June 13
Computer Literacy: Learn the basics of on-line searching at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, June 14
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Info: 524-3043

Thursday, June 16
Basic Manners for Dogs, a six-week, upbeat class for adolescent and adult dogs and family members of all ages begins. The class includes walking on a loose leash, recall, sit, down, stand, stay, no jumping, and more, with Sasha Futran, certified dog trainer and behavior modification consultant for In the Company of Dogs. \$125 for six sessions on Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at RabbitEars pet store, 303 Arlington Ave. in Kensington. Space is limited. To sign up and for info: 525-6155

Thursday, June 16
The American Rhododendron Society, Cal Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. at 666 Bellevue Ave., on Lake Merritt near Children's Fairyland in Oakland. This month's program is a member's

potluck and a slideshow of member's photos. Newcomers are welcome. Info: 223-0443

Saturday, June 18

The Berkeley Garden Club holds its Spring Plant Sale at 547 Grizzly Peak Blvd. in Berkeley at the top of Euclid, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lots of wonderful plants at bargain prices. Info: 524-7296

Sunday, June 19

Social Action Summer Forum: Working Toward a Better, More Just World. Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow speak on Darwinism and religion at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley at 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. They will explore spirituality in the natural world for the 21st century, following the inspiration of Thomas Berry. Info: 525-0302

Monday June 20

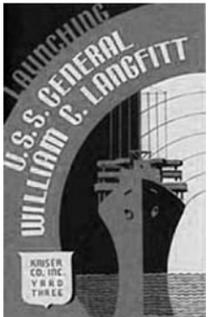
Computer Literacy: Introduction to the library catalog: How to check your library record and request items from other branches at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, June 21

Free Kindermusik demonstration classes with Michèle Voillequé at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley Choir Room, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Music, movement and make-believe for 1.5 to 7 year olds and their grown-ups. To sign up call 552-8160

Tuesday, June 21

The League of Women Voters - West Contra Costa County meets at noon for a brown bag picnic before the summer hiatus. The group will meet in the courtyard of the Richmond Museum of History at 400 Nevin Ave.. in Richmond for lunch and then a tour of "The Art of the Launch" exhibition. The will be the last meeting prior to September. Info: 233-0199



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Tuesday, June 21
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Info: 524-3043

Thursday, June 23
Come, Spot, Come: Total Recall -- Getting your dog to come when called no matter what the distraction. Learn exercises and practice strategy for getting a reliable recall at 7:30 p.m. at RabbitEars pet store, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Registration and info: 525-6155

Sudany, June 26
Social Action Summer Forum: Working Toward a Better, More Just World. Holly Zimmerman and Sydney Williams speak on Habitat for Humanity at 9:30 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley at 1 Lawson Rd. in Kensington. They will show a short video, followed by a discussion on a possible project in Richmond.

Monday June 27
Computer Literacy: How to set up a free e-mail account that is accessible from the library or any on-line computer at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Sign up for a seat. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, June 28
Kindermusik Zoo Train! with Michèle Voillequé from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley Choir Room, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Music, movement

and make-believe for 1.5-4 year olds. Five-week session. Fee \$75 includes instrument, book, CD and more. Call (510) 552-8160 for more info or to register.

Tuesday, June 28
Kindermusik Around the World with Michèle Voillequé from 3:30-5 p.m. in the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley Choir Room, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Music, movement and make-believe for 4-7 year olds. Five-week session. Fee \$115 includes instrument, booklets, CD and more. To register and for info: 552-8160

Tuesday, June 28
Kensington Municipal Advisory Council meets at 7 p.m. in the Kensington Community Center. Call to confirm: 273-9926

Tuesday, June 28
Family Storytime at 7 p.m. at the Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave.. Info: 524-3043

Tuesday, June 28
The El Cerrito Democratic Club meets at 7:30 p.m. in Makemie Hall at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.. El Cerrito. Ari Wohlfleier of the California Prison Moratorium Project and Ms Laura Magnani, assistant regional director of the American Friends Service Committee, speak on the prison-industrial complex. Info: 526-4874.

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From the case files of the KPD

This report is based on the police logs of the Kensington Police Department. The Outlook is solely responsible for the writing and editing of this report.

Events in April

Police arrested a 29-year old Oakland man for driving under the influence after he ran a stop sign on Arlington Ave.. His blood alcohol level was more than twice the legal limit. He was released to a friend.

Police stopped a Richmond man for a seat belt violation while driving on Arlington Ave.. They sited the man and towed his vehicle after discovering he was driving without a license.

Police stopped a Toyota MR2 on Cambridge Ave. and discovered the vehicle had not been registered since 1998. The driver pleaded ignorance about registration requirements until it was discovered he worked for the state of California smog check division. The car was towed.

Kensington police assisted El Cerrito police in response to a report of an auto burglary in progress on Everett Ave.. They arrested two male suspects.

A resident on Berkeley Park Blvd. called police after a truck driver blocking his driveway became hostile when asked to move. The truck was gone when police arrived.

Kensington Police assisted Berkeley police when an Arlington Ave. resident's car was stolen from the El Cerrito BART. Berkeley police stopped the vehicle, but the occupants fled on foot.

Police towed a 1993 Volvo from Lenox Rd. for blocking both lanes of traffic. The vehicle was registered to an owner in Hayward.

Police stopped an unlicensed solicitor going door to door. She produced identification with an Illinois address. They discovered an outstanding misdemeanor warrant issued in San Bernadino for driving under the influence and arrested her.

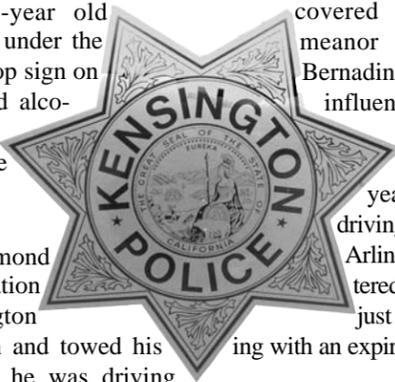
Police arrested a 42-year-old Berkeley man for driving under the influence on Arlington Ave.. The man registered a .08 blood alcohol level - just at the limit - and was driving with an expired vehicle registration.

Police interrupted a 2:30 a.m. tryst between a 17-year-old female and her 18-year-old boyfriend, who were parked in van with curtains drawn at a lot on Lawson road. Police released the two to their parents.

A tractor tipped over and pinned and crushed the foot of the man operating it on Purdue Ave.. He was able to use his cell phone to call for help.

A Coventry Rd. resident reported the theft of a 1999 Toyota Corolla valued at \$6,000. Police recovered the vehicle in Richmond.

A Kensington resident who was offering a vehicle for sale over the Internet received threatening phone calls from a man after a deal for the vehicle fell apart. Police contacted the man, who assured police that he had no intention of carrying out his threats and apologized. He did, though, reiterate his interest in purchasing the vehicle.



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