POINT COUNTERPOINT

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POINT RICHMOND, CHEEKLY NO





Off to Sausalito this week, home of the World's Oldest Living Hippies. The first thing that happens to you in Sausalito is your get highway robbed at the parking meters. "This damn meter is broken; "I said to Thea. 'See? I put a dime in, but the needle only jumped a little bit. " I gave the meter a couple of hits, but the needle only showed 14 minutes, then 13. Then, I read the little note inside the meter. For a dime in Sausalito, you only get 15 minutes! "Thieves! Cutpurses! Slyboots!" I shouted, pummeling the meter, but it didn't do any good. Thea put a quarter in and the meter jumped to one hour, but it didn't give us any credit for the dime we had put in there. That will give you some idea of the kind of class Sausalito has these days.

Thea went shopping in those little stores over there, but since I had already been robbed, I didn't go with her. Instead, I went over to sit in that funky little park they have, the one with the concrete elephants holding up the lights. The park was closed. It had chicken wire all around it, and a crudely lettered sign announcing "Park Closed." I sat down on the steps, next to a couple of young hippies.

"Say, why is the park closed, "I asked the male of the pair.

"Park? The park?" he asked vaguely, as if he had never heard mention of the park before in his life, even though he was sitting right next to it.

"Yes, This park right here by us. I wonder why it's closed?"

"Oh. Well. The park and everything is, well, you know."

''It's closed. Is that what you mean?''I asked.

"Right on," he said, "You know, this ah park is, well like it's not open and so on. It's closed." He smiled hugely in the afternoon sunshine, while his chick nodded her head in agreement. He took a piece of bread out of

his fatigue jacket and broke it into three pieces, one for each of us.

"Funny that they would close up a park," I said, "but probably, they don't have any-body to take care of it. Probably they have got all the city gardeners handing out parking tickets."

He giggled something awful at that, while his girl rubbed her chin on his shoulder. My piece of bread was getting kind of sweaty in my hand, and there were pieces of tobacco and God knows what all over it, so I was relieved when he threw his bread out into the street for a seagull. I did like= wise. The seagull ignored it. He watched young girls jiggling by, and a young Negro in a Brooks Brothers charcoal grey suit, snapbrim hat, cordovans with fat soles and an attache case, who was definitely getting ahead in the race. No wonder. Most of the competition is sitting around parks these days, throwing dirty bread to the seagulls.

If you want to know why the park is closed, you will have to look someplace else for your information, because I never did find out. But I will tell you this: The park was, ah, like, closed the complete, I mean all the way, up.

Also, they had sandbags on both sides of the main street. "What is going on around here?" I asked the owner of a local pub, "Is Sausalito expecting a flood or something?"

"It's a war!" he said, narrowing his eyes, "Between us and the city council. They put sand bags on the street so tourists wouldn't park there!"

"Hell, they didn't have to do that," I said, "A tourist takes one look at the parking rates around here and he'd rather go to Mill Valley to park."

"because of these damn bags. You know who runs this city? Five * A and \$ and \$ and \$ and \$ and \$ that's who runs this city!"

"We have the same problem over in Richmond," I said, "Only there are seven of them."

"Have a drink on me, "he said in sympathy. "Twenty-eight years I been on Bridgeway, and the City Council has sandbagged my business. There's going to be a fight!" He hit the bar with his fist. "There is going to be a real war over this!"

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THE TAX A\$\$E\$\$OR

And his appearance on the scene could lead to all sorts of bizarre attempts on the part of Pointers to minimize their property's value....per haps nothing so extreme as the attempt pictured here; but... if we could hide our homes....

THIS WEEK, YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO FACE THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR, AND FIND OUT JUST WHY POINT RICHMOND TAXES AND ASSESS-MENTS HAVE BEEN RAISED AGAIN!

Mr. E. F. Wanaka, County Tax Assessor, and Mr. Carl Rush, Chief Appraiser for the County will attend a meeting here, called by the Point Richmond Civic Group, ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
7:30 p.m.

IN WASHINGTON SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND -- BRING YOUR QUESTIONS -- GET SOME ANSWERS

WHAT TO DO WHILE WAITING FOR WEDNESDAY.....

BUILD A CASTLE .. OF SAND

Tomorrow, Saturday, June 20, is the annual Sand'Castle Contest at Alameda Beach Park. Families, groups of any kind may enter the contest and create castles or sculptures as fantastic as time allows.

DO SOMETHING FOR DAD Sunday, June 21, is Fathers Day -- Do something for Dad Today!

LISTEN TO BEAUTIFUL MUSIC.

Sunday afternoon, at 3 p.m., there will be an outdoor concert of Baroque music at Port Costa, under the direction of Donald Pippin

LOOK AT BEAUTIFUL PAINTINGS

And, both Saturday and Sunday, you can drop over to Grand Avenue and MacArthur Boulevard in Oakland for the Oakland Outl-door Art Show.

ASSESS A SITUATION

POSSESSON ... YOU DON'T TAX TREES ... DO YOU! Heh. Heli...

Of special interest to Point residents will be the City Council meeting of Monday, June 22. An agenda item on the meeting, which begins at 8 p.m., is devoted to the relationship of the proposed Point Richmond Shoreline Park hills and the motor-cyclists now using those hills.

All those who are concerned about motorcycle-induced erosion, weekend racket, and strolling while the motor-cycles are at play, are urged to attend the Monday night Council meeting -- to speak or simply to demonstrate your interest by your presence there.

On page 13 are the most recent letters concerning the motorcycles on the Point hills.

A motorcycle park has recently been established in Alameda County. A suitable place for such activity should be found in this county, also.



3. Special for leaders

Youth Group leaders, counselors, (like people working with youth groups--Camp Fire, Scouts, etc.) have the opportunity to attend special Youth Group Leaders training sessions, sponsored by the East Bay Regional Park District.

The first, scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, will be held at Alameda Memorial Beach in Alameda. It will be primarily concerned with bay ecology and problems, with some discussion of activity possibilities at the beach for different types of youth groups.

The second session, slated Wednesday, June 24, will be at Tilden Regional Park. This session will be covering the special probelms of the urban child in using the out-of-doors for the first time. The naturalists will also brief group leaders on the facilities available in the different Regional Parks.

Both sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and all interested youth leaders and counselors are welcome. To register, phone 524-1034, or arrive early at either session.

"ACID" ARTISTS

The first major Bay Area exhibition of artists whose work has been directly influenced by mysticism and religious symbolism and indirectly influenced by the current national involvement with hallucinatory drugs opens at the Richmond Art Center June 25.

It includes two and three-dimensional work by 28 artists, showing awareness of American Indian Art, witchcraft, occult symbolism, surrealism and visual aspects of psychedelic experience.

PARK additions

Several people who have visited Briones Regional park recently have been delighted with the new facilities in the children's area there. The children's area was recently installed.

The recreational trail, fourteen miles of which has already been completed (through Chabot and Redwood parks) will soon come further in this direction.



Pacific Boat Works, Point Richmond's Pee Wee Baseball Team, has won the championship in the Richmond Boy's Baseball organization!

"Pacific Boat Works" defeated W.A. Motors last Sunday, June 14th at Wendell Park by a score of 8 to 3.

Both teams had a record of 10 wins and 2 losses, which required a playoff.

Coaches of the Pee Wee team are Rich Amantite, Ben Sisneros, Ken Groves and Emmett White.

The players are:

Darin White, Lyle Robbins, Billy Koch, Kenny Groves, Sean Smith, Daryl Miller, Mario Amantite, Timothy Wallace, Randy Robbins, Derek White, John Sisneros, Billy Pair-Taylor, Joe Javellana, Andre Jackson and Michael Reed.

Congratulations to the team and their coaches!

WINNERS Included in the awards received at

Included in the awards received at Washington School, besides the Achievement and Citizenship awards announced last week, received by Kerry lattier and Jennifer Allaire, were the following outstanding sixth graders: Melissa Martincitch, Darlene Henderson, Michael Pair-Taylor, Pamela Johnson, Shelley Amantite, and Sheri Henderson.

Awards for perfect attendance included three people on the staff. Two teachers, Mrs. Ellen Holder, grade 1, who hasn't missed a day of school for 13 years!, and Mr. Walter Kyle, grade 6, for the second year in a row; and Mr. Frank De LaO, custodian, who hasn't missed a day of school for two years, either.

Awards were also given for Physical Education, Citizenship, perfect attendance, Service, Chorus and Noon League.

An adult Recorder class has begun at the East Bay Music Center, for beginners. If interested, call 235-4222. FIFTY YEARS AGO ::: FIFTY YEARS AGO 4.

Articles from old Richmond Newspapers, courtesy of Rosemary Corbin and the Richmond Library:

REV. D. W. CALFEE, PIONEER MINISTER CELEBRATES 70 YEARS....

June 19, 1920.....

Rev. D. W. Calfee, Pioneer Methodist Ministers known by almost every man, woman and child in this city, will reach the age of 70 tomorrow.

He came to Richmond in 1904 to build a new church. The present brick church at the corner of West Richmond Ave. and Martina Street is the result of his work.

128 Standard Avenue, owned by the Chasseur Brothers was damaged by fire early yesterday morning."

"RACE RIOTS IN CHICAGO BREAK OUT AGAIN" Fune 21, 1920.

"PROCTER AND GAMBLE DEAL NOW CLOSED: MONEY PAID" June 23, 1920....

"The money from the Procter and Gamble Company for the site on the Inner Harbor on which the \$100,000,000

and shipping terminal costing from \$2 to \$3 million, was paid over yesterday."

"LOS ANGELES IS AGAIN AWAKENED BY EARTHQUAKE" June 23,1920

"JOHNSON SILENCE BROKEN IN SACRAMENTO"

June 23, 1920....

defeat in the Chicago convention, Senator Hiram Johnson this afternoon declared that he is "not yet out of the fight," and the day shall come when the people will prevail rather than a few international bankers sitting in conference in Chicago."

"EPIDEMIC OF RABIES; WILL MUZZLE DOGS IN COUNTY"
...June 24, 1920.

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH..

A five-day shopping event is planned by Richmond merchants, from June 29 to July 3......

District Attorney Tinning is to be the orator here on the Fourth of July."

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ONE OF POINT'S FIRST BUILDINGS

RAZED... June 19, 1920.... The building which housed the "Richmong Record" and the first Post Office is being wrecked, and in its place will be either a big garage or an apartment houseld (The building stood between Washing ton and Santa Fe Aves., on West

"REDMEN
TELL WHOLE COUNTY
ABOUT FOURTH OF JULY
CELEBRATION"

June 21, 1920....

Richmond Ave.

"People all over the county are talking about the Richmond Fourth of July celebration to be held this year, it is reported by RedMen who attended the joint adoption ceremonies and pow wow at Mt. Diablo Saturday night..."

"HELEN SULLIVAN TAKES LEAD IN FOURTH OF JULY QUEEN CONTEST"

"GROCERY AND BAKERY DAMAGED BY FIRE AT POINT"

June 21, 1920.... "A frame building at 126 and

5. REMINISCING (continued)

"WINEHAVEN PLANT BEING ALTERED FOR GRAPE JUICE" June 24, 1920....

"The framework of a large warehouse is being erected at Winehaven wharf, and while no announcement of the purpose of the building is made locally, it is believed to be part of the California Wine Association's preparation for the manufacture of grape juice...."

"McADOO WILL BE NOMINEE, SAYS TEXAN"

June 24, 1920.....

"The democratic convention will nominate McAdoo within three or four ballots,"
Thomas Love, National committeeman from Texas declared on his arrival here today in San Francisco...."

"NATION-WIDE WALKOUT IS THREATENED BY RAIL MEN"
....June 25, 1920.

"OFFICIALS OF CITY ARE ALL REAPPOINTED BY COUNCIL"

June 25, 1920...

"Without a dissenting vote, and with only one application for a city office aside from the applications of the incumbent officials, the City Council...reappointed all city officials for the ensuing year..."

"COUNCIL MEET ON CUTTING BOULEVARD FRANCHISES..." June 25, 1920....

"That the Southern Pacific Railroad company plans to make immediate extension of its line to the new factory district that will be opened with the construction of the huge plant of Procter & Gamble food product and soap manufacturers, was indicated last night when they asked if councilmen would attend a special meeting this afternoon at which the railroad wished to take up the matter of its franchise on Cutting Boulevard...."

"HARBOR BONDS ELECTION AGAIN TO BE SOUGHT...."
...June 25, 1920.

SUPPOSE THEY GAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WAR....

AND

NOBODY CAME?

The discussion on "The War and the American Economy", scheduled for 8 p.m. June 21, at the Point Richmond Community Center, has been cancelled due to lack of interest and poor response to previously scheduled meetings.

.... Karen Fenton

WHAT IS TAILS?

About one year ago in Carson City, Ne-vada, a group of students decided they wanted a hot line comparable to the Suicide Prevention Center in their town. With the help of the people at the Center, and car washes, and bottle drives, and door-to-door collecting, they opened the Carson City Teen-Age Line for Krisis, (TALK).

In October of last year, a young lady who was in TALK in Carson, Sara Engelemann, moved to San Pablo, and started attending Richmond High School. When she found that there was no line of the TALK type in the area she decided that she wanted to start one. She asked her sociology teacher, Mr. Jay Wilson, and the school psychologist, Mr. Del White, to help. In January of this year a meeting of all interested students was held at Richmond High, South. Many ideas were presented, but the most pertinent one was that we should find someone who knew more about the operation of, and moreover, the training for, a hot line.

By the next meeting, the Rev. Phil Lyon had been found. Rev. Lyon is the Executive Director of Suicide Prevention of Alameda County, based in Berkeley. Rev. Lyon said he could get us people who could train us for work on the line. He also said he could get us a machine called a "diverter", that would send calls to Suicide Prevention during the late night hours. So it seemed we had all we needed.

Through a series of car washes, doorto-door fund drives, and obtaining monthly pledges, we had \$130 in the bank. With We now, during the summer, have young people on the line from 12 in the afternoon to 12 midnight. The other twelve hours are covered by the volunteers at Suicide Prevention.

Using slogans such as: "Have a problem? Call TALK, " and "Lonely, Depressed? Call TALK, " we advertise our number, 237-4667, on radio and the Oakland Tribune, at least once a week. Also, 'a thousand small posters are now being put up all over the area, with TALK's phone number.

But a hot line is not run by hard work alone. Besides contributions of money, TALK could use such items as: A mimeograph or ditto machine; a typewriter, a desk chair, for an office desk; and most any other type of office supply.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, either write P.O. Box 704, San Pablo, California, or, between the hours of 12 noon and 12 midnight, phone the business office, 237=4668.

David M. Cole Teen-Age Line for Krisis

SCHEDULE FOR POLLUTION DECREASE

As a result of the concern of many people, the Water Quality Control Board has obtained a schedule from Quarry Products Company of Point Richmond, concerning their operations. The drainage which now goes into the bay via a process stream is to be removed by the end of August, and water used is to be recycled. Design work is now being done, and corrective measures taken, according to the report.

What does Richmond have that No One Else does?

One of the popular activities last Fourth of July was the rare opportunity to ride on a steam-driven train at the Castro Point Railway. The Unique railway will be in operation again this year, carrying passengers on the two-mile drive along the bay,

with three steam engines operating 6. that day!

Perhaps few people know this, but the Castro Point Railway is the largest operating Railroad Museum in the country. There are only three other operating museums in existence -- one in Golden, Colorado, on only 1/10 of a mile of track; one in Paris, in Southern California, with a three-car museum and a loop track; and one in Seattle, Washington, with one engine and a circular track also.

So, in Richmond, we have something which exists nowhere else - an active, operating museum, whose volunteer members have managed to dig out two miles of track for a scenic tour of the Bay's edge, have acquired four steam engines, three of which now operate, and several cars. The Association, whose president is Karl Koenig, is working now on the additional improvements they have planned to have completed by this year's Fourth of July Celebration.



HAPPY BIR THDAY

Euna Sparks
Stacey Spinola
Dianne & Suzanne Squires
George Brougham

Did you know it is now "Foxtail Season"??? Perhaps you wouldn't be aware of it unless you have a dog. Already reports have come in about hospital calls resulting from the dangerous little weedpods. If you have a dog, especially one with long hair -- start checking for foxtails.

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To help with vacation-time "Trivia", a box has been placed in the Ice Cream Parlor, with pad and pencil handy, for do-it-yourself Trivia writers.

7. Trivia, continued

A recent visitor to the Point asked why there seem to be more dogs and cats than humans around here. A resident replied simply, "We prefer them."

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One of the most exciting stories of the year concerns two

Point Pioneers.....

John and Richard Doellstedt left last Saturday, AFTER the Pancake Breakfast, to ride all the way to Disneyland. Not unusual? Well, they're going by bike. They figure on a ten-day trip, judging by a trial run made over memorial day weekend, when they traveled 189 miles in three days.

Each evening, after traveling about fifty miles, they check in by phone, at home, to let their family know that they have made it safely through another day. Sound exciting? Who said there weren't any more pioneers?

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This week's nominee for 'Ice Cream Hero of the Week' goes to Gerrie Kretz-mer... and the nomination reads, 'For her long fight for conservation -- sometimes alone -- and because she is such a glorious woman."

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A New York subscriber, Mrs. Goldy Shrewsbury, writes that she is expecting visitors from California -- her daughter, Frances Greenlaw and Amelia, former Point residents now residing in San Carlos.

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The Hamamoto family have begun their two-month trip to the Orient. Mr. Hamamoto was honored at a going-away party at Standard Oil recently. Besides working, Mr. Hamamoto has just received his engineering degree.

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Attending her tenth graduation reunion from Harry Ells High was Betty Francis Hammond. Accompanying her from Lancaster, were her husband John and her two children Karen Jeanne, born April 20th, and James, age 2 1/2. A hurried trip to Lake Tahoe and a quick hello to

her family and friends took up the rest of her brief vacation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills of Los Angeles spent a few days last week with Hank and Ethel Francis. Trips to the wine country, San Francisco's waterfront and Golden Gate Park delighted the visitors.

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Receiving her BA degree from Hayward State College June 13th was Donna Sue Burleaud of Western Drive. This summer she is enrolled in the Teacher Training program and will spend her fifth year working toward a teaching credential.

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Overheard at a travel information counter: "We want to find a place completely away from civilization...near some nice shopping center."

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In Memory of Father, on his day.... (anonymous) "A Day Called Father's"

Meaningless or half meant at best. He who was ours, is no more. The image once known, cast no shadow in summer suns. Nor sensible of summer heat. He rests in a more fitting place for his nature. For one who knew the soil and cared for it, I think of no happier thought than to become a part thereof.

Many times he cursed the things of the earth. But never once the soil. He understood better than he knew.

So let us be happy of this one day, in the knowledge that we willingly loved a form that now is clay.

In Honor of a Father who is very much

My father is a self made man. The picture that conjures up is a ruthless, aggressive money-maker. My father was ruthless, with himself. He worked his way, from his eighth grade education, to a job that it took a Master's Degree man to fill. He made money - and spent it on his family to give his children pleasant memories of their childhood. Now he is "retired" and works aggressively in his garden. My father is a self-made man who made himself and his family a fine life. Maybe that's why he's seventy and looks fifty.



Tomorrow at 11:00 there will be children's films shown in the Library, provided they arrive in the mail on schedule. Hopefully, there will be a color film about an Arab boy named Bim whose way of life is dependent on his camel and those of the other nomads. If the film doesn't arrive, there will be stories; so children with nothing to do should head for the Library!

NEW AT WEST SIDE....

A new novel at West Side is THE AN-CHORMAN by Ned Calmer. You see him almost every evening: the TV news anchor man, the precisely groomed, self-assured and seemingly all-knowing reporter whose word carries so much impact heads of government object vehemently to so much as a raised eyebrow. What is he like? Veteran newsman Ned Calmer knows, and tells what the atmosphere is like for the man who holds down the anchorman slot: Lloyd Carner, who must decide whether to become a television actor or a newsman -- with everything at stake. Cast with the real-life events of 1968 as a background, the book makes fascinating reading. Coverage of such events as the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King, the Vietnam War and the political conventions in Miami Beach and Chicago is described in a manner which brings home the impact of those events on American history. Television at its best, and its worst, is revealed through the experiences of Garner. Whether there is hope for the media to attain full maturity and realize its responsibility to the watching public is a question raised throughout the novel. The answer is left to the reader.

It is very interesting reading.





What a busy week we have had! Monday night the Youth Commission met with out Center and Jim Paulson volunteered to join the Youth Commission until he's twenty - one . This group was formed by the City Council to represent the city's young people.

Our Pool Tournament is going strong! We have had about ten playoffs so far. Two winners in the 15 years-up age group, two in boys 12 to 14 years, and two girls, w will compete with other teen winners at Lucky Lanes on July 8th.

Wednesday our Girls' Softball Team played Shields Girls and Shields Park and won, 19 to 14. Afterwards we cooked hotdogs and had an indoor picnic at Shields. Our winners were Anna Healy, Melissa Martincich, Tina Comer, Ellen Rasmussen, Claudia Cippola, Pam Andrews, Kathy and Jackie Yahnke and Barbara Stusiac. Congratulations, girls!

Wednesday night we had our Police-Teen Discussions with officers Redick and Pringle. Again, I felt the officers represented the best in our department, cautious and concerned with people. Next week we will have a representative from the probation department. Tuesdays, we hope to start Arts and Crafts Classes with a member of the Art Center. I will report further on this.

Dr. Jaffe of the Mental Hygiene Clinic will meet with me a week from Wednesday to plan for a teen Sensitivity Group. The parents group has been so successful.

Next week we will publish a calendar of events so parents and teens can see our programs clearly. 90













LOTE AS

June 17, 1970

Dear Editor:

The June 12-19 issue of the Point Counterpoint carried an advertisement for a series of encounter group sessions to be ''led/ structured' by Carole Taussig and Bill Eger.

As a psychologist whose primary responsibilities are in the field of mental health (individual and group counseling), I feel a professional obligation to express my grave concerns regarding encounter group programs.*

The popularity of the encounter group has increased tremendously. However, there is little published scientific evidence to support any claims to therapeutic effectiveness, while there are an increasing number of publications appearing which point out the dangers.

Many different kinds of people go to encounter groups. Some are seriously seeking help with problems they recognize, many go because they think it will increase their capacity for intimacy, and others go for a cathartic "emotional trip."

Some of the people attracted to encounter groups are put together psychologically in such a way that they get along very well under ordinary circumstances, but they cannot stand the emotional shock of facing aspects of themselves which have been consciously and unconsciously denied and defended against. In other words, the psychological glue that keeps them together holds fast most of the time, but may liquefy under the pressure of facing unpleasant feelings too rapidly. This is what the psychologist means when he talks about breaking down defense mechanisms. It can result in a loss of the sense of self and severely impair the ability to cope with life situations. In other words, it can "blow your mind." Anyone who has ever had this experience will attest that it is not a pleasant one. It isn't as easy to put a person together as it is to take him apart. Humpty Dumpty found that out.

The human psyche is a very complicated mechanism. People in the most discally professions have spent years learning about the intricacies and subtleties with which it

is put together, and about the kinds of pressures that make it fall apart.

The growth of encounter group programs has, understandably, far out-distanced the capacity of training institutions to provide adequate professional preparation for all persons who wish to act as leaders of encounter groups. (This fact is acknowledged by such well-known institutions as the National Training Laboratories and the Esalen Institute.) The need for responsible professional preparation of leaders, and for supervision of the programs, is self-evident in view of the complicated and often unprecedented situations that they may find themselves faced with.

Should your readers be interested in more information about this matter, an excellent discussion of the many complex issues involved can be found in an article by Dr. Martin Lakin (Duke University), published in the American Psychologist, October, 1969. While not available at our public library (except by special request), this journal can be located in any college or university library.

Sincerely, Barbara A. Olesen, Licensed Psychologist

* I have discussed the reasons for my concern with both Mrs. Taussig and Mr. Eger. As I have told them, my concerns are of a professional and not of a personal nature. At the time of sending this letter to the Editor, copies are being forwarded to Mrs. Taussig and Mr. Eger.

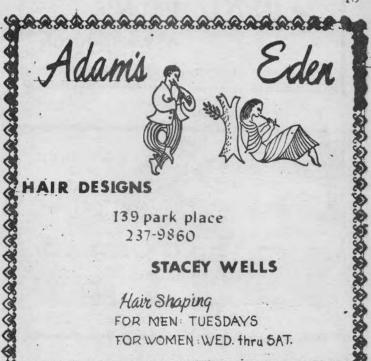
Dear Editor:

I have read Miss Olesen's letter and agree completely with what she says. As a psychiatrist, I, like many of my colleagues, am in the unfortunate position of having to deal with the mental breakdowns which occur in many such encounter groups.

Sincerely, Beulah Parker, M.D.

(ed. note: Since Miss Olesen sent copies of her letter to Mrs. Taussig and Mr. Eger, they have replied to her letter. Their reply follows:)

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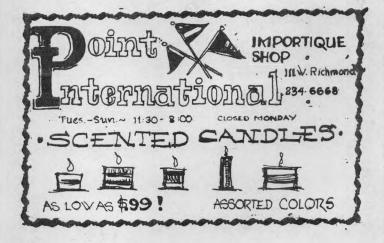


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Dear Editor:

What's The Point?

Following the announcement in last week's Point Counterpoint for the organization of an encounter group, we received several phone calls expressing 'concern' about the encounter group movement in general and our 'qualifications' to lead a group at the Point.

Certainly there is some risk in en counter. That is one of its main points, to
produce a setting in which risk is possible,
to make it possible to experiment in an attempt to grow closer and establish deeper
relationships with others. Such risk is always present in any attempt to change.
There is never any clarity of vision into
the future, no way to predict how the world
will appear if we seek to change our ways
of dealing with it.

But such risk should not be an excuse for evading the very real need for change. We feel deeply that a change toward more honest relationships among people can be of real benefit.

This hope is behind our interest in an encounter group of Point residents—to seek deeper relationships among residents, to broaden and enrich the limited sense of community that exists here. We know the Point pretty well. Point residents pride themselves on our closeness to each other but, in reality, seldom really meet except briefly at the Santa Fe or at the annual holiday events. We want more of this.

We would like to reach out more positively to other members of the Point community, to seek to really know them. We want to say "Hello, how are you" and really mean it. We have found encounter experience an excellent means to come to know people on a more than superficial level--occasionally leading to deep friendships. That is what we want to share -- and we don't think it dangerous.

The voices of concern arent new. Each time there emerges an alternative to the status quo there also emerges the defenders of the status quo, usually those cautioning that there is danger in change. Space here doesn't permit a discussion of the growth of humanistic psychology, the origin of the encounter group. A copy of

Challenges of Humanistic Psychology has been left with the Point Branch Library for those who would like to read more. There is other literature--including studies demonstrating the total lack of difference in professional-led and non-professional-led groups.

We do not consider encounter as therapy. Most certainly the group we propose is not and will carefully avoid any such wrongful or misled use. Both of us have had extensive encounter experience. We are not psychologists and we make no pretense that this group will solve any of the problems traditionally associated with professional therapy. It is a group composed of people who are willing to share some of their feelings with other people. Hopefully, out of this we will come to understand ourselves and our neighbors. Perhaps out of this will come less divisiveness and alienation and hostility that the world seems to be suffering from.

> Bill Eger Carole Taussig

(note from ed.: Sorry, we can't restrain an unsolicited comment on the preceding letters -- but the use of the term "encounter group" as explained by Mr. Eger and Mrs. Taussig bears a closer resemblance to the purposes sought by several groups already in existence than it does to the term "encounter group" as it was originally used. These groups, three of which meet regularly in Point Richmond, attempt to fulfill the purposes outlined above, and are attended by a large segment of our community on Sunday mornings, as well as smaller special-interest groups connected with them, that meet during the week.)









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NARKET

233-9044 LEO WASHINGTON



June 12, 1970

Mr. Kenneth Smith, City Manager Dear Mr. Smith:

My letter of May 4, 1970, to you with copies to members of the City Council has been seized upon by those who would imply "ulterior motive" along with their gross misinterpretation of the letter itself. This is unfortunate in that the motivation for my letter was partially my own opinion as a private citizen and partially my concern as Superintendent of Schools.

At no place in my letter did I state or even imply that the concerns expressed were official Board of Education policy. In fact, the Board of Education has taken no official position in this entire matter.

Hopefully, this explanation will clarify the so-called "confusion that presently exists..."

Sincerely yours,
W. W. Snodgrass,
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Snodgrass:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of June 12 to City Manager Smith, as it does serve to clear up some of the misapprehensions that were troubling the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee. I am sure that you can appreciate our dismay when it appeared that two of our great taxsupported bodies, the Richmond Unified School District and the East Bay Regional Park District (each well known for its devotion to the public good) seemed to be philosophically diametrically positioned on an issue of importance and concern to the public which the two groups mutually serve.

Since inconsistencies of this nature tend to threaten the fragile equilibrium of the public confidence and may prove embarassing to everyone concerned your letter explaining that "the Board of Education has taken no official position in this entire matter" is reassuring. We are relieved that we simply misinterpreted your original letter, and are grateful to you for explaining your motivation in writing it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Thomas Edwards
Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Comm.

Dear Editor:

It is churlish to take exception to your editorial opinion, and especially when you have been so unfailingly generous, patient and tolerant in providing me with a means of communicating my whims, crochets and concerns to my neighbors.

However, I know that you cherish the right to dissent (or you never would have printed some of my outpourings) and so with due respect for our differences of opinion, I would like to take issue with you on the tender subject of Washington School. I have hesitated to express myself, as I know that I can be accused of intruding in an area where I rightfully have no business, since I have no young children in the school.

But our elementary school is in many ways the heart of our neighborhood since it is one of the few places where our marvelously diverse community meets and touches, in a common dedication to the educational needs of our children. I found this to be so twenty years ago, when, as a newcomer to Point Richmond, I experienced the usual difficulties of a new comer in being accepted into the "closed club" of a tight-knit group of old-timers. Through the school and the projects I shared with other mothers which revolved around the children's activities, I made warm friendships and arrived at a sense of belonging in my neighborhood which has stood me in good stead ever since.

Today, when there are many more pressures on the institutions of our society, when the home, the church and the community at large are experiencing these pressures, our elementary school more than ever serves a unique function as a neighborhood core around which the strength of the neighborhood can be fostered and built. It is for this reason that I have the temerity to speak about Washington School. We need to strengthen our school. We need to strengthen our sense of community. We are a small, rather isolated neighborhood, and if we want facilities or services or programs for Point Richmond we are going to have to work together to get them. Furthermore, we are

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CHILDREN'S BOUTIQUE

TOYS CLOTHES CHILDREN'S ACCESSORIES



insists that you take the best seats on the deck, so you can enjoy the view while you are there.

Uncle Bernard was in a fiery mood over the well known Sausalito statue of the sea lion. He was the one who discovered it in the studio of a sculptor and who raised the money to have it placed in the water near the walkway. For a year, he went near. ly every day to watch the tides, to make sure that when the statue was installed the high tide would just wash against it, but when it was put in, it was six inches too high. It never got wet. That was bad enough but when the city decided to move it recent ly he got a promise that they would fix it properly. They readjusted the pedestal by six inches all right, but the wrong way. Now, the seal sticks a foot out of the water. "Do you know the kind of people who run this city?" he demanded.

"I already heard downtown, " I said, so we muched hors d'oeuvres and tsk-takd a-bout the high and dry seal.

Later, I took Thea to the old Glad Hand, only to discover that it is now Scoma's and has been painted blue and white.

They are a friendly bunch in there, except for one waitress who is hard-eyed as a cobra. We got there a few minutes before they really got busy, so we all talked about the old Glad Hand and had a martini and felt sympathy for the bartender, who was suffering the after effects of a champagne party the night before.

I semi fell in love with a blonde haired, blue eyed waitress in there, because she was friendly and seemed to be happy." What is this calamari on the menu?" we asked, and she said, "Oh my, let me think. Yes. Yes, calamari is squid. That's what it is. We have three kinds, but the Calamari calabrese is the best, at least that's what the chef says. I couldn't eat squid myself. It's so squishy and everything. The clams are good. "She giggled and whispered, "You know what squid tastes like? I couldn't even tell you."

"Go on. Tell us," I urged, but she said, "Oh, I just couldn't," and she couldn't.

We took a table by the window, overlooking the bay. Thea had the calamari and I had the steamed clams. A bottle of wnite wine to go with it, and hanging baskets of going to have to use both traditional means with which we are familiar and comfortable, and innovative means which will demand a lot more nerve and a lot more risks.

It was because I feel that we must broaden our scope in working for change that I last year joined both the Washington School PTA and the Washington Parents Association. The PTA is a venerable and honorable institution, and there are certain things that a PTA can do and do superlatively well, and there are other things which (by virtue of its structure) it is limited or unable to do. I saw no inconsistency then, nor do I now, in having two groups (or half a dozen groups) working towards a common goal, since ideally these groups can complement and supplement their mutual goal, the welfare of our children. I have been a PTA member for many years, but I must say that the entirely rewarding experience that I enjoyed this year in working in the library at Washington School, was under the auspices of the Washington Parents Group, whereas my old friend the PTA lost my membership card for the best part of the year, which no doubt accounts for the fact that I was never notified of PTA meetings.

This is not to say that the PTA is "bad" and the Washington Parents Group is "good" or vice versa. There are many different life styles in Point Richmond, and their representatives reflect two aspects of this valuable community diversity. To be "different" does not mean "bad" or "wrong." Even if a group criticizes or protests it is not "bad" or "wrong", for there is room in our community and in our society for a wide range of opinion about a given situation. And when there is criticism or protest there is generally some basis for it. Surely it is healthier to react than to be drearily or complacently apathetic. Our immediate neighborhood problem seems to be that we have acted, re-acted and over-reacted until a dangerous schism has resulted.

Our educational system, our very society is in trouble enough without this deadly internal divisiveness. We, in Point Richmond cannot change the world, we cannot alter the ponderous machinery of the educational bureaucracy fast enough to make school a challenging delight for the upcom-

ing generation, but we can surrender a 14. little ego, stop this hateful and destructive vituperation, and cooperate to make the school stronger and more positive for the children, and the community stronger and more positive for us all.

Lucretia Edwards.

"SAUSALITO AFTERNOON" continued from page 1

It looked like he might be going to draft me to fight, so I mumbled, "Sorry, I already gave at the Air Force," and eased out of there.

Outside, I saw Thea standing outside a store, with a clerk beside her. They were holding a piece of cloth and looking all around, looking for me, no doubt, so I ducked behind a meter maid and slipped into the no-name bar. This is the real name of this bar, but everybody says, "Oh, it doesn't have a name. Everybody knows about it, so it doesn't need a name. It's just the no-name. The no-name bar, "and over in Sausalito, this sort of thinking goes on all the time and is considered very darling.

The no-name bar is one of the places they have these World's Oldest Hippies I mentioned earlier. Grey haired, tanned men in sandals and maroon sweatshirts, with crosses dangling from their necks on beaded bathroom chain. The ladies wear burlap shawls, bras, wrinkles, and dirty feet. To them, Jack Kerouac is an upstart. I mean, these 'hippies' are so out of it, they are still saying "Ciao", when they leave the place. They are belting back Jack Daniels or Cuttysark and are talking about editorials in the Village Voice. It is very depressing. Never trust a hippy over 40. Above all, never be a hippy over 40.

Back at the car, Thea said, "Where have you been," and I said, "At the muse-um," and we drove up to see her aunt and uncle. They are a fine, aristocratic couple, in their late sixties, more or less, with the kind of manners the the uncle puts on a coat and tie to receive visitors and the aunt

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fern overhead. Sour French bread. White clam chowder. An earthquake.

"What is that?" Thea said, "The building just shook!"

"It's because we are on a pier, "I explained. '(Big know-it-all.) "The tide is coming in and that shakes the building. (You want to know why buildings shake, ask me.) (Next day, of course, we read in the paper that it was an earthquake.)

The bay turned mauve, then deep gray, blotting out the Bank of America building in San Francisco. ("A big piece of liver on the skyline!" Uncle Bernard calls it.) The restaurant grew busy, but cozy. Suddenly, a man said, "The light is on. Look, the light is on!"

We all looked. The Alcatraz light winked around the bay, fed by a gasoline generator.

"Those damn Indians, a man said, "I never gave a damn about an Indian before, but now I rasie my wine glass to them." And he did.

And, we all did.

Comments at the Contra Costa College Commencement ~

The following address was given by Mr. William Kretzmer, President of the Governing Board of Contra Costa College, to approximately 800 students who were honored at the college's graduation ceremonies:

"... In the not too distant past, it was customary to salute graduates as "leaders of the future." This was another way of saying "Get out of the way, we will take care of things today, you wait your turn."

'Today, students are not the leaders of tomorrow -- students are the leaders of today. And students must bear all the burdens and responsibilities of leadership.

!'No longer is college a cloistered place. On the contrary, it would appear that the campus is the place of confrontation of ideas, if not of force.

'Among other things, students have made their parents and others face up to the problems of our day.







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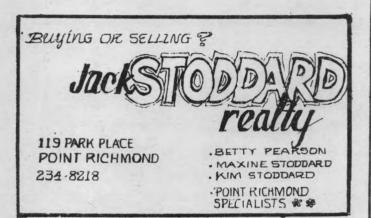
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"What are those problems? In no particular order of priority, so we don't have any argument about relative importance of these problems, the issues seem to be:

- 1. White racism.
- 2. War in Indo China.
- 3. Environmental disaster.
- 4. Breakdown in political democracy.
- l. White racism has caused a large part of our population citizens all a denial of civil, social, political and economic rights. If our nation is to survive, white racism must end, and this generation of students must lead in the fight, to wipe out this cancer in our society.
- 2. The United States is engaged in a senseless war in Indo-China, draining our nation of precious lives, and costing millions of dollars. There is no question that students have led in the fight to bring our leaders to their senses.
- 3. Environmental disaster is overtaking our country. Right here in Contra Costa County, the Bay and delta are being threatened, the air is contaminated, and the hills are disappearing. The pelicans are gone. As Henry Gibson says:

"It is not the same without pelicans, you know.

I mean, dinosaurs. Well, they're too big to miss.

And besides, it was their own fault. But we grew up with Pelicans. I hope the ducks hold out."

Only this generation of students can lead in stemming the destruction of our environment.

4. Lastly, a breakdown in political Democracy has occurred, as a reaction by those in authority, to the attack on white racism, the war, and environmental threats.

"One has only to look to U.C. at Santa Barbara, Kent State, Jackson State, and other campuses to see the awful repression and threats of repression against those who defy constituted authority.

"I caution you against violence, because it brings on repression. I urge you, whether you go on to further education, or into employment, to continue to participate in our political process, to let your wishes be known to your teachers, employers,

and political representatives.

"You are today's leaders, and you can help to save your country and yourselves."

The graduation ceremonies also included selections performed by the college choir, and was followed by a reception in the student center, hosted by the Associated Students.

Among the graduates were Hannah Edwards, C.A., and Linda Lee Lanning, AA. both of Point Richmond.



HEALTH Comments für 13 to 18 A. H. MEADS

WALK FOR YOUR "SECOND MEART" :

searchers call "the second heart" would take a lot of people off pills and keep them out of hospitals. Nature has provided our busy hearts with an auxiliary system to ease the load of pushing some 72,000 quarts of blood through the system every 24 hours, over nearly 100,000 miles of circulatory "roads." The help comes from the muscles in the feet, calves, thighs, buttocks and abdomen. As they work, they rhythmically contract and release, squeezing the veins, forcing the blood along. It's nature's way of moving the blood to the heart and brain in spite of gravity.

The key to the efficiency of this system is walking. Walking makes the muscles below the abdomen do their part in helping the heart. Without the push from these muscles, the blood tends to pool in the belly and in the

feet. The heart has to pitch in with more 18 and bigger beats to move that blood delivering essential nutrition to the tissues and flushing dangerous wastes.

Man is unique in his need for a "second heart". In four-legged animals the circulation doesn't have much of a struggle against gravity because all the vital organs are on the same level; the heart, the brain, the lungs and even the reproductive glands have an easy time getting all the blood they need. But man stands up! Nature had to devise a way to pump the blood straight up, and the muscles around the veins were pressed into service. They work best when we walk.

Walking Brings Relief

All of this explaines a lot about why walking has become so important in the treatment of heart patients. Doctors know now that its the best way to make the muscles take over their shape of the work and relieve a damaged heart. Even a little walk improves circulation, and it costs nothing. In truth, say authors Aaron Sussman and Ruth Goode, in (The Magic of Walking) (Simon and Schuster, New York), people whose heart rate and blood pressure are high, will find that a regimen of regular walking - not necessarily far or fast - brings the heart rate and blood pressure down to normal levels.

The "second heart" system worked like a charm for a half million years, then a lot of us stopped walking. No need anymore for walking to hunt; then no need for walking to farm. Now we no longer even walk to our jobs. If people are getting more heart disease, more digestive and elimination problems and more flably muscles than ever before, a good share of the blame is surely due to physical inactivity. (contunued next week).

the Generation

GRADDIME came to



On Saturday came. She was going 2 visit with us 4 a short .

had 2 go 2 had and could se stay up 2 visit. But said, "We I wish Rmorrow." That made it all right.

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First, we wentfor a Walk, and listened with our e's 2 the \$3's singing: We looked with our or's 2 C all the " pretty of we smelled the ses with our To They sure smelled nice. Then we went and fixed us some @@ and

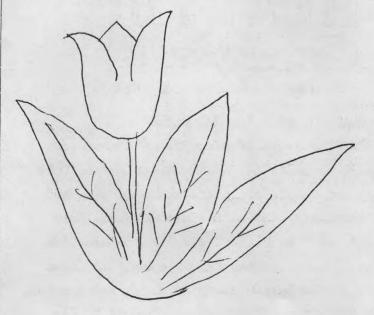
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so tired, we had I take a

But when we got ut from

our nap, and draw me some pictures 2 colore Would U like 2. Color them 2.

A rabbit



A TULIP

Grandma's pictures were a little b.t better, but Mom can't draw too Wello

go back 2 her in Colorado, but may be next year she will come 2 visit again.



The Zodiac sign for June 22 to July 23 is Cancer. The first Decan, from June 22 to July 2 is ruled by Moon and Venus. The influence of Mercury is already apparent in this period, but the moon itself is doubly strong and is only partially swayed by the minor influences of Venus. It is a period of swift changes, and the stronger the element of Venus the more radical the person become s. Sociability will swing to the extreme of suspicion. There is an urge for romance and adventure, but this may switch suddenly to self-sufficiency. People born at this time are very capable, but do so many things they fail to recognize their own faults. They are diplomatic, keeping much to themselves.

During the second Decan, from July 3 to 12, Mars and Mercury rule. Mars gives a bold, but wilfull manner to the indecision of this period. When action is taken, it is determined, but it may lead to stubbornness. Hasty actions may lead to gloomy spells; hence, people born in this decan should curb quick impulses. The strength of Mars and the skill of Mercury should be combined to balance the wavering moods of Luna.

From July 13 to 22, Jupiter and the moon rule. The influence of Jupiter is very strengthening in this period and it needs to be, because the moon is greatly increased in intensity. Jupiter supplies good judgment and steadiness to this otherwise fluctuating period and stirs the individual to action, when it is needed. Commercial success can come to people of this decan, provided they are not too swayed by the vascillating lunar influence, which could make them egotistical and talkative, too concerned with trifles to accomplish great things.

Nancy Anderson has been elected treasurer of the American Legion Auxiliary.

THE CALIFORNIA WORLD CUP....

The Biggest International Water Ski meet will be July 18 and 19 at the Berkeley Aquatic Park, beginning at 11 a.m.

There will be skiers from all parts of the world, including world and national champions. And, as an added attraction, during each day's intermission Australian Daredevil Bill Bennett will attempt to break the Free Flying altitude record on his Famous Delta Wing Kite.

There will be from 15 to 20 skiers, men and women, from other countries. All the clubs in the Bay area have offered to host the foreign skiers, and I got the Italian. He is the outstanding skier in his country and he received an all-expense trip for this tournament. Austria, England, France, Germany, Australia, Canada, Mexico and Brazil are just a few of the countries that will be represented here. They will practice here one week before, and some of them will probably remain a few days after the tournament is over.

I've got to brush up on my Italian, although most of the skiers speak good English. I hope this fellow doesn't mind sleeping in my daughter's room -- but since she doesn't live there any more, he probably won't mind. The tournament is a month off, and by the time it rolls around, I will have more information about the price of admission, etc. Anyone who is interested in me eting some of the skiers from other countries, let me know, and it can probably be arranged.

.... Al Frosini

Point International is in the stage of opening their new Boutique, called "The Cloth Closet". The opening is scheduled for the July 4th celebration. Mr. Walker hopes he can have it ready by that time.

Two free plane tickets to Lake Tahoe were won by Nancy Anderson when she attended a fashion show at the Elegant Farmer, sponsored by the Armstrong College Society.

John Werner's mother, Cecelia Werner, and cousins Mary and Jody Kipp, Linda Orton and Debby Romero from Colorado, stayed for three days with the Werner family. After their visit here, they visited other relatives in Los Angeles. They also visited Kathryn Werner's great grandmother, Mrs. Studebaker, who lives in Pasadena.

A new resident of the Point is Phyllis Bridenstine, from Carpenteria, California. *****

A happy belated Birthday to Dallas Maxon, and to Marion Flanet, whose birthday was June 21, the first day of the summer star.

Tom Hartynyk is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. He is the father of Bob Hartynyk of Sherry & Bob's.

Al Gambucci is back from the hospital and working at the Spot again.

Michael Reed started his vacation by getting the measles.

John Edwards will leave on Tuesday, June 23, with a group led by El Cerrito High teacher Ben Rust, who will guide a group through Europe, spending most of the time in Italy and Greece.

Good News

Good news is reported by Assemblyman John Knox, who said that he has learned that the Chief of Naval Operations is recommending dropping the Navy's proposed fill of 95 acres of San Francisco Bay for an air base.

The news, coming through the office of Senator Allan Cranston, also indicated that the secretary of the Navy will approve the recommendation to halt the project.

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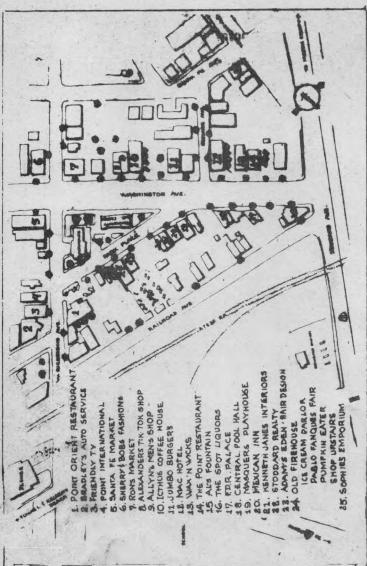
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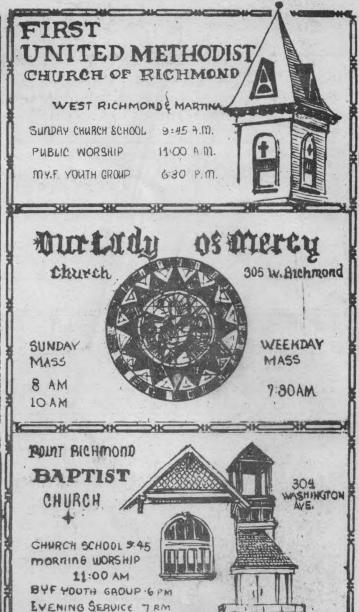
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