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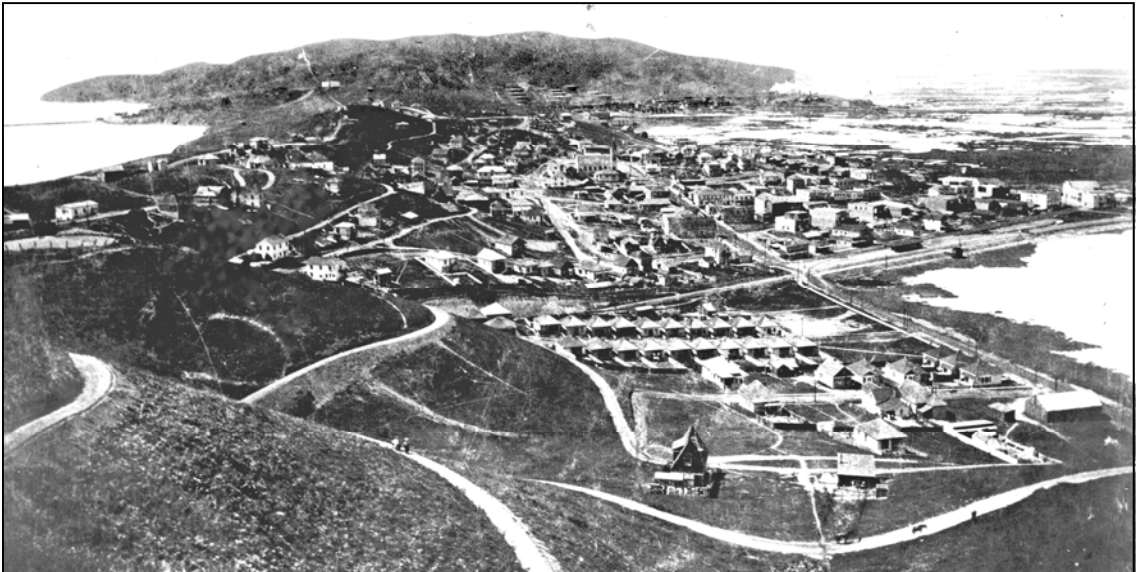
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Panorama - Then and Now!

The Point Richmond History Association Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Sunday May 20th

2 to 4

Our Lady of Mercy Church

The theme of this meeting will be the gathering of Point
Richmond's Washington School

Kids Reunion

(usually older Point folk with lots of great memories), come
watch them play!

Bring something (an artifact or a picture) or bring a
memory to a "show and tell" event.

All are invited

Refreshments will be served.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

Many have asked for it so we are planning another “Kid’s Reunion” for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 20th. Stop right now, head for a calendar and mark the date. Then, the first part of May, watch for a card notifying you with more information.

We have had several of these popular “Kids’ Reunions” in the past. For newcomers, “Kid’s” refers to those who attended Washington school at some point in their lives. Who can come? ANYONE that lives, has lived, or wished they had lived in Point Richmond. In other words, EVERYONE is invited. You don’t have to be a member, just be interested in the history of the Point.

Below: The Point in January 1903. Only one tank in the refinery field! (0076-DC from Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

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Thank you members for your membership renewal:

Roberta Jenkins Smith
Doug & Rosemary Corbin
Wilson Gandola
Stephanie, Patti & Stephen Kowalski
Roberta Palfini
Norma Wallace
Tom & Shirley Butt Family
Eunice R. Hursh
Julio Carrera
Wilma Winter
Donna Wilson
Margaret Morkowski
Henry Gondola
Toni Cannizzaro

And a warm welcome to these new member
Joann (Bill) Cannon

***Welcome
Mechanics Bank
to your new
Historic Home in
Point Richmond!***



Thank You!

Santa Fe Market and Point Richmond Market

For selling

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For us



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:

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Bruce and Ann Bartram
Pat Pearson
Mid Dornan
Bonnie Jo Cullison
Susan Brooks
Anita Christiansen
Sonja Darling
Margaret Morkowski

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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

Here is your April/May TPIT. Thanks to all contributors, this issue went together pretty smoothly. Its theme is panoramas because we have lots of interesting panoramas in our historical photo archives. This one features panoramic views from Nichol Nob, a future issue will highlight our images from Water Street. Thanks to Thomas and Theresa for their tireless work getting the perfect images.

And speaking of future issues, Martha Bielawski is working on helping to put together a Cypress Point newsletter theme. Anyone with photos or information on this tiny, attractive and interesting neighborhood is encouraged to share, please call me.

Welcome to the new owners of the Santa Fe Market, you are important to the PRHA, I hope the relationship that so excited the previous owners is carried on. Neighborhood institutions should support one another to thrive.

Happy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting in May.

The deadline for contributions to the next issue, June/July is June 1, 2007

The February/March newsletter assembly crew, thanks to you all:

Jerry Cerkanowicz
Gary Shows
Pam Wilson
Pat Pearson
Sonja Darling
Mary Highfill
Mid Dornan
Bruce Bartram
Ann Bartram
Tom Piazza

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The Cover

What a difference a hundred and five years makes!

Above panoramic photo by Thomas Mercer-Hursh taken April 4, 2007.

Below photo from our Don Church Collection, PRHA Archive Photo 0070-DC taken in 1904

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A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Q: What percent of the American population is currently receiving Social Security benefits?

ANSWER at end of Trivia

Remember when Easter meant you wore a new hat and gloves and everyone attended church. It was Spring and time for a change of wardrobe. At least, if you lived in the Midwest the seasons did change and your wardrobe became lighter as the year progressed.

Salmon? In Richmond waters? For the last several weeks Coho salmon have been reported hanging out in Meeker Slough along the Bay Trail in Richmond. Meeker Slough, AKA Meeker Tidal Creek runs under the Bay Trail Bridge on the east side of Marina Bay enroute to Point Isabel Regional Park.

Norm and Jean Reynolds recently enjoyed their 27th anniversary (3 squared?) in Hawaii showing off their Hawaiian tan to Bethany and David - and - the church choir when they returned home!

Thanks to the City crew for painting over all the recent 'tagging' in the tunnel and proximity.

Congratulations to the Leadership Class at Juan Crespi Junior High who are to be recognized on April 4th by the School Board for being honored for the second straight year by the California Association of Student Leaders. Crespi is one of 11 middle schools statewide to receive the Outstanding Student Activities Program Award and 13 of the members traveled with their leader and teacher, Pat Dornan, to San Diego to accept the honor. Pat Dornan was one of the key speakers at the Award Conference.

You weren't colorblind if all you saw was 'green' on Saint Patrick's Day at Rod & Bonnie's on

Santa Fe Avenue. These star host and hostess provided all green Irish Vittles so lookin' and feelin' green was essential.

Did you mark your calendar to attend the 26th Annual Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association? --Sunday, May 20, 2:00 - 4:00!

A reporter was interviewing a 104-year-old woman: "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" the reporter asked. She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

You may soon be able to get your caffeine buzz without coffee. Dr. Robt. Bohannon, a molecules scientist, says he has developed a way to add caffeine to baked goods without the bitter taste. And, each piece of pastry is the equivalent of about two cups of coffee. It isn't on the market yet but some heavyweight donut and coffee shops have approached him.

From my Grandma's Spiral Notebook: Yawning is the act of opening your mouth because someone won't close theirs.

Watch for the opening of Santa Fe Market with new owners. The Point can claim two of the best grocery stores in the area.

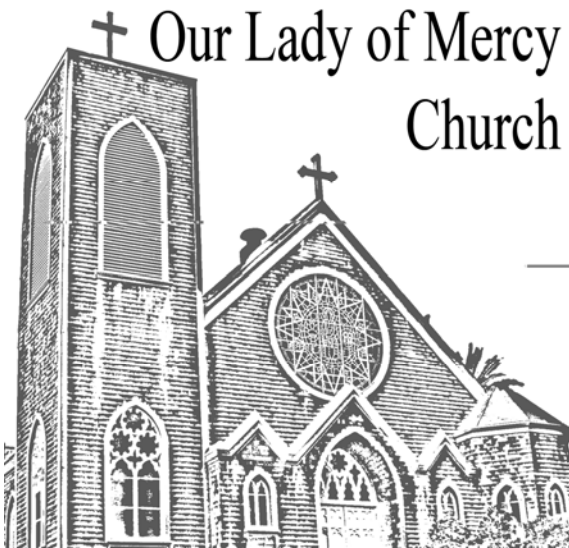
Isn't it exciting to know the Point Mechanics Bank will soon occupy the historic Trainmaster Reading Room building! Kudos to all those responsible for preserving one of (if not the) oldest such building in the country.

The numerous, beautiful, flowering, blossom trees are just another of the living in the Point perks!

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CHURCH NEWS



† Our Lady of Mercy
Church

By Dee Rosier
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At the last writing Holy Week was approaching; at this writing, we are about to celebrate Easter. A time change also occurred and daylight savings time started a little earlier. We were all concerned that our computers would not accept the new time, and indeed mine did – will miracles never cease! On the Sunday of the time change, I heard more than one person say that they were in need of a nap. By this time am sure that everyone has adjusted to the change.

Our first attempt at a pancake breakfast was so successful that we did it twice more. The food and preparation were excellent, as well as attendance. A round of applause for all of the volunteers. We will resume the breakfasts in the fall, but in the interim expect to try another new venture. The income is added to the church maintenance funds.

Father O'Rourke had cataract surgery and to add to that a virus, but is presently on the mend. He continues to work on his documentary and recently showed a six minute promo after Mass. He gave a retreat in Soquel and was able to enjoy the beauty of the Santa Cruz Mountains, but the icing on the cake

was a week in Kauai. It was spring break, but he was still able to enjoy restful days. In his absence, Father Kiernan Healy celebrated Mass. Father Healy is quite familiar with Pt. Richmond - as a youngster he swam at the Plunge.

The term of four parish council members will soon expire (Brenda McKinley, Diane and Fred Siegmund, Dee Rosier). We are looking for parishioners to serve on the council. There are nine members on the council and the term is three years. Meetings are held once a month. We are currently in a rebirth of our parish, with a growth in membership and revenue. We need people to provide ideas on improving our parish and leadership to the parish community. If you are approached to serve on the council, please give it your utmost consideration. If you feel you would like to be part of the leadership of our parish, please contact Father David.

A representative from the Catholic Cemeteries of the Oakland Diocese was recently here to describe all the services, options, costs and plans available. A short video was shown along with a question/answer session. In order to give people in the Diocese the option of Catholic funerals at costs ordinary people can afford, the Catholic Cemeteries of the Oakland Diocese now offer funeral and mortuary services as well.

Statements for 2006 donations were recently mailed to all who donate through weekly envelopes. Father will soon be sending a brief financial statement. His dad was an accountant; Father claims not to walk in his dad's shoes. Father is thankful to Diane Siegmund for her accurate accounting.

It took a long time, a lot of frustration and work, but the parish directory is finally complete. It was our first attempt. We have already discussed an update in early 2008. If you are a registered parishioner, your name is included. Copies will soon be distributed. The latest "Working for God" schedule is available in the folder in the vestibule of the church. We are always looking for new

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volunteers.

The day and evening Small Christian Community groups continue to meet and have drawn new membership. Volunteers also continue to support the Souper Kitchen. The church hall has been painted, new round tables added, and the wall pictures removed. We are now seeking someone who can creatively hang the pictures. The roses in the garden were pruned and now look extremely healthy – watch for their blast of color!

There are birthdays and then there was Anna Schwarz' 95th on April 1! As she sat in the first row, Mass was celebrated in her honor. The only competition Anna had was the neighborhood cat that chose to attend and announced his arrival with the sound of the bell around his neck. The celebration continued in the church hall after Mass with coffee/donuts and birthday cakes. Anna was presented with 95 beautiful long stemmed roses, along with lots of hugs and kisses. Brenda McKinley celebrated a memorable 80th in February. Al Frosini will join the 90 Club in September.

Congratulations to Fred and Diane Siegmund who recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a cruise to the Caribbean. Stanley and Nancy Toledo were in New York for the production of one of Stanley's ten-minute plays. Stanley walked away with honors. On a quiet Friday evening in January, Javier Lopez and Christine Pilione were married at Our Lady of Mercy. Congratulations to all.

Amelia Drake is fortunate to have grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When she attends Mass with her family, Father refers to them as Amelia and Company. Max (18 months old) one of her great-grandsons is acquainted with Father, so when Father is giving his homily, Max thinks Father is personally speaking to him, consequently Max returns his comments in his own language and usually ends up being escorted out of the church. In reality, Max is our future and will carry on for us – God love him.

It would take many pages to thank Marie and Bob Peckham for being such loyal supporters of Our Lady of Mercy during their ownership of the Santa Fe Market. The market has been sold and we now wish Marie a long, healthy retirement and will constantly remember Bob in our prayers.

Continue to remember in your prayers those unable to attend Mass regularly: Adolph Brossard, Dody Perry, Jack Healy, Shirley Gerk, Kathleen Genovese, Frankie Mello and Theresa Meneghelli.

Only a devoted grandmother would brave early morning, cold Marin winds sitting in the bleachers watching her grandson play baseball. His prize and mine were three base hits!

Way to go Griffin!

LOST TIME CAN NEVER BE FOUND

See you in church.

GREEN FACTS

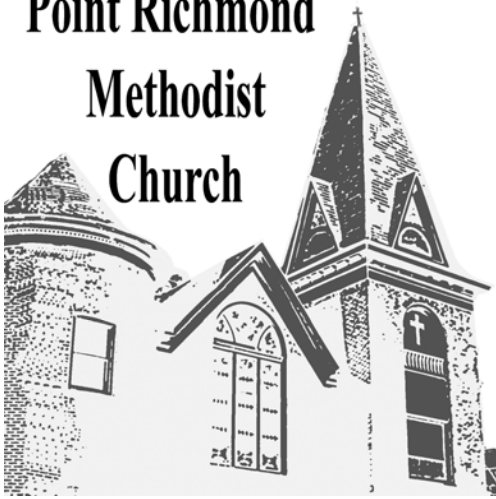
- Every flush of the toilet uses 5-7 gallons of water.
- The water we flush down the toilet starts out as fresh water.
- Taking a bath uses 2X more water than taking a shower.
- Even a tiny leak can waste 3000 gallons of water in a year.

Mid

Ana Marie Darson, from Washington Elementary School, is one of six exemplary West Contra Costa Unified School District teachers being honored at the Annual Ed Fund Dinner. Big Honor, congratulations!!

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Point Richmond Methodist Church



*By Jean Reynolds
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We celebrated Helen Valentine at the Tenth Annual Sweetheart dinner on February 15, at Point San Pablo Yacht Club. Pastor Dan wrote a special lyric to "If I Take the Wings of the Morning" called "She Gets Up at Two in the Morning," in reference to Helen's baking practice for United Methodist Women and church fund-raisers. "This is Your Life: Helen Valentine" provided a parade of characters from Helen's life who told some little-known stories about her past. We learned Helen's first high heels were baby-booties, she learned how to use a rolling pin as a toddler, and she made the best bags in the bag factory. It was a treat to be able to extol the accomplishments of one who usually avoids the spotlight and to give her much-deserved honor.

Melba Farley celebrated her ninetieth birthday on February 17 at a party in her Point Richmond home in the company of her family and friends. Melba is mother to Judy Buhlis and Arthur Farley, grandmother of three, and has two great-grandsons. Melba says now she can do as she pleases. Melba models how to build connections to others and how

to allow yourself to change as you embrace new ideas. We benefit much from her wisdom and wish her well in her next decade!

On Sunday, February 25, we enjoyed Bobby Hall and Friends gospel concert. The congregation was able to sing-along on many gospel favorites. Guests included Dorothy Morrison, the Combs Family, and Bobby Hall's family. It is always a treat to hear and sing with Bobby, Pamella and their musical entourage. We should have two saxophones in worship every Sunday!

In March, we were able to cook dinner one Thursday in the fabulous new kitchen at the GRIP Family Shelter, on 22nd Street in Richmond. We plan to provide one dinner/breakfast combination every month. The new shelter provides temporary housing and social services for up to seventy-five persons, as well as Souper Center lunches daily for anyone who comes to lunch. They especially need volunteers to cook, serve, or bring ingredients for dinners and breakfasts for the clients at the shelter. What was once a few-month program (Winter Shelter) now is provided year-round.

New members Arpha McIntyre and Shawn Henricks joined the church on March 11. We heard the Angel Choir directed by Bethany Reynolds and the Joyful Noise choir directed by Pat Nelson. Arpha sings tenor in the choir and plays and teaches piano. Shawn is active on the Finance Committee. We are pleased to count them as members!

April Events:

Easter Sunday: April 8. Early worship in the garden at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 10:00 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg hunt following worship in the yard. Come early and stay late or come just for your favorite event.

Thursday, April 26, Galax Quartet. 7:30 P.M. This is an open rehearsal of the new quartet written for the Galax Quartet by the San Francisco composer Belinda Reynolds. Founded in 2005, the San

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Francisco based Galax Quartet provides an exciting variation on the sound of the string quartet. Modeled on late 18th century practice, the Galax Quartet is committed to seeking out new works from contemporary composers, presenting them in concert with beautiful and essential works from the past. See and hear more about them at: www.galaxquartet.org.

Sunday, April 29, 5:00 p.m. Dave Shank on piano with **"Songs and Stories of Lesser-Known Writers."** Enjoy an early evening concert with Dave's insightful stories and delightful music. Suggested donation \$10.

Looking Forward:

Sat. May 5, 8:30 am- 3 pm - ANNUAL JUNKTIQUE SALE - Furniture, computers, kitchen & household goods, jewelry, books, linens, toys & MORE. Lunch will be available from 11-2 with homemade chili & minestrone soup, hot dogs and pie-by-the-slice. Contact Fran Smith 510-964-9901 to arrange donations.

Sun. May 20, 5 pm - Spring Choirs Concert - Angel Choir and Joyful Noise Choirs directed by Pastor Dan Damon and Pat Nelson, suggested donation \$10.

Sun. June 17, 11 am - Annual Jazz Worship Service with Dan Damon Quartet - "sermon in song."



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 71st installment.

APRIL , 1928

The Social League and the guests met in the church parlors for hard time luncheon.

Hostesses were: Mesdames Schmidt, Brothers, Dicely and Prince.

After enjoying the good luncheon came the fun. and no prizes were given.

Following motions were made, seconded, and carried:

1. Bill to Alberts be paid	\$8.55
2. Laundry bill to Mrs. Prince	2.50
3. Margaret Davis	.50
	\$11.55

Also that \$10 be paid to church treasurer for an indefinite time.

Plate offering	\$3.80
Dues: Mrs. Danner, Meese and Mrs. Gray	1.80
	\$5.60

Old balance	\$65.17
	+ 5.60
	\$70.77
Bill paid amt. to	11.55
New balance	\$59.22

(NOTE: not signed but appears to be hand writing of Mrs. J.J. Meese)

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Christian Science Church



By Steven Blair

One of the obligations and privileges of a Christian Science church is to hold a lecture each year. For the past several years we have held our lecture outside of our church. These lectures or talks are for the sharing of healing and uplifting ideas with our neighbors and local communities. This year we will hold ours in the church here in the Point, 112 Washington Avenue, on Saturday, May 12, 2007, at 3:00 pm. The title of the lecture is "A Healing Approach to Progress and Change in the Community" and the speaker is Sunny Scott-Luther of Austin, Texas. Dress is definitely casual and

child-care will be provided.

Sunny has been active in a number of public service boards, spent several years as a volunteer police chaplain and before becoming a Christian Science practitioner and being a lecturer traveling around the world she owned and managed her own businesses in ladies fashion and convention hotels.

The members of First Church of Christ, Scientist, Richmond look forward to welcoming all of our neighbors and friends in Point Richmond, West Contra Costa County and the greater Bay Area. Some of us are really neighbors because we live here in the Point too!

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

- Sunday - 10:00am
- Sunday School (for children up to 20 years of age) - 10:00am
- Wednesday Evening - 7:30pm
-

And to our Church Bookstore and Reading Room next door at 114 Washington Avenue (yes! The bright and cheery room with yellow and orange décor).

Church and Reading Room phone: 510-233-1209
e-mail address: fccs-richmond@comcast.net

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

(Continued from page 4)

People who track names know that children's names are good arbiters of what's 'hot'. The name MICHAEL has been the most popular boy's name for three decades. Michael is still second on the 2005 Social Security Administration's 374,522 data base list. Too much publicity about how popular the name has led some parents to avoid it. Today's top names - AIDEN for boys and EMMA for girls. A new entry for the list is NEVAEH

(heaven spelled backward) and ADDISON, a girl's name. More than 40% of boys names in the Baby Center list end in either an "an" or "en" sound.

OPTIMIST: Someone who sets aside two hours to do his income-tax return.

HONOR YOUR MOTHER ON HER SPECIAL DAY!

ANSWER: Approximately twenty percent (20%) of the population receive benefits.

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WWIC ACTIVITIES

Norma Wallace

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

WWIC met on February 6, 2007. We had a colorful reminder of the upcoming Valentine's Day with bright red décor throughout the room. (Many WWIC members wore red-accented outfits in keeping with the theme.)

We enjoyed our brown bag lunches together, followed by dessert provided by the hostesses. Vice -President **Linda Newton** introduced to **Dr. Paula Asmus, OD** of Point Richmond Optometry to talk with us about eye health

Here is a sampling of the information covered:

Significant improvements in **cataract surgery** have occurred. In the last 24 months, 3 new implant lenses were developed. In many cases, these implants can correct vision so eyeglasses are no longer needed! **Nearsightedness** can be caused by focusing the eyes on a short distance for long periods, as when reading a book closely.

Nutrition is critical to preventing **macular degeneration**. Be sure to incorporate into your diet vitamins A, C, D, and minerals Zinc and Copper. Recommended sources include raw or slightly steamed leafy greens and yellow vegetables, such as kale and squash. With the **dry** condition, eating right and taking vitamins should resolve the condition. With the **wet**, a leaky vessel or capillary network grows under the macula and lifts off the eye, forming a blind spot.

Symptoms of **retinal detachment** include flashes of light as the retina comes off the back of the eye. Floaters can be a symptom. Having a sense of a **curtain or cobweb** over the eye is an emergency condition. **Glaucoma** results from blood pressure rising and damaging the eye structure. It requires regular exams. **Diabetics** and people with **hypertension** should have yearly eye exams.

A warm round of applause followed her lecture.

Vice-President **Linda Newton** opened the business meeting and welcomed guests **Page Poulis**, owner of a business in town, and **Elena Gonzalez**, a clinical psychologist, newly transplanted from Rhode Island. Welcome new

members **Arpha MacIntyre** who moved to Point Richmond in October 2006 from Missouri, a native of San Jose, and **Lauren McCloud**, a Feldenkreis instructor of 10 years. **Lauren** started her practice in Point Richmond.

Linda offered special thanks to hostesses **Annette Jemo, Gilda Markanian, Helen Wysham and Peggy Fowler**. **Susan Brooks, Club Secretary**, read the November 14, 2006 minutes. **Linda** announced birthday celebrations to honor for December birthday ladies **Pat Pearson, Susan Brooks** and **Dorothy Hernandez**, and January ladies **Mary Highfill, Altha Humphrey** and **Sonja Darling**. February birthday celebrants include **Peggy Fowler** and **Dody Perry**.

The group discussion of our daytrip was postponed. The March lunch will be our annual quiche and salad fundraiser for \$8.

Altha Humphrey, our second-vice-President, introduced herself as the "Sign-up Lady" for 2008 WWIC centennial suggestions and help. Current ideas include a cookbook, a t-shirt, and embossed wine glasses. Other projects will also include replacement of the Street Directory next to the fire station, at least one gala celebration and the publication of a short history of the Women's Westside Improvement Club. The 2008 WWIC Centennial Committee will have its first formal meeting at Lori Nova's "The Nova Studio" on Tuesday, April 17th at 1:00 pm.

The local Bring Back the Natives Tour, invites everyone to tour selected individual's home gardens on Sunday, May 6. This is sponsored by the California Native Plant Society. The Society has also arranged special access to native nurseries for the general public on Saturday, May 5.

Knitting night is scheduled for the first Wednesday night of each month at **Altha's**. Please call for information. **Pat Pearson** described the Point Richmond History Association's project of installing descriptive plaques on houses. Historical status is not required. **Pat** can provide a price list to interested individuals; the plaques start at \$150.

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WWIC met on, March 6, 2007. Cheery bright green decorations celebrating St. Patrick's Day and the arrival of spring made our lunch hall quite festive. Hostesses for the day were **Bernie Moore, Joan Gatten and Linda Duste**. The committee for the fundraising luncheon chaired by Altha Humphrey and including **Mary Highfill, Lori Nova, Dorothy Hernandez, Linda Newton, Susan Brooks, Alyce Williamson and Lauren McCloud**.

President **Margaret Morkowski** announced Thursday, May 17 as the date for Point Richmond's annual Stroll. It will be from 5-8 pm.

The City is hiring a senior coordinator to work on programming for the Community Centers and will be working with the WCCUSD Adult Education school on programs for Point Richmond. The Mechanics Bank will be renovating and leasing the historic Santa Fe Reading Room/Trainmaster's Office, across from the Plunge as its new Point Richmond Office. The Point Richmond Gateway Foundation, owners of the Reading Room, anticipates that the community will be able to host summer theater and concerts with benches in the adjacent park. The RFP for work on the Plunge was originally let out by the City of Richmond requesting two separate bids. These bids have been cancelled and are being reworked as one bid. Hopefully the renovation work will start this summer.

Lauren McCloud announced a free introduction to Feldenkreis on Saturday, March 24 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. **Susan Brooks** announced Our Lady of Mercy pancake breakfast Sunday, March 11. **Linda Newton** announced a Bay Friendly Garden Tour on Sunday, April 29 10a - 4 p. **Altha Humphrey** invites us to Knit Circle this, Thursday March 8th at her house. **Bernie Moore** offered the Friends of the Library book sale at the Main Library this Saturday, March 10th from 10am - 2pm.

Sgt. Terrance Jackson of the Richmond Police Department was our speaker and took the floor, or rather the 'hot seat', to answer a smattering of questions related to life in the Point. A very aggressive female panhandler at the Arco on Cutting was mentioned, and he was able to update us on the situation. The table of the Ladies of Crest

brought up a Lovers Lane situation at the end of the road.

There is a full-time attorney at Code Enforcement and we are encouraged to contact them to report quality of life issues such as a weed-infested yard or random piles of debris. We voiced the need for more street lights in Point Richmond, and the need to fix what we have. When reporting the outage of a street light, note the serial number on the pole. This will identify the responsible party: DPW or PG&E.

Linda Newton has called DPW for the lights at Washington at West Richmond and Washington at Nicholl.

Recently, the profile of crime in Point Richmond includes a rash of auto thefts and burglaries, which seem to take place in the early morning (after folks leave for work). Be sure to be aware of your surroundings, and report unusual or suspect activity or persons immediately. For non-emergency situations, call 233-1214.

We can help improve safety by keeping porch lights on after dark, walking with a buddy, taking the keys from the ignition when filling up with gas, keeping doors locked in the daytime.

Connie Lompa announced the success of the rose-trimming party and the need to set up a schedule for watering and fertilizing. This led to a discussion about the water being hooked up to the closed Library/Community Center, necessitating hand-watering by volunteers. **Margaret** then mentioned that the City has budgeted \$100,000 to repair damage in the Point Richmond branch library. After several pointed comments were expressed, we decided to circulate a petition among members and the community to request the repair and re-opening of the branch library. Since the meeting the City has announced that is hired a contractor to begin design work to reopen the Point Richmond Branch Library. We have Monique leConge, the City's Library Director to speak with us at our May meeting.

Remaining meetings for the 2006-2007 WWIC year are April 3, May 1 and June 5, our annual Salad Pot-luck and Hat Day.



ARCHIVE PHOTO GALLERY

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

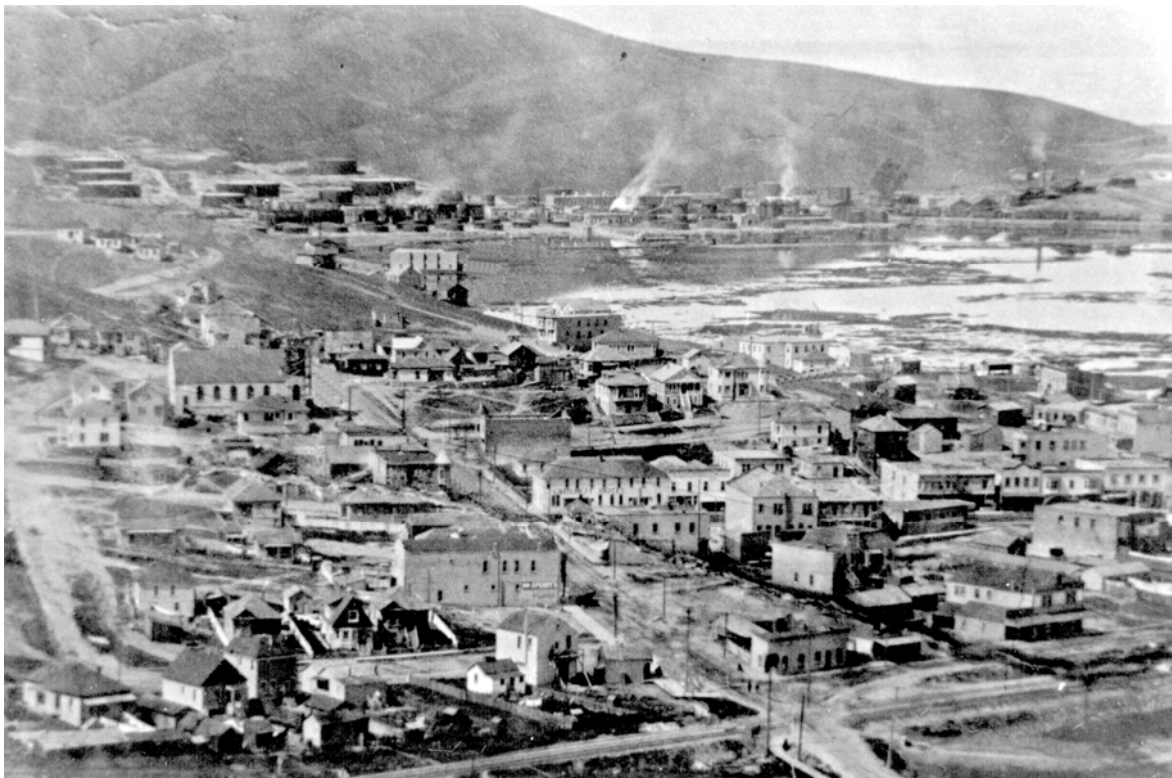


Above: Jan. 1901 (0370-DC from Don Church)

Below: Late 1902 (0369-DC from Don Church);



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*Above: Summer
1903 (0013-DC from
Don Church)*



*Left: Year Un-
known, but Point
Theater is being
built (0004-DC from
Don Church):*

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SHE LOVES ME

at the Masquers

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

It's a toss-up. If you can be bothered to go out for the evening and see the play, write to me and tell me your opinion. Here's mine: Jacqueline Andersen, Coley Grundman, Alex Shafer, and Peter Budinger are tied for my Actor Most Enjoying Him/HerSelf Award, all for different reasons.

She Loves Me is directed by Marti Baer. The musical comedy takes place in a European town in the 1930s (originally Budapest), in a tale involving employees of Maraczek's Parfumerie.

The show has nice magical touches. Musical Director Pat King has even made some of the music funny. I know that sounds odd, but it's true. Oozing from the orchestra pit come preposterous sounds, they're quite laughable. A pile of leaves is thrown on the stage by an unseen hand, the audience laughs joyously, and we know the season has moved to autumn. The set is elegant. With almost no fuss, one scene changes from the street outside to the Parfumerie inside—we want to see the play again, just to watch the scene change! Kris Bell, the choreographer, had a good time setting up this show. Couples dance, they fight, they flow, everyone moves together in coordinated mayhem.

The story is about love, some of which occurs in the most unlikely places. Even the financial kingpin, Mr. Maraczek (Larry Schrupp), turns out to have amorous aches in his heart. Stuffy, heartsick Mr. Maraczek is awkward in love, a rôle Larry plays well, though he also gets a few amusing moments, such as handing over the keys to his Parfumerie, and some woeful doldrums during his medical recovery.

Some of us remember the dark ages before the internet, so we know lonely singles once reached out to each other via letter, often pseudonymously. Unbeknownst to themselves, two employees of Maraczek's Parfumerie are writing to each other.

Georg Nowack (Coley Grundman) is a young

man ready for love. Even Mr. Maraczek tells him so. But Georg is already aware of his need, for he has been writing to a "Dear Friend."

Amalia Balash (Jacqueline Andersen on *Opening Night*, also played by Robin Steeves) is a young woman determined to get a job at the Parfumerie and she strides into the shop filled with a lovely combination of anxiety and aggression. With a stroke of luck—and Mr. Maraczek—she lands the job. Within moments she locks horns with her boss, store manager Georg. Amalia is beautiful and brilliant with a lovely voice. We are captivated by her temper! From almost the moment she steps on stage, fire flashes from her eyes, and we fall for her.

Amalia and Georg, as leads, are the only characters whose attitudes change throughout the course of the play; their suspiciously antagonistic beginnings transform through tentative romancing to downright love. And they have so much fun fighting each other, misunderstanding each other, and getting each other in trouble with the boss.

Georg starts slow, in the beginning I was not very interested in him. But something happens. Maybe Coley got inspired or the scriptwriter got juiced or the Director cracked her whip, but Georg blossoms out of his shell. The performance is all the more dramatic because of the tepid, repressed man he was. If I were 15 years younger (and possibly slightly more svelte), I'm sure I could have made



In an unaccustomed bit of indiscretion, store clerk Ilona (Alison Peltz, right) blurts out some damaging information to fellow employees Ladislav (Alex Shafer, left) and store manager Georg (Coley Grundman, center)

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him fall in love with me. Almost certainly. He, on the other hand, does an excellent job getting Amalia to fall for him. And we, the enrapt audience, are drawn along each heart wrenching step.

The third love affair happens between two new-to-me actors, DC Scarpelli and Alison Peltz. DC Scarpelli, playing Steven Kodaly, is the spouse of another Masquer performer, so his face was familiar, but get him in costume *and* in front of the lights and watch out! Hoo-boy, what a delight! Without question he is the most seductive character on stage, just a curl of the lip and a twist of the raised eyebrow and Kodaly reveals his predatory womanizing soul. Such a classy diabolical man. Oooo.

Alison Peltz, playing Ilona Ritter, gives a superb performance. Ilona is a woman whose affair is not progressing down the best of routes. At times she clatters around the stage like an anxious colt and in others she waltzes in fluid graceful moves; she swoons in love-struck adoration, then vituperates at the object of her fancy. She flitters between these poses like a butterfly, she is endearing and pitiable and great.

Ladislav Sipos (Alex Shafer) is a deferential, self-effacing clerk and quite clear about his primary motivation: *Not Getting Fired*. He sings “I’m an idiot, but at least I’m an idiot with a job.” Ladislav is an ironic, ruthlessly truthful man (when not sucking up), a return for Alex to the deadpan rôle at which he excels. Ladislav claims to be fully demoralized, without an ounce of pride, but he makes endless quick-witted, sarcastic quips at his fellows, all with a perfectly straight face.

Peter Budinger, playing Arpad Lazlo, was allowed some creativity in interpreting his part. It has his earmarks: he is a lunatic. His performance as a young teenage delivery boy with an eye to promotion is full of gymnastic antics, which are both absurd and charming. I can’t say for sure that Peter is having the time of his life playing this rôle, but it sure *feels* like he is.

The ensemble crew were Tom Accetola, Stuart Rosenthal, Mary Kidwell, Nancy Benson, Hattie Mullaly, and Robert Love. Many of the ensemble crew were new to me and played a variety of rôles in the background, so I can’t reliably comment on



Performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00. Sunday Matinees at 2:30 on April 15, 22 & 29 and May 6. Box office opens half hour before curtain. To purchase tickets call Masquers at (510) 232-4031 or visit www.masquers.org.

them as individuals. One or more are constantly on stage in different guises, making a great chorus, stalwart lemmings, and a superbly orchestrated Christmas commotion. Robert Love adds to the fun in his rôle as a snooty waiter in what—he keeps reminding the fighting Georg and Amalia—is meant to be a *romantic* café. To their acute embarrassment, he makes pointed suggestions. These antics brought the house down in gales of laughter.

What an enjoyable production!

Theresa de Valencé publishes reviews of Masquers and other community theatre performances. Subscription to the electronic list is free, send an email with “subscribe” or “unsubscribe” to TdeV@bstw.com.

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William L. Thompson, M.D.

More Memories of Old Point

Richmond-East Richmond Avenue



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!

Part Two

Between Idaho and Montana streets along the hill side of East Richmond avenue old photographs will show a rather large and unsightly barn. I recall this well and believe that it had been originally a large stable. When I remember it, it held only a black smith shop in its rear area. It was later torn down. Beside it were two small dwellings built in the tandem fashion. One of these housed the Hackney family. Mrs. Hackney worked for many years as a maid and nurses assistant at the Richmond Hospital.

Several names come to mind as residents along Montana Street in the old days. The Morelli family lived in a large 2 storey house on the east corner of Richmond Avenue and Montana Street. Mrs. Morelli was a special friend of my mother. They were a fine stable couple and I took care of them in their later years. Just above here at the corner of Nevada Street was the residence of J. O. Ford who at one time was a member of the local school board. The J.O. Ford School was named for him. This house was rather more elaborate than most of the others in the region. In recent years it was taken over and reconditioned by Jim Wilson.

Another resident on upper Montana Street was the George Lee family. Lee was a real estate and

insurance man. Mrs. Lee was the daughter of Waverly and Mrs. Stairley who also resided on Montana Street. They had one daughter, Virginia. This house later was used by the Williams family and by the Ken Koht Sr. family. Mr. Koht owned and operated a garage that for years stood on Garrard Boulevard between Cutting Boulevard and Standard Avenue. After retirement they moved up the county to the Concord region.

On the hill side of lower Montana was the large 3 story dwelling of the Stairleys that I have previously described. Mrs. Stairley lived in the upper story of this house until her death at the age of nearly 102. Her son Duke was a friend and patient of mine. In his youth he tended to be somewhat wild but he settled down and in later years took care of his mother. He was the last person that I knew who had personally known and remembered Professor Botts and his airship.

There were 3 small houses on Montana Street above the Wilson house which had many occupants at various times. Ardell Ciabatarri lived in one with his family when he ran Ardell's restaurant near the natatorium. Another resident here was Allen Kundy who distinguished himself as a captain on the Richmond Police Force before and during the war. One of the houses was occupied very early by the Shawl family who later moved over to a house on

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the hill below the old Richmond reservoir. They originally owned a cow and one of the boys staked it out on the hill across the street every morning to graze. There were 3 boys in the family and the middle one, Harold Shawl was a classmate of mine all through school and at U.C. Berkeley where he became an engineer. He later had an engineering position down in the San Joaquin Valley.

The Forbes family for a time lived in one of these houses and later moved over on to Nevada Street. The upper of these houses was occupied for a time by the Miller family. Mr. Miller was a carpenter at the Standard Oil Company and took over the foremanship of the carpenters department on the death of my father. More recently Edwin and Conti Armentraut resided in one of these houses until the death of Mrs. Armentraut.

Several other well known families lived on Buena Vista Street between Montana and Idaho. The Davidsons, the Becks and the Don Churchs I have previously mentioned. The house on the corner of Montana and Buena Vista was built I think by the Rolph family but later in the 1920's it was bought by my brother-in-law John Rowden and my sister Sarah. After her death in 1929 the house was taken over by Cliff Jones and his wife. I know them fairly well. Who took over the house after

they left I do not know.

Mrs. George Coon lived in a small smokey-row type house on East Richmond Avenue across from the Washington School. George Coon came to Richmond in 1904 and his family joined him later in about 1905 or 1906. Originally they had lived on Tewksbury Avenue. They had one son, James and a daughter, Arrietta who married my brother Chester and became my sister-in-law. They lived for a long time in the Point and Arrietta worked in the banks in Point Richmond and in Richmond.

The Peudner family lived on lower Alvarado Avenue for many years. They had a son and a daughter. Also in the same general area were the McCann family and the home of J.P. Arnold. Arnold was a very early chief of police in Richmond when the station was on Park Place. Very high on the east side of Alvarado Avenue was the home of Dick Spiersch who with his brother Frederick were the pioneer plumbers in the region. Spiersch had a rather large house with a large backyard with numerous trees and shrubs which extended up almost to Scenic Avenue. The Wake family lived for years in a small house across Alvarado Avenue from the Spiersch home.

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>.



Point Richmond 1971 (0077-DC from Don Church; restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

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D. Sonoda, Shoemaker

By Mid Dornan

For many years D. Sonoda, a Japanese Shoemaker had his business in the Point at 139 West Richmond Avenue next door to Cooper's Barbershop. Formerly, The RICHMOND SUPPLY COMPANY, the HYDRANGEA Flower and Gift Shop currently occupies this building and the address changed to 145.

When W.W.II began and Kaiser began his shipbuilding in Richmond, Japanese were deployed or moved from the area because Richmond was considered a security zone.

Over the years we have had many inquiries about the Sonoda family and what happened to them. It was during a meeting with the National Park Service while discussing the Macdonald Avenue history that the name surfaced and we were excited to learn that a son lived in Berkeley. Given permission to contact Gus, the son, we learned from him and his sister, Jean Sonoda Peters who now lives in Southern California.

"Gus" (Real name is Rey) Sonoda was only 13 years old and a ninth grade student at Roosevelt Junior High when his family was moved from Richmond to Berkeley.

Gus took the 72 bus from Berkeley to school. He said he lived in the Point for awhile but doesn't remember where.

Executive Order 9066 gave the government authority to remove all people of Japanese ancestry, U.S. citizens, or not, from the West Coast. This affected about 120,000 people, over 2/3 of which were American born. The

government established 10 internment camps to detain these people. The Sonoda family was initially sent to an assembly center at the Tanforan Race Track in San Bruno where they were housed in unsanitary horse stables for about 6 months. Subsequently, the family, and 8000 others, ended up at the internment camp at Topaz, Utah.

In 1945 the family was allowed to return to Berkeley where his mother worked as a domestic and his father followed shoemaking briefly.

Both his parents died before receiving any compensation from a bill passed during the Reagan administration.

Of interest is the fact a niece, Patricia Gangwer, is currently a Kindergarten teacher at Washington School.



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John Edginton

The 2007 public run season for the Golden State Model Railroad Museum has now begun. It started with grand opening on Sunday, April 1st and the season will continue through end of the year in accordance with the following schedule:

Trains Operating on all Layouts: Sundays, 12 - 5 PM and special Holiday Season Show (Admission is charged).

Layout and Display Viewing: Saturdays, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day, 12 to 5 PM. Also on Wednesdays 11 - 3 PM and Friday evenings 7 - 10 PM (No admission is charged).

About the Museum:

Moms and Dads, Kids and Rail Fans of all ages will enjoy watching the layouts in action and see the new scenery and track work completed since the end of 2006. Three large layouts are featured, in O, HO and N Scales, including narrow gauge and trolley displays alongside mainline action in magnificent 10,000 square foot display room. Photographs can be found on our website. This is the largest display in Northern California and one of the largest and finest in the country. Other nearby attractions include Miller-Knox Regional Park, the Ferry Point restored area, Rosie the Riveter National Historical Monument and the vessel SS RED OAK VICTORY, under rehabilitation.

The East Bay Model Engineers Society builds and operates the layouts in the Museum. was founded in 1933 and is one of the oldest continually operating model railroad clubs in the country. The Museum, which

Opened just over 16 years ago, is an attraction that is part of the East Bay Regional Park District, in Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park. Operating models range from the steam engines and classic passenger trains of yesteryear to today's modern diesel behemoths and AMTRAK passenger trains.

Historic scenes such as the Oakland Mole, Oakland 16th street stations ca. 1955, Martinez' John Muir trestle, Tehachapi loop, Niles Canyon and the landmarks of Donner Pass will be found on the layouts. The friendly operators and docents will gladly answer your questions and provide historical and educational information. The Museum provides a unique insight into California history as well as the fun of watching these historically accurate miniature trains wind there way through realistic scenes of yesteryear.

The Museum is located in Miller-Knox Regional Shoreline Park at 900-A Dornan Drive in Point Richmond. Admission for the 2007 Sunday shows are: Adults: \$4.00; seniors over 65 and children under 12: \$2.00; with family admission a maximum of \$9.00.

For more information, call (510) 234-4884 or check our website listed below where a map will be found. Membership information can be obtained by calling 510-236-1913 between 7 and 9 PM evenings. The park

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

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1912

- 9-18 \$5000 deposit given John Nicholl as down payment on 120 acres. He got 1/2 million for 112 acres.
- 9-22 SOCo has more new construction going on than at anytime in its history.
Richmond being widened from Santa Fe tracks to deep water.
Donald Church reposts bass fishing good at the vicinity of Red Rock.
- 9-24 Council votes to have all wires at the Point underground.
- 10-9 Nicholls well down 1053 feet. Find oil sands 4 feet thick.
Surveyors are cutting up Nicholl tract for subdivision.
- 10-12 Grand Lodge of Masons of California bars from membership anyone engaged in the saloon business.
- 10-15 George Knab buys saloon of Harshner and Gibney located on Washington Avenue near Park Place.
- 10-16 Survey by PT7T gives 3000 homes and 700 places of business in Richmond the estimated population is 15,000.
Bad Check passers are finding Richmond an easy field.
Tax collectors office shows—Corp. pay 50% of City taxes and 3000 out of town lot owners pay 25%; local residents 25%. Total amount is \$88,832 and you may pay only 1/4 now.
- 10-17 San Francisco is trying to get law on the November ballot to gather all Bay Area cities into her fold.
- 10-19 Richmond pays 30% of the counties taxes.
- 10-27 Polytechnic Business College to open next month at 4th and McDonald.
There are 25 buildings being built south of McDonald to Santa Fe tracks.
- 10-30 Catcher Cliff Cleek is sure to make the big leagues.
- 11-8 Nichol well down 1100 feet. 8” casing is being placed inside. Will go down 300 feet more; if oil indications are found will go to 1800 feet.
- 11-15 Contracts signed for new Point Theater for R. Tcherassy of Fresno. Jim Cruickshanks will build. To seat 460 persons.
- 11-26 Gang of pickpockets are robbing street car passengers on San Pablo Avenue.
- 11-29 Donald Church headed company of several boys on trip to Wild Cat Canyon.
Willie Ritchie wins lightweight title from Ad Walgast in 16th round.
- 11-30 No. 1 Fire Laddies host to Winehaven Fire Department
Nicholl well at 1232 feet with 20 feet of sand.
- 12-1 Chief Arnold says he will confiscate all guns in hands of minors in the future.

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Surprise Washington School Photo

Who can name these kids?

This photo is a surprise and has nothing to do with Mid Dornan's update below.

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WASHINGTON SCHOOL CLASS PHOTO UPDATE

Thanks to member Henry Marchitiello, who provided four class pictures.

- Grade 1 - 1967 - Mrs. Henninger, teacher
- Grade 2 - 1967 - Miss Seifert, teacher
- Grade 3 - 1967 - Mrs. Roper, teacher.
- Grade 6 - 1967 - Mrs. Henry, teacher.

Claude Hill was principal; Henry Marchitiello, Head Custodian' and Ruth Young was Kindergarten Teacher.

Pat (Davis) Pearson also has some class photos that include Julie and Jim Davis that need student identification.

The problem with Henry's class photos is that none of the students are identified. Stop by the History Museum in the Point to check them out and help identify - - while your memory is still fresh.

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Santa Fe Market Has New Owners

While it was April Fool's Day to some, it was a new beginning for the new owners of the Santa Fe Market. The faces will be new but the new owners promise to keep more of the same services (home delivery, charges, sale of "THIS POINT...in time", etc.) left by the legacy of Bob and Marie Peckham. Owners Trino and Esther Cruz and Gabrielo and Favola Saldana are anxious to meet people and be a part of the Point community.

"Leaving was with mixed emotions," stated Marie Peckham who worked until the wee hours on Saturday, March 31, 2007, getting papers in order. It was eighteen years ago that Bob and Marie took over the market from the late Bob Young, and it took a

few months for them to make this "their store". Marie said, "Bob and I had thoughts of selling the store about five years ago and had met the Cruz and Saldana families then. It was a 'good feeling' we both had at the meeting but, we weren't really ready to sell then." With Bob gone, Marie has felt his loss and claims her energy is lost. She feels the new owners are a good mix for the Point.

When asked what she planned to do now that she is free from the store, her immediate and energetic reply was, "Anything I want to do!"

Stop by and meet the new owners. Trino worked for the Monterey Market in Berkeley for over 16 years so is familiar with produce.

At the request of Marie, pictures of Bob Young and Bob Peckham will grace the walls in the store.

Mid

Mother's Day - May 13

Mother's Day, which falls on May 13th this year, is not the sales-generating brainchild of a greeting-card company or a florist, but the product of one woman's lifelong obsession. It is the nation's only national holiday that commemorates the anniversary of a death, the death of the mother of Anna Jarvis. In 1907, Anna Jarvis persuaded the church to hold a Mothers' Day service to mark the second anniversary of her mother's death. She provided 500 carnations-her mother's favorite flower-for the mothers in the congregation that day. On May 19, 1913, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution requesting that all officials of the federal government wear white flowers in observation of Mother's Day. In 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt issued a new Mother's Day proclamation, reasserting the principles in President Wilson's original 1914 document.

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BIRTHDAYS

April

Kathy Dornan
Roberta Palfini
Bruce Bartram
Gordon Miller
Robert Palfini
Karilu Crain
Dori Freitas
Tara Kaufman
Ruth Wilson

Paul Israeli
Pam Wilson
Don Amantite
Joel Peterson
Lori Meister
Charlotte Knox
Anna Schwarz
Monica Doherty
Eric Hoiland

Melissa Allyn Delio
Alison Lord
John Maxwell
Sherri Mertle
Taylor Bradshaw
Carol MacDiarmid
Rosemary Corbin
Darian Peckham
Terry Downey

David Bradshaw
Roberta Jenkins Smith
Charline Barni
Cynthia Wilson Quist
Donna Diaz
Joni Loux Emerson
David Roth
Theresa de Valence

May

Douglas Corbin
Patricia Dornan
Diana Corbin
Diana Spinola
Richard Mattuecci
Becky Horn
Jon Doellstedt
Sara Eeles
Vern Doellstedt
Rena Gonsalves
Lyle Fisher

Sandra Loux Fuller
Muriel Clausen
Ruth Beardsley
Varsie Lometi
Wini Jones
Julian Smith
Anne-Catherine Hadreas
Marge Miller
Ann Hanzlik
Shoney Gustafson
Winifred Boziki

David MacDiarmid
Jackson Bradshaw
Gene Bielawski
Norm Reynolds
Charles Palenchar
Adolph Higuera
Jack Murray
John Knox, Jr.
Diana McIntosh
Mary L. Roth
Dale Huffstetter

John Granado
Sophia Dolberg
Mark Healy
Tonita Avila Granada
Michelle Healy
Norma Wallace
Ann Hathaway Kissling
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Gordon Miller 98
Anna Schwartz 94
Bena Bowles 92
Romilda Burress
Jim Patrick Kenny 93
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Steve Wyrick 91
Jean Moyle Spiersch 95
Goldie Mobley 92
Rena Cairo Gonsalves 94
Anita Brougham 93
Ann Hanzlik 95

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Lupe Padilla Lopez 91
Rose Grosso 91
Louise Hammond 93
Laura Kurtz 94
Thelma Mae Harvey 92
Reva Ward 93
Avis Blanchette 92
Maxine Stoddard 92
Bernard Dietz 92
Ruth Mallette 95
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2007 season opens on April 1st. See page 18 for details.

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POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

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

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The REDF is a non-profit dedicated to ensuring that development is well-planned, sensitive to the environment and in lawful. Information, 510-215-6100. Public meetings held monthly.

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Contact: Roz Plishner, Principal 510-232-1436.

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To update or add your organization or event to our calendar, please contact Gary Shows, 510-235-1336, or email him, gary@alkos.com, or send your request to 229 Golden Gate Avenue, Point Richmond, CA 94801

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