

# POINT COUNTERPOINT

A JOURNAL FOR CIVIC COMMUNICATION

VOL. II. NO. 39

WEEKLY 10¢

NEW YEAR ISSUE

DECEMBER 29, 1967



1968

# HAPPY

# NEW



# YEAR

## a REVIEW PREVIEW OF NEW YEAR'S EVE

There may still be time to make reservations for New Year's Eve parties, in case you haven't made plans, but want to celebrate; here is a brief recap of the schedules in this area for New Year's Eve celebrations:

At the Atchison Village Community Center, there will be a dance, featuring a five-piece band, the "high Harmonics". There will be many floor prizes, and a festive atmosphere, for only \$2. per ticket. Tickets may be obtained by calling 232-3635, or 235-2223.

The Holiday Inn features an evening-s worth of entertainment, including a 10-course dinner and dancing to the music of Martin and Hughes. For \$25 per couple they provide everything necessary for a complete New Year's eve party; for \$35 per couple, they add overnight accommodations, Ramos Fizz breakfast and football games on color TV. For reservations call 234-5866.

Hotel Mac will feature a special Steak Dinner for \$2.95; there will be dancing from 9p.m. to 1 a.m., with no cover charge. Featured will be Leo Toseano's trio, with dinner and dancing music.

Wherever you spend the New Year's Eve, CCC's lecture series starts out with a bang on January 17, with Melvin Belli.

## DON'T BE LATE FOR '68

You may not be ready, but as one of our acquaintances, who just remembered that she is in charge of preparations for a large dinner meeting on January 2 can testify, the year will be ready for you-- and very soon.

Out of deference to school children, we won't mention the fact that school starts on January second. We do, however, have a brief and incomplete list of various activities which will be of interest to various people.

On January 4, the first of the year's films on the Forum Theatre's schedule will be shown ( at Tempde Beth Hillel at 801 Park Central, Richmond, 7:30 p.m. ). Films are free, and afterwards there is time for discussion. The film for January 4 is Frederico Fellini's "La Strada", starring Anthony Quinn. This tale of two men and a woman traveling the Italian Highway is a fascinating poetic comedy.

There are four concerts left in the Contra Costa College Symphony Series, and series tickets are still available. The first in the year will be the Richmond Symphony, with Bill Jackson conducting, on January 11 in the Richmond Auditorium.

# A CHILD FOR THE NEW YEAR

by Dan Robertson

On Wednesday, in that cranky, floating time between Christmas and New Years, a card came to my house. It said that on Christmas Eve a new child was born. Bridget Alwyn Ellis is her name.

Always anxious to cover all bases, I wired my friends, "Congratulations! Note that offspring was born on Christmas Eve. In case halo appears, notify me at once. This time, wish to get in on ground floor."

Doubtless a halo will not appear. It is the way of these things that we are always a couple of thousand years too late. But the child has appeared and is with us all.

It is nice to think of a new child at the new year. Kind of symbolic and all that. It is reassuring to know that this human child will not change from a diapered, be-ribboned progeny into a wizened, scythe-carrying old man in the course of the coming year, as the traditional New Year characters do, but she will grow enough, anyway. It is both soothing and frightening to think that, as she grows, one of you who reads these words may someday be the teacher of the new child, may someday be her mother-in-law, her employer, the bringer of good news to her, or bad, may someday be responsible in one way or another for her life or death, as she may someday be responsible for yours. She is a new baby, born on a holy eve, at the threshold of a new year. She does not know this yet, or care. Too soon, she will have to know and care. As we do not know what the new year will bring us, she does not know what her new life will bring her. But we can tell her a little bit, can't we?

Bridget, we welcome you to our world and into our New Year. There are just a couple of things to keep in mind. For one, we must ask you not to eat too much, because we are running short of food in the world. Somewhere committees are working

on this, but I'm afraid they are going rather slowly. Be of good heart.

Also, try to breathe only occasionally, as, somehow or other, the air around us has become bad and we have to make it do for quite a while. You may think it odd but there are people in the world who prefer profits in airless vaults to air itself. Other people are fighting them, but these things take time and are not really going very well. Bear with us, and breathe lightly.

We are pleased to note that you are sound of body and limb. You are soon going to run and play. You are born at an especially good time for this, because you will not have to worry much about stepping on the grass. Your parents used to be kept away from places by signs that said "Keep Off the Grass" but I am pleased to report to you that so far, I have not seen any signs that say "Keep off the Concrete."

Each year, on the anniversary of your birth, a legend in a red suit will bring you presents that you have asked for. You will not have much difficulty deciding what to ask for because you can turn on any TV set and find that multi-talented, highly trained hucksters will have already decided for you. They are important men. They hope that you will be conditioned to obey them. I hope that you will not. Knowing your parents, I feel your chances are better than normal.

In spite of the fact that there are already wheels in motion to number you, analyze you, program you and battle for thoughts and opinions you won't even have for years yet, we want you to know that you have little to fear in your new life, at the time of this new year.

After all, before you even arrived, we have already fought the war to end all wars, we have already made the

world safe for democracy, we have already decided that all men are equal, we have even banded together as nations in a permanent, indissoluble organization that promises eternal peace, prosperity and progress...twice.

Perhaps you will have the opportunity to form a third such permanent organization, or even a fourth or fifth.

Now that you are among us, Bridget, you will hear a great sigh of relief. A new child for the New Year! Wonderful!

Our hearts are with you. We want you to grow strong and intelligent, so that we can hand you burdens that have grown too heavy and too embarrassing for us to carry any any longer. We wish to get rid of them before we are found out. You are the receiver. Happy Birthday. Don't worry. By the time you find them too heavy and embarrassing, there will be another child to hand them to. It is the human way.

What is that, Bridget? You don't care about the burdens of the coming world yet? Is there anything else?

Well, yes there is, come to think of it. There are ocean ripples for you to splash in, there is an ice cream cone to taste, there is your first puppy to pet. A butterfly will come to see you, though he won't stay long, and somewhere right now, in a winter-gloomy warehouse, a man is putting a fresh coat of paint on a merry-go-round horse. That horse will be the very first one you ride on. You will be a little scared, but your daddy will be by your side.

Before long, you will fall down and

a red scratch will appear on your knee, the first one. It will astonish you. Maybe you will cry. Your mother will fix it and kiss you. There will be dollies to have tea with and soon enough, you will have your first fight with a friend. You will be wide eyed and surprised. Unbelieving. You will grow a lot that day. Don't worry. In minutes, you will be playing with that same friend. A little bit of your innocence will be scratched: forever, but not too badly.

A long time ago, Bridget, I saw a silver haired lady get tears in her eyes as she watched her tiny grandson toddle toward his first pony. I heard her say, "How wonderful to be seeing everything for the first time." It was beautiful and sad, Bridget, because that old lady was seeing many things for the last time. You will travel this same path. We all do.

We wish you to travel this path in goodness, but not too much goodness, in happiness but not too much happiness, in beauty but not too much beauty.

In truth, we wish you all that we wish for ourselves, for on this Sunday midnight, the beginning of the new year, we all have the chance to be born again. Happy Birthday, Bridget, and happy new year. Happy Birthday, World, and Happy New Year.



CALL  
2356717 LOUISE  
FOR  
DECORATIVE  
HAMMOND  
FABRICS • LAMPS • DRAPERIES • CARPETS •  
FURNITURE • ACCESSORIES

CHARLES B. WARREN  
REPRESENTATIVE...  
FRANK KNOWLTON CO.  
1812 BROADWAY  
OAKLAND  
451-8533  
STOCKS & BONDS  
MUTUAL FUNDS

*Tickets* AVAILABLE FOR  
SAN FRANCISCO THEATRES  
WINTERLAND, CIRCLE STAR... OTHERS.  
at RICHMOND GREYHOUND TERMINAL  
250-23rd STREET  
★ BE 5-1441 ★  
June Lee, Agent

## NEW YEAR'S EVE INVITATION

The Point Richmond Baptist Church announces a New Year's Eve Celebration to which everyone is invited. Fellowship and singing begin at 10:30 p.m. Sunday evening, and at 11:45 there will be a beautiful and different candlelight and communion service, conducted by Rev. Hendrix.

Anyone wishing to join in the inspiring way to begin a New Year is cordially invited to join with the members of the Point Baptist Church.



**POINT ORIENT**  
Restaurant  
237-4999  
109 PARK PLACE  
• COCKTAILS • LUNCHESES • DINNERS • BANQUETS •  
**FINE CANTONESE CUISINE**  
TUES-THURS • 11:30-10:00  
FRIDAYS • 11:30-11:00  
SATURDAYS • 4:00-11:00  
SUNDAYS • 4:00-10:00

50 WASHINGTON AVE. PHONE 233-5800

*Famed for Food*



*Famous Original*  
**HOTEL MAC**  
ESTABLISHED 1979  
LUNCHESES 11:30-2:00 DINNERS 5:00-10:00  
DANCING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NITE 9-2 FINE COCKTAILS AND SUPERB WINES

**Jethrus COFFEE HOUSE GIFT SHOPPE**  
130 WASHINGTON  
232-6674

Continental Coffees  Gifts

espresso jewelry  
borqia sculpture  
capuccino Sandwiches art

## Open House.....

Sherry and Bob, owners of a local store by that name, invite all their friends to join them at their New Year's Eve open house, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Patio of Fashion, on New Year's Eve.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Be Grateful... Hurry!

Need an incentive to get those "thank-you's" written? Consider the advance in postal rates -- effective January 7th!!!

\*\*\*\*\*

## Christmas Note

Camp Fire Carolers last week found the Point's oldest resident, Mrs. Elizabeth Cramer, looking pert and chipper.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Vacation Note

Students of the Richmond Unified School District are enjoying a well-deserved two-week's rest.

(signed, students of the Richmond Unified School District.)

\*\*\*\*\*

## Our Lady of Mercy Notes

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 2741, Pete Stark of 29 Oregon St. and Charles Withworth of 13 W. Bissell attended a three-day retreat at Christian Brothers Retreat House near St. Helena. Chairman of the Council, Adolph Brusard, noted that the Council had decided this year to send one Catholic and one non-Catholic boy.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Quiet(?) Holidays...

Happy Holidays to Maxine Stoddard, who is spending the Holiday season baby-sitting (for three weeks) with her three-month old grandchild, while the parents vacation in Mexico City.

# Reminiscing With Don Church

## A NEW YEAR IN RICHMOND 50 YEARS AGO

From the Richmond Independent of  
January 2, 1917.....

### "7,000 ATTEND BIG CELE- BRATION AT NEW DOCK"

"It was a proud day for Richmond, the opening of the new million dollar Municipal Dock yesterday--the opening of a dock which marks the beginning of a maritime commerce with the world's ports.

"Senator J. C. Owens introduced Mayor E. J. Garrard as chairman of the day. The mayor opened his speech by wishing everyone a 'Happy and prosperous New Year.... We are gathered here today to commemorate the completion of a work started 10 years ago. I have dreamed and worked all these 10 years toward accomplishing this work. Richmond may accomplish more wonderful things, but the opening of the Richmond harbor to the world's commerce is the greatest."

"Other noted speakers included: Rev. Boyer of the First Christian Church, Rev. Frank Linder of the Wesley Methodist Church, Theodore Bell, an ex-congressman, and Mayor Rolph's secretary of San Francisco.

"Little Carrie Ellsworth completely captivated the huge gathering when she danced 'Fairy Ballet' and is the talk of the city today.

"Drum corps and drill teams competed for cash prizes during the day and dancing followed the drills and continued until the close of the celebration. The large floor of the warehouse was crowded beyond capacity. The people of the city will long remember the opening and dedication of the municipal dock..."

## THE WILD, WILD WEST SIDE CELEBRATED NEW YEAR'S ...

From the Richmond Independent of  
January 2, 1914.....

### "4 A. M. TARGET PRACTICE ENDS IN STOREMAN'S ARREST"

"Whether the grocerman from his airy residence on the West Side hilltops was giving a belated welcome to the New Year or was repelling an imaginary attack of a Turkish fleet is something that he will have to explain to Judge Lindsey at 10 a. m. tomorrow morning.

"He keeps a small grocery or the hilltop and is charged with having awakened the neighborhood at 4 a. m. yesterday morning by dishcharging a loaded revolver and that the leaden messengers lodged themselves in the walls of nearby homes.

The fusilad which is charged against the man awakened the entire hilltop sleepers and shocked the holiday celebrants who were coming home with the milkman.

"Officers Betts and Berry made an investigation that resulted in the man's arrest. A friend deposited \$100 cash bail and the prisoner was not required to spend the holiday in jail."

January 3, 1914: "\$50 was the amount contributed to the City treasury yesterday by the Point grocer when he forgot when the New Year was ushered in and woke up the neighborhood by firing his revolver."

\*\*\*\*\*

"Children have more need of  
models than of  
critics."



## 6 The Night After Christmas - Part II

"Oh, that Dancer," she said, "he just won't get over being jealous of that new deer with the red nose. I'm going to have to go out and put him in his stall." Molly sighed again. "At this rate I'll never get the work done."

"I help you," said a tiny voice, and Mrs. Claus looked around. Roodles, the little elf with the tall hat was smiling at her.

"Oh Roodles," she said, "I thought you were asleep. I didn't notice you there under the tree. What are you doing awake on the day after Christmas?"

"Santa gave me magic set for Christmas. Me learn magic. Me help you," the little fellow said.

"Watch your pronouns, Roodles," Mrs. Claus said, momentarily diverted by the elf's grammatical errors. "I think a grammar book would do you more good than a magic set. Anyway, what could you do to help me? You're so little those ornery reindeer would walk right over you."

"Reindeer not hurt me," said Roodles. "Reindeer my friends. Watch. I show you," and pulling the sorcerer's hat down snugly over his ears, he went out the back door into the deer's corral.

"Oh, my goodness," said Mrs. Claus. "Santa would never forgive me if anything happened to that little fellow." She watched the top of Roodles' hat moving amongst the animals.

But then a strange thing happened. The milling, stamping reindeer suddenly became quiet and docile. Dancer quit bothering Rudolph, and Blitzen and Prancer laid down and went to sleep. Each year Mrs. Claus had difficulty in quieting the deer after their long, exciting trip on Christmas eve. But now here they were suddenly bedding down, and gentle as lambs. She glimpsed a little figure in green suit and tall hat, bending over and whispering something in Rudolph's ear. And then quickly once again, he was in the room beside her.

"Mercy," said Molly. "How did you quiet them down like that, Roodles?"

"Me Magic," said Roodles.

"What do you mean 'magic'?" She asked him.

"Me learn magic from magic book," said Roodles.

Mrs. Claus laughed. "Maybe you'd like to practice your 'magic' on all those dirty dishes," she said.

Suddenly the room was very quiet. The snoring echoes from above had stopped, and Mrs. Claus looked upward.

"Molly -- Molly," a big, deep voice came rolling down the stairs.

"Oh dear," Mrs. Claus said to Roodles. "Don't tell me he's waking up already. He can't! I haven't even got the house cleaned yet. Oh dear."

"Molly," Santa shouted again, and Mrs. Claus hurried up the stairs.



As soon as she was out of sight, Roodles picked up his magic book and made his way to the center of the toy shop. He opened the book and read, then placing a finger alongside his nose spun around in a circle three times. Then, in a tiny elf-voice, began to chant:

"Dirty dishes, pans and pots,  
Dirty laundry, clothes and sox,  
Magic, magic, do your spell,  
Clean this room and all is well."

For a brief second the lamp on the table spluttered and the room darkened. When it came bright again you wouldn't believe the sight. Gone were the dirty dishes, all now neatly stacked in the cupboard next to the sink. Gone all the piles of dirty laundry from the floor. Santa's red suit hung neatly laundered on a hook near the door. The big black cookstove shone with polish and a pot of coffee bubbled merrily. The furniture gleamed, dusted and cleaned. And the wilted Christmas tree was nowhere in sight.

A clatter of footsteps sounded on the stairs and Santa and Molly came down. Santa had on his old flannel bathrobe over his thermal underwear, and his beard and hair were mussed from sleep. Molly was trying to explain how she hadn't had time yet to clean the house and she didn't know where the coffee pot was. And then she saw the room.

"Oh my goodness," Molly whispered. "It's Roodles! He is magic!"

"What?" said Santa between yawns.

"What did you say? I smell coffee. Is it done?" And then he spied the littlest elf.

"Hi, Roodles," he said, "What are you doing up so early?"

"Me not sleepy," said Roodles, "Me help Mrs. Claus."

Santa sat down in a captain's chair at the round kitchen table and picked Roodles up and placed him on his knee.

"That's some hat you've got on there, with a moon and stars all over it," he said. "So you've been helping Molly? Helping her do what?"

"Do what?" Molly interrupted, placing cups and coffee on the table. "Why if it hadn't been for Roodles, I'd still be doing dishes at Christmas next year."

"You don't say," said Santa, "But how could this little fellow do dishes, when he can't even reach the sink?"

"Me magic," said Roodles.

"Magic? You don't say," repeated Santa. "You mean you magic'd the dishes? HO HO HO."

"Not only the dishes, but the laundry, too. And he settled all the reindeer down and put them to sleep, and you know how nervous they are after the trip." (Page 8)

## MEXICAN INN

232-9627

109 PARK PLACE

EXCELLENT MEXICAN  
FOOD IN A BOHEMIAN ATMOSPHERE  
• FOOD TO TAKE OUT



## JUMBO Burgers

DELICIOUS  
HAMBURGERS

110 WASHINGTON

BREAKFAST  
LUNCH  
DINNER

OPEN:

DAILY 6 AM - 9 PM  
SUNDAY 7 AM - 7 PM

FIRST ANNUAL

## Holiday Inn

• NEW YEAR'S EVE  
DINNER PARTY



SALADS • ANTIPASTO  
CONSOMME • RAVIOLI  
TOP SIRLOIN STEAK or  
LOBSTER THERMIDOR  
PETITE POTATOES • ASPARAGUS AU  
GRASIN • TOMATOES FARCIES • FRUIT  
GLACÉ DE SAMPSON • BAVARIS A  
LA CEVENOLE • COFFEE • TEA

10 COURSE DINNER  
DANCING • FAVORS



PER  
COUPLE  
PLUS TAX

DANCING TO THE MUSIC OF MARTIN E. HUGHES  
UNTIL 2 AM

OR THE BIG ALL THE ABOVE  
PACKAGE PLUS:

ROOM FOR 2 OVERNIGHT,  
RAMOS FIZZ BREAKFAST,  
FOR 2  
FOOTBALL GAMES ON COLOR TV



PER  
COUPLE  
PLUS TAX

LIMITED RESERVATIONS • CALL 234-5866



## AT Holiday Inn

RESTAURANTS

STANDARD, CUTTING AND CANAL BLVDs.  
RICHMOND

One Mile From Richmond-San Rafael Bridge 237-3000

8.

"You don't say," said Santa. "Not everyone can handle those deer."

Roodles glowed with pride as Mrs. Claus recounted his accomplishments.

"It not hard," he said modestly, "Me magic."

"Seems to me," said Santa, "that you're just what I've been looking for. Tell you what we're going to do. You can ride with me in the sleigh next year, Roodles, and while I'm unloading the toys and gifts, you can handle the reindeer. The work has gotten so heavy the past few years that I really need a helper." Roodles beamed.

"Oh no you don't", said Mrs. Claus. "You've been promising ME a helper

and now that I've finally found one, you want to take him away from me." Tears started in Molly's eyes and Santa looked uncomfortable.

Roodles saved the day. "Me magic," he said, "Me do both. I help Santa Drive sleigh Christmas eve, then help Mrs. Claus clean house on day after. No Problem," said Roodles, "me Magic."

And so peace settled down once more on the little house far away at the North Pole. And the night after Christmas was a lovely night as Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a tiny smiling elf looked back on a job well done, and forward to another year of peace on earth, good will to men, and happiness to all.

Betty Newbold,

\*

\*\*\*\*\*

## New Year's Recipe

One cup kindness  
Substantial portion of patience  
Mix well with the Golden Rule  
Put in a generous amount of hard work  
and determination,  
Alternate with the same amount of fair  
play.  
Pour into a mold of friendliness,  
Warm with a cheery attitude.  
Remove all seeds of hate.  
Sift out irritableness and any old grudge  
Trim off self importance and self  
deprecation.  
Cut away indifference, intemperance  
and fear.  
Sprinkle well with faithfulness and love.  
Follow recipe exactly, and try it soon.

\*\*\*\*\*

"Laffing iz the sensation  
uv pheeling good all over, and  
showing it principally in one spot."

**SANTA FE**  
*Market*  
*finest*  
MEAT · PRODUCE ·  
LIQUORS.  
155 W. RICHMOND 234-2409

**RON'S Market**  
beer & wine fresh PRODUCE  
meat

*The*  
**spot**  
**BAR & LIQUOR**  
**STORE**  
1 STANDARD AVE.  
232-6769  
*Select Liquors*

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK  
**4-CORNERS CAFE**  
35 EAST RICHMOND AVE.  
DINNER STEAKS · CHICKEN · HAMBURGERS  
DONUTS MADE DAILY

# HERE and THERE

with  
Dorothy King

Did you know that Capricorn (December 22 to January 19) is symbolized by the mountain goat, which lives in a hazardous environment in which it thrives; that it stands for worldly position and authority? It is the sign under which many writers and doctors are born. The earth sign is ruled by the planet saturn.

\*\*\*\*\*

George Walther's (Cocoa) column wasn't written this week because he is the house guest of Lou Rawls.

\*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vern Valentine on their Twenty-First Wedding Anniversary!

\*\*\*\*\*

Embroidery is the art of stitching a pattern or design on cloth with needle and thread. This kind of needlework is sometimes called needle painting. The word embroidery comes from an anglo-Saxon word which means edge or border.

Prehistoric peoples created patterns when they stitched skins together for their clothing, with sharp bones. Indians sewed feathers, quills and beads in elaborate patterns on their animal skins. Ancient Egypt, Persia, Syria, Greece and Italy used linen, silk or metallic threads and used steel needles. In the 1600's, and 1700's girls between the ages of 8 and 12 made samples to display their skill in various stitches. In the Queen's courts in European countries, the ladies of distinction and wealth automatically were taught by tutors the art of embroidery. Ladies were taught to sew for their trousseau and hope chest. The true art of embroidery is to be able to turn the material on either side and have no knots show. We are fortunate to have Carla Pasternak teaching embroidery lessons to our young people and adults, for this

is almost a lost art. So please call 237-7646 and start your lessons.

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you to the E.C. Wells family at 553 Tewksbury for finding our dog, Mr. Thor, and thanks to Pat and Herb West.

And, to Peggy Wilson--it takes a lady to know a lady. God bless you.

\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paasch and daughter Carol just returned from Grass Valley where they enjoyed spending Christmas with their son.

\*\*\*\*\*

Bob Peckham, who is now a "rookie Cop", was amused at last week's story about the "Christmas Caper." Obviously the rookie in the story was not patterned after him.

## Park Place Salon

139 PARK PLACE 237-3573

CUTTING  
STYLING  
TINTING

BONNIE PETERSON  
and...  
ALICIA KNIGHT,  
HIGH-STYLIST

OPEN TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY, AND  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS. by  
appointment

# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

## MUST VACATE!

*Everything* in the store

up to **50% OFF**

REGULAR PRICE

After  
20 YEARS GOING  
OUT OF BUSINESS  
BECAUSE OF ILLNESS

**SALE**

STARTS JAN. 2,

1968

HOURS: 9 AM - 5:30 PM

MONDAY thru SATURDAY

9 AM - 1 PM SUNDAY

VARIETY · HARDWARE · GIFTS · ART SUPPLIES

# WILLIAMS' HARDWARE

38 WASHINGTON AVE.

232-3909

VARIETY

ART SUPPLIES

HARRY & WILLIAMS-OWNER

## Note from Who Noticed Christmas Eve --?

The church is dark--the doors are barred against the night. Before, glad tidings brought the worshipers. An hour was granted the stranger--the traveler--the faithful to fill the air with carols, greetings and good will.

Amidst the hubbub and the rush and hurry, will we soon forget to notice there are no open church doors to glorify Him on Christmas Eve?

(Now, how many of you noticed? Point Richmond churches had no services the evening of Christmas Eve this year!)

\*\*\*\*\*

## A Christmas Visit

Mr. and Mrs. Russel Paulson arrived last Saturday from Aurora, South Dakota, to visit the Glen Paulson family of Washington Avenue. They will go back to the land of ice and snow next Tuesday.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Ladies' Opportunity

The faithful followers of the classes called "Swedish Fit 'n Trim" can testify to the fact that these exercise-to-music-classes, sponsored by the Recreation and Parks Department, are fun, relaxing and terrific exercises for housewives.

Another session is being started on January 15, and includes 12 lessons for only \$5.00. For women age 16 and older, the class is instructed by Gerta Ross.

One of the classes (Fridays, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.) is held in Point Richmond, at the Community Center. If the time is not convenient, There are classes Monday thru Friday evenings (take your choice) each at a different location, from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 232-1212, extension 496. OR, you may make a check out, payable to "City of Richmond" and send it to Rec. & Parks Dept., Civic Center, with time, & day you wish lessons, along with your name, address and telephone number.

11.

**SOPHIE'S** OPEN 12 TO 6 P.M.  
TUESDAYS  
THRU  
SATURDAYS

**Allyn's**  
MEN'S  
SHOP  
ERNST TIES · JARMAN  
PENDLETON SHIRTS  
LEVIS  
ROUGH RIDER SPORTSWEAR  
PURITAN SWEATERS  
136 WASHINGTON AVE. · POINT RICHMOND  
SINCE 1924

Coming Soon  
**JANUARY**  
**Sale**

BEGINS JANUARY 2, 1968

DRESSES

COATS

SUITS

SLACK SUITS

SWEATERS

BLOUSES

LINGERIE



**SHERRY & BOB'S**

201 W. RICHMOND ..... 232-3908

# A Cynic's Preview of Christmas

by Curtis R. Beresford

## CHRISTMAS PAST:

This is the season that brings out the sterner virtues.

This is the time of year that parents believe in Santa Claus. The belief is kept alive by the children. They cunningly display an ingenuity beyond their years. They are pragmatists. They believe in the realities. They know the Santa Claus gambit is a myth but it must be kept alive. Santa Claus means presents. Ergo: their parents must believe that they, the children, believe in Santa. If dissembling is a virtue, there it is. As a corollary children hold that it is not the spirit of the present but its value. This virtue of dissembling is widely practiced by the elders. The recipient of a present will try to make the donor believe that

their remembrance has made his life complete. They have seen the item in the store and can't think of anyone they dislike enough to give it to. The recipient now knows what will be first on his Christmas list next year. The present will be the first thing he will give to the Good Will Industry.

Then there is the matter of relatives. Here the virtue of dissembling reaches its apex. Meeting relatives at Christmas tide is an unpleasant, revolting must. It must be done, like getting up in the morning or taking out the garbage. The relatives have been skilfully avoided for the past year but now they must be faced. Meeting a relative is doubly unblessed: both put on their practiced smile, and try not to wince. The soothing thought is that Christmas will not happen again for 364 days.

But the days of joy will be repeated. The sweet joys of income tax day; auto tags are to be renewed, these and other light-hearted days are ahead. Then there are the cheering missives from Macy's Capwell's, the florist. All they want is money. As Christmas passes, so do the seasonal songs. Some woman is telling of a generous lover who gives her a long list of impractical presents, the first one being a partridge in a pear tree. It has been calculated that if this boy gave this girl the things she mentions, he would have to lay out \$236,248.39. The singer of the bliss of a White Christmas has possibly forgotten the shovelling of snow, nipped ears and autos slithering into the ditch.

So let us join the little boy who prayed "Forgive us our Christmasses, and those who Christmas against us."

(The above was typed with a ribbon inked with venom.)

(and...it can be swallowed only with a few grains of salt.)

*Alexander's TIK-TOK Shop*

140 WASHINGTON AVE. 235-0346

WATCH REPAIR · GIFTS · GREETING CARDS

"we teach your watch to tell the truth"

**THE SHOP UPSTAIRS**

 **145 PARK PLACE  
PT. RICHMOND**

**ARTS · ANTIQUES · GIFTS**

**BUSINESS HOURS: 10 AM - 5:30 PM**

**TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY**

**SUNDAY: 1 - 5:30**



*Maison de St. Mone*

115 PARK PLACE

**ANTIQUES  
OBJECTS D'ART**

**BUSINESS: 237-6373  
524-8865**

**RES: 234-8497  
237-1523**

# Want Ads

13.



"I sold my bike in 2 days with a Point-Counterpoint Want Ad" --- Anna Marie Healy

## TEENS FOR HIRE (free listing)

### Baby Sitting:

Pat & Kathy Dornan: 234-5334  
Lisa Simpson: 232-4283 (Also pet-sitting)  
Lisa Williams: 233-5211

Debbie Coles: 234-1045

### Sewing:

Michele Williams: 233-5211

### Odd Jobs:

Robert Drake: 234-8031

Cindy Forbes: 232-5395

Steve Lizarraga: 233-4692

Dale Westman: 234-3327

## BABY SITTING: (free listing)

Mrs. Ramona Calvin: 235-4369

Mrs. Harry Swift: 232-5762

(name not listed): 235-0106

## BABY SITTING & HOUSE WORK

Wanted: full-time baby sitting and/or house keeping job. Call 237-1385.

## WANTED: To Buy

Small House, in good condition. Lot size or view not important. Call 234-7505

## FOR RENT:

Waterfront house. Two bedrooms, den. Furnished. No children, pets. References.

Call Stoddard Realty

119 Park Place. 234-4651, or 232-6424.

## WANTED: RENTAL

In Point Richmond, Need Home for rent by January 1. Prefer view. Couple - no children. References. Chevron Research Engineer. Call 234-3429.

FOR THE FINEST IN FOREIGN CAR REPAIR

## RUDNICKI

Foreign Car

111 W. CUTTING BLVD.  
RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA  
235-7234

## Dale's AUTO REPAIR

101 W. RICHMOND  
233-1527

complete lubrication  
FREE ESTIMATES  
TUNE-UP • BRAKES • ELECTRICAL • OVERHAULS

buying or selling?

## JACK STODDARD REALTY

119 PARK PLACE  
POINT RICHMOND  
234-4651

BETTY PEARSON  
MAXINE STODDARD  
POINT RICHMOND SPECIALISTS

## TEDRICK INSURANCE

523-3435

BASIL CHERNIAK, ASSOCIATE  
233-8468

INSURANCE  
SPECIALISTS

HOMEOWNERS  
BOAT  
AUTO  
LIFE  
BUSINESS

## PERSONAL SERVICE

## HAULING SERVICE

235-9569

REASONABLE

YARDS CLEANED  
RUBBISH PICK-UP

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**




Sunday Church School 9:45 AM.  
Public Worship of GOD 11:00 AM.  
MYF youth group 6:30 p.m.  
Parsonage

**Our Lady of Mercy CHURCH**



Sunday Mass 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.  
Weekday Mass 7:30 a.m.

**Point Richmond BAPTIST CHURCH**



9:30 AM. CHURCH SCHOOL  
10:45 AM. morning worship  
6:00 P.M. b.y.f. youth fellowship  
7:00 P.M. evening service  
Wednesday 7:00 P.M. mid-week service

WANT ADS-continued.

-----  
**WANTED:** Girl to work in restaurant. Must have good background. Will give on-job training. 4 Corners Cafe.  
-----

**FOR SALE:** Bikes.  
1 girls 26" bike, 1 boy's 24" bike.  
Reasonable. Call 234-8551.  
-----

**SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED**  
In Your home, any make, age, condition.  
Free estimates. 30 years experience. Point Richmond resident. Call 234-2590 or 233-3480.  
-----

**INTERESTING CLOTHES**  
Hand-made and designed. Reasonably priced, since made & sold at home. Have sold my things to S.F. boutiques. Call 237-0838 after 5 p.m.  
-----

**FOR SALE: GLASS**

2/16" tempered, 46" by 76"	\$10.00
3/16" crystal, 46" by 76"	\$10.00
3/16" crystal, 34" by 76"	\$ 7.50

Call Mike, 232-2660  
-----

**CIVIC CALENDAR--**  
Activities that we know of are listed on page 1. Happy New Year!  
\*\*\*\*\*

**POINT COUNTERPOINT**  
Is published weekly at Point Richmond by DR<sup>3</sup> Enterprises.  
235-4222, 212 Bishop Ave. Pt. Richmond 94801. Editor: Donna Roselius.  
Assistants: Eunie Morin (233-5358) and Dorothy King (235-1569) --Please call these ladies if unable to reach editor with news, etc.  
Julie Davis, Circulation Mgr.  
Contributors: Frances Smith, Mildred Dornan, Gloria Crim, Jim Paulson.  
Assembly Crew meets Fridays at 11 a.m.  
Helpers always welcome.  
-----

**SUBSCRIPTION RATES:**  
For delivery (withing Pt. Richmond)  
40 cents per month, \$2.40 per half-yr., \$4.50 per year.  
For mailed subscriptions: (within U.S.)  
\$3.25 per half-yr., \$6.50 per year.  
Want Ads: 25 cents per issue.  
-----

**PAPER CARRIERS:** Mike Allaire, Anna & Michelle Healy, David Hein, Sandra Kinter, Jean Morin, Lisa Pair, Roni & Jodi Roselius, Jared Ross, Lisa Simpson, Karen Soares, Marion Tedrick, Nina Williamson.  
-----