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Corner of Nicholl and Santa Fe, an undated photo from the Don Church Collection. Lower left: Sam Curry home built in 1903. Four homes built by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Little (1903). Two-story center building, Matson home (1903); Far right, Tom Conn home; Upper left, Rev. Younglove home.

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♦♦ HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ♦♦

FEBRUARY – REVIEW OF THE PREVIEW

Judging from the comments, everyone who attended the February 23 viewing of the Indian Statue model enjoyed themselves, were pleasantly surprised at the statue model, and are looking forward to the October 20 unveiling and celebration.

Judging from the crowd of 150 to 200 people who found their way to 2580 Spinnaker way in the new Marina, in the dark, without street signs, not many got lost!

Sculptor Kirk St. Maur surprised the viewers by displaying two models of the Indian statue – his 'first draft' which has appeared in publicity photos, and a final model which he will work from in making the statue. The final model was a truly majestic figure, carrying out the historically significant aspect of 'replicating' the original statue, while at the same time, according to the people who had been acquainted with the original, improving on it.

Peggy Young of the Mayor's office and John Wood, in charge of public relations for Marina Bay, insured the success of the event, with preparations and publicity. With the participation of the Point Business Association and the History Association, and the services of Ellie Strauss (Ellie's Restaurant), representatives from all segments of Richmond's community and interested people from throughout the Bay Area were on hand for an event worthy of the work of art it celebrated.

Several additional contributions have been received by Inter Arts; Santa Fe has indicated that it may give a substantial donation (a copy of their letter is in this issue) and there was even a net profit from the no-

host bar of \$243, although that donation won't be noted on a bronze plaque.

MARCH – SPECIAL JOINT MEETING

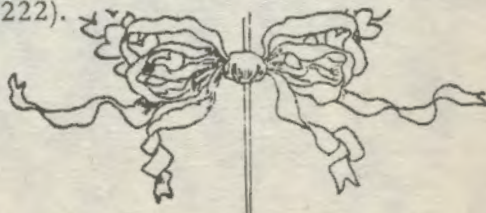
On Thursday, March 22, Linsley Hall will welcome not only the Point Richmond History Association and friends, but members of the San Pablo, El Cerrito, Richmond, and Pinole Historical Societies.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 this time, and we can look forward to an interesting program, provided by the San Pablo group.

Costumes and weapons of Old California will be on display, courtesy of the featured speaker, Marco Gonzalez, who is active in a group called California Living History, an organization whose members research and portray characters from our state's colorful past. Choosing individuals like Juan Crespi, Mariano Vallejo and Juan B. Alvarado, the group makes special appearances at places like Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, dressed in period costumes and often accompanied by other necessary gear and accessories, they make every effort to preserve and present to the public some of the colorful heritage of California.

California State Historian George Stamerjohan and other members of the California Living History Group have also been invited to attend.

Since our Association is hosting, anyone wishing to help by bringing cookies is appreciated! (For further information call 235-4222).

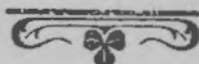


MAY -
ANNUAL MEETING

The exact date of our annual meeting will be decided at our March meeting. Plans are being made for another BIG get-together, Pot-luck, etc.

A tour of the Standard Oil Refinery was among our tentative plans for the year. An extra daytime meeting in May can be scheduled for a tour for anyone interested. Please let us know if you would like to go, by calling 235-4222. The tour is limited to 45 people.

-Donna Roselius



MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Gloria D. Schwab
Jeffrey M. Reynolds
Rev. Denis J. Araujo

And thank you for renewing your memberships:

Josephine Palenchar
Helen Skelton
Dorothy Davis
Ronald Yates

If a red check mark appears here _____
your membership dues are (or were) due as
of _____

To ensure receiving you next issue of "This Point in Time", and to keep it and other worthwhile projects going, please mail in your membership now - Since we are a non-profit organizations, your donations are tax-deductible, and greatly appreciated! Please fill out the form on the last page and send it to Pam Wilson, 521 Western Drive.

Points in the Past

Articles that appeared during this month, 70, 60, 50, 40 and 30 years ago, from the Richmond Independent and the Point Richmond Record, courtesy of the Richmond Library.

70 YEARS AGO . . .

"The Santa Fe railway is completing that section of Ashland Avenue (now Garrard) which is their own property and extends over the railway tracks on Railroad Avenue to meet Richmond Avenue . . . It is said the railway company plans to make a triangle shaped park in the middle of Ashland Avenue at that point which will add much to the appearance of that thoroughfare."

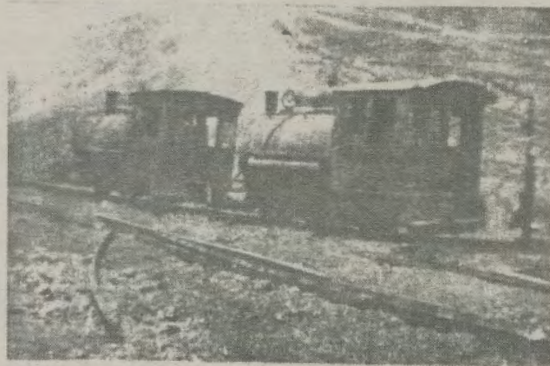
-March 11, 1914

"At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the first blast into the heart of the big west side hill, that the city has decreed must be tunneled, was set off. For several minutes dirt flew high and to passersby, it looked as if the work had been completed. Three shifts of men are now at work and neither night or day make any difference. Superintendent in charge E.J.Carillo stated that the work will be rushed to the earliest possible completion, ready for use by November 1st.

"The surplus dirt that is being taken from the hill is being dumped on the extension of Ashland avenue south of Richmond avenue. When this portion is well filled, the remainder of the dirt will be used to fill in that section of low land west of the Montana avenue school and around the schoolhouse.

"The miniature railway for transporting the dirt from the north of the tunnel to the Richmond avenue fill west of the . . . school has been completed. The railway is operated by an Atlas 5-ton mining electric motor."

—March 11, 17 & 31,
1914



Engines hauling rock from the tunnel in 1915 — photo from the Don Church collection

"Failure of the youths of this city to obey the police mandate that bathers on the outer harbor beach near the Santa Fe mole shall wear more than a pleasant look while indulging in the sport has caused Chief of Police James P. Arnold to station a police officer there to enforce the law.

"Residents of that section complained that the boys have been undressing and giving a shock to the residents and pedestrians in that part of the city."

—March 21, 1914

"Upon the motion of Councilman Fernald . . . the council last evening voted to ask the board of education to donate or sell to the city at a nominal figure the old Standard avenue schoolhouse to be moved to the Wall addition as a new city hall."

—March 31, 1914

60 YEARS AGO . . .

"A storm of opposition broke last night at the mass meeting of Point Richmond residents held in the school auditorium at the Point. Residents went on record as being against both of the proposed sites (at Kozy Kove or near the tennis courts) . . . and directed that the \$7800 which had been apportioned them by the city, for the playgrounds, be set aside until such a time when the citizens of the Point pick the site by popular vote.

"Heated talks were given by some of the Point residents who declared that they would rather not have any park than the ones which were picked out by the park commission. Lee Windrem, attorney, and resident at the Point for 22 years, declared that 'it is a disgrace, this appropriation of \$7800 to a community like the Point. We pay 50 per cent of the taxes and out of this playground bond of \$150,000 we receive but a twentieth of the amount for our park.'"

— March 18, 1924

"Celebrating the twenty-second anniversary of their plumbing and sheet metal business in Richmond, R.H.Spiersch, pioneer local plumbers, entertained their employees at a dinner and card party last evening at the R.H.Spiersch home, 215 Alvarado Street.

"On St. Patrick's day in 1902 . . . the Spiersch brothers came here from Sacramento and purchased a small plumbing and sheet metal shop in Point Richmond, from L.R. Jordan, another former Sacramentan. Despite the fact that there were already five plumbing concerns located here at that time and competition was exceptionally keen, the firm of Spiersch Brothers outlasted the others and its business expanded until now it has two flourishing businesses, one at 25 Park Place, Point Richmond, and the other at 322 Thirteenth Street."

— March 18, 1924

50 YEARS AGO ...

"Work has been started on construction of a new rifle and pistol range at the old brickyard on Garrard boulevard, following approval of the project by the CWA. One of the best rifle ranges in this district will be provided for the police and other rifle and pistol clubs."

—March 6, 1934

" 'Increase in pay for workers in the Ford plants announced yesterday by Henry Ford means \$250,000 a year increase in wages at the Richmond plant,' said Clarence L. Bullwinkle, manager for the Ford Motor company . . . 'Five dollars a day is the minimum wage to be paid in Ford plants . . . Approximately 2000 men are now employed at the local plant. A considerable portion of these are affected by the increase.' "

—March 14, 1934

"The Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Girls conducted an outdoor hobby ceremonial at the beach a few days ago. Each girl spoke on the ideals of her hobby and summarized the work she had done in the national birthday honor.

"With the coals just right after the ceremonial fire, the girls tried out two new outdoor recipes. One, called 'Angels on Horseback', proved very delicious. A slice of bacon was wound around a long slice of cheese and heated over the coals at the end of the stick. When the 'angel' seemed about to fall off, it was placed in a lettuce lined roll."

—March 30, 1934

—Teresa Albro



40 YEARS AGO ...

SHIPYARDS IN CONTEST

"The honor of having one of its Liberty ships named after Raymond Clapper, prominent newspaperman who was killed in an airplane crash during the Marshalls invasion last month, will go to the winner of a safety record contest among nine shipyards, the Maritime Commission announced today.

"The yard which during March has the lowest accident rate per million man hours will win the privilege of having one of its April launchings named after him, the commission said.

"Both Richmond Shipyard No. 1 and No. 2 are included in the list."

—March 1, 1944

SHIPYARDS HERE PLAN ALL-WOMAN LAUNCHING EVENT

"With the question, 'Which Richmond shipyard will have the first all-woman launching?' still unanswered, both Richmond Shipyards Nos. 1 and 3 are hurriedly making preparations to hold the event.

"At present Yard 1's plans are not completed. However, Richmond Shipyard No. 3 has announced that only women will participate when the troopship, the USS General Charles G. Morton, is launched on Saturday noon, March 11.

"The sponsor will be chosen from a group of women from each department having the longest service record. The maid or matron of honor will be chosen the same way from women of each department having the best presenteeism record.

"Auditions are being taken by Al Railton for the entertainment program. According to tentative plans, a representation of the three majority races employed at the shipyards, Caucasian, Negroes and Chinese, will be featured.

"Miss Virginia Olney, associate editor of *Fore 'N' Aft*, shipyard publication, will act as mistress of ceremonies. The invocation will be offered by Miss Iva M. West, ordained missionary and women's counselor, at yard 3. Mrs. Helen Brouwer, plant policewoman, will be the principal speaker.

"The drawing for the attendants at the launching will be held Wednesday noon, when a special program honoring women war workers will be presented."

—March 6, 1944

30 YEARS AGO . . .

BRIDGE WORK IS ON SCHEDULE . . . SPAN DUE TO OPEN IN 1955

"It's like an iceberg — most of it is under water."

"This is how the principal engineer for the Richmond-San Rafael bridge described the bridge's progress to date. He is Ben Balala, state engineer, whose office at the bridge site contains a scale drawing of the entire bridge.

"A glance shows that the work on the 79 piers is proceeding according to schedule. All piers and most of the steel work is scheduled for completion in August, 1955.

"The work at the Richmond end of the bridge is progressing more rapidly than the San Rafael side, Balala said. He explained that it was because there is no deep water on this side and nine of the 79 piers are 'dry-land' piers, constructed with a minimum of difficulty.

"On the Richmond side, 16 piers, a distance of 1600 feet, are finished as well as the steel structure which they support. None have yet been completed on the San Rafael side, indicating the construction difficulties encountered in deeper water. Piles for 15 piers, however, have been driven at the west-
ern terminus.

"The east channel has also been spanned by eight piers, but again the water is shallower here. In the west channel — where ocean going vessels and ships to Mare Island will pass — piles have been driven for nine piers. Steel shells for the piers are being constructed by the Basalt Rock Company in Napa and, being too massive to ship overland, they arrive at the bridge site via barges.

"When the bridge is completed — scheduled for August, 1955 — a roadway 36 feet wide will provide two lanes of traffic. Each lane will be 18 feet wide, and the engineers say room enough for traffic to go around a stalled car without jamming up the works.

"The structure is being built with the planners keeping in mind that a second deck will be needed eventually and when that happens, motorists on the bridge won't even know that such a deck is being put into place. The second deck will go below what will then be the existing span and will provide three lanes in one direction, while the upper deck will carry traffic in the opposite direction.

"Provisions for the sale of bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000 are already in the resolution that cleared the way for construction of the bridge."

—March 25, 1954

20 YEARS AGO . . .

MASQUERS OPEN COMEDY ON FRIDAY

"The Masquers, Inc. open their new comedy, the sophisticated "A Mighty Man Is He" Friday evening, March 13, starting a four-week run.

"Cast in the modern situation comedy are Virginia Cherniak as the wife of Alexander Smith, a theatrical producer; Colleen Turner as a 'lady'; Yvonne Jackson as another 'lady'; and Shirley Hickman as yet another

er. . . Robin Walker, Roland Scrivner, Tim Hammond, Larry Emery and Rich Rizzio round out the cast.

"Directed by Jo Camp, "A Mighty Man Is He" will be presented Friday and Saturday evenings at 8:30 p.m. March 13 through April 4 at the Masquers' Playhouse, 105 Park Place, Point Richmond. Call TH3-5475 for reservations.

—March 6, 1964

PT. RICHMOND CIVIC GROUP NAMES SLATE

"Matthew Walker of the Bay Area Pollution Control Board was the speaker at a recent Point Richmond Civic Group meeting. He assured the audience that local industries are cooperating in the operation of monitoring devices that detect damaging fumes. Residents may also phone complaints to KL2-1300.

"Newly elected officers for 1964 are: President, Charles K. Reynolds; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Davis; secretary, Mrs. Robert Dornan; treasurer, Michael Harcourt; Board of Directors, Barbara Olesen, Mrs. James Milton, Mrs. R.J. Anderson, David Hipolito, Bernard Christiansen, Mead McClure, and Joseph Morin.

"Program for the next scheduled meeting in April will include two speakers on the Rumford Act. They will represent the Human Relations Council and the West Contra Costa Realtors Board, respectively.

"The second phase of the Point Richmond survey, proposed guides for the future development of this area, will also be presented by Tom Tedrick, planning council chairman.

—March 11, 1964

—Pam Wilson



GOLDY GNAGA GEBHART
SHREWSBURY

Goldy Gebhart Shrewsbury was born Goldy Dolly Gnaga in Chicago on August 18, 1900. The Gnaga family was living at Robertsdale, a suburb of Whiting, Indiana, at the time, but Mrs. Gnaga went to visit her mother in Chicago when Goldy was due.

Goldy's father, Sidney Howard Gnaga, sr., was employed by Standard Oil at the Whiting, Indiana plant. He, like many Whiting employees, transferred to the Richmond refinery. His family followed him about a year and a half later, in 1903. Mr. Gnaga built the family home at 646 Western Drive, where Goldy lived until she was married.

At age four, Goldy first attended kindergarten in the old fire station on the corner of Martina and Cottage. Her kindergarten teacher was Miss Rich, the daughter of the Methodist pastor. Another session of kindergarten was held under the bakery at the corner of Santa Fe and Richmond Avenues. (This building still stands on that corner.) Goldy completed her nomadic kindergarten year in the basement of the original old wooden Methodist church between Nicholl and Washington, before the brick church was built. Goldy remembers that she was baptized at age six in the old church. In those formative years in Richmond, there were no public kindergartens. Those that existed were privately run, and charged a tuition.

Goldy started first grade in a rather large wooden structure on the West side of Standard Avenue, between Eddy and Castro. The Principal and eighth grade teacher was Walter T. Helms. Goldy's teacher was Miss Carpenter. At age 11, she and all the students were transferred to the newly completed Washington School. So well built was the brick structure that years later, when State mandated earthquake standards brought the building down, the huge wrecking ball had considerable difficulty accomplishing that task.

Education was very formal by today's standards. Before school, the children would line up by grade level outside the building, with girls in one line and boys in another. For a time, a boy by the name of Jephtha White would 'drum them in', as they filed into class. Later a phonograph was used. Walter T. Helms was promoted to Superintendent, and Miss Nora Ashfield became Principal and eighth grade teacher.

After graduating from the eighth grade, Goldy went to Richmond High School at Twenty third Street near Macdonald, under

Principal B.X.Tucker. When the new High School was built farther North on Twenty-third Street, past Rheem Avenue, the old High School became Longfellow Junior High School. Herbert Hunn was later Principal there for several years, before being transferred to Harry Ells. He had originally taught manual training, as they called it then, at the old High School near Macdonald. Kitty Kinneer was dean of girls at the time.

Goldy married Fred Gebhart in 1920. Fred was on shift work at Standard Oil at the time. He worked his way up to the position of Office Assistant to General Manager Dick Rowell, and later Carl Rehfus.

During World War II, Goldy worked as a laboratory technician at Battery no. 10. Because she weighed only 108 pounds, she was given the job of 'thieving tanks' – she climbed ladders up the side of tanks, and probed to determine the depth of the water layer at the bottom in relation to the refined oil to see how much oil had to be 'bled' off.

After Fred Gebhart died, Goldy married James Melin (Lynn) Shrewsbury, a family friend in Philadelphia, where she lived for eight years before returning to the Bay Area after Lynn's death.

—Hortense Gnaga McGee
(Goldy's sister)



**Editor's note:*

We sincerely appreciate 'interviews' done by close friends and relatives – especially when the interviewee is knowledgeable about Point Richmond history. Many thanks to Hortense, and a sincere request for more of the same about other participants in the Point's past. If you don't like to write, consider interviewing via tape recorder, and send us the tape! (212 Bishop Alley, Point Richmond, CA 94801. Call 235-4222 for any further information.)

WHY ARE WE HERE?

One of the charms of the area we write about is the mix of various kinds of people from all walks of life. It is interesting to find out how some of these people came to live in the Point.

Reviewing interviews done in previous newsletters we see that the reason most early Richmond residents settled in this area was because of the jobs provided by Standard Oil, Winehaven and other local industries. Transportation was difficult, money scarce and working hours long. Most early residents had neither the means, time or the extra money to enable them to live in one community and work in another.

Today people have more resources available to them, and we speculated that more recent Point Richmond residents used far different criteria in choosing to live in the Point. We tested this theory by interviewing several Point families about their reasons for moving to this community. Those interviewed have lived here from seven to seventeen years. Their responses were not totally in line with our predictions. However, although several included proximity to their place of work in the reasons for living here, this was never the sole reason cited.

Most often mentioned in the reasons for living here was the small town, community feeling that exists in the Point. One lady said, "We were attracted by the small town, the slower pace and the peace and quiet in Point Richmond." Another family commented on the "community feeling."

Next in frequency of responses were reasons connected to the Point's appearance. "The different styles of houses appealed to us," said one; another felt it "visually interesting," and another described the Point as "unique" in appearance.

As you might expect, the people living here are an important factor in the people choosing to live here. The "nice", "friendly", "interesting" people of the Point have attracted more of the same.

Another 'natural' reason for living here was given by a couple of people — the proximity of the Bay for sailing. Two families spoke of the availability of less expensive homes as playing a part in their decision to move here.

Many of the important considerations in choosing to live in the Point didn't fit into categories. One person "fell in love with Point Richmond"; another "felt at home" here, and another couple felt that their cat would be happy here. The cat was unavailable for comment.

This 'poll' seems to show that Point residents still use close proximity to work as a reason to live here, but not the sole or even the most important reason. Reasons are diverse, but most residents value the unique quality and small town atmosphere that has remained through the years.

Thanks to all the Point Richmond families who provided material for this article!

—Michelle Brown



CHURCHES

The following is a continuation of the first records of the First Methodist Church in the Point. This is the thirteenth installment of the series and reflects the developing and building of the church and ways they dealt with their problems. The minutes are printed as written.

Pt. Richmond

April 30, 1907

Meeting was called to order by singing no 256. All joined in the Lord's Prayer. Those present were: Mrs. G.H. Garrard, Mrs. Gnaga, Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Lester, Mr. Dahl,

Mr. Pursell, C. Corl, Miss Pritchard, Rev. Calfee. *(This is the first time in the minutes that the women were named first. May be the fact that the secretary is a woman!)*

The subject of renting Monterichard's Hall came before the meeting for discussion. It was moved by Mrs. Stokes that we move to the hall. Seconded by Mr. Dahl and carried by a unanimous vote.

Moved and carried that W.H. Conn and T.A. Pursell be added to the building committee which consists of Bro. Calfee, Bro. Dahl and Br. Lester.

Foster Conn, Clyde Conn and Presley Adams were admitted from probation into the church.

Moved and carried that Sisters G.H. Garrard and S.H. Gnaga solicit funds to build the new church.

Mrs. Stokes volunteered to assist in raising pastors salary.

Adjourned,
Maude Pritchard, Sec'y.

Pt. Richmond, May 20, 1907

The board meeting was opened by singing and prayer by Rev. Calfee.

Those present were: Rev. Calfee, T.A. Pursell, O.J. Dahl, W.L. Gibbons, Mrs. W.L. Gibbons, I. Lester, W.H. Conn, Mrs. Stokes, C.C. Corl.

Moved and carried that we remain in our present church and that we don't rent Monterichard's Hall for church services.

Moved and carried that we hold memorial service in the Monterichard Hall on June 2nd and that the collection on that occasion go to the current expenses of the church.

Adjourned,
C. Corl, Sec'y Pro Tem
—Mid Dornan

LETTERS

In response to an invitation to the reception for viewing the model of the Indian Statue, and a request for funding to make possible a bronze (instead of fibre-glass and bronze) statue, we received a letter from Santa Fe:

... I would like very much to be on hand but that is not possible due to previous commitments. I am sure we will have local representation.

I am happy to report we are considering a donation toward creation of the statue and you will hear more from us about that later.

Thanks again for contacting me, and I wish you much success with this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Gene Flohrschutz
Regional Manager
Public Relations
Santa Fe Industries, Inc.

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... I have a picture of the dedication of the Indian Statue in 1909.

Just wanted to let you know how I enjoyed the magazine. And the picture on page 17 of old Long Beach certainly brought back memories.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ila L. Deemer

(Ed: We would like more information about Long Beach — Don Church has some pictures, but it would be nice to know exactly where it was, and when it was filled in. Was shipyard No. 3 located there?)



*Notes from a letter received by Liz McDonald,
from the Corbin family in Spain:*

During the school holidays, the family enjoyed skiing in the Pyrenees, and traveling to Madrid and Toledo. Toledo, once the capital of Spain, is preserved as a national monument. Here the Corbins saw the home of El Greco, in which were twenty of his paintings. The family had their picture taken in the 'back yard' of the great artist's home.

Rosemary and Doug are now Berlitz students, finding this more satisfactory than a Spanish tutor. Their children Jeffrey and Diana are, of course, learning Spanish at their school. Jeff is on the school's soccer team, and Diana participated in a school play.

Besides sight seeing, Barcelona provides much art and music, and the Corbins have enjoyed some fine operas.

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YOUR POINT OF VIEW

How long have you been in business, and why did you choose Point Richmond as the location for your business?

Bob Young and Dave Lee, Santa Fe Market:

"We've been in business since the beginning of 1949 - 35 years. It just seemed like the right spot at that particular time. It could have been money and availability, too."

Elise Loveday-Brown, Sweetwater Nursery:

"Six and a half years. The main reason our business is here is because we live here. We discovered that our home was commercial property and were able to purchase adjacent commercial property. But we live and work here because it's a warm, comfortable small town and a great place to raise children."

Deidre K. Delrich-Paris, Savoir Faire:

"I've been in business two and a half years, with the store, 'L.L.Boone', and recently changed the business' name to 'Savoir Faire'. I chose Point Richmond for my place of business because of its uniqueness and the quaintness . . . also, the lower overhead costs, rent, etc. The small town itself has alot to offer my type business, in that you don't have to leave town to buy a gift for a friend, and everyone here loves their small town and keeps the pride in it."

William "Mickey" Allyn and Henry "Hank" Allyn, Allyn's Men's Shop:

"Mr. Gust J. Allyn founded Allyn's Men's Shop in September, 1924. The men's store came after he sold his interests in the Marathon Pool Hall at 10 Washington Ave., and the Eagle Restaurant on Washington Ave. next to the Central Pool Hall. The present partners, Henry and Mickey, have been working in the store through their school years. Upon returning from their military service, they returned to the store and eventually acquired ownership. Allyn's Men's Shop is the oldest men's store in Contra Costa County under the original family name and ownership."

Sherry Hartynyk, Sherry and Bob's Department Store:

"I opened my business in 1947, thirty-seven years ago. Mr. Hartynyk worked at Standard Oil. Being a person that likes to keep busy, it was more or less something to do. I loved the small town feeling after World War II. I thought about moving as business grew, but just couldn't give up this great place, Point Richmond."

-Pam Wilson

PEOPLE 'ROUND THE POINT

March is Girl Scout cookie month. Girl Scouts have been selling cookies each year since 1934, in Washington, D.C. Incidentally, some places are accepting Visa and MasterCard for the cookies.

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The announcement reads, "We've Adopted Someone Special". That 'someone special' is Colin Michael who was born December 22 and arrived 'home' at his new parents' Reba and Jim Downs on February 2. Grandma Velma Slagle and Uncle Larry are as excited as the new parents.

-O-

Coming from Washington State to make his new home in Point Richmond is Frank Andrews, father of Bev Price.

-O-

KoKi Camp Fire Girls under the leadership of Bev Price, hope to sell 120 boxes of candy each which will enable them all to go to Camp Kizu for a full week in May. They planned their annual snow trip to Tahoe on March 9 to 11. From the four-bedroom house at Zephyr Cove in Nevada they will play in the snow and do some cross country skiing, and later take a trip into town for souvenirs. Returning home on Sunday, they will stop at Sam's Town. Sunday, March 18 is Camp Fire Sunday, 11 a.m. at the Point Baptist Church, 304 Washington Avenue. All of the area Camp Fire Girls will attend. Refreshments will be served after church services. The girls have also learned to do Needlepoint this month. Members are Kelly Darling, Lynn Darling, Kathryn Fong, Lisa Ogles and Anne Price.

-O-

Always a ray of sunshine on a cloudy or rainy day is Lee of Lee's Flower Boat on the corner in front of the Santa Fe Market. The sunshine spreads each time a customer takes a bouquet with him.

Do you believe in the Tooth Fairy? According to a poll of 2325 people, 75% enjoyed the concept of the Tooth Fairy and 88% had introduced or planned to introduce their children to the only 'native born fairy'. Incidentally, the tooth under the pillow is now worth a dollar to the Tooth Fairy! (Daughter Roberta was convinced the Tooth Fairy used these teeth when false teeth were made).

-O-

Did you know a computer now controls the heating system at Washington School? Gone are the days when a twist of the thermostat for more or less heat was all it took.

-O-

Susan and Steven Burman received the Honorary Service Award at Washington School's annual Founders Day celebration - and Principal Nino Petroni was the recipient of a continuing Service Award. The awards are symbolic of the exceptional service given to the community, and especially the children of this community, by these selfless people.

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Without question, the children at Washington School are the best citizens in the school district. They have added these words to the Pledge of Allegiance; "I love my country and wherever I go I will make it more beautiful than I found it." Isn't that impressive!

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Getting along in years and haven't made a name for yourself? Here are some words of comfort from researchers who looked into the histories of some 400 famous people. Of the group's greatest achievements, 35 % came between the age of 60 and 70; 23% between the ages of 70 and 80; and 8% over the age of 80! In other words, 66 percent of the world's greatest work has been done by people past 60. Feel better?

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Let's not forget our Point residents who are confined to convalescent homes. A card or a call is appreciated. **Mabel Edwards**, former second grade teacher at Washington School is in Monterey Care; **Gust Allyn**, former postmaster and mayor is at Church Lane, and **Uldine Adams Nickola** is in Baywood in Pleasant Hill. Anyone else we should know about?

-O-

Caroline Davidson was taken by ambulance to Brookside Hospital where tests are being taken. Neighbors and friends hope her stay is short.

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On March 8, members of the Point United Methodist Women will hostess the prayer and self-denial sacrificial meal at 6:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. Joining the celebration will be women from Good Shepherd, Easter Hill and El Cerrito churches. Since

President Oretta Eaton is in Arizona, making the soup will be Marian Hawkins and Christine Dennis.

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It's wonderful to see **Al** and **Hortense McGee** from Martinez, **Frankie Greenlaw** from Redwood City and her mother **Goldy Shrewsbury** at our regular meetings.

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Died: **Conte Armentrout**, 76, on January 30. A Point resident for 59 years, she lived at 28 Montana Avenue with her husband, E.O. 'Army'. I never saw her when she didn't have a smile to share.

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Died: **Joan Melendy**, February 13, age 56. A native of Pennsylvania, Joan made her home in Point Richmond, Brickyard Cove for the past six years. She was a member of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, and is survived by her husband, Harry, and a son, Patrick.

-Mid Dornan (234-5334)

*ad from Mary Casey's
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BUSINESS AS USUAL

ELECTIONS

Opening of nominations for the 1984 Board of Directors led off the February meeting of the Point Richmond Business Association at the Hotel Mac on February 8, 1984. The organization is a non-profit corporation with a seven-member governing board. The general membership elects the directors, who, in turn, elect the Association's officers. Elections will take place at the regular meeting on March 14.

VINTAGE FALL FESTIVAL

A year behind its original schedule, the Point Richmond Business Association is planning a Vintage Fall Festival, concurrent with the dedication of the Indian Statue on October 20, 1984. Ideas and volunteers will be needed for such events as food stands, live music, an antique car show, artists' exhibits, a raffle, and a vintage fashion show. Bonnie Kuhl of One Of A Kind will chair the event. Anyone wishing to help should call Bonne at 234-1141.

MASQUERS

Jo Camp, Resident Director of the Mas-

quers, introduced Louise Brown, recently hired by the Theater to direct their planning and fund raising activities to purchase and rehabilitate the Theater building. The Masquers has set up a temporary fund raising headquarters in the former Mariner Tavern building, in the space donated for the cause by owners Jim and Darlene Byers, owners of Interactive Resources, Inc., and Burr and Jennie Nash.

NEW BUSINESSES

Savoir Faire, formerly L.L.Boone, has recently opened at 140 Washington Avenue. The new owners are Deidre Delrich-Paris and Susan Burman. The shop specializes in cards, coffees, unusual gifts, antiques, gourmet foods and consignments from local artists in a delightfully flavorful French country atmosphere. Complimentary fresh coffee is available for shoppers.

OLD BUSINESSES MADE NEW

A major refurbishing appears to be in the works for The Mandarin on Railroad Avenue. The interior has been gutted and a new roof is in place. It appears that applications have been filed for a reconstruction of the front facade.

—Tom Butt

*The old Critchett Hotel, later called the Colorado Rooms. First Council meetings were held in this building, which is now a market, at the corner of Washington and West Richmond. Part of one story remains.
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PROJECT LEAP —

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At least 23 million, or one-fifth of the adult population of the United States are unable to read English well enough to meet the needs of their daily lives; that is to say, they are functionally illiterate. The Richmond Public Library recently received Federal funds for a one year Adult Literacy Project, which will rely on volunteers from the community. Now we in Richmond can take part in the fight against illiteracy.

During the year, 450 adults sixteen years of age and older will be tutored in the basic skills of reading, writing and math. This tutorial service will help give adults the opportunity to improve their skills, and qualify them for job training or further education.

Can you read? You can help someone learn. You don't have to be an expert. The project will provide some training and other support. All you need is a couple of hours per week and the desire to help.

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POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The newly elected Executive Board of the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council met on February 8 to begin planning for the ongoing operation of the Council. A number of issues were discussed:

AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

A sub-committee will work on dividing the Point into ten areas. Several people have expressed an interest in being an area representative. Once the areas are determined, we will be actively seeking people to represent uncovered areas. Anyone interested in the position should attend the next executive board meeting. It is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and work on improving the Point community.

COORDINATING COUNCIL:

Representatives from the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council will be regularly participating in the city-wide Coordinating Council. This group meets monthly; representatives from all of the city's neighborhood councils come together to share information and work on issues that have city-wide impact. The Coordinating Council is currently reviewing the proposed city ordinance governing hazardous material. Jan Lyons Herrero and representatives from the North Richmond Neighborhood Council comprise a sub-committee that is reviewing this ordinance. On February 16, the city held a workshop on the proposed ordinance. A second study session has been scheduled for March 15. The ordinance is an extremely important issue; anyone interested in more information should call Jan or the City Planning Department. At its meeting on February 1, the Coordinating Council voted to support the Point Richmond Council's position on Petromark. This means that Neighborhood Councils around the city are behind our recommendation that Petromark be relocated or, as an alternative, not be allowed to expand.

PETROMARK:

It was recommended that the Neighborhood Council contact the City Planning Department and request to be involved in the choice of the consultant who will conduct Petromark's Environmental Impact Report. This request will be coordinated by the Brickyard Cove Homeowners' Association.

CRIME PREVENTION:

A number of people in the Point have received questionable telephone calls soliciting support for crime prevention activities, as reported in the last issue of *This Point in Time*. Calls received here were not intentional attempts to threaten or frighten residents. They were part of a membership drive for the county-wide Crime Prevention Committee. Unfortunately, telephone calls to solicit memberships were being made by professional solicitors, using an improper approach. The problem seems to have been straightened out. If anyone receives a call of this sort, call Jan Lyons Herrero. The organization is legitimate and does not want to create a negative impression.

Several people in the Point have expressed interest in establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program. An informational meeting will be planned in the near future for anyone interested in getting a program started.

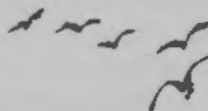
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It is a real pleasure to discover the wide variety of people in the Point who are interested in making our community the best possible place to live. Lots of interests and lots of energy. It is just one of the many reasons that this is such a great place to live.

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The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for March 14 at 7:30 p.m., at 222 Water Street. You are welcome to join us.

-Jan Lyons Herrero



RECENT HISTORY - THE MILLER-KNOX REGIONAL SHORELINE PARK



Part VIII

The technique of 'delay and attrition' (leading to exhaustion) is a familiar and effective one. For example: periodically the emotions of a neighborhood or city become inflamed, due to some real or fancied injustice, or by a civic change which residents want and the governing body does not; or that the government wants and citizens do not. At such times, residents turn out, sometimes in large numbers, to register their demands or protests, in their righteous wrath, as citizens in a free society.

City staff and leaders, probably reasoning that emotional people are irrational and likely to push for decisions they will later regret, prevent any rash or precipitous action through perfectly legal measures which for one reason or another, require delay.

It is widely recognized that incensed and righteously angry people will leave their snug homes and television programs once, or twice, or maybe even three times, to state their convictions and/or outrage. But when the opportunity to do so is repeatedly denied, people lose interest, become indifferent or confused, causing the number of protesters to dwindle, leaving only the hardcore few who are deeply concerned (and who can easily be rendered ineffective by labeling them as 'trouble makers' or 'activists').



The 'delay, attrition, exhaustion' gambit was used to good effect in the Petromark street closing. One form of attrition was taken to a fine art, where accessibility of public information from the Port Department and Port Commission was concerned, since these agencies were notably *not* forthcoming in this respect. Public documents were difficult if not impossible to obtain, and Port Commission monthly meetings were brief, superficial, mysterious and confusing.

'Delay' was used in such a sober, deadpan style that no one could challenge it, even though it went from the reasonable to the absurd. It will be recalled that the Petromark street closing was not acted upon at the April 11, 1983 meeting because of objections voiced by neighborhood people, but was held over until April 25 at the request of the City Attorney, who needed time to research the legal niceties of the situation.

The enthusiasm of those prepared to attend the April 25 meeting sagged with an announcement April 24 that the meeting would be continued to May 16 at the request of the Port Commission. There were several possible reasons for this request besides the Commission's wish to review the plans (which had been available to them for some time). One stated reason was that the City Attorney hadn't completed his research.

An unstated reason was that moving the meeting to May 16, a week after the May 10 City Council elections helped keep the issue from being a political football. (Several Council candidates had opposed the Petromark expansion, and had criticized the City for promoting industrial expansion next to expensive waterfront housing, since this willfully set the stage for a confrontation between conflicting land uses.)

Undoubtedly the most compelling reason for delay was a letter Richmond had received from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC), stating that, because of the question of public access to the Bay (if the end of Garrard Boulevard/Dornan Drive was closed, people could no longer fish from the Bay end of it) the City would need a State permit before it could close off the end of the street, and that State permits would also be required for changes planned by Petromark within the one hundred foot BCDC jurisdiction at the edge of San Francisco Bay.

BCDC guards the Bay. As its name indicates the Commission strives always to provide an equitable balance between conservation and development. The Commission is knowledgeable, thorough and dedicated, making decisions only after long and careful study. Perhaps the realization that BCDC would be involved threw cold water on the Petromark plans.

In any event, a lull in activity occurred. Quite a long lull. Repeated phone calls to the Port Director's office and the office of the City Clerk (in charge of the calendar for Council meetings) failed to provide any news of the next scheduled public meeting. It was established through BCDC in June (1983) that Richmond had not contacted them to discuss the matter of the permit or permits which might be required for Petromark's street closure or tank farm expansion. At this juncture the public hearing was con-

tinued until September.

While this was a period of 'lull' on the matter, sporadic activity did occur on the level of neighborhood meetings, and the composition of magnificently partisan letters (pro and con) to the City fathers, and to editors of local newspapers.

For example, there was one series of letters (ostensibly from various sweethearts, wives and mothers of Petromark employees) which waxed eloquent on the value and beauty of the work ethic, bemoaned indirectly the inequities of the class system, and chided the Brickyard Cove residents for their selfishness in wanting to deny Petromark the right to expand the business.

These letters which were written with elegance and pathos lacked a certain credibility, since they were similar enough to have been adaptations of a common model.

One of the Brickyard Cove residents, who identified himself as a venture capitalist, wrote a lengthy letter concerning Richmond's need for executive and upper management housing, the lack of which was preventing certain companies from locating in Richmond. He envisioned the disputed land as ideal for this purpose, and pointed out that it would be a source of property tax revenues, stimulate environmentally clean employment, and that a residential, commercial, recreation-oriented use of the land would generate far more employment and revenue than the prevailing and projected Petromark revenues.

Another citizen, in a letter to the City Manager, suggested that selling the Terminal I property and banking the proceeds at a modest interest rate would produce a more favorable return to Richmond than what had been projected for Petromark in the Port's proposed budget.

Several citizens wrote the Council and City Manager suggesting that Terminal I (the

Petromark facility) be included in a study which was to be made by outside consultants, Bigelow Associates, on the appraisal and 'best use' of the city property leased to Levin Metals, a company involved in merchandising scrap, whose lease was shortly due to expire. This property was at the Inner Harbor end of the headlands, and it seemed intelligent to consider 'best use' for all the industrial land in the same study. No response was made to any of these communications.

In August, 1983, Brickyard Cove and Point Richmond residents observed that temporary traffic barricades had been erected along the right side of Dornan Drive, and that excavation of the street had begun.

The appeal before the City Council on the street closing was, at this point, scheduled for November 21, 1983.

Phone calls and letters to the Planning and Public Works Departments finally revealed that Petromark had abandoned the idea of the street closing, thus avoiding the need for a permit from BCDC.

In October, attorney Barry Goode was informed by the City that Petromark now had made application 'just' for a 'routine' encroachment permit to encroach four feet on Dornan Drive for the purpose of constructing a reinforced concrete channel to contain pipes leading to the west side of the road to the site of the proposed ten new tanks.

Mr. Goode reminded city staff that, "if, as seems possible, this is linked to a major expansion of Petromark's facilities, then it is time to begin the environmental review process required by California Environmental Quality Act and the City's ordinances." He continued by saying that "there are serious land-use issues to be confronted in that part of the City. Any decision to allow (or disallow) Petromark to expand should be

made in an informed, rational manner. It should not be the inadvertent by-product of a 'routine' decision to grant 'just' a four foot encroachment."

At this point, the street closure having been abandoned, Petromark made a request for an encroachment permit (the same type of permit for which Petromark had applied at the time of the anhydrous ammonia tanks situation). The hearing was scheduled for the December 20 City Council meeting. It was now nine months after the original March meeting on the street closure. While the City Council agenda *item* had changed, Petromark president Grove Bryant reiterated that his company had not changed its plans, just the method. The plans were to eventually double the 300,000 barrel capacity of the present tank farm, the first phase of which would be ten new tanks providing an additional 50,000 barrels of storage space.

Important matters are discussed at City Council committee meetings, held the week before the regular City Council meetings. At such a meeting, prior to the December 20 Council meeting, attorney Goode once again told the committee "the laws of the State of California are quite clear to me. A project that would have a significant environmental impact requires an E.I.R. If no E.I.R. is done the expansion is illegal."

This was disputed by Keith Howard, the Petromark attorney, who maintained that the understreet pipes were a "minor encroachment, categorically not subject to an environmental review process." Mr. Howard went on to say, "the real issue is one of land use. The area where Petromark plans to expand has been zoned for heavy industry since 1949, and the City has followed a consistent policy of industrial use in the area."

One of the Councilmen, James McMillan, supported Petromark's plans, saying that, "the proposed expansion means jobs and it means revenue, and God knows this

City needs both. I have little time for people who consider a Bay view more important than gainful employment."

A new element was introduced into the situation at the committee meeting when architect Tom Butt of Interactive Resources in Point Richmond asked for a delay in Council consideration of the plan, until his firm completed a detailed study to determine the best long-term uses of the waterfront, from the Chevron Long Wharf to Shipyard 3, including Terminal I, Brickyard Cove and Levin Metals. He said his architectural and engineering firm had been hired by the Brickyard Cove developers and homeowners, the Seacliff developers and Innisfree Company, the developers of 'The Brickyard', to complete a comprehensive and coordinated plan for the area.

Despite this new idea, and the request for a hold-over until it was carried out, the Council committee members seemed so favorably impressed with the Petromark presentation that one of the local newspapers headlined, "Petromark's Pipe Victory. Richmond Expected to O.K. Expansion Despite Protests."

However, a determined community effort to alert neighborhood people to the long-awaited meeting resulted in a crowded City Council chamber on December 20, and a succession of speakers who posed enough legal questions and demonstrated strong enough neighborhood unanimity to prevent the 'instant' victory for Petromark which had been publicized.

A neat twist was introduced by the Petromark representatives who reproachfully accused the opponents of trying to kill the plan by delaying it — an irony not lost on those who had waited nine months to bring the matter to public discussion. The familiar point of dispute, that an E.I.R. was *not* required, was raised by attorneys for Petro-

mark and the City of Richmond. This was firmly refuted by several speakers, including attorney Antonio Rossman (substituting for Barry Goode who was out of town). Mr. Rossman, an environmental law expert whose San Francisco firm has tied up the City of Los Angeles in a court case for eleven years over an environmental report issue, said, "The law is 100% clear that an E.I.R. is needed if there is going to be the likelihood of an adverse environmental effect."

Another speaker was former California Assemblyman John T. Knox, who wrote the California Environmental Quality Act that created the E.I.R. process. Mr. Knox said that an environmental study was called for because allowing the pipes to be put across the road would lead to an action (development of the tank farm on vacant waterfront land) that could have a substantial impact on the environment.

Both attorneys patiently explained that the need for an E.I.R. did not mean that the Petromark plan would be automatically rejected, but that the E.I.R. would provide the Council with information needed to make a proper decision on the best use of the land.

Most of the other objections voiced had been heard at the anhydrous ammonia tank hearings. They concerned the potential health and safety threats from chemicals stored in the tanks, greatly increased rail and truck traffic, and the 'slovenly housekeeping' of Petromark. The suggestion was made that an entirely new location be found for Petromark be subsidized by revenues from residential and commercial development of the area. The Petromark representatives questioned the idea that residential-commercial use of the land would be profitable, pointing out the difficulties experienced by Tecon, the developers of Marina Bay in the old Inner Harbor, who were having slow going in condominium sales and in attracting restaurants and shops.

After much fruitless bickering, the matter was deferred until the January 9, 1984 meeting, which would give Richmond's City attorney ample time to check the relative merits of having an E.I.R. with the State Attorney General and Legislative Counsel.

To no one's surprise, the January 9 meeting was postponed until January 23, the legal opinions requested at the State level not being available on January 9. However, at the January 9 Port Commission meeting, architect Tom Butt gave his preliminary report on the land use study his firm had been retained to make. The report supported the contention that Petromark brings in very little revenue to the Port or City coffers. The report says, "While Petromark ought to stay in business, and has a right to, there may be a better use for this particular water front land. And, by the same token, there may be a place in the city of Richmond where Petromark could do its job and make money in peace instead of being sandwiched between two competing land uses." The Interactive Resources study went on to produce figures showing that the commercial and residential development would result in more jobs and more money for the City. For example, Petromark's expansion would result in only eight more jobs, while the commercial-residential projects would produce as many as 360 to 400 jobs.

Mr. Butt estimated that Terminal 1, where Petromark is located, is worth about seven million dollars. Petromark facilities could be relocated for three million, four hundred thousand, and the City could earn more than four hundred thousand dollars in interest annually from the proceeds of the Petromark property, compared to the fact that in 1982-3 Petromark generated about one hundred thousand dollars for the City.

These figures were contested by the Port Director, Mr. Bose, who said that Terminal 1 is worth about fifty million dollars. He

*Keller's Beach
Wharf and float,
1908
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the Don Church
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also said that relocating Petromark at the present Levin Metals site would be inappropriate, since a new dock would have to be built at great expense to accommodate ships serving Petromark, and that Federal dollars for dredging might be lost if the present docking situation were to be altered. He reminded the Port Commission that the awaited 'best-use' land study for Shipyard 3 (which includes Levin Metals) is imminently due from Bigelow Associates, who were hired to make the study, and that this area has been said to be the best potential container port in the area.

While everyone waited impatiently for the legal opinions from the State on the need for an E.I.R., various other matters of contention surfaced, created a flurry, and were quashed (with varying degrees of satisfaction) by the harassed City Attorney's office. Among them was the question of whether a sub-lease between Petromark and the Ford Motor Company for a storage warehouse on the property was proper, the whole question of validity of the lease between Santa Fe and the City of Richmond, and the implications of Petromark's application to the Air Quality Board for the storage of 'toxic and inflammable' chemicals.

At the January 23 City Council meeting the eagerly awaited legal opinions from the State Attorney General and the State Legislative Counsel were presented, and proved to be maddeningly inconclusive. In effect the two reports agreed that the type of permit requested by Petromark was technically exempt from the environmental review process, but that the Council could order an environmental report if it wanted to in cases where a project would have a significant effect. The Legislative Counsel said "that serious public controversy over the environmental effects of a permit may be grounds for requiring a report." This ambivalent response was not the clear advice that the City and the Council had hoped for, since it placed the onus for decision on them. Rather than accept the responsibility and the inevitable storm of protest and threats of lawsuits, the Council agreed to hold off the decision for two weeks. The year-old question of closing off the end of the street, which had also been on the January 23 agenda, was also put over two weeks. But before these agonizing choices had to be made, Petromark put an end to the indecision by requesting that an environmental impact report be made. While stoutly maintaining

that the study was not legally necessary, the action stopped debate and expedited the process. The study, which will be prepared by a City-chosen consultant, will probably take about six months to complete, and cost approximately \$20,000, which will be paid by Petromark. No action will be taken on the encroachment agreement until the report is completed; and the request that the end of Dornan Drive be vacated was withdrawn.

As a footnote to this controversy, the anticipated 'best use' study of the 53-acre Shipyard 3 site (located on the Harbor channel between Brickyard Cove and the dry-docks) was completed by Bigelow Associates and sent to the City in mid-February. The report estimated its value at six million dollars and recommended upgrading the site by razing the old piers and building a new dock, which would probably cost up to fifty or sixty million dollars. Because the City of Richmond is unable to finance improvements of this magnitude, the study recommended that the Port and City look for a single long-term tenant to develop and operate the improved facility.

Projected revenue from Levin, whose lease expires in September, is \$437,497 for fiscal year 1983-4, but Bigelow Associates advised that about ten times that much revenue, or five million annually in leases and fees could be anticipated following the renovation to bring it up to marketable standards. Since the site is designated by BCDC as a marine terminal site, "any other use would be likely to encounter permitting difficulties," according to the consultants. They also point out that the City's contract with Levin stipulates that the Port may terminate the lease only "for developing or redeveloping the premises as a terminal for ocean-going vessels."

Their recommendation was that the site be used for the import and export of a vari-

ety of bulk commodities and finished products. Offshore oil rig construction was suggested as part of a combination of uses. The export of dry bulk commodities like petroleum coke, sulphur and soda ash, and import of cement and gypsum was also suggested. Automobile handling was mentioned, as strong on employment opportunities, in contrast to dry bulk operations which require few employees.

In an appendix Bigelow also comments on the residential vs. industrial conflict, and came out strongly for industrial development. The report notes that key support facilities, such as roads, already serve the property if it remains industrial, but are not in place for residential development. In addition, the study says that residential improvements at the Levin site would isolate or displace port activities from the site, leading to additional revenue loss.

The question may be asked what a description of this local land quarrel has to do with the Miller-Knox Park. It is included because the struggle to obtain park land is fought on many battlefields, and no park-land fights are more bitter than those waged in urban areas. Those whose goals are profit and employment are pitted against those who feel that greater returns are possible with other than industrial uses. In this particular situation Richmond's waterfront land has shifted over the decades from industrial capture to neglect and abandonment, back to angry disputes over relative merits and financial profitability of industrial vs. residential use. The hopes of those who saw even greater returns in the use of this land for the healing that the peace of a park provides are caught between the protagonists. It is a sad commentary that the values of beauty and peace are recognized, indulgently, as of secondary consideration in the money market place.

—Lucretia Edwards

SPECIAL DAYS IN MARCH...

- 7 - Ash Wednesday
- 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 17 - Camp Fire Birthday
- 20 - Spring arrives
- 15 - Ides of March (does anyone recall when it was the deadline for their IRS report?)

MARCH PAST...

- March 11, 1959 - U.S. Senate approved Hawaii as the 50th state
- March 10, 1862 - First paper money of the United States issued
- March 22, 1630 - Law to stop gambling in Colonies passed
- March 31, 1840 - Ten hour work day established for government employees.
- March 31, 1918 - Daylight savings time went into effect for the first time.

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- MAR. 14 - 12 noon - Point Richmond Business Association meets at the Hotel Mac
- MAR. 14 - 7:30 p.m. - Executive Board meeting, Point Richmond Neighborhood Council, 222 Water Street
- MAR. 22 - 7 p.m. - Point Richmond History Association meeting, Linsley Hall, 235 Washington.
- APR. 6 thru May 12 - "Something's Afoot" At the Masquers Playhouse. Friday and Saturday evenings.
- APR. 11 - 7 p.m. - Point Richmond Neighborhood Council meeting - Community Center.

Happy March Birthday...

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