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## Hilltop School Garden Party

Stunning artwork for auction on view at Inn Kensington



One of the highlights of Hilltop School's social calendar is coming this month—the 23rd

Annual Garden Party. It will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, on November 11th. Once again, it promises to be a spectacular event with delicious food, a silent and regular auction, and a live jazz band.

Last year the Garden Party brought in nearly \$80,000. All the money raised goes to educational programs and equipment for computer and science labs, art programs, the library, and classroom supplies. The garden party is made possible by volunteers from school staff, the PTA, the Dads' Club, and many local businesses and individuals who generously give their time or donate items for auction.

Among the hundreds of items in the silent auction are artworks donated by Alex Adelman of Masterworks Fine Art, including works by Chagall, Villon, and Picasso. They are all on view at Inn Kensington. The master of ceremonies will be Tony Wise, and Larry Polito will run the live auction. The jazz ensemble is made up of Frank Mercurio, Matt Willis, Cyril Guiraud, and Fred Hyer.

Although the dads do not promise to repeat their infamous Full Monty performance, bidding for the Dads' Club work-party is sure to be fiercer than ever. Last year's winners are still raving about all the work that this group of experienced gardeners, painters, carpenters, and all-round do-it-yourselfers accomplished in such a short time.

Other items that will be auctioned off include vacations in New York, Cabo San Lucas, and Seattle; a pottery party; and a living room ensemble comprising a chair, end table, and lamp from Earthly Basics in Berkeley. You can also win a chance for your child to become the principal of Hilltop School for a day, with the "alternate" principal, Jon Stokes, taking the lucky child to a lunch of their choosing. Items in the

silent auction will include gift certificates to many local Bay Area restaurants, student artwork, gift certificates from local professionals, clothing, jewelry, and much more. The garden party auction is a great place to kick off the gift-buying season. Most importantly, all the money goes directly to programs that support the children and school.

Some of the food delicacies will come from Beauregard's Bistro, Larry LeFebvre of Kensington Fine Foods, and Kim Cartmill of the Dinner Source. Other local businesses contributing food and beverages include Kensington Bistro, Inn Kensington, Arlington Bakery, Arlington Wines, Kensington Circus Pub, Lola's, 6 Degrees (on Solano), Edoko, Semifreddi's, Espresso Subito, Trader Joe's, Colusa Market, and Acme Bread. The fabulous desserts will include Lisa Kirkby's miniature éclairs.

Organizers hope that the event this year will raise even more money, and be even more fun, than last year. Everyone, parents of Hilltop School kids or not, is warmly invited.

If you would like to volunteer before, during, or after the Garden Party, contact Nette Barry, at 527-7898. If you have any other questions, please call Catherine Mercurio at 527-1297.

The garden party will take place at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. Tickets are \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door. Saturday, November 11, 5:30–10 p.m.



## KCC Parade and Open House

Barbecues, bands, pumpkins, and scouts star in Kensington's Annual Parade

The Kensington Annual Parade and Open House was another great success this year. Over 200 people walked from downtown to the Community Center, led by a police car with flashing lights. Everyone gathered in front of the Farmers' Market. Many people completed their food shopping, and others sampled baked goods and fruit, while police and fire people decorated pumpkins. Children sat in the fire engine and were given shiny red firemen's hats. At 12:30 the El Cerrito High School Marching Band and Color Guard, who had collected at the lower parking lot, marched up, and the parade began. With the blast of a police siren, the parade took off, marching slowly up Arlington Avenue to the beat of the drums and tunes from the band. Many of the children had been given candies to throw to onlookers, who eagerly rushed to pick them up. The Grand Marshall was Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor, who rode in a convertible with his smiling grandson.

Also in the parade were Cub Scouts Pack 82, Boy Scout Troop 100, Kensington Nursery School, a VW convertible driven by Walt and Gretchen Gillfillan encouraging people to read books, and lots of kids and parents.

When the parade made it to the Community Center, the Boy Scouts mounted an honor guard and raised the flag, while the ECHS Band played the national anthem. Then it was time for the El Cerrito High School Jazz Band to play some jazz standards, while people sat around on the grass and at tables and ate delicious barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers. A table displayed all the pumpkins decorated by the kids.

The Parade and Open House were sponsored by KCC and were made possible by the generous benefactors, The Mechanics Bank and Marvin Gardens. Much of the success of the carnival must go to Esther Hill, who did almost all of the organizing.

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## Ciara Wood leaves the KPPCSD Board after eight years of service

After eight years on the board of Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District, longtime Lake Drive resident Ciara Wood is stepping down. Wood devoted most of her official energies over the years to Kensington Park, which she helped guide and nurture from an idea to the magnificent facility it is today.

Wood has been involved with each planting, every weed abatement effort, and the continuing encouragement of native plants. She recently supervised, with Director Bruce Morrow, the planting of 40 new trees and shrubs. "Her energy and enthusiasm for the community and the park will be missed," said Morrow.

Wood has been a vociferous advocate for improved amenities, serving on the board since the original park funding, where she was partially responsible for obtaining the \$1.8 million for the park development



and the more recent funding for the recently completed structural improvements.

She has worked relentlessly on getting bathroom facilities for the park and has personally donated money toward this effort.

Wood has worked for the community in many capacities, as an active member of the Kensington Community Council, urging people to become involved, and setting ever higher goals in fund-raising. She was a strong advocate for the restoration of Building E, now a center for many children's activities and the KCC offices. She printed, and still proudly wears, T-shirts promoting the park. She is presently on the ad hoc committee investigating future uses for the Annex building.

Esther Hill, Director of KCC said, "I admire her dedication to the community and especially her commitment to the park."

## High school prank puts students in harm's way

Mature police handling of dangerous situation

At 11 p.m. on October 13, Police Officer Rodney Martinez was driving down Coventry Road, slowly negotiating the sharp bends, when he was confronted by a car speeding in the opposite direction. He pulled over to the side of the road to make a turn and give chase, when he observed three people, wearing black masks and carrying two guns and a rifle, slip out of the bushes, run across the road, and hide behind a car. Martinez jumped out of the police car, pulled his gun, and from behind his car door ordered the three people to come out with their hands up. Martinez said he thought they may have been involved in a home invasion or armed robbery. Out walked three teenagers with their hoods off, and Martinez spread them out face-down on the road and called for back up. The masked men turned out to be three seniors from El Cerrito High School who were in a "tagging" competition, which involved spray-painting the opposing team's homecoming float. The speeding car was driven by a fourth accomplice. It seems the kids thought it would be fun to pull their prank wearing masks and carrying air pistols.

They were very lucky that Officer Martinez did not use his firearm. Carrying a gun on the streets, especially while wearing a mask at night, is putting yourself and others in extreme danger. To then run and hide from a police officer compounds the risk. The officer cannot tell at a distance that the guns being carried are air pistols, or even toys, and cannot take a chance in what could possibly be a life-threatening situation. Thanks to Martinez's cool head and professional behavior, no one was hurt in a situation that could have been a real tragedy.

The youths' parents were called to come and pick up their kids. Some of the parents dismissed the police warnings, saying, "Kids will be kids." Luckily all the parents were able to take their kids home with them, alive and unharmed.

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**KPPCSD elections**

*We received more than one letter of endorsement for some of the candidates for the KPPCSD board. For the sake of brevity, we are publishing only one letter per candidate.—Editor*

*Editor—As a former president of the KPPCSD, I have seen the way in which our unique community has faced different challenges at different times, and it is apparent to me that we are now facing an important crossroads. At this time, we need leadership experience on the board in order to bring the community together. I have known Bill Wright for over a decade, I know of his professional accomplishments, and I know of his commitment to community service as well as his collaborative and intelligent leadership. I know that Kensington needs Bill Wright. The fact that Bill was the only candidate to receive the endorsement of our local Democratic Club speaks volumes. I strongly urge Kensington residents to vote for Bill Wright on November 7th.*

*David Fike  
Former KPPCSD President*

*Editor—I strongly support the reelection of Pat McLaughlin and Bruce Morrow to the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District. Their knowledge and expertise—Pat in the areas of budget and finance, Bruce in the areas of employee insurance and compensation—and their intelligence and respect in board and committee meetings have been invaluable in the conduct of District business. Kensington should retain these assets on the District Board.*

*Joan Gallegos, KPPCSD Director*

*Editor—I have recently become acquainted with Danny Scher and have spent time with him discussing his political and community views. I believe he would be a very effective and fair spokesperson for the best interests of the Kensington community. I warmly endorse his election to the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District.*

*Daniel Ellsberg*

*Editor—Cindy Kimball is an outstanding candidate for the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District Board. Cindy is an honest, straightforward, hard-working leader. All of the work Cindy has done for our community prior to this campaign has been characterized by her signature strengths—she listens well, communicates clearly and effectively, is not afraid to ask the hard questions, and rolls up her sleeves to do the practical tasks that move us forward. Cindy’s background in the Air Force and current work as a commercial pilot have also shaped her discipline and integrity. I have lived in Kensington for 20 years and sent my children to school here. I have been disturbed to hear about the abrupt departure of our Police Chief and the complaints filed against the police department. As a community, Kensington is an unusual gem. We have all the right attributes to have the best police department, waste management, and park in the area. A vote for Cindy Kimball will help us achieve that goal. She is the right person for KPPCSD. I hope you will join me in voting for her.*

*Carla I. Javits*

**Fire department statistics**

In August, the Kensington Fire Department handled 226 incidents. Of these, 7 were structural or outside wildfires, 125 were related to medical assistance provided by an EMS or other fire people, 30 were calls that were cancelled while they were en route, and 12 were incidents involving motorists and cars. Additionally, they also made several water- and gas-related calls and a couple of hazardous material calls, and they responded to some false alarms. There were also occasions when fire fighters assisted the police. Our trusted fire people also assisted with 10 California wildfires and assisted with a Fire Day in Southern California.

After much legal work, the fire department is scheduled to cut the overgrown weeds around a vacant house on Willamette. The process started in April has involved ascertaining legal ownership and obtaining several legal documents before the department was able to legally gain access to the property. During the interim, the fire department kept a vigilant watch over the hazardous growth.

**Police on duty**

The police department has published the hours of scheduled personnel on duty. It includes four sergeants and five officers. Each member of the force work eight days of 10-hour shifts in a two-week period, as follows:

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## Neighborhood Notes

### The Kensington Improvement Club town hall meeting

On Saturday, October 21, the KIC held their annual town hall meeting with approximately 120 residents attending.

**Lorraine Osmundson** explained the progress of the Gateway Project, a plan to place a fountain and landscaping at the southern end of Arlington Ave., which includes replacing the existing sign. There are significant costs involved, mainly from installation of utilities and construction.

KIC Director **Linda Lipscomb** addressed the ongoing investigation into the undergrounding of electrical and other cables. Although this is a safety issue as well as an aesthetic one, generally people do not really know what is involved. There are no government funds to pay for this, and the cost will almost certainly have to be borne by the community through some kind of bond measure. Lipscomb is compiling a series of frequently asked questions and answers to allow Kensington residents to become educated on the topic. When completed, these will be posted online. After that, KIC will start a process of asking for input from the community, before taking the project to the next stage.

KIC is looking into ways to open up and resurrect the many paths that run through Kensington. Some of these paths, which generally run east-west, are well used. Others are overgrown, hidden, and not maintained. There are even some that homeowners have attempted to include into their own property by fencing them in. These paths are a great resource for Kensington, not only allowing walkers quick access to different streets, but also affording good emergency routes. If you know of paths that are in need of attention, or would like to assist in their cleanup, please contact the KIC at 526-3605.

**Esther Hill**, Director of KCC, told the meeting about the successful, ongoing KASEP classes, the progress of the Flush Fund to raise money to pay for a bathroom in the park, and the need for new volunteers on the KCC board.

Branch Librarian **Liz Ruhland** spoke of new programs for young people and future repairs and improvements of the 40-year-old library building.

**Bruce Morrow**, Vice President of the KPPCSD, gave a report on the progress of revitalizing the police force from the board's perspective. He also told of the completion of the third phase of the park improvement and the KPPCSD ad hoc committee's progress in restoring the Annex building. He announced that the board would be soliciting the public's suggestions for use of the building. He said the task of recruiting a new chief was on track and that the board has established good liaisons with members of the public in the search.

Battalion Fire Chief **Lance Maples** discussed the fire department's state of readiness to fight house and wildfires. He said that some of the local firefighters have been serving for extended periods in several California brush fires and are bringing this experience home in case we encounter such fires in Tilden Park and other rural areas. He praised the disaster-preparedness CERT program and encouraged Kensingtonians to enroll. He also mentioned that the Kensington practice of always having an EMS-certified firefighter on every truck was so successful that the practice has been adopted by all fire crews in the district.

Interim Police Chief **Brown Taylor** addressed the progress of the search committee for a new police chief, the work that has been done and needs to be done

in the park grounds and buildings, and improvements in the police department, including returning the police to 10-hour shifts. He told the meeting that the police are very well trained, and although we have a quiet and safe community, the police are prepared to react to more serious crimes should they occur.

Supervisor **John Gioia** spoke of the urgent need to keep the emergency room open at Doctor's Hospital. The hospital has been losing money for some years, and he is working prodigiously to obtain funds to keep it running. It has one of the two local emergency rooms, but this service is only available to walk-ins, not ambulances. The hospital also has more than half of the urgent-care beds in the area. Gioia then spoke of the new Contra Costa County ordinance that requires all houses sold in the county to be fitted with a seismic gas shutoff valve. These small, inexpensive devices are easy to fit and will automatically shut off houses' gas in the event of a sizable earthquake. They save people from having to hunt for shutoff valves. So if there is an earthquake, whether you are asleep in bed or out of the house, the gas in your home will turn off and not cause a fire, if a pipe was to rupture or an appliance was to move or break. These devices can be purchased at most hardware stores and should be installed by a plumber. Gioia also reported that all the emergency services are now using the same radio systems, and communications have greatly improved in recent years.

California State Representative **Loni Hancock** spoke about issues she is encountering in getting laws passed, initiatives in the schools, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission development of parks, toxic cleanup that needs to happen in the area, and the issues on the November ballot.

*Outlook* editor **John Feld** announced that the newspaper will now contain 12 pages instead of 8.

Of the many other issues discussed, a possible ban on gas leaf blowers in Kensington received the most applause.

### Marvin Gardens exhibits local artist's work



Berkeley artist Sarah Whitecotton has a series of paintings and collages at the Marvin Gardens office on Arlington Avenue. The large, colorful images,

mainly portraits, will be on show until December. Whitecotton has shown her art throughout the U.S. and describes her use of color as "emotionally intense."

### Rescheduled KPPCSD meeting

Due to calendar conflicts, the KPPCSD meeting, which will include the swearing-in of the new board members elected on November 7th, will be held two days earlier than usual, on December 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

### Donations of old glasses sought

West County Optometry is looking for donations of your old glasses. If you have a pair of glasses that you do not need anymore, please take them to their office. Along with the Lions Clubs of the Bay Area, they will donate these glasses to the less fortunate. Please help give the gift of sight to those who need it. West County Optometry is located at 11780-B San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530, (510) 234-1730, and at [www.eyefinity.com/westcountyoptometry](http://www.eyefinity.com/westcountyoptometry).

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## Vote for Pat McLaughlin

Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District

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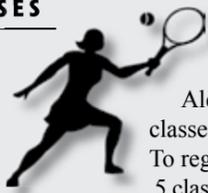
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## ADULT CLASSES

### Tennis

Alex Brown, USPTA tennis pro, offers classes to a minimum of four students. To register, call Brown at 524-5495.  
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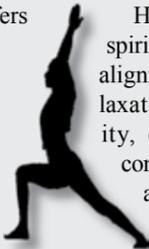
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Fees: \$12 for drop-in/ residents. One-month pass (4 classes) for \$40. Nonresidents add 10% (\$13.20 per class/\$44 or \$88 for monthly pass)  
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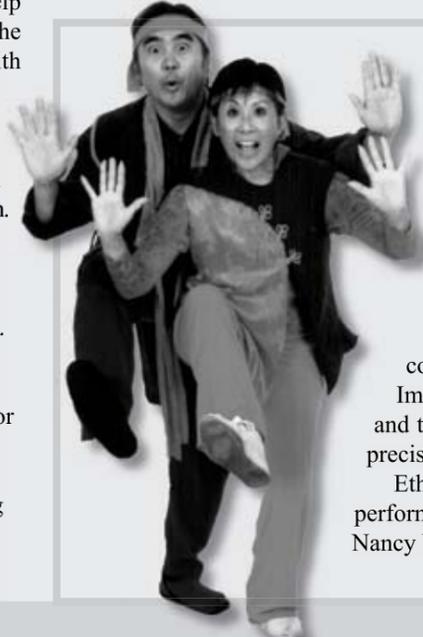
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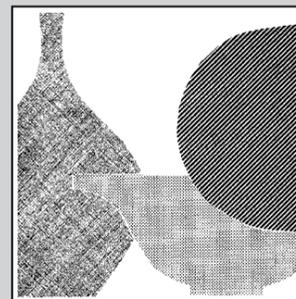
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### Stolen signs

For many years, KPPCSD board members were elected unopposed, and now we have more people running for office than there are vacant seats. Recently someone entered yards on Coventry Road to steal election signs. Is this a sign of increased community involvement or criminal malice? The signs were promptly replaced.

### Hilltop kids collect for Katrina school in Louisiana

The children of Hilltop School are once again collecting money for their recently adopted sister-school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After last year's hurricane Katrina, children at Hilltop School chose to support Progress Elementary School when it opened its doors to children displaced by the storm. Kensington students wanted to help children left homeless, so they adopted Progress Elementary as a sister school.

On consecutive Sundays, November 12th and 19th, students from Hilltop will be selling holiday cards at the Kensington Farmers' Market. Proceeds from the sale of the student-designed and handmade cards will benefit the Louisiana school, which is still catering to those made homeless by the storm.

A series of Hilltop events last year, organized by the students and parents, raised thousands of dollars for the school. These included several performances of the musical *All that Jazz* and sales of holiday cards and wristbands. The Farmers' Market is on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. behind Ace Hardware.

### Bring a friend to lunch



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*Arlington Bell Choir, left to right: Dorothele Fites, Linda Young, Kevin Lau, Elena Caruthers, Shanti Moorjani, Helen Winters, Jill Bryans, Anne Melamud, and Lydia Zane*

The Season of Light Holiday Boutique and Luncheon will take place at the Arlington Community Church on December 2. There will be musical performances from the Arlington Bell Choir and the Children's Choir, directed by Shanti Moorjani. The array of handmade boutique items, jewelry, baked goods, jams, jellies, hand-knitted items, and other items will make light work of seasonal gift buying. The lunch costs \$10, and the event goes from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Call the church office at 526-9146 by November 21 for reservations. The church facilities are wheelchair accessible. For information about the event or to donate items for the boutique, please call 527-4835 or 524-4782.

### Refuse charges rise

The rates for refuse collection are being raised, in line with the San Francisco Consumer Price Increase published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has calculated that this index has increased by 3.8%, which is the increase that was approved in October by the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service board. This means that the cost of a regular residential 32-gallon receptacle, emptied once a week, will go from \$28.65 to \$29.75. The commercial rate will increase from \$29.80 to \$30.95. All other refuse fees will rise by the same amount. The phone number for Bay View Refuse and Recycling Service is 237-4614.

### KPPCSD legal fees

The KPPCSD board incurred \$4,195 in legal expenses in August; this was down from a July total of \$24,858 and represented 16.4 hours of billable time from the San Francisco offices of Hanson Bridgett. The legal issues dealt with included the ongoing internal investigation (2.6), workers compensation (4.4), landscape maintenance contract (4.1), and review of draft policies (2.0). The work was done by three partners and an associate.

### Cooper's ride



This summer, Cooper Rogers, a 15-year-old Kensington resident, deciding he wanted a challenge, made a solo ride from Stinson Beach to Coney Island, NY. He made the

trip partly to visit his 80-year-old grandmother and partly to raise money for CrossTrails, a tuition-free program at the Marin Academy, where Cooper is a student. He made the 3,208-mile journey in 48 days. He covered 13 states and reports that he ate more than 50 Snickers bars. He developed muscles he did not know existed and got a good suntan. He says he met many incredible people and saw many beautiful places. For much of the trip he was able to cover at least 100 miles a day, although mountains and the summer heat slowed him down. He set out on June 4th by dipping his rear tire in the Pacific Ocean, and 3,208 miles later, on July 24th, he dipped his front wheel in the Atlantic Ocean and ate a hotdog at the original Nathan's Hot Dog Stand.

CrossTrails identifies ambitious and motivated fifth graders attending San Rafael public schools and awards them grants to attend the Academy for a three-year period. The program reinforces academic skills, builds self-confidence, facilitates success in high school and college, and promotes responsibility, integrity, and leadership. With more than 50 sponsors, Cooper was able to raise more than \$14,000 for the charity.

Cooper kept a blog, with pictures, as he journeyed across America; it can be found at [www.coopersride.blogspot.com](http://www.coopersride.blogspot.com).



### Kensington Library



The Kensington Library continues its new programs for teens and tweens (ages 9-12) with the launch of a new book club, *Stuff in Common*:

A Different Kind of Book Club, starting in November. Instead of one book that everyone is asked to read, teens and tweens can choose from a list of books that are all related in some way. November's theme is Books to Film. What changes when a book goes from the page to the big screen, and how much does it matter to the heart of the story? Come to the library starting November 2 to pick up a list of books and movies. The first meetings will be Thursday, November 30 at 3 p.m. for tweens and at 4:15 p.m. for teens.

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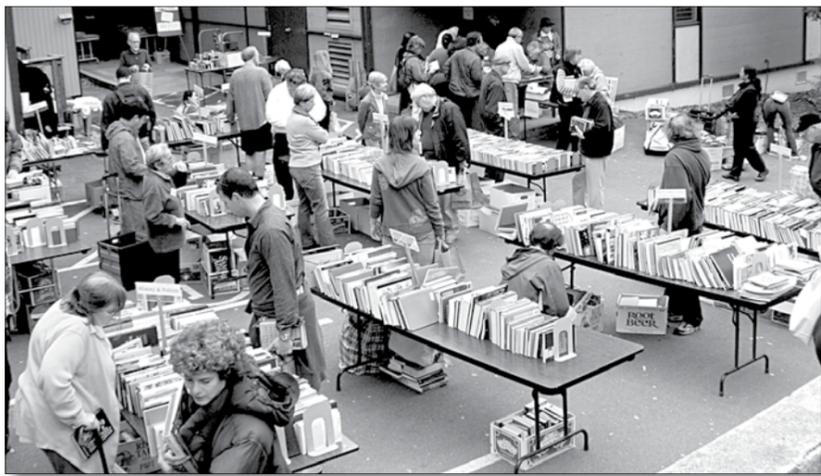
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**Friends of the Kensington Library fall booksale**



"It was not the best of days, but it was the best of fall sales," said Larry Sullivan, president of the Friends of Kensington Library (FKL), while apologizing to Dickens for the misquote. He was of course referring to the somewhat inclement weather during the FKL fall book sale. As usual, tables overflowed with donated books and were surrounded by a throng of people looking for a good read. In fact, the people started arriving more than a half hour before the sale started. This was the most successful fall sale ever. FKL has a two-day sale and a half-day sale, which account for about 60% of their income. The rest comes from donations. The Boy Scouts helped put out the tables, and sterling work was done by volunteers Marge and Bob Chapman, Marcia Crawford, Walter Frey, Lillian Fujimoto, Dave Hampton, Maj-Brit Hilstrom, George Judy, Hanni Lederer, Erin Makarczyk, Mez Chafe Powle, Deborah and Leo Ruth, Janet Seim, Marge Smelser, Larry and Annie Sullivan, and Claire Wasser, and by the staff of the library and the steadfast team who manned the cash table. FKL is always looking for more volunteers to help with book sales and could use new board members to help with fund-raising and publicity. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to a librarian or call 524-3043.

**The dark side of gluten**

In October in the library, Kensington resident Ann Marks showed a documentary that she made on gluten intolerance. Marks is not usually a filmmaker, but she made this film because she felt that the issue is important to many people and the information was not getting distributed. Gluten-sensitivity is often associated with celiac disease, but Marks feels that it may actually be a precursor to the disease. Apparently, 1 out of every 200 Americans may have celiac disease, yet as many as 15%, or about 1 in 7, may have gluten intolerance. The symptoms can be manifold: low energy, loss of skin color, bowel problems, chronic fatigue, delayed growth, infertility, osteoporosis, weakness, dizziness, headaches, persistent flu-like symptoms, muscle and joint pains, asthma, chronic sinusitis, food allergies, irritability, rashes, eczema, hives, as well as a heightened sensitivity to mold, dust, and chemicals.

"These symptoms usually disappear quickly after gluten is removed from the diet," says Marks. Many people who remove gluten from their diets notice positive changes within a few days, while others require several weeks. Although some notice dramatic changes, others experience a gradual change, often not noticeable until gluten is suddenly reintroduced into the diet. For people with an acute sensitivity, eating a slice of bread can bring symptoms back.

Gluten is a major constituent of wheat, rye, and barley. It is the part of the grain that binds the dough in baking. Sometimes it is difficult to identify which prepared foods contain gluten, but common ones include soups, cakes, candies, most cereals, pastas, sauces, gravies, soy sauce, communion wafers, many supplements and vitamins, medications, and Playdough.

Marks says that few U.S. doctors understand gluten intolerance, and few tests are available. She advises that the best test is to go on a gluten-free diet and judge the results for yourself. Many local restaurants are familiar with the issue and can prepare gluten-free dishes. Also many local health food stores have gluten-free products, including gluten-free breads. The National Institutes of Health have said that celiac disease is considerably under-diagnosed, and they have established a Web site for people to get information: [www.celiac.nih.gov/](http://www.celiac.nih.gov/)

**Park maintenance**

Acting City Manager and Interim Police Chief Brown Taylor, in conjunction with Park and Facilities Manager Helen Horowitz, KCC Administrator Esther Hill, and the park's landscape, maintenance, and repair personnel, examined all work that may be needed to the park, its infrastructure, and facilities over the next 18 months. The total cost was estimated to be about \$360,000. This includes necessary repairs to the Community Center, including resealing the roof, updating the kitchen and bathrooms, and painting the interior and exterior of the building. Expenses associated with the Community Center grounds include reasphalting the circle in front of the center, maintenance to the road to the amphitheater, removal of trees, and landscaping. The list for the lower tennis courts area includes replacement of one last picnic table, removal of poison ivy, replacement of some concrete, and a new drain. The meadow area requires a low retaining wall for flood control and repair to the stairs. Building E requires new floors, a new deck, and painting. The Annex has already had new drainage installed and may need complete refurbishing. There are many additional landscaping and maintenance needs

**Unfounded lawsuit**

An elderly Kensington gentleman, who, in July of this year, suffered a fall from a steep curb into a "culvert," filed a claim against KPPCSD for personal injuries for \$50,000. The KPPCSD informed the resident that this was not within the KPPCSD's scope of authority, as the maintenance and upkeep of the roads are the responsibility of Contra Costa County. At the KPPCSD meeting it was stated that the suit was also filed against other organizations. The fall happened on the 600 block of Coventry Drive, and the man suffered from a fractured shoulder

**Dog danger**

A reader has asked us to pass on that xylitol can be fatal for dogs. Xylitol is a sugar-free sweetener found in some human foods. It is safe for humans, and is often used by people with diabetes, but should never be given to dogs.

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**Dance Company:** ages 8-16, 6-7:30 p.m.; ages 16-106, 7:30-9 p.m. \$40. Dance training for 8 weeks with 2 performances. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.

**Evening class: What is your story?** Myth, storytelling and dream work. Rev. Cathleen Cox Burneo. 7:30 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

**Friday, November 3**

**Cooking Class:** Thanksgiving pies, doughs, and decorations. 6-7:30 p.m. Arlington Bakery, 73 Arlington Ave., 528-2253.

**Mini Concert:** Oak, Ash and Thorn a cappella with a British flavor. 8 p.m. \$12, Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.



**The Snake Trio:** New Directions in Jazz and Venezuelan Music. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors. The Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St, Berkeley, 845-1350.



**Saturday, November 4**

**Home Composting Workshop,** hands-on training in making, maintaining, and harvesting a compost pile. 9-11 a.m. Community Center. Reservations 800-750-4096.

**Women's Mysteries Revisited,** Carol Carlisle. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Donation: \$35. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. 528-9310.

**Writing Your Ethical Will,** Linda Blachman. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Donation: \$35. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road. 466-5053.

**Bay Area Classical Harmonies** (B.A.C.H.). Director: Andrew Chung. 7:30 p.m. \$18, general; \$15, seniors; and \$10, students. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.



**Sunday, November 5**

**Personal Theology:** Flight from Enlightenment, with Prof. Bill Garrett. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

**Farmers' Market:** Tea-infused chocolate tasting from Teance and Charles Chocolates of Emeryville. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Behind Ace Hardware, Arlington Ave.

**Sunday meditation.** Beginners welcome. 10-11:30 a.m. Free. Ewam Choden Tibetan Buddhist Center, 254 Cambridge Ave., 655-6354.

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**Monday, November 6**

**Beginning computer classes for adults.** Based on students' needs. Class is limited to 3 students. Call to reserve a spot. 6-7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

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

**The Castoffs** Knitting Group. 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Bell Choir.** 7:45-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.

# KENSINGTON

**Tuesday, November 7**

**Election day.** Remember to vote.

**Flu shots** at the Pharmacy, \$25, 526-6414.

**Arlington Children's Choir,** ages 12-16. 4-5:45 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.

**Acting Company:** for ages 9-16, 6-7:30 p.m.; for adults 16-106, 7:30-9 p.m. \$40. Theater training for 8 weeks with two performances. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.

**Family Storytime.** All ages welcome. 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Wednesday, November 8**

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

**Chancel Choir.** 7:30-9 p.m. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., 526-9146.

**Thursday, November 9**

**Grizzly Peak Flyfishers** meeting. Everyone welcome. 7-9 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave

**Evening class:** Sparks for growth. Revs. Chris Craethenn, Bill and Barbara Hamilton-Holway. 7:30 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

**Almost Famous:** A Jazz Musical. 8 p.m. \$15/\$10 seniors. The Hillside Club, 2286 Cedar St., Berkeley, 845-1350.

**Dance Company,** see November 2.

**Saturday, November 11**

**Taubman Piano Seminar.** Master classes and demonstrations. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Berkeley Piano Club, 2650 Haste St., Berkeley. Donation \$135. Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$20, 523-0213.

**Healing circle for animals,** guided meditation for pets and owners. 4-5 p.m., RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., 525-6155.

**Animal communication:** One-on-one session with animal whisperer. 5-6 p.m. RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., 525-6155.



The 23rd Annual **Kensington Elementary School Fund-raising Garden Party.** An evening of food, wine, live music, a silent and live auction. Food from many local businesses and caterers. 5:30-10 p.m. \$45 in advance. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 527-1297.

**Sunday, November 12**

**Personal Theology:** The Gospel of Judas and Its Contemporary Relevance. Bill Garrett. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., 525-0302.

**Farmers' Market:** Hilltop students sell handmade holiday cards to benefit Katrina victims at Progress Elementary School in Louisiana. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Mahan Esfahani,** harpsichord. \$15-\$18. 5 p.m. MusicSources, 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley, 528-1685.

**Laurel Ensemble:** Music from Russia and Eastern Europe by Shostakovich, Martinu, Kodaly. 7:30 p.m. \$12, Live Oak Concerts at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley.

**Sunday meditation.** See November 5.

**Monday, November 13**

**Kensington Area Republican Women's Club.** Parade of Fashions: annual fashion show and lunch. 11:30 a.m. \$30, Mira Vista Country Club, 7900 Cutting Boulevard, El Cerrito, 526-2221.

**Kensington Amateur Radio Operators.** 7:30 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 524-9815.

**Beginning computer classes.** See November 6.

**Bell Choir.** See November 6.

# CALENDAR

**Risks, diet, and therapy pertaining to heart disease.** Dierdre Warren, Director, Kaiser MultiFit Cardiac Rehab. Program. 7 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

El Cerrito Art Association, demonstration of **watercolor technique** by Marin artist Ben Farnham. 7:30 p.m. Free. Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center, Moeser Lane. 234-5028.

**Tuesday, November 14**

**Flu shots** at the Pharmacy, \$25, 526-6414.

**Arlington Children's Choir**, see November 7.



**P&T Puppets** perform Kipling's *Just So Stories*. 6:30 p.m. Children's Book Week. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave 524-3043.

**Berkeley Chamber Performances.**



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**Acting Company**, see November 7.

**Wednesday, November 15**

**Chancel Choir**, see November 8.

**Thursday, November 16**



**San Francisco's Chinatown**, slides and talk by Judy Yung. Chinese Historical Society of America. 7 pm. Free. El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito, 526-7512.

**Evening class:** The radiant center: Spiritual practices for modern life. Rev. Barbara Hamilton-Holway. 7:30 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

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

**Dance Company**, see November 2.

**Saturday, November 18**

**Flu shots** at the Pharmacy, \$25, 526-6414.

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**The Music Party:** song, dance and poetry. Adult, chamber, and the youth and children's choirs. 7 p.m. \$20; seniors, students, \$15. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd., 525-0302.

**Sunday, November 19**

**Personal Theology:** My Spiritual Journey with Focusing, Ann Wiser. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.



**Farmers' Market:** Narsai David bottle signing and Thanksgiving dinner advice; Hilltop students sell holiday cards to benefit Katrina victims. See November 5.

**Sunday meditation**, see November 5.



**Contra Costa Chorale Concert** Mozart, Bach, Gibbons, Persicetti, and Dello

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**Monday, November 22**

**Beginning computer classes.** See Nov 6.

**Bell Choir.** See November 6.

**Tuesday, November 21**

**Berkeley Garden Club.** Great Garden Books and Resources, talk by Ann Leyhe, 2 p.m. Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley, 524-7296.

**Arlington Children's Choir**, see November 7.

**Family Storytime.** All ages welcome 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Acting Company**, see November 7.

**Wednesday, November 24**

**Chancel Choir**, see November 8.

**Thursday, November 23**

**Thanksgiving day.**

**Worship Service**, 12 noon; **Thanksgiving Dinner**, 1 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 527-2026.

**Saturday, November 25**

**Shopping Spree and the Turnabout Thrift Shop.** Proceeds to local health care charities. Through Dec. 16. 10052 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, 525-7844.

**Sunday, November 26**

**Farmers' Market** closed for Thanksgiving holiday (you've probably had enough of food!)

**Personal Theology:** Projection as a Spiritual Discipline. Jeremy Taylor. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

**Sunday meditation.** See November 5.

**Monday, November 27**

**Beginning computer classes.** See November 6.

**Book Club.** *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe. 7 p.m. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Bell Choir.** See November 6.

**Tuesday, November 28**

**Arlington Children's Choir**, see November 7.

**Family Storytime.** All ages. 7 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Kensington Municipal Advisory Council.** 7 p.m. Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave., 273-9926.



**El Cerrito Democratic Club** discuss the election results. Amir Terkel and Cecile Surasky of Jewish Voice for Peace, will discuss Israel and surrounding areas. 7:30 p.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. 526-4874.

**Acting Company**, see November 7.

**Wednesday, November 29**

**Chancel Choir**, see November 8.

**Thursday, November 30**

**Stuff in Common:** a Different Kind of Book Club, for tweens (ages 9-12) 3 p.m. and teens 4:15 p.m. Free. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 524-3043.

**Evening class:** Reaching In, Reaching Out: Paths to the Holy. Rev. Chris Craethnenn. 7:30 p.m. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Road, 525-0302.

**Dance Company**, see November 2.

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## From the case files of the KPD

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

### Events in September

- A man was reportedly yelling at people on Highland Blvd. He had recently thrown up, and in the process lost his dentures. The police gave him a ride home, sans dentures. The next day someone reported finding the dentures on the street. (Don't ask how.) The teeth were returned to the rightful owner. Some days later the same man was seen on Willamette Ave. in possession of a concealed 12" dagger. He was again shouting, and this time taken to jail, apparently not for the first time. Some days later, the man's two children got into a fight over breakfast, and the daughter called 911 claiming assault. The son too went to jail. It was not reported if this was his first visit.
- Someone reported a suspicious van containing three men who were talking to each other on Arlington Ave. The police checked them out, and they were perfectly innocent, but agreed to leave the area to calm the fears of the locals.
- An ex-husband and an ex-wife had words about custody of their child in the schoolyard of Hilltop. It was thought that a court order was violated, but the ex-spouse was just late in getting to the school.
- Strong odors brought police looking for a dead skunk on Lawson Rd. No animal was found, dead or alive.
- A recently dead fawn was found on Windsor Ave. Animal control removed the dear deer.
- Someone made an anonymous donation of a shotgun and a .22 rifle to the police department. The Kensington police are always happy to take any weapon off the streets. If you would like to donate a firearm, please call 526-4141.
- Someone on Kenyon Ave. reported a white Mitsubishi repeatedly parking in their driveway between 8:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. each day. It is assumed that the owner is taking a child to a nearby day care facility. When they do this again the police will remind them about private property.
- A dead skunk was reported on Arlington Ave. This one was found and removed.
- A sensible parent told a man on a red bike who was talking loudly to himself while riding around the Hilltop playground to go home, as he was scaring the children. The man was reportedly "off his medications."
- Someone on the north end of Arlington Ave. was surprised to find a man measuring their house. When asked what he was doing, he said, "measuring," and then left.
- A resident of Arlington Ave. gave permission to people surveying her property, after a dispute with a neighbor, to trespass in the neighbor's garden. She became irate when the neighbor called the police and told them to leave. Apparently the woman made racist remarks to the neighbor and the police.
- A resident was watching over a neighbor's house. This person's son and a friend took the key, settled into the vacationer's home, drank some cooking wine, then allegedly staged a burglary. The son denied the event and later broke a window of the house, then called the police and reported someone trying to break into the house "again."
- A man on Ocean View Ave. found a toy arrow sticking in the ground in his garden. The archer was not located.
- Two people on Amherst and Arlington Aves. argued over responsibility and money after their respective daughters had been in an unreported car accident. The Kensington Police suggest that you always report crashes. It can make for better neighborhood relations.
- A thief smashed the window of a Honda Civic on Lawson Dr. and stole a black duffle bag. When the thief discovered that all it contained were diapers and baby wipes, they threw it, and the contents, into a nearby yard.
- Someone dumped a lot of garbage in the library/church parking lot. There was so much debris that it took three men 30 minutes to pick it all up at community expense.
- A large truck broke off a large branch on Coventry Road. Large firefighters cut it into small pieces and removed them.



- A petty thief stole a wallet containing a driver's license, credit cards, and \$30 from an Acura. Apparently, they had been walking down the street trying door handles until they found one unlocked. A police sergeant said this was a thief who has not yet learned to use a rock as a tool to break car windows.

■ An elderly person residing on Trinity Ave. wisely called police after a man arrived at her house claiming to be from Adult Protective Services but had no identification. The man was gone when police arrived.

■ Another altercation broke out in the Hilltop parking lot over custody, this time between a mother and her ex-brother-in-law. She said she felt threatened.

■ A woman who drove her Prius into her garage on Willamette Ave. and forgot to roll up her windows, lock her car doors, or close her garage doors was surprised to find that overnight someone managed to make off with her credit cards, a checkbook, \$300 in cash, a \$200 wallet, a set of car keys worth \$375, \$600 eye glasses, and a set of dinner plates.

■ The police were asked to check on an elderly lady on Beloit Ave. who was not answering her phone. It turns out she had turned off the ringer so as to be uninterrupted during the Ohio State football game.

■ A Civic was broken into on Coventry Road, but the thief did not find anything to steal.

■ The shouting man on the red bike turned up some days later at a bakery on Colusa Ave., was very impolite, and was asked to leave.

■ Police were called to a loud party at midnight on Marchant Court. They knocked on the door, but no one answered. However, the noise immediately stopped, so they left.

■ A large dog jumped out the front window of its home on Los Altos Dr., breaking the glass. After being growled at, the police persuaded the dog to return to its yard, where a neighbor took responsibility for it.

■ The man on the red bike was again reported yelling on Arlington Ave.

■ Some people who have been repeatedly featured in previous "Case files from the KPD" have continued their altercation. This time an anonymous person advertised their neighbor's rose bushes planted in tubs on Craigslist. Craigslist is a free online classified sales service. The ad said, "Just take them away. Enjoy." Someone came and removed the roses. Police told the neighbors that this was indeed a crime and to not do it again.

■ The man on the red bike was twice found on Highgate Road yelling at people, and at no one in particular, to mind their own business. He claimed he did not need his medication, as he was giving himself "flashlight therapy." He did indeed have a flashlight with him. He was persuaded to be quiet and enter his own home. Sergeant Khan suggested that his bulb may be a little dim.

■ An 81-year-old Berkeley woman said she was going shopping on Arlington Ave. When she did not return in a timely manner, she was reported missing. The Kensington Police located her lost in Hayward. It was suggested that she should hang up her car keys.

■ A man and his adult son got into a fight over the fact that the son was still living at home and was unable to pay his way. They got very angry but the only violence was to an uncooked chicken that the son threw on the floor.

■ The man on the red bike was again observed and reported to be loudly talking to himself, this time on Arlington Ave. He agreed to go home.

■ Someone on Lake Dr. reported seeing people in their back yard at night attempting to steal their persimmons.

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