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BALTIC BUILDING

1904



*1974 Plaque on the wall inside the
Baltic Building*

The Baltic was built around 1904, and has always been a saloon, serving soft drinks during prohibition. It included a billiard hall, too, for a while. Upstairs ten or eleven rooms were rented out until they were combined to make four apartments (ed. today offices). This side room at 139 Park Place has, at times, been partitioned off for rental to different businesses. The current "The Pub at Baltic Square" retains its original décor and atmosphere.

Donna Roselius
The book "This Point in time"

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

Are you thinking of 'cleaning out' some of your memorabilia in the new year? Do you have some old postcards or pictures of the Point and surrounding area and wonder why you are keeping them. Or, maybe you want to keep them until you are gone. If so, why not make notes on same to give to our history museum later. We never tire of your memories of a day-growing-up' or little known facts about the Point. They need not be 50 years old, current incidents are needed too. It is exciting to watch the historic Trainmasters Reading Room building being restored at the entrance to the Point by the Plunge. If you haven't been to the Point in awhile, make it an outing to visit our many shops and even more places to eat.

It is not too early to mark your new calendars for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21, 2006. Wishing you blessings and joys in 2006.

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*Thanks to
Point
Richmonder
Michelle
Brant, for this
old postcard.
Can anyone
help us to date
it?*

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*Thank you members for your membership
renewal:*

Doris Silva
Jay & Karen Fenton Family
Bob Larsen
Pastors Gary & Barbara Cooper
Ed Squires
Rita (MacDonald) Hansen
Frank Kenny
Edward J. McGarvey
Marilyn Darling
Alyce K. Williamson
Audrey C. Edwards
Donna Wilson
Hazel D. Tawney
Royce Ong
Spiro Cakos
Dixie Mello
Marcelina Smith
Maria Smith
Wilma M. Winter
Ann & Bruce Bartram
Patrice Verhines
Stella A. Giovannini

And a warm welcome to these new members:

Seth & Rose Fenton Family*
Ralph Simoni
Lorraine Lombardo
John & Nancy Mengshol
Wilson & Sonja Gandola

**Gift Membership from Jay & Karen Fenton*

Museum Hours:

Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Happy New Year!

We have a nicely established newsletter going here, please help to keep it relevant. I encourage your participation so that "THIS POINT.....in time" remains interesting. We will accept anything that you have that pertains to our colorful local history, photos and postcards (donated or loaned), stories or fables. I appreciate our regular contributors.

The deadline for the April/May issue will be March 17, 2006.

The December/January issue assembly crew was a big one:

Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Pam Wilson
Betty Dornan
Marcelina Smith
Pat Pearson

Bruce Bartram
Ann Bartram
Margaret Morkowski
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Sonja Darling
Mid Dornan
Mary Highfill (Welcome Back!)

Thanks to the Volunteers who open and close our history museum on Thursday and Saturday:

Betty Dornan (Director)
Bruce and Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Dody Perry
Anita Christiansen
Sonja Darling
Margaret Morkowski
Alyce Williamson



The corner of Richmond and Park Place after a fire in 1905. Baltic on the right.(0084-DC, Photo from Don Church collection), Restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh, Ph.D.,

The Cover

The Baltic Building, built in 1904

Photograph by Gary Shows enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh.

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A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: How many direct descendants does President Lincoln still have?

ANSWER at end of Trivia

For the past 60 years, groundhogs as predictors of spring on Groundhog's Day have been only 28 percent accurate.

As the annual day of hearts and flowers nears, Contra Costa County asks those who wish to have a marriage ceremony at the clerk's office on Valentine Day to make a reservation by calling 925-646-2360. The ceremony costs \$30 in cash and you must obtain a license in advance. Couples must be present in person to receive the license, must have a valid, government-issued identification and pay \$64 in cash. The license is good for 90 days.

Do you wish a special cancellation for Saint Patrick's Day? St. Patrick, MO., is offering some Irish cheer to stamp collectors in recognition of St. Patrick's Day. Envelopes sent there this month will receive a pictorial cancellation featuring a leprechaun tooting a horn before a circle of shamrocks. There's no charge for the service. Those wanting the cancellation should send stamped, addressed envelopes requesting the pictorial cancellation to: Postmaster, St. Patrick, MO 63466. Should you want it to be returned, send along a large, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Bo Amantite is cheerful as she battles her lung cancer chemotherapy and is looking forward to the final treatments. Her friends wish her well and the kitchen crew at the Methodist Church wish her a speedy recovery as she assists at their Annual Junktique Sale.

Borkson's Observation: The farther a theater

seat is from the aisle, the later the patron arrives.

Junktique Chairpersons, Joanne Cheyne and Fran Smith, announced the annual event of the historic First Methodist Church will be Saturday, April 29th this year. Contributions are now being accepted but they ask you donate your clothing, shoes and mattresses elsewhere.

Doesn't it seem odd that when a postal increase is announced months ahead, that the additional postage stamps (in this case, 2¢ and 1¢) would not be available when needed?? Who is responsible? How do you handle mailing a letter or postcard?

All one-cent stamps issued by the U.S. Post Office have been green while two-cent stamps were red from 1898 - 1930.

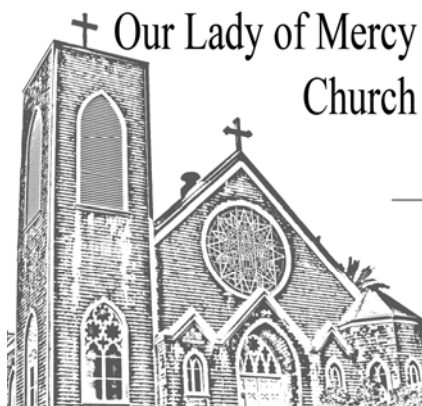
In January, Americans celebrated the 300th birthday of Benjamin Franklin, the only Founding Father who signed all four of the documents that created our republic: the Declaration of Independence, the treaty with France, the peace treaty with Britain, and the Constitution. Benjamin was born the 15th child and the youngest of 10 sons in a family of 17 children. He attended school in Boston for two years. Among the things he invented were an efficient heating stove, bifocal lens for glasses, and the lightning rod. His face has appeared on postage stamps and on coins and paper money of the United States. His "Poor Richard's Almanack," full of wise sayings, was very popular when published, and it, too, is still read.

Melba Farley spent a brief period in a local hospital after a recent fall and has a very discolored face to prove it.

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CHURCH NEWS



By Dee Rosier
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We welcome 2006 with renewed hopes of peace, health and happiness. The 2005 Christmas season is now a memory, but have to recap some outstanding moments. Our church was beautifully decorated. It has become an annual event to have half Christmas trees adorn the walls between the Stations of the Cross and the altar with its red splash of poinsettias. The Christmas Eve services were celebrated with an outstanding musical program which drew a standing room only audience. After the services a get together was held in the church hall. Many thanks to all who volunteered their time in achieving a successful season.

Father O'Rourke continues at his quick pace in writing several magazine articles. One of the articles will be on the clergy in a small parish such as ours. He continues in his in-depth pursuit of dealing with the Diocese and contractors in coming up with a suitable plan for the rehab of our church. Yes, it is old and needs a lot of attention and the decision has to be made as to what we can accomplish financially. The final decision rests in the hands of the parishioners. Aside from all of the above he did find time to visit his brother in the East and then find some additional time to thaw out in Palm Springs.

The City of Richmond planted red maple trees

along the church parking lot. It will add some curb appeal to the lot. We are trying our best to enhance the neighborhood, but drug dealers continue to conduct their business nearby as well as cars being abandoned in this area.

Envelopes for the current year are available in the back of the church. Be sure that you take yours. If you do not have one with your name on the box, please complete the form to register as a parishioner. These forms can also be found in the same area.

We continue to seek parishioners who are interested in becoming ministers and assisting in the Mass. It is an honor to participate, but those who are presently ministers are sometimes doubling up to serve two positions. We are flexible, but would welcome new participants.

The Giving Tree was a huge success this year and parishioners were extremely generous in their donations. This year's recipients were the Family House of Children's Hospital of the East Bay. The season of sharing should be acknowledged year round.

A church directory is forthcoming. Cards have been sent to parishioners to verify personal information. If you did not receive a card – you are not registered. When all the information is gathered the directories will be distributed to the parishioners.

We had not had a potluck since the fall, so Father O'Rourke again demonstrated his culinary skills and provided the main course, with parishioners bringing side dishes. For a cold Saturday evening, we all enjoyed good food and company. If you were in attendance you might have noticed that two of the semi-functioning organs which were taking up space are now gone. The third one still works, so will retain it, as well as the piano.

We do not have a regular church secretary, so if you need to get in touch with Father, please leave a clear message and he will return your call. He can also be reached via e-mail

Coffee and donuts Sunday was cancelled in January because it fell on New Year's Day. It will resume on February 5.

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Condolences to the family of Joanna Sumpter. We also extend condolences to the family of one of our Pt. Richmond Walking Group members, Elvo Agostini, as well as Steve Shaffer in the recent death of his sister, Lois.

Mass intentions are generally extended to the memory of a loved one. Knowing this, we were surprised to see Norma and Randy Reiter's name on the intention list. The intention was to celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary – congratulations.

Continue to remember in your prayers Jim Chesareck who had complications after bypass surgery, Mary Shipler, Sue Kafka, Theresa Meneghelli, John Gerk, Steve Novotny, and Frankie Mello. Dixie Mello called to thank me for including Frank in our prayers and that his chemo treatments were now working in his favor. Way-to-go Frank! Our voice of an angel vocalist, Claudia Spencer injured her ankle, we wish her well.

After walking, the Pt. Richmond Walkers enjoy coffee at a local restaurant. Bob Peckham runs by and always waves, but on this particular day (just before Christmas) he came in and planted a big kiss on Retired Chief of Police, Leo Garfield. You had to be there to enjoy it.

The book, "La Nostra Storia: Italian-Americans in Richmond" features many pictures of Pt. Richmond, as well as Pt. Richmond personalities: Al Frosini, Mary Highfill and Anita Christian.

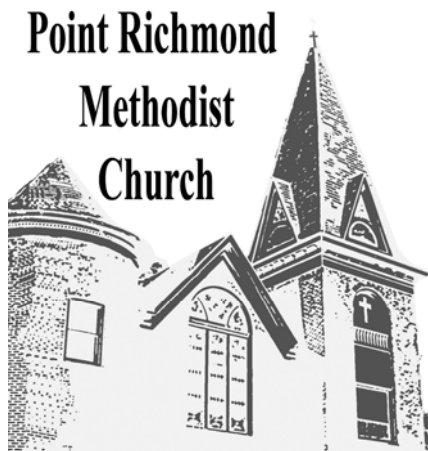
Happy Birthday Grandson, Griffin.

Please God, put your arms

Around my shoulders, and your

Hand over my mouth.

See you in church.



By Jean Reynolds

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Pastor Dan, Eileen Johnson, and Heather Damon collaborated to lead the Lessons and Carols service on November 27. Liam Thompson read the scripture for the "Lessons" portion. We all had a gentle transition from Thanksgiving to Advent.

Handel's *Messiah* concert on December 11 featured The Joyful Noise Choir, soloists Liz Engan, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Dan Damon, Gill Stanfield and Jean Reynolds directed by Eileen Johnson. Jane Carnall accompanied rehearsals, and Ann Calloway played the reed organ during the performance. The Orchestra included Kit Eakle, Violin, Jan Rhoades, Violin, Sue Nelson, Viola, Kurt Ribak, Cello, and Jab on Trumpet. Liz Engan, Sandra Wilson, Ruth

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Watch for the colorful new \$10 bills that will be unveiled for circulation on March 2nd.

The tranquility of a church apparently extends to the roads around it. A report by Quality Planning Corp., a risk assessment firm owned by the influential Insurance Services Office, analyzed 15 million auto insurance policies and 2 million claims to map out traffic accidents severe enough

to cause property damage. The bottom line: Drivers living within a mile of a church are the safest - they're 10 % less likely to crash than their fellow drivers.

Researchers say that petting a cat will reduce your heart rate and blood pressure.

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Watkins, Melody Hastings, Sallie DeWitt, Will Larson, Roger Goetsch, Brian Steen, and Gene Langille rounded out the sound with regular choir members Claudia LeGue, Linda Andrew-Marshall, Robyn Wolf, Pat Nelson, Jean Reynolds, Norm Reynolds, Gill Stanfield, Jim Brooks, and Dan Damon. The choir added a new chorus: *Behold the Lamb of God*.

The United Methodist Women celebrated advent with a potluck at Helen Valentine's home on December 15. We brought gifts and wrapping paper for the Contra Costa County Rescue Mission Christmas party. After a savory dinner, we shared memories of past Christmases and sang carols.

The church sponsored its fourth annual holiday bake sale on December 17 at Interactive Resources in Point Richmond. Sales of the three C's: candy, cookies, and cakes, along with a pie or two helped raise money to pay church operating expenses. Buyers were in line at opening time to get the best selection!

The rain let up to allow time to go Christmas caroling on December 18. We sang in some Point neighborhoods, and in downtown Point Richmond. Last stop was the Fire Station where BIG raindrops let us know it was time to hang up our flashlights.

We appreciated the eleventh annual Christmas Eve Jazz service. Luke Karl played violin with the band this year; Lavinia Karl accompanied the Angel Choir on harp; the Angel Choir; the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke read by Liam Thompson; and special music by Paula Helene, Dave Tattershall, Sheila Alix, Joel Weir, Joe Ridout and Bethany Reynolds. Antonia Knox sang the first verse of "Silent Night" in Spanish. The Band, with Kurt Ribak, acoustic bass, Joel Weir, guitar, Jab on trumpet, and Dan Damon at the grand piano, helped us all remember the peace of the season,

Everyone was so enthusiastic about worship on Christmas Day; we may elect to add a service even when Christmas is *not* on Sunday. We sang carols by request, and many of us wore wings, crowns, or halos made by Diane Frye's Sunday school class: Sarah Thompson, Lillian Karl, and Hannah Frye. Pastor Dan had a sermon handy "just in case" but luckily did not need it!

We Celebrate the life of Lloyd Farley: May 15, 1914 to January 14, 2006. Lloyd joined the Point Methodist church in the early 1980's after he and Melba moved to Point Richmond from Richmond Heights. He was one of the founding members at St. Luke's UMC in Richmond: we were lucky when the Farleys decided to worship at our church near their new home. Lloyd served as chair of the Pastor Parish Relations committee, as a member of the finance committee, and for many years cleaned and vacuumed the church during the week so it would be fresh for us on Sunday. Lloyd's love for wife Melba was always evident. He rose to the lectern one morning (on Melba's birthday or their anniversary?) to tell us what he appreciated about her. He was devoted to his extended family. He relished life, and would often give a cheer at the end of worship. He wore the best ties. Lloyd encouraged us to move to a full-time appointment for Pastor Dan, and hoped for the church to become a Reconciling Congregation. We miss him greatly and remember him with love.

On the Calendar:

February 9, Thursday, **Sweetheart Dinner** honors the Thompson family: Bill, Alice, Liam and Sarah: 6:00 p.m. at the Point San Pablo Yacht Club, 700 W. Cutting Boulevard. Tickets sell for \$35 adult, \$20 youth (under 15.) To reserve your seat, send checks made out to **First UMC Richmond** to Fran Smith, 16401-424 San Pablo Ave, San Pablo, CA, 94806, or call Fran at 510-964-9901.

February 19, Sunday, **Bobby Hall and Friends Gospel Concert**, featuring Gospel singers from Bobby and Pamela Hall's family and extensive music ministry. Watch for signs or call Pastor Dan, 232-1102, to confirm the time.

April 9, Sunday, **Palm Sunday Feast** 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. after 11:00 worship. Join us for ham, scalloped potatoes, other delicious food and good company! Do you want to help or donate food? Call Juanita Hoffman, 234-8052.

Heads Up! The **Annual Junktique Sale will be Saturday, April 29**, this year. If you wait until the first Saturday in May, you will miss it.

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 95th installment.

Minutes for Dec. 6th, 1927

Called meeting to order in the church parlor after the luncheon. It was voted that all but \$5 of the Organ Fund be transferred from the Saving Account to the church account and that all bills be paid including the \$43.00 due Zeb Knott for painting.

Expenses of luncheon were \$26.33 . \$92.77 was placed in the bank to the church treasury account. About \$119 cleared from aprons and \$5.20 yet to be paid on aprons..

Making a total of 119.10

5.20
124.30 taken in

124.30

92.77

26.33

119.10

(ED: No secretary signature but handwriting appears to be that of Vernita Danner)



Christian Science Church

Jo Bycraft

One of the obligations and privileges of a Christian Science church is to hold a lecture each year. In the past, the majority of these talks have been held in our own churches, but now every Church of Christ, Scientist is trying to interact more freely with their neighbors and communities to share the healing, uplifting ideas contained in our lectures.

Pastor Dan Damon has graciously agreed to let us hold this year's talk in his church - the First United Methodist Church here in Point Richmond. The address is 201 Martina St. The date, April 1st (no foolin'!) The time, 2 PM. Dress is definitely casual, and child care will be available.

Our lecturer will be Robert Gilbert, C.S.B of Upland, CA. Mr. Gilbert has been a Christian Science healer and teacher for many years, and is a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship. He has a Master of Theology degree from Boston University School of Theology, where he majored in Biblical Studies. He has served as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, and has given talks on spiritual healing to college classes, high school classes, and in jails and prisons. The title of his talk will be "Discovering and removing hidden mental influences through divine Love."

The members of First Church of Christ,

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Scientist, Richmond look forward to welcoming all of our neighbors and friends in Point Richmond and in the greater Bay Area.

If you are unable to attend our lecture, you are always welcome at our church services at 112 Washington Ave:

Sunday: 10 AM

Sunday School (for children and young people up to 20 years of age): 10 AM

Wednesday evening: 7:30.

and you are welcome to visit our Reading Room at 114 Washington Avenue.

Church and Reading Room phone: 233-1209.

WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

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The Women's Westside Improvement Club Meets at the Point Richmond Methodist Church.

December 6, 2005 Members and guests of the Women's Westside Improvement Club gathered at Annie's Cafe in Pt. Richmond on December 6, 2005 for our annual Christmas luncheon. As a side note owner, Annie, is a member of WWIC. There were 28 members and 6 guest present. The tables were beautifully decorated by our faithful decorator, Anita Christiansen with the help of her son, Steven Christiansen.

We had ample time to visit, reminisce, and discuss our various plans for the up and coming Christmas Holiday. Guest were introduced and guest, Diane Marie became a new member. Welcome Diane. Happy to have you aboard.

We were served a delicious lunch of your

choice (turkey, pork or fish) by Annie and her able crew. Following the entre we enjoyed a special dessert prepared by Altha Humphrey aptly named "Women's Westside Christmas Cake".

After lunch Anna Schwartz and her trusty accordian led us in singing Christmas Carols. A joyful time was had by all and it was a festive beginning to the holiday season for all of us.

We were saddened by the death of our beloved member, Muriel Bluhon. She will missed by all.

Next meeting will be Feb. 7, 2006. See you there. Bring a guest and or a new member.

HAPPY NEW YEAR ONE AND ALL!!!

VALUE OF TIME

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed his final exam.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one day: Ask a daily wage laborer who has 10 kids to feed.

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, the bus or the plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special

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OVER THE RIVER AND THROUGH THE WOODS

at the Masquers Theatre

A Review by Theresa de Valence, TdeV@bstw.com

A new twist in my adventures understanding theatre: *Over The River And Through The Woods* (directed by Renee Echavez) was so successful that I didn't like it at all when I first saw it.

We were early getting to the theatre. As this was to be a rehearsal, the lights stayed on. We quietly discussed the empty set (designed by David Wilkerson) - proof positive that visual cues speak volumes. Were I to describe that set (the inside of a house), you would know the exact socio-economic position of the family in the play. Of course, it would take a whole chapter to tell that story and you might get bored. The simplicity with which that visual message was delivered spoke to the incredible skill of the set designer and his crew. Later during the play, the attitudes of the participants were expected, mostly because the clues had already been provided. Yet another visual feast!

Last year at a different Masquers rehearsal, the director said that having the actors wear street clothes was a tool to help them react naturally in their stage characters. What the director didn't mention was that street clothes were also a useful tool for fooling the audience.

A friend has confirmed my impression of my last adventure: One indicator of any play's value is its ability to make the audience forget that it's in a play. In the current Masquers performance, I had the uncomfortable feeling of being a *voyeuse* (feminine, vicarious) of someone else's argument. For almost a week I thought I had overheard an unpleasant stupid family squabble. Since then *my* life has also completely changed. It is impossible to credit that the performance had no influence.

The grandparents are much better drawn characters than the youths. All the actors in the play have an awkward metamorphosis for the unclear time period during which the play spans. Because it is common to all characters, I now think that the fault

lies with the writer, not the actors. Of course, I *was* fooled for over a week, so there is some question about the validity of even *that* perception.

Wayne Johnson (playing Grandad Frank) looks and sounds tough. The play unfolds his past in a believable and sometimes traumatic way. Grandad Frank needs to give up driving because he can no longer see well enough to drive. Can you imagine how terrible that is for him?

How about you? Do you still drive? For those of us on the physically declining side of life that is the terror of our future. If any of us lives long enough (not just Grandad Frank), we will be blind. It is very scary, and, it gets closer every day.

Marian Simpson (playing Grandma Aida) selected a cat as her view of her character's soul. Imagine a cat purring beside you, rubbing herself against your leg (patting her grandson on the arm), convinced that she displays great affection (if only she can make you feel guilty enough to give some back). She wrinkles up her nose for a tentative sniff as she inspects a saucer of milk. That wispy hair had me completely fooled.

Dory Ehrlich (playing Grandma Emma) tells a lot of dubious jokes. Do you already know that I dislike slapstick humour? During Grandma Emma's bad jokes, I noticed how agile an actress is Dory. How can she possibly laugh like that at a joke which isn't even funny? Oh yes, of course, I'm in the mid-



Photo by Jerry Telfer

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dle of a play, she retells the same jokes every weekend. Possibly none of the jokes are funny, that's the script. Hmmm.

Grandad Nunzio is a character cunningly interpreted by David Lee. Grandad Nunzio paints us a word picture involving old folks getting on a bus, we laugh joyously at how preposterous the old farts are. He has silly habits and devilish secrets. From Grandad Nunzio, I learned about attitude. I know that sounds enigmatic, but wait and see.

The grandparents hide their true feelings from Dillon Siedentopf (who plays Grandson Nick). Nick, like most children, views his grandparents' expressions of love with exasperation and embarrassment. Nick has a few "stagey" moments (reminding us that we are in a play) and I am able to tell you that's a result of his skill, but I can't say whether it is done well or poorly. I am duped again.

Heather Morrison plays Caitlan O'Hare, the bait used by the grandparents to lure Nick away from his desire to leave town. Caitlan is attracted to Nick in spite of the embarrassing antics of Nick and the grandparents. We never really understand why, but she is young and charming and endearingly played. Caitlan delivers some priceless lines.

By the end of the performance, Nick is older and has more ability to see the world from the grandparents' point of view. This may be the key point of the play.

We are all "right" all of the time, because we see the world from a unique viewpoint. There are no good and bad actions in life; everything which happens to us can be viewed from someone else's standpoint and when that happens, perception about the event changes.

This can also be called attitude. Events can be painful and frustrating or you can lie down and enjoy them. Your attitude is completely up to you. And we are all going to die someday.

Are the grandparents successful in their devious plot to convince Nick to stay in town? Do Caitlan and Nick fall in love? Do the Good Guys win in the end?

Ah, now that would be telling. You'll have to see the play to find out.

**For Ticket Information
Call Masquers Theatre at
(510) 232-3888.**

**Friday and Saturday evenings
8:00 p.m. Jan 20 — Feb 25, 2006
Sunday Matinees
2:30 p.m. Jan 29, Feb 5 and 19, 2006**

<http://www.masquers.org>

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Leaving the mild Bay area weather, Sonja Darling went to Buxton, North Dakota to visit her mother and other family members where they were enjoying a 'warm' spell, only 35 degrees! This is the area from which our new Police Chief has just left!

Dickson's Rule of 49: The great comfort of turning 49 is the realization that you are now too old to die young.

Remember seven years ago when Richmond High's Coach Carter demanded academic accountability from his players and threatened to cancel the season until he got it even though his team was 13-0 for the season. Last year a blockbuster movie, 'Coach Carter' brought the message to movie fans. Watch for Carter to have his own "Coach Carter" television show next fall in which work crews do makeovers on high schools. You may recall Coach Carter was a teenage basketball player at Richmond High.

GUNG HOY FAT CHOY!

ANSWER: Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, Abraham Lincoln's great-grandson, died in 1985 and was the last surviving direct descendant of the President.

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ARCHIVE PHOTO GALLERY

Historical Photo Restorations by Thomas Mercer-Hursh, Ph.D.



Above: Eagles Lodge drum corps at the funeral of Jimmy Burris on 9 Dec. 1909 (0236-DC From Don Church)

Below Left: Inside the Eagles Nest Saloon about 1907 (0165-DC from Don Church)

Below Right: Inside The Baltic (Photo by Gary Shows)



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Above: Looking down Park Place about 1905, probably about the same time as the picture on page 3 (0084a-DC from Don Church)

Below: Dedication of the Indian Statue with the Baltic in the background (0237-DC from Don Church)



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On This Date in KP History

Kaiser Permanente History #173 August 15, 1941

*#173 - Kaiser Builds His First Ship: Sixty Years
Ago (Part 1)*

**On This Date in Kaiser Permanente History:
August 15, 1941**



*An “Ocean” class vessel (Ocean Venture)
A Thompson-designed ship*

She was ugly, awkward and old fashioned but she was one of the most significant ships ever built. She would help make Henry Kaiser world famous and she wasn't



*Sir Robert Thompson
Pres. Of J.L. Thompson
and Sons an designer
built on both sides of
the Atlantic. of Ocean
Vanguard, fore-
runner of 2710
Liberty Ships*

even an American ship. She also helped save the free world from domination by Adolph Hitler and his Axis allies. Along the way, she helped provide the impetus for founding what would become the Kaiser Permanente Health Plan. Christened “Ocean Vanguard”, she was launched, in Richmond, CA sixty years ago this week.

As a ship design, Ocean Vanguard had a long past and an astonishing future.

She was based on an 1879 design. The British shipyards of J.L. Thompson and Sons had been producing these ships year after year ever since. Slow but dependable, the Thompson designed-and-built tramp steamers were a familiar sight in all the oceans of the world. The technology was old but that made the design simple to build.

With the outbreak of World War Two in Europe, Great Britain needed ships, more than she could produce at home. She turned to the US for help. That's why, in July of 1940, the British Merchant Shipbuilding Mission had arrived in the United States with \$96,000,000 in cash, blueprints for an old-fashioned freighter, and an order for sixty of them, to be called “Ocean” class vessels.

Despite, as well as because of, the size of the British of R.N. Thompson and contract, almost every American shipyard was already too busy to consider taking it on. The US had already stepped up its own shipbuilding program and there were just not vacant shipways left to accommodate such a huge order. Even so, it was a remarkable feat of salesmanship for Henry Kaiser, who had neither shipbuilding experience nor shipyard to get a contract to build thirty of those freighters at a yet-to-be-constructed shipyard on the shores San

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***R Cyril Thompson,
son of R.N.
Thompson and leader
of British Merchant
Shipbuilding Mission.
Their contract began
HJK's career in
shipbuilding.***

Francisco Bay. Kaiser was always able to make skillful use of partners already expert in a field he wished to enter. He had done it in construction, he would do it in automobile manufacturing and in several other major ventures. This time he joined with the W.S. "Pete" Newell of the Todd Shipbuilding Company. It was a good choice. The Todd Company owned one of the most experienced American shipyards, Bath Iron Works, in Maine. Newell and Kaiser would split the contract between them. The Todd Company would build thirty of the British Ocean class vessels in their East Coast yards and Kaiser, with the Todd Company as his partner, would produce thirty ships in California. Cyril Thompson, the leader of the British mission, a man whose family had been building ships in Great Britain for several generations, remained in the US for several months

to help the Kaiser people in the planning of their new shipyard.

As obsolete as the Ocean class ships may have appeared to the ship designers of 1940, it was a brilliant design for the needs of the time. The hull was angular making the hull plates easy to shape. The design was very adaptable to the new electric arc welding techniques and needed less of the much more expensive riveting process. The engines were of a simple, proven design that operated under comparatively low steam pressure and were much easier to build than the far more powerful steam turbine engines that were currently being installed in other ships. There was a single deckhouse reducing the need for costly wiring and plumbing. This shortened construction time even more. The Ocean class freighter was a perfect design with which a new shipyard could gain experience. More complex ship designs could come later.

(End of part 1.)

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Editors Note:

I met Historian Steve Gilford at the PRHA General Meeting. He told me that he had written many history articles for Kaiser and offered to share the ones that are of local interest. I took him up on his offer and we are running them now whenever there is space. Thank you Steve. Gary



Bruce Beyear has given the following items from Lucretia Edward's files for our archives.

1. Pictorial Living Section on Point Richmond from SF Examiner
2. March 15, 1978 Point Counterpoint
3. Book on Plans for Point Richmond by Point Richmond Civic Group, 1963
4. An Indian statue dedication picture with residents.

William L. Thompson, M.D.

More Memories of Early Point Richmond



Dr. Thompson was born in Point Richmond on February 17, 1909. He grew up in the Point, attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from Richmond High School in 1926, attended U.C. Berkeley and in 1929 at the age of 20 was admitted to the UCSF Medical School. He completed his medical school in 1933 and interned at Highland Hospital before joining the Civilian Conservation Corp. as a contract surgeon for the Army. Dr. Thompson practiced medicine for 39 years in Richmond, we are lucky to be the recipient of his written memories of his life in Point Richmond. This is a reprint of his gift to all of us. We will reprint his entire series. Thank you Dr. Thompson! Enjoy!

Part One

One of my early memories is of the old fire bell. Whenever there was a fire the bell at the old fire station rang loudly and could be heard over much of the Point. We kids ran out and from our vantage point on the hill could usually see where the engines went. We could see east and west Richmond Avenues. If we did not see the engines there they usually would be up Standard Avenue. There were no sirens in those days but the trucks had bells that we could trace. Fires were not very common in those days but they were exciting. The one I recall best was when the Ciabattari and Morrison homes burned right next to ours. We were in grammar school and at noon we raced up the hill to see the damage. As one would expect, Jim Morrison and the Ciabattari children were most upset.

Thinking of fires brings up the Paasch Family. The elder Paasch for many years was our fire chief and did an excellent job. The two Paasch boys, Bob and Dick, were just ahead of me in school and in high school they played on the football team. They were a fine stable Point Richmond family and resided on Tunnel Avenue not far from the fire station.

From our elevation on the hill we could observe happenings on the watered area that is now the inner harbor. At first this was only a mass of channels that twisted around many low mud islands. Later it was dredged out and eventually arrived at its present state. The dredged silt was used to form Cutting Blvd. and the other old roads in the area. On one of the little mud bank islands near the main channel there was a little, one roomed shack made of drift wood and other scraps of material. An old sea captain, I think his name was Lauritzen, lived there alone. When we fished on the opposite side of the channel he often came out and roared at us.

There was an old road from East Richmond Avenue to Cutting Blvd. across where the end of the present harbor now is. The center of this had washed out and allowed water into a low area between the road and the Washington School. At high tide this was a large deep pond. At times ducks and especially coots would land here. There was a black dog owned by someone on Richmond Avenue who persisted in chasing these birds. He would swim out after them and when he was nearly there the coots would dive and disappear. He was most perplexed but he was even more surprised when they reappeared some yards away. He again took after them only to have it happen again. This continued

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until he was exhausted and left the water. I witnessed this vain pursuit many times.

We used to go duck hunting in the winter with 22 rifles, out toward Potrero Point (then called Bulldog Point). We were on shore and the trouble was that whoever shot a duck had to swim out and retrieve it. Because of the water temperatures in January few ducks were shot.

I recall one winter's day, I think it was about New Years Day when a very heavy wind storm blew up. There were many small boats anchored in the widened pool at the end of the inner harbor passage. By evening every one of these had dragged its anchor or broken its cable and was piled up on the shore. In the same storm a flat roof on a house near the top of Washington Avenue blew off and sailed down into the town.

One day before the war, about the latter 1930's, my brother and I were walking along the breakwater on the hillside aspect of the channel that leads up from the bay to the inner harbor. This was some hundreds of yards beyond where the Brickyard Cove housing is at present. My brother had his 22 rifle and we occasionally picked up a bottle along the shore and tossed it out as a target. I picked up one tightly closed small bottle and noticed that it had a piece of paper in it. Jokingly I tossed the bottle over to Chet and told that this was a manuscript in the bottle. He opened it and we were amazed. The paper was a note stating that this bottle had been tossed into the water in the Philippine Islands nearly two years before. We thought that it might be a joke but there was a name and address included. My brother wrote to the individual at that address and soon got a most amazing reply. This man and a few others had been fishing from a small boat in a waterway near Baguio off the main island of Luzon. After finishing their lunch one of the party took a bottle and put the

name and address of one of the others in it and tossed it overboard as a joke and they thought no more about it. The man was most surprised. The bottle had traveled the great circle route and in about 2 years arriving washed up on the breakwater in Point Richmond. Another interesting feature was that the man involved was originally from San Francisco. The bottle had come home. This event was written up in the Richmond Independent at the time.

Bulldog Point at the extreme end of the Point Richmond hills was an interesting place. We used to hike out there fishing when we were children. The war destroyed it. It was completely leveled to form the fill for shipyard #4 during the war.

One of the most interesting features of this point was a large Indian shell mound on its lee side. A large buckeye tree grew on the mound which is a rather common feature of these mounds. In the absence of acorns the Indians used the buckeyes as a staple part of their diet. Lost buckeyes often germinated there so the trees were not uncommon on the mounds. I used to dig there occasionally and once when I was studying anthropology at Cal a classmate of mine and I spent most of a day excavating there. Among the masses of mussel and oyster shells that make up the bulk of the mound we found many fish and bird bones and one vertebra probably from a deer. We found one obsidian arrow point and many obsidian flakes and partial points. Obsidian or black volcanic glass does not occur in this region and must have been traded down from the Clear Lake region. Also I unearthed an old fireplace crudely made of large stones with a mass of ashes. This was an interesting mound but was completely destroyed during the war to make room and fill for shipyard #4. I heard that several Indian burials were found when the mound was dismantled.

To be continued...

Dr. Thompson's Son in law Gab Togner wrote a touching eulogy to Dr. Thompson at his memorial in 1998, you can read it at <http://www.alkos.com/prha/thompson.html>.



This fact diary is, a book of headlines and interesting events in Early Point Richmond was compiled by Don Church and is one of the items left for us by Allan Smith.

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1912

- 2-3 Juakin Bello, goes insane and threatens family, burns home and cremates self in San Pablo. Family escapes.
- 2-6 Anti-saloon fight in Richmond. A.B. Keaton of Independent Market buys the Santa Fe Market from Chas. Reigart who will retire and move to St. Helena. A.W. Redderson will remain in charge.
- 2-7 Dr. J.L Bedwell, dentist died yesterday at 46. Born in Healdsburg 12/65. H.L. Springer claims he has largest ball of string in world and is made from laundry package strings only.
- 2-14 Lang Drug will expand store by taking 2/3 of the P.O. space.
- 2-17 Judge Lindsey faints in court from overwork.
- 2-23 War Vets and firemen must pay Poll Tax which goes to State school fund.
- 2-27 Chief Arnold puts ban on the Rag incl. pianos, traveling bands etc.
- 3-3 Cutting gets 25 year franchise for a railroad on Cutting Blvd.
- 3-7 Number of voters in Richmond will probably double due to women.
- 3-8 Rev. Wm. Riddle resigns Point Baptist Church and goes to Calvary.
- 3-11 Capt. Lauritzen broke ground for his new Wharf and Whse on Cutting.
- 3-15 Thos. Dolan will have to answer to Superior Court.
Measles epidemic in Point. 1/3 of Standard Avenue School have had them. 100 are home out of 300.
- 3-21 Deputy Sheriff Moran of San Mateo tried to help prisoner escape here. Arnold to prosecute.
- 3-29 John Nicholl offered one million cash for his home ranch of 200 acres.
- 3-30 Chief Arnold gets to San Jose in 1 hour and 15 minutes on a motorcycle.



*Class in the Washington School during 1918 flu epidemic when everyone had to wear a mask to prevent getting the flu.
(0500-MD Photo Courtesy of Mid Dornan)*

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Brickyard Memories

From James Ruiz

I was born in Point Richmond at the Brickyard in 1950. My dad worked at the Brickyard for 25 years until we left in the 60's and the factory shut down. My aunts uncles and cousins lived and worked there also. Homes were provided by the company to some and some built there own homes out of wood.

We were poor in material but rich in the life and beauty of the Cove. I lived the life of Tom Sawyer We had tree swings, driftwood rafts and 100 foot grass slides. We were isolated from everyone in town and the nights were always quiet. I would watch the boats pass along the break water and watch their wakes come crashing to the shore. The view of San Francisco and the three bridges from the top of the hill was breath taking. On windy days we would put on big coats go to the top of the hill where the old reservoir used to be and lean into the wind as the strong winds held us up and kept us from falling forward. We use to swim in "Devil's Pool" secretly, it was located down the beach and fenced off from prying eyes.

We climbed the hills like mountain goats while

our friends from "town" would fall down and have to get stitches. We built drift wood forts with Mike Lanning (an experienced Boy Scout) and learned how to build two story wood rafts out of beached telephone pole sections. We had all the childhood memories most kids don't in this day and age. I have many stories of our life in the "Brickyard Cove" on County Road #7 long before the yacht harbor the condos and the expensive homes were even a twinkle in a realtor's eye. I'll keep a line open and send some more pics when I locate them.



*This picture is of
two of my relatives
taken at Brickyard
Cove in the late
1940's*

THIRTY YEARS AGO (from Point Counterpoint, Jan/Feb 1975)

'Shadow and Substance' is playing at the Masquers Playhouse with admission of \$2.50.

Vern and Jeanne Doellstedt have been invited to England to a conference on variety meats. They are owners of Richmond Wholesale Meats.

According to Tom Butt, our Pt. Richmond representative, the Redevelopment Agency has decided to fund renovation of the Plunge.

The 'Monday Bunch' from the Methodist Church traveled to Concord to have lunch with Edna Hathaway, formerly of the Point, who is down from her Tahoe home.

Janet Larsen reports our Point is making world news. Her son, while on a basketball tour in Spain last month, read about the Point's new windmills!

At least two caroling groups were about the Point before the holidays, the Methodist Church group and the youthful O KI ZU Camp Fire Adventurers These melodious voices add to the holidays.

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CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

From the Website

I'm hoping that you can help me. My name is Juny McCulley. I was born there in Point Richmond. My mother and father owned a bar called MAC's CLUB. I can't remember the address, but I do remember it was on a corner and we lived down the street. I was wondering is the HOTEL MAC the same place? To me it looks like it, but it has been over 30 years since I was there.

I left there in 1965 and Mac's Club was still going and dad owned it for a number of years after that, also a small cafe on the corner.....mom called it the "PINK CAFE". But i think it was the 4 corners or something like that.

My father had many friends there in Point Richmond, and I wanted to let people know that he passed away, (John McCulley, known as Mac) as did my mother, most people knew her as Mae. I have been trying to find my mothers best friend... Deloris Decker, she was married to a man named Earl and had a daughter Deanna and a son Bobo (we think his real name is Earl).

Is there anyway you can help me with this? I have run out of ideas I just found this web site today and thought I would give this a try. Thank you for any and all help you can give me.

Juny McCulley

Powell, TN

star_brite@comcast.net

I will print this note in it and perhaps someone who reads it will help you.

Gary Shows



Dear Editor

There were many families living in the old Brickyard Cove who worked at the Brickyard in it's hey day. Some went there before and after the war finding permanent employment after the ship building was done. I have pictures of some these families. They were of Hispanic, African American and American Indian origin. Please don't forget us.. Let me know if you would like to review some of them. It's a part of Point no one realizes existed.

Sincerely
Jim Ruiz

Thank you Jim, yes if you have more information on Point Richmond pioneers we would love it. See page 19 Gary



Letter to Editor,

Pat Pearson's article on HOT DOG DAYS at Washington School brought back many memories of that day. When Bessie Squires became president of the PTA, she felt the hot dog lunches weren't nourishing enough, so she added carrot sticks in the bag, no charge, but it took extra time to prepare enough for the students. I remember going into each classroom to ask how many children were wanting hot dogs and if they wanted more than one. This was to give the committee a general idea of how many to prepare. The cooked hot dogs were placed into a cold bun and wrapped so by the time the students got them, the entire hot dog and bun were warm. It was the relish that often made the hot dog taste better than others.

Past Washington PTA President
Mid Dornan

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DEATHS.....

Ben H. Woodson on January 7, 2006, age 75. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, sons Jim and Ken Woodson and two grandchildren. While a child, Ben moved to the Point with his parents from Arkansas and lived in war housing. He was an educator in the Richmond Schools for 30 years and was Teacher of the Year during his career. He became an Eagle Scout in Troop 111, Point Richmond and following his Navy service in World War II he returned to become an Assistant Scout Master in Troop 111 for another 30 years. He was the master pancake turner for their renown annual pancake fund raiser breakfasts. Ben was a member of the El Sobrante Methodist Church, the Exchange Club, Sons in Retirement and the local California Retired Teacher Association. Memorial services were held at the El Sobrante Methodist Church on Saturday, January 21, 2006.

Joanna I. Sumpter on January 1, 2006... Age 91. Joanna worked at See's Candy Factory for over 30 years making the candy. She is survived by her sons Samuel Hooten of Hercules, and Dale Martinez of Albuquerque, NM; her brother Max Martinez, 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Services were held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church on January, 6, 2006.

Doris E. Barnes on October 14, 2005. Age 88. Born in 1917 in Point Richmond, Doris was a lifelong Richmond resident. Upon graduation from Richmond High School, she studied cosmetology and worked in her mothers' shop in downtown Richmond. Later she was employed by Schmidt and Dixon Mortuary. Doris is survived by her daughter, Janis Laveo of Aurora, CO and her son, David Barnes of Richmond.

Lloyd L. Farley on January 14, 2006 at his Point Richmond home. Age 91. Lloyd was born in San Francisco and lived in the Point many years. A UC Berkeley graduate, he retired after 40 years as a Research Chemist at Chevron Refinery. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Melba, daughter Judith Ann Farley Buhlis and son Arthur Lloyd Farley, three grandchildren and two great-grandsons. Memorial services were held at his home church, the Point First United Methodist Church on January 22, 2006.

Fay Hawkins on Sunday, January 22, 2006. Age 83. Fay was born in Mulberry, Arkansas but came to Richmond when he was three years old. He graduated from Richmond High, worked at Mechanics Bank before served in the Navy during World War II. After 25 years, Fay retired as a Lieutenant from the Richmond Police Department. He was a member of the Point United Methodist Church and the Point Richmond History Association. Fay is survived by Marian, his wife of 62 years; a daughter Sandra Hawkins; sons, Stan Hawkins and Dale Hawkins; two grandchildren, Ryan Hawkins and Jeff Mize; and one great-grandchild Laney Mize. Also, a sister Jean Drouin and a brother, Robert Hawkins. His twin sister, Ruth Nystrom, preceded him in death. Memorial services were held on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at the historic Point Methodist Church where he married Marian George on May 29, 1943.

BIRTHDAYS

February

Mark M. Gebhart	Chris Rotting	Landow Howe	Velma Healy
Sarah Wilson-13	Walter MacMillan	Rowene MacMillan	Anne Brussok-Roth
Steven Mertle	Barnaby Edwards	Dody Perry	Adele Bruno Waymire
Fred Beesley	Connie Healy	Ethel MacMillan	Lupe Padilla Lopez
Dixie Copeland	Helen Valentine	Kim Ward	Jared Bigard
Billy Bob Karl	Marcos Rotting	BOY SCOUTS OF	
Doug Busby	Arlene Rodini	AMERICA	

March

Sheba Warith	GIRL SCOUTS	Marie Wilson-Dietz	Delphina Franco Tawney
Karolyn Macdiarmid	Dolly Frosini	Lavinia Karl	Rachel Elizabeth Palfini
Dale Hawkins	Carl Paasch	Avis Blanchette	Myron Pestana
Carol Paasch	Reba Downs	CAMP FIRE GIRLS	Elizabeth Buhler
JoAnn Bray	Rich Schuldt	Brian Richardson	Lorna Huffstetter
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