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Early Days at Point Richmond

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When we left off a couple of issues ago, Martha Critchett had just given a party for all the ladies in town and no one except Mrs. Lyman Naugle showed up, the reason being that they were the only two women in town. This was in the fall of 1900. We continue...

GIRLS AND SALOONS

Martha Critchett and Mrs. Naugle weren't the only women in town for long. Inevitably, with so many lonesome railroad men around, the more adventurous type of female was soon attracted to the scene, supplementing rot gut whiskey and poker as pastimes. The gay time ladies congregated along Railroad Avenue, convenient to their market. Some inhabited the plush cottages at the east end of Richmond Avenue in an area dubbed "Smokey Row" for the frequent, billowing black clouds of soot and cinders that belched out of the Santa Fe tunnel under the Potrereros each time a locomotive went through.

The Saloons proliferated too, becoming the rallying grounds for gamblers, touts, thieves, and all sorts of con artists. Conditions became so bad in the summer of 1902 that Naugle's free-swinging "Record", possibly with some persuasion from the good Mrs. Naugle, bellowed forth with no-holds-barred prose, naming names and places.

Said editor Naugle: "There is a saloon on Washington Avenue, across the street from Lang's drug store and Sugrue's mercantile establishment, that would put to shame the lowest dive in the Barbary Coast district of San Francisco. The place in question is in the old Union Hotel building, and is conducted by one Joe Silvia, who has a similar dive in San Francisco. This place of Silvia's is a resort for thugs, sure-thing gamblers and lewd women. Night before last was pay night at the oil works, and the gang was over from across the Bay in force to fleece the laborers. There were white women, Mexican women and all sorts and conditions of men in drunken revel....and the night was made hideous by the drunken ravings and obscene epithets of this offscouring of humanity. And all this, too, in the most respectable portion of this very respectable town. Across the street live families

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The line drawing on the cover of the Point Richmond peninsula is by John Kenyon of the City Planning Dept.

retractions

1. We printed in the Sept. 15 issue that people were dropping like flies from heroin overdose in the Todd hotel. Mrs. Castro, Manager of the Todd, objected to that statement. She says that if she finds out that anyone is on dope at the Todd, she evicts the person. She said that only one person has died from heroin at the Todd and that person did not get the drug in the building. Other persons have died from natural causes, such as cancer. We apologize to Mrs. Castro and the owners of the Todd.

2. We printed in the Sept. 1 Restaurant Guide that the Mexican Inn was closed for lunch on Friday. That's not true. Frank Cosgrove, owner of the restaurant says that Friday is one of their best days. We apologize.

3. This is not exactly a retraction. However, we have received many complaints about the listing of property transfers. People feel it is an invasion of privacy. Therefore we will no longer print the record of sales, except in unusual circumstances. We will, however, continue to print build-

ing permits issued, for the benefit of neighbors who wish to inquire as to how the new structure will affect their property, view, etc.

(HISTORY, continued)

of the very best people in Richmond--tender women and little girls and boys who are compelled to listen night after night to this outrageous travesty on decency."

Naugle's red hot script had instant results. Silvia's saloon license was revoked and his establishment padlocked by indignant county supervisors. To set the record straight, Naugle was no male Carrie Nation. On the contrary, he was a staunch supporter of drinking havens, a dependable source of advertising income. "The 'Record' believes," he intoned, "that a well managed, respectable saloon is not against the public morals, and to this class most of the Richmond saloons belong...."

(Twenty five years later, on New Years day, the Union Hotel was gutted by fire.)

women and children FIRST

by Dan Robertson

You know how these women are, bless their hearts. They have all been raised up on John Wayne movies, so they imagine that men are going to rescue them in emergencies.

Nothing could be further from the truth. My motto is, in any dangerous situation, send the lower orders into the front lines first. Women and children, naturally, are the lower orders.

This motto makes sense, because there is only one of me, but there are millions of these women and children running around all over the place. By the simple laws of supply and demand I am more valuable than they are. (And let's not hear any little remarks about "What Demand?" from you, rosy lips.)

On a sinking ship, I only want the women and children to get out of the way while I take the last lifeboat. "Dry your tears, children, Uncle Dan has rowed off to get help."

So you can imagine what happens when my wife wakes me at four in the morning and whispers, "Dan. I heard a noise in the living room!"

"Okay," I say, "Go see what it is. I'll save your place."

If there is a noise in the living room in the middle of the night, I absolutely don't want to know about it.

One reason is, I have seen a lot of monster movies. The husband creeps into the living room to investigate a noise. "Hello," he says, "Anybody out here?" There is nothing but darkness and silence. He steps into the yard. "Who's here? Is anybody out here?" No sound except the eerie wind in the trees. He shrugs and walks back toward the bedroom. At that moment, a Giant Mutated Rutabega roars up from behind the couch and swallows him whole.

His wife screams, "Henry, what's happened?" and pulls the covers around her. You know what's going to happen to her, and she deserves it, too, for waking dear departed Henry in the first place.

Another reason I don't want to know about the noise in the living room is because no matter what it is, it's not going to be something I like. If I go out there, do you think it is going to be Raquel writhing passionately on the couch, do you think it is going to be bags of gold crashing through the ceiling?

No, it's going to be something awful, like a circus gorrilla that has just broken loose, or an escaped murderer, or Lawrence Welk.

If I go out there, naked and shivering, it's going to turn out to be a vicious burglar in his Burglar Suit and Fast Shoes. Then what? Do you think I am going to stand around and say, "Scat, you. Shoo!" No sir. I'm going to slam that door and go back to bed. I'm going to tell my wife, "You better go call the cops, there's a burglar in the living room."

I'd call the cops myself, except the telephone is in the living room where the burglar is.

I know a fellow who was visiting friends when he heard a noise at night in the dining room. There weren't any women handy, so he had to investigate himself. He saw an ugly man lurking across the room. Out of fear and fury, he snatched an iron ash tray from the table and hurled it. A direct hit, right in the face. Oh, what a lot of crashing and banging. Lights going on all over the house, babies upstairs crying, cats racing around and climbing the walls. When the dust settled, he discovered he'd scored a knockout punch on a mirror across the room.

"Dan," my wife whispered this week, "There is something scratching at the bedroom door!"

That's worse than a noise in the living room. A noise in the living room could just be the house settling. Houses can't seem to get comfortable. They spend years getting settled, mostly at three in the morning. But scratching!

There is only one thing I want to know about scratching at the bedroom door: "How high up is it?"

You understand. If it is cat high, or even small-dog high, I might take a look. But if it's, let's say, five feet high, well then, hand me another pillow, darlings, because I'm going to cover up my head.

My wife went back to sleep without further ado. Foolish woman, she forgets who she is married to. A gang of crazed cutterflies could scratch and gnaw right through that door, but I am not going to do anything about it.

I stayed awake the rest of the night, listening, worrying, and scaring myself with my own breathing, but there were no more scratches. In the morning, there was nothing there. It was a valuable experience, though, because during the night I got a


profitable idea. Since I am awake four or five nights a month because of these noises, I might as well get up and become a burglar myself. I am going to specialize in robbing the houses of other burglars. They are never at home at night anyway.

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NEWS FROM THE WEST CONTRA COSTA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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to us:

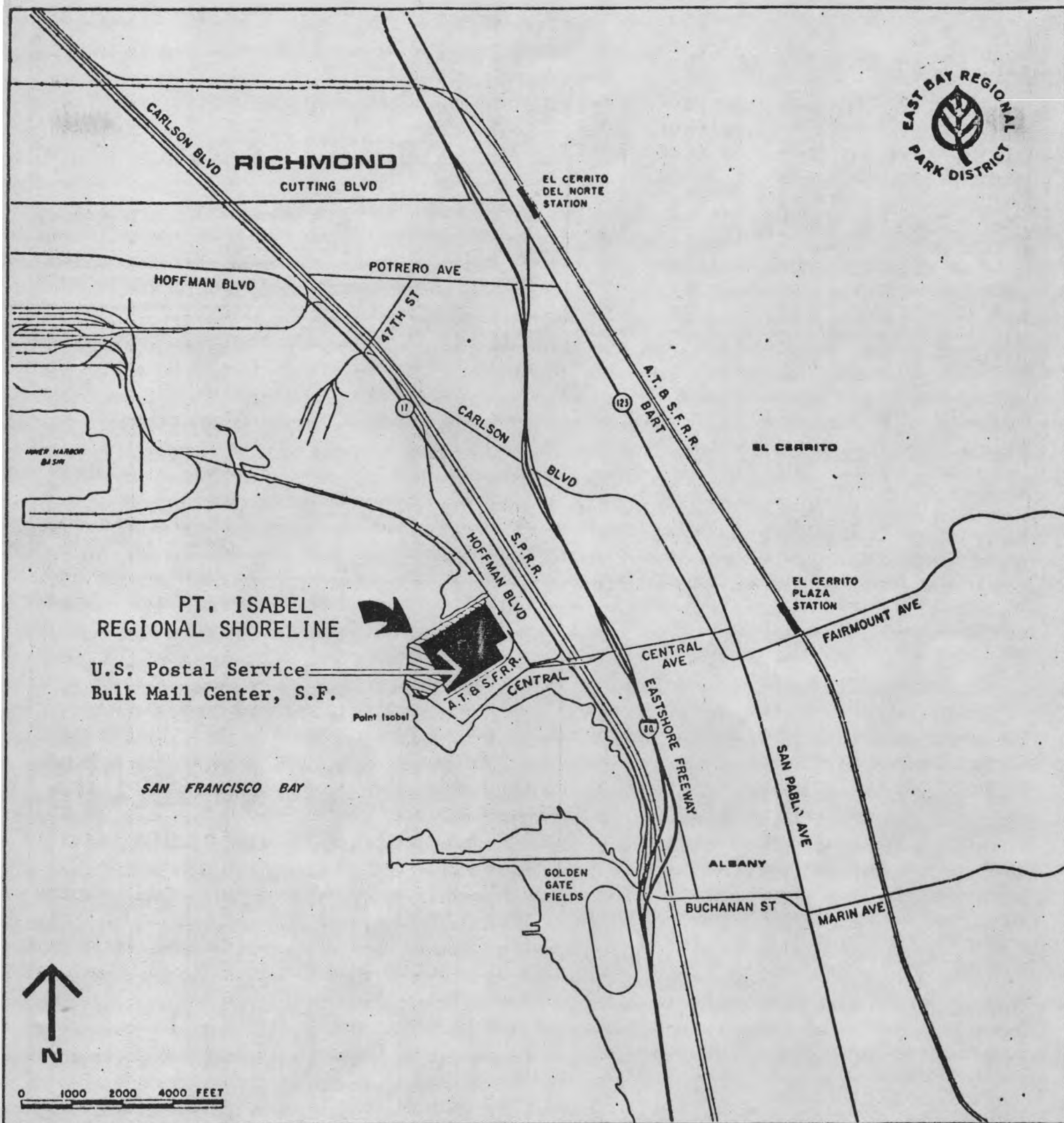
"The monthly museum meeting was held September 10 in the Civic Center Library Auditorium. Mrs. Ethel Kerns, President, called the meeting to order at 7:45. The minutes were read and approved, and the treasurer's report was given. As of September 1, the Museum Association's balance was \$105.76. The insurance premium has been raised to \$181 this year. That's quite steep when you consider that the Association operates on a budget of about \$600 a year. \$245 was spent for the 36 photos which make up the display at City Hall. This display will remain at City Hall until November 1. Then it will be presented at various places throughout Richmond to help celebrate the bi-centennial and to spur interest in the Museum.

The August Museum opening was successful with a total of 214 visitors. One family came from Clayton to see the bedroom display. If you missed visiting the Museum, tours may be arranged by calling the Richmond Museum.

The San Pablo Library has borrowed pictures of San Pablo, its schools and other items from the Richmond Museum. They have set up a very successful display. Stop in and see it. Eventually we hope to rotate museum stock between San Pablo and Richmond.

Mrs. Kerns has begun to record descriptions of items in the museum in order to preserve Richmond's history and to make it available to more people. She has recorded one tour already, and we will play it at the next meeting.

At the August 25 City Council meeting, Mrs. Kerns was the recipient of a plaque and a resolution commending her for her contributions to the city. She has done a great deal of work as a city librarian for 44 years and also in the Museum Association. She certainly deserves our thanks.



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BIRD WALKS AT POINT ISABEL

East Bay Regional Park District naturalists expect to record identifications of 60 to 70 species of shore, bay and pelagic birds on public nature walks at EBRPD's Point Isabel Regional Shoreline beginning at 7:30 a.m. September 24.

The early morning walks, giving people a chance for a breezy outing before reporting for work, will be held on subsequent Wednesdays, October 22 and November 5.

One of the newest District parks, Point Isabel juts into San Francisco Bay with a half-mile of shoreline, adjacent to the new U.S. Bulk Mail Center at the Bay end of Central Avenue, reached off Hoffman Boulevard and only minutes away from Oakland-Berkeley-Richmond areas.

Among species expected are many kinds of gulls, including rarities, terns, pelicans, turnstones, various sandpipers, willets, cormorants, plovers, herons, egrets and sea and bay ducks and geese.

Since Point Isabel is situated on a straight line with the Golden Gate, it also is visited by such sea-going species as kittiwakes, shearwaters and pelagic cormorants, according to naturalist Ourusoff.

There is a parking lot at the entrance to the Park, where the group will be assembling for the observation walk along the rugged rip-rap shore. Only recently opened to the public, this shoreline has unparalleled views of the Golden Gate and is rimmed by a paved hiking and bicycling trail.

Fishermen joining the nature walk are advised to bring along their tackle and all visitors should take into consideration the coming cool weather and stiff winds and wear appropriate coats, jackets or raincoats.

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What's New at School?



On the following three pages are some puzzles and stories for kids. They are all about getting up in the morning (ugh!) and going to school. They are good for coloring in and reading.

What's new at school? Everyone has been asking about the snack program. The details about how the Washington PTA gets the \$200 a month from the city are being worked out now and the snacks should start within two weeks.

The person who will be in charge of the program on the parent-volunteer level is Anne Taft, a very interesting lady with a charming southern accent, who believes that eating affects learning. If you want to work with her, call her at 233-3191.

We received this contribution from Barbara Kelly who has an exciting new job at Washington:

"I am the V.P.O. (Volunteer Program Organizer) at Washington School. My job is to coordinate volunteers according to the school's needs.

Right now we are looking for more volunteers to work in our school library. Hopefully in time our school library will be open five days a week. Mrs. Anne Scott, Mrs. Rosemary Corbin, Mrs. Sharon Dempsey and Mrs. Michelle Brant have been our first library volunteers. Mrs. Corbin is a professional librarian whose knowledge will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all of you ladies.

During the week of October 20th through 24th we will be having our Learning Festival. We need volunteers to help run this very worthwhile activity.

I am sure by now everyone knows Jean Hazeltine has agreed to take over the responsibility of PTA President. Let's all give

her the support she'll need for our PTA to be successful. Good luck, Jean!

Mrs. Anne Scott has agreed to take over and organize our Snack Program. Thank you, Mrs. Anne Scott!

You too can help. There are many areas open where you can be of service to our children, our teachers and our school. So please, if you have any time, whether it is a little or a lot, it will be greatly appreciated by all at Washington School. You can reach me at the school daily from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



AT THE PARKS

A search for autumn flowers, an examination of the secret life of the sinister-looking turkey vulture and an all-day Conservation Fair are among the choice offerings for the park-going public on weekends in October in Tilden Regional Park, situated in the woods above Berkeley.

The nature-oriented programs, different each weekend and each month throughout the year, are conducted by professional environmental education staff of the East Bay Regional Park District. Tilden Regional Park activities are focused at the new \$500,000 Environmental Education Center which is open free from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily except Mondays.

Every Saturday and Sunday, naturalists conduct programs and nature walks into the wooded East Bay hills in search of the various kinds of flora and fauna, interspersed with talks and demonstrations, held in front of the Center's fireplace at 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., on snakes, spiders, mites, earwigs and other usually scorned creatures.

The School Morning Rush!

The Night Before:



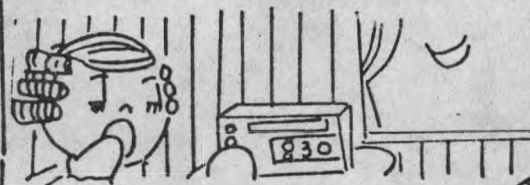
You have a job. You go to school. Getting yourself all together in the morning is a part of your job.



Take a shower or bath.



Lay out your clothes.



Get to bed early. Check the alarm clock.

On each new school day:



Get up when the alarm sounds.



Wash your face.



Comb your hair.



Get dressed in a hurry.



Eat a good breakfast.



Brush your teeth.



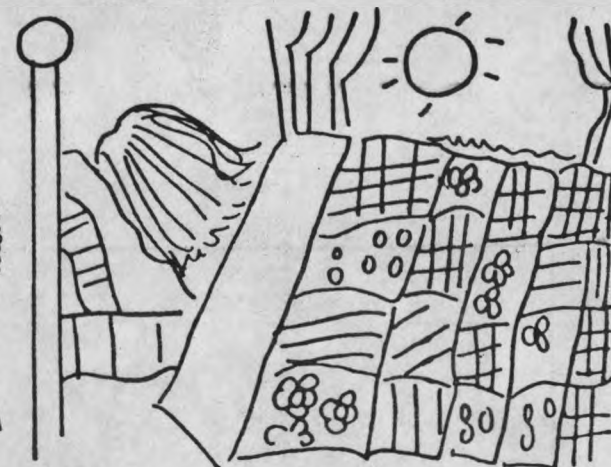
Get your lunch
and books.



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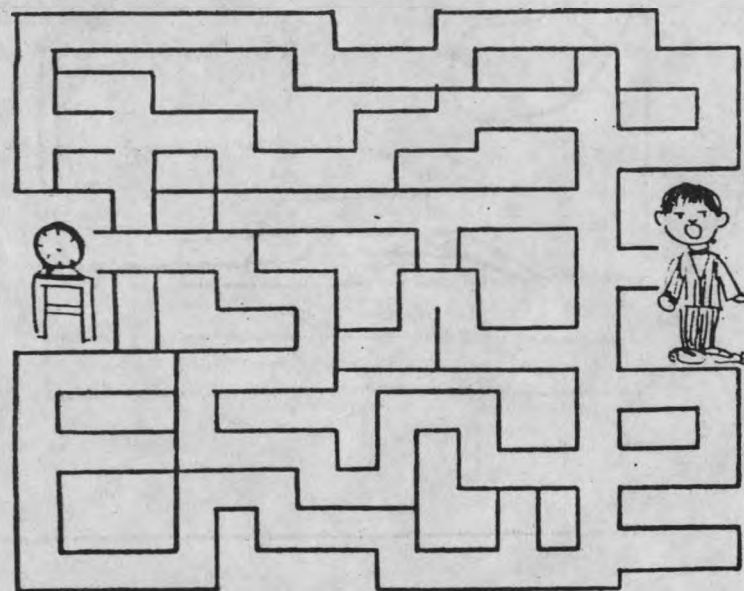
Look out world.
Here you come.



Maybe you can sleep late on Saturday.

Why not color this page?

Mini Maze



Help the little boy find his alarm clock. He wants to set it so he'll be sure to get up on time.

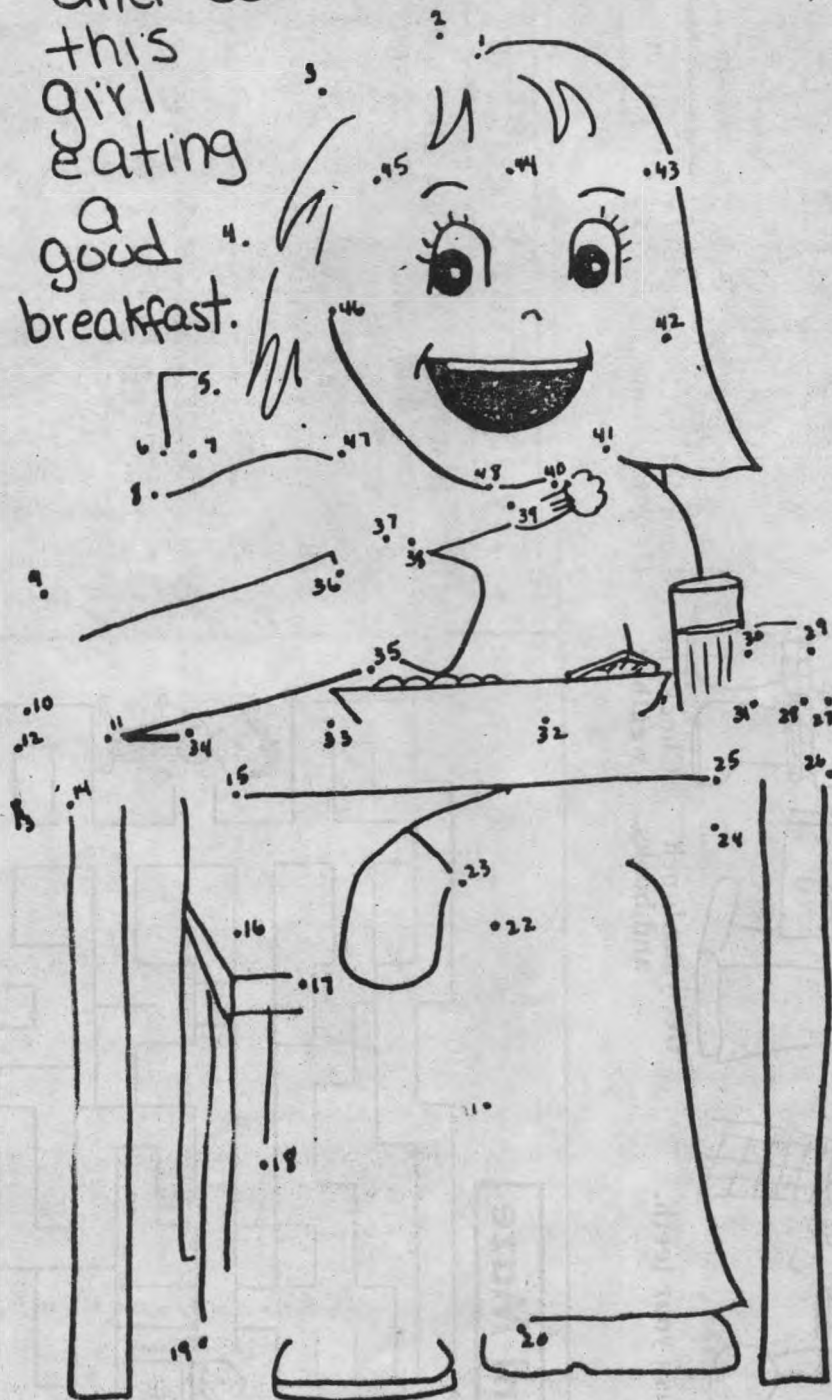
Try 'N Find: Breakfast Words

Breakfast words are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: bacon, eggs, toast, juice, muffins, milk, waffles, ham, sausage, pancakes, biscuits, buns, cheese, oatmeal, cereal, cream, jam, bread, grapefruit, honey, oranges, fish, banana, prunes, grits.

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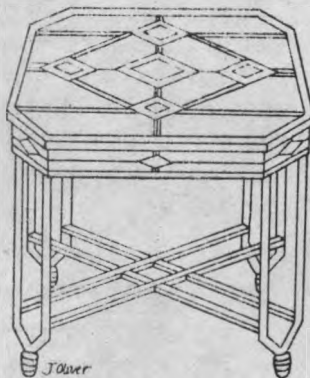


LOCAL NEWS

Over two hundred guests attended the wedding of Anne Yomari and Kirk Weirick on Saturday, September 13th at the Oakland Buddist Temple. Kirk is International Kung-Fu champion and three of this Kung-Fu friends, John Kinter, Don Byrnes and John Carter served as his ushers. Anne and Kirk have purchased a place and are living in Atchison Village.

Belate congratulations to Captain and Mrs. Stephen (Louise) Banks who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary this summer.

Gina Green has spent the past three weeks vacationing with her daughter at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and then with her son at Martha's Vineyard, Mass. (famed for the filming of "Jaws").



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Friday, November 7th for the ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR to be held at the First Methodist Church in the Point. Details and information in the next issue.

Coming up---ICE CREAM SOCIAL on Friday, October 17th at the First Methodist Church, 7:30. All you can eat for \$1.50---a real bargain these days. Hosts are Frances and Gary Smith and proceeds (hopefully) to to Benevolence.



The priceless stained glass windows at the historic Methodist Church have been repaired. Members of the church thank the community for assisting them in raising funds to do so. Without the community support, this couldn't have been done. Now they are faced with costly protective coverings that will prevent the glass from being so easily damaged. These plexiglass coverings run into the four figures bracket so watch for more ways you can help in preserving a valuable and historic building within our unique community. Or, is there a reader so blessed with secret funds that would like to contribute to this cause!!!

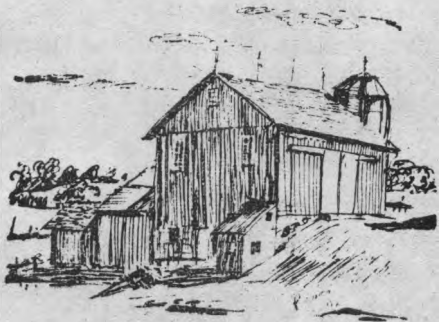
You know you have been liberated when you are high on a ladder with a large paint brush in your hand while your husband stands below holding the ladder with a tiny brush in his. Such was the scene at Montana and Nevada Avenues last week!

Kay Fletcher and daughter, Amy have returned from a visit with relatives in Japan and report it is very expensive place to vacation. They noted it cost about a dollar for a coke and a Macdonalds hamburger is \$3.80!! Besides, it has become so westernized they had to look for the kimona on the streets.

More LOCAL NEWS

O KI ZU Camp Fire Discovery Club members, Ann Greiner, Donna Bill, Georgette Austria, Theresa Healy, Christine Darling and Carolyn MacDiarmid were among the thousand Discovery and Horizon Club Camp Fire Girls at the four council Bay Area Bicentennial Camperama at San Pablo Reservoir on EBMUD lands. Six encampment choices enabled them to live different early California/American life styles and they could choose Pioneer, 49'ers, Indian, Mission-Rancheros, Frontiersman, or Cowboy Camp (directed by Laurie Miller of the Point).

The National Guard, 49th Infantry, using their portable kitchens, prepared the meals so the girls would be able to spend more time learning and building. Besides the girls, over 300 adults participated. All participants received special honor awards, a leather patch which carried out the theme of "Reach Back...Look Ahead."



Three members of O KI ZU are officers in the Discovery Club Cabinet of the Grizzly Peak Council of Camp Fire Girls, an area extending from Berkeley to Crocket. Discovery Club program is for all Junior High or 7th and 8th grade girls. Sharing President duties are Georgette Austria and Carolyn MacDiarmid while Christine Darling will be Treasurer. It is unusual that 7th graders, which these girls are, fill such important offices.

Discovery Club Cabinet meets once a month at the new Camp Fire Office in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Thirteen boys from Troop 111 are working on the important Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. They are Mike Lizarraga, Ingvar Elle, Jim Woodson, Brian Smith, Mike Price, Patrick Ferguson, Ken Woodson, Ivar Elle, Scott Warren, Dennis Price, Dale Darling, Charles Smith and Robbie Robinson. Judge David Calfee is their counselor.

Point Richmond's own Dr. Susan Barnes (of Western Drive) was featured in the September 22 issue of NEWSWEEK. "I've become an expert juggler of people, time and chores, and I don't like that," Susan is quoted as saying in the magazine, in an article entitled "The Parent Gap". Anyone who has seen Susan's two fair-haired, well-behaved, energetic daughters would say she is doing a good job of it, like it or not, Susan!



Jazzman George Barnes will be playing at the Point Restaurant Sundays, October 5 and 12, from 5 to 9 p.m. He received a good advance review from Gordon Raddue of the Richmond Independent. We quote: "A major jazz figure since the mid-1930's, when as a mere teenager he backed famed blues singer Big Bill Broonzy on records, Barnes has been enjoying a rebirth of popularity in recent years as a result of the several fine records he's made in partnership with trumpeter Ruby Braff, including two on the Concord jazz label."

"Business Beat"

Marv Murray tends bar at the Spot. That in itself is not remarkable, but what few people know is that each Sunday, Marv puts out a spread at his own expense, for the regulars. He makes soup, stew, Swedish meat balls, chowder, chili - not all on the same day, of course. The word is that Marv starts his gourmet's delight on Thursday night (in the case of soup) and cooks it every evening until Sunday morning.

Marv used to write a column called "Gourmet's Harbor" in Night-Life magazine. "Each week my wife and I would go to a different restaurant, and then I would write my column and include a different recipe - of my own! I was a chef in my grandfather's restaurant in New York City when I was 16."

Mr. Murray was in the Marine Corps for 11 years and served as chef in the Embassy officer's club. Who said there's no such thing as a free lunch! (We're working on him for a recipe!)

Maybe you wanted to buy something but couldn't find it in the Point. You thought about going downtown for it but you don't know what's still open downtown. One store which is still open and has been since 1946 is Jameson-Walz, a fine men's clothing store just above 10th street, on the left. Mr. Walz says that he started out with McCracken's which moved from Point Richmond to 6th & Macdonald in 1918 (Mr. Walz wasn't there then!). In 1926 it moved to 1011 Macdonald. Then in 1946 Jameson-Walz opened across the street. Later McCracken's folded and Jameson-Walz moved to its present location. So the store has a long history in Richmond.

Ernie Walz says he is going to stay there and grow as the downtown comes back to life. He's excited about the park which will be built across the street.

Right now Jameson-Walz has a special offer for just coming into the store (you don't even have to buy anything). There is a regular forest of pine trees in the back of the store and you can have one, absolutely free, just for poking your nose in. (Jay Fenton ought to like this!)

Jameson Walz carries fashion style suits. And they say they can do almost-instant in-store tailoring.



Jerry Feagley and his partner Ron Gallagher had a party at their new store on Solano Avenue, Friday, September 26. They introduced their new agents, Jan Hostar and Greta Knott. Margaret Williams, secretary, was one of the hosts. Jerry is talking about throwing a Halloween party at his Point Richmond office. If you think this is a good idea, why don't you let him know!



AT THE ART CENTER

An exhibit entitled "Designer-Craftsmen '75" will open at the Art Center October 3 and run through November 16. The awards reception will be held October 2 from 7-9 p.m.

POLITICS...

GREGG COOK ANNOUNCES FOR ASSEMBLY SEAT

El Cerrito city councilman Gregg Cook announced his intention to file for the 11th State Assembly District seat presently held by local attorney John Knox, at a press conference at Curly's restaurant, September 22.

The press conference was attended by the Oakland Tribune, the Richmond Metro and the Point Counterpoint. The Richmond Independent was conspicuous by its absence.

So far, the Democratic primary will have a field of three, with Pinole councilman Robert (Mike) Smith throwing his hat in the ring Thursday the 25th. Knox ran with little opposition two years ago, but the current extreme disillusionment with all elected officials seems to be reflected in the prospect of a hot upcoming election season.

Cook is 33 years old, a father of two sons and an employee of Pacific Telephone Co. He was elected to the El Cerrito City Council in 1972 and in the current race has the backing of many members of Common Cause, the citizen political action group. Cook was Mayor of El Cerrito in 1974/75.

Point Richmonders may remember Gregg Cook as a community recreation leader in Point Richmond around 1966/69. He was also a contributor to Point Counterpoint at that time. He met his wife Marla at the community center, where they were co-workers.

Cook has chosen as his theme, "It's time for a change."

"The quality of representation is not what it could be," he said. "I once supported Jack Knox, but times have changed. Knox was a major opposition speaker to Proposition 9 (political reform initiative), which I

wholeheartedly supported...I think the state is mandating programs the cities cannot afford... we must have tax reform on property - it is a 19th century taxation method which should be abolished....We need positive leadership on crime prevention."

Cook said that 92% of Knox's campaign contributions in the last campaign came from out of the district. However, in response to a question as to whether he thought Knox was the Standard Oil/Mechanics Bank candidate, Cook said he didn't know and that out-of-district contributions would seem to indicate that was not the case.

The press conference was preceded on Sunday, Sept. 21, by a pre-announcement party at the Emerald Room of the Civic Center. Various dignitaries (for you political watchers) in attendance included Sierra club activists Jean and Will Siri, former school board candidate Eddis Harrison, pharmacist and economic development commissioner James McMillan, the whole El Cerrito City Council, San Pablo Mayor Bill Berkhout, Sundar Shadi, the creator of the nativity scene on his lawn in El Cerrito each Christmas season; and George Dabney, editor of the Richmond Metro.

OUT OF WASHINGTON...

The U.S. foreign service is conducting a talent search for men and women interested in career opportunities. Congressman George Miller (D-Contra Costa County) announced today.

Miller said applicants are being sought for administrative, consular, commercial-economic, cultural-informational and economic positions. A written examination to test skills and

aptitudes across the board in these fields will be conducted in San Francisco and 249 other U.S. cities on December 6, 1975.

Applications forms may be obtained by writing to: Board of Examiners for the Foreign Service, Rosslyn Station, Box 9317, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

SMOG CHIEF ALLOWED CHEMICAL TERMINAL NEAR SCHOOL

by Betty Segal

As noted in Point Counterpoint earlier this year, Richmonders have an unusually large stake in the air-pollution board inquiry into charges raised by engineer Nat Flynn. During the recent hot spell the brownish layer over Richmond was even more noticeable than anywhere else around the Bay. And data released by Dr. Kathryn Smick at the Contra Costa County Hospital shows that this county as a whole has a much higher incidence of respiratory disease than neighboring areas.

Nat Flynn points the finger at James L. Talbot, a former Chevron employee, for turning around the smog district's regulations requiring permits for new construction of any kind that will affect breathable air. He has charged Talbot with failing to enforce the permit regulations for the Standard refinery and also for Union, Phillips, and certain major-brand service stations. By accident it was also disclosed Talbot had given the go-ahead to a particularly awful crematorium in Fairfield which was showering ashes of the deceased down on its surrounding neighbors. That story was recounted fully in the Chronicle.

What hasn't been told anywhere else is that parents of Washington School children also have Talbot to thank, indirectly, for the added traffic in tank-cars full of hazardous chemicals that

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pass over a spur track near the school twice a day. The air pollution control district was the first agency whose approval had to be obtained by the General American Transportation Co., also known as GATX, before relocating its bulk-chemicals terminal from the Port of Oakland to Richmond's Canal Boulevard, next door to the sewage treatment plant. Talbot overrode other engineers at the smog district and recommended approval of the GATX construction permit in August, 1972; in December, it was formally granted, via a letter from the smog-control chief, D. J. Callaghan. (Later, a District spokesman said Talbot's reading of the rules and his approval of the permit, would not be repeated if such a question came up today.)

But the district didn't seem to have too much information then about what would be transported and stored at the GATX new facility. That didn't come up publicly until the following spring, when Mark Peppard, a Washington parent, became incensed at the idea that the state Public Utilities Commission would approve a new spur track across Canal for the purpose stated, so close to the school.

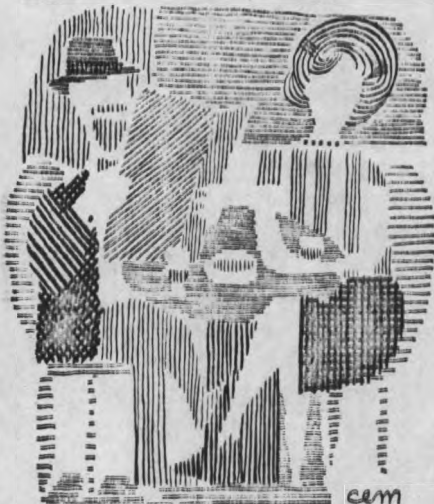
The application by the Santa Fe R.R. which was building the track to serve GATX, listed the chemicals and quantities which GATX expected to transport and store on Canal Blvd. (and which now contribute their legally allowable share to Richmond's brownish haze.)

What concerned Peppard, however, was not the air quality, but the danger of an accident involving volatile chemicals. While the main product to be packaged and stored by GATX was antifreeze, a long list of more dangerous substances - alcohols, acetone and caustics - were to be handled also, and some stored in very large tanks on the waterfront. This was at a time when other waterfront explosions and fires were vivid in people's memories.

The PUC, based on information submitted to it that this was an "industrial" neighborhood, naturally granted permission for one more spur track crossing Canal and carrying trains of tank cars twice daily at "non-peak" (read: school) hours. The city council then rubber-stamped the PUC approval in May 1973, and GATX terminal plans went forward.

Discovery of Talbot's role should bring it home to Point residents how much is potentially involved in the Flynn hearing. The District is still processing the great volume of testimony transcribed during the hearing sessions in May-July. About November 1, the Board is expected to begin discussing the testimony once more, and it is rumored they will call smog chief Callaghan on the carpet to answer some questions.

Richmond's representative on the smog board is supervisor Jim Kenny. There is time to let him know your concerns about the outcome of this unique hearing by calls or letters to his office at the County Building, 100-37th St., Richmond. There is no telling what Talbot will approve next, if the Board doesn't take Flynn's "favoritism to industry" charges seriously, and end this nonsense once for all.



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A SHORT EDITORIAL

We heard a lot of objections to the article on the police in the last issue. People expressed very strong feelings, yet no one took the time or effort to write a letter or a guest editorial. We're still waiting for something we can print. That's what freedom of speech and the press is all about. We live in a democracy and the saying goes; if you don't use it, you lose it. If someone would like to write under a fictitious name, we'll make an exception to the rule that all letters must be signed. However, it must not be libelous.

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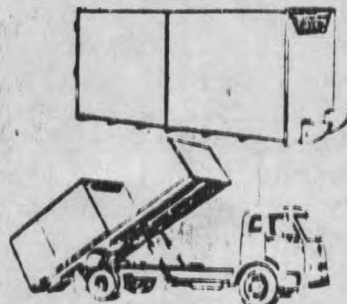
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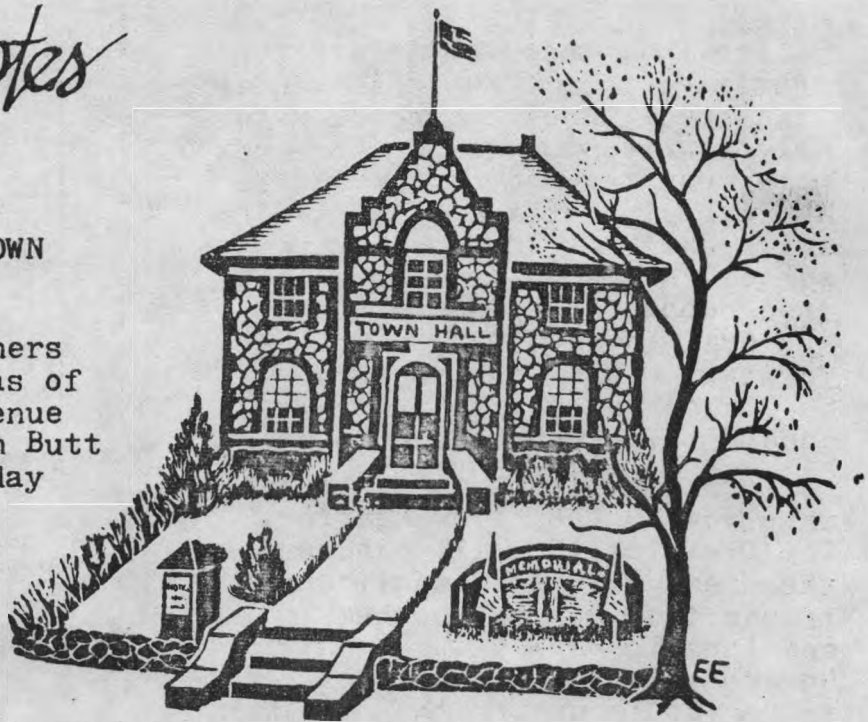
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CITY HALL notes

PLANNING COMMISSION TURNS DOWN POINT RICHMOND REQUEST

The Planning Commissioners turned deaf ears to the pleas of Bill Dennis, Golden Gate Avenue resident, and supporters Tom Butt and Lucretia Edwards Wednesday evening, September 18.

The Point Richmonders were asking for protective zoning for Point Richmond property owners, specifically protection of views in the face of new construction.



The meeting was preceded by two study sessions at which the type of zoning and the problems faced by Point residents were discussed. Bill Dennis (who recently had his view blocked by a new house being constructed on Lobos) had asked not only for protective zoning but also a halt to all new construction until the zoning could be put into effect. Commissioners turned him down on that but seemed sympathetic to "Controlled Development" (CD) zoning for the Point, which would mean that each piece of construction requiring a building permit would also have to come before the planning commissioners. This would mean it would be on the agenda of the Planning Commission and thus would have an opportunity for public input.

The night of the full commission meeting, commissioner William Allyn (of Allyn's Men's Shop) brought up the subject in the form of a motion to initiate a study on Controlled Development zoning. He at first suggested the boundaries be Golden Gate Avenue/Crest Avenue westward toward the Bay, but later was persuaded to expand the area to the entire Point, minus the Standard Oil/Point Molate property. Planning Department Director Chuck Woodward suggested that the area should be large and cut down from there at the wish of the commissioners after the study was done.

Lucretia Edwards spoke on behalf of the motion. "At first we wanted Controlled Development in a small area, but after discussion with many residents and the Point Civic Group, it was apparent that everyone wanted protection. At first we wanted a Special Features Additive District, (such as the Brickyard Cove development has) but it seemed it would take too long; it would be too expensive and it wouldn't suit our needs. Controlled development would be the quickest way to have input. We have confidence in the power of persuasion and the numbers of Point Richmonders who take an interest in these matters. Our quality of unity is in our devotion to the quality of our life, but we need public discussion." There are a number of significant parcels of land still undeveloped. Certain natural boundaries cut us off. We are an island, isolated from the rest of the community. Mr. Allyn's suggestion is a generous one and I approve of it. We

are an island, isolated from the rest of the community. Mr. Allyn's suggestion is a generous move and I approve it. We are having continuous meetings. Mr. Lobese is disappointed that there are no petitions, but we can get that. We'd like to have something under way."

Tom Butt also spoke on behalf of Mr. Allyn's motion. "I am for any zoning change that will provide for public hearing. In the long range I'm for certain types of zoning that provides for the detail of the preservation of the character of the area - it is ripe for building right now. Three national articles have been published about the Point in just the last couple of years - in the October '73 issue of Sunset, the Ford Times of February '75 and just recently in the Los Angeles Times Home magazine September 7, 1975.

As commissioners questions came, the lack of support became apparent. Commissioner Harris stated he thought that placing such zoning on the properties was unconstitutional - that it would prevent use of the property. The deputy city attorney stated that he did not think the commission could or would deny any use of the property - it would just place restrictions on its use. Commissioner Miller asked if passage of this motion would set a date for the hearing. Woodward replied that passage of Mr. Allyn's motion would direct the staff to make a study and set a date for the hearing, probably several months off. The commission would make a recommendation and the matter would, if passed, go before the City Council. An Environmental Impact report would be drawn up which would cost between \$5,000 and \$10,000 of staff time. In later discussion of the cost of preparing a study, Mr. Allyn remarked that granting variances on just four pieces of property would cost that much and it might be a good idea to do it all at once.

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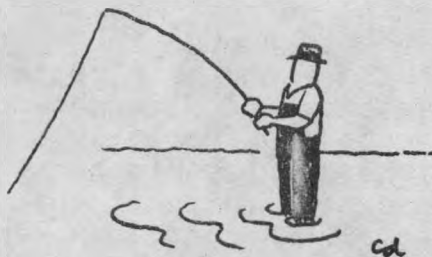
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However, the commissioners seemed to be put off by the cost of the study.

Commissioner Vukelich was concerned with possible lawsuits. Woodward replied that there would probably be a rash of building permit applications in advance of the zoning change, but there was no real problem with lawsuits once the CD zoning went in. Commissioner Tony Lobese was concerned that many of the residents would not know about the zoning change.

Seeing that the motion to start the zoning study was not going to pass, Lucretia Edwards rose to say, "We don't want to deprive people of their constitutional rights or the city of money - we just want an opportunity to talk and discuss these new buildings before they go up."

The motion was defeated, with Allyn and Modie voting yes, and Miller, Greco, Vukelich and Lobese voting no.

The meeting closed with commissioner Allyn stating, "I could be stubborn enough to go ahead and build a house in spite of the neighbors coming to me and asking for more consideration of the neighborhood. I could be stubborn enough to build it the way I please. This gentleman went ahead and built it anyway."

But chairman Greco stated, "We recognize there is a problem but we don't think Controlled Development is the answer."

The Point Richmond group was advised that they could take it to the city council if they desired.

After the neighborhood council meeting the evening of the 23rd, chairman Tom Butt said that Bill Dennis may go ahead and try to get a petition started for a zoning change. However, at this time the matter appears to be a dead issue.

At the council meeting of Monday, Sept. 22, Gordon S. White, newly associated with Red Rock Marina, made a presentation. He is an official with a maritime academy located in Vallejo.

He promised the councilmen that his group would clean up the weeds and debris, paint standing structures, clear out abandoned boats and start a youth sailing program. He said they were going to meet with the Richmond Boy's Club and start an El Toro sailing program and also have outings on the academy's 41 foot sloop.

He told the councilmen that the Red Rock Marina site is of historical importance and that they would draw on old ferryboat lore.

The point of Mr. White's presentation was that of a goodwill gesture in hopes of getting help with dredging around the marina. Councilman Fernandez brought up the areas of concern of the councilmen; the shabby appearance of the marina; the history of missing or non-existent documents and permits and the fact that the marina had operated in defiance of bar area regulatory agencies, while under the management of R. J. Naylor.

Councilman Silva asked, "Is the property deeded to you?" But White's reply was, "It is too preliminary to speak of that - I can't commit my board to a statement at this time."

Silva commented that someone was still filling the old boats illegally as of last week. He said he hoped for improvements to be demonstrated before the city would give their full support to the new management.

The concerns of Mr. Michael Creed with police services were on the agenda but were moved up to October 6. That should be an interesting meeting for city-council watchers. However, this item has been delayed several times, so watch the daily newspapers for the agenda.

EVERYTHING YOU ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SNACKS

by Tressa Albro

Snacks can really become a hassle sometimes. Ideally they should be inexpensive, tasty, and quick to fix. But most of all they should be nutritious. It's often difficult to think of things to eat that satisfy these requirements RIGHT NOW when you are hungry.

Start off by keeping the ingredients for several snacks on hand. Then eliminate things that are easily muchable but not nutritious. Now, when you feel the urge to snack or when the troops come home from school, you will BE PREPARED.

Peanut butter is a great food. Jeff eats it plain, by the spoonful. Try quartering an apple or pear, core, and use as a vehicle for peanut butter. The old standby, celery and peanut butter (or cream cheese or American cheese) is good, too. Or peel a banana and top with peanut butter.

Dried fruits and nuts are easy. I buy the mix at the Health Foods Co-op, but you can make your own: soy nuts, peanuts, raisins, cashew cashews, date bits, coconut or sunflower seeds.

Cold cereal makes a good snack. Something like granola or Grape-nuts with milk and fruit is almost a meal. Or how about an English muffin and tea for cold days? I buy lots of muffins on sale and freeze them. Just take out as many as you want and tie the bag back up.



Vegetables such as cherry tomatoes, carrot or celery sticks and cucumber chunks can be prepared once and kept covered in the refrigerator. Or make a plate of deviled eggs. There are all kinds of cheese, even spiced ones. Roll a slice of salami around a stick of cheese. Not so cheap, but tasty.

Leftovers also make good snacks. Instead of eating that last serving at dinner (it will only make you fat) stick it, pot and all, into the refrigerator. Have it tomorrow for snack.

The list is endless. It can really become a challenge to use snacks as a supplement to your regular meals. And, if you like to eat as much as I do, it can be a lot of fun finding new ways to satisfy your craving for munchies.

EAST BAY MUSIC CENTER

The East Bay Music Center New Music Ensemble will present four works by Bay Area composers on October 10 at the University Art Museum in Berkeley. The concert begins at 8 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3.50 regular, \$3.00 students.

Paul Drescher will be represented by his piece, Music for Two Glass Instruments and Synthesizer. Drescher himself built the glass instruments, which are inspired by Harry Partch's cloud chambers. Sounds from the glass instruments are heard directly and are also transformed electronically. It is all right to fall asleep to this music.

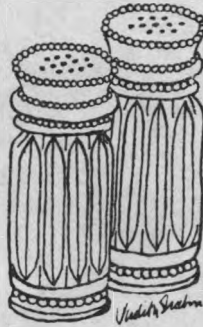
Virginia Quesada's work Windows uses slide dissolves and superimpositions of windows. The performers imagine the kinds of sounds the people behind the windows would make. They perform these sounds from behind actual windows. The sounds are modified by transducers attached to the window panes.

Two other composers represented are Robert Hughes and Paul Robinson.

BROWN & WHITE BREAD by Margaret Williams

Please read the * below before making this bread

1. 2 packages dry yeast
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon sugar
cup warm water
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon ginger



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until foamy

2. 1 tablespoon salt
3 cups water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup oil
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey
3 cups wheat flour

Meanwhile: Stir these
ingredients together in
large bowl

3. 5 cups white flour (approximately)

Stir the yeast mixture into the ingredients in step 2. Keep stirring, adding white flour, until dough is very stiff. Turn dough out of bowl onto floured board. Knead dough, adding small amounts of white flour at a time, until it is smooth, elastic and not sticky. Knead for at least eight minutes. Form into ball and place in oiled bowl. Cover with damp cloth and let rise until twice its size. (approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours) Punch down and knead lightly. Divide dough with a knife into four equal portions. (This recipe will make three large loaves or four medium.) Shape into loaves and place into well-oiled bread pans. Let rise until double, about 1 hr., and bake in preheated 350° oven for 45 minutes. Let cool on wire racks. Store in plastic bags in cool, dry place or freeze until ready for use. (Homemade bread gets stale quickly.)



Anne Burgess

- * Let bread rise in warm place.
- * Add only small amounts of flour at one time while kneading.
- * Bread can never be kneaded too much, only too little.
- * Dough should never be too sticky as well as too dry.
- * Amounts of flour are approximate.
- * Stir dough thoroughly after adding each cup of flour.
- * If interested in a bread making lesson or workshop, please feel free to call me at 233-2540 eves. and weekends. Or if you have any questions, please call.



BOOKS AND AUTHORS

By Carol Bold
West Side Branch Library

"Beezus gave her sister a look of disgust. 'Ramona, grow up!' Ramona lost all patience. 'Can't you see I'm trying?' she yelled. ... 'Try harder,' was Beezus's heartless answer."

In her latest book, Ramona the Brave, Beverly Cleary writes about Ramona's traumas as a first grader. Perhaps you have read an earlier book, Beezus and Ramona, the hilarious story of Beezus, an organized girl, and her brat of a sister who is five years younger.

Beverly Cleary has recently been given the Laura Ingalls Wilder Award for her "substantial and lasting contribution to literature for children". Her books are crammed with humor and understanding of young persons' interests, triumphs, disasters. Her own experience in first grade was not happy, but some time later "The accidental discovery, while looking at pictures in the library books my mother always provided, that I was reading and enjoying what I read was one of the most exciting moments of my life. I suddenly felt young, and it is a marvelous thing to feel young at the age of eight."

"Who's Beatrice Potter?" most people say when I mention her name. "Beatrix Potter wrote Peter Rabbit." Then they remember.

Beatrix was born in London in 1866. Her rich parents relegated the care of their daughter to nurses and governesses. Every day she put on a clean starched dress and stockings with horizontal stripes; a cutlet and rice pudding came on a tray up the back steps to the nursery promptly at 1:00; a walk was scheduled in the afternoon if it didn't rain. What more could a child want? Nothing. The "neglected" child reveled in her leisure, made friends with mice which occasionally visited the nursery, observed squirrels and ducks in the park during her walks.

Peter Rabbit, the first of almost 30 books, was written as a letter to the son of a former governess, five-year-old Noel, who liked the story and loaned it to his friends. This encouraged Beatrix to publish a limited private edition, which came to the attention of the Frederick Warne & Co., publishers. A friendship with the Warne family lasted throughout her life.

At the age of 47 Beatrix Potter became Mrs. William Heelis after a four-year courtship during which time her relaxed their strenuous objections - somewhat. This summer I visited the first home Beatrix owned, Hill Top Farm, a quaint and lovely little house in Sawrey, near Lake Windermere, where many of her original illustrations are displayed. As Mrs. Heelis, Beatrix was no longer a writer as she was too interested in the newly-discovered pleasures of being a housewife and farmer; her love of animals and nature focused in other directions.

Much of the money from the sale of her books was used to buy land, which she left to the English National Trust with specific provisions for the care of animals and birds on the 4,000 acres. She became a respected, but plump and dowdy, head of the Herdwick Sheep-Breeders' Association and was much in demand as an expert judge of sheep. Beatrix Potter Heelis, author, artist, housewife, farmer, and conservationist, died in Sawrey in 1943 at the age of 77.

Information about Beatrix Potter is from Margaret Lane's The Tale of Beatrix Potter. The August, 1975, issue of "The Horn Book" has biographical information about Beverly Cleary.



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

Voting at the polls is not sufficient for maintaining good government. Instead, citizens can keep their representatives responsive to public needs by observing their performance in office and by communicating with them regularly.

Common Cause, a national citizens' lobbying organization, is sponsoring a series of public forums at which national and state representatives will appear.

On Monday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m., Senator John Tunney will be present at the First Unitarian Church at Franklin & Geary streets in San Francisco. He will address the topics of the ineffectiveness of Congress and the accountability of our legislators.

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(ed. note: the author of the following story requested to remain anonymous.)

ON BECOMING A CARROT

by J

Okay, now just for a few minutes try to imagine how you would feel after eating 12 cans of anchovies. Think about it; that salty after-taste, that oily film covering the inside of your mouth; those tiny little bones, and that heavy feeling in the pit of your stomach. Sounds pretty horrid, uh? No kidding. Well, that's the way my entire body feels and I haven't touched an anchovy in months. Don't know if you could understand, just what I'm trying to explain. You probably can't, but who could?

I wish I could be hung out to air like an old blanket. Sigh, I can feel it now, my clothes, hair and arms waving in the wind, my lungs expanding and collapsing, my eyes tearing, my body completely relaxed and moving with the rushes of the wind. Let me get good and high, then let go of the string and let me sail away. That's what I need, freedom. Freedom from everything.

How unreal, how positively impossible everything seems. Signs, arrows, flashing lights, screaming horns, clocks ticking, alarms ringing, stairways to climb, doors to open, phones to answer, people yelling - stop, let me out of here, I'll suffocate. It's so dark, I can't see, I can't hear, I can't breath. What's happening to me? Can't anyone hear me? What's wrong with everyone? Can't they see what's happening? I've become a carrot, and no one knows.

The Little Sparrow



Once there was a little Sparrow
who was enjoying himself so much
that he didn't fly south when all his friends left.
The days went by, but he kept procrastinating
Until one morning when he woke up
it was so cold that he knew he had to leave.
As he flew, the weather became colder and colder...
It started to rain, and it was so cold
that his wings became icy,
and he fell to the earth.

He landed in a barnyard, and managed to crawl into
the barn, where he thought he would die.
A horse walked by and crapped on the little bird.
"Now I know I'm going to die," thought the sparrow.
But instead, it was warm and thawed off his wings.
The little bird realized that he would live, and
began to twitter happily.
A cat entered the barn, heard the bird, uncovered him,
and ate him.

There are three morals to this story:

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2. Not everyone who takes crap off you is your friend.
3. If you're warm and happy, even if you're covered with crap, keep your mouth shut.



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Oct. 10 (Fri.) Milk money day at Washington School

Oct. 10 (Fri.) Works by 4 Bay Area composers, Univ. Art Museum, 8 p.m., \$3.50

Oct. 13 (Mon.) School holiday

Oct. 15 (Weds.) MY LITTLE CHICKADEE, W. C. Fields & Mae West, 7:30 p.m., LA Lecture Hall, CCC Free

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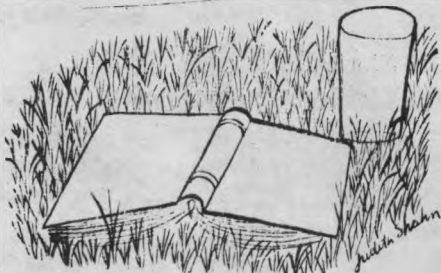
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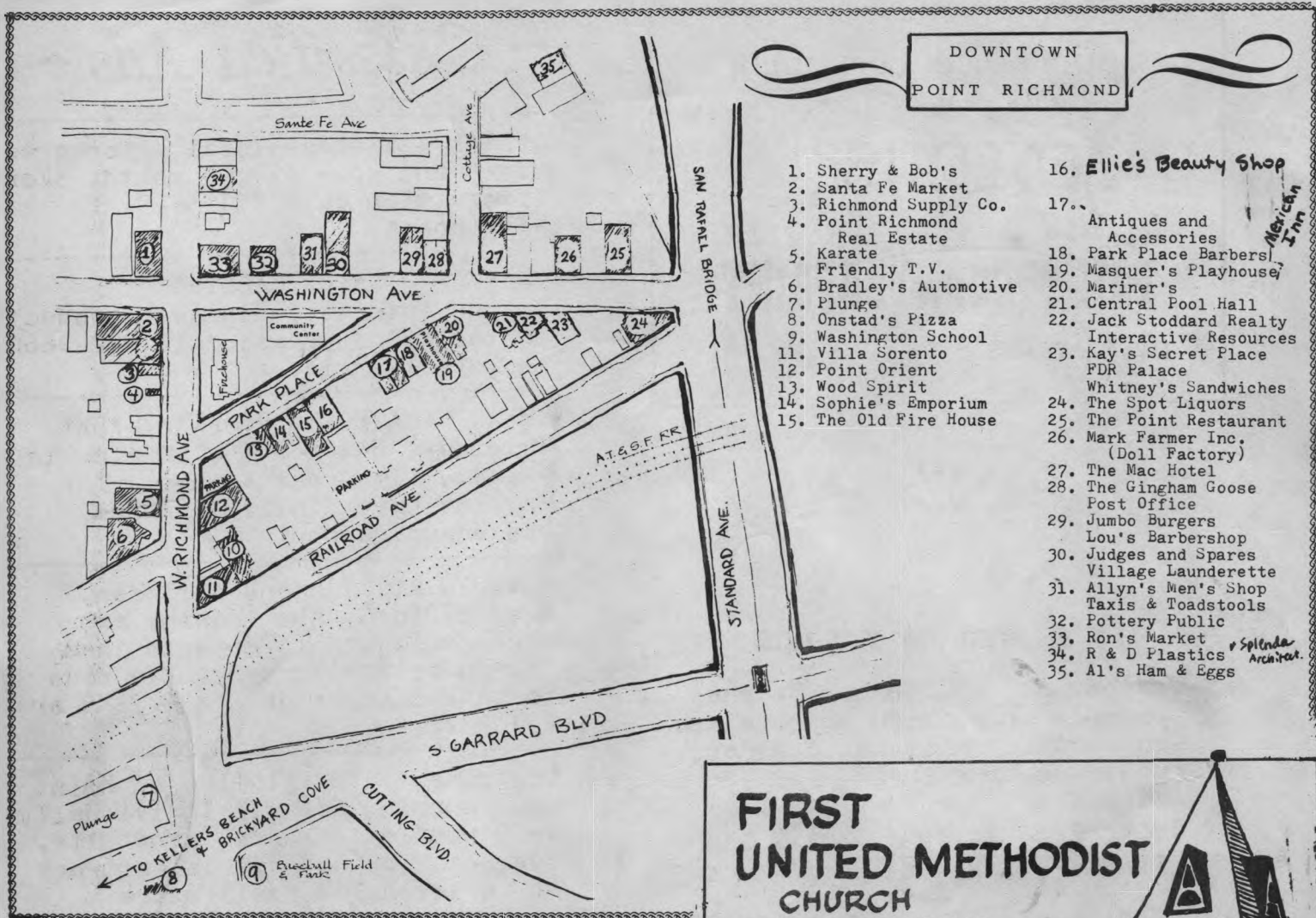


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