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### 1. HERE'S TO GREEN DAYS

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ARBOR Irish Moss (Chondrus crispus) is

a seaweed with fan-shaped leathery purple limbs. It is used commercially for food, and medicinally for a gland ointment. (Also called carrageen).

The following recipes are taken from a very old cook book ....

### IRISH MOSS JELLY

One-half cup Irish Moss One Lemon One-third cup sugar

Soak the moss in cold water until soft; pick over and wash again. Then put into the boiling water and simmer until dissolved. Add the lemon juice and sugar and strain into a mould. Especially good in rheumatic diseases.

### IRISH MOSS LEMONADE

One Cup Irish Moss One pint boiling water

Soak, pick over and wash moss. Add the boiling water. Let it stand at the boiling point for a half hour without actually boiling. Strain, add the juice of one lemon, and sugar to taste.

> .... from Vivilore, by Dr. Mary R. Melendy, copywright, 1904.



We missed Arbor Day! As we looked back to find out when it had been, we found that no calendars mention Arbor Day, and although Briginally placed on the birth date. of its founder, Julius Morton, on April 22, in the midwest, a, each state seems to have its own Arbor Day, and California actually seems to have no official day.

This is strange, considering the emphasis on conservation -- why hasn't a conservation group marched on the state capital insisting on an official Arbor Day for California???

California's official Arbor Day was, originally, in late November -- to we really missed it? It was originated by the poet, Joaquin Miller, Adolph Sutro and General O.O. Howard. They celebrated it by a tremendous tree planting on the southwest slope of Yerba Buena Island; a forest in the shape of a cross.

The entire forest was eventually demolished by a forest fire. A later generation of school children planted the forest that now stands above the tunnel as one crosses Yerba Buena Island.

Broken-hearted at the loss of the beautiful cross-shaped forest, Jaaquin Miller got another donation from millionaire Surro, gathered school children, and planted another cross-shaped forest on a logged-over hillside behind his home in the hills east of Oakland. There he could give them his personal care, and as he put it, "get to know each one of them. "

As the trees grew, the cross sould be seen for miles, fulfilling Miller's purpose, "to perpetually plead the sanctity of the tree and the cause of our Common Mother."

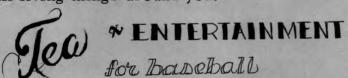
Eventually Miller's cross proliferated into a splendid forest, now within the Joaquin Miller - Woodminster Park.

Miller did create an official Arbor Day, and California's "Conservation, Bird and Arbor Day" is supposed to be March 7, Luther Burbank's birthday -- and how many of you missed it too?

Far from being commonplace or stale, the events at this week-end's "Ecofaire" at JFK High School promise to be educational and challenging. Beginning tonight (Friday March 13) after introductory nemarks by Kennedy Principal Harry Reynolds and Senator John Nejedly, the program includes skits, and speeches by Dr. Marc Lappe and Cliff Humphrey.

Saturday, March 14, a day-full of discussion, exhibits and even songs, will fill absorbent minds with enough information to create some positive action. At 10 a.m. representatives from the Health department, Air Pollution district and Water Quality district will speak, and then join in discussion with a teacher, a student and a representative from the community, Mrs. Kathy Lord of the Stop Smog committee.

Houck and Scott will provide music, and an art contest will be viewed between the other events, ending at 7 p.m. with the eveningfull of experts. Assemblyman John Knox opens the evening, followed by Dr. Arnold Schultz, Dr. Fred Tarp and Dr. Joel Fort, who may not send you home with a sense of well-being, but perhaps with the knowledge of how to assist the well-being of all living things around you.



Don't forget to celebrate St. Patrick's
Day on Tuesday (If you aren't wearing green
just carry a Point Counterpoint), by attending the benefit tea for Point Richmond Boys'
Baseball. "Beginnings of Point Richmond"
will be witnessed on slides shown by Don
Church. Look at the back of this paper for
details, and don't missit.

### **EXCURSION INFO**

Excursioning Monday will be postponed until Monday, March23, when the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee will meet with any interested people at 9:30 a.m. at

the parking lot on Railroad Avenue, 2. behind the Old Firehouse, to view the innovative garbage disposal plant being set into operation by Los Gatos. Watch for a confirming announcement next week.

# Experimental CONCERTIEXHIBIT

A unique program of experimental music and snapshot photographs by a group of young artists, who perform under the collective name "Home" will be held at the Richmond Art Center on Tuesday, March 17 at 7 p.m. It is open to the public, and admission is free.

The hear-see exhibit will take place in the large gallery, where the audience will be seated.

The musical ensemble consists of horn, keyboard, vibes, moog synthesizer, drums, amplified acoustic bass, and will be accompanied by projected slides by Bruce Connor and Pat Gleeson. Connor is a nationally known artist and winner of many awards.

### "THE CAGE"

This seems to be the week for unusual entertainment. At Contra Costa College, at 8 p.m. March 18, the Barbwire Theatre, comprised of former San Quentin prisoners or men on parole, is performing a play about prison called "The Cage."

Written by Rich Cluchey who has been working with the Drama Workshop since 1957, it is a play about four men "caged together." If the job of a work of att can be to compel its audience to look at a reality -- that ordinarily either cannot or will not be recognized -- then "The Cage" has an apt subject performed by an appropriate cast.

There is no admission charge to the play which will be performed at the Student Center.



# 3. NIY LITTLE chickadee "

W.C. Fields and Mae West star in a Contra Costa College film showing on Thursday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Liberal Arts Lecture Hall.

This Comedy-western-farce is among the funniest of the current W.C. Fields revivals. The eighty-three minute film will be free to the public. The original screen play was written by Mae West and W.C. Fields.

# DEETHOVEN DECENTENNIAL

Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, his Triple Concerto and the Fidelio Overture will make up the program celebrating the Beethoven BiCentennial, on Saturday, March 21, at 8:30 p.m. at the Oakland Auditorium Theater. The concert, presented by the Merritt College-Community Orchestra will feature soloists Garfield Moore, cello, Celia Rosenberger, violin and Ann Epperson, piano. All are young artists of exceptional talent, performing a rarely-heard Beethoven trio.

In the Pastoral Symphony and the Fidelio Overture, Beethoven's timeless art speaks with striking relevance as we struggle to preserve the beauty of our country and to find justice and freedom for all men.

The orchestra will be under the direction of Dr. Randolph Hunt. Complimentary tickets are available, previous to the concert, by calling 235-4222; and some will be placed at the West Side Library.

Last Call for COOKIES

The annual Girl Scout cookie sale ends on Sunday. If you've missed getting yours, or want a supply for the freezer (they'll really taste good in a couple of months), call Mrs. Tedrick (234-0415) or Mrs. Simeral (235-7366); they'll send a Scout or a Brownie around.

There are four choices this year: Scot-Teas (sugar); Mints, Savannahs (peanut butter) or Sandwich. The price is \$1.00 per box. A delicious way to help the Girl Scouts! Stop, THIEF!

The number of burglaries has begun to alarm almost everyone. In the past three months there has been an increase in the number of burglaries in this area.

You've probably all seen foreign films in which a thief is seen, and one after another person on the street joins in running after the suspect, yelling 'Stop, Thief!'

Because of cars, and because people are often not around when burglaries occur, catching a thief is no easy matter. However, a Point resident witnessed an escaping thief, and, even though we can't join a throng yelling "Stop, Thief!", we can be on the alert for the following vehicle and driver, who were seen leaving the scene of a burglary, with a stolen TV inside the trunk of the car.

The car was large, a late model maroon colored, shiny car, driven by a 35 to 45 - year old Negro male with stocky heck, wearing a brimmed hat. If you have seen, or happen to see a car and driver fitting this description, please try to get the license number and immediately call 237-7000, ext. 331, detective Peckham.

Swim PROGRAM

Several of the swimming programs offered by the Richmond Plunge begin on March 30: Family Swim Lessons, from 7 to 8 p.m. Mondays, with lessons for the entire family; Springboard Diving, a class for both advanced and beginner students, beginning Mondays at 8 p.m.; Water Safety Instruction, Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m.; Junior and Senior Lifesaving, Mondays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., and Handicapped Swim for adults and children, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays.

Session II for Tiny Tots begins March 31, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 and 11 a.m.; Session III of the Youth Learn to Swim Program begins March 30, with afternoon classes at 3:00 and 4:00.

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# REPRESENDE

\*\*\*\*\* FIFTY YEARS AGO\*\*\*\*\*

March 13, 1920....

"WALL 'CITY HALL' FOR SCHOOL"

In 1920, Richmond had an excess city hall, and not enough schools, and a school bond election to face; thus the proposal to use the "Wall" City Hall for a school....

"It is a fine building and could be got cheap and remodeled -- Wall has given much valuable land to Richmond -- seems to be a general apathy about the bonds, with no talk at all."

March 14, 1920.....

"PLANS ARE MADE TO STOP CHILD LABOR"

"Definite plans to stop en ployment of children in asparagus canneries and fields near Antioch and Pittsburg were laid today by Superinte dent of Schools William H. Hanlon...."

March 16, 1920.....

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"NEW ADDITION IS PUT ON MARKET"

"Splendid Residence section in East Richmond Hills is thrown open at heretofore unheard of low prices -- adjoins Mira Vista on the North and has a grand view."

March 17, 1920.....

Richmond was solvent ....

"\$269,509.67 IS IN RICHMOND TREASURY"

March 18, 1920....

"TOO MUCH SOB STUFF IN COURTS"

"Thieves, bandits, thugs, murderers, burglars, all running riot all around this Bay, and when one is caught, the Lawyers shed tears, ignorant jurors fall for it and judges deal sympathy instead of justice." March 18, 1920....

"TO START WORK ON NEW T & D ON FRIDAY"

(Picture, middle of page)

"The work on the new Richmond
T & D Theater will probably be started
Friday, according to information given
out yesterday. The contract for the foundation and basement of the new theater has

lowest one received by the architect, A.W. Cornelius."

March 18, 1920....

"HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO GIVE BIG SHOW"

"The students of the Richmond Union High School have formed plans for a big circus .... March 25.

"At 4:30 p.m. on that day the students plan to have a big parade which will start from the high school and march down Macdonald Avenue."

March 19, 1920....

"CIVIC WOMEN FAVOR PLAN OF NEWS"

"Prominent women give expression in favor of electing women to trusteeships on School Board -- women better fitted for place than men is opinion of organization leaders."

"Just one week ago the "News" came out boldly and took a stand in favor of giving women places on the School Board. It was suspected that something would be heard from the women about this important matter, and yesterday several of the ladies prominent in civic affairs were interviewed on the matter . . . . . !! ( something like interviewing a starving man about a seat at the dinner table).

# PARK IS (REALLY?) BORN PYES!REALLY!)

In an almost holiday atmosphere, with members of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee on the verge of bursting into song, the East Bay Regional Park District Directors took action to erase the word "PROPOSED" from the Point Richmond Shoreline Park project.

Culminating 2 and a half years of negotiations, the Directors allocated \$113,3000 to purchase 8 1/2 acres of flat land above high tide on the Point from the Santa Fe Railway at a cost of \$10,000 an acres and acquire six lots atop Nicholl Nob from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwards, for \$24,000 on which an option was due to expire March 17. The balance of the sum will go for attorney and appraiser fees.

The Park District received a grant from Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in February, of \$80,000 for the Point Richmond Park project.

Ultimately, under terms of what might be called the "Point Richmond package", the Park District will have a shoreline park totaling perhaps, 200 acres. The Santa Fe is giving EBRPD 44 underwater acres. It also is providing the District with an easement 48 feet wide and 2800 feet long, linking up the new and undeveloped park acreage with the City of Richmond's existent 1. 3 acre Keller's Beach Park. The Railway will also provide an easement over its tracks from the flat lands area above high tide to the beach where some filling will take place. The city owns a number of underwater acres also. The Regional Park will be expandable in future years.

General Manager of the District, Richard Trudeau, thanked Assemblyman John Knox, Clayton Orr, one of the Park District's legal counsil, Richmond city officials, and Vice President Robert Walker of Santa Fe for their assistance in making the park a reality. Also to be thanked are members of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks committee who untiringly worked for the park's creation. President Louise Hammond and Lucretia Edwards were present to represent the Committee.

# WATCH DOGS NEEDED

Certain-Teed Products Corporation, a Richmond roofing materials manufacturer, has made application for a variance to the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District. Arguments pro and con on this request will be heard by the Variance Committee of the Board at 10 a.m. on March 24th at the District's office in San Francisco.

As a follow-up of the meeting of the District's Board in Richmond on March 4th, those who yearn for a lungful of clean air are urged to attend.

It is to be hoped that no variances will be granted until the Bay Area atmosphere is less reminiscent of Dante's Inferno, and it will be helpful if advocates of this position express their opinions at the Variance Committee hearing. Those interested in the correct procedure for insuring a place on the agenda are requested to contact Kate Lord of the Stop Smog Committee (telephone 235-6514). Those interested in finding out the specifics on the variance requested by Certain-Teed can call Ralph Warner at 233-6205.

### THE SPARK OF a Great MOVEMENT

A group of people were taking a hike in the beautiful Las Trampas ridge area. As they stopped to chat, the subject of land and its cost came up. Someone asked what park land would cost, per square foot, to acquire, at the going rate of 4 to 500 dollars per acre. It figured out to be ONE CENT per square foot! Imagine! Enough park land to grow a half-dozen wildflowers for the cost of a stick of chewing gum! For a buck you can buy a piece 10 feet square... The people discussing this exciting fact were members of the Cort ra Costa Park Council, and they are aware of the lack of funds for purchasing lands. It came as a most exciting thought that, by setting up a fund, people could'buy" a few square feet of land. The idea could grow

into a the kind of "people's park fund" that could help the Regional Park acquire land that might otherwise be lost to them forever. The Contra Costa Park Council would like other people's ideas on their brainstorm. If you have ideas -- for a name, for how to start such a fund -- write to them in care of President Al Burton, 151 Cafeto Court, Walnut Creek, California, 94598.



### TOMORROW'S FILM.....

Tomorrow's film will be a thirty-minute color documentary of the Navajo Indian. A Cartoon "Casey at the Bat" will also be shown.

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NEW BOOKS.....

Just in time for summer vacation planning are two books on canoeing in the United States and Canada. Each explains how to rent, borrow or buy a canoe, basic and advanced paddle strokes, transporting and portaging, and canoe-camping equipment. The books are A GUIDE TO CANOE CAM-PING by Luther Anderson, and Malo's COMPLETE GUIDE TO CANOEING AND CANOE-CAMPING by John Malo. The latter has a useful chapter titled "Water Trails and Map Sources", in which the author tells how to map a canoe trip, suggests canoe trails in all the states and Canada. It gives names and addresses of sources for further information about canoe adventures .

Ralph Nader, James Ridgeway, Robert Coles and David Sanford are knowledgeable and dedicated writers who have consistently brought the truth to the American Consumer. In a new book titled HOT WAR

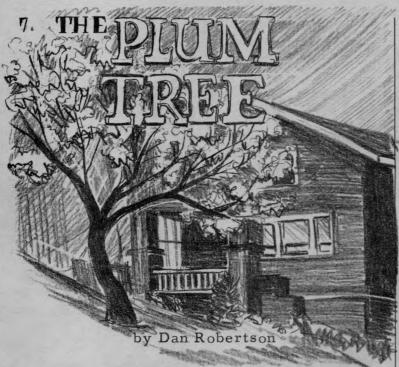
ON THE CONSUMER, they and other contributors to the New Republic magazine speak out on such subjects as food,
drugs, insurance, and consumer protection
in the ghettos. They show that federal agencies have failed to protect the consumer,
that consumers have had virtually no voice
in areas where decisions affecting them are
made, that corporations have knowingly misled the public.

PIE! by Patricia White is a Lois Lenski - sized book with 77 recipes for quiches, seafood pies, vegetable pies, meat pies, custard and cream pies, chiffon and meringue pies and yummy fruit pies, including the very best Apple.

There is a new health foods cook book out titled CARLSON WADE'S GOURMET HEALTH FOODS COOKBOOK.

Richard Condon, author of The Manchurian Candidate, has written another absorbing novel; this one is titled MILE HIGH. In telling the story of Edwards Courance West, the man who invented Prohibition, Richard Condon lavishly creates the threegenerational saga of a powerful Irish-American family whose acquisition of wealth is also the history of American corruption. The reader is taken on a wild tour through realistically detailed scenes in seafront saloons, Mafia meetings, lush brothels, splendid homes, in wardrooms, boardrooms and bedrooms, and finally to the mile-high palace in upstate New York where the kingmaker has reproduced an entire Swiss resort village, the Burgenstock. But West's most brilliant scheme is the seduction of Big Business into support of legalized prohibition. Masterfully exploiting Prohibition through the illegal production and distribution of liquor, he not only amasses billions, he unleashes the most creative criminality the world has ever seen.

Quote for today: "To err is human; but if you really want a mess, use a computer."



If you see any birds flying around Washington Avenue who look sort of bewildered, have pity on them. Their home has been chopped down, ground up and hauled away in a city truck. The City of Richmond has cut down the tree they live in.

While you are about it, have pity on your-self. The tree the City cut down was large and flourishing. A tree that size produces enough pure oxygen to counteract the pollution produced by 20 automobiles. The tree is gone, so you are now breathing the garbage of 20 more automobiles than you were breathing before the city cut down that tree.

Which tree was it? Well, oddly enough, it was the very same tree I wrote about last week. The one that gets white blossoms all over it every spring, the one that lots of birds live in. It was 45 years old and in its prime. A beautiful Japanese Plum. On Sunday, I saw a little kid lean against it to tie his shoelace. On Monday, the city came and chopped it down with their chainsaws, the same chainsaws you hear frequently around here.

Now why did the city come chop down the tree? The tree was not theirs. It was the property of Joe and Elsie Spinola, the people who live downstairs. They loved the tree, because of its beauty. It was far more beautiful than the spindly sycamores that the city plants along the sidewalks of this town.

But the city came along and chopped down the plum tree. Now, why did they do that?

As it turns out, the city sent out two men in a yellow truck with orders to chop down one of those spindly sycamores to make room for a driveway.

The men pulled up in front of 322 Washington, unloaded their chainsaws, and within a few minutes, had cut down a plum tree that took 45 years to grow. Then, they cut the tree up and fed it into a grinder which turned it into sawdust.

The only problem is, they cut down the wrong tree.

They were sent out to cut down a sycamore. They cut down a plum.

They were sent out to cut down a leafless, unhealthy tree which was less than 15 feet tall. They cut down a tree 35 feet tall which was full of red spring leaves.

They were sent out to cut a city tree. They cut a private tree.

They were sent out to make room for a driveway. They cut a tree thirectly in front of a private home, where any conceivable driveway would have to go right through the living room.

By a freak circumstance, nobody was in the house when the men came, Joe was at work, Elsie was away doing bookwork for her lodge, I was at school, Thea was in her office. Thea came home just as the men were sweeping up the last of the sawdust.

"Oh, no!" she said. She cried. "How could you?" she asked.

Well, said the men, they were sent out to cut down a tree, and, by God, they cut down a tree. That's their job.

"That's impossible!" Thea said, "Nobody in this city would order that tree cut down. Nobody would want it cut down."

"Sure they do. We gotta put a driveway through here, lady."

"Through here? Right through the house?"

There was silence. Then one of the men said, "You know, I think we must have cut down the wrong tree. Actually, we were probably supposed to cut that

sycamore down the hill there. Oh well, we'll get to it after lunch. Don't tell anybody, will you, lady? We might get in trouble." They were true to their word. After lunch, they came back and cut down the sycamore tree and ground it up, too.

You would think that there might be some kind of regulations that require these tree "experts" to knock on the owners door to make sure that they are about to cut down the right tree, but there isn't. The men don't have to. That isn't their responsibility. They are only there to cut the trees down.

And, as it turns out, nobody in this city of Richmond feels that this error is his responsibility. City manager Ken Smith has been called up by several people. He is sympathetic. To date, he has done nothing to replace the tree. He says it is the responsibility of the Recreation and Parks department. Mr. Joe Salvato of Recreation and Parks says it is the problem of the man in charge of street trees. A Mr. Nunes is in charge of street trees. He says it is all up to his superior, Mr. Salvato. Mr. Nunes said, "Anyway, this isn't the right time to replace trees. (A professional landscape firm said that this is a fine time to replace trees.)

After all the phone calls, a man came out in a yellow truck and looked at the barren place where the tree had been. All he said was, "Well, that tree hung over the street anyway." He drove off and has not been seen again. Somebody should tell him that all trees planted as street trees hang over the street. That's why they are there. Even the City's sycamores hang over the streets.

All of this activity took place on Monday and Tuesday. Nothing further has been heard from the city. (Can you imagine what would happen if a private citizen destroyed City property? How long do you think it would take for the City Attorney to start a suit?) It is obvious that they do not intend to replace the tree. As is typical, they hope to ignore the entire matter and assume that everyone will quickly forget about it. In the meantime, the men in the yellow trucks still report for work every morning, and are dispatched to "take care" of this City's trees.

We contacted a lawyer. He said . 8. legal fees will probably run about \$250, and to the city probably will not be expected to reimburse the fee even if the court orders them to replace the tree.

The landscape firm said that the largest replacement tree available would only be about half as big as the one cut down and would cost about \$600.

Consider the possibilities. Joe and Elsie and we can spend \$250 to go to cour and the City can probably get by with planting a seedling in front of the house. We will not get the \$250 back and there will be no beautiful plum blossoming on Washington Avenue.

Or, we can pay the landscape firm \$600 and get a tree half as big as the one the city destroyed.

But why should the city not be responsible for its own mistakes? Why isn't the city taking responsibility for its own acts? Why isn't it replacing the tree? It was the city who cut it down.

Why aren't they willing to replace the stree, at a time when this city, this world, needs more trees than ever before?

How can we make them willing? How can you make them willing?

You can help, if you will, by calling or writing Ken Smith and asking him what about the tree on Washington Avenue that the city cut down. You can call up Parks and Recreation, talk to Salvato and Nunes, ask them what about this one tree they cut down. Call up any city councilman, Gay Vargas, believe it or not, is a good bet. Ask him where is the replacement tree for this town. They are all polite men. We must see to it that they become responsible men.

We, those of us who call and write, will not be asking for miracles, we will not be asking for acres of distant redwoods, or for sweeping plans to save the bay, or for hundreds of acres of landsfor new parks. We will be asking for the replacement of one, single, plum tree, cut down by accident, a tree cut down by negligence.

It is only one tree. But if they won't replace this one tree, that they killed by error, then what hope is there for all the other trees, what hope is there for the Bay, what hope is there for parks, what

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### 9. The Plum Tree, continued

hope is there for the "ecology" that the politicians are paying lip service to?

When you drive up Washington, go slowly past 322 and see if the city has replaced the tree yet. If they haven't, call again. We will.

Let's see.

It's only one tree.

Will they do it?

If youwould like to join the citizens in asking for restitution for a lost tree, write a letter, or use the following as a letter or a petition.....

(cut here)

Mr. Joseph Salvato, Director Parks and Recreation Department Civic Center Richmond, California, 94804.

Dear Mr. Salvato:

We believe that when someone damages or destroys another person's property, he must bear the responsibility of replacing that property unless he wishes to be placed in the category of Vandal or Thief. We place ourselves in that same category if we allow the City offices which serve and represent us to destroy private property.

A beautiful tree was destroyed by City employees. This tree was enjoyed by everyone who passed by. The responsibility for the destruction lies in your department, and it should not be necessary to do more than object to an injustice done there for it to be corrected.

Please replace the plum tree on Washington Avenue, with the largest tree feasible, to atone for a blunder that caused the death of a tree enjoyed by so many.

Sincerely yours,

### TERANIKIE MEIL

Last Friday, Frankie Neill of Point Richmond died. The small old man who was known by nearly everyone in Point Richmond will not walk down the streets of Point Richmond with his cane in hand, dressed in a neat suit, with a flower in his lapel. A former bantamweight champion, he retained the demeanor of a champion until his death at the age of 86.

He became champion in a prizefight in 1903, and retained the championship through three subsequent fights.

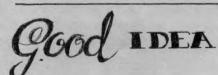
He ended his boxing career in 1910, and his record shows that he engaged in 56 fights, including 13 no-decision bouts. He scored 24 of his 26 victories by knockouts, and was beaten 13 times, and had for draws.

The Richmond Recrod Herald of November 11, 1924 announces the wedding of Neil to Mrs. E. V. Clarkof Richmond. He was then working at the Standard Oil Refinery.

On December 20, 1924, a news bulletin arrived from Vancouver, announcing Neil's death from pneumonia. While other papers carried the announcement of his death, Frankie was at work in the Richmond refinery, and the local paper announced that reports had been "very much exaggerated."

Frankie Neil later operated a gym in the old theater that is now the Point Orient Restaurant.

Since his retirement, Neil enjoyed visiting his friends in Point Richmond, and few people were more widely known and liked, in tlowntown Point Richmond.



A large group of teenagers in Livermore have named themselves "People Limited" and have taken it upon themselves to do something positive about litter, pollution, etc.

Their first project was to clean up kneedeep litter in and around the Arroyo del Valle, a beautiful river flowing through Livermore.... Would you faint if you saw a teenager picking up litter???



Jim Morrison
Mike Kinter
Wendy Wirth
Ben Bray
Gordon Foth
Wendy Hardwick
Lisa Simpson
CAMP FIRE GIRLS

Tuesday is the 60th Birthday of Camp Fire and all Bluebirds and Camp Fire Girls should wear their uniforms to school that day. Would-n't it be nice for a group to bake a cake, add some candles and take it to the teacher's room at Washington School to let them celebrate too! (And I'll be you'd find you'd earned an orange honor bead.)

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Today is Friday the 13th....but who!s superstitious!

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Tuesday is St. Patrick's Day -- Erin go bragh! And why not go to the tea sponsored by the West Side Improvement Club.

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Sign on office wall as employee goes out for coffee: "Must be back by quitting time."  $\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega$ 

Sympathy is extended to Betty Wirth on the loss of her mother, Katie Hartwig, 92, who passed away Friday in a local hospital. She had lived in this area for 25 years and burial was made in East Dubuque, Illinois.

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Services were held Tuesday for one of the Point's pioneer residents, Annie Smith. Last year Annie sold her home on Contra Costa Avenue to live with her son, Richard on Ocean Avenue. Aged 79, she had been a resident here for 63 years.

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What is new around 6942 Laurel Hurst?

Someone has been breaking into the Baptist Church and using their kitchen and basement facilities. Had that someone been more considerate, and shown some fespect for that which others have sacrificed for, members might have been more tolerant. What motivates obscenities to be written all over in what are obviously children's classrooms?

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Hazel Paasch cooked a very special birthday dinner for 18 people last week to honor Russell and Walter, her husband and father-in-law. In fact, our informant raved over the gourmet fish cioppino, plus all the other trimmings that only Hazel could provide.

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Because of the limited number of reservations, those who are interested in the Annual Chinese Luncheon sponsored by the ladies of the Good Shepherd Church should contact Oretta Eaton, 234-0890, right away. It will be on Thursday, March 19th.  $\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega$ 

In case you are in doubt, KSFO reports "good breathing" in our area these past few days.

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Sign outside Reno: "Free Aspirin and Our Sympathy."

Know how to come out of Reno with a small fortune? (Go in with a large one.)  $\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega$ 

If you've witnessed the construction 'Pro ''production' along Tewksbury this past week, you can appreciate the cost of utilities. The laying of the new water pipe continues, up hill and down; the giant PG&E apparatus and then the PT&T equipment all moving in and around each other with skill. They provide residents with the excitement of a big development and one kinda hoped the streets might be completely blocked so as not to enable one to leave home for a few days. (Such excuses are rare.) Let's hope the topping crew finds the area before the next rains.

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Hope you haven't been a "flu"victim these past beautiful days!

### 11. Trivia, continued

Think not upon your past misfortunes of which all men have some; but upon your present blessings of which most men have many.  $\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega\Omega\omega$ 

### CAMP FIRE SUNDAY

Special "Go to Church" services will be observed this Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First Methodist Church for all Camp Fire girls and their families, past members and friends Rev. Richard Smith will officiate with the girls from District I and III participating in the scriptures, litany and special candlelighting. It was in 1917 when Nina Moody began the first group in the council in Friendship Hall of this historic church and Uldine Adams-Nickola, a member of her group, still actively sponsors the PaKaNena Horizon Club.



Point Richmond and especially friends at the Central Pool Hall will miss Frankie Neil since his death on March 6.

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The son of Mary and Jack Egoian, Randy Egoian, married Diane Estrella February 7th. The couple honeymooned in Carmel. Jack Egoian is the friendly clerk at Spot Liquor store, and his wife manages a convalescent home.

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Jerry Ceremony and Bobby Gozziejust returned from a week's vacation in Mexico and Las Vegas.

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William Edton successfully completed the Sports Car Club of America Racing Drivers' School on Sunday, March 7 to realize his ambition to become the world's all time great. Bill lives on Lobos Court in Point Richmond. Alcides Batista, sixteen-year old nephew of Mrs. Marcellina Smith, arrived February 28 from David, Republic of Panama.

He is on arthree-month school vacation and will spend all of that time in Point Rich-mond.

Alcides is the second nephew of Mrs. Staith to visit this country. His brother, Felix, was here in 1963.

Akides will attend a local school during his stay here. He had a nice trip here, by Jet, Panna American.

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Mr. Clare Bryant exhibited as a guest at the Gem and Mineral Show sponsored by the Mother Lode Mineral Society in Modesto, on March 7 and 8. Mr. Bryant, who does beautiful lapidary work, exhibited some of his handcrafted jade jewelry.

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Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bauer of Brisbane, California are visiting Mrs. Bauer's brother Joseph Pukowski of Morgan Avenue, before leaving for their native country, to live in West Berling, Germany. Otto has been in Brisbane for ten years, and was a baker there. He is now retired.

The Contra Costa Parks Council sponsors outings every Sunday, for young and old, anyone with an appreciation of the outdoors. They go on leisurely hikes to learn about the areas they are visiting.

Call Tom Crittenden (689-8773) for further information, and bring your lunch.

- 1. Sunday, March 15, Nortonville Coal Mines. Meet at 10 a.m. Ygnacio Valley Road and Clayton Road.
- 2. Sunday, March 22, Las Trampas. Met at 9:30 a.m., Safeway Store, Alamo.
- 3. Sunday, April 5, Las Trampas. Meet at 9:30 a.m., Safeway Store, Alamo.
- 4. Sunday, April 12, Foothill Area of Mt. Diablo. Meet at 10 a.m., Ygnacio Valley Road and Clayton Road.





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TUESDAY, MARCH 17, the first of three YO-YO contests will be held at 3:30 p.m. The boy and girl winners from each week will compete at a later date for the Playground Championship. The Playground Champion will go to the district finals and possibly the city-wide finals. This event will be open to boys and girls in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Anyone wishing to compete should come to the playground and pick up an information sheet on the tricks to be performed.

SIGN-UPS are now being taken for both boys and girls SOFTBALL, for children in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

Let us again remind you that every Wednesday is LITTLE PEOPLE DAY for children 8 years and younger.

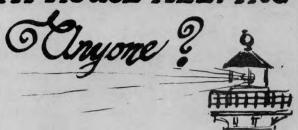
# VACATION

During Easter Week, the Playground will be open every day, from 10:30 to 5:00. Many SPECIAL EVENTS are planned and will be announced.



Thank you...
Judy Davis & Harold
Crawford, Recreation
Leaders.

### LIGHT HOUSE KEEPING



Judging from the unceasing ring of the telephone at the Veil Hammond residence, the only people to miss the TV broadcast on Channel 5 concerning East Brother Light House Station were the members of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee who took part in the broadcast at the island.

In an attempt to aid the preservation of the Beautiful old Light House, members of the committee took Channel 5 newsmen on a tour of the facilities. The film was shown Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., but none of the committee members seem to have been aware of the broadcast, and all are puzzled about the implications of the broadcast, since phone calls and telegrams have been swamping the chairman's residence. Mrs. Hammond, whose timing is always excellent, happened to be in Los Angeles at the time of the broadcast, and on the following day. So who received all the inquiring phone calls? Mr. Hammond, who now has the telephone receiver off the hook.

Literally thousands of people are anxious to live on the romantic site.... If the Coast Guard needed proof that the Light House would be easy to maintain, the proof is readily available. However, this has always been an obvious fact. The Coast Guardsmen who have been stationed at East Brother would gladly return. It used to be used as an "award" for exceptional heroism.

The Coast Guard is anxious to automate the station, tear down the beautiful old buildings, and get rid of the responsibility of keeping up the Light House. However, all the calls and telegrams should have been sent to them, since they are still responsible for the Light House. Mr. Hammond's frustration in talking to the people who are desirous of taking up residence there is that delightful as some of the ideas are, there is nothing anyone can do until the Coast Guard has decided what to do with the station.

Legislation has been introduced (AB 985) by Assemblyman John Knox of Richmond to prohibit the use or distribution of tax return information, and he is introducing a resolution requesting the Rules Committee of the Assembly to assign a legislative committee to undertake a thorough study of the entire area of commercial income tax preparation, based on complaints received about tax preparation firms.

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Reasons:

The design could seriously reduce the tidal current in the already sluggish South Bay. A study is essential.

The need for this bridge is not documented with up-to-date population or rapid transit projections. Instead much of the material is more than ten years old.

Local taxpayers are financing the Bay Area Rapid Transit system (BART) at considerable personal sacrifice. Why favor increased auto traffic?

Connecting freeways are planned in the Bay!

The location of the bridge will destroy the value of one of the few public shoreline parks and limit future small boating opportunities.

The South Bay may seem remote from our problems; however, the effect on the Bay in general, and on expenses involved through taxes, make a telegram or letter a small price to pay for avoiding what many people consider a grave mistake. The Coast Guard has promised to include in the material sent to Washington all letters and wires received in San Francisco before March 16.

### Airy PREDICTIONS

ABAG (the Association of Bay Area Governments) has been busy making predictions about the increase in volume of airmail. By 1985, they say, 238 410 tons of airmail will be handled annually by Bay Area airports, though the percentage of military mail will decrease considerably. Air cargo is expected to increase from about 1 million tons in 1975 to over 4.6 million in 1985.

Air passenger forecasts are for an increase of 262% between 1975 and 1985.

A summary of the forecast, if you're interested, will be published in July, 1970. Based on the forecast, the second phase of the ABAG study will be conducted by the Airport Study Committee, headed by mayor Warren Boggess of Concord. The purpose of the study, using the figures already produced, is to suggest the best alternatives for balancing environmental and regional needs in planning a comprehensive airport plan for the Bay Area.

# \*LetTE\*S

Dear Mid,

A late reply to your inquiry of two weeks ago .....

"I've just learned what they mean by the 'silent' majority. After reading about the 500 plus concerned citizens of Berkeley converging on City Hall with a 15,000 signature petition from the taxpayers who are irate at the destruction and present conditions of their community, I couldn't find a TV channel that was sympathetic to this majority -- thereby keeping their actions 'silent'. How Cum???"

I've checked my memory with KQED's NEWSROOM staff and can confirm that KQED did indeed cover this event. A video tape crew was there filming the crowd outside and inside the council chambers; statements from the mayor, the councilmen, local state legislators and spokesmen for the 15,000 petitioners were presented during the approximate ten minute coverage.

This is another good reason to support KQED where new coverage, particularly of Bay Area events, is broad, balanced and penetrating.

NEWSROOM is broadcast nightly, Monday to Friday, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is aired simultaneously on KQED-FM, 88.5, and is rebroadcast daily at 7 a.m. You can't miss it!

Sincerely, Jean Knox

Catch up with /

With canoe classes at the Civic Center Lagoon in San Rafael; a horseback riding outing; the folk dance festival; Scout-a-Whirl at the Oakland Coliseum; parties; a three-day campfire trip in Marin; a Cadette Challenge; and an all-day canoe trip on the Russian River, the Cadette Girl Scouts have happy plans for the rest of the semester.

We'd like more girls in our Troop (7, 8 and 9 graders) but we would like them to join now, because canoe classes start on

Monday, March 30 (with a swim class this week) and these canoe classes are vital to our later plans. So, if you've been thinking about someday coming to Girl Scouts, do it now.

Please call Mrs. Tedrick, or Marion Tedrick, 234-0415. Regular meetings are on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00. You can join by paying \$2.00 registration fee, and 10 cents weekly dues, plus promising to try to live up to the Girl Scout Promise and Laws

See you on Wednesday?

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## the Easter Bunny's sad tale

Charlie was a cute bunny in a pet store. It was almost Easter time, and Charlie was sold to a couple for an Easter surprise for their grandchildren.

The children were delighted with their new pet (though their mother's reaction was a little less enthusiastic). A proper house for Charlie wasn't available, and no one knew what he required in the way of care.

Shortly thereafter, mom found that she was allergic to rabbits, and Charlie was removed from the house and placed in the base ment. He received less and less attention, and finally escaped from his confine. Charlie adapted happily to his new freedom, and food supply -- the neighborhood gardens. He was not aware, however, that he would not be treated as a beloved pet. Cats, dogs, home owners, gardeners, all were after Charlie. Charlie refused to be rescued by his owners or anyone else, for that matter. Charlie had become a neighborhood nuisance.

The last we heard of Charlie, he was still enjoying expensive garden flowers and plants; but his owner had been cited by the District Attorney's office for not maintaining reasonable control of an animal, as required by law.

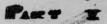
This true tale was told by the SPCA in order to emphasize the problems involved when rabbits, chicks and ducks are sold as Easter pets. Laws restrict sales of such animals for pets, but some pet shops sell them around Easter time, and the usual end result is similar to what happened to Charlie and his adopted family.

The SPCA is a non-profit organization which attempts to help animals and their people friends. The Contra Costa Branch is located at 1622 Santa Clara Street, Richmond. If you have questions about the care of pets, about licenses, problems, etc., call them at 525-0566; and, if you care about animals, join the SPCA: memberships for adults are \$1.00 per year (non-voting), or \$3.00 per year (voting): for junior to 18 years, \$1.00 per year froups may also join, for \$15.00

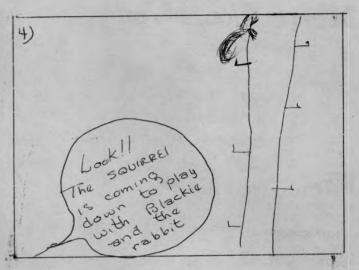
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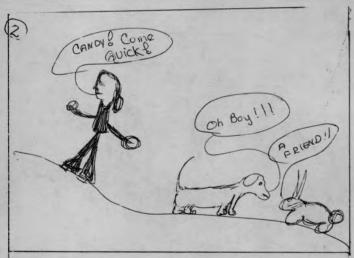
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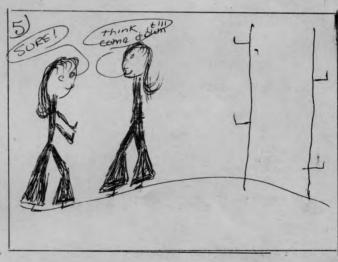
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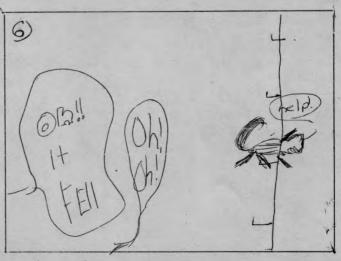












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### Tuna Treasure Boarts

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@ Hollow out center of buns.

3 Spoon tona mixture, filling in hollowed buns.

1 Cut cheese diagonally 1

5) Fit each triangle of cheese on a pretzel stick to make a soil

6) Stick sail into tunafilled boats.

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### Have one for lunch

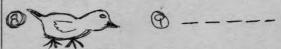
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Do You Need a Second Clue? The fourth letter of the alphabet DSomething you use to serve soup.

3) He wears a red suit

@ Part of the Morse code.

1 It moves sand sometimes

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MARCH 13-14, Friday and Saturday
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MARCH 15 - Sunday
Lenten Services, 7:30, Easter Hill
Methodist Church.

March 17 - Tuesday
St. Patrick's Day Tea, sponsored
by West Side Improvement Club,
benefit Pt. lRichmond Boys' Baseball.
1330 p.m. Tea Dessert. Slides.

MARCH 18 - Wednesday
"The Cage" - stage production by
ex-San Quentin inmates. 8 p.m.,
Contra Costa College Student Center.

MARCH 17, Tuesday (missed this)
"HOME!" at Richmond Art Center,
7 p.m., experimental music and
photos and slides.

MARCH 19 - Thursday: Richmond Art Center reception, new exhibit. 5 to 8 p.m.

MARCH 21 - Beethoven BiCentennial Concert. Oakland Auditorium theater, 8:30 p.m. Tickets available (complimentary) at West Side Library, or call 235-4222.

MARCH 23- Monday - Excursion by Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee, 9:30 a.m. back of Old Firehouse, in parking lot. To Los Gatos.

MARCH 30 - "Wagon Show" play at the Washington School Auditorium - by San Francisco Players Guild.

GRANNY SAYS: It's Good Luck to:
Cook dried beans, peas, or dried fruit
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Meet a nun walking alone.

Wave to an engineer on a locomotive. Have a rabbit dross your path.

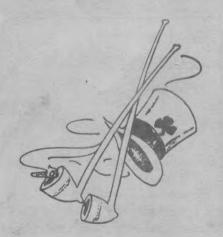
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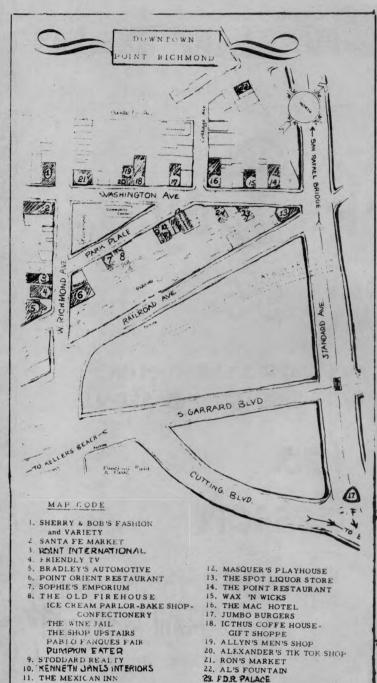
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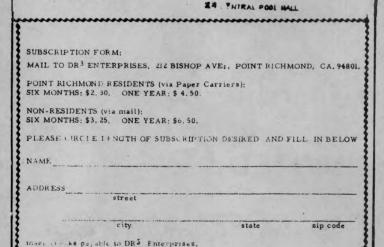
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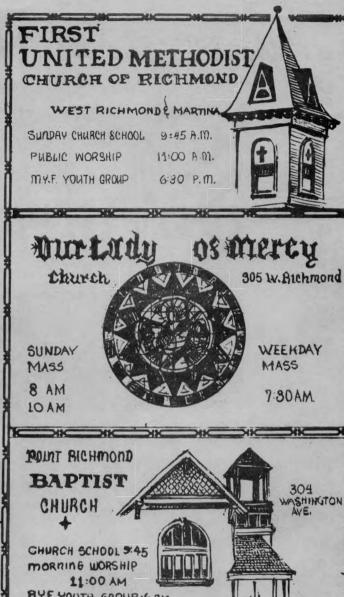
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