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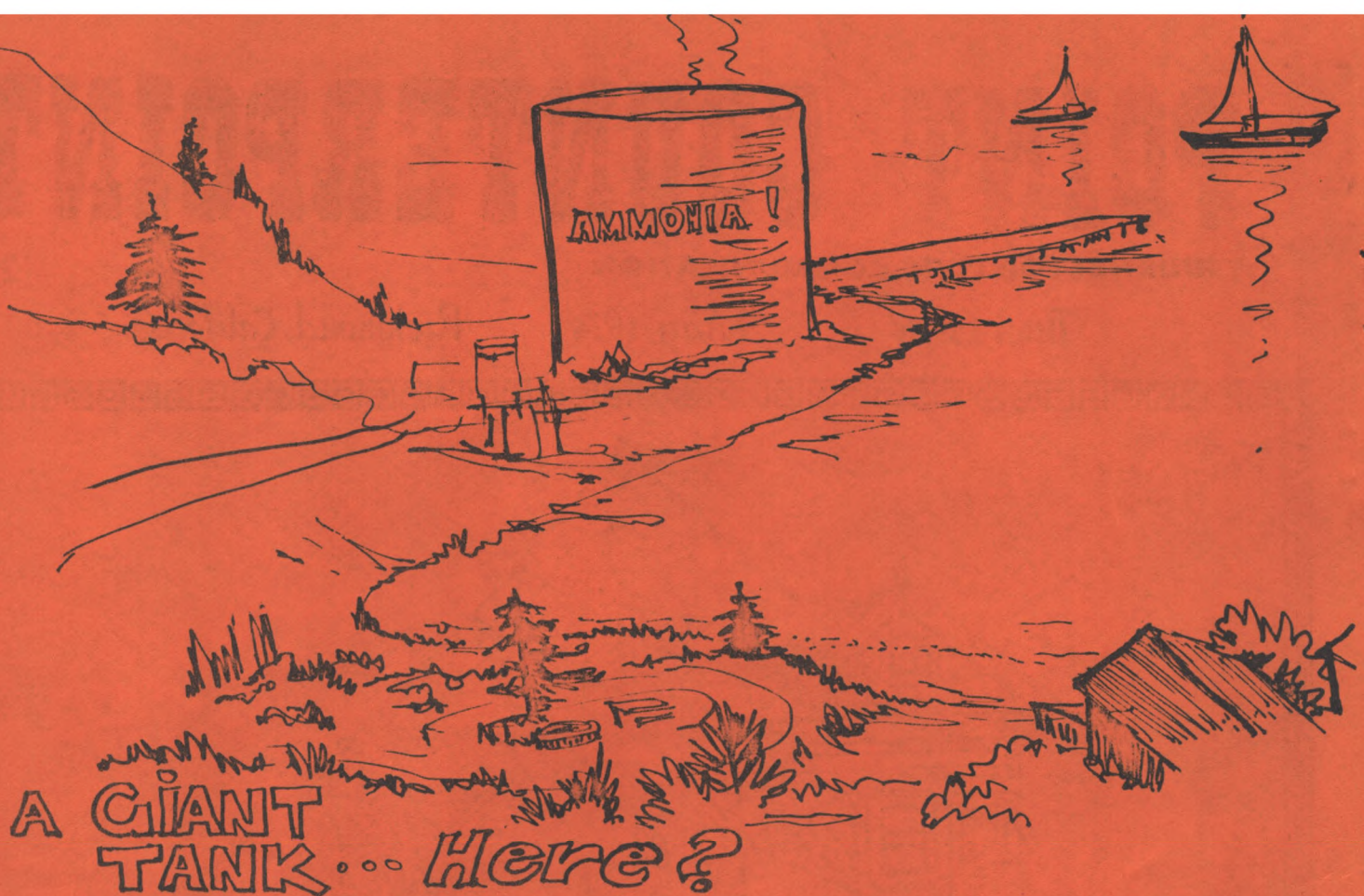
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Pat Galt
Tadpole Avenue
1974



A GIANT TANK... Here?

Pt. Richmond is a remarkable neighborhood in which to live. Not only does it peacefully accommodate a wide variety of life styles and provide the opportunity for considerable freedom of choice and expression, but when the occasion demands and a community threat or need becomes apparent, Pt. Richmond has been known to display a strong solidarity of purpose and effort.

This has been evidenced on a number of occasions in the past. The community has successfully resisted a fish reduction plant on the Santa Fe flatland, a large water tank on Water Street hill which posed a potential danger to the business district, and the hollowing out of Nicholl Knob hill for another EBMUD tank which would have destroyed a cherished landmark. A lovely tree was cut down on Washington Street, and Pt. Richmond wrath was terrible. Bright green plastic astroturf was proposed as an "experiment" and was roundly and scornfully rejected. And now perhaps Pt. Richmond will have to unite and fight again, for aesthetic reasons, but more importantly, for reasons of health and safety.

Petromark, a firm which is located at the Bay end of Garrard Blvd., has recently bought an additional 8 acres of Santa Fe land and is proposing a tank 85' high and 180' in diameter to hold anhydrous ammonia. This tank is to be built on the triangular piece of land near the Bay's edge between the Santa Fe railroad ferry pier and Garrard. When you consider that the rooms in your home are supposed to be 8' high, you can get an idea of how tall this tank will be. Obviously, a visual disaster because of its height and bulk, and doubly deplorable since Richmond's Coastline Plan (approved by the city council on March 12, 1973) contains strong statements urging that Richmond's shoreline be made more available for visual and public access, since the Bay views are such a dramatic asset to our city.

Even if it were possible to persuade the firm to build several smaller tanks that would not so arrogantly pre-empt the view of the Bay, the hazard of large quantities of anhydrous ammonia stored

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Announcements

Community Center

What's going on at the Community Center?

On April 3rd fifty-seven teens, adults and children attended the community dinner. The menu was ham, fried chicken, beans, rice, corn bread, lemon pie, cherry cream pie, sock-it-to-me cake and punch.

April 16th fourteen elementary youth went on an excursion to Iceland in Berkeley. On April 11th forty-seven teens and elementary youth attended the Easter party that was held at the center.

The next community dinner is planned for May 1st. \$1.00 is to be paid in advance to buy the food for the dinner.



Guess what's happening at the center on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.? Traditional Belly-dancing lessons are being taught by the new recreation leader, Margaret Williams. Come on down and try it out, Ladies!



Wednesday is adult night from 6:00 to 9:30 P.M. May Ellenburg and Landon Ferguson won first place in the whist tournament. Jayne Dutrieux and Maurice Sims took 2nd runner up.

I, Gladys Ferguson, would like to thank each and everyone who donated articles for the rummage sale.



Zepher Rebekah Lodge will serve their monthly dinner on Thursday, May 9th at the 100F Hall on West Richmond Avenue from 5:30 to 7:00. Always a good meal.

20th ANNUAL BOY SCOUT BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 111's 20th annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at First Methodist Church from 6 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 18th, to raise money for the troop's pioneer camping adventure in the Sierra Buttes Recreation Area this August.

The annual breakfast, the troop's only fund-raising activity, has been a Point tradition originated by Scoutmaster Bob Dornan and committee members Bob Selzer and the late Milt Hathaway. Former scouts return to assist with the affair.

Due to the success of the breakfast, for the past 18 years it has cost only \$20 for a boy to attend camp at the Sierra Buttes for 9 days. In spite of rising costs and inflation, it is hoped that it will be possible to maintain this low rate with the continued support of the Point community and friends of Troop 111.

The breakfast will again feature pancakes, ham, eggs, juice, coffee and milk. The special buttermilk pancake recipe cost the original owners \$500 and was featured in a restaurant at the 1939 New York World's Fair. This is an excellent opportunity for old friends to get together and chat about old times.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used primarily to provide camperships for needy and deserving scouts and to replace worn-out troop equipment.

Tickets may be purchased NOW from any scout in Troop 111, at the Richmond Supply Co., 145 W. Richmond, or by contacting Bob Dornan, SM, 234-5334. Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children under eight.

Tri-Point

by Mid Dornan

Happy May Birthday

Winifred Jones	Lucretia Edwards
Vern Doellstead	Ruth Beardsley
John Doellstead	Christine Dennis
Uldine Nickola	Evelyn Essary
Pat Dornan	Bob Feyder
Ruby Simmons	John Knox, Jr.
Chuck Palenchar	Bev and Anne Marie
Bruce Bartram	Price (mother-daughter, same day)

Birthstone: Emerald: Success in love.

Sign: May 1st-21st: Taurus

22nd-31st: Gemini

Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. Remember when all of a sudden the streamers and carnations and pictures of Whistler's Mother you'd been seeing for years suddenly meant you! And your enjoyment at being served breakfast in bed was tempered by the realization of who was going to have to clean up the mess in the kitchen.

Words of a loyal native, "The sun always shines in the Point! Even when it rains the sun is above, just waiting to shine through"--Mary Casey.

Did you see KGO-Channel 7 TV's report on the Point recently? They captured the charm of our hidden community remarkably well.

Sign of the times: Shangra La Cleaners
(By Helen Valentine) STREAKERS
Clothes Done
While you run!

Home from surgery is Ed Squires, but he won't be lifting or working too hard for a couple more months!

Congratulations Scout Troop 111 for capturing "Best in the Show" award at the recent Scout-o-rama. Also to Cub Dennis Price for being fourth in the Council with ticket sales to the event.

Santa Fe Market's popular checker, Grace, has been off for surgery and her friendly smile is missed. Everyone hopes to see her back soon.

Retired Martin Kenoyer and his wife Bea were home in the Point for the past three weeks but are off soon to the Ventura Yacht Club where their mobile houseboat is anchored. They returned to visit Martin's mother and to allow Martin a few weeks of sailing the Bay, but then will continue their travels throughout the states.

Pat Hoiland is serving on this year's committee for the annual KQED auction. If you have any donations, why not contact her.

Kathy Dornan was home for four days from her teaching duties in Tucson and served as a bridesmaid for the Cathy-Cox-Ritt Hewitt nuptials that were exchanged in the Gold Room at the Fairmont.

Walter Paasch, our former County Clerk, hasn't been enjoying his recent retirement as much as possible because of a back ailment. His wife, Gertrude, has the cast removed from her leg and is now back in her garden.

Looking for a movie for any age--see LILIES OF THE FIELD. It is a tender story that combines beautiful backwoods scenery with a heartwarming story of a young family that struggles to keep together, the situations often

quite humerus. A remarkable job by an unknown cast.

Married men have better halves,
but bachelors have better quarters.

Attending church in the Point Easter Sunday were Jimmy and Althea (Townsend) Simmons. She commented on how much shorter the church aisle had gotten since they traveled it 47 years ago! Also with them was Ruth (Weston) Woods who was one of their attendants. Residents now at Rossmore, they retain a love of the Point.

Birdwatcher Josephine Martin notes an increase in Doves around Tewksbury and also spots some homing pigeons feasting on the food she provides.

May we nominate Mark and Mike Peterson as most courteous service station attendants of the month. They serve at the Garrard and Standard Station.

Does it seem possible the "gas lines" of six weeks ago have been replaced with signs of inducement, "free ice with fill up!"

Visiting old friends were former residents Frankie Greenlaw, now of San Carlos, Goldie (Gebhardt) Shrewsbury and the former Edith Taylor. Goldie has moved to Richmond again and joined the city's oldest club, The Westside Improvement Club, which meets the first Tuesday of the month in the basement of the Catholic Church.

In the top 10 -- latest recordings??

1. "Take Back Your Heart—I Ordered Liver
2. "She Critized My Apt. so I Knocked Her Flat"
3. "Don't Worry About the Woodpile, Mom—Pap Is Coming Home With a Load"

CAT AND MOUSE

by Diana Thayer

Cat and mouse were in the kitchen. Cat snatched mouse's tail. Mouse said, "Pray, cat, give me my tail again."

"No," said the cat, "not until you go to the cow and get me some milk."

First she hopped and then she ran and thus began, "Pray, cow, give me some milk and cat will give me my tail again."

"No," said the cow, "not until you go to the farmer and get me some hay."

First she hopped and then she ran and thus began, "Pray farmer, will you give me some hay and I will give cow hay."

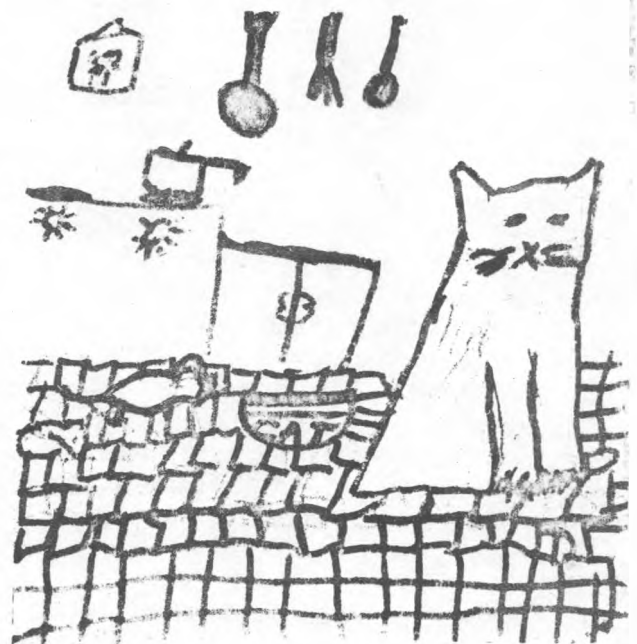
"No," said the farmer, "not until you go to the baker and get me some bread."

First she hopped and then she ran and thus began, "Pray baker, give me some bread."

And the baker said, "Yes, I will. Be on your way and have a nice day."

So she gave farmer bread and farmer gave her hay to give to cow, and cow gave her milk to give to cat and cat gave her back her tail again.

THE END



Confirming Community

by Gina Green

There is the ideal.
There is what is.
Both are reality. Both are to be accepted. We need our dreams. And we need to accept that what is, is. Both.

Jean Robertson's shop name "Better Than Nothing" once upset me. It seemed a put down. And then I found that phrase working itself into my value system. I would ask myself: Is it my ideal? No? Then: Is it better than nothing? (Some things are worse than nothing). Ideals, fulfillment, often occur in bits and parts.

I like my teacher, Howard Thurman's definition of church as my definition of community. It is "home" I've come home. Here I belong.

This "coming home" is confirmed in me each Sunday morning when I hear the church bells ring—I am a part of a village—it happens looking out over the waters to Mt. Tamalpais, or climbing Nicholl Nob, or experiencing fellowship in the nurturing atmosphere of Judges and Spares.

There was a time that the village church bells would ring to mark the passing of a life of a community member. "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls—it tolls for thee".

What if, here in our community, we took up this practice again? What if we asked Father Prendeville to ring the bell when one of us dies?

So let us love the ambiguity here at hand. Othello killed Desdemona, you know, because he couldn't live with ambiguity.

Let us not kill our Desdemona. Long live Desdemona. Long live us all. The bell tolls. It tolls for thee.

PARK NEWS



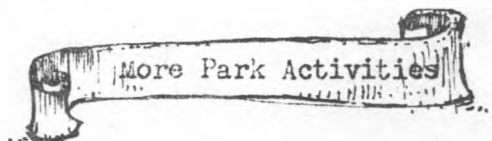
by Louise Hammond

The month of March was a busy one for the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee. In order to remind the community that Richmond possesses a wonderful shoreline, hillside parksite as yet undeveloped, they arranged a series of events celebrating George Miller Jr. Park month. Joining with the Richmond Museum Society, they initiated the month with a lively "Tea and Toddy Party" in the nostalgic setting of the Museum.

Some illustrated maps of the proposed park by the landscape architectural firm of Arbegail and Newton were shown to an interested group.

Following this, four events were planned taking place on the park site itself, a hike up Nichol Nob starting from Keller Beach, for the Harry Ells Hiking and Biking Club, a "sand in" for nursery schools of the county on Keller's Beach, a kite flying adventure on the slopes of Nichol Nob for the Scouts, Cubs and Brownies of the county, and next a wild flower walk for the Camp Fire girls. The finale event was a highly successful fund raising Champagne Breakfast at the home and gardens of Assemblyman and Mrs. John T. Knox.

The month ended on a happy note as the Regional Park Staff announced the beginning of land buying negotiations with the owners of much of the park lands.



The month of April has also proved to be full of events for the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee—though on a somewhat smaller scale. After many years of working to preserve the East Brothers Light House, the committee now hopes that this National Historic Site will be taken over by several educational marine studies groups under the

continued

auspices of Dr. William Landis. The committee is bringing all the interested groups together.

The committee also took several members of the County Park Council on a tour of a large part of the Richmond Shoreline followed by a picnic in the wild flowers of Nichol Nob.

More good news came from the Santa Fe land company, of very exciting plans they have for building a marine community of apartments, studios and pent houses with related shops and restaurants around the inner harbor. They presently have just completed the first part of a handsome bay front housing area called Portobello—at the Oakland estuary. The Shoreline Committee urges you to visit this development and then think how wonderful it will be for Richmond to possess a similar area.

Our own inner harbor has long been coveted by boat owners as one of the best places in the bay for dockage—and the bay views from here are beautiful.

Question:

Has the Bay Conservation and Development Commission turned down all plans for making a shoreline beach extending from Keller's Beach to the park owned 8½ acres on the flat lands part of George Miller Jr. Park?

Answer:

No, in answer to a telephone query by the Shoreline Committee, they (staff of the BCDC) replied that they would be pleased to consider any plans which would use a smaller amount of fill. They want very much for this beach to be open to the public. The designers who were chosen by the public are very willing to make changes in the plan, but so far they have not been asked!!

Planning a Party ?

When the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee held a fund-raising Champagne Brunch a few weeks ago, they invested in 200 plastic champagne glasses. Not elegant, but not bad either. Following the party the glasses were retrieved, washed and stored.

Since there are only a certain number of occasions in life when 200 champagne glasses are required, the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks Committee would like to make these glasses available on a loan basis to anyone in Pt. Richmond who is planning a party, wedding, or frolic. The only stipulation is that the glasses be returned clean and dry. Interested persons please contact Lucretia Edwards (232-3118)

SPRING LUNCHEON

Friday, May 17th

12 NOON

Historic First Methodist Church
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Served by United Methodist Women

\$2.00

Only 60 tickets to be sold. Contact Frances Smith 233-7001, or Richmond Supply Company, 145 W Richmond Avenue

Community invited—Meet your friends over a quality lunch.

On the first Sunday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the First Unitarian Church at Kensington, there is a discussion group for singles.

Such considerations as: Being a single parent establishing new relationships, reconverting energies, meeting each others needs for sustenance and belonging, are considered. The discussion is led by Gina Green, a Pt. resident, a former Unitarian Ministerial student, counselor and teacher. For further information call her at 235-1547.

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with Dorothy King

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Jo Cunningham and Martha Whitley are starting a business of processing green tomato preserves under the name of "Down Home Brands" these are on sale at the Mexican Inn, Better Than Nothing, and Judges and Spares--and they are delicious. Good luck in your new business



Pat Galton's art work on the cover of Point Counter Point last month may not have been recognized by some readers. She works at Jumbos.



The Senior Class Prom for the Senior Class Pool Hall crowned Betty Moore Foot Ball Queen with Larry Slagel as her escort and also Prom King. Several people attended in full dress, Donna Flemming, Linda Clifton and Loil Foster. There was a decoration committee and refreshments were served to the tunes of David and Annie.



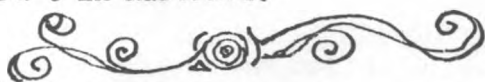
Just moved back from Russian River is our own Jane Pippin. Welcome Home.



Lorretta Chase is now residing in Pinole she has a new position as a governess for three children.



We are happy to learn that David Fine-
man is recovering in County Hospital
from burns suffered five weeks ago in
the Point. Visitors are welcome to see
him. The hours are 1 to 8 o'clock at
Ward C in Martinez.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Hartnyk of
"Bob and Sherys" celebrated their 30th
wedding anniversary, April 11th.
Congratulations.



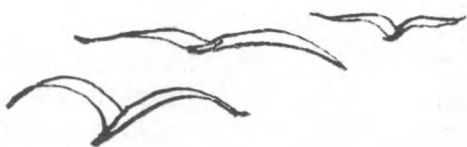
One of our local talents, a retired
businessman, Mr. Ward Blancheete, has
started a 2nd career as a Real Estate
salesman. Any local people having
homes to sell or buy, contact 44 Scenic
Ave. Phone 233-3149, Good Luck.



Nine Point Richmond residents are em-
barking for Points South and final
destination, Miami Beach, Florida. The
ship's owner is Sam McIntosh; the ship
is a 205 ft. Navy Missel Carrier that
will be converted to a Cattle Carrier.
The crew members are Pat Sinnawi, Terry
Barnes, Linda Clifton, Maureen Downey,
Barbara Edwards, Geanine Gilbert, Geo-
gia Lance, Jane Pippin and Steve Sams.
They will fly back from Florida in 3
to 4 weeks.



The American Standard Plant on 7th St.
has been sold to a Canadian Company,
McMillion and Bloedell. They are go-
ing to convert it into one of the
West Coast's largest paper recycling
plants.



LUNCH MON-SAT. 11:30-2PM. DINNER MON-SAT. 6:15-10PM.	COCKTAILS MON-SAT. 11AM-2PM. SUNDAY 2PM-10PM.
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BY A. H. MEADS

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 endeavor to relate and cope with how
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IF YOU ARE A MILD DIABETIC, YOU
 DON'T HAVE TO TAKE LIFE-SHORTENING
 DRUGS TO LOWER YOUR BLOOD-SUGAR.

ACCORDING TO THE SHOCKING RESULTS
 REVEALED IN A RECENT STUDY, YOU'D
 HAVE A FAR BETTER CHANCE OF LIVING
 LONG ENOUGH TO ENJOY YOUR GRAND-
 CHILDREN IF YOU WATCHED YOUR DIET
 AND TOOK NO MEDICATION AT ALL.
 AND, IF YOUR DIET INCLUDES SUCH SUB-
 STANCES AS A TEA MADE FROM THE LEAVES
 OF THE BLUEBERRY BUSH, JERUSALEM
 ARTICHOKE, OR THE LUPINE BEAN, YOU
 INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF BEING A
 HEALTHY GRANDPARENT EVEN THOUGH YOU
 DO HAVE DIABETES. ALL OF THESE NAT-
 URAL SUBSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO
 LOWER BLOOD SUGAR WITHOUT ANY OF THE
 DANGEROUS CONSEQUENCES OF THE CHEM-
 ICAL CONCOCTIONS PROMOTED BY THE
 PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

ORAL MEDICATION WHICH THOUSANDS OF
 DIABETICS IN THIS COUNTRY ARE REC-
 EIVING FROM THEIR DOCTORS WITH BLIND
 FAITH THAT IT WILL CONTROL THEIR
 BLOOD SUGAR AND THUS PROLONG THEIR
 LIVES, DOES FOR A SHORT TIME CONTROL
 THEIR BLOOD SUGAR. BUT IT DEFINITE-
 LY DOES NOT PROLONG LIFE. QUITE THE
 OPPOSITE.

THIS MEDICATION STIMULATES THE PAN-
 CREAS INTO THE STATE OF EXHAUSTION AND
 SIMULTANEOUSLY INCREASES THE LIKELI-
 HOOD OF DEATH BY CARDIOVASCULAR OR
 CIRCULATORY SYSTEM DISEASE.

YOU WILL FIND A FEW DOCTORS WHO
 EVEN KNOW THAT THE LEAVES OF BLUE-
 BERRIES YIELD A SUBSTANCE CALLED
 MYRTILLIN WHICH IS KNOWN TO REDUCE
 BLOOD SUGAR AS DOES INSULIN BUT WITH-
 OUT ANY SIDE EFFECTS. (EAT THE WEEDS,
 BARRE PUBLISHERS, BARRE, MASS., 1968).

JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE ALSO CONTAIN
 "INULIN" WHICH MANY GRANDMOTHERS KNOW
 WILL REDUCE BLOOD SUGAR, WHILE THE

BROTH MADE FROM THE LUPINE BEAN
 HAS BEEN USED FOR GENERATIONS BY
 THE PEOPLE OF ITALY AND IS USED
 SUCCESSFULLY TODAY BY A MASSACHU-
 SETTS DOCTOR FOR HUNDREDS OF DIA-
 BETICS.

IF YOU MENTION THESE NATURAL
 SUBSTANCES TO YOUR DOCTOR, HE WILL
 PROBABLY POOH-POOH THE VERY IDEA
 AND TELL YOU THAT THERE'S BEEN NO
 SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OF THE VALI-
 DITY OF THESE SUBSTANCES REPORTED
 IN THE MEDICAL JOURNALS. OF COURSE
 NOT.

BLUEBERRY BUSHES, ARTICHOKE AND
 BEANS DON'T BUY SPACE IN MEDICAL
 JOURNALS.

AND YET, THE EFFECT OF BLUEBERRY
 LEAVES ON BLOOD SUGAR SHOULD NOT
 BE UNKNOWN TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.
 MORE THAN 40 YEARS AGO, ALLEN RE-
 PORTED IN THE JOURNAL OF THE AMER-
 ICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION A BLOOD
 SUGAR LOWERING EFFECT AFTER ADMIN-
 ISTRATION OF THE EXTRACT OF BLUE-
 BERRY LEAVES (1927, 89, 1577). HE
 CALLED THIS SUBSTANCE MYRTILLIN.

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BY A. H. MEADS

VEGETABLE PLANTING TABLE AND REQUIREMENTS. SOIL TESTING.

A GOOD GARDNER WANTS TO KNOW AS MUCH ABOUT HIS SOIL AS POSSIBLE. HE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT GENERAL TYPE OF SOIL IS, WHAT PLANTS WILL GROW BEST ON IT, AND HOW TO FERTILIZE IT. IT IS EASY TO SEE THAT MANY BENEFITS CAN BE GAINED BY LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE COMPOSITION AND CAPABILITIES OF YOUR SOIL.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO FIND OUT WHAT NUTRIENTS YOUR SOIL IS HUNGRY FOR. YOU CAN SEND A SAMPLE OF YOUR SOIL TO THE LABORATORY OR TO YOUR STATE COLLEGE, OR YOU CAN BUY A TESTING KIT AND MAKE THE NECESSARY TESTS YOURSELF. IT DOESN'T HURT TO USE BOTH METHODS, BECAUSE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DOUBLE CHECK YOUR RESULTS. A HOME TESTING KIT IS VALUABLE BECAUSE IT ENABLES YOU TO MAKE FREQUENT PERIODIC TESTS OF YOUR SOIL. MOST PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT THE NUTRIENT SUPPLY IN THE SOIL VARIES GREATLY FROM ONE SEASON TO ANOTHER.

THE BEST PLACE TO START YOUR SOIL ANALYSIS IS WITH ITS PH. IT IS ALKALINE OR ACID OR NEUTRAL? THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE CORRECTING THE PH WILL OFTEN RELEASE SUPPLIES OF MAJOR AND MINOR PLANT FOODS. A SOIL THAT IS TOO ACID WILL NOT RELEASE "UNAVAILABLE" NUTRIENTS PROPERLY, AND THE SAME IS TRUE OF A SOIL THAT IS TOO ALKALINE.

SOIL SAMPLES: COLLECTING THE SOIL SAMPLE IS THE FIRST STEPS IS MAKING A TEST. THERE IS OFTEN A GREAT VARIATION IN SOIL CONDITION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF A GARDEN OR FIELD, SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO COLLECT A NUMBER OF SAMPLES FROM VARIOUS

PARTS OF THE GARDEN LOCATIONS. THESE SAMPLES CAN BE TESTED INDIVIDUALLY AND THE RESULTS AVERAGED, OR YOU CAN MIX ALL THE SAMPLES TOGETHER AND USE A PORTION OF THIS "HOMOGENIZED" SAMPLE FOR YOUR TEST. ALWAYS BE CAREFUL TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SHOVEL OR CONTAINER IS NOT CONTAMINATED BY A FERTILIZER. THAT MIGHT THROW OFF THE RESULTS.

THE TEST IS MADE BY PUTTING A SMALL PORTION OF THE SAMPLE IN A TEST TUBE AND THEN INTRODUCING ONE OR TWO "REAGENTS". A REAGENT IS A CHEMICAL WHICH REACTS WITH THE NUTRIENT BEING TESTED AND SHOWS THE QUANTITY OF THE NUTRIENT AVAILABLE BY CHANGING COLOR. COLOR CHARTS SUPPLIED WITH THE TEST KITS, AND THE FINAL ANALYSIS IS MADE BY CHECKING THE COLOR OF THE SOLUTION IN THE TUBE WITH THE TEST CHART FOR THE NUTRIENT BEING TESTED.

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The Potato Days Tale



ne day not so long ago, on the occasion of the weeding of the potato patch, we noted with some dismay, the arrival of a colony of rather nasty looking potato bugs. The first recorded response to this situation was that of Sparkling Red Wine. He noted simply, "We've got to get rid of those nasty bugs!" Salty Spray followed with a non-committal "Ugly looking devils, aren't they?" And in fact they were. Two or three of the little creatures hung tenaciously to the potato we held up for examination. They had smooth ungulating grey bodies with tiny pin-point eyes. Their mouths, which constituted the major part of their heads, were surrounded by black prickly hairs which twitched spasmodically as they worked their way into the potato. Upon questioning we found them quite incapable of any speech.

The real depth of our problem was soon apparent, with Continuing Krishna's comment. "But we can't just kill them!" At the word "kill" a shudder went through the group, and we soon determined that a town meeting was in order. The gathering bell was rung and within an hour a fairly large group had gathered in the Eucalyptus Grove. As Sparkling Red Wine stepped to the high ground, at least five different opinions were already represented in the clusters of people sitting in the Grove.

The debate which followed lasted all day and well into the night when campfires were lit to provide warmth and light. The move to poison the potato bugs with sulphur was quickly booted down, as was the motion to sterilize the females. (The latter after a brief discussion of the problems involved in identifying female potato bugs.) The motion by Live and Let Live to simply leave them alone was unchallenged but received little support. A motion by Anti-Gravity was finally accepted unanimously. It was decided to remove one tenth of the potatoes along with the whole of the potato bug colony to a walled-in place on Barren Rocks where they could live out their natural lives without endangering the whole of the potato crop. The meeting ended with everyone satisfied but slightly depressed and perhaps even a little guilty on having decided the fate of the potato bug.

Sunflower

ADS

Wanted: A garage in Ft. Richmond area for storage. Call 233-3663 or 236-1918

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Flea Market: Plans for a Community Flea Market to take place June 1st (Saturday) from 10 AM to 4 PM are underway.

The Fleamarket will be held in the Catholic Church parking lot at W Richmond and Santa Fe. Spaces for booths are available at \$2 apiece for as long as they last. Money will go for flyers and advertising. Church groups have already organized food booths. Arts, crafts, junk, old things--clean out your basement and give Betty Pearson a call at 232-6424 for information. It looks like a big event.


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What's New at School?

by Doris Cort

At the last PTA meeting, April 24, we had some good news. Our President, Jeanne Eger has moved and the outlook was grim for finding a replacement.

David McDermott, a newcomer to the community volunteered to fill the office. He has had experience as president of a Dad's Club in his children's last school, and seems full of ideas and enthusiasm. The vice-presidency is still up for grabs, Betty Busby volunteered for secretary and Penny Griner agreed to stay another year as treasurer.

There was talk of a fair next year, and Pat Hoiland, with the help of Gwen Krause, are preparing a list of items to be collected over the summer for school projects next year.

Let's give all these brave people our support and watch our school give the community the life it has to offer.

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- * This year we plan to hold our special classes in the afternoons.
- * If there is a large number of requests for a particular program in the mornings, we will try to offer it in the mornings also.
- * The charges for these programs are lower than those for our regular programs; (in fact, they are the absolute minimum we can charge without risking serious debt). We lower the charges in order that students will be able to afford to spend a large number of hours per week at the Center.
- * All students participating in the special programs will receive some free and some reduced cost tickets to concerts upon their request.

These are the programs:

PRESCHOOL MUSIC Two meetings per week, in the mornings or afternoons. Cost for six week series is \$15.00

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND DRAMA FOR 5-7 YEAR-OLDS This class will meet three afternoons per week. The music segment will include instruction in rhythmic and melodic skills, beginning note-reading, acoustics, instrument building, folk-songs from around the world sung in the native languages, musical invention, and recorder playing. There will be one class per week in creative dance. Students will also have two classes per week in acting and dramatic improvisation. There will be a \$3.00 surcharge to cover juice and cookies, and materials for the musical instrument building, and art materials used in the music and drama segments.

SPECIAL MUSIC PROGRAM These classes will meet three times per week. Eligible ages are from 8 through adult; where appropriate students will be grouped by age and competence; (8-12; teen; adult). The program will include classes in world music, musical invention and improvisation, ensemble playing, chorus, African drumming and perhaps another non-Western music, guided listening, and music theory and reading. Students will receive tickets to the American Society for Eastern Arts summer concert series. Students may take one dance class per week without additional charge. Students will have the opportunity to perform in concert.

DRAMA AND FILM This class will meet three times per week. Where appropriate students will be grouped by age and experience. The class will produce a play and/or a film, probably written by the students. In addition to filming techniques, the class will include instruction in acting techniques and improvisation, voice production, and movement. One class per week will be given in musical improvisation. Students may take one dance class per week without additional charge. There will be a \$3.00 surcharge to cover film costs. There will be public performances of the play.

SPECIAL DANCE PROGRAM Students may select classes from among the following styles: African, ballet, flamenco, jazz, Mexican folk, Middle-Eastern, modern dance, and tap. Between 10 and 14 hours of class per week will be available to students. The charge to students taking between 5 and 8 hours per week will be as shown in the fee chart below. Students taking more than 8 hours of class per week will pay an additional fee at the rate of 50¢ per instructional hour.



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on earthquake-prone land so near to residential dwellings is cause for alarm. Anhydrous ammonia is concentrated ammonia from which the water has been removed. Take a good sniff of household ammonia, which will make you gasp, and imagine what it would be like if it were 50 times as strong.

Anhydrous ammonia must be continuously refrigerated at 28 degrees below zero, and stored under pressure. The liquid is chilled by evaporation and is unstable since the liquid at the top is colder and more dense than the liquid at the bottom. It is difficult to insulate the tank bottom, but as long as the tank is kept absolutely still and the contents stable, it is harmless. However, any jarring action would result in what (in anhydrous ammonia circles) is known as a "roll-over", exposing warmer liquid from the bottom and resulting in a "flash", releasing large quantities of ammonia gas. Therefore, even a small earthquake could be very dangerous because of "roll-over" or a tank rupture, which would permit highly concentrated, highly pressurized gas to be released. In that particular spot, the prevailing winds blow toward densely populated areas. So while the noxious fumes might go out into the Bay, the greater likelihood would be that the gas would sweep inland, affecting not only the Yacht Club and Brickyard Cove area, but Kellers Beach and the Point as well. A really bad leak could necessitate the evacuation of the entire city of Richmond.

It is true that other large industries in our city store supplies of anhydrous ammonia, but they do not constitute the same menace since the quantities stored are much smaller and none of the tanks are located in the path of the prevailing wind.



Richmond is in the process of preparing an Environmental Impact Report on this proposal, and it is assumed that BCDC will have some comment on anything built on the 100' of shoreline within its jurisdiction. Perhaps the proposal will be found to be infeasible because of City or BCDC rulings and because of the adverse impact on the environment.

But this article is to alert Pt. Richmond to the possibility that we may once more be collecting signatures on petition sheets and going to meetings to fight off a threat to our peace of mind and body.



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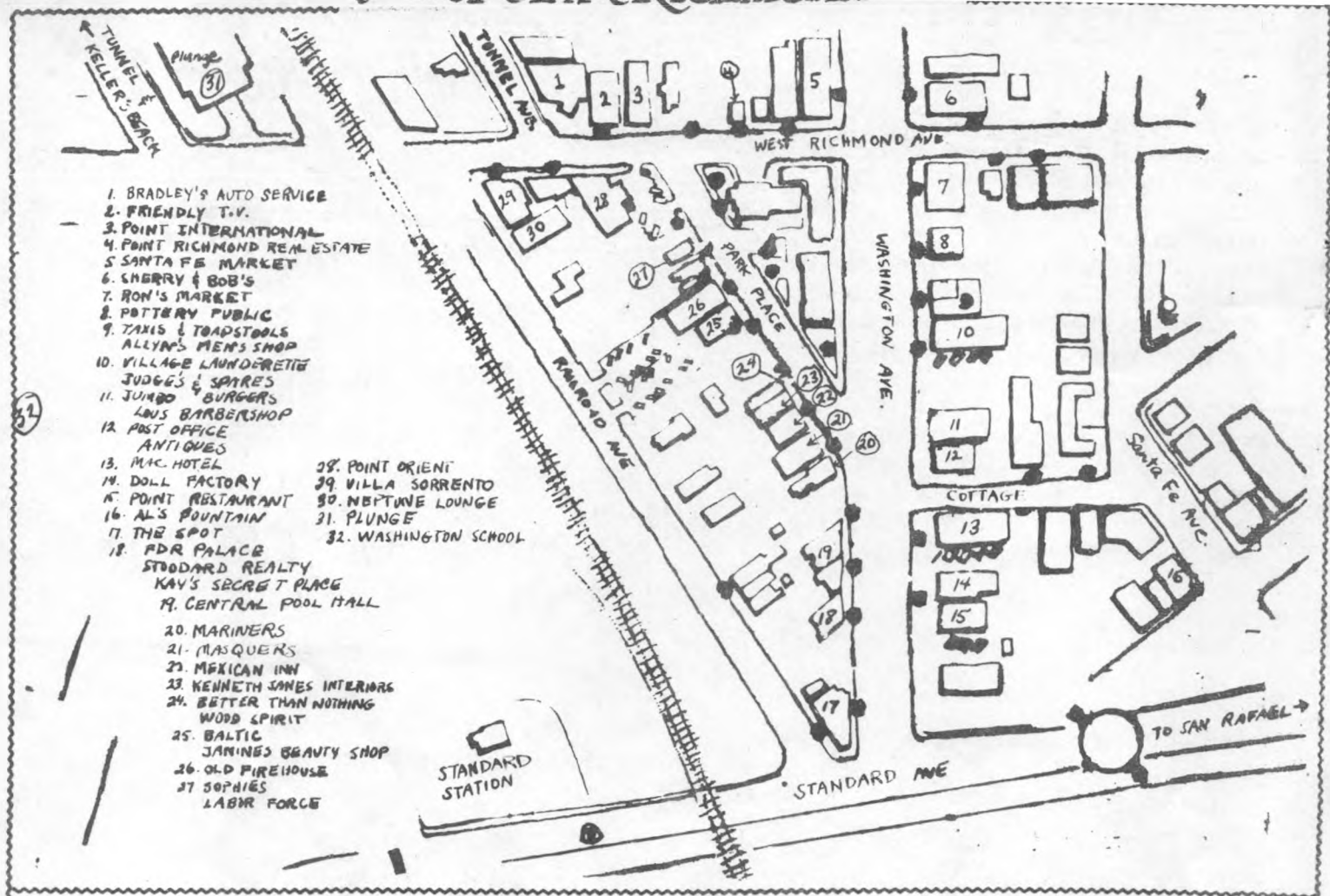
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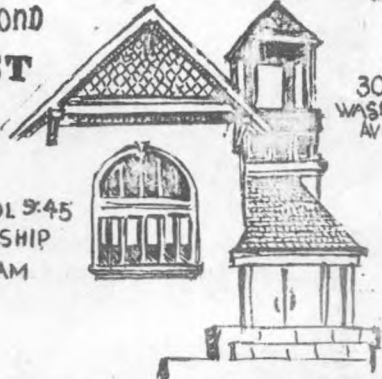
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WANTED: A Park You can Walk To

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A happier event during this period was the ceremony held in 1972, when the Point Richmond Park was formally dedicated as the George Miller, Jr. Memorial Park, in memory of the late, great State Senator. Senator Miller lived in Point Richmond when he was young, as did his wife, and Mrs. Miller has happy memories of the pleasures of rowing on the Bay and climbing the hills "when the whole of the Bay side of Point Richmond was essentially one big, beautiful park, which was freely used by everyone." 1972 was a red letter year for park people for still another reason. In October, the Bethlehem Steel Company, finding it economically unfeasible to develop the integrated steel plant which had been originally planned, sold approximately 1,000 acres of land and water at Point Pinole to the East Bay Regional Park District for \$6,000,000. And so, eight years after it was originally considered as the site for the Park District's West Contra Costa Shoreline Park, Point Pinole was finally brought into the Park District's family of parks. At a time when recognition is belatedly being given to the extraordinary value of San Francisco Bay in the lives of all of us who live in this area, the Park District and Contra Costa are fortunate in having obtained a second Bayshore park for the use of the public -- and especially one that so superbly compliments the possibilities inherent in the George Miller, Jr. Park. Ideally the entire shoreline of the San Francisco Bay should be one beautiful "rim" park, but since this is impossible, every bit of bayshore land that can be obtained is cause for rejoicing. If the energy crisis is indeed to be a continuing way of life, and the freedom to travel which we as a nation have so long enjoyed is to be severely curtailed, these bayside "islands in time" of peace and beauty will be more essential to our public mental and physical health than ever.

Another heartening happening in 1972 implemented actions, initiated much earlier, to provide additional revenues for park acquisition and expansion. In the 1971 legislative session, Assemblyman John Knox introduced AB925, authorizing the Park District to increase its tax rate \$.10 per \$100 of assessed valuation, 50% of which is subject to adoption by the District of a Master Plan. Stewart Udall's environmental and parks consulting firm, "Overview" was hired by the East Bay Regional Park District to prepare a Master Plan which would "create a balanced system of regional parklands designed to reflect the needs and desires of residents of the entire District." Overview's work on the Master Plan was begun in March, 1972, and an 83-member citizens' task force was appointed by the Park District's Board from among the citizens of the two-county District, as an independent body to review and make objective recommendations.

Both Overview staff and Task Force members came to Point Richmond to see the George Miller Jr. Park site, and were given the Contra Costa Shoreline Parks "guided tour." In addition, presentations about the shoreline park were made by Shoreline Parks members at the request of several of the Task Force sub-committees.



This summer the Richmond Recreation and Parks Department is once again offering a very special program--NOAH'S PARK. This is an award winning summer program activity designed for 4th through 6th grade boys and girls.

NOAH'S PARK - It's not a place, but an idea, an idea that through the recreation arts one can not only be entertained, but can also be challenged to develop creatively as a person.

NOAH'S PARK - It is staffed by specialists highly trained in many phases of the recreation arts - drama, movement, arts, games; but specialists who have an understanding of children and a way of listening to each child as a special person.

NOAH'S PARK - Its base of activities is at Washington School, in the Point Richmond area. However, it is a mobile program, too. In addition to weekly swimming at the Richmond Plunge there are "safaris" to Keller's Beach, Nicholl Nob, Washington Park, and the Point Richmond area.

NOAH'S PARK - It's five weeks this year, daily Monday through Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, beginning June 17 and culminating July 19. The cost for 5 weeks is \$9.50 for one child, \$14.50 for 2, and \$17.00 for 3 in a family.

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