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Steam Schooner
Wapama
Built 1915

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Wapama Steam Schooner
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The WAPAMA, a wooden-hulled, steam-propelled vessel built for Charles R. McCormick's famed steamship company, remained in the West Coast fleet until 1947. The last surviving example of more than 200 steam schooners designed for the 19th and 20th-century Pacific Coast lumber trade and coastal service, WAPAMA's construction is unique in its use of sister frames and lack of steel strapping.

Condition: The wooden hull of the WAPAMA is so badly deteriorated from dry rot that she has been placed out of water on a barge with internal and external structural supports.

Portions of the vessel are unsafe for public access. She is severely distorted in both her proper vertical and mid-body planes. These distortions have significantly weakened the structural integrity of the vessel.

There are no funds to address the advancing deterioration. The San Francisco Maritime Park's General Management Plans call for minimal stabilization work for the vessel. The Pacific Steam Schooner Foundation has had limited success in seeking financial support. Although the vessel has been moved to a new berth in Richmond, CA there are no funds to address the advancing deterioration. HAER documentation has been completed by the National Park Service.

Recommendation/Change since last report: WAPAMA needs a permanent location and funding for stabilization and restoration. She is currently on a barge at Rosie the Riveter Park.

In the late 19th Century, wooden steam schooners began to replace sailing ships for hauling lumber and passengers up and down the Pacific coast. Over two hundred of these ships were built between the 1880s and 1920s. The Wapama is the only survivor.

She is currently undergoing preservation efforts in Point Richmond, and a lack of funds jeopardizes her continued survival and return to Aquatic Park.

From:
The National Register Statement of Significance

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

“Memories of Macdonald Avenue” are being sought by the Richmond Community Redevelopment Agency/Rosie the Riveter World War II Homefront National Historic Park in Richmond. Focus is on the Main Street area of Macdonald Avenue between Eighth and 16th Streets and the goal is to capture more than just the World War II era. What are your memories?

- Were you a war worker?
- Did you live here and see Richmond change as workers came to the Shipyards or maybe you have only been here a few years?.
- Did you attend the theaters?
- “drag the main”?
- shop at Albert’s? Macy’s? Penney’s? Kress?
- What changes did the newcomers have on the Avenue?
- Do you remember when Tenth Street (now Harbour Way) and MacDonald was the hub of Downtown Richmond?

Won’t you share some of your stories so they can become a part of history because you were/are a part of that place in time? Don’t think you can write? We’ll be happy to edit should you wish. You can even call and I’ll be happy to take your information.

Only you know your memories. What impact did the protests and civil rights struggles of the 1950s have on redevelopment.

*8th & MacDonald in 1923 (, 0527-DC
(From Don Church, enhanced by Thomas Mercer-
Hursh)*

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*Thank you members for your membership
renewal:*

**The Dolberg Family
Judith & Vince Kafka Family
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Dody Perry**

And a warm welcome to these new members:

**Frances Smith
Christina Zirker
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Sonja Brooks**



Thank You!

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Museum Hours:

Thursday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

*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**



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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

The November issue of "THIS POINT.....in time" is the only edition that covers just one month. It is also a bit late because we are trying to coordinate with the Masquer's Playhouse schedule so that we are able to include Theresa de Valance's reviews in the newsletter. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. Thanks for your timeliness.

And thank goodness the elections are over, here's to hoping the good guys have won!

Happy Thanksgiving.

The deadline for the December/January issue will be December 1, 2006.

The September/October issue assembly crew was:

Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Pam Wilson
Mid Dornan
Pat Pearson
Bruce Bartram
Ann Bartram
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Sonja Darling
Francis Smith



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The Cover

The Steam Schooner Wapama with is now in storage in Point Richmond near the SS Red Oak Victory. Photo by Gary Shows, enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh.

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A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: How many people are born and die in a single day?

Answer at end of Trivia.

About 90 percent of American households eat turkey on Thanksgiving, resulting in the annual slaughter of about 34 million of the oversize birds.

Were you a concerned citizen and voted election day Or, were you overwhelmed with ballot indicatives? Are not our legislators elected to make more of these decisions?

Have you observed that school children K - 8th grade are now wearing uniforms in the 39 elementary schools in the Richmond School District? Uniforms promote safety and equality among other things. At least \$54,000 in uniforms have been dispersed so each school has a uniform closet for those in need and they are distributed on an honor system. More than \$5000 of that total was from community donations.

99% of all pumpkins sold via the retail route are sold for use as decorations.

Wouldn't it be fantastic if a percent of monies spent on campaigns could be funneled into preventive programs for youth? or health care for the uninsured?

Edna Hathaway has moved into a Retirement residence: The Remington, 2727 N. 11th Avenue, Hanford, CA 93230. A note or card welcomed.

A very special guest for lunch a the Country Faire was 99 year-old Ruth Woods Mullen who came from Rossmore for the event. Ruth grew up attending this church and was active in its development in the early years. Ruth is already planning her 100th birthday party in January.

Know what a fixed income means?

It means the income left after the plumbing is fixed, the car is fixed, the furnace is fixed.

Jane Carnell flew to Illinois to join her first cousins for a reunion and returned bubbling with memories.

When junk food beckons, tighten your belt a notch. Do this as a gentle reminder of the size you'd like to be.

Les and Sandi Hathaway celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary on the Big Island of Hawaii. Ask Les about his memorable encounters with the island's big turtles, Honu.

Sisters Laura Kurtz and Louise Hammond know the secret to longevity. When members of the Methodist church sang "Happy Birthday" to Louise as she celebrated her 93rd birthday, her sister Laura sitting beside her smilingly added, "I'm her older sister, I'm 94!"

The newest longevity secret? It's aerobic exercise followed by a glass of chocolate milk, according to researchers in New Zealand. They say it slows the aging process by boosting mitochondrial proteins in the body. (if it's chocolate it has to be good!)

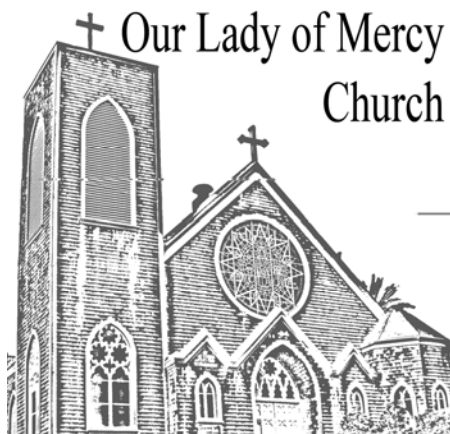
Christina de Leon has returned from Texas where her mother underwent successful lung surgery.

The Point Methodist Choir is expanding their repertoire to performances in the Christmas production of 'Amahl and the Night Visitor' which will be played at the Methodist Church on December 21st & 22nd before heading to the

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CHURCH NEWS



By Dee Rosier
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Fall brings us vibrant colors and lots of leaves. Perhaps because it is my birth season, it is one of my favorites. Trailing fall is another season – the one that brings out the best in people. Many travel east to enjoy the fall colors, but I enjoyed the color season change in a recent visit to Calistoga. The vineyards were a glorious yellow and the trees had a red glow of fire. While in a Calistoga bookstore met Marilyn and Adrienne Acquistipace who were there for a few days to celebrate Adrienne's birthday. Can't every get too far away from Pt. Richmond

We now have Father O'Rourke all to ourselves. He has been relieved of his duties as Administrator to a parish in Oakley. By bowing out of this assignment, he accepted the role as Dean for the local deanery. The parishes of the diocese are joined together in local groups, each called a deanery, and the Dean is supposed to do things to jolly everyone along. The appointment is for three years. Father finally found time to journey to Santa Barbara and visit his relatives. He also went fishing on the Klamath, but did not get enough to host a fish fry. However, he did the cooking and hosted a Labor Day weekend dinner instead. I had the

pleasure of being seated next to Anna Schwarz who is total entertainment.

On November 5, 2006, a pancake breakfast will be held in the parish hall. Breakfast will be served from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. The menu will include pancakes, juice, coffee/tea, eggs, bacon and sausage for \$8.00. Susan Brooks is chairman of the event. The parish council made a decision to forego the annual BBQ this year. In lieu of the BBQ we will host several smaller scale events.

After months of looking, Father finally found a contractor who would be willing to work on repairing the frames of the stained glass windows one by one, and on a time and material basis, which is the only way we can afford to have them repaired. A group of parishioners is spearheading the project.

The latest version of a new parish directory is being printed and should soon be available to all parishioners. It was a major project and those working on it should receive special commendation: Nicole Moyer, Anne Brussock, Dee Rosier, Diane Siegmund and input from the parish council members.

Jim Sullivan, our organist, is in search of parishioners who are interested in forming a choir. Jim has had a lot of experience in music, and has actually set up and run a couple of local opera companies. Good music is necessary to a parish's life. If you can carry a tune and are interested, please call Father. Samantha, our young vocalist has left us in order to attend UC Davis. Father says that a small choir is officially called a schola. What a schola does is sing the hymns and the Gloria, etc., with a bit more care so that everyone else can sing along with more confidence.

Congratulations to Javier Lopez who recently announced his engagement to Christine Pilone. Before his relocation to South Carolina, Javier played a major part in our Christian community. Since Javier's move, Christine has joined us at Sunday Mass and become one of the Starbucks-after-Mass group. We look forward to his return.

The Small Christian Communities continue to

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meet. The daytime group meets monthly and is hosted by Dody Perry. Since Dody is homebound, it is a wonderful opportunity for her to entertain the group.

The neighbors in the vicinity of Idaho and East Richmond have formed a neighborhood watch known as PROWL (Pt. Richmond Official Watch League). Several meetings have been held to discuss various problems within the neighborhood area and how to solve them. The Richmond police have attended the meetings and offered advice. At one of the meetings, we went around the room and gave our names and how long we have lived in the neighborhood – first prize went to Florence Wilson who has lived on Montana Street for 75 years (oh she's going to get me!). There is great interest within the neighborhood and our chairperson, Joseph Siti, has joined the Crime Prevention Committee so that he can relate the most up-to-date information to us. It is also an opportunity to meet your neighbors.

The new sound system is just about complete. We now have two speakers, instead of one, and an amplifier that allows for eight inputs instead of three. While Father was purchasing some of the equipment, the saleslady asked if he would be interested in entering their monthly raffle and won an iPod.

It was decided at the last parish council meeting that the parish council would take ownership of the Finance Committee. Father announced that daily rental of parking spaces in the church lot is generating a guaranteed monthly income to the

parish.

Continue to pray for the renewed health of: Adolph Brossard, Sue Kafka, Renee Filipi, Jack Healy, Mary Shipler, Jim Chesareck, Dody Perry, Theresa Meneghelli, Frank Mello and Dan Doelstedt. Enjoyed an afternoon visit with Theresa who sends her greetings to her Pt. Richmond friends. She is homebound and enjoys visitors and phone calls. We add Dan Doelstedt to our prayer list. As most of you know, Dan was the victim of a tragic accident. He is a Pt. Richmond boy and close to our hearts. Dan is also my computer support person. Pray for Dan's rapid recovery.

Bob Peckham's neighbor – a cat – is a regular attendee at Sunday Mass. He cruises up the center aisle after Mass has commenced, looks around to see that everyone knows he is there and then takes his place on the altar along with Father.

Don't forget to vote on November 7. See you at the Methodist Church.

While living in Santa Monica, a cat adopted my daughter, Renee. When returning to Pt. Richmond, KB (the cat) came home with her. KB was hers several years prior to my grandson's birth and enjoyed a wonderful life. KB was recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed away. He was my grand kitten and we have all shed tears.

Oh how our animals capture our hearts.

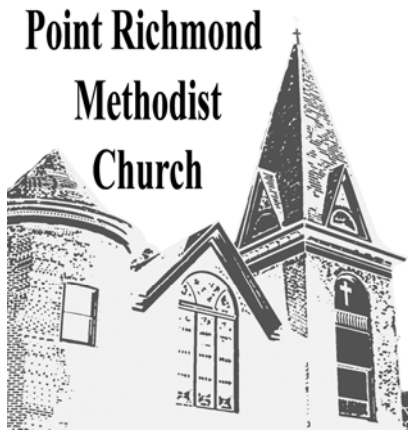
IN THE DICTIONARY – SHARE COMES BEFORE SUCCESS

See you in church.



Old boat used for housing at Winehaven (0177-DC from Don Church; enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

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Jean Reynolds, Reporting (235-2988,
jeanormr@pacbell.net)

We met with concerned neighbors in the Indian Statue Park in the triangle by the community center for a peace vigil on September 21. Pastor Dan played his recorder and people shared their hopes and grief about the Middle East conflict.

Homecoming Sunday, October 8, 2006, we celebrated the centennial of our building. Old friends and new honored the founders and others whose determination and actions combined to keep our church able to serve the community. Bruce and Ann Bartram, Jean and Hank Allyn, Paula Israeli, Pam Wilson, Lorilyn Parmer-Folks, Allen and Quinn Folks, Anita Christianson, and Bill and Ruth Jenkins, among others, came to reminisce about Boy Scouts, Christmas pageants, marriages, baptisms, music and the garden. Fran Smith and Mid Dornan organized a luncheon to allow more time to visit. Many helped serve, clean up, and provided food. The Angel Choir sang two pieces during worship and the Angel Choir CD we made last spring was available for \$10. Some of the original shingles from the church steeple were turned into wall hangings by member-artists and sold to collectors. Our next major building improvement project is to re-point the bricks on the facade of the church.

Some members of the Joyful Noise adult choir will sing in the Masquers' holiday production of

Amahl and the Night Visitors in December. Performances will be Thursday through Saturday December 21-23 and 28-30. Two shows will be at the church and four will be at the Masquers' Theater. Rehearsal is on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 for the *Amahl* pieces; the choir has regular rehearsal from 8:00-9:00. Pat Nelson and Pastor Dan Damon direct. Pat Nelson invites you to sing in the chorus for *Amahl*: Come to rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. **Any would-be *Messiah* singers are welcome to come for the last forty-five minutes of choir practice.** This year's performance of Handel's *Messiah* highlights will be **December 10, 5:00 p.m.** We welcome singers for all parts!

Spencer Anderson is the newest singer in the Angel Choir. Angel choir members continue to grow in their ability to sing, lead, reason, and care for each other. Pastor Dan is learning correct Spanish pronunciation from Kelsey Tostenson and Ashley Anderson, Washington School Spanish immersion students extraordinaire! Angel Choir meets Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

To start our Fall Program, we served Methodist Eggs, sausages, rolls, and juice for all breakfast lovers on September 10. Diane Frye teaches the older elementary students, Bill and Alice Thompson teach the younger class, Jean Reynolds teaches the high school youth, and Pastor Dan moderates the adult class. Diane's class made potholders to sell and did other projects to collect money for Heifer Project last school year. Often the younger students make a project as part of their lesson and then give it to someone who comes to church. It is a gift appreciated by the recipient and a connection between the generations! Classes meet every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. through the end of May. Worshippers were treated to an all-Jazz service with the Dan Damon quartet featuring Kurt Ribak, bass, Ron Tostenson, drums, Tom Griesser, tenor saxophone, and Dan Damon at the piano. Gill Stanfield and Bethany Reynolds sang solo pieces with the band, and the congregation got to sing several pieces. The morning message in song was mainly music composed by Pastor Dan, so it was still a sermon in his words.

Walkers Pat Dornan, Bethany Reynolds, and

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Jean Reynolds participated in the GRIP Harmony walk to end hunger on Oct. 14. Some church members sponsored the walkers with donations to GRIP to be used for the Souper Center and new homeless shelter recently opened in downtown Richmond. The new facility provides many services under one roof to aid homeless clients with issues such as employment, healthcare, substance abuse, and money management. GRIP is a coalition of faith communities in Richmond and near-by cities that works to solve social and ethical issues in our community.

On the Calendar:

Thursday, November 16: Masquers' Theater/Hotel Mac dinner theater. This fundraiser for the Church includes dinner, tax and tip at the Hotel Mac, followed by the Stephen Sondheim musical "Company" at the Masquers' Theater, all for \$35 per ticket. Call Jean Reynolds, 235-2988, to reserve your place in the fun.

November 23, **Thanksgiving Dinner Feast for the Community:** Service of thanks at 11:30 a.m., followed by dinner from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. All are invited! Enjoy turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Bring your friends, family and neighbors or come on your own. Would you like to help prepare, set up, serve, or clean up? Call Juanita Hoffman at 234-8052.



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 69th installment.

Feb 21, 1928

The Social League met in the Church Parlors with Mesdames Ohney and Meece as hostesses. The meeting was opened by prayer led by President Mrs. Schmidt followed by roll call. There were 23 members and 1 visitor.

Minutes of previous (sic) was read and approved. It was moved, seconded and carried that the following bills be paid:

\$6.30 - ?? Burdick, cups & saucers
5.00 - put back in organ fund
2.26 - Laundry bill - Mrs. Dicely
\$10.56 - expenses

Old balance	\$20.41
Dues	.60
Elizabeth Jenkins .	.35
Candy/aprons Meese	2.25
Plate offering	2.40
	\$26.01

Proceeds from	
luncheon	20.10
Total	\$46.11
expenses	3.56
New balance	\$32.55

(ed:error in subtraction)

Luncheon was announced for March 9. No definite plans were made. A no. of chairman were

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WWIC ACTIVITIES

Norma Wallace

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

September Meeting

Tuesday, September 12, 2006, was the first meeting of our 2006-2007 year. President **Margaret Morkowski** welcomed the group back from the summer break before sharing behind-the-scenes details of the next evening's "Eye on the Bay" on Channel 5 featuring Richmond and including interviews with **Margaret Morkowski** and **Marsha Tomassi** of Point Richmond.

Secretary **Susan Brooks** read the minutes of our May meeting and notes about June's potluck. **Margaret** introduced the officers who were elected at the May meeting. In addition to the above-named President and Secretary, they are: Treasurer **Sonja Darling** (thanks for collecting the annual membership dues!), TPIT Correspondent **Norma Wallace**, Second Vice President **Linda Newton**, and First Vice President **Altha Humphrey**.

While **Margaret** reviewed general plans and activities for the year, **Linda** passed around the Hostess sign-up sheet. In addition to our regular activities, members were asked to contemplate planning for the Women's Westside Improvement Club's centennial in 2008. Current Club community activities include the Indian Statue Rose Garden (**Connie Lompa** coordinator), Washington School "Books for the Library" donation jars (**Linda**

Newton coordinator), and the Point Richmond Street Directory Project (**Altha Humphrey**).

Various members are recovering from minor and major injuries, **Sonja** and her foot's "soft cast" among them. **Bernie Moore's** shared a story from her family's summer trip to Maine about the struggle to understand New England accents. In frustration, daughter **Kaitlin** finally asked "are they joking with me?" Immediately another former Easterner called out 'Put the haas in the bahn' to much laughter and some puzzled faces (see end of article for translation).

Happy Birthdays for July went to **Alyce Williamson** and **Bernie Moore**; for August to **Mid Dornan**, **Marjorie Moore**, and **Marion Kent**; and, for September to **Marie Peckham**, **Linda Newton**, **Joan Gatten** and **Diane Marie**!

Linda announced that the community knitting group has moved to **Altha's** house. **Joan Gatten's** alerted us to the September 23 First Aid session at the Community Center. **Lori Nova** invited us to Nova Studio's 3rd Anniversary Open House on September 30, and **Mid Dornan** announced the Methodist Homecoming Centennial on October 8.

Our meeting concluded with the review and

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appointed to arrange the luncheon for 6 mos, A birthday box was started with Mrs. Adams in charge. Mesdames Jenkins & Osborne will be hostesses for next time. Place to be announced later. A note to Mr. Whitesides was written expressing our appreciation for reducing our bills

a little.

Following the business session an interesting talk on St.Valentine was given by Mrs. Prince. A solo was rendered by Mrs. Daisy Jenkins. It also was enjoyed.

Valentine box was opened and all received pretty valentines.

Mrs. John J. Meese, Sec

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proposal of speaker ideas and then came to a close as all members cast their votes and caught up on news and more! [New England accent translated: Put the horse in the barn.]

October Meeting

We met at the Point Richmond Methodist Church on Tuesday, October 3, 2006. A tremendously festive hall greeted us, with Halloween-themed black and orange colors everywhere: tablecloths, table toppers, scattered candy corn and foil-wrapped chocolates, even the dessert was two-toned swirled pumpkin bread accompanied by a grinning orange lollipop – courtesy of the creative hostess team of **Mid Dornan, Pat Pearson and Betty Dornan**. They even wore orange clothing!

Fewer than the anticipated full house enjoyed being served generous portions of tasty lasagna, salad and dessert by volunteers **Connie Lompa, Lori Nova, Marion Kent, and Alyce Williamson, and seconds were offered**. Thanks to **Altha** for coordinating the committee including the cleanup crew **Bernie Moore and Norma Wallace**. **Treasurer Sonja Darling** will announce the results of the fundraiser at the November meeting.

After the group enjoyed lunch, President **Margaret Morkowski** gained our attention and started the meeting, thanking **Linda for coordinating the speaker**. Second Vice President **Linda Newton introduced guest speaker Joanne McKray** representing the Yes on 89 Californians for Clean Elections aka Clean Money campaign. A general though brief debate ensued over the value of one vote.

The top votes for guest speakers are (in random order): Historical Registry designation;

Proposition 89 (today); Richmond Police Beat 1 **Sgt. Harris; Paula Asmus of Point Richmond Optometry; and Steven and Dextra Christiansen on Assisted Living** and Home Care options (target April).

Happy Birthdays for October to **Liz McDonald, Marion Voight and new member Ollie Cordray**, and for November to **Betty Dornan! A round of WWIC** applause went up for each.

Community announcements. From **Susan Brooks** - announced Our Lady of Mercy is hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 5 starting at 9am. From **Margaret - The Many Hands Project party is Tuesday, October 17, for major contributors (\$200-250)**. Guest **Evelyn Thill** brought a copy of the CC Times feature on the Plunge. The project needs an additional \$1-2 million. Demolition is scheduled to occur over the winter. Members were encouraged to vote for the Plunge on the National Trust for Historic Preservation website, were the project competes for funds on a national level. **Dody Perry** continues to host a daytime Bible study group, and welcomes calls and visits. **Janice Cook** happily anticipates her hip replacement surgery scheduled for next week. The Monthly Knitting group meets at **Altha's** this Thursday, October 5.

From **Mid**: The Methodist Church invites all to lunch this Sunday, October 8, to celebrate their centennial. **Margaret** asked **Mid** to convey thanks to **Pastor Dan** for providing a warm home for the Women's Westside Improvement Club through the years. The Indian Statue Rose Garden committee coordinator **Connie Lompa** asked for volunteers to deadhead and a group decided to meet Saturday at 10:30 am. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 14th, the Tuesday prior being election day.



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MORE A-MID TRIVIA

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Masquers Theater on December 23rd, 29-30-31.

Sympathy is extended to Claudia LeGue on the loss of her 96-year-old mother in Minnesota.

Cell phones aren't just means of communication these days. They play games, text message, capture photos, make movies etc.

Life at the Corbins doesn't get much better than this! Diana Corbin and Evan Berg, San Francisco, made Doug and Rosemary a second time grandparent with a baby boy, Cameron Corbin Berg, born on July 1st, 2006. Doug and Rosemary, after Thanksgiving, plan a visit to Jeff and Janette Corbin and year old daughter who have moved to Niskayuna, New York, where Jeff has accepted a job teaching Biology at Union College. (You ask, where is Niskayuna??)

Be sure to check out the pancake breakfasts the first Sunday of the month, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 9 -12. A worthy cause and a way to begin your Sunday. You could even stay for services or move on to other services in the Point, Christian Science Reading Room or the Methodist Church. Expand your world, you might like it!

Gill Stanford is wished a speedy recovery from Pneumonia as he has been missed in the Methodist Choir.

Consider the high cost of free parking:

1. 8 minutes average time spent driving around looking for a parking spot.
2. 47,000 gallons gas wasted annually by parking-space hunters in one urban shopping district.
3. 100,000 hours driver time wasted hunting in same district.
4. 40 calories what you could burn in a brisk

8-minute walk instead.

Spain was an October vacation destination for Tom and Pat Cefalu who spent most of their days in Marbella on the Costa del Sol. Marge Harmon and husband Dave Shank.also felt October an ideal time to visit Spain where they enjoyed it all.

Sonny Gandola's daughters treated her to a week-end at the Spas in St. Helena for her special birthday.

A bizarre and horrific bicycle accident on Sunday, September 24th took the life of Danny Weinstein who stopped in Point Richmond, where Danny grew up, to visit friends as the last leg of a six week tour to Europe and Mexico with his wife and two daughters before returning home to Australia. The auto that swerved into the shoulder lane of 580 hit the barrier and crashed head on into him as well as Dan Doellstedt who remains on a respirator with two metal rods along a crushed section of his spine. Both grew up in the Point, Weinstein on East Scenic and Doellstedt on Western Drive where his parents still live. Dan is a member of the Point Business Association.

ANSWER: Each day on Earth, about 350,000 are born and 150,000 die.

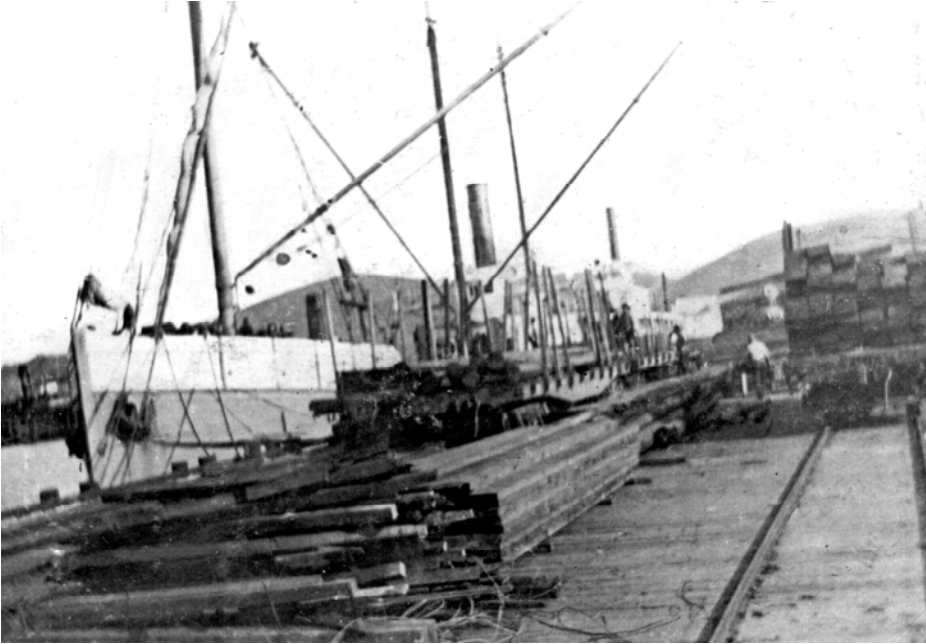


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ARCHIVE PHOTO GALLERY

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

Left: "Lumber schooner unloading at the Santa Fe Wharf 1912" (0154-DC from Don Church)



Right: "The Agnes Jones loaded with sand in 1912. Duke shoveled the sand aboard and used a wheelbarrow and unloaded the same way. In later years he was able to buy a pump." (0175-DC from Don Church)



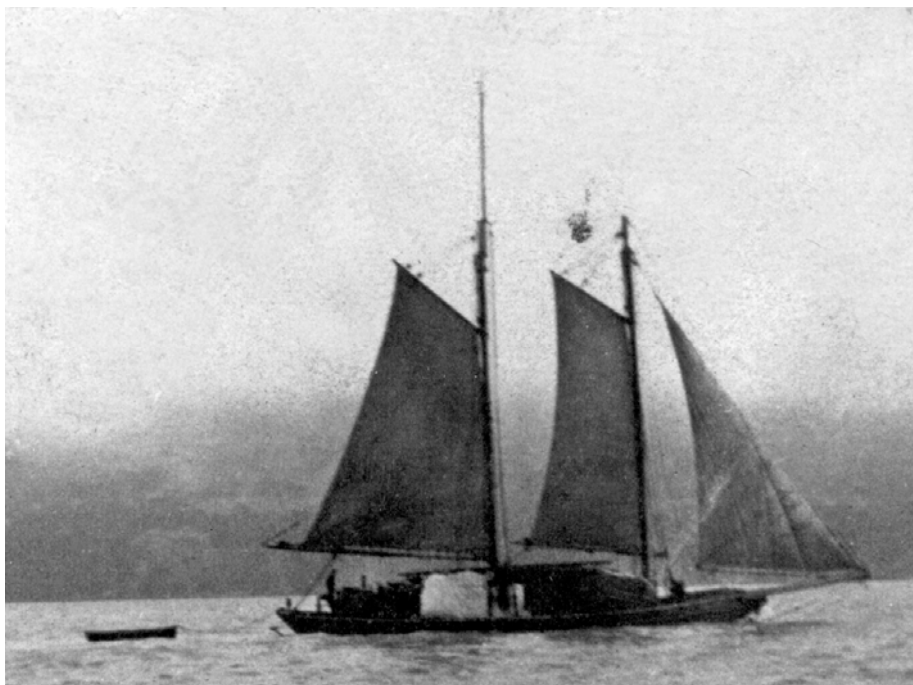
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Above Left: "Duke and his scow Curlew about 1908." (0175-DC from Don Church)



Above Right: "Duke's ship the Dora at the head of the channel in 1928 just after the trucks had put him out of business." (0037-DC from Don Church)



Right: The Mable and Edith off Angel Island around 1915." (0172-DC from Don Church)

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COMPANY

at the Masquers

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

I cheated, just so you know. All reviews I have ever read were based on attending one performance. This time I interviewed 11 people, some more than once, went to several auditions and rehearsals, and attended Opening Night.

Company, directed by Gregg A. Klein, with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and book by George Furth, is playing at the Masquers Theatre ending Dec 16th. See www.masquers.org.

An astounding experience has been had watching ordinary folks turn into exotic individuals. It's as though these characters started in a black and white television program, walking the stage, reading the words from the script in their hands. From this, they emerge as three dimensional, brightly coloured, fire-breathing dragons. That this is even possible is astonishing. The show that results is the combined effort of dozens of hard working creative minds. It boggles the imagination to think of the volume of concentration people have put into the details.

This show was written in the 1970s, so it's full of old familiars: jokes about New York, clothing that assuredly came from several season ticket holders' closets, shoes that will make you laugh, rugs that people mistakenly think were once appropriate hair styles, and the men have grown real sideburns for the occasion!

The set is bohemian in its simplicity, a clever arrangement of three-sided panels with a Rubik's Cube style of motion. Two panels use cadmium tones: warm yellows, oranges, and reds, once popular colours for bachelor pads. The furniture is spartan, except perhaps for the bed, Robert's appalling altar, in shimmering leopard print satin.

At the very first audition, a person who shall remain nameless told me that Kris Bell, the choreographer, is fond of hats and canes, and would be sure to get some into this production. They were

right. But there are many more moves, too. This is one of the reasons that I like musicals.

Robert (Kyle Johnson), a historically commitment-phobic guy approaching his thirty fifth birthday, is wondering if he has made the right decision about bachelordom. Kyle has always struck me as a likeable guy, whose basic goodness comes across when he sings. He has a 1,000 watt smile which would convince most people to sign up for whatever he was selling. If what he sold turned out to be rubbish, it would unquestionably turn out that Kyle had been duped too. You know, *nice*.

So, it comes as a surprise to see Robert (Kyle) portrayed as a scared rabbit, a man for whom embarrassment will be crushing (*photo below by Jerry Telfer*). Later we see Robert become a lecherous wolf, teeth bared in a ferocious grin, ready to sink those fangs into flesh, conniving at getting one of the girls into bed. Definitely, Kyle is getting more interesting to watch, every time I see him.



Robert has three girlfriends on hand, an amusing study in contrasts. The three convene for the song *You Could Drive A Person Crazy*.

April (Steph Peek) is a ditzy blond stewardess. Steph has done an admirable job creating this entertaining bird brain. She is funny and bright and completely preposterous.

Kathy (Amy Nielson) is a girl who turns out to be more conservative than she previously revealed, now wanting a more traditional future. It is a sweet performance, full of goodness. And a fine dancer.

Marta (Jennifer Stark) is an earth mother, an

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Art For Art's Sake kind of girl, and a brassy New York goddess. Bracing! And boy, can that girl belt out a song! More, I want more, I can take it, really!

Robert's birthday is celebrated by friends, all couples. Susan (Michelle Pond) and Peter (Steve Yates) are a happy couple who just happen to want a divorce. Susan is a catty, scratch that, gracious, southern belle who swoons at the sight of blood, a part tailor-made for Michelle. Peter is warm and friendly, and surprisingly sympathetic. His response to his wife's nighttime pillow-talk will make you hoot.

Sarah (Kathleen Dederian) and Harry (Robyn David Taylor) are a feisty couple whose squabbles escalate and get progressively more dramatic and farcical. As I mustn't be giving away twists in the storyline, I will say only that they must be seen to be fully appreciated. They are wildly entertaining. I have watched the interaction between them develop, resulting in a perfectly normal, cantankerous couple.

Jenny (Jacqueline Anderson) and David (Michael Cassidy) are a couple who bring back great memories of smoking pot (true for the *entire* audience, if the laughter was any measure). Jacqueline well plays the rather strait-laced Jenny as she slips in and out of character. Her solo hymn is lovely. Michael's renders a lantern-jawed, straight man so effortlessly, I thought it was natural. I'm sure I thought he was *born* wearing cowboy boots. Imagine my surprise when I discovered he was neither taciturn nor dour!

Amy (Leah Tandberg-Warren) and Paul (Peter Budlinger) have a surprising wedding breakfast. If I could fall in love with a pair, it would be these two. Paul, because he is charming, handsome, and a bit silly, even if he did slick down his unruly hair. He is the only character (other than Robert) where we get a scene of deep emotional trauma. I could fall in love with Amy because there can never be anyone else like her. Leah is completely unexpected: effervescent, sexy and talented. I could barely understand the words of Amy's song, they come so fast; imagine how difficult it must be to sing them! Leah is a treasure and the gem of this performance.

Joanne (Tammara Plankers) and Larry (Larry Schrupp) are older than the couples of thirty-somethings, and they have jaded attitudes to match. Joanne is a bitch of the first water who takes out her frustrations with a stream of vitriol to the attractive young women. Although it may not be polite to say Tammara makes a great bitch, she does though. Just the right amount of blasée. Wealthy Larry, puts up with this abuse for reasons we discover later in the performance. Until then, he seems a bit henpecked which he carries with aplomb. Larry is diverting (and I love those turtlenecks). The scene in the disco is worth dying for.

Company is a bushel of laughs, from the set and costumes, to the moves and dialogue. Some of that laughter comes from a trip down memory lane and some of it comes from an appreciation of the silliness of the human condition.

The actors have the situation well in hand, they pause until the laughter stops before they deliver the next line. They know where we're going and they want us to enjoy getting there.



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William L. Thompson, M.D.

Memories of the Medical History of 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

Some years ago, probably in the early 1960's Dr. C.L. Abbot published a large single article on the history of medicine in Contra Costa County. I believe that this was in the Richmond Independent. This was fairly complete up to that date but often did not define where these medical men were located within the county. This and my own memory are the sources of this article.

The medical history of Point Richmond was, of course, rather brief but quite interesting. Very early, except for San Pablo and later East Yard there was little need for medical men in the area due to the almost total lack of population. I have never heard of a physician in East Yard but I assume that the inhabitants were cared for through the facilities of the Santa Fe.

The first doctor recorded in west Contra Costa County was Dr. S. J. Tennent who had married a daughter of the Spanish commandant of the San Francisco Presidio and then settled on a large land grant in the Pinole area in about 1849. He apparently did some medical practice in the region. In 1855 a Dr. David Goodale settled in the San Pablo area and apparently became the first physician to practice in this region.

During the time of the construction of the Santa Fe tracks and tunnel a doctor H. P. Mulligan of Martinez gave medical care in the region. He apparently was located part time in the region and, according to Dr. Abbott, should probably be considered the first doctor in Point Richmond. About 1900 and before the very few residents of the Point Richmond area had to receive their medical, if any, from the rare doctors in the San Pablo district.

Dr. Tewksbury was in this area very early but was primarily a land owner. I have no knowledge of his medical background or if he ever practiced medicine on the rare inhabitants of the Point region at that time.

In 1901 Dr. L. T. Gorsuch opened an office on Richmond Avenue and built a home on the corner of Santa Fe and Cottage Avenues. Unfortunately he soon developed tuberculosis and left the area, dying of the disease in 1903. Apparently his entire family died of tuberculosis which was quite rampant in the area for many years. Also in 1901 Dr. George W. Stockwell moved to Point Richmond from San Pablo but shortly died of appendicitis.

The first of the more permanent medical men in the Point was Dr. Palmerton C. Campbell who opened an office in Point Richmond in 1901. Later he was appointed a surgeon on the staff of Governor

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Pardee and was appointed to be in charge of the medical care of the victims of the San Francisco earthquake and fire. Later he continued his practice in Point Richmond for many years and many of the older inhabitants here may still recall him. He was a rather pompous, well dressed man, not overly ambitious but quite capable and well trained for the time. I recall that he had an office on the west side of Richmond Avenue about half way between Washington and Santa Fe. If he could not be found there he was usually at Kings Cigar Store.

I recall him well because he helped bring both me and my brother into the world and treated us later for many minor complaints. He had a residence up near the top of Washington Avenue and also owned a ranch, probably a fruit orchard up near Vacaville where he later retired. He had a daughter, Palma, and a son Jack who was a classmate of mine in the old Washington School.

There were several other physicians listed by Dr. Abbott in the area but there was no evidence that any of them practiced in Point Richmond and many of them may have been from the east county. At any rate I recall none of their names so I will not consider them here.

Dr. C. L. Abbott was one of the most illustrious of the local doctors. He settled first in San Pablo about 1901 but, with the rapid growth of the Point Richmond region, he moved here in 1902 and made his home here for many years and became one of the most remarkable medical men in the area. As the town grew he built the Abbott Hospital on upper West Richmond Avenue in 1908. Except probably for the Martinez County Hospital it may have been the first hospital in Contra Costa County. After many years and with the preponderant growth of Richmond with two small hospitals it was closed and made into an apartment building, still standing at its original location.

A cousin, Dr. U. C. Abbott, joined Dr. C. L. for a time along with an associate, Dr. H. N. Barney who practiced for a time in Point Richmond. Dr. U. S. Abbott left the area for a time and practiced in Colorado but returned to Richmond in 1908. I am not sure if, at that time, he had his office in the Point.

After the closure of the Abbott Hospital, Cr. C. L. Abbott moved his office over the MacDonald Avenue in Richmond but continued to reside in the Point where much of his practice originated. He had been our family doctor for years. Later, after his second marriage he moved over to the Mira Vista subdivision and moved his office to Oakland. He led a remarkable public life in addition to his medical practice. He had been a member of the Board of Freeholders who drew up the charter for the City of Richmond and for many years was a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Before the First World War he became coroner of Contra Costa County. He left that office to serve in the Army but returned to it some years later, a position that he held well up into the 1950's. I had the honor of serving with him as his forensic pathologist and anthropologist throughout this time and continued to under Doctor Frazier and later the sheriff's office. It was a most interesting experience and I could tell many tales about this office. Dr. C. L. Abbott died on September 11, 1963 at the advanced age of 88.

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



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On This Date in KP History

Kaiser Permanente History #228

Henry Who?

By Steve Gilford

Sixty years ago, a young man, William "Bill" Soule, came to Oakland from Morenci, Arizona. His older brother, the first safety engineer for Industrial Indemnity Insurance Company where Henry Kaiser was the majority stockholder, got him a job with the Kaiser Companies. It was a busy time for the Kaisers. Work on the shipyards was just beginning. Kaiser Sand and Gravel and Permanente Cement were doing well. Other Kaiser companies were busy working on major but lesser known public works projects around the nation, installing hundreds of miles of pipelines, building levees and digging tunnels. As active as they already were, the companies were on the verge of explosive wartime expansion into shipbuilding, munitions, aircraft and more.

Bill Soule was assigned to work for one of the most senior executives in the organization, "Sherry" Sherwood, treasurer of the Kaiser companies. At that time, the companies' Home Office was in the

Latham Square Building which is still standing at 1611 Telegraph Avenue in Oakland

Soule's desk was in an office suite with Treasurer Sherwood and with Kaiser's most trusted assistant, Eugene Trefethen - just outside Henry Kaiser's office. Soule had the opportunity to watch Henry Kaiser and his top executives at work, discussing problems and opportunities as they moved in and out of "The Boss's" office. It was comparatively informal. Sherry Sherwood and Henry Kaiser shared a secretary.

About fifteen years ago, I spent several afternoons with Bill Soule as he reminisced about those early days. He recalled an office where there was no formal organizational chart. People took on responsibility as needed. "It was as if everybody had a line of imaginary hats and when their phone rang, they put on the appropriate hat for whatever company, whatever position needed taking care of."

Bill had been disappointed at how few people seem to remember the achievements of Henry Kaiser and his team. If they remembered anything, it was likely to be that he'd had something to do with building ships during World War II, perhaps he'd been involved with a car company that went out of business, and that he might be the "Kaiser" in "Kaiser Permanente". Out of Bill's disappointment came a little piece in which we tried to compress into a few lines what the name Henry Kaiser meant in the middle of the Twentieth Century. We called it, "Henry Who?"

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In the mid Nineteen-Fifties the Kaiser name was ubiquitous.

If you lived in Northern California there was a good chance that the walls and ceilings of your

A one cubic yard monument in preparation in Redding, CA. (Kaiser supplied the massive amounts of concrete needed for Shasta Dam but there is no mention of him on memorial)



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home were made of Kaiser-brand wallboards made with Kaiser Gypsum. The driveway and foundation might well be Kaiser concrete made with Kaiser cement and Kaiser sand and gravel.

The wires bringing electricity from the powerhouse into your home may well have been made of Kaiser Aluminum. In some parts of California, that electricity would have come from hydroelectric dams built by Kaiser or with Kaiser Cement. Your Sears bathtub and kitchen cabinets would have come from Kaiser Fleetwings, a wartime aircraft manufacturer that now also produced the innovative water-powered Kaiser dishwasher.

If you lived in the Los Angeles, Santa Clara, Portland - or later, Honolulu area, your home could well have been part of a Kaiser Community Homes housing development. There were more than ten thousand of them.

In Northern California, while you commuted in your Kaiser or Frazer automobile on freeways of Kaiser concrete, protected by Kaiser aluminum guardrails, you could pass the travel time by tuning in to KBHK, a station in the Kaiser radio network. Later you'd be able to escape freeway traffic entirely by using the new BART rail system. Kaiser Aluminum supplied the "third rail" that carried the electricity that powered the BART cars.. Whizzing under San Francisco Bay, you'd be protected by a shell produced and fabricated by Kaiser Steel Corporation, which by then had become the twelfth largest in the nation.

While doing so, Kaiser Steel had also produced most of the nationwide network of thousands of miles of underground oil and gas pipelines which spread from coast to

This Kaiser automobile display ad and others like it ran in most major magazines in the early and mid-



Kaiser Community Homes - Panorama City, CA

coast after the war.

Relaxing at home in the evening, you might enjoy watching the Kaiser-sponsored highly successful "Maverick" television series starring a newcomer to television stardom, James Garner.

You might vacation in Honolulu at Waikiki at one of the most luxurious vacation destinations of the time, Kaiser's Hawaiian Village Hotel. This hotel which became so popular that it spurred airlines to schedule more frequent flights to the islands, helping to establish a vigorous tourist industry there.

If you weren't already aware of the variety of Kaiser's achievements, you'd reminded of them each

time you picked up national news magazines such as Look, Fortune, Time, Colliers and Newsweek. Not only was he almost always one of the major advertisers with colorful display ads for cars, steel, and aluminum products carrying his name, there was also a continuing string of feature stories about him with topics such as his view of the wonderful future lying ahead for Americans - if we could keep productivity high; his plans for an affordable helicopter in every garage; the successes of his racing hydroplanes, one of which (The Hawaii Kai II nicknamed "The Pink Lady") set several world's speed record; and even of his fleets of cement

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trucks which despite the protests of his managers and the drivers he had painted Mrs. Kaiser's favorite color - pink! Whatever the articles were about, they always emphasized Kaiser's innovations, his optimism, and the enthusiastic energy of his entire organization. Frequently the Health Plan, by then known as "Kaiser" rather than by the original name, "Permanente", would be mentioned but, because it was controversial and because it was one of the smaller of the Kaiser activities, it was often passed over in a few sentences.

When Henry Kaiser died, the Kaiser work force was spread out across the world, on every continent except the poles. The more than 90 Kaiser companies employed over 100,000 people including the 3,500 who worked in the 28-story Kaiser World Headquarters Building Center in Oakland, the tallest office building west of Chicago. His death really did mark the end of an era. Yet today, when you mention the name, Henry Kaiser, too many people say, "Henry who?"

A postscript: Now, it seems as though this is changing. Once one of the best known and most admired men in America and then almost forgotten, Henry John Kaiser, 1882-1967, is being re-discovered. Historians and journalists are taking another look at him and his accomplishments. They are finding that his ethical business practices; his

concerns for social welfare; the impact of his projects on the nation as well as on the American West; and above all, his vigor, unbounded optimism, and faith in a compassionate free-market, make him as fascinating a figure today as he was to his contemporaries.

Parts of Kaiser's giant wartime shipyards in Richmond, CA are being converted into a National Park honoring the achievements of the WW II home front where he played such a major role. Also, the SS Red Oak Victory, the last survivor of the nearly 1,500 vessels built in his shipyards during the war, is in the process being renovated. It is already drawing hundreds of visitors each week. In addition, Kaiser Permanente has named a Director of Heritage Resources, Tom Debley, who will be an active KP liaison with The Oakland Museum of California History where they are already preparing a major exhibit on the Life and Times of Henry Kaiser. The opening of the exhibit will have a national impact. It will coincide with sixtieth anniversary celebrations of the nearly 8.5 million member Kaiser Permanente Health Plan. Henry Kaiser will be back in the news once again as journalists reflect on the meaning of his successes.

This also means that we probably won't be hearing the question, "Henry who?" quite as often in the future.

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John Edginton

The Board of the Golden State Model Railroad Museum in Point Richmond, CA has decided to expand the schedule of operating days in December when the Museum is festively decorated for the Holidays. These shows are

especially exciting for families as train sets are raffled, the Company Store has Holiday items and special holiday exhibits are added.

The Museum will be open, with all layouts operating trains on BOTH Saturdays and Sundays: December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 30. The Museum will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Year's Eve, December 31.

As usual, the Museum is closed January through March 2007, reopening the first Sunday in April.

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CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Hi, Pam and all of the PRHA!

Sorry to be so out of touch. It's been a busy year on Happy Lane. Dennis completed a one year internship and is now a drug & alcohol counselor full time. We finally landscaped our back yard and I've been active getting it planted and blooming for the summer. My vision came true!

We are shattered to hear of Bob's passing. He was a rock for the Point and each life he touched. A brave and gallant spirit. We miss him and send our love to Marie and the children.

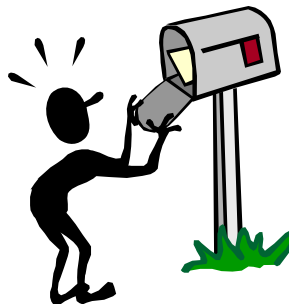
Sending all our best to everyone! Someday, we'll be back for a visit.

Warmly
Ellen Schaefer
Happy Lane
Eugene, OR

Hi,

Thanks to all involved in the "Newsletter", I enjoy it very much. I still go and take a walk around the Point and visit with Al Frosini.

Keep it going!
Fred Beesley
Point Richmond



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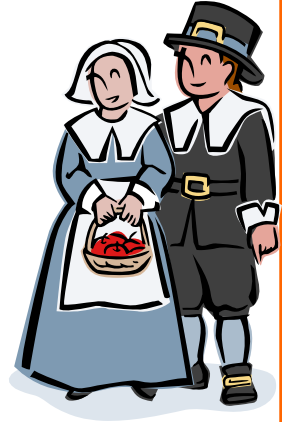
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PILGRIMS/THANKSGIVING

When the Mayflower left Europe in 1620, it held 41 members of the extreme little sect, escaping the corrupting influences of the modern world. They called themselves “the saints,” and dubbed the 61 other passengers and crew members “the Strangers.” Of the 102 people who arrived at Plymouth Rock, 60 died over the first winter.

It was an English-speaking Indian named Squanto who taught the remaining settlers how to plant corn, tap maple trees, and identify edible plants and medicinal herbs. Squanto spoke fluently because he had been kidnapped into slavery in Spain as a child, but had escaped to England and eventually returned.

When an early group proposed commemorating the Pilgrims’ first Thanksgiving, President Thomas Jefferson said that he didn’t think a tiny, ill-prepared community of religious fanatics made a suitable holiday for an optimistic new country,. Decades later, a women’s magazine editor successfully peppered Abraham Lincoln with Thanksgiving petitions. He obliged.



Mid Dornan

DEATHS.....

Richard D. (Dick) Hunn died on October 18, 2006, age 85. Dick was born in the "Cottage Hospital" in Point Richmond in 1921 and remained a lifelong resident of Richmond. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1939 with varsity letters in basketball and tennis. After his 1944 graduation from the University of California he began a 40-year teaching career in the Richmond Unified School District. Dick is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bernice, daughters Kathryn Freschi of Kentfield and Susan Garretson of Santa Rosa, and sons Richard, Jr. Sacramento and David of Arlington, VA. and six grandchildren as well as a brother Herbert (Pete) Hunn of Clarksburg, California.

Dan Weinstein died tragically on September 24, 2006 in Point Richmond at the age of 42. when he was hit by an automobile while on a bicycle ride with friends Dan Doellstedt (who remains seriously injured by the accident) and Michael Meyer. Weinstein grew up in Point Richmond and had moved to Australia and was visiting with his family. He is survived by his wife Michelle and daughters, Micala and Emma.

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Michael Brown
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Bobbies Boziki
Linda Cheshareck
May Cotton
Katrina MacDiarmid
Albert Kollar
Viola Kennedy
David Dolberg
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Richmond on February
13, 1913. They said it
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Thelma Mae Harvey 92
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Have we missed anyone?

***Age is mind over matter. If you
don't mind, it doesn't matter***

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