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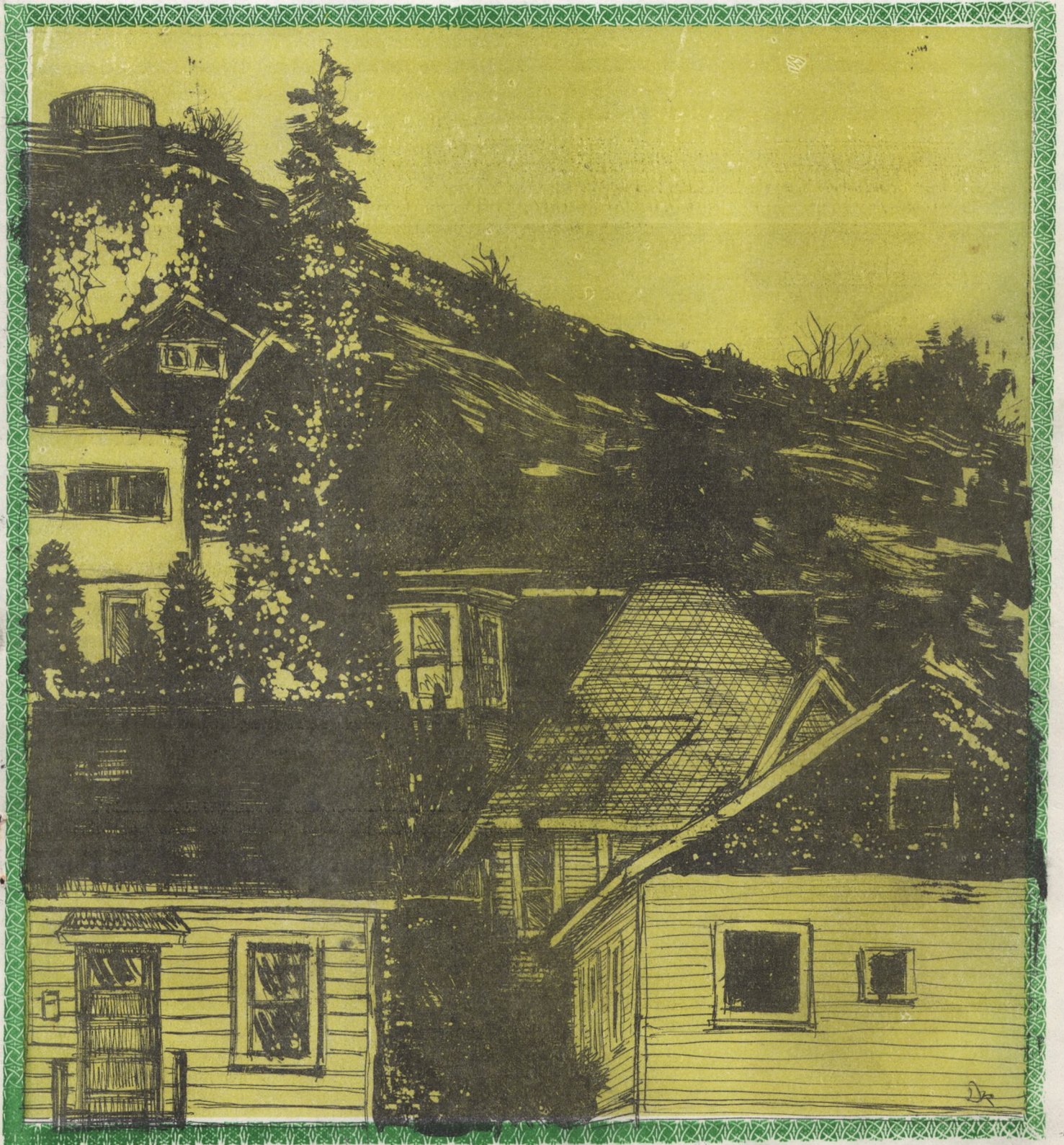
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1. The Life and Times of an Obscene Caller.

• by Dan Robertson

If you are a pretty girl, I would appreciate it if you would jot your telephone number down on a slip of paper and send it to me. I need a bunch of telephone numbers of pretty girls for my new hobby.

I have decided to take up the hobby of obscene telephone calling. If you send me your telephone number, you will be hearing from me. Don't call me, I'll call you.

I think this will turn out to be a pretty good hobby. For one thing, it keeps a person off the streets and for another, it is cheaper than paint-by-number kits. Also, it is a more intellectual hobby than golf.

A got the idea for this hobby at a recent party. During the party, the telephone rang. The hostess went to answer it. She listened for a minute, then hung up without saying a word. "Who was that?" somebody asked. "Oh, that's just----- He is my obscene caller. He calls every couple of weeks. Poor man, he thinks I don't know who he is."

As it turned out, every one of the ladies at the party had had obscene calls at one time or another. It was like listening to people describe their operations. They tried to top each other with stories of their caller. "My caller says such and such," said one lady, but then another lady said, "That's nothing. You should hear what my caller says. He says....." Finally, one woman topped them all. "I have five different callers, and I know who three of them are!"

"Ohhhh" and "Ahhhh," said the other ladies, for it was plain they could not top that record.

"What is your telephone number?" I asked her, but she said, "My gosh, I only have the weekend off as it is, you will have to wait until somebody drops out. I think

my Tuesday man may be getting ready to drop out, though. I'll let you know."

So far, I haven't heard from her. I tried to call her a couple of times to see if she could fit me into her schedule, but her phone was always busy.

Actually, being an obscene phone caller, takes quite a bit of practice, I imagine. There are lots of hurdles to overcome. For one thing, when I feel like being obscene, I prefer to be obscene in person. That way, when you get a favorable response, you don't have too many problems remaining, but if you hear "Yes" as an obscene phone caller, your problems are only beginning.

Well, any hobby worth the name has its difficulties. Practice makes perfect, they say, so I decided to practice on my fiancée. I phoned her up from a pay phone. My plan was to breathe heavily into the phone, then hang up. It's the minor leagues of obscene calling, but we all have to start somewhere.

While I was waiting for her to answer, I remembered the only other time I ever called anybody up to play a trick on them. It was when I was a little kid, and a bunch of us decided to phone the corner grocery and ask if they had Sir Walter Raleigh in the can. When they said, "Yes", we were supposed to say, "Well, you better let him out before he suffocates," and hang up. Believe it or not, that is what passed for humor among kids in those days.

I got elected to do the talking. "Hello, Mr. Calvin?" I said, already starting to giggle. Everybody started to giggle around the phone. "Mr. Calvin, do you heh heh heh, shut up, Marvin, hello, Mr. Calvin, the reason I'm calling heh he heh ho hup heh is we, that is, I wanted to know if tch tch tch, come on, Marvin, stop it, I'm trying to talk to Mr. Calvin, heh hehe, hellow, Mr. Calvin, listen, sir, heh eh heh, do you...." and Mr. Calvin said, "Yes, we do and no, he ain't gonna suffocate. He likes it in there," then he hung up. I never even got to ask the question. You can see that my experiences as an anonymous caller is pretty limited.



GUNG HAY FAT CHOY !

財發喜來...

Today is the beginning of the Year of the Dog, and a Happy Chinese New Year to you!



A NEW DRAMA OPENS

Tonight is opening night at the Masquers Playhouse. "Separate Tables" will be presented each Friday and Saturday night through March 7. A modern drama by Terence Rattigan, the play features the following outstanding cast: Virginia Cherniak, Basil Cherniak, Carole Colter, Edith Gold, Charles Haacker, Betty Magovern, Bert Miller, Kaye Parisho, Betty Richardson, Charles Reynolds, Marie Wedell, and Marilyn Willey.

Make your reservations now -- call 843-5475 or 232-3888 after 5 p.m. Tickets are \$2.00 each, and curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

EXCURSION #2

Excursion number two, sponsored by the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee, is scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. Monday, February 9. Anyone interested in viewing a submerged hilltop water tank on the Tiburon Peninsula is invited to meet the group at the parking lot behind the Old Firehouse, on Railroad Avenue. Bring your lunch.

The trip to Los Gatos for an on-site study of the revolutionary new garbage disposal system has been postponed because the installation is not yet in operation. A trip to the North Richmond Recreational and Educational

project is planned. The time and meeting place will be the same on each Monday. For more information, please call either 232-3118 or 235-6717.

IS THERE JUSTICE FOR ALL ?

Judge David W. Calfee will speak on Tuesday, February 10th at 8 p.m. at the Richmond Library Auditorium in the Civic Center, on "The Role of the Judge in the Administration of Justice." The speech will be part of a series in a study on the Administration of Justice by the League of Women Voters of the Richmond Area.

A native of Richmond, Judge Calfee is a graduate of Stanford University and Hastings College of Law. A lawyer in private practice from 1950 - 58, Judge Calfee has served on the Richmond Municipal Court from 1959 to the present. He has just completed a year as presiding judge of the court.

This meeting is the second in the series, highlighting a two-year statewide study on the Administration of Justice in California.

Mrs. William Otani, co-chairman of the study, stated that Judge Calfee has been asked to discuss such questions as "What makes a good Judge? What qualities are essential? How can we be sure we select the right persons as judges? and What does a judge do?"

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting; and Mrs. Harold Saul, president of the Richmond League, invites all women of voting age to join the League, which promotes informed citizen participation in government.

SCULPTURE

From February 12 to March 15, the Richmond Art Center will exhibit sculptures in its Sculpture Annual. The exhibit opens with a reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, February 12.

3. **FUND-RAISING FOR** **Sister City** **RELATIONS**

"Where's Charlie" will be sponsored by the Richmond-Shimada Friendship commission, February 14 at 8:30 p.m., at the Squirrel Hill Theater, located in the First Unitarian Church, Kensington. This will be the Friendship commission's main fund-raising event of the year, and will include a champagne reception for guests and the cast of the play.

Funds from the event will help finance the commission's program of sending an adult teacher-ambassador and two student ambassadors to Shimada, Japan. Richmond has received teachers in Sumi painting, woodblock printing and Japanese cooking from Shimada as their part of the cultural exchange program.

"Where's Charlie" is gay, fun, light-hearted, and guaranteed to appeal to the entire family. A musical adaptation of "Charlie's Aunt", the lyrics and music were composed by Frank Loesser, and the book by George Abbott. Roger Gau-Bray as Charlie, entertains with wild antics and songs such as "Once in Love with Amy", "Spring-Time" and "The New Ashmolean Marching Society and Students' Conservatory Band".

The play is directed by Eileen Gray, a native Australian, who has been in this country for two years. The fine singing-acting cast includes Jill Macdaniels, Phyllis Wells, Bob Maynard, Wayne Jacobson and Linda Eldridge, plus a chorus.

Donations for the benefit are \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for students. Adult tickets include champagne. Tickets are available at the door or by calling Mrs. Betty Stiles, at 526-3956 or Mrs. J. W. Young, 525-6251 or any member of the Friendship Commission.

RICHMOND SCHOOLS will take a two-day holiday next week on Thursday and Friday, giving students and teachers a four-day weekend.

FEASTING **Founders**

Founders day for both Washington Elementary School and Roosevelt Junior High School will be on the same day; one at noon, the other in the evening. Parents (un)lucky enough to have a child in both schools had better prepare by purchasing some alkaseltzer.

The Washington program begins at 11 a.m. and includes luncheon (of course). The famous Washington School Founders Day Luncheon has brought former members back for generations!

The Roosevelt Junior High School program is in the evening and includes dinner.

A 'RAP-A-THON' **FOR YOUTH**

The Richmond Youth Advisory Commission, with thirteen commissioners will present a "Rap-a-thon" at Contra Costa College Lecture Hall on Saturday, February 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. All teens are welcomed, and asked to register now for the afternoon.

The Commissioners will discuss the need for action in the following areas.... Employment, recreation, police relations, education, housing and government. For additional information, call 232-1212, ext. 496.

R.U.S.D. PRESENTS

On three consecutive Tuesday evenings the Richmond School District will present programs at 7:30, at Grant School (2400 Downer Avenue). On February 10, Larry Boggs, director of Huckleberry House, San Francisco, will present "Drugs in Our Culture;" On February 17, "What's Happening Here?" is the topic, with Officer Marvin Smith; and on February 24, "Addicts Speak!" The public is invited.

YOUR SCHOOL BOARD...

IN ACTION

Future School Board meetings will be held on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of each month, instead of the first and third, as in the past. The new schedule begins with the February 25th meeting.

It has been noted that citizen participation in the schools has been radically curtailed; and in the January meeting, several speakers who were scheduled to address the Board were not heard because of length discussion over the Physical Education program which required no action on the Board's part. Time devoted to Mr. Fuller's discussion of proper gym attire for girls, and private girls' showers could be cited as examples of the type of intellectual discussion that consume the Board's time. (His request for more modest uniforms for girls, which are the type worn for at least the past thirty years, might make manufacturers search through archives of patterns to find out how pantaloons were made.)

At the first February meeting, the Board did allow time for previously scheduled speakers, who included Elementary PTA Council President Lois Boyle; but at no time did they respond to speakers. Mrs. Boyle asked that the Citizens' Advisory Board be reinstated; Several other speakers had requests also. All were informed, after five minutes, that it was time for the next speaker, and this was the extent of their response to the citizens whom they allowed to speak.

At the February 25th meeting at Walter

Helms School, the Board will discuss the use next year, of Harry Ells--an item of interest to many people.

ZONING ADJUSTMENT NEEDED?

Concern voiced lately about the newly established motorcycle shop on West Richmond Avenue has been brought to the attention of the Planning Commission. The request will be brought before them at their

next meeting, on February 19th, that a conditional use permit be required for their operation. Interested persons are invited to attend the meeting in the City Council Chambers at 8:00 p.m.

The arrival of a motorcycle shop has focused attention on the fact that the C-2 Zoning in the commercial area of Point Richmond should be made into a more specific ordinance if the business area is to maintain a strictly commercial atmosphere.

Interest has been voiced in not only correcting the loose zoning, but in adding protective zoning to maintain the historic atmosphere of the Point Richmond area. The proposals involved would

best be made by a local committee and presented to the Planning Commission. Either the Point Businessmen, the Civic Group or a committee from both groups should draft a proposal.... Anyone interested? A voluntary committee would probably be welcomed. Call Mr. William Kretzmer, president of the Civic Group (233-2794) or see Wayne Wanlass, president of the Businessmen's Association.

SIMPLE LOGIC

by Louise Foran

A lady sat in her garden chair
Bemused by flowers and balmy
air,

Her eyes appraising the dewy
order

Of roses, hedge and perennial
border.

Suddenly her focus veered

As on the gravelled path appeared

An insect of impressive size.

She studied it with calm surmise--

Thought through her book, INSECT
FRIENDS AND FOES,

And said to herself, "It is none of
those."

In enquiring arcs its antennae
moved

And the bug, its bearings neatly
proved,

Proceeded on the charted way
Straight toward the roses! Her
dismay

Seized her. Then, as if other powers
willed it,

She sighed, and because it was
strange, she killed it.

REMINISCING

... FIFTY YEARS AGO THIS WEEK ...

February 6, 1920....

"EUROPE'S DROP IN BIRTH RATE CAUSES A SCARE".....

"Yellow Specter is Seen"

"United States Looked to as Savior"

..... "In England the middle class family of four or five has become two or three. Medical men, without exception, are united in their opinion that during the past ten years the birth rate of that class has been going headlong to perdition.

"The End of the Race"

"The End of the Race', a current cartoon, shows Europe's last baby in the year 2,000.

"Twenty years ago France was held up as Europe's horrible example -- France, the country where, after America, the baby was king. There are skilled sociologists who believe that France, once the glory of the old world, is dying..."

(And that's what started the population explosion!!)

February 13, 1920.....

WEST RICHMOND IS COMING TO THE FRONT.....

"Substantial improvements being planned between second and Third Streets and Macdonald Avenue."

February 13, 1920....

"BUSINESS ACTIVITY AT POINT RICHMOND INCREASING"

"Business activity at Point Richmond is on the increase. One has only to visit the West Side and see for himself how prosperous this locality really looks.

"The stores are all doing a good business and merchants are happy.

"The Point has many attractive residences, a number of the best families of Richmond preferring that locality, owing to its elevation, which ensures good drainage as well as a beautiful marine view and land perspective.

"There is little sickness at Point Richmond, notwithstanding the statements of the 'realty exploiter' that residents wear gas masks on account of the fumes from the refinery. Those imaginary fumes have about spent their force.

"Point Richmond

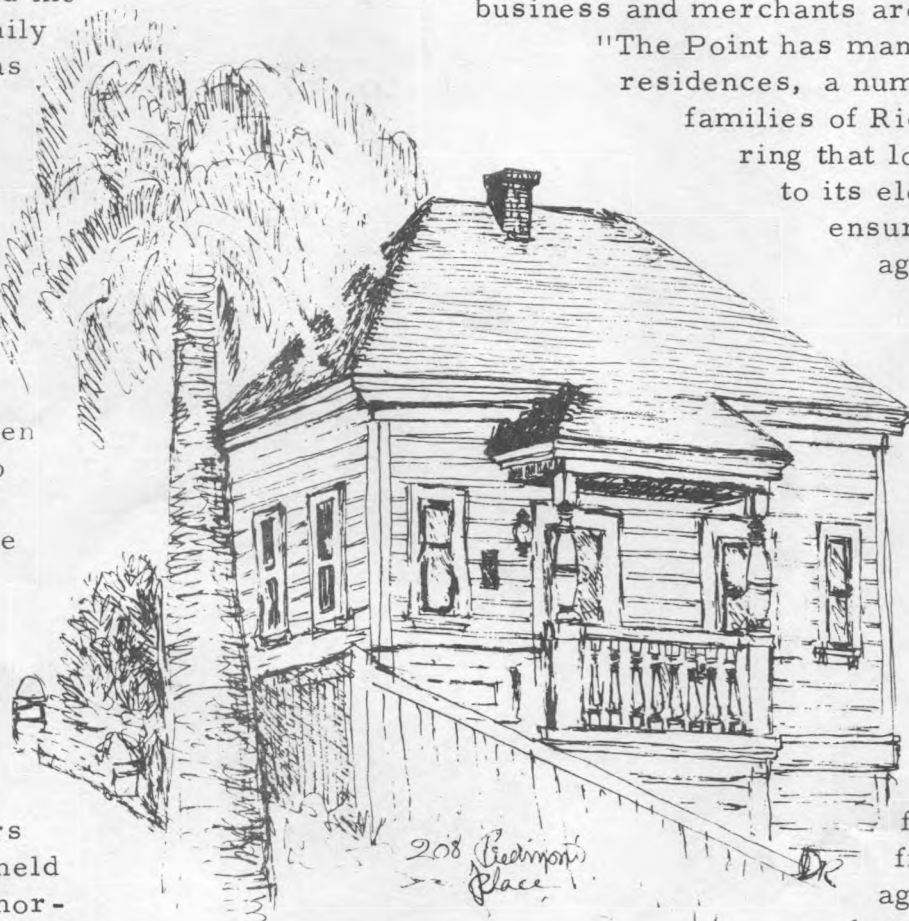
is the home of the largest oil refinery in the world and is a busy mart."

February 13, 1920.....

NEW PLAYHOUSE

A new T and D Theater is being planned for Ninth Street.... "IT is pleasing news to Richmond, and it is hoped there will be no delay."

"Hope of passing the universal military training bill at this session of congress is lost."



DOWN TOWN

The Village Laundromat is undergoing extensive remodeling, and will be closed until further notice. When it re-opens, there will be new washers, new decor, and even an attendant to oversee the operations. The remodeling should be finished by the end of the month... watch for a notice.

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New Micro-Wave ovens that will fix a hot dog in 40 seconds, and a steak in 7 minutes are now being shown at Friendly TV on West Richmond Avenue. New appliances that stagger the imagination include a tiny refrigerator, perfect for bars or small apartments. From 2 to 6 cubic feet, they fit almost anywhere. There is a complete kitchen assembly, with counter, burners and refrigerator; new solid-state vacuum cleaners, hair dryers, massagers, blenders, etc. Delightful decorative fans, from very small to quite large, plus many other brand new appliances are now entering the shop.

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Spring things are blooming at Point International, next to Friendly TV on West Richmond Avenue. A new line of ladies' jewelry has just arrived, with body jewelry, rings, earrings, the new "hoop-look" earrings, and many unusual and new trinkets for ladies. New hanging ashtrays, spring sun glasses, modish coffee mugs and other new new things have been added to the shop.



Bright Sight in the Point.....
School Marm Marlys Reynolds, toodling around the Point on her pretty little red English bicycle, with its blue and white basket filled with supplies for her Special Reading Class at Washington School.

We couldn't let an issue go by without saying something about the latest developments concerning air pollution. A list of Bay Area polluters has been published in nearly every paper... and the BAAPCD Board meets in Richmond on March 4.

WAY BACK IN '66... 6.

From the City Council minutes of January 24, 1966.....

"Councilman Vargas stated that several weeks ago he had requested steps be taken to plant wild flowers and shrubs on the hills south and east of Garrard Boulevard tunnel, but that to his knowledge no steps had been taken thus far to accomplish this, and that he also had talked with members of the motorcycle club in that area relative to trespassing on property other than that assigned to the club, and asked that these matters be referred to the Recreation and Parks Director and City Manager, respectively, for action."

The City manager reported that property owners in the area intended to string wire along the lower boundaries of their property; and the mayor said he thought the planting of shrubs and wild flowers would be a good project for youth groups. AND that some conclusion should be reached in the near future as to the continued use of this area by the motorcycle club, so the club could be made aware of the City's plans and govern itself accordingly.....

So, what happened?????

ART TO DELIGHT

Until February 21, a unique group of paintings is being shown at the Exhibitionist gallery, 2253 Union Street in San Francisco. Richard Inadomi, a member of the Sun Landscape Architectural firm is the artist, and this is his first showing.

Delicate, but with strong images, and intricate spacial forms, at first glance would seem to be abstract, but on close inspection small animals, birds and humans appear.

The water colors are rich and some glisten with gold and silver leaf. The oil paintings are light in texture. All are beautifully matted and framed. The gallery is intimate and a good showcase for the paintings.

7. WEST SIDE

Library

by Mary Burkhard

There will be two films for children shown tomorrow at 11:00. ANYONE FOR DIVING? is the history of underwater diving. It shows the hazards involved in scuba diving without proper training, and describes the diver training program given by the Los Angeles County Department of Recreation and Parks. A BUGS BUNNY cartoon will conclude the show.

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KEEP THE RIVER ON YOUR RIGHT by Tobias Schneebaum is the absorbing story of the author's year-and-a-half sojourn among some of the most primitive native tribes of the Western Hemisphere. When he told the people at Cuzco, the last vague outpost of civilization, of his plans to set off into the jungle alone and unarmed, they thought him mad and tried to dissuade him. When they realized this young American painter and amateur anthropologist was dead serious about his plans to venture into the virtually uncharted region, armed with nothing more lethal than a penknife, they at least offered a parting piece of advice: "Keep the river on your right."

A new suspense novel at West Side is ANGELL, PEARL AND LITTLE GOD. The lives of a prosperous London solicitor, a beautiful shop girl and an animalistic prize-fighter become inextricably intertwined. They are bound to one another by greed and lust as each of them struggles to fulfill his own peculiar desires. Over this degrading relationship hangs an atmosphere of barely restrained violence that finally erupts -- into murder..... This is a spellbinding psychological drama.

THE LAST OF THE BUSH PILOTS by Harmon Helmericks is about America's Last Frontier. It is about the daring and

ingenious pilots for whom wilderness adventure, strange cargoes (from electronic relays to corpses) and dangerous assignments are daily tasks -- flying ice-laden and blind through fogged-in passes, landing by pontoon on glaciers, or setting down on lonely sand bars, hauling disassembled machinery into areas in which a "landing field is where you make it". The Last of The Bush Pilots captures the excitement of a rugged profession that has transformed a wilderness.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nellie Matteucci
Josephine Martin
Shelley Amantite
Honest Abe

When one of the boys had completed a merit-badge project for the Boy Scouts, he immediately showed his work through out the neighborhood. Imagine how horrified his parents were to find that the project, a box of assorted, horrendous insects, was labeled, "Bugs Found In and About My Home."

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This coming week is dedicated to Boy Scouts. Go-to-church Sunday will be observed at both the Catholic and Methodist Churches. On Monday, Troop 111 will be represented at the City Council and Government day by Dan Darling and John Wade. Troop 111 continues to meet each Monday at 7:00 at the Methodist Church and any interested boy 11 years old or over is invited to attend.

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February 11 is Ash Wednesday!

Gung Hay Fat Choy....4668. "Inu no Toshi" (Year of the Dog) signifies loyalty and honesty as well as stubbornness for those born under this sign. Dog people were born in 1910, 1922, 1934, 1946, 1958 or other multiples of 12 based on this year. Festival highlights include the famed parade along Grant Avenue on Saturday, February 14.

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#### BUY CAMP FIRE MINTS

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The Ed Palenchars honored Nellie Matteucci and Josephine Martin on Thursday, with cake and coffee.

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Linda Bianchi and Leslie Crim will repeat marriage vows this Saturday at Northbrae Community Church.

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Ethel Alexander is reported in good condition at her home after a fall over a week ago.

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Hazel Newman, now of Concord, spent Thursday in Richmond on business and visiting church friends.

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Clever and innovative commercials.... "Get rid of your hang-ups: Buy a dryer"--PG & E.

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Have you marked your calendar for the Sweetheart Tea on February 13th at the Methodist Church? It begins at 1:00 and you can pick up special Valentine goodies at their bake sale later.

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How can one justify the poisoning of someone's pet! The beautiful red persian cat that lived at Tewksbury and Castro is missed very much and its loss left a void in a happy household. An unpardonable act.

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This Sunday has been designated "Church Loyalty Sunday" by a local body, whereby each member and friend will have the opportunity to pledge his Fair Share. By thus informing the membership, it gives those who are unhappy with the church, or don't want to be asked, an opportunity to 1) be out of town, 2) prepare a list of excuses why they can't continue to contribute. Church finances continue to be a problem, and maybe they should

honor credit cards! But think of the 8. serious consequences if it wasn't there!

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Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey will serve as summer school Principal at Mira Vista.

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The now popular "thrift shop" look has motivated increased prices in local charity shops. It couldn't happen to a more deserving industry.

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I won't be controlled by my child's anger, but I may be manipulated a little by his love.

(Tom Bade, family counselor)

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The ZIP code for Love is 80537. Put your valentine card in its proper envelope, put the whole thing in another envelope and send it to :Fred C. Brewer, Postmaster; Loveland, Colo. 80537. Brewer won't mind. For the past 20 years, they have done this, and they average about 90,000 cards each year. This year he promises a special poem along with the mailing.

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When Principal Claude Hill remarked that the new kindergarten play equipment wouldn't arrive until next year, one PTA Board member commented to another, "Gee, by then our two kindergarteners will be too old to use it." Whereupon the second replied, "Of course, we COULD have another child!" --Supply & demand?? (Names furnished to husbands on request.)

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#### BUY SOME MORE CAMP FIRE MINTS !



Visiting Kathy Dornan during the semester break were U.O.P. classmates Janet Wiita of Whittier, Sandy Mikolffy of San Diego, Mary Potter of Fresno and Caroline Kuney of Spokane, Washington.

CUB SCOUTS of Point Richmond held their pack meeting January 22nd at Washington School, Mr. Wallace Darling, cubmaster presiding. Various Scouts received awards at the meeting; their specific awards and a names will be listed next week.

# Point Teens

by Arthea Senger, et. al.

Our parents encounter group will meet on Tuesdays at 7:30, starting February 10th. We will be meeting at the Methodist Church. Eleven mothers will attend.

On February 11th, at 8 p.m., at the Community Center, the Point Richmond teenagers will be privileged to see an original short film made by famous-but-modest-local-artist-in-residence, Clay Pinkerton. The subject of the film will be the wasteland of the affluent society's trash in Point Richmond, and the only danger anticipated by one anxious neighborhood ecologist-conservationist, is that this artist possesses an eye so painfully perceptive and sensitive that his film may unintentionally and inadvertently make our local litter look lovely.

Doris LeDonne will demonstrate how we can create something beautiful from one by-product of our conspicuous consumption. Bring a clean tin can and the family tin-snips, if you can borrow them for the evening, and join in.

Interested adults who share a concern about our man-made environmental filth are, of course, cordially invited to attend.

We hope to have volunteers to help with the twice weekly cooking classes.

An Arts and Crafts class will start Tuesday, February 16th, at the Center.

We are meeting with the Police Community Relations Division to re-formulate bi-monthly police-teen meetings.

## AN Invitation

The "Point Richmond Citizens Concerned with Teen Problems" Committee will hold its regular bimonthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 3 p.m. in the Point Richmond Community Center. This will be an open meeting and all adults interested in the welfare and happiness of the young people of our neighborhood are invited to attend.

At the January 20th Civic Group meeting, which was devoted to the subject of Point Richmond teenagers, many adults (parents and non-parents) signified sympathy and understanding

for the difficulties experienced by those who are growing up in today's confusing world, and expressed willingness to participate in some of the programs under discussion by this group. Several of them explained their lack of previous involvement on the reluctance so many of us feel when we are not sure what we can do about a given situation.

While the "Point Richmond Citizens Concerned with Teen Problems" Committee does not pretend that they feel sure about what they can do to help solve the problems that plague teenagers, parents and community, they are convinced that it is much better to work together towards constructive solutions than to spend an equivalent amount of time in hateful grumbling and bitter complaints. Therefore the Committee cordially invites all community adults who would like to do something with and for our junior citizens to join us at our meetings. No particular skills are required. The people that we hope will come are those who are concerned enough about our young people and our community that they will help us plan for both.

.. L. Edwards

## Girl Scout

The Eleventh Semi-Annual Girl Scout Court of Awards night for Cadette Troop 2151, Junior Troop 2218 and Brownie Troop 505 was held January 30th. Mistress of ceremonies was Nina Williamson. The Flag Ceremony was conducted by Monica Johnson, Margie Symon, Denise White, Lisa Pair-Taylor, Diana Loretz and Paula Kirkpatrick... The girls sang several songs, , one led by Marion Tedrick, and one with Darlene Symon and Gayla Johnson.

A welcoming talk was given by Teresa Gerk; Slides were shown of family camping by Diana Loretz; and a Movie "This is Girl Scouting" was shown. Awards were received by all three troops, and "Ten Little Indians" was played by the Rhythm Band of the Brownie Troop. The closing ceremony was led by Mary McConner and Esther Alex. Refreshments were served, and exhibits shown by the girls.





mom



me



Brother



Dad

Please send in or bring your story to us so we can use it next week.

1. Across: 1st

2. Across: 2nd

3. Down: 3

3. Down: 3. ♥

4. Down: 4

5. Across: 5

2. Down: 2.

6. Across: 6

10/11/11 1 2 3 4 5 6 8 9 10/11/12



1. First PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
2. What month this is — the name.
- 3 Symbol of Valentine
4. What month — January is the first.
5. Day celebrated on February 14.
6. Sixteenth president of the United States.

2. What is the abbreviation for February?

Thirty days hath September,  
April, June, and November.

All the rest have 31.

Save February-28-except  
in leap year when 29

If you need more space use a separate piece of paper.

66 Scenic - or - 212 Bishop by Wed.

# 11. The A, B, C of it.

There are 26 letters of the alphabet. The first letter is A. Apple begins with A. How many other words can you think of that begin with a.

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|----|-----|
| 1. | 6.  |
| 2. | 7.  |
| 3. | 8.  |
| 4. | 9.  |
| 5. | 10. |

## Who? of the Fairy Tale Set

1. Who pricked her finger on the spinning wheel and fell asleep for 100 years.
2. Who went up the hill to fetch a pail of water?
3. Who made some tarts?



Do you have a pet? Will you write us a note? Tell us about your pet. Does it do funny things?

Can you write a story about your pet?

Please send your news, stories, jokes to 66 Scenic or 212 Bishop. Or call 237-3453.

We also need recipes badly —

## Quiz Box

1. Whose birthday comes on February 11?
2. What day is celebrated on February 14?
3. How many days are in February?
4. What day did February begin with?
5. On what day does February end?



Read a Book this week!



## Things to do:

### Make a Mobil.

Keep a box with pictures from magazines pasted on cardboard, seashells, lobster claws, small tin cans and cookie cutters, giant paper clips, painted spoons, wooden beads.

Use a coat hanger from which to hang objects. Use black thread in different lengths to tie things to the hangers.

For Valentine's Day: Use some red and white construction paper cut into heart shapes.

### Make your own Valentine cards:

Use red and white construction paper. Think up your own designs.

Make one for Mother  
and Grandmother  
and Dad

and Grandfather  
and sister or brother.



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# LETTERS

Dear Editor:

I write to congratulate one of your contributors, Gerrie Kretzmer, for her articles concerning the deterioration of our environment. And I am grateful to you for allocating the space her series requires.

Unlike some reformers, who display little resource beyond the arrogance of their expectations, Gerrie evokes through her scholarship and tenacity a kind of devotion that, no matter how self-conceived and self-controlled, remains selfless.

I do not know her well, nor have I seen her in some months. But I do know that her concern for our environment predates the evangelisms of our more modish officials - some elected, some not - who now grieve competitively over our ecological perils.

My appreciation of her effort, let me make clear, goes beyond my patent agreement with her views. I insist that the manner of her protest, the means it employs, is as admirable as the matter of her reform. Like some other residents of Point Richmond, she is able to compete within the vagaries of politics without herself becoming a political captive.

Whatever the outcome of our struggle against those who would devastate the earth, and no matter how exigent the causes put upon us by the times, it remains a sane act to distinguish the people who adopt fashionable causes out of a need for aggrandizement (or therapy) from the reformers who espouse the same goals ingenuously. Regarding the motives at work beneath the surface of our actions, T.S. Eliot wrote, in "Murder in the Cathedral":

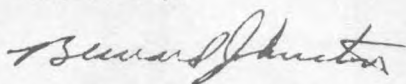
The last temptation is the greatest  
treason,

To do the right deed for the wrong  
reason.



Gerrie Kretzmer never courts this betrayal. We owe her much.

Sincerely,



Bernard Johnston  
Piedmont, California

•Editor's note: Mr. Johnston, a former Point Richmond resident, is a highly qualified critic. A successful author and editor, he has several books to his credit, and can speak with authority on scholarly and conscientious writing.

We don't wish to detract from the well-deserved accolade for Mrs. Kretzmer; but it happens to be an appropos time to point out one of her failures.

The recent excursion of the Shoreline Parks Committee included viewing the hills of south Point Richmond, part of which are to be used for the Shoreline Regional Park. The quarrying operations here have flattened a portion of the hills and caused extensive erosion from the ridgeline. For almost a year, Mrs. Kretzmer worked to stop the unwarranted destruction here and at the quarry near Pt. Molate. She warned that the quarrying operations were going beyond the limits of the permissive regulations imposed by the city. Now the damage is becoming visible. Now it is becoming obvious that she was right. Now it is too late. She failed.....Right?

The fact that only she and a few other politically "dumb" people voiced objections contributed to the failure. The fact that, time after time, the City Council chose to ignore, postpone and excuse the quarry's actions had something to do with the failure. The fact that you--each of you---citizens of this city -- did not appear to voice objections to the destruction of the hills had something to do with -- whose failure?

The destruction will continue. But Mrs. Kretzmer is not likely to object. The reward for a year of diligent work was the lack of support from fellow citizens, threats and intimidation, and the frustration of witnessing the intensified quarrying.

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Caller --continued from P. 1.

After a minute or so, my girl answered.  
"Hello?" she said.

I said, "Hi, sweetie, This is Dan."  
Then I breathed heavily into the phone and  
then I hung up.

Actually, I don't think it was too suc-  
cessful of an obscene call. When I saw her  
later, all she said was, "You must be catch-  
ing a cold, your breathing sounds funny.  
Take a couple of aspirin."

A couple of days later, we were having  
dinner with some friends and I thought it  
would be a good chance to brush up on my  
new phone hobby. I excused myself for a  
minute, sneaked out the back door and  
dashed down to the Point Restaurant a block  
away.

I got on the phone and dialed the house.  
Fortunately, the wife answered. "Hello?"

I said, "Hello? Ahhhhhh. Mmmmmmm.  
How would you like, I mean, ahhh, let's see.  
don't rush me."

"Can I help you? she asked politely.

"I'm trying to think," I said, "Just a  
minute." It was mortifying. I could not think  
of a single obscene thing to say over the tel-  
ephone, especially to a girl.

"Hello? Hello? she said, "Are you there?"

"More or less," I said, "Will you be qui-  
et for a minute, how can I think if you keep  
yakking into my ear all the time?"

"Well, it's not my fault. You were the  
one who called up. Who is this anyway?"

"Will you please be quiet?" I said, "You  
are making me nervous with all this chatter.  
Honest to gosh!" My mind was a complete  
blank. I felt sorry for her. Here she was,  
with an obscene caller on the line and she  
wasn't going to have a thing to talk about  
at the next party.

"Hello, hello?" she said, "Is anyone  
there?"

"Of course someone is here. Do you  
think this telephone dialed all by itself? Do  
you think this telephone got lonesome and  
decided to call your telephone? Of course  
someone is here. My gosh, that's really a  
dumb question."

I guess she got mad. She said, "Well,  
buddy, -----you!"



I hung up. Doug, the owner, came over. "What's the matter?" he asked, "You look pale."

"I just got an obscene phone call!" I said.

"That's funny. I didn't hear the phone ring."

"I was calling at the time," I said, and left while he was still sufficiently confused.

Later, on the way home, I said to my girl, "I don't think we should go to their house anymore. The woman uses nasty language."

"She does? I never heard her."

"Take my word for it."

So, you can see why I need a lot of phone numbers of pretty girls. The way things are going, I am going to need a long list and a lot of practice before I can squeeze out a decent, or is that indecent, obscene phone call.

Actually, I don't know if it's worth all the trouble. They are doing some marvelous things with paint-by-number kits these days. All you have to do is follow the directions and before you know it, you have a picture of a boat or a cat or a farm.

It's kind of a messy hobby, not nearly as clean as obscene phone calling, but probably most of the pretty girls are satisfied with the obscene caller they already have. They probably don't have the time to help train a beginner, and with a paint-by-number kit, you can teach yourself, if you are smart enough to be able to count to ten.

## Master Dance Classes

A Master Dance Class Series, beginning on February 14, will be offered by the instructional division of Civic Arts of Walnut Creek. Credits for the classes will be offered by California State College, Hayward.

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## 17. UP HILLS · DOWN DALES · INTO GULLIES

The Calendar said that it was February 2nd, but the weather indisputably was spring as the Chowder, Marching and Plotting Section of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee met for the first of their scheduled Monday inspection tours.

A goodly number gathered, easily recognized by their justly famous tennis shoes, and laden with cameras, sketch pads, binoculars, note books and bag-lunches, and accompanied by an official photographer, set forth on a reconnaissance. Eager to test the hiking possibilities of the beautiful hills and dales of the proposed Point Richmond Regional Park area, and to demonstrate that this was an eminently feasible and invigorating sally for a group, (most of whom were no longer young and some of whom were frankly plump) the intrepid marchers scaled Nicholl Knob and struck off southwestward Ho! Across the roller-coaster hills toward the farthest peak which overlooks Santa Fe Point and the Yacht Club.

It was a made-to-order day, with warm sun, clear skies and a cool breeze, and there were many sights and sounds to gladden the hearts of the inspection team, and make them more than ever impatient for a speedy end to park negotiations so the hill-hike could be publicized and enjoyed by many.

Birds sang in the peaceful stillness, the grass was lush, bright green and studded with enormous golden-orange poppies. One pale buttercup was seen, and an arrogant jack-rabbit (doubtless related to those immortalized by Councilman Gay Vargas in one of his nostalgic strolls down Memory's Land) bounded past. In every direction, and every few hundred feet, as the doughty band plodded up to the top of a hillock or scrambled down into its adjacent gully, a whole new visual feast of entrancing vistas opened and disappeared, only to re-appear, a series of fresh delights, as alterations of height and angle revealed new aspects and pleasures.

One this crystal-clear day the big view encompassed the shimmering, wind-ruffled silk of the entire Bay, rimmed with cities to whom distance lent enchantment. The Santa Fe Railroad obligingly produced a bustling,

toy-sized freight train, and a decorative toy-sized train ferry which presently lent additional decorative interest to the traffic on the Bay.

Leveled spaces on every knoll and hill-top provided pleasant places for the connoisseurs to collect another view, to catch depleted breath, or to eat a little lunch.

But there were saddening sights from this bird's eye view, as well as those that satisfied. The lovely hills are mercilessly raked and torn by the spinning wheels of the motorcycles. Walking is indeed hazardous in some spots, where motorcycle cuts have been deeply eroded. The quiet and bird calls were repeatedly disrupted by the whine and snarl of motor-cyclists spurring violently past the neatly posted "No Trespassing" signs of the A. T. S. F. R. R. The evil-looking drainage in the ditch leading away from Tops Chemical Company reflected the sky with a dull gleam. Plumes of many-colored smoke rose majestically from the chimneys of our industrial neighbors, presaging the smog that the next day was to blot out this fair land-and-bay-scape. On the toy-sized rifle range a doll-sized man was firing a gun, re-loading and firing again and again.

But the saddest sight of all greeted the explorers when they detoured to view the clearing area for Richfield Oil Company, since a scene of desecration, desolation and despoilation met their eyes. Far from benching the land (as surely they had promised they would) the hill has been cut brutally and vertically from top to bottom, without protection to the ridgeline. Where there was a hill, there is a hill no longer, only a hacked and scraped gash which is sliding badly and eroding in great gaping cracks.

The joy of the tour was diminished by this callous destruction. The Chowder, Marching and Plotting Section of the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee was grim as it strode homewards. We have not been vigilant, and have lost a hill which we could ill afford to lose.





# Joint agency CREATED

A Joint Agency "to guide the economic, educational and recreational development of the North Richmond-San Pablo Bay Area" has been formed, and includes the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors, the City Councils of Richmond and San Pablo, the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and its District Zone 7, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, the North Richmond Neighborhood house, the San Pablo-Parchester Community Organization, the Richmond Model Neighborhood Citizens' Board, and the East Bay Regional Park District Board.

Only a month and a half ago, East Bay Regional Park District initiated steps looking toward the lease of 161 acres from the State Lands Commission for a Point Pinole Shoreline Park. The bulk of the acreage, in the vicinity of Giant Highway and the Richmond Golf Course, is tideland.

The Supervisors' Human Resources Committee, composed of J.E. Moriarty and A.M. Dias, is recommending that Representative Jerome Waldie and Consultant Frank Boerger serve as ex-officio members of the committee.

At its first meeting, the committee will consider its long-term legal status with the county counsel.

That gets the North Richmond proposed shoreline park off the ground -- whether the Point Richmond Shoreline Park is landed yet has not been announced.

## No Room? .... Too Bad!

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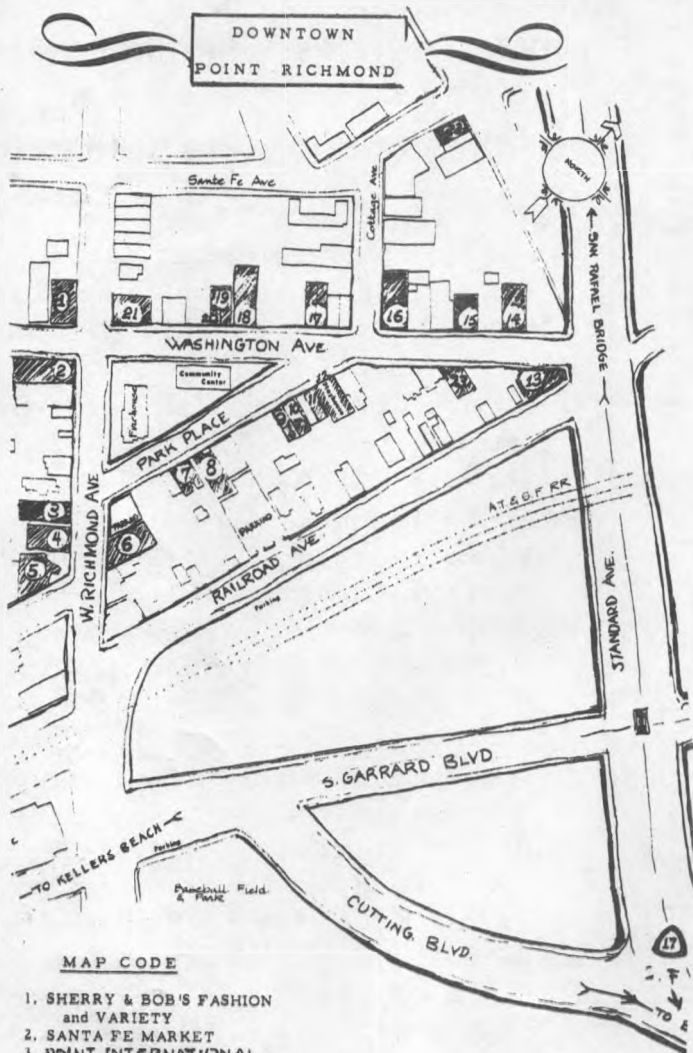
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