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agenda: RCPC/NCPC Town Hall Meeting **Note Start Time**

Thursday, July 21, 6:45 pm., Rockridge Branch Library, 5366 College Avenue at Manila, Community Room (Upstairs)

- Police Chief Wayne Tucker addresses community crime concerns; OPD Lieutenant Lawrence Green discusses crime trends in North Oakland;
- Recycling Coordinator Cliff Feldman updates new recycling program;
- Neighborhood Services Coordinator Claudia Albano covers Home Alert;
- NCPC Election.

■ OPD Chief to Speak At Town Hall Meeting
■ NCPC Holds Elections

by Susan Montauk

Are new crime-fighting strategies in Oakland paying off? Have Measure Y police hires kicked in yet? How does Rockridge crime compare to the city as a whole? How can citizens help prevent crimes in their neighborhood? Interim Police Chief Wayne Tucker will speak to these issues at the Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, July 21, 6:45-9 p.m. in the community room of the Rockridge Library. Light refreshments will be served.

In Rockridge, auto thefts and break-ins are top crimes, followed by assaults and burglaries.



Chief Tucker, appointed in February to replace Chief Richard Word, will be joined by Police Service Area 2 Lt. Lawrence Green, who will discuss North Oakland crime trends. Cliff Feldman of Environmental Services will address recycling and scavenging problems and Claudia Albano, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, will talk about the Home Alert program. Following the speakers, the audience will have an opportunity for questions. Also, the NCPC will hold its annual election of officers.

Although Rockridge does not experience the high level of violent crime of some other Oakland neighborhoods, it has its own crime problems: auto thefts and break-ins top the

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RCPC Switches From Monthly to Quarterly Town Hall Meetings

Special meetings to be scheduled as needed

by Jessica Pitt, RCPC Board Member

Beginning in July, RCPC will move to a new Town Hall meeting schedule. Rather than holding community meetings on the third Thursday of each month as we have in the past, RCPC will hold quarterly Town Hall meetings in January, April, July and October. The meeting day and time will remain the same: the third Thursday of the month from 7:30 – 9 pm at the Rockridge Library.

The RCPC Board decided to reduce the frequency of community meetings because turnout at some of the meetings over the past year has been low. The board would prefer to have more time to plan and conduct outreach for fewer meetings on topics that we know are of interest to the community.

The 2006 quarterly Town Hall meetings

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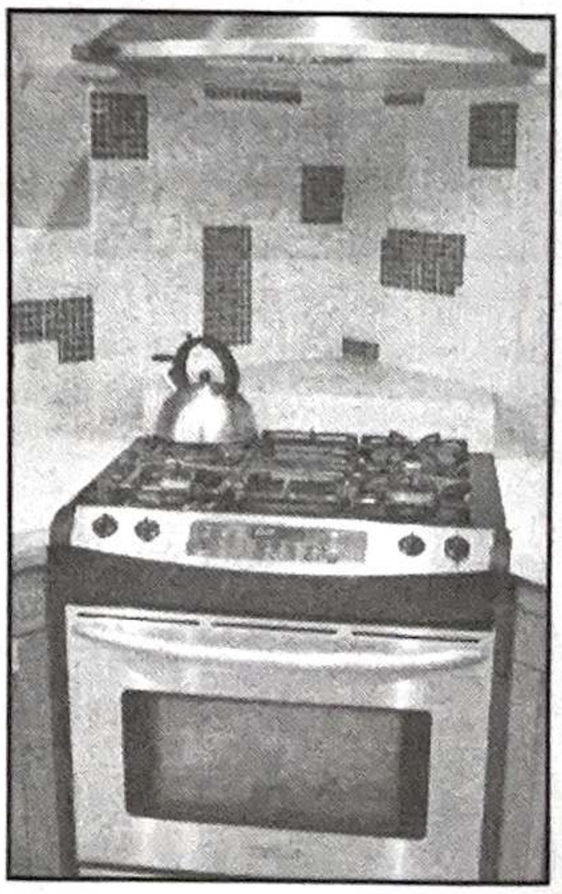
Rockridge Kitchen Tour Date: October 2

Two ways to purchase advance tickets

by Jennifer Edmister

The 2005 Rockridge Kitchen Tour is only a few months away. Our selection committee spent months considering a record number of kitchens, and we are thrilled to unveil our finalists. The tour is your opportunity to admire a wide sample of the neighborhood's finest. Our featured spaces include cozy bungalow kitchens, grand-scale kitchens in larger homes, modern architecture, classic Craftsman artistry and more, all completed within a variety of remodeling budgets. This year, we are pleased to present the Tour's first completely wheelchair-accessible kitchen, designed with a delightfully warm, modern flair. Across the street is another bright remodel that blends period and contemporary elements, including a sparkling glass backsplash. We are also sure you'll enjoy a complete Craftsman renovation, designed and built from the studs to the cabinet boxes by the homeowner herself.

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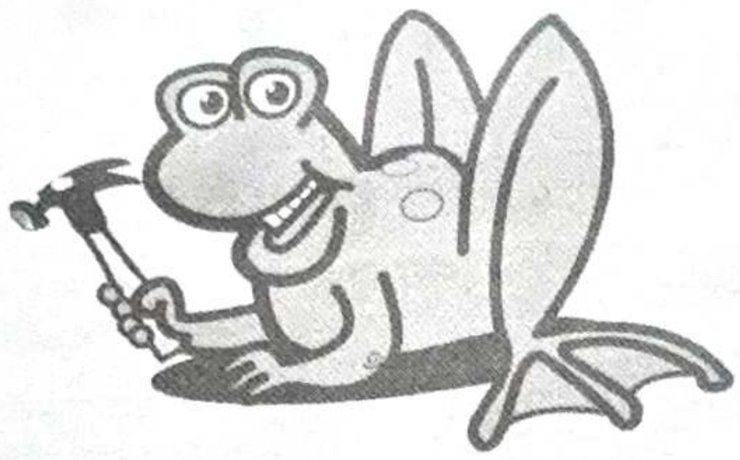


▸ This built-in range is a focal point of a kitchen featured on the October 2 kitchen tour. The tour showcases kitchen styles and design ideas in nine recently remodeled Rockridge kitchens.

Hop to It and Save the Date!

by Theresa Nelson

If you remember the excitement and sense of accomplishment from the Frog Park Big Build of 2001 — or if you missed it but want to be a part of building the next phase — then save the date of Saturday, September 17, 9 am – 4 pm and join your neighbors for Big Build Phase Two. Projects will be going on throughout the day, and lunch will be provided.



Special Projects

There are several exciting projects scheduled for September, in addition to our annual major maintenance day involving sanding and sealing the structures. We'll build a small fence to better separate the Hardy play structure from the sandbox and keep the sand in the sandbox (mixing sand and fiber becomes a drainage and wood rot problem). We will also demolish the large concrete ring near Hudson Street, which was the old play area location. For those who enjoy gardening, we'll be weeding and planting along the Hardy-Clifton pathway. Finally, if the plans are approved, we'll construct the new community information kiosk and donor recognition structure at Hardy, designed by Rockridge resident Lisa Ferrier.

We'll also be adding new fiber and sand to the play areas, and, as in past years, we'll be joined by the freshman class of College Preparatory School, who provide welcome energy and enthusiasm. Please note that the play structure areas at Redondo and Hardy will be closed on both Saturday the 17th and Sunday the 18th to accommodate the work.

Frog Park Needs You

The FROG Committee welcomes new members, and we need your involvement to make this park a continuing success. There's a committed core group, but as some move away, we hope to involve a new generation of park enthusiasts.

The volunteer roles now available are:

- Maintenance Captains
- Food Coordinator (for maintenance days)
- Phase Two Coordinator for Frog-built projects (new plaza and others)
- Communications Coordinator
- Gardeners and Horticultural Coordinator
- Treasurer

Please contact Howard Ferrier if you can assist with any of these roles at hwferrier@sbcglobal.net or 510/653-6463. See you on the 17th.

Thanks to Wonderful Volunteers

Thanks to Kate Runyan and Steve Mitchell, who are moving from California with their new son. They have made remarkable contributions during their five years on the committee. Steve has been a faithful maintenance captain for years, and Kate and her committee organized the feeding of 1,600 volunteers during the ten days of the 2001 Big Build. She has handled maintenance day food since then and served as treasurer these past two years. Kate also served as project manager for the restoration of the beautiful Oceanus mural along Claremont Avenue in 2003. Thank you for everything you have done for Frog Park and the community, Kate and Steve.

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- **September deadline is August 18.**

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RCPC Meeting Shift

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will be devoted to the following topics:

- **January: Annual Planning Meeting**. Rockridge residents will have an opportunity to provide input into RCPC's priorities for the coming year.
- **April: RCPC Board Election**. Rockridge residents will vote on RCPC and Friends of Rockridge Library (FORL) board members.
- **July: Land Use, Transportation, or Community Safety Forum**. RCPC will highlight recent developments related to land use, transportation, community safety or other pressing issues affecting the Rockridge community.
- **October: Voter Forum**. In preparation for the November election, RCPC will host a voter education forum.

As issues of interest arise, RCPC will schedule community meetings on the off months, such as the recent successful transportation forum held in June.

If you have ideas for meeting topics, please share them with us. An RCPC Board member would be happy to work with you to organize a community meeting. Contact Jessica Pitt, RCPC Vice-Chair at jessica@jessicapitt.com.

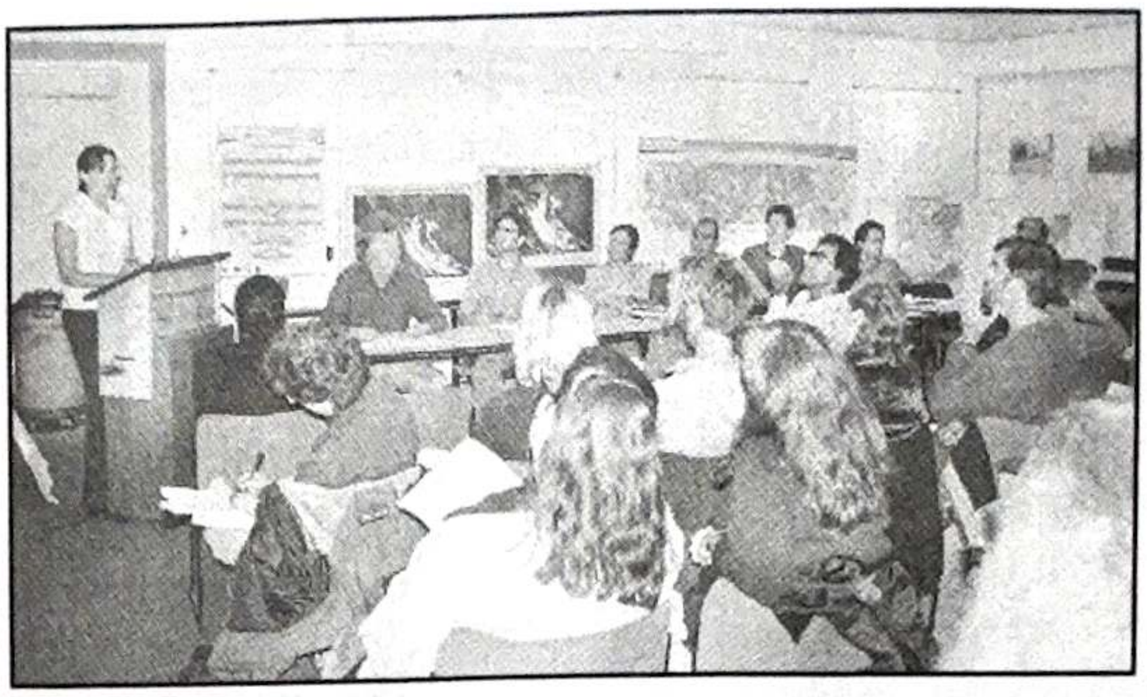
Rockridge Little School to Open Fall 2005

The Rockridge Little School is now accepting enrollment for September of 2005. Founded by seasoned non-profit administrator Holly Gold, Rockridge Little School will provide a vibrant, culturally rich, and fun full-day program for 40 children, ages 2.5 to 5. The school site is in the heart of Oakland's Rockridge neighborhood, at the historic College Avenue Presbyterian Church, designed by Julia Morgan.

The school will be open weekdays 8am-5:30pm with full and part-time enrollment. Their web-site is www.rockridgelittleschool.com or contact Rockridge Little School at 510/420-1200.

At the June RCPC Town Hall Meeting

Transit Experts Discuss 4th Bore, BART, Bikes, Fees, Road Diets



Rockridge residents listen to a panel discussion of local transportation issues during the June RCPC Town Hall Meeting.

by Kent Deverell, RCPC Board Member

One evening last June, despite the rain, 45 Rockridge residents attended RCPC's Town Hall meeting to hear public transit experts discuss the proposed Caldecott Tunnel Fourth Bore project, BART, AC Transit, cycling, and other transit issues.

CalTrans project manager Cristina Ferraz (510/286-3890; http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/caldecott) explained that the tunnel project consists of drilling a fourth bore that will add two to three lanes for tunnel traffic, thus expediting flow and reducing commute congestion. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR), scheduled for completion in December, is problematic for Rockridge because it has a shortened, 45-day public comment period, does not address noise and other public health hazards, and excludes Chabot Elementary, Claremont Middle School and FROG Park as "beyond the scope" of the project.

CalTrans estimates construction costs at $200 to $400 million, and despite challenges, local leaders consider the project a "done deal." If you would like to get involved or receive email updates on the project, contact RCPC board member Kent Deverell at deverell@fluid.com.

Public transit costs are rising. According to AC Transit Board Member Greg Harper, an adult fare will increase from $1.50 to $1.75, while the 75-cent fare for youth, seniors and persons with disabilities will increase to 85 cents, effective September 6. The increase will help offset a projected $40-million deficit by 2008. AC Transit is also working on its East Bay Rapid Transit (EBRT) project designed to create rapid-travel, bus-only lanes between downtown Berkeley and the Bay Fair BART station. Regional Measure 2 funding has enabled AC Transit busses to offer night service that parallels BART lines, a boon to travelers stranded after BART shuts down at night.

Bob Franklin, Rockridge's representative on the BART board, said that in 2006 the rail system will begin charging $1 to park at its lots. He also described a new "Translink" debit card good for travel on either BART or AC Transit that will integrate fare collection and set rates good for travel anywhere in particular zones. BART is scheduled to conduct a seismic retrofit program in 2008 that might provide an opportunity for RCPC's UnderBART committee to pursue improvements at the Rockridge station. Franklin also said BART will reduce train noise by smoothing the rails the electric paddles ride on. For updates: bobfranklinbart@aol.com.

Jason Patton, a member of Oakland's Bike and Pedestrian Safety Program, said that a master plan for bikes and pedestrians in Oakland is currently under review, but residents need to decide what kind of Oakland they want. For any given road, who and what should it service? Cars? Pedestrians? Bikes? Busses? Which modes of travel should have priorities on which streets? To consider these questions, a public workshop series meets throughout the summer; EIR hearings are scheduled for December. For more information, contact Jason at 238-7049 or jpatton@oaklandnet.com or visit http://www.oaklandpw.com/bicycling/bikeplan.html.

City Council Restores Rockridge Library Position

by Jennifer Vetter, Chair
Friends of the Rockridge Library

The Friends of the Rockridge Library would like to thank Jane Brunner, Ignacio De La Fuente, Jean Quan and the rest of Oakland's city council for restoring the adult reference-librarian position to the Rockridge Library in the 2005-2007 Oakland City budget.

As the second busiest branch in the Oakland Public Library system, open six days and two evenings per week, our library needs to be fully staffed to serve the needs of the Rockridge community and the many users from other Oakland neighborhoods. We're glad the city council responded to our concerns and did the right thing during a very challenging budget season. Thank you.

Children's Book Project Comes To Oakland

Book donations welcomed

by Abby Cohen

Now into its second decade, Children's Book Project of San Francisco has expanded and just opened in the East Bay. The project, headed by Ann Katz, a retired kindergarten teacher, provides free books to children without access to books. Teachers and nonprofits come to the project to take up to 25 books free of charge. One quarter of the SF project's users were folks from the East Bay who drove there to pick up books, so it is great to have a local branch.

Located in the Grand Lake Neighborhood Center, 530 Lake Park Avenue, the project is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 until 6:00 pm. Donations of new or gently used books suitable for levels birth to high school are welcome. For more information, e-mail abbyccm@aol.com.

Meet Putthy Yem, Rockridge Library's New Summer Intern

The summer intern position is funded by Friends of the Rockridge Library (FORL)

by Rockridge Branch Library Staff

She's 17, has just finished her junior year at Oakland Tech, and is the fourth of six children born to Cambodian parents who emigrated to California in the mid-1980s. Bilingual in Khmer and English, she loves math, art, and working with children.

Putthy Yem is the new Rockridge Library summer intern, a position established three years ago with funding provided by Friends of the Rockridge Library.

With the help of teen volunteers, trained and supervised by the intern, the program, whose objective is to promote reading as a joyful and inspiring experience, welcomes all children from pre-school through eighth grade. Prizes, including free books, are awarded based on the amount of time the children read.

Teen volunteers also help with many other activities scheduled at the library throughout the summer, including arts and crafts workshops and performances by puppeteers, magicians, musicians and clowns.

Thanks to the efforts of Louis Thomas, the school-to-work counselor at Oakland Tech, we interviewed five terrific applicants this spring, each of whom had wonderful qualities. Putthy (pronounced Put-tea), however, was a perfect match for this position. Not only has her work experience included supervising students roughly the age of our junior/teen volunteers, but she has worked extensively with young children. Enthusiastic and possessing a rare balance of maturity and playfulness, she has excellent organizational skills and the ability to multi-task — all qualities necessary to being an effective intern.



Putthy Yem, Rockridge Library summer intern.

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In this time of severe budget cuts, our libraries are more dependent than ever on volunteers and on highly-qualified student-interns, especially in programs with a high turnout.

We are delighted to welcome Putthy, who started work on June 15, and we invite parents and children to come in and meet her and to enroll in the Summer Reading Program.

Ed. Note: The Community Calendar, page 15, lists many library events for children and adults.

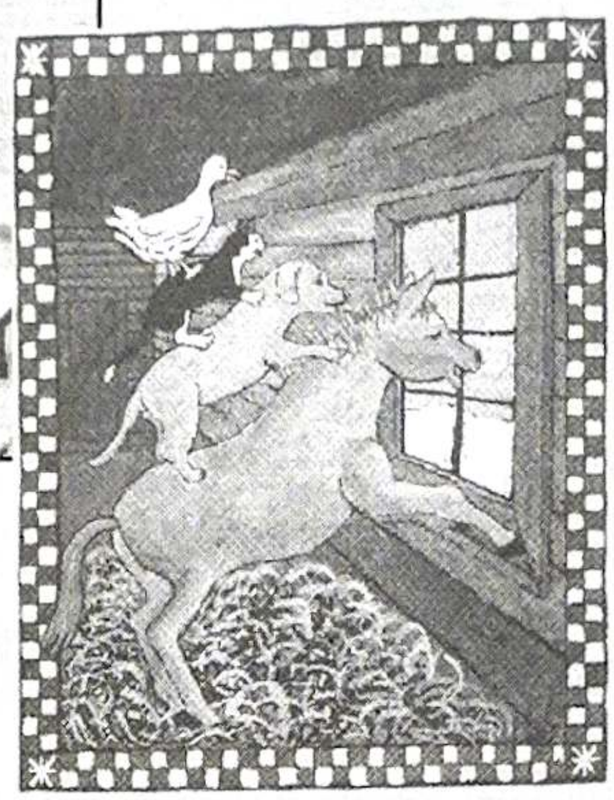
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Children's Book Illustrator Has Deep Roots in Rockridge



Artist Kieren Dutcher at work in her studio.



An illustration from a children's book by Kieren Dutcher.

PHOTOS: ADRIENE DEANGELO

by Adrienne DeAngelo

Lifetime Rockridge resident Kieren Dutcher has wanted to be an illustrator since she was thirteen years old. That's when she first laid eyes on the book *The Tyger Voyage* by Richard Adams, illustrated by Nicola Bayley. "I cried when I got it because I wanted to paint like that. I still love Bayley's glowing illustrations — and I still have that book," she says.

As an adult, Kieren abandoned her childhood ambitions in favor of practicalities. She attended the California College of Arts and Crafts and majored in design, then worked as a graphic artist for several years. Later, she got a teaching credential and taught elementary and middle-school school art.

She currently works part-time at Berkeley's Black Pine Circle school, which affords her the opportunity to focus on her art and pursue her lifelong dream of publishing a children's book.

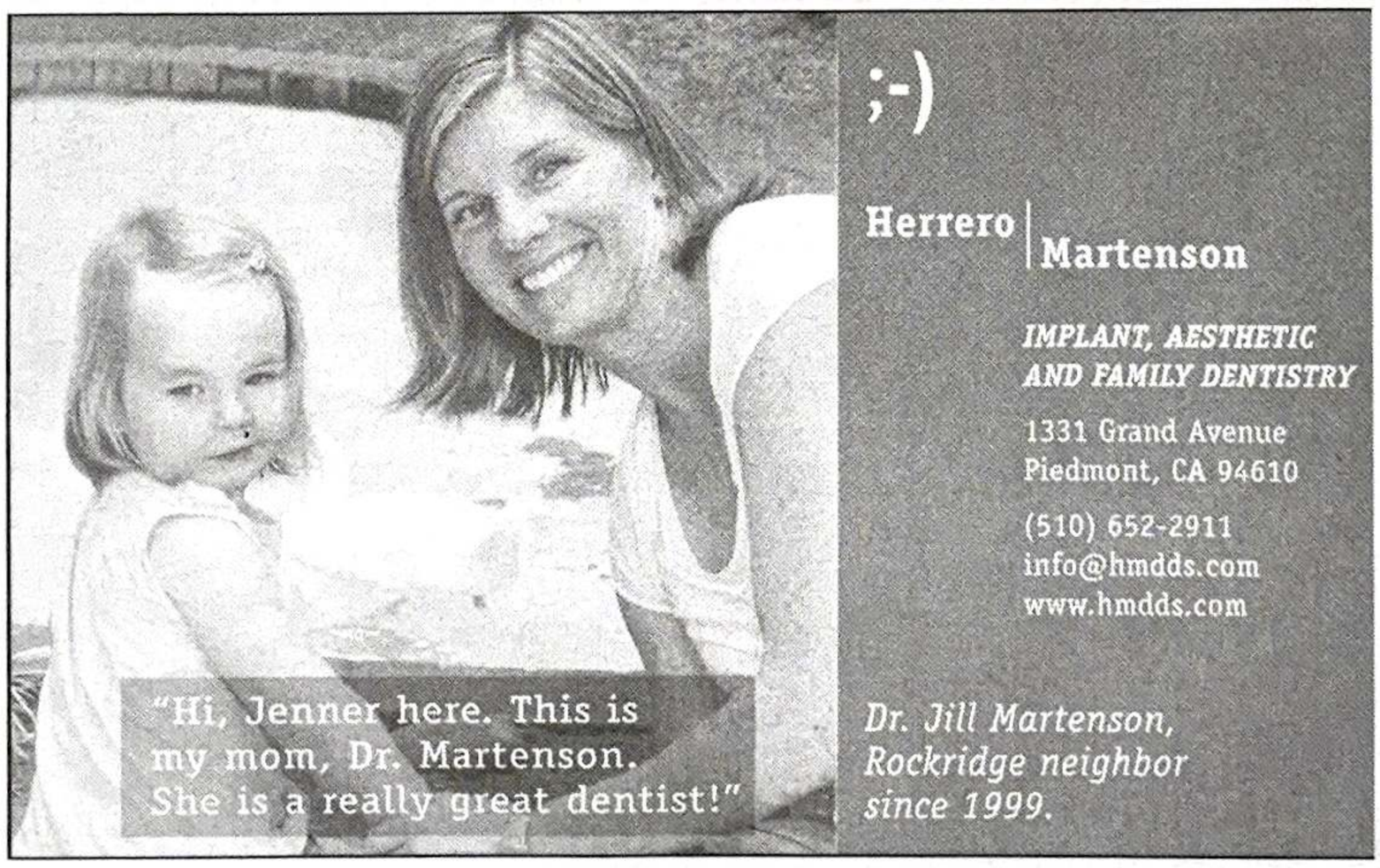
The interlude has paid off: Kieren was the featured artist on the Northern California Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators' website for the month of May. "It was a real honor to be a featured artist with an organization like SCBWI," she says. "Being an illustrator is hard... there are a lot of setbacks. I hope this is a harbinger of good things to come."

Kieren's Rockridge bungalow is the source of much of her inspiration and creativity. "My neighborhood and my family provide terrific material for my work," says Kieren, who is hard at work trying to secure a publisher for a children's counting book based on Fanny, her Welsh Corgie. She also has big plans for a calendar featuring kid-centric Bay Area sites like Tilden Park and Fairyland.

Kieren works mostly in gouache resist, a technique that was introduced to her several years ago by an illustrator in Seattle. The technique involves illustrating in pencil, then painting over the drawing with gouache paint, leaving the pencil lines exposed. After the paint dries, Kieren covers the original painting with black India ink, then sprays off the black paint with water. The black ink saturates only the exposed paper. The technique intensifies the color and gives a print-like effect. "I really like the look of it," she says.

Kieren grew up in Rockridge in a big old brown shingle house. She is the daughter of Bill and Nancy Dutcher, longtime members of the Rockridge community. "I got a lot of my creativity from my parents," she says. "My Dad's an architect, and he was always building things." For many years, Bill was also on the Board of the Oakland Museum, so Kieren had early exposure to local artwork and artists. Nancy, who imbued Kieren with a love of nature, is a docent in the natural history section of the Oakland Museum. "Our house was always a mess, with everyone creating something... my Dad in his workshop in the basement, my Mom sewing or cooking, and my sister making little leather saddles for her Breyer horses."

Kieren lives with her husband, two kids, a mischievous dog, a whiny cat, and lots of art supplies. To see Kieren's artwork, visit her website at www.kierendutcher.com.



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Ethnic Cookware: Food with a Memory

I recently finished reading ***Breath of a Wok,*** by Grace Young and Alan Richardson, which won the James Beard award last year. Part cultural anthropology and family storytelling and part recipes, the book celebrates the history of and reverence for one of the world's oldest cooking pots. In many Chinese families, the same wok has been used for many generations and is called a thousand-year wok. According to tradition, each new dish prepared in an old, seasoned wok acquires the flavors of previous dishes. Imagine the wonderful foods your grandmother cooked over 50 years ago as part of what you prepare today. Most "Americanized" Chinese cookbooks suggest using a sauté pan if you don't have a wok. However, preparing a Chinese stir-fry in a sauté pan just doesn't taste as good as one cooked in a seasoned wok. (Note: you can purchase pre-seasoned woks at the Wok Shop at 718 Grant Street in San Francisco.)

While reading *Breath of a Wok,* I thought about other ethnic cookware. Why does every dish taste better when prepared in an older and well-cared-for ethnic pot rather than modern "gourmet" cookware? Nothing quite compares to a seafood, sausage, and chicken paella cooked on a traditional paella pan over a wood-coal fire on a braiser. When our daughter's new Spanish in-laws came to America for her wedding, Tomas brought a beautiful paella pan as a special family gift. He prepared a traditional Valencian paella that we shared with our closest family and friends. What a way to start a marriage and bond with in-laws!

For years, I've been cooking Moroccan stews in my cast iron Dutch oven. About two years ago, I bought a traditional ceramic Moroccan *tagine.* After soaking the *tagine* in water for 24 hours, as required, I prepared a traditional Moroccan lamb stew. What a difference! The cone shaped ceramic lid of the *tagine* traps steam which retains flavors and prevents the stew or vegetables from drying out – a perfect combination of steaming and braising. Each new dish I make in it incorporates the spices and flavors of the previously cooked foods. Like the wok, the *tagine* is cookware with "food memory."

My other favorite piece of ethnic cookware is a Spanish *cazuela.* Similar to the *tagine,* a *cazuela* is a deep terracotta pan with a flat lid. The *cazuella* also needs be soaked in water for 24 hours before using. The *cazuela* is best for cooking tough cuts of beef, lamb, or pork, and is ideal for Jewish-style brisket or Mexican pork stews.

For more years than I care to count, our friend Janet has cooked her Jewish-style brisket in a *cazuela* and every year it gets better and better. Our daughter will eat brisket only when cooked in the *cazuela.* Whenever I ask Janet for the recipe she laughs and says it's so easy, but I know the secret is in the pot, each new dish borrowing flavors from the old.

Cooking is less about latest trends and more about tradition, memory and story-telling. Although the following recipe can be prepared in a sauté pan, I urge you to consider using a well-seasoned wok (see note). This dish is often prepared as part of a Chinese Lunar New Year feast.

Long Beans with Eggs

(Serves 4)

Ingredients

5 eggs
½ teaspoon of salt
2 tablespoons of olive oil
8 ounces of Chinese long beans or Blue Lake green beans cut into ½-inch pieces

Directions

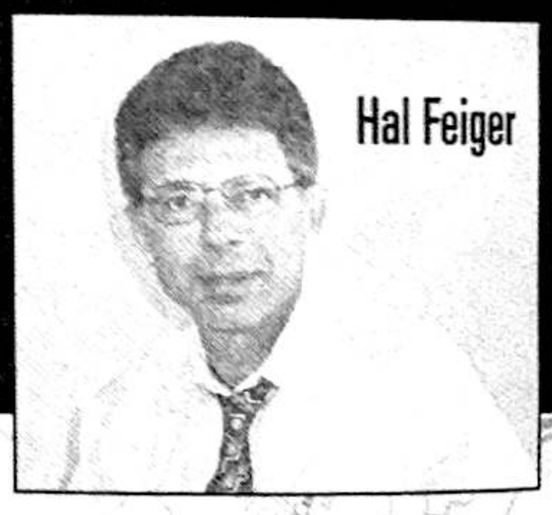
In a medium bowl beat eggs with ¼-teaspoon of the salt.

Heat a wok over high heat until very hot. Swirl in the oil, add the long beans and the remaining ¼ teaspoon of salt, and rapidly stir-fry 1 minute. Swirl in the eggs and stir-fry. Constantly turn the mixture with a spatula and allow the uncooked egg to run to the bottom of the wok until the eggs are set but not dry (1-2 minutes).

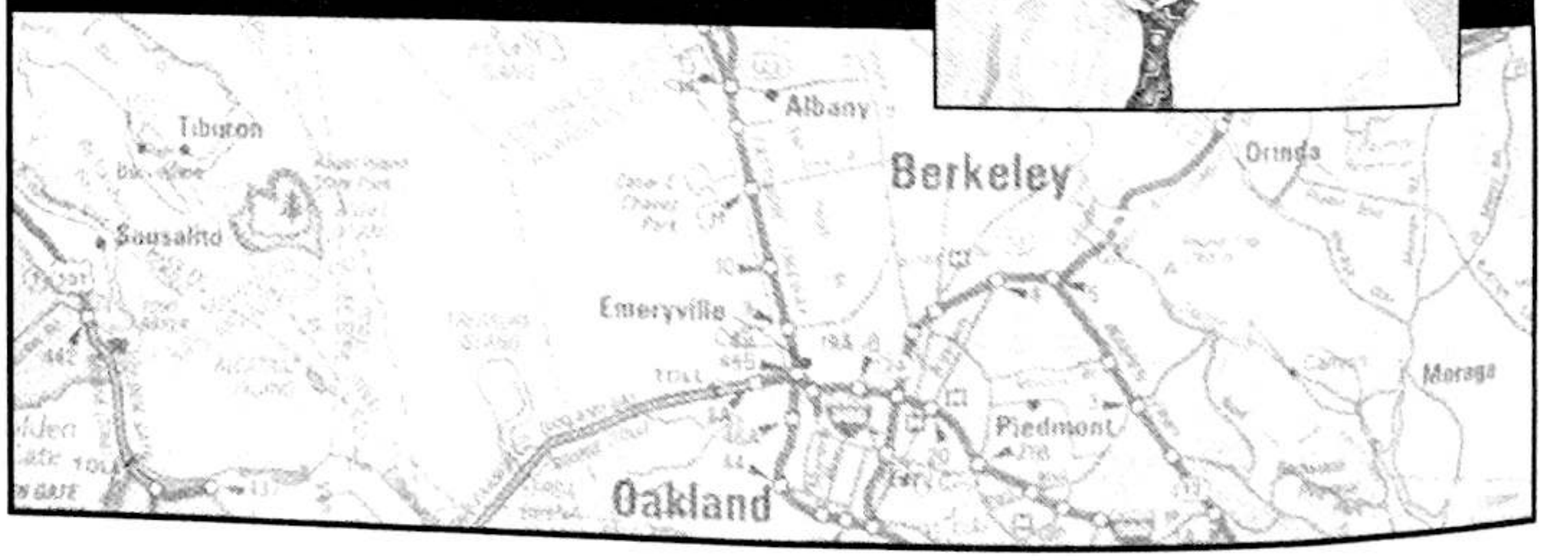
Barry Kaufman is a graduate of the California Culinary Academy. His e-mail is kaufman42@earthlink.net. Barry is available for private cooking classes and fundraising events.

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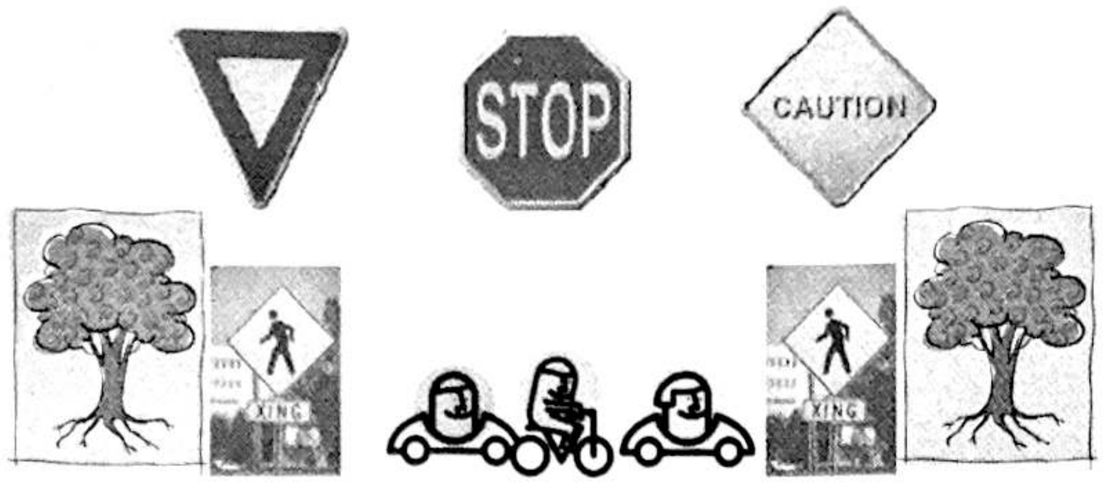
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- Would you like to see more trees along this stretch of Broadway?
- Would you like to see Broadway as more of a parkway and less of a speedway?

If you answered "**YES**" to any of these, please join us in an initial meeting of interested residents, the RCPC (Rockridge Community Planning Council), representative(s) from the office of Jane Brunner, the Oakland police, and other city officials to make some of these improvements a reality.

When: Wednesday, July 27, 2005 — 7 p.m.
Where: Rockridge Library - Upstairs Community Meeting Room

Some of the suggestions for improvements include:

- Reducing the speed limit from 35 mph to 30 mph or better yet, 25 mph (currently, in the business stretches of Broadway, the speed limit drops to 30 toward 51st street and then to 25 as it gets into downtown)
- Adding more (or any) police monitoring and ticketing for speeding traffic
- Reducing the number of lanes from 4 to 3, with either a center turn lane or a center park strip with trees; and allowing for wider margins on the sides for bike lanes.
- Better/clearer marking of crosswalks

If you are interested in becoming actively involved in this project or are unable to attend the meeting but would like to remain up-to-date on the issues involved, contact Steve Meyer at 510/655-6081 or e-mail meyer770@sbcglobal.net

SF Sculptor Selected for $100K Studio One Art Commission

by Patrick Daughton

San Francisco sculptor Cork Marcheschi was awarded a $100,000 commission from Oakland's Cultural Arts department to create and install a public art piece for the Studio One Art Center, now undergoing renovation. The selection panel of artists and art professionals chose Marcheschi from 51 applicants nationwide. Its decision has been accepted by Oakland's Public Art Advisory Committee.

Funds for the $10 million renovation of Studio One come from Measure DD, the $198 million Oakland Trust for Clean Water and Safe Parks approved by voters in 2002.

An open house is planned for mid-July (date and location to be determined) to promote dialog among the artist, public art staff, members of the Studio One community and residents of the Temescal neighborhood. Marcheschi will share examples of his past work and will welcome suggestions for the project design. Oakland staff, the architectural team, and Friends of Studio One will also be present to provide context and background.

At a second community meeting in August, the artist will present his proposal prior to submitting it to the selection panel. For final dates of the two meetings and to learn more about Studio One, visit http://www.friendsofstudioone.org.

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High Density Plans and Transit Village Projection Are Counter to Prior Neighborhood Efforts

Editor:

I read about the agenda for the upcoming meeting on Thursday. I am very concerned that the high density plans and transit village projections will essentially go against everything that was fought for in the zoning ordinances enacted in Rockridge some 30 years ago. I will not be able to attend the meeting, but would be obliged if you could forward my concerns to the chair of this meeting, and that if possible the concern could be addressed. Thank you.

Christine Acker

RCPC is helping to facilitate a dialogue about what changes ARE inevitable

Editor: *(The following by Hiroko Kunihara is in response to a letter from James K. Sayre published in the June issue of* The Rockridge News.*)*

Mr. Sayre, I agree with you that humans have had a devastating effect on the natural world. However, our urban environments can reflect bio-regional ecosystems as well, where equity and balance contribute to sustainable practices; where we all have fair access to what is needed.

In addition to our cultural addiction to petrochemicals I agree with you that over-population is a serious problem. If we continue to fortify our "free"-ways we will further disrupt the environmental balance between urban development and rural lands.

Your comments about immigrants I take personally. I arrived in California with my family in the United States in 1972. How about your family? Isn't the entire United States of America essentially an immigrant nation?

Regarding population increases in the region: the Association of Bay Area Governments estimates that by 2030, our nine-county region from Sonoma to Santa Clara will see an increase of 1,246,683 million employed residents with a total increase of 1,367,140 jobs. With an average of 2.7 people per household, we can speculate that many "immigrants" will be coming to fill those jobs.

The RCPC is helping to facilitate a dialogue about what kind of changes are inevitable. In September we will begin discussions in kitchens, schools, churches and other venues to discuss every possible option and to discover what is the most equitable way to guide and nurture our future. I know we have common concerns and goals. Please remain involved.

Hiroko Kurihara, Chair
RCPC Land Use Committee 510/384-0557

Pleased to Have Local Artist Showcase

Editor:

Thank you so very much for publishing Claire Wahrhaftig-Isaacs' article about my photography exhibit at the Rockridge Café ("The Rockridge Muse," June 4). Rockridge is fortunate to have a quality neighborhood paper and writers like Claire. It is equally fortunate to have Bill Chung as the proprietor of the Rockridge Café, a delightful neighborhood gathering place. He goes out of his way to showcase local artists and is quite an asset to the community.

Again, thank you.

Gerry Keenan

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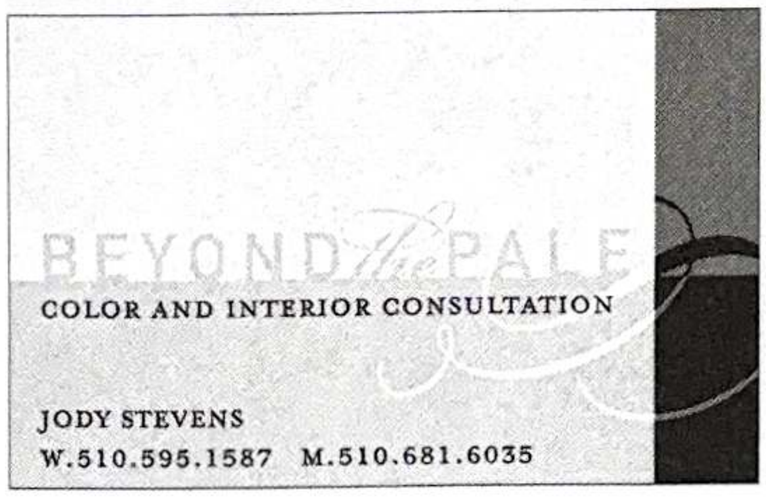
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Claremont's Spring Fling a Success!

by Julie Harris

Claremont Middle School PTA's Spring Fling in May drew an enthusiastic flow of students, parents, and neighbors to the school to enjoy a silent auction, food and arts booths, a rummage sale, a jumper, and a great variety of performances. The total proceeds came to about $4,500, enough to ensure the school's art program will continue next school year.



Laotian Mien dancers at Claremont School's Spring Fling.

PHOTO: MIKE TAYLOR

NOCCS Celebrates First Graduates

by Judith Silver

The North Oakland Community Charter School (NOCCS) graduated its first crop of 5th-graders on June 16. NOCCS is a small public charter school that started in 2000 as a kindergarten/first-grade in the College Avenue Presbyterian Church on College Avenue. The school has grown by a grade a year. Last summer it burst the seams at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church and moved into larger classrooms in St. Augustine's on Alcatraz Avenue. "St. Augustine's is an excellent fit," says K-1 teacher and former part-time director Jennifer Bloom, "and we are very excited about developing ties to the community here."

NOCCS is poised to grow again. Next year, it will gain two new classrooms: a second K-1 class and a second 2-3 class. This will add almost 40 new students, who come from the neighborhood and throughout Oakland, bringing the total number of students to 105. NOCCS is also examining its option to expand beyond 5th grade. The school's charter, renewed by the Oakland Unified School District this year, permits the addition of a middle school within the next few years. "That prospect is a little overwhelming," says Elizabeth Cushing, parent of a third-grader and chair of the school's board, who spends a lot of time soothing growing pains. "But it is also thrilling."

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The Rockridge Muse

by Ortrun Niesar

Lessons of a Summer Day

Benefits of Analog Search Engine

There was a riot going on right here in our Rockridge neighborhood the other day! Just after one o'clock in the afternoon we were invaded by a massive swarm of strikingly beautiful butterflies, no doubt attracted by the clumps of fragrant lavenders in our neighbor Annie's garden. As the fragile creatures fluttered urgently from bloom to bloom, the neighbor children joyfully chased them with their butterfly nets. "Gently, gently," admonished their Dad. "You don't want to damage their wings." "I think this is a male," said Liza, one of the children. Then she turned her bright blue gaze on me. "Do you know what kind of butterfly this is? And how can you tell if this is a male or a female?" I didn't know, thought we should look it up in a book.

Her Dad said, "Check it out on the computer." Okay, that works too. But I'm thinking that before computers take over their lives, children need to be encouraged to experience books. Computers serve their purpose. But for a child there is still nothing like cuddling up with Mom or Dad, flipping the pages of a beloved book, marvelling at the illustrations and eagerly running little fingers over the letters as they magically morph into words. So different from merely pushing a button to turn on the computer!

Rich Veins to Mine

For young explorers, there are wonderful books about butterflies, bugs and snails and other garden wonders available. One of the best places to find a broad selection of age-appropriate material is Cody's on Telegraph. Also, the Lawrence Hall of Science has a good selection of children's books. *Gotta Go! Gotta Go!* by Sam Swope, telling the butterfly story, is a wonderful little book for preschoolers. So is *Hurry and the Monarch*, by Antoine O'Flatharta, telling of a friendship between a turtle that never goes anywhere and the Monarch that flies to Mexico every year. The illustrations are gorgeous. There is also a series called Backyard Books, written by Judy Allen and Tudor Humphries, that sports titles like "Are you a Lady Bug?" or "Are you a Snail?" Slightly older children and their parents will love "The Everything Bug" from the Kids' FAQs series written by Cherie Winner, which will supply you with the answers to such puzzling questions as "What makes the lighting bugs light up?" and, "How long do bugs live?" Dad, you will never be clueless again.

Butterflies and Children and Pressing Issues

Along the sidewalk, I skip over hopscotch lines drawn in colored chalks. Stop here, it says. Okay. Now what? I don't know. I need to ask the kid who lives here if I am ever going to know. Of course he can't talk to me that day because he has turned himself into a super poison shark. And I don't know about the fairy princess who was busy being saved by a magic dragon just then.

I am thinking about the miracle of butterflies and children feeling so at home here in Rockridge. It is they who, when we get distracted by arguments over tunnel bores and other "pressing" issues, have the power to make us reconnect the dots and feel the earth beneath our feet right here in Rockridge.

Red Cross Needs Blood Donors

The American Red Cross Blood Services at 6230 Claremont Avenue is in urgent need of blood donors this summer. To make an appointment, call 800-GIVE-LIFE or go online to www.BeADonor.com. Walk-ins welcome. Weekly drawings for $100 gas gift cards will be held through Labor Day.

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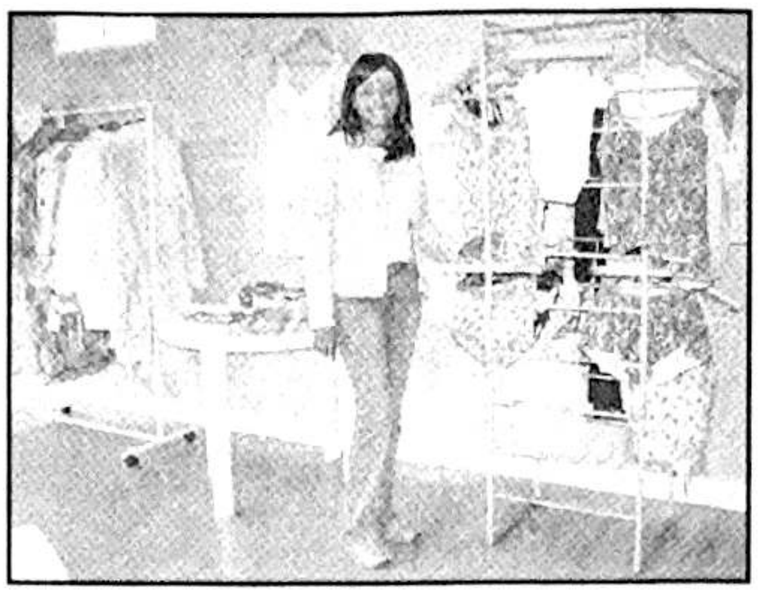
Mr. Sandman Brings You a Dream

The Neighborhood Merchant

by Theresa Nelson



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Tiffany Stevenson, co-owner of Mr. Sandman, a recently opened slumberware store on College Avenue.

Photo: Lydia Gans

Since we spend about one third of our lives in slumber, what we wear and how we sleep are both a big part of our lives. Mr. Sandman, a new store on College Avenue near Bryant, has everything to make slumber time delightful.

North Oakland sisters Tiffany and Indy Stevenson jointly own Mr. Sandman, and their creative energy is reflected in the merchandise and look of the store. The restful interior is strung with paper lanterns in colors emphasizing the rainbow of pajamas. Tiffany said that she has always loved pajamas and loungewear and had planned the store, the first for both sisters, for a long time.

Mr. Sandman focuses on comfortable, well-fitting pajamas in beautiful colors that are attractive and easy to care for. Tiffany says, "You can walk out our door in these pajamas and never be embarrassed." The Loveletters line of loungewear is especially attractive, a smooth, cotton knit in bold stripes, or a pattern of strings of pearls or even a dotted swiss with pink piping. Lingerie from the same line includes a whimsical pink leopard print and Pebbles and Bam-Bam from the Flintstones. Nick and Nora loungewear, named after the famous movie couple of the 1930s, echoes the elegance of those films and contemporary TV shows like Will & Grace. The line features fine cotton pajamas in charming prints, including pastel Chinese umbrellas, red hearts on white, and even sushi. Matching cosmetic bags come in various sizes and patterns.

Nightgowns by Mary Green, reported to be favorites of Oprah Winfrey, come in several patterns, including a fine ribbed silk with lace trim. Selections from PJ Salvage include a lovely blue and green flowered set, fuzzy chenille robes in pink, ivory and black, and stylish thermals for winter wear.

For a very special gift, consider personalized pajamas: you can choose items ranging from yoga-style pants and camisoles to onesies and baby hats. Customers have purchased sets for wedding or shower gifts, personalized with names. There are also hand-embroidered nightgowns from Brazil and a very chic gown for nursing mothers.

Mr. Sandman's sleepwear is great for travel, and the store now carries accessories, too, including a two-sided lingerie bag (one for clean, one for laundry). For summer, the store also carries unique swimwear, made of fabrics from Brazil and created in San Francisco. The handmade Zoë bikinis are complemented by cotton/spandex suits, flip-flop sandals and sarong wraps.

"I love being on College Avenue because of the support of the community and merchants," Tiffany says. Mr. Sandman is collaborating with other College Avenue stores on special offers and events.

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NCPC Meeting

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list, followed by assaults and burglaries. In the week of June 6-12, 11 crimes were reported in beat 12Y (roughly from 51st Street to the Berkeley border and from Telegraph Avenue to Broadway):

- 2 auto thefts
- 1 robbery with a dangerous weapon
- 2 bodily harm to a spouse or date
- 1 assault with a deadly weapon
- 2 burglaries
- 2 grand thefts.

Beat 13X (above Broadway to Moraga, Highway 13 and the Berkeley border) reported one crime: willful cruelty to a child.

Since October 2003, Rockridge residents have been able to query OPD's chief about crime issues on-line at rockridgeneighborhoodwatchnetwork@yahoogroups.com.

The NCPC will also conduct its annual election of officers. Anyone over 18 living in beats 12Y or 13X may run for office and/or vote at the Town Hall meeting. See http://www.rockridgencpc.com for a description of the NCPC, its officer's duties and beat boundaries. Candidates should submit their names to Jeff Benroth at info@rockridgencpc.com by July 15. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Graffiti Removal Week on College Avenue, July 23-31

The Greater Rockridge Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council has made graffiti cleanup its project for the last week of July and will work with merchants and city agencies to clean up College Avenue. Graffiti on lamp posts, mailboxes, traffic signals, parking meters, magazine stands, and private buildings will be painted over. Participating merchants will receive materials to paint out future scrawls.



Zealous taggers even left their mark on a plant. PHOTO: SUSAN MONTAUK

Graffiti is an eyesore and often linked to gang activity. It should be reported to info@rockridgencpc.com, or call the Graffiti Hotline at 238-4703.

July: NCPC Priorities for Beats 12Y & 13X

Beat 12Y

1. CalTrans Transients: Increased blight/crime, break-ins, stolen vehicles, suspects along Miles/Presley, up the ivy path on Patton, and under the freeway behind the school portables.

2. Telegraph/59th: The Washhouse, Mattress Store, Williams Market; Increase in robberies, mail & ID theft, assaults, vandalism — 3 block radius.

3. Rockridge BART: Extra patrols to abate late evening robberies (when restaurants are closing). The area toward Alcatraz and Broadway.

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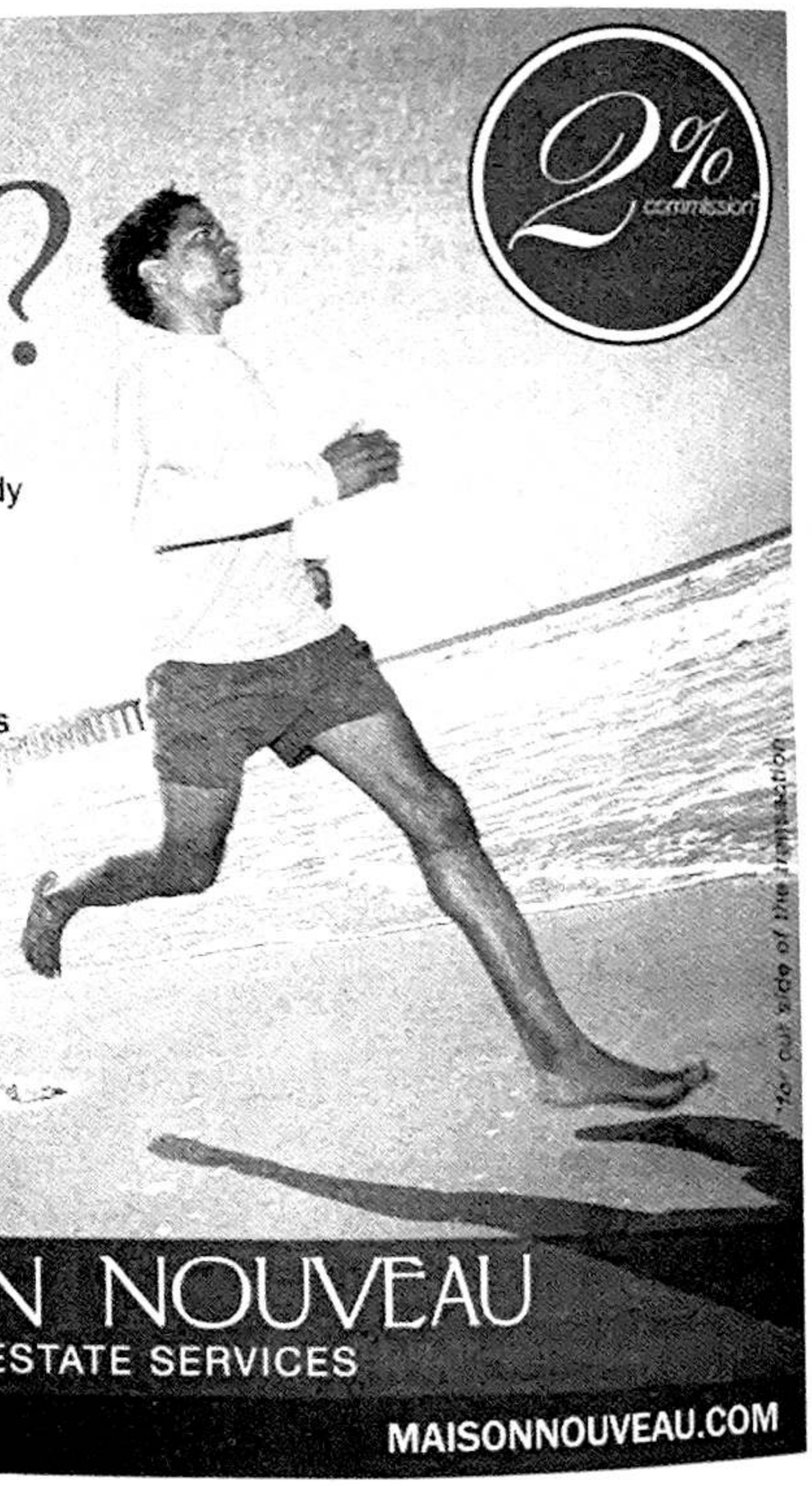
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Compiled by Jo Ellis

Councilmember Brunner's Community Advisory Meeting

No meeting in July, August and September. Join Vice Mayor Brunner for her Annual Picnic on July 17 from noon to 4pm at the North Temescal picnic area (off Broadway next to hwy 24 and 13 interchange). BBQ and drinks are provided; bring a side dish or dessert. For information on all District One issues, call 238-7001 or www.oaklandnet.com (the site for all City-related information).

Curb Car Theft at BART

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NCPC: Crime Prevention Meeting

Residents and business members of NCPC's 12Y and 13X areas are invited to voice their concerns about crime and public safety. July Special Town Hall Meeting, Thursday, July 21 at the Rockridge Library, 6:45 to 8:30pm. August meeting (regular time and place): 3rd Tuesday from 7 to 8:30pm at Fire Station #8, 463 51st Street.

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- Toddler Story Time: 1st and 2nd Saturdays, 10:30am: 7/9, 8/6, 8/13, 9/3.
- Pre-School Story Time: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10:30am: 7/6,7/20, 8/3, 8/17, (no story time 9/7).
- Pajama Story Time: 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 7pm: 8/9, (see below for special Tuesday night events in July).

Special Events for kids and families:

- **The 2005 Summer Reading Program**: Kids can continue to sign up until August 13th to receive prizes for reading over the summer.
- **Craft Program**: Saturday 7/9 1pm. Make a simple hand-made book. All ages; kids under 7 bring a grown-up.
- **Blue Fairy Storyteller**: Tuesday, 7/12, 7pm. Stories and songs by the famous Blue Fairy of Fairyland in Oakland.
- **Puppet Art Theater**: Tuesday, 7/19, 7pm. Performance of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf!"
- **Family Reading Night**: Tuesday, 7/26, 7pm. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite book for a group read-aloud story time. Admission price is a pot-luck midnight snack item; something simple and enough for 4 kids.
- **Crafts for Kids**, ages 7 through 12: Two Thursdays, 7/21 and 7/28 (both sessions needed to complete the project). Making a short picture book. Each person writes a story featuring his or her own dolls, action figures, stuffed animals, puppets, etc.,then uses digital photography to illustrate it. Registration required. Please call 597-5017 for more info and to sign up. (One or two parent-assistants would be welcome!).
- **Magic Show with Magician Norman Ng**: Tuesday, 8/2, 7pm. All ages welcome.

Junior/Teen Volunteers still needed: Kids ages 12 to 17 are invited to volunteer at Rockridge Branch Library for the summer programs. We need your help; wee can arrange a schedule that fits around other activities. Contact Erica at 597-5017.

For Adults:

- **Lawyers in the Library**: Free legal advice. First Tuesday of each month: 6 to 8pm. Advance sign-up starts 5pm.

Library Art Exhibits

In The Gallery:

- July: Jennifer Downey; *Iron-Inspired: Our Land, Our Language*. Vivid earth-tone oil paintings inspired by wrought-iron designs. Opening reception Monday, July 11, 5:30 to 7:30pm.
- August: Dana Davis; Photography.
- September: Susan Hall and Mike G.: Surprise exhibit!

In The Display Case:

- July: Bill Kepner's surprise display.
- August: Dana Davis; Photography.
- September: Claire Lomax; Paper sculpture and collage.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday and Tuesday, 12:30 to 8pm
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Friday, 12 to 5:30pm CLOSED Sundays

Diesel Book/Poetry Readings

All events are FREE and open to the public

- Wednesday, 7/20, 7pm. UC Press Poetry Night: Poets Laura Mullen, Geoffrey O'Brien, Martha Ronk, Carol Snow and Juliana Spahr.
- Sunday, 7/31, 3pm. Pamela Cranston: Coming to Treeline: Adirondack Poems.

5433 College Ave. For information about more readings in July and August, and schedules of book/discussion groups and classes: 653-9965 or www.dieselbookstore.com.

Art Exhibit

Margi Scharff: Collages made of found objects from her travels in India. Showing through August 14 at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Avenue. Gallery hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 11am to 6pm and Sunday, 12noon to 5pm. For more information call 655-5952.

Writers Support/critique Group

ALL writers welcome. Bring at least 10 copies of 5 pages of your prose for on-site reading/discussion. Sponsored by the California Writers Club, Berkeley branch (www.berkeleywritersclub.org/) Rockridge Branch Library, third Saturday of the month from 1 to 5pm. For more information: 482-0265 or Writefox@aol.com.

Sick Plant Clinic

Bring your ailing plants to the University of California Berkeley Botanical Garden and get a free diagnosis by a team of expert UC plant pathologists and entomologists. First Saturday of every month from 9am to noon. UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. For more information: 643-2755 or http://botanicalgarden.berkeley.edu. Explore the Garden's 34 acres which have over 12,000 different kinds of plants from around the world, arranged by habitat region of origin.

Activities & Events for Seniors

- **College Avenue Adult Center**: Light exercise, socializing, travel programs and music. Hot lunch at noon for $2. Every Wednesday from 9:30am to 1:30pm. College Ave. Presbyterian Church, 5955 College. Details about field trips and summer camps for seniors at Yosemite and Feather River: call Kathy at 531-6724.
- **North Oakland Multi-Purpose Senior Center Program Highlights:** Computer classes; health insurance counseling and advocacy program; driver safety; trips, tours and theater outings. Center hours: Monday – Friday, 8:45am to 4:45pm. 5714 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. The newsletter, "North Oakland Senior Times" has a schedule of classes and a lunch menu: (suggested donation: seniors 60+: $2.25). Call 597-5085 for membership details and information about the newsletter, classes/events and volunteer opportunities.

Museum White Elephant Sale

The Oakland Museum is accepting donations for the 2006 White Elephant Sale from 10am to 12pm on July16, August 13, Sept.10 at their warehouse, 333 Lancaster Street. For FREE van pickup call 839-5919. More details at 536-6800.

Food Recycler Needs Space

Daily Bread, the volunteer group that picks up leftover food from Market Hall daily and delivers it to shelters still needs a neighborhood location for its refrigerator (for situations where deliveries can't be made promptly). An accessible back yard or garage would be ideal. Call Joan Sautter: 655-6432 or 415/986-1338 x133.

Volunteers Needed

- **Bambino Thrift Shop**: All Volunteer Shop benefiting Oakland Children's Hospital. 5290 College Ave. Volunteers needed Tuesdays through Saturdays. We will train you. Call manager, Carol Maes: 654-9709.
- **North Oakland Community Charter School (NOCCS)**: tutors to work with 1st to 5th graders, one-on-one or in small groups, on math, reading and writing skills; time commitment of at least one hour per week. Located at 410 Alcatraz Ave. (cross St. Colby). Contact Julia Kassissieh, Director: 655-0540 or director@noccs.org.
- **Friends of Temescal Creek:** Monitor water quality by collecting water samples at Temescal Lake for analysis. Important for Rockridge residents because Temescal Creek runs above ground near Frog Park. Volunteers meet on the third Saturday of each month from 10am to noon. Regular commitment preferred. For more information and for where to meet, contact Friends of Temescal Creek at fotc2005@yahoo.com.



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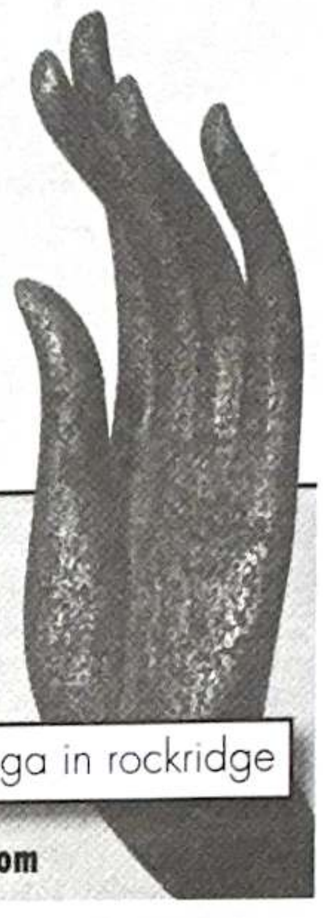


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