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Martinez ...from front page

is not good. You can't see license plates. This may be a case that we're never able to solve." Four vehicles, described on the district's web site, can be seen: "We have some information but nothing that we can use to make an arrest." A \$15,000 reward is offered, and Martinez hopes that someone will step forward with a tip. "We're trying to close the case for the family," he says. "We're doing everything that we can."

Martinez soon begins a year's worth of training in connection with his new job. When asked if it's awkward with Barrow, who was demoted from detective in connection with the traffic stop, Martinez says that he doesn't have an issue with anyone in the department. "I think that's why Chief Hart chose me," he says. "I don't pick sides. He's big on people doing their jobs, and I just do my job to the fullest."

IA Report ...from front page

more than I should have. But what I said I still stand by. The defense for defaming is the truth."

The Internal Affairs report was meatier and more controversial, containing ten exhibits in addition to interviews. Critics charged that no civilian witnesses to the stop had been interviewed and that officers Juan Ramos' and Keith Barrow's interviews sounded rehearsed. In

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Decade-long Veteran Martinez Steps into New Role

By Linnea Due

In 2005, then Kensington chief of police Barry Garfield approached the Broadmoor district, in San Mateo County, soliciting the services of Officer Rodney Martinez. Martinez made the switch to Kensington in January 2006, and he's been here ever since. "I'm the kind of person who stays out of the limelight, out of the politics," he said in an interview August 3. "People who haven't met me think I'm new, but I've always been here, done my job, stayed out of the stuff that goes on." Martinez still lives in Daly City, with his wife of twenty years—"my high school sweetheart." He has two children, 18 and 16 years old.

In June, Martinez was promoted to serve as Kensington's detective. Martinez says that most detecting work in Kensington involves property crimes: vehicle and home break-ins. "We count on all the officers doing the work," he says, referring to those who first respond to the call. "Fingerprints, neighborhood canvasses to see if anyone saw something." Sometimes, he says, there simply are no leads, but "each case is different," and exhaustive footwork may turn up the tip that counts.

Identity theft is another crime that impacts Kensington residents, and Martinez says that much of that comes from overseas. "These guys are really big on working the system so that law enforcement can't follow them," he says. "They get prepaid cards and cell phones, so that



Rodney Martinez with wife Samantha, daughter Alexa, and son Rodney Jr.

the number is in the 510 area code and people think it's local."

Martinez is now following Officer Barrow and Corporal Stegman's efforts on trying to solve the cold-case murder of Erik Elliott, found dead in March 2011 in Kensington Park. "I was the one who found him that morning," Martinez says. "There were no signs of foul play, even when the coroner came to collect the body. It was when they did the autopsy two days later that they found the blunt force trauma."

That fact made no difference in how the case was handled. "Every time you go to a death scene, there are strict regulations in terms of collecting evidence. The coroner determines if the body is released to the family or if the body is taken to Martinez. So we didn't mess anything up by not knowing it was a homicide right away. Nothing changed in the way that we handled it."

Barrow and Stegman, the two primary officers on the case, conducted a long and thorough investigation. "It's like an encyclopedia," says Martinez about the Elliott file. "They really exhausted all their leads. We had video, but the quality

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IA Report Released

By Linnea Due

On August 2 the report conducted by the Richmond Police Internal Affairs investigator into the Cordova traffic stop was posted on the Kensington Police Department's website. The posting followed a special August 1 KPPCSD meeting in which residents argued against the report's release, citing the possibility of lawsuits against the district and a chilling of investigations as witnesses would be reluctant to give testimony in future cases. In closed session, three directors, Pat Gillette, Chuck Toombs, and Len Welsh, voted to release the IA.

The following day, in one 98-page document, the IA report was posted along with the Kramer report: the board had voted two weeks prior to release the Karen Kramer investigation it had authorized, in which Director Vanessa Cordova alleged that Interim Police Chief Kevin Hart made defamatory statements about her at a new residents' meeting.

The Kramer report, conducted by an attorney skilled in personnel and harassment complaints, found that at the residents' meeting Hart had indeed described Cordova's behavior in his office following the traffic stop, saying that she was agitated and upset. Kramer determined that his remarks reflected "his honest observations and perception," further corroborated by district administrator Lynn Wolter. Kramer found that the allegation by Cordova was not sustained. In an interview August 16, Hart said, "I told [residents at the meeting]

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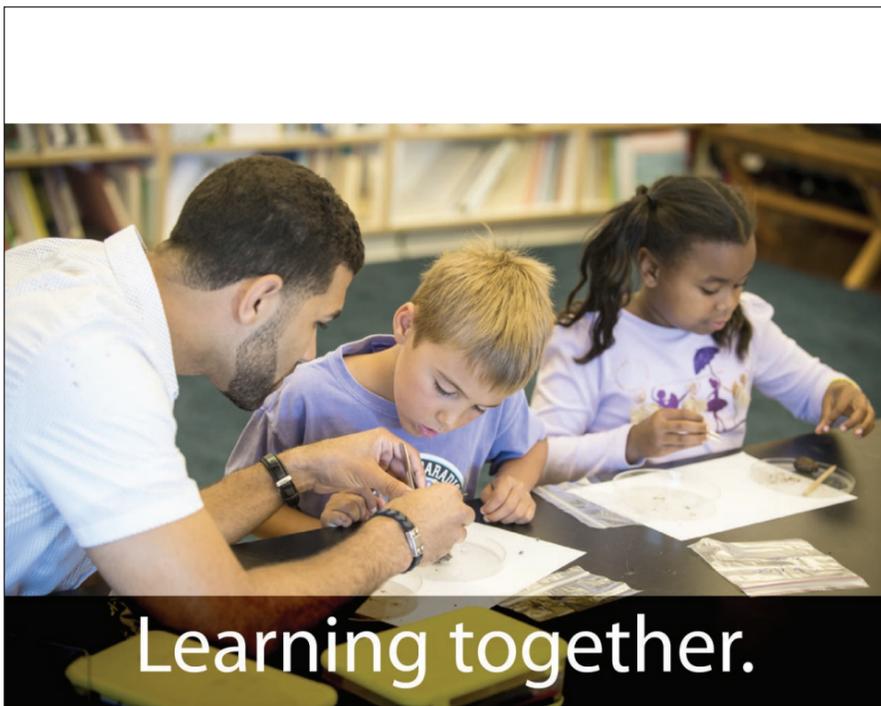


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Letters to the editor

Keys to Good Governance

Dear Editor:

Having read through the IA report, I am left with a mixture of sadness and frustration. How do we break through the dysfunction and recriminations? I believe we start by demanding three fundamental values as a community.

1. Civility. Our board and our citizenry are deeply divided over how Kensington should be governed, policed, and served. That said, it would be difficult to look at the time and attention both our leaders and our active community members are investing and conclude that they do not care passionately about our town. Why, then, can't we acknowledge that good people can have honest disagreements? Why do we so often see these disagreements devolve into invective? Why can't the common decency and respectful behavior I expect of my eight-year-old carry the day in board meetings? Civility is not a naive pipe dream; rather, it's a necessary component of good governance.

2. Transparency. It is understandable that certain activities need to take place behind closed doors or be convened on short notice. In general, however, sunlight breeds accountability. Let's have an open dialogue about issues like body cameras and armor and the motor pool and building retrofitting. Any perceived attempt to sneak something through further contributes to the cycle of negativity.

3. Communication. Let's expect our leaders to clearly explain not just their positions, but the thinking and legwork that have gone into the formulation of these stances. We will soon be making important decisions concerning consolidation, contracting out, and bifurcation of the GM/COP position. How do current and prospective board members plan to evaluate the ad hoc report, and how will they synthesize the myriad complexities into a coherent plan? The ad hoc report should serve as the catalyst for an important discussion about what type of community we want to be, but that can only happen if our leaders articulate to us, and to each other, a rational decision-making process.

I'll conclude by suggesting that we push our new board to undergo professional training. Having smart, committed citizens on the board is a necessary component to good governance, but it is clearly not sufficient. Our five elected representatives need to learn how to work together and with the community in a civil and productive manner.

Greg Tananbaum

Kensington's New Website

Dear Editor:

Kensington is facing serious issues related to the structure of our government. The new site will provide a source for political news and governance research for civic-minded members of the community who seek change. It also offers a venue for informed, fact-based discussions without the limitations imposed by NextDoor. You can find it at www.kensingtonca.org.

David Bergen

We're in the Driver's Seat

Dear Editor:

On July 16, the subcommittee on contracting out police services held a public meeting. The subcommittee members, Mabry Benson, Charles Reichmann, and Tim Snyder, did an excellent job of presenting the material.

I want to share several thoughts about the process and results of the study. It was mentioned that Oakley has decided to bring police services in-house. This comparison has limited value to Kensington. Oakley is going from contracting to in-house, not the reverse, like Kensington. This distinction totally changes the economic equation. If you are going in-house, you can establish your own salary grades and benefit contributions. But Kensington cannot do this because we have an existing police force that cannot be discarded in favor of a new force with more favorable terms.

The study did not include Kensington's long-term budget implications. We could face budget deficits that will require us to either outsource or raise taxes. I see no downside, except for possible morale problems, in looking at outsourcing. This is especially true in

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The Kensington Community Council is dedicated to the improvement, development, and education of the community, and to the promotion of social welfare in Kensington. It enriches the community by providing educational and recreational programs for all ages and by publishing the Outlook, a monthly newsletter that covers local events and issues.

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K E N S I N G T O N Community Education

KASEP

Fall KASEP is almost here--registration will be on September 6th at 7:30pm. Be sure you already have your on-line account set up before then! We are offering over 55 classes this fall session and have four new teachers and ten new classes. On Thursdays you can learn hip hop with Tara & Bertus or Sew with master quilt instructor Darcie. On Mondays you can conduct hands-on experiments to "Save the Planet" with leading environmental educator Veronica or cook scrumptious creations with Vicky. Lacrosse returns on Thursdays as well and Friday afternoons can be spent learning "code" on computers.

The big change for fall Hilltop is that kindergarten now goes until 1:30. Our teachers have modified their curriculum to fit the shorter class and we're hoping to see lots of eager young kindergarteners attending our KASEP program. Kinder KASEP classes will end at 2:20, which should make it convenient for families who have children in older grades.

As in the past, KASEP teachers pick up kinders directly from their classrooms and bring them to the KASEP world for instruction. NEW THIS YEAR: when KASEP class is over, kinders enrolled in Neighborhood School (NS), will be escorted up to NS by KCC staff.

Important Dates

Tuesday, Sept. 6th at 7:30pm Online KASEP registration

Monday, Sept. 19 KASEP classes start and continue to Dec. 16th.

KCC/KASEP Office is closed for deep cleaning and transition from summer camp to KASEP, Aug 22 - Sept 5th.



Meet the 2016 camp counselors: Marshall Doty, Heather Bates, Danny Schumacher, Ethan Houser, Julia Shebek, Andrew Whittemore, Amara Hans, Galen Hans, Kelly Barry. Not pictured: Sacha Warnock

Summer Camp Wrap-up

CC Summer Camp is a special place for all of us. It's a place where we come to play and have fun, where we greet old friends and make new ones, where we learn new games & crafts and where we soak up the true essence of summer.

Our KCC Camp Counselors are all Kensington kids who have grown up and found their own groove and place in life. They are fun, enthusiastic young adults who serve as role models for our young campers and inspire us to be happier and more adventurous. This summer we were lucky enough to once again have with us our endearing, lovable Ethan Houser. Ethan has been at KCC camp for nine years, the last six of which he has served as Camp Director. Ethan seems like a big kid himself at first, playing tug-of-war, tossing water balloons, throwing balls around. Then you see him deal authoritatively with boisterous campers--they straighten right up. Or you see him comforting a young camper who is feeling lonesome or got hurt--he has such a soft touch to him. We truly are lucky to have Ethan as our Camp Director.

Our Head Counselor this year was Heather Bates. She is a new graduate from the University of British Columbia at Vancouver and plans to attend Law school in 2018. Naturally, she has a brilliant mind, but her real talent lies in making campers feel valued and important as unique individuals.

Danny Schumacher has been at KCC Camp forever, first as a camper and then as a counselor. His keen athleticism means he can often be found swinging the plastic baseball bat, tossing a football or maybe even playing a game of Airheads. His gentle spirit was embodied by the puppy that he brought to camp one day--super playful but also kind and adorable.

Galen Hans, a familiar face to KCC Camp, joined us again with his calm demeanor and joyful enthusiasm. When asked about what he most enjoyed about camp, he said "the growing relationship with the campers." What a touching thing to say. Amara Hans will be finishing up her senior year at Humboldt University and is studying Environmental Studies. She has spent the last several years helping Mr. Mason (ECHS teacher) put on the One World Music Festival. With her jaunty sunhat astride her head, she gladly jumped in anywhere at any time. Her specialty was being able to chat with any and all the campers.

Kelly Barry is studying Dance at San Jose State and is quite talented. She took a break from being a counselor mid-summer to join the Rockettes in New York to learn some new and innovative dance moves.

Julia Shebek is studying drama at Cornell University and spent the summer perfecting the art of lanyard-making. All the campers would run to her to start their lanyards! Andrew Whittemore is studying Economics at UC Santa Cruz and brought his enthusiasm for sports & competition to camp. Originally more serious than the other counselors, by the end of the summer he was motivating campers to chant & cheer & go a little crazy. Bella DeVito Brown is working on her Art degree at Tufts SMFA and could be found cuddling, tickling and telling jokes with the campers.

Marshall has been at KCC since he was a camper and his quiet nature was a balm on those busy, hectic days. When he wasn't working at camp he could be found competing in Ultimate Frisbee. Sacha is our resident artist, often drawing and doodling with the campers. Sometimes he even served as a human jungle gym and had campers crawling all over him.

All of our counselors helped make KCC a very special camp this year--thank you families for being part of their summer!



Jazzercise

8:15am - 9:15am, Monday - Friday at the Community Center. Drop-ins are welcome! Rock it out with Kevin to Lite versions of Dance, Fusion and Core. With foot stomping beats and modified movements, lower intensity cardio plus strength classes work it where you need it.

BODY SCULPTING

9:15-10:15am Tuesdays and Thursdays, Ongoing; Community Center

Register at class. Come join the fun and get healthy. Just bring a mat and weights. Questions? Call Kevin at 486-2728; Location for both classes: Kensington Community Center.

Acrylic Artists

Our Acrylic Artists return on September 7th. Come join them as they paint, dab & gab in the Community Center Wednesdays from 9:45- 12:30pm

Positive Posture-New Class

9:30-11:00am Mondays starting Sept 12th. This class teaches postural alignment and helps recognize, identify and correct imbalances in your body. It will help students tap into one's power to heal, while gaining strength to achieve an enhanced well-being. Amy Aldrich, instructor. \$10. On-going Mondays, Community Center.

Tai Chi-New Class

9:30-10:30am Fridays, starting Sept 16th. This class teaches tai chi for better health, improving students' strength, balance, flexibility, and dexterity. 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. \$10.00. On-going Friday, Kensington Community Center.



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Resident Seeks Help for Refugees

This March and April I set aside my solo law practice to volunteer for several weeks at the Katsikas Ioannina refugee camp in northern Greece, home to over 1,000 Syrian, Iraqi and Afghani refugees fleeing war and terrorism in their home countries. I was drawn by the world's greatest refugee crisis since World War II, wanting to experience firsthand the humanity of these people whom our country has come to fear. The refugees had crossed the Aegean Sea to Greece back when the borders were still open and northern Europe was welcoming. By the time they reached Greece, the borders were closing, and they were bused to camps such as Katsikas, with no immediate prospects for settlement elsewhere.



Paula Kasler and a few new friends at Katsikas. Note the rocky, forbidding landscape.

The refugees, mostly families with small children, are crammed into tents on an open field of sharp, jagged rocks. The tents flood when it rains, and are invaded by rats, snakes and scorpions, biting the children, when it is hot. Now that summer is here, mosquitos have descended upon the camp in droves, and there is no shelter from the blistering sun. The refugees have run out of money but are not allowed to work. Lacking proper sanitation and hygiene, and decent food, shelter, clothing and healthcare, they have been reduced to merely struggling to survive, dehumanized and robbed of their dignity. In spite of this, I found many friends among the refugees, full of love and gratitude for my presence.

Volunteers such as myself can do little more than make only the most marginal improvements to the refugees' living conditions. Many in the Kensington community have asked me how they can help. I am currently funding the provision of mosquito netting and repellent for the entire camp. Please contact me at pskasler@yahoo.com if any of you would like to support me in that effort. Thank you very much in advance. —Paula Kasler

Boy Scout Troop 100 Rechartered

Kensington Police Chief Kevin Hart accepted the 2016 charter from the Boy Scouts of America on June 10 during Troop 100's Court of Honor. Unit Commissioner Eric Weinmann presented the charter certificate. Troop 100, sponsored by the police department, has been meeting at the Kensington Youth Hut and providing service in the community for over 50 years. The troop is open to all boys age 11 to 18. Meetings are at 7:30pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month beginning in September. Photo credit: Deborah Long



Turn Your September "Inside Out"!

Have you ever looked at your kids and wondered, "What are they thinking?" Here is your chance to find out as the Pixar animated comedy Inside Out follows the animated thoughts and feelings of eleven-year-old Riley through the ups and downs of life. This is a movie that everyone young and old can relate to—we've all been there.



The Kensington Community Council (KCC) is excited to present Pixar's Inside Out at this year's Annual Family Movie Night Saturday, September 24. The movie will start at 8pm (dusk), but we're encouraging families to come at 7 with a picnic dinner. Or you can purchase food at the show and join neighbors and friends for the fun. Bring everything you'll need to be comfortable in the evening air, especially jackets, blankets, and beach chairs. This year KCC will be selling hot dog or sausage dinners, popcorn, movie candy, bottled water, and coffee or hot chocolate. A raffle will be held before the movie with delicious prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold at the KCC office from September 18 up to the night of the event. Five tickets go for \$5 or 12 tickets for \$10. For more information, call Kari at the KCC office at 525-0292. —Anne Forrest

Ad Hoc Committee to Submit Final Report

The Ad Hoc Committee on Governance and Operations Structure will submit its final report to the KPPSCD board at a public Town Hall meeting at 10am October 1 at the Community Center. The Committee has spent approximately a year assessing possible alternatives to the district's current governance structure. The board will receive the committee's findings as to bifurcation of the current GM/COP position; contracting with other agencies, in part or whole; and consolidating with the fire district.

A draft of the final report is available for public review as part of the committee's regular September 1 meeting agenda, at <http://kensingtoncalifornia.org/kppscd-board/ad-hoc-governance-committee/>. At that meeting, the committee will discuss the draft, complete revisions, and post the final draft on the web page and at the Kensington Library by September 6. The committee will hold a meeting September 15, 7 pm at the Community Center, to take public comment and consider approving the final report.

Video recordings of the committee's two public forums (January and June) are available at the web page. Results of questionnaires completed by forum attendees are also posted on the web page. A statistical analysis of the responses is provided along with the individual questionnaire forms from which all personal information has been redacted.

—Dave Spath

Candidates Asked to Sign Pledge

The Kensington Property Owners Association has sent letters asking candidates for the Kensington Police Protection and Community Service District (KPPSCD) and the Kensington Fire Protection District (KFPD) boards to not accept financial or in-kind contributions from the Kensington Police Officer's Association, El Cerrito Fire Department employees, or the United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa Local 1230.

The letter says in part, "There is no question that employee unions such as those

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connection with my next point.

As someone who spends a lot of time negotiating leases, I can tell you there is one guiding rule in negotiating: negotiate from strength! Right now Kensington is in the driver's seat. We are not in the red, and we have five agencies that would like to talk to us. This is just the reverse of what existed when the Kensington Fire District negotiated its contract. If we can't get good terms now, we never will.

Outsourcing costs have two components; the amount paid to the contracting agency and the unfunded liabilities of our current existing and retired officers. This sum needs to be compared to the total current costs for in-house policing. My rough guestimate is that our overall police costs run about \$2.7 million, which is a considerable sum on a per-officer basis.

If we have learned one thing over the last four or five years, it is that trying to run a police department has created unbelievable friction. I had hoped that with a new COP things would have changed, but they have not. Outsourcing may be the best solution to bring about this change and to start to heal the community.

Jim Watt

KPPSCD Needs Better Oversight

Kensington KPPSCD needs a board that will exercise better oversight over the business of the district. Where was board oversight after voting not to renew Mr. Harman's contract, but let him stay on the job for nearly four months? Months when he did not prepare the district budget. Months when they failed to ask where it was. I heard that Mr. Harman did do a lot of shredding during that time. In this day and age, all employees who are let go are asked immediately for the keys and sent on their way. Why didn't the board ask for an exit interview with the new officer, Mr. Armanino, particularly when he left so soon after joining the force?

Why isn't the board managing its agendas better? Two very important matters, which call for and deserve a lot of public input, the renewal of Mr. Hart's contract this past spring and the yearly budget, were given only a couple of months for action, when it was known there would be a lot of community input.

Surely members of the board must see that there are problems with the behavior of some police. Think Reno for one. Yet the board majority and many community members refuse to acknowledge that there are ANY problems with rogue Officers Who Can Do NO Wrong. We can't solve our problems until we acknowledge them.

We need new board members who are willing to evaluate, discuss, and work towards solving the community's problems.

Mabry Benson

"Cruel and Costly Tactics"

Dear Editor:

I, "Herc" Morphopoulos, am a respected member of the dental community, having served in Kensington from August 1960 with Harold Bakker, DDS, to May 2015.

The public has speculated why the Toombs, Gillette and Welsh triad withheld their knowledge of Renogate from the public and from their newly elected peers, Rachelle Sherris-Watt and Vanessa Cordova, until revealed February 2015 by investigative news reporter Thomas Peele.

My old friend, Tony Lloyd, a board member from 2010-14, confirmed at our lunch at Bacheeso's on Aug 21, 2015 that the board obtained news of the Reno-Barrow illegalities "at the time it happened in May 2014, when Harman told us." Tony was on dialysis and moving with his wife from Kensington into a new home on the Delta. He also told me many outspoken people had been forced out of Kensington. He passed away Dec 24, 2015.

Like others, I have growing concerns around the abuse of authority and tendency of the KPPSCD majority to spend local special tax monies for unnecessary suits, settlements, countersuits and for personal retribution, like lawsuits against residents, not to mention rich police raises.

Now, the same triad is exposing us to more legal fees by chasing Ms. Cordova out of office because she is an outspoken critic. On NextDoor and in board meetings, they are using the same character assassination campaign that felled former directors Cindy Kimball, Mari Metcalf and Cathie Kosel, former El Cerrito Mayor. This pattern of a board guiding us to a "financial train wreck," in Tony's words, must stop. Do vote for any opposition candidate to the triad.

Managing Kensington is a serious job, and dedication of the "old board" is appreciated. However, their extreme spending patterns and repeated retaliation against critics has severely damaged our community. Hopefully in November, a more informed electorate will replace the old guard with two new directors who will finally stop these cruel and costly tactics, and to have a board who spends our tax money wisely.

Hercules D. Morphopoulos, DDS

Ed. note: Shortly after writing this, "Herc" Morphopoulos passed away Saturday, August 13. According to friends, he worked on the letter for several weeks before his death.

A Reformer?

On Oct. 7, 2015, KPD Officer Ramos gave Director Cordova a long overdue fix-it ticket. Instead of simply fixing it, Cordova made it into a federal case—literally— involving the FBI, the district's law firm, and the ECPD. In an official complaint, later shown to be unfounded, she claimed the ticketing was illegal and harassing. Cordova also alleged officers had harassed her by making more than one unsolicited 911 response visit to her home ("I did not place a call," she told the East Bay Times Oct. 13). Audio recordings and investigations of both incidents refute the director's allegations, unequivocally.

Police misconduct has been a concern in Kensington for some years. Cordova's unfounded claims insult former KPPSCD directors who suffered outrageous police harassment—and who did not, as Cordova did, enjoy the privilege of leaving their cars unregistered while police looked the other way for nearly two years (said KPD officers to Internal Affairs investigator). Writing on social media (NextDoor Kensington), Cordova dissembled heavily on the subject of her long-expired registration, and called it "swift boating" when a concerned citizen pressed her on that subject.

Cordova's remaining supporters call her a "reformer." How can one "reform" a dysfunctional police department by making specious claims of harassment?

Sylvia Elsbury

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Candidates *—from page 4*

representing members in Kensington have the legal right to participate in local politics. In larger jurisdictions, contributions to candidates and ballot measure campaigns have become common. But Kensington is not a large, multifaceted jurisdiction." The KPOA notes that elected board members will consider the governance issues now being investigated by the ad hoc committee. Says the letter, "...we seek to eliminate uncertainty that can pervade a community when police and fire personnel money is contributed to the same people who will negotiate salaries and benefits, the fire service contract and make decisions about future services and governance. The only way we can avoid this concern is for the candidates themselves to set the standard for Kensington by pledging not to accept such contributions." The *Outlook* will print the names of candidates who have signed the pledge in the October issue. —Linnea Due



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Trump No Match for Fire District Discussion

By Linnea Due

“I thought it was an engaged and intelligent meeting,” said LAFCO’s Executive Director Lou Ann Teixeira of the ad hoc consolidation subcommittee’s formal presentation the night of July 21, which happened to coincide with Donald Trump’s 75-minute acceptance speech. “There was a lot of dialogue, and people asked very good questions.”

At that meeting, which attracted more than fifty residents, subcommittee members Gail Feldman, Rick Artis, and Chris Deppe presented their findings about the governance option of dissolving the fire district to place fire and emergency medical services under the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District. LAFCO, or the Local Agency Formation Commission, would oversee such a change. Teixeira was on hand to answer the many questions from the audience and subcommittee members.

“There are potentially multiple paths to do this,” said Teixeira in an interview later. “We’re still looking into whether LAFCO could initiate it. I have to get a legal opinion. But again, we’re not pursuing anything at this time. We’re focusing on two very distressed districts right now. We don’t even have [Kensington] on the horizon.”

The distressed districts that Teixeira referenced are the East County and Rodeo-Hercules fire protection districts. “It’s almost inevitable that they’ll have to go down to one district,” she said. “They’re terminating the special tax, their federal safety grant is expiring. They’ll have to go down to one station. Response times are already way over the national standard.”

Reducing fire and EMT coverage has consequences beyond the obvious. Teixeira pointed out that when districts are unable to provide adequate fire service, insurers begin cancelling homeowners insurance. After LAFCO deals with the suffering fire districts, said Teixeira, its attention will turn to the West Contra Costa County Healthcare district. Kensington is not on the agenda.

Ideally, Teixeira said, the KPPCSD would work with Kensington’s fire district to come up with a plan to present to LAFCO. “People assume that if you combine the two districts, the five-person CSD board would run it,” she said. “But no one knows who those five people will be. The CSD board has had so many problems. But you wouldn’t be turning it over to them. We don’t know what the ultimate governing body would be. It could end up being a combination. It’s very speculative.” She said that the agency taking over the service would receive tax revenue that now goes to the fire district. “Without two willing partners, it would be very difficult to do,” Teixeira said. “There have been situations where a dissolution or merger was forced, and it hasn’t worked very well.” The fire district board is unanimously against the proposal.

Paul Dorroh asked if the consolidation could be conditional upon El Cerrito keeping the contract to provide fire and EMT services, and Teixeira said that it could and added that everything was speculative. Several people questioned whether the financial culture of the two districts was compatible. The fire district owns the public safety building and has been saving money for years for its renovation, which is now in the planning stages. Questions arose about whether the division of ad valorem taxes could be changed so that the CSD would get a larger portion of the pie; no one was certain how that could happen. Towards the meeting’s end, a visiting fireman from that sad East County district asked whether the community wanted Kensington’s fire district to be dissolved. “If there’s not a push from the public, why are we in here talking about this?” he asked. Artis explained that the ad hoc committee was charged with looking into several governance options. The fireman suggested that the group survey residents.

Teixeira agrees. “Kensington is a responsive community,” she said in the follow-up interview. “You can do a mail-out form or use SurveyMonkey. I think it would be good to survey the community on all the governance issues.” Teixeira proposed that a survey could include a brief and unbiased FAQ: “Here are some of the outcomes, bullet points on each of the issues. You need not present it in any slanted way. I’m convinced that in Kensington the response rate would be high.”

The ad hoc committee’s findings will be presented October 1, from 10-noon, at a Town Hall meeting. Tea and coffee will be available starting at 9:30. Audio recordings of the ad hoc subcommittee meetings on bifurcation (June 13), contracting out police services (July 16) and consolidation (July 21) are available on the ad hoc committee’s web page of the KPPCSD site. Residents are urged to listen to the recordings, which contain a great deal of information about pensions, taxation, and services.



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IA Report

...from back page

those interviews, the two describe their October 7, 2015 search for Red Bull, which took them from a too-crowded 7-11 in El Cerrito across town to a less crowded 7-11 in Albany, after which they came upon Cordova driving her vehicle. “Ramos had seen her driving the day before and ran her plate,” Hart explained. “He found that she was driving without a license and that her car was unregistered.” However, the DMV’s computer had not caught up to the fact that Cordova had renewed her license October 6, and that she was in the process of bringing her registration up to date.

“She had paid all her fees to DMV,” Hart said. And on the day of the stop, she had two one-day vehicle moving permits (previously reported as a 60-day moving permit rather than one-day permits good for 60 days—I regret the error). The permit requires that the driver fill out the date of movement, but both permits were blank. Hart surmised that the DMV had given her two slips in case her vehicle failed the smog test—which it had. She could have designated October 7 as a day of movement, in which case she would have been driving legally. Hart said that she could have filled in the date in front of the officers. She did not, so technically she was driving illegally. Ramos gave her two correctable violations, for the registration and lack of a front plate.

Cordova’s car’s unregistered status was, according to the interviewees, well known to the police. Her registration expired on January 8, 2014, and she was sent a delinquent notice on February 5. According to the IA and exhibits, on October 27, 2014, Officer Doug Wilson and Corporal Eric Stegman spotted a convertible BMW with expired registration on Franciscan Way. Wilson wanted to ticket the car but Stegman said that it was Cordova’s car and that they should check with the chief before ticketing the vehicle of a resident running for the KPPCSD board. Stegman texted then chief of police Greg Harman, who texted back, “Let’s not push the button, she just might get elected,” accompanied by a sad-faced emoticon. Cordova was elected eight days later. The Kensington Police Officers’ Association had supported Cordova’s candidacy and then withdrawn its support before the election.

The IA also revealed that prior to being interviewed by the Richmond investigator Ramos had searched a statewide database for information on Cordova, which was later determined to be against departmental policy but not illegal. (Ramos’ discipline, if any, is still pending.) The Richmond investigator sustained the finding that Ramos’ stop, while lawful, was “contrary to good order, and tends to reflect unfavorably upon the Department or its members,” but Hart exonerated Ramos of this allegation. (Hart cannot comment on this aspect, as it too is part of pending possible discipline.)

The impact that the release of the IA might have on future investigations remains a point of contention. Said director Rachelle Sherris-Watt in an email: “My primary concern with the release of the investigations was the negative effect on the working environment of our employees and the increased level of tension that was bound to be created between citizens and law enforcement... Releasing the IA and Kramer report was not going to promote positive outcomes, free us from media attention, or bring our community towards an identified goal. Instead, I believe that citizens now may think that ‘confidentiality’ is a nebulous term to those in leadership.”

By email, director Chuck Toombs wrote that “after the report was completed, every witness to the traffic stop IA was asked if [he or she] was prepared to waive [his or her] confidentiality. Those who did not want their testimony released had it redacted, in this fashion preserving their testimony from public disclosure. These decisions require a careful balance of the rights of the witnesses to their confidentiality versus the larger rights of the community to know how its police force and its governmental officers behave. In this case, after allowing witnesses the right to object to their testimony being released, I made that calculus and determined that the rights of the community to this information were paramount.”

Questions remain: Whether ill will towards Cordova motivated the release, how future investigations or testimony will be impacted, whether what was learned justifies the possibility that employees and residents may fear that confidentiality is not assured. Since Hart gave his opinion in closed session, he cannot reveal whether he advised in favor or against the release. Board president Len Welsh did not respond to emailed questions and director Cordova declined to comment.

Highlights from the June Police Log

June 2 TRESPASS, Arlington Avenue. Angela Dmochowski was arrested trespassing at 243 Arlington Avenue. Dmochowski was arrested without incident and taken to County Jail for booking. The courts, property owner, and KPD have all advised Dmochowski in the past that she was not allowed on this property.

June 3 WARRANT ARREST, Arlington Ave. Traffic stop for speeding. Driver Rodrigo Martin-Mendoza was wanted by the Richmond Superior Court for violations of felony DUI, hit and run, and DUI with injury (\$153,000 warrant). Martin-Mendoza is a current resident of San Pablo, California.

June 9 OPEN DOOR, Lawson Rd. Performed a security check and found a door had been damaged and was opened. Was unable to locate anyone.

June 18 IDENTITY THEFT, Colusa Ave. Resident notified of credit application.

VANDALISM, Amherst Ave. Resident’s house egged.

HIT AND RUN, 300 Block of Berkeley Park Blvd. Property damage only hit and run vehicle collision. Suspect vehicle located several blocks away. The driver is taking responsibility for the collision. This case will be submitted to the DA for review.

June 29 SUSPICIOUS PERSON, Coventry Road/Arlington Ave. Disheveled male adult roaming neighborhood barefoot with duffel bag.

June 30 THEFT, Purdue Ave. Theft from unlocked vehicle.

Kensington Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Low Impact Jazzercise, ongoing, 8:15-9:15am Mon-Fri, Community Center.

Positive Posture, ongoing, 9:30-11am, Mondays, Community Center.

Body Sculpting, ongoing, 9:15-10:15am, Tues and Thurs, Community Center

Acrylic Artists, ongoing, 9:45am-1pm, Wednesdays, easels provided, Community Center

Tai Chi, ongoing, 9:30-10:30am, Fridays, Community Center

September 1, 8, 15, and 22 Baby & Toddler Storytime Stories, songs & action rhymes for young children and their caregivers. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. Two identical sessions 10:15am & 11:15am. Free. 524-3043.

September 4 Rabbi Tsvi Bar-David, Ph.D., is founder and director of Beit Simchah (House of Joy). He teaches Jewish Mysticism and leads sacred ecstatic song. "Dveikut in Jewish Mysticism: the Direct Experience of the Beloved." 9:30-10:45am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

September 6 KASEP register online 7:30pm; www.kensingtoncommunity-council.org

September 6, 13, 20, and 27 Family Storytime Lots of picture books, songs, rhymes, and fun! Stuffed animals &

pajamas welcome. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave. 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

September 9 Junius Courtney Big Band The critically acclaimed Junius Courtney Big Band featuring singer Denise Perrier plays a free concert at 7pm at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 401 Grizzly Peak Blvd, top of the hill at the corner of Spruce and Grizzly Peak Blvd. Enjoy Swing and Jazz inspired by such greats as Louis Armstrong, Etta James and others. Refreshments will be served.

September 11 Joel Ben-Izzy, renowned storyteller and recording artist, winner of numerous awards, including the Parents' Gold Choice Award. "Harvesting the Stories of Our Lives." 9:30-10:45am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

September 12 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. Meets on the first Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30 pm. Free. 524-3043.

September 12 and 26 Kensington Library's Digital Docent will answer your eReader and digital library questions every other Monday by appointment at 1 & 1:30pm. This one-on-one 30-minute appointment is intended for people seeking assistance with eBooks and eReaders. Sign-up onsite at Kensington

Library Info Desk. Please bring your device. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 1:00 pm. This appointment is free. 524-3043.

September 14 Trout in the Classroom Kensington residents are invited to learn about Grizzly Peak Fly Fishers participation in Cal Fish and Wildlife's Trout in the Classroom program at twenty-nine East Bay classrooms. The celebration will be held Sept. 14, 7:30pm, at the Youth Hut.

September 15 Ad Hoc Special Meeting Public is invited to comment on final report of the Ad Hoc Committee at 7pm at the Community Center.

September 18 Dr. Jeanne Foster, author and prize-winning poet; professor of English at St. Mary's College. "The Dream That Almost Got Away." 9:30-10:45am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

September 19 First day of FALL KASEP classes (13-week session ending December 16)

September 24 KIC/KPOA Candidates' Forum KIC Annual Meeting 9-noon includes speakers and candidates' forum for two seats on the KPPCSD board. See story this page.

September 24 KCC Outdoor Family Movie Night Free, 7:30pm, at Kensington

Park (grassy field opposite Community Center). See story, page 4.

September 25 Steven Herrmann, Ph.D., Jungian psychotherapist specializing in dreamwork and vocational development; author, poet, teacher and scholar; candidate in analytical training at the C.G. Jung Institute, SF. "Vocational Dreams." 9:30-10:45am. Free. Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, 1 Lawson Rd, Kensington, 525-0302, www.uucb.org.

September 26 Kensington Library Book Club Discussion of *Barchester Towers*, by Anthony Trollope. Book Club normally meets on the 4th Monday of the month. Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., 6:30pm. Free. 524-3043.

September 27 Live Reptile Show Presenter Owen Maercks from the East Bay Vivarium provides an opportunity to touch and learn about tarantulas, scorpions, salamanders, frogs, turtles, snakes, a giant tortoise, a giant monitor lizard, and giant boa! The program is educational, very exciting and perfectly safe. Best for ages 5 and up but all are welcome. 6:30-7:30pm, Kensington Library.

October 1 Town Hall meeting. Ad Hoc Committee presents its findings to the KPPCSD board at a public meeting. See story page 4.

Please see the list of monthly community meetings on www.kensingtonoutlook.com online edition.

Come to KIC's Annual Meeting and Candidates' Forum

The Kensington Improvement Club's Annual Meeting and Candidates' Forum will be held Saturday, September 24, from 9am to noon at the Community Center. Enjoy a cup of coffee and meet with your neighbors followed by a brief meeting of the membership starting at 9:15. Representatives then will fill us in on critical local issues and take brief questions. This year's speakers include KPPCSD Interim General Manager and Chief of Police Kevin Hart, Kensington Fire Protection District Board President Don Dommer, and new KCC Administrator Kari Tindol.

The Annual Meeting will be followed immediately by a Candidates' Forum co-sponsored by the Kensington Property Owners Association in advance of the November election. Meet the candidates running for the two seats on the KPPCSD Board and hear what they have to say about how they would lead Kensington into the future. This will be a good opportunity to ask questions and learn more prior to casting your vote! All Kensington residents are invited and there is no charge. With the assistance of KCC, free childcare (3 years and older) will be provided in Building E, to help parents attend this important meeting. Call to reserve a childcare spot: (510) 525-0292. KIC will provide coffee and light refreshments, so come and meet your neighbors! —Lisa Caronna

Garden Party—or Masquerade Ball!

By Lisa Trottier

Mark your calendars: The Garden Party, Kensington's biggest social event, is Saturday, October 29, from 5 to 11pm at Mira Vista Country Club. It's a masquerade ball, so feel free to wear a mask or buy a handcrafted one when you arrive.

This is the major fundraiser for Kensington Hilltop Elementary, and parents show up in force. But so does the larger community, eager to party with neighbors and support the school that bolsters our town (and our property values) in a major way.

The Garden Party raises half the funds needed each year to give Hilltop Elementary a real boost: reading and math intervention, computer lab, science lab, P.E., art and music classes, a librarian, even supplies for the teachers. Local businesses have already donated hundreds of goods and services for the live and silent auctions (the online auction goes live on October 19). If you're willing to donate something—a stay in your vacation home, a couple of hours of service, a lesson, a fun experience—email Amy Mullarkey.gardenpartyauction@kensingtonhilltop.org

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Ad Hoc Survey Measures Police Services

By Simon Brafman and Tim Snyder

This April and May, the KPPCSD Ad Hoc Committee on Governance conducted a community survey focused on identifying the relative importance of current police services, measuring satisfaction from direct experience and with the types of services offered in Kensington, and soliciting comments on additional services that respondents think would be important.

A link to the survey was provided on the KPPCSD website. Postcards were mailed to all residents to encourage participation. All Kensington residents 15 years of age or older were asked to participate. There were 450 responses, which represents slightly over 10 percent of the population 15 or older. There was no control over who had access or the number of times that an individual took the survey. As such, there was no way to assure that the results were representative. A summary follows:

Police services rated most important included: Responding to Crimes and Calls for service; Crime Prevention; General Patrol; Criminal Investigation. Police services rated next in importance included: Vehicular Traffic Safety and Control; Neighborhood Watch; Pedestrian Traffic Safety and Control; Kensington Vacation Watch; Hilltop School Police Support; Kensington Key Program. Police services rated least important included: Citizens' Police Academy and National Night Out.

For individuals who indicated that they had direct experience with Kensington police services, a higher percentage of respondents indicated they had a good experience compared to those who had a poor experience for each of the services. Services where a significantly higher percentage (>15%) of respondents indicated good experiences versus poor experiences included: Responding to Crimes and Calls for Service; General Patrol; Kensington Vacation Watch Program; Kensington Key Program; National Night Out.

Services where there was only a minor difference (<5%) between the percentage of respondents indicating good experiences versus poor experiences included: Vehicular Traffic Safety and Control; Pedestrian Traffic and Control; Hilltop School Support; Citizens' Police Academy; Criminal Investigations.

The majority of the survey respondents indicated that they were satisfied with the police services provided in Kensington (very satisfied 40%; moderately satisfied 17%; satisfied 14%). A minority of the survey respondents indicated that they were unsatisfied with the police services provided in Kensington (12% very unsatisfied; 17% somewhat unsatisfied). Some respondents may have been indicating their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with how the services are provided rather than with the breadth of services provided, which was the intent of the question.

In response to the last question, which requested a list of additional desired services, 186 individuals (41% of respondents) provided one or more comments. In total, there were 248 comments, of which only 14 identified additional service suggestions and five suggested reducing services. The remaining comments focused on dissatisfaction, satisfaction, and suggestions associated with the conduct of police operations, the performance of police services, the organization of the department, and financial accountability. The majority of the comments were negative (~89%) versus positive (~11%), which is common for surveys of this type, as people rarely feel the need to comment on what they believe is working well.

A summary report and details of the raw survey data, including the comments, will be posted on the KPPCSD Ad Hoc Committee for Governance web page, which can be accessed from the KPPCSD website.

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Letters to the Editor

Playing with Fire

Dear Editor:

With an historic drought and pine beetles decimating Monterey Pines, Wildcat Canyon is a tinderbox. Kensington residents have been working to reduce combustible fuel along the ridge, protection from a canyon that has not burned in over 100 years.

Peter Liddell and Katie Gluck, of the Kensington Public Safety Council, recently hosted a helpful meeting on the wildfire threat. We learned that Kensington is designated a Very High Hazard Area by the state. Ciara Wood, a board member of the Diablo Fire Safety Council, told us about grant moneys available to homeowners for fuel reduction on private property.

We are fortunate to have a Fire District that is fiscally prudent and focused on readiness to respond in the event of an emergency. They recently upgraded water pipes from 4 inches to 8 inches, bringing more waterpower to the ridge. They have increased the number of fire hydrants to hook up their hoses, and they consistently replace fire engines within their 15-year life span. These good practices make us safer and lower our fire insurance rates. Our Fire District board is able to do this because their meetings focus on real problems and not personalities, they operate in a fiscally prudent manner, and they build in planned reserves to pay for what's ahead. The public safety building will need to be replaced, and that will be very costly.

Last fall, one question the KPPCSD board asked its newly appointed Ad Hoc Committee on Governance to consider was "consolidating"—eliminating the Kensington Fire District to integrate fire and emergency medical responsibilities into the KPPCSD. That sounds simple, but it's not. In the coming months, let's focus our attention on getting the KPPCSD's house in order and not distract the Fire District from the important work they are doing for all of us.

Eileen Nottoli

Traffic Follies

To the Editor:

In the General Manager's memo to the KPPCSD Board in July regarding Zero Tolerance, Mr. Hart stated "Hearing the Kensington Board of Directors' and the community's concerns...2016 has shown an increase in citations being issued in comparison to 2015."

I looked at the numbers he provided. From 2012 to 2014, citations for moving violations averaged about 70 per month (which reflects ~50% Tolerance.) Last year the average dropped to 21 and in the first 6 months of this year, it has been 12/month. However, 42 moving citations were issued in May and June (21/month), the same as the average in 2015.

But this year there has been a dramatic increase in parking tickets, with an all-time high of 86 in May and June. In the past, there were anywhere from two to eight times more moving citations issued than parking citations. This year, there have been twice as many tickets for parking infractions as tickets for speeding, failure to stop, unsafe turns, etc.

Does Maximum Enforcement of parking violations substantially increase Pedestrian Safety, Bicycle Safety, and overall safety? Perhaps the GM could ask the COP to explain which parking citations ensure public safety. If anything would make someone think the District/Police is using citations as a revenue source, getting a parking ticket for a minor infraction certainly would.

A. Stevens Delk

Fact-finding

Dear Editor:

The IA report of the Cordova traffic stop is now posted on the district website. The four most severe allegations out of the nine investigated were determined to be Unfounded ("the alleged act(s) did not occur"). These were that the traffic stop was unlawful and that the officers harassed and engaged in inappropriate or unlawful conduct toward the complainant. The stop was recorded. The standard of evidence for the IA report is "preponderance of evidence," which is the lowest in law (51%). The people involved with the stop and its aftermath at the Public Safety Building were interviewed. Other police department staff were interviewed because a pattern of harassment of the complainant by the police was alleged. None of these charges was sustained.

It was found that Officer Ramos carried out an improper investigation of the complainant's registration and license on 17 November 2015, six weeks after the traffic stop. It was found that the complainant had been driving without registration for over one and a half years (page 41). Several officers reported previously stopping the vehicle (page 47), but former chief Harman had instructed them not to cite the complainant (page 48). For an extended period of time before the stop, the complainant's driver's license was also expired (page 48). The temporary "Vehicle Moving Permits" were not filled out (page 42), so it was not lawful to drive on the day of the stop. All of the above are findings of fact.

Kevin Padian

Whom Should We Believe?

Dear Editor,

The release of the Internal Affairs report regarding the KPD traffic stop of Director Vanessa Cordova demonstrates that the district needs a leadership change. Three board members went beyond their policymaking role, voting to release a confidential document, purportedly in the name of transparency. This unprecedented action's effect was to smear a colleague for political gain and demonstrate the department's serious dysfunction. The report contained 13 partially redacted interview summaries, only 2 with people actually involved in the stop, making coordinated, dubious, and inflammatory statements about Cordova. They contain assertions of fact that could be verified, yet remain undocumented.

Who are we to believe? The director who passed an employment background check, including her driver's license and vehicle registration, months before the traffic stop? Or the officer whose moral failings are known nationally and those who have chosen to support him?

I've had the unfortunate opportunity to interact with Keith Barrow, the responding officer when my child was hit by a car in October 2012. Barrow made a false statement to a reporter about the incident, contradicting statements by witnesses. The primary

witness gave her number, but he never called. Many weeks later I received a report, both incomplete and inconsistent with his statements to the reporter. Barrow went on to gain infamy, losing his badge and gun to a Reno prostitute. The gun was recovered, but not before someone was shot.

Are we to believe Officer Ramos who claims Cordova flirted with him in the police station foyer? I don't know Ramos, but do know Cordova, and this story is laughable. She has a cheerful and spirited manner, and a biting wit, but also conservative attire and devotion to her Catholic faith, a rarity these days. This story is designed to discredit and humiliate a woman, a familiar Kensington scenario.

And what about former police chief Greg Harman? His testimony is inexplicably redacted. Why was he interviewed, but no non-KPD witnesses to the incident? Harman left employment months before the stop, with Cordova voting to end his contract and Chuck Toombs voting to renew. These facts, combined with his defense of Barrow after the Reno incident and the minimal discipline meted out nearly a year later, call into question Harman's motives.

I also question his motives because, in 2013, he exploited my child's misfortune in community meetings to justify the Zero Tolerance Policy for speed limit enforcement. However, the driver of the car wasn't speeding. Harman later admitted to me he never read the police report, which was accurate on this point. I surmised that ZTP needed political support, so a child hit by a car was a good talking point for Harman and Toombs. So much for the truth.

Lori Trevino

Town Meetings

(Schedule Subject to Change – Call to Confirm.)

Kensington Community Center
59 Arlington Ave., Kensington

KCC-Sept. 12, Kensington
Community Council 1st Mondays, 7:30pm. 525-0292

FKL-Sept. 6, Friends of the
Kensington Library, 7pm (at
the Library) 1st Tuesdays

Ad Hoc Committee-Sept. 1, 7pm,
Community Center. 1st Thursdays

KPSC-Sept. 12, Kensington
Public Safety Council Earth-
quake/Disaster Preparedness
2nd Mondays, 6pm. 501-8165

KARO/ECHO-Amateur Radio
Operators 2nd Mondays of odd
months, 7:30pm. 524-9815

KFPD-Sept. 14, Fire Protec-
tion District 2nd Wednes-
days, 7pm. 527-8395

KPPCSD-Sept. 15,
Police Protection and
Community Services District
2nd Thursdays 7:30pm. 526-4141

KIC-Sept. 26, Kensington
Improvement Club 4th Mon-
days, 7:30pm. 524-7514.

KMAC (Tent.)-Sept. 27, **Municipal Advisory Council** Last
Tues. 7pm. (Call Supe. Gioia's
office to confirm: 231-8691)

KPOA Property Owners Associa-
tion Meets quarterly. 559-8232

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