

THIS POINT....in time

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THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
WILL BE
FROM NOVEMBER 30TH UNTIL DECEMBER 11TH.
COLLECTION BARREL LOCATIONS WILL BE AT:
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HISTORY ASSOCIATION NOTES

From the President

MID DORNAN

A fine hotel will again be in Point Richmond. The time-honored Hotel Mac has revived it's upper floors into luxury accommodations which include two deluxe suites plus five exquisite rooms. They are offering extraordinary comfort, elegance and warmth for Point Richmond visitors and business people. The first week in November it was difficult to imagine the the hotel would be ready for Open House on November 28th!

Owner Jim Byers said he took all the ideas of what he and wife Darlene liked best from hotels where they have stayed and incorporated them into the Mac's rooms. The restoration includes homey fireplaces and bookcases in the suites, turn-of-the-century wall paper in each room and lounge oriented hallway, brass accents, sky-lighted baths but modern computer access, electronic safes, television and VCR's belie the Victorian aura. As does the latest technology in security for guests. Already a wedding party has booked the entire hotel the first of December. Local residents are caught up in the excitement and spending a night, 'just for fun'.

How many readers grew up in the Point when it was a hotel and would like to return to enjoy it?

The manager's apartment is located on the

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second floor. Rates range from \$85 to \$125 for the suites. And 510-839-1156 connects you.

Yes! A fine hotel in Point Richmond. Let out-of-town guests arrive! Then visit our little History Museum just up the street.

Thank you to the following members who have renewed their memberships:

Betty Dornan
Roberta Jenkins Smith
Elsine Beck TenBroeck
Norm & Jean Reynolds
Dorothy T. Ruthnick
Mary J. Forbes
Bernard & Anita Christiansen
Mary J. Rudolph
John & Jean Knox
Louisa Banks
Elizabeth McDonald
Mary Highfill
Lloyd & Melba Farley
Al & Helene Frosini
Emeric H. Baxter
Maxine Mayer
Thomas Kenny
Mrs. Inez A. Pestana
Glen & Reva Ward
Virginia Littlefair
Pete & Amanda Docter
Nellie Bisio Pasquini
Chester W. Thompson
William & Alyce Williamson
Edna Hathaway
Virginia Cherniak

And a warm welcome to new members:

Jan & Jerry Feagley
Arthur McLaughlin

Thanks

*To Mary Highfill
for the flowers in front of our
little museum!*

*Museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan
thanks volunteers who staffed the History
Building in November*

&

Our usual

Thank You!

to

Santa Fe Market

*for their donated distribution of
"THIS POINT....in time"*



If you can help staff our History Building (2½ hours per month) call museum Staff Coordinator Betty Dornan at 232-4317.

Museum Hours:

Thursday	11:30am - 2:00pm
Saturday	11:30 - 2:00pm

Editor's Notes

GARY SHOWS

Well, here is your winter issue of TPIT. Thanks to all contributors for being timely, the only problem I had was a little equipment trouble.

Aren't the holiday lights in the downtown triangle just great! A big thank you to Bob Peckham and the Point Richmond Business Association who coordinated and sponsored the project. And it's really neat that the lights will be left up permanently and can only be enhanced.

We will have lots of space in the upcoming issues of TPIT. If you have ever thought "I should sit down and send TPIT the story about the time.....", well now is the time to do it. It can be stories about old Point Richmond, your memories about the people and place, WWII experiences in Point Richmond and away, school memories, family memories, old times and not so old times. Can someone compare the way Point Richmond now, with the way it was in the 30's, 40's, 50's, 60's or 70's. And don't wait for someone else to do it, OK?

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The deadline for the February/March issue is January 27, 1995.



The November Issue Assembly Crew:

Muriel Clausen

Mary Highfill

Jerry Cerkanowicz

Gary Shows

Mid Dorman

Allan Smith

Marcelina Smith



Keep informed!

**Watch your city government at
work on KCRT television.**

**It's both informative and
interesting!**

**Bay Cablevision Channel 25
each Monday at 7:00 pm.**

The Cover:

**My own Poloroid photo of the Hotel
Mac.**

Gary

A-Mid TRIVIA

-Mid Dornan (510-234-5334)

(Have news and want it printed? Call Before deadline-see calendar of TPIT)

Q: How many gifts would you get if you got all the presents mentioned in the Twelve Days of Christmas?

Answer at the end of A-Mid Trivia

Christmas is when you make people forget the past with a present.

This is the season when a lot of people come unglued trying to wrap up things.

Some holiday decorations never seem to be taken down and the rest go up immediately after Halloween. Merry Christmas!

Flu shots are not just for older folks. A study shows they also help working-aged people to be healthier and more productive, reducing sick days by one-third. The vaccine is highly recommended.

It was a happy three and a half weeks around the Jan and Bob Burdick household as son Ron, from Frankfort, Germany, was visiting his parents.

Linda Lanning modestly mentioned receiving her Doctorate in International and Multicultural Education from the University of San Francisco in May. Linda is a Point native who lives across from Washington School which she attended.

Let that loose change in your pockets and purse be put in the bell ringer pot or put to a needy cause this season. You won't miss it and it can 'make a difference' in someone's life.

Betty Dornan with her cousin, Helen Tracy from Oregon, spent a week touring in New Mexico where they visited the old Cliff Dwellings.

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Dorothy Younglove, granddaughter of the Rev. Younglove, first minister of the Point Methodist Church? Write to TPIT and We'll forward the information.

Edna Hathaway came from Hanford for the Methodist Church Country Faire and was accompanied by her son Les and wife Sandy from Suisun. They took time to drive around the Point. Edna was a Camp Fire leader many years and Les was a scout in Troop 111.

A Winery in Richmond? Yep! Located at 221 South 2nd Street, the Brandborg Cellars is a family operation of Terry and Susan Brandborg. Over 3500 cases a year are sold and appointments can be made for tours.

Wondering who is zipping around in that new burgandy Chrystler LeBaron convertible? Look closely and you'll see Gary Shows and Jerry Cerkawicz.

Things that use to bring disgrace to a family now bring movie and book contracts.

Dieter to friend: "this morning I

phoned to sign up for an exercise class and the instructor welcomed me and told me to wear loose clothing. I told her, "If I had any loose clothes, I would not need her exercise class!"

Long time residents will remember Ben Marylander who died in November in Los Angeles. He probably sold most of you at least one pair of shoes. Ben managed the shoe department at Albert's Department Store in downtown Richmond and later opened his own Marylander Shoes downtown for 25 years. Semi-retired, he most recently worked at Shoe World.

Lisa Hein, who spent some of her growing up years in the Point, retruned to check out old haunts, her former home on Western Drive and was in time for the Country Faire, held in the church she attended Sunday School. Now living in Colorado, Lisa is an accomplished ice skater appearing in the Ice Follies, but this is now just an avocation.

Best way to get your genealogy traced is to run for public office.

Mayor Rosemary Corbin represented all U.S. Mayors at the World Conference on Mayors in Beijing, China in November.

Need help getting into the holiday spirit? Choir Director Virginia Cherniak and the Rev. Dan Damon invite you to the Point Methodist Church Sunday service, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. You will be treated to

special music from The Messiah with guest musicians for an event that promises to be inspirational and outstanding. The church is small, so don't be late.

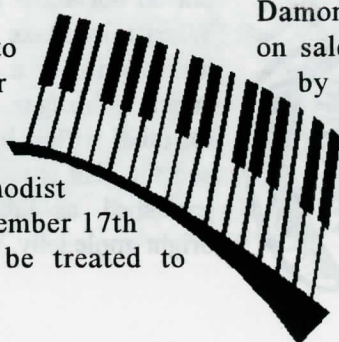
"Toy Story", the first-ever completely computer-animated film, opened in theaters in November and was created here at Pixar, a Point Richmond based company. Once the computer division of Lucasfilm it now is owned by Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Computer. When you see the film stay to watch and enjoy the Point Richmond credits.

Byran Tedrick and children, now in Glen Ellen, CA, are pictured on page 79 of the November issue of "Sunset". A sculptor who builds metal and wood gates, arbors and railings, Bryan is shown with three-dimensional garden sculptures inspired and designed from pictures drawn by his children. Bryan is the son of Grethe Tedrick in the Point and another product of Washington School.

Is anyone interested in helping start a Cub Scout or Boy Scout Troop in the Point? Call 234-5334.

If you are looking for an inexpensive local-talent music gift for Christmas, Dan Damon's piano cassette titled 'Christmas' is on sale at Rosemary's Bakery or available by calling 232-1102. Dan can often be heard on Friday during the dinner hour at the Baltic.

Answer: 364



Recipes

Curried Pumpkin Soup

Kelly Darling (510) 234-4005

- 10 lb. pumpkin
- 2 tsp curry powder
- 2 tsp ground coriander
- 1 lrg can Chicken Broth
- 1 lrg yellow onion
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 lemon
- 5 cloves garlic

Reserve water from steaming pumpkin.

1. Cut/clean pumpkin. Steam until very, very tender. When done let cool so it can be peeled and pureed with milk as needed.

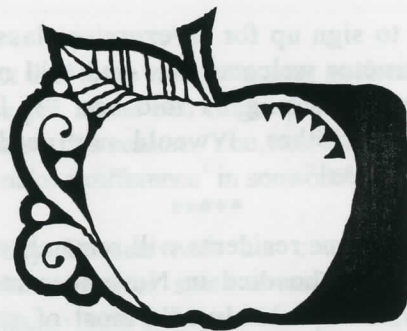
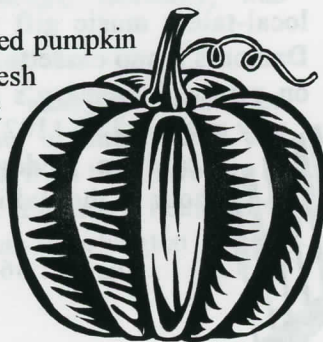
2. Brown onion (remember with water!). Add minced garlic near the end so it won't get too brown. Add water left from steaming the pumpkin and puree.

3. Combine pumpkin (approx. 10 cups), onion/garlic puree, curry, coriander, lemon, bay leaf and broth. Salt/pepper to taste.

4. Let simmer in a heavy pot with tight fitting lid on low for an hour or more to let flavors blend.

Serve with toasted pumpkin seeds, chopped fresh chives and some fat free sour cream for garnish. And, of course, French bread.

Happy cooking!



Anne Hanzlik submits this recipe, taken from her mother's cookbook that was published about the same time that the earliest Point residents were "keeping house".

"Historic" Apple Trifle

Ten good-sized apples, the rind of one-half lemon, six ounces of pounded sugar, one-half pint of milk, one-half pint of cream, two eggs, whipped cream. Peel, core, and cut the apples into thin slices; and put them into a saucepan, with two tablespoonfuls of water, the sugar; and minced lemon rind. Boil all together until quite tender, and pulp the apples through a sieve; if they should not be quite sweet enough, add a little more sugar, and put them at the bottom of the dish to form a thick layer. Stir together the milk, cream and eggs, with a little sugar, over the fire; and let the mixture thicken, but do not allow it to reach the boiling point. When thick, take it off the fire; let it cool a little, then pour it over the apples. Whip some cream with sugar, lemon-peel, etc., the same as for other trifles; heap it high over the custard, and the dish is ready for the table. It may be garnished, as fancy dictates, with strips of bright apple jelly, slices of citron, etc.

A MESSAGE FROM MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON PAM WILSON

Wondering where that canceled check is from the PRHA?????

Well, here's the explanation:

All membership renewals are collected and processed at or near the deadline date for the publishing of the newsletter. Therefore, if your check is mailed right after you receive the newsletter with the message that it is time to renew, it might not be processed for one, two or three months, depending on the publication date of the next issue of This Point...in time. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you, but I hope this explanation helps.



Church News

Our Lady of Mercy

Allan Smith

The Campaign for Human Development annual collection was held recently. CHD funds programs to help low-income persons and families to end the cycle of poverty through education and job training.

Veteran's Day was celebrated at our church with a special Holy Mass. Every year since 1919, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Veteran's Day has been celebrated in countless ways across our land.

A first anniversary Mass will be held for our former pastor, Rev. Denis J. Araujo, Ph.D. His nephew, John Araujo and family, will be in India to represent their families and our parish, Father Denis died on November 26, 1994.

Point Richmond Methodist

Jean Reynolds

Sunday, November 5, we were treated to special music performed by Laura Kakis, vocalist; Kit Eakle, violinist; and Pastor Dan Damon on piano. Laura is Artistic Director of the San Francisco Boys' Chorus, directs the chorus at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, and directs Kairos Children's Choir. Kit is the son of Jim and

Jean Eakle, and was in town on the occasion of his parents fiftieth wedding anniversary. He teaches music in British Columbia and writes curriculum for music students. Pastor Dan recently had his first choral anthem published by AMSI: "The Spirit Filled the Tomb with Breath", with music by Austin Lovelace.

Sixteen boxes of food, complete with turkeys, were distributed to needy families in our community for Thanksgiving. Russ Johnson provided the leadership and vision for this project that gave us a chance to share with our neighbors in a more direct way.

During the Christmas season, Keith, of Hairworks, and Paul and Tinna, of Rosemary's Bakery, will join forces with the Methodist Church to provide a meal for people who are homeless or hungry. Keith is donating a day of free haircuts at Hairworks, with a minimum donation of ten dollars to fund the meal. This "Snip-of-a-Deal" will be on Sunday, December 10, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and no appointments are necessary. Enter Paul and Tinna, who will oversee the meal preparation and serving on some day near Christmas at the Methodist Church. (Watch for fliers to announce the date and time!) We thank these members of our business community for their commitment to helping others.

Repair of the organ in the sanctuary is scheduled for the early part of December. The cost will be \$1500, and will be funded by donations. Claudia LeGue made a banner that represents the organ, and parts are being added to the banner as keys, stops, pedals and switches are "purchased" by donors. It will be great to have the option of using the organ during worship again.

Holiday celebrations during Advent include a Sunday morning service on December 17, at 11:00 AM, that will include some selections from Handel's *Messiah*, with brass and stringed instruments and voices. Bring your own score and

join with the choir for the Hallelujah Chorus.

Later on December 17, the children will have a program at 6:00 PM at the church. Costumes, carols, scripture, refreshments and a door prize will be the highlights of the evening.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, from 7:00PM to 8:00 PM, there will be a service of jazz, stories, scripture, and Christmas carols. It is bound to be memorable.



Wanted Church History

Anticipating its 100th anniversary in 2000, the Point Methodist Church is seeking to update and correct its records and any information you might know regarding its history is needed. Did you attend? Sunday School? Remember your teacher? Other kids? Were you Baptized? Married? A member here? When? Are there memories of events you have never forgotten?

Anything you can contribute is appreciated and can be mailed to 225 Clarence Street, Point Richmond, CA 94801. (510) 234-5334.

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 18th installment.

December 2, 1924

The Social League met at the ME. Church Parlors with 18 present. Mrs. Beckley and Mrs. Burdick were the hostesses.

Our President being absent Mrs. Dicely presided. The meeting was opened with prayer. The minutes of our meeting of Nov. 18th were read and approved.

It was moved, seconded and carried the Social League serve the Fellowship dinner in Jan. provided it be held a week later than usual. It was moved, seconded and carried the Social League serve the Pioneer dinner provided a guarantee of the reservations is made. It was moved, seconded and carried the Social League give a Xmas Cheer box to Rev. and Mrs. Grant, with Mrs. Dicely in charge of donations.

A gift box was made up for Mrs. Vloeberch (sic). A donation of .50 was given to League by Mrs. Hendricks.

\$1.25 was turned in my Mrs. Brothers from box left over from bazaar. (sic)

One new member, Mrs. Seymour was welcomed by League.

Delicious refreshments were served and the meeting adjourned. Mrs. Redman to serve a next meeting.

in bank		\$16.50
dues		
Mrs. Seymour		.60
Mrs. Martin	.50	
Mrs. Courier		.80
Silver offering		<u>3.95</u>
		<u>5.65</u>
		<u>\$22.20</u>

Mabel Redman
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Sports Memories

by Allan Smith

Walt Whitman (1819-1892) was an American poet who wrote Leaves of Grass. This collection of poems is considered one of the world's major literary works.

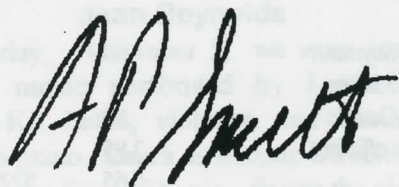
Walt Whitman made this statement:

"I see great thins in baseball. It is our game, the American game. It will repair our losses, and be a blessing to us."

In a recent letter from Tref Ross, he mentioned that he had to leave our great Washington School "Bonecrushers" baseball team in order to stay on the school's swimming team. Tref was a star baseball and swimming athlete.

There were always swimming meets at the Natatorium between neighboring schools, elementary, Junior High and High School teams in the Bay Area. I hope Tref Ross will become TPIT Staff Writer covering baseball and swimming sports memories (*ed: How about it Tref?*).

During those early years, I was the "bath house" locker boy earning 30 cents and hour. Johnny Stark and Leonard Smith Jr. had the job before me.



Chevron Shipping Company, the former Standard Oil Marine Department, was founded in San Francisco 100 years ago. The company celebrated its centennial aboard the ferry boat, S/S Santa Rosa, at pier 3 in the City. Four hundred (by invitation only) seamen, corporate executives, and maritime customers were present.

Point Richmond vative son, Bill Smith, a bosun with Chevron Shipping for nearly 50 years, received recognition. Bill is a member of the Leonard Smith, Sr. family of the Point. Many Point Richmond young men started out their working careers "going to sea" aboard the Standard Oil tankers.

What a disappointment that the centennial did not recognize the City of Richmond and that the City of Richmond did not recognize the company in their achievement. The community of Point Richmond did should have received special attention by the Chevron Shipping Company for all those years that we have been good neighbors. I am hoping new President Tom Moore will still prepare some activity.

RPD AND RFD FACTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In the year 1913, the Roster of Officers and members of the Richmond Police Department were as follows:

J.P. Arnold	Cheif of Police
J.N. Ruiz	Sergeant
Chas. Walker	Sergeant
J.O. McGowan	Patrolman
Phil Barry	Patrolman
S.F. Wright	Patrolman
V. Phillips	Patrolman
E. Jennings	Patrolman
Joseph Munday	Patrolman
Otis Depew	Patrolman
George Betts	Patrolman

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first Volunteer Fire Department was established on June 24, 1901.

Point Richmond Volunteer Co. #1

John Murry, 1st Cheif

William Ellis, 1st Assistant Chief

Robert Baker, 2nd Assistant Chief

Volunteers were P.G. McIntyre, F.J. Summerfield, P.M. Dean, R.L. Adams, A.E. Graves, W.B. Lowman, R. Baker, A.B. Gigax, G. Graves, J. Cruickshank, J. Simmons, J. Hughes, J.B. Eackle, Wm. Ellis, R. Coleman, C.P. Lang, A.C. Lane, H.L. Wilson, F. LeRoy, J.B. Eackle, Wm. Ellis and R. Coleman.

On July 23, 1901 500 feet of 2 1/2 inch hose was purchased at thirty cents per foot with nozzles and couplings purchased in San Francisco. Arrangements to purchase hose reel were made and were purchased in September of 1906.

Until 1914 the Richmond Fire Department consisted of six volunteer fire companies:

#1 Company-Point Richmond, 47 1/2 Park Place, R.F. Paasch Cheif

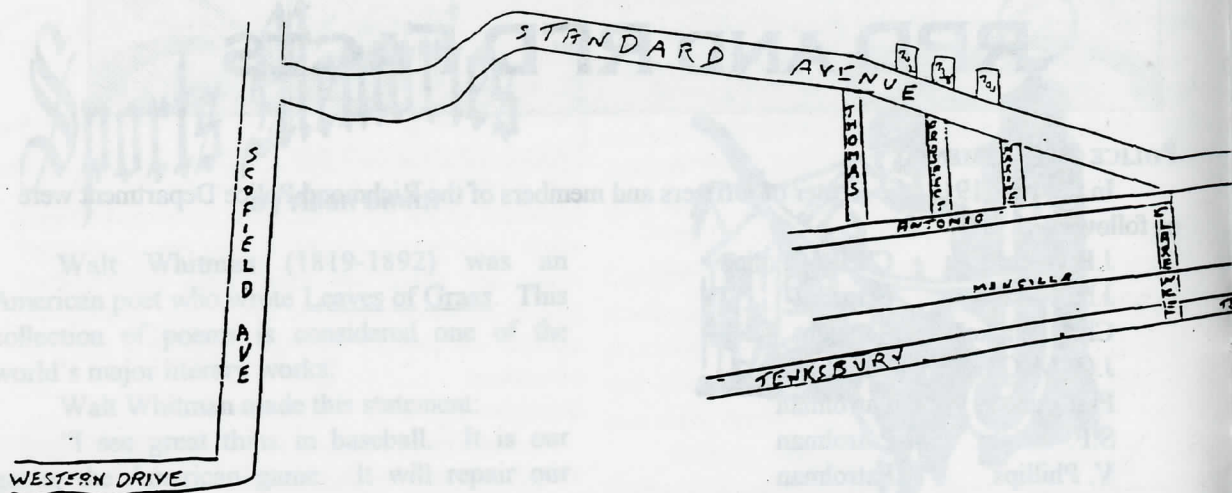
#2 Company-235 5th Street, Walter LaSalle, Chief; Howard Yeater, Driver

#3 Company-Santa Fe Tracks & Ohio, Homer Douglas

#4 Company-Meeker Addition south of Santa Fe Tracks, Chief, Ed. Jackson

#5 Company-Winehaven

#6 Company-19th & Barrett



Between 1907 & 1912 Point Richmond was a booming, rip roaring little community with no less than 35 bars and saloons in operation during that period of time. Thanks to research by member Bruno J. Reveda, who was born at the Standard Hotel (541 Standard Avenue) in 1912.

The number to the left is the street number then the bar or saloon's name then the owner or owners during the period.

Cottage Avenue

19	St. James Hotel	Mose Moch	Edward McDuff
26	St. Frances Hotel	James Coffee	

Park Place

37	Baltic Bar	John C. Feudner	
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Railroad Avenue

130	Bay State Hotel	Tarato & Guidi		
later	Piedmonte Hotel	S. Maggiora	Joe Matteri	J.J. Fleming

Richmond Avenue

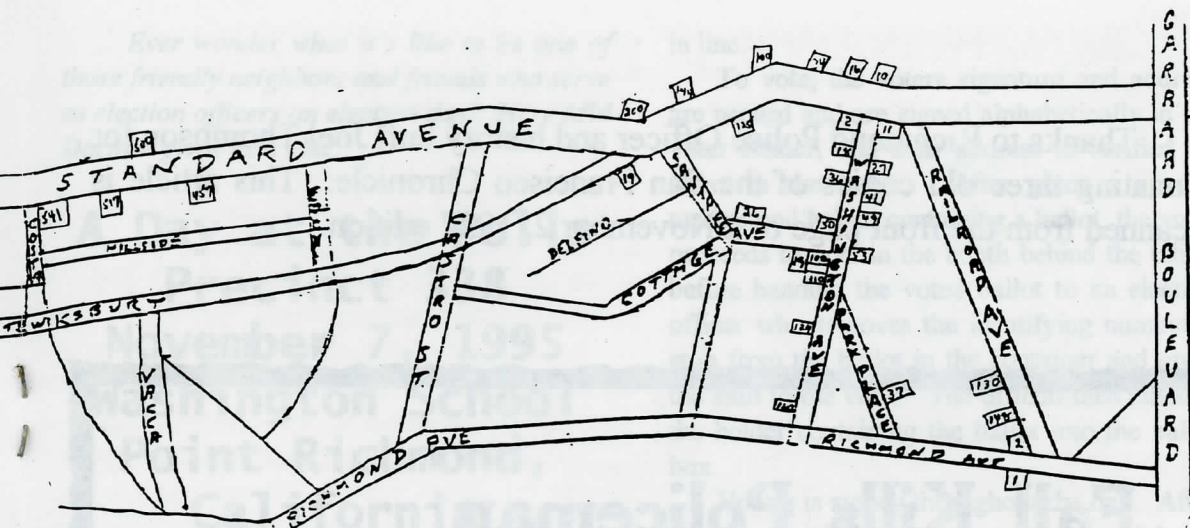
1	Maxwell Hotel	J.G. Gerlach	
2	The Louvre	Henry Sirrenberg	

Tewksbury Avenue

19	Saloon	Fred Hilton	H. Sanuren	H. Van Curen
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Standard Avenue

10	American Hotel	Mrs. M.J. Dwyer	Ben Dwyer	
16	Roma Hotel	J.B. DeMaria	O. Gozzando Co.	
later	Lombardo Hotel	Berterini		
34	Hunters Home	J.A. Bettencourt	Soto & Bettencourt	
100	Columbo Hotel	Ben Brignone		
125	Berterini Saloon	Mrs. M. Berterini	Monteverde & Pucci	Ben Erickson



144	Palace Hotel	G. Erickson	J. Bellenda	Sasso & Poggi
later	Genova Hotel	G. Rossi		
later	Scandia Hotel	G. Erickson		
200	Toscana Hotel	Guido Paccini		
later	Hotel D'Italia	Guido Paccini		
457	Saloon	H.F. Fitzimmins	John Wadman	
500	Saloon	Michael Lucey		
517	Exchange Hotel	G.B. Green		
541	Standard Hotel	L. Sciaresa	Joe Roveda	
704	Grand Hotel	Mrs. Mary Stanton	J.E. Day	
738	Saloon	M. Vandeleur	D.C. Lucey	George Reese
742	Golden Gate Hotel	W.J. Steele	Charles Bauer	

Washington Avenue

2	Dean Saloon	Pat M. Dean		
11	Richmond Bar	Tom Kinney		
18	Saratoga House			
27	Del Sol & Rols Bar	Del Sol & Rols	Joseph Gezo	Gezo & Mitchell
36	Saloon	J.E. Morris	Johnson & Sundberg	
41	Mint Cafe	H.W. Hunger	I.M. Perrin	Harshner & Girney
49	Central Saloon	John Kinney		
50	Colonial Hotel (now Hotel Mac)	Built and owned by Kate & Jim Pope in 1911		
53	Topeca	James Reilly		
later	Eagle Nest	W.I. Smith	J.C. Feudner	Oliver Wylie
100	Oberon Bar	Semorile & Ellis	Johnson & Sunbeck	
110	Saloon	G.L. Wenger	E. Cazier	
124	Gilt Edge Saloon	Charles H. Hover	Ashby & Sons	
160	Critchett Hotel	J.F. Purdy	M. Lewellyn	M.E. Davis

Thanks to Richmond Police Officer and history buff Joel Thompson for donating three old copies of the San Francisco Chronicle. This article is scanned from the front page of a November 2, 1927 edition.

Fall Kills Policeman Walking in His Sleep

Tortured in his sleep by a nightmare induced by an accident he witnessed, Captain B. V. Shirley of the Richmond, Contra Costa county police, walked in his sleep and fell from a bedroom window yesterday morning. He died nine hours later. Captain Shirley worked a double shift Monday because of Halloween. Late Monday night he was called to assist in removing the body of Roderick McLeod, a railroad switchman, who was killed in the Richmond yards. Fellow policemen said he ap-



CAPTAIN B. V.
SHIRLEY

peared unnerved. About midnight he went to his room at 25 Park place. Three hours later Patrolman James Blankenship passed the house and heard groans. He found Shirley on the sidewalk below a second-story open window.

During his conscious moments he groaned:

"I guess I walked in my sleep. It was terrible."

James Forano, who occupied the same room with Shirley, slept through it all and knew nothing of the accident. Shirley served in the World war and was active in Masonry.

Miners' Strike in Canada Is Ended

DRUMHELLER,, Alberta, Nov. 1 (A)—The strike of mine workers in the Drumheller valley has been called off and the men reported for work today.

Ever wonder what it's like to be one of those friendly neighbors and friends who serve as election officers on election day? Here Mid Dornan gives us a clue.

A Day at the Polls Precinct 338 November 7, 1995 Washington School Point Richmond, California

Awakening to a 5:30 am alarm to report by 6:30 am at the polling site starts the workday of an election officer that ends at 9:00 pm. Daylight is breaking through darkness and cars are guided by headlights. Many are headed toward other jobs.

The Election Board consists of four persons recruited by the County Elections Department in Martinez. The Inspector has already inspected and verified the supplies delivered before election day. There are duties to perform before the polls open. Display the flag and directional voting arrows, provide booth information, prepare unvoted ballots in holders, post the index of voters at the entrance, verify the ballot box is empty, design the system so voters signing the Roster will flow to expedite voting and remove campaign signs and literature within 100 feet of the polling site, (someone had been busy during the last hours as there were many signs, not FOR but AGAINST a candidate!). Take the Oath of Office so when it is announced, "The polls are open!" the board is prepared for the first voter

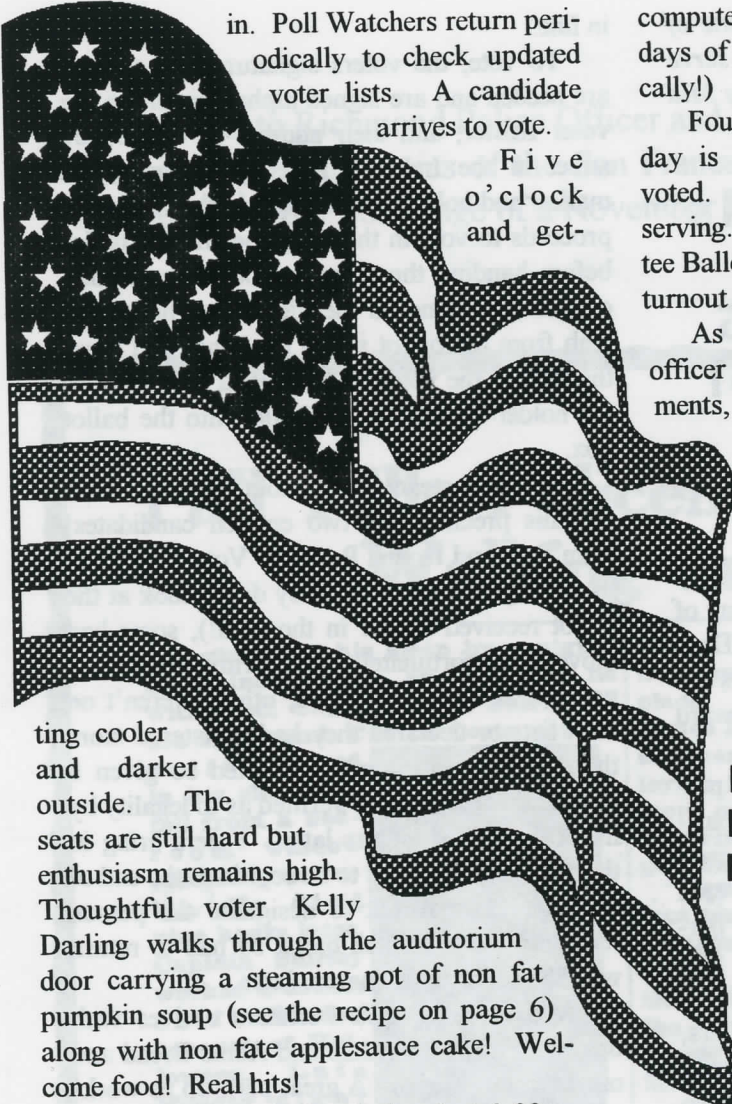
in line.

To vote, the voters signature and address are needed and are signed alphabetically in the voter Roster, and their address is verified by street in the Index.. After given a special marker and holder containing a ballot, the voter proceeds to vote in the booth behind the tables before handing the voted ballot to an election officer who removes the identifying numbered stub from the ballot in the container and gives the stub to the voter. The official then empties the holder containing the ballot into the ballot box.

Voting is steady throughout the day. After all, this precinct has two council candidates! Tom Butt and Donna Powers. Voters arrive at the wrong polling place (they didn't look at the ballot received earlier in the mail!), some had moved but fortunately lived within the same precinct so were still listed, others weren't on both lists or declared they had registered more than 29 days prior but not listed so given a Provisional ballot to be verified as to legality by the Registrar of Voters later. Voters bring in their Absentee Ballots to be sent in at the end of the day. One forgot to designate the person returning her Absentee ballot so had to return with the corrected signature later.

Mid morning Bob Peckham arrives with baguettes of SemiFreddie and Acme Bread and our favorite cheeses. A great perk-up as workers munch and drink the coffee brought from home.

Election officers change duties throughout the long day; the seats get harder and by mid-afternoon, already eight hours on the job, you begin to forget your neighbors last name. Children accompany their parents, some old enough to understand the process. A small dog comes



in. Poll Watchers return periodically to check updated voter lists. A candidate arrives to vote.

Five
o'clock
and get-

ting cooler
and darker
outside. The
seats are still hard but
enthusiasm remains high.
Thoughtful voter Kelly
Darling walks through the auditorium
door carrying a steaming pot of non fat
pumpkin soup (see the recipe on page 6)
along with non fate applesauce cake! Wel-
come food! Real hits!

The polls are declared closed at 8:00 pm,
thirteen hours after they were opened.

The task of finalizing the day begins. Re-
place the flag in its box, remove all items from
outside the building and booths, balance the
ballots voted, unvoted, provisional, spoiled,
etc. Remove voted ballots to special box and
drive contents of the box and supplies to the
County Building in Richmond to be taken for

computer tally. (A board members recalls the
days of had tally of the votes! Not nostalgically!)

Fourteen and a half hours later the work
day is over. Five hundred thirty-four had
voted. Several voters thanked the Board for
serving. With one hundred twenty-two Absen-
tee Ballots this consolidated precinct had a 43%
turnout of voters; compared to the city's 27%

As auditorium doors locked, one election
officer looks up to the darkened sky and com-
ments, "Gee, the same round moon is up there
as it was when I arrived this morning!"

AND THE WINNERS WERE;

**Council: Lesa McIntosh,
Donna Powers, Alex
Evans, Tom Butt, and Nat
Bates.**

**School Board: Diana
Easton and Adrienne
Harris-Pitts**

**If you had watched Rich-
mond's cable TV station KCRT,
Channel 25, on election night
you could have gone to sleep
knowing the winners and not
had to believe the West County
Times morning headlines.**

CONGRATULATIONS PAT DORNAN!

Patricia 'Pat' Dornan has been chosen recipient of the Warren Eukel Teacher Trust, a \$6000 grant given to a teacher who has gone beyond the classroom in working with their students. Nominated by a fellow teacher, she was chosen over 600 Contra Costa County applicants and was honored on November 30, 1995 at a black tie, \$100 a plate dinner at the Marriott Hotel in Walnut Creek.

Pat teaches Specially Designed Instruction in English at Juan Crespi Junior High School in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Pat is the great granddaughter of John and Nettie Freeman who came to Point Richmond from Sacramento in 1903, granddaughter of Robert and Trannie Dornan and daughter of Mildred and the late Bob Dornan. Last year she was nominated by a former student to Who's Who Among American Teachers and was given the Crespi PTA, VIP award. Ms. Dornan attended Washington School where first grade teacher, Mrs. Ruby Simmons, had also taught her father. They shared the same birthday. And.....Pat was delivered by Dr. Wm. L. Thompson.



THE MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS *Special Christmas Performances*



AMAH! AND THE NIGHT VISITORS BY GIAN CARLO MENOTTI

10 PERFORMANCES ONLY

8:00 PM WED. - SAT., DEC. 20 - 30, 1995

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Thrill to the inspiring story, told through the beautiful music of Gian Carlo Menotti, of the poor crippled boy Amahl, the visit of the three fabulous kings, and an act of love and devotion that changed Amahl's life forever.

*Directed by Joe Cravotto / Staged by Pat Nelson
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Reservations held until 10 minutes before curtain.

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Admission: \$8 adults \$5 children; cash or check

Glenn Street Stairway and Storm Drain Installations

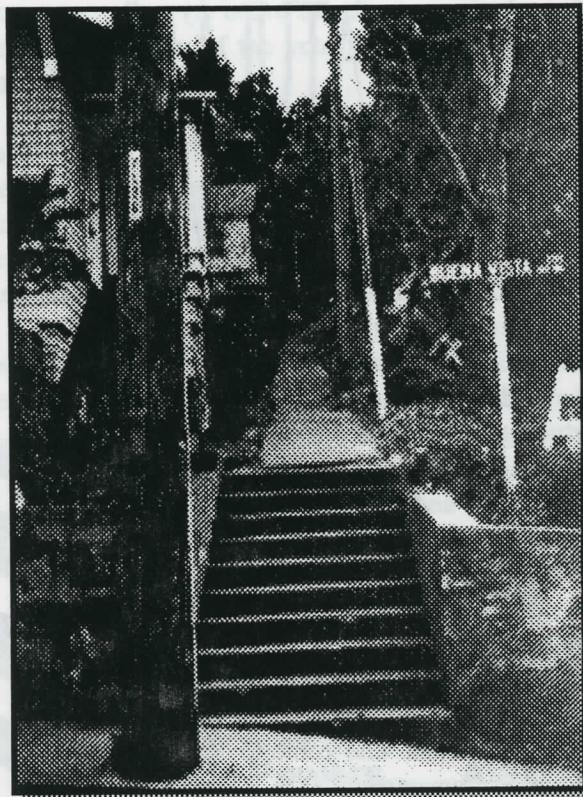
The City of Richmond is replacing the wooden ramp on Glenn Street between Beuna Vista and Scenic Avenue, with a concrete stairway. Over the years the wooden ramp has deteriorated due to storm runoff and soil erosion. The surface becomes very slippery during wet weather, making this popular short cut a challenging maneuver down the slope. The stairway will provide a much safer access for the residents.

The City's contractor will demolish the existing ramp and build a concrete stairway in its place. The stairway will have handrails on both sides. Landings will be installed to provide access to abutting properties.

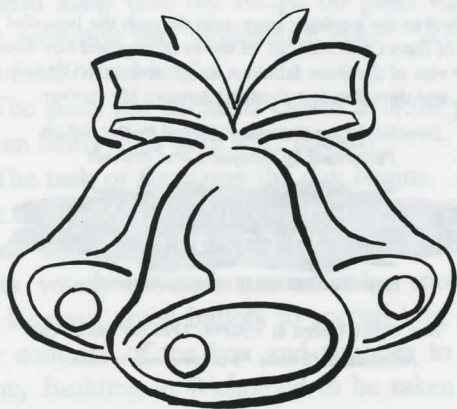
The \$86,000 project also includes a number of drainage inlets to be installed at Scenic Avenue. A storm drain pipe will be installed along Glenn Street to carry storm water down the slope to improve the drainage in the area.

The construction will start in early January. The entire work will take six to eight weeks to complete.

If you have any questions regarding this project call Andy Yeung, the Project Engineer at 307-8091.



THE OLD WOODEN WALKWAY CAN BE VERY DANGEROUS,
ESPECIALLY IN WET WEATHER.



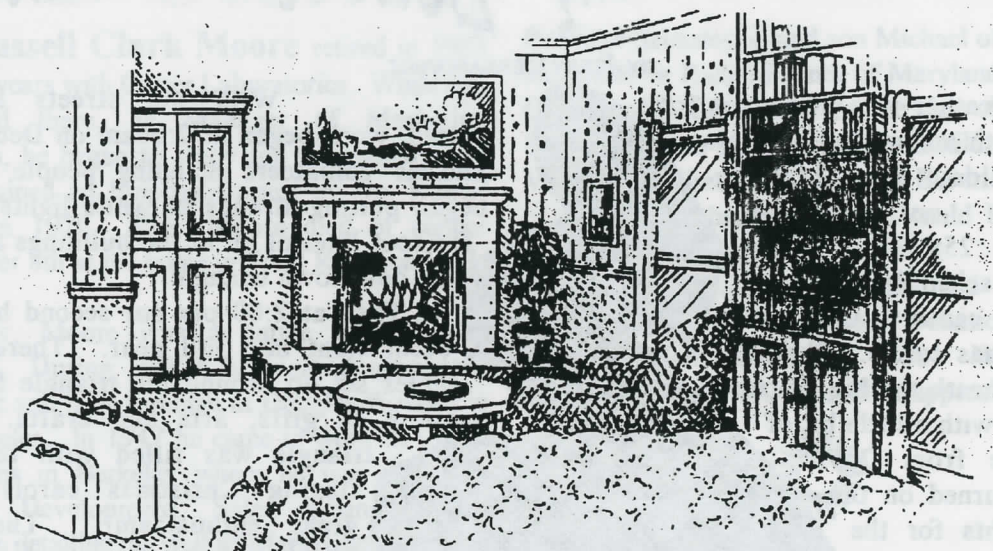
Bulletin Board:

Point resident asks everyone to clean up after your dog. It's easy, use a baggie and it's simply a nice thing to do.

Also, don't drive too fast on our narrow streets, its dangerous to our children, pets and you. Slowing down might also save you the grief of a speeding ticket as the police are cracking down.

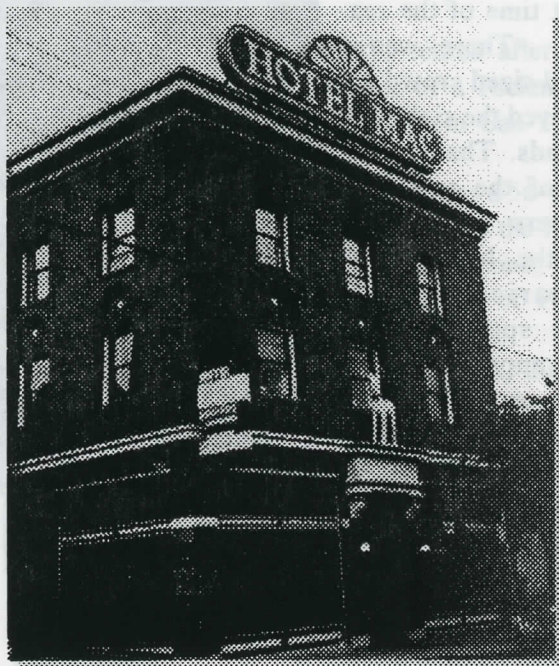
Congratulations!

HOTEL MAC



The historic Hotel Mac, built in 1911 has become a hotel again, and a very nice hotel indeed. On the third floor, once an open office space owner James S. Byers has built two suites with fireplaces and Jacuzzi's (one has a great view of the Indian Statue). There are also seven rooms. All have deluxe amenities including fine furniture, plush robes with "Hotel Mac" embroidered on the pocket, queen size beds, refrigerators, in room safes, fireplaces, VCR's, computer modem hookup and really wonderful collection of antiques.

For more information call the hotel at 510-235-0010.



An Old fashioned Tree Lighting Ceremony

A Christmas fest Holiday Celebration

BY JERRY CERKANOWICZ

The weather was just great for the eleventh annual Indian Statue Park Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, November 25th. Santa arrived on schedule and gave out candy canes to the sound of Christmas carols. Children played beneath the big lit tree as Santa (with a little bit of assistance from David Vincent turned on the tree's lights for the first time of the season. There was a good sized crowd who enjoyed the sights and sounds. Thanks to all of the volunteers who lit the luminaries and special appreciation to Marsha Ward (Santa), Claudia Beale and David Vincent.

With the streets legally closed, work began at 7:00am on December 2nd as volunteers manning people lifters began putting strands of white lights along the roof lines of all of the buildings around the downtown triangle.

Then at 2:00 pm our second holiday event went into full gear. There were tables set up around the triangle for the selling of gifts, arts and crafts. The triangle was filled with revelers singing Christmas carols with great enthusiasm! Then as darkness arrived the results of the days lighting effort became spectacular! Thank you to all of the volunteers and the Point Richmond Business Association who sponsored the event.

Like all the other buildings in town, the History Association Building is outlined in lights, has a beautiful wreath on the door and a great gingerbread house made and donated by Peggy Young. Come by and see us on Thursdays and Saturdays between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm.

Deaths

Russell Clark Moore retired in 1982 after 36 years with Cutter Laboratories. While still employed there, as Manager of Marketing Research, he began to study for the ministry and was ordained an Episcopal priest by Bp. Kilmer Myers in 1970. Rev. Moore died of cancer September 8th at his home in Point Richmond. He was 78.

Rev. Moore was a native of Colorado Springs. During WWII he worked as a lead mechanic and later foreman at Douglas Aircraft in Los Angeles. In 1947 he came to work at Cutter Laboratories in Berkeley where he was active in Product Development, Sales Training, esp. physician detailing, as well as Marketing Research.

Rev. Moore was elected to membership in the prestigious Marketing Research Council of the Industrial Conference Board, where he became chairman in 1980. Since retiring from Cutter, he was remained active in his second career as an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of California, and has been the Associate Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, as well as the Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese for the last 10 years.

He was Co-founder of the St. Giles' Episcopal Mission in Moraga in 1961. He was an active member of the East Bay Cursillo Community, and served as their Spiritual Director for five years. He was a skilled craftsman, artist and teacher of stained glass.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley and daughters Peggy Moore of Pinole and Patricia

Peters of Sebastopol, and son Michael of Truckee; step-children Richard Jones of Maryland, Barbara Cantora of El Cerrito and Patrice Hise of Oakland; 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; sisters Vivian Bartholome of Tulare and Beverley Skinner of San Diego; brother-in-law Donald Roberts of Berkeley; and 6 nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. Donations to St. Alban's Memorial Fund, 1501 Washington Avenue, Albany 94706 would be appreciated.



Muriel L. Halliday, retired after 30 years as the owner and operator of a Richmond beauty salon, died November 12th in San Jose. She was 81.

The Winnipeg, Canada, native was a 56-year resident of Richmond. She was active in the First Church of Christ Scientist of Richmond; the Tewksbury Heights Improvement Club of Point Richmond; and the Elm Club of Richmond.

She is survived by her daughters, Linda Ramsey of Walnut Creek and Jeannette Halliday of Illinois; sister, Mable Murphy of Vallejo; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Services were at the Civic Center Chapel of Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries, Richmond with Merrilyn McCuestion officiating.



George Damian Kollar, twin brother of Albert and brother of William passed away on the twin's birthday, November 3rd in Concord after an extended illness. He was 76. In addition to the two brothers George is survived by his wife Yolanda, son Jeffery, daughter Sheila Ojala and grandchildren Brittany and Garret.

The twins were born in the old Cottage Hospital and grew up in the Point, living above Keller's Beach. They attended Washington Grammar School, Roosevelt Junior High and Graduated from Richmond Union High in 1938.

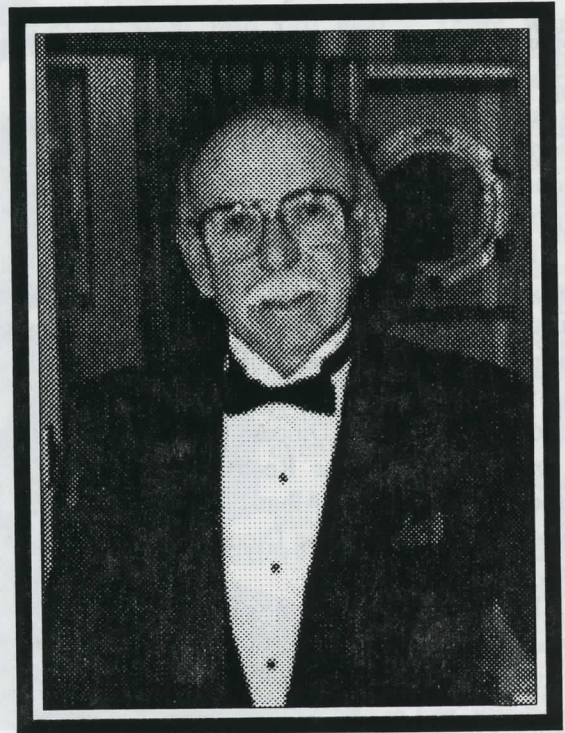
George had been employed by the Mechanics Bank, although his primary career was being a Realtor/Broker for more than forty years. He worked in the Richmond, San Pablo, El Sobrante and Pinole area, was associated with Pacific Bay Realty for fifteen years, then opened this own Castle Real Estate, Inc. and served as Executive Officer of the Board of Realtors. He was a theater projectionist and member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators of the United States and Canada.

George and twin Albert served in the U.S. Navy and the active Naval Reserve from which they both retired.

George was a carpenter, could build and do everything. He was known by his many friends and peers for his love of automobiles, having owned a "Yellow Cord" and being the first in Northern California for

having a custom built chopped top convertible Ford Black Automobile.

Services were held November 7th in Pleasant Hill Calif. in conjunction with Naval Military Services. The twins life long friend and Point Richmonder Terry Downey, also retired from the Army/Guard, assisted in the military services for George's internment at Oakmont Memorial Park in Pleasant Hill. Memorial gifts may be sent to Kaiser Walnut Creek Hospice, 1425 South Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596



George Damian Kollar
1919 - 1995

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

JERRY FEAGLEY
JEAN ALLYN
HAZEL PAASCH
EDNA HATHAWAY
DEBBIE SEABURG
CHRISTINE HAYS
RICHARD BARNES
SHERRY HARTYNYK
MARIAN HAWKINS
TERESA ALBRO

GERRIE KRETZMER
MARILYN DARLING
ERIC TURNER
TERESA MENEGHELLI
LAUREN NASON
CHRISTINA NAGATANI
SETH FENTON
CRIS CREED
NELLIE ROSS
FERN EASTMAN

RUSSELL MOORE
INEZ PESTANA
MARGE STONE
WILLIAM KOLLAR
MARK STEVEN
JEFF CORBIN
MIKE TURNER
MICHAEL CHESHARECK
TOM MCGOWAN

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

BRAD FEAGLEY
HENRY ALLYN
SONJA DARLING
LINDA MARSHALL
DOUG GREINER
ED PAASCH
JIM WILSON
BETTY MOORE
MARY HIGHFILL
ANN BARTRAM

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ELAINE HARRIS
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LES HATHAWAY
MARIAN SAUER
INEZ PESTANA

"I believe that mink are raised for being turned into fur coats and if we didn't wear fur coats those little animals would never have been born. So is it better not to have been born or to have lived for a year or two to have been turned into a fur coat? I don't know."

-Barbi Benton, ex-Playboy bunny turned actress

I would like to join the P.R.H.A.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Type of membership (check one):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Single	\$18.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Senior (65+)	12.00
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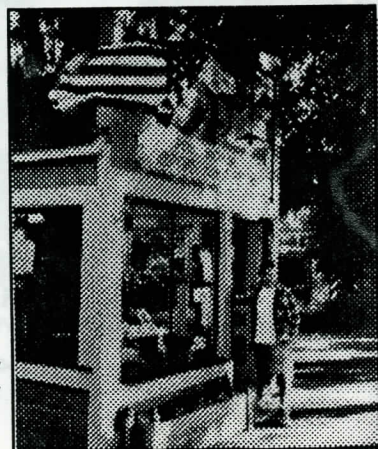
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Calendar

December/January, 1995/96

December 5
Tuesday

Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
11:30am, Point Richmond Methodist Church

December 13
Wednesday

Point Richmond Business Association Christmas Party
5pm, Hotel Mac

December 18
Monday

First Day of Chanukah

December 25
Monday

Christmas Day

December 26
Tuesday

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30pm, Point Community Center

January 1
Tuesday

New Year's Day

January 10
Wednesday

Point Richmond Business Association Meeting
Noon, Hotel Mac

January 15
Monday

Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday

January 26
Friday

DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY/MARCH ISSUE, TPIT

January 20
Tuesday

Point Richmond Neighborhood Council Meeting
7:30pm, Point Community Center

February 2
Friday

Groundhog Day

February 6
Tuesday

Women's Westside Improvement Club Meeting,
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