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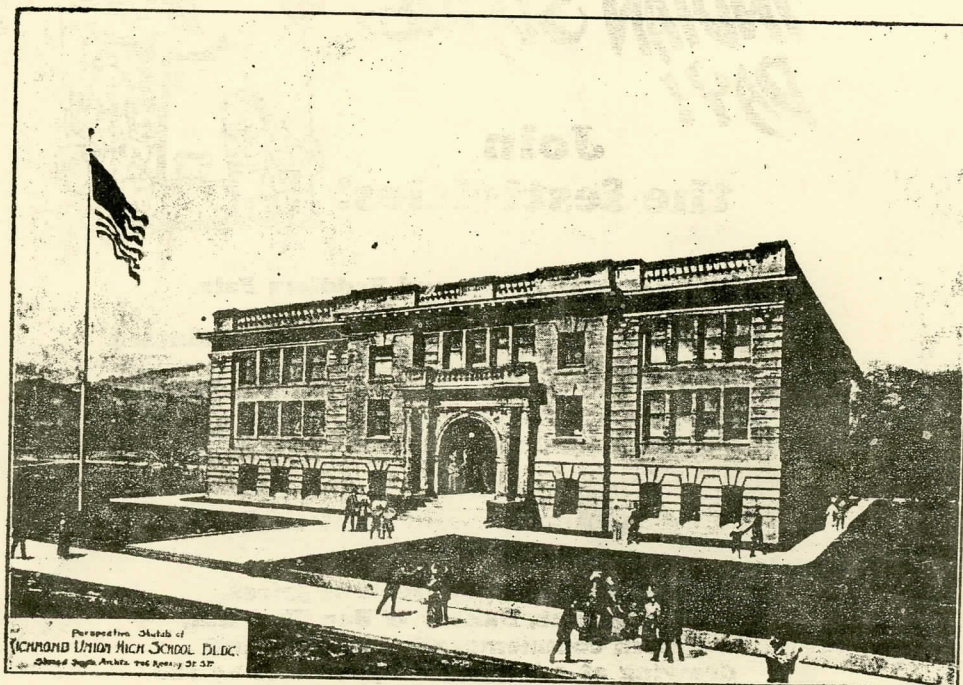
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From the "Richmond Rodeo", 1908

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in time

5TH ANNUAL INDIAN STATUE DAY!

**Join
the festivities!**



- Arts & Crafts and Peddlers Fair.
- Classic and Antique Cars.
- Halloween Mask Making and Face Painting.
- Friends of the Library Book Sale.
- Pt. Richmond History Association Photo Exhibit.
- Continuous Entertainment from the Bandstand and Strolling Musicians featuring performers from

**The Masquers Playhouse
Eva Spencer's KIDS FOR KARATE
and more.**

- Raffle - with dozen's of prizes.
- Restaurant, Bakery & Bar 'Fun Run' with commemorative T-Shirt and drawing at conclusion. Sponsored by the Pt. Richmond Business Association.
- Celebrate the completion of the Indian Statue Park. All of the bricks with names will be set and the landscaping will be completed.

**• 10:00 AM till 4:00 PM
with Ceremonies at the Bandstand at 12:30 PM.
October 8, 1988**

• Food • • Ballons • • Clowns •

♦♦ HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES ♦♦

PRHA RAFFLE UPDATE

by Margarita Hain

Our prize list is growing! Thank you for donations from local business and individuals that continue to arrive at the PRHA. It looks like we will have a lot of interesting, useful, tasty, and beautiful items to win. So far the list is as follows:

Santa Fe Market
Rosemary's Barkery
Gallery Florist
Firehouse Video
Little Louies
Hotel Mac
Hotel Mac
Pt. Richmond Travel
California Camoe

Business
TURKEY
DECORATED CAKE
BEAUTIFUL FLOWER ARRANGEMENT
TWO MEMBERSHIPS
LUNCH FOR TWO (\$15)
LUNCH FOR TWO
BRUNCH FOR TWO
\$30 OFF ANY \$300 TRIP
TWO \$60 LESSONS FOR PRICE OF ONE

Teresa Albro
Lynn Huntly
Jean Swanson
Sydney Isobe
Diedre Cerkowicz

Point Richmond Art Guild
CERAMIC ART OBJECT
POTTERY BOWL (\$20)
TWO FRAMED WATER COLORS
HAND WOVEN COTTON SCARF
PHOTO OF KILN AT BRICKYARD COVE

Margarita Hain
Anne Hanzlick
Mae Mandl
Amy Rotting

PRHA Board
WOMEN'S SWEATER
ART PRINT
TWO SETS OF ART PRINTS
WINE

MORE DETAILS, MORE PRIZES, SEE THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

by Jerry Cerkanowicz

About the Park

All of the remaining bricks have been imprinted and will be fired and laid in the Park during September. The city should complete the planting and landscaping this month. Everything should be ready for Indian Statue Day on October 8th. See the article and display in this issue describing activities on Indian Statue Day.

Archives

Thanks to Elsie Spinola for the group photo of the employees of Filice and Perrelli Canning Company. Also to James Cheshareck for loaning us a Pacific Medical Journal from 1905, it belonged to Doctor Clark Abbott (and a business card from Dr. Abbott). James also found and loaned to us a small glass medical bottle from the vacant lot where Palmateer's Pharmacy used to be and a yard stick from the Richmond Supply Company. He also gave us some photo copies of ads from the 1955 Richmond phone book.

The September Meeting

Our next general meeting

will be on September 22 at 7:30 p.m. It will be held at Walter Connolly's new building accross the street from the Indian Statue Park. Walter has generously offered the PRHA a spot in his beautiful new building. We are excited about this and hope you can join us to get a preview of Walter's latest work. Coffee and tea will be served.

Best Wishes "Frankie"

All of us would like to wish the best to our friend Francis "Frankie" Greenlaw. Frankie is moving to Hayward to be near her family, we hope she will stay in touch.

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MEMBERS

Pam Wilson, Membership Chairwoman
521 Western Drive
Point Richmond, CA 94801

Thank you to following members who have renewed their memberships:

Mary J. Forbes
Mary Highfill
The MacDiarmid Family
John Maxwell
Mary Rudolph

A warm welcome to new member:
Bernice Shows

INDIAN STATUE DAY

On Saturday, October 8 The Point will be celebrating its 5th Indian Statue day. The celebration will begin at 10:00 am and end at 5:00 pm. Activities will include the antique and vintage car display, restaurant and bar "fun run", raffle, entertainment, food and drink, fun for the kids, a new T-shirt, and much more.

The PRHA will be there, we will be introducing our new 1989 "The Point" calendar. We will have on display our collection of old photographs of The Point and you will be able to order any of them for display in your own home. Raffle ticket will be for sale and our prize list will be complete.

If you are not a member, drop by our booth and join your History Association. Your membership is tax deductible,

inexpensive, and needed for us to continue to help preserve the history of our unique area. As an added "bonus" your membership includes nine issues of "This Point in Time".

EDITOR'S NOTES

by Gary Shows

Our first issue using the new equipment seems to have been well accepted. I had some problems with "Ole Betsy" (the offset press), which I hope to have corrected by a Gestetner repairperson before this issue is ready for press. So if your copy looked "dirty", then blame it on "Ole Betsy", not me.

Thank's to those of you who turned in your articles for the newsletter on time. PLEASE try, as I don't have the time to phone to remind you.

We need help with our "Points to the Past" feature. Because of long hours at her job, Zoanna Kille will no longer be able to research 60 Years Ago and 50 Years Ago. Deidre Cerkowicz (70 Years Ago), is very busy with her job and is having trouble getting to the library in time for our deadline. If you would like

to see this part of our newsletter in the future, why don't one or two of you try taking over the "job", who knows, you might really enjoy it! It only requires your going to the library and making copies of newspaper articles that you think might be interesting to our readers, I will do the rest.

A welcome to my Mom, Bernice Shows as a new member, she lives in San Antonio, visits The Point often, and is a wonderful lady.

About last month's cover, we took the beautiful sketch from Nell Coward's school memory book. Nell was so pleased that we may soon be getting an audio tape of her memories of her time in The Point. I look forward to sharing her memories with you.

IN PURSUIT OF HISTORICAL TRIVIA

courtesy of Stan Nyström

ANSWER

The historical trivia question in the last issue consisted of an unusual list of various notables, and asked which one of those notables had never been a visitor to Richmond.

Industrial contractors Henry J. Kaiser and Sydney D. Bechtel, as executives of the fabulous Six Companies which operated the four shipyards here in World War II, were in Richmond many times during that period.

Diplomats Lord Halifax of Great Britain and Vyacheslav Molotov of the Soviet Union each made inspection tours of the shipyards for their countries during that time also.

Jack London, an early century author, adventurer and sailor, was known to have brought his famous sailboat "Sea Wolf" up the Inner Harbor to Point Richmond for repair work and for an opportunity to visit the many saloons at the "Point".

In 1965, entertainer Bing Crosby and restaurateur Trader Vic Bergeron founded the "Sheep Island Gun Club" which leased the use of Brooks Island. They had it stocked with pheasants and used it for their private hunting preserve. Brooks Island, was sometimes known as Sheep Island, and is within the city limits of Richmond.

Comedian Ronnie Schell, of stage and television fame, was born and raised in this city where his parents still reside.

Ibn Saud, who later became King of Saudi Arabia, was an honored visitor to the Standard Oil Refinery in the fifties, when negotiations were being made for Aramco, the Arabian-American oil company.

That leaves John D. Rockefeller, philanthropist and founder of the Standard Oil Company, as the nonvisitor to Richmond. His biography reveals that he never even came to the West Coast, much less Richmond. This is despite the fact that his company built one of the world's larger refineries here, and despite the fact that a historic former hunting lodge in San Pablo was given his name.

QUESTION

In a manner similar to that of many towns and cities of a similar age, Richmond has a number of streets or avenues named after states. In the Point Richmond area; Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, and Arizona have been so commemorated. So have Ohio, Florida, Maine, and Virginia on the Southside; and Pennsylvania, north of downtown. (Did I forget any?) What is noticeable, however, is the absence of a California street or avenue; although there is one nearby in San Pablo.

Richmond, at one time, did have a thoroughfare named California. The trivia question is: Where was it, and what is it called now?

LIBERTY MARKET

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SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

Butter—First quality	lb.	31c
Eggs—Extra large	Doz.	36c
Eggs—Medium	Doz.	31c
Oleomargarine—1 lb. pkgs.	2 for	25c
Chocolate—I. G. A.	1 lb. can	23c
Coffee—Fresh Ground	1 lb. pkg.	18c
Deviled Meat—3 1/4-oz. can	3 for	10c
Crab—Lucky Sail	6 1/2-oz. can	20c
Pumpkin—Trupak	No. 2 1/2	Can 10c
Dill Pickles—Dodge Brand	Pint Jar	18c
Dog Food—Pard Brand	1 lb. cans	3 for 25c
Quick Arrow—Soap Flakes	Lge. Pkg.	23c
Babo Cleanser	3 cans	25c
Health Soap	4 bars	18c

EXTRA SPECIAL

One Pint Wesson Oil and One
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<p>SWIFT'S</p> <p>TOMATO JUICE</p> <p>8 oz. can 3 for 10c</p> <p>10 oz. can 5c</p> <p>No. 1 can 2 for 15c</p> <p>No. 2 can 3 for 25c</p> <p>No. 2 1/2 can 10c</p>	<p>FORMAY</p> <p>SHORTENING</p> <p>1 lb. can 19c</p> <p>2 lb. can 35c</p> <p>3 lb. can 52c</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ONE HANDFUL HELPER —FREE—</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">MEATS</p> <p>YOUNG HENS 25c</p> <p>To Pricess. Lb.</p> <p>BEEF ROAST 18c</p> <p>Lean Shoulders. Lb.</p> <p>SPRING LAMB 15c</p> <p>Shoulder Roast. Lb.</p> <p>SKILTON STEAK 27c</p> <p>Choice Cut. Lb.</p> <p>SLICED BACON 19c</p> <p>Lean. 1/2 Lb. Pkg.</p> <p>LUNCH MEAT 29c</p> <p>Assorted. Lb.</p> <p>CHEESE 24c</p> <p>Oregon Nippy. Lb.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FRUITS AND VEGETABLES</p> <p>Oranges, sweet juici. 1 doz. 10c</p> <p>Champion pink mand 2 for 10c</p> <p>Apples, fancy 2 1/2 lbs. 10c</p> <p>Grapes, seedless 2 lbs. 10c</p> <p>Lettuce, solid, large 1 for 10c</p> <p>Tomatoes, nice for slicing 2 lbs. 10c</p> <p>Red Peppers, nice for stud. 1 lb. 10c</p> <p>Cucumbers, fresh. Each 1c</p> <p>Watermelon, On lot, good size. Each 10c</p> <p>Potatoes, Burbank. 15 lb. 10c</p>
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LIQUOR, WINE AND BEER

Ravelli, Neapoli and Chis Bros. — Fresh Every Day.

Richmond Daily Independent
September 1930



Points in the Past

*Articles from the Richmond Daily Independent
or the Richmond Independent, courtesy of the
Richmond Public Library, with the special
assistance of the reference librarians.*

60 YEARS AGO...

AVENUE PAVING NEARS FINISH

Completion of the Standard avenue paving is expected toward the end of the week, according to City Engineer E. A. Hoffman. The improvement includes the paving of Standard avenue from Garrard boulevard to Castro avenue, a distance of several blocks, at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The paving work itself is already completed and all that remains is the finishing details of the concrete work.

September 5, 1928

DRUIDS WILL HOLD WHIST PARTY

Point Richmond circle of Druids will hold a shist party Friday night in Druid Hall, Point Richmond, following a short meeting, presided over by Archdruidess Miss Louise Novarini. Mrs. Tillie Summers is chairman of the committe and the prizes are on display in the windows of the West Side Grocery store on Washington avenue.

September 5, 1928

FAULTY BRAKES ACCIDENT CAUSE

Failure of brakes to hold caused heavy damage to a car, owned by John R. Garvin and parked in front of his residence at 62 Idaho street, West Side. It rolled down the hill yesterday afternoon, jumped over a curbing and fell 30 feet to Garrard boulevard in front of the west portal of the tunnel.

September 8, 1928

CAMP FIRE GIRLS IN SESSION

At the ceremonial meeting of laqua group, Camp Fire girls last evening in the city hall, Elkes Carpender and Juanita Cole received the rank of torch bearer. Eight other members received lesser honors. Following a short business meeting presided over by Guardian Mrs. Maud Wook, the group dismissed to meet again in September.

September 1, 1928

DRIVER INJURED AS CAR LEAVES ROAD

J. Chasseur of 128 Standard avenue sustained slight injuries last night

when the car which he was driving was forced off the road by a hit-run driver at the intersection of Standard avenue and Garrard boulevard. After leaving the road, the car crashed into a telephone pole causing heavy damage to the machine. Chasseur was treated by Dr. W. S. Lucas after which he was taken home.

September 19, 1928

50 YEARS AGO...

STREET NAMES ITEM OF INTEREST

Barrett, Bissell, Macdonald, are names very well known in Richmond because they are born on three of the leading streets. Who the men were, however, who gave their names to these streets, is not so widely known, and is difficult information to find. The mechanism for registering the names of streets is such that the original source is often never known. When a new tract is opened, a map of the tract with names of streets on it, as they were made up by the tract owner, is handed to City Clerk A. C. Faris who checks it to avoid duplications with existing names and then registers it as it is. The tract owner often disappears with the end of a boom and, unless the streets are named for states, countries, authors, colleges, etc., which people are acquainted with, the original sources are never known.

For Richmond's main streets, some information can be obtained. Barrett

for instance, is a name kept from the original Southern Pacific station on the site of Richmond. It was located at the end of what is now Barrett Ave. and was named for a rancher who owned a large tract of land in the region. Barrett was a flag stop instituted on the line when the Southern Pacific came through in 1882.

Macdonald is taken from the name of a real estate man who opened the first tract on what is now the center of town. Bissell and Ripley are remembrances of two early Santa Fe executives. For a long time Point Richmond was known as Santa Fe. Garrard Boulevard is named in the memory of E. J. Garrard, several times mayor of Richmond.

September 22, 1938

TWO DEAD END STREETS CLOSED

Two Richmond dead end streets which do not serve any purpose were closed by the Richmond city council at the regular session last night when no protests to the action were made. The two streets, Contra Costa and Marine avenues, northwest of Standard avenue, are entirely surrounded by property owned by the Standard Oil Company. A resolution of the intention to close the streets was adopted by the council some time ago.

September 13, 1938

1ST TRAIN CROSSES BAY BRIDGE

With Gov. Frank F. Merriam acting

as motorman, a Key System interurban train crossed the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge for the first time today in a ceremonial test run.

Regular transbay commuter train service between Oakland and Berkeley and San Francisco will be inaugurated this winter.

September 23, 1938

40 YEARS AGO...

by Pam Wilson

NEW SHOES ELEGANT BUT RESTRAINED

"Why, I remember when...." you'll say of this fall's shoes.

You'll remember when all fine ladies wore bronze kid to tea.

If you're old enough you'll recall another year when shoes were also buttoned.

And the "French" heels-and they, too, are revived with all their curves of a generation ago-and if a heel can be said to be sexy, this is the one that has the old S.A.

Toes are the point of the shoe silhouette in this revival meeting. Gently tapered tips give a delicate air, even as they used to long ago. Yet, with perfect modern styling, today's slenderized toe is really just an optical illusion, because it doesn't feel like a narrow toe at all.

Shoes are trimmed, too. With beads, embroidery, jet, cut steel, and iridescent studding until they are once

more the kind of lovely footwear that make men feel proud and protective of the "little woman".

September 15, 1948

PICKETS FIND OUT GUYS DESTINATION; IT'S SAN QUENTIN

The only excitement on the Standard Oil refinery strike front this morning occurred when three taxi cabs loaded with several passengers each, rolled down Standard Avenue.

Half a dozen pickets jumped in a pick-up truck and took off in pursuit, muttering, "Let's find out where those guys are going."

The taxi passengers were prisoners, being transferred from the Richmond Southern Pacific Depot to San Quentin!

September 16, 1948

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

September 11, 1923

Club Mendelssohn will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:15 at the home of Mrs. H. E. George, 39 Belvedere Avenue, on the West Side.

30 YEARS AGO...

by Pam Wilson

PARCELS FOR WARD PROJECT

Purchase of two Macdonald Avenue frontages for a total of \$83,500, required for street widening purposes in connection with the Montgomery Ward development, was authorized last night by the City Council.

The 100 foot parcel at 4314

Macdonald Ave., Club Escrow, owned by John Hunt, was purchased for \$58,000. The city's highest appraisal had been \$55,000.

The council voted to pay \$25,500 for Ode's Cleaners, a 25 foot parcel at 4324 Macdonald Ave. The contract allows the establishment to operate rent-free until next Jan. 1. The owners originally had asked for \$29,500 for the property.

Land along the south side of Macdonald Avenue between 41st and 45th streets is being acquired to add an additional traffic lane and to open new streets to the future store site.

September 4, 1958

WORLD INSANITY NOT INCREASING

Contrary to appearances, the world is not becoming "progressively more insane," according to a newly thought out scientific viewpoint on mental health and mental illness.

What is happening is that more and more mentally healthy people are having "mental accidents" in the same way that more and more physically healthy people are having physical accidents which break legs or crack skulls.

The theory is that of Dr. I. N. Korner, associate professor of psychiatry at the Utah.

September 4, 1958

WATER FOLLIES TO BE HERE AGAIN

The famed Athens Water Follies, complete with diving champions, synchronized swimming and aquatic

comedy, comes to Richmond again Sept 20.

The Follies, which have received nation-wide publicity for their entertaining talent in a swimming pool, will appear on a Saturday at 7:30 p.m., at the Richmond Plunge, under the sponsorship of the local Kiwanis Club. Proceeds will go toward the club's youth activities.

Lou Keading, president of the Kiwanis Club, has appointed Assistant City Manager C. A. Pitchford to serve as general chairman of the event.

September 11, 1958

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CAMP FIRE MEMORIES

courtesy of Mid Dornan

Maude Wood was a Camp Fire Girls leader in the Point, 1932-33. A scrapbook of their activities, "Diary of the Pikida Wakan Camp Fire Group" was kept by Pikida, Kokokoho, Wakaada, Wapo Moma and Tanda, Indian names the girls chose for themselves. This is the 16th installment of excerpts from the diary.

November 24-26, 1933 Part 1

SUNDAY IN VALLEJO

We woke up quite early but we didn't get up and dress until about 9:00 and did we have fun! Miss Wood was dressed and we pushed her outside and locked the door. We had a keen time but she got mad. She finally decided to get her car and in about 15 minutes we saw her coming down the road and Mrs. Johnson was coming behind her.

They had decided to go to church and they were bound and determined we were going with them. Some of the kids were eating and some were cooking their breakfasts but they had to leave them and get ready for church. I got myself cleaned up but some of the kids didn't have time to change their clothes.

We finally started for church. We were going to the chapel in Mare Island but when we got there there wasn't

going to be any services. One of the ladies in the chapel called someone on the telephone to see if there was going to be any services and she was told services would be held on the "Chicago", a battleship that was hit in the fog by a British boat. We were told the hole that the British boat made was 70 ft. wide.

We attended their services on the Chicago and after the services we were shown around the boat. It was all very interesting.

.....to be continued

CHURCHES

Our Lady of Mercy *by Eleanor Hurley*

Father Denis Arujo is still confined to Kaiser-Permanente in San Francisco. He is showing some improvement and hopefully will soon be transferred to a local hospital for therapy. Then, he is scheduled to go to his brother's home in El Cerrito. The parishioners are all praying for a good recovery.

Plans are being made for our Annual Barbeque, which is temporarily scheduled for September 18. Committees are being formed and schedules being worked out, more details later.

Groceries are being distributed on

Thursdays in the Brown Bag Program.

The Salesian Clergy comes on Saturday and Sunday to say Mass. We appreciate the faithfulness and kindness of their cooperation.

*****update*****

Father Denis is still making progress. He has been transferred to Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo for therapy.

The Church Directory is well under way under the able direction and work of Dodie Perry. This includes an update of the Parish Register, a brief history of the Church and pictures of those who signed up. It will be a valuable reference for all of the Congregation.

The Annual Barbeque, slated for September 18 is well under way. We are hoping that the Weather Man will give us a good day. All are welcome.

Brenda McKinley's husband Edwin, died suddenly at his home on Friday, July 29.

Mary Casey is at Brookside Hospital. She is doing well and will probably spend some time at a convalescent hospital after her release.

Point Methodist Church

by Mid Dornan

An old fashioned Pounding Party welcomed the Michael T. Browns, new pastor of the Point Church, the first Sunday. A Pound party is, you bring a pound of food to share, i.e. sugar, coffee, bacon, etc.

As a child, Michael was baptised a Lutheran, was raised and trained as a Presbyterian and was ordained a Methodist. He attended both the S.F. Theological Seminary and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley.

His wife, Lynn, works at Blue Shield in San Francisco and occasionally her work takes her to other parts of the Continent.

Sunday School resumes on Sunday, September 11th. This first morning will begin with a breakfast for students and parents alike at 9:15 a.m. in the Friendship Social Hall.

An Adult Study will be held Sunday evenings, beginning September 11th and the study will touch the Book of Isaiah.

Choir Practice is every Wednesday at 6:30 and if you like to sing, you are urged to attend even if you can't be there Sunday morning.

Wednesday workshops are every Wednesday at 7:30 as members prepare for the Annual Country Faire on Friday, October 28th (mark your calendar). Since there are never enough hands for all the projects, anyone is invited to join the fun and fellowship.

Faithful and long time members, Paul and Nona Howe, have sold their home in San Rafael and moved to Challenge to live in the foothills of the Sierra. Both have retired and will travel for a few months before finishing their home.

A surprise baby shower was given

for Alice (Bray) Thompson. Alice was baptised in this church, attended Sunday School, married and occasionally returns to play the organ.

Paul Howe and Ernie Baca have replaced water damaged plaster in one of the Church School rooms as well as repairing the Narthex ceiling.

An Open House will be held on Sunday, August 28th at the Parsonage.

Grace Yank and Michael have spent many hours in the long neglected church yard cleaning the flower beds and pruning the roses.

Church services are at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.

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*Church history is rich with contributions of women. One of the church groups in the early 1900's was the Home Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church whose history is reflected in their minutes, printed below and taken from the stiff cardboard covered notebook purchased from "Shoen's Pharmacy in the Point". This is the 31st installment.*

November 15, 1912

The W. H. Missionary society met with Mrs. J. Lester. Mrs. Dearborn of San Francisco was present giving helpful suggestions. Reading the 32nd Isaiah. Prayer by Rev. Ralston.

Moved and carried to adopt manual and textbook for coming year. Moved and carried to discontinue the support of Lydia Woo at present.

Mite boxes opened. Sum contained \$3.21.

Refreshments served. \$1.30 realized for same.

Mrs. Harley dues 10 cts.

Adjourned

Mrs. C. Bradley, Sec.

No December meeting.

January, 1913

The January meeting was held at Mrs. Gibbons, meeting opened by scripture reading and Lords Prayer.

President ordered report sent to Dist. Sec.

The study book, first chapter was reviewed by Mrs. Bradley.

Refreshments were served and motion to adjourn was made.

Signed,

Mrs. C. Bradley

### Point Baptist Church

by Roy Jones

Sorry, no report this month





## A-MID TRIVIA

*by Mid Dorman (234-5334)*

September seems like an appropriate time to declare "Teacher Appreciation Week."

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During the first day of school, the teacher informed all students that if anyone had to go to the restroom, he should raise two fingers. One little boy seemed puzzled and asked, "How's that going to help?"

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Who of you doesn't remember the Weekly Reader? It celebrated its 60th Anniversary in September with, appropriately, a book, "Weekly Reader: 60 Years of News for Kids".

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When standing in line at the supermarket you realize why it is called a "checkout counter". If you have less than \$50 in cash, you better get a check out.

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ZIP Code...that string of numbers at the end of every American address is 25 years

old! In 1966 the Post office carried 67.9 billion pieces of mail, sorted by human beings at a maximum of 800 items per hour. Last year, the Agency handled 153.9 billion pieces at 27,000 to 35,000 pieces per hour using machines. 95 per cent of the mail comes with the correct Zip Code.

The nation is divided into 10 slices, each begins with a different number, with "0" in New England and "9" on the Pacific Coast. The next two numbers designate the major city in the area and the last two numbers localize the neighborhood post office. Incidentally ZIP stands for Zone Improvement Program. But then, you already knew that.

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Help! Are you inundated with address labels? Admittedly this is an inexpensive, easy form to solicit additional funds for organizations, but now being overdone. My drawer is filled with the self-stick or you-lick labels. I credit the Epilepsy Foundation with a

variation, a safely-match type packet, handy for the purse.

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Isn't AC Transit being incongruous with its advertising? On the rear they advertise "Quit Smoking" (financed by a grant for Richmond) while on the sides of the bus they advertise cigarettes.

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On a recent trip to Cairo, Muriel Clausen told about riding in a taxi when the driver stopped, and told them to get out. Seems the taxis' stop driving at midnight, and it was midnight. They had to walk the rest of the way to their hotel which, fortunately, wasn't that far away.

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Travel Tip: When in underdeveloped countries, don't drink the water. In well-developed ones, don't breathe the air.

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Donna Wilson might have expected her daughters, Peggy, Pam and Paula and

maybe daughter Patrice from the valley to come to her birthday. What she didn't expect were the 20 that arrived with dinner to help her celebrate! Every birthday is special.

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Ellie Strauss is wished a speedy recovery from recent surgery.

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Rose Fahrions mother has arrived from Germany to spend a month with her granddaughter Michelle. Michelle will be a sophomore at San Francisco State this fall.

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So, you stayed home this summer because:

- you wanted to save for a Big trip next year
- you were still paying for the last trip
- you couldn't decide/agree a vacation site
- you couldn't afford to leave

Well, I can recommend a you-drive trip to Spain and Portugal, only don't go in July and August to hot!



After driving 2750 kilometers (1740 miles) I'd suggest you have a...good travel companion...sense of humor...good bladder...sense of direction...few clothes...legs and feet that never tire...less expectations...love of ice cream (helados)...cash (for all the water that isn't free)...love of fried foods...varied taste for coffee. Translating some travel jargon, "unchanged for centuries" means there are "no modern conveniences", "cool breezes" means "no air conditioning" and "all the amenities" is that "beds have top and bottom sheets". Don't return until you've tasted the tapas and tried the churros and drank a hochata. Visiting backroads and hilltowns make for a memorable trip in countries with the best dollar value. Oh yes, top it with a stay in the government run Paradores. Seville was my favorite city.

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Boy Scout Troup 111,  
Richmond's oldest scout

troop, is meeting, after a busy summer, at the Methodist Church on West Richmond Avenue, on Monday nights at 7:00. Any boy between the ages of 11 and 18 that is interested is invited to join them. A Fall Kick-off Barbeque was held for District Scout leaders on the 17th of August. In July, Scoutmaster Dan Stallworth took ten scouts for camping in the Klamath National Forest. Those attending were: Micheal Peters, Phillip Rotting, Daniel and Darnell Stallworth, Malcolm Ganjia, Michael Moverly, David Stallworth, Redman, Delbert Stallworth and Warren Powell.

The troop also enjoyed a rafting trip on Cash Creek in June.

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At age 20, we worry about what others think of us; at 40, we don't care what they think of us; and at 60 we discover that they hadn't been thinking about us at all!

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A special thanks to Jerry

Cerkanowicz for accepting President of the PRHA again, and especially to Gary Shows for typing the newsletter and getting it OUT ON TIME this past issue!

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## **POINT RICHMOND BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

Linda Andrew, Secretary

On July 13, 1988 President David Vincent called the meeting to order at Hotel Mac. There were 21 persons present.

Anne Hanzlik reported that the City has held back all planting at the Indian Statue Park because of the drought, therefore planting will wait until after September 1st. Port Costa Brick is doing the final firing of bricks after August 15th and will be put into place near the end of August.

Linda Andrew reported on recent events at Caltrans and the City Department of Public Works meetings. The Marine Street exit will be closed this winter, as early as November, or as late as January, depending on the weather. This project of constructing walls along Tewksbury from Marine to Castro, bike and pedestrian path, sewer work along Tewksbury, will be a long process, bids to be awarded at the end of September. Public Works asks

for public input on creating a main entrance to The Point coming from Cutting Boulevard, should Standard Avenue or West Cutting be chosen? David MacDiarmid pointed out that this issue has a crucial time element since he is aware that a developer has been working with the City on plans for the Badger Meter property and the changing of Standard Avenue. We decided to write to the City and ask them to hold any decision regarding this development, and asked that "entrance" be defined, pending input by volunteers from the association. Caltrans is also to receive this letter.

David Vincent advised that the Business Association and History Association will have a joint table at the Festival by the Bay on Saturday, October 1, 1988 at Marina Bay. At Indian Statue Day on Saturday, October 8th, magenta T-shirts will be for sale with names of brick-buyers since last year's T-shirts (which will also be available), advertising is underway, Lompa Printing will print flyers, more activities for children, roving musicians and classic cars.

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## **POINT RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

*Sorry, no report this month.*



## JOHN T. KNOX FREEWAY

The JTKAAC reported in their Summer bulletin that the big construction project is about half complete! This is great news for those of us who commute this route. The bulletin reports that the final construction project will be awarded by the Spring of 1989 and the Knox Freeway will be complete by the end of 1991!

They are planning a ceremony in mid September to commemorate the opening of westbound traffic lanes in the depressed portion of the freeway from South 47th Street to South 19th Street. This will eliminate one of the most dangerous temporary curves.

Considering the scope of this project, traffic disruption has been minimal, thank you CalTrans. Progress has been very interesting to those of us who drive this roadway daily.

## WEST SIDE LIBRARY

By Jan Burdick

### NEW TITLES AT WEST SIDE.....

According to *Strawberries in November* by Judith Goldsmith, September and October are prime months to plant in the East Bay. "All landscape trees, shrubs, ground covers, grasses and many annuals can be planted now, before the rains start. This is a gardening book

specific for our area and worth looking at.

*Waterlily* was written 50 years ago by Ella Cara Deloria, a Sioux ethnologist but this is its first publication. The book's plot-turns reflect the developments; sometimes tragic, at times funny, always dignified-of an Indian girl's coming of age. Throughout it all, the reader is treated to the richness of Sioux lore and ritual.

Newspaper accounts of terrorism appear far more often than the public likes. Richard Rubenstein in *Alchemists of Revolution: terrorism in the Modern World* focuses on terrorism as it is used by both political agitators and the state. His span covers groups ranging from the far right nationalists to the leftist communists.

*Stranger in the Forest: on foot accross Borneo* is travel adventure writing in the grand tradition as first-time author Eric Hausen hoofs it through the Borneo jungle. Equiped with little more than

a change of clothes, a bed sheet and a knapsack crammed with items for trade, he's intent on sharing the life of former headhunters who inhabit the rain forests.

One thinks of anorexia nervosa as a modern disease, but author Joan Brumberg dates it from the Victorian era when newspapers were filled with accounts of "fasting girls". She uses this phrase as the title of her book about the historical roots of this disease. It's not only an impressive book of medical detective work but also an absorbing book to read.

## DEATHS.....

*KATHRYN M. WISHARD in San Pablo on July 25, 1988, Mother of Clarence Wishard and Louis Wishard, both of Richmond, the Reverend John Wishard of Panorania City and the late Evelyn E. Boyd and Loyal Wishard. She is also survived by 9 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, and 1 Great-Great Granddaughter. Mrs. Wishard had been a resident of Richmond since 1928 and is a native of Spreckles, California. She was 90 years old.*



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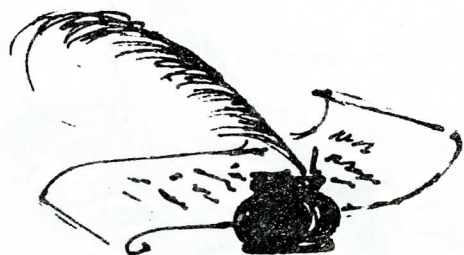
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## LOVE THOSE LETTERS.....

Dear Editor :

Please let me express our thanks and appreciation to all who helped make our yard sale a huge success.

It was held as a benefit for our grand daughter, Stacie Spinola, who is recovering from a car accident which swerved off the road into the Feather River over a year ago. She is recovering slowly but surely and is now living with her parents Don and Diana in El Cerrito, after a long stay in hospitals in Chico, Kentfield and Gilroy.

She is now receiving physical and speech therapy from the Easter Seal Society.

She is planning on a trip to Disneyland and the proceeds from the sale will help make her trip more enjoyable.

Yours truly,  
Elsie Spinola

## *Birthdays*

### SEPTEMBER

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Doris Maske       | Susan Armstrong   |
| Ivar Elle         | Sara Warren Smith |
| Joann Busdy       | Hattie Belle Pott |
| Mary Forbes       | Al Frosini        |
| Phillip Rotting   | Shane Eastman     |
| Roxanne Trudeau   | Roberta Wilson    |
| Donna Roselius    | Bernard Dietz     |
| Emily Anne Barnes | Will Speirsch     |
| Stephen Burman    | Gayle Kaufman     |
| Ingvar Elle       | Daniel Butt       |

(Sorry, we missed loyal reader, Carl Westman's Birthday in August. Born August 24, 1900, he celebrated #88!! CONGRATS!

## SEPTEMBER...PAST

- 9, 1776 Continental Congress changed the title, "United Colonies" to United States as the name of our government to be.
- 17, 1962 Nine U. S. astronauts were named to train for the moon flights.
- 19, 1928 Mickey Mouse was introduced to U.S.
- 26, 1960 First Presidential candidates debate on TV.

## IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Thanks to his many friends, we will talk about the late Boysie Day. Boysie was a loved, friendly, interesting and colorful Point Richmonder that we will miss.



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## >> CALENDAR <<

Point Richmond Neighborhood  
Council Meeting  
September 6

Point Richmond Business  
Association Meeting  
September 14

Fandango '88 (San Pablo)  
September 16

Our Lady of Mercy Annual  
Barbeque  
September 18

History Association General  
Meeting  
September 22

Festival by the Bay  
October 1

Point Richmond Neighborhood  
Council Meeting  
October 4

Indian Statue Day  
October 8

Point Richmond Business  
Association Meeting  
October 12

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| 11:00 A. M.                   | 11:30 A. M. |
| Then every 20 minutes until   |             |
| 6:00 P. M.                    | 6:30 P. M.  |
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| 10:00 P. M.                   | 10:30 P. M. |
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