

# POINT COUNTERPOINT

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## EDITORIAL



We applaud Congressman Miller's refusal to apologize to the daily alternative newspaper over walking out on the Administration's latest proposal to spend \$720 million killing people in Vietnam.

Miller was accused of not following protocol in not staying around to hear the Administration's proposal to become militarily reinvolved in Vietnam. What kind of protocol does an Administration deserve that leaves Americans in a surrounded city when half-full airplanes are flying out every day? (On April 19, with ten communist divisions surrounding Saigon, 4,000 Americans were in the city and evacuation orders had still not been given.)

It's not as if Miller hadn't had a chance to talk to the President personally - he flew out with Ford on Air Force I at Easter recess and then flew around the state with him. And Miller didn't miss the speech - like the rest of us he watched the last part on TV. The really shocking part of this tempest-in-a-teapot was that nearly 100 Senators and Congressmen never showed up for the speech at all.

Miller showed good sense in not sticking around to hear more irrational proposals. Maybe if George's father had been in Washington instead of Sacramento we would not have been in this mess at all. The old man never apologized to anyone when he thought he was right. You may have disagreed with him, but at least you always knew where he stood. We are glad to see that young Miller won't be brow-beaten into behaving any differently.

J. Eger

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## The Town's Spring Meeting

by Sunflower



One day in April, not so long ago, we of Freetown came together to mark the arrival of the quickening spirit among us and to consider certain practical matters. Shifting San, our town's poetess, was moved to begin the event with a few lines...

"Your shoulders are stiff from hunching cold,  
You creak unbending.  
Blood! Sing Spring's song in young and old  
Bring life unending."

Various persons brought up their concerns: the time for planting was upon us; the young must grow up well-nourished and strong; the eternal problems of living together free and in harmony.

And then Exploding Star stood up and the winter was still in his face and he chilled us all. "There can be no real harmony among us: we are not free. The air is heavy with unspoken laws. Grasping for power is everywhere."



Salty Spray stood up bewildered. "But we have no laws here," he said. "Our mutual needs necessitate our common concerns."

"My needs are no longer one with yours," Exploding Star stated finally. I can no longer tolerate your insularity of interests. Is Freetown the only town? Are we the whole of the race of Man? Henceforth I will work to save those around us who are in greater need than we."

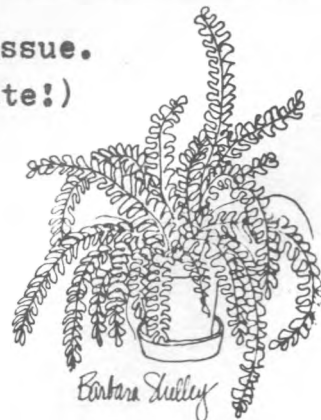
Rock-away rose from her seat with lines of sorrow in her face. "Please," she said, "let us go and think first if there is a way to reconcile this without further division among us."

The meeting was closed with an historical sketch commemorating Freetown's first crop failure, and everyone was greatly amused at the obvious mistakes that had been made. Not so amused, however, that we did not begin immediately to consider the changes that lay before us.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 3 (Sat.) Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Alvarado Park (off McBryde)
- May 7 (Weds.) Film Festival at Washington Fieldhouse 1-5 p.m.  
admission 50¢. Free drinks, popcorn.
- May 9, 10 (Fri., Sat.) "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Contra Costa College. Call 235-7800, ext. 363 for reservations
- May 10 (Sat.) Washington School Carnival - all day on the school grounds - prizes, games, fun, food.
- May 13 (Mon.) POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for May 15 issue.
- May 12-15 Open house at Wonderland nursery school
- May 13 (Tues.) ELECTION DAY - Richmond City Council final election.
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- May 16 (Fri) "Tea and Stitchery" at the First Methodist Church 1-3 p.m.
- May 16 & 17 (Fri. & Sat.) "The Tunnel of Love" opens at the Masquers  
also "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at CCC
- May 23 (Fri.) Hieronymus Bash at Civic Center. Tickets: call East Bay Music Center 234-5624
- May 26 (Mon.) POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for June 1 issue.
- May 31 (Sun.) Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast (save the date!)



# ~ TRIVIA ~

by Mid Dornan (234-5334)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY (May 1 - May 15)

Uldine Nickola  
Ruby Simmons  
Check Palenchar

Vern Doellstedt  
Terry Ross  
Lucretia Edwards

Patricia Dornan  
Jon Doellstedt

MAY, the fifth month...has flowers from the April showers...a time for Maybaskets (the 1st)...for remembering Mother on her day (11th)...a trip to the polls to elect councilmen (13th)...

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Mom is the big boss on Mother's Day. In this respect, does it differ from all the other days in the year?

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An Artist can change the expression on a face with a single stroke of the brush. But then, so could our mothers!

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A favorite spot in the Point is the "Rest a Second" bench surrounded by red flowering geraniums at the corner of Washington Ave. and Washington Court. One can relax under the branches of the shade tree, be overwhelmed by the breathtaking view of the S.F. skyline towering between two bridges across the Bay with only the chirping birds to interrupt your thoughts.

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A Mother is to wash and iron your baseball uniform when you tell her at the last minute that it has to be turned in!

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Seven Cub Scouts from Pack 135 visited Troop 111 last Monday night to see how a Boy Scout meeting is conducted. Eric Hoiland, Brian Pease, Dennis Price, David Travis, Dan and Carl Doellstedt and David MacDiarmid also earned the Arrow of Light by going.

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It has been several years since my last Maybasket! Does anyone recall this Midwest custom? Hand made from construction paper, the baskets were decorated and filled with popcorn, a few pieces of candy (when blossoms usually in bloom at the time. Then, they were hand delivered to the home of friends, placed outside the door, and after ringing the doorbell, you ran to hide. The object was not to be seen or caught. That way the recipient had to find the surprise name on a slip at the bottom of the basket. Sometimes, to make it more exciting, one would put the name of a boy on the slip and you'd secretly smile the next day as your friend told who each basket came from. Boy's didn't seem to enjoy this little game as much as girls!



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Sgt. David L. Larsen, from Tinker A.F. Base in Tulsa, Oklahoma, is visiting his mother, Janet and brother, Jon. He is en route to Montevende, Italy, a NATO Base, for two years of duty which is only 40 miles from friends who previously lived with the family as exchange students. Shortly after David's arrival, another brother, Sgt. Gary L. Larsen, will be joining the family from his Shephard, Texas base.



A Mother is to lend you money when you don't have any and all your friends are going to the movie.

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Another of our Point students, Melissa Allyn, has been recognized as "Student of the Week" at Ells. This indicates she ranks in the top of her graduating class. Melissa began at Washington School, went to Downer and is to be congratulated for this honor. She joins the ranks of other recent students, Roni Roselius (1974) and Richard Doellstedt (1973).

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A Mother is to be home when you call and to mend your clothes as well as shattered hearts.

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We are indebted to our editor for providing primary election totals from the two special precincts in the Point. In recent years, such results haven't been readily available and too few seemed interested to warrant it tallied and recorded separately just for us. I like knowing how many votes are cast for whom.

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Forty-five tired but happy people shared the "never-a-dull-moment" chartered bus trip to Daffodil Hill, Jackson, Volcano and Sutter Creek two weeks ago. They were greeted with all elements of weather - sun, rain and snow flurries - but enjoyed it all. The bus was two hours late returning because everyone could be a back-seat driver and requests were granted for stops along the way at points of interest. Elsie and Joe Spinola missed the chartered trip, so decided to drive up a week later to see it and weren't disappointed as the flowers were still in bloom.

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Early Bird Mike Price caught a 15-inch perch off the Garrard Pier before breakfast last Sunday!

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Coming around soon: Boy Scouts to sell tickets to the famous Pancake Breakfast on Sat., May 31.

Nothing in the world is friendlier than a wet dog!

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A MOTHER IS TO LOVE.

m.d.

## Tea & Stitchery

The United Methodist Women are planning an exhibit of stitchery and handcrafts, old, new and international, on Friday, May 16th from 1 to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, West Richmond at Martina in the Point.

Quilts, old and new, patchwork valences, unusual knits, macrame, weaving, stained glass, crotched sampler 100 years old, etc. will be on exhibit this day.

If you have something you'd like to share or exhibit, call Fran Smith (233-7001) or Mrs. Robert Dornan (234-5334).

A table of homemade beads will be offered for sale during the tea.

The priceless stained glass windows in this historic church are in need of costly repairs and protection and the \$1.50 donation will be used toward these costs.

Everyone is invited.

Lloyd Craft, who teaches at the Point Karate school won second place in the California Championships held a couple of weeks ago at the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. This was in the heavy-weight division. The tournament lasted two days.

Wonderland, a parent-cooperative nursery which has been used very happily by many parents of pre-school children in the Point, is having an open house May 12-15 from 9-11:30 a.m. The address is 24th & Clinton in Richmond. Phone is 234-7556. The nursery serves children from 2 years, 9 mos. to 5 years. Parent participation once a week plus a fee of \$22 a month is the cost of this program.



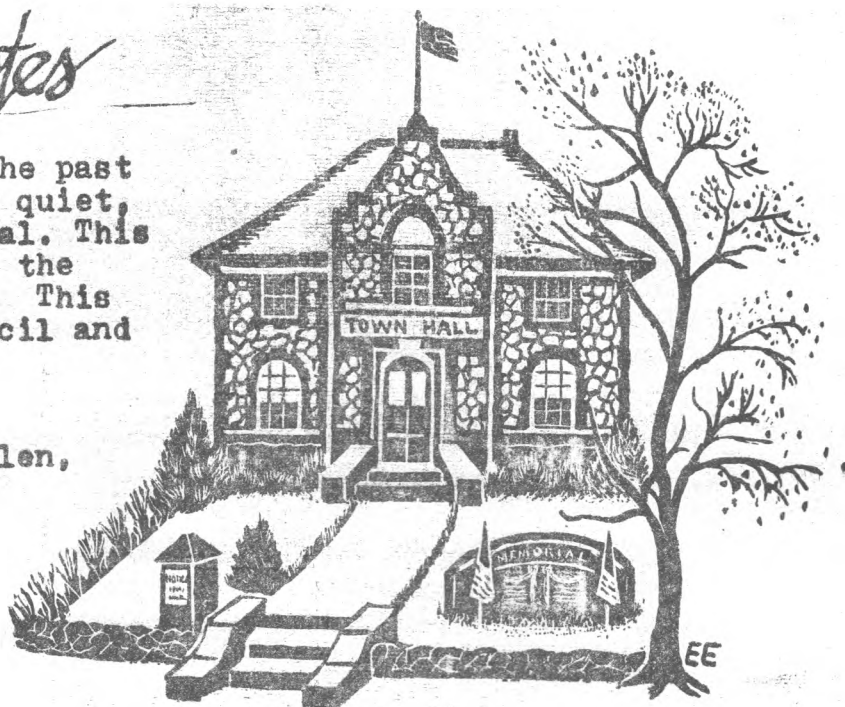
# **CITY HALL** *notes*

City council meetings for the past two weeks have been relatively quiet, uneventful and non-controversial. This is probably in anticipation of the election to take place May 13. This is the final election for council and the candidates running are:

Six-year terms: Al Silva, Bob Campbell, Gay Vargas, Fritz Allen, Ray Richardson and Ron Rhone.

Two year terms: Tom Corcoran and Hyman Wong.

Whoever you are or whatever your political beliefs, you should go out and VOTE MAY 13.



## **POINT COUNTERPOINT** *Questionnaire*

Following are the last two questions the Point Counterpoint sent out and the responses we have received totthem:

3. At Washington School 33% of the children are on welfare. The School Board has gone to court to fight the hot lunch program. If you were on the city council, would you vote in favor of extending the hot lunch program to Washington School with Community Development funds? Please be specific.

4. Do you favor extending public use of the Point San Pablo/Point Molate coastline lands, which are now in possession of the Navy?

### **ANSWERS**

#### **AL SILVA**

3. (Hot lunches) "Yes! As your councilman, I have committed myself to extending our City's Hot Lunch Program to Washington School."

4. (Public use of coastline) "Yes! I have repeatedly requested our City Manager to make every effort to purchase this property from the Department of Navy. I would like to see it developed as parkland, and Sausalito-like shops and restaurants in the old Winehaven property. I will continue to periodically remind our staff of the importance of keeping our intentions before the Navy authorities."

#### **BOB CAMPBELL**

3. (Hot lunches) "I would definitely vote in favor of the extension of the program; provided that the statistics are as you indicated. For I realize that it is quite difficult to study and learn when half your attention and energy is turned to an empty stomach."

4. (Public use of coastline) "I really can't comment on this as I am not properly versed on this subject at present."



## HYMAN WONG

3. (Hot lunches) "I would vote in favor of extending the hot lunch program to the Washington School. As I see it, the children should not be penalized because their parents were not fortunate enough to better provide for them."

4. (Public use of coastline) "I advocate extension of coastline lands for public use. As you know, we have 32.9 miles of coastline and only two quite small beaches for public recreation. We need more for our population of 80,000 residents."

A dialogue between the City Council and the Department of Defense (Naval Operations) or with the Secretary of the Interior would have to be established and our problem along with valid facts and figures will have to be presented. Appeals to our U.S. Senators and Congressmen along with appropriate lobbying groups would have to be marshalled for comprehensive support."

## FRITZ ALLEN

3. (Hot lunches) "It is my strong opinion that State, Federally or locally funded hot lunch programs be extended throughout the entire unified School District and beyond. I would vote in favor of this type of program at Washington School."

4. (Public use of coastline) "Without a doubt, I will personally fight to acquire more coastline for public use. Because of my background in regional planning, I can more fully understand the legal ramifications involving land use. Sound practical planning can provide for the preservation of our natural resources and compatible development."

## TOM CORCORAN

3. (Hot lunches) "I would vote in favor of extending the hot lunch program to Washington School based on the statistics furnished."

4. (Public use of coastline) "As a member of the Planning Commission I have supported the return of Point Molate to the people of Richmond. As your councilman I will work with the City Manager and the Navy to bring this about."

## *Pie in the Sky* by Jeanne Eger

### THE RICHMOND CITY ELECTION AN ANALYSIS

Almost every Monday I go down to City Hall and stop at the City Clerk's office to read the docket for the evening council meeting. One Monday recently, it dawned on me that the Political Reform Act (Proposition 9) had gone into effect in January and that the time

for filing campaign contribution disclosures had come. So I asked City Clerk Harlan Heydon if I could see the forms. He gave me a sheaf of brown folders (one for each candidate) and I made myself comfortable at the empty desk which is used by any private citizen to look over city documents.

The new disclosure act has produced some pretty hilarious results, at least in this election, which is the first local election (besides the School Board) to require the filings. The forms are interim forms - they have not yet been approved by the Fair

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### FOR RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

#### SILVA

Al Silva is 52 years old and the District Manager of the Pacific Telephone Co. for the Richmond area. His record as an incumbent councilman has demonstrated independent thinking and voting. He voted against salaries for councilmen as port commissioners. As Mayor, the Social Security, Postal Distribution Center and Hilltop Shopping Centers became a reality.

#### ALLEN

Fritz Allen is 28 years old and teaches sociology and economics at Contra Costa College. He has a strong background in city planning and an easygoing way with people. He is strongly committed to equal opportunities for women and has given women positions of importance in his campaign.

#### CAMPBELL

Robert J. Campbell is 37 years old and a local businessman who worked his way up through the ranks, beginning as grocery clerk in junior high school. He has been active in civic and political affairs, serving on the Board of Directors of the Richmond Boy's Club and as co-chairman for Miller for Congress. He has lived in Richmond since 1949.

#### CORCORAN

Thomas J. Corcoran is 57 years old and a 42 year resident of Richmond. Tom Corcoran works as an accountant. He wants to work to make Richmond a major port. With much civic experience and experience on the Planning Commission he will be a man to help generate the business and jobs that Richmond needs.

6-year term-

**ALLEN**

**CAMPBELL**

**SILVA**

2-year term

**CORCORAN**

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# **BOB CAMPBELL**

## **RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM RICHMOND'S WARTIME HOUSING PROJECTS TO A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE AND FINALLY CO-OWNER AND VICE PRESIDENT OF ONE OF RICHMOND'S OLDEST AND MOST RESPECTED BUSINESSES.**

We are not going to use any slogans or flowery phrases to try and sell you Bob Campbell. We are just as tired of phony phrases as you must be. We are just going to let you read this fact sheet about Bob Campbell's background, and let you be the final judge as to whether or not he is qualified to be a Richmond City Councilman.

Bob Campbell went to school in Richmond. He attended Nystrom School, Roosevelt Junior High School, and graduated from Richmond High School in 1956. He continued his education at Contra Costa College (1957), graduated from San Francisco State College in 1961 with a B.A. degree, and received his Master of Arts degree from the University of California in 1964.

In 1965 Bob Campbell went to work for the M. A. Hays Insurance Co., where he is now Vice President and co-owner.

### **WHERE DOES BOB CAMPBELL STAND ON THE ISSUES?**

**WE'LL LET HIS OWN WORDS TELL YOU:**

#### **RICHMOND'S SENIOR CITIZENS:**

*"Our Senior Citizens have been giving too long. It is now time that they begin to receive more than a mere consideration. For us to assist the elderly now, is to prepare for our own future."*

#### **RICHMOND'S YOUTH:**

*"Let us begin to ask our youth about their needs. We can never hope to bridge that generation gap so long as they [youth] are not allowed to assist in the building of the bridge."*

#### **THE PORT AND DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT:**

*"The cities in Kansas have open prairies and as such have an economy built around this entity. The same is true of the cities in Texas with respects to meats. . . Richmond has a port, let's develop it. We should be turning our total attention to that end."*

#### **COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL CITIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES:**

*"Since we occupy the same area of West Contra Costa County we must begin to work closer together to promote the common good of this area. By pulling the ropes of progress in the same direction we will be able to overtake the hardship of these times. By pulling apart we most certainly will go nowhere."*

#### **CRIME:**

*"We can no longer tolerate crimes that allow our elderly to be knocked to the ground for the few dollars in their purses or billfolds, or permit the wanton vandalism to our homes, our churches, our businesses, and our schools. . . the money needed to repair these could better be used in new programs."*

*"So long as there is unemployment, so long as our youth are left idle these crimes will continue. . . we must search for more jobs for our citizens and more involvement by our youth. At the same time, if we need more policemen to temporarily help in reducing crime, then hire them."*

**Re-Elect  
An Independent  
CITY COUNCILMAN**

# AL SILVA

Richmond is on the move as never before! A half-billion dollars worth of construction involving 7,000 jobs is underway in our city.

The \$30 million Social Security Building will open in July, bringing 1,700 workers into the downtown area. In August the \$47 million bulk mail facility will begin operations and employ 600 people. Next year the \$60 million Hilltop Shopping Center will open. It will employ 3,000 workers and contribute approximately \$1.3 million annually to the city in new revenue. Our port has cleared \$650,000 since 1969. This year we expect to start building the Bay Area's largest marina in the Inner Harbor.

I want to continue to be a part of this momentum. I stand on my voting record, which shows that I have always acted in the best interests of our city. My attendance record is also the best on the council.

I humbly ask your support.

Sincerely,



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## TOM CORCORAN

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STRICT FISCAL CONTROL  
EXPEDITE PORT DEVELOPMENT  
JOBS AND STABLE EMPLOYMENT  
CONCERN FOR SENIOR CITIZENS  
NEIGHBORHOOD UPGRADING  
PROBLEM SOLVING WITH A  
UNITED FRONT

COMMITTEE TO ELECT THOMAS J. CORCORAN

Thomas G. Kennedy, Treasurer  
2801 Euclid Avenue, Richmond, CA 94804





# **ELECT**

# **FRITZ ALLEN**

## **RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**Dear Friends in Point Richmond:**

I am running for City Council because I believe the City of Richmond needs leadership that can pull us back together.

As a Councilman I will work towards developing more jobs in the City of Richmond.

I will use my expertise and background in city planning (Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Fresno State University, B.A. Degree in Social Welfare from California State University, Fresno) to speed up port development so that jobs can be created. I would vote to start immediately on a marina at the Port. Our marinas are all full and this is one project we know can be successful in attracting new business to the area.

We need to halt the crime rate. The current crime rate affects us all...Higher Taxes, Higher Insurance Rates and worst of all - fear - plague our citizens. As a Councilman I will make all of our city's streets a safe place to walk.

It is still a goal of most Americans to own their own homes; I will work to see that more quality residential housing is constructed in the City of Richmond.

Above three stories downtown Richmond has an excellent panoramic view of the bay area; I will work towards developing a policy plan for futuristic design principles which will be attractive to high rise developers; such developments will help to change the image of the downtown.

I have been an active worker in local politics - Richmond Coordinator during the recent Congressman George Miller's campaign, West county coordinator for U.S. Senator Alan Cranston's campaign. I have good working relationships with all members of Richmond's civic, economic and political communities. With this background, I CAN GET THINGS DONE!


COPE - the Committee on Political Education of the AFL-CIO has endorsed me because they know I will keep the best interests of the workers of Richmond in my heart when I make decisions.

**I hope you will vote for me May 13.**

Sincerely,

Fritz Allen

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## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING

More than 70 Point Richmonders showed up for an old-fashioned type of neighborhood council meeting at the Community Center April 15. Notices had been mailed out, posted on local storefronts and people had been called. The meeting participants were from all segments of the Point Richmond community - mothers with babes in arms, youth, Masquers, hill people, conservationists, local business persons, PTA members and more.

### HOT LUNCH PROGRAM DISCUSSED

The hot lunch proposal was moved up to the first part of the agenda so parents with children who had come to vote on that could go home early if they wished - but most chose to stay! The chairman of the Food Committee at Washington School reviewed the past history of the attempt to get food at Washington: the unsuccessful requests three years ago for donations from private industry sources for a snack program; the leftover-food boxes which were set out in the school yard which were cut off by the Health Department; and finally the recent unsuccessful request to City Council for funds for a snack program. The School Board, which should be responsible for providing lunches, had gone to court to fight the hot lunch program and lost; then threatened to drop out of the program altogether; then had an injunction preventing them from doing so and the case is now on appeal.

It was stated that 33% of the children at Washington are on welfare. A large number come from outside of Point Richmond but all are in the attendance area and "belong" to Washington. Although they ride buses, they are not "bussed in". Washington, being well-integrated within its attendance area, does not participate in the Richmond integration plan. If it were not for these kids at Washington, attendance





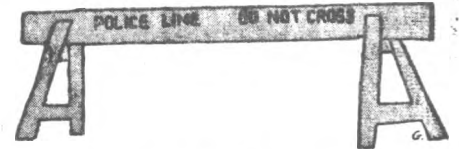
might have fallen so low as to require our neighborhood school to be closed and all the kids to go to Nystrom or Peres, where hot lunches are available.

The group voted unanimously to send a request to the greater Richmond Community Development Council, asking for whatever block grant funds were necessary to implement the hot lunch program in fiscal '76. This was estimated to cost about \$15,000 for a school year (out of a federal block grant budget of more than \$4.1 million). It was stated that it was hoped that the Council could squeeze a few funds from this year's budget to provide snacks for the kids in the fall.

#### POLICE CHIEF LEO GARFIELD SPEAKS

Police Chief Leo Garfield was the next to speak. He was dressed in sporty, civilian clothes and most people had not noticed him sitting in the audience. One citizen's comment when the chief stood up was, "You're the chief? You don't look like a Chief of Police." Everyone laughed. Chief Garfield said that he had been hearing a lot of comments and complaints from both sides regarding the Pool Hall issue, so he decided to investigate it himself. He said he went down to the Pool Hall "under cover" (dressed in street clothes) nervously one Thursday night and played pool for about two hours. Garfield said that at one point a bar patron let out a loud yell and ran out the front door carrying what the chief thought was a pitcher of beer. So the chief went to the front window to see what was going on. The patron was pouring the contents of the pitcher into the radiator of his car. Garfield said that the lifestyle of the patrons of the Pool Hall was not appealing to him but it was a legitimate lifestyle and he hadn't found anything about the internal operation of the Pool Hall to justify special surveillance.

Dan Robertson asked whether citations were ever issued for illegal motorcycle mufflers. Garfield replied that unlike Highway Patrolmen, local police are not trained to recognize the fine differences between legal and illegal mufflers. There had been, however, some citations on mufflers in the past few months. Doug Corbin brought up the problem of motorcycles on the hills near Kellers Beach. There is an injunction against cyclists riding on the hills. Garfield said he had only been chief since last November and had not had a chance to look closely at this problem. He stated that he would make a particular effort in the coming weeks to stop this problem.



Someone brought up the drinking that goes on in the streets and the kids on the corners. Chief Garfield stated that drinking in public is not a violation of the law and that the police have no right to hassle the kids on the corners as long as they are law-abiding. They have a right to stand around and sit on the grass. He said that a few years ago the police tried to stop it and were themselves stopped cold. Bobby Reed, part owner of the Pool Hall brought up the fact that it is against the law to take your drinks out of the bar with you into the street and that the Pool Hall was enforcing that. Anyone drinking in the street or on the sidewalk had purchased his drink elsewhere. Reed also stated that the police had been making regular visits inside the Pool Hall and that it was appreciated by the proprietors. He said that he did not feel the police were harrassing them and that they were doing everything they could to upgrade the place.

Another citizen brought up the problem of drug traffic. Sam Craft suggested that a walking-beat policeman might be a good

idea - he could get to know people. Frank Cosgrove asked about business hiring off-duty policemen to work on weekends in the business area. Garfield's replies to these inquiries were that (1) the present police force is rather young and inexperienced. A two-year policeman is considered a veteran in Richmond. He was afraid if he put a young inexperienced policeman on a beat, there might be more problems than there now already are. (2) hiring policemen by private businesses is against police department policy.

Thea Robertson suggested that, in a way, the Point community polices itself, by all the citizens keeping an eye on what is going on.

The visit by Chief Garfield came to a close with an exchange between Bobby Reed and Wallace Darling, proprietor of the Ivy Inn. Darling stated that when Marshall had the Pool Hall, there was no trouble; when Al Chelkauskas had the bar the motorcycles began to come in. For awhile it was closed and there was peace and quiet, but now it is open again there is noise. Reed stated that with the energy crisis and changing lifestyles, there are a lot more motorcycles on the road than there were a few years ago. He said the bar does not cater specially to motorcyclists and does not want noise and disturbances any more than Darling does. Garfield stated that he would put special surveillance on motorcycle noise and activity at closing time for the next several weeks.

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECT



Cora Orr and Bob Hays made a presentation for the Community Garden group. They said that if there is vacant city-owned land you can start your own garden. The city will provide seeds, turn over the ground and pick up the water bill. The U.C. Extension service will help test the soil. One person suggested the land in the triangle between the library and the telephone. Another suggested the

large area of land across from the school, but it was mentioned that that land was owned by Santa Fe. There was a call for volunteers who were interested and several people signed up.

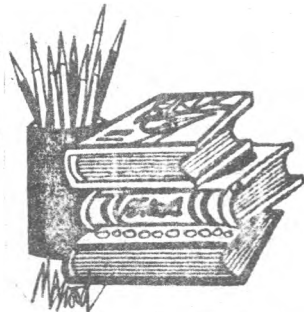
#### REPORT FROM THE YOUTH



Peggy Wilson from the teens gave a report on Community Center improvement. She showed a petition for more equipment at the Center that was filled with more than 100 names. Tom Butt stated that Ivy Lewis from the city staff (who was present at the meeting also) had the petitions typed and duplicated, and that they were ready to be sent to the Recreation and Parks Department. He also talked about the progress on making CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) jobs available for some of the teens. Peggy Wilson then talked about the progress made on the center-repair, mural-painting project. Gladys Ferguson introduced her boss, Mr. Boni, from the Recreation and Parks Department.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

Brenda Motomura the new library extension supervisor, introduced herself. She asked if there were any ways service to the branch could be improved. She was immediately requested to have the library open on Fridays and to have the Sunday New York Times. (We later learned that the library will now be open on Friday afternoons.)



#### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL STRUCTURE

The final agenda item concerned the structure of the new neighborhood council. Thea Robertson suggested a struct





tured organization that could accommodate the old civic group and the Point Business Association. Terry from the Gingham Goose said that the business association had many unique interests in common and planned to continue and meet quarterly.

Thea Robertson (a local architect and Tom Butt's alternate on the Community Development Commission) suggested that the neighborhood council elect officers and have an executive board. Jeanne Eger objected, saying that the meetings were open and the old fashioned Town Hall concept was working well as it was. She said that when there is an executive board there tends to be a small clique that runs everything, and secret meetings and then the rest of the people tend to abdicate their responsibility. Lucretia Edwards suggested that some method of rallying people quickly behind issues important to the Point should be developed. Doug Corbin stated that upwards of 185 people turned out for a meeting to protest the ammonia tanks and there should be a way to get those people involved in the neighborhood council.

Doug Corbin suggested that the group begin collecting money and look forward to running a city council candidate who would represent the interests of the Point. It was objected that this plan might conflict with the Community Development concept and interfere with city financial and staff aid to the group. Also that when money was collected for such purposes the group ran the risk of having the people who donated the most money running everything.

Thea Robertson said she would go back to the drawing boards and and try to come up with a more creative solution to neighborhood council structure.

Lucretia Edwards said she had heard rumors that property assessments were going up 15%. Jeanne Eger said she would look into this matter. (Note: I learned that all Richmond residential property is being reassessed up

10% except for some suburban areas - not Point Richmond - which are going up 25%, and the downtown, which is being reassessed down. Notices will be mailed out around May 1.)

The group agreed to meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Thus the next meeting will be May 20.

The meeting adjourned around 10:00 p.m.

J. Eger



### COMMUNITY CENTER

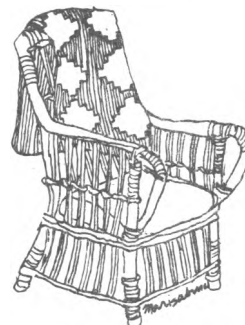
More hours have been added to the time when the Center is open: now you may come over on Saturdays from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There will be an excursion to Iceland in Berkeley for elementary children May 17, 1975 from 1-5:30 p.m. Call the center at 232-6140 for registration and details.

Another of the highly successful community dinners will be held May 22nd from 3-5 p.m. These dinners are held in the afternoon so that some of the youth who live away from home and do not often get to eat a home-cooked meal may attend. All are welcome, however, and there is a great spirit of warmth and friendship.

The staff and the people who attend the center would like to thank Mrs. Dorothy Moore for donating a pool table to the center.

A rummage sale is planned for June 21, 1975 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Anyone who would like to donate articles can call the center at 232-6140.



# the Field House Program

## AT THE FIELDHOUSE

Softball league started two weeks ago but sign-ups are still going on. This is a program for kids 6th grade and under.

Film day is May 7 from 1-5 p.m. Cost is 50¢. Four hours of films will be presented. There will be free popcorn and drinks.

The Point Counterpoint has received this information from the fieldhouse. The recreation leaders are Lisa Ayala and Floyd Harris. They would like Point Richmonders to know a few facts about the fieldhouse:

1. The fieldhouse is on the same block as Washington School.
2. The recreation dept. is open from 3 to 5 p.m. every school day and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on some holidays and during the summer.
3. The age of the children that come to the fieldhouse range from 4 to 12 years old.
4. If any child creates any kind of trouble while at the fieldhouse, he or she will be sent home. If it becomes necessary, the child's parent will be called.
5. While on the school grounds of in the fieldhouse, the children are always in some kind of contact with the leaders.
6. There are athletic leagues that your child may join that are put together by the recreation department. The next league will be softball.

Games: The games may be taken out by the kids and used for as long as they like. Some of these games are: monopoly, Life, checkers, chess, pick-up-sticks, dominoes, kerplunk, and many others.

Game Boards: The game boards are usually set up on the fieldhouse floor so that anyone may walk in and start playing a game. They are: carrom (a pool type game), maze board, hockey board, bean-bag, tic-tac-toe, clown bean bag toss, and a ring toss board.

Arts and Crafts: If a child wants to paint, draw, or create something of their own, the materials are at the fieldhouse. If we do not have what is needed, it will be ordered: puppets, kites, crayon-nail drawings, plaster-molding, paintings, drawing and many other art works can be made.

Athletic equipment: The equipment includes basketballs, footballs, rubber bounce balls, volleyballs and net, tetherballs, kickballs and jump ropes.

You may call the fieldhouse for more information at 234-6032.



The Richmond Art Center will hold a public preview of an art exhibit by students from the Richmond Unified School District's Secondary Schools, May 7, from 7-9 p.m. The exhibit will run through June 1 at the Art Center, 25th & Barrett in Richmond.

## the PLUNGE

A WATER SHOW will be presented at the Richmond Plunge, May 16 & 17. Mark your calendar for those dates to see local mermaids, canoe demonstrations and much more!



## SOCIAL DANCE FOR ADULTS

Beginning May 8, each Thursday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson School, 629 - 42nd St., Richmond, there will be a series of classes in Social Dance for Adults. The cost for the 14-week series is \$8 for Richmond residents, \$9 for non-residents. Registration must be paid at the Civic Center office of the Recreation and Parks Department. Call 232-1212, ext. 496 for more information.



# What's New at School?



## ..NOAH'S PARK

The award-winning "Noah's Park" will be held in Point Richmond again this summer. The recreation program for children entering the 4th, 5th and 6th grades will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday, from June 16 through July 18. Registration forms are available through the Recreation & Parks Department by calling 232-1212, ext. 496. Enrollment is limited. The "campus" includes Washington School and park, Keller's Beach, Nicholl Knob and points in between.

What happens in Noah's Park? It is a people-teaching program, where the principal concern is not for skill or knowledge, but for behaviour: self-discipline, self-understanding and appreciation, responsibility, decision making, dealing with reality. There are Games - but the important thing about games is coping with losing honestly, and winning without letting it get out of proportion. There are all kinds of Movement things - the importance is in the self-testing, the exploration of one's physical potential, the beginning of an understanding of the value of the human body. There are Drama and Theatre Games - important because of the problem solving potential in role playing, and a means of enhancing the self-image, and coming to grips with one's feelings. There are Arts - important because of the exploration of one's ideas and feelings and because of the opportunity for working creatively with various media and projects. There are also hikes, celebrations, obstacle courses, construction projects and much more.

## Poems

Here are some interesting poems written by Mrs. Politeau's second and third grade students in room 28.

The thought was "I used to be but now I am."

I used to be purple,  
But now I am blue.  
Now pink,  
Now green,  
Now purple again.

Becky Graff

I used to have a boyfriend,  
But now I have a girlfriend.  
I used to be a yucky boy,  
But now I'm a wonderful girl.

Brandyn Christopher

I used to watch the telephone,  
But now I watch T.V.  
I used to be a boy,  
But now I'm a cub scout.

Robert Jones

I used to be a weebelow,  
But now I am a boy scout.  
I used to be Mac Davis,  
But now I am Snoopy.

Chris Falletti

I used to be a haunted house,  
But now I am a ghost.  
I used to be a key,  
But now I'm a lock.

Augustine Brenner

I used to be the richest man in the world,  
But someone stole all my money.  
I used to be God,  
But someone stole all my power.

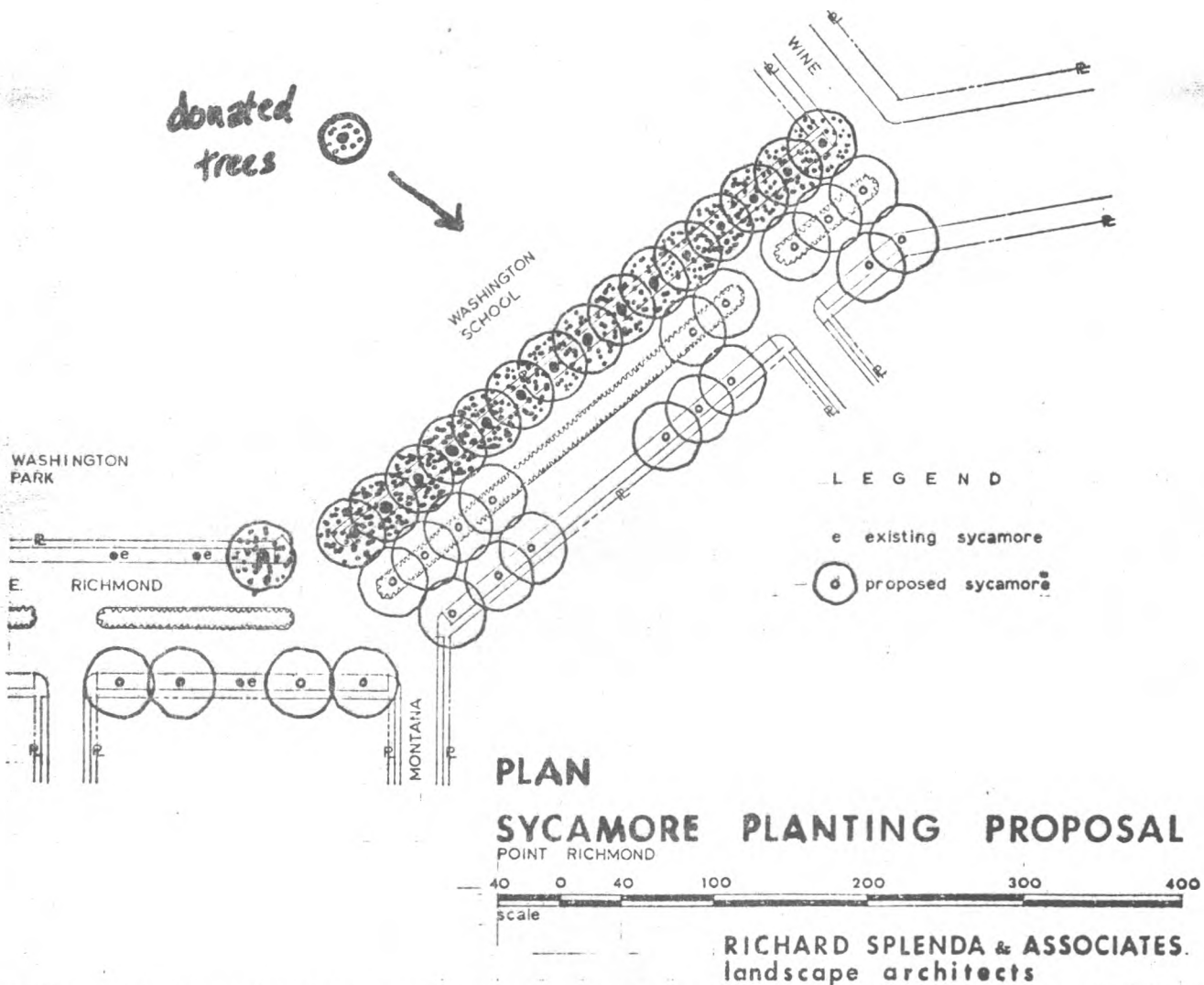
Vaness French

I used to be a baby,  
Now I am a girl.  
I used to be dumb,  
Now I am smart.

Joyce Perkins

I used to be a child,  
But now I am a grown-up.  
I used to know Christopher Columbus,  
But now I don't.

Jason McGill



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The P.T.A. and school staff are most grateful for your help in the greening of that barren stretch of sidewalk for all the community to enjoy.

Kathy Lord, collector of project money



# Aigo-Sau

In an effort to prompt readers to send their favorite recipes, here is one of my favorites. It's a fish stew from a book called Glorious Stew, by Dorothy Ivens. Like every favorite recipe, it's quick, easy and tasty. It can also be made very cheaply, by using fish scraps which you can get at Eureka Seafood, at outrageously low prices. To do it this way, you have to let the stew cool a bit and then "fish" out the scraps from the bottom, take out the bones and then put the fish back in the stew! Well, that's for the day before payday - here's the recipe in the original.



This dish from Provence is a rich fish stew with potatoes. Different kinds of white-fleshed fish are used, the more the merrier. The fish, potatoes and onions, tomatoes and garlic are cooked in water and seasoned with fennel, orange peel, bay leaf, parsley and celery. A rouille sauce of garlic and hot peppers served with it is used much the way the pistou is in Pistou Soup: it is so hot, though, it is served on the side. The soup can be served in bowls, separately, followed by the fish and vegetables; or you can serve everything together in large soup plates.

A Provencal wine - white, red, or rose - will suit the dish and a first course of salami. Follow the stew with salad and a goat or blue cheese - the only ones which will be noticed after the rouille. Dessert should be light and cooling, perhaps just fresh fruit and coffee.

Buy a variety of fish, but try to find types that cook in the same amount of time. The fish dealer can help you. Cut in uniform serving-size pieces.

Arrange the fish (2 lbs. fresh white-fleshed fish fillets, in 2" pieces) in the bottom of a 3-quart shallow flame-proof casserole. Cover the fish with the potatoes (5 or 6 medium potatoes, peeled, in 1/4" slices-red potatoes are best). Put the tomatoes (2 large tomatoes, peeled and chopped), onion (1 medium onion, in thin rings), and garlic (2 cloves garlic, minced) on top of the potatoes.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper (1 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp freshly ground black pepper). Add the rest of the seasonings (1 bay leaf, 1 celery stalk, broken into two pieces, 2 sprigs parsley, 1/8 tsp fennel seeds, 2 three-inch strips orange peel).

Pour in the olive oil (1/3 cup olive oil). Cover everything with boiling water. Bring to a boil; simmer gently for 20 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. When it's done, remove bay leaf, celery, parsley and orange peel. (And the bones, if it's the day before payday!)



# Writing Science Fiction

by Jeanie Hanrique

Plots, helter skelter, teem within your brain;  
Plots, s.f. plots, devised with joy and gladness;  
Plots crowd your skull and stubbornly remain,  
Until you're driven into hopeless madness.

When you're with your best girl, and your mind's in a whirl, and  
you don't hear a word that she's saying;  
Or at a symphony hall, you are gone past recall and you can't tell  
a note that they're playing;  
Or you're driving a car and have not gone far when you find that  
you've sped through a red light;  
And on top of that, Lord! you have side-swiped a Ford and have  
broken your one working headlight;

Or your boss slaps your back (having made some smart crack) and  
you stare at him stupidly blinking;  
Then you say something dumb so he's sure you're a crumb, and are  
possibly given to drinking.  
When events such as that have been knocking you flat, do not blame  
supernatural forces;  
If you write s.f. tales, you'll be knocked off your rails, just as  
sure as the stars in their courses.  
For your plot-making mind will stay deaf, dumb and blind to the dull  
facts of life around you to hound you.  
While the wonders of space have you close in embrace and the glory of  
of star beams surround you.

You begin with a ship that is caught on a skip into hyperspace en  
route for Castor,  
And has found to its cost that it seems to be lost in a Galaxy like  
ours, but vaster.  
You're a little perplexed as to what may come next and you make up  
a series of creatures.  
Who are villains and liars with such evil desires and with perfectly  
horrible features.  
Our brave heroes are faced with these hordes and are placed in a  
terribly crucial position,  
For the enemy's bound (once our Galaxy's found) that they'll beat  
mankind to submission.

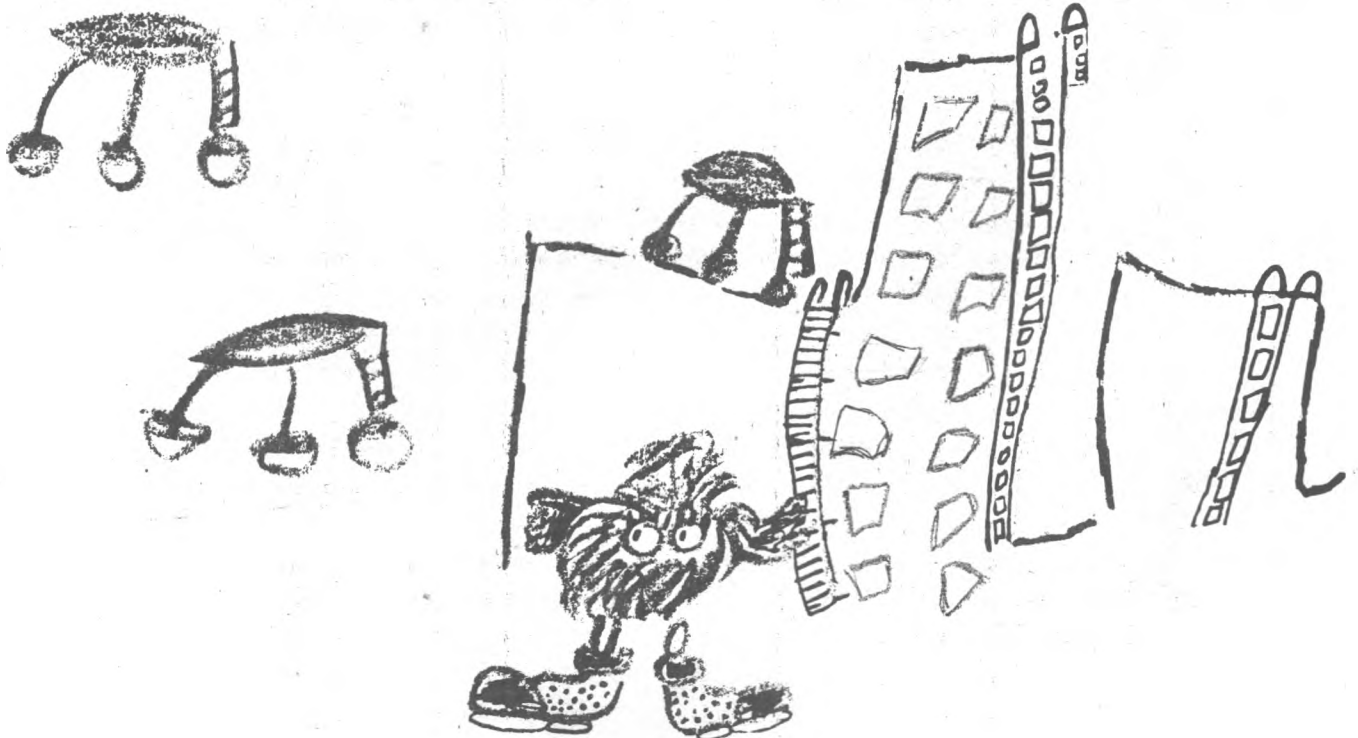
Now you must make it rough when developing stuff so's to keep the  
yarn pulsing with tension,  
So the Earthmen are four (only four and no more) while the numbers  
of foes are past mention.  
Our four heroes are caught and accordingly brought to the sneering,  
tyrannical leaders.  
"Where is Earth?" they demand, but the men mutely stand with a  
courage that pleases the readers.



But now, wait just a bit; let's see, this isn't it, since you haven't  
 provided a maiden,  
 Who is both good and pure (yet with sexy allure) and with not many  
 clothes overladen.  
 She is part of the crew, and so she's captured too, and is ogled  
 by foes who are lustful;  
 There's desire in each eye and there's good reason why, for of beauty  
 our girl has a bustfull;  
 Just the same you go fast till this section is passed so the reader  
 won't mind any ruction,  
 When recalling the foe are all reptiles and so have no interest in  
 human seduction.  
 When they truss up the girl and they make the whips swirl just in  
 order to break Earthmen's silence,  
 And so that's when our men break their handcuffs and then we are  
 treated to scenes full of violence.  
 Every hero from Earth is a fighter from birth and his fists are a  
 match for a dozen,  
 And then just when this spot has been reached in your plot, you come  
 to with your mind a buzzin'.

You don't know where you are, or the site of your car, and your  
 tie is askew and you haven't a clue of the time of the day or of  
 what people say or the fact that they stare at your socks (not a  
 pair) and decide it's a fad, or else that you're mad, which is just  
 a surmise from the gleam in your eyes, till at last they conclude  
 from your general mood, you'll be mad from right now till you're  
 heary.

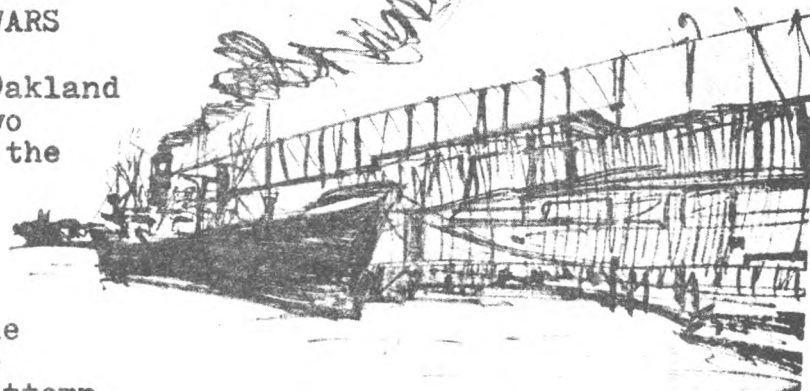
But the torture is done and its now for the fun and the paper  
 that's white and the words that are right, for you've worked on the  
 new s.f. story!



# On The Waterfront

## SHIPBUILDING DURING TWO WORLD WARS

The evening of April 21, the Oakland Museum presented a lecture and two movies about shipbuilding during the two World Wars in the Bay Area.



The first speaker was James Moore, the Vice President of the Moore Drydock Co. of Oakland and San Francisco. He told of the time during the first WW when the then Moore Shipbuilding Company attempted to name a vessel after the Bohemian Club in San Francisco. After many conversations Washington gave them permission on condition that the ship was a tanker! Then Moore showed an old silent film on the launching of the "Bohemian Club" which the famous club itself turned out to toast. One unusual feature of the vessel was a huge model of an owl which perched atop the bridge. As the wind blew and the ship swayed, the owl's head turned.

The second speaker was Norris Nash, who was the public relations man for Kaiser shipyards during the war years when the liberty and victory ships were being built in Richmond. He started off the presentation with an amusing anecdote about the naming of the ship "Francis E. Willard" after a leading organizer of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Nash received a letter from the W.C.T.U. asking if they intended to launch the ship with champagne. Nash said he had to think about how to answer this question for a few days, but finally replied that Kaiser would observe the tradition of the sea; that every ship was launched with champagne and that he could think of no better use for a bottle of champagne!

Most local citizens already know the history of shipbuilding from 1940/41 - 1945 in Richmond, but the movie, "Birth of Victory", was a dramatic visual reminder. In four years, 747 ships were launched from Richmond. The Point Potrero hill was leveled for Yard 3. The fourth yard was built in two months. The Robert E. Peary was built with prefabricated parts in four days. In the fall of 1943 more than one ship a day left Richmond.

Other records were set and innovations made. A welding school graduated welders after six days of training to do simple jobs on the production line. The comparatively new art of electric welding as well as pre-fabricated ship building was developed. Nash discussed the development of sequential welding. He said that the only problem was when you got to the end of the weld. He said reports of ships breaking up at sea because of this technique were exaggerated. One ship cracked up in the Aleutians under very heavy weather conditions.

The turnover in personnel was tremendous. There was a 30% turnover every 30 days at one time. Twenty five nurseries and ten extended day care centers were built and cost 50¢ daily for childcare, including lunches and snacks. Old New York City elevated streetcars were brought across the continent to be used to bring the workers from Oakland and Berkeley to Richmond. There was a tremendous housing shortage and cheap housing was being built all over Richmond but there still was not enough to go around.



# Fly-Tying

Another short course in fly-tying will be presented at Contra Costa College by Frank Lawrence beginning Sat., May 10, for eight weeks. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 6A of the Art Building.

The course will offer one unit of College credit and interested persons may register at the first meeting.

Lawrence, who has made the Hall of Fame three times for his fly-fishing catches, has turned his hobby into a profitable business. "I supply flies for Longs in San Pablo and three other Bay Area bait shops," Lawrence said, "The money helps finance my fishing expeditions."

Lawrence urges anglers to make their own flies rather than to buy untried lures. "You can't be sure that something made in Japan will work in the area where you like to fish. If you had the makings of flies in your tackle box, you can duplicate what the fish are biting on on the spot."

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(Shipbuilding continued)

What happened to the population during that period? The figures tell the story:

1940.....	23,642
1942.....	50,000
1944.....	99,811
1946.....	100,643
1948.....	103,743
1949.....	101,000

Nash guessed that we will never see those days again. Air transport has taken over. A past president of the Oakland Museum Association, which has built a jewel of a museum in downtown Oakland,  
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(Shipbuilding continued)

Nash is in the tradition of Kaiser Industries community responsibility program. As part of their public relations program, Kaiser has set up many far-reaching programs for Oakland. The most impressive example of corporate social responsibility is, of course, the Kaiser Permanente hospitals. But it goes farther than that. Kaiser has a program called Kaiser Volunteers which, among other things, helps small businesses get started with expert advice and help in obtaining loans, tutors children in local elementary schools with its personnel and physical facilities, actively aids community drug abuse programs, collects food and clothing for Indian groups, and much more. Richmond's corporations and industries could take a few lessons from this Oakland enterprise.

## THEA TURNS THE TIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Williams of 609 Gertrude Ave. in North Richmond lived in a house that was beyond repair, according to city building inspectors. They had lived there for 30 years and ran a nursing home down the street.

What happens when the building inspector comes in and condemns the home of a family that has been a part of the community for many years and doesn't have enough money to start all over again from scratch? The building is left vacant and boarded up. It is subject to vandalism and is the beginning of the downhill road of a neighborhood. This has been happening all over Richmond.

But in this case there was a happy ending. Redevelopment offered to finance and partially buy a new home for the Williamses. This was an alternative to relocation and a way of maintaining a stable neighborhood by keeping the long-term residents.

Strangely enough, the program had trouble finding participants, according to Thea Robertson, the Point Richmond architect who did the plans for the first house. The residents of the neighborhood were suspicious of the motives of city officials. The Williamses were the first to accept the offer.

Now in place of their old broken-down home they have a beautiful new classic ranch house with brown and gold stucco exterior, completely designed by Thea. Thea says she overcame the temptation to do something innovative and designed the simple, classical home the Williamses wanted. It has three bedrooms and central heating, fireplace and garage. The extras, such as the fireplace and an extra bedroom were paid for by the

Williamses. All the plumbing is along one wall and this economical method of installation has worked very well in this house.

Friday, April 25 was the day the Williamses invited all their friends and neighbors in for an open house to see their new home. The sun was shining for the first time in a week and blessed the open house. All the friends and neighbors were there to enjoy the Williamses great good fortune, and many of the Williamses' nursing home residents were there too.

Thea says that the new house has indeed turned the tide. Now the neighborhood residents are no longer suspicious of the city and they all want a new house too! But only that - lawns are being trimmed, garbage is being taken out of vacant lots and there is a regular beehive of neighborhood improvement going on. The city is in there too - building new curbs and sidewalks, planting trees and fixing up the streets. There is a rebirth of pride in that section of North Richmond.





# Books !

One morning in April four of us who work in branch libraries of the Richmond Public Library system went with our supervisor, Brenda Motomura, to a warehouse in Oakland on a paperback buying expedition. The evidence of my trip is available here on the shelves for new books. Some of the authors and titles are:

## Fiction:

Adams, R. - Watership Down  
Benchley, N. - Jaws  
Craven, M. - I Heard an Owl Call My Name  
Jong, E. - Fear of Flying  
MacInnes, H. - Snare of the Hunter  
Vidal, G. - Burr  
Wallace, I. - Fan Club  
Wells, D. - Jane

## Non-fiction:

Bernstein, C. - All the President's Men  
Browne, H. - You Can Profit from a Monetary Crisis  
Dodson, F. - How to Father  
Herriot, J. - All Creatures Great and Small  
O'Neill, N. - Shifting Gears  
Schreiber, F. - Sybil  
Terkel, S. - Working

## Biography:

Angelou - Gather together in My Name  
Brando - Bud, the Brando I Knew  
Chamberlain - Wilt  
Cromwell - Cromwell  
Kissinger - Kissinger  
Millet - Flying  
Pirsig - Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance  
Truman - Plain Speaking

I hope you will enjoy reading some of these recent acquisitions.

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# POEM

## LAMENTS OF A HAND-BUILDER

by Marlys Reynolds

Very few  
Should do Raku!

##

I know I'm not abler  
Than Steven de Stabler.

##

All those people on the wheel,  
Do they truly get the feel?  
Producing like a ceaseless mill,  
Feeding pots into the Kiln.

Hmmm - wonder if I really could  
Organize a Planned Pot-hood?

##

"Today's Pots are Tomorrow's  
Shards"

No apology...  
Insure Archeology!

##

Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
Who's the finest potter of them  
all?

Is it true as I grow older,  
It's all in the eye of the  
beholder?

Where are my glasses?



We pass this along from Girard  
Lewis to all of the late John  
Toyota's ("John-John") friends in  
the Point:

"To all of John's friends in  
Point Richmond, A Fond Aloha to  
you all. Thank you, each and  
every one for your kindnesses.

Much love,

Harriet

(John's sister in  
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day now!



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### CAREER DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Career development forums are  
being presented Tuesday evenings  
at Martin Luther King Community  
Center by the Contra Costa College  
Community Services and Counseling  
Departments. The forums are free  
and are held 7:30-9 p.m.

The development forum is desig-  
ned to explore job potentials in  
major industries within the Bay  
Area. Managers from these indus-  
tries will openly discuss oppor-  
tunities and methods to prepare  
oneself for employment.

On May 6 the topic will be  
Self Employment and Management  
Speakers will be Lawrence Bolling,  
Owner, Bolling/Carter Box Co.,  
Ken Evans, Owner, C & T Trucking  
Company, and Andrew Dominick,  
District Marketing Representative,  
Texaco.

On May 13 the topic will be  
State and Federal Employment.  
Speakers will be Dorothy Benjamin,  
Affirmative Action Officer, Calif.  
State Department, Parks & Recrea-  
tion, and Donna Giles, Recruiter,  
State Personnel Board.



# CHARTER AMENDMENTS

ON MAY 13 BALLOT

## AN ANALYSIS

by Barbara Vincent

Two charter amendments appear on the May 13 ballot; both involve salaries for councilmen.

49-75 is a straight salary proposal to increase Council pay to that provided by State law for council members in non-charter cities of comparable size, now set at \$300 per month plus expenses. There has been no major criticism of this proposal.

The present Richmond salary was set at \$50 per month in 1915 by vote of the people, as required by the City Charter. It has never been changed.

An amendment similar to 49-75 was defeated in 1968 prior to the December date when a council ordinance established the existing Port Commission with council members serving as commissioners at a salary of \$250 per month.

Criticism which was wide spread at the time and has never subsided accused councilmen of giving themselves a raise the public had vetoed. A legal attack initiated this winter brought an opinion from the State Attorney General's office that the issue be resubmitted to the City Attorney for clarification. He elected to put that question to the voters.

This question appears as Charter Amendment 48-75 which directs the Council to appoint itself as Port Commission to serve at a salary of \$250 per month - or in the alternative to appoint five non-council members who reside in the City of Richmond to serve four year terms at a salary to be decided by the Council.

However, the amendment also provides that in the event 49-75 (providing for council salaries) is approved, no salary will be paid to Councilmen for service as Port Commissioners nor for service on the Redevelopment Agency, Housing Authority, or Surplus Property Authority.

Thus the amendment becomes a vehicle to establish Council

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salaries at an amount comparable to that provided in the 49-75 salary amendment. However, that first salary amendment is tied to State law where future adjustments for inflation will be made. Any change in the salary set in the Port Commission amendment will have to return to the voters for approval.

The Port Commission as described in this amendment will have all of the powers of the City with respect to the Port and Port affairs. These powers are already granted to the council by the City Charter.

It is the delegation of these powers to an independent authority as described in this amendment that controversy arises. This commission is only accountable to the council in that commissioners may be removed by five votes of the council. In the past it has been hard to get a five man agreement on council appointments, never for their removal even for absence over many months. The council will have no veto power over the actions of an independent commission.

There will be no public control over the expenditure of Port funds, nor the acquisition and uses of port land. Port Authorities in other cities do not put port revenue into the General Fund for the benefit of the entire city. Revenues are reinvested in authority activities which may or may not be Port or even water-oriented enterprises.

The present council sitting as a port commission has been criticized for lack of expertise in port affairs, inability to hire and fire port officials, and failure to expedite port development.

Among the powers this amendment will give the independent port commissioners will be complete authority to hire and fire its own port director, removing that responsibility from the City Manager. It does not guarantee port expertise on the commission nor in any way insure a better port.

Thus Charter Amendment 48-75,

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Port Commission, has become a lively issue touched off most recently by the campaign inquiries of unsuccessful primary council candidate June Peterson and incorporating several heated issues long simmering on and off the City Council.

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Political Practices Commission. Figuring them out was my main problem. Apparently the candidates had some problems figuring out what was expected of them also! The City Clerk is not required to audit them; in fact no one audits them except any private citizen who wishes to do so.

There are two main statements for each candidate - one for the candidate himself and one for any committee under his control. The main snag is that there is no place to state how much personal money each candidate put up. This produces some pretty strange results. A few examples taken at random: June Peterson, who filed a candidates statement, but no committee statement, said that she had loaned herself \$745. In other words, she put down her own money under "Loans". But no one paid her back. So on the summary page, her loan to herself showed up as a liability.

Tom Corcoran, an accountant by trade, approached the problem differently. He couldn't find anyplace to list his own money, so he didn't list it, except in one place. I finally came across \$1200 in the summary section under "cash on hand at the beginning of this period."

Al Silva didn't spend any of his own money. He had contributions from many established businesses. However, the impressive thing about Silva's report was his meticulous approach to the disclosure filing. He not only stated where the money came from but also who came over and handed him the check - which is required under the new law. From the Interim Information Manual on Campaign Disclosure Provision of Proposition Nine comes this tidbit: "The actual source of campaign contributions must be reported. If an intermediary delivers the contribution on behalf of another, then the recipient must provide full information regarding both the intermediary and the actual contributor." Different council hopefuls had

different styles. Hyman Wong listed everything - every \$5, \$10 and \$20 donation. This is actually not required - only donations \$50 and over must be reported. But it makes for interesting reading anyway.

It is difficult to tell exactly when the report should be filed. I took the City Clerk's word that the dates were March 6, April 1, May 6 and July 17. Labor, like everyone else, seemed to be somewhat in the dark about the new law. Art Carter woke up about a week and a half after the deadline and realized the COPE (The Committee On Political Education of the AFL-CIO) had to file also. This means that COPE will probably have to pay a penalty - enforcement of the filing is mandatory. This means also that many school board candidates in this county and elsewhere will be fined going back into January, February and March.

That brings me to the second half of this rambling election analysis.

#### - LABOR'S ROLE -

When I first heard that labor and business were agreeing to large extent in their endorsements, I thought "WHAT? Surely something must be wrong now." Even organized labor alone is often accused of nefarious and murky intentions. But I don't think that is the case in this election. In looking at the motivation of labor in this particular election, there are two pretty clear-cut issues. One is the development of downtown and the Port and the other is the public employee bargaining bill about to come down from Sacramento.

When you're talking about a new container port you're talking about hundreds of millions of dollars. REALLY BIG MONEY. Where will all the money come from? Most major shipping lines are already locked into Oakland or San Francisco. The most likely way to build the port would be for the city to issue tax-free revenue bonds in behalf of a major builder. The builder would have to put up

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assets as collateral in case of default. So the city would have to be able to inspect the builder's books before the loan, to make sure it was a safe loan (as in the case of the proposed Kaiser Hospital). This is fine with American firms, but not so OK with foreign firms, which do not wish to open their books to us. The alternative is for the city to float the bonds and build the port itself, as has been done in Oakland and San Francisco. Here is where the concerns of labor and business coincide - they want councilmen with enough grey matter upstairs to do the job right. The citizens probably have more to fear from sheer stupidity and incompetence than graft and corruption. Just take a look at the vacant lot we call downtown Richmond. You've got to think that somebody, somewhere made a mistake. This is not to say that some candidates are smart and some are stupid. It just means that the Contra Costa Committee on Political Education (COPE) thinks that their men are the most competent.

The other issue which concerns labor is the pending collective bargaining bill for public employees, SB 275, the Dills Bill. Governor Brown is expected to sign this into law this year. Presently the private sector is covered by the National Labor Relations Act. The NLRA provides for orderly bargaining processes, secret ballot elections and for exclusive representation (only one union can represent a group of workers). This is not the case in the public sector which is covered by a whole bunch of laws - the Winton Act for teachers, the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act for city and county employees and presidential executive orders for federal employees. The Meyers-Milias-Brown Act requires public agencies to "meet and confer" with any collective bargaining agency (union or employee's association) claiming members working for the public agency. Therefore, a single public agency may have to deal with

several unions. The only bar to competition among unions ("raiding") is Article XX or the AFL-CIO constitution, which prohibits raiding of one AFL-CIO union by another. But the Article XX provision does not cover non-AFL unions, such as the Teamsters, the ILWU, the UAW and so on, many of which have been actively trying to organize public employees.

This lack of a provision for exclusive recognition in the public sector has led to what is known as "recognition strikes" and "organizing strikes". The big San Francisco strike last year had as much to do with competition between SEIU (Service Employees International Union) and AFSCME (American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees) as it had to do with wages and working conditions. The same was true for the big nurses strike. The CNA (California Nurses Association) wanted to put on a big show of strength because it faced a lot of competition from Local 250 of SEIU when hospital workers were brought under the NLRA last summer.

An example of a public agency which has had labor peace (no strikes) for 17 years - until this year - is the East Bay Regional Parks District. In 1967 the EBRPD became the first public agency to comply with the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act. But they went one step further and gave exclusive recognition to the union by signing an "agency shop" agreement. This was the first true union security agreement by a public agency in Northern California. The EBRPD paid and took the advice of a well-known management-consulting firm, Griffenhagen-Kroeger (a San Francisco-based firm). This year the EBRPD paid \$70,000 to, and took the advice of a different firm, Arthur Young & Co, which advised them to remove several classifications from the union. So now they have their first strike in 17 years. EBRPD's reply

to this was "Would you pay all that money to a consulting firm and then not take their advice?" (Maybe the moral is be careful who you ask for advice.)


Anyway, the new public employee bargaining bill will probably have very little effect on the growth of unions in Richmond. Already, in the past five years, public employees have accounted for the bulk of all newly organized workers in the nation. In California, there was a total increase in unionized workers of 44,700 between 1971 and 1973. Of these new union members, 24,900 were public employees. In other words, during that period 56% of new union members were public employees.

Most of Richmond's city employees are already in unions. What the Dills bill will do (it is presently being battled around in committee) is to provide some form of union security, secret ballot elections, and a statewide agency which will set up provisions for "acknowledged representation", i.e. exclusive recognition.

What does this have to do with Richmond? The way the bill is now written, it is up to the cities and counties to bring themselves and their employees under it. In other words, there is "local option."

Labor wants Richmond to take the local option. Therefore, COPE has chosen the candidates it thinks will exercise the option. That is the story behind labor's participation in the city council campaign.

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Betty Moore has been the proprietress of Jumbo's #2 at 110 Washington Avenue since 1969. Betty is famous for her good advice, large and delicious hamburgers and Sunday morning breakfast.

Betty jokingly refers to Shirley Ramirez and Pamela Guitterez, her long-time employees, as her "token Mexicans". Betty herself is part Cherokee and Choctaw Indian, French, English, German and Dutch.

We asked her what happened to Jumbos #1. Betty said it was on El Portal Drive and is now a freeway. What do you think of Point Richmond? we asked. "I love it. You should have a fence built around it and leave it as it is. Also people should show some respect to the old-timers - the people that built it."

Betty is also known for her Christmas parties at Jumbos for the little town kids who don't have much money. Each child receives a surprise present. Betty has eight children herself.

We love you, Betty!

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Assembly Bill No. 625, which would establish a nine-county regional government is now before the State Legislature. This bill should be of the utmost concern to all residents of the Bay Area counties. Yet, curiously, there seems to be little public debate about the bill and our vigilant local daily newspaper has ignored it. All Point Richmond residents should be concerned. Copies of the bill and information about it can be obtained from the bill's author, Assemblyman John Knox (office: 3607 Macdonald Ave.). Surely so important a measure deserves a better public airing.

G. Gregg

(Ed. note: the Richmond City Council last week took a position in opposition to this bill. We hope to find someone to write an analysis of this measure for the Point Counterpoint because it looks like the bill has a good chance of passage this year.)

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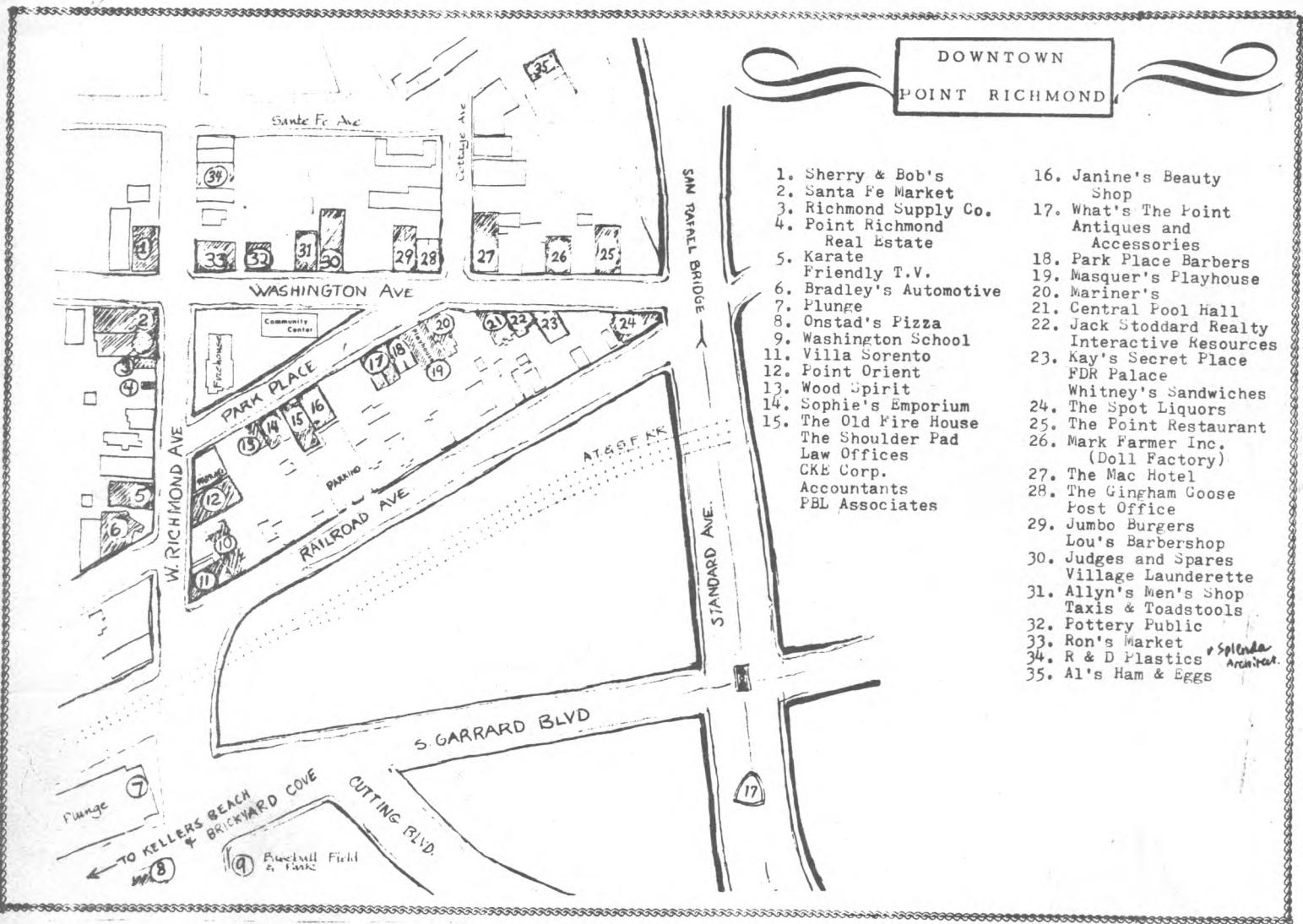
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