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Easter and After...

The churches of Point Richmond cordially invite you to join them in their Easter celebrations. Following are the schedules for regular and special services.

The First Methodist Church will hold an Easter Service on Sunday morning at 11 a.m., with special music provided by both the adult and the youth choirs. Sunday school students will enjoy an Easter Egg hunt prior to the Easter service, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

The Point Richmond Baptist Church will hold its Easter Service at the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday. Rev. Hendrix will also participate in the large Easter Sunrise Service at Rolling Hills Church in San Pablo. This service begins at 6 a.m.

Our Lady of Mercy Church will have Stations of the Cross and a sermon at 7:30 p.m. on Good Friday. Confessions will be held on Holy Saturday at 3:30 to 5:30 and from 7 to 8 p.m.

Easter Vigil followed by a mass will be held on Holy Saturday at 8 p.m. This mass fulfills the Sunday obligation.

Easter mass will be held on Easter Sunday at 8 and 10 a.m.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Music for Good Friday will be held at 8:15 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church in Kensington, with Handel's "Laudate Pueri Dominum" and Rossini's "Stabat Mater", performed by the Chancel choir, fine soloists and an orchestra. The church is located at one Lawson Road, Kensington, and the public is cordially invited.



the BIG SHOW

On Monday, March 30, the "Wagon Show" comes to Point Richmond. With two presentations, both at Washington School Auditorium, the San Francisco Players' Guild will enthrall audiences young and old, with their annual dramatic presentation. A morning and afternoon performance will be given. Call the school, at 232-1436, for the exact time of performances.

SHORE EXCURSION

For early-risers, an excursion is planned for Monday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee will meet everyone interested in the parking lot at Railroad Avenue, behind the Old Firehouse, and take off from there for a trek along Parchester Beach and Point Pinole. Those participating are asked to wear suitable hiking gear and carry emergency rations.

MAYAN EXHIBIT

Beginning on March 30, the California Arts Commission brings an exhibit of ancient Mayan rubbings to Contra Costa College, which will be shown in the library gallery.

The rubbings in the exhibition depict the art of the "priest-ruler" class from AD 1 to AD 889, when their last known monuments were erected. Noted archaeological illustrator and authority on Mayan culture, Mrs. Merle Greene Robertson, made these rubbings over a period of seven years.

A highly sophisticated sensitive art, the Mayan style constitutes one of the greatest styles of pre-columbia America. Hidden among the dense jungle until the middle of the 19th century, the elaborate monuments

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temples and palaces, ceremonial centers, plazas and magnificent stairways leading to them, and bas-relief tablets are all that remains of this ancient culture.

The public is invited to this exhibition, on display through April 17. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

SWIM PROGRAM BEGINS

Monday is the day when several programs begin at the Richmond Plunge.... Family swimming lessons, Springboard diving, Water safety instruction, Lifesaving, and Handicapped swim. For further information, call the plunge at 234-8202 or the Recreation and Parks Department at 232-1212, ext. 496.

FOLKSINGER SINGS

Stan Wilson, noted Bay Area folksinger, will appear twice on April 3 - at 1 p.m. and at 2 p.m., on the Washington School Auditorium Stage. Adults will enjoy him, and are cordially invited, too.

CIVIC GROUP MEETS: For FIELD HOUSE discussion

The final meeting between citizens of the Point and the Recreation and Parks department concerning the planned Field House at Washington School Park will be held on Wednesday evening, April 8. The Point Richmond Civic Group invites all interested citizens to attend the meeting, in preparation for the construction of the new facility. Exact time and place will be announced, but the meeting will be in the evening, April 8.

BAY CONVENTION

A "constitutional Convention" for the nine bay area counties will be held on April 18 at the University of California from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to discuss regional government plans.

Spring CONCERT

The Richmond Chorus, under the direction of Ron Daniels, is completing its preparation for the presentation of its Spring Concert. The first in its series of six concerts will be offered on April 5 at 7:30 p.m. at MacArthur Community Baptist Church in San Pablo.

The spring concert will include a variety of music, including both classical and contemporary pieces. Schubert's Mass in G Major, and Mozart's Ave Verum will be two of the classical selections on the program. From its repertoire of contemporary music, the Chorus will be performing the Ave Maria of Stravinski, Fred Sharp's Requiem, Jordan Stenberg's Aria for Chorus, Morton Feldman's Christian Wolff in Cambridge and Laughing Piece by the conductor, Ron Daniels.

The Richmond Chorus is getting a reputation for being both willing and able to perform contemporary choral music. In recent performances, Richmond audiences have been invited to get up and wander around within the sound complex created by four different choruses with electronic instrumentation and pre-recorded tapes. In the Requiem of Fred Sharp, which was premiered during the Christmas Concert, one can hear traditional forms treated in the contemporary rock medium. Both young and old audiences have sensed the excitement of being part of something new and experimental.

Other performances of the Spring Concert will be given on April 10 at the Hillside Community Church in El Cerrito, April 19 at the Parchester First Baptist Church, April 19 at the Mira Vista United Church of Christ in El Cerrito, on April 26 at the El Sobrante United Methodist Church, and finally on May 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Point Richmond United Methodist Church.

The Point Richmond concert will benefit the roof fund of the church, and tickets will soon be on sale for the concert.



REMINISCING

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THIS WEEK in Richmond
History

***** 1913 *****

WEST SIDE GROWING BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS

"No section of the city is growing faster than the business section of the West Side. The Gerlach building is already under construction at the Santa Fe crossing and Richmond Ave. (now the Hotel Todd).

R. Tcherassy has plans for a modern business block at the corner of Park Place and Richmond Avenue (never got started).

The Eagles Building having a frontage on both Washington ave. and Park Place is being entirely remodelled and will have an upper floor fitted to a modern rooming house (this building was torn down for the new library and fire house.)

A large number of streets of the residence section are being improved.

The Anderson building, a 3-story brick is under construction (the building between Richmond Supply Co., and Santa Fe Market).

The Point Theater opened on February 16th (now the Point Orient Restaurant.)

***** 1915 *****

KOZY KOVE GONE

"C. M. Brewer, manager of Western States Gas and Electric Co., purchased the entire furnishings of Kozy Kove at auction yesterday... Pound master Smith was also present and it was understood he was

bidding on the swim suits for his dogs when they desired to take a dip in the briny. However, discretion was the better part of charity in this case and Smith refrained from digging into his jeans for the necessary shekles. (Just a month later, Kozy Kove was leased to a new company who planned to create a new resort.)

***** 1917 *****

Front Avenue was changed to "Western Drive", chosen by the City Council from more than a dozen possible names.

WAR! - CALL VOLUNTEERS...

"By a vote of 373 to 50 the House today adopted resolutions declaring the U.S. at war with Germany."

A few days later, it was announced that four companies of National Guardsmen would be stationed at Richmond to protect industries, bridges, and tunnels in this section."

***** 1920 *****

RICHMOND CENSUS

"The census of the city of Richmond, according to the census bureau, is 16,843 -- a gain of 147.6%, one of the biggest gains in the country. The total gain in the past 10 years has been 10,041. These figures were a big disappointment to our city, as it had been expected that we had nearer 20,000 population.

SAFETY FLAGMEN HIT BY AUTOS

Safety Flagmen were employed to protect lives and safety of autoists approaching trains, and many were killed or injured by autoists (and that is why flagmen no longer warn that trains are coming.)



5. ON KEEPING A LIGHTHOUSE

Because the response to the television program about the Brothers Lighthouse was so phenomenal, plans for the rescue of the beautiful and historic little installation go on quietly, but with renewed determination and confidence. More about these plans later, when all good and true Lighthouse-Lovers may be called upon to give aid and comfort to the cause.

EXEMPTIONS FOR YOU ?

Homeowners and veterans are reminded by County Assessor E.F. Wanaka that claims for the 1970 Homeowner's or Veterans' Exemptions must be filed by mail or in person no later than April 15, 1970. There is NO provision in the law for late filing of either of these claims.

Although every effort has been made to reach all veterans and homeowners, many who have recently moved to Contra Costa County or changed their address did not receive a form. Those who have not received their exemption claim should immediately contact the office of the assessor, in Martinez by calling 228-3000, ext. 2294, or coming to the main office located in Room 202, Finance Building, Martinez, or the Branch office -- 256 - 24th street, Richmond, to obtain the necessary forms.

In order to be eligible for the homeowner's exemption, the claimant must meet certain qualifications: He must have owned and have occupied his home on March 1, 1970; the dwelling must have no more than two living units; and, neither the claimant nor any other owner of the property may have received a public assistance allowance for property taxes between July 1, 1969 and June 30, 1970.

Homeowners so qualified will receive a \$750 reduction in assessed value from the 1970-71 total assessed value. This means the tax bill next November will be approximately \$75 to \$95 less than it would have been otherwise.

Veteran's exemptions are granted to residents of California at the time of entering the

Service, or who have been residents on November 3, 1964. Veterans must meet certain asset limitations for qualifications. This exemption may be applied to any taxable property such as a boat or vacation home within the state, except that property on which a homeowner's exemption has been granted.

Anyone with questions should call 228-3000, extension 2294 immediately.

CONTRADICTING PEACE ?

Concern about the negation of the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks to begin in April in Vienna by the continued testing of the newest most extensive weapons, has grown, and appeals are being sent out to request letters to your senators, asking that the testing be halted before it makes negotiations meaningless. Both the U.S. and Russia know that once testing on the new weapon (the Multiple Independently-Targeted Re-entry Vehicle) is completed, deployment can follow on either side without detection. Our MIRV is scheduled for completion in June, 1970, and unless we halt its testing immediately and ask Russia to do the same, the Vienna conference will, according to the appeal, be useless.

The weapon being tested contains from 3 to 20 nuclear bombs, each independently targeted, and will cost between 7 and 12 billion dollars. The arms race to create more and more destruction is not only expensive but it has the potential to destroy much of the world. The race becomes more frightening as it goes along, and when talks are scheduled to limit arms, there should be at least a moratorium on testing. If you are concerned, write to your two senators asking for a halt to the testing.

Picture by the scale in a Doctor's office...



Castles in the Air by the Sea

On Monday, March 23rd, the Explorer Division of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee set forth for a prowl of the Potrero San Pablo.

This miniature coastal ridge, which at the end of the nineteenth century was devoted to cattle grazing and to the growing of vegetables for the markets across the Bay in San Francisco, has had a lively history. Once a-bustle with activity, including a great winery, fish packing plants, wharves, and a mixed bag of other commercial enterprises, the area is now, by comparison, rather quiet and off the beaten track. Now the bulk of the land is owned by the Standard Oil Company, although the Navy claims possession of a choice and ample area (which includes the beautiful old brick buildings of the winery) for its Fuel Depot. There are some parcels which are owned by the city, (some under lease to Parr) and a few acres which is still in private ownership. The tour of discovery started at the tip of Point San Pablo, a lovely vacant area on the water owned by the city, which was once earmarked for a sewage plant, with a fervent "thanks" to those who induced the city to abandon this idea, the Shoreline Parks Committee agreed that this was a site that would have been wasted on sewage (no pun intended), for this is a spectacularly beautiful spot, with the vast tranquility of San Pablo Bay spread out before it and the close-up excitement of a variety of west-bound shipping, which passes with dramatic closeness, in the narrow channel between the Brothers Lighthouse Island and the shore.

To be sure the ravages of McNear's Point Quarry are directly across on the Marin Shore and our own infamous dump is a rather conspicuous bulk to the right. But the serenity of the vista dominates these desecrations, and makes one wonder why Berkeley has two handsome waterfront restaurants when Richmond, with a view like this one, has none.

Really intrigued with the idea of waterfront development in this area, (why not propose it to Hahn-Newman as an annex or sup-

plement to the down-town shopping 6. Center?) the explorers wandered along the waterfront to investigate the Whaling Station and Renderers Plant, since it is said that they often perfume the air with lusty fragrances that would be inimical to fashionable dining or shopping. Since neither was in operation at the time, the intrepid explorers continued strolling down the Belt Railroad Track toward the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor, observing the numerous little beaches, ideal for fishing, and many abandoned concrete pads where docks or buildings must once have been, and could be again. Transported into fantasy-land, the explorers easily visualized the waterfront developed with great charm and taste in a style similar to Ghirardelli Square, providing enjoyment of the waterfront for the people of the area, and a tidy profit to the developers or the city.

At the Point San Pablo Yacht Harbor an unexpected pleasure was in store in the person of Mrs. Fritz Kauffman, who lives there and runs "the Galley" restaurant. Mrs. Kauffman is as much in love with the Brothers Lighthouse Island as the Committee, and was one of the many people who called with inquiries following the TV Show. She volunteered much interesting information about the Lighthouse, and about her personal efforts to save it. She was a gold mine of little-known facts about the 90-berth boat harbor (including two wonderful houseboats) which was once owned and run by the late Captain Clarke, who for many years was a Point Richmond resident.

On the drive back to Point Richmond the Shoreline Parks Committee, fired with enthusiastic visions of a shoreline "rim" park, complete with esplanade, shops, beaches, marinas and restaurants, carefully observed the waterfront and agreed that it was ideal for this purpose. There were a few dismaying sights, such as the illegal and unsightly fill at Red Rock Marina, a Navy building with the chilling sign "Disease Vector Control Center", and the savage destruction of the hills in the quarry area. But the astonishing thing about this isolated area is that it (next page, please

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its possibilities have not caught the eye of one of the groups anxious to avail themselves of the dwindling waterfront land of the beautiful San Francisco Bay.

WEST SIDE Library

by Mary Burkhard

SATURDAY FILM.....

Tomorrow's film will be THE LIVING STONE. It is a 33-minute color film depicting the life and traditions of the Eskimoes on Baffin Island.

NEW BOOKS.....

New to West Side is a recently published biography of Noel Coward. A TALENT TO AMUSE, by Sheridan Morley, is an entertaining chronicle of Coward's fifty years in the theatre: his many triumphs (and occasional failures) as playwright, actor, author, composer, lyricist and director; his friendship with great stars like Gertrude Lawrence, Alfred Lunt, Lynn Fontanne, Lawrence Olivier, and Beatrice Lillie; and, best of all, the pointed, unfailing Coward wit.

WELCOME TO THE MONKEY HOUSE

is a collection of short stories by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr., author of Cat's Cradle, Player Piano, and God Bless You, Mr. Rosewater. This collection covers a wide variety of themes: a "moral" birth-control pill which destroys all pleasure in sex; letters exchanged by the fathers of a Russian and an American astronaut who have collided in space; a chess game played with human beings for pieces; a game in which lost pieces are shot; a half-black war orphan in Germany who has never seen a black man; etc. Most of the stories were originally published in national magazines such as "Cosmopolitan",

"Playboy," "Ladies Home Journal" and "Saturday Evening Post."

MR. SAMMLER'S PLANET by Saul

Bellow was on the best seller list for quite awhile and has just now arrived at West Side. Mr. Artur Sammler, who looks back on the civilized pleasures of England in the twenties and thirties, on an acquaintance with H.G. Wells but also on the camps, the war, a death ditch in Poland; is above all a man who has lasted. Moving now through the chaotic and dangerous streets of New York's upper West Side, Mr. Sammler is attentive to everything, appalled by nothing. He brings the same curiosity and disinterestedness to the activities of a black pick-pocket observed in an uptown bus as to the details of his niece Angela's sex life, to his daughter's lunacy as to the extraordinary theories of one Dr. V. Govinda Lal on the use we are to make of the moon now that we have reached it. Under the comedy and sadness, the shocking force of much of the action runs a strain of speculation on the future of life on this planet or any other planets for which we may be destined.

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CHANGES PROPOSED

The initial step in transforming the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission into a commission which is directly elected by the voters of the San Francisco Bay Area was taken Monday, in legislation introduced by Assemblyman John Knox of Richmond.

An agency directly answerable to the voters Knox feels, is important. At the present time, BCDC consists of 27 members, all appointed. Seven represent various state and federal agencies; 9 are county supervisors from each of the 9 Bay Area counties; 4 are city councilmen from various Bay Area cities; 5 are appointees by the Governor; 1 is an appointee of the Speaker of the Assembly; 1 is an appointee of the

Senate Rules Committee.

When BCDC was basically a study commission, this type of make-up was adequate; however, with the added responsibility of the commission, Knox feels it is important to have an opportunity to vote for Commissioners.

The bill would require BCDC to report on all of the details of direct election, including the area eligible to vote for commissioners, the number of commissioners and the precise boundaries of the election districts.

TRIVIA

by Mid Dornan
(234-5334)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carl Paasch
Lawrence Skelton
Laurel Bray
Kathy Dornan
Michael Horn
Curtis Beresford
LIRPA LOOP

Good Friday was made a legal holiday by Constantine the Great in the early fourth century, and is still observed in England, Ireland, Canada and certain parts of the United States.

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A free ice cream cone waits at the Old Firehouse Ice Cream Parlor for Rick and Hime Espinosa, Sheri Henderson, Colleen Campbell, and Denise Anderson.

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Gee--a whole week of no school lunches to prepare.

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Omera Essary is "hobbling" after foot surgery last Saturday at Richmond Hospital. What a way to spend the Easter Holidays!

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Mr. and Mrs. Luciano Forner have announced the engagement of their only daughter, Chere, to David Mascaro, El Cerrito. Wedding plans will be made after Chere completes her nurses' training at Merritt Hospital in June of next year.

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Mrs. J.M. Shrewsbury (Goldie Gebhardt) arrived last week from Philadelphia to attend the wedding of her grandson, Russell Greenlaw, on Saturday. After a short stay in this area, she went to Southern California to visit her daughter, Rusty, who is ill.

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Uncle Ken Dennis, who has been an Easter Bunny helper and provided two baby black and white bunnies for Stephanie and Stacy Spinola. (How long do two bunnies remain two?)

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Services were held this week for John P. Casey, a 50 year resident of Richmond, who was stricken while shopping last week. John was born in Australia and is survived by two daughters, a sister Mary and a brother, Stanislaus. The latter two are living in the Point.

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Doug Cheyne underwent painful facial surgery on his nose on Tuesday, at Doctor's Hospital in Pinole. Doug was injured several months ago in an auto accident.

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Eight-year-old Roger Genosick is convalescing from a severe knee cut, after a 'freak' fall off a curb.

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Like to sing? Jane Amos, choir director of the Methodist Church, invites you to join their rehearsals on Thursday evenings.

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Last Friday evening, at 6 p.m. atop panoramic Nicholl Nob, Cindy Forbes and Larry Osofsky were wed in a double ring ceremony conducted by Judge Carroll.

The bride wore a white lace mini-dress with a white lace veil. Her Bridesmaid, Bennie Hale, was wearing a pink chiffon dress. Jerry Lawrence served as best man.

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Larry's family came from New York to attend the ceremony, and Mr. Meyer Osofsky gave the bride away.

Approximately forty people attended the ceremony which was followed by a reception hosted by the bride's mother, Mrs. Forbes, at her home.

After completing their finals at U.C. in Berkeley, the couple will honeymoon on Long Island, New York. Cindy is working toward a degree in Veterinary medicine, and Larry for a BA in Psychology.

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Funeral services for Fred Gernandt, Point businessman for over 30 years, who died last Saturday at his summer home on the Russian River, were held this past week. Born in San Francisco, Fred is survived by his wife, Edna, two sons, four daughters, two sisters and one brother. Mr. Gernandt was operator of the New Todd Hotel.

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The Henry Allyn's spent several days in Southern California on a business-pleasure trip.

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Beware of Wednesday -- don't fall for any April Fool jokes!

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Ethel Alexander and Helen Crim were visited on Thursday by Hazel Newman of Concord.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Potts of Bishop are spending the Easter Holidays with her sister, Trannie Dornan.

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Make certain you are COUNTED by filling out the census form and mailing it back. The form is very simple and a far cry from the forms of ten years ago--eh, Pat and Bernice? Anyone that has worked as a census taker will appreciate the new forms. The government can simplify procedures!

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The Christian world is kneeling once again before the moving story of the Resurrection, of Easter, the one day whose sunrise is awaited by untold millions. **HAPPY EASTER TO EACH OF YOU.**

Why Does the Easter Bunny Bring Eggs at Easter time? The answer goes back hundreds of years, and associations with Easter that go back to practices and observances thousands of years older than the Christian Era. Since people had trouble understanding some of the things happening in the world, they made up stories. One story told how a rabbit made the moon, another told how the world hatched from a large egg. All have become legends. People used to think that new life at springtime came from eggs, so the egg became the symbol of spring. According to an ancient Egyptian myth, the rabbit stood for the moon. In 325 a gathering of churchmen decided that Easter would always be on the first Sunday following the full moon that appears on or right after the first day of Spring.

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## Nature Trails by the Bay

Spring nature hikes along the Bay through ancient Indian village sites have been scheduled at the East Bay Regional Park District's Coyote Hills Regional Park near Fremont.

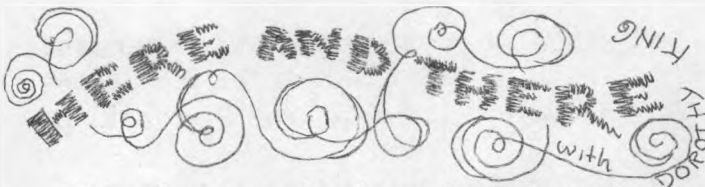
Coyote Hills is one of the newer Regional Parks, and features a miniature mountain range at the edge of the Bay's salt ponds. It provides a home for a wide variety of the Bay Area's natural wildlife.

Two separate hikes are planned each Saturday through May 30. The first is a luncheon hike, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., led by intern naturalist Ed Hughes. The discovery hike will lead through fresh-water marshes and around one of the hills of the park. A brief stop at the Stanford Bio-Sonar Research Lab, where seals and sea lions cavort in open tanks, is also on the schedule.

The second walk, 2:30 to 4 p.m. is the Indian Mound tour, viewing the artifacts and village sites of the pre-Columbian resident of the Coyote Hills area.

Coyote Hills Regional Park is on the Patterson Ranch Road off Newark Boulevard, In Fremont.





Brand new arrivals at the "Point International" for spring include Earrings, rings, neck hoops and tote bags from Morocco.

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Victoria A. Peterson sold her home at 39, 40, 41 and 42 Washington Avenue, Point Richmond, and it was done with one little 25 cent want ad in Point Counterpoint. The store was offered for rent, and instead the building was sold, and will soon be redecorated for a business place downstairs with living quarters above.

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Chet and Wanda Sarsfield of Irrigation Technical Services and Wax 'n Wicks, have recently returned from another series of business trips. They first attended the 1970 International Conference of the American Institute of Landscape Architects which held functions at the Hilton Inn on Mission Bay in San Diego, and at Ensenada and Rosarita Beach in Mexico.

The next stop was in Denver for the Technical Conference of the Sprinkler Irrigation Association. Chet is a member of the program committee which organizes and stages this annual national conference.

Following this, Chet and Wanda attended the annual conference of the California Irrigation Institute. This meeting was held at the Hacienda in Fresno.

Upon their return, Chet participated in the 5th annual Landscape Conference sponsored by the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association. Chet also helped to organize and stage this conference.

The Sarsfields have also been busy since their return, entertaining Chet's parents from New York State, who are wintering in Santa Barbara, plus other guests from Los Angeles and Tyler, Texas.

Chet and Wanda plan to be at home in Point Richmond and at their businesses at 36 and 38 Washington Avenue for some time now, except for March 31, through April 2,

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when they will be in San Jose for the Northern California Turf grass Exposition. Wanda is Executive Secretary of the sponsoring Northern California Turf Grass Council, and Chet serves as Publicity Chairman. They have handled most of the arrangements for the staging of the exposition through their office.

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Victoria Peterson of Railroad Avenue has bought No's. 54, 56 and 58 Railroad Ave., a triplex, and will soon be moving to the upper flat.

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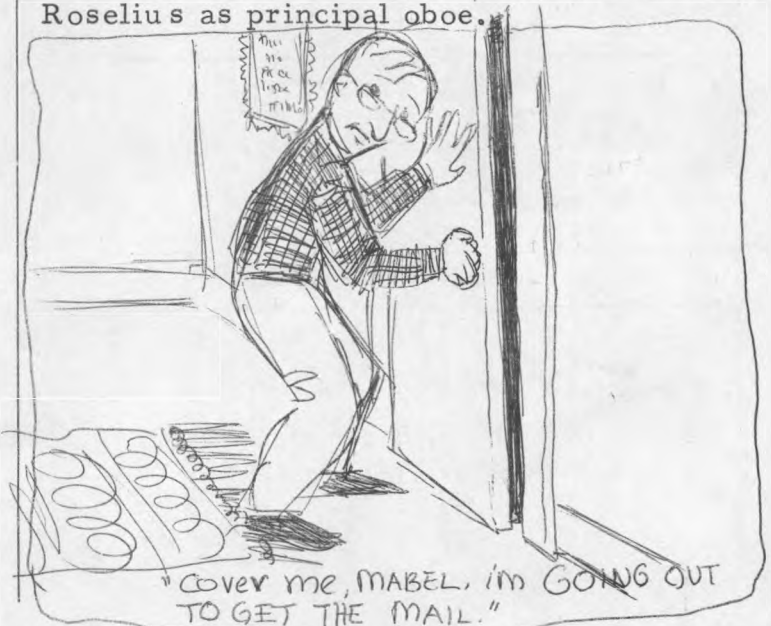
Bethel 319 of Job's Daughters, meeting at the Point Richmond Masonic Temple, will welcome Deputy Grand Guardian, Mrs. Louise Alexander, for her official visit on March 28 at 10 a.m., Honored Queen Sandy Nelson presiding.

At a recent special election, Patrice Wilson became Senior Princess of the Bethel, and Shirley Elledge, Junior Princess. Lori Vaughan was elected Guide and Clair Jensen, Marshall.

The girls recently made a trip to Boreal Ridge in the Sierras for some play in the snow, and found plenty of it, both on the ground and falling through the air.

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The Beethoven Bicentennial Concert at the Oakland Auditorium theater last Saturday night was excellent. Many Point residents attended and the Point was represented in the orchestra, with Ron Lesea as concertmaster and Donna Roselius as principal oboe.



# Additional comments on the Slippery Elm

A few weeks ago there was a recipe in "Point Counterpoint" for Slippery Elm Tea from a turn-of-the-century cook book. The recipe brought a comment from Columbia, Maryland... and from none other than the manager of the Columbia Association, former Recreation and Parks Director of Richmond, Tom Wilson!

According to Mr. Wilson, Slippery Elm is sold on the East coast in places such as Williamsburg, Virginia, and it has a horrible taste, but it does have a medicinal effect. "I had a very bad sore throat when I visited Williamsburg last year," he comments, "and I bought some slippery elm bark. I chewed it and it did have a soothing effect. It didn't cure the sore throat, but it helped the pain."



CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE

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## Central pool hall

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DR. ENTERPRISES

Mr. Wilson sends his best to everyone here, and our thanks to him for the up-to-date testimonial on Slippery Elm bark.

While on the subject ( of response to items written here, not on Slippery Elm).. the correction of a statement made also was received. This one came from the present Recreation and Parks Director, Mr. Joe Salvato. A statement was made that one tree could counteract the oxygen used up by twenty cars. The reverse is true... it takes twenty trees to make up for the oxygen used by only one car. The only hopeful comment we can add to that statement is that cars stop once in a while, but trees keep on providing oxygen, unless cut down.

## Outdoor Week-end studies for junior-hi only

Two Junior High weekends have been planned by Huscicon, and the first is completely filled. On April 3, 4 and 5, seventh and eighth graders, mostly from Adams Jr. High, and some from Portola and Downer will be enjoying outdoor studies at White Sulphur Springs, near St. Helena.

Mornings will be consumed by nature study walks, with a study of north and south slopes and the stream, while afternoons will provide a choice of studies including nature crafts, ceramics, Indian lore, museum-making, insect life, sketching, music, and possibly more.

Besides the teachers, there will be 10 counselors ( high school seniors and college students) assisting with the students.

Students will enjoy a rare opportunity to study in a beautiful wooded camp (White Sulphur Springs is a Methodist Youth Camp) provided with dorms and a swimming pool. It is hoped that, for the May session, there will be some registrants from Roosevelt Junior High. The cost of the weekend is reasonable, and adds invaluable first-hand observation and experience to their classroom education.



# L\*E\*T\*E\*R\*S\*

Dear Editor:

After duly protesting the removal of the Washington Street plum tree to the proper authority, we recalled an interesting bit of history from the Book of Tea by Okakura Kakuzo. Following are quotes from his chapter on Flowers:

"In the trembling grey of a spring dawn, when the birds were whispering among the trees, have you not felt that they were talking to their mates about the flowers? Surely with mankind the appreciation of flowers must have been coeval with the poetry of love. In offering the first garland, man transcended the brute. He entered the realm of art when he perceived the subtle use of the useless. In joy or sadness, flowers are our constant friends. How could we live without them? Their serene tenderness restores to us our waning confidence in the universe. Sad as it is, we cannot conceal the fact that in spite of our companionship with flowers we have not risen very far above the brute.

"Much may be said in favour of him who cultivates plants. We watch with delight his concern about water and sunshine, his feuds with parasites, his horror of frosts, his anxiety when the buds come slowly, his rapture when the leaves attain their lustre. In the East the art of floriculture is a very ancient one. During the Tang and Sung dynasties we hear of wonderful receptacles made to hold plants. A special attendant was detailed to wait upon each flower. Great precautions were taken for the preservation of the delicate blossoms. Emperor Huensung hung tiny golden bells on the branches in his garden to keep off the birds.

"A quaint tablet is still extant in one of the Japanese monasteries. It is a notice put up for the protection of a certain wonderful plum tree. After referring to the beauty of the blossoms, the inscription says: "Whoever cuts a single branch of this tree shall forfeit a finger therefor." Would

that such laws could be enforced nowadays 12. against those who wantonly destroy flowers and mutilate objects of art! The Tea masters atoned for the deed of cutting flowers by consecrating themselves to Purity and Simplicity."

We wonder if the same two men who cut down the Washington Street plum tree are those who irresponsibly sprayed herbicide on the two areas on Crest which we planted? In checking the areas recently, we found that most of the plants are surviving, as are the weeds.

Most sincerely,  
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## Keeping up on REGIONAL plans

Confusion may be developing about the true meaning of the so-called ABAG Plan, according to ABAG president, Ignazio Vella, Sonoma County Supervisor.

It seems that a large number of local governmental officials and planning commissions fear that the Regional Plan 1970-1990 will dictate too much of local zoning regulations. Reassurances on maintaining local autonomy in these matters were made a few years ago, but have been reversed in more recent planning staff opinions. Therefore, a policy statement by the Executive Committee of ABAG is deemed necessary by Vella, to allay fears of both extremes.

Three major program areas of concern to ABAG are: Regional Parks and Open Space, where the intent is to strengthen the Associations already strong interest; Solid Waste Disposal, a resumption of an earlier program based on the assumption that local governments should take the lead in the coordination of solutions for this critical problem; and Water Quality studies, for developing policy and program of waste treatment, and of water quality regulation-- with the regional responsibility being one of planning for quality standards and developing overall strategy.

The Regional Plan must complete its studies, which now include Ocean Coastline, Regional Housing, Agricultural Resources, and Transportation. As soon as the Regional Plan 1970-99 is published, a special meeting of the General Assembly of ABAG will be called, perhaps in June, and it will mark the beginning of a great effort to inform all local and regional government officials and citizens about the plan and its purpose. Ultimately the General Assembly must give its final approval of the plan before the deadline in October, if local agencies are to be eligible for any of the forty-five federal funding programs for which ABAG has been the processing agent in the Bay Area.



Citizen participation and understanding will be emphasized, and there will be a monthly newsletter, "Bay View" to neatly summarize recent events taking place within the organization.

Recently announced were three new studies, aimed at improving the effectiveness of Bay Area police agencies. ABAG's Police Services Steering Committee will examine the mutual aid system, possibilities of cooperative police supportive services and ways to improve police-community relations. The Committee is made up of professionals in the criminal justice field and representatives of civic organizations and the public.

Sheriff Frank Madigan of Alameda County will be in charge of the study which will look at possibilities for county response units, standardized weapons and equipment, stockpiles of equipment, and regional training needs to provide uniformity in training and methods.

Police-Community relations, headed by Contra Costa District Attorney Wm. O'Malley, will look at existing programs and identify successful approaches.

Mr. James Fales, City Manager of Pleasanton, will head a study that will look at the possibilities of cooperative police and law enforcement supportive services, as crime laboratories, investigative work, training facilities, recruiting and purchasing. Actual implementation of Association recommendations would depend on the acceptance of the proposals by local agencies.

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The Arizona Fish and Game Department has imported some fish from Central Africa to control weeds in irrigation ditches. The Tilapia Mossambica is a vegetarian fish, and three years ago worked its way into California and the Imperial irrigation District. The District spends about \$200,000 a year for abatement of aquatic weeds and it is now making tests to see if this fish can take over the job completely.



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## Oceans of CONCERN

A recent article from the "New Yorker" might, considering recent emphasis on pollution dangers, not make you happier; but it does provide you with a broader area of concern.

The ocean is so large that few people consider the possibility of its becoming dangerously polluted. Nonetheless, states the article, oil pollution, for one, is already widespread in mid-ocean, and some scientists have concluded that the size of the ocean makes it more, not less, vulnerable to pollution, especially by persistent substances like oil and DDT.

Dr. Max Blumer, an organic chemist and Senior Scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution stated that "The amount of tar -- the residue of an oil spill -- on the surface of the sea already equals the amount of its surface plant life." His colleague, Dr. Richard Backus, exhibited bottles containing gooey, golf-ball-size black globs floating in a liquid and trailing sticky-looking streamers. These, he said, were picked up in neuston nets. Neuston are minute organisms that inhabit the upper few centimeters of the water at night and live as deep as two thousand feet by day. The liquid tar goes through the nets, but tar balls are picked up, and foul the nets. A principal source of the oil is ships pumping their bilge or tankers flushing their tanks. The amount varies, but Backus said that he couldn't think of anywhere in the Atlantic or Mediterranean where he hadn't found it. The highest concentration found was off the coast of Libya. He estimated that in heavy concentrations there is as much as a half a cubic centimeter (a lump as big as a pencil eraser) on every square yard of sea surface. They have found tar in the stomachs of fish -- sauries -- that are fed on by all larger fish.

The effect of hydrocarbon absorption was explained by Dr. Blumer. They are extremely persistent, and once incorporated in the flesh, they remain forever, and are passed on through the whole chain of predators, he said. All living organisms manufac-



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ture hydrocarbons themselves, but the hydrocarbons in the petroleum spilled in the ocean each year already exceed the natural production. It is hard to assess the effects on fish and other forms of life because of movements of the current and the animal life. People have said that if you have an oil spill, the toxic volatile fractions of the oil evaporate very quickly, and that the rest -- tar -- is inert, though messy. This is not so, according to Dr. Blumer. Tar samples tested after being in the ocean from two to six months still contain the toxic fractions -- paraffins, benzenes, toluenes. A substantial part of any oil spill goes into solution in the water, and it is toxic; indeed the most toxic fractions are the most soluble. Most of the world's oil is transported by sea in established shipping lanes. A tenth on one per cent, at least -- a minimum of a million tons a year -- is spilled or flushed or leaked just in transport and port operations. Half the seafood of the world comes from one-tenth per cent of the area of the sea -- chiefly the coastal areas, which are most subject to pollution. Large parts of the ocean are deserts, and always will be, so we can't hope to harvest food from other parts of the sea while we go on polluting the most fruitful ones.



## Nobody is perfect

Each one of us is a mixture of good qualities and not-so-good qualities. In considering our fellow man we should remember his good qualities and realize that his faults only prove that he is, after all, a human being. We should refrain from making harsh judgment of a person just because he happens to be a dirty rotten, no-good son-of-a-b.....

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hippety, hoppety, \_\_\_\_\_'s on its  
way.

## Funny Bone Box

1. When are there only three vowels in the alphabet?
2. When does Thursday come before Wednesday?
3. If a rooster sitting on a fence lays an egg, will the egg fall down to the left or to the right?

PC - A Peter Cottontail @ Bunny Trail  
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 ② In the dictionary ③ Roosters  
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## EASTER-

18.

Present-day traditions for Easter is the combination of three old-time traditions:

- A. Pagan traditions - the name is derived from a word meaning the festival of Spring. In spring, the rabbits have their babies, the sun's rays are symbolized by the colored eggs.
- B. Hebrew - Jewish Pesach is celebrated because the Angel of Death spared the young children. Jewish Pesach is the Passover.
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9:30 a.m. Excursion with Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee. Meet on RR. Avenue, behind Old Firehouse.

#### MARCH 30 - Monday

Morning & Afternoon show--- "Wagon Show" Washington Auditorium, by S.F. Players Guild.

#### MARCH 30 - Monday

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#### APRIL 1 - Wednesday

Point Richmond will secede and form an independent government... (April Fool! -- too bad.)

#### APRIL 3 - Friday, 2 p.m.

Stan Wilson, folksinger, will appear at Washington School Auditorium.

#### APRIL 7 - Illustrated Lecture on Japan.

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#### APRIL 8 - Wednesday

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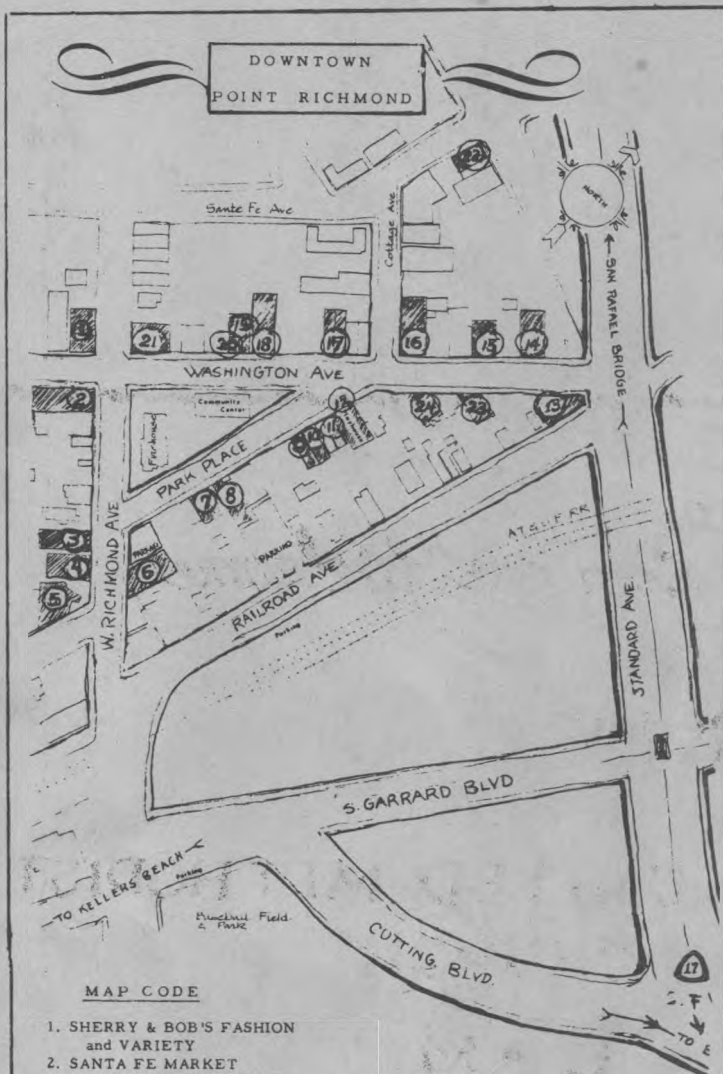
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