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# GUEST EDITORIAL

by Jeanne Egan



## A BANK IN POINT RICHMOND?

Rumors around the business community are that a bank has applied for a branch to do business in Point Richmond.

On first reaction it might seem to be a good idea - convenient for local businesses to make their deposits, for local residents to cash checks.

But let's take a further look. As it is now, local residents & businesses do their banking outside the Point. The Mechanics Bank has a piece of the action, as well as B of A in Richmond. And if those 2 don't come across, investors can go further afield, say to Berkeley or Oakland.

The small businesses here now have a heart. Take Wayne Wanlass, for example, recently accused of machine politics. He almost ran out of his bar to buy a big ad in the Point Counterpoint before the first publication, to help it get started again.

He hires local help. He helps other businesses - if they run out of ice, for example.

Or take Bob Young at the Santa Fe Market. Some people say that the Santa Fe's prices are too high. Well, check them against ordinary Safeway prices & also consider the staff Bob has kept for years. I have seen a welfare recipient who had trouble managing the little money she got, give Bob her food stamps at the beginning of the month & request that he not let her run out of food. That's a service you don't get at your local Safeway. Or consider that the Santa Fe sells hot dogs to the PTA nearly at cost.

Or take the Judges & Spares, which also provides jobs for local youths & even gives little kids the occasional opportunity to bus tables, providing them with an idea of what work is like - something you don't get in an Orinda suburb, for example.

Or local businesses which will cash a check and hold it until Friday - when you don't have enough money to get to work.

Are we going to get a bank with a heart? Have YOU ever seen a bank with a heart? Or maybe we will get a bank that will wind up knowing everything about everyone in town...all the prime real estate...the gossip details of everyone's local business...a bank that other banks will call up for references when they are asked for loans. Do banks keep track of people's morals? Will small businesses get a chance to get started & go broke on their own merits? Or will a local bank have everything locked up in the Point in a couple-three years?

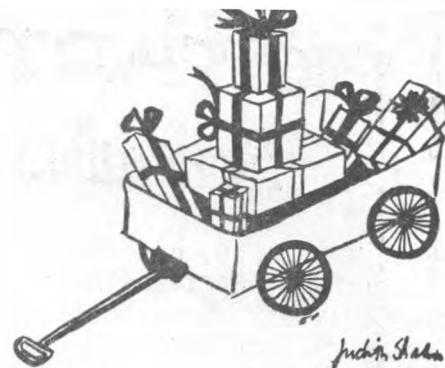
And how long will it take a local branch bank to fall into lock-step with the big industries around here? Will it be satisfied with small accounts from small local businesses and residents? Or imagine this scenario: the bank quietly tips off a large industrial land-holder, "The PTA is weak this year, Lucretia Edwards is out of town for 3 months... now would be a good time to move on that light industry parcel next to Washington School"...and next thing you know we will have a fertilizer company or a power station across the street from the school financed by the local branch bank.

Do you think a local bank will help pay for snacks for the hungry kids at Washington School? The kids got snacks for one month last year & when the prime mover of the project left town, the commitment of 6 months of cookies silently dissolved. Owner of soon-to-be-open "Pizza 'n Things", Bob Onstad, is already in discussion with some school parents about providing some kind of emergency lunch service. He is the kind of business that wants to be part of and work for



the community.

What kind of bank will we get? The kind that won't cash your savings bond or welfare check unless you have an account there? Or worse - the kind that forecloses on people's homes the way banks did during the last depression? Will we be inviting the fox into the chicken coop? What's your reaction, folks?



## Announcements

Dec. 7 & 8

Pre-Christmas crafts & bake sale 12 am - 6 pm, Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarians on Cedar & Bonita to raise \$ for Farm Workers.

DECEMBER 8, 10:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. ANNUAL ART CENTER BAZAAR at the Richmond Art Center. If you've never been to this, you ought to go. Art Center students donate their work to raise funds for the center and you can pick up some really lovely pieces (ceramics, weaving, drawings, etc.) really cheap. One of the best Christmas buys around.

Dec. 9

Films at the Community Center  
Tahtonka, Salem Witch Trials, Both Sides Now, The Top \*

Dec. 11

WASHINGTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 7:30 p.m., Washington School Auditorium. Refreshments.

Dec. 15

Christmas Bash sponsored by Pt. Richmond Business Assn. 3-8 p.m. at the Baltic. Get your tickets (\$4.50 ea) in advance.

Dec. 16

Films at the Community Center  
Country Collection, Laughter Allowed, The Lottery

Dec. 18

United Methodist Women annual Christmas program. Bring gifts for shut-ins.

Dec. 22

Joint Christmas program of church school children, evening: call churches for more information.

Dec. 23

Christmas vacation starts. SCHOOL'S OUT (until Jan. 3)

Dec. 23

Films at the Community Center  
San Francisco

Dec. 30

Films at the Community Center  
Nick

Jan. 3

Masquers production of SHADOW & SUBSTANCE (through Feb. 1)

\* The films are shown at the Point Community Center: please call 232-6140 after 1 p.m. to get the correct curtain time.

EVERY SATURDAY at 1:30 p.m. children are welcomed to the West Side Branch Library, 135 Washington Avenue, for a half-hour story program.

# BIG PARTY

## Scheduled

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Sunday afternoon, December 15, from 3-8 p.m. will be the time to be present at a Christmas Bash, hosted by the Point Richmond Business Association (for the benefit of community projects of the P.R.B.A.). The place is the Baltic, tickets are \$4.50 apiece and are available for the public to buy at the Baltic and the Gingham Goose.

Included in ticket price is dinner catered by the Villa Sorrento and the ultimate treat of listening to the Madrigal Singers and other performing groups. Cocktails are no-host (Wayne Wanlass is the "no-host"! Inebriated singing of Christmas carols towards the end of the evening may also be in the offing.

Around 8 p.m. the Baltic will reopen to the public and the partyers will spill forth to spread their cheer to the rest of the Point businesses. Start early on the 15th - next year the tickets may cost \$10! This may be the last year we have to celebrate!

## Masquers ...1975

Season  
Here it is, folks!

SHADOW & SUBSTANCE...Jan 3 - Feb 1...

Set in Catholic Ireland during the 1930's, this is a drama emphasizing the essence of conflict within the Church...the religion of love & faith vs. the religion of order & rules.

THE GREAT SEBASTIANS...Mar 7 - Apr 12...

A light-hearted, tongue-in-cheek approach to a difficult situation. Courage, intrigue & E.S.P. meet as a mind-reading act arrives in Czechoslovakia as the Communists are taking control.

ANDROCLES and the LION...May 16 - June 21  
Can a lion find happiness in the arena -- can a Christian find happiness in the arena -- can a converted warrior find happiness in the arena? Tune in to G.B. Shaw's most endearing comedy.

SHE LOVES ME...Aug. 1 - Sept. 20...

A warm, charming musical wherein two young people fall in love through the mails. Will they ever meet, will they like each other when they do, & will their boss approve when he finds out?

ROYAL GAMBIT...Oct. 24 - Nov. 22...

Henry VIII & his six wives play out a royal chess game for stakes of pride, passion & power.

Season tickets are available (5 shows for the price of 4) for \$10.00. For more information write or go to 105 Park Place Point Richmond 94801.

## POOL HALL REOPENS

The Central Pool Hall is open again, under the guidance of Mick Strzepek, (pronounced "Strepick") and Bobby Reed. Rumors that Mick and Bobby won the Pool Hall in a pool tournament were firmly denied. The two say they have been old Pool Hall customers for a long time, however.

They have been fixing-up and painting the place and there is an old pot-bellied stove near the front tables. But the friendly atmosphere remains the same if you like beer and pool, or just kibitzing. No regular bands are scheduled yet but the owners say they will be happy to have musicians drop in for jam sessions.

## Volunteers

The volunteer program at Washington School is off to a good start this year as more parents & people in the community are participating. If you have questions about it or are interested in giving some time call Pat Hoiland at 233-2784. We can always use more help.

## Mariners' Anniversary

JIM PEEL has the Mariner's Tavern 12 years now. December 12th will be the 12th year of business. Happy Anniversary, Jim!



## "LIGHT-UP" time

by Dan Robertson

We were at a party in Berkely the other afternoon, when this extremely sexy Miss America type in a purple burnoose and yellow platform shoes asked a fellow standing nearby, "Do you have the time?"

Now, you or I would have had our wits about us, wouldn't we? We would have come up with a snappy answer like, "Oh, darling, I have all the time you need!" or maybe, "I have the time, honey, if you have the place!" Some really sharp reparatee like that. Establish ourselves as men of the world.

But this fellow she asked was strictly San Francisco double knit all the way. You know the type. Double knit tan suit, double knit tan tie, double knit socks, double knit cordovan shoes, double knit hair. He probably had a fold up toothbrush in his pocket and never drives his Porsche over 50 mph. All in all, he looked a lot like a piece of chewing gum.

He didn't seem to understand what was going on. "Time?" he asked, "Time? You want to know what time it is?" Either his brain has become unhinged because of this black dude who is doing handstands in the corner, or because of the double martinis he has been belting back.

The girl in the purple burnoose nods and stands there waiting. The burnoose is the same color that the govt. stamps its meat, but on her, it looks terrific. Well, old Don Juan looks around wildly until he finds a place to put down his martini and sandwich, mumbling "Time? Definitely, I really do have the time. Let's see."

When he gets his hands free, he pushes back the sleeve of his coat, and, oh yes, pushes a button on his watch! His watch lights up! He has one of those new watches! He is up to date, time and temperature! A quartz light-up watch!

"It is," he announced, "six thirty-three," then added by way of accuracy, "and thirty-two seconds!"

"Oh, thank you," this gorgeous woman said, then stood around smiling, like they might get into a conversation, and she could put the bite on old Double Knit for a ride home in his Porsche, but, alors! he was not paying any further attention to her. He was still looking at his watch, in rapture. He kept the button pushed down, and after a time, his face lit up like his watch (with the same greenish color, too. He had been really hitting those martinis). "Now, it is six thirty-four," he announced happily, "exactly!"

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Mid Dornan  
234-5334

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY

Les Crim	Marilyn Darling
Jean Allyn	Hazel Paasch
Emma Helen Gensel	Ed Crim
Debbie Seaburg	Thea Robertson
Roni Rosellius	Roger Genosick
Fern Creed	

One of the most charming & warmhearted of all Christmas customs is a small gift for everybody who comes into your home during the holiday season. To be a true souvenir of your home, these gifts should be alike, easy to handle & inexpensive. They can be anything from a decoration to edibles. Suggestions: Gingerbread boys or cookies, popcorn balls, homemade jelly scented candles, long pencils tied in tinsel, calendars, bread dough pins, bookmarks! The chief requirement is they be pretty to look at & express gaiety.

Ethel Moore is chief CHEF for the Westside Improvement Club annual Christmas dinner the first Tuesday in December. Her culinary accomplishments preclude their "going-out" to eat this year.

Carol Paasch & Mike Seawell will recite marriage vows on Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Historic Methodist Church in the Point. The lawns & gardens around this church have been under Carol's loving care for a number of years. She has been honored with three showers by her friends.

Doris Cort finds you run into acquaintances in the darndest places! She was in Sacramento recently to attend a class reunion.

A Joint Christmas program will be presented by the Church School children of the Point Baptist & First Methodist churches on Sunday evening, Dec. 22.

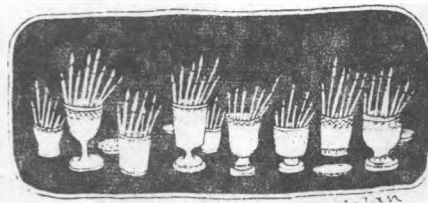
NEEDED: Gifts for shut-ins and convalescent hospital patients. Suggestions: tiny neck pillows, back-scratchers, music boxes, bedsocks, kleenex, kaleidoscopes, small boxed raisins, boullion cubes, hand mirrors, etc. Lap robes are always welcomed too. For donations to be picked up, call 234-5334 or leave at the Richmond Supply Co, 145 West Richmond.



Marilyn & Wally Darling arrived home from a trip to Hong Kong just in time for Thanksgiving dinner.

Colorful, profuse potted & hanging plants on porches, steps & balconies enhance the beauty of any entry. But, Rev. Dick Smith is disenchanted & reminds others to be wary. After spending over 7 years pruning, cutting, training & caring for his prized hanging plant, some one stole it from his porch! If the person that took it reads this, why not return it quietly to his porch - in the true spirit of Christmas!

SPLASH: Richard Doellstedt gained glory for Contra Costa College when he was named to the Conference All Stars Water Polo Team.



Friends of long time former Point resident, Mildred Paeth, have learned she is quite ill in Oregon.

Dian Lawrence entered the hospital for surgery on Thanksgiving Day. Wasn't there a better way to get out of fixing dinner?

Jim Waite is in serious condition following brain surgery at Brookside Hospital. Jim, who is missed on his daily walks to the business section, has been in the hospital for many weeks.

The United Methodist Women will host a Christmas & Birthday party at Church Lane Convalescent Hospital on Friday, December 20. Their annual Christmas program will be Wednesday, Dec. 18 & is always a highlight in the year. Coming from San Leandro to present the program is Mrs. Darrell Thomas who occupied the Point parsonage 20 years ago. Members are asked to bring a gift for shut-ins.

Clipping coupons is one way to fight inflation. You can imagine my surprise and double-take to see a coupon in last Sunday's Brand X newspaper for 10¢ on SUGAR!

While you're pondering the inflationary prices, you might consider your own physical worth has risen in price too. Inorganic components of a person weighing about 150 pounds, worth only 98¢ in 1936, are now worth about \$5.60 in inflated dollars. Feeling better?

Congratulations on Geoffrey Williams, Ells High Student of the Week! This distinction is given a student on scholastic merit and indicates the standing in his class.

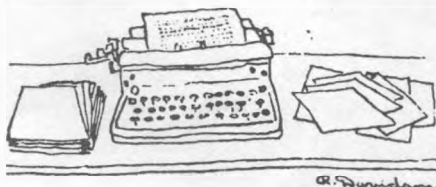
Mixed emotions: Seeing your name in headlines for merit--but misspelled!

Welcome home all you college students. ...out-of-town relatives...former Richmonders...good friends. It seems like Christmas having you around!

In a toy shop, this sign was placed at a child's eye level: "If you see what you want, tell Grandma."

The Star of Bethlehem is beyond the ken of rational astronomy, but quite visible to the humble soul seeking for meaning in this life.

Of all the gifts nature can bestow, few are as treasured as the gift of friendship. Thanks for the privilege of being your friend and neighbor.



# the O Ki Zu Fifth Grade Adventure

CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The O Ki Zu fifth grade adventure camp fire girls entertained patients at Brookvue Convalescent Home as a service project. Kari Elle played the piano and did an acrobatic dance, Georgette Austria and Ann Greiner did ballet dances, Theresa Healy did two Irish dances. We all sang songs. We sang Battle Hymn of the Republic, Camp Fire Law, Ain't She Sweet, Down in the Valley, Blowing in the Wind, When Irish Eyes are Smiling, Home on the Range and Happy Birthday. Others in the group are Shelly Copeland, Christine Darling and Donna Bill.

## Poem

by Maude Jensen

...Thoughts While Viewing a 3,000 Year  
Old Smooth Flat Stone - Used As An Axe  
Head...

The caveman sat chipping away at the stone,

His comrades were doing the same.

The weapons they made were clumsy and crude,

To be used in hunting their game.

They chatted and laughed as they fashioned their wares,

Remembering enemies bold.

Their weapons were not for hunting alone,

But protection as well, we are told.

Ages have passed as ages will do,

Till today we all look askance

At the primitive method of fighting back then,

And think of how we've advanced.

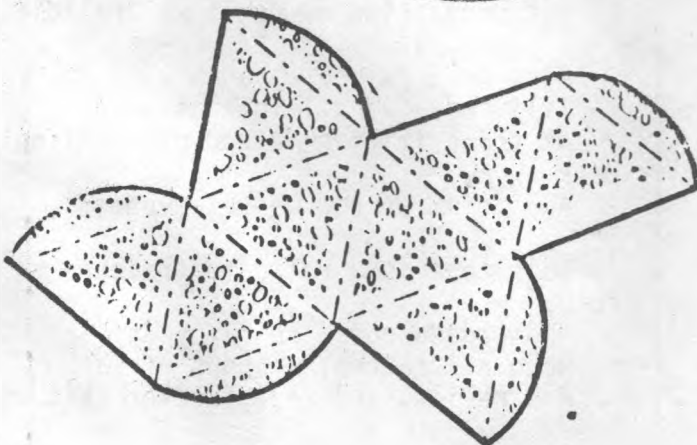
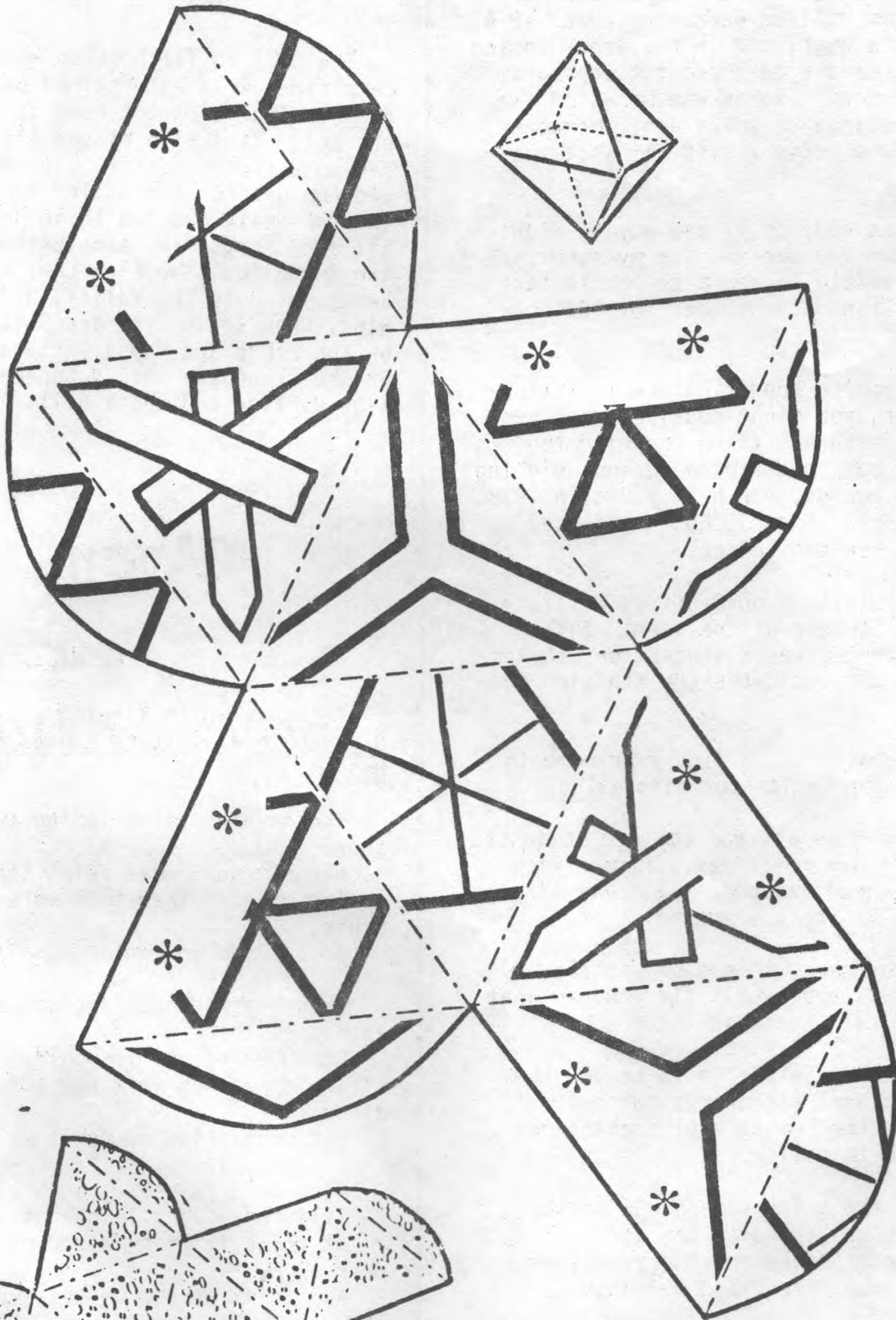
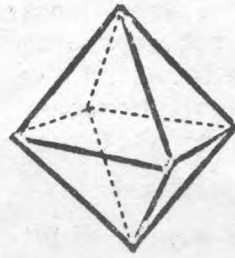
This stone is a relic to treasure as such.

And please come the happy day

When all current weapons of war

Are relics, and kept forever that way!

# OCTAHEDRON







## Merry Christmas

Here and on the next two pages are Christmas tree ornaments you can make yourself with these patterns and just a little glue and string. They are called "Polyhedrons". In Greek, "poly" means many and "hedron" means sides. So they are many-sided figures!

First choose and cut out a pattern piece. Then, if you want to color it, use crayons or paint. After you have practiced with one polyhedron and you want to make it fancier you may paint the design with glue and then sprinkle some glitter on it.

Second, fold along the dotted lines with a "mountain" fold - like this:

Third, tape or glue a little loop of string to the inside of one of the corners, so you can hang it on the tree.

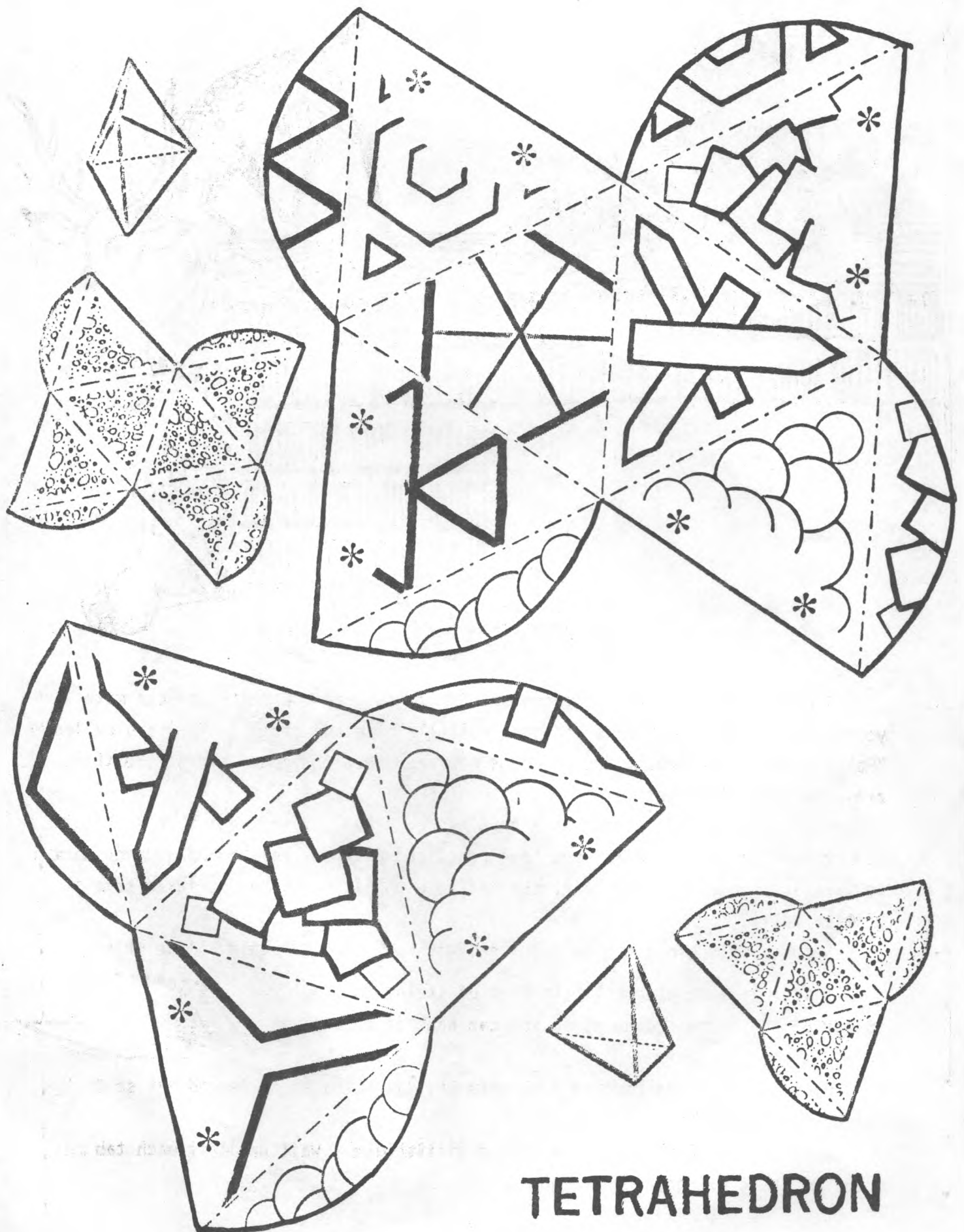


Finally, glue the rounded tabs onto the blank spaces marked \*\*\* so that the design matches.

HERE'S A HELPFUL HINT: Use only a little glue. Wait until each tab has dried before glueing the next one!

# TRIANGULAR DIPYRAMID

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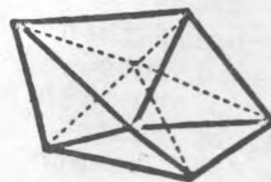
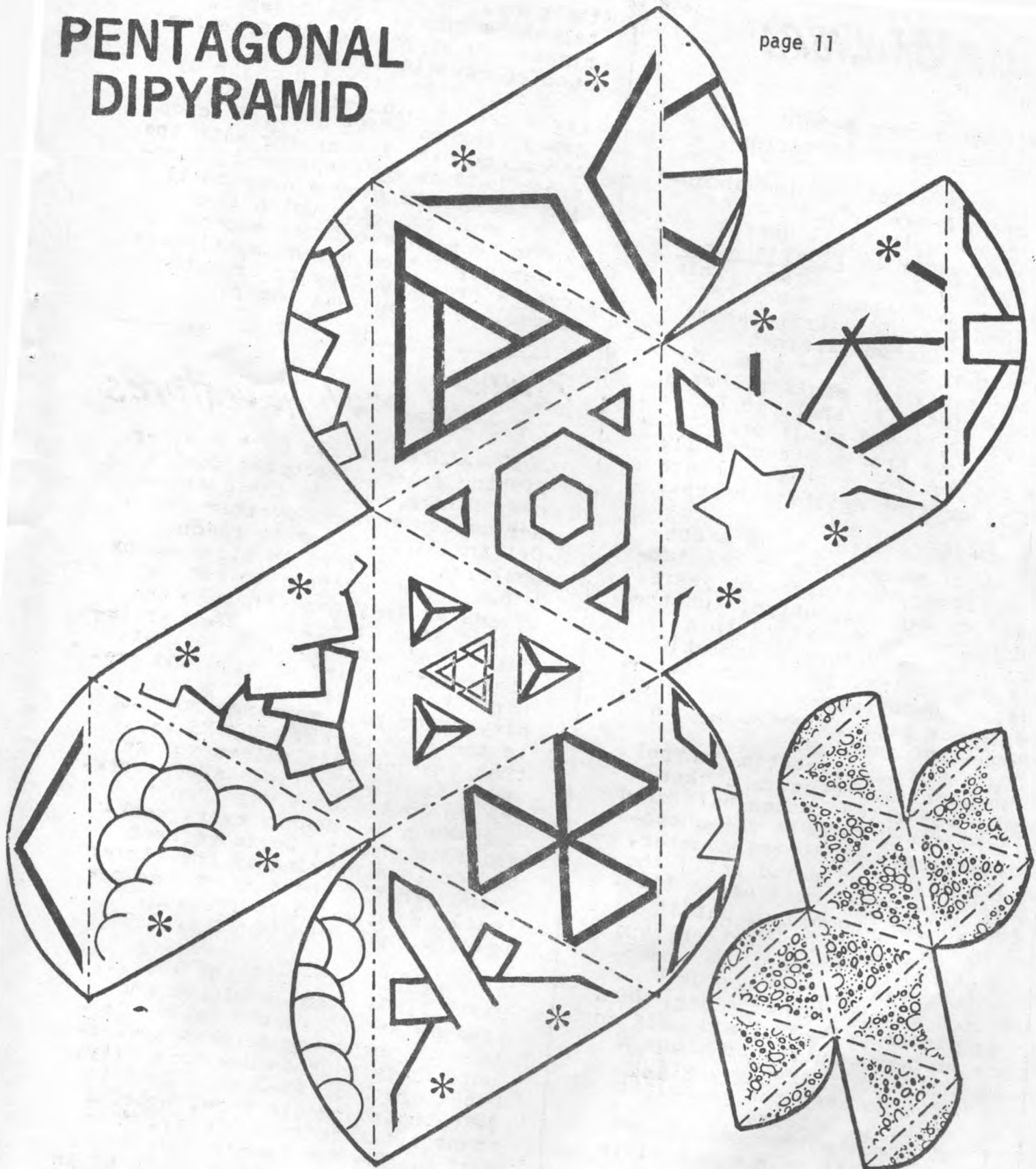


TETRAHEDRON



# PENTAGONAL DIPYRAMID

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## EX LIBRA

## BOOKS

Reviewed by Carol Bold  
West Side Branch Librarian

An article about dipping chocolates is in December's issue of "Good Housekeeping". A useful book about candy is Today's Woman Candy Book by J.H. de Gros. This has been my Christmas hobby for years, and I would like to share some of the lessons learned through many holiday seasons. My 1974 boxes will be smaller, but a friendly gift will still go to family members and neighbors. Chocolates can be frozen successfully & brought out for Easter, the 4th of July, or Aunt Agatha's birthday.

My method of dipping is a compilation of everything on the subject heard or read over the years. Much is my own adaptation, but the basic method is described in a 1938 Julia Lee Wright pamphlet, now out of print. If you are interested, come to see me at the West Side Branch Library where we can exchange information.

I use the thermostatic control for an electric pressure cooker, which becomes the bottom half of a double boiler, to melt the chocolate. Using a candy thermometer, the control is adjusted until the water temp. never goes above 110°.

I cut up the chocolate, put it in the top of the double boiler, and go away. If I am home, the chocolate is given a stir once in awhile to hurry things along. When it is almost melted, I add half an ounce of cocoa butter to about a pound and a half of chocolate. This helps to keep the chocolate shiny after it hardens.

I put about a teaspoonful of melted chocolate on a small plate such as a salad plate. This is stirred around with a teaspoon until the chocolate hardens; then the chocolate is scraped into crumbs & mixed on the plate with a couple of tablespoons of melted chocolate. I take a deep breath & put the fingers of my left hand into the chocolate & stir until

the chocolate feels cool. The telephone rings? The doorbell rings? My right hand is free for such emergencies.

A center is picked up with my right hand & plopped into the gooey fingers of my left. I scoop chocolate over the center with the spoon held in my right hand, turning the center over & over until it is well coated. Using the spoon to scrape off the excess covering, I then spread my fingers over a prepared tray to drop the chocolate on the wax paper.

## More Local Adventures

JOEL WALDMAN, Doris Cort & other fishing friends escorted Joel's new fishing boat up the coast on her maiden voyage November 24. Originally planning to reach Decker's boat yard in Richmond by 8 p.m., they started to run out of gas as they came through the Golden Gate at 6 p.m. They gratefully tied onto the gas dock at Fisherman's wharf at 6:30 and prepared to celebrate in the big city prior to a morning crossing to the home berth. RUMORS were that the vessel's maiden voyage was a "shotgun" trip. After working on Joel's boat way down by Half-Moon Bay nearly every weekend this summer, Doris refused to continue working in the winter rain. What's the name of the new boat? Hold on to your seats, folks...she's the DORIS J. LEE!

Some people have all the luck... DAVID KING, local sculptor who teaches art at Diablo Valley College is preparing to lead a week-long study tour to New York City. Dates are Dec. 27-Jan 3. Cost is \$470 including air fare, hotel & transportation in the city. (The cost of the New Year's eve. party is not included.) Also included in the fare are David's pearls of art wisdom, the Guggenheim, Met., Museum of Modern Art, practicing artists' studios and 4 units of U.C. Extension credit. And David gets to go free...like I say, some people have all the luck!



# HAND - DIPPED CHOCOLATES



**WHAT TO DIP** - Fondant centers, caramels, nuts and dried and candied fruits are the most common centers for hand-dipped chocolates.

**WHERE TO DIP** - Dip chocolates in a cool or average temperature room (never over 70° F) that's free from drafts.

**HOW TO DIP** - Cut at least 1 lb. of dipping or eating chocolate into small pieces, melt in double boiler over water that is lukewarm, never over 115°F. When chocolate is completely melted (allow about an hour to melt 1 lb. chocolate), proceed as illustrated\*: (a) Remove a small portion to a platter or some other non-porous surface such as a cookie sheet or marble slab, work with the fingers until cool & holds its shape. (b) Cup fingers, scoop up some chocolate, drop center into it. (c) Turn center with the fingers until it's completely covered with chocolate. (d) Wipe excess chocolate off the side of the hand onto the platter, (e) Invert hand, spread fingers apart to let center drop to waxed paper. (f) Make swirl on top of candy



with chocolate thread remaining on hand. IF CHOCOLATE runs around base, cool it further before continuing dipping. When chocolate becomes too hard to dip remelt it over lukewarm water (never over 115°F). Coating should harden in 2 or 3 minutes in a cool room. Never cool in a draft or refrigerator as this causes streaking. For ease of coating, use twice as many pounds of chocolate as pounds of centers. Chocolate creams may be stored 1 to 2 months.

\*Illustrations by Pat Galton.

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# HEALTH

## *Comes first*

by A. H. MEADS

FOR ALL OF YOU WHO WOULD LIKE  
TO MAKE YOUR OWN YULE CAKE HERE  
IS MY FAVORITE RECIPE:

- 1 1/2 CPS SHELLED BRAZIL NUTS
- 1 1/2 CPS WALNUTS
- 1. PKG PITTED DATES
- 2/3 CP CHOPPED ORANGE PEEL,
- 1/2 CP RED MARASCHINO CHERRIES
- 2 CP GREEN "
- 3/4 CP SEEDLESS RAISINS
- 2 CP HONEY
- 2 TSP BAKING POWDER.
- 1 TSP SALT.
- 3 EGGS
- 1 TSP. VANILLA

GREASE BOTTOM AND SIDES OF A  
LOAF PAN (10 x 5") OR A 5 x 3 STAR  
SHAPED PAN 1 1/2 QT SIZE OR 2 ONE LB  
COFFEE CANS LINE BOTTOM WITH WAX  
PAPER.

PLACE BRAZIL NUTS, WALNUTS, DATES,  
ORANGE PEEL, RED AND GREEN MARASCHINO  
CHERRIES AND RAISINS IN A LARGE BOWL

BEAT EGGS UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY  
IN SMALL BOWL, ADD VANILLA; BLEND IN  
TO NUT MIXTURE, BATTER WILL BE STIFF.

SPOON MIXTURE INTO LOAF OR STAR  
SHAPED PAN; OR DIVIDE BETWEEN 2  
COFFEE CANS, SPREAD EVENLY.

BAKE IN A SLOW OVEN (300 F.)

1 3/4 HOURS

BAKE STAR SHAPED PAN OR COFFEE  
PAN 2 3/4 HOURS.

COOL CAKE IN PAN 10 MINUTES;  
LOOSEN AROUND EDGES, TURN OUT ON WIRE  
RACK; REMOVE WAX PAPER, COOL COMPLETE-  
LY BEFORE SLICING, BRANDY MAY BE  
ADDED LATER TO IMPROVE THE TASTE.  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

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BY A. H. MEADS

SINCE THIS IS THE TIME OF THE YEAR  
TO RELAX AND TAKE IT EASY, I SHOULD  
LIKE TO WISH EVERY ONE A:

MERRY

CHRISTMAS

AND

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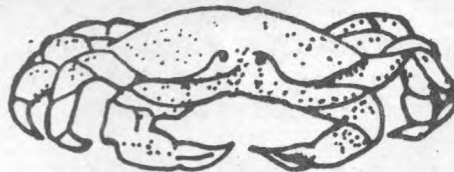
VERY

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# PTA News

The November 6, 1974 meeting of the Washington School PTA was called to order at 7:40 pm by President David MacDiarmid.

The minutes of October 2, were read. Pres. MacDiarmid corrected item in minutes pertaining to hat looms and thanked Pat Hoiland for seeing that the looms were provided to Mrs. Gold's class.

Minutes were approved as corrected.  
TREASURERS REPORT: Mrs. Penny Greiner reported a check book balance of \$535.94. Report in detail filed for audit.  
OLD BUSINESS: (1) Settlers Day: Barbara Martin reported a successful venture of \$145.18. Donna Fleming was thanked for the tremendous job with the booth activity and goat rides were most enjoyable for all who took part. (2) Hot Dog Sales: Discussion was held on nutrition of hotdog day menu. Decision left to the committee. Further discussion was held on children with no lunches. Motion passed that Kathy Lord be Chairman of Volunteer Extra Lunch Program. (3) Workshop - Cortez School: Miss Briggs reported on the dynamic Dr. Robert Shore and the success of the workshop held Oct. 23 at Cortez School Multi-purpose room.  
NEW BUSINESS: A motion was passed that the next PTA meeting be moved to the second Wednesday of December in celebration of the Washington School Christmas Program. It was decided a short Executive Board meeting could be held before if necessary. It was further suggested refreshments be served after the Christmas Program. A notice to all parents to join in by bringing a cake, cookies, pastries, etc., will be sent home. PTA will serve coffee, punch.

Learning Festival: Mrs. Warner explained the Festival, and announced it would be held in Room 8 from Nov. 18 to Nov. 26. Many educational aids are offered for sale and can be ordered for delivery before Christmas.

Volunteer Program: Mrs. Pat Hoiland, R.S.V.P. Coordinator reported each Resource Lab is staffed. The teachers, parents, volunteers are all pleased with the progress in these educational programs. Anyone interested in participating as a volunteer will always be welcome - and a two hour need on Wednesday morning would be most helpful.

Permission was asked for donated typewriter servicing so they may be used in the various rooms as soon as possible. An announcement was made about the "Time For Sharing Day" to be held Tuesday, November 26.

President MacDiarmid then introduced Gertrude Blanchard, Supervisor with the Richmond Recreation Department. Mrs. Blanchard explained the Pioneer "O" Open Period Program - stating its primary objective in coordinating the school with recreation was to try to enlighten young people on how to use their leisure time. Feeling leisure education should go along with scholastic education, Mrs. Blanchard says in the behavioural aspects of learning it is so important to cover what the teacher doesn't have time to do in stressing self respect, self appreciation, etc., goals that will help the child condition himself and benefit in such a way that his scholastic goal and leisure time goals will blend with one another. The curriculum includes Art, Games, Drama and Movement Exploration taught by professional individuals in those fields of endeavor. A lively discussion followed.

Next PTA Meeting: December 11, 7:30 p.m. - WASHINGTON SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Refreshments - Coffee - Punch.

President MacDiarmid adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

P.S. A special note of thanks to Miss Ina Briggs and her staff for the fine way they have conducted the regular school day while the tremendous job of rejuvenating the school facility has been going on. We thank Miss Briggs too, for the fine presentation she must have made on behalf of the school and its children in getting the facilities updated.



# A Christmas Wish...

from Miss Johnson's 1st  
and 2nd graders,

I wish...

- I had a baby sister (Michelle Sherwood)
- I had a two-wheel bike (Larry Prenger)
- I had a hundred pieces of candy (Carrie Feagley)
- I had a horse (Ricky Chavez)
- I had a hundred thousand dollars (Keith Ferguson)
- I had a new bike (Shelly Malbrough)
- I had a record player (Debbie Jensen)
- I had a baby brother (Tamala Pride)
- I had my dog Jo Jo back (Kelly Crawford)
- I had a Planet of the Apes treehouse (Berry Watson and Shane Migliorin)
- I had a Big Wheel (Ruth O'Neal)
- I had 200 million dollars (Kelly Stewart)
- It could be Christmas tomorrow (Mikek Shappell)
- I had a playful puppy (Sarah Graff)
- I had a plain doll (Christine Garcia)
- I had a mini-bike (Billy Dawkins)
- I had a 2-wheel bike (Bobbie Jo Delgado)
- I was in the 6th grade (Alexis Jensen)
- I had a thousand dollars (Lisa Matthews)
- I had a baby sister (Kimberly Logan)
- I had a new bike (Jimmy Shelton)
- I was a genie (Timothy Fisher)
- I had a red bike (Ruth Garcia)
- I had my dog back (Gwilym Martin)

All my classes could be as smart  
and nice as this one! (Miss Johnson)

## FAVORITE RECIPES

from Room 5

### FRENCH TOAST

by Krishna Latham

#### INGREDIENTS

1. 1 piece of bread
2. 2 eggs
3. 1/3 cup of milk
4. 1 pan
5. skillet
6. salt
7. pepper

#### HOW TO MAKE IT

You stir the salt & pepper & milk & eggs & stir it with a fork. Then you dip the bread into the batter. Then you cook it for 5 minutes & then turn it over & cook it for 5 minutes. Then you eat it.

### ROOTBEER FLOAT

by Kevin Fong

#### INGREDIENTS

1. a cup
2. ice-cream
3. root beer

#### HOW TO MAKE IT

Put the ice-cream in the cup & pour the root beer in the cup full of ice cream & you got a root beer float.





From  
the  
Origin

### LET'S CLEAR THE AIR

I say, who writes this column anyway? Well, let us tell you something about it. It all started when two of us from the cafe crowd suggested to Doris Cort that a new type of column appear in this publication. We suggested an article dealing with trivial gossip about some of the interesting people in our town. It started with the idea that the two of us who originally made the suggestion would write the first trial installment for last month. But it turned out that no fewer than ten of us would up collaborating for last month's edition and this time there will probably be even more. In the meantime Doris became concerned that some people might become offended having their names mentioned, and we should withdraw our anonymity and expose ourselves, should someone become upset and blame the publication on her instead of us.

Well, we disagree, but first let us make it crystal clear (sorry 'bout that) it is not our intention to embarrass or hurt individual people with our column. Most of the information we print is provided by friends of the individuals we write about. By remaining anonymous we hope to retain more normal reactions from the people when we are out in town. We may attack the functions of groups and institutions in Point Richmond, but we do not intend to hurt or malign individual people. Can you dig it? Far out... let's move on...

### ONLY IN THE POINT


Guess everybody knows it...the Pool Hall changed hands. We hope for improvements and we'll be watching...Unusual scene of the month: Pt. Richmond's famed defense counsel, Mark Peppard, side by side with a police officer protecting law and order in a fracas in front of the Point Restaurant. Officer Dale Carlson, by the way, is to be commended for exercising extreme caution in handling a robust out-of-towner intent on assaulting anyone within reach. With great difficulty the officer single-handedly restrained the intoxicated belligerent while Mark held the crowd back and got a call downtown for reinforcements...speaking of the Point Restaurant, the pleasant new cocktail waitresses, Georgia and Mickey, are welcome additions...Kind hearted Yvonne Sartori is taking care of all the stray dogs in town and finding them homes. If you know of any neglected animals give her a call...Dasey Does It Again...due to pressure about his plans for the Hotel Mac, John Dasey wishes to announce he will be leaving town for an extended trip to the East Coast. Chicago will be a stopover where the Hilton is interested in his renovation ideas... Barbara, the superstar, after being written up last month is accusing everyone but the right ones of writing this column and beautiful Georgia who also wants to know who's behind it all, is going on Barbara's diet...Sam Sanders recently back from his latest (but final, says he) cruise to Albany. Sam's busy in the Delta these days...Watch for the forthcoming interview next month with Joel Beck and Fred Adams on the effects of recession on their lives...After the success of "Mice and Men" at the evening free movies at the Rec. Hall, Roger Brand emphatically urging Chuck Massey to follow up with "Deep Throat" and "Green Door"...Could it be that Bob Onstad will open the pizza parlor soon? Is there a plumber in the house? We hear it will be called "Onstad's Pizza and Things"...and since Georgia was unable to come up with any further information, this will have to be all for this month...

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## Business Association

### On the Move

WAYNE WANLASS POINT RICHMOND'S MACHINE  
POLITICIAN?

A pleasant surprise for this editor was the recent opportunity to sit in on a couple of Point Richmond Business Association meetings, held at the Point restaurant.

Back in late October the most exciting thing to happen was when Dave Boye stood up and said that "Street talk had it that Wayne Wanlass (of the Baltic) ran Point Richmond", and Dave wanted to know what the response of the group was to these charges.

While Wayne leaned back in his chair, folded his arms and chuckled, the rest of the group sprang to his defense. The issue came to rest with the group agreeing that there was no truth to the charges. (Wayne later confessed that he did not deserve the compliment of "Point Richmond Machine" - that the machine was not completely reliable and tended to break down on occasion.)

The December 19 meeting evidenced a lot of action from a small, active and enthusiastic group. Soon Point Residents who have trouble finding their way home from revelry in outlying towns may look for a wooden sign saying "POINT RICHMOND" near the Badger Meter Company. A resolution passed requesting State Assemblyman John Knox to use his influence in Sacramento to get highway signs saying "Point Richmond" on Hwy 17, on both sides of the Point.

A letter will be sent to AC Transit requesting the buses travel slower through the Point because they now are a pedestrian hazard. The group also made plans to write bylaws.

Chuck Massey, from the Community Center, said he hopes to start open-air concerts this spring in Washington School park.

The group is small, exciting, and a good example of "participatory democracy". The next meeting is Dec. 3 at 7:30 pm, upstairs at the Point. In fact, if you have anything resembling a business and are somehow connected with Point Richmond, drop by the Point Restaurant Tues. nights for good drinking and conversation.



## A REPORT... Community development plans

by Tom Butt

The second neighborhood meeting on community development was held Nov. 7 at the Point Community Center with over 30 residents in attendance.

Pt. Richmonders can be proud that our meetings were the most heavily attended of all the city's 13 neighborhoods in spite of our relatively small population. Concerned that even better representation would be desirable, Thea Robertson volunteered to spearhead an effort to contact as many residents as possible for future meetings.

It is hoped that the show of interest will evidence the beginning of a viable community forum which will go beyond just the concerns of the Community Development Commission.

The group discussed a number of issues, some carried over from the previous meeting and some newly proposed. A final vote carried the motion that Pt. Richmond push the acquisition, development and accessibility of additional shoreline recreational areas, both at George Miller Jr. Park in Pt. Richmond & in the Pt. Molate area. It was pointed out that recreational facilities in Pt. Richmond, particularly the Plunge & Keller's Beach, are now heavily used & appreciated by residents from out of the Pt. Richmond area. With anticipated city-wide support of this type of development, the chance of selection for funding would be greatly increased.

Existing congestion at Keller's beach would be relieved, benefitting locals as well as visitors from other neighborhoods. The development would, at the same time, enhance & preserve the general appearance & environmental amenities of the entire area.

### PUBLIC FISHING PIERS A POSSIBILITY

Following a suggestion by George Perry, the group seemed particularly taken with the idea of promoting one or more recreational fishing piers for public use. Lucretia Edwards pointed out that the Red Rock Marina Pier was actually owned by the State of California, and that the present tenant's lease

would soon expire. This could open the way for City acquisition & development of the pier for public use.

Various committees of the Community Development Commission continue to meet in informational sessions & workshops; however, a decision-making session will not be held until early December. Other Commission representatives have also prepared lists of concerns that include, like Pt. Richmond, reference to recreational facilities. The City staff, in addition, has prepared an extensive list of its own which mentions over 2 dozen recreational facilities proposed but at present unfunded. At an all-day workshop to be held Nov. 23, the first indications of how the city-wide priorities are stacking up will be available, & we should know how much of an effort will be required to push our projects in to first place.

Future reports hopefully will provide detailed insight as to how our priorities rate with the entire Commission. At any rate, we are looking forward to continued interest & attendance in periodic neighborhood meetings not only for Commission purposes but also as a beginning of a continuing effort to bring the community together for discussion of a variety of issues which affect our well-being & our future as one of the most viable & diverse neighborhoods in the City.

TOM BUTT is Point Richmond's elected representative to the Community Development Commission. He is president of Interactive Resources, the Pt. Richmond architectural & engineering firm that developed the "windmill houses" featured in the first issue of P.C.P. A native of Arkansas, Tom & wife Shirley have been living in the Bay Area for 10 years. SHIRLEY BUTT is studying for her Masters degree in city planning at U.C. They live on Western Drive.

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## "Doctors Unite"

Doctors are joining unions in droves. "Doctors...in unions?" you ask in amazement. "Don't they make enough money already? You must mean the AMA."

No, I don't mean the American Medical Association. The AMA's membership has been declining for several years. The doctors' unions, mainly the Union of American Physicians; public employee unions, and the Committees of Interns and Residents, are bona fide collective bargaining organizations. And most of the members are private practice "fee-for-service" doctors --- 2,000 union member doctors in Northern California alone.

Doctors' unions -- and other kinds of professional unions -- are nothing new in other countries. In Sweden, where everyone receives medical care for a very small fee, 75% of the doctors are organized. They bargain collectively with the government over their wages, hours of work and working conditions.

Today, in America, the medical profession is in turmoil. Congress is sure to pass some form of national health insurance in the next 2-3 years. Two days after the November general election, the AMA announced that it was dropping its opposition to national health insurance in view of the large Democratic Party victory.

A couple of years ago a few doctors saw the handwriting on the wall and decided to prepare themselves as a group - a union - to deal with whatever national scheme came across the boards. As it is now, the "Blues" - Blue Cross and Blue Shield - determine what rates are "customary and reasonable" and what medical procedures are normal and usual in a given situation. Suppose you are a Medi-Cal or Medicare patient and need some extraordinary treatment? Then you or your doctor may be hassled by the insurance company about payment for the "unusual" procedure. As we may all be Medicare-type patients in the near future, this is something to be concerned about. On a nationwide scale this may amount to a subtle form of behavior control over the doctors. Why not do the procedure that will be easily reimbursed rather than put up a fight for the patient?

That is one reason for a union - to have an organization powerful enough to fight the insurance companies. But the doctors' problems don't end there.

Demands by nurses, administrators and other medical workers ("para-medics") to be treated as professional members of the "health care team" make many doctors feel as though inroads are being made on their exercise of professional judgement. After all, it is the doctor who bears the ultimate legal and other responsibility for the patient. Nurses recently struck Bay Area hospitals over the issue of staffing. The nurses and administrators fought it out while the doctors were asked to stand by as "impartial observers."

The proliferation of hospitals and the resulting accumulation of expensive empty hospital beds and highly paid hospital and insurance administrators has pushed the cost of hospital care sky high. Somehow the target of public anger over this inflation is -- the doctors. Yet while non-doctor hospital costs have risen 68% in the past 4 years, doctor fees have risen 27%.

Doctors are usually required to sit on review boards and attend staff meetings as a condition of access to use of hospital facilities - time for which they often are not paid. The average doctor works 64 hours a week.

Doctors are the visible target of citizens who have long waits to get appointments; who only see their doctors for 5 minutes or so and then are charged high fees. Where are you, Dr. Welby? Many overworked medics who went into the healing profession not only to make money, but also to make people well, resent their current public image too.

The physicians say they will never strike by withholding medical care from their patients. But they might refuse en masse to sign government and other kinds of insurance forms.

I can't say that all these physicians are altruistic, righteously suffering workers. After all, the average doctor makes \$42,000 a year. However, they, like all of us, are entitled to representation at their workplace. So next time you see your doctor greet his colleague with upraised arm and clenched fist, they're not fighting, they're saying, "Doctors Unite!"



## LIGHT-UP TIME (from page 5)

Well, the girl must have figured that she had just met up with the half-witted grandson of MaBell's telephone timekeeper, and she was afraid of what the next thirty seconds might bring, another half minute announcement, no doubt, so she shrugged her shoulders and wandered away. She didn't even stick around for the date and temperature announcements. But Prince Charming didn't even notice her go. Probably, he was saving all his energy for the six thirty-five biggie.

(Okay, okay, you are right. I got jealous of this guy because she didn't come ask me what time it was. But who could blame her? I not only never know what time it is, I hardly ever know what date it is.) (And by date, I mean, is it 1973 or 1974 or 1975 or what?)

Maybe you have seen one of these light-up watches. Probably not in Point Richmond, because anyone who owns a watch around here is ashamed of it and keeps it hidden, regular closet watch carriers they are. But try The City. If you go to lunch over there, say at the Commercial Club, you will see all these Leland Stanford's nephews and cousins sitting around having cigars and brandy, pushing the buttons on their light-up watches to see if it is time to go back to the office. By three o'clock, they have checked the time fourty times, so that everybody will notice they have a quartz light-up watch, but they still haven't budged from their chairs.

The only person who gets back to the office on time is the switchboard operator. She eats lunch at Newberry's and wears a \$7.95 Timex that keeps as good time as anyone could want. The only time she lights up is when she brushes against the wires that keep falling out of the switchboard, which her boss can't afford to get fixed because he is behind on the payments for his light-up watch.

One thing about the light-up watches that I have seen is that they are really ugly. Do you remember all those octopus movies they used to make? The ones where the hero puts on a diving suit and a heavy metal helmet, and goes way down in this murky water, where he is attacked by a giant octopus that guards the treasure, and for half an hour, you get pictures of tentacles slithering all around, sharks



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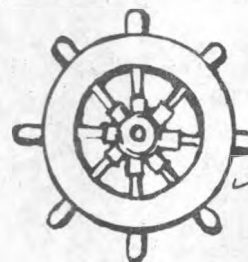
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swimming to and fro, the air hose wrapping itself around the capstan and Deborah Kerr pacing the deck in frump clothes wondering what the hell is going on down below, and every couple of minutes, you get a picture of the hero strangling and turning green through the little windows on the diving helmet? Well, the light-up watches remind me of those close-ups through the little windows on the helmet. There is something murky, strangled and bubble eyed about light-up watches. A giant octopus is a flower for the eyes compared to the average light-up watch.

If you cannot afford a light-up watch yourself, or sensibly don't want one, not to worry. You can entertain yourself by reading the advertisements. Lots of Christmas ads now. For example, Westclox had an ad in the New Yorker for its new light-up watch. The ad says it is a "Quartzmatic Liquid Crystal Digital Watch with Field Effect Display." It costs 195 beaners, but if you are a cheapie, you can get one that only has a "Dynamic Scattering Display" for ten dollars less. The ad for both says, "100% Solid State. No Moving Parts. Digital Time Readout. Colon Flasher Indicates Seconds."

Well, if I have to attach a flasher to my colon to keep track of the seconds, I think I will just skip it. A sundial is good enough for me, boy.

Westclox says that the heart of their new Quartzmatic beats 32,768 times per second, but I would never buy a Westclox. I would hold out for whatever watch they used to time that 32,768 times per second. Now, that would be a watch!

But what everyone is overlooking about light-up watches is that they waste a lot of time. You have to push a button to get most of them to light up. Figure that you need a minimum of four seconds to get the colon flasher working or the quartz heart beating or whatever, not including the time it takes to get rid of your martini or the phone, then multiply that times the number of times you look at your watch per day, say five, and that times the number of days per year: and you will get an answer that tells you, ah lets see now, how much time you waste per year, or how many martinis you drink or, I don't know, something anyway, this is no guided tour to higher mathematics.



It hardly seems worth the trouble to have a watch anyway. Most people look at a timepiece to see what time it isn't rather than what time it is. You don't need a watch for that. Is the sun shining? Then you know it isn't midnight, don't you? Is your wife serving you meat loaf, mashed potatoes and a carafe of red? Then you don't think it's breakfast time, do you? If the dark owls are screeching and the grey wolf is on the hill, then you know it isn't Post Time at Bay Meadows, don't you?

But maybe you are one of the people the watch advertisements refer to. One ad says, in a virtuoso display of cliché and near illiteracy (copywriters' brains must get burned out due to too much exposure to their light-up watches): "And because time is money, we have become increasingly preoccupied with timekeeping accuracy to the point where today's world operates in microseconds."

Well, maybe they are writing about you. Maybe you do operate in microseconds and need a light-up watch. Personally, my time schedule runs more to, oh, say, micro-months at the smallest.

I used to have watches, but they all died, or got stolen, or the canary chewed them up, or something. Now, we only have one clock at our house, and no watches. The clock is electric, and whenever there is a rainstorm, the clock stops running. The knob for setting the time is broken

off, so you need a pair of pliers to reset it, and who can ever find a pair of pliers?

So, we just let it go about its business, keeping time to suit itself. It doesn't bother us, and we don't bother it. Certainly, we don't keep jabbing our fingers at it to make it light up. If we have enough rainstorms, the clock will eventually tell the right time for awhile or if the pliers ever turn up, we may give it a fresh start, but until then, we just decide what time we would like it to be and operate on the basis that it really is that time.

Our clock isn't even luminous, I'm glad to say, so that when the electricity goes out, it doesn't intrude itself onto a person's consciousness. The clock minds its own business, while we read watch advertisements by candlelight.



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# Dear Editor

Dear Editor:

I am writing to you to protest the treatment our animals and children are getting in the Point Richmond streets.

We had this beautiful black cat named "Ling" - he was the most far-out animal we ever had. My son Joshua was crazy about him - Ling was Joshua's pet. Because our cat was all black and hard to see, he had to stay in at night. But when I came home from work last week he had gotten out - since it was 3:00 a.m. I figured that he could stay out until 7:00. We got up in the morning and went to the door and the cat wasn't there like he always is when he stays out - and I didn't think a lot about it. Later on we went out to look for him, and my sister-in-law asked if I had seen all the blood on the street on Nicholl. I said I hadn't noticed it. Some neighbors said that they had called the SPCA to pick up a cat way up on Washington near Crest, which was black and really pounded up badly. I don't know how Ling got up to Washington since there was no trail of blood. Somebody had to have picked him up and thrown him out on Washington. Nobody even stopped to ask if the cat belonged to anyone around here.

Cars speed up and down this street all the time - and kids are playing in the street - or maybe just crossing the street. There are lots of kids around here. I just wonder if our kids will be the next to get this kind of treatment.

Very truly yours,

Ronna Moore

To the Editor:

If you continue to allow such items to be printed, you will lose my monthly quarter. I feel the item is degrading not only to women but to all people. I love the Point and want the paper to be something to which I can proudly contribute. Disgusting drivel such as the crack made about the "posteriors" of Point women go far in cancelling my good feelings about P.C.P.



"Overindulgent women", indeed! If the fact that people, not just women, mind you, come in various sizes bothers you, those are their choices and they've nothing to do with you. It is not up to anyone to value judge the appearance of anyone else.

"From the Origin" was fine as gossip columns go: it is the particular item to which I object.

Jeannie Russell  
Tewksbury Ave.

## POEM

by Jim Milstead

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cadence  
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## REMINISCING THE GOOD "OLE" DAYS with JERRY SOLICH

by Gary Darling

Jerry Solich came to Point Richmond in 1902 from Yugoslavia with his parents. He had two sisters and six brothers. Jerry's first job was delivering newspapers and he worked with Don Church, another much loved Point historian, and John and Stanislaus Casey. In 1911 he started work for Standard Oil and worked there for about 3 years. By chance, he met a man who was willing to help him get a job working for Santa Fe Railroad. He began working in the round house and then as a student fireman. Eventually he became an engineer. He worked for a total of 35 years for Santa Fe. Jerry is at present a caretaker of Johnson's tree forest (near Alvarado Park) and lives at 216 Del-fino St. here in Pt. Richmond.

Point Richmond, says Jerry, was an island surrounded by water, and the actual establishment of any real town was in about 1900 or 1901 when Santa Fe and Standard Oil moved in. The water of the bay then extended up to about 1st or 2nd street. The first effort to connect the island of Pt. Richmond to the mainland was the construction of Cutting Blvd. which was built with the intention of blocking of high and low tide waters of the bay.

One of the things best told & remembered by Jerry is the story of the lost statue of the Indian. This Indian was located at the present site of the 2 telephone booths on the tip of "the triangle" in front of the library. It was donated in 1909 by the Pt. Richmond's West Side Ladies Improvement Club. Every lady in the club was honored because her name was placed on a plaque which was mounted on the stand of the statue.

The actual statue was made of copper and was about 6'1". The stand was made of bronze. In this stand there were 3 water fountains. One was for the people, another for the dogs and still another for the horses. All of the horses & dogs would go there for a drink of water when they came to town. The horse & dog troughs were automatically filled by some kind of plunger system.

The story of the lost Indian, as told by Jerry, is as follows:

Two men were trying to steal the statue. It so happened that the Indian stood across the street from the police station and the men were cutting the legs of the statue with a special saw. By now they had cut through one leg of the Indian and half of the other, when they heard someone coming. They jumped down, ran away and decided they wouldn't make another attempt for awhile. It so happened that there was a violent snow storm the next day and it knocked the Indian down. It fell right in front of the horse trough. The next day the statue was reported missing. This was in the year of 1913. To this day no one seems to know where it went. It seems like it would show up by now.

This "mystery of the lost statue" has bothered Jerry and many others for years. Do YOU have the lost Indian or any clues to the mystery?

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- DEC. 7 at 8 p.m., the Madrigal Singers, joined by the Point Richmond Recorder & Giggling Society, in a concert of Christmas music, at the First United Methodist Church, Pt. Richmond,
- DEC. 12 & 13 - Amici Musicae, in a concert of Renaissance & Baroque Christmas music, 8:30 p.m. Thurs. -Unitarian Fellowship, Berkeley; Fri. -Richmond Art Center, Main Gallery.
- DEC. 13 & 14 - Musical Arts presents a Chamber Music Evening, with Handel's 'Messiah', Friday at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington, 8 p.m., and Saturday at Trinity Methodist Church, Dana & Durant, Berkeley, 8 p.m.

## LATE BULLETINS \* LATE BULLETINS

**HAND-DIPPING CHOCOLATE**  
Demonstration, by Carol Bold at the Community Center, 7:30 , December 18!

**WINE TASTING** - benefit Washington School PTA - Saturday, Dec. 7 - 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Atchison Village Hall, Curry & Collins Sts. for more information call Bob Cone 234-7253.

**BOB ONSTAD** needs a plumber with a commercial license who costs less than \$500 a day to finish up work on the pizza parlor so he can get opened. Call him at 644-6863 or 232-9604 or 232-2494.

**COMMUNITY CENTER** needs a T.V. set badly. If you get a new glorious one for Christmas wouldn't you like to donate your old set to the center for the young adults? They can't play pool ALL day & evening. Contact Chuck Massey at the Community Center afternoons or eves.

**FOUND:** Gold earring on election day. at Precinct #1. May be claimed at Richmond Supply, 145 West Richmond.

**WANTED:** A place for my Mother to stay while she is visiting me & Billy, from the East Coast, December 20 to Jan. 3. My apartment is too small. A small guest room or house-sitting for someone on vacation (in the Point) would really be neat. Can pay small sum for this. Call Jeanne Eger 232-2494 before 7:15 a.m. or eves. or 391-9341 days.

**FOR SALE:** portable typewriter in leatherette case; excellent condition, just serviced. \$28.00. Call 233-2784

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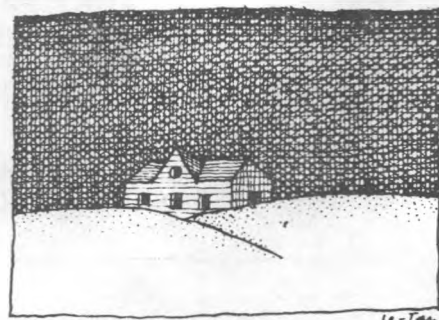
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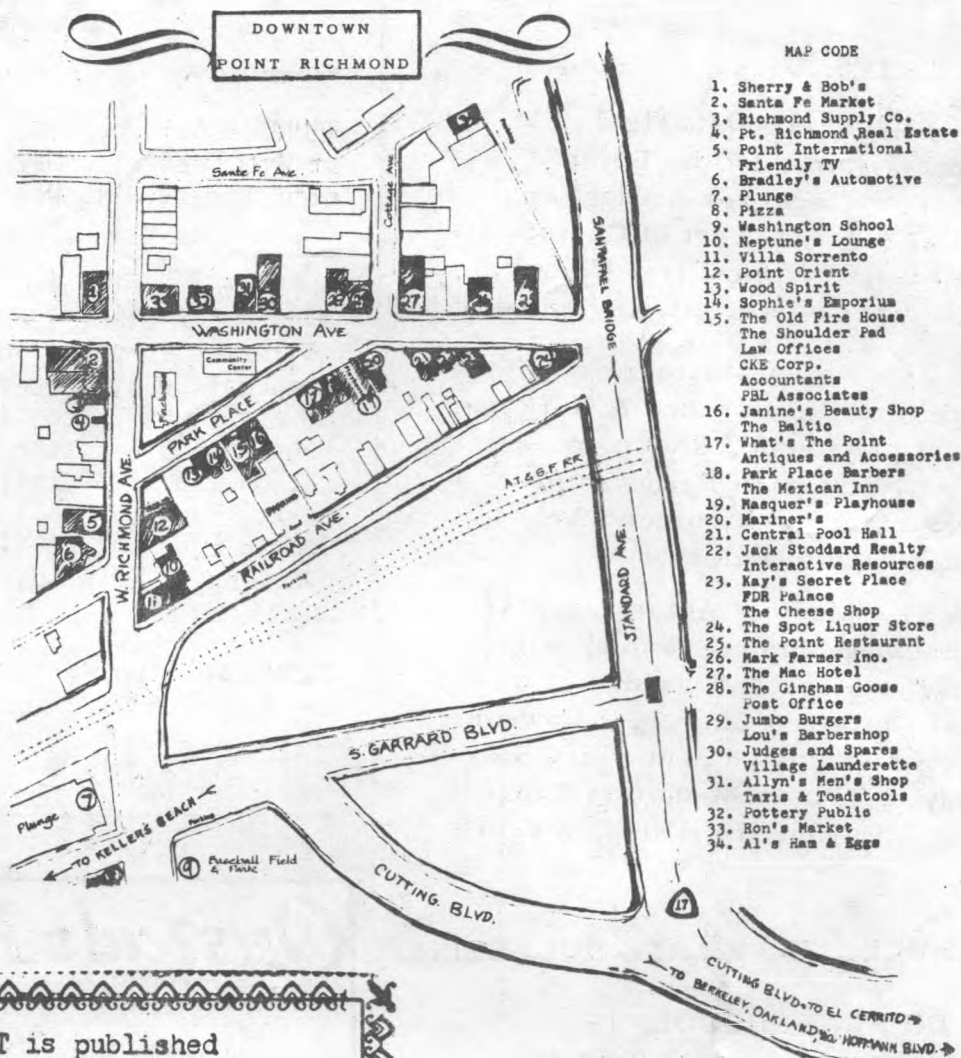
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**HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING:** Herbed Potatoes from the kitchen of NAN RODDIM. (Serves 6) Cook 8 cups diced potatoes in small amount of water for 5 minutes. Drain. Add 1 minced onion, 1 cup minced celery with leaves, 1/4 cup melted butter, 1/4 cup minced parsley, 2 tsp. salt, dash pepper, and 1 tsp. poultry seasoning. Mix well. Place in shallow pan and bake 375° about 30 minutes. Different & Delicious. Thanks, NAN!





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