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ORGANIZED BY EIGHT MEMBERS IN NOVEMBER, 1901, REV. W. A. CHAPMAN WAS CALLED AS THE FIRST PASTOR. CHURCH PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED FROM SAM AND ROSE CURRY. THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE NEW CHURCH WAS AUGUST, 1903. IT WAS DEDICATED IN NOVEMBER, 1904. IN 1910 THE CHURCH SOLD THE LOT NEXT DOOR TO THE CITY OF RICHMOND FOR THE SUM OF ONE DOLLAR AND IT BECAME JANICE PLAY LOT AFTER THE CURRY'S DAUGHTER. IN FEBRUARY 1912 THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MOVED TO DOWNTOWN RICHMOND AND THIS CHURCH BECAME THE POINT RICHMOND BAPTIST CHURCH. DURING WORLD WAR II, IT WAS A POPULAR USO CENTER FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AND SINGPIRATIONS WERE A PART OF THE COMMUNITY. THE LAST SERVICES WERE HELD HERE IN MAY, 1989 AND IT WAS SOLD TO A PRIVATE OWNER.

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION PROJECT

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Mid Dornan

History is being relived as we celebrate Richmond's Centennial on Sunday, August 7, in Point Richmond. Joining the Point Richmond History Association for the Point's portion of the celebration are the Point Business Association, the Neighborhood Council, and PRAM. An Old Fashioned Picnic in Miller-Knox Regional Park on Dornan Drive will be preceded by an Old Fashioned Parade with flags, music, kids, cars, animals, fire engines and more!

The History Association is proud to have our Founder, Donna Roselius, now in Oregon, return to be a part of our parade. Also, confirming attendance, is Steve Scully, great grandson of Lyman Naugle, publisher of Richmond's first newspaper, "The Richmond Record".

Come view our six wonderful new, bronze, historical plaques. A big thank you to the Pride Fund for initially providing monies to start the plaques and to others who funded plaques for the Bank Building (Mark and Susan Howe), First City Hall, (Vallier Designs & Associates), Baptist Church, (Pam Wilson) and the Catholic Church, (Pat Pearson and Margaret Morkowski). We thank Andrew Butt for willingly doing line drawings for the plaques which saved us costs and to John Heifrich of East Bay Brass for always smiling and being so helpful.

Stop to pick up the exciting brochure, "A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Point Richmond".

Join and be a part of the festivities and celebration on August 7 (see page 15). Make it even more fun - dress in a period costume!!

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Dedication Ceremonies for the Baptist Church Historical Plaque, May 15, 2005 (Photos by Gary Shows, Preproduction by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)

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*Thank you members for your membership
renewal:*

Betty Dornan
Janis E. Henry
Regina Girard
Marc Bisio Family
Gilda B. Markarian
Betty Glass Marshall
Lynne Erskine
Thomas Mercer-Hursh & Theresa deValence
Margi Cellucci
A. Casazza
Anita M. Brougham
Dennis Amanitte
Anna Gaumer
Rene, Kevin & Griffin Knee
Teresa B. Meneghelli
Viola Kennedy
David & Elaina Dolberg Family
Marie Louise Ostrom

And a warm welcome to these new members:

Laura Webster
Howard & Jan Arnold Family
Wilson Gandola*

**Gift Membership from Sonja*

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

Celebrate Richmond's 100th Birthday
in Point Richmond with an

☀
**“Old Fashion
Parade & Picnic”**

☀
**Sunday - August 7, 2005
11 am to 3 pm**

☀
It's a Kids Parade in
Town followed by an Old
Time Picnic at Miller
Knox Park

☀
Music, Games & Prizes Fun
for Everyone,
Pre-Schoolers thru Adults

☀
**Bring a Picnic Lunch
and Join in the Fun**



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EDITOR'S NOTES

Gary Shows (510-235-1336)

The usual thanks to our wonderful staff, all of you that make TPIT fun and interesting to read, and to Thomas Mercer-Hursh for making it beautiful!

A really good General Meeting Mid! At that meeting I met Steve Gilford, who has written a good, entertaining history of the Richmond Shipyards as a project for Kaiser. He has given me permission to share it with you and I will be doing just that in future issues, look forward to this treat.

I enjoyed meeting David Smith who brought by old pictures that he found for me to scan, and share with all of you. I invite anyone to do the same. You can also drop them by the museum (I check in there often). If you want them back after I scan them please let me know. Be sure to include your phone number so I can let you know when they are back at the museum or I can return them directly to you.

I plan to work and photo scanning and our website during the summer break, see you in September. The deadline for the September/October issue will be August 19, 2005, enjoy summertime!

The April/May issue assembly crew was:

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

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The Cover

The Point Richmond Baptist Church building. Subject of one of six historical plaques dedicated on May 15, 2005. The Historical Plaque Project is a Project of the Point Richmond History Association. See the inside front cover for details. Photo by Gary Shows, Enhanced by Thomas Mercer-Hursh.

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A-MID TRIVIA

Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

Question: When was the first paper published in Richmond? Answer at end of Amid Trivia.

Jay Vincent's death is a community loss but he leaves a legacy in Richmond few can claim. At age 93, his life was filled with accomplishments few can equal. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Barbara, and family members.

Family members and a few friends helped Lucretia Edwards celebrate her 89th birthday on May 15th.

Congratulations to newly engaged Jim Brooks and Claudia LeGue and Shauna and Matt Orem.

Fay Hawkins is recuperating at home and welcomes visits and phone calls.

If Rosemary Corbin seems all smiles these days it is because, "This is a Banner Year for us. Son Jeff and wife Jeanette will make us (Rosemary and Doug) first time grandparents in November. AND, daughter Diana, is busy planning her wedding to Evan Berg in Burlingame on July 9th." They plan to live in San Francisco. Congratulations and Best Wishes to ALL!

Sympathy is extended to Donna Roselius on the loss of her brother, Adrian, to cancer. He lived in Cincinnati.

Jim and Florence Wilson are taking Ginger, their dog, for radiation treatments to the U.C. Veterinary Clinic in Davis. Not wanting to leave Ginger, they will travel to Davis every day for three weeks.

Sympathy is extended to Jerry and Grace Cerkanowicz, Sr. on the loss of their daughter Diane Cerkanowicz who passed away in May 22,

2005 in Maryland. Also our sympathy goes to sister and brother Diedre and Jerry Cerkanowicz.

Heather Damon, 2005 June graduate of Maybeck High in Berkeley, has been accepted at the University of California at Davis. Pastor Dan Damon is her father. She and Jessica Horton will be honored at a breakfast at the Methodist Church.

Did you hear about the guy named Zybkrst who made his living leasing his name out to eye charts.

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SYMBOLISM: Musicians call it a sharp, the telephone company says it's a pound sign. In England they call it a crosshatch or hash, except for British Telecom operators who refer to it as the "square key." And some of us remember when it was just a plain ol' number sign. However, this being the 21st century and all, the symbol requires an appropriately high-tech name, which is why people "in the know" call the # an octothorpe.

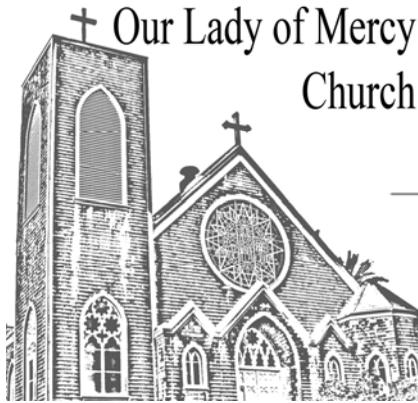
THOUGHT OF THE DAY. Think about this...No one ever says "It's Only a Game" when his team is winning.

Emileigh Anne Barnes, daughter of Kathy and Richard Barnes, graduated from Oxford High School with many honors. A National Merit Scholar finalist, she received the award for the best Senior writing student, the AP Spanish award, was picked for the Hall of Fame, and received the John Phillip Sousa Band Award. She qualified for the Mississippi All-State Lion's Club Band that will go to Hong Kong in June for two weeks. Emileigh was also the runner up for the National Journalist of the Year Award. (Guess who is the Proud Grandmother that went to the graduation!).

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CHURCH NEWS



Our Lady of Mercy
Church

By Dee Rosier
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The rains continued into May keeping us guessing whether or not spring would ever arrive. Just when we thought we had all weeds pulled the rain returned and produced another heartier batch. My green yard waste can has continually been refilled. The weather has improved and we can now look forward to sunny days. The recent good weather has produced an outstanding display of the parish rose garden.

Father O'Rourke did not spend April in Paris, but May. He used up some of his frequent flyer miles and recently spent 10 days there. One of his highlights was visiting Omaha Beach in Normandy. Having several family members who served in World War II, it was a memorable event for him. Father also celebrated his 50th year as a graduate of Yale University.

Coffee and donuts are generally served on the first Sunday of each month, but we recently broke from tradition and a group enjoyed breakfast at the Fraternal Club. We were guests of Ciano Forner, and Father also attended. Coffee and donuts were served on the following, Sunday, which coincided with Mother's Day.

It was a special Mother's Day Mass as family, friends and parishioners witnessed the First Holy

Communion of Nicholas Ultsch. Margaret Morkowski volunteers her time teaching religious instruction to our youth.

In honor of Mother's Day, I would like to quote Cardinal Mermillod: "A mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take."

Parish Council elections were held. The new officers are: Ann Brussock, President; Dee Rosier, Vice-President; and Nicole Moyer, Secretary. New members elected to the council are Martin Lopez, Susan Brooks and Nicole Moyer. Our thanks is extended to the previous officers, especially Past President, Diane Siegmund, who always kept us on track and Secretary, Stan Toledo who constantly kept the exact minutes. We also thank the previous council members who have left: Steve Shaffer, Rod Phillips and Linda Lanning. Copies of the amended by-laws were distributed to the council members.

The Small Christian Community day group continues to meet but adjourns during the summer. There are presently 12 in the group. Vince Kafka says that it is not a closed circle and invites those interested in attending. The evening also continues to meet. We look forward to Vince Kafka speaking on the SCC groups.

As part of the City of Richmond centennial, a plaque was presented to the church on May 15. A formal dedication of the plaque will take place at a later date. During the centennial celebration the parish will have a historic exhibit. Recently found were the original gaslights used in the church.

Father O'Rourke seeks a volunteer who can assist when he is absent. The volunteer would be responsible for opening the church, squiring the visiting priest and other general duties. Please call Father if you are interested in filling this task. During a recent wedding, some of these tasks were assumed by Theresa Graham. The couple were not parishioners, but chose to wed here because of its beauty. Father had a checklist for Theresa and all went without a hitch.

We welcome our new music leader, Eric

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Lindstrom. Anna Schwarz has held this position for longer than she has wanted, but in our hearts and minds know that she will always be our director.

The June coffee and donuts will welcome Ken Hughes, engineer, who will give us an overview and present proposals for the preservation of our church. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

After Mass each Sunday a group of us has coffee at Starbucks. It has become a regular Sunday get together and an extension of our Sunday spirituality.

Anne Brussock has assumed the maintenance of the monthly schedule of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Acolytes.

Get-well wishes continue to be extended to Theresa Meneghelli and Frank Mello. We share Mary Shipler's good news that she is presently in remission. It has been a tough road for Mary, but she traveled it with courage.

You see him daily as he runs/speed walks and then swims. It can only be Bob Peckham as he trains for qualification in the Boston marathon. He and Marie recently spent a weekend in Denver with the Wellness Clinic.

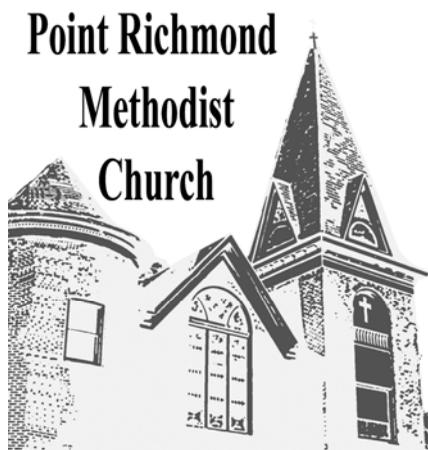
When receiving the news of Pope Paul II's death, Father O'Rourke rang the church bells 84 times. Our Methodist neighbors sent us a lovely sympathy card personally signed by the parishioners.

Spoke with Henry Allyn about getting together and writing a column for TPIT on the longevity of Idaho Street. I can recall back 40+ years, but Henry can recall back much further.

On the 4th of July, Father will fire up the grill and all are invited to attend. Bring your own entrée and a dish to share.

If you want to feel rich
Just count all the things
You have that money
Can't buy.

See you in church.



By Jean Reynolds

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March 18, Good Friday, several United Methodist choirs sang Dan Damon's "Reflections on the Cross" collection of hymns and anthems at an evening service at El Sobrante UMC. Pastor Dan is in Toronto the week of May 25 to record some of his hymns with a large church choir there. He continues to be widely recognized for his hymn-writing talent.

Four new members gave us an extra reason to celebrate on Palm Sunday: Janet Heckmann, Diane Fry, and Ron and Luisa Greger. Baby Noelani Greger was baptized, to make it an extra-special day! We invited the whole community for a Palm Sunday Feast prepared on site by Point Methodist members and friends. This year, hams, scalloped potatoes, and broccoli were cooked at the church. Wonderful cooks, servers and the blessed clean-up crew made the day a pleasure. Leftovers went to the Bay Area Rescue Mission.

On Easter, March 27, we started early with 8:00 worship in the garden, 9:00 a.m. breakfast, 10:00 Sunday School, 11:00 worship, in the sanctuary, 12:00 noon Egg Hunt. The sanctuary sported banners with various crosses made by a baker's dozen of crafters, each with its own look. Pat Dornan distributed the fabric banners earlier in the

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season with only the instruction to put a cross on them. It was fun to try to match the pattern and materials to the maker, and to hear the stories behind their construction and design.

Joe Ridout performed in concert on April 3 in an unseasonably warm sanctuary. We all enjoyed his bluegrass style so much: he will be included in the Jazz Service on June 12. Joe performed previously with the band "Quick Drawl" in Austin, Texas, and now lives in Point Richmond.

On April 30, Masquers, church members, family and friends gathered to remember Virginia Cherniak. Virginia was one of the founding members of the Masquers', was director of the Joyful Noise Choir for several years, and was our Sweetheart in 2002. She was a special lady to many of us, and there were a lot of funny and poignant stories, songs and memories shared at her memorial service. Robert Love coordinated the memory sharing, and as a bonus, sang with the choir. Virginia would have liked all of the manly voices in the choir that day!

May 7, Many light-hearted workers made the Annual Junktique Sale a big success. Fran Smith equipped all of the sales staff with aprons, badges, maps, and directories, so if we were uninformed, it reflected poorly on us. The kitchen crew and grill gang provided delicious food that kept workers and shoppers satisfied, and made a good profit on their own.

May 14, Ruth, Tom, and big brother Draven Miller were guests of honor at a baby shower to celebrate and help outfit new baby Dante Miller.

Seven of our Joyful Noise Choir members, directed by Pat Nelson and accompanied by Pastor Dan, sang "King Jesus" at the GRIP choir festival on May 15 at Pinole UMC. We joined with musicians from more than ten GRIP member congregations for several joint choir numbers, and enjoyed a program of various bell choirs, youth choirs, ethnic dancers, a jazz band, and others.

On May 19, we joined with the Point Richmond business community to participate in the Stroll. Volunteers at the Point Methodist table offered fresh-baked chocolate chip cookies, church tee shirts for sale (featuring Heather Damon's drawing

of the reed organ), brochures, and a chance for a free pie. It was a good day for pie-eaters, since four bakers (Helen Valentine, Betty Graham, May Cotton, and Jean Reynolds) volunteered to award seven pies to the lucky winners.

On the Calendar:

June 12, 11:00 a.m. **Jazz and Bluegrass** morning worship featuring: The Dan Damon Trio, Joe Ridout, the Angel Choir and other surprises.

Vacation Bible School, July 18 – 22, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Games, Songs, Stories, Skits, Crafts, Snacks and Fun for kids ages 3 to grade 6. Call Jean Reynolds, 235-2988, to sign up or for more information. This is the high point of the year for many of us!

Dixieland Jazz Concert/Ice-cream Social: August 14, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Listen to the pleasing strains of the **Joyful Noise Jazz Band**, celebrating twenty-five years together. Suggested donation \$10.

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

CHOCOLATE: Cholesterol is our heart's worst enemy, but chocolate helps keep it out of the bloodstream. Scientists report that when they cut subjects' butter intake and replaced it with a few ounces of chocolate a day, subjects' cholesterol levels fell 14%! Ounce for ounce, chocolate has more phenols than green tea, broccoli and red wine. Could chocolate cut your risk of a heart attack or stroke? Enjoy some chocolate!

What a difference a century makes! Our life expectancy in 1900 was 47 years and only 14% of homes in the U.S. had a bathroom, 8% had a telephone and the average wage was 22 cents an hour, the average wage was \$300 - \$400 a year! Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee had a larger population than California. Do you wonder what the next century will bring?

Greg O'Sullivan of Pennsylvania is trying to locate a Humphrey Houngan.

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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 70th installment.

Oct. 3, 1927

The Social League met in the church parlors with Mrs. Burdick presiding. There were 17 members present. Mrs. Scofield and Mrs. Oehne were the hostesses for the afternoon.

Menus were presented by Mrs. Brothers for the Fellowship dinner. Motion that menus be accepted. Carried. Sliced tomatoes, pot roast, apricot pie, coffee, bread. Comm (sic). for dinner- Mrs. Scofield, General Chairman. Meat: Mrs. L. D. Jones, Mrs. Brothers, Mrs. D. Jenkins. Salad: Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Dingle. Tables: Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Griffin. Dessert: Mrs. Brothers and Burdick, Serving: Mrs. Oehne, Redman, Campbell, Weston, Meese, Doney, and Jenkins. Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Brothers, and Mrs. Scofield comm.. to get prices on stove for parsonage.

Motion made that Organ Fund money be used for refurbishing parsonage to be paid back later. Carried.

Motion that an estimate on refinishing walls of kitchen of parsonage be made. Carried. Mrs. Jones appointed to attend to it.

Motion that League buy 10 lbs. sugar and 10 lbs. walnuts to be used for candy. Carried. Mrs. Brothers and Mrs. Dickey to buy them. Mrs. Daisy Jenkins and Mrs. John Jones will be the next hostesses.

Received for dues:

Mrs. Meese	.60
“ Burdick	.60
“ Jenkins	1.20
“ Brothers	.60

“ Doney	.60
“ Holbrook	.60
	4.20

\$41.25	- balance
4.20	- dues
1.95	- plate collection
\$47.40	- new balance

Mrs. Redman
(Sec. pro tem)

MORE A-MID TRIVIA

Dustin Verhines, son of Patrice (Wilson) and Robert Verhines, will marry Andrea Dyrdaahl in Great Falls, Montana on Saturday, May 28th. Andrew Verhines, Patrice and Robert's younger son, will marry Amanda Ruiz on Saturday, June 25th, in Fresno, California. (Dustin and Andrew are member Donna Wilson's grandsons)

Flowers and blossoming trees added to the vacation enjoyed by Donna and Pam Wilson on their trip to historical Philadelphia, Gettysburg, the Amish country, Williamsburg, and Washington D.C. in April.

ANSWER: The first issue of "Richmond Record" was published July 7, 1900. The four-page newspaper was published once a week by Mr. Lyman Naugle who did not even own a printing press. From a few old cases of type he set up the forms and took them to Berkeley to be printed. There was no post office in Richmond and the papers had to be taken to Stege Post Office to be mailed to the handful of subscribers.

Ed note: The great-grandson of Mr. Naugle, Steve Scully from Southern California, plans to attend Richmond's Centennial and Parade on August 7th and has wisely reserved a room at Hotel Mac.

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WWIC ACTIVITIES

Alyce Williamson

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

The WWIC met at the Pt. Richmond Church on April 5, 2005. there were 19 members & guest present. Hostesses Mary Highfill, Carol Paasch, Dorothy Hernandez and Liz McDonald decorated the tables in Happy Spring Time theme with spring flowers & purple tablecloth. They served a delicious crème puff dessert. We enjoyed 45 min. to hr. for lunch and visiting. This is always an enjoyable time of visiting and catching up.

After lunch 2nd Vice President, Anita Christiansen introduced our speaker for the day, Lauren McLeod. M/s McLeod is a Guild Certified Feldenkrais Practitioner. Lauren outlined the principle of Feldenkrais. The aim is a body that is organized to move with minimum effort and maximum efficiency, not through muscular strength, but increased consciousness of how it works. She then asked us to tell her anything that we would like to improve ability wise that requires discipline, such as to become agile, improve memory, arthritis and etc. She then demonstrated by having us do an exercise for relaxation and improve movement of head and neck. It was truly amazing how one simple exercise can improve your feeling of well being. It was a very interesting presentation and we thank Lauren for being our speaker.

The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice President, Anita Christiansen at 1:30PM. Election of officers is May 10 meeting. One more volunteer is needed to serve on the nominating committee. Please call Margaret if you are willing to serve. The slate of officers will be presented May 10 meeting and nominations from the floor will be accepted and voting to follow. Results will be presented at the June 7th meeting.

Happy Birthday to Anna Schwartz April 1st, Shelia Fostiak April 14th, Anita Christiansen April 16th, Connie Lompa April 23rd, and Gilda Markarian April 24th. Many Happy Returns to you all!! Our Annual Day Trip will be Tuesday, May 24th. Anita has organized a trip to Carmel-by-the-Sea. The bus will be provided by the Richmond

Senior Center. The bus holds a minimum of 30 and maximum of 44-48. The cost will be \$30 (or less is more than 30 people). Lunch is on your own. Please contact Anita as soon as possible if you are interested.

Our annual "Leisure Time/Show and Tell" meeting will be next month. Please bring an item or craft or picture of some hobby or activity you enjoy doing in you leisure time. That may include gardening, traveling, reading, meditating, knitting, etc. Announcements: Sunday, August 7th Richmond's Centennial Celebration in the Point and picnic at Miller Knox Park Sunday, September 24th Masquers "50th" Anniversary Gala Dinner and program at the Hotel Mac. Mid Doran and Pat Pearson are off to Paris on April 9th. Bon Voyage. We will be looking forward to a report of your trip at "Show and Tell". Meeting was adjourned with inspirational thought by Anita Christiansen.

The Club met at the Pt. Richmond Methodist Church on May 9, 2005. There were 14 members present Hostesses, Connie Lompa, Alice Zeier and Marion Kent decorated the tables with beautiful roses from Connie's yard. They served a yummy double chocolate decadence cake for dessert. The meeting was called to order at 12:15 by President Margaret Morkowski. Margaret thanked the hostesses and gave a special thank you to Anita Christiansen for conducting the meeting last month. The meeting was turned over to Anita to conduct the election of officers. Anita first gave a special thank you to Margaret for being President these past years and agreeing to continue as President for 2005 - 2006. She has brought new life to the club and membership has increased. Thank you Margaret from all of us. Anita presented the following slate of officers: President Margaret Morkowski, Vice President Altha Humphrey, Secretary Susan Brooks, Treasurer Sonja Darling. Since there were no nominations from the floor we voted by show of hands. The slate of officer as presented was elected

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by unanimous vote. Thank you ladies for accepting these offices and we will be looking forward to an interesting and exciting year. Happy Birthday Lynn Clifford May 9th, Marge Miller May 27th, Catherine Burchell June 5th, Dulcie Johnson June 12th and Lori Nova June 14th. Many Happy returns to you all!!

Next meeting is our Pot Luck Salad Luncheon. It is \$5.00 plus a salad or dessert or \$10.00 if you do not bring a salad or dessert. A signup sheet is being circulated. Please indicate what salad or dessert you will bring. It is also "Hat Day: Be sure to wear a hat or you will be fined \$1.00. Marion Kent presented an idea for a concert by her friend as a fund raiser. We would need to begin searching for a place to present the concert and plan advertising and etc.

This being our "Leisure Time/Show and Tell" Margaret asked each member in turn to present their projects. Janice Cook showed us some of her many

costumes that she wears for ice skating competition & how they are made. Connie Lompa is sewing draperies and helping her sister with her new house. She used to paint and is hoping to start again in June. Dulcie Johnson does weaving. Pat Pearson sews slip covers, dog coats and etc. Mid Doran had a display of Christmas Cards, greeting cards, and picture postcards that she makes. Altha Humphry teaches knitting at Nova Studio and had an array of ribbon scarves. Marion Kent does sewing, crotchet, knitting, cross-stitch, beading, earrings & necklaces. Sonja Darling does knitting and crochet. All crafts shown were beautiful. If I have missed anyone I apologize.

Announcements: Sunday, August 7th one of the Richmond's Centennial Celebration. (ed: pg. 2) Sunday, September 24th Masquers "50th" Anniversary Gala dinner and program at the Hotel Mac.

Next meeting June 7th. Pot Luck Luncheon

Many Hands Project - Spirit of Leadership Program

May 2005 was a busy time for the 16 children of Washington Elementary School participating in the Many Hands Project/Spirit of Leadership Program. As part of Richmond's Centennial celebrations, each child chose a person or place from Richmond's history as the focus of their year-long series of projects.

On May 17th all the children had a great time touring various sites of the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historic Park. During the field trip the children visited the Red Oak Victory Ship; climbing the "ladders," handling the deck guns, stopping in the Captain's quarters, the Ship's Bridge, the engine room and the galley. We also toured the National Park's Visitors Center and were given a private, "hands-on with white cotton gloves" tour of the Park's archives by Ranger Elizabeth Tucker. During the day the "scholars" also saw other Home Front sites including Atchison Village, Kaiser Ship Yard #3, the Ford Assembly Plant, the Kaiser Field Hospital, and the Bay Trail & Esplanade with

WWII exhibits. The day was so busy we had to miss the Rosie the Riveter Memorial site but we did have lunch at the Lucretia Edwards Park with it's "workmen's boot-prints" which indicate the way to other WWII Shipyards in the Bay Area. Everyone had their own camera to capture the highlights of the trip.

On May 26th, during their Many Hands "Pizza Luncheon" at the PRAM/Point Richmond Field House, everyone received a Stroll t-shirt from the Point Richmond Business Association. Then each child selected a learning/educational "Award" in recognition of their successful year-long efforts. The Discovery Store boxed "awards" include such items as a finger printing set, a frog pond (send away for live frogs), a crystal growing set, a moving dinosaur or a "brain-strain." The "selected award" will be presented to each scholar as part of Washington School's year-end Awards Ceremony on June 6th. Please call 234-4219 with questions.

By Margaret Morkowski

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RUTHLESS!

at the Masquers

A Review by Theresa de Valence

Why on earth I was ever nominated to write theatre reviews is beyond me. I have never liked slapstick humour. Having seen the promo pictures of Ruthless!, I was ready to be irritated at the entire production., but I sat to watch the play regardless.

Yes, the story line is appalling; but once you've accepted its premise, the plot and characters thereafter steadily improve. It ceases to take patience to watch the stage. You will laugh. It becomes a very funny play. Moreover, the singing is out of this world. Breathtaking. If you like to hear people sing, and sing well, get tickets.



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Reservations: 510-232-4031

Box office opens half hour before curtain

Judy Denmark (played by Shay Oglesby-Smith) begins as a middle-America, middlingly attractive, predictably dull mother. That she transforms into such a voluptuous and desirable woman is a tribute to her voice and skill.

Watching actors playing actors is endlessly fascinating. Especially when all the characters molt during their performances. Tina Denmark (played by Hannah Rose Kornfeld) is the irritating little girl who winds her way into our affection. The drama teacher (played by Jan Brown) seems a tedious character whose transformation moves from embarrassing to hilarious. The reporter adds a lovely touch. Tina's rival (played by Michelle Pond) has some perfectly silly parts, beautifully played. The theatre critic (played by Judy Rae Whiting) is majestic and gorgeous throughout.

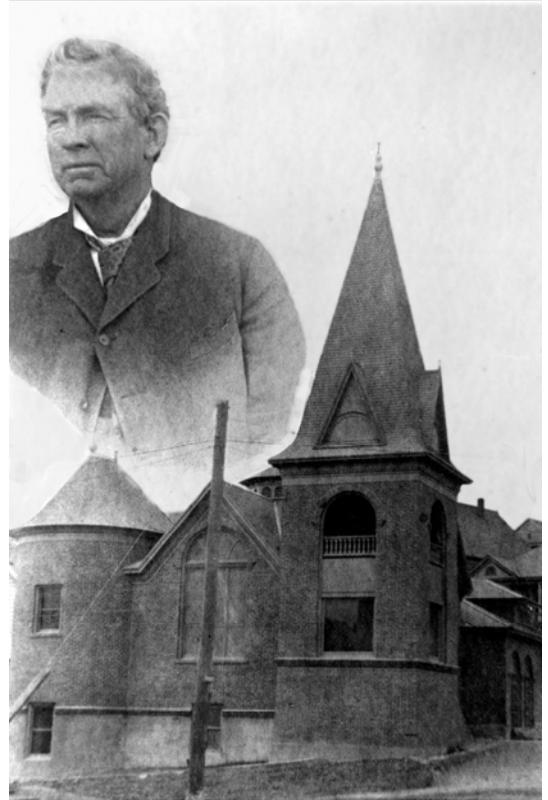
Sylvia St. Croix (played by John Blytt) has one of the best dying scenes I have ever seen (extending over many years of histrionic overacting both on and off stage). Although some of the others have pretty good displays of the genre, too.

Ruthless! has some screamingly funny moments. Moreover, you'll love the singing.

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ARCHIVE PHOTO GALLERY

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



Above left: Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church — 0129-DC (Photograph from Don Church)

Above Right: Methodist Episcopal Church — 0289-DC (Photograph from Don Church)

Left: Former Episcopal Church — 0131-DC (Photograph from Don Church)

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Dedication Ceremonies for the historical plaques on the (clockwise starting above) Bank of Richmond, Crichton Hotel, Old City Hall, Our Lady of Mercy Church, Methodist Episcopal Church (Photos by Gary Shows, Preproduction by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)



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PRHA ANNUAL MEETING

The 24th Annual Meeting of the Point Richmond History Association met in the Community Center with about 45 people in attendance. Election of Officers preceded the Dedication of six historic bronze plaques.

Councilman and member, Tom Butt, presided over the walking tour to dedicate plaques for the Critchett Hotel, the Bank Building, the City Hall, and three churches, First Methodist, First Baptist, and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Judy Morgan, Richmond Chamber of Commerce President, presented us brochures of "A Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Point Richmond" prepared by Bonnie Jo Cullison and Jan Brown and funded by Richard Lompa through the Richmond Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Faithful Volunteers were thanked for keeping our Museum open more than 250 hours. During the



past year, guests from 29 different cities in California, 7 different states and from Sweden visited our little history museum and included the cities of Loomis, Clovis, Pinole, El Sobrante, Fresno, San Pablo, Pleasant Hill, Berkeley, Rodeo, Muir Beach, Richmond, El Cerrito, Marina, Stockton, Brentwood, Concord, San Francisco, Sacramento, Vallejo, Oakland, San Rafael, Danville, Martinez, Hillsborough, Healdsburg, Vacaville, Upper Lake county and an increasing number from the Point. They came from Nevada, Oregon, Massachusetts, New York, Arizona, Mississippi and Pennsylvania as well as Sweden.

-Mildred Dornan



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Richmond Bay Trail Report for the First Quarter, 2005

From Richmond Bay Trail Network

With twenty miles of Bay Trail now in place, Richmond stands out as having more Bay Trail than any other City on this planned 500-mile hiking and biking route encircling San Francisco and San Pablo Bays. TRAC, the Trails for Richmond Action Committee, is engaged with 20 active projects in various stages of planning, negotiation and regulatory review as part of the effort to complete the remaining twenty miles of Bay Trail planned for Richmond. This report highlights a few of the major activities and results for the first quarter of this year. Richmond Parkway Bay Trail Gap: This important project is designed to link Richmond's southern and northern shoreline parks, neighborhoods and elementary schools by filling the one-mile gap in the Bay Trail along the Richmond Parkway between Pennsylvania and Gertrude Avenues. Three construction bids were submitted for the project; however, the low bid of \$500K substantially exceeds grant funds of \$380K in hand. Richmond Public Services Agency and TRAC are attempting to find the additional funding needed to fill this critical gap in the Bay Trail. Ferry Point Tunnel to

Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline: This \$388K project doubles the width of the narrow elevated sidewalk through the Ferry Point tunnel and also widens the sidewalk along Dornan Drive to the Bay Trail entrance of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline. City Engineer Rich Davidson and his associate Andy Yeung report that construction bids have been submitted, and the project should be completed this summer. Kudos to ABAG Bay Trail Project for funding design and construction and to the Richmond Public Services Agency for their project management skills. Kaiser Shipyard 3: Historic Kaiser Shipyard 3 is located in the Port of Richmond's Point Potrero Terminal at the end of Canal Blvd and is included in the Rosie The Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historical Park. The Richmond City Council voted unanimously to approve a new Bay Trail alignment and schematic design for pedestrian and bicyclist access to Shipyard 3. With encouragement by the Port of Richmond and National Park Service, TRAC has drafted a grant application to fund construction design, which also was approved by the City Council.

Point Richmond Celebrates the City's Centennial with an "Old Fashion Parade & Picnic" Sunday, August 7, 2005

Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 7th to celebrate the City's Centennial here in Point Richmond where it all began. Richmond's founding fathers met on the second floor of the old c. 1900, Critchett Hotel (where the Point Richmond Market now stands) to organize the City. At the men's request, the State of California incorporated the City of Richmond on August 7, 1905.

In celebration of that day we will start the fun at 11:00 A.M. with a Kids Parade winding through the Historic business district of the Point. Then we'll move out to the Miller-Knox Regional Park for an Old Time Picnic. There'll be old fashion games and contests for everyone from pre-schoolers through adults. Activities will include music, three-legged races, a watermelon eating contest, go-fish, water balloon toss, dancing and much more. Bring your lunch and come join in the fun. It is sponsored and supported by the Point Richmond History Association (PRHA), the Parents, Resources and More (PRAM), the Point Richmond Neighborhood Council (PRNC), the Richmond Chamber of Commerce (ROCC) and the Womens Westside Improvement Club (WWIC.) Please call 234-4219 with questions.

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William L. Thompson, M.D.

Memories of Pioneer Point Richmond Residents



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 Five

I recall the opening of the Richmond Municipal wharf #1. That is the one near the Santa Fe terminal. This was about the time of the First World War as the ship tied up there had camouflage coloring. It was a commercial ship and visitors were allowed to board on that day. I especially remember going down with my family into the engine room and even into the propeller shaft. It was most impressive at my age.

One of the most unusual characters in early Point Richmond history was Fred Fredericks. I think that there are few outside my family who would recall him. He was a rather small, rather emaciated man with multiple psychological problems. He lived alone in a small shack high on the north side of Nichol Knob. At the place where Crest Avenue ends, the Santa Fe had a reservoir, since abandoned, but still present. From this point on a few old road grades would wind up onto Nichol Knob. Fredericks lived a couple of hundred yards out on one of these. Later the old shack was torn down and a larger

one with two stories was built. Another man used the lower floor. I remember when the bakery wagon passed by on old Scenic Avenue delivering bread down below, Fredericks would come out and start down a trail shouting "whole wheat". He would start down and the baker would start up with his order. We kids called him the "whole wheat man".

He must have been lonely. He often would come down the trail past our house and stop outside the gate by our back door and fiddle round with his clothes and pockets for a time. If no one noticed he would cough for a time. If someone came out to talk with him for a few minutes he was happy and went on his way. He got his water supply with a bucket and rope from the Santa Fe reservoir and his firewood was laboriously packed up from the beaches below. I lost track of Fred while I was away at school but shortly after I began medical practice here, I think it was in 1940, I got a call from the Health Center asking if I would make a call for them in Point Richmond. They said the man's name was Fred Fredericks and started

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to give me detailed instructions as to how to find him. I interrupted and told them that I knew the old soul well and would go at once and see him.

I entered the only door to his shabby little dwelling and found myself in a narrow passage. Almost the entire room was filled wall to wall and floor to ceiling by neatly piled stacks of old newspapers. After passing through this little passage I entered another little back room and found poor Fred very ill and lying on a cot. I spoke to him but doubt if he understood and then left and phoned the Health Center. They sent an ambulance for him and sent him to the County Hospital where he died a few days later.

Near Fred's shack and on the ridge just above the reservoir the Burns Family had a small home. They were there some years and I think others lived there after they left. If one looks around up there he could still find the traces and foundations of both their home and that of Fredericks.

I recall the O'Haras, brother and sister, who lived so long on Washington Avenue above the old Baptist Church. They were a fine pair. Neither ever got married but lived quiet, useful lives. There also was the Bernardi family who had a small settlement just beyond the tunnel on the road to Ferry Point. They were quiet, hard workers and had several children, two of whom were in school with me.

There were so many more in the old days. Some I remember but cannot recall their names. Others I do not know enough about to write. It was a fine group of honest, hard-working, so-called middle class people. All were in about the same social class and were very helpful and considerate people. There were few entertainment facilities in those days so families visited together, played cards and

had little parties. It kept them together. Modern entertainment facilities have stopped much interfamily contact, this is unfortunate, and people were much closer in those days.

I hope that someone can write a few words on families that lived in the northern part of town nearer the Standard Oil Company with whom I had little contact except in school. These also were part of the group that started and built up the town.

This is the final installment of "Memories of Pioneer Point Richmond Residents". Next issue will start Dr. Thompson's "The Point Richmond Triangle". Gary

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>.

Old aerial view of the Catholic and Methodist Churches — 0205-MD (photo from Mid Dornan, restored by Thomas Mercer-Hursh)



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

Items of Interest Point Richmond, 1911

- 6-1 Graduates at Pt. Opera House Fri 8pm for both schools. Two ships loading cargoes of wine at Winehaven; SS Fenwick and Mackinaw.
- 6-3 Fire Co. #1 holds dance at ESP tonight.
- 6-6 Contractors Cushing begins work on Constr. Of Ashland Ave. yesterday. Free for all at Standard and Santa Fe Avenues, Italians vs. Mexicans.
- 6-7 W.J. Garrard, brother of Ed and father of Harold dies here.
- 6-8 John Nicholl to drill for gas after report of C.L. Cofer.
- 6-11 Std. Oil holds annual picnic at East Shore Park. The J.H. O'Haras have a son.
- 6-13 Nicholl Derrick nearly to drill. New fire siren installed at Winehaven.
- 6-15 Law passed against throwing glass on streets. Oliver Wylie saloon Mecca remodeled.
- 6-16 Lads stories are conflicting-14 year old Hobo. (Johnny Fuller).
- 6-20 B.H. Griffin appt'd City Atty to replace Windrem. No water, Point Reservoir empty, water is vile.
- 6-22 Peoples Water Co. and City fighting.
- 6-23 Pullman ships opened to Newsmen for preview. Grand Opening of Oliver Wylies Mecca.
- 6-24 Standard Avenue changing fast
- 6-28 Robbers drug sleepers in Standard Hotel and get \$200. East side to have post office in new block on 6th street. Lucas and Turley drive to Merced in t hours!!
- 6-29 Shell Oil asks for permit at Martinez to build Refinery.
- 7-12 City Councilmen will inspect the asphalt beds near the Blume Ranch. Lillian Hughes called by death. Richmond crossing the line, City has changed from shack to Metrop.
- 7-14 Kate Reardeon's lease on St. James Hotel is up. She will move across the street to the Del Monte.
- 7-15 Fairview Hotel opened at 22nd and McD.
- 7-20 Contract let to drill oil well on J. Nicholl property at Oregon and East Richmond Aves.
- 7-22 J.P. Arnold's report for past year on Police Dept.
- 7-25 Industrial Edition of Independent. Note Oil Well Corp on P-4 Sect 2. Contract for improving Bissell Ave. for \$50,000. An excellent history of Richmond in 1911.
- 7-26 All children in schools must be vaccinated
- 8-2 Santa Fee to make many changes in its yards. Geo. Lee and Louise Stairley married in Oakland.
- 8-12 Barns and outbuildings of John Nicholl Homestead burn to ground also several horses destroyed.

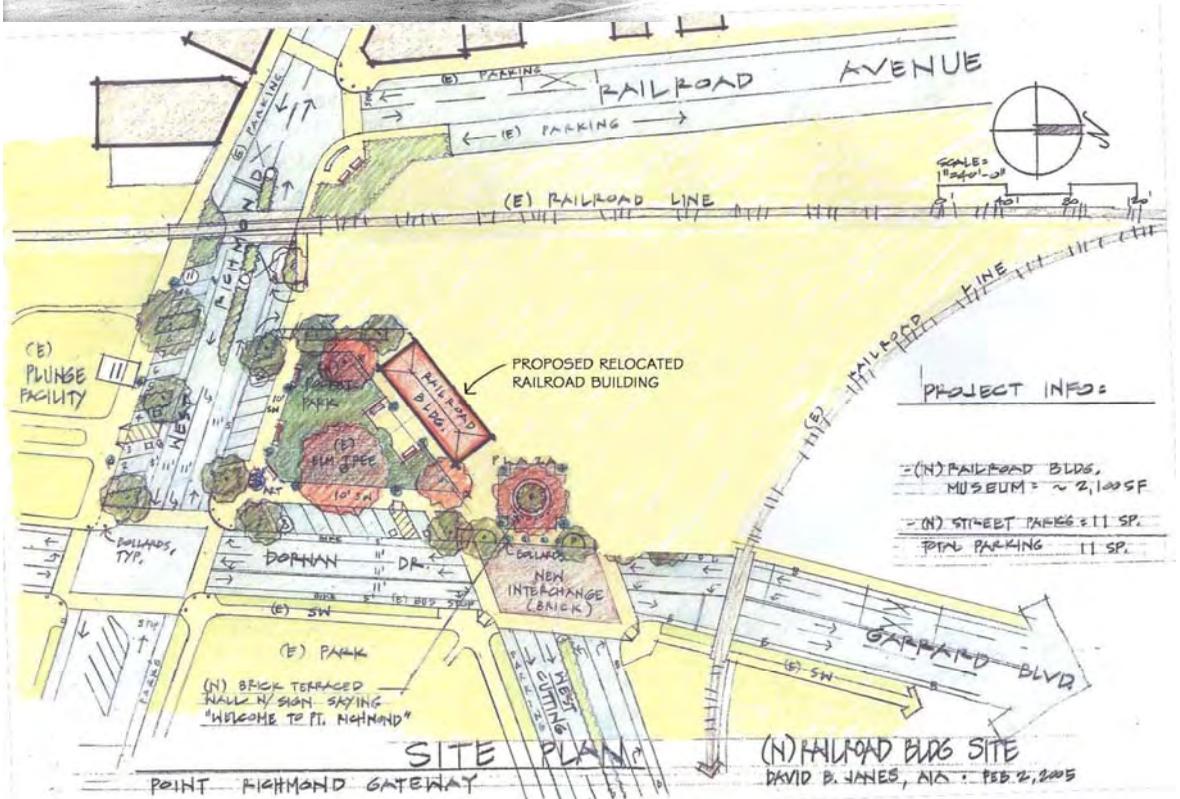
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Point Gateway Project is Underway!



Entering Point Richmond from Cutting Blvd or Garrard Blvd. will soon be different and very attractive.

The relocation of the old Trainmaster's Building (1903), street realignment and construction of a new welcome sign will tastefully highlight the historical aspect of our community.



This exciting project is underway as this issue is being printed. Kudos to Martin McNair, David Janes, Charlie Duncan, Andrew Butt, Margaret Morkowski and everyone else responsible.

Take Me Back

By Les Hathaway

We are pleased to print this little article from new member Les Hathaway about his experiences growing up in the Point in the 1950's. We are presenting it in two parts. this is the first part, thanks Les.

When I was eleven, I finally convinced my parents that I would not kill myself if I had a bicycle. I came mighty close on several occasions and now I can see why they were worried. The hills of Point Richmond were dangerous, but I didn't know it at the time, all I knew was, *everyone else had one!*, and I had to get around. On one of those occasions, my cousin and I were going to play tennis at the Plunge, so he got on the handle bars, and away we went!, down the hills and around the curves until we met Mrs. Lucas and her daughter Eileen, coming up the hill in her car! There was no room and I hit her head on, right in front of Dora Jean Collard's house. The car won. The worse part is, I had a crush on Eileen, but she didn't know it!

The Point was a great place to grow up, and I have probably walked or ridden on every square inch of it, from Brickyard Cove, the Motorcycle Hills, Deckers Beach, The Tunnel, the Plunge, the Yacht Harbor, Tewksbury Street, Nichol Knob, Point Molate and I watched the Freeway being built

before I knew what a freeway was! They built a bridge to San Rafael, so of course they would need a freeway. But that meant the Ferry Boats had to go. All us scouts were there, 1957 I think it was, we who walked across the New Bridge on the day it opened, and then rode the ferry boat back and forth the rest of the day. The ferry was only a dime to walk. To drive the new bridge it was 75 cents.!, and after that first day, you couldn't walk on it anymore, legally!

We moved out of the point in 1958 to Fairmede out near El Sobrante, but I left my heart in the Point. When I started driving, I would go back to the point as often as I could (got my first traffic ticket there). I would take friends from school and show them where I grew up. After High School at Richmond High, I got hired by Standard Oil for a few years like good Richmond boy , and then became a fireman for the City of Richmond like my father did. Sometimes I got to work at the new station at the Point. When my sons were old enough to ride a bike, where did I take them to....yep! The Point, Santa Fe Street, downhill, for starters!

I've been back many times and every time I see the old Point Richmond, not the one that is there now. I know, all the people from that day are gone, and all the buildings have been changed, but I can still see the one from my childhood. I've since retired to Jackson and love it here.

But I would not trade my childhood in the Point for anything.



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

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PLEASE DON'T FEED THE DUCKS, BREAD!

In fact, please don't feed them anything! Miller-Knox Regional Park on Dornan Drive in the Point is a jewel on the Bay. We all love the park, the lake, the birds, the ducks, the seagulls and even the ground squirrels--at times! So, why do people feed the birds white bread and rolls? Which isn't really good for us. The park Department wishes people would just enjoy the park and animals but please leave your food at home. Even bird seed isn't good but for a few species. So, Please, don't feed the day old bread and rolls etc. to the ducks and birds!

CARDS, LETTERS & E-MAIL

Dear Gary Shows;

I have really enjoyed each “This Point in time” magazine, and since I live in the Point and have lived and worked in and round Richmond for 68 years, I thought you might want to pass on some local color and old photographs that I have enclosed.

I was born in Oakland on August 15, 1936 and was taken straight from Merritt Hospital to my new home at 438 19th Street, Richmond. My dad Beryl Blaisdell Smith, and mom, Elsie Marie Smith, both worked at Chevron some time around 1935.

My parents raised 4 of us kids, sister Dale born 1934, myself, and my two younger brothers, Beryl born 1938, and Charles born 1939. All our kids went to Grant elementary, Longfellow or, Walter T. Helms junior high and we all graduated from Richmond Union High School.

My mom Elsie taught at Riverside Elementary School for 31 years and passed away in 1992. My father joined the Richmond Police Department in June 1940 and rose to the rank of Inspector. Enclosed are a picture of my mom and dad, and the back of Point Richmond jail parking lot, and what appears to be 1946 and 1949 police cars. Dad retired from the the Richmond Police Dept. in 1961 and passed away in 1999.

My sister Dale married Charles Green of Richmond, and they both taught school until retirement. They now live in Prescott Valley, Arizona. My two younger brothers are Presbyterian Ministers, one in Auburn and the other in Visalia. I followed by father's career in law enforcement and retired from the California Highway Patrol after 31 years service. I want you to know that “God” was real good to the Smith Family!

Sincerely yours,
David Blaisdell Smith
Point Richmond



Thank you David! Here is father Beryl Blaisdell Smith in his Richmond Police uniform. We will share other pictures in future issues! Anyone with photos to share is encouraged to call me, I will scan them and return them to you. Gary



Dear PRHA & Pam,

It is a pleasure. I look forward to annually renewing my subscription to “THIS POINT.....in time”.

It’s heartwarming to know that you can be in the atmosphere of yesterday with all the sights and sounds of today!

One of these years I hope to be able to return to the annual meeting of the Point Richmond History Association and swim at the “Nat” to bring back a flood of happy memories while staying at my most favorite spot, the Hotel Mac.

Sincerely,
Betty Glass Marshall
Grants Pass, OR

DEATHS.....

John A. “Jay” Vincent died May 4, 2005. Born on January 18, 1912 in Tupleo, Oklahoma he was an engineer and yachtsman and was well-known for securing parkland along the Richmond shoreline. He was a Richmond resident for 81 years and helped to save and develop the Miller-Knox Park, Point Molate, Marina Green, Peninsula Park and an open space preserve at the end of Point San Pablo. The city honored Jay and his wife Barbara by naming a 6-acre park, wildlife preserve and sailing education area after them. He is survived by wife of 67 years Barbara Vincent of Richmond; sons J. Michael of Suisun, Stephen of San Francisco, David of Richmond; brother J.D. Vincent; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Son Christopher preceded him in death.

Marsha Janet Ward, age 57. Marsha was part owner of The Point Bar on Railroad Avenue. Marsha loved the Point, she was instrumental in the creation of the Indian Statue Park, she sold imprinted bricks to help finance the park, and actually laid many of them in place herself. Marsha will also be remembered by many (especially the children) as Santa Claus, a role she played at the Point Richmond Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony for many years. She is survived by her sister, Sharon Breitling.

Elmo Travelini, age 84. Elmo grew up in Richmond and was owner of Travelini Furniture. Past President of Richmond Chamber of Commerce, he was active in community affairs and served on many boards.

Ethel Schumacher died on March 3, 2005 in W. Covena, CA, age 95. Ethel was a Point Resident for over 50 years before moving to live with family because of declining health. Services were held at Our Lady of Mercy church on Friday, April 1. She is survived by a nephew, one great nephew, 6 great nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rudy Schumacher, mother, Emma Candelo and sister, Bernice Preece.



BIRTHDAYS

June

Alissa Bagley	Stacey Spinola	Suzanne Unser	Luke Karl
Phyllis Downey	Gill Stanfield	Aaron/Michael Marshall	Steve Wyrick (90)
William Shea	John H. Knox	Thomas Kenny	June Solosbal
Emeric H. Baxter	Alice Baxter	Marcelina Smith	Phyllis Bogue
Anita Brougham	Zachary Crowson	Maurice Doherty	Judy Kaska
Andrew Butt	Rosemary Giacomelli	Gerry Higuer	Vance Kaska
Joanne Lansing	Daniel Buhler	Judy Travis	
Cathe Brazil	Dave Macdiarmid, Jr.	Lee Christian	
Brian Rotting	Dianne Primaver	Lillian Karl	

July

Frances Smith	Jean Creed	Liz Garrard	Golda Pettycord Howard
Amy Rotting	Allen Anderson	Clifford (Lou) MacMillan	Stella Anellini Giovannini
Mrs.Chas Baldwin	Madison Bradshaw	Loretta 'Mertle' Lease	Dixie L. Mello
Julius Matteucci	Ed Squires	Madeline Bellando Albright	Frank Matteucci
Bea Read	Roger Elle	Jean Reynolds	Richard Mathew Smith
Mary L. Knox	Alice McMahon	Ann Bisio	
Al McGee (93)	Betty Conception	Regan Bradshaw	
Diedre Cerkanowicz	Hilary Lord	Jon Healy	

August

Oretta Eaton (90)	Alice Thompson	Romilda Burress(94)	Beatrice Beesley Casey
Donna Wilson	Zoanna Kille	Bonnie Ritzenthaler Wilson	Jerome Vloebergh
Mid Dornan	Mary Knox	Dean Beesley	Jim Healy
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Anne Hanzlik (94)

Lupe Padilla Lopez

Anita Brougham

Al McGee (92)

Reva Ward (91)

Lloyd Farley (90)

Oretta Eaton (90_in August)

Avis Blanchette (91)

Mark Gebhart

Bena Bowles (91)

Laura Kurtz (90)

Dulcie Johnson (91)

Louise Hammond (91)

Goldie Mobley (91)

Maxine Stoddard (90)

Dorothy Ruthnick (92)

Steve Wyrick (90)

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Bonnie Kirkman (102)

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Dinner at the Hotel Mac and the play on Thursday, for only \$28. Call 510-232-4031 for reservations.

POINT RICHMOND ASSOCIATION OF MOTHERS (PRAM)

Mondays at 7 PM, Methodist Church, 201 Martina Street. Information on meetings call 273-9959.

POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

Meets 2nd Wednesday each month, Hotel Mac Banquet Room, 12-1:30, Lunch Reservations \$11. Contact: Paula Aasmus, O.D. 510-235-5228.

POINT RICHMOND COMMUNITY CENTER/FIELD HOUSE & PLUNGE

Info: 233-6881

POINT RICHMOND HISTORY ASSOCIATION

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The deadline for the September/October issue of TPIT is Friday August 19, 2005.

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Meets last Wednesday each month, Pt Richmond Community Center; 7:30 P.M Contact: Don Woodrow, President, 234-3107.

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Contact: Anita Vasarhely, Secretary 510-232-1436.

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