

# POINT COUNTERPOINT

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It's Spring. The swallows are back in Capistrano, and the buzzards are back in Hinkley.

Every year, the buzzards fly back to Hinkley, Ohio, as faithfully as the swallows return to Capistrano. The arrival of the buzzards is a day of jubilee. TV broadcasters rush in from New York. Lights from the Buzzard Festival sparkle in Hinkley. The main street is lined with streaming banners for the Buzzard Parade. The Buzzard Queen smiles at friend and stranger alike as she glides by on her float.

Bird experts from famous universities arrive to study the phenomenon. "Wonder why the buzzards always come back here?" they ask.

"Beats me," answers the farmer, "But they always do. The scruffy devils are all over the place this time of year."

The newspapermen roam through the fields. The farmer tells them, "Oh, yes, my wife was Buzzard Queen back in 1949. No, that's her over there. The one on the fence post is a real buzzard."

Some people snicker at Hinkley and the buzzards, but ask yourself this: How many university experts ever swarm to Point Richmond to study anything? How many magazine reporters knock on your door to interview you? How many TV people do you see downtown every Spring?

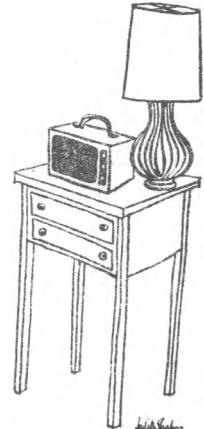
Nothing comes back to Point Richmond every year, except the sand fleas and I don't think CBS is going to send Walter Cronkite out here to interview sand fleas. Compared to buzzards, sand fleas are the bush leagues, and compared to Hinkley, Point Richmond is a pygmy in world affairs. Will you get that through your head? HINKLEY, OHIO, IS AHEAD OF POINT RICHMOND!

We have no jubilee. We have no Big Parade. We have no Queen. Nothing.

What are you planning to do about it? Are you just going to leave it all up to Lucretia Edwards or Kathy Lord again?

I've tried to do my part. I've put up a birdhouse. But it won't do any good. Man and boy, I've hung birdhouses in many a tree. Built them watertight. Decorated them. Put food inside. Hung them away from cats.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Every Saturday afternoon at Westside Library, 1:30 p.m.,  
Story Hour

Every weekday afternoon at La Salamandre, Charles Moffet  
Family Inc., 4:30-6 p.m., 2516 Telegraph, Berkeley

Every Saturday, Nature walks in Tilden Park

April 16 (Weds.) "Fun and Games" sponsored by Zephyr Rebekah  
Lodge, at 117 West Richmond Ave., 7:30 p.m.

April 17 (Thurs.) 5-7:30 p.m. Turkey Dinner cooked by  
Zephyr Rebekahs, 117 West Richmond Ave. Donation \$2.75

April 18 (Fri.) Richmond Art Center public preview of Rental Gallery  
Exhibit. At the Art Center, 7:30-10 p.m.

April 18 & 19 (Fri & Sat) Final presentations of "The Great Sebastians"  
at the Masquers. Held over by popular demand.

April 19 (Sat.) Community Garden Parade leaves Civic Center at noon.

April 20 (Sun.) American Indian rummage sale at Our Lady of Mercy  
Catholic Church, 301 West Richmond Ave.

April 25 (Mon.) Milk Money Day at Washington School. This is the final  
milk money day of the year.

April 26 (Sat.) POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for May 1 issue.

Also Musical Arts Fashion Benefit at the Holiday Inn. Go to Taxis &  
Toadstools, Sophies, Sherry & Bobs or Gingham Goose for tickets.

## MAY

May 9 & 10 (Fri. & Sat.) "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" opens at  
Contra Costa College. Curtain time 8:15 p.m. Tickets: \$1.50. Call  
235-7800, ext. 363 for more information.

May 10 (Sat.) Washington School Carnival

May 12 (Mon.) POINT COUNTERPOINT DEADLINE for May 15 issue.

May 13 (Tues.) ELECTION DAY for Richmond City Council final election.  
GET OUT AND VOTE!

May 16 & 17 (Fri. & Sat.) "The Tunnel of Love" opens at the Masquers.

Also: "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown" at Contra Costa College

May 23 (Fri.) Hieronymus Bash at Civic Center. Tickets: call East  
Bay Music Center, 234-5624

Never had a bird live in one yet. I especially never had a buzzard live in one. No swallows, either. Maybe we should try to lure the swallows away from Capistrano. The people down there cheat about the swallows anyway. The swallows don't really all show up on the same day. They begin flying in as long as three weeks before that day, but nobody in Capistrano will admit it.

In February, you could be standing on the streets of Capistrano and definitely see a swallow. You say to a native, "Hey, look at that! Isn't that a swallow?"

The native will say, "I don't see anything, man."

You say, "Sure you do. Over there. See that brown spot going hop-hop? Isn't that a swallow?"

# CITY HALL notes

City Council March 31: A Point Richmond Neighborhood Council resolution on the preservation of historical, educational, recreational and nature areas took its first dive at Council meeting Monday night. The resolution, which was aimed at preserving the Point Molate - Point San Pablo lands now owned by the Navy, in their natural state, had passed the Point Neighborhood Council and the Richmond-wide Community Development Commission unanimously. However, when it came before the City Council, councilman Gary Fernandez suggested that the word "commercial" be added to the resolution.

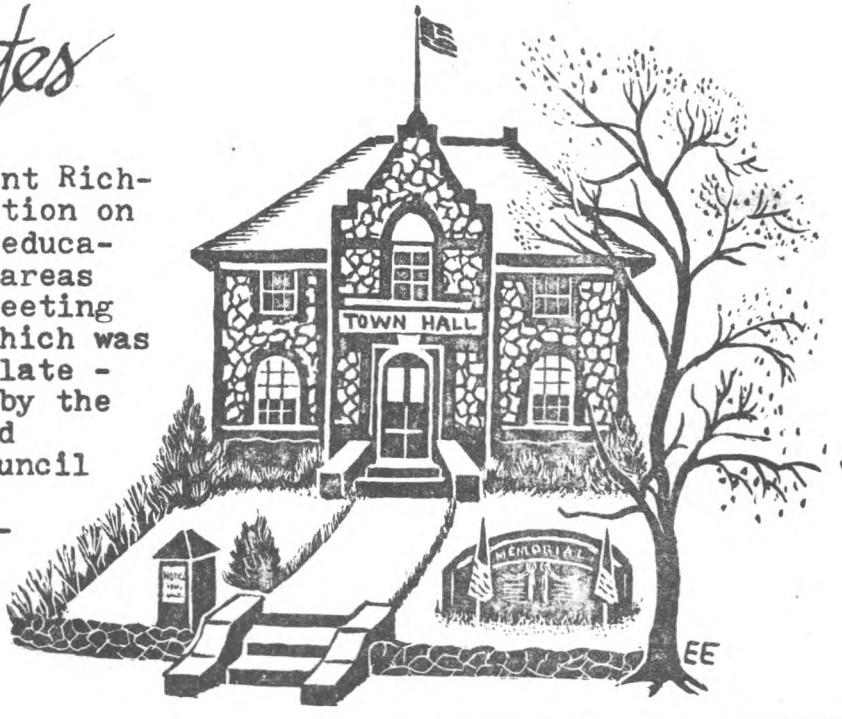
Lucretia Edwards rose to explain that the local group had not specified "commercial" and that the Audobon Society had taken a trip to the area and had found abundant wildlife. Tom Butt requested that the resolution be allowed to be withdrawn if it was not to be passed in its original form. City Manager Ken Smith reminded the council that Richmond already had a shoreline master plan which would have to be kept in mind when taking action on any resolution. The resolution was finally referred back to the CDC rather than being altered by the Council.

Councilman Silva noted that a citizen had broken a leg on the Point Richmond tennis courts and requested that city staff do something about better lighting at the tennis courts.

A recommendation by staff to give Richmond residents first chance at city and federally-funded city jobs was sent back to committee. The city attorney had stated that though it was unconstitutional to require residency of an employee, it was not, in his opinion, illegal to give preference in hiring to Richmond residents. The motion was tabled, nevertheless.

Two communications were passed on to us by councilman Al Silva. One concerned a request by an Oakland resident (!!) that the city do something to clean up the unsightly mess at the corner of Garrard and Standard Avenue. The city replied that its staff would include this in its ongoing discussions with the State, as the property lies within the State right-of-way. The other was a progress report on the request by Point teens to repair the Community Center and paint a mural on one of the outside panels. The report stated that the Painter's Union had no objections and that the Recreation and Parks department was in favor of the project. The Building Maintenance Division imposed the following conditions:

1. The Building Maintenance Division will furnish paint, materials, tools and supervision.
  2. All work will be done during weekday working hours when work can be supervised by City personnel.
  3. The painting of the mural on one of the outside panels will be allowed after a sketch of the proposed mural is approved by the Building Maintenance Superintendent.
- Monday, April 7: A very short, quiet meeting. Question: Which three councilmen were seen betting in a pool on predictions on the city council race, immediately after the council meeting?



## City Council Race Results

A light (39.2% turnout) vote was taken on an overcast Tuesday, April 8, and the City Council primary results are as follows (showing only the finalists):

### Six year seat

Al Silva	4,407	Gay Vargas	2,683
Bob Campbell	4,081	Ron Rhone	1,937
Fritz Allen	3,214	Ray Richardson	1,880

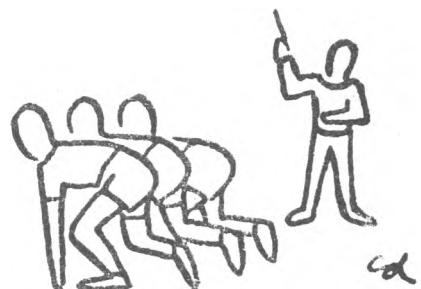
### Two year seat

Tom Corcoran	3,650	Hyman Wong	1,644
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Organized labor seemed to have called the shots by the unusual pre-primary endorsement of Silva, Campbell, Allen and Corcoran. The unions backed their blessing with one city-wide mailing and a couple of large ads in the Richmond Independent.

City Clerk Harlan Heydon remarked about the endorsements that labor's political muscle had been largely untested in recent years but seemed to be effective in this campaign.

The front runners also had a lot of support from local business, which together with labor are concerned about the economic and political impact of the development of downtown and the Port in the next 6-10 years. Their mutual concern with these quickly changing conditions seemed to have overcome the bickering which has been a factor in Richmond politics for the last several years.



## Point Precinct Results ...

Point Richmond voted in two special precincts, Special Precinct 1, which consisted of the western part of the Point, and Special Precinct 2 - the eastern part of the Point. The combined total of Point precincts ran as follows (with 386 people voting):

### Six year seat

Silva	229	Miller	54
Campbell	164	Garcia	33
Vargas	144	Richardson	23
Brown	135	Washington	20
Allen	92	Jameson	18
Peterson	64	Cavness	13
Rhone	59		

### Two year seat

Corcoran	169
Wong	112
White	34
Griffin	17
De La Garza	16

Turn the page for the first two of the four questions the Point Counterpoint put to the council hopefuls....

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# POINT COUNTERPOINT *Questionnaire*

Back in mid-March the Point Counterpoint sent all the City Council candidates a questionnaire. The following questions were asked. By April 11, of the finalists, Al Silva and Bob Campbell were the only two who had responded:



1. Vandalism, theft and other crime are rising as our economic troubles deepen. What would you, as a city councilman, do about it? Please be specific.
2. What do you think is Richmond's biggest problem? What would you do about it?
3. At Washington School 33% of the children are on welfare. The School Board has gone to court to fight the hot lunch program. If you were on city council, would you vote in favor of extending the hot lunch program to Washington School, with Community Development funds? Please be specific.
4. Do you favor extending public use of the Point San Pablo-Point Molate coastline lands, which are now in possession of the Navy?

## ANSWERS

(Answers to the last two questions will be printed in the next PCP)

### AL SILVA

Vandalism and other crime: "We should create a climate that will promote goodwill and cooperation between our City staff and the unemployed, especially teenagers and the elderly. We may not be able to provide jobs for them, but through our recreation services we should be able to provide programs to keep them occupied."

Richmond's biggest problem: "Our image! Projects are now under way which will help improve it. However, we should set priorities on improvement programs in specific areas of our City to improve its physical image. Examples would be: expansion of our sign ordinance, undergrounding utilities, and continued home improvement programs."

### BOB CAMPBELL

Vandalism and other crime: "I believe that all of the ills of crime and vandalism can be attributed to the fact that there are many jobless people on the one hand and on the other too many of our young are idle because of lack of jobs or because there just is no place to go. Part of the solution would be to streamline our mode of government by developing some leadership in the form of additional powers to our Mayor and the division of work amongst our councilmen by. Hence someone could make a decision once in awhile and if he didn't we would know who to get rid of."

Richmond's biggest problem: "Richmond's most pressing problem is to develop our industrial and commercial potential. We must change our mode of government to some kind of an elected mayor form government, which would merely be in addition to the present council manager form of government. The more complex and diversified a city becomes, the more important it is to have executive and political leadership."

## POINT RICHMOND'S CRIME RATE

Several people have expressed to the PCP editors their fears about their safety in downtown Point Richmond. Reading various newspapers and magazines shows that a general anxiety is being felt all across the country. From a story in this month's Esquire about a 57-year old legless hitch-hiker: "Everybody's in an awful hurry. And they're all so scared, I guess its because they have so much to lose. I've got nothing to lose, so I'm not scared. Sometimes they thank me when they drop me off, they say they're not scared anymore."

It would seem that much of this generalized fear has to do with watching the fall of Vietnam on TV, reading reports about the economy, politics and so on. In an effort to get at just how much fear is focused in local reality we asked police chief Garfield to provide us with crime statistics for Point Richmond as compared with the rest of Richmond. It would seem that (1) the Point is a good place to stay alive (2) the wrong place to look for a prostitute or a gambling ring (3) lock your car and take



1. The Audobon trip to Point Molate originally scheduled for May 17th has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.
2. The horrible anhydrous ammonia tanks have been relocated to Sacramento. Good luck, Sacramento!

the keys! Whereas major crime (part I) increased in every category in the city as a whole from '73 to '74, it actually dropped in three categories (rape, robbery & burglary) in the Point.

### RICHMOND POLICE DEPARTMENT CRIME STATISTICS - POINT RICHMOND 1973-1974

Crime Category	1973			1974		
	Point Richmond	City of Richmond	Percentage	Point Richmond	City of Richmond	Percentage
<u>Part I</u>						
Homicide	0	13	-	0	23	-
Rape	7	67	10.45%	2	71	2.82%
Robbery	12	393	3.05%	7	405	1.73%
Assault	5	445	1.12%	12	476	2.52%
Burglary	79	2657	2.97%	69	2721	2.54%
Theft	93	3025	3.07%	145	3322	4.36%
Auto Theft	34	612	5.56%	41	654	6.27%
<u>Part II</u>						
Other Assault	26	1321	1.97%	35	1124	3.11%
Vandalism	40	1755	2.28%	47	1991	2.36%
Weapons	4	268	1.49%	14	364	3.85%
Vice - Prostitutes & Sex Offenses	-	105	-	-	55	-
Drugs	16	885	1.81%	25	897	2.79%
Gambling	-	29	-	-	30	-
Liquor	3	97	3.09%	4	45	8.89%
Disorderly Conduct	21	914	2.30%	30	836	3.39%
Other	136	4058	3.35%	147	3917	3.75%

# An Unusual Experience

I dropped in for lunch at the Holiday Inn April 3 and thought for a minute I was on a Hollywood set for "Mission Impossible" or the "Police Story". Arranged in the dining room were about 30 men dressed in army jungle fatigues or black turtle neck sweaters and dark kakhi pants. "What are you guys doing?" I asked. They seemed a little reluctant to answer. "You'll read about in the newspapers and see it on TV," one said. "They were all out there."

Then I realized - they were the SWAT troops. The FBI was training Mountain View and Berkeley police in anti-revolutionary tactics right out at our own Brickyard Cove! (Richmond is also participating in the program.)

"What are you doing - jumping over brick pallets?" I asked. The FBI fellow laughed. "Just about", he said. But he was the only one who seemed to have a sense of humor.

After lunch I drove out to Brickyard Cove to check the action. Sure enough, there they were, climbing up the side of a brickyard building with a piece of leather; looking for guerillas in the empty buildings. It was unbelievable. The FBI man invited me over for a closer look. I told him I thought police were already

trained to climb up the sides of buildings. "No," he said, "that is the trouble. The police are basically trained to work individually. When they are confronted with a riot or SLA type action they are not prepared to work as a team. Each man does his own thing. That is why 'police riots' have occurred. We train the men to work in teams, so someone is in charge of a group."

His explanation sounded good, but I left Brickyard Cove with a feeling of disquiet anyway. Who are they going to protect us against? Richmond has had only two major disturbances in the last 10 years. One was the downtown '68 riot when the Travolini store burned. The other occurred in 1971 in Point Richmond during the 4th of July. There is still debate among the local citizens about whether the ruckus was started by the citizens or the police. Contra Costa College remained calm during the late '60s when campuses all over the Bay Area were erupting.

It is also a concern whether young, enthusiastic policemen, some of them Vietnam Vets, given special training by a (very charming) FBI man will look around for a chance to try out their new skills.

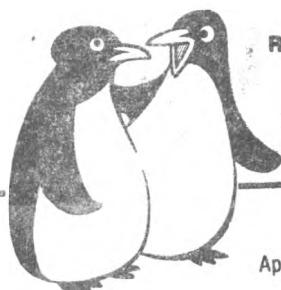
The next day I had a visit from an old acquaintance, the son of a U.S. Congressman. He said he had just spent a year in Hawaii, teaching and doing odd jobs and was on his way back to Washington. But he left behind a matchbook from a Washington, D.C. newsstand. Now what was THAT all about?

Maybe the FBI doesn't have a sense of humor after all...



# HEALTH Comes First

by A. H. MEADS



RECOMMENDED  
STORAGE  
PERIODS  
AT 0° F.

Approximate Storage (Months)	
VEGETABLES .....	.9-12
FRUITS .....	.9-12
EGGS	
Egg Whites .....	12
Whole Eggs and Yolks .....	9
DAIRY PRODUCTS	
Creamery Butter, Cheddar Cheese .....	6-8
Cottage Cheese (not creamed) .....	4-6
Cream (40%) .....	3-4
Ice Cream .....	2-3
Homogenized Milk, Whipped Cream .....	1
FISH	
Lean Fish, Fat Fish (treated ascorbic acid solution) .....	6-8
Shellfish .....	4-6
Most Fat Fish .....	3-4
Cooked Shrimp .....	2-3
POULTRY and GAME BIRDS	
Game Birds .....	8-12
Chickens .....	12
Turkeys, Ducks, Geese .....	6-8
Poultry Giblets .....	3
Poultry Livers .....	1-2
MEAT and GAME	
Beef, Veal, Lamb, Venison, Rabbits .....	.9-12
Ground Beef, Fresh Pork, Rendered Lard, Pork Sausage (with anti-oxidant) .....	4-6
Ground Pork (unsalted), Ham, Slab Bacon, Beef Livers, Hearts, Kidneys, Tongues .....	3-4
Sausage (smoked and seasoned), Wieners, Most Cooked Meats .....	2-3
Sausage (seasoned, not smoked), Bacon (sliced) .....	Less than 1
BAKED and COOKED FOODS	
Baked Fruit Cakes, Unfrosted Cakes and Cookies, Baked Yeast Breads and Rolls, Candies .....	9-12
Frosted Cakes and Cookies, Unbaked Pumpkin Pie, Baked Pies, Pie and Cookie Dough .....	4-6
Unbaked Fruit Pies, Baked Quick Breads, Partially Baked Rolls .....	6-8
Pre-Cooked Foods in Sauces or Gravies .....	6
Roast Beef, Lamb, Veal, Chicken, Oven-Baked Beans .....	4-6
Fried Chicken, Chili Con Carne, Soups and Stews, Unfilled Cream Puffs and Eclairs .....	3
Sandwiches, Chiffon Pies .....	1
Left-Over Cooked Foods, Unbaked Yeast Dough, Quick Bread and Cake Batters .....	Less than 1
NUTS	
Unsalted .....	.9-12
Salted .....	6
Temperatures higher than 0 degrees F. are satisfactory for storing frozen foods for shorter periods only.	

GARDENS FOR ALL

CAN YOU DIG IT?

Got a green thumb but no space to exercise it? Want a way to beat down costs of feeding yourself or your family? Join in the "Greening of Richmond" and take advantage of the newly-organized Community Gardens Project, which will be officially launched with a parade and other appropriate festivities on Saturday, April 19.

The city fathers have smiled benignly on this project, whose organizers have asked for city assistance in the matter of permission to use vacant public land, some small amounts of city service to make the land usable, and the loan of the Municipal Band for the great kickoff parade: which will leave the Civic Center at noon April 19, and end at the first public garden site to be cultivated.

The parade will consist of marching units, bands, floats and any interested individuals who wish to take part, enhancing the "greening of Richmond" theme. Call the South Side Center (237-9030) for more information.

## MORE TRAINS FOR THE CASTRO POINT RAILROAD MUSEUM

Bill Pearson sends us this news about the Castro Point Railway Museum:

The California Western has donated its M-200 "skunk" railcar to the Castro Point Railway Museum at Richmond. The car built in 1927 by Skagit has been out of service for several years and the disposition leaves just the M-100 and M-300 on the Cal-Western.

Former coach 315 on the Western Pacific has been acquired by the Castro Point Railway Museum after it had been retired from Maintenance of Way service by the W.P. in 1973. It does not have seats, but it is otherwise in good shape!

# Town Hall Meeting

Freshman Congressman George Miller from Contra Costa held a "Town Hall Meeting" at Martin Luther King Community Center, Thursday evening, April 3. There was a turnout of about 200 people and a steady flow of questions from the audience, ranging from Vietnam to national health care.

Miller had obviously done his homework. He displayed a grasp of the most important issues in detail, using facts and figures to back up his answers. Miller showed the same talent his father had for answering questions directly and to the point, without ducking any issues. The audience seemed touchingly eager to grasp what is going on in Washington.

Miller spoke first on two of his major projects, vocational education and nutrition programs. He then spent the next hour and a half answering questions. An example of a Miller response was to a question on defense budget cuts: "We were asked why do we fund the F-111 when even the military says they don't want it - it is falling out of the sky. So Congress took the military at its word and cut the F-111. What we are concerned with is accountability - what makes sense in terms of expenditures of our natural resources."

In response to a question on Occupational, Safety and Health Act Standards, Miller discussed the black-lung disease (from coal mines), cancer from vinyl chloride, cancer from asbestos, and stated that the responsibility should be placed on the employers. Employers knew that vinyl chloride fumes caused cancer but didn't tell their employees because "they didn't want to scare them". Just as restitution of the landscape must now be made by strip-mining companies, so must employers bear the responsibility for exposing their employees to deadly diseases.

The meeting disbanded at 10 p.m.

# Community Center

The Community Center was the scene of much excitement Friday, April 4th when "Cine Manifest" had casting tryouts for a movie there. About 200 people invaded the center. Gladys Ferguson, center director said she had never seen so many people in the center. Gladys went about the center wide-eyed, alternately muttering, "If I had known so many people were going to come, the youth could have made coffee and cookies and sold them and made some money for themselves," and laughing over some of the phone calls that were coming in - one from a man who said he looked just like John Wayne and was ready to take the leading role.

First-come, first-served was the theme. Each person was given a number and when his/her number was called he went into the interview room for a short improvisation and then had a photograph taken. By 8 p.m. number 115 had been called. Everyone over number 150 was asked to put their name on a list and would be called later.

The film group consisted of home-town boys who had grown up in Richmond! The film is called OVER-UNDER, SIDEWAYS-DOWN and is about a factory worker who has dreams about being a major league baseball player. The film group are not amateurs - they did the famous commercial "Fly Me". (It was reported in the "Today Show" that some feminist stewardesses who work for the airline now wear buttons saying "Don't Fly Me, Fly Yourself.")

We look forward to seeing some of our friends and neighbors in the movies!



# Books

Reviewed by Carol Bold  
West Side Branch Librarian

A copy of Harlequin by Morris West, a novel listed on the National Best Seller list, has been given to the Point's branch library by a kind patron. We are grateful.

Mr. Harlequin heads a respected Swiss banking firm which has branches all over the world. To keep track of his complicated accounts, he hires an American computer firm run by Basil Yanko who programs a \$15 million theft with George Harlequin appearing to be the embezzler.

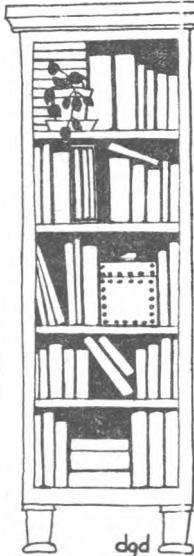
Author West interweaves Arab oil and Palestine Liberation Organization plots against Israel into the story which jets to various metropolitan areas of the United States, Europe, and Mexico. When the characters in the book have \$15 million to worry about, they find no sense in being niggardly over daily expenses.

Until his beautiful wife is shot, Harlequin remains level-headed about dealing with Yanko. Then Harlequin changes his tactics and defeats his adversary in ways Yanko should have understood but doesn't expect from the scrupulous Harlequin.

The Understudy by Elia Kazan is another new book which has been donated to West Side.

Since it was checked out about two minutes after it was put on the new book shelf here, it is suggested that you fill out a request form for it if you are interested in reading it.

Other books by Kazan include On the Waterfront, Gentlemen's Agreement, and The Arrangement.



The mail has been bringing some interesting surprise packages in response to requests for pamphlet material. Germany anyone? Maybe Canada or Australia? We have it. Taiwan sent a stack of interesting material, and some of Quatar's surplus oil money has come back to us in the form of a handsome hardbound book of colored photographs. New pamphlets giving information about our states should be helpful to school children or to adults planning this summer's vacation.

Carolyn Smith, who works at the Westside library helping Carol Bold, has six children, one of them an especially helpful, honest boy. Carolyn's son Daryl, while playing ball on an empty lot, found a purse with its contents strewn everywhere and a whole bunch of credit cards. Carolyn and Daryl spent several hours trying to track down the owner of the purse, who turned out to be a Point resident. Needless to say she was very grateful for the return of her purse. Congratulations Daryl Smith!

Carol Bold has a new boss! Her name is Brenda Motomura and her title is Extension Supervisor. This is a new position and will enable the main library to provide better service to the branches. (Not that we had any complaints in the first place!)

Carol Bold also wishes to announce that the library has a chess and checkers set available for quiet playing.





## THE GREAT SEBASTIANS

It seems a little chicken to review a play when the run is almost over. However, I found out Saturday night that THE GREAT SEBASTIANS at the Masquers has been such a huge success and so well received that it has been extended for another weekend and will be playing the weekend of April 19th-20th.

ANDROCLES AND THE LION has been canceled and in its place will be THE TUNNEL OF LOVE, a '50s Broadway comedy that starred Tom Ewell as the husband swept up in an amorous adventure with a social worker. The play opens May 16. It will bring back memories to the over-the-hill gang (over 30, that is) of the days when people worried about propriety, reputation, kissing in the back seat of automobiles and so on. It may give the under-the-hill gang a glimpse into the kind of world of the 50's which produced their weird up-tight parents. The play, funny to begin with, is even more humorous when we reflect upon the fantasy world of that decade. This is real nostalgia!

With the GREAT SEBASTIANS we have a flamboyant theatrical team on world tour, clashing with straight-laced, stern, petty-bureaucrats in communist Czechoslovakia. The comrades want the Sebastians to help root out the traitor in their midst with the help of their mind-reading talents. The Sebastians, on the other hand, want no more than to be allowed to leave the country without making the necessary donation to the Committee on Cultural Preservation. How the Sebastians convince themselves and their communist hosts that they really are mind-readers and how they think their way out of their dilemma is great entertainment and played to the hilt by the Masquers fine cast.

A footnote: I remember hearing that during the Second World War,

ESP and particularly, Astrology, was used against an important German general to confuse and misinform him. Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. Are there any WW II students out there who can help me out with the details?



## MY DAY IN COURT

Masses of people...down trodden... already condemned by upper masses.

Walking in with heads bowed... waiting for mercy or for mocking of the higher-ups (I cannot say which).

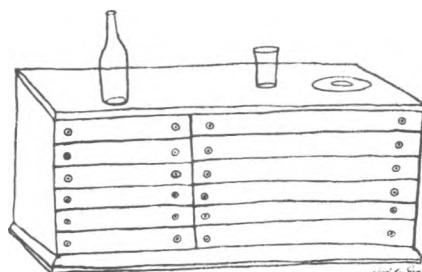
Being Black or White...blending maybe to a light yellow...we are waiting for the ultimate... for a score...or whatever may be.

A Black stands in court running his trip and hoping the Constitution of the United States will free him...and we know he is lost.

Without legal counsel and finally in desparation and anxiety he is withdrawn and led off in irons to the bastille for further trial and harrassment.

All of my life I could not understand. But now I know by those words, "The meek shall inherit the earth."

*Rohinga Dey  
(C.A.P.)*



## TWO POEMS

by Jim Milstead

TO MICHAEL (in remembrance of the  
Divine Light of OM Mission)

As a rasp among the berries  
Mushroom poised among the fairies  
OM it is by OM's own Will  
dripping knuckles in the till  
Chanting OM lette by the hour  
Chanting till the lips lie sour  
Curing all the social ills  
The Guru never pays the bills.

Shall we weep  
because we cannot sleep  
while the storm is growing  
to be scwing  
high fields in a long rain  
glowing  
loaves among us  
stars beside embers  
though we cannot slumber knowing  
yet to be bone still  
lying crystal cold  
shall we weep.



## Letters to the Editor

Ms. Eger,

The Point Counterpoint is a fine newspaper but WOW - what an Ego trip for you! Seven or eight articles by you are more than most people can stomach! Especially when you sacrifice articles by young writers interviewing local old timers...didn't he need this for a project?...and a cultural book review, or a story on Winehaven?

Lets try to keep this communication media for everyone- not a personal journal for your views:

Terri Luclais

Dear Ms. Luclais:

Thank you for taking the time to write about your views. Gary

Darling's article about the Paaschs is in this issue, as are Carol Bold's reviews. The article about Winehaven had not been received when the paper went to press last.

I would be very happy for someone else to cover some of the news. Would you be interested in attending some of the meetings and events around here and writing them up?

As far as the newspaper being an ego trip for me - I'll grant you that! But there must be some reward, some reason for all the work that goes into putting it out and at this point its not money. So when I get to write an editorial or a column - that's my reward. Another reward is to see community involvement increase - with the neighborhood council, the PTA, the Community Center, etc.

You may be interested to know about the balance of news that (hopefully) goes into the PCP each month. We try to get (1) school news. 275 extra copies of this sheet are run off and brought over to the school for distribution to all the children. This is the only regular news sheet that goes out for the PTA and contributors include the children, the teachers and others.

(1a) Health and gardening by Mr. Meads.

(2) Local news: Mid Dornan and Dorothy King. I also write some things that they don't catch.

(3) Short stories: Doris Cort, Dan Robertson and others who want to write. (4) Poetry and letters to the editor. (5) History: either researched at the main library from old Richmond Independents on microfilm or personal interviews with oldtimers. (6) fishing, boating and yachting news (7) groups, like the girls scouts, cub scouts, etc. (8) announcements of coming events of interest (9) Book reviews (10) Straight reporting on City Council, commissions, political events, other happenings around the Point and the city. I try to keep my biases out, but am not always successful: (11) columns like

"One Man's Opinion" by David Boyd, and my "Pie in the Sky" column. This is my "ego trip": I can write about my pet theories, what I've been thinking about lately, or any esoteric thing I want. That's my dessert for doing the newspaper and sticking my neck out in front of "God and everyone", as the saying goes.

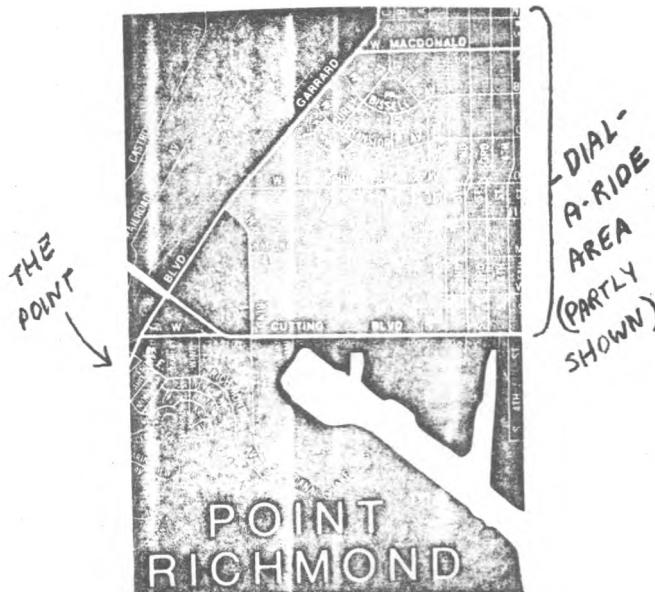
Sometimes an issue of the paper will be a little out of balance in one direction or another. The function of an editor is to edit - that means to keep things out as well as putting things in. That is a matter of personal judgement and a matter for legitimate criticism - as you have justifiably done. For example, there is a lot of political reporting going on right now, because there is a lot happening. During the summer when things are slower, there will be more room and time for historical research, human interest articles, recipes and so on. Hopefully, by printing twice a month, the newspaper will be able to cover the most important things and not leave too much out.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write. At least, when someone writes an angry letter I know they are reading the newspaper!

Jeanne Eger

## Dial-A-Ride

QUESTION: Why can't Dial-A-Ride come into downtown Point Richmond? The service is in great part for the benefit for senior citizens. Our elders could walk downtown and call a bus from any of the local businesses in the event it was decided that the buses couldn't make it up the hills. Dial-A-Ride presently stops at Canal & Cutting, about the last place in the world a senior citizen would want to wait for a bus. If the buses came just  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile farther, it would open up a big world to many of our seniors. The regular routes make it difficult even to get to Kaiser hospital which is only about 16 blocks away, not to mention to a movie at El Portal. Take a look at the map below and then think about the \$3.50 a ride tax subsidy for this service. A petition would seem to be in order.



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Sherry Hartnyk is home from the hospital, recovering from a major operation. She thanks all those who came to see her in the hospital.

# What's New at School?



# PTA Meeting

The Washington School PTA met Wednesday evening, April 2, to hear a number of money raising and spending proposals.

The group unanimously passed a resolution to be sent to the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council asking for enough of next year's Federal Block Grant Funds to provide free hot lunches for all Washington School students. A rough estimate of the cost to the CDC for the program was \$12,000 - \$15,000. This money would be matched by Federal and State nutrition act money which provide about 50¢ per pupil per day toward the cost of the lunch. The total cost of a lunch is estimated at 75¢ per child per day. The group turned down the idea that students should pay according to income and stressed that the program should not discriminate among income levels.

The PTA also endorsed a program for planting trees along West Richmond Avenue in front of the school between the sidewalk and the street. Pat Sinawi, who presented the plan, asked for \$96 to buy 16 trees, which the city would plant and maintain. She passed out drawings done by Richard Splenda, local landscape architect, who had volunteered his services for free to the project. The group voted to have a special fund raising project to be headed by Kathy Lord to buy the trees.

The PTA also voted to spend about \$80 to send third/fourth through twelfth graders on a field trip to Contra Costa College to see the play "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown". It was decided to discuss what could be done for the littler kids who wouldn't be on the trip, at the next meeting.

President David MacDiarmid announced that plans were being firmed up for an all-school carnival in May. Included in the plans were a poster contest for the kids, ticket selling and booth building. More on this later! Save the date - its Saturday, May 10.

HOT DOG DAY VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please call Barbara Martin, 237-4365.

With the sun shining sweetly and the little plants pushing their sprouts through the rich earth, maybe its time to venture out to the Tilden Park Environmental Education Center for a nature walk. Here's the schedule for the last part of April:

Sat. the 19th--"Sunlight-Where Does it Go?" a nature walk "tracing the sun's energy through the eco-system" 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Sun. the 20th--"International Plants and People," a nature walk led by Senior Naturalist Josh Barkin, 10:30-12:30 p.m. "Tree Walk," 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Sat. the 26th--Nature walk,

"Explore the Moist Chaparral via the Pack Rat Trail," noon-1:30 pm. Linda Tiernan. "Indian Uses of Plants," a nature walk led by Linda Tiernan from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Sun. the 27th--"Nature in Resin Resin," a demonstration of resin casting by Linda Tiernan, noon to 1:30 p.m.; "Ponds and Lake in the Nature Area," a nature walk, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

In addition, every Sat. there will be solar energy demonstrations from 11 to 11:45 a.m., the "Lester Litterbug" puppet show from 1:45 to 2:15 p.m.; and other events during the day on both Sat. and Sunday.

## HAIKU

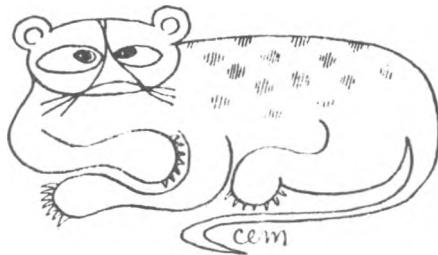
FROM PAT HOILAND (the "problem solver")

Cleaning your drawers, garage or basement again? The teachers at Washington School could use the following items in their classrooms in case you are throwing such things away:

- buttons (all kinds)
- orange juice can lids
- large cardboard boxes
- cigar boxes
- cans (cookie or candy kind)
- comic books (suitable!)
- old copies of Children's Digest
- simple puzzles and games
- childrens books
- old hats
- small toys or items (toy dishes animals, etc.) that would interest children.

If you have things to contribute, send them to the office at school with your child or call 233-2784 to have them picked up.

Many thanks!



## THE "O" PERIOD

The Open Period is a cooperative effort of the Richmond Unified School District and the Parks and Recreation Department. The "Open" curriculum offers a variety of experiences and training: games, gymnastics, lead-up skills for sports, varied art media, movement exploration, etc. The program provides an opportunity to foster behavioral growth, self-discipline, positive attitudes about leisure and appreciation of self. Four specialists are in charge of the curriculum.

From Mrs. Gold's Sixth Grade

Goldfish in the pond,  
Swimming so gracefully, by,  
That make small ripples.  
Jason Sterns

A little flower,  
Planted in the ground so good,  
You should be so cute.  
Donald Coats

Japan is, country,  
Haiku is from Japanese,  
Japan is little.  
Karolyn MacDiarmid

I can see the sky,  
Can you fly the pretty kite now,  
You are a pretty girl.  
Doug Paultk

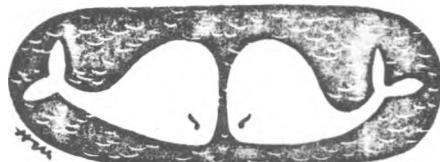
I saw a robin,  
He couldn't fly to Brazil,  
The robin was dead.  
Victor Lamus

Do you like the birds,  
The birds can fly high see them,  
The birds have big wind.  
Elvis Mills

The cat is pretty,  
The cat is so beautiful,  
The cat is in the house.  
Eileen Heard

A cute little bee  
Is so fun that I laugh,  
In a little hive.  
Connie Walz

See the pretty dog,  
See the kite fly in the sky,  
See the scary house.  
Sam McDuffie



A proud annoucement:

Hilary Lord of Mrs. Kreit's class has won third place in the Dental Poster Contest. Three cheers for Hilary!!!

# 50 YEARS AGO today

Its funny how history repeats itself. It is an old cliche, but take a look at this: Back in the spring of 1925 there was a Richmond city council race. Most of the candidates were running on the platform "Develop the Port". Bonds for the Port had been voted in 1912 but the city had been bickering with a company located in the wharf area over right of way down Ninth Street. If you drive down to the docks today you will see there is no Ninth Street at all. Located there are a vegetable oil company and, at the end, Parr Richmond Terminals. The railroad right of way was put through on eighth street. The federal government finally, in 1925, threatened the city with the loss of \$138,000 of federal funds (a lot of money in those days) if they didn't do something about the Port.

Also, as today, in 1925 the disposition of Winehaven at Point Molate was an issue.

From the Richmond Independent:

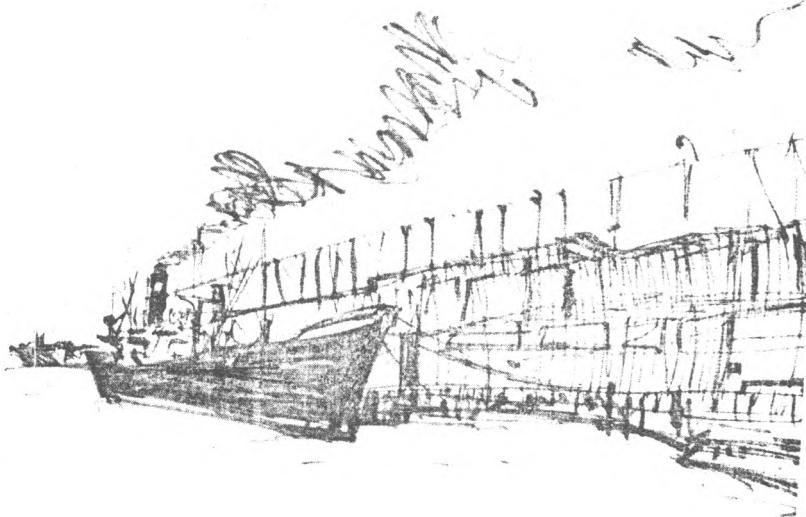
April 28, 1925

## IMMEDIATE WORK ON WHARF URGED TO GET \$138,000 FUND

"The United States government has set aside \$138,000 for additional dredging on the Richmond inner harbor, contingent upon immediate action by the City government of Richmond in starting construction of Wharf No. 2 according to reports from Washington late yesterday.

The city council six weeks ago at the instance of the Chamber of Commerce, passed a resolution to start immediate construction of the wharf on the inner harbor for which bonds were voted in 1912.

During the intervening period negotiations have been underway with the Ellis landing and Dock company in an effort to secure a rail right of way down Ninth street to the proposed wharf site."



April 23, 1925

## RUMORED SALE OF WINEHAVEN IS DENIED

"Officials of the California Wine Association and the Standard Oil Co. of California at the head offices of the two companies in San Francisco, today denied rumors that the oil company had purchased the Winehaven plant of the wine association in Richmond.

Winehaven, the largest winery in the world, has been practically idle since the advent of prohibition. A large quantity of wine has been in storage there, but the wine tanks and vats have been gradually emptied. It has been pected that the winery will be eventually abandoned and sold for some other industrial purpose. The winery is located on docks on deep water and has rail connections by way of the belt line railroad."



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood needs volunteers to work as clinic interviewers and counselors at the Richmond Planned Parenthood Center, 250-25th Street, Richmond.

Training for volunteers begins in April. Call Mary Ellen Powell at the Richmond Center between 1 and 5 p.m. (233-1900), if you can help out.

# On The WATERFRONT

The April 9 Economic Development Commission meeting produced a little surprise package, true to form. The mythical inner harbor marina, which has been talked about for so long, took one more step toward reality in the form of a feasibility study and drawings by Koebig & Koebig, a Los Angeles-based firm of marina planners. The feasibility study is required by the State Department of Navigation and Ocean Development before state money can be secured for development purposes. The drawings, which will be available for public viewing at the Redevelopment Agency later this month, were accompanied by a marketing study.

The market survey area consisted of the entire east bay shoreline from Point San Pablo down to San Leandro. Presently there are 5200 boat slips and nearly all are full. There is a waiting list for about 500 berths. Most of the demand arises from Alameda County, although 20% of the boat-slip demand comes from Contra Costa. The firm said that the boat market has held up even through the recession and there is an increase in demand for 200-250 slips each year. (Jim DeWitt, local sailmaker, says that demand for sailboats has fallen off, though not as badly as the rest of the economy.)

Future marina plans in the East Bay include a 200 boat marina to be built by ARCO just north of Brickyard Cove, more boat slips in the Albany-Emeryville area, and of course, 400-500 new slips in Brickyard Cove itself.

The drawings included plans for fuel dock, chandlery, boat sales offices, 1½-3 acres of repair yard, a limited amount of dry-dock storage, two yacht clubs, five initial major restaurants, retail specialty shops and two coffee shops.

The next steps would include planning, funding, design and building. Koebig predicted that the first boating facilities would open about fiscal 1979 if all proceeded on schedule.

After the presentation, Lucretia Edwards brought up the fact that Governor Brown had stated that he was going to cut some fat out of the state budget and that marina development was one place he might cut. She asked what the planners would do in that event. The response was that there was a large boating lobby and they were sure it would be able to overcome the governor's objections.

The first part of the meeting was taken up by a very interesting report by Mayor Richard Nelson on his trip to Russia with the U.S. Mayors Conference. Nelson said that the Russians had answered all their questions and let them see everything they wanted.



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## YACHTING

Official opening day is April 27 (Sunday). That is the day for all non-boating Point Richmonders to climb the hills and watch their friends and neighbors filling the bay with pretty wind-swept white sails. And if YOU have a boat, no matter how small, join the parade!

From the "Storm Jib", it seems the Richmond Yacht Club (RYC) has been liberated. "R.Y.C. Invitational Ladies Race - WOW! Blue skies, fresh breezes, super sailing conditions greeted the fleet of 27 boats starting R.Y.C.'s first invitational regatta for women only, sailed on the Olympic Circle.

"Lee Conn and his committee did the usual great job of race management and to Protest Committee Chairwoman, Ann Larson, a special thank you.

"We had ladies from 10 yacht clubs and most of them came back to R.Y.C. after the race to attend the trophy presentation and get acquainted.

"There was a big spread in boats entered, from a Columbia 36 to Cal 20's - all handicapped under the I.O.R. rule. The Regatta Chairman hopes everyone had as much fun as she did, planning and sailing - and she wishes you could all see the oil painting Jim DeWitt did as the trophy for first overall."

The winners - in first, second and third place order: Division I Poppy Truman, Ginny Boyce, Anne McCormack; Div. II, Jocelyn Carrick, Marsha Peck, Sharon McDonald, Anne Lewis, Bobbi Tosse;



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Div. IV, First Overall best corrected time in the Fleet: Jocelyn Carrick - San Juan 24, with crew members Millie Bratenahl, Lisa Shuey, Jonna Stratton and Pam DeWitt.

(Thank you, Gertrude Bartlett for sending us the Storm Jib!)

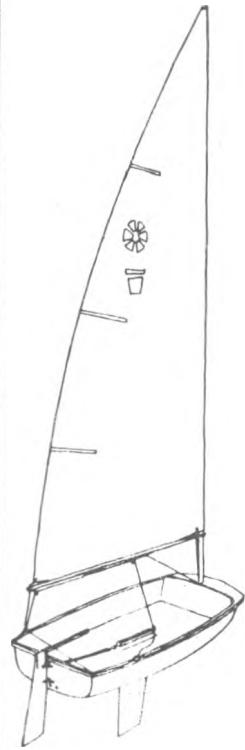
## Fishing News

Jim Smith, skipper of the Boat Magruss, party fishing boat out of Point San Pablo, reports that they have been catching limits on bass (two 27 pounders with mud-suckers yesterday) up until the 10th, when the dams were opened up north. With the water being released it becomes muddy and the bass stop feeding. However, the sturgeon then come back - biting on grass shrimp. Salmon fishing is very good in the last few days. Why? The salmon were finally found hiding a few miles south of the Farallon islands. Big ones, too.

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# ~ Generations of Paasch experiences ~

## by Gary Darling

After Walter Paasch's father (Richard Paasch) was married, he opened "The Meat Market" on University and Ninth Street in Berkeley, in about 1890. As a side job he also shod horses. Around the turn of the century he and his wife moved to Richmond and opened a butcher shop at the foot of Barrett Ave. At this time the Standard Oil Co. was just getting established.

Richard Paasch had a thriving business, but many people would run up a huge credit bill, and then pack up and leave. This caused him to get a job out at the Standard Oil Refinery in the stables. Then he bought out a blacksmith shop here in Point Richmond from a Mr. Murry, (who owned a good 90% of the business district of the Point) in 1903. This blacksmith shop was located near the corner of West Richmond and Tunnel Avenue (next to Pastorie's Shoe Store).

Richard Paasch and others organized the first volunteer fire department in Point Richmond in about 1904. He eventually became the Fire Chief of the station. In those days their "huge" fire engine trucks consisted of a small horse-drawn hose wagon and a horse. A fire would be reported by someone ringing a bell located on top of the firehouse. This would be a signal for all of the volunteer firemen to come.

Mr. Paasch helped extinguish the big San Francisco fire after the earthquake of 1906. Walter can remember going to the top of Nicholl Knob each day so he could see how much the fire had progressed.

At this time Richard Paasch had a house built on 318 Tunnel Ave. where his oldest grandson Russell Paasch and his family live now. Walter was born in 1902 in the house his family had on A street near the butcher shop. He attended the Standard Ave. Elementary School. He also went to Washington School when it was built. Walter attended the high school on 23rd and Macdonald known as Union High. He graduated from there in 1920.

Walter went to work at Standard Oil for 16 months. He then went to San Francisco Law School for four years. In 1926 he passed the State Bar Exam. Many people were very proud of him. In that same year he started to work for Contra Costa County as a Legal Clerk, and then became Court Clerk. Finally he attained the position of County Clerk. Walter has worked for the County for 48 years and retired as of December 1st, 1974.

Mrs. Paasch's family were also long-time residents of the Bay Area. They have been around five generations in San Francisco. Her grandfather started a bakery in the City just before the big earthquake of 1906. Previous to this, though, her family were "bakers" for nine generations in Germany. The bakery her grandfather started was known as the Gold West Bakery which later sold out to Langendorf. In 1921 Mrs. Paasch's mother came to Point Richmond and converted the Abbott Hospital into a boarding house. She also had an uncle who bottled the first bottle of beer in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Paasch have happily lived in Point Richmond for many years. Next year they will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

# Terisfa

Mid Dornan  
234-5334

Happy Birthday

Becky Robertson	Kari Elle
Melissa Allyn	Ruby Ellis
Bruce Bartram	Verla Camren
Wm. Kretzmer	Mabel Edwards
Sherry Espinosa	Eric Hoiland

Also...Pablo Picasso and Pigeon Kocker--15 years old! April born: the Sweet Pea is your flower and the Diamond is your birthstone.

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One way to call special attention to significance of trees in our environment is to plant a tree on Arbor Day, the 24th, a custom originated in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton.

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Highlight of any day is the Bi-centennial Minute, "Two Hundred Years Ago Today" sponsored by Shell on CBS-TV. Two hundred years ago on April 18th, Paul Revere silversmith, patriot and printer of America's first paper money, took his famous ride. As horse rides go, it wasn't much--ten miles! Did you remember there were two of them riding that night? William Dawes took off in a different direction and ended up back in Lexington.



More than one person has remarked about the resplendent tulip garden of Marcia Southward at Bishop and Washington...the charm being restored to the Peckham home at West Richmond and Martina...the enviable garden of Charles Camren at Western Drive and Tremont!

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If you appreciate crotchedeted handcraft, you'll marvel at the beauty of the curtain in the kitchen of Mary Sulpo on Washington. Being a curtain, passers-by can enjoy it too.

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Nobody who can read is ever successful at cleaning out an attic or storeroom!

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Thirty-six members and guests enjoyed the monthly luncheon of the Westside Improvement Club, Richmond's oldest organized club. Officers for the 1975-76 year were elected. They were: Caroline Davidson, President; Elizabeth McDonald, Vice President; Virginia Bryant, Secretary; Reitha MacDonald, Treasurer.

These are fun and interesting people to be with. One was discussing her arrival with her family in the Point in 1908..."The Point then didn't have any rich or poor...everyone was so friendly...we left our doors and windows unlocked..."

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For the chronic griper, the "bawl" season has arrived:

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Bob Latchaw was surprised by his fellow workers at City Hall with a tasty cake marking his first year as the city's Director of Public Works!

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The beautiful wild pheasant is an accepted part of the neighborhood of Tremont and Western drives: however, they wish he was a little less noisy!

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Amusing comment: "I have my job back...I hadn't planned on it...I'd rather do the poverty scene...but...!"

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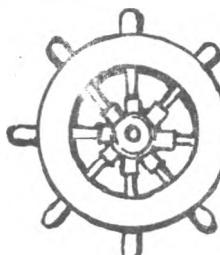
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### TRIVIA (continued)

Former Point residents, the Doug Clarks, now of Olympia, Washington, send best regards to all their friends. Doug, industrial development consultant, has written a booklet, "Starting a Business in Washington State" and is preparing for its 4th printing since 1973. His wife, Jessie, has been commissioned to create five string arts originals for the Department of Commerce, General Administration Building in Olympia.

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Ed Palenchar, Point fireman, and his wife, Josephine, along with Nellie Matteucci and Josephine Martin tried their luck in Reno this past week.

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Visiting her cousin, Mary Casey, was Anne Dunne, a teacher from St. George, Canada, whose homeland is Ireland. But then, anyone meeting and talking to her knew that from her wonderful brogue.

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Seeing Donna Roselius recognized in the Question Mark column of the local newspaper for one of her many talents was pleasant reading.

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Dorothy Davis is the Point's newest budding Rembrandt. Her first work, an oil depicting a mountain scene among clouds with fields of poppies has been reviewed very favorably.

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Five carloads of Westside Improvement Club members picnicked under the apple blossoms at the Sebastopol home of Ruby Ellis' sister, Maritta Armstrong on Tuesday. Even the weather cooperated!

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Stacey Spinola spent the weekend with her grandmother, Christine Dennis.

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# HERE AND THERE

with Dorothy King

Lloyd Craft, his brother Sam Craft and Steve Price have joined forces to combine schools from Sam and Lloyd's students. Lloyd is a 2nd degree black belt, Northern California 1972-73 Fighter of the Year award winner. His list of achievements include first place in armed forces karate championship for 1974, 1972-73 Grand Champion San Francisco All Olympic Karate Championships, first place 1974 Western Karate Championships, plus many other tournament titles and trophies. He is rated no. 5 Fighter in the Northwest Region (from a 7-state area) by Professional Karate Magazine. He was nominated for Golden First Award in the best offensive fighter category in 1974 (The Golden First Award is Karate's equivalent to the Emmy Awards.)

Lloyd is a very hard trainer and expects the more advanced students to put more effort and form into their workouts than is expected of new students.

Sam and Lloyd teach a style of Karate called Kajukenbo, which is symbolic of combined styles of Ka - Karate; Ju-Judo, Ju-jitsu; Ken - Chinese Kenpo; Bo - which stands for Chinese Boxing (which is known as Kung-Fu).

Lloyd recommends students to run, do sit-ups, push-ups, light weights, extra strengthening pull-ups, leg weights and, of course, Karate practice, on the students' own time as well as the class workouts.

Karate dedication is flexible, depending on individual effort. For some, Karate is fitness of mind and body, for some it is a method of self defense and a sport, and for some, a whole way of life.

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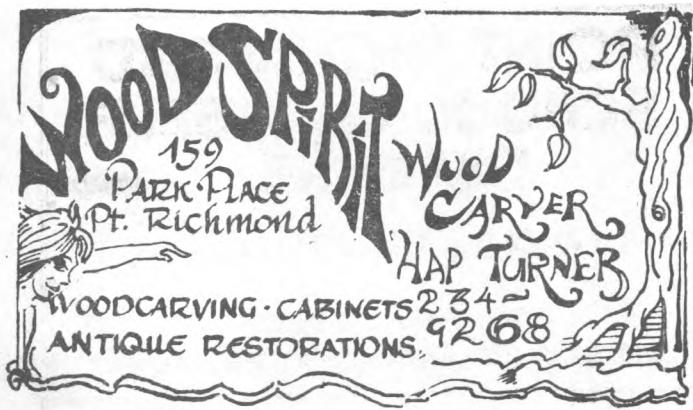
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From Susan Ziblatt, wife of David Ziblatt, formerly of Bishop Avenue, comes this report. David teaches Political Science at Sonoma State University. They now have three sons and a daughter.

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Recently visiting Dan and Thea Robertson was Dan's mother, Mrs. Helen Robertson from Michigan.

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Just returned from a weekend trip to Badger Pass, Yosemite are Geoffrey Cardosa and Asa Williams. They went skiing!

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Al Thompson is home from the hospital now. He was in the Santa Fe hospital. His wife, Loomis, is an Avon Representative here.

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Don't forget the cancer drive April 20th to May 9th. Mrs. Margeurite Clutts is the Captain of the Point.

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Always check your precinct card and take it with you when you go to the polls. The next election vote is on Tuesday, May 13.

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At the Women's Center, 1515 Market, San Pablo, they are having a Pot Luck Dinner. They are going to discuss and organize their opening for future the evening.

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Lisa Cone, fourth grader in Miss Beck's class at Washington School, won the trophy for the Fire Safety Contest for her scrapbook.

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Jumbos Restaurant was closed for a week because Betty Moore and Shirley Ramirez both had the flu. Everyone missed them.

## More LOCAL NEWS

Linda Drake of Castro Street gives us this report: "My friend, neighbor, and favorite sister-in-law, Barbara Barber, a life-long resident of our Point Richmond, caught herself a 39-pound striped bass. The 39-pounder was a resident of China Camp in the San Pablo Bay."

The Richmond Rebekhas will give a Turkey Dinner from 5-7:30 p.m. April 17 at the Oddfellows Hall, on West Richmond Ave. Donation is \$2.75. The dinner will be cooked by the Rebekhas (so you know it will be good)!



Ruth Beckner reports that the Zephyr Rebekah Lodge #263, at 117 West Richmond Ave., will have a "fun and games" happening following their 7:30 p.m. meeting, April 16. Public is invited.



The Community Center will be open Saturday afternoons, beginning this weekend. An angel has offered to donate a practically unused pool table to the center! That's the spirit!



American Indians will hold a rummage sale at the church parking lot or the hall at Our Lady of Mercy, 301 West Richmond Ave., April 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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He won't see it, because it isn't the right day. You persist, "Well, what is that then?"

He'll say, "I don't know, man. A bouncing mud ball. I don't know Something. A robin."

Three weeks later, that same robin will turn out to be a swallow. And a hero! There will be a parade. Majorettes strutting! Horses prancing! The big bass drums thumping! (The swallows get out of town for the day. Too noisy for them.)

But here Point Richmond sits, a lump. No buzzards, no swallows, no Queen, and me with an empty birdhouse moldering away on the tree.

But here's an idea: Since nothing comes back to Point Richmond every year, we could capitalize on that fact. We could start a famous festival. Get TV ads that say, "Visit Famous Point Richmond. Join the crowds who gather in this quaint village to celebrate the fact that Nothing Comes Back To Point Richmond Every Year."

Thousands of people will arrive. They'll wander through our streets. They'll look all around. Finally, one will say, "What's the deal? I don't see anything here."

Broadcasters will leap to their microphones and the word will flash round the world: "Nothing has come back to Point Richmond, on time and faithfully, as it does every year."

Well, you'll have to organize the festival yourself. I'm too busy worrying about the swallows. They are running out of nesting space.

People move to Capistrano to live near the famous swallows. They buy an empty lot. Someone tells them, "That lot is where the swallows nest."

The people say, "Who cares? Put my house there. I want my house in Capistrano, where the swallows come. Kick the swallows out."

Only three hundred swallows showed up this year. They flew over the signs, "Luxury living at Swallow Rancheros, Low Down, FHA Approved." "Feather your nest with a home loan from Hibernia."

Goodbye, swallows.



(Editor's note: you may have thought that the New Yorker scooped the Point Counterpoint with its article on swallows, April 14, 1975. But NOT SO! Dan Robertson's swallow story was in our hands a full MONTH ago, ready to go to press April 15, 1975.)

# TROUBLES WITH DONNA

I've been having some trouble lately with my usually articulate friend, Donna Roselius. You know Donna - editor of Point Counterpoint in the '60s - teacher of music in Richmond Public Schools- magician with artists pen and printing press - champion of the underdog - supporter of musical programs all over the city. Pretty, proper, cultured Donna.

Now she is having trouble expressing herself. I called her on the phone. "What's happening?" I said....laughter..."Oh, I wish I could tell you...more laughter... I just can't express it...giggle...it would take half an hour."

Donna has gotten herself wound up with a new project - promotion and press agentry for a jazz band. The Charles Moffet Family, Inc.

I must say that Donna has excellent taste in her projects. She dragged me to Keystone Korner in San Francisco last month to hear Moffett play. The next day there were rave reviews in the daily alternative newspapers, and well-deserved. The music soars. The interaction between Charles Moffet and his children is something to behold. It is a musical interaction and an emotional-love interaction. It is a warm dynamic that envelopes the audience.

The trouble is that the jazz dynamic is getting to Donna. Have you ever heard jazz improvisation with a bunch of little lady recorder players? Donna made me sit and listen to a tape recording of an improvisation lesson that Moffett gave to the Recorder and Giggling Society. First, a lot of giggling...then, slowly, incredibly...improvisation. Next thing you know it will be called the Recorder, Giggling and Jazz Improvisation Society.

That is because Moffett is a magician with music. I know that because I heard his big band down in Oakland about a year ago. This is a big band of about 30 kids. Actually, although it is a big band, it is a short band. None of them talked, but boy could they play!

What kind of man can bring professional jazz out of a bunch of 5-15 year old kids? I am used to the old school band that could be counted on to play out of tune, not a family who constantly and professionally composes, improvises, practices and communicates with their music.

But is is fun to watch a friend discovering a new musical idea. Donna, trained in classical music, has been captured by the only true American musical idiom, Jazz. And it has rendered her speechless. (Giggle, giggle.)

## CHILDREN'S TELEVISION FAIR April 20

Sunday, April 20, 1975, will be the date for an international FIRST --a Children's Television Fair.

The Fair will be a FREE Community service organized by 20 co-sponsoring organizations including the California State PTA, which believes the time has come for discussion of the effects and potential of the powerful medium on our children. The San Francisco campus of UC extension at 55 Laguna near Market, will provide the arena for what is called a three-ring-circus.

The first "ring" will present video previews of quality children's programs. The second "ring" will feature dialogue groups where parents, children, broadcasters and professionals may share ideas on television use and effects.

The third "ring" will provide more formal presentations by broadcast professionals, academicians and community experts on such topics as "How Children Learn from TV" and "Alternatives to violence".

There will be demonstrations and exhibits of portable TV equipment and films and tapes produced by children.

There will be a wide variety of "live entertainment" throughout the day and free child care will be available. Exhibits and demonstration areas are open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

# Contact Lenses... Soft News

David Ewell, O.D., President of Kontur Kontakt Lens Co., Inc. at 200 South Garrard is the only person I've ever met who could wax eloquent about contact lenses. Especially about soft lenses.

Soft lenses were invented in Czechoslovakia about 20 years ago when the Communist government decided it would spend everything that was necessary to invent a new form of eye care. Ewell says they are the newest thing in the field since eyeglasses. The lenses themselves are ground from a hard plastic plug to exact dimensions and then immersed in saline solution (salt water) until they hydrate (fill up with water). The lenses then become 60% liquid. The advantages are obvious - there's no scratching of the eye - the lenses can be worn indefinitely without discomfort. They protect the eye from pollution. Ewell says he has even worn the soft lenses in a room with tear gas and his eyes didn't even tear.

But there are problems too. Some lenses collect deposits of protein from the interchange of fluids between eye and lens. Some become cloudy or yellow. Then its back to the lab. Because the lenses are such a new invention, experimentation is still trying to solve these problems. Ewell flipped through a book of chemical equations. "Somewhere in here is the answer," he said.

Directions for care of the lenses must be followed to the letter because of the intimate relation between the fluids in the lens and the fluids in the eye. If the lens dries out it looks like a corn flake or a potato chip. But immersion in saline solution brings it back to its original dimensions and curvature.

Ewell says that 60% of contact

lenses made in Europe are the soft kind. However, in the U.S. only about 1% are soft. He says that as far as he knows, his laboratory is the only one in the world making contact lenses for astigmatism. Astigmatism is caused by a fault in corneal curvature - as opposed to a problem in length of eyeball between cornea and retina. Contact lenses are considered drugs by the Food & Drug Administration and are under strict supervision in the United States.

David Ewell started his contact lens business in 1955 at 10th and Nevin. In 1959 he moved to 12th and Nevin. Then in May 1973 Kontur Kontakt lenses moved to its present location on Garrard.

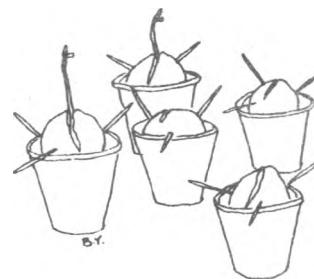
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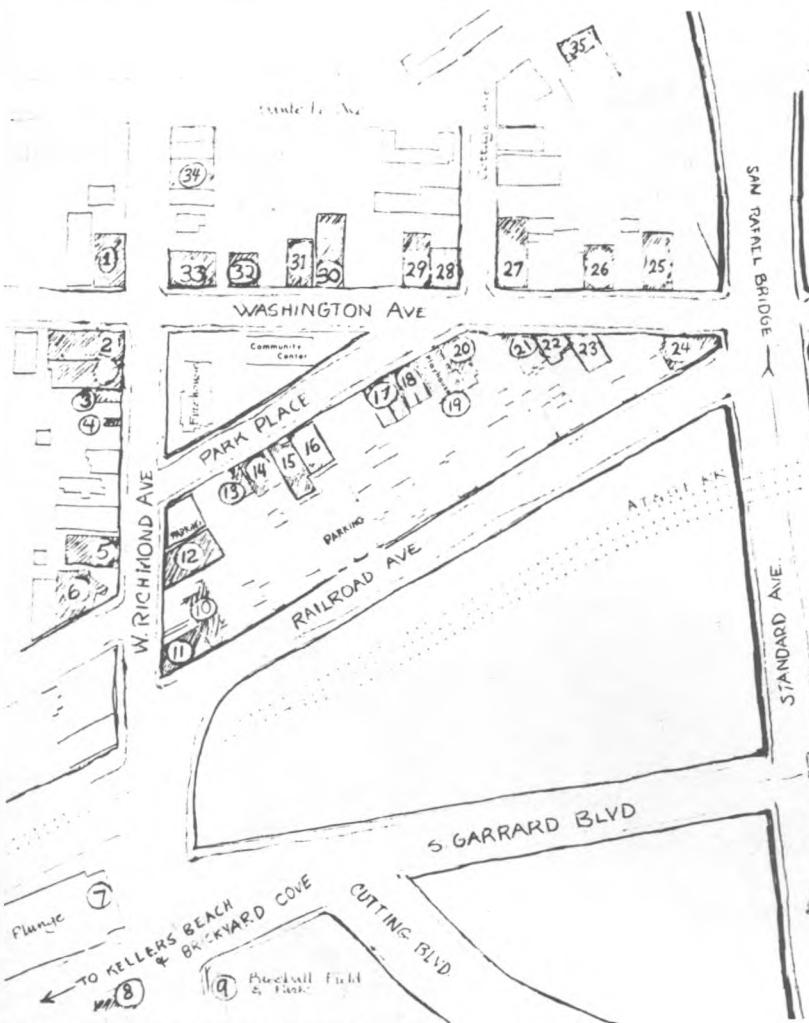


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