

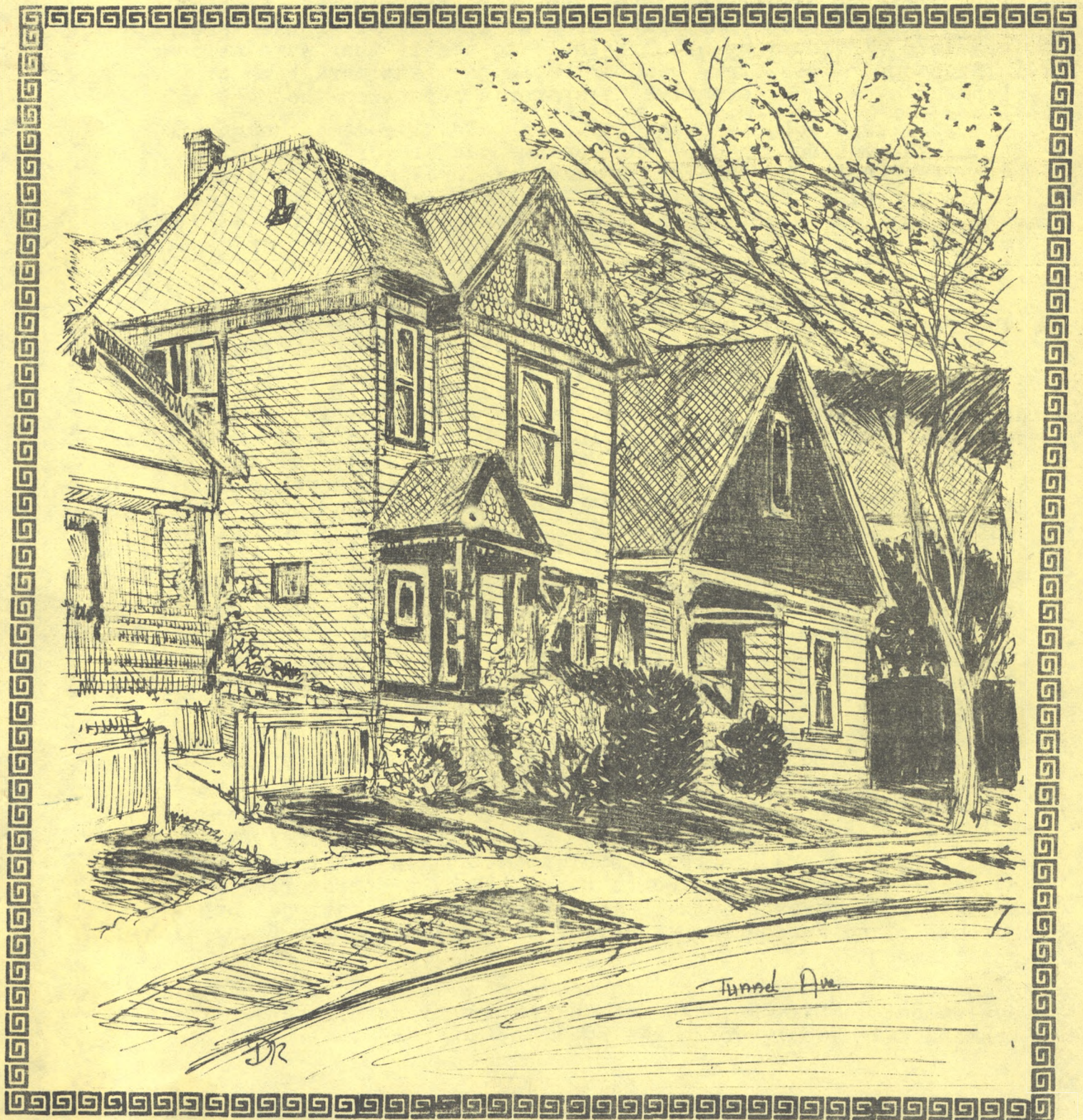
POINT COUNTERPOINT

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Richmond, California



Editorial

Redevelopment Agency Administrator James Kimoto dropped a time bomb at the Economic Development Commission meeting Wednesday March 12. Under the seemingly innocuous agenda item "Report on the Economic Approaches to Development of Downtown and Redevelopment Area 11-A (the port)" Kimoto announced that the city had been contacted by foreign investors, specifically some Arab-oil-money intermediaries and some Japanese investors. These foreign investors were putting out "feelers" to see if they were welcome in Richmond. This story was buried in the last paragraph of Richmond's daily alternative newspaper's report on the meeting.

This is a subject each citizen should give some thought to. We should consider the now well-documented history of American interference in the internal affairs of foreign countries where American capital is invested. We would be naive to think that the same thing could not happen to us. We should consider the possible implications of relationships between Standard Oil and Arab petrodollar financed banks and port facilities.

The Redevelopment Agency has had a hard time attracting capital to downtown Richmond. Just as the land was ready for buildings to go up the economy collapsed, the market for office building investment collapsed and the prime interest rate soared. However, downtown Richmond has been vacant for a long time. Perhaps we can wait a little longer before we go skipping down the primrose path with foreign investors. I think that the sight of live bodies going in and out of the Social Security Building come August of this year is going to have a tremendous psychological impact on Richmond. Already it is announced that a local investment group is making plans for a \$2 million office-shopping complex on the block where the Redevelopment Agency is located.

A few months ago the Wall Street Journal stated that there were only two reliable and steady sources left for investment of the kind downtown Richmond needs - foreign capital and union pension funds. Has the source of union pension funds been explored by the Redevelopment Agency? Richmond is a union town. It would make sense for our own workers to have a stake in our own city.

I do not advocate a flat-out "no" to foreign investment capital. As Kimoto explained, the Redevelopment Agency has an obligation to explore all avenues of attracting investment capital. However, it would make sense to think about this issue before action is taken on it.

Members of the Economic Development Commission to meet with the foreign investors are James B. McMillan, proprietor of McMillan's Pharmacy, Marshall Moreal of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousmen's Union, and Lori Shaper, a Point Richmond resident.

You can make your thoughts known by writing to the Economic Development Commission, c/o the Redevelopment Agency, 330-12th St., Richmond, CA 94801, or to the POINT COUNTERPOINT.

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COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

Every Saturday morning at Washington School Auditorium - movies for kids. Charge: 25¢

Every Saturday afternoon at Westside Library, 1:30 p.m. Story Hour

April 2 (Weds) Introductory lecture on Transcendental Meditation. At Our Lady of Mercy Church 8 p.m.

April 3 (Thurs) Contra Costa College orientation for high school students 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Also Town Hall Meeting, 8 p.m. at Martin Luther King Community Center, Congressman George Miller answering questions

April 4 (Friday) "Grand Canyon by Dory" free documentary film in Liberal Arts Lecture Hall at Contra Costa College 9 p.m.

April 4 & 5 "The Great Sebastians" at the Masquers playhouse.

April 7 (Monday) Morrie Turner, renowned cartoonist at Washington School Auditorium, call school for time (232-1436)

April 8 (Tuesday) CITY COUNCIL PRIMARY ELECTION - PLEASE VOTE

April 7 (Thursday) County property taxes due

April 11 (Friday) POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for mid-month issue

April 11 & 12 "The Great Sebastians" at the Masquers. These are the last performances of this smash hit - which will give you a few much needed laughs!

April 11-12-13 Native American Festival & Pow Wow at the Oakland Museum. Call 232-6978 for more information.

April 13 (Sunday) Methodist Women & Westside Improvement Club Fun Trip

April 15 (Tuesday) COMMUNITY MEETING AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Also Tiny Tots program at Field House begins. See article for more details.

Also Entries for Spring Rental Gallery Exhibit due at Art Center

Also Federal and State income taxes due

April 18 (Friday) Richmond Art Center public preview of Rental Gallery Exhibit 7:30 - 10 p.m.

April 26 POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for May 1st issue

Also Musical Arts Fashion Benefit at Holiday Inn

MAY 23 - Friday - Hieronymus Bash at Civic Center -- tickets : call East Bay Music Center, 234-5624

COMMUNITY-WIDE MEETING

*Community Development
Commission*

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 15 / 7:30 p.m.
Community Center

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Ruth Wilson	Michael Horn
Judy Walz	Reba Downs
Joel Peterson	Kathy Dornan
Robertta Dornan	Pam and Paula
W. D. Alderman	Wilson

And LIRPA LOOP to all on this first day of April!!

Why is the first of April called April Fool's Day? Well...the story goes that April 1st was the first day of the year in France; but in 1564 the country adopted the reformed calendar and made Jan. 1st New Year's Day. Many French citizens refused to go along with the change and continued to celebrate New Years Day on April 1st. These people were called "April Fools". Tricks were played on the "April Fools" and mock greeting and gifts were sent to them on this day... the beginning of April Fool tricks and jokes.

It was 110 years ago on April 14th that John Wilkes Booth crept into President Abraham Lincoln's box at the Ford Theatre and fatally shot the Chief Executive.

April is a month to go to the polls (Tuesday the 8th), to vote on city councilmen...to pay your county property taxes (10th)... and your state and federal taxes (15th). Tax refund is the reward you get for having paid too much in the first place! The Academy Awards (7th) had only 200 people at the first presentation:

We've a San Francisco Chronicle Junior Art Champion among us! Eric Hoiland won first place thereby having his artwork published AND received a monetary prize! Do it again, Eric.

Pioneering '75 style: one phone and three teen-agers!

The February issue of Ford Times contained a delightful resume by Robertson Pease entitled "The View From Point Richmond". His quote by Sophocles is most fitting .."It is not such a place as is famed in song and story, but its name is great in the hearts of those that live there!" Beautiful!

It's a GIRL, Sara Jane, for the Jim Davises in Massachusetts. This makes Pat and Bob Davis first time Grandparents--and Julia Bill a Great-grandmother. Jim is working on his Doctoral Degree at Brandeis University and is another member of THAT kindergarten class of 1954 noted in the March issue!

The Bruce Youngs also boast of a new bouncing, bubbly, BABY - GIRL!

Jeanne and Vern Doellstedt of the Richmond Wholesale Meat Company were among five other United States meat packers invited to the recent American Meats '75 Show in Great Britain.

Assistant Scoutmaster, Ben Woodson fell and broke his left (writing) arm while attending Washington School's Open House. Ben was a former student there and his wife, Shirley, is now student teaching in the Kindergarten class. Members of Troop 111 are just happy it wasn't his leg as he is needed for the 60 mile backpack trip this summer!! Don't know which hurt him the most--his broken arm or the expensive lens on his camera!

Thirty-fifth Wedding Anniversary greetings to Verla and Charles Camren!

Carol Wyrick, 1974 Ells graduate, became Mrs. Sweatt in Santa Rosa on March 22nd. Best wishes to you both!

Deepest sympathy goes to the family of Ann Shock, a 46 year resident of the Point, who was fatally stricken in her home a week ago. For many years she and her husband, Frank, operated a Variety Store where Whitney's is now and later across the street now occupied by the Doll Factory. She is survived by her husband, Frank, and three sons, James, Frank and John. (editor's note: the Shock's were my landlords for nearly two years. I remember many times Ann Shock bringing down a bowl of steaming spaghetti and sauce for me and Billy. Ann Shock had quite a time with kids riding their hot-wheels down her driveway and digging in her carefully tended front yard. Yet when Christmas time came around there was always a little present for them...the Korn's (David and Evalene) who also lived in the downstairs apartment for nearly five years, send their deepest sympathy from Selma, CA)

W. H. Alderman, head of Horticulture at the University of Minnesota until his retirement, and father of Dr. DeForest Alderman 610 Golden Gate, will celebrate his 90th birthday while visiting here in April 6th. Professor Alderman has the distinction of having Alderman Hall, a Horticulture Building at the U of Minn., named for him in appreciation for all he has done for Minnesota!

The United Methodist Women held their regular meeting at the home of Janet Larsen in Cypress Point. Plans were started for a Stitchery Tea featuring the International Handcrafts with a bicentennial theme!

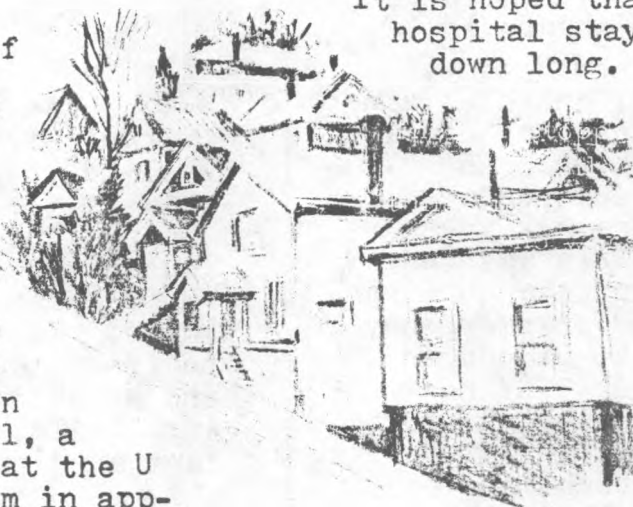
An easy way to diet--just look at the current food prices! It even makes some people ill.

It is always a pleasure to acknowledge the honor students at Ells from the Point. Receiving all A's were: Roxanne Elle, Sara Warren, Michelle Healy, Melissa Allyn. Others on the honor roll were: Je Jeff Peterson, Robert Genosick, Geoffrey Williams, Jenny Allaire, Shelly Amantite, James Healy, Sharron Amantite, Terry Autry, Amy Jo Fletcher, Sean McCaskey, Sandy Comer, Lori Ferguson, Peggy Doellstedt and Rich Schuldt. Did anyone get missed?

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A touch of nostalgia lingered when trying to replace a lost button and the only one in the 'button basket' that met the requirements was a dark green one with a girl scout insignia...

It is hoped that Rita Caccavello's hospital stay doesn't keep her down long.



Mark MAY 31st on your calendar! That is the date or TROOP 111's 21st ANNUAL PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST. More on it later. But, thanks to the Point resident (who wishes to remain anonymous) the tickets are

printed and donated. Mr. Anon - were you ever a scout?

What is there to compare to the beauty of viewing San Francisco on a clear night from the hills of Point Richmond!!





Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith have a visitor - Miss Nivia Baltista from Panama, who is now going to St. Joseph School in Berkeley. Alcides Batista who also stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Smith for 3½ years graduated from High School and is now teaching in Panama. There are seven children in the family and Nivea is the youngest.

My friend Cornelius Farley, instructor at the California Maritime Academy and his wife and daughter and I ate lunch in the Judges & Spares Restaurant. He told me that the T.S. Golden Bear California Maritime Academy C.M.A. which he was on departed January 18 (a Saturday) and returned Friday, March 14. It is the annual training cruise for 288 cadets. Half are studying navigation. The other half, marine engineering. Included in that were six young ladies! The first Port was Long Beach, then Port Amapala, Honduras where they delivered an emergency supply of dried milk. Honduras suffered a hurricane. The next port was the City of Balboa and Panama City, then a transit through the Panama Canal and on to the Dutch Island possession in the Caribbean - Curacao. Curacao is a tourist spot with numerous large and luxurious passenger vessels.

The Golden Bear returned once again through the Caribbean to the Panama Canal and additional fun filled days in the City of Panama. They went to Central America, Acapulco, Mexico, San Diego and on to San Francisco. Mr. Farley lives in Marin and also stops by to visit his friends. He is looking for a house here in the Point.

Mr. R. B. Read, Point resident, is running a column in the San Francisco Examiner Mon-Wed-Fri called the Underground Gourmet. He has also will be out April 8. It is the 3rd edition of his book.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Genosick, who live above Grass Valley were snowbound.

Mr. Bill Genosick who is in the Army and stationed in Hawaii, is counting the days for leaving the Army.

More LOCAL NEWS

Herm Phillips, tree-boss of Richmond, says the city is going to re-plant trees along the curb around the triangle in downtown Pt. Richmond this spring, as soon as the weather gets better!



Four stores in Point Richmond will be cooperating in a fashion show at the Holiday Inn April 26.

The stores are Taxis & Toadstools, Sophies Emporium, The Gingham Goose and Sherry and Bob's. Men's fashions will also be presented. The donation is \$5 and goes to benefit the Musical Arts Guild. There will be a silent auction after the show.



Carolyn Bold at Westside Branch library wishes to tell everyone again that fines are not charged for items returned late if they were checked out at the branch library, but, if you have ever had to wait and wait for a request to be filled, you can appreciate that it is only fair to return materials on time so others can have a turn.



What's New at School?



Compensatory Education Conference

On March 6-9, the California Association of Compensatory Education held its annual conference at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel. More than 6,000 people attended, most of them parents of children in schools all over the state. Their expenses were paid from CACE funds - part of Title I money that goes to hire teacher aides and promote parent involvement in the schools. The parents that were sent from Washington school were Kathy Lord, Doris Cort and Jeanne Eger. Following is what they heard, saw, thought and did. (It is hoped that next year parents who have not had the opportunity to go to one of these conferences will come forward and make their interest known.)

Jeanne Eger

I went to a workshop on Friday afternoon called "Is Indian Dropout Necessary?" put on by the Lincoln Elementary School in Auburn (near Sacramento). This school is about the same size as Washington - about 270 kids. About 36 of the children are American Indians - most members of the Maidu Tribe, which was in Auburn 2,000 years before the white man came. The Maidus live in a small area in Auburn called "Rancheria" where they continue many of the old ways of their culture.

The Indian program consisted of hiring some of the Indian parents with leftover Federal funds to come to the school full time to teach all the students about Indian art and culture. They taught how to make a bow and arrow, how to grind acorn flour and make bread and soup, how to make arrow heads, how to strip a deerskin and many other activities.

Before the program started many of the Indian children were ashamed of their heritage and were shy and did not participate in all the school activities. David Erskine, Principal, says the program has completely turned the school around. The Indian kids now walk proudly and are proud that their mothers and grandmothers are in the school. Now instead of looking down on the Indians, all the children in the

school want to be Indians! Children who did not even know they had Indian heritage now proclaim it proudly and are looked up to by the other children.

The problems of the Maidu Indians in Auburn are similar to those of Indians here in Richmond. At Washington School there are about 20 Indian children, many of whom live in the Santa Fe Village. However, at Washington School we are already doing something about the wealth of American Indian culture around us. Mrs. Poncho and Mrs. Hopper from the Santa Fe Village are coming to the school four days a week without pay from 8:30 to 11:45 to teach about our Richmond Indian culture. Thanks to the foresight of Miss Briggs, Miss Warner and to our Indian parents, we can be proud that our native American children are not the subject of discrimination.

Girard Lewis, father of "Ju-Ju" Lewis and Marie Lewis, and a full-blooded Pueblo Indian, also went to this workshop. After it was over we went with the Auburn visitors to Jerry's father's store of Indian Art and Jewelry in San Francisco. Al Lewis's store THE ARROWHEAD is on Valencia Street, two doors down from the American Indian Center.

I brought my son Billy with me and he sat still, more or less,

and listened to the speakers. I noticed that there were very few children there, although the Indian parents from Auburn brought their youngsters. I think the CACE conference planners should provide on-site babysitting next time, thereby bringing themselves into the 20th century. Even children can benefit from a visit to the big city!

Doris Cort

Out of all the workshops, one seemed especially interesting to me. It was a workshop led by Dr. John Pletcher, entitled "Community Education: The School Extending Itself to All the People."

The central idea was to open up the school for use by the community. After all, the whole community pays for the school with its tax money. Why not use it? Adult classes, interest groups, coffee clatches, etc. might all get some use from the building during non-school hours, or during school hours if it is an activity that could involve the children as well.

Dr. Pletcher showed a film which is available at libraries called "A Sense of Community" which takes a look at the concept in action. Its an interesting idea - not new, but one that could be extended to Washington with some new consequences.



the Field House Program

A recreation program for pre-school youngsters from 3-5 years old is being held at the Washington Field House. With qualified supervision, the youngsters are involved in many new adventures which aid in preparing them for regular school classes. Class

Atchison Village celebrated its 20th anniversary Saturday, March 22 with a big dance and party.

The village was under construction before Pearl Harbor and consisted of 162 buildings containing 450 units.

In 1956 a group of tenants formed a membership corporation and within 30 days came up with \$50,000.00 to qualify as prospective buyer from the Public Housing Administration which had put the Village up for sale. The final purchase price was \$1.512 million. Membership stock may be issued to individuals who intend to occupy a dwelling and such membership or stock entitles the holder to a perpetual right to occupy a designated dwelling in the property.

Prices 4 years ago when I looked at units in the area, ranged from \$3,000 to \$10,000. The grounds are well kept and there is a minimum monthly maintenance fee for major repairs to the property. Many homes have been remodeled with wall-wall carpeting, paneled walls, etc., inside.

The pride of ownership apparent in Atchison Village could serve as a model for public housing across the nation.



Applications for financial aid for academic year 1975-76 are now available at Contra Costa College's Financial Aid office.

The deadline for filing is May 15. However, Forbes urged filing accurate and complete statements as early as possible.

will be held Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 a.m. from April 15 through June 3. Registration was March 18 but you may still be able to get in. Cost: \$5.00 for eight weeks. No checks accepted. Parents are required to assist the instructor for one class period during each session. Call Mrs. Norma Madison, Recreation Specialist at 234-2394 for more information.

Pie in the Sky

by Jeanne Eger

MR MILLER
GOES TO WASHINGTON

Freshman Congressman George Miller from Contra Costa County had an amendment on nutrition accepted unanimously by the House Education and Labor Committee March 12. The amendment to the Perkins bill to extend the hot school lunches will provide increased benefits for about 700 participants in the CCCounty supplemental food program for women, infants and children.

At an earlier session the committee included the Head Start program under the nutrition program, which will extend benefits to 488 Head Start youngsters in Contra Costa County.

Another amendment offered by Miller was a proposal to include family day care centers and residential child care institutions such as orphanages, homes for the mentally retarded, emotionally disturbed and physically handicapped, shelters for runaways and abused children, hospitals for the chronically ill and juvenile detention centers - in the school nutrition program.

"If these children were living at home and attending regular schools they would be eligible," Miller said. "Because they are institutionalized the benefits of the program are denied them. Meanwhile, rising food costs are causing these institutions to cut back on the quality of food served to these children."

MILLER EXCLUSIVE TO
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Back in early March this reporter noticed in the daily alternative newspapers a Ford administration proposal to trim the school lunch programs. The federal government would try to save \$600

million by having everyone except the most poverty-stricken children pay an additional \$1.05 a week to eat at school. This would suppress acceptance of school lunch programs even more than now. Federal subsidies equal to 21 cents a lunch now benefit all students who participate in the hot lunch program. These subsidies consist of a half-dozen child nutrition programs that carry specific federal payment formulas. Other programs that would be cut out by the Ford proposal would be special milk servings for school children, school breakfasts, summer feeding programs and special supplemental food assistance for low-income mothers and infants.

We called Miller's office in Washington and asked for a statement on the Ford proposal. Here was his reply:

"Acceptance by Congress of President Ford's block grant approach to vital nutritional programs would mean the end of the school lunch program for millions of children and the abandonment of hundreds of thousands of pregnant women and infants now served by the WIC program. If this happens we will see an increase in infant mortality, birth defects and mental retardation among our children. For these reasons the President's program fails to find support with either Democrats or Republicans."

Its nice to know that one's Congressman is accessible to the people at home.

Miller's local office is located in the Post Office building at 10th and Nevin in Richmond. The phone number there is 233-4425.

If you want to ask Miller any questions about what he is doing in Washington, or what you want him to do, he will be at a "Town Hall Meeting" at Martin Luther King Community Center Thursday night, April 3 at 8:00 p.m.

50 YEARS AGO today

FROM THE RICHMOND DAILY
INDEPENDENT

April 11, 1925

WORK ON BATH HOUSE TO BEGIN

"Excavation work for the Richmond natatorium swimming pool will start next Monday and after the work is done other contractors will commence operations to carry to rapid completion the attractive bathhouse at Richmond avenue and Garrard Boulevard.

City Engineer E. A. Hoffman has given word that a 33-ton steam shovel, operated by the Baker company which has sub-contracted for the operation will be on the ground Monday.

PENNY CO. TO OCCUPY LARGE STORE HERE

"The J.C. Penney Company which now operates a store at 730 MacDonald avenue, has taken a ten year lease on the store building at the northwest corner of MacDonald avenue and Seventh street from E. H. Kueffer and after having the building remodeled, expects to occupy the ground floor and mezzanine with a modern department store late in the summer or early in the fall, it was announced today by M.E. Hazelton, manager of the Penney store. This is the store room formerly occupied by Albert's Inc.

April 21, 1925

The following predictions were made in 1925 by Robert W. Bachelor of the telephone company and the chamber of commerce:

"... on this basis we may predict that, with no other stimuli to growth, Richmond will have the following development:

1925.....	26,000
1930.....	39,000
1935.....	58,000

1940.....	87,000
1945.....	130,000

In the year 1945, the hills from the county line to the tank farm will be filled with homes. The vacant lots between 23rd street and San Pablo will be covered with homes and we will have mail delivery all over the city instead of the R.F.D. in so many sections now.

In 1945 we shall have the entire inner harbor filled with wharves, a 35-foot channel and there will be factories on the tidelands between Point Richmond and Potrero Point, and between Point Castro and Point San Pablo. The belt railway will run from Stege across the inner harbour, around Point Potrero, and back through the hills via the city wharf to hook up with the Santa Fe at that point.

There will be a bridge from Point San Pablo in Marin county and steam and electric railroads will connect the two sides of the bay here."

Letters
to the Editor



Dear Editor,

Your article about school lunches reminds me of my home in the midwest. Back there we all went to consolidated schools that were large for the size of the towns. I lived in a town with under 500 people but we had over 30 kids in the first, second and third grades! When our school lunch program started in the '30s the churches stopped feeding the "okies" from the farms who stayed in town all day or all week. The schools were in charge.

The regulations were supposed to make the lunches free for those who couldn't afford them. Every-

one got tickets for the lunches and the poor parents got the tickets for nothing. But, people were proud and considerate then. So they decided on a mass basis (the whole town) that everyone got free tickets. Everybody had one big lunch a day. Then, the farm wives and others started complaining that the menus weren't very good. There was never any Scandinavian food. So the church ladies (everybody in town belonged to one of 3 churches) decided they needed an excuse to get together once a day and decided the church kitchens were the place. They made supplements for the regulation lunches and eventually threw away the official menus. Hamburger wound up as Swedish meat balls. The Friday fish ration converted to Norwegian fish stew with dumplings. The bread was delivered as flour and wound up as fresh-baked rolls and rough pastry.

All Norwegians knew that the

Swedish Lutheran church was inferior in cooking ability...the Swedes thought the opposite. The competition was great for the kids. The two churches (the Swedish Lutheran church of that day would never have merged with the Norwegian and the Norwegian church never even thought of the possibility) in that town of 500 and the surrounding farms went on serving additions to the lunches until World War II. The kids probably wound up eating better in school than they did at home.

I think now about how thirty years later in another depression the kids here still don't have any assurance of one good hot lunch a day that will give them the fuel they need.

For a bunch of dumb Scandinavians in the dust bowl of the mid-west we didn't do too bad.

Sincerely,
Sen Carlson



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VEGETABLE PLANTING DETAILS

Vegetable	Seed or Planting Spacing	*Space between hills.			Harvest (Days)	Vitamins (Partial)	Planting Time Last Freeze (Days)		Frost Resistance
		Row Space	Seed Depth	Germination (Days)			Before	After	
Asparagus	18"	36"	1/2"	14	1 year	A,C	30		Hardy
Pole	36"	30"	1"	7-14	89-95				
Bean, Lima Bush	3"	24"	1"	7-14	70-80	A,B,C,B ₂		15-30	Tender
Pole	36"	30"	1"	7-14	60-70				
Bean, Snap Bush	3"	24"	1"	5-10	50-60	A,B,C,B ₂		10-30	Tender
Beets	3"	18"	1/2"	7-12	55-60	A,B,C,B ₂	30	30	1/2 Hardy
Broccoli	24"	30"	1/4"	6-9	70-80	A,B ₂ ,C	30		Hardy
Brussels Sprouts	18"	3"	1/4"	6-9	70	C	30	60	Hardy
Cabbage	18"	24"	1/4"	6-9	60-90	C (Raw)	45-20		Hardy
Carrots	3"	18"	1/4"	12-18	60-75	A (Raw)	20	30	1/2 Hardy
Cauliflower	18"	24"	1/4"	6-9	60-80	A,B,C,B ₂	30		1/2 Hardy
Chard	6"	24"	1/2"	7-12	55-65	A, Iron	30	30	Hardy
Collard	18"	30"	1/4"	6-9	85-95	A,C	40	40	Hardy
Corn, Sweet	10"	36"	1/2"	5-12	70-85	A,B, Starch		45	Tender
Cucumber	48"	48"	1/2"	7-10	65-70	B,C,B ₂ (Raw)		10	Tender
Eggplant	24"	36"	1/2"	10-14	80-90	A,B,C,B ₂		10	Tender
Endive	6"	18"	1/4"	10-14	80-90	A	30		Hardy
Kale	12"	18"	1/4"	6-9	50-65	A,B, Iron	40		Hardy
Kohlrabi	4"	24"	1/4"	6-9	55-65	C	30	10	Hardy
Lettuce, Leaf	3"	18"	1/4"	5-10	35-50	A,B,C,B ₂	30	30	1/2 Hardy
Lettuce, Head	8"-12"	18"	1/4"	5-10	55-80	A,B,C,B ₂	30		1/2 Hardy
Muskmelon	60"	48"	1/2"	7-12	80-90	C		30	Very Tender
Mustard Greens	3"	18"	1/4"	5-8	35-45	A,C,B ₂ , Iron	30	10	Hardy
Okra	12"	30"	1/2"	8-12	55-60	A,B	10	30	Tender
Onion Sets	3"	18"	1/4"	7-12	25-35	Calcium, C	45		Hardy
Dry (Seed)					100-200				
Green (Pits)					25-35				
Parsley	4"	24"	1/4"	15-20	80-90	A,C	30		Hardy
Parsnip	3"	24"	1/4"	15-20	150	B,C		20	Hardy
Peas, Garden	2"	24"	1"	7-10	60-75	B	40		Hardy
Peppers	18"	30"	1/4"	10-14	65-80	C		15	Tender
Potatoes	12"	30"	4"		100-120	B,C, Starch	40	10	1/2 Hardy
Pumpkin	60"	48"	1/2"	7-12	110	A		15	Tender
Radish	1"	18"	1/4"	3-6	25-35	B,C	40	20	Hardy
Rhubarb	30"	48"	1"	12-20	1 year	C	40	15	Hardy
Spinach	4"	18"	1/4"	7-12	40-50	Iron,A,C,B ₂	40		Hardy
Squash, Summer (Bush)	60"	48"	1/2"	7-10	50-60	A,B,B ₂		30	Tender
Squash, Winter (Vine)	72"	48"	1/2"	7-10	85-110	A		30	Tender
Sweet Potatoes	24"	30"			150	A		20	Tender
Tomato	18"	48"	1/2"	7-14	75-90	C		10	Tender
Turnip	6"	18"	1/4"	5-10	40-60	A,C	30		Hardy
Watermelon	96"	96"	1/2"	7-12	85-95	C		15	Tender

the **POOL HALL** *Controversy*

This reporter was recently shown a copy of a petition that is circulating in the Point about activities at the Pool Hall. Most of the complaints on the petition concern activities occurring outside the premises, such as drinking outside the building, riding motorcycles without regard for safety of pedestrians, noise, etc.

In an effort to get more information about what is going on we contacted the owners of the business, Bobby Reed and Mick Strzepek and to our surprise we were the first ones to ask them about the problems that supposedly exist at the Pool Hall.

Reed said that although he had heard rumors of a petition, no one had actually had the consideration in that small area of town to come to him to complain about or discuss the problem.

A couple of weeks later we went back to investigate and found that still no one had been to see the owners. Bobby and Mick have, since they heard about the petition, repeatedly asked their customers to keep down the noise and be careful about bottles and activities in the street. Of course, the street is the province of the local police and there isn't too much control any of the Point Richmond Bar owners can do about what goes on in the street.

(Regarding police activity, I live downtown and have noticed a great deal more police activity in the area in recent weeks).

Reed and Strzepek have spent a lot of money, they said, making improvements to the building since they bought the business - stripping and preparing the outside for painting, removing the boarded-up front windows and replacing them with new panes of glass, cleaning and repairing the bathrooms, rodent proofing the building, exterminating cockroaches and generally

trying to bring the premises up to code.

In a recent development, some neighbors have boarded up the the alleyway in back of the Pool Hall - an historic back access - effectively cutting off the fire exit from the back of the Pool Hall.

A poll was taken by the PCP of some long-established Point businesses. Sentiment was unanimous that if they had a gripe with their neighbor they would go speak to them personally to solve the problem before they would get up a petition. However, most of them also felt that bar patrons who wish to enjoy the mellow atmosphere of Point Richmond ought to be aware of the effect their behaviour has on their neighbors especially in a small town such as the Point.

The Pool Hall is owned by County Supervisor James Kenny and his sister. Kenny said he was raised in the upstairs part of the building. The building is historic - it was built in 1904!! It was first called the Central Saloon and later became a Pool Hall.

BIRD WALK
at
Pt. MOLATE



The Golden Gate chapter, Audobon Society is sponsoring the second conducted tour of Point Molate on May 17th at 10 a.m. Whether you can tell a hawk from a hummingbird, save this date, as the tour offers an opportunity to see a beautiful part of our Richmond coastline which is usually off-limits to all but naval and civilian workers at the Navy Fuel Depot. There will be an article on Winehaven and Point Molate in the next issue of this journal.

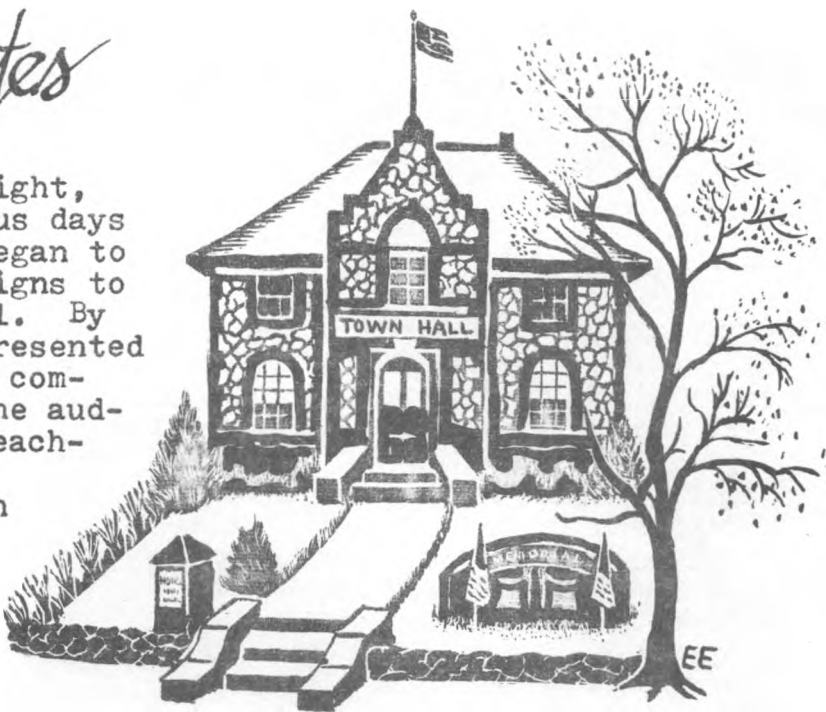
CITY HALL notes

City Council Meeting Monday night, March 10, resembled the old circus days of David Pierce. The audience began to smile as the agenda moved from signs to fences and on to garbage disposal. By the time a community group had presented its request for city help with a community garden plot, members of the audience were laughing and patting each other on the back.

The garden proposal, which won a resolution by council to see what the city could do to help, included giving each councilman a carrot and a flower and posting a large sign which read

"If we can't have a chicken in every pot, we'll have a garden in every lot."

(If you are interested in participating in this project get in touch with Cora Orr at the People Pledged for Community Progress, (237-9030) or Tom Butt at Interactive Resources in the Point.



The hilarity was subdued by the visible nervousness of council members trying to deal with the Port Commission pay issue. Private citizen June Peterson who had originally uncovered the apparent conflict with City Charter provisions, glowered at the councilmen and rose once to make a speech about fences. (Mrs. Peterson had applied for a fence variance and had been turned down. She did some investigating on her own and found that some councilmen had fences higher than hers. She continued her investigation of council activities and at the Feb. 10 City Council meeting, publicly charged the councilmen with acting illegally in taking a \$250 month salary for sitting as Port Commissioners. It is against the City Charter for councilmen to receive compensation from the City other than their salaries. Councilmen have been receiving \$250 month each since 1969 and conceivably could be required to pay \$18,500 each back to the city. June Peterson herself is now a council candidate in the upcoming election.)

Stan Grydyk announced that the Finance Committee had directed the controller not to issue any more salary warrants for service on the Port Commission. (Councilman Al Silva had previously stated that he would not accept any more salary from the Port. Silva had originally voted against the salary allotment in 1969).

The council went into executive session around 10:30 p.m. to discuss copies of a letter from the State Attorney General's office to Mrs. Peterson, which each had received. They reassembled and announced that they were referring the matter to the City Attorney for a legal opinion. (The matter had never been submitted to the City Attorney; in 1969 he had been directed by then-mayor John Sheridan to draw up an ordinance without an opinion being given as to its legality.)

In other action, the council directed staff to investigate the possibility of heating the Plunge by solar energy.

City Council Monday, March 24: A motley group of Point Richmonders attended council meeting to watch a presentation of Point teens to the City Council. (The group consisted of three middle-aged matrons, one Indian, one child, two upper-middle class hill people, one black activist and three teens who were shaking in their boots!)

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Peggy Wilson was the spokesperson for the Point Teens and she rose to read the following letter:

"We are members of the Point Richmond community who often like to come to the community center to talk to our friends and shoot pool and participate in other center activities. Our community center has been defaced by vandalism and the outside of the building needs repainting. We would be willing to paint the center if the city would provide us with materials and supervision. We would also like to paint a mural on one of the outside panels."

The letter was signed by 14 Point teens.

Mayor Nelson commended the effort and said that Council was in favor of this project, provided the teens cooperate with the painters union. He also said that the teens should work on the mural design with Ernie Kim, director of the Richmond Art Center so that it would be acceptable to all members of the community. Nat Bates said, "This is the best offer we've had in a long time."

In other action, an \$1,800 contract was awarded to Interactive Resources (Point Richmond Architectural firm headed by Tom Butt, our Community Development Representative) for preliminary feasibility study for using solar energy to heat the pool at the Richmond Plunge. Councilmen also voted to put on the May 13 ballot (general election for City Council) two charter amendments concerning
(1) salaries for city council
(2) Port Commission.

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Eighteen - count them - 18 - candidates are running for three six-year and one two-year seats on city council. The primary is April 8. The Point Counterpoint sent all the candidates a questionnaire concerning local and city issues. The questions concerned
(1) hot lunches (2) shoreline
(3) vandalism & other crime
(4) What is Richmond's biggest

problem and how would you solve it?

Unfortunately there was very little time between when the questions were sent out and press time for the candidates to get their answers back. Also space does not permit printing all 18 responses. So we will print the answers of the finalists in the next issue. Interestingly enough, the two women candidates were among the first to return their answers. Other early responders were Al Silva and Michael Delagarza.

The reason this city council race is so important is because in the next six - ten years the downtown and the Port will (hopefully) be developed and very important decisions about these matters will have to be made by council.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

A Point Richmond Community meeting that had a potential for disastrous confrontation ended instead in constructive future plans Wednesday evening, March 6

About 30 adults and young people met in the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. to discuss problems which both groups recognized. The viewpoints of the two groups differed, however.

George Glover plunged right into the issue at hand by stating that his wife had been assaulted at the Community Center on a previous evening and that two other citizens had been assaulted on the streets recently. He stated that people he knows fear for their safety after dark. He said that police have persuaded wronged citizens not to press charges against the persons suspected of committing serious crimes. He said he thought the teenage activities at the Center should be brought into proper perspective and that the downtown should get proper police protection.

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Jack Stoddard asked Officer Begley, who was representing the police department, what schedule the police have in the Point. Begley replied that the Point - Brickyard cove - Pt. Molate - Standard Oil - Cutting/Canal area is covered continuously by at least one officer on 8 hour beats. Protection is given 24 hours a day. The Point Richmond beat is "section 731" in police language. He stated that the Police Department has only 9 men on beats at any one time for the whole of Richmond's West Side and that they were sometimes pulled off their beats to help their fellow officers.

Gladys Ferguson, Center Director, stated that the Center is closed at 9:30 each evening and that it was not reported until the following Monday to the Parks Dept. Mrs. Ferguson said she had been back at the center for only 3 weeks and that she expected to make a lot of changes for the better there, including being a stricter recreation supervisor. She said that the kids felt that people look down on them and that nobody cares. "If we can get community backing we can change some things", she said.

Tom Butt stated that the business community feels that it is not getting its fair share of police business protection and also that there is excessive street drunkenness and broken bottles in the street. Wallace Darling complained that the excessive motorcycle noise had lost him renters at the Ivy Inn.

Officer Begley replied that crime in the Point is lower than other places in Richmond. One of the problems as police see it is getting citizen support in prosecution of misdemeanors. The Police cannot make an arrest for a misdemeanor unless it is committed in their presence. In order to have an arrest a citizen must make a complaint and follow it up. He cannot say "I didn't see anything" and expect the police to follow through. There is "Lack of Evidence" if no one is willing to be a witness.

Lucretia Edwards suggested that the problem might be because the

Community Center was in the middle of town and that maybe we could find a building not in the center of town that the city could rent for a teen center. We might try to obtain Federal Block grant money for this. Jimmy Comer, one of the young adults, stated that he had been outside the center the night of the assault incident and he had a different version of the incident. Gladys Ferguson and other members of the center staff expressed a need for more and newer equipment. The pool table is 40 years old and is falling apart. The kids bought it seven years ago with car-wash money. The TV set had not been stolen but had simply broken down. Officer Begley suggested that if the adult adults of the community could work with the kids to get new equipment then everyone would have a stake in it and things would work better. In response to a charge that senior citizens who once used the center were now bitter and feel shut out, Gladys Ferguson said she tries to make everyone feel welcome and maybe the center could obtain some new card tables and set up a program for the older persons.

The discussion of these problems wound up with Lucretia Edwards saying that she would be willing to carry a petition to City Hall for center equipment if the young people would help to write it. They said they would get started on it soon. Ivy Lewis a staff person from the City of Richmond said that community center materials from all over the city are paid for by federal funds and that now is the time to start asking for funds for this purpose. She also said the petition could be typed up and duplicated by city staff.

The other major topic of the meeting was a report by Lucretia Edwards on the progress of George Miller Jr. Park and the presentation of a petition concerning the preservation of Winehaven at Pt. San Pablo and the enjoyment of Pt. Molate land by all citizens. A motion to send the resolution to the City of Richmond passed unanimously.

AN OPEN LETTER TO POINT RICHMONDERS

April 1, 1975

Dear Point Richmond Neighbors,

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to each of you individually. For several years I have been in a slow smoulder over what has been happening to the City of Richmond. Instead of becoming more beautiful, prosperous and peaceful, our city looks derelict and shabby: we are dependent on Federal funds in spite of our industrial tax base: and the people of our city are separated by economic, age and racial differences.

The decay of urban areas in our country today can be checked when wise leadership brings people together to solve problems. This was proved to those of us who worked together last year, to protest and prevent the huge, hazardous ammonia tanks on our shoreline. We succeeded in postponing this plan but we cannot become complacent or relax our aroused vigilance. Instead of fighting crisis battles whenever we feel threatened, Richmonders should begin working together on creative and long range plans that will make our city a better one.

My friend Cleophas Brown, who lives in Point Richmond, would, I believe, provide honest and responsible leadership in bringing together people representing different points of view and geographic areas who share a common concern about our city. Cleophas Brown has lived in Richmond 33 years. He worked in construction and then became for 10 years Field Representative of Laborers Local 324. As a union representative he enjoyed a specially close relationship with the working people of Richmond. Also Cleophas has been a spunky and tireless champion of individual freedom and group equality.

His credits include: Co-founder (and first president) of Richmond Branch NAACP, six years board member (and three years board chairman) of Neighborhood House, board member of People Pledged for Community Progress, and member of West Contra Costa Citizens Action League. Cleophas Brown does not need or seek fame or fortune. Individuals from many parts of the city who know and trust him, urged him to postpone the relaxation he anticipated with retirement, to contribute his knowledge of the City and its people to the job of making Richmond a victorious rather than a defeated city.

I have known Cleophas Brown for twenty years and have worked with him on many community projects. I endorse him as a wise, experienced man of unquestioned integrity who is motivated solely by his concern for the city and its people. I hope you will join me in electing him to our city council.

Sincerely yours,

Lucretia Edwards

Lucretia Edwards

P.S. Mr. Brown is not accepting contributions from traditional and industrial sources, but his treasurer, Richard Haber, Box 126, Richmond 94801, will cheerfully welcome help (\$1 to \$10) in financing his low-budget campaign.

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We need to halt the crime rate. The current crime rate affects us all...Higher Taxes, Higher Insurance Rates and worst of all - fear - plague our citizens. As a Councilman I will make all of our city's streets a safe place to walk.

It is still a goal of most Americans to own their own homes; I will work to see that more quality residential housing is constructed in the City of Richmond.

Above three stories downtown Richmond has an excellent panoramic view of the bay area; I will work towards developing a policy plan for futuristic design principles which will be attractive to high rise developers; such developments will help to change the image of the downtown.

I have been an active worker in local politics - Richmond Coordinator during the recent Congressman George Miller's campaign, West county coordinator for U.S. Senator Alan Cranston's campaign. I have good working relationships with all members of Richmond's civic, economic and political communities. With this background, I CAN GET THINGS DONE!

COPE - the Committee on Political Education of the AFL-CIO has endorsed me because they know I will keep the best interests of the workers of Richmond in my heart when I make decisions.

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I want to continue to be a part of this momentum. I stand on my voting record., which shows that I have always acted in the best interests of our city. My attendance record is also the best on the council.

I humbly ask your support.

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ALLEN

Fritz Allen is 28 years old and teaches sociology and economics at Contra Costa College. He has a strong background in city planning and an easygoing way with people. He is strongly committed to equal opportunities for women and has given women positions of importance in his campaign.

CAMPBELL

Robert J. Campbell is 37 years old and a local businessman who worked his way up through the ranks, beginning as grocery clerk in junior high school. He has been active in civic and political affairs, serving on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Boy's Club and as co-chairman for Miller for Congress. He has lived in Richmond since 1949.

SILVA

Al Silva is 52 years old and the District Manager of the Pacific Telephone Co. for the Richmond area. His record as an incumbent councilman has demonstrated independent thinking and voting. He voted against salaries for councilmen as port commissioners. As Mayor, the Social Security, Postal Distribution Center and Hilltop Shopping Centers became a reality.

CORCORAN

Thomas J. Corcoran is 57 years old and a 42 year resident of Richmond. Tom Corcoran works as an accountant. He wants to work to make Richmond a major port. With much civic experience and experience on the Planning Commission he will be a man to help generate the business and jobs that Richmond needs.

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Bob Campbell went to school in Richmond. He attended Nystrom School, Roosevelt Junior High School, and graduated from Richmond High School in 1956. He continued his education at Contra Costa College (1957), graduated from San Francisco State College in 1961 with a B.A. degree, and received his Master of Arts degree from the University of California in 1964.

In 1965 **Bob Campbell** went to work for the M. A. Hays Insurance Co., where he is now Vice President and co-owner.

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CRIME:

"We can no longer tolerate crimes that allow our elderly to be knocked to the ground for the few dollars in their purses or billfolds, or permit the wanton vandalism to our homes, our churches, our businesses, and our schools. . . the money needed to repair these could better be used in new programs."

"So long as there is unemployment, so long as our youth are left idle these crimes will continue. . . we must search for more jobs for our citizens and more involvement by our youth. At the same time, if we need more policemen to temporarily help in reducing crime, then hire them."

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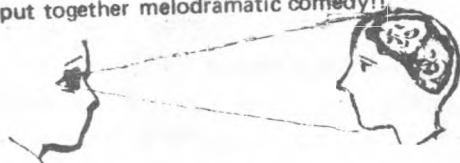
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The salon was reminiscent of a group started in the Point a couple of years ago by Joel Waldman and others. The idea was that Point Richmond artists and writers would sit around a large wooden kitchen table by the light of candles stuck in bottles, drink wine and discuss life, art, philosophy and politics. That group continued for nearly six months and was treated to original folk songs by Paul Sandoval, poetry by Joel Waldman, slides by John Dasey, a demonstration of airbrush technique by Jane Funston Doris Cort reading her "Sunflower" short stories and many other pleasant times. The group was not exclusive but any person who considered him/herself "creative" was welcome to join. The re-birth of the Point Counterpoint owed much to the support of that group.

The most famous salon of the century was one held in Greenwich Village, New York City around 1913 by Mabel Dodge Luhan, a well-to-do divorcee who "collected people". She entertained many people who were or later became famous, like Walter Lippman, John Reed, Isadora Duncan, Emma Goldman, Big Bill Haywood, the Mayor of New York and others. "I am a head hunter", she stated. She would announce a

topic for discussion for a particular evening and invite representatives of all points of view to debate it. Mabel Luhan later wrote her autobiography, "Movers and Shakers". Unfortunately Luhan was a terrible snob; however her book is extremely entertaining reading. It is available at the Berkeley Public Library.

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Community Center

The Center is open 1-9:30 p.m. Monday - Friday for general recreation.

Wednesday nights 7-9:30 p.m. Adult night. This program will include whist tournaments, pool and parental discussions.

Community dinner, April 24, 3-5 p.m. \$1.00 to be paid in advance to buy the food. (Editors note: Gladys F. brings her pots and pans from home to cook these meals:)

The youth are planning a rummage sale. Anyone who would like to donate articles for the sale can leave them at the Center or call 232-6140.

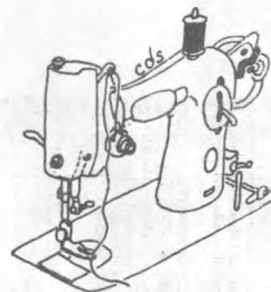
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ONE MAN'S OPINION

by David Boyd

THE POINT RICHMOND RUT

One of the best ways I have discovered to wear down the battery in your car is to live in Point Richmond. When I press the starter on my car and don't step just right on the gas, I know I am risking disaster. My battery is capable of about three good turns of the engine and that's it. Six turns and forget it, Charley, it's all over. Time for another push over to the Standard station and a battery charge for two dollars.

The reason for this is because I live in Point Richmond. I have calculated I drive my car less than 500 yards for each start. On an average morning I usually drive over to the post office first, stop and start, then up the street to the Santa Fe market, stop and start, and then a few hundred yards to visit Joel Beck. On special occasions I might drive all the way up the hill to visit Mark Peppard, Dan and Thea Robertson, or Yvonne Sartori, and that's almost .04 miles from downtown. And they only live .013 miles from each other. No wonder my battery can't handle it. I never go far enough to charge it back up. Aside from town I almost never drive anywhere else, and more importantly I almost never go anywhere else! This is the Point Richmond rut.

Occasionally there is a business crisis of some sort which requires me to drive all the way over to San Francisco. I never want to go. Why should I go over there when I could spend the afternoon in the Pool Hall here in town? When I was a kid I could be kept docile for a week with the prospect of a trip to San Francisco. Now I'm content with a trip of .002 miles to the Mexican Inn for dinner.

I have lots of old friends all over the bay area. I never go see them anymore. I just can't seem to find a reason to go outside the confines of Point Richmond.

I am not alone. In a discussion the other night with Ray Reynolds and John Farnham, we were talking this over. Oh, I know, once in a while you drive into Richmond to the bank or drug store. But aside from that, we realized we almost never go, or want to go, anywhere else. If they put a bank and drug store here in town, we probably wouldn't leave at all. Aside from the faintly worrisome fact that our drinking intake has gone up about 300 per cent since we came to this town, we were wondering if the Point Richmond rut is a bad one to be in. Dammit, it is interesting here.

I was born and raised in the Bay Area and have lived in most of the towns and cities the area has to offer. I have yet to find anything that compares to Point Richmond. You can spend years in other communities and scarcely know your neighbors, let alone meet someone interesting. All you have to do here is walk down the street and stop in Jumbo's, Judge's and Spares, or the Point Restaurant, and you will know as many people as you'd like to know in no time at all.

This town is more than a "town"; it is more like a sodality, a clan, or a lodge. Membership is easy and the dues not expensive. I stopped by here five years ago after a lengthy sojourn in Europe. I intended to go on to Australia looking for...God only knows what. But I never got beyond Point Richmond, and like many others, I have settled into the "rut" I have just described.

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Early Support for Silva

Breakfast at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, was, for about 250 people, a snappy, one-hour social get-together. For some, used to a later, half-clad private breakfast, it was a shock to the system to see so many fully-dressed talkative people. Prompt, too -- the breakfast really started at 8 a.m. at the Holiday Inn on Cutting Blvd., and the people lined up along the head table looked as if they had had the day to prepare themselves.

The breakfast was basically a show of support for Councilman Al Silva, now seeking re-election. Since I do well supporting my own weight at that time of day, I was impressed. As the people swept by the table where I sat attempting to assist by taking tickets, almost half of their names sounded familiar; so I assume that many of the more active people in this city were in attendance.

Speakers (most of them brief, some witty) verbalizing their support of Al Silva included Supervisors Kenny and Dias, Councilmen Fernandez and Bates; and Al Granzella, Robert Pelletreau, Gary Pitts and "Hal" Halkaienan.

....D. Roselius

THE BASH!

Set the date aside now---May 23, for the Annual Hieronymus Bash! For those of you who haven't had the pleasure of attending in the past, it is an evening of wall-to-wall, back-to-back entertainment by talented artists of every kind (dance, drama, jazz, folk music & classics), presented by the East Bay Music Center at the Bermuda Room Complex of the Richmond Auditorium. Don't miss it! For tickets, call the Music Center, at 234-5624.

the PLUNGE

A wide variety of aquatic programs will be starting after Easter. The programs will include children's swim lessons, adult swim lessons, parent-tot lessons and Aqua-Slimnastics!

Session 2 of children's lessons runs March 31 (Mon.) - April 18. Time: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Mon-Wed-Fri Fee: \$4.00 for 9 lessons. Classes are designed for children 5-17 years of age. All basic skills are taught.

The Parent-Tot program will run from April 1st to May 1st on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. This program is designed for infants up to 5 years of age. The class is aimed at teaching parent and child safety and enjoyment in and around the water. Classes will consist of 30 minutes of instruction and 10 minutes play period. Child and parent will be taught at their particular skill levels in games and fun form. Class size is

limited. Fee is \$5.00.

Aqua-Slimnastics classes will begin on Monday, March 31st and end May 1st. Classes will be held on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. and on Tuesday with both morning (9 am) and evening (5:30 pm) sessions available. Exercises can be gentle or vigorous, depending on the individual. Men are welcome.

The second session of adult swim lessons is scheduled to begin April 2 and end May 14th. The fee is \$4.00 for seven 1½ hour lessons, every Wednesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Rehearsals are in progress for the Annual Aquacade to be held May 16 and 17th. "Those Were the Days" will be the theme of the show.

:: IMPORTANT NOTICE ::

The Plunge will close at 4:30 p.m., May 18th until December 1975 for a complete renovation of the facilities. Summer programs usually at the Plunge will move to Kennedy Swim Center which is adjacent to Kennedy High School.

On The WATERFRONT

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Reid left Richmond Tuesday March 25 in their yacht, headed for Half-Moon Bay. They raced from Monterey to Ano Nuevo and back, and won "fifth in class". Along for the ride were Billy Burchell, Jeff Arnov and Judy Forbes. (Ed: apologies for misspelling-this article is being written just at press time.) The crew drove down to Monterey to meet the boat. Mrs. Reid said they were expecting good weather but encountered 40 knot winds on the way back.

From the "Storm Jib" at Richmond Yacht Club, we find a few yacht races scheduled for April: the Danforth ODCA-Champion of Champions April 5/6; the "O" Farallon MORA Race on April 12; the Richmond Yacht Club Waterhouse Olympic Regatta April 12/13 and the Cal Cup April 12/13.



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The Methodist Women and West-side Improvement Club are sponsoring a fun trip on April 15 (Tues) and inviting anyone in the community that is interested to join them. This is the information - the bus will accomodate 45 - first come (paid up!) basis.

Fishing News

Jim Smith, of the 'Boat Magruss' out of Point San Pablo reports that bass fishing is very hot these days. However, the wind the last couple of days has stopped the boats from getting out. Party boats are catching limits on bass using mudsuckers. Fishing is especially good around the China Camp area. Providing we get good weather there will be good bass fishing the first two weeks in April.

Salmon fishing is lousy. A few sturgeon are being caught. An 80 pounder was brought into Pt. San Pablo yesterday.

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Dixie Copeland, our long-time mailman, says that Richard Gaitschen came through Point Richmond on a trip from Japan. He had only a couple of hours between planes so he asked Dixie to say hello to his old friends and neighbors for him and Carol.

PARK ACTIVITY

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Up Date

000 AMMONIA TANK 000

Lucretia Edwards informed us Friday evening, March 7 that the subject of the Petromark Tanks had been placed on the Planning Commission agenda for Wednesday. But by the time we got to City Hall Monday the item had been removed. Reliable sources say that city staff wanted to deal with and dispose of the issue but were later advised not to take any action without the urging of the principal parties. It is conceivable that City Council did not want this sensitive issue to raise its ugly head again in the middle of a City Council campaign.

Planning Director Chuck Woodward told us that Petromark had pretty much given up the tank idea and was looking for another industrial use for the land at Ferry Point. He said that city staff had expected to finish the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) by Wednesday but now it looks like it will never be finished. The letters to City Council are still in the back of the City Clerk's docket. Though it looks like the ammonia tank scheme is dead, the application is still on file with the Planning Commission.

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Boy, was it a busy month last month! There was a real surplus of news. Some of the things that didn't get in the paper, but will be in next time - "Generations of Paasch Experiences" by Gary Darling, a short story by Dan Robertson, book reviews by Carolyn Bold, a poem by "Cap" and other "good stuff". There just wasn't room. Next issue we will give council candidates answers to our penetrating questions and Lucretia says she has something on Winehaven! By the way, there is room for your opinions, as well as mine, so if you disagree, please write! Thank you Dorothy King for coming back to the fold and starting your column again...and thanks to everyone else who helped!

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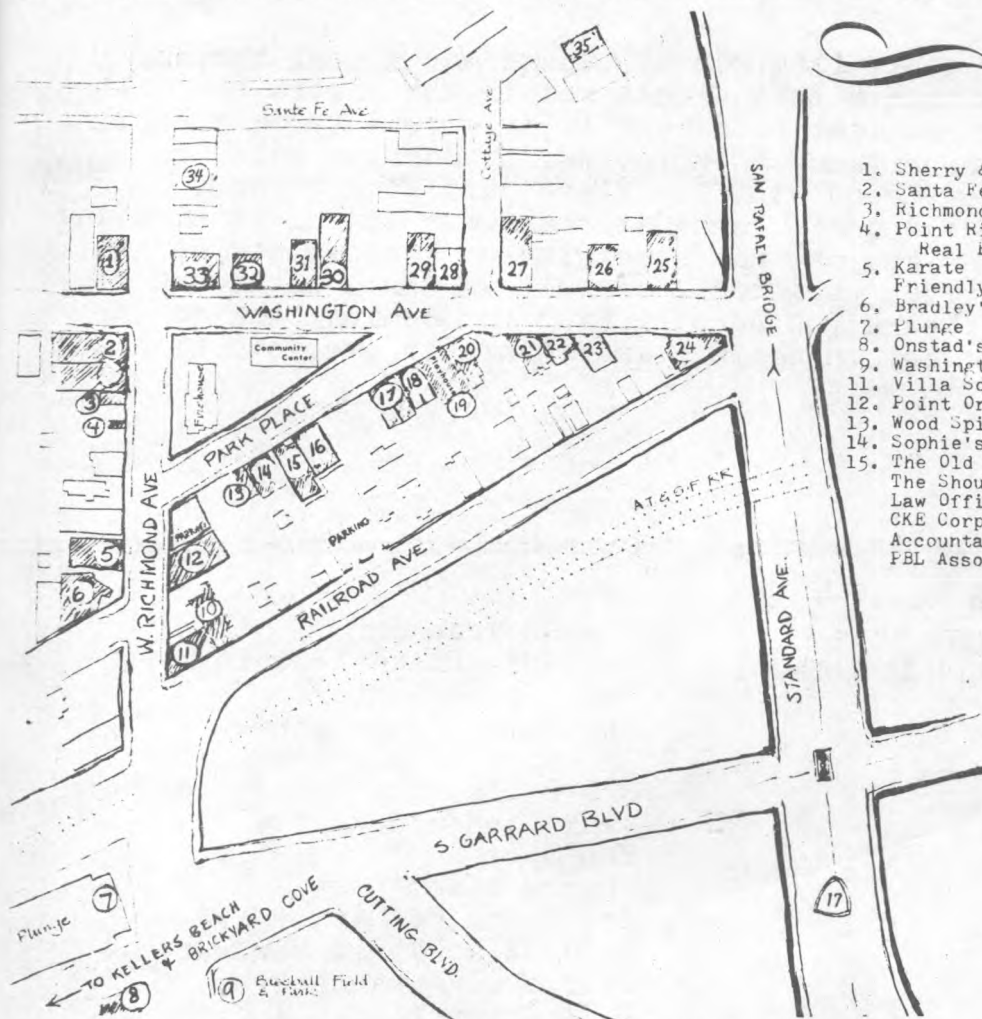
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