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From the President

By Mid Dornan

Does anyone else think 2001 was a short year? For whatever else history records for 2001, September 11th will always be a memory one wishes were only a bad dream. American freedom comes at a high price. Let us never forget those that keep it possible.

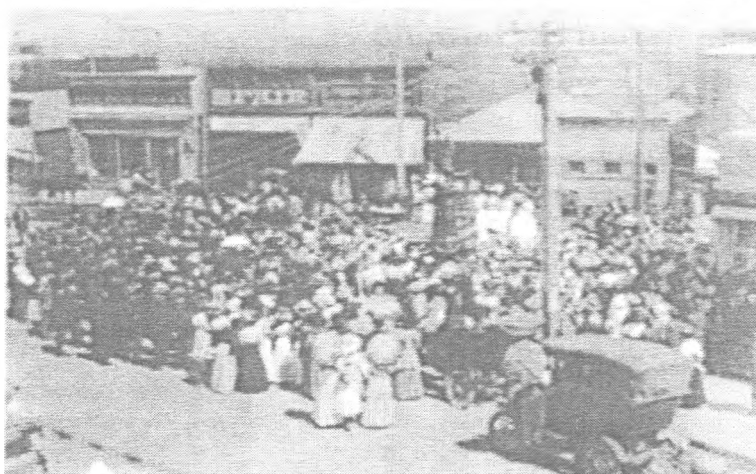
New solar block covering has finally been installed on the windows at the museum which will protect our museum pictures and woodwork. Downtown Point Richmond is changing daily with the continued building on vacant lots--Baltic Square on Park Place and Annie's on West Richmond and Tunnel are the latest. The Point has grown from the boardwalks and so many saloons of a hundred years ago.

With a new year, won't some of you seriously consider staffing the museum once a month for only two and a half hours?

Wishing you each a year of good health and continued membership in 2002!

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The 1908 dedication of the original Indian Statue. The Statue was a gift of the Women's West Side Improvement Club. The image was supplied by Sonny Jackson.

Thank you to the following renewing members:

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To
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and
Point Richmond Market
For selling this newsletter.
and

Thank You To
Betty Dornan and the
Volunteers who open and
close our history museum
on Thursday and Saturday.

If you can help staff our History Building (2
1/2 hours per month) please call Staff
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Museum Hours:
Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm
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Gary's Column

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Here is the holiday issue of TPIT. Always a busy time for me, more than ever this year.....too many things going on at once!

Thanks for the usual fine reporting from the TPIT staff that seems get so much better from each and every one of you as experience comes along. Special thanks to Sonny Jackson for loaning David Vincent his images of old Point Richmond. Sonny owns the roofing company that donated the wonderful roof on our museum, he is obviously a fan of old Point Richmond and I welcome anything else that he can add to our photo archives.

I hope the cover photo doesn't embarrass Bob Peckham, he is a really great guy and I think I kind of prepared him for the honor by insisting on several photo

sessions in his store behind the butcher counter.

I wish you all a wonderful and peaceful holiday season and the same for the new year!

This is YOUR newsletter, I promise to keep producing it as long as YOU keep information coming in to me!

The deadline for the February/March issue is Friday January 18, 2002.

The November issue assembly crew.

Jerry Cerkowicz

Gary Shows

Mid Dornan

Mary Highfill

Pam Wilson

Ann Bartram

Bruce Bartram

Betty Dornan

The Cover:

BOB PECKHAM. Most folks who live in and around Point Richmond know him, he and his wife MARIE are owners of the Point's Santa Fe Market. Most of us also know that he is a special person to his community in so many ways that there is not enough space in this publication describe.

There is too little good news these days, so I am absolutely thrilled to report Bob Peckham recently had to undergo extensive chemotherapy treatment. The outlook for his recovery was not terribly encouraging, however the chemo treatment was apparently completely successful. He seems to be entirely cured, giving him a refreshed outlook on life. He is in love with every new hair on his head, face, nose and where ever!

Congratulations, we all love you BOB PECKHAM and wish you many, many more years!!!

A-Mid TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: What were the 10 most popular names for boys and girls in the year 2000?

Answer at end of Trivia.

December 25th was set as the day for Christmas by Pope Julius in 340 A.D.

Supporting the airlines plea to fly the skies, Mary Crossby and Tom Piazza flew to Beijing for three weeks where Tom will be working as Mary enjoys the sights of the area escorted by senior students.

Alec Jackson, weighing 9 lbs, 7 oz. was born on Monday, November 5, 2001 to Paula Amus and Ron Garcia and was welcomed by big brother, two-year old, Derrick. Paula recently opened her Optometry office on Washington Avenue.



Congratulations.

Chris and David Bradshaw and family shared Thanksgiving with her cousin in Los Angles. But Madison, Taylor, Jackson, Regan, and McKinley thought the trip after to Disneyland a bonus.

Your ears are higher than your mouth for a reason.

It is hoped Allan Folks and Martha Bielawski aren't setting fashion trends. Allen is on crutches for his sprained ankle and Martha sports a leg brace for her knee. Both were injured walking their dogs. Hm

Words of Wisdom

The Pythagorean theorem contains 24 words, the Lord's Prayer 66, Achimede's Principle 67, the Ten Commandments 179, the Gettysburg Address 286 and the Declaration of Independence 1,300. So how many words on the latest U.S. government regulation on the sale of cabbage? Only 25,911.

Oretta Eaton is receiving cards and visits from her many friends as she recovers at Vale Care Center in San Pablo after a stroke in November.

An easy way to diet is to just look at the food prices.

It is hoped Claude Bisio is taking it

easy after his November hip surgery.

The Methodist Church dedicated its new Memorial Garden and Labyrinth in September and by October, the first wedding was held here.

Little Karleen Schultz is out and about after an emergency appendectomy on Halloween.

Ginger Springs Day Spa is a new business located in the historic Arcade Gallery building at 147 W. Richmond Avenue and offers everything from Body Wraps, Massage Therapy, Rejuvenation Facials to special packages for couples.

Betty Dornan's cousin, Dennis and Eileen Dornan from London, England, spent two weeks in the Bay Area. Both Betty and Dennis share the same birth day, November 8.

Dorothy Hayes Lipp who grew up in Point Richmond had a book signing on Monday, November 5th in Sacramento for her book "From Diapers to Dentures". Dorothy is 94 years old.

Remember: It isn't the hours or the minutes at the table that adds weight--it is the Seconds!

Promise to adopt one new healthful habit next year so here are some suggestions to help you get started:

- Never kill the urge to be silly.
- Write more, phone more, socialize more.

- Promise never to say "I'm too old for that" again.
- Wear only shoes that fit.
- Learn how to read a food label.
- Walk more, drive less.
- Cry more, laugh more, hug more.
- Send in one or more articles to this newsletter.

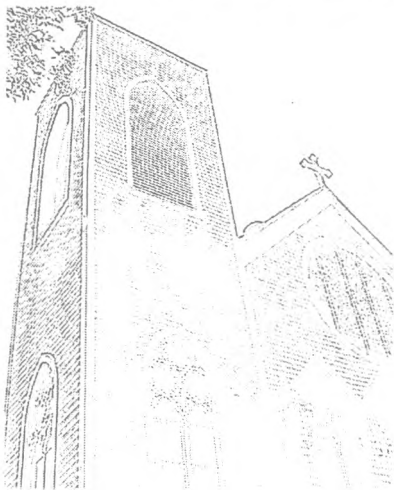
A good thing about Christmas is that you can make people forget the past with the present.

MAY 2002 BE A YEAR OF JOYS AND SUCCESSES ALONG WITH YOUR GOOD HEALTH!

ANSWER: The top 10 most popular names in 2000 for boys were: Jacob, Zachary, Michael, Tyler, Joshua, Andrew, Nicholas, Dylan, Ethan and Matthew while the top 10 girls' names were: Madison, Kaitlyn, Hannah, Emily, Haley, Makayla, Alexis, Taylor, Kaylee and Sydney.



Church News



Our Lady of Mercy Church

By Dee Rosier
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Thanksgiving came early this year, which means we have some extra days in which to complete our holiday shopping, although December never seems to have enough days or hours. World events made Thanksgiving a special holiday as we gathered with our families to give thanks. It was a reminder that we should not take for granted the blessings bestowed upon us. Last year packets of 5 kernels of corn were distributed. Each kernel represented what we should be thankful for: The Autumn beauty, love for each other, family love, friendships and finally

freedom. It has now become a Thanksgiving tradition in our home. It was a special Thanksgiving for Father Lima who for the first time in many years was able to spend it with his family who reside in the Bay Area.

The Liturgical year now comes to an end and we enter the season of Advent. Preparations are in motion in anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child. As in past years, Joanie and Rod Phillips provide an extraordinary musical performance at Midnight Mass.. They have a wonderful group of professional musical associates who provide the music for Mass. As a preface to the musicians listen for the sound of bagpipes as Rod announces the beginning of a very spiritual musical evening. We are blessed to have such talent within our parish.

With the start of the Liturgical year, a new Missalette will be introduced. The new Missal comes in two parts. Part one consists of the various text of the Mass and the seasonal songs for the Mass. The second part is the music issue and contains the songs for the entire year. The two parts will be kept together in a cover. The covers were a gift to our Parish from the Cenacle of Priest and we thank him for his generosity. As in the previous Missalette, it will be in large print.

Father Paul Dolan of Opus Dei will be at our Parish on the weekend of December 15 - 16 to preach at the Masses in preparation for the Penitential service scheduled for December 21st at 7:00 pm.

As we come close to the end of this year, we look forward with anticipation to next year when we celebrate our Centennial year. Nancy Toledo is Chairman of the Centennial Committee. Stan Toledo continues his research in preparation for the Centennial book. In the church hall is a large poster with

a picture of our Parish and all of the Priests who have been assigned here. An updated version is forthcoming.

A celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Diocese of Oakland is being hosted by Bishop John S. Cummins on Sunday, January 13, 2002 at the Paramount Theater, Oakland. The 90-minute celebration will include music, a multimedia presentation of the diocese's history, reflection and prayer. Historic pictures of the diocese will be on display in the lobby and a mariachi band will greet guests. Invitations have already been sent to all priests, deacons, lay ministers, diocesan and church staff and boards. A limited number of tickets will be available after December 15th for general distribution.

Condolences to the Paul Murphy family in the recent death of Paul's mother. Elsie lived in Rodeo and was an acquaintance of mine.

Whenever there is an election, we are always notified of it and the return addressee is Stephen Weir. In September, I sat on the

election board with Mid Dornan, Donna Smith and Dolores Hamamoto. There really is a Stephen Weir - he stopped by to personally thank us.

In a effort to conserve energy, the church doors are closed during Mass. Do not take this as a message that the church is closed. Please open the doors and join us.

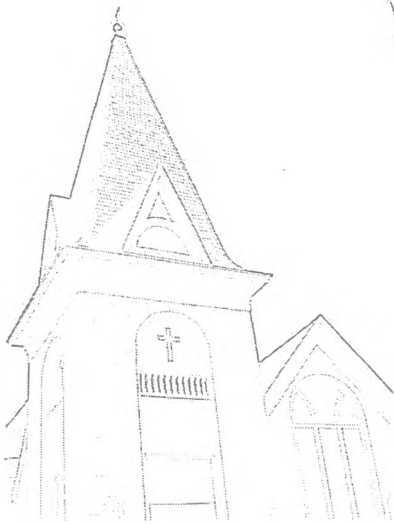
With the assistance of Father Lima, the Parish Council has been busy revising its by-laws. It is anticipated that they will be finalized at our monthly meeting in early December.

It is the season for sharing (why isn't it year round?). Remember those who are less fortunate, the Parishioners who are ill and unable to attend Mass and all who will be traveling during this holiday season.

Taking bets on who will get to my Christmas tree first - my precious, soon-to-be-2 grandson or my two new kittens.

Wishing you and yours a joyous holiday season.





POINT RICHMOND METHODIST CHURCH

by Jean Reynolds

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During morning worship on November 18, Jane Pippin was admitted as an Associate of the Society of Saint Francis; she also became an associate member of the Point Methodist Church. Several Sisters of the Society of Saint Francis were present for the Admission Service. Many of Jane's family and friends attended the service, too, to

witness and support her commitment. A reception followed in Friendship Hall.

More people than ever attended the Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year, and lots of people helped make the day the most fun and memorable yet. Chuck Wise and his crew at the Baltic Restaurant cooked a sumptuous turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Other Point Richmond businesses that contributed to the dinner were Hydrangea, The Santa Fe Market, Point Richmond Market, Annie's Restaurant, Hotel Mac, Little Louie's, Rosemary Bakery, and Hidden City Café. We continue to be blessed by people who willingly offer their skills just as the need arises: Richard Bartlett baked fifteen pies! We appreciate those with the vision to make it happen: Claudia LeGué, Juanita Hoffman, Fay Hawkins, and Fran Smith keep the big picture in mind and dog the details so all of the parts fall into place. It makes for a great day of food and neighborliness that makes a lasting difference in our community.

The Joyful Noise Choir sang at the Tree Lighting service on Saturday, November 24, in Indian Statue Park. The power was out in some parts of Point Richmond, but there was electricity for the colored lights on the tree (and gas to cook the food at the Baltic afterward.) Point Richmond Association of Mothers (PRAM) organized some activities for the kids at the Community Center following the tree-lighting.

Ninety-five members and friends of the Point Methodist Church attended the Masquers' /Hotel Mac dinner theatre event

on Thursday, November 29, for a performance of "Inspecting Carol". The show was very funny and especially entertaining because Michael Marshall was one of the stars! (The one disappointment of the evening was to find out at the end of the show that we were supposed to "shelter in place" because of a chemical leak at General Chemical. It unnerved some of our out-of-town guests.) We are so lucky to live in a community with a theater company like the Masquers'!

Coming up on the Calendar:

December 9, Sunday, 4:00 p.m.: **Handel's Messiah.** Selected choruses and solos by the Joyful Noise Choir, directed by Virginia Cherniak. Orchestra and Trumpet, too!

Monday, December 24: **Jazz Christmas Eve with the Dan Damon Trio,** stories and carols.

The church has its own web site! Visit the church web site for information, photos and updates at: <http://www.pointrichmond.com/methodist/home.htm>

Point Methodist Church History

-Mid Dornan

Church history is rich with contributions of women. One church group in the 1920's was the SOCIAL LEAGUE of the first Methodist Episcopal Church whose history is reflected in their minutes printed below and taken from the canvas covered, red leather cornered notebook which cost \$1.15. The minutes are printed as written. This is the 53rd installment.

Sept 21, 1926

League met at the church parlors at 2:45. Mrs. Redman acting pres. Mrs. Holbrook and Mrs. Conn hostesses. 14 members and 1 visitor. Mrs. Adams made a report on the calendar month of Aug. Moved and seconded that all bills from the Florists and Alberts for 75¢ and \$1.45 voted paid. Comm. appointed for reception for the minister laid over until next meeting. Discussion about the bazaar, motion made and carried that we hold the bazaar (sic) on the 16th of Nov. Visiting comp(sic) to be appointed for getting out the old members. Moved and carried we adjourn. Dues from Mrs. Oehne, Mrs. Dingle, Mrs. Burdick, Mrs. Redman, Mrs. Scofield, Mrs. Dicely, Mrs. Holbrook, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Owens, Mrs. Alexander, turned in from last meeting.

Rose Dingle, Sec ,



ELECTION DAY

[November 2001

Mid Dornan

An election official's day begins early as the 5:30 am wake-up isn't normal. From 6:15 am until the polls open at 7:00 preparations for voters take place in a consolidated precinct at Washington School. Board members include Delores Hamamoto, Delores Rosier, Donna Wilson and Mid Dornan. The polls are open until 8:00 p.m. - 13 hours.

For a small city election, the almost 50% precinct turn-out in the Point (includes Absentee ballots) is above average. Are using cell phones in voting booths legal? For awhile, election officials thought a miracle had occurred in the polling booth to a voter as a cane was left behind!

A first, not counting former County Clerk Walter Paasch who lived in the Point, was the unannounced visit by County Clerk Stephen Weir wearing a big smile and a patriotic flag tie. As he asked if the board had any concerns the 'perks' of the day, in this Point precinct, were obvious and in plain view--the hot apple pie from Marguerite Clutts (Point grown apples) and Bob Peckham's Santa Fe Market French sour dough baguettes, brie cheeses, and grapes. After sharing our pie ala mode, County Clerk Weir proceeded to the Santa Fe Market to personally thank Bob for being so thoughtful to the board each election. And, Weir never knew why it isn't difficult to get election workers in the Point! Even for such a long day.

After polls close, officials must sort, tabulate and return the ballots and all other supplies to a depot making the day even longer. The ballots are sent to Martinez for counting. Some dropped by a local candidate's office, Tom Butt, to watch returns slowly being reported and glimpse another side of the election day.

City officials elected were: Irma Anderson, Mayor, and Maria Vieramontes, Richard Griffin (incumbent), Jim Rogers and Charles Belcher (incumbent) to the Council. The library tax failed as did the city amendment regarding city elections.



Allan's Point

By Allan Smith

Did you ever eat a Kasper Hot Dog? I had one of their 'dogs' at the old Oakland Oaks Emeryville baseball park many years ago. The original Kasper's Hot Dog stand was in a tiny, old fashioned, triangular shaped red store between 45th and 46th Streets where Shattuck and Telegraph intersect. The building still stands and is an Oakland Landmark since 1929. The original Kasper was Kasper Koojoolian, who came to Oakland in 1929 from Chicago, where he had immigrated from Armenia and opened Kasper's. I went to Casper's in Richmond with my wife, Marcelina, and had a Casper's Hot Dog with everything, my wife had a turkey dog. My 'dog' with a small Pepsi and BBQ chips cost \$4.17. At the Oakland Ball Park, I had a foot long hot dog for 25 cents, but that was during the Depression years. At the Point's Kozy Koffee Counter run by Ardell Ciabattari, a delicious hamburger cost only ten cents (of course this was in the 20's).

Speaking of hot dogs, how about a Coney Island Red Hot? Rob Marian, local Point Richmond landowner, had a restaurant on Tewksbury Avenue who advertised Coney Island Red Hots. Marian is the owner of the Kozy Kove property in the Point. I would like to visit that area once again as I remember the great times we had there, swimming and playing around, during the times past. Anyone interested??? Most of the Point 'Kids' that lived on the western side of the tracks learned to swim at Cappy's Beach, located by the Salt Water Station of Chevron's (Standard Oil's) road to the Long

Wharf.

The 'kids' on the east side of the tracks had the Bath House, also known as the Natatorium or Plunge. When you didn't have the money for the Bath House, you went to Keller's Beach or to Long Beach, which was located at the end of Brickyard Cove.

The Main Street of America



I've been hearing Nat King Cole's record when he sings "get your kicks on Route 66." The U.S. Highway 66 started in Chicago and ended in Los Angeles. It was a two lane road at the beginning heavily traveled by displaced Oklahoma and Arkansas farmers, migrant workers and everyone who was fleeing the despair of the Dust Bowl. They were going West to the promise of California. The Route 66 moved troops across the country during World War Two. The road was 2,448 miles long with 571 stoplights along the way and opened up around 1926. The "Mother Road", Route 66 was decommissioned in 1984. Have you ever been on the "main street of America and gotten you kicks on Route 66?"

Local Newspaper Clippings, Richmond - 1913 - 1932

I have this ring-binder that is full of yellowed original clippings from old newspapers. The hand inscribed front cover says "Local Newspaper Clippings-Richmond - 1913-1932". It has a documenting problem as that most of the clipped articles do not give credit to the source, most however seem to be from the "Richmond Herald-Record". I do not know who put it together. They are, however old, hand dated and interesting reading, spelling errors are not corrected here is installment #4.
Gary Shows

FINANCIER FLIES O'ER PEACEFUL CITY November 27, 1914

Alfred Whittel, recent graduate of Yale University in the east, and clerk in the First National bank of this city, accompanied by Lansing Tevis, made a flight over Richmond yesterday afternoon with Silas Christofferson, following which they alighted in the waters of Cutting canal.

Tevis who is a stockholder in the Christofferson Aeroplane company met Whittel at the Fair grounds yesterday afternoon and invited the young Richmondite for a trip through the clouds.

The trio left the Exposition grounds and headed for Sausalito where they spiraled about the base of Mt. Tamalpais, following which the craft was headed toward this city.

After having taken several pictures of the Standard Oil company and other manufacturing enterprises in this city at a height of nearly 500 feet the aeroplanists made a safe landing on the smooth stretch of water in the Cutting Canal.

INSURED AGAINST FLOODS Officers and Prisoners in the City Jail Rendered Immune From Floods by Application of Tar Brush. December 8, 1914

No more will Desk Sergeant McGowan have to clamber up onto his stool and perch there like Noah's Ark on Mt. Ararat and no more will prisoners have to fling their arms around the single electric light holders in their cells to keep from being washed out into the street, for, today, a large force of painters were busily engaged in waterproofing the entire outside of the jail.

No more will the Storm King cause Captain Dick Paasch to awake from his slumber deep with the thought that he and his fellow fire fighters may be carried down the long flight of stairs on some huge tidal wave for every crack and crevice in the brick wall which houses the police and firemen has been smeared with paint.

The image to the right is a very early view down Park Place.

This image is also here thanks to Sonny Jackson, we are hoping he has more pictures to share with us.

PATROLMAN IS GIVEN SURPRISE Night Officer Barry Bombarded By Fusillade of Garbage Cans Liberated by the Wind and Impelled by Incline. November 1, 1914

As Night Sergeant Barry wrapped up in his heavy mackintosh and huddled closer to the north side of the Richmond Bank and watched the swirling flood of water which fell from the sky last evening he heard a deep rumbling sound.

Closer and closer came the noise as of the heavy booming of guns. No, thought

Barry to himself, it cannot be the Germans, for the last war bulletin stated that they were crossings the Alps on logs, and it certainly cannot be the Czar's mojiks, for they are holding a skating carnival in Poland.

What, then, can it be?

Barry had all but rounded the corner of the bank where the wind sweeps by with tremendous rapidity from the Washington avenue hill when three city carbage cans came hurling by as if shot out of some German siege gun.

On down the street they rolled and tossed, spilling their contents in all



871 A view of Park Place, Richmond, California.

directions until at the junction of Park and Washington avenue where they ganged the bronzed Indian fountain and almost caused the Sphinx like statue above to let out a war-whoop.

Barry waited cautiously to see if any more garbage cans were coming his way, and finding none, proceeded on about his beat humming a few snatches from the late ballad, "It's a Long Way to Tipperary".

PIONEER OF CAL. PASSES AWAY IN SAN FRANCISCO

November 28, 1920

Richard Brinton Nobel, civil engineer and miner, and father of R. D. Noble of the Richmond garage, this city, died in the Lane hospital, San Francisco, Christmas day. Mr. Noble was an old-time resident of California, having come to this state in 1857, with his father, who made the journey across the plains with an ox team. The first official map made for the government of Yosemite Valley was compiled by Mr. Noble, Deceased was

78 years of age and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Della Noble; two sons, R.D. Noble of the Richmond Garage, and G.E. Noble of San Francisco, and two sisters, Mrs. Lordina Holland and Mrs. Percella Smith, both of San Francisco. The funeral will be held from the Wilson-Donnelly parlors this after noon at 2:30 o'clock with Rev. Thomas A Boyer in charge. The interment will be in Sunset View cemetery.

NAMESAKE OF STREET IN THIS CITY DIES

January 30, 1917

William A Bissell, member of the Richmond Land company, is whose honor Bissell avenue of this city was named died at his home in Alameda today. Bissell for the past 30 years has been connected with the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway company as assistant traffic manager.

BODY OF UNKNOWN MAN FOUND FLOATING IN THE BAY

March 10, 1914

With no marks of identification upon it, the body of an unknown man was found floating in the bay near Point Orient at the late hour yesterday



This is a theater that was on Standard Avenue. Another wonderful old picture that is supplied by Sonny Jackson.

afternoon by P.C. Anderson, a mechanic employed on the pile drivers at that place

Although the features had been entirely eaten away by the denizens of the deep, the local authorities are of the belief that the body is probably that of the man who, on the evening of February 15th, committed suicide from the deck of the river steamer W. T. Walker, as that boat was passing Point Orient bound for Stockton.

No papers or marks of any description could be found on the man which would in any way help the authorities to unravel his identity. The man was clad in a light brown suit, black shoes and wore a soft
b r o w n w o o l e n s h i r t .

The body was in a very bad state of decomposition and according to Deputy Coroner Smallwood must have been in the water for at least three weeks which would bring the death of the man near to the time when the supposed suicide met his fate on the river boat off Point Orient.

The only clue furnished as to the identity of the dead man the local police was furnished by several men who were on night shift at Point Orient wharf on the evening of February 15th as the steamer W. T. Walker was passing up the bay for Stockton, and who heard a shot and then a splash. The boat was stopped and lifeboats put out but the body of the unknown suicide could not be found.

At a late hour this afternoon an autopsy was performed on the body by Dr. C. L. Abbott in the presence of Chief of Police Arnold and Deputy Coroner E. B. Smallwood, which resulted in the finding of a small hole in the head of the dead man, evidently made by a bullet.

Sports Memories

By Allan Smith

The 2001 baseball season is now over and in only four months spring training will start. You have to admit it, it was an exciting World Series.

All of us baseball fans remember an Oakland big league player who was raised in Oakland and attended McClymonds High School. This school produced several outstanding athletes, especially in baseball. Rickey Henderson was also a good high school football player. His mother played an important roll when he decided to play baseball with the Oakland Athletics. He started a very colorful career with them in 1979, after playing Class A minor leagues in Boise, Idaho and Modesto, California. He was only 22 years old when he started playing baseball with the big leagues and is still playing today with the San Diego Padres at the age of 42.

This season Henderson was on the verge of breaking one of baseball's most enduring records, the scoring of 2,245 runs set by the famous Ty Cobb, who played for 28 years in the big leagues before retiring in 1928. His runs scored record is still standing after 73 years. Rickey Henderson could have broken the record this year but he wants to do it next year in his home town of Oakland. where he is about to break one of the most sacred records in baseball, and no one is paying attention. All everyone was doing was focusing on Barry Bond's home run record. Why the Oakland A's owners wouldn't sign him, I

cannot understand. I will have to ask Point Richmond's Ellie Strauss to look into this as she is related to one of the owners. Henderson now has 2,243 runs scored which is only two shy of Ty Cobb's record. I would like to see Rickey end his great career with the Oakland Athletics, after all they could get him for a measly sum, because he really wants to play for the A's who once gave him a one million dollar signing bonus, which he did not cash but framed for a wall in his house.

Another record he has broken is Lou Brock's career stolen bases in 1991. Brock had 925 and Henderson now has 1,334. Yet another Henderson has broken is Babe Ruth's walk record of 2,062 and that was done this year with 2,141 total walks.

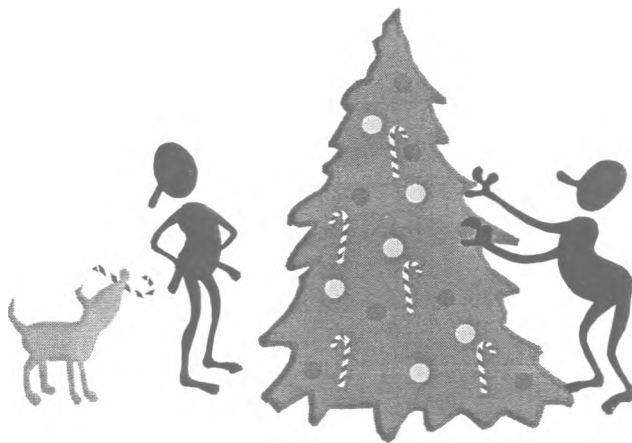
The sad part of all this is Rickey Henley Henderson is the most under appreciated player of our time. (Some netes taken from Bob Nightingal's Major League Report).

I had to ask my nine year old grandson to verify these records of Henderson's. He went to the internet and came up with the information. Julian is a great baseball fan who is always looking for baseball cards and

studying the records. Baseball is in his family after all, he has three uncles who played professional baseball: the late Leonard Smith, who was signed by the St. Louis Cardinals, Frank Smith, signed by the San Francisco Giants and Bryan Smith with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Unfortunately, none got to the big leagues and the million dollar contracts.

I wish these young kids would forget the computer and concentrate on reading and writing and concentrate on speech communication. The computer can come later.

In mentioning McClymonds High School, I think Bill Russell, the great basketball player, attended there. Russell helped to lead the University of San Francisco to a 57 win and 1 loss season in 1954/55. Bill Russell joined the Boston Celtics of the National Basketball Association (NBA), in 1956 and helped lead the team to eleven NBA Championships. In 1956 he became coach of the Celtics and the first black head coach in major league professional sports.



BRIEFS FROM SEPTEMBER 1910

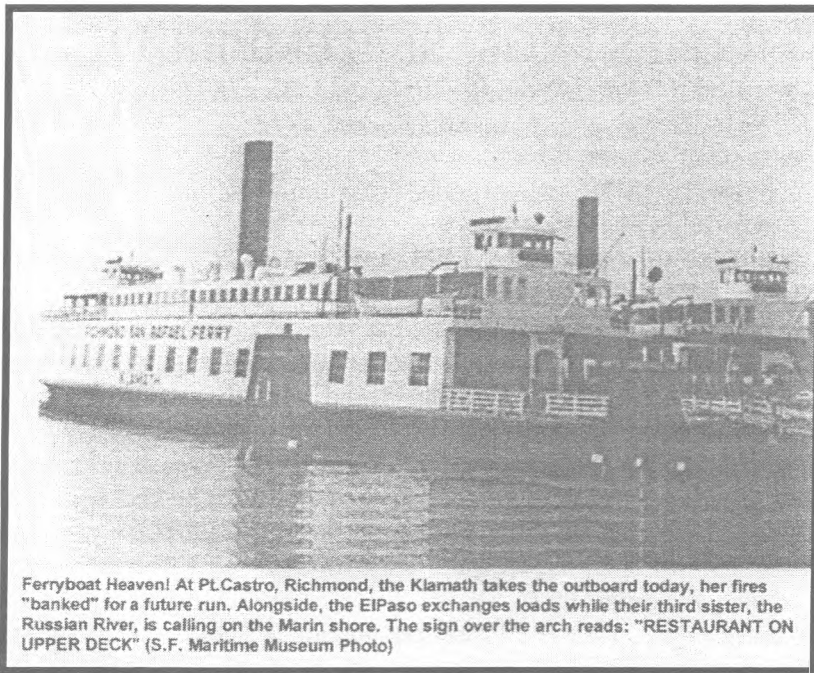
Taken from the **Richmond Record Herald**

by Mid Dornan

- Delfino Street, in the hill district, now being improved, has its new curbing and stone gutters.
- The water district is installing new hydrants in the hill district where the grades have recently been so greatly changed.
- Work is being done to the grounds by Dr. Abbott's residence on Santa Fe Avenue to make them conform to the new grade of streets adjoining,. As the corner of Cottage approaches, steps are being constructed and also a concrete retaining wall on the frontage of that street.
- A new barber shop has been opened up on Richmond Avenue near the Royal Theater. Whiskers grow as fast here as other things and they must be kept trimmed.
- New floor and paint at the Point Richmond Post Office and the office in the hands of Postmaster Jenkins is taking on quite a metropolitan air. The improvements are fully appreciated by the public.
- Special on Peabody coffee at 20 cents per pound. It's good! Tennysee store.
- The old safes and banking equipment at the Bank of Richmond were removed yesterday from the Pioneer Club building to the vacant storeroom just east of the Pioneer room. The heavy work of safe moving was done by the Richmond Supply Company.
- The street superintendent crew is preparing for the rainy weather along the east end of Golden Gate Avenue. Gutters are being made to receive the downpour and with the wooden culverts at the proper place so that that bad piece of street work should remain passable for the entire winter.
- Sidney Gnaga, who is at the Belmont Sanitarium, for treatment, is reported to be much improved. Rev. Linsly saw him yesterday and states he is doing nicely. Mr. Gnaga is a well known foreman of the Oil works.

RICHMOND
CALIFORNIA





Ferryboat Heaven! At Pt. Castro, Richmond, the Klamath takes the outboard today, her fires "banked" for a future run. Alongside, the El Paso exchanges loads while their third sister, the Russian River, is calling on the Marin shore. The sign over the arch reads: "RESTAURANT ON UPPER DECK" (S.F. Maritime Museum Photo)

RICHMOND TRIVIA IN MONSTERS, INC.

Reprinted from Tom Butt E-Forum

The Richmond Pixar connection looms large in the new Pixar film, Monsters, Inc. Before moving to its new campus in Emeryville barely a year ago, Pixar was a major presence in Point Richmond. The film's director, Pete Doctor, lived in Point Richmond for several years and can still be seen weekly at the Hidden City Café where many of the film's ideas were hatched by Pixar employees over lunch. In fact, the early code name for the film, when it was a secret project, was "Hidden City."

Speaking of Point Richmond's Hidden City Café, it can be seen in one of the film's animated street scenes, and the Chevron refinery was the model for the foreboding industrial complex, Monsters, Inc., from which the film took its name.

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THE PANE TRUTH

Did you ever consider Window Cleaning would generate enough interest for a magazine? Richard Fabry is publisher of American Window Cleaner Magazine which began in 1986 and now, with 40 pages per issue, has a circulation of 9,000. It covers everything from tips on removing troublesome screenburn to climbing the ladder of high-rise work -- without falling off to an expose on the secrets of White House window cleaning.

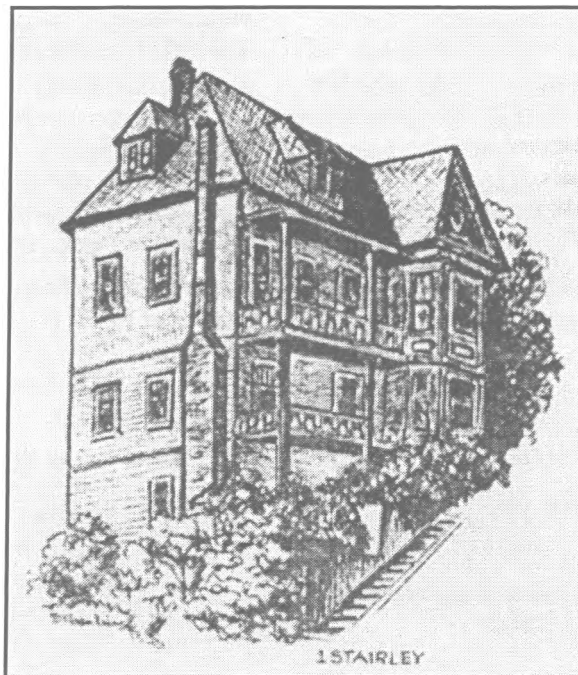
Richard sold his house in El Sobrante and moved to the Point where he rents until he can buy here. An artist who did a lot of his covers lived here. Richard says, "The town seems so cozy, has gorgeous views and panoramas, there are colorful flowers growing wild everywhere. Point Richmond has a sense of history, identity, community. It even has a history association in addition to a live theater. I figured this would be a great spot for me.

Over the years David Letterman made fun of the magazine twice, Harpers Magazine excerpted an interview of ours, the Associated Press (AP) did a feature on us which went all over the world. Two years ago I was quoted on the front page of the Wall Street Journal. The media likes us."

Need tips on cleaning windows? contact him at awcmag@aol.com or 233-6234.

(P.S. He is looking for a new rental in February 2002)

-Mid Dornan



Minutes of the First Meeting of the WWIC

The Women's Westside Improvement Club is the oldest social organization in the Point and has done some wonderful things for the Point in its nearly 100 year existence. Here is first minutes of the organization.

Alyce Williamson

The ladies of Point Richmond met in Currys hall for the purpose of organizing a club for the improvement of our town. Mrs. Topping stated the purpose of the meeting and called for nomination of a temporary chairman. Mrs. Lee Adams was nominated and elected as temporary chairman.

The names of 47 were enrolled as members. The motion was made that we should accept the invitation to join the Improvement of the East Side. A general discussion of the subject followed and it was voted that we should form an independent club.

The following officers were unanimously elected; President Mrs. Lee Adams, Vice President Mrs. Sam Curry, Secretary Mrs. Geo Topping, Treasurer Mrs. Wm. Luccas.

A motion was made and carried that the committee to form the Constitution and By Laws should be elected from the floor. The following were nominated; Mrs. Dimick,

Mrs. Niedecker, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Dindrem, Mrs. Delp, Mrs. Bly, Mrs. Mae Erskine, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. Josselyn, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. McWay, Mrs. Stiefvater.

The names receiving the largest number of votes were Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Windrem, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Diedecker, Mrs. Dimick and were elected as the committee to draft the Constitution and By Laws.

The motion was made and carried that we should meet on Tuesday at 2 pm at Currys Hall. Mrs. Curry stated that Mr. Curry offered the use of the hall free of charge providing we would have it put in order after the meeting. The offer was accepted and a vote of thanks given to Mr. Curry.

A discussion as to what name it Club should be known by followed and it was decided that the subject should be laid over until we would get legal advice about it.

Mrs. Schram and Smallwood were present from East Richmond Improvement Club and each gave us a talk which was all received and much appreciated. The ladies received a vote of thanks for their help and good advice.

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting was adjourned to meet July 14, 1908.

Mrs. Geo W. Topping, Sec.

A One Dollar History Lesson

- Al Bernes

Here is good history lesson to remember (if you can) and it's all on a one dollar bill. If you need a 6 inch ruler use the one dollar bill as it measures 6 inches long and 2 1/2 inches wide

Take out a one dollar bill, and look at it. The one dollar bill you're looking at first came off the presses in 1957 in its present design.

This so-called paper money is in fact a cotton and linen blend, with red and blue minute silk fibers running through it. It is actually material. We've all washed it without it falling apart. A special blend of ink is used, the contents we will never know. It is overprinted with symbols and then it is starched to make it water resistant and pressed to give it that nice crisp look.

If you look on the front of the bill, you will see the United States Treasury Seal.

On the top you will see the scales for a balanced budget.

In the center you have a carpenter's square, a tool used for an even cut.

Underneath is the Key to the United States Treasury.

That's all pretty easy to figure out, but what is on the back of that dollar bill is something we should all know. If you turn the bill over, you will see two circles. Both circles, together, comprise the Great Seal of the United States. The First Continental Congress requested that Benjamin Franklin and a group of men come up with a Seal. It took them four years to accomplish this task and another two years to get it approved.

(to be continued)

SHHH!

By Biblio Tek

News From the Westside Branch

Sorry, we received no report from Biblio for this issue.

Cards and Letters

Hi Pam:

I have enclosed a check for my History Assn. membership renewal.

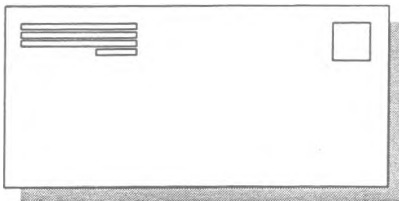
At the Kids Reunion, which my wife Molly and I enjoyed so much, I don't remember have a chance to talk to you. As a newer member of the Assn, I was happy to meet some past friends and many other new names and faces with familiar last names?? Could it be that you are a relative of Marie Wilson??

If so, when I was 4 or 5 years old I lived at 230 Santa Fe Ave in the Lower flat with my sister, Janis and our Mom and Dan and the Doney family lived above us in the upper flat. The Doney family had two daughters, Marie, and Charlotte, and I remember our families were very good friends. As years went by, I met Marie again after she married Fran Wilson.

Is there a tie-in with you here and could this be another "small world story"??

I hope someday soon we might meet and talk. I might know a thing or two about the Point that even you haven't heard!! :)

Sincerely,
Stu Saunders
Benicia CA



Dear Gary,

I would like to thank you for mentioning my mother's death in the November issue (Irene Regalia). Until 1999 when she moved all the way to Creekside Lodge in San Pablo, she had never lived outside of Richmond. Her heart was always at the Point.

I also wanted you to know that the letter from Julie (Kelleghan) Finucane from Ireland has found its way to the family. She and my cousin Darlene (Kelleghan) Diaz have been corresponding both by letter and e-mail and, indeed, our families are related. It was Darlene's father, Mervin, who was interviewed by the Times. The original article reprinted in TPIT has helped to fill in the gaps of information about my grandfather's family.

Thanks,
Ron Pacheco
ronp@mindspring.com



Birthdays!

December

Jean Allyn
Seth Fenton
Hazel Paasch
Cris Creed
Edna Hathaway
Debbie Seaburg
Fern Eastman
Christine Hayes
Luciano Forner
Sherry Hartynyk
Marian Hawkins

Jeff Corbin
Mike Turner
Lauren Nason
Marilyn Darling
Linda Mertle
Michael Cheshareck
Eric Turner
Teresa Meneghelli
Tom McGowan
Richard Barnes
Dennis Schaefer

Christina Nagatani
Ellen Schaefer
Thomas Mercer Hursh
Jerry Feagley
Inez A. Pestana
William S.Kollar

January

Henry Allyn
Donna Buhler
Cindy Rosier
Tom Brennan
Sonja Darling
Joe Travis
Linda Marshal
Bryan Smith
Doug Greiner
Jeff Quist
Ed Paasch

Jim Wilson
Robert McIntosh
Mary Highfill
Lupe Morris
Ann Bartram
Saryl Weinstein
John Cutler
Diana Kaffan
Marilu Fox
Elaine Harris
Kristina Hollbrook

Louis Cunan
Les Hathaway
Richard Palfini
Bena Bowles
Diana Mertle Mills
Brad Feagley
Marian Sauer
Sparta Chiozza

Exclusive - Over 90 Club

Mae Mandl
Pina Barbieri
Ruth Wood
Mark M. Gebhart

Bernard Bernes
Willard Spiersch
Jean Moyle Spiersch
William Kollar

Thelma Hecker Harvey
Alice Helseth
Clara Christopher Loux
Let us know if we have missed

Calendar

GOLDEN STATE MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM AND EAST BAY MODEL ENGINEERS SOCIETY

900 Dornan Drive, Miller/Knox Regional Park. Interested in Museum Membership? Business Meetings and Workshop on Friday's 7-10 PM. 510-234-4884.

MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE

"Inspecting Carol" Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, November 9th through December 22nd. Sunday Matinees at 2:30 on 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16. Tickets are \$12.00, for reservations 232-4031.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays, at 7:00 PM; , December 11 on Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11.

Contact: Paula Asmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The deadline for the December/January issue of TPIT is Friday January 18, 2002.

POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Rod Satre, President, 232 5059.

RICHMOND ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND

The REDF meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 , First United Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street, Point Richmond. Call David Michener, 510-232-0405 for details of the meeting. Info: 510-234-2706 or 510-215-6100

WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Contact: Miss Jones, Secretary 510-232-1436.

WOMEN'S WESTSIDE IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Contact: Alyce Williamson, President at 234-6167

I would like to join the P.R.H.A.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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