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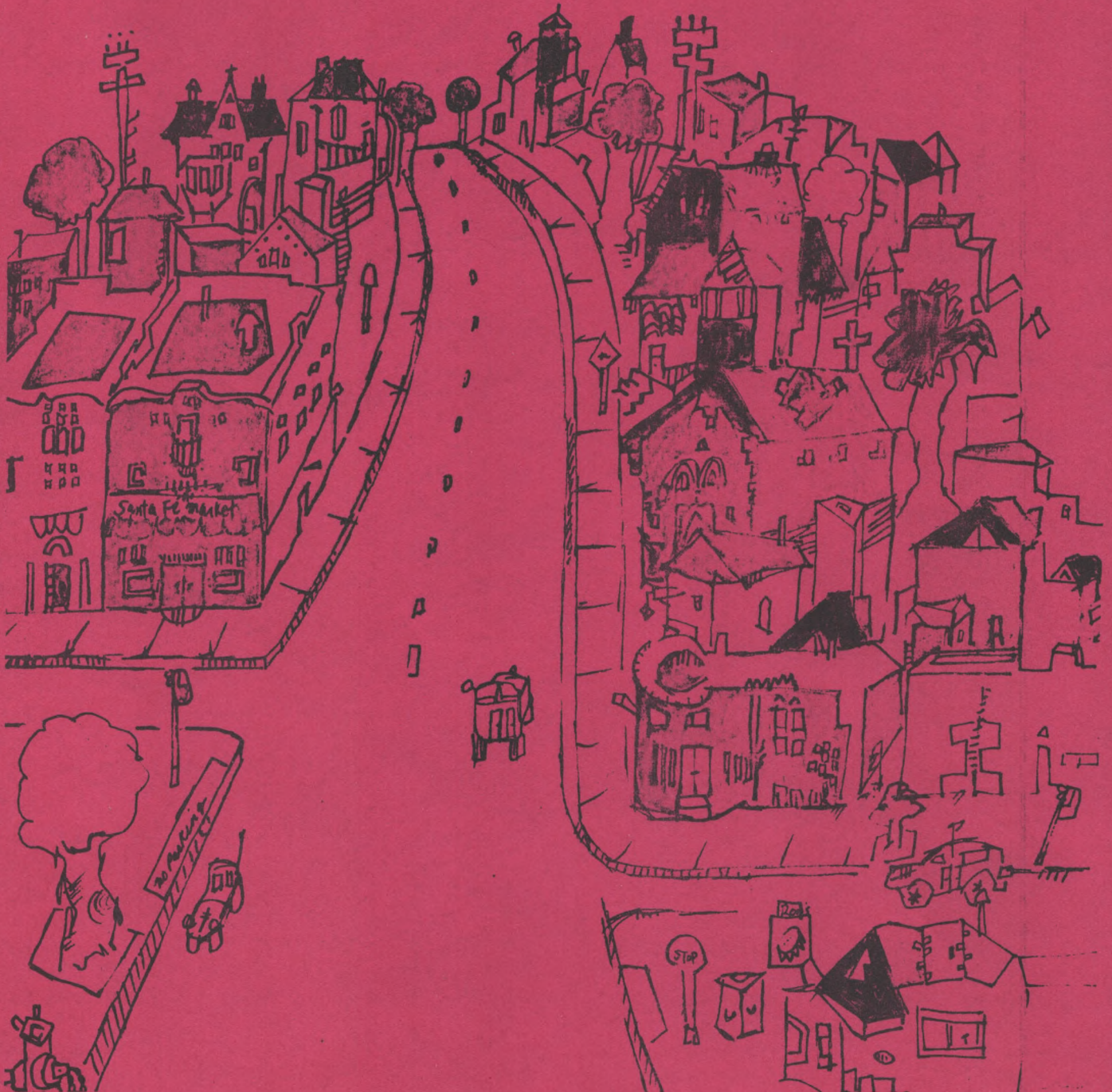
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Windmill Houses ... Electricity and Static

by Paul Thayer

The first wind-powered homes in the Bay Area are about to be built in Point Richmond.

A single propeller-driven generator atop a pole 30 to 35 feet high is planned to provide most of the electrical power needs of two small houses.

This pioneering attempt aiming for pollution-free electrical self-sufficiency in this era of mounting scarcity and costs of conventional energy sources is being planned by a new Point Richmond firm, Interactive Resources, Inc. (IR).

However, some residents in the neighborhood have submitted a petition objecting to the project. Complaints listed on the document do not mention the novel power source, but rather such factors as blocking of views, soil erosion, traffic, and fire protection. The city's response has thus far seemed favorable to the developers, and IR intends to get a building permit and start constructing both houses in May or June.

The houses are planned for a hillside just beyond the southern dead end of Ocean Avenue, on a bluff overlooking the Bay. Access would be from above, through a narrow alley parallel to Ocean and branching off south from Marine St.

The windmill mast will be a steel pole 10 inches in diameter and rising 30 to 35 feet, according to present plans. The propeller will have three thin blades eight feet long, with a directional vane of about the same length extending to the rear.

Electricity from the overhead generator will feed into banks of 56 storage cells -- very similar to lead/acid car batteries -- in each of the homes. An inverter will change direct current from the batteries to alternating current required by many electrical appliances.

Heating and cooking in the two homes will be done with gas.

"We hope the windmill can supply around 90 per cent of the electrical needs of the two houses," according to IR President Thomas K. Butt.

"Regular PG&E connections will be provided for backup supply when there's no wind. But during a storm, there would be no reason why you couldn't turn on all the lights and appliances. There would be plenty of electricity, and it would all be free."

Butt estimates the price of the two-bedroom homes will be from \$50,000 to \$60,000 apiece. This will include some \$3,800 each for the mutual electrical supply system.

One of the houses will be purchased by Butt himself, who is already living in the neighborhood. The other has been sold to Robert W. Johnson, Jr., also affiliated with the firm, who is currently living in Mill Valley.

The propeller and generator will be imported from Switzerland, where such systems are used in remote resort areas. The batteries will be from Australia, where wind-generated electricity is also relatively common.

"These systems have been developed in other countries because the energy sold there has been more expensive than in the United States," Butt explained.

"Recently, though, our utility rates have been going up at the same time costs for this equipment have been going down. I think that in the next year or two we'll turn the corner and see that this kind of system is economically competitive."

Interactive Resources, headquartered at 39 Washington Avenue, is operated by a half-dozen directors. It lists itself as "a corporation

providing comprehensive professional services to commercial, industrial, or residential developers; institutions; government; and private individuals for all phases of environmental and economic planning design, construction, and marketing."

Butt says most of the firm's other projects are more conventional, but that IR is interested in developing alternative energy sources in future projects. He said the firm is developing a solar-heated indoor home swimming pool in Point Richmond.

The company was organized in 1973, and the two lots for the windmill houses were purchased at the first of this year. "We decided to put the windmill houses there because this is one of the few clear, open and windy spots available around the Bay," Butt said.

On February 1 he invited the neighbors to his house to explain the venture.

Some apparently were not convinced, since they appeared at the February 7 meeting of the city's Board of Zoning Adjustment (who are all members of the Planning Commission) to complain about it.

Technically, the matter at hand was a variance Butt and his associates had requested to set the houses down to five feet from the lower edge of the property, rather than the required 13 feet. He said this would minimize view blockage for neighbors living above on Western Drive.

George Perry, of 631 Western Drive, presented a petition signed by 17 residents on Western, Ocean, and Clarence Street. They asked the Planning Commission "to refuse to allow any alternative to the existing conditions." Difficulties the petition anticipated with the proposed development were with fire protection, durability of the alley's paving, garbage removal, impairment of views from existing houses, and possible land erosion.

The windmill and pole were not mentioned in the petition. City zoning codes put no limit on the

We are pleased to announce that Washington School students will receive a snack each morning beginning sometime in April. One peanut butter or oatmeal cookie per student each day will be made available by the Southside Community Center under the auspices of a group of private "angels" who have asked to remain anonymous.

Needless to say, we are very grateful for the food. Now our "babies" don't have to be hungry in class.

The project was also pursued along the City governmentp- Model Cities - School District route. For their response turn to page 19.

The Point Counterpoint Editor is moving out of town. For information on the fate of the paper, turn to page 22.

height of such structures, according to Butt.

The Board approved the variance application by a vote of three to two, with two abstentions.



Installation of 6000 watt Electro Windcharger
Interactive Resumes, Inc
39 Washington Avenue
Point Richmond, CA 94801

Announcements

Community Center

Imagine sitting down to a dinner with your friends in the community. You have paid \$1.00 in advance. You start out with hot rolls and fried chicken, and go on to smothered cabbage, cheese, and then...oh my...out comes the lemon pie, lemon cake and "sock-it-to-me" cake, fresh from Gladys Ferguson's oven, (well, almost fresh - baked the night before!)

That was the menu last month when 38 people showed up for the community dinner.

This month the dinner will be April 3, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. We don't know exactly what the menu is, but a little bird told us it might be ham, with all the trimmings. \$1.00 must be paid in advance to buy the food. And Gladys says she welcomes all the help she can get at the community center about 1:00 that afternoon, to set it all up. You may wonder why dinner is so early - well the "kids" (I think "kids" means anyone younger than Gladys) asked for the dinner and that is the best time for them. So certainly there is a good indication that our community center is responsive to the requests and needs of the community.

There will be a new face at the community center starting in April. Margaret Williamson (wife of Lief Williamson, who in turn is son of Asa - for all you newcomers to the Point who are interested in genealogy.) will be starting to work there. Gladys says she is really glad to have someone working there who is from the Point and Margaret has some fresh ideas for the Center.

Then, Wednesday nights are Adult Nights from 6:00 to 9:30 p.m. The program for adult nights includes whist tournaments, pool, ping-pong, dominoes and chess. Refreshments will be served.

Fridays are swimming excursions to the Plunge. Cost: 10¢ for elementary, 25¢ for teens. This is a lot less than if you went on your own. Time: 6-8 p.m. Call the Center in advance for sign-ups, at 232-6140.

A rummage sale is pending for this month. Anyone who would like to donate articles for the rummage sale may call the Center. Proceeds will buy trophies for the pool and whist tournaments.

An excursion to Iceland in Berkeley is planned for April 10 from 10-12:30 in the morning. Call in advance for information and reservations for this trip.

Bayard Rustin to Speak HERE

Bayard Rustin, National Director of the A. Phillip Randolph Institute will be the keynote speaker at a fund-raising dinner at the Cutting Blvd. Holiday Inn on Thursday, April 4. The dinner will kick off a massive voter registration drive aimed at the June primary. Other speakers will be Willie Brown, State Assemblyman from San Francisco and Art Carter, Point Richmond resident and Secretary-Treasurer of the Contra Costa Central Labor Council. No-host cocktails will be served from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and dinner will start at 8:00. Tickets may be obtained from Art Carter or by calling any AFL-CIO union in the area, or may be purchased at the door for \$15.

Quarry Swimming this Summer

FROM THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT

The East Bay Regional Park District may acquire four depleted quarry pits totaling 211 acres in the Niles area of Fremont for water-oriented recreation and Hulet C. Hornbeck, EBRPD Land and Water Acquisition Chief was ticking off the proposed acquisitions.

"There's the Shinn Pit, the Grau Pit, the Kaiser Pit and the Bunting Pit," he said.

Cutting in and using the Reno idiom, Director Fred Blumberg, Lafayette, asked brightly, "Have you picked out a 'pit boss' yet?"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Ha, ha, ha. But what about Point Richmond? Why not our quarry pits over by Brickyard Cove?

Maundy Thursday •DINNER•

A special blending of Old and New Testaments in a meal will take place on Maundy Thursday, April 11, at the Point Richmond Baptist Church. Maundy Thursday is the traditional Christian date of Jesus' celebration of the Passover meal shortly before his death. It was on this night, during the Passover meal that he instituted the Christian sacrament of communion.

The church will sponsor the paschall meal at 6:30 PM. The meal's theme will be the Passover meal at the time of Christ. Traditional Jewish dishes will be served with explanations of the food and the ritual of the Passover meal. During the meal, special attention will be paid to the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus in the Passover ritual. The desire is to set a historical and cultural perspective for what has become one of the oldest of Christian rituals. It is regretted that, though an attempt will be made to keep all the dishes kosher, it cannot be guaranteed that all will be. At 8:00 PM a traditional Christian communion service will be held in the church sanctuary.

Those persons interested in attending or desiring more information should contact Evan Anderson (235-3241). A small contribution will probably be asked to pay for the cost of the food. All persons are invited to attend.

The church will be open on Good Friday from noon until 3:00 PM for those who might wish to engage in private meditation.

The church volleyball season will begin again, weather permitting, at the Washington School playground on Sunday afternoons. Bowling is also becoming a regular church activity, and a group of Sunday afternoon bowlers is being formed. Persons interested in volleyball or bowling should also contact Rev. Anderson.



by Mid Dornan

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY

Lirpa Loop	Kathy Dornan
Michael Horn	Karilu Elle
Robertta Dornan	Peter Horn
Judy Walz	Joel Peterson
Verla Camren	Roth Wilson
Twins, Pam & Paula Wilson	



Feeling the blahs? There's magic in praise--recognize the achievements of another or give an honest, sincere appreciation to someone that deserves it. Guaranteed for a quick, radiant pick-up!



BSA Troop 111's newest member, Jim Woodson, is a second generation in the Troop. His father, Ben, serving as Assistant Scoutmaster was the second scout in the unit to receive the Eagle Award, scouting's highest rank.



Restoring his Great-grandmother's 200 year old ladderback, cane seated chairs, Jack Creed promises they will be beautiful as well as sentimentally valuable.



Friends and neighbors of Charles "Chuck" Warren wish him a rapid recovery from his recent heart attack.



Sonja Darling's fifth grade Adventurers earned \$37 for selling over 500 boxes of Camp Fire mints and they thank the Point residents for being so generous. Georgette Austria, Donna Bill, Shelly Copeland, Christine Darling, Karilu Elle, Ann Greiner and Theresa Healy plan to go horseback riding with their profits.



Carol Paasch has a sparkle in her eyes that matches the new engagement ring from Mike Seawell. Looks like a December wedding.

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Trivia *continued*

Women's Society of Christian Service is now officially the United Methodist Women after a recent charter ceremony. Frances Smith succeeds Oretta Eaton as President.



Anyone that missed Founder's Day at Washington PTA was a loser. Those in attendance are verbally appreciative of the efforts of the few that put it all together.



Ole Rekless Raccoon is back again in the vicinity of Clarence Street--dumping garbage cans and startling the residents in the middle of the night!



Anyone interested in assisting at monthly birthday parties for members at Church Lane Convalescent Home should contact any member of the women's group at the Methodist Church (234-5334). Gifts and prizes are needed each month. Residents are so appreciative.



REMINDER: April 15 is the LAST filing date on income tax. Confucious say: "Live everyday as though your IRS returns were going to be made public. How would you like your worst enemy to audit your income tax reports?"



Scout Troop 111 exhibited the "Citizenship Skill Award" at the annual Scout-orama the 29th of March. Scouts meet every Monday, 7-8:30 p.m. at the First Methodist Church and any boy 11 years or older who WANTS to be a scout is welcome.



A unique "picture window" is on the second floor of the Garrard Apts. (400 W. Richmond) as it "reflects" the historic church across the street.



CONGRATULATIONS to Ells honor students from the Point (* = straight A's)

Roxanne Elle*	James Edmonds
Robert Genosick	Sharron Amantite
Jenny Allaire	Sandra Kinter
Aldo Forner	Jodi Roselius
Shelly Amantite	Roni Roselius*

Nina Williamson
Michelle Healy*
Terry Autry*

Sean McCaskey
Melissa Allyn
Geoffrey Williams



Gary and Dale Darling and Dennis True have been bicycling to re-cycle and beautify by eliminating the aluminum cans along the Point streets. The scout troop is trying to raise funds for new camping equipment for summer camp and can use your clean aluminum cans.



Can someone answer a couple inquiries asking, "How come boys from the Point can't play on the Point Baseball team? And why is it run by the southside?"



Have you noticed the intense orange of the California Poppies that so beautifully brighten our hills right now?



Remember when 'streaking' referred to something women did to their hair?



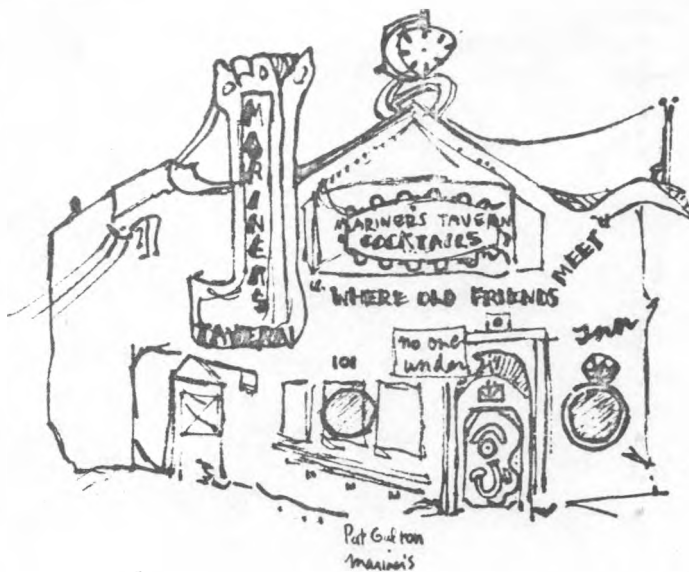
Think how smart we'd all be if we retained as much of what we read as of what we eat!



(Thanks to the many friends for their kindness during the recent loss of my beloved Mother.)



HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL--Have a happy day and expect something wonderful to happen!





A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

A few days after this issue of Point Counterpoint goes to press, I will be leaving Point Richmond, temporarily I hope, to take a new job about 60 miles away from here. I intend and expect to keep the paper going - please read Doris Cort's article in this issue. And I may fall on my --- (excuse the expression!) and be back in no time at all.

However, not knowing what the future may hold, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words about where my son, Billy, has been going to school for the last few months.

A couple of months ago, I found it financially impossible to pay baby-sitting costs that would enable him to continue at Washington School. So, with some trepidation, I transferred him to Nystrom, so that I could take advantage of the children's center services

available next door during working hours when he wasn't in school. Billy was one of two white children in his class at Nystrom and the only white child at the children's center.

However, I would like to give testimony that integration works the other way too. It works well. He made friends and played and learned well and joked around with his friends at Nystrom, which I found was a very well-run school, which gave me many reports on his academic progress. And he has, indeed, made excellent progress in both reading and math. He always seemed to come home happy with what he had done in school and with the feelings that his teachers liked him, both black and white.

At the children's center he ate a big breakfast and lunch, painted and played games, watched a little TV, and learned how to play baseball and other outdoor activities. The staff at the Children's Center always acted as if they really liked the kids and it seemed that the kids all liked them. There were always ten staff members around and I felt, as a single, working mother, that it was important for my child to have some relationships with men. It was really a happy place.

And all this for about \$5.50 a week!

I guess the moral of this story has something to do with Gina Green's article about "don't be afraid of the Indians" in last month's issue. As a so-called "liberal" I have been for integration, or desegregation, at least verbally, for many years.

Now that Billy and I have "been there", I can honestly say that I would recommend the Maritime Children's Center and Nystrom School to any working mother or father who needs a good place for their children to be in during the day.

Jeanne Eger

A JOKE -----by Billy Eger

"Why did the elephant float on his back in the water?"

"Because he wanted to keep his sneakers dry."

Ha, ha ha ha ha.

ATTENTION: *Help the Great Whales*

by Joan Neptune

"At present, one whale dies every fourteen minutes. If the slaughter is allowed to continue at this rate, all great whales will be gone from the seas in less than 15 years. The only power which can prevent the short-term interest of whaling from destroying the long-term interests of men and the planet is the power of public opinion." (an API quote)

You can help save the remaining great whales from extinction. The Animal Protection Institute, Friends of the Earth, and other concerned organizations have been alerting the public as to the plight of these great beasts.

To quote from API's mailing; Help Save The Great Whales, "The era of the great whales, giant mammals that have survived for over 30 million years, is in danger of coming to an end. The animals have been brought to the edge of extinction during the past 50 years by man and his modernized methods of killing."

"As you may know, in September, Japan announced that it will not abide by the International Whaling Commission's quotas set on the remaining species of whales that are still killed in great numbers. (Minke, Sperm and Fin whales.)"

"The Animal Protection Institute feels that every effort must be made to save the whales. Only world opinion and economic pressure can stop the rapacious killing."

The API asks that you sign the petition (circulated by Joan Neptune). These petitions will be personally presented to the Japanese ambassador to the U.S. in Washington D.C. prior to the next meeting of the International Whaling Commission. They ask that we also boycott Japanese products until the killing of whales is stopped. Inform the merchandiser as to why you are not buying the items. And please use all possible means to spread information on the plight of the whales.

Write to the following persons/organizations, asking that Japan cease all whaling and telling them of your intention to boycott Japanese products:

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Die in the Sky

SHOULD PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HAVE THE RIGHT TO STRIKE ?

The determination of 12,000 working people in San Francisco to partially close the gap between their wages and the ever increasing cost of living resulted in a strike which was in the interest of all working people. Many not actually involved in the initial strike understood this and honored the picket lines bringing San Francisco almost to a standstill.

The degree of success attained by the strikers and the short duration of the strike are due to the numbers of people who did understand the problems which provoked the strike were problems shared by themselves. The rank and file union members involved themselves in the negotiations and did not leave decisions solely up to their union representatives.

Some San Francisco Supervisors, some newspapers and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce called the strike a strike against the public. Dianne Feinstein called the strike a "gun held at our heads". However, the 12,000 strikers are members of the public. Hospital workers, janitors, bus drivers, sewage treatment workers, teachers, parents and retired old people on low incomes are all members of the public and the strike was in their interest as well as for the benefit of those on strike. The strikers made great sacrifices in lost wages in this fight against inflation which affects all the public except those rich enough to absorb the loss.

The teachers in San Francisco who are still on strike not only for wages but also for quality education for children, should learn that the more than half of their students who are from minority groups are part of the public along with their parents. Less than 20% of the teachers in San Francisco public schools are from minority nationalities. The teachers need to correct that situation with more minority group teachers as well as face the consequences of being divided into two opposing unions.

There will be more strikes of the kind waged by the municipal workers in San Francisco as more workers are thrown out of work by the contrived gasoline and energy shortage and as the value of the

dollar shrinks. Lining up at the gas stations may help educate us to the value of unity.

The United Farmworkers and their families are also a large part of the public and they also need our support.

We think the answer is yes, the public employees do have the right to strike and they still need our support to help prevent law suits and fines which some San Francisco officials and the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce contemplate against them and their unions.



Cleophas T. Brown &
Ursula D. Brown

Gardening without Tears

by D. C. Alderman

Mrs. Alderman, call her Zoe and I, call me De, moved to the Point in August of 1970. I am with the University of California, Berkeley, in the capacity of Public Service Specialist in Plant Sciences with Cooperative Agricultural Extension. Zoe and I, along with many other residents of the Point, are happy to see the renewal of "Point Counterpoint."

Spring, hopefully, will have arrived at Point Richmond by the time the April issue is out. This means planting time for such things as carrots, beets, onion sets, swiss chard, spinach, and if you have a cool, partly sunny location, there may still be time for a quick crop of bib or "limestone" lettuce, a very tender and delicious loose type of head lettuce.

Nasty little insects such as mites - red and pacific two spot - they're spiders - and green and black aphids may attack your plants. They are all what we call sucking insects and can be easily and quickly controlled by spraying with MALATHION. You will need a 2-3 gallon back-pack type sprayer, a pair of heavy cotton gloves with gauntlets, and, if you wish, air tight goggles for you eyes. ALWAYS SPRAY WITH THE WIND TO YOUR BACK. Malathion is very effective, but breaks down in a hurry. It may be used to within 4 days of harvest and cause no harm to your or your children or your pets.

Tomatoes, unless you are in a real hot spot, should not be set until late April or early May: more of this in May.

What's New at School?

by Doris Cort

Sometimes an obligation has its rewards. Last month I tried to explain briefly the function of the parents' advisory council at Washington School & my confusion at the district level as a representative to the DAC (District Advisory Council). On March 9, this same nebulous group sent me, all expenses paid, to a three-day convention at the Marriott Inn in Los Angeles, the occasion being the 8th Annual California Association of Compensatory Education Conference. It was wonderful.

Many things became clear at this conference; one, the purpose of the DAC, and two, the fact that Washington parents have a long way to go to catch up with some of the other schools represented at the conference as far as parent involvement is concerned.

A choice of approximately 25 group sessions was offered twice daily at the conference. Everything from new reading programs to counseling potential drop-outs. I chose to go mostly to sessions on parent involvement since I was curious about what it was I was supposed to be doing. The first of these sessions was presented by Walt Rowson, principal of Golden Gate School in Oakland, along with the chairman of the PAC group and a person entitled Community Assistant, also from Golden Gate.

As their presentation unfolded, I began to realize the extent of parent involvement which is possible at a school. The PAC chairman, Mrs. DuBerry, knew Title I guidelines backwards and forwards, and if she didn't know, she called Sacramento for clarification. Her group of parents acting in cooperation with the staff, has used a considerable part of their federal monies to pay the salary of a "Community Assistant", Mrs. Rowe, who also spoke.

Mrs. Rowe outlined her job as follows: (1) Visit homes to provide assistance and information on other sources of assistance. (2) Encourage families to visit the schools and participate actively in discussion and planning with school personnel relative to children. (3) Recruit and organize parent volunteers to classrooms. (4) Assist in working with community groups & leaders in the school area such as neighborhood councils, block parents, churches & ministers to interpret & explain Title I & other school programs & policies. (5) Attempt to involve groups & leaders in the school community in developing ways to solve community problems.

The parents at Golden Gate School are represented on every level. The curriculum committee has one parent for every two teachers. The discipline committee & the committee to interview new teachers have equal parent-staff representation. The principal was enthusiastic about the changes in his school due to more parent involvement, as were the parents.

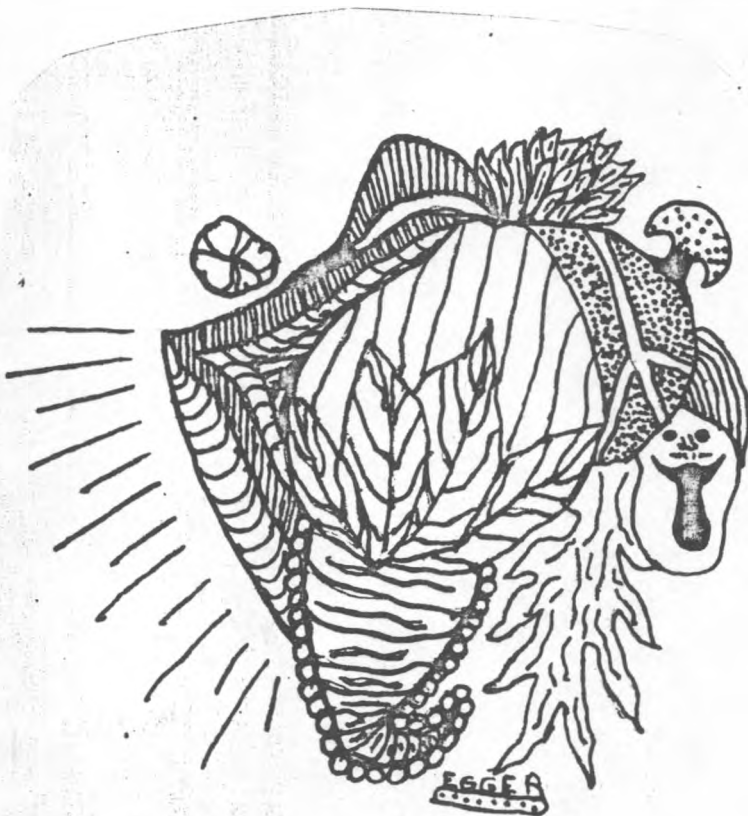
I picked Golden Gate School's program to write about in detail for a few reasons. First, it is close to Richmond and interested parents could call to make arrangements to visit & explore the program further. Second, it is a relatively small school - 500 pupils - though not as small as Washington. Third, I liked it.

Many other schools represented have positive programs to describe. Inglewood has a very complex & effective program at the district level. Every teacher has access to a resource book compiled by volunteers who beat the bush looking for people willing to donate free lecture time. No one is exempt. Retired people, professionals, people with hobbies---all become school resources with a little persuasion from persistent and dedicated parents. There is even a parent program to train parent volunteers to work in the classrooms.

The convention was overwhelming in its wealth of ideas. For a group of parents at a new Title I School, as Washington is, most of the plans presented were very ambitious. Still, there is much that we could do. Unfortunately, it is already late in the year & the term of a DAC representative is only one year.

The one thing I would like to do before my term ends, is to interest more people in participating next year. Miss Briggs, Cathy Lord and I hope to call a meeting soon, complete with a program put on by Washington pupils, & cake & coffee, to nominate & elect next year's representatives & at the same time, transmit what we have learned from our year's participation.


Consider participating. Its a good chance to help develop the kind of parent program you want, since the development to date is negligible. Hope to see you at the next meeting.



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BY A. H. MEADS

NOW THAT THE SPRING PLANTING SEASON IS JUST OVER THE HILL, IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA TO START WITH THE PLANTING GUIDE.

IT SHOWS THE EARLIEST PLANTING DATES AFTER THE LAST FROST. SO LETS GET THOSE SEEDS IN THE GROUND AND ENJOY ORGANIC GARDENING THIS YEAR. GOOD HARVESTING AND GOOD EATING.

Early Planting Dates for Vegetables March 20-May 10

Earliest safe planting dates and range of spring-planting dates for vegetables in the open—
Planting dates for localities with average last freeze on—

Crop	Mar. 20	Mar. 30	Apr. 10	Apr. 20	Apr. 30	May 10
Asparagus ¹	Feb. 1-Mar. 10	Feb. 15-Mar. 20	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Mar. 20-Apr. 15	Apr. 10-Apr. 30
Beans, lima	Apr. 1-June 15	Apr. 15-June 20	Apr. 15-June 30	May 1-June 20	May 15-June 15	May 25-June 15
Beans, snap	Mar. 15-May 25	Apr. 1-June 1	Apr. 10-June 30	Apr. 25-June 30	May 10-June 30	May 10-June 30
Beets	Feb. 15-May 15	Mar. 1-June 1	Mar. 10-June 1	Mar. 20-June 1	Apr. 1-June 15	Apr. 15-June 15
Broccoli, sprouting ¹	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-20	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Mar. 25-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 15-June 1
Brussels sprouts ¹	do	do	do	do	do	do
Cabbage ¹	Feb. 15-Mar. 20	Feb. 15-Mar. 10	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 10	Apr. 1-May 15
Cabbage, Chinese	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	do
Carrots	Feb. 15-Mar. 20	Mar. 1-Apr. 10	Mar. 10-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-May 15	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 20-June 15
Cauliflower ¹	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 1-Mar. 20	Mar. 15-Apr. 20	Apr. 10-May 10	Apr. 15-May 15
Celery and celeriac	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-Apr. 20	Apr. 10-May 1	Apr. 15-May 1	Apr. 20-June 15
Chard	Feb. 20-May 15	Mar. 1-May 25	Mar. 15-June 15	Apr. 1-June 15	Apr. 15-June 15	do
Chervil and chives	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-May 1
Chicory, witloof	June 1-July 1	June 1-July 1	June 10-July 1	June 15-July 1	June 15-July 1	June 1-20
Collards ¹	Feb. 15-May 1	Mar. 1-June 1	Mar. 1-June 1	Mar. 10-June 1	Apr. 1-June 1	Apr. 15-June 1
Corn salad	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	Feb. 1-Apr. 1	Feb. 15-Apr. 15	Mar. 1-May 1	Apr. 1-June 1
Corn, sweet	Mar. 15-May 1	Mar. 25-May 15	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 25-June 15	May 10-June 15	May 10-June 1
Cress, upland	Feb. 20-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 15	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 10-May 10	Apr. 20-May 20
Cucumbers	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 10-May 15	Apr. 20-June 1	May 1-June 15	May 15-June 15	May 20-June 15
Dandelion	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-May 1
Eggplant ¹	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 15-May 15	May 1-June 1	May 10-June 1	May 15-June 10	May 20-June 15
Endive	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Mar. 25-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 15-May 15
Florence fennel	do	do	do	do	do	do
Garlic	Feb. 1-Mar. 1	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1
Horseradish ¹	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-30	Apr. 15-May 15
Kale	Feb. 20-Mar. 10	Mar. 1-20	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 20-Apr. 10	Apr. 1-20	Apr. 10-May 1
Kohlrabi	do	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 1-May 10	Apr. 10-May 15
Leeks	Feb. 1-Mar. 1	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 15-May 15
Lettuce, head ¹	Feb. 15-Mar. 10	Mar. 1-20	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 20-Apr. 15	do	do
Lettuce, leaf	Feb. 1-Apr. 1	Feb. 15-Apr. 15	Mar. 15-May 15	Mar. 20-May 15	Apr. 1-June 1	Apr. 15-June 15
Mustard	Feb. 20-Apr. 1	Mar. 1-Apr. 15	Mar. 10-Apr. 20	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 1-May 10	Apr. 15-June 1
Okra	Apr. 1-June 15	Apr. 10-June 15	Apr. 20-June 15	May 1-June 1	May 10-June 1	May 20-June 10
Onions ¹	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 10	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 10-May 1
Onions, seed	do	Feb. 20-Mar. 15	do	Mar. 15-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1
Onions, sets	Feb. 1-Mar. 20	Feb. 15-Mar. 20	do	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Apr. 1-May 1
Parsley	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 15-May 15
Parsnips	do	do	do	do	do	do
Peas, garden	Feb. 1-Mar. 15	Feb. 10-Mar. 20	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 1-May 15
Peas, black-eye	Apr. 1-July 1	Apr. 15-July 1	May 1-July 1	May 10-June 15	May 15-June 1	May 15-June 1
Peppers ¹	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 15-June 1	May 1-June 1	May 10-June 1	May 15-June 10	May 20-June 10
Potatoes	Feb. 10-Mar. 15	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-May 10	Apr. 1-June 1
Radishes	Jan. 20-May 1	Feb. 15-May 1	Mar. 1-May 1	Mar. 10-May 10	do	do
Rhubarb ¹	do	do	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 10	Mar. 20-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1
Rutabagas	Jan. 15-Mar. 1	Feb. 1-Mar. 1	do	do	May 1-June 1	May 1-June 1
Salisfy	Feb. 15-Mar. 1	Mar. 1-15	Mar. 10-Apr. 15	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 1-May 15	Apr. 15-June 1
Shallots	Feb. 1-Mar. 10	Feb. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 15-Apr. 15	Apr. 1-May 1	Apr. 10-May 1
Sorrel	Feb. 10-Mar. 20	Feb. 20-Apr. 1	Mar. 1-Apr. 15	Mar. 15-May 1	Apr. 1-May 15	Apr. 15-June 1
Soybeans	Apr. 10-June 30	Apr. 20-June 30	May 1-June 30	May 10-June 20	May 15-June 15	May 25-June 10
Spinach	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	Feb. 1-Mar. 20	Feb. 15-Apr. 1	Mar. 1-Apr. 15	Mar. 20-Apr. 20	Apr. 1-June 15
Spinach, New Zealand	Apr. 1-May 15	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 20-June 1	May 1-June 15	May 1-June 15	May 10-June 15
Squash, summer	do	do	do	do	May 1-30	May 10-June 10
Sweet potatoes ¹	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 20-June 1	May 1-June 1	May 10-June 10	May 20-June 10	May 15-June 10
Tomatoes ¹	Apr. 1-May 20	Apr. 10-June 1	Apr. 20-June 1	May 5-June 10	May 10-June 15	May 15-June 10
Turnips	Feb. 10-Mar. 10	Feb. 20-Mar. 20	Mar. 1-Apr. 1	Mar. 10-Apr. 1	Mar. 20-May 1	Apr. 1-June 1

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One day not so long ago, the weather was such that most of us in town eventually took our way down to the sandy beach to be close to the cool breezes from the sea. This large gathering on the edge of the sea, being more or less spontaneous, was without any planned activities and not a few of us did nothing at all that day beyond dipping our feet in the water and burying our bodies in the sand. The day was quite remarkable for its dearth of accomplishment.

Many of the children, being more keen than the adults to do something, were building drip castles in the sand. There was a line of the little structures parallel to the water, left intact by a retreating tide. By midmorning most of the castles had been abandoned to the drying rays of the sun, while their architects moved on to chasing waves or admiring shells. One small child, however, was still to be seen along the row of castles, busily building turrets and towers, being careful all the while that he kept the walls of his castle moist and free from cracks.

By midafternoon a little group of people had gathered to admire Michael's castle. It had become a maze of delicate parts, each connected by little staircases or underground passages. Large courtyards filled with tiny sand people, animals, carts and wares were surrounded by thick sand walls and high watch towers. Against the thick outer walls of the castle were little stands for vendors and their customers. Above them on the thick walls, tiny sand sentries kept watch out to sea and across to land. Around the castle lay a moat crossed by a tiny drawbridge. As we watched, Michael began to form little clusters of houses around the castle, each inhabited by tiny sand figures.

Already the tide was beginning to come in again and we watched as Michael worked feverishly to complete his castle. We spoke quietly of the possibility of barracading the work from the waves or perhaps lifting it onto a board and removing it inland. We were worried that Michael had labored too long on his castle to be able to bear the spectacle of its ruin. All the while Michael worked on, taking no note of our growing concern. We continued to watch nervously.

Finally the end was near. We saw three large waves on the horizon and knew that Michael's castle was doomed to destruction. Michael put a few finishing touches on his highest turret and stood back to watch the impending disaster. As the first wave crashed down over his creation, Michael smiled, and continued to smile as the second and third wave completely obliterated his castle. Even-Fall ran and put her arms around Michael, calling him "a very brave boy." Michael looked at her, surprised. "Why," he said, "I made it for the sea."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

March 7, 1974

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the March issue of Point Counterpoint. Since we moved to Point Richmond in December, my husband has been asking me to get a copy of the local paper. He thought that there must be one in this talented community.

And now we have a source of information about all the exciting things and people going on in Point Richmond.

I was especially pleased to read that the Masquers theatre is going to come alive. Of course I know that if they are giving a play in April that actors and set designers are alive now and working hard in Point Richmond... in fact I am thinking of offering my services if they need any help.

Thanks again for all the work I know went into this really attractive publication.

Anna Marie & Hal Gurish
(Thank you! - the editor)

"THE BOYS"

"I'm in charge but my boys really run the office. I don't know what I'd do without them." (The boys are aged 61, 57 and 48.)

"That new boy really adds a lot to the office. Good looking, young, and can he type!"

"Its all right to be independent and aggressive, but doesn't he know how unattractive it is in a boy?"

"Sure my boy has a master's degree in English from Harvard and he's overqualified for the job. But what can he do but type?"

"Let's face it. Everything being equal, I'd rather have young, attractive boys in the office than old, bald-headed men."

"We've tried for years to get a boy to fill the job - but there just aren't any who qualify. And we don't want to lower the standards."

"Most of my boys only work for the fun of it, since most are married and their spouses work."

"I don't think our women could accept being supervised by a boy. Its unnatural!"

"I don't think the new boy is going to work out. He has two pre-schoolers and if they get sick..."


If these statements sound strange, go back and substitute "the girls" for "the boys." If you now recognize any as yours, watch out for the women.

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Point Job's Daughters are having a Garage Sale on May 3-4-5, 1590 Kildare Drive, Pinole. They need all items and if you need something picked up, call 223-3991 or 758-5177. Small things may be dropped off at the Wilson's, 521 Western Drive. Funds raised are used for their service projects and expenses.

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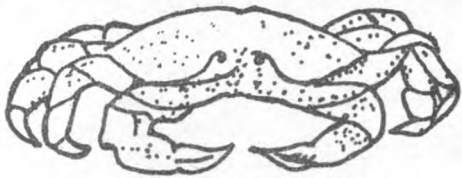
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A beginning Greek Dance Class will start on Tuesday, April 2nd. The class will be held at the Masonic Hall at 210 Washington Avenue, during the afternoon from 2:00 to 3:00, with Virta Foor the instructor. An intermediate class will follow from 3:00 to 4:00. Come and bring a friend. There is a 50¢ charge.

Also an evening Greek Dance Class is held on Thursday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and this is held at the Washington School Auditorium. The class meets on Thursday nights, except on each 3rd week of the month, when it meets on Wednesday night. The first class will Thursday night, April 4.

We hope you come and join the class and dance and meet many new friends.



A new business is starting up at the Point. It is called Sure Kill Roach Killer. The Eaton Environmental is now the Distributor for Northern California. Bill and Beath Eaton are the salespersons. to get in touch with at 169 Scenic Ave. P.O. Box 152, Point Richmond 94807. The telephone number is 233-5688. It is very good and really kills them dead. Good luck to the new company.



Mrs. Helen Robertson is visiting her son Dan and daughter-in-law Thea. Mrs. Robertson came by train from Manchester, Michigan. Helen's granddaughters, Cathy and Becky Robertson helped welcome her back to the Point. She will be here for at least one month.



The winning class of Washington School PTA membership drive is Mrs. Holder's Kindergarten Class, Room 25. The prize is a class party.

WANTED: A Park You can Walk To

We left the saga of Nicholl Knob last month around the year 1969 as it was about to be hollowed out for a water tank...

The owners of the hilltop lots, who had purchased it in 1962 to reserve it from potential development and preserve it for eventual park acquisition, now offered it to the Park District for the original purchase price plus the taxes paid over the years, stipulating only that the property revert to them if the District failed to use it for park purposes.

Though this offer was accepted and the East Bay Municipal Utility District graciously withdrew their tank plans, another crisis challenged the battered Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee when East Bay Regional Park Dist. plans for elaborate development of the miniscule 8.5 acre park site were disclosed -- plans which were quite contrary to the "minimum development, maximum land acquisition" concepts which had consistently been urged.

Matters were complicated in this situation, for with rising land costs and gradually inflating money, the \$400,000 which had originally been set aside for the Point Richmond Park out of Contra Costa Park District tax funds, no longer seemed the "princely sum" that it originally appeared. In a laudable effort to utilize the \$400,000 to maximum effect, the District had applied to various federal agencies for matching funds. This effort proved successful and matching fund grants were obtained from H:U.D. and Federal Land and Water Conservation. Unhappily, this money was designated for development of public oriented recreation, not for land purchase, and the Park District Directors made it very clear that no money was available in the District budget for further land acquisition, nor would be, unless a proposed tax increase was approved by the voters; a tax

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increase which would double the existing district tax rate. For a time it seemed that the little 8.5 acres would be heavily and ornately developed in a style highly unsuitable for the peaceful majesty of the terrain, which, though abused by industrial neglect, provides a unique oasis of peace, simplicity and beauty in its hell-and-shore relationship to the Bay. Vigorous community protest of the idea of elaborate development plans resulted in a series of public meetings at which citizens were urged to express their views on how they felt the park should be designed. The consensus was overwhelmingly that there should be a peaceful sanctuary with plenty of open space for people to move about, away from the pressures of the urban hubbub.

In 1971 the Park District contracted with the landscape design firm of Arbogast and Newton to work on plans for the park. To all those familiar with Keller's Beach Park, this appointment was a felicitous one, for Arbogast and Newton played a significant role in the graceful and ingenious design which made that small pocket-handkerchief of land much bigger (and consequently available to more people) than it actually was. It seemed appropriate and fortunate that they were available to provide the same ambience to the larger adjoining area.

Feeling that the design concepts were in excellent hands, the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee gratefully prepared to relax their vigilance, but instead were forced to turn their attention to an unexpected development, a lawsuit about the hills brought by the Richmond Ramblers Motorcycle Club. The club members contended in their lawsuit that they had acquired the right to public use of the hills by "implied domain", since the land had been freely used (that is, without protest by the owners) by motorcyclists since 1947. The landowners (including the Santa Fe Land Company, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad,

and PG & E), the neighboring residents and the Shoreline Parks Committee maintained that the motorcyclists were trespassing on private property, causing a destruction of the land ecology in scarring and removing topsoil, and further causing a pollution of the air with noise, thus constituting a nuisance both public and private. Suits and countersuits were launched, with \$1.6 million in damages claimed by the landowners for damage purportedly done to their land by the Ramblers over the past 25 years. Fortunately for the hills, the hikers and picnickers and the park plans, the lawsuits did not drag on and on. The judge in charge of the case did not rule in favor of the motorcyclists. Though the cyclists still ride the hills, they do so less now than they used to, possibly because they can now be cited for contempt of court if they are reported and caught.

Next month...the dedication of George Miller Jr. Memorial Park and other good news of 1972, in the continuing Saga of Nicholl Knob.



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Honorable Henry Kissinger
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

To locate the petition to sign, call me at 237-3566. I will bring the petition to your home if desired, or provide additional information.



Waters of several East Bay Regional Park District "swimming holes" will open for nine days of aquatic frolic beginning April 6.

Swimming pools at Roberts Regional Recreation Area, adjacent to Redwood Regional Park, and at the Willow Park Public Golf Course, and facilities at Contra Loma Regional Park, Lake Anza (in Tilden), Lake Temescal and Shadow Cliffs Regional Rec. Areas will be open with life guards on duty.

Swim areas will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The regular swimming season, during which all facilities will be open daily, begins June 15. From April 15 through June 14, the swim areas will be opened depending on weather and on lifeguard availability.

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March 26, 1974

TO: Kenneth H. Smith, City Manager

FROM: Stanley H. Hall, Administrative Assistant *SHH*

SUBJECT: MORNING SNACK PROGRAM - WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Art Hatchett of Model Cities, who on previous occasions has negotiated the Model Cities-sponsored School Lunch Program, was contacted regarding the proposal by Jean Eggers to initiate a morning snack program.

While the program seemingly has merit, Mr. Hatchett indicates that the Model Cities Program would not support such participation for the following reasons:

1. The school, while serving some Model Neighborhood area children, is outside the Model Neighborhood area.
2. The proposal is not a Model Cities initiated project, and therefore, is not a part of the plan.
3. The experience of the School Lunch Program has provided knowledge on the cost of such programs, and presently there are not enough funds to support a project of this nature. While it is only planned for one school, it would be difficult to justify its operation at one location.
4. The School District would not, in our estimation, support a program of this type since it went to court to fight supporting the City-wide School Lunch Program.

In view of the above facts, it is recommended that the City not get involved in the operation of a program of this nature.

SHH/va

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A Community Congress

April 20, during the day, there will be an important meeting at Contra Costa College. Called the "Community Congress", and jointly sponsored by cities from Crockett to El Cerrito, the meeting will concern all people in this area. The basic topic of this first Community Congress will be leisure time activities -- which includes about everything except your vocation. How to get there, what to do, what the area's needs are. Everyone interested in the cooperation of our and surrounding communities in facilitating services for kids to senior citizens should attend the Congress. Watch for more publicity in local papers, etc. The Congress starts in the morning and continues through the afternoon, with several discussion groups and workshops on almost every phase of leisure time needs.

HELP WANTED: Cook-Helper, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., no Saturday or Sunday, experience preferred. Al's Famous Ham & Eggs. Open for interviews between 2 - 4 p.m. at Al's.

VOLUNTEER WANTED: To organize Point Richmond Annual Art Show. Paul Sandoval and Jane Funston did it last year. Contact Paul for general ideas on how to do it. He was last seen on his way to work at the Doll Factory. Or ask around.

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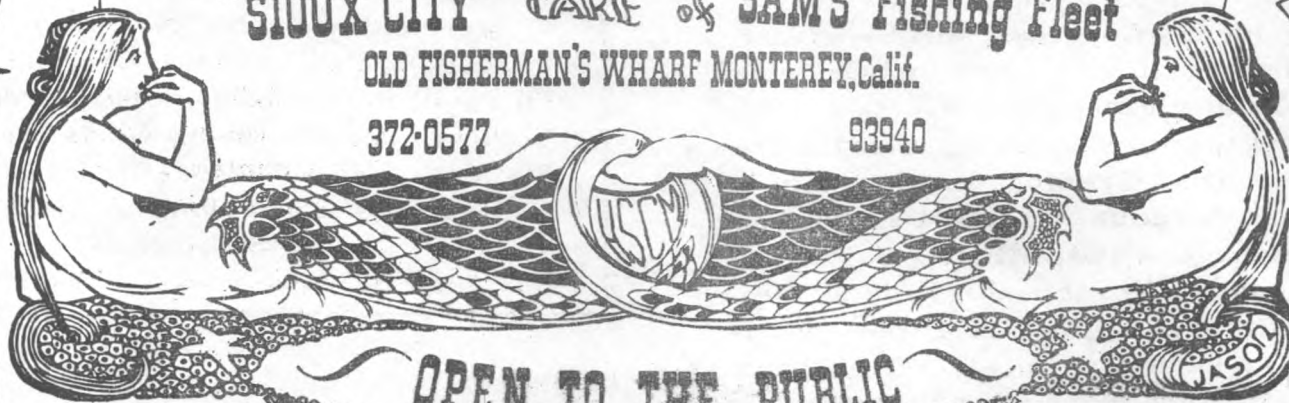


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..~ WHALING SHIP SEEKS HOME ~..

A maritime relic that's a little bit of Point Richmond area history may be moved soon to Southern California. It is the only documented whaling ship on the West Coast, the SIOUX CITY, now idly riding the tides at Oakland's Jack London Square.

For more than a decade the Sioux City searched Pacific for whales. When a gam (that's the right word for a school of whales) was sighted, the crew would take one or two, lash them to the side of the ship and sail back to the Golden Gate Fish Company at Point San Pablo. There the carcasses were reduced to animal food, oil and other products.

Robert Casebeer, a veteran of the whaling industry from Eureka to Lima, Peru, built the plant, owned the ship, and directed a crew of some 20 employees in what he says was a good business. But it all came to an end some three years ago when the Federal Government declared all whales an endangered species and banned commercial whaling throughout the United States. The Golden Gate Fish Company - the next to last whaling station in the country - was forced to close its doors.

Last year the Sioux City was used for a season of tuna fishing out of Oakland.

Casebeer, a long-time Point Richmond resident, now says he wants to turn the ship into a floating whaling museum. It would exhibit whaling gear like harpoons and guns, and also the curious parts of whales themselves - bones, ivory teeth, and the glass-like eardrums of the mammoth mammals.

But he says neither Richmond nor even Oakland has enough tourists to support this venture. He is negotiating with something named Ports of Call Village in San Pedro to set up his museum there.

If this happens, the 30-year old vessel will be going home. It was in San Pedro where the 136 foot ship was built in 1944 as a PCS (Navy talk for Patrol Craft, Small), and was outfitted as a mine sweeper.

If the Sioux City becomes a museum, it would join at least two other PCS vessels that have achieved distinction after retirement from the Navy. They are Calypso I, the ship used by oceanographer and TV producer Jacques Cousteau, and actor John Wayne's yacht, the Wild Goose.

Paul Thayer



DON'T LOOK FOR THIS SHIP IN MONTEREY! The former whaling vessel, Sioux City, which may become a floating museum, was planned for there once, but now may go to San Pedro.

DEADLINE FOR POINT COUNTERPOINT April 21

Our Editor-in-chief, Jeanne Eger, has been called away for higher service in San Jose. But we have established some drop-off points for articles:

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Point Counterpoint 233-1588

Doris Cort 234-6989

Once a month we will have a coffee and get-together to talk about the paper, the community, whoever doesn't come, etc.

This month it will be held April 21 (Sunday) at 11:00 a.m. at Eight (8) Western Drive. Bring your articles and comments if you haven't already dropped them off - this will be the last day.

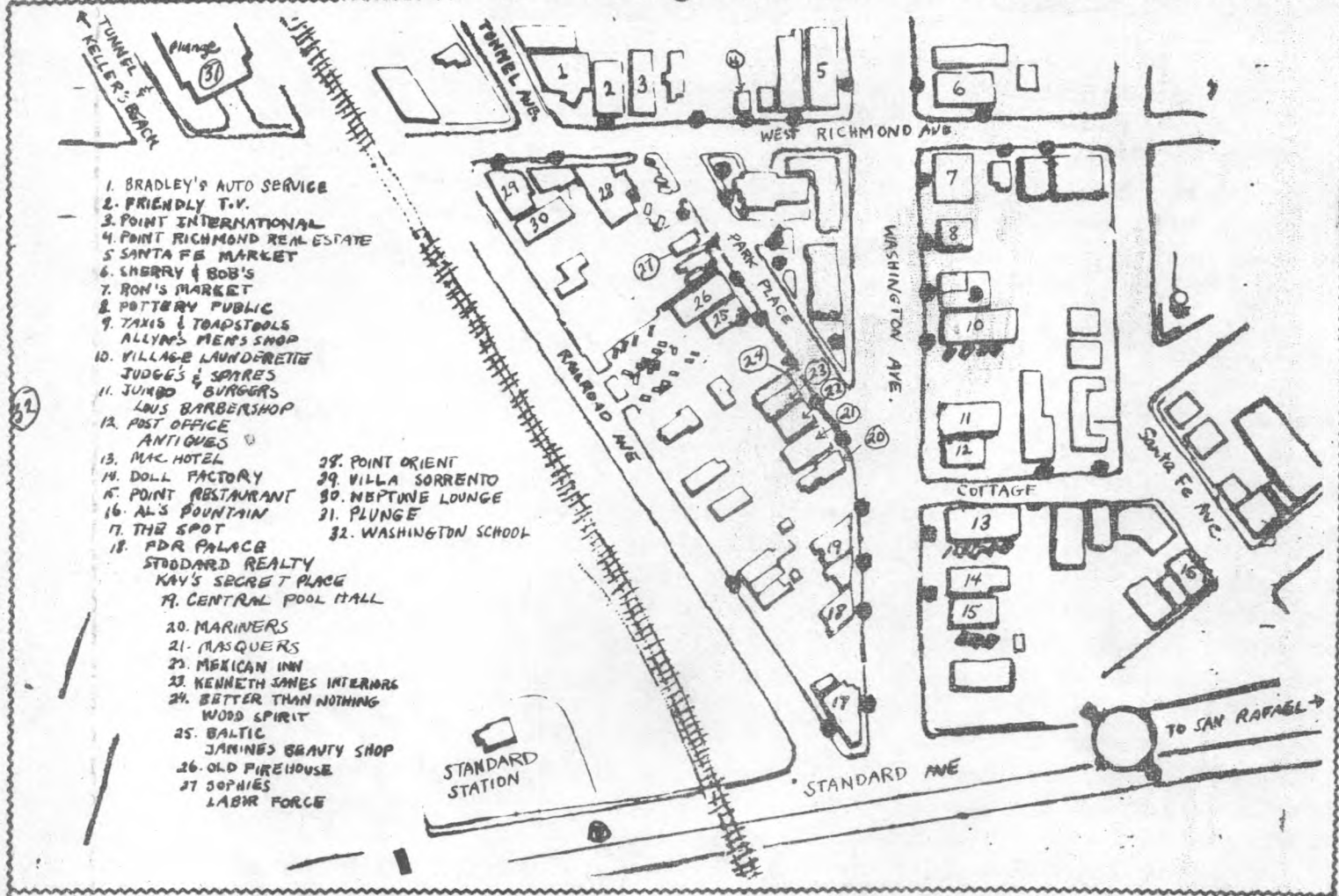
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