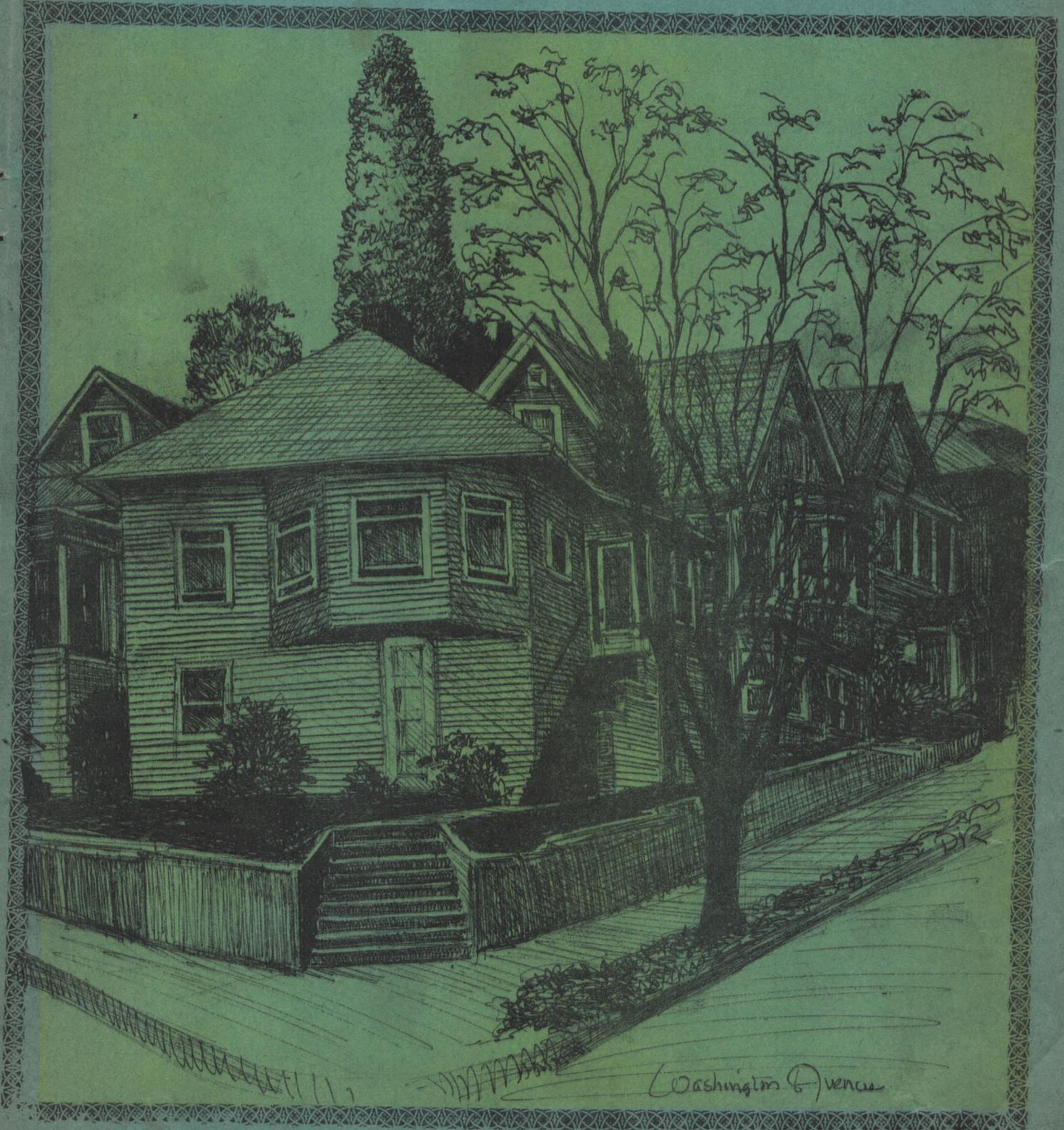


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1. Irish Soda Bread

by Dan Robertson

It's a cool, silver day around the Point, with good light and rain slanting down over the hills. A Monterey kind of day. Bread is baking in the oven. Outside the window, I can see some kids smoking pot. They are sitting in a car in front of the Baptist Church. They are all dressed up, as if they were going to a wedding or have already been to one. Two boys and two girls, passing the joint from hand to hand, keeping it cupped in their fingers. They must think that the police won't see them, because of the rain. One of the girls is very attractive. Long blonde hair that swirls when she reaches to hand the cigarette to the people in the back seat, and lean legs. She has on a peach colored dress and is the brightest spot in the grey afternoon, if you don't count the traffic lights over on Cutting. A pretty girl in a peach dress, smoking pot on a rainy day.

Makes me wish I had a policeman suit. If I had one, I would put it on and sneak up behind the car. Then I would jump up and rap on the window, bang, bang! "Awright, everybody outa that car. Make it snappy!" Oooooee! I bet you'd see some jumping around in that car! Marijuana butts flying every which way. Wow! Pretty girl in the peach dress, I bet you'd be out running in the rain. Going home in a hurry, with your wedding shoes getting all dirty.

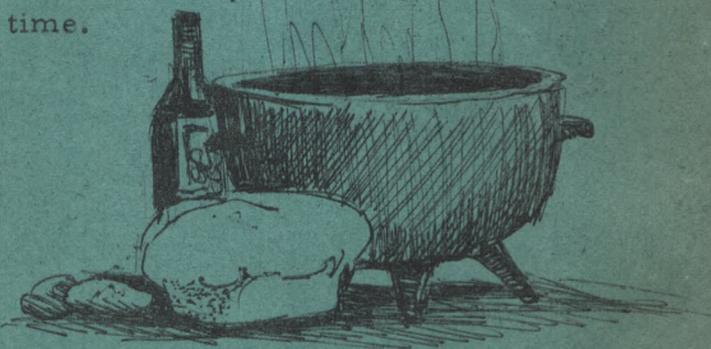
Alas, I don't have a policeman's suit. Just as well, for I want to be on hand when Thea takes the bread out of the oven. It is Irish soda bread. She bought the ingredients over at the Cannery in San Francisco, and now it is turning brown in the oven at 425° F.

Making bread is no bargain. The mix costs 69 cents. That is only enough for one loaf. Then, you have to add a couple of cups of buttermilk and some butter and you have to figure in the gas and bridge fare over to San Francisco, plus a parking ticket, plus cocktails at the Sea Witch and filet of sole en

pappilotte at Angelo's, as long as you are in the vicinity, plus wine, plus 8 Chinese soup spoons at 18 cents each, plus gas back. Figure \$25 for this loaf of bread. You can buy a fresh, aromatic, crunchy loaf of French bread any day in the week except Wednesday, at the Santa Fe Market for only 49 cents.

The difference of \$24.51 can just be chalked off to the feminine mystique. All these modern women either like to make bread, or think they should know how to make bread, or wish they had the time to make bread. Women go bonkers over making bread, or for that matter, cooking anything in the old fashioned way, even though every slice of homemade bread costs about as much as it used to cost a pioneer woman to live for a month, including ammunition and retreads on the wagon wheels. Probably even the girl in the peach dress will make bread one of these days, even if it is in the prison kitchen at Santa Rita.

This Irish soda bread is pretty complicated business. The mixture comes from County Kildare, Ireland. The bread has bicarbonate of soda in it, so that if it doesn't turn out too good, you at least won't get indigestion. You have to put milk in it, and butter. The package looks very Irish. Probably, the bread would turn out better if you threw a little peat moss in it. Maybe you should toss a potato in there too, the Irish are very big on potatoes. Toss in a couple of drams of good Irish whiskey and I will come over to your house to eat bread anytime.



The package said that if you want to, and are nitwit enough to do it, you can cook the bread in an Irish pot oven, which is an iron pot that stands on three legs. You put the pot over an open fire of burning turf, then you throw some more burning turf

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AN ALMOST-FOR- CERTAIN-SOON-TO- BE PURCHASED... PARK (?)

One of the rare times when this paper has been "ahead of its time" was the issue of October 3 to 10, 1969. In that issue, the Point Counterpoint announced the "scoop" that the shoreline Regional Park for Point Richmond had become a reality-- the initial steps had been taken. Approximately 10 of the eventual 150 to 200 acres of the park had been negotiated with the Santa Fe Railway Company for purchase. ... or so we were told. And so we told our readers. And so we waited, to see the announcement in other newspapers. Waited until this week when, finally, everyone caught up with us. (This is not really the case, but it certainly is a much simpler story than the setbacks and delays that actually held up the announcement.)

At the Tuesday meeting this week of the East Bay Regional Park District Board of Directors, several members of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee were present, and here is the report brought back from that meeting:

Representatives of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee were cheered at the January 20th meeting of the East Bay Regional Park District, at the report given by Mr. Clayton Orr, the lawyer for the Park District, who has been negotiating with the Santa Fe Railway Company on lands to be included in the proposed Regional Shoreline Park at Point Richmond. Mr. Orr presented a picture of real and encouraging progress, which was as up-to-date as Monday, January 19th. Santa Fe has now decided against proceeding with one of the previous proposals, which involved a "lease with promise to buy", and has gone back to their original position. As of Monday, January 19, they have agreed to "give the deed" and only a few small details,

concerning the location and type of fence and rip-rap, remain to be worked out by Mr. Hornbeck of the Park staff and Mr. Byler of Santa Fe.

The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee expressed gratification and appreciation, but begged leave to inquire when they could expect the announcement that the park was actually going to come true.

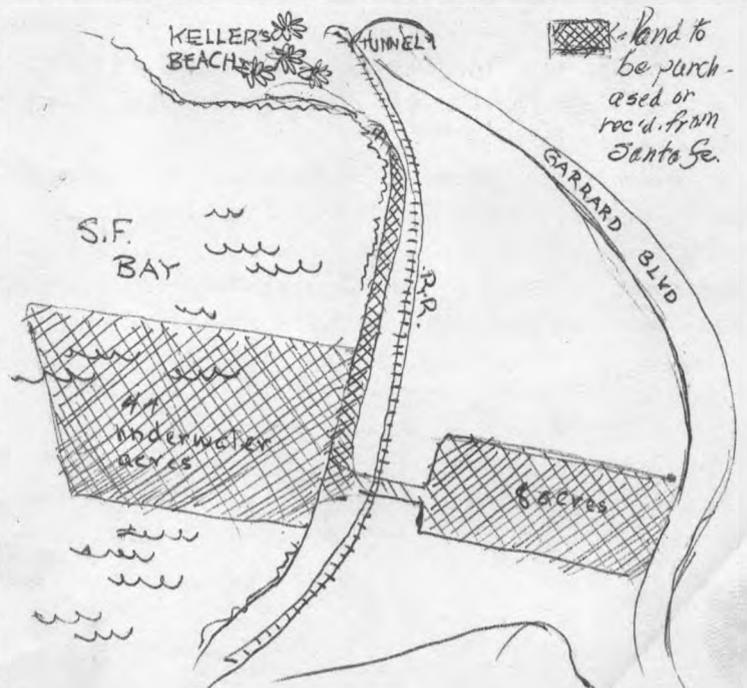
Mr. Orr, smiling, remarked that there is an old saying that, when you await your heart's desire, you have to experience 77 disappointments. "I think you are about at number 73," he said.

The Board members, smiling, said "at least you aren't mad at us this time?"

The Parks Committee, smiling, said, "No, not this time, but we are still impatient."

After admonitions from the Board to be patient, "just a little longer", exit the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee, smiling (through their tears).

A news release received from the Park District, the purchase of 8 1/2 acres was announced, at a cost of \$10,000 an acre. In addition, 44 acres of underwater lots will be deeded to the park district by Santa Fe, plus a strip 2800 feet long and 48 feet wide, linking the new park site with Keller's beach. This is the first step in what will hopefully be a large shoreline-hillside park.



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FREE SWIM!



The Richmond Plunge will re-open January 31st with a FREE SWIM DAY.

On Saturday, January 31st, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m., all youth, 8 years through 18 years, can help celebrate the reopening of the Plunge with a free swim. (Children under eight years must be accompanied by someone 18 years old or older.)

The Plunge, once opened, will resume its regular schedule, at 2:00 Saturday, with public swimming from 2:00 to 5:00.

The Swimming Lesson schedule will be published next week.

INNER SPACE



Are you a member of the Richmond Art Center? There is no better time to join than right now.

A reception and wine-tasting will accompany the opening of the Rental Gallery on Thursday, January 29, honoring new members.

"Orbit into Inner Space" with the Art Center members from 5 to 8 p. m. on Thursday!

Memberships may be sent to the Richmond Art Center, Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, 94804. Active members, \$5.00; Family memberships, \$7.50; Contributor members, \$10.00, and Patron memberships, \$25 or more.

T.T.T.

Put up in a place
where it's easy to see
the cryptic admonishment
T. T. T.

When you feel how drpressingly
slowly you climb,
it's well to remember that
Things Take Time.
(from Grooms, by Piet Hein)

SCHLACHTFEST

On Saturday, January 25 at 12 noon the Richmond Maennerchor will give its ninth Annual Schlachtfest, in the Hellenic Hall, 324 37th Street in Richmond.

The Schlachtfest is an old German custom of the rural areas, when a farmer slaughtered a pig or two and invited his friends and neighbors to try his homemade sausages and meats. Fresh baked cake and pies were served, and to make it a perfect feast, beer and wine had to be included.

The Richmond Maennerchor, a male chorus group since 1911, whose aim is to foster and perpetuate the German song and culture, and at the same time bridge the customs of the new with the old country, invites the public to take part in this event. Enjoy an afternoon of good food... Well-fleisch, Metzelsuppe, Brat-, Blut- and Leberwurst, Kassler Kotlets, Sauerkraut and Potatoes. Admission is free, and you will enjoy meeting the fine people attending.

FUN WITH FUNGI



Recent rains have prompted the growth of hundreds of kinds of mushrooms and related fungi in the East Bay Regional Parks. These colorful mushrooms provide the subject matter for "Family Fun with Fungi" programs, conducted by Park Naturalist Ron Russo who recently wrote and illustrated a booklet concerning the fascinating growths.

Last Sunday's session brought a crowd of about 300 people to walk with Mr. Russo through the trails. This Sunday, January 25th, another program is scheduled, and except in case of heavy rain, the program will begin at 12 noon in the Little Farm and Nature Area at Tilden Park. For more information, call 524-1034 between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. weekdays.



Reminiscing

Articles from old Richmond newspapers of fifty years ago this week,

January 24, 1920... That's How it All Began..

"FREE AUTO CAMPING GROUNDS ON LAKE TAHOE SHORE PLAN"

"A public camping ground directly on the shores of Lake Tahoe, including such conveniences as boating and bathing piers, attractive free campsites with rustic tables and benches is now assured, according to advice received by the California State Automobile association... The land has been donated by Congressman William Kent of Kentfield."

January 24, 1920...

"LOCAL SPEED OFFICERS ON THE JOB RIGHT"

"With the new State Motor Vehicle Act being enforced throughout the state, motorists are warned... to rigidly observe all provisions of the law.

In many of the counties speed traps have been set and scores of motorists are being arrested daily. In Contra Costa County officials are maintaining a speed trap in the vicinity of Walnut Creek, and in driving over the tunnel route to Martinez, motorists are advised... to keep within the limit unless they desire to donate from \$10.00 to \$20.00 to the county. Arrests are being made for a speed of 37 miles an hour.."

January 27, 1920...

"COUNCIL PLANS TO WIPE OUT GAMBLING HERE"

"Elimination of gambling in pool halls, cigar stores and similar places is aimed at

in an ordinance drafted by the city attorney and presented before the Council last night... Closing of these places between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. is also included in the ordinance.

January 27, 1920....

MORE STORE ROOM NEEDED AT LOCAL WHARF....

"Action on the plans submitted by Harbor Master J. H. Misner for the construction of an additional building adjoining the Municipal wharf, so that the possibilities of the wharf may be exploited to the fullest possible degree, was laid over last night by the Council..."

January 29, 1920..

"BOARD OF EDUCATION SELLS HOUSES..."

"Frank Lancaster... was successful bidder last night on the two

buildings sold by the School Board on the lots at the corner of Eighth Street and Bissell Avenue. The entire property was recently purchased by the Board for \$12,000. Lancaster bought the two story flat building for \$4,601, and the cottage for \$701.00.

January 29, 1920....

"S. O. DIVIDEND"

"S. O. stockholders of record on February 14 will receive a quarterly dividend of \$2.50, and share an extra dividend of \$1.00 a share..."



5. **WEST SIDE**
Library



by Mary Burkhard

Tomorrow there will be a children's story hour at 11:00 since the film projector is battling an extended illness. I think they should give it the dignity of a natural death, considering its age.

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Fresh reading for the monsoon season-- AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE by Hilary Masters follows the affair and marriage of a history professor and an eighteen-year-old nearsighted swinger whose disaffiliation from today's America matches her lover's more seasoned doubts. The funny record of their affair is traced with some of the more anguished moments of current history as they discover they can depend only on each other. Marriage and subsequent expatriation bring them into confrontation with European snobbery and distrust of America, which ironically prove them to be more American than they had realized. This is a modern love story told in scenes that alternate between sparkling humor and moments of great tenderness.

THE INNOCENTS, a novel by Clyde Ware, involves a lone prospector and a half-wild girl child released from Indian captivity as a useless burden. They have nothing in common except a unique and life-giving combination of courage and loyalty. Their lives are simple and pure until the child becomes a young woman. As the story develops, the physical action and the challenge of a wild country come to test the potentials of a fascinating assortment of humans. They range from the purely acquisitive, very human pioneer to the equally human defender of the land and its wealth. In the climax a beautiful, fatally poisoned mountain stream leads to a final act of

heroism on the part of one of the innocents -- and to a violent but beautiful climax.

West Side has the 1969 edition of the Betty Crocker Classic (no sneers from gourmets permitted!) . Everyone knows that "Quick and Easy" isn't as tasty as "Slow and Complicated", but we all have to resort to Betty's way occasionally. At least the edition has done away with those inconvenient binder rings. Her "tried and true" recipes have been glorified with some modern specialties -- various fondues and sauces , quiche lorraine (though Julia and the Larousse Gastronomique maintain that it is not supposed to contain cheese) and many cheesecakes. There is a brief but helpful discussion of cheeses -- classifications, ways to use them, accompanied by a two-page color chart. The pictures are probably the best feature of this cook book. There are many of them and all in color. So , whether Betty is your style or not, this cook book deserves at least a look-through.

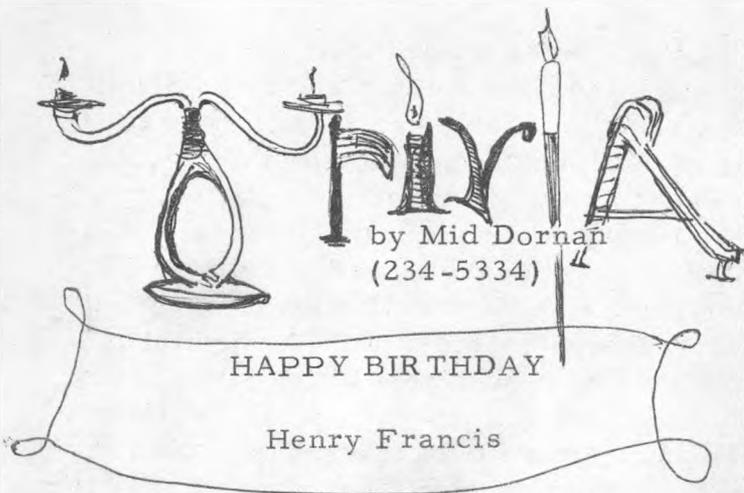
WASHINGTON, SNOW TRIP

The deadline for the Snow Trip has been extended to Monday, January 26 at 4 p. m., so if you still want to go, get your money in NOW.

Thank you, ,
Judy Davis
Harold Crawford

A late news release from Santa Barbara included a complaint by the Union Oil Company that Ocean water is beginning to seep into their oil wells.....so now the Ocean is polluting the oil! ?





Maturity is when you are so old you can quit lying about your age and start bragging about it.

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It is a beaming and proud Uldine Nickola that announces she is a great-grandmother. Todd Adams Ross was born January fourth at Rapid City, South Dakota to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Ross. Terry is the son of Ted Ross.

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Welcome to the Point, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Skaggs, who are newlyweds and live in the Edwards Flat at 210 Martina Street.

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Some of the late Bill Dennis' paintings are now being offered for sale by his wife, Christine. Anyone interested may call 232-7569 between 10 a. m. and 12 noon.

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Pa Ka Nena Horizon Camp Fire Girls are sponsoring a bake sale at the Safeway Store at Macdonald and San Pablo this Saturday. Funds will be used to help send a representative to the Hawaii Conference.

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Jack Paeth has been under the weather - but we hope doesn't stay under, because in this weather, that could be dangerous.

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Beatle John Lennon and his wife Ono have just received "crew cuts" according to latest reports. He must have seen that picture of himself on page 4-B of last week's Examiner --- the OLDEST looking 29 year old on record!

A man looked up from the book he was reading one evening and mused, "I'd be tempted to grow a mustache if I could think of something to say to people who would ask why I grew one."

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Harold Coffin notes that coats with long hemlines are being criticized by safety engineers who worry about design factors which reduce visibility. He is also confused over whether the girls are seeking the Good House-keeping Seal of Approval or trying for a Playboy foldout. He conceded the maxi-coat provides the suspense and the mini-skirt reveals the plot. Long coats may cause a woman to trip, but the short skirts are a man's downfall.

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Tuesday is the Annual Dinner meeting of the West Contra Costa Council of Camp Fire Girls. This is the time all Camp Fire Volunteers, husbands and wives and friends renew old friendships, and measure their progress. It will be held at the Memorial Youth Center.

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Services were held on Wednesday for Karl Helbach. Mr. Helbach, formerly of the Point, ran a second hand store on the corner of West Richmond and Santa Fe, which is now the Catholic Church's parking lot.

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Ross Hunter, well-known producer, is concerned about the pornographic trend today and about the adults who have stopped going to the movies, and he has sufficient confidence in his ability to go against the trend to pamper the under-30 audiences. His latest film, "Airport", is star-studded, unalienated, unhip, and fully-clothed. Mr. Hunter feels a good movie should be able to create the mood and scene in the mind of the viewer without going into explicit detail. Authenticity was important so filming was done in Minneapolis, between midnight and dawn when the airport was closed and was in sub-zero weather with six-foot snow drifts. None of the actors accepted a double for the bomb scene. Seventy year old Helen Hayes was voted the best of the cast, which is amazing, as the majority of the

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those voting were teenagers. Best of all, Airport has a "G" rating.

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Q: How do you tell a female pancake from a male pancake?

A: By the way it is stacked.

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Walter Paasch is recuperating from a nasty wound inflicted by a beautiful Doberman last Saturday night. But their love for dogs has resulted in a plea for clemency for the unlicensed dog at the animal shelter.

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Mr. Weatherman... aren't you about ready to run out of rain?????

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PROBLEMS....

Problems worthy
of attack
prove their worth
by hitting back.

(from Grooks, by Piet
Hein).

Point Teens

The following is the speech Arthea Senger presented at Tuesday night's Point Civic Group meeting.....

I would like to pose the question "who are the Point Teens who attend this center?" Are they a bunch of long haired dirty Hippies? Are they a gang of greasy haired hoods? Some who have dealt with the few consistent law breakers think of all our kids as "hoods" or "delinquents." Some who have had run-ins with the long hairs think of all our kids as "hippies." The teens themselves having had unpleasant experiences with a few senior

citizens, refer to all three non-teen groups using the Center as "those Senior Citizens". It is easier for all of us to pin labels on people than to take the trouble to get to know them individually.

I am also guilty of this over-simplification. I have labeled some of the teen subgroups as "corner boys", "younger corner boys", "hips" and "straights", although I know well that many of the teens fit into none of these categories and some belong to more than one group. I also use the categories, "boys and girls," and "teens and pre-teens", "Mira Vista Park teens", "Atchison village teens", and "Point teens."

Walk into our Center any Wednesday afternoon and you will see the girls club sitting around a large table sewing an old fashioned quilt. You will see pre-teens and thirteen year olds playing pool on the table they earned by selling candy or playing cards with Mrs. Ferguson. You will see the older teens shooting pool on the large table and teaming up in Ping Pong. There is a diversity of groups, people and interests at our Center.

What problems do all of these teens have in common? I think the most pressing problem they share is a search for identity. No longer their parents' baby, they are trying to discover 'where their heads are at', or who they really are and where they are going. It is not easy for adults to have faith, when they feel that this search is leading to destructive or self-destructive behavior.

One of the adult community's greatest worries is the prevalent use of drugs among the teens. I would like to point out that the problem is nationwide, especially in urban communities, in Richmond, every teen center, every school and every place where teens gather together has been faced with the problem of drugs and overuse of alcohol. Certainly the Point Community Center is not immune.

It is most difficult for youth to find identity in our large impersonal cities. Where can they turn for help? The teacher is too often used for discipline, not learning, families are too often split up, and our churches are losing influence. Youth are

'turning on' to drugs and alcohol, and not 'turning on' to themselves. We see many dropping out of school, and dropping out of the community as a whole - the generation gap has truly become a barrier.

I see the Point Community Center as a meeting place for the teens. A place for those in the lonely search for identity to meet and share experiences. I see it as a place directed by adults who care and can accept each teen as a human being worthy of respect. Most important, I see the Center as being a place that will help teens 'turn on' to themselves and help them make a commitment to life.

(Mrs. Senger lists the ways in which the Center is trying to accomplish these goals... which we will continue in next week's paper in order to make room for the following article from one of the parents:

THE OPEN MEETING ON TEENS !

In the light of the fact that the two most vociferous groups in Point Richmond against the presence of the young people at the "teen center" were the Point Richmond Businessmen and the Senior Citizens Group, I cannot help but wonder why the businessmen didn't send a representative to present their complaints in the panel discussion regarding our young people -- "Point Teens -- Asset or Liability?"

The Senior Citizens were brave enough to tell the teens about their frustrations and several very constructive plans are being put into action soon to deal with complaints.

I should think the youth would form the impression from your lack of interest that their very existence among us is not an important consideration for you.

My impression is that businessmen's hearts are not with young people -- rather their primary concern is in their almighty pocket books.

I have found it very convenient to have the availability of nearby stores open when I come home fired from work, but when I looked over my last year's bills, I realized I had spent over a thousand dollars in the year 1969 to support and continue the revenue that keeps those

Point Businessmen's hearts beating in their hip pockets.

I don't know any other way to speak to this problem except to withhold in the future my measly little \$1,000.00. (Unless, of course, I see some sign of communicating or caring.)

This may be an oversimplification and may be considered destructive thinking on my part, but my experience has been that with people who don't think with their hearts as well as their heads, few things will move them so quickly as the fear of the withdrawal of the "greed God money."

Sincerely,
Zoanna Mertle.

The California Native Plant Society will sponsor Mr. Ron Russo on February 5, at 8 p.m., room 159 Mulford Hall, UC in Berkeley, in a presentation of "Family Fun with Fungi". If you miss a walk through Tilden with Naturalist Mr. Russo, plan to attend the meeting and hear his fascinating, eye-opening views into the important land of Fungi.

Don't forget to make plans to attend "Separate Tables" beginning on February 6th at the Masquers Playhouse.

CASE FOR OBSCURITY

On Thoughts and Words.....

If no thought
your mind should visit,
make your speech
not too explicit.

(by Piet Hein, artist-scientist, and the creator of "Grooks", as he calls his verses.)

9. **HERE AND THERE**
with Dorothy King

A belated birth announcement -- Deaka Bright Roberts, born December 7 is the first child of Jim and Melody Roberts.

The CHOIR of the First Methodist Church will begin rehearsals with Jane Amos directing on Saturday morning, January 24, at 10 a.m.!

Donna and Andy Fleming had a baby daughter named Alisia Kamala, who weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Best wishes to Herbert Evans, who is recuperating from heart surgery.

Eddie Swift just left to report back to the service, in Colorado.

Jim Watson will be leaving for the army soon.

A brand new Mercedes Benz diesel car was unloaded at the Parr Terminal dock in Richmond, with its new owners waiting to welcome it. The Glenn Paulson family is now riding around in one of the first autos delivered directly to the Richmond dock. Shipped from Bremerhaven, Germany, the car arrived on the Johann U., a Norwegian ship.

Four couples from the Point, including the Chuck Reynolds and the Millers, enjoyed a weekend at the Inskip Inn, above Paradise.

The next two Friday nights will be the last chance to hear Houck and Scott at the Icthus Coffee House, so if you haven't stopped by after 8:30, hurry in soon.

Mrs. Kenneth Cooper, mother of Mrs. Bob Walker, passed away January 11. It was mistakenly reported that Mrs. Walker, Sr. had died.

Mr. Jess Cochran, chef at the Point Restaurant, died this week. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Landon G. Ferguson, Walter Ferguson and their friend Horace Hopson visited Mrs. Gladys Ferguson at the Teen Center yesterday.

The January birthdays were celebrated at the Central Pool Hall this week. Dinner was served, and a beautiful birthday cake to serve 12 people was shared. Those celebrating were George Meadows, Bill Clutts, Dorothy King, Herb Patton, Rose Bidwell, Ann McCarthy, Tom Allen, Mary Lingerfelt, Al Thompson, Connie Rodrock, Porky and Jerry Hietala.

NEW
President!

The Point's favorite mailman, Dixie Copeland, has been elected president of the local letter-carriers union! CONGRATULATIONS!

ART FOR KIDS!

There are still a few openings in the special children's art class, to be taught by Bobbie MacFaden. The class, for children who have had previous art experience, is open to children from 8 to 12. It will be given on Saturdays for 15 weeks, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Children will buy their own art supplies, and the class will be an inspiring and concentrated course in advanced art for kids. Call Mrs. Macfaden for further information about the course, at 234-6614, or at the Pumpkin Eater, 237-4073, 145 Park Place.

Mrs. MacFaden will begin the class with a nucleus of children who have taken an art course from her previously at the College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.



Paging the Younger Generation

Our Treasure



Joe Pirate



TREASURE



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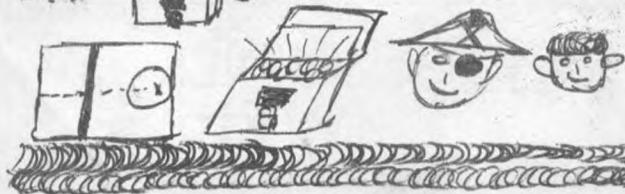
and found a in an old in the attic at So, we decided to find the

First, we had to go to the haunted on the. Then we had to go into the front and up the A.

At the end of the long hall there was another big. This was the spot marked on the.

As we very carefully opened the, we saw 2 big and 8 small.

We pointed our to the, and there was our and a mommy and 4 little baby's. wonder how the of old knew about this



Generation

Call: 231-3453

Bette

from Humpty Dumpty

Faces for Breakfast

for PEACHY FACE

WHAT YOU NEED:

Apple slice for the mouth



Peach half
RAISIN eyes,
nose, hat

for GOOFY GUS

His head is a Pear

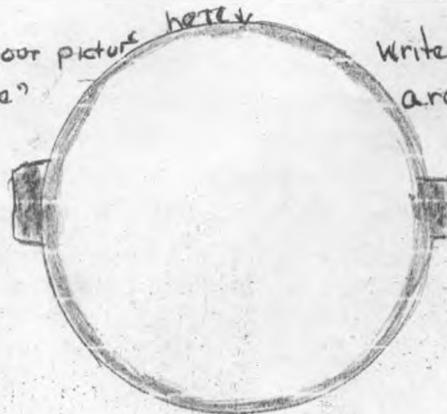


His eyes and nose are made of raisins.

Other funny faces can be made from fruits and cereals. Can you make up a funny face and tell us what fruits and other things you use?

draw your picture here "recipe"

write your around the plate.



Return to 66 Scenic Ave. by Wednesday for next week's issue.

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 6:00-11:00 FRI. - SUN.
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WHOLE EARTH FAIR

An all-encompassing and exciting Fair will take place at the Oakland Coliseum during the week of April 29 to May 4.

Named "The Whole Earth Fair", it is the brainchild of its sponsor, Patrick Brogan. Booths filling the coliseum will feature original handmade and manufactured goods. Proceeds from the Fair will open a free clinic for young people with drug problems.

The reason for announcing the fair so early is that artists are being invited to buy a booth, individually or in groups, for the purpose of exhibiting and selling art work. Each ten by ten booth will cost \$175 for the week. Twenty per cent of the space in the coliseum will be set aside for the use of conservation groups, to use for informational and educational exhibits.

Prizes will be awarded for the best booth exhibit. Anyone wishing more information may contact Mr. Brogan at 655-8077; or Bobbie MacFaden at the Pumpkin Eater Children's Boutique, 145 Park Place. Mrs. Macfaden can provide you with full information about the Fair, and the exact booth specifications, etc.

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Foreign students at Contra Costa College are looking for housing in the western part of the county. Most of the students want to live in American homes, either on a rental basis or some sort of work in exchange for room and board basis. Still others are looking for apartments, which several foreign students could share.

The students, both male and female, come from African countries, Iran, Hong Kong, Middle East and South American countries.

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A WAY OF SEEING



An art class of special importance to polluters and conservationists alike will be offered by Audrey Sochor this spring. Mrs. Sochor, a U. C. educated painter whose rhythmic, organic paintings are based on her responses to the natural environment, sees art education as the education of feeling.

Many of us have become habituated to a brutalized environment and a way to reeducate ourselves is also the education of feeling. She has planned eight walking trips into the countryside and to the beaches to get the intimate view of the natural environment. The class will meet on Tuesdays, 9 to 12, February 17 to April 14. Each day, the class

will gather at 9:00 at Mrs. Sochor's studio, 320 Parker Ave., Rodeo, and will go walking from there. Drawing and/or painting materials will be the choice of the student, and should be those that one can carry easily in a rucksack, portfolio, basket, box or whatever. Tuition for the eight weeks will be \$30. Registration and further information can be had by calling 799-4677 after 4 p. m.

A Letter...

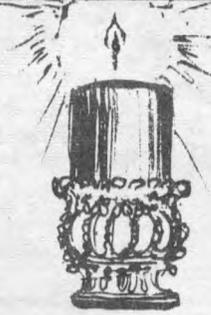
TO ALL POINT RICHMOND PARENTS:

It is a sad thing to know that some children (mostly boys) do not appreciate a pretty front yard. They go around, at night especially, and ruin the neighbors' property. What has happened? Don't parents check anymore where their children are after sundown? I am talking about boys between 7 and 14 years of age. At this age they start with little things like emptying the neighbors' fishpond, breaking a statue, scattering the decorative white rocks, pulling out plants or whatever they can have their hands on. I think children should be watched more closely when they are young because it is quite impossible to straighten them up once they have matured. What happens then? They get into more serious crimes.

About two months ago, I caught three boys trying to empty our fish pond. (I hate to mention names for their parents' sake). I caught them red-handed. They denied having emptied the pond the previous nights until I offered a reward of three dollars if they would tell the truth. I should say I bribed them. For three dollars they told the truth. I notified the parents about their boys' mischief and the boys never came back to collect the money.

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BRAINSTORMING at BODEGA

by Gerrie Kretzmer

Forty environmentalists spent last weekend at UC's Bodega Marine Laboratory researching solutions to problems of poisoned food, air and water; solid waste disposal, and land usage. The weekend was sponsored by Huscicon, an organization dedicated to bringing all children closer to the natural world so that as adults they will be able to cope with the increasing problems of technology. Ken Thollaug (2635 Mira Vista Drive, El Cerrito 94530) is the dedicated man behind Huscicon, devoting his time money and energy to environmental education.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Marc Lappe of Point Richmond, a cancer researcher, set the tone of the conference when he stated that all indications of a disturbed environment are merely symptoms of an underlying disease. The basic problem is that western world culture is a victim of excess consumption and super-clean standards generated by increasing population. Re-use and re-cycling of all natural resources and technological products must necessarily occur to establish equilibrium. Cultural lag between thought and public action is a necessity to allow new solutions to technology-produced problems. He cited DDT as an example. An immediate ban on DDT would produce proliferation of insects whose natural predators have been killed by DDT also, possibly resulting in a severely diminished food supply.

Barbara Vincent and Jean Siri reminded the group that the problems of San Francisco Bay and water pollution were far from over, and that the most important activity of environmentalists should be in a watchdog capacity.

Clarence Burr, distinguished octogenarian from Sebastopol, presented a simple plan for solid waste disposal -- a plant that would burn wastes and produce products such as fertilizer for re-use. Though Mr. Burr's ideas were promulgated thirty years ago, and are perfectly feasible, not a single municipality has tested the plant. He charged

apathy and stop-gap measures as the factors preventing use of his invention.

Activities of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control Board were outlined. The District has produced three regulations: Regulation 1 banned open dump burning; Regulation 2 put limits on commercial and other burning; and Regulation 3 covered invisible emissions such as those produced by refinery storage. All information on industrial pollution is supplied by industry itself and is kept confidential. Though the District has a budget of \$1 million per year to control pollution from stationary sources (autos are controlled by the State), the District has stated publicly that it would be unreasonable to limit industry to less than 70 tons of pollutants per day issuing into the atmosphere.

Committees with names like "The Victorians" and the "Fort Ross Church Group" expanded the speakers' ideas into possible solutions in the areas of education and political action. Gloria Gerald attacked the "Myth of Hopelessness" with a call to action against the fearful approach which subdues nature.

Summing up the conference, the following points were noted: Each person must decide that pollution is intolerable -- either from the standpoint of aesthetics (the beauty of a living lake -- unobstructed views -- a variety of beautiful birds); because of diminishing recreational areas; because of personal financial drains (the need to repaint houses often, increased taxes for water purification and sewage plants and health care); or because of diminishing living space and overpopulation. We must build a new set of values, determined by survival in our environment.

Urge congress and the legislature to:

Establish a national research technical center to study protection of resources.

Give tax incentives to industry for re-using bottles or recycling paper pulp, and installing pollution controls.

Force the auto industry to produce a smog-free vehicle.

Eliminate tax deductions for more than two children in a family.

Make sex education mandatory in all public schools.

Orient schools and colleges toward the complexities of ecological balance. 18.

Increase financing of university environment research.

Individually,

Pool transportation, keep autos out of the cities, use bicycles or walk, use public transportation.

Plant organic gardens. Ecology action, Box 9334, Berkeley 94809 will help start food gardens. Use wet garbage as compost.

Eliminate pesticides, including garden sprays and flea collars.

Return junk mail to the sender in post-paid envelopes, or return to post office.

Buy live trees at Christmas and plant them. Don't buy holiday wrapping paper. Use returnable containers and fresh organically grown food.

Stop personal overconsumption and acquisition of non-essential material objects.

Re-use shopping bags. Don't use containers that cannot be re-used.

Use 100% biodegradable products. Available from Miss Louise Revol, Assistant History Curator, Oakland museum.

Request free broad-leaved trees from the city and the forestry service. (It takes ten trees to combat the pollution from one auto.)

Make your own bread from enriched flour, or insist that bread be made without preservatives.

The weekend was a great success for the participants, with night hikes over the dunes, exploration of rich tidepools with naturalists Rich Bonnington and Gloria Gerald. Hulet Hornbeck of the East Bay Regional Park District brought music from his recent sail through the Caribbean... symphonically beautiful sound produced by wooden mallets on oil drums. Guitarist Carl Dibner drew the group together in a spontaneous sing-along with folk songs, expressing dedication and hope for the Planet Earth. The whole weekend was inspiring, exciting, and rare -- the Bodega Marine Laboratory will not be available for such a weekend again until next October.



People Eaters

PART IV

by Ben Rust

"I won't eat people." Tum Tum siad simply.

"Do you see?" Xingu continued, "he won't eat people. He is the first Carib who won't eat people. Well, you know, you don't eat people either, but I don't blame you -- You are ignorant, filled up with crazy anthropology books. You don't know any better. But Tum Tum was raised by sensible people. He should know better. He has no excuse at all. And yet, he has this crazy notion that he won't eat people. Where did he get it? I cannot understand where he got that notion. It isn't so bad, I guess, that he himself won't eat people. You can say he has a right to live his own life the way he pleases, that after all, if he is puny and misshapen that is his business. But, truth to tell, it is more serious than that. Tum Tum is destroying our way of life. If his idea keeps spreading, our civilization cannot exist. He is a revolutionist, an anarchist, a destroyer of civilization."

And with that the women began to shout, "To the death with Tum Tum and the white man. They won't eat people. To the death with them."

Xingu then turned to Tum Tum. "You are my son. You are still my flesh and blood, even though you won't eat people. I love you as my child. Change your mind. Become a people eater. Don't upset the apple cart. As for the white man, he is not beyond redemption. We can fatten him up and eat him later. But you, my son. You must be a people eater."

Stubborn Tum Tum merely hung his head and said, "I won't eat people."

Xingu was beside himself. "It wasn't so bad when Tum Tum was the only non-people eater in the whole tribe. But now we have found a white man who is also a non-people eater. That makes two of them. And this

white man who swallows anthropology books says that there are no people eaters in the world, spreading lies and untruths, destroying the religion of the great god Baloma. Things have gotten to a pretty pass. There might be a third... then a fourth non-people eater. Then what can be done? This conspiracy must be nipped in the bud."

"Yes. Yes." all the women shouted. "It is a conspiracy. To the death with Tum Tum and the white man." And with that the women began to move menacingly toward Tum Tum and me.

"Wait!" I shouted. "Wait. What you are doing is immoral. Why, all three of our great religions denounce cannibalism. Our great God Yahweh has said again and again, 'THOU SHALT NOT KILL.' And Moses proclaimed it for the world in ten commandments he gave to the people. Christians, Jews, Mohammedans do not kill. They don't eat people."

This seemed to annoy Xingu more than ever. He waved his great U'U club over his head, twirled it about as an orchestra baton. My head began to swim, and visions of that ironwood club smashing out my brains frightened me. But Xingu calmed down the multitude and turned to me. He said, "White man, I could crush your head with one blow as I would an eggshell. And indeed, it isn't for pity that I have not done so. For I do not feel the slightest compassion for a white man with a forked tongue. Lies, Lies. Lies. Ever since childhood you white men have learned to lie. In the name of your great God Yahweh you have destroyed half of the globe, murdered, maimed and smashed to smithereens millions and millions of non-people eaters. And for what reason? For no reason at all. You are, after all, non-people eaters. Do you savor the delicacy of the brains of those you kill? Do you eat the flesh of those you murder? No. You do not. Why, you have even invented bombs that so destroy non-people eaters that one could not find a morsel of flesh to eat. Then you have the gall to tell me that fairy tale of Moses and Yahweh and that lie that your religion preaches to you that THOU SHALT NOT KILL. Only the Caribs do not kill. We never kill a people."

eater. Only non-people eaters. And non-people eaters do not count. Now, white man, I think I have had enough of your forked tongue. I think that the time has come to do something with both you and Tum Tum. Yes. The time has come."

Next Week... conclusion.

An OPEN LETTER.....

(to the President of the Point Businessmen's Association)

Dear Mr. Wanless:

The meeting concerning the community and its teenagers, sponsored by the Point Richmond Civic Group and held January 20, was planned because of a real concern (on the part of the Point Richmond adults who have been particularly interested in the programs at the Teen Center) at the two-way misunderstandings and irritation that exist between older and younger people in our neighborhood.

As a small, independent, and somewhat isolated community, Point Richmond's citizens long ago learned that they were well advised to face their problems in an open and forthright manner, and utilize neighborhood talent and good-will in solving them. This marshalling of indigenous forces has proved so successful in the past, that we were certain that an honest cross-generational discussion of differences would in this situation be effective in reconciling them. To this end we invited representatives of all concerned groups to present their complaints at an open meeting where they could be thoroughly aired and hopefully resolved.

We were particularly anxious that the Point Richmond Businessmen and merchants attend the meeting, since it is our understanding that some members of this group are so outraged at the outward appearance, attitudes, antics of the younger members of the community that they would like to have the teen program terminated. It was for this reason that we requested an opportunity to appear before the Businessmen's group in December and invited its members to participate in our January 20th meeting.

We were delighted when our invitation was accepted, and although some of the young adults expressed doubt that the Businessmen would put in an appearance, we trusting adults were confident that the Businessmen are sufficiently interested in the harmony of the community (if only out of self-interest) that they would cooperate in any measure that would ensure such harmony. We were therefore puzzled and offended when, at our January 20th meeting the business community was conspicuous by its absence. During our meeting, when this absence was discussed, opinions about it from the audience ranged from, "The businessmen are indifferent, --only interested in money, --not people--" to the comment that the businessmen were "scared" to come to the meeting and the point made that "the businessmen really like to complain about 'hoods' and 'hippies' and don't really want to know us as people but make any effort to help."

I do not like to think that any of these ideas are true. Although I was in such close touch with you that I found it hard to believe that you could have forgotten the meeting, this personal discourtesy would be preferable to assuming that the Point Businessmen as a group, have no faith in the younger generation or in a sincere attempt at community problem-solving.

We are re-organizing the adult group which has served the teen-center in an advisory and supportive capacity, and would like to ask that the Point Richmond Businessmen's Association appoint a representative to it. Perhaps essential communication can be established, so that the doubtless legitimate complaints of the business community can be transmitted with directness and honesty and dealt with on those terms. Will you be good enough to notify me of the name of the individual who will serve, so that he or she can be informed of our meeting times.

Sincerely yours,
Lucretia Edwards.

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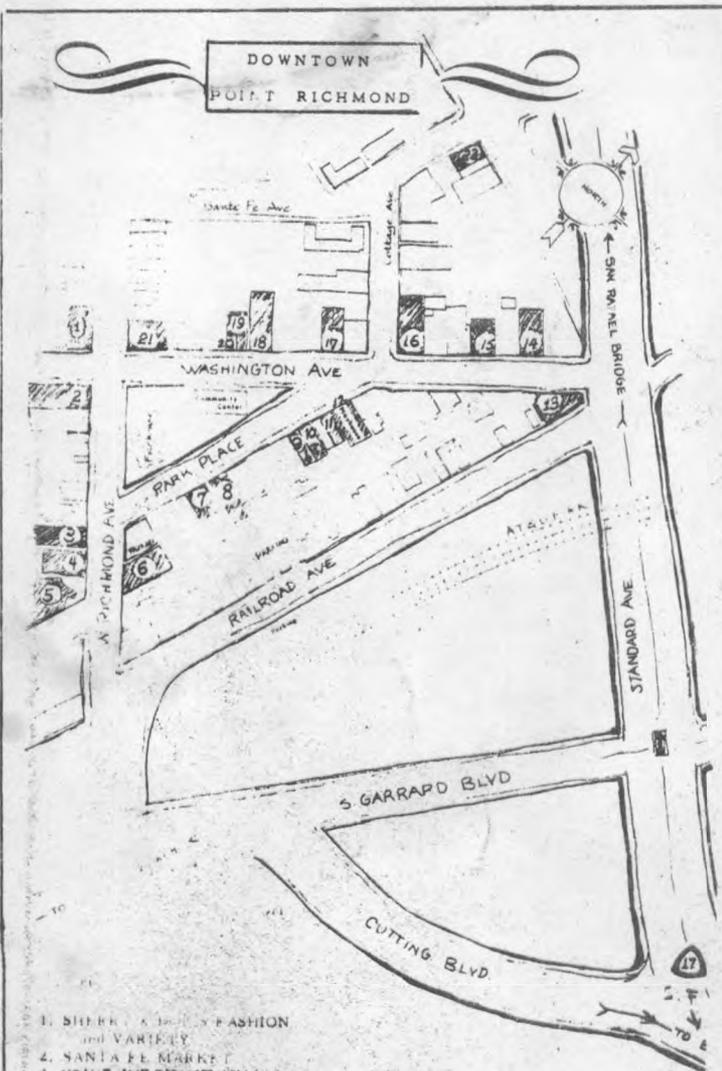
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