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1. YoHo OH, No!

by Dan Robertson

"Spindrift a mile wide, and
Rum a barrel deep,
Pass the whiskey dram, matey,
While the Cap'n's still asleep."

That's a little sea chanty I made up last week, when I went to sea aboard the sailboat, "Boat"; Douglas Lord, owner and captain.

"Batten down the mizzen mast, all hands stowaway and stand abaft, come about right smartly!" I said, stepping aboard and sinking into two feet of water in the boat.

"Ah, really, Cap'n," I asked, "why is

there two feet of water inside the boat?" Water was everywhere. In my hair, in my pockets, running gaily in rivulets through the holes in my tennies.

But Doug Lord is a lawyer. He is not about to answer a straight question. We are sloshing around in this water, our feet getting wrinkled clear up to our knee caps, but he says, "Water? In the boat? You mean water in this boat?" You would think he had never even heard mention of water before in his entire life. Meanwhile, he has cast off and we are outside the harbor. An icy wind is stirring up brittle waves in the water inside the boat. Finally, the Captain says, "Well, if there is water in the boat, maybe you could pump it out. I have to steer."

"If? What do you mean 'if'?"

This boat is full of water. Take my word for it. This damn boat is probably sinking."

"If there's water aboard, it's probably, in fact, quite possibly due to the rain. Anyway, we can't be sinking. It wouldn't be at all good for us to sink, since there are no life preservers aboard. We'd only last a few minutes in that icy water."

I pumped. I pumped like mad. I found this old bicycle pump attached to ten yards of leaky sausage casing and pumped! The captain steered, the wind whipped every which way, the water inside the boat sloshed dangerously and we buttoned our parkas so tight we looked like bit players in Nanook of the North. Nothing showed except our noses. And I pumped.

Pretty soon, the Captain started pulling on ropes and yanking at the sails and the boat stopped sailing along in a safe, pleasant upright manner and rolled violently over on its side. Water came over the downhill rail in streams.

"Hey, Bligh," I shouted over the gale, "The boat is tipping over! This boat is practically tipping completely over!" It was true. And I was on the downhill side.

Doug yelled, "Don't worry! This boat can't tip over. It has a very heavy keel."

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PORTRAIT OF THE CREW

Just for Sun . . . RESERVE a NIGHT at

"COME BLOW YOUR HORN"

This "chick lively, funny comedy" was the first for Neil Simon. Since "Come Blow Your Horn" he has written "Barefoot in the Park", "Plaza Suite", "Little Me" and many others.

This present-day situation comedy directed by Chris Christian, centers around a Jewish family living in New York City. The plot involves the "education" of the younger brother (played by Tim Turner) to the ways of the world by the older brother (played by Charles Haacker).

The production will play at 8:30 each Friday and Saturday night, January 31 through March 1, at 105 Park Place. Reservations may be made by calling TH 3, 5475 or Be 2-3888. Theatre patrons are advised to call ahead.

For concerned People . . .

The last in a series of three conferences concerning narcotics and dangerous drugs will take place Tuesday night, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. at The Steeple, 5050 Road 20, Richmond. The conference, especially designed for parents of teen-agers and other interested citizens, is entitled, "What Can We Do?" Information about resources available to teen-agers will be presented, as well as what parents, civic clubs, and the community can do, will be part of the discussion.

Cancer . . .

Wednesday evening, February 5, the Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church will provide two Cancer education

films for women, as well as Dr. ⁽²⁾ Ferdinand J. Beernink, Gynecologist, who will be on hand to answer questions.

The informative evening meeting begins at 8 p.m., and will be of interest to all women, and all are cordially invited.

Free EXHIBIT- CONCERT !

The Richmond Art Center announces the exhibition of paintings, called Sixteenth Painting Annual 1969, which opens on February 8 and will continue through March 16, 1969. This competitive exhibition was juried by Wayne Thiebaud, internationally known pop artist, also one of the foremost painters working in the New Realism.

There are five prizes including one honorable mention awarded by Mr. Thiebaud. They are one \$500 purchase prize - the work becoming a part of the Art Center's permanent collection; one \$100 prize in honor of the founder of the Richmond Art Center, Hazel Salmi; and two \$100 Art Center awards. The recipients will be announced at the reception the evening of February 8.

The painting annuals at the Art Center have been reinstated after a two-year absence. Henceforth they will be biennial, alternating each year with a sculpture exhibition.

Also on February 8, beginning at 8:30 p.m., there will be a free concert by the Richmond Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of William Jackson, in the Richmond Auditorium.

HELPING YOUNG MUSICIANS

The John F. Kennedy Music Boosters Association will hold a Theater Benefit Party on Friday, Feb. 14 at 8:30 in El Cerrito's Harding School Auditorium, where Contra Costa Civic Theatre will present "The Impossible Years".

Tickets are \$2.00, and may be obtained by calling Mrs. Fred Smith, 233-9210.

③ YoHo! Oh, No!, continued from P, 1)

He is on the high side, so far in the air he nearly has a nosebleed and he is telling me not to worry. Meanwhile I am looking fish right in the eyeballs.

"Well, Cap'n, how heavy is the keel? In round figures?" I yelled back.

"I'd say it's, oh, really heavy."

"Really heavy? Is 'really heavy' round figures? In pounds, Cap'n, how exact heavy is the keel on this tilting boat?"

"Well," he mumbled, looking the other way, "It's heavy. You know, like not light. A very, really heavy keel. Honest."

"Listen, Cap'n, water is pouring into the boat from the ocean and we are tilted completely over and there are no life jackets aboard and what I want to know, sir, is have you ever even seen the keel?"

"Water? Coming in the boat? Is water coming in?"

"THE KEEL, THE KEEL, HOW HEAVY IS THE KEEL? Does this boat even have a keel?"

"Sailboats have keels," he said with a very hurt look on his face, "this is a sailboat, ergo, this boat has a keel."

That is how these lawyers talk all the time. That kind of talk is called caveat emptor or ad hoc signum or something. Nobody can understand it but other lawyers. But you can't fool me. I know how to communicate with these lawyers.

"Sirrah," I shouted above the wind, "If I am washed overboard and drowned, a hap-penstance which seems inevitable, I fully intend to sue you!"

His face lit up in spite of the cold. "Sue?" He asked happily, "Well, well. Sue?"

"Yes, Can you recommend a good lawyer?"

"Certainly." He handed me his own card.

"I'll pay you half of everything we get out of you. Try to settle out of court. I hate to wear a tie," I mumbled, but abruptly the problem solved itself, for the wind died. The sails flapped, then sagged. We sat. The tide gripped us. Inexorably, it pulled us toward Angel Island, and the rocks there.

"Cap'n," I said quietly, "I wish to report that we are about to crash upon the

rocks and shoals." The guard on Angel Island ran down and looked at us gleefully. Either we would sink or we would have to wade ashore and he could shoot us. Either way, he could have the joy of keeping two taxpayers off their own island.

"As I understand it," Doug said, "The Coast Guard does not allow people to sink on the rocks and shoals of Angel Island. So, legally speaking, it would be best for us to sink somewhere else." Meantime, the guard was polishing his rifle on his pants leg. It is always best to be shot with a polished rifle. I put my feet back down into the water in the boat. Somehow, it suddenly seemed much warmer and nicer than the water crashing on the rocks nearby.

"I'm afraid that...well,,," Doug said, sighing, "I guess...you won't tell, will you?....I'll have to start the motor."

It is terribly embarrassing to watch a sailboat captain have to start the motor. They always look the other way from the motor, so that in case anybody is watching, the captain can pretend that the motor started all by itself. After a few false starts, the motor sputtered and caught, and we putted ignominiously back to Richmond. Dusk obscured the captain's embarrassed face. The moon came over the Point Richmond hills, in a sky as frozen blue as our toes. But behind us the Marin hills were still in sunset, as red as our noses. It was a real nose and toes sunset. It was dark when we slipped into the harbor.

I only learned one thing on the trip that will be of use to you on your own sea voyages, and that is the rule for telling directions in a boat. Here is the rule:

Starboard is either left or right.

Port is the other.

Important MEETING

Because of the many burglaries and the rash of vandalism which has occurred at the Point, Police Chief Murphy has arranged a meeting on Monday, February 3, at 2 p.m.

Interested citizens are invited to participate in the discussion with Police Lt. Billingsley and Sergeant William-son, at the Point Richmond Community Center, next to the Library on Washington Avenue.

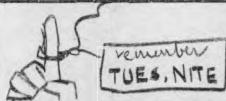
A REQUEST...

TO BIKE-RIDERS...

Until the day that (we hope) bicycle trails are created for bike riders, bicycles are limited as to where they may safely be ridden. Many kids are riding bikes on the city sidewalks, which is extremely dangerous for people walking on the sidewalks...already, people have been knocked down.

It is also dangerous, unfortunately, for the drivers to ride on the city streets, but that is where they must be ridden if you must ride down town.

For joy-riders, the safest thing to do is stay out of heavy traffic of the business district, on streets where traffic is slow and sparse.



Anyone interested in singing, dancing, or recorder, Tuesday night is the night, for new members to join one of three groups. The Richmond Symphony Chorus is accepting new members through February--they meet Tuesday at 7:30, at Portola Junior High (call 223-3479). The Balkaneers Dance Group meets at 8 p.m., at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., (call 444-5667). The Point Recorder class meets at 7 p.m. at 117 Nicholl Ave, (call 234-5900).

calendars and candies

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The Girl Scouts still have a few 1969 Girl Scout Calendars which they would be delighted to sell and deliver to you. They are 50 cents, and have space to write on each date. Call Mrs. Moitoza (758-1720) if you want one.

If you haven't noticed yet, the Bluebirds and Camp Fire Girls are avidly selling CampFire Mints -- and assorted chocolates-- for quick winter energy....all you need do is look down the street after school hours, and you're likely to spot a little candy vendor.

a Correction

A correction to the Report on the Forum at the Y--"Crisis in our Schools":

The cost of bussing 3,000 students now, is \$200,000. The estimated cost for totally integrating the district by transporting 6,000 would be \$400,000, or an increase of 10 cents in the tax rate. This increase of 10 cents was compared to the \$1.50 increase requested by the School Board for improvement of total services and maintenance, including teachers' salaries.

In answer to my own question: How much would a special school election cost? \$15,000. - J. Hagen.

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they had discovered a small water puddle that had frozen over and were enjoying the delight of "ice skating."

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"Duchess", the Holladay-Wilson registered English Pointer is the proud mother of seven puppies this past week, five males and two females.

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MR. and MRS:LYNN SCHREWSBURY (Goldie Gebhard) have been visiting friends on the Point this past week. They have been gone from their Philadelphia home since December 9. Goldie was recalling her first Christmas when she was only four years old. Her father left her at the church, which was the old frame building of the original Methodist Church. During the program, someone asked if everyone had been called upon. Goldie raised her hand. Her recitation consisted of "Merry Christmas to (w)all". Many laughed, and it was several years later that she understood what it meant to wish youwall a Merry Christmas.

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Speaking of Christmas, two items that were missed at Christmas time have been found on the newspaper desk... KEITH LAMBLE was missing from the list of students home from college for the holidays.....and DOUG HOGAN was home for the holidays, and visited Marguerite at Washington School, among other old friends. He is the son of Maxine and Adrian Gudermuth, and is presently in the 82nd Airborne Division.

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On Saturday, February 1, Kennedy High will be the host to 600 students, representing about 40 other high schools when the Junior Statesmen hold their conference. Speakers include: Dr.S.I. Hayakawa, Paul Godlett and Cecil Poole. Julie Davis is president of the local chapter of Junior Statesmen.

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Sympathy goes to the family of GAR-NETT WILLIAMS, who devoted many hours in assisting with programs and Bible studies for the Women's Society of the Methodist Church. (page 7, please)

REMINISCING

With Don Church

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Interesting and sometimes amusing articles from old Richmond and Point Richmond newspapers, courtesy of the Richmond Museum.

January 30, 1913...

TRICKY MAGICIAN FOUND A WAY TO BEAT THE RAP...

"A magician of unusual talent and cleverness was discovered in the City jail yesterday afternoon. F.P. Arnold entertained Judge Lindsey, Chief Arnold (no relation) Sgt. Ruiz, Joseph Munday and many others for two hours in the Chief's office, with various tricks.

"Arnold was picked up a few days ago as he was recovering the effects of a rather prolonged spree, and has been in the jail since, until he could regain his usual composure. He wanted to secure enough money to get back to Napa and his job. So the Chief arranged the show for his friends. The hat was passed following the performance. One trick struck the fancy of the Judge, and he is still wondering how it worked. The man is now on his way home."

January 30, 1913...

"THE WOODPILE IS DECREASING RAPIDLY"

"For the past three days, the prisoners in the city jail have been kept busy sawing up the five-foot ties (removed from the Washington and Park

Place tracks) into stove lengths and by the time another week has rolled around Chief Arnold expects to have his wood pile completed. At the rate they are sawing there will soon be enough wood for distribution among the poor and needy families of the city."

February 1, 1913...

BROWN FOUND ANOTHER WAY OUT OF THE JAILHOUSE...

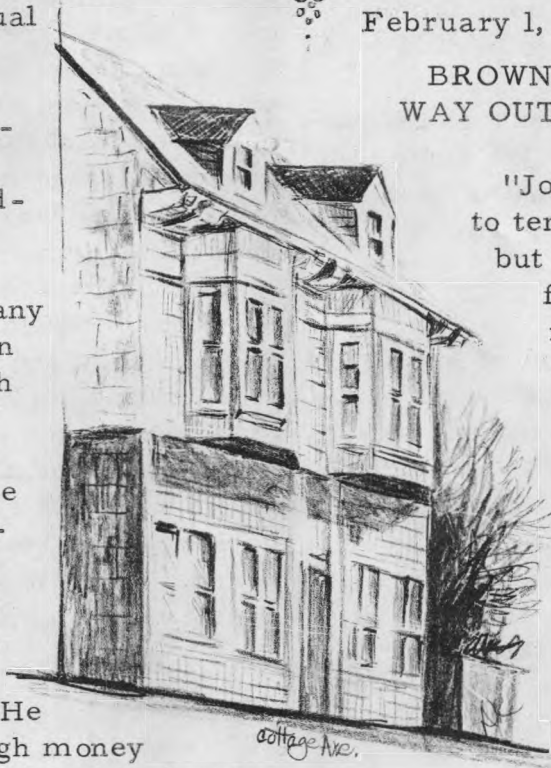
"John Brown was sentenced to ten days by Judge Lindsey, but will not have to put in the full time. A kind samaritan named William Crowley, a sewer contractor, needed a man yesterday to dig trenches and knowing Brown as a reliable man, went to Pullman to find him, and was told where he would be found.

"On inquiry as to how much it would take to get him out it was found he had served four days of his ten. So at \$1.00 per day it would take six dollars.

"Well, that was easier than I thought," exclaimed the latter. 'Here's your six dollars. Brown is worth three dollars per day to me and he can easily pay me back in a week's time.' So Brown was brought forth and under Crowley's wing left the jail. 'No more jail for me', was his parting shot. 'I don't mind the wood pile; that was fun. But the jail don't look good to me.' "

January 31, 1916....

"Judge William Lindsey retires today after serving as police judge for many years... after an active and busy life of 77 years."



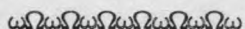
7. (Trivia, continued)

New red hymnals have been presented to the First Methodist Church by the Memorials Committee and the Rev. Richard Smith will dedicate them this Sunday during the morning worship service.

Each book contains a name in whose honor or memory the book has been placed. The specially designed book plates depict the historic church steeple.

New hymnals are only printed every 20 or 25 years. Extra hymnals are available to anyone who would like to place one in his family name or in the name of a friend.

Anyone that has contributed to the Memorial Fund is invited to attend the dedication at 11:00 a.m. Edna Hathaway will give a resume of the Memorials Committee's activities.



When I see a hippie dressed in some outdated, faded satins and crushed velvets, the fat, thick heeled shoes that lace, the evening beaded bags, etc, it reminds me of children playing dress-up with the uncoordinated, unmatched treasures we used to love to wear and feel and were such fun. BUT..their influence on fashion is remarkable. And, where are the little girls that used to parade in mother's finery and high heels, these days?

Noted sculptor

Richmond is honored to have a new sculpture studio in its Industrial village. Hans Rawinsky has moved here from New York with his exciting collection of metal sculptures. His compositions are studies in the tension between organic and mechanical subjects -- they reach upward and are close to nature.

On Sunday, February 16, Mr. and Mrs. William Kretzmer will open their home for a sale of Rawinsky sculptures, 1:00 p.m. to dusk. Interested people are cordially invited to attend.

Stamps for Orphans

As small a thing as a cancelled stamp can help orphans...A project being carried on by the Women's Missionary Society of the Point Baptist Church was begun by the German Baptist Assembly, which helps orphaned children. Through this program two orphanages are maintained and many children placed in foster homes.

If anyone would like to help in the project, cancelled stamps may be mailed or brought to the church at 304 Washington Ave., or call Eunie Morin (233-5358) or Margaret Howard (223-8006).

Instructions for preparing stamps: All types of cancelled stamps can be used, if they are not damaged. If possible, a one-inch margin should be left around each stamp.

The stamps should be packed into small boxes, the total weight of each wrapped box not to be over two pounds. (Duty must be paid on boxes over two pounds).

School Lament

Rain, rain, go away.
The kids at Washington School won't
go outside and play...
In the rooms, too much noise
Is coming from the girls and boys.
A voice from Mr. Hill's intercom
Says, "Be calm."
"Wait for the ring of the bell
Then sock it to 'em with a yell."
Happy are the teachers, and yard
teachers
At the end of the day
When they, too, can go home, and
Watch a TV Play.

J.M. Palenchar.

WEST SIDE LIBRARY

by Mary Burkhard

ATTENTION SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN AND PARENTS.....

Due to lack of attendance at the Saturday story hours, West Side is going to begin showing films instead. They will begin at 11:10, ten minutes later than the story hour, to accommodate the children who attend catechism until 11:00. Tomorrow, there will be the usual story hour, but the film program will begin February 8 with the films "Oregon Trail" and "Glass". The former recreates the tremendous saga of the Westward crossing of the American continent through the eyes of an American family.

"Glass" is a Dutch film showing glass blowers at work. Accompanying music by the Oscar Peterson jazz group, as well as unusual photography make this an artistic film. We hope the films will attract more children to the library. The 11:00 Tuesday story hour for preschoolers will continue as usual.... That too, would certainly benefit from better attendance.

In addition to films for children, we've some interesting new books for adults at West Side. There's a huge ring-bound BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS DECORATING BOOK with thousands of color photographs and sections on apartment planning, special rooms, lighting, remodelling, and "little-money" decorating.

We have John LeCarre's latest novel, A SMALL TOWN IN GERMANY, set in the near future in Bonne, Germany. The protagonists are British diplomats, their wives, and aspiring German politicians. While the Foreign Office is locked in a last desperate battle to enter the Common Market, while the new Germany is being carried away on a rising tide of student-bourgeois nationalism, an aging second secretary has vanished from the British Embassy. And with him, apparently, have gone official files whose disclosures could ruin Britain's chances at the negotiating table. Alan Turner, a tough investigator from London, is sent to find him.

The last book I would like to herald is DAUGHTERS OF THE COUNTRY by Walter O'Meara. This is the first published account of an oddly neglected aspect of American history -- the racial and sexual confrontation of the Indian women and the white men on our frontiers. Mr. O'Meara traces this fascinating relationship from earliest times, showing us the Indian woman in all the roles of her obscure history: as the victim of mass rape, as slave concubine, trading-post and rendezvous prostitute, casual blanket-sharer, hospitality gift to a passing trader, and sometimes as the loved and respected wife of a distinguished man. Told with sympathy and humanity, Daughters of the Country is a warm and moving story, as well as an important historical document. (It received very favorable review in TIME magazine.)



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Know Your Neighbors

It seems a natural coincidence that a native of an old-world town in Pennsylvania, engaged in a very old art, should settle in one of Point Richmond's oldest homes--the Cramer house on Martina Street.

Son of a woodcarver, Val Sigstedt grew up in the midst of artisans in a community which seemed increasingly remote and unsubstantial, though his descriptions were vivid and colorful.

Bryn Athen, a community established by a millionaire named Pitcairn, lies on a square mile of land, north of Philadelphia. The Swedenborgian community is similar to Mennonite settlements, with its own schools, college and seminary in the little town. Val went to school here, and learned the art of woodcarving. He remembers treasure-hunting among the plaster and remnants of mosaics from the stained glass factory in the town, which eventually spawned two more factories. One of these, the Oliver Smith Stained Glass factory, gave Mr. Sigstedt part of his experience in his present occupation as a master artist in stained glass.

After attending school in Aspen, Colorado, Mr. Sigstedt worked in an art glass studio in Santa Fe, New Mexico, which produced designs that were translated into glass in Italy, then shipped back and repaired and installed. He then became foreman in a Pittsburgh factory for a short time before serving in the Army. Overseas, he had a chance to study the stained glass work done in Germany and France, in some of the famous cathedrals.

When he returned to Pittsburgh, he decided to go into fine art, and attended Temple University Art School, in Philadelphia, where he met his wife, Mai, who is also an artist.

For a time, Val returned to wood

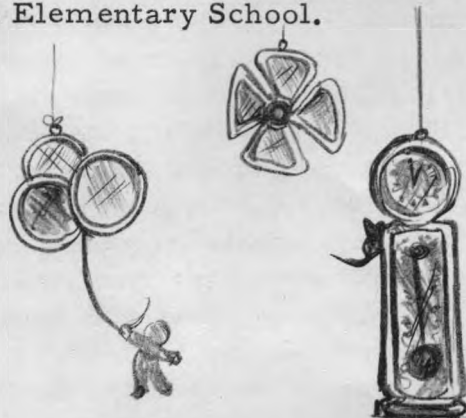
carving, making panels for church doors, etc. He was commissioned by the duPont family to make a replica of the ornate fireplace of George Washington, and it is now in the Smithsonian Institute.

Mr. Sigstedt eventually returned to his first love, stained glass, creating windows, decorative mirrors and unusual hangings. He and his wife lived for a time in Bryn Athen, in a two-story stone building which had at one time been a school house. Since it had no wiring or plumbing, and was covered with poison ivy, the couple spent much time remodeling the home which overlooks the Delaware River.

When the Sigstedt's first moved to California, they lived in Concord. They settled quickly in an apartment so that Val could fill Christmas orders to be sent to George Jensen in New York.

In the Bay Area, his work may be seen in Ghirardelli Square, at the American Craft Center, at the Chelsea Shop in the Cannery, and at Pablo Fanques Fair, in the Old Firehouse in Point Richmond. The Ben Johnson at the Cannery, which will soon open, will have a stained glass window made by Mr. Sigstedt, and the Frank Pearson home in Point Richmond has a bedroom enhanced by two small Sigstedt windows.

Mrs. Sigstedt is a seamstress, a painter, and assists in the stained glass work, besides being the mother of two children who now attend Washington Elementary School.



BASIC SCHOOL MATH:

STAND STILL = GO BACKWARD

The basic industrial wealth in this district is in Richmond. Before unification this allowed the two Richmond districts (elementary and secondary) to keep their heads above water; after unification, that industrial wealth was spread more thinly over Pinole, San Pablo, and El Sobrante -- and it is not enough to keep everyone's head above water.

Before unification, Richmond's (elementary and secondary) tax rate was \$3.00. Pinole and San Pablo's rate was \$3.50, Sheldon District paid \$3.75.

Unification increased the tax rate in Richmond to \$3.14 and lowered the rate in Pinole, San Pablo and Sheldon districts to \$3.14. Why? The law requires that a unified district tax rate be set at a figure to bring in the same number of dollars that were brought in by the component districts. That figure was \$3.14 and the voters rejected an attempt to increase it in June of 1965.

Inflation has eaten into the district's income and between inflation and ordinary salary increment costs it requires about \$1,000,000 additional each year merely to provide what was provided the year before. Trouble has been building up in this district since 1958, when the district began to eat into its reserve fund, which is now used up.

An estimate of the financial needs for 1969-70 school year indicates that the district will be more than \$2,000,000 short of being able to continue a minimally adequate educational program. Greater educational cuts will be necessary.

The last successful tax election in Richmond was in 1952. After unification in 1965, the basic rate was adjusted to \$3.14. Overrides which can be levied by the board have raised it to \$4.72 to cover medical, dental, retirement and bonds.

An override tax is a tax over and above the general fund operating tax, permitted by legislature, for a specific purpose. Examples of override tax include those for retirement, social security, health plans, fire safety, education of mentally retarded or physically handicapped children. The idea behind override taxes is that

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(Taxes - continued)

funds for specific legislation should not be taken from the funds that pay for the program of regular education.

Why has the district waited so long before having a tax rate increase election? The Richmond Districts tried twice before unification; the elections failed. The unified district tried in June, 1965, but was rejected by the voters, and yet in the same period several bond issues were passed to build new schools.



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WHICH IS MOST HARMFUL TO A
DISTRICT?

TEACHERS' STRIKE or SANCTIONS

A teachers' strike would temporarily close down schools. When over, the teachers would return to their classrooms to teach the children. When sanctions are applied, there is a boycott, and teachers are urged to leave the district. In fact, the NEA's computerized placement service will find comparable jobs for any teachers who wish to relocate.

Why do we have sanctions in Richmond? Because this community refuses to cooperate and communicate with its teachers. The teachers wish to educate not mediate. They are frustrated by a lack of materials and poor working conditions and when they look around they see problem free areas such as Mt. Diablo (Concord), Moraga, Walnut Creek, San Ramon and San Leandro receiving more salary -- as do teachers in problem areas such as San Francisco, Berkeley, and Hayward. In a listing of salary schedules for 25 of the largest Bay Area school districts, the Richmond Unified School District ranks 24th for an AB minimum starting salary, and 22nd for a regular schedule maximum salary. The RUSD teachers' salaries are among the lowest in the Bay Area.

HOW ARE SANCTIONS BEING APPLIED
in the Richmond Unified School District?

More than 1500 telegrams have gone out to colleges and universities, to placement offices and to newspapers announcing that the Richmond Unified School District is unfit to educate children and unfit to teach in. Teachers seeking jobs are urged to stay out of Richmond Schools or risk the

loss of professional status and exclusion from all professional organizations and their activities. During Christmas vacation the Richmond Unified School District interviews applicants for teaching positions; ordinarily there are upwards of 30 applicants. This year pickets were placed in front of the personnel office to inform applicants of the sanction. The result was that only six people applied. If the status quo remains, RUSD will be short of teachers next fall.

Colleges and Universities will be advised to withdraw teacher trainees from the Richmond Schools. The district's supply of student teachers has been cut off at UC because teachers have called the university and refused to accept these student teachers within their classrooms.

Teacher sanctions have been used only once before in California, in the Little Lake Elementary District in Los Angeles County. Although the sanctions were lifted when the community rectified the situation, the district has not yet recovered. Property values have declined and commercial interests are not interested in locating in an area which was nationally advertised as having a sub-standard educational system.

Remember that schools mirror the community in which they exist.

INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE SCHOOL BOARD?

The Education Codes of the State of California allows only for an increase in the size of a school board by appointment; the incumbent board appointing the additional members. Appointments are to be made within 60 days following the election to decide whether to increase or not.

As a result of petitions signed by residents of this school district and filed with the County Committee on School District Organization, the voters of the Richmond Unified School District on April 16, 1969, will have the opportunity to decide whether the school board should

should be increased to seven members.¹² A simple majority is required to pass this increase.

The term of office for these new members would begin immediately after appointment; one term to expire in June, 1971, and the other in June, 1973. Thereafter, they would be filled by election coinciding with the present seats (3 elected in 1971 and 4 elected in 1973).

Two years ago this question was defeated at the polls, apparently because people opposed the idea of appointment, although they favored an increase in the size of the School Board. Apparently no effort has been made to effect a change in the intervening years.

A larger board should be more representative of the district. Our present unified district is large, and there is a need for wider representation; the vote of an individual member would have less impact and an absence from a meeting would not be as crucial.

Working with a 7-member board could create more demands on the superintendent and his staff. Allowing time at board meetings for seven opinions (using this year's time as a schedule) could get pretty ridiculous.

A larger school board would provide additional man hours, but would not necessarily reduce the work load of the individual members.

ON WEATHER.....

Yesterday morning, Mrs. Ed Palenchar of Tewksbury Avenue wanted to get her laundry out on the line early. She did, and a little later in the morning she found that the clothes froze!!

... Which brings back memories of Minnesota winters when my mother, in spite of the weather, hung clothes outside--just outside--the door on a wooden rack. On the way to school one morning, I bumped against a pair of my father's longjohns, and broke them in two.



There will be a membership orientation class at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Point Richmond at 3 p.m. February 2.

The Junior High Methodist Youth Fellowship will have a progressive dinner on Sunday, February 2 beginning at five o'clock. They will stop and eat at the Dornan's, the Wear's, the Cheynes, and the Valentines.

The Senior High MYF will have a Pancake Breakfast Sunday morning, February 9, between the hours of nine and ten-thirty, after which everyone is invited to attend church. Donation for the breakfast is one dollar.

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During Lent, Our Lady of Mercy Church will hold mass at 7:30 on Wednesday evenings. Following mass, there will be a question and discussion period. All are invited.

The Baptist Youth Fellowship group is reactivating, under the guidance of Edith Hendrix. Last Saturday they met at the Church for a hamburger get-together and games. Young people in the community are invited to join, on Sunday evenings from six to seven p.m.

Father R. Prendeville's dog Clancy is "Doing fine and lively as ever". Father Prendeville thanks the many people that inquired about Clancy.

Jean Allyn, Camp Fire leader of the Elu Ta Nah Camp Fire Girls (the name means "happy little women"), led the group in their first ceremonial of the year, Thursday. They received their beads, and as a special treat, she let them all order goodies from the Old Firehouse Ice Cream Parlor.... there were nine orders of banana splits, and one of carmel cashew milk shake. Mrs. Helen Valentine assisted with the party--- (and probably had to help nine little girls with full tummies get back home.)

We just heard about a New Year's Baby. Tony and Bobby Lou Lizarraga welcomed their New Year's Day arrival, Lisa Marie. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Hector Lizarraga of Western Drive, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swerdfeger of West Richmond Avenue.

We are happy to know that Michael Kinter is home again from the hospital. (page 15, please)

Mortuary Tour

by Dorothy King.

Mr. Wallace Darling, cub master of Scout Pack 135 suggested to parents a way to make money for the scouts. A free tour of Wilson and Kratzer Mortuaries would raise one dollar for each adult in attendance; the money being donated by funeral director Fran Wilson.

Mr. Wilson guided the tour. There were twenty-eight people attending, all of whom signed tickets which were used for a drawing. Winner of a prize of an appointment at a beauty parlor was Mr. William Mahler. Everyone laughed because he has beautiful curly hair.

Mr. Wilson commented on people's fear of death, which keeps them from coming near a funeral parlor until they pass on, and then one of the friends or relatives must plan for the funeral. The funeral director and friends or relatives then must make the decisions concerning the funeral. People like comfort and dignity and nice surroundings in churches and synagogues while alive... and it is the same when you die, because it is a memorial tribute to you. Friends can get together and really talk about you--good things you did or bad. Some will attend wondering if you left them anything in your will. And there will be some who will really miss you. Choices you may want to make yourself beforehand include clothing, type and color of casket, a favorite flower, music you like, soloists and appropriate hymns, earth burial, cremation, mausoleum entombment-- whatever you want. And you can pay as much as you want for your funeral, because if you don't pay before you die, they will get it from your estate, so don't worry.

You have to be entombed.. this is law, in case of some sort of disease. Death notices are not free, they must also be paid for; a fact which many people don't know.

Mr. Wilson took us upstairs to the casket room. There were all kinds of caskets

to choose from. I liked a white one with silver threads in the cloth, and gold candles on the sides. It looked comfortable, with enough room to roll over (I've heard that people do that.) It was rather quiet in the room, and when my friend decided to test a casket by knocking on it, everyone jumped. Even Mr. Wilson was startled, and suddenly everyone wanted to leave. We all walked downstairs, and I had the feeling that some wanted to run out, but they all tried to walk calmly out.

My friend and I enjoyed our evening with Mr. Wilson at the Wilson and Kratzer mortuaries... and the scout troop will enjoy his donation during the coming year.



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5 (Here and There , continued)

Sorry to hear that Alice Williamson is in the Richmond Hospital... best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Betty Moore , of Jumbo Burgers, has a new member on her restaurant crew--Mrs. Donna Mason, who lives in Point Richmond, with her two sons, Kevin and Robert, who attend Washington School.

Marquette Lott just got a new car, and is very happy.

A belated birthday congratulations to Mr. Alex Alexander , of Alexander's Tik Tok Shop.

Please don't forget that the Job's Daughters are collecting old newspapers--in case you have some. It takes a lot of paper to make a ton. In the Point, call Pam Wilson, and for central Richmond, call Christy Wilson (234-0814 and 233-8434).

Misery is being on a diet to lose twenty

pounds, and being in a friend's kitchen for half a day, with a lazy suzan full of poppy-seed cake from the Apple Tree staring at you every minute.

Outdoor Puzzles

by Wendy Wirth

Dane: Do you like codfish balls?

Jane: I don't know. I've never been to one.



Mr. Loter: This is an ideal spot for a picnic.

Mrs. Loter: It must be--fifty million insects can't be wrong!

Father: Did you catch those fish all by yourself?

Son: Nah. Some worms helped me.

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Nature in the Classroom

Conservation and nature education has been taking a back seat too long in the elementary schools. And the East Bay Regional Park District, aided by three local agencies and the Federal Government, has taken the first step in a proposed three-year teacher training program.

"There is a great need for teachers who know about their environment and have the ability to use the out-of-doors as a laboratory for learning," Christian Nelson, chief of the EBRPD Interpretive Department, said.

The district has available a grant to plan a program between now and July for the imaginative project entitled "Environmental Learning Experience for Elementary Teachers." A pilot project will begin in the fall, in which some 150 teachers will be trained.

Basically, the project calls for 15 school teachers a week to be enrolled for an intensive orientation and training program, for a total of 450 during the school year, or 1350 for the potential life of the program. Nelson states, "All the naturalists in our parks and the world, for that matter, couldn't meet the urgent demand or need for instruction in conservation and nature education." "We must educate everyone to identify the wealth of natural resources and to have a responsibility for their best use. The ultimate aim of nature education is to instill in every person a respect for our natural environment and a realization that the manner in which it is managed will have a direct bearing upon the economic and social well being of this and future generations."

Nelson pointed out that the impetus for the program resulted from passage of State Senate Bill 1 authored by the late Sen. George Miller and John Knox. The bill makes it mandatory to provide school instruction in the protection and conservation of resources.

Possibly Purple Polyps ?

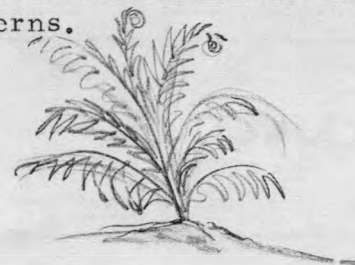
The United States Army has released a report on the interplanetary possibility of unidentified flying objects, with the news that we have not been visited by little green men from outer space.

Charles Darwin, the eminent evolutionist, gave us this news some time ago. His conclusion was that man had evolved from primordial ooze to lower vertebrates to man. The statistical probability of our precise reduplication on another planet is so small as to be meaningless.

Life may exist on other planets, but not man as we know him. Our "Immense Journey" continues to be a lonely one. There may be wisdom in outer space, but of man elsewhere, there will be none forever.



Chlorophyll and hemoglobin have identical composition of elements, with a single exception: Chlorophyll has magnesium at its center, hemoglobin has iron. The production of oxygen made life possible for animals, but possibly a billions of years old mutation -- the inability of some plants to produce oxygen -- is the reason we are animals and not firmly rooted ferns.



A Letter FROM A PARENT ...

[The following letter was sent in reply to a request by a division of the School District, for parental permission to allow psy-

chological and educational testing by psychology students at U.C., of the writer's child. She thought her reaction to the request might be of interest to other parents, and is therefore reprinted here:]

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"We have received your letter. I cannot accept your precept not to be alarmed over the proposed "practice" psychological testing of my daughter. Whether or not the results of these tests become part of her permanent school record, the experience of being subjected to them becomes a permanent part of her. No one can convince me that children are so unperceptive that they cannot at least intuit the responses desired of them. I would rather my daughter learn to respond to life than to tests.

"The best that can be said of these proposed tests is that they are irrelevant--except perhaps to the students giving them. I hop to be able to raise my children to defend themselves from foundation-sponsored inquisitors who would catalog their every habit. Until they are able to fend for themselves against psychologists, market analysis, data banks, and credit associations, I will exercise my prerogative and my duty as a parent in protecting them. Not only do I refuse my permission for college students to practice psychological testing on my child; I forbid any kind of psychological testing whatsoever, whether administered by an amateur or by a professional. As an explanatory note, -- but in no way mitigating any of the foregoing statements -- I would like to point out that I do not wish to stamp out mental health. What I oppose, strenuously, is mass testing for statistical studies. No discipline (if one may call it that) has developed such a plethora of statistics as educational psychology; no discipline has such a dearth of results.

"Even were there some good to come of participation in these tests, it is not the function of the school to engage in this activity. Your eagerness to do so is indicative of a widespread and growing conception of the school as the center of the
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(Letter - continued)

child's existence - a conception with which I profoundly disagree. Like many other parents, I am concerned about the increasing institutional intrusion into what used to be considered private life. Point Richmond children cannot even celebrate Halloween without involving the school, the PTA, a number of unenthusiastic teenagers, and the school's already overworked teachers. I fully expect that within the next few years, we will have annual Hanukah candle-lighting festivals and celebrations of the Chinese New Year and Jomo Kenyatta's birthday. After all, we cannot risk being called racist.

"Elementary school teachers are asked to do enough without our demanding that they be psychologists, policemen, and social directors of our children's lives. Let us not default on our obligations as parents. Concurrently, let us neither allow the schools to default on their obligations nor exceed them.

"You may think I am overreacting to a simple request for cooperation in an 'educational project'. Too often we allow our privacy to be invaded in the name of science or necessity, afraid that if we resist answering the most personal questions asked in that guise we will be branded as reactionary, anti-intellectual, or politically right-wing. Social scientists have been particularly guilty of this type of accusatory self-defense. I will abide it no longer."

Very truly yours,
(Mrs.) Judith Johnston

Recipe

BLUE CHEESE DRESSING

1/2 cup blue cheese	1/3 cup clear French
1/3 cup cottage cheese	dressing
2 Tbs. oil	1/3 cup Mayonnaise
	1/2 cup cream or half-
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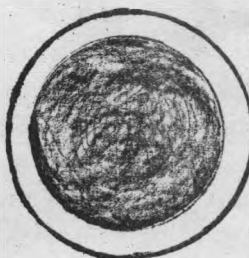
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19. WHO'S Running?

Of the fifteen men racing to obtain the office vacated by George Miller, these two press releases have reached us, and may acquaint you with at least these two men:

Richmond Councilman Stanley Grydyk, who received an unprecedented vote in the last council election, announced his candidacy for State senate.

Grydyk, 47, is a former mayor of Richmond, a recently appointed director of BART District, and is a democrat. He is a certified public accountant, with a degree in business administration.

He states, "I am a candidate because I believe my training and experience qualify me for the job. The people of Contra Costa County need an effective legislator who is familiar with our problems."

"Failure of the state legislature in three sessions to solve the rapid transit financing is costing the taxpayers \$3 to \$4 million every month. Meanwhile, the public is denied use of the system, and traffic congestion increases. And once again Bay Area legislators are divided on the solution. I will unequivocally support the legal authorities in their attempts to quell campus unrest, fight to protect our water resources from Southern California interests, and push vocational education and private ownership of low-cost homes. Tax loopholes must also be closed and householders must get a tax break."

Mr. Grydyk was first elected to the council in 1961; he launched a number of programs that resulted in saving hundreds of thousands of dollars. As mayor he negotiated for city purchase of a shipyard for \$4 million, which will bring enough income to pay off a \$23 million fire and police pension deficit.

He is married and has two sons who expect to enter the service shortly and are students at the University of San Francisco. He is a native of Chicago, studied accounting at Loyola, obtained law and business degrees from U. of S. F.

George Miller, candidate for the State Senate, called for strong legislation during the current session which will provide absolute protection for San Francisco Bay.

"The Bay is one of the great natural resources of the world," Miller said. "As a senator, I would not tolerate any filling of the Bay which is not clearly in the public interest. I support strong legislation establishing a permanent bay control commission with firm regulatory powers."

"Further, water quality standards must be established for the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers to protect both the Delta and all San Francisco Bay from pollution."

"Firm limitations must be set on the proposed San Joaquin Master Drain which has been proposed to dump agricultural wastes into the Delta region and which could cause massive, destructive algae bloom throughout the Bay."

Miller said the Bay must be saved not only for the present generation of Californians but also for generations yet unborn.

"The Bay is important for its awe inspiring beauty, as a natural air conditioning system, as a source of oxygen to absorb pollutants in the air and to support the fish and wild fowl that flourish in its waters and along the shore."

"This God-given natural wonder must not be destroyed by the thoughtless acts of man. It must be thoroughly and adequately protected and I pledge my continued support of legislation which would provide that protection."

Miller is a candidate for the seat vacated by his father, the late George Miller, Jr. Roy Mespelt of El Cerrito and Mayor Lenard Grote of Pleasant Hill are chairmen of the 11th and tenth districts to campaign for Miller's election.

The Progressive Education League is holding a reception for the black candidate for School Board, Fri. Jan 31, at 8 p. m. in the Bermuda Room.

Went Ads

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FEB. 5 - Wednesday
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FEB. 8 - Saturday
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FEB. 9 - Sunday
Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 to 10:30, Methodist Church.

FEB. 14 - Friday
Kennedy Music Boosters Benefit - Harding School, "Impossible Years", 8:30.

FEB. 15 - Saturday
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