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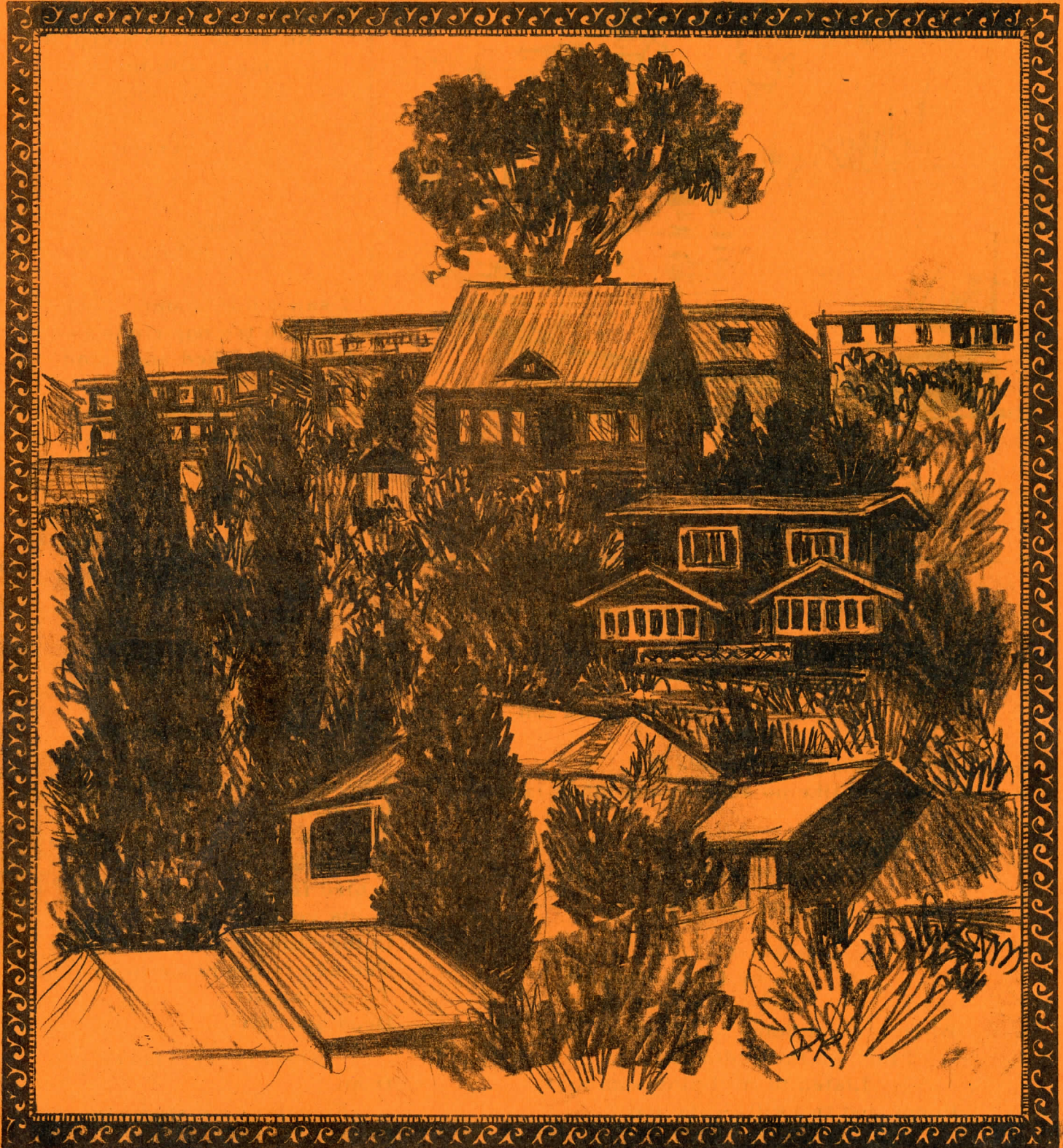
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The Dog by Larry

I had a dog named Butch.
He was a hairy dog
with hair in his eyes.
He was big and ugly.
He would go to sleep at
night with me in
my bed.

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A Dog by Sabra

I saw a dog under a tree
I said to the dog come to me
The dog barked and came
to me and
I rubbed it and its stayed
with me.

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The Sea by Melissa Martincich

The sea
Splashing crashing, dashing
upon the sand
A fish killed in the roaring
surf
Strangled in the seaweed
But still the fish is beautiful
The sea is the place to be
To see beauty.
A bird flying with food for
its young,
In the cliff alive and beautiful
The sea is the place to be
To see beauty
Dead and alive.

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from

Fourth grade students
in Mrs. Eakles' class at
Washington School.

CHILDREN'S THOUGHTS ON BEING....

Sand Of This Beach by Jennifer Pearson

The Sand on this beach
Is like no sand in any other land

The Sand is so nice
In the morning cold like ice.

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Alone by Cathy Enyeart

When I am at home all alone
I turn on the radio and
Listen to it, I play with my
Puppy and two kitty cats and
I run around the house chasing them.
Sometimes they run under the couch
And I cannot catch them.

HERE COME THE DAYS... ONE AT A TIME

"The most lost day of all is the day on which we do not laugh..."

Tuesday Night...for SONG and DANCE

• The Richmond Symphony Chorus, conducted by Ron Daniels (a fine, young, able and energetic conductor) announces that the Chorus is open to new members in January and February, and invites interested singers to attend a rehearsal.

The Chorus, an active and versatile group, gave two concerts and carolled in December, has just taped a premier work by Bay Area composer Jordan Stenberg, and plans several concerts for the remainder of the season, including one which will contrast very old and ver new music, and a performance of Brahms' Requiem in May with the Contra Costa College Choir and the Richmond Symphony.

Rehearsals are held Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 10:00, in the choral room at Portola Junior High School at Moeser Lane and Navellier in El Cerrito. Rides may be arranged by calling Mrs. Ball at 22-3479. For further information, call Mrs. Ball or the Richmond Evening School, 234-1766.

• ADULTS AND TEENAGERS who are interested in learning the dances of the Balkans and Middle East are now being accepted by the Balkaneers every Tuesday, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Mrs. Wilma G. Hampton will be giving instructions in the dances of Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Greece,

Armenia and Israel. It is not necessary to have a dancing partner to join.

The Balkaneers is a self-sustaining group which was organized in 1962 to enjoy and preserve the dances of the Balkans. Members are of all ages, and come from all over the Bay Area.

Anyone wanting more information may call 444-5667.

here comes the laugh!

Time to make reservations for the Masquers newest comedy, "Come Blow Your Horn", with Virginia Cherniak, Martin Gerber, Melanie Aguilar, Tim Turner, Stephanie Cherniak, and Chuck Haacker.

For reservation information, see the ad below.

helping the Cubs

Anyone wishing to assist Cub Pack 135 by attending a tour of the Wilson and Kratzer Funeral Home, please call Anna Caceres now. The tour is Monday, January 27, at 8:00 p.m.. It is free, but the troop receives one dollar for each person attending...and if enough people attend, the budget for the year may be taken care of! Call 233-5011 if you can join the group.

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A PARENT- INFORMATION Conference

A conference especially designed for parents of teenagers and other interested citizens is now in progress. The remaining two sessions are on Tuesday night, January 28 and February 4.

"Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs" is the title of the conference, presented at

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7:30 • at The Steeple, 5050 Road 20, Richmond. The conference is co-sponsored by The Steeple Coffee House and Mr. Jim Henderson, Health Educator for the Contra Costa County Health Department.

The first session, last Tuesday, dealt with physical effects of drugs.

Tuesday, January 28, the conference will include "Causes of Drug Use -- Why Youth Become Involved." It will include What to watch for in teenagers, pre-drug signs, parental attitudes and feelings, hostility of today's youth and the need for, and methods of discipline. The evening will also include a session on improving dialogue between parents and teens, and a panel discussion.

February 4, the theme will be "What Can We Do?"... What resources are available for the pre-drug teenager, as well as for the one who has become a user. What can parents do, what can the community do, what can civic clubs and organizations do--all a part of the discussion for the evening. There will also be a presentation of the films and educational material available to individuals, clubs and organizations.

All are invited to attend--the conference is free.

WOMEN Only

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First United Methodist Church in cooperation with the American Cancer Society, will show the film "Time and Two Women", and "Breast Self-Examination", Wednesday night, February 5 at 8 p.m. at the church. A doctor will be present to answer questions. All women are invited to attend.

Reminiscing

with Don Church

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

January 23, 1917....

THE BELL THAT COULDN'T RETIRE....

"By a purchase today, the historic old school bell that formerly called children to the Tenth Street School has been sold to the Richmond -San Rafael ferry company, and will be installed at the Point San Quentin wharf of the company to be used as a fog bell. The bell will ring by an electric attachment."

January 22, 1913:

NO MORE SIESTAS IN THE CITY JAIL...

"Contractor Paul of the Warswick Paving Company carried out his end of the agreement by taking the removed ties from Washington and Park Place tracks to the City Jail. Chief Arnold agreed to have them cut up into stove lengths and distributed among the poor of the city.

"Accordingly Arnold, on Monday morning, instructed Officer Ruiz to buy a saw, axes and hatchets, and put all lodgers in the city prison from now on at work on the wood pile until the last tie has been cut up into stove wood.

"No longer will prisoners in the local jail serving short sentences for misdemeanor crimes, be allowed to pass the time in the quiet and solitude

of their cells by reading old newspapers or such other literature as may come to hand. Sgt. Ruiz did purchase the tools and henceforth vagrants, drunks and other similar unfortunates will, during their leisure moments, be put to work cutting up ten or more cords of railroad ties stacked in the rear of the jail."

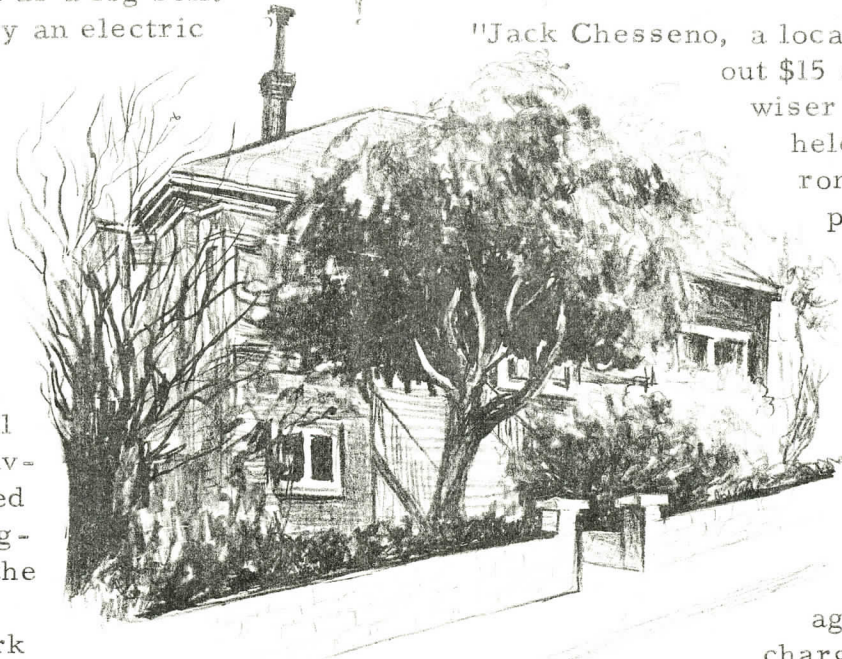
January 23, 1913....

"BAKER SORRY.. JUDGE SORRY.. SO FUN COST \$15 "

"Jack Chesseno, a local baker, is out \$15 and is a wiser man. He held an impromptu target practice Sunday afternoon in the rear of a laundry on Standard Avenue. He did not know there was a city ordinance against the discharging of firearms. Now he does.

This information cost him \$15, same being furnished by police Judge Wm. Lindsey."

"Chessano was proud of his reputation as a marksman. Since coming here, he hasn't had much time to practice his favorite pasttime. Sunday he decided to have a little recreation with his revolver, and was busy pinging away at a barn in the neighborhood when Sgt. Ruiz arrested him. It seems the owner of the barn had some horses stabled there and he feared for their safety..."



REPORT ON THE 'Y' FORUM



by Joanne Hagen

The first in a series of panel presentations was given at the "Y" this past Tuesday. The topic was The Crisis in our Schools. The concern of the community was indicated by the overflow crowd.

The next topic will relate to Richmond's Model Cities Program.

The moderator, Charles Mahon, introduced the speakers and indicated there would be no debate, but only the presentation of the four points of view represented: Virgil Gay, minority representative of the School Board; Mrs. Lobb, Association of Richmond Educators; Bruce Marshall, Citizens' School Study Committee; and Jim Shadduck, United School Parents, Inc.

Mr. Gay opened. He stated that he objected to integration, "because it's not a racial problem, it's an economic problem -- which is not anyone's fault." He referred to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 where it indicates that no student shall be assigned to a school for the purpose of racial balance, and said, "we needn't read too much further." He did say there are less discipline problems in integrated schools, but in general he remained still opposed to them.

Mrs. Lobb answered four questions: (1) That the Association of Richmond Educators is a teacher organization of about 1300 members, a local of the California Teachers' Association, and under the National Education Association. It is three years old.

(2). That sanctions are a focus on educational matters to the community; they may range from only publicity to a strike. She enumerated the three aspects of the present sanctions, stating that most important of the three was the educating of the public that there exists a major

problem in education in Richmond.

(3). That the sanction was called because class sizes have increased, number of teachers decreased, teacher salaries are not competitive, there is too little money for new programs to meet the challenges of the drop-out, the gifted, the handicapped, etc. etc.

(4). That the sanction hopes to achieve an emphasis on the problem -- (not busing, not strikes) -- EDUCATION!

Mr. Marshall's remarks were made not to the principle of the thing, but the money. Stating that the two issues on the ballot should be separated. Whoever is elected to the board is going to need money to continue the educational process. He said there are now 3,000 students being transported at a cost of \$200,000. If two-way bussing were required, the cost would be \$400,000, or an increase of 10 cents on every tax dollar. (During the question period this was compared to the 15 cent increase requested for teachers' salaries.) He said that the local residents will increasingly be paying a greater share of the school tab, because as the assessed value of property goes up, the government's help goes down. Teachers' salaries will also continue to rise just as everyone's does. He left the strong impression that we need to vote positively to put more money into our school system if we really want a good one.

Mr. Shadduck stated that his group was formed in protest to forced two-way bussing. He made comparisons to Mt. Diablo School District's financial setup. He concluded by saying that Richmond U.S.D. was "probably in definite need of a tax increase!"...but without great adjustments in administration and board members, he would discourage any tax increase. (In the question period he indicated there could still be another tax election this year after we see who is elected to the board). ... (Do you have any idea what the

of an election is to the tax payer!!)

P.S. I find it very difficult to be objective on this issue, but I hope this is a reasonably fair report. I would really urge everyone to hear for themselves the persons in key positions and become personally acquainted with the issues. Ultimately we make the big decisions in April, and that election is not far away.

DEATHS

Mr. Peter Van Rooyen, who resided on Santa Fe Avenue, died Tuesday, January 21. He is survived by his wife, Mia.

Mr. Jay Nowotny, of 319 Chansbr Ave., died at the wheel of his truck Tuesday, while on his job at Standard Oil Company. Mr. Nowotny, who was 42 years old, is survived by his wife Sue and son Steve (Arky) Nowotny, former Washington School student. Mr. Nowotny was a cub master for the Boy Scouts, and started working toward a little league baseball team with them, before the present little league existed.

Guard TIME

Washington School will soon celebrate its PTA Founders Day. At that time, an Honorary Life Membership will be presented to someone in the community. If you happen to know someone who has done a great deal for the youth of the community, and has served in an exceptional way, whether a parent or not, they may be considered for the award. If you have someone to suggest, please call Bessie Squires, at 233-0627, before Monday; or leave a note in the PTA box at Washington School by Monday morning.

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The Senior Methodist Youth Fellowship had a very successful snow trip to Placerville, where they were hosted by the Placerville Federated Church. The

Senior High gave them a welcome dinner, and they came back tired, full, sore and happy.

The Point Baptist Church held its monthly dinner and business meeting Wednesday evening. Southern fried chicken was served by Edith Hendrix, Ruby Crittenden, Donna Wilson and Margaret Howard. Members and guests went home full and happy.

A surprise Pound Party was given for Rev. Smith last Sunday by the Methodist Church (each person brought a pound of something for a gift). Mr. Ken Newman read a poem; Alice Bray, Angela Wilbanks, Lorie Smith and Roger Elle sang, and later cake and coffee were served. The Smiths thanked the congregation for making them feel so welcome and wanted, and (you'll never guess)...everyone went home full and happy.

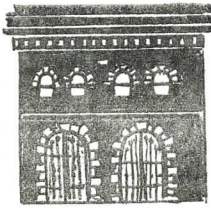
Letha Bivin proudly announces the birth of a new grandson, Rodney Wayne Bivin, who weighed in at 7 pounds, 14 ounces at the Healdsburg Hospital. Proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bivin.

An Italian Movie Company, filming in Death Valley and various places in California, will locate at Contra Costa College Campus January 27, for a week's shooting, in return for which the College will receive \$5,000 for its student fund!

Jessie and Doug Clark, ex-Point residents, are now residents of San Pedro, California, after having spent the past few years in Maine.

Congratulations to Anna Marie Healy, who has joined Troop 2151, as an official Cadette Girl Scout.

Mrs. Beverly Sinkowitz and daughter Vicky enjoyed an extended holiday trip to Ohio, where they visited Mrs. Sinkowitz' mother, Mrs. Russell Davis Adams.



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The Wesleyan Guild of the Methodist Church has old fashioned Pure Vanilla and black pepper to sell-- Marion Kay products, to raise funds for the church.



"We cannot expect to make every-one our friend, but we can try to make no one our enemy" ... (from Nixon's inaugural address.)

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Former Point resident AL FRANCO, will be back visiting friends on Saturday.

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A surprise reception and "pounding" party was held last Sunday afternoon for REV. RICHARD SMITH,, his wife Carol and children Mike and Lori, in friendship Hall at the Methodist Church.

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Incapacitated this past week is ULDINE NICKOLA, who found a door frame immovable and has a "colorful" right arm to prove it.

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NBC cameramen are to be congratulated for the splendid taste displayed in photographing the Inaugural parade,

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Attention girls, class of 1970 .... Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., has announced it will become coeducational in the fall of 1970 -- a change that will add 600 women to the present student body of 1,951 men!

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Why is it the most demonstrative war and draft protestors wear navy peacoats, Marine pants and other military clothing ???

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Michelle Healy gave the blessing at the annual dinner of the West Contra Costa Campfire Girls Thursday, honoring volunteers.

How refreshing to read last week's "Letter to the Editor" by a youth who has a depth of maturity usually reserved for those with greater experience.

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"Rock of the Community" can be literally the title of the Point Methodist Church..... In the early a.m. last Saturday, someone tampered with the Don Amantite automobile, causing it to careen down steep Martina Street, across the Nicholl Avenue curb and sidewalk, felling the Martina Street picket fence and coming to a rest against the corner of the historic brick church. While little noticeable damage was incurred by the church, the Amantite car can't make the same claim.

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Did you know (and that is a good phrase, Mr. Hill..)

(1) Commander Lloyd M. Buchner, skipper of the USS Pueblo, is a graduate of Father Flannagan's Boys' Town in Nebraska?

(2) An outgoing U.S. President leaves Washington D.C. right after an inauguration and doesn't stay to see the parade?

(3) This is the first time in history a man born west of the Rockies has been elected president of the U.S.?

(4) President Johnson left the lights on in the White House for his predecessor?

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Mr. and Mrs. EDWARD PALEN-CHAR drove to Reno Thursday to attend the marriage of their son Charles to Rose Cancancon of Daly City. They will make their home in Daly City. Charles is employed by the Bell Telephone Company. He was discharged from the Navy last month.

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## BIRTHDAY BOX



Henry Allyn--Jim Wilson--Joe Travis Fifth Wedding Anniversary congrats to Norma and Richard Matteucci.

## ATTENTION



## SNOW-FANS

Washington School Playground Leaders are taking sign-ups NOW for the Annual playground snow trip. Those interested in going had better sign up quickly, because each playground is limited in the number of children who may attend.

Any Fourth, Fifth or Sixth grader may go on the trip, which will be on Saturday, February 15. Charter Buses will pick up the youngsters at each playground, take them up to Soda Springs, and return them that night to the playground.

Further information and detailed permission slips are available now at the playground. But HURRY--the limited number won't last long.

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DON'T FORGET! Tomorrow (Saturday), Washington's Pom Pon girls will take part in the Big Event of the year: The Annual Pom-Pon and Cheerleading competition to be held in the Gym at Richmond High South Campus. The doings get underway at 1 p.m. It sure would be great if a lot of Washington School Supporters were in the audience! The girls have worked extremely hard and deserve a great big round of applause! Come and join in -- it's an event you'll enjoy tremendously.

WELCOME to the Point, Carole Delucchi, hair stylist with the Davidahl Salon, who is our new neighbor at Santa Fe and Nicholl Avenues. Carole's uncle is George Delucchi, well known to customers of the Spot.

Miserable thought for the week-- Misery is when your kite flies higher than everyone else's because you let go of the string.



## HUMANITARIAN OF THE WEEK AWARD

Wednesday night one of the Point's long established friends lay victim of the reckless antics of a speeding joy-rider. Badly shook and bleeding, Clancy, the loveable dog of Father Prendeville at Our Lady of Mercy Church, crawled to the side of the road and lay in shock as the hit-and-run driver sped away with no concern whatsoever.

Having heard Clancy's terrible cries, Mr. Marvin Chandler rushed from his Santa Fe Avenue Apartment, rescued Clancy from the cold night and returned him to the Church rectory. However, Father Prendeville was out of town and not due back for several days. At this point, two more good-hearted people stepped in to see that Clancy was properly attended to. Patricia and Linda Lanning interrupted their tasks of the evening and volunteered to drive the injured dog to the Veterinary hospital.

Clancy is now resting at home and anxiously awaiting the return of his owner. His muscles ache from head to toe, and he limps about on three legs (number four is well bandaged and soon the gash in the leg will mend like new).

To Clancy go our wishes for a speedy recovery; and to Mr. Chandler and the two Lanning ladies a most heartfelt "Thank you!! -- Thank you for caring.

-- Gloria Crim.

TV Specials--"Dances of West Africa by the Mali and Ghana Dance Ensemble, Jan. 31, Channel 9.

POINT PERSONALITIES.....

# KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

Just after the earthquake in 1906, Mr. and Mrs. McDuff moved from San Francisco to Point Richmond, where the couple managed Richmond's first hotel, the St. Francis Hotel. They had been married only a year when they began their life in Richmond. Mr. McDuff became very active in the newly formed city's political life, and served as a City Councilman in 1910. Mrs. McDuff was kept very busy in the hotel, where she worked every day, and assisted in the dining room. Life was, in fact, busy enough so that she feels that she is more aware now of what is going on in the city than she was as a young woman.

Through the years, the McDuffs bought various pieces of property in Point Richmond, and, like many people who owned property in the Point previous to the 1940's, Mrs. McDuff has vivid memories of selling property at prices that would barely make a down-payment now.

Hunting and fishing trips took the McDuffs to every county in California, but duck hunting and fishing was a favorite pasttime close to home, too. The fishing at that time was fabulous along the Bay, and duck blinds lined the water's edge.

Mr. McDuff was a member of the first volunteer Richmond Fire Department, and a picture on the wall of the dining room shows the first fire truck and crew. Of those early pioneers of the city, Mrs. McDuff is one of the few remaining members. She has watched Point Richmond change from a growing village with unpaved streets, wooden sidewalks and temporary shelters to a settled village, bustling with industry and activity. She watched Richmond grow away from the Point, and during the 1930's, saw the business district become a little too quiet. The awakening period that has brought traffic and activity back to the Point pleases Mrs. McDuff, who has had a grandstand seat to watch every change. From her large upstairs apartment on Washington Avenue, where she has lived for the past forty years, she has missed very little of what has



happened to the business area of Point Richmond. Her only complaint about the increased activity surrounding her is the speed with which some of the cars and trucks hustle down the streets. Her Cocker Spaniel, Cindy, was a victim of one of them last week, as she was about to take the dog for a stroll.

Mrs. McDuff has enjoyed watching Point Richmond's evolution, and she retains a keen interest in all that is happening, from local to international activities. Her eyes sparkle with reflections of her active mind, and she'll not "beat around the bush" if you ask her opinion on almost any subject. She's been around here for a long time -- and she knows what's going on.



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# TAX INFO -

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Tomorrow, January 24, Contra Costa County Assessor E. F. Wanaka will begin mailing claim forms for Property Tax Relief Payment to some 100,000 homeowners in Contra Costa County. This is a result of the approval of Proposition 1A, the property Tax Relief Amendment, by the voters last November. Claim forms will be mailed to all homeowners of record as of March 1, 1968.

To be eligible to receive this benefit the homeowner: (1) must have owned the property on March 1, 1968; (2) must have resided in that property as his principal place of residence; (3) must not have received any property tax relief other than the Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance; and (4) the property on which the claim is made must be a single-family residence, a duplex, or a condominium

apartment unit. Residents of cooperative housing projects will not be eligible for this refund.

Those who qualify will be eligible for a \$70 refund on their 1968 property taxes. This refund will be mailed by the State Controller directly to the homeowner beginning on or about June 15, 1969.

If you wish to file a claim for the refund and do not receive a preprinted form through the mail by February 1, 1969, blank forms may be obtained at the following locations, or you may call the Assessor's office and ask for the Homeowners Exemption Section:

Richmond Municipal Court, 100-37th St.  
Richmond City Assessor, Civic Center and  
Macdonald Ave.

Contra Costa County Assessor, 256 -24th  
Street, Richmond.

and All Branches of the County Library.

(This list includes only Richmond addresses. There are offices available in other towns, also.

Homeowners need only check that their own names and address as printed on the form are correct, write in their social security numbers, sign the form, attach a 6 cent stamp, on the pre-addressed envelope provided, and mail it. If the preprinted information on the form is incorrect, homeowners are requested to cross it out and enter the correct information. The envelopes will go to the County Assessor, who will check the information and certify those which qualify to the State Controller.

Homeowners are urged to complete and mail the form as early as possible to insure the proper credit of the information. The final filing date is April 15, 1969, and there are no provisions for late filing. Claims not filed by that date must be denied. Before returning the claim, be sure to complete and sign it or the exemption cannot be allowed.


A companion benefit of Proposition 1A allows a \$750 assessed value exemption for property taxes in 1969 and subsequent years. Separate forms will be mailed to all homeowners about March 1, 1969. These also must be filed by April 15, 1969. The forms are being sent separately to minimize confusion. If you have difficulty completing the form, Mr. Wanaka's staff will be most happy

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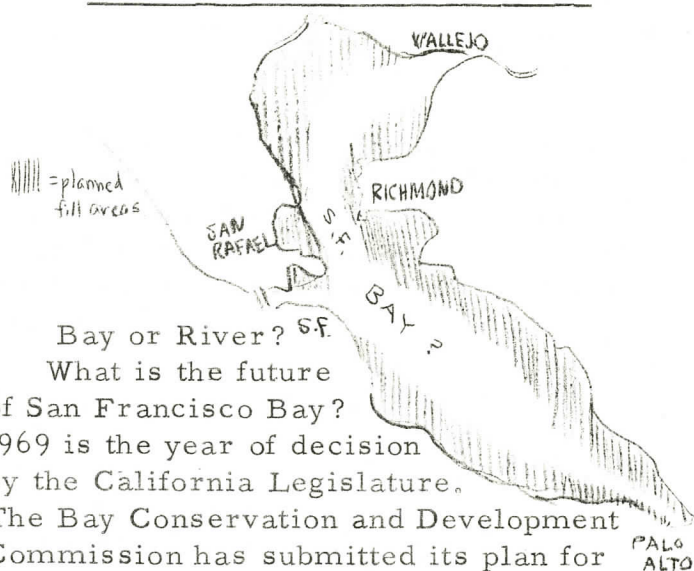
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Bay or River? S.F.

What is the future of San Francisco Bay? 1969 is the year of decision by the California Legislature. The Bay Conservation and Development Commission has submitted its plan for the Bay, with a proposal for the regulation of shoreline development.

Those who valiantly struggle for a good plan to protect the Bay as a treasured water resource are now cooperating through a Citizens' Alliance to save San Francisco Bay. The proposal for a "continuing commission with firm, regulatory powers over Bay Fill, dredging and shoreline development" is uniting groups throughout California -- sportsmen, sailors, fishermen, naturalists, conservationists, and those who enjoy the glorious visual experience of water framed by hills, support the issue.

Citizens' Alliance urges all those who would Save the Bay to write their legislators -- or senatorial candidates asking:

1. What is your stand on the Bay fill issue?
2. Which bill do you support?
3. Do you plan to co-author a bill?
4. What kind of Bay fill controls are important to you?

The answers should be published in organization newsletters and bulletins, and letters-to-the-editors in newspapers. Also, send carbons of letters to Don Sherwood, (KSFO, 950 California Street, San Francisco).

To help finance the campaign, (those who would fill the Bay are putting thousands of dollars into the opposition), send contributions to "Bay Fund," 46 Kearney Street,

Room 604, San Francisco, 94104. 12. Every dollar counts.

And, write to Governor Reagan, commending him for his stand in the State of the State Address, to continue the work of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

Local organizations that are cooperating with Citizens' Alliance to Save San Francisco Bay include the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee, The West Contra Costa Conservation League, Huscicon, Richmond Citizens Planning Association, The Point Richmond Civic Group will consider support at the next meeting of its executive board.

--Barbara Vincent.



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# A Tale

by Dan Robertson

The ocean is the source of all life.

The ocean is also the source of all left-footed shower clogs.

Those are the two main facts about the ocean.

You have heard of the ocean, no doubt. It is that smurdgy looking stuff right next to the beaches. It is that oily, smelly liquid near the sand. It is that place where, if you are a good mother, you will not allow your kid to swim, because if he gets one swallow of it, his brain might be so damaged he will not grow up to be a chemist or engineer responsible for dumping junk into the ocean.

At one time, in the olden days, God looked after the ocean himself. He kept it more or less blue, and fishes lived in it.

At that time, it was not the source of

left-footed shower clogs or smurdge or even beer cans.

At that time, in fact, the ocean was very dull.

It was only the source of life.

But, as it turned out, God is only human after all and like the rest of us, he gets tired of watching after the same old thing every day, so He said, "The hell with it, let somebody else watch the ocean," and he took a vacation.

Now the garbage company watches the ocean for us, and so do the sewage plants. Steel factories; chemical industries; food, lumber and machine manufacturers watch the ocean for us. Lots of companies big and small watch the ocean and keep care of it and now it belongs to them. They are pleased that the ocean is there and belongs to them, because now they can dump stuff into it.

They are so pleased, in fact, that day and night they dump stuff into it.

Especially at night.

In the morning, we all wake up and Surprise! There is all that greasy smurdge dumped into the ocean. But now the ocean

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is more colorful than the plain ocean used to be in the olden days, because now, the ocean is green, red, brown, grey, black. Like garbage.

In fact, now the ocean is beginning to look like the sky. They are both much more colorful than in the olden days. And we did it ourselves!

The ocean is the source of all left-footed shower clogs.

The ocean was the source of life.

Those are the two main facts about the ocean.

## JUNIQUE

by Nanci Griffith

What if Life is a tunnel -- a connection between two realms--the embryonic stage and death? And humans just walk through in darkness, never knowing what it's all about.

What if Life is an experiment and the Universe a Petri dish? And humans are closely examined organisms probed and experimented upon by some unseen force.

What if Life is an abstract painting -- just a series of color splashes and foreign images. And humans are ignorant of the unrecognizable forms and just exist amid the chaotic pattern.

What if Life is a horror movie featuring man's inhumanity to man. And humans are actors, playing the role--out to destroy mankind.

## • RECIPE

### SERENITY COCKTAIL

by Helen Gurley Brown, contributed by Gerri Kretzmer.....

1/2 c. chunk pineapple      2 T. soybean oil  
1 tsp. vanilla              1 c. milk

Blend. Add: 1 tsp. calcium lactate, 1/2 c. powdered skim milk, 1 T. Brewers yeast or liver powder. Blend. Add milk to fill blender. Also use banana, frozen orange juice, berries, etc. (serves 4).

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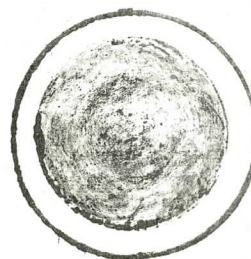
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# This and That

There was a sneaky little note on the Library door, the days the Library was closed last week, and it said "Mary Burkhard's

Birthday is January 29 "--one of the nicest sneaky notices we've come across!

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The Calvin family has moved from Point Richmond -- someone else's gain, our loss. Estelle Calvin, who has been a faithful paper carrier for Point Counterpoint, came back last Friday just to make her last delivery!

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The Santa Fe Market has a set of Ford Keys found at Keller's Beach a while back-- Let them know if they're yours.

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Seen amicably splitting a banana split in the Old Fire House Ice Cream Parlor were Thea Kendall and Dan Robertson. Only conversation overheard-- "Mmmmm-delicious."

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PAPER is still being collected, in case you have stacks of newspapers you'd like to get rid of. Jobs Daughters Bethel 319 is collecting them, and will gladly pick up papers if you call-- West Side, Pam Wilson, 234-0814; Central Richmond, Christy Wilson, 233-8434.


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Last week, the editor of this paper was seen sitting red-faced in the middle of the intersection of Nicholl Avenue and Washington (In her car, of course). In attempting to take a picture, she made a U-turn, and the car stalled midway. This is not unusual. Proof is, all those who passed who knew her waved and drove on, assuming this was normal behavior on her part. Luckily, some kind strangers came by, and not knowing the antics of the ed., stopped to help. When the engine wouldn't cooperate, Dixie, the well-known mailman, came to the rescue by pushing the car as far as Bradley's Auto Repair. By that time, there was only ten minutes for her to get to a class at Washington School, and Harry Bradley stopped everything, and, by her return from class, the car was ready to take off again. (Bradley's at 101 West Richmond).

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# SHAPING THE SPACE AGE DREAM

by Lorraine Moulton

(from material found in Planets and Interplanetary Travel)

We have always looked for new lands, new mountains, new worlds to conquer. For some of us there is a practical reason, such as searching for gold, or for an even more precious commodity-- Freedom. For other people there has been the adventure and romance of being the first man to fly across the ocean or the first man to explore an unknown cave.

Even since time, man has been curious. First by exploring a cave, then the land, the sea, and eventually the air. Today we stand at a new frontier -- space and space travel.

As we go up into the air over the earth, we will not find any road sign along the way saying, "You are now entering space". Actually, once we leave the ground we are in space. The airplanes that fly overhead are in space. But they are only at the very bottom of space. Today our national interest is in outer space.

Although scientists have not agreed upon where outer space begins, There are many who feel that once we are about 600 miles above the earth we are at the bottom fringe of outer space. If this is the bottom, where is the top?

The top or farthest reaches of space is millions of miles away. No matter how far away from the earth we go we would still be in outer space. In effect, we would be traveling through the universe. The universe is the biggest thing we can picture. Everything we know is in the UNIVERSE--our earth, either by exploring with out telescopes or flying in a spaceship, we would always be in the universe and never reach the end of outer space.

We have dreamed of leaving the earth and reaching into another world, as far back as the second century A.D., There was a Greek by the name of Lucian of Samos, who wrote a fantasy about a man who was carried to the moon by a water-spout during a storm. In his second story about space, Lucian's hero flew to the moon with a pair of wings he had made himself.

The moon was the obvious destination for such fantasies because it is so large and has clearly visible markings, which could be thought of as land and sea areas. But for the next 1,400 years, the dream of reaching the moon was abandoned. During this period men believed that the earth was the only world that had ever been created, and that the sun, moon and stars were there to give light and comfort to the earth.

It was not until some 300 years ago, when the famous Italian astronomer Galileo, looked through his telescope and told about the other worlds he saw, that men realized there were other worlds in addition to our earth. Again, they began to dream of reaching these worlds.

In 1634, there appeared a story about a journey to the moon by Johannes Kepler, the German astronomer, who discovered how the planets moved about the sun. Although Kepler was a scientist he transported his hero to the moon by "magic moon people" who could fly through space. Kepler did include a detailed description of the surface of the moon, which he had seen through his telescope.

After Kepler's book, there were many others about space travel and voyages to the moon. They were mostly fantasies, but some contained attempts at scientific reasoning. The first serious discussion of space travel was written in 1640 by Bishop Wilkins of England. It contained a description of physical conditions on the moon and discussed ways in which man could possibly live on the moon. The first man who wrote about a rocket as a spaceship was the noted Frenchman, Cyrano de Bergerac. In

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his voyage to the moon and History of the Republic of the Sun, he had his space travelers flying to the moon and the sun, inside a rocket.

Jules Verne, the French novelist, wrote his story in 1865 titled, "From the Earth to the Moon". Some years ago, Hollywood made a movie based on Verne's story.

By 1901 we were already at the beginning of a new era in the development of air travel and the conquest of space.

# •LETTER TO THE EDITOR...response

Dear Editor:

We are writing to you as concerned human beings. Our purpose is to express outrage at the flagrant apathy and ignorance of the majority of people in this community about the purpose of education. We do take a stand on the issues--we dedicate our allegiance to an educational system which doesn't deny to some what it sells to others. These issues rise above the banality of politics; these issues must be realized if we are ever to achieve the goals of democracy-freedom, dignity and equality.

Education is a privilege which should be extended to every individual, regardless of status. Some people have been inconvenienced by the strike at San Francisco State this semester. Most of these, however, forget that others have been inconvenienced by perpetual poverty. These people have never been able to enjoy the opportunity of getting a higher education. They are constantly disrupted by uncontrolled criminal activities and police harassment.

It requires courage for an individual to sacrifice a semester of school in sympathy for those less fortunate than themselves. It isn't that difficult to cross a picket line when one is guarded by policemen with helmets and clubs. Continuing to go to school isn't making a commitment, it is simply taking the easy way out of an emotionally demanding situation. Any thoughtless person can support the

racist policy inherent in our state college system. Since most Richmond residents are assured of a living by their union membership, crossing a sanctioned picket line is scabbing on another one's income. In fact, our state college system was originated by the persistent efforts of the trade union movement. We wish the minority of San Francisco State students still attending classes were humane enough to sacrifice a few of their privileges to allow more for others.

As for S.I. Hayakawa, there is nothing unique about being a yes-man. The decisions he has made reflect the political views of our present governor. First, our educational institutions have too long been political arenas. Second, he represents the exact lack of pride in his ethnic background that minority students decry. This ethnic background is essential to the development of one's pride and dignity in his origin. Existing white-washed history and bourgeois-oriented courses don't provide this opportunity.

There is educational unrest and striking throughout the world. Perhaps San Francisco State could set an example by successfully uncovering the solution to the dilemma. If students would take their noses out of books long enough to look for the solution, our educational system might progress enough to accommodate the needs of today's society.

Sarah Hipolito-S.F.State-Psychology  
Judy Forbes-U.C. - Sociology  
Gary Encinas - U.C. - Anthropology.

• TEENS: News for Point Counter-Point may be called in to the Recreation Center at 232-6140. We need more Teen news!

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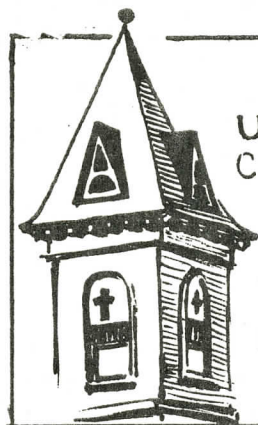
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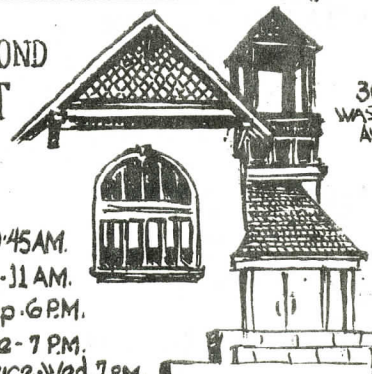
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